

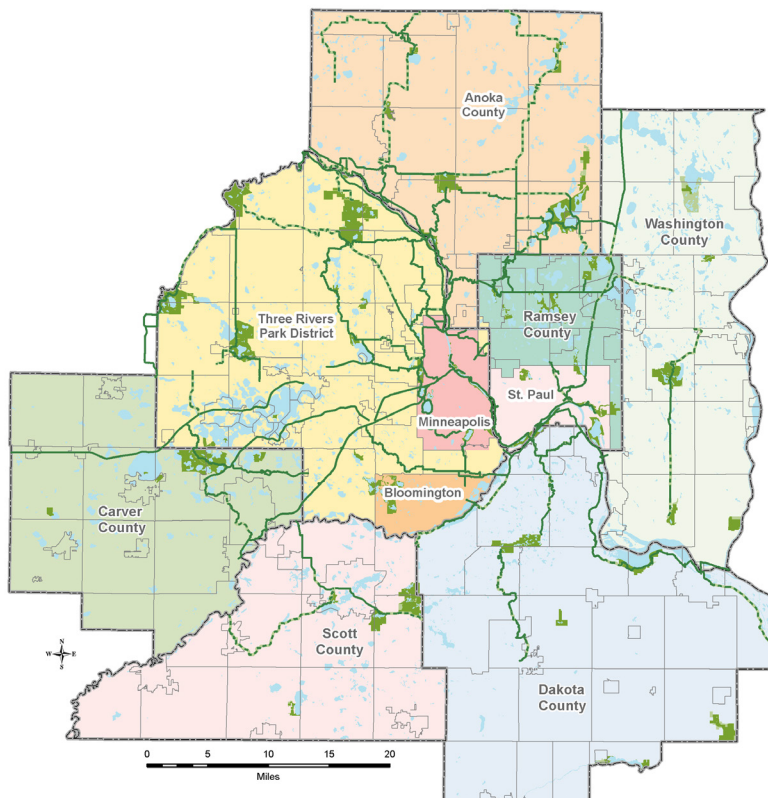
Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System

FY 2026-2027 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's 2025 budget includes **\$24.312 million** in FY26 and **\$27.218 million** in FY27 from the Parks and Trail Legacy Fund to the Metropolitan Council. This continues the tradition of allocating 40% of the Parks and Trail Legacy Fund for metro regional parks, 40% to the Department of Natural Resources for state parks, and 20% to the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission for Greater Minnesota parks.

FY2026-2027 METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

- Expand programming and engagement to attract new visitors and increase use of parks and trails
- Develop new and rehabilitate existing regional parks and trails infrastructure and amenities
- Acquire land, protect and restore natural resources
- Provide nature-based outdoor recreation and skill building



**Welcoming all,
removing barriers,
acknowledging
history**

Connecting people to regional parks and trails, and investing in quality of life.

The Twin Cities region is home to a Regional Parks and Trails 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**



**58 REGIONAL
PARKS AND PARK
RESERVES**



**OVER 69 MILLION
VISITS
IN 2023**



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



**NEARLY 500 MILES
OF INTERCONNECTED
REGIONAL TRAILS**



**OVER 65,000
ACRES OF
LAND PROTECTED**

For more information on the Parks and Trails Legacy funding,

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**Exploring
nature, cultivating
a sense
of belonging**