

Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System

FY 2026-2027

Bonding Program

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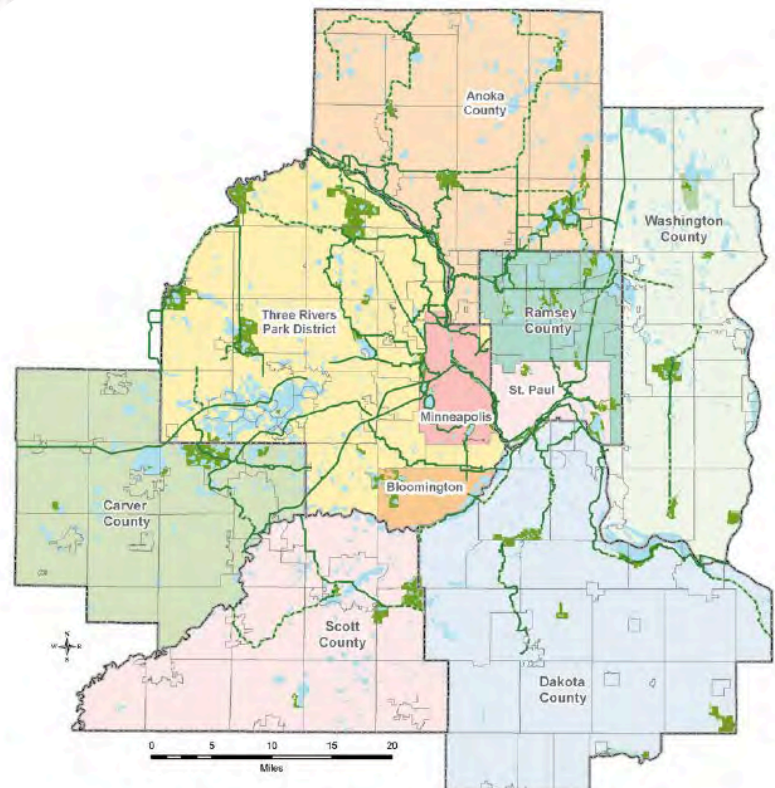


The Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System's Implementing Agencies

capital budget requests include **\$20 million** in general obligation bonds that will be matched with **\$13.3 million** in regional funds to improve regional parks and trails.

The Metropolitan Council passes every dollar of bonding to the 10 regional park implementing agencies that own and operate the regional parks and trails. Regional policy distributes parks bonding funds according to the following formula:

- 70% based on each agency's share of the region's total population.
- 30% based on the number of non-local visits an agency hosted.



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Examples of Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System Projects

- Improve or replace trails, boardwalks, and connectors
- Develop, rehabilitate, renovate, and modernize 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



NATURE BASED SYSTEM

Provides significant greenspace and wildlife habitat.



8 SPECIAL RECREATION FEATURES

Like Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and Gale Woods Farm



58 REGIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES

Providing opportunities for recreation, exercise and wellbeing.



NEARLY 500 MILES OF TRAILS

Trails are interconnected and regional.



OVER 65 MILLION VISITS IN 2024

Connecting people to nature, developing a sense of belonging.



NEARLY 55,000 ACRES OF LAND

Fostering wellness and building strong communities.

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