



DNR Parks and Trails Fund

Strategic Directions

Background

Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the constitution in 2008. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Parks and Trails Division receives a portion of the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund along with the Metropolitan Council and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission.

This document lays out priorities, strategies, proposed activities, and outcomes for appropriations to the DNR for the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund. Based on the Parks and Trails 25-year Legacy Plan, the Legislature has directed the DNR Parks and Trails Division to:

- 1) Connect people to the outdoors.
- 2) Acquire land and create opportunities.
- 3) Take care of what we have.
- 4) Improve cooperation with partners to implement the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan.

Proposed Allocation of DNR FY 16-17 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (thousands)



Priorities Recommended by the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1. Do more marketing. Time and again, Minnesotans have expressed a need for better information, including more integrated Web-based offerings, to increase awareness of recreational opportunities.
2. Provide a welcoming environment with programs and special events to attract first-time visitors to parks and trails. Adapt to meet the needs of Minnesota's changing demographics, which are aging and becoming more diverse.

3. Physically connect communities to parks and trails and make them accessible to people of all abilities.
4. Accelerate the acquisition of private land within park or trail boundaries (private in-holdings).
5. Connect high-priority trails and fill critical gaps.
6. Focus on opportunities in areas near regional centers and in areas of shortage that are projected to grow most rapidly over the coming 25 years.
7. Accelerate the rehabilitation of aging park and trail infrastructure to ensure high-quality experiences.
8. Preserve existing high-quality natural resources and restore those that have been degraded. Prioritize the control of the spread of invasive species.
9. Give visitors the opportunity to easily find what they want. Develop and maintain integrated and standardized information (e.g. website) about parks and trails of state and regional significance.
10. Establish a statewide advisory committee to help foster a network of parks and trails with a seamless user experience.

Key Considerations for Allocation of DNR Parks and Trails Fund Resources

From "What We Heard" in the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

- Take a balanced, pragmatic approach to using Legacy dollars.
- Focus on protecting natural resources and inspiring the next generation of stewards.
- Produce something big and lasting from the Legacy funds.
- Increase participation and stewardship by focusing investments on children and youth..
- Make connections a top priority.
- Consider both statewide and regional priorities.
- Optimize the use of Legacy funds.

Legacy Pillars and Budget

Pillar 1: Connect People to the Outdoors

The DNR's primary strategy for connecting people to the outdoors is by promoting innovative programs and providing education, interpretation, outdoor skill training, and special events to engage families in outdoor activities and to encourage natural resource stewardship.

Pillar 2: Acquire Land, Create Opportunities

The DNR will pursue high-priority acquisitions that establish important connections and preserve priority natural or cultural resources. We will focus on expanding trail experiences that motivate new customers. We will complete high-priority development projects that create new opportunities to encourage outdoor recreation participation and enhance or protect natural and cultural resources.

Pillar 3: Take Care of What We Have (Maintain Existing Holdings)

We will ensure high-quality outdoor recreation experiences through infrastructure renewal and increased accessibility. We will manage and restore natural landscapes within the state park and trail system, including invasive species detection and management.

Pillar 4: Coordinate with Partners

Coordination and cooperation are needed to do everything from providing information to park and trail visitors to ensuring that park and trail shortages are addressed. While agencies and organizations can do a great deal of coordination and cooperation on their own, the Legacy Advisory Committee will continue to encourage the development of a coordinated network of parks and trails.

DNR's Legacy Pillar Budget Proposal	FY 16-17 Actual Budget
Total Appropriation	\$34,902,000
Connect People to the Outdoors	\$5,448,000
Acquire Land and Create Opportunities	\$9,527,000
Take Care of What We Have	\$19,927,000
<i>*The pillar budget below is a separate budget appropriation</i>	
Coordinate with Partners	\$1,080,000

Pillar Pages: This Document

The following pages lay out specific outcomes in each of the four pillar areas. While the pillars help guide Legacy investments, DNR also uses an integrated approach to advancing Legacy priorities. For example, many projects rely on multiple strategies, such as acquiring land and developing built facilities, connecting people to these new opportunities, coordinating with partners, and maintaining and taking care of these investments over time. In FY16-17, we also propose to direct \$400,000 a year toward cutting-edge technology, current research, and innovative strategies that appeal to diverse audiences. A summary list of DNR priorities can be found on pages 15-16.

Connecting People to the Outdoors

FY 16-17 Legacy Allocation: \$5,448,000

Budget Allocations

FY12/13 Biennium \$4,300,000

FY14/15 Biennium \$5,066,000

Why is this Important?

