

# Regional parks and trails bonding program

Providing and maintaining quality public park areas and facilities

Governor Walz recommends **\$2.5 million** in state bonds, **matched by \$1.67 million** in regional funds to improve regional parks and trails.

## DISTRIBUTING FUNDING ACROSS THE REGION

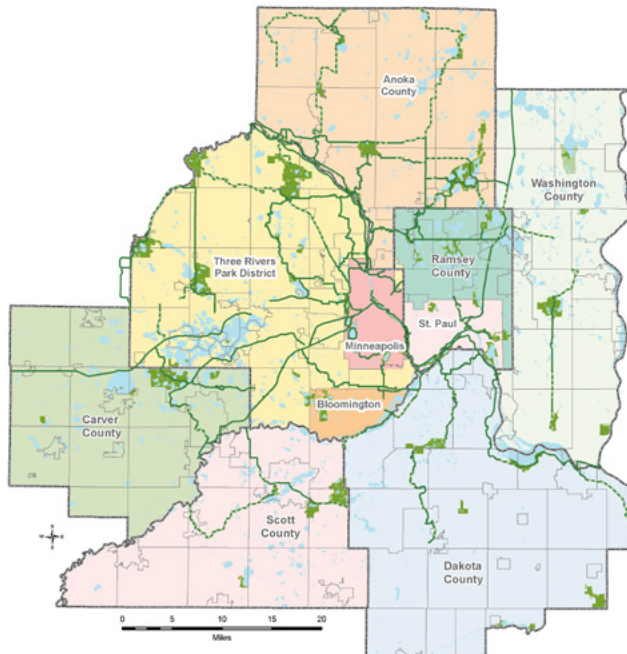
The Metropolitan Council passes every dollar of bonding to the 10 regional park implementing agencies that own and operate the regional parks and trails.

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
- 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**



**56 REGIONAL  
PARKS AND PARK  
RESERVES**



**69 MILLION VISITS  
IN 2022**



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



**OVER 415 MILES  
OF INTERCONNECTED  
REGIONAL TRAILS**



**54,500 ACRES  
OF LAND**



## For more information on the parks grant program

Visit [metro council.org/Parks/Grants-Funding/Bonding-Program.aspx](https://metro council.org/Parks/Grants-Funding/Bonding-Program.aspx)

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