

Regional parks and trails bonding program

Providing and maintaining quality public park areas and facilities

The Metropolitan Council **requests \$3 million** in state bonds, **matched by \$2 million** in regional funds to improve regional parks and trails.

DISTRIBUTING FUNDING ACROSS THE REGION

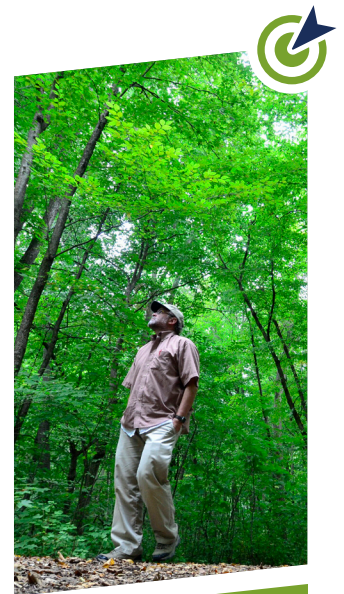
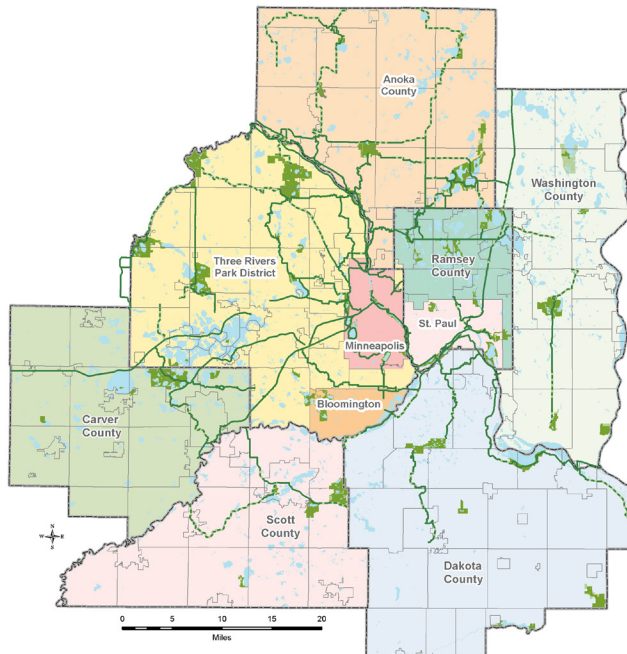
The Metropolitan Council passes every dollar of bonding to the 10 regional park implementing agencies that own and operate the regional parks and trails.

The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan and the Met Council's capital financing policy prescribe that the Met Council distribute parks bonding funds according to the following formula:

- **70% based** on the population within the jurisdiction of each agency, compared to the region's total population
- **30% based** on the number of visits an agency hosted from individuals who live outside the agency's jurisdiction (non-local visits)

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Improve or replace trails, boardwalks, and connectors
- Develop, rehabilitate, and renovate parks, facilities, and features
- Increase accessibility to parks, trails, and gathering spaces
- Increase interpretation and education opportunities for all park users
- Enhance playgrounds, water activities, and recreation areas
- Restore natural resources



Connecting
people to
nature,
developing a
**sense of
belonging**

Connecting People to Regional Parks and Trails, and Investing in Quality of Life.

The Twin Cities region is home to a Regional Park System renowned for its beauty, size, and variety of features that provide an abundance of opportunities for recreation, exercise, and wellbeing.



NATURE-BASED SYSTEM PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT GREENSPACE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT



8 SPECIAL RECREATION FEATURES (LIKE COMO PARK ZOO & CONSERVATORY AND GALE WOODS FARM)



56 REGIONAL PARKS AND PARK RESERVES



OVER 415 MILES OF INTERCONNECTED REGIONAL TRAILS



65 MILLION VISITS IN 2021

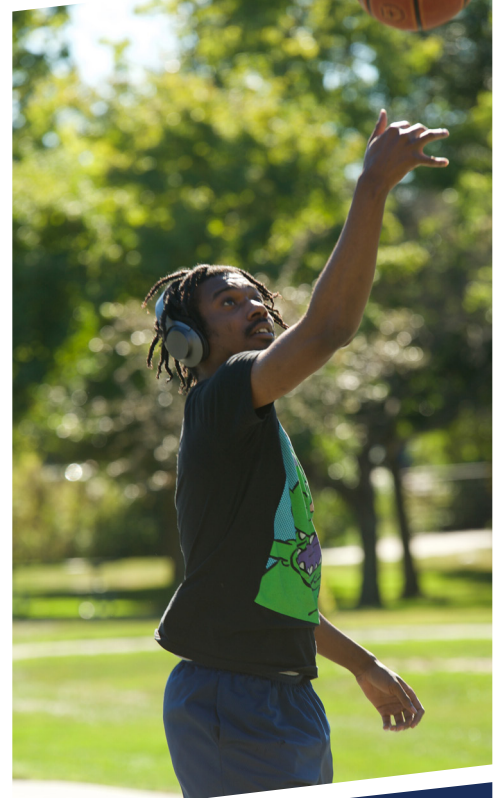


54,500 ACRES OF LAND

For more information on the parks grant program

Visit metro council.org/Parks/Grants-Funding/Bonding-Program.aspx

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