Outdoor recreation participation by the next generation is in decline. Fewer Minnesotans are receiving the benefits of outdoor recreation such as reduced stress, healthier bodies, increased ability to concentrate, and higher student performance, to mention a few. People who engage with nature are more likely to have an

appreciation of the natural world—and to want to support and maintain it for future generations. Participants in the Legacy Plan Public Engagement Workshops emphasized the importance of building Minnesota’s next generation of stewards for the state’s natural areas. One of the most effective ways to do this is by increasing participation in outdoor recreation.

Desired 25-Year Outcome

The state’s population is projected to increase by 19% in the next 25 years. Our goal is for the number of visits to Minnesota’s parks and trails to increase by at least this much as well. This increase would encourage life-long visitation by individuals and families and foster a continued sense of stewardship from generation to generation. Together with partners, Minnesota can counteract the decline in outdoor recreation participation by the next generation so that more people receive the benefits associated with nature-based recreation.



Top Priorities Recommended by the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1. Do more effective marketing. Time and again, Minnesotans have expressed a need for better information, including more integrated Web-based offerings, to increase awareness of outdoor recreation opportunities.
2. Provide a welcoming environment with programs and special events to attract first-time visitors to parks and trails. Adapt to Minnesota’s changing demographics, which point to a more diverse and older population.
3. Physically connect communities with parks and trails and make them accessible to people of all abilities.

DNR Parks and Trails Division Programs

Connecting People to the Outdoors

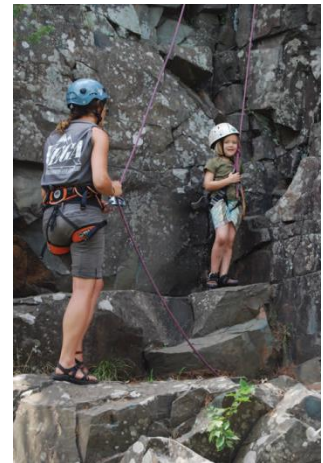
- Education and interpretive services.
- Outreach, public affairs, and the Web.
- Information technology – Enterprise Information System.
- Parks and trails market research.

Connecting People to the Outdoors

FY 16-17 Targets and Outcomes

DNR's FY16-17 Plan

The DNR will carry out connection strategies that promote innovative programs, provide education, interpretation, outdoor skill training, and special events to engage target markets in outdoor activities and encourage natural resource stewardship. The goal is to achieve a 2% increase to the number of visits to state parks and trails overall and by young families with children.



Proposed Results/Outcomes

- Offer a series of outdoor skill-building programs for beginners and help participants stay connected with an electronic monthly newsletter.
- Expand outreach and engagement to culturally diverse audiences who are currently underrepresented at Minnesota state parks and trails.
- Make it easier to plan park and trail visits using mobile devices.
- Expand the use of social media to reach the “next generation.”
- Use targeted advertising to reach parents ages 25-49 with school-age kids with timely information about seasonal programs, where to see fall colors, and gift cards.
- Continue to bring multi-lingual information about parks and trails to new audiences by placing touch-screen kiosks in high-traffic, family-oriented locations.
- Provide interpretive programs to 240,000 participants.
- Provide skill-building programs to 16,000 participants.
- Provide new interpretive displays and information for one state park visitor center per year, plus interpretive displays and information for existing and new state parks and trails.
- Enhance two programs or services using new technology.

FY 16-17 Project Highlights

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Develop organizational cultural competency through training; provide more outreach and engagement to diverse audiences; and strive to recruit, hire, and train a diverse workforce.
- **Technology and Social Media:** Engage the next generation through technology (e.g., provide Wi-Fi, apps, and touch screen information) and enhance social media outreach.
- **I Can! Skill-building Series:** Provide outdoor skill-building programs.
- **Programming:** Launch a new high-tech scavenger hunt (the new statewide geocaching program) and add new technology components—like Digi scoping and apps—to interpretive programs to entice new visitors to connect with the outdoors.

Acquire Land and Create Opportunities

FY 16-17 Legacy Allocation: \$9,527,000

Budget Allocations

FY12/13 Biennium \$10,301,350

FY14/15 Biennium \$13,509,000

Why is this Important?

Minnesotans are avid outdoor recreationalists. Just over half of Minnesota residents visit natural park areas near their homes each year and just over two-thirds use paved trails for walking, hiking, skating and biking. Other park and trail facilities are also frequently used. Yet, Minnesotans who use these parks and trails often say they have too few options available to them near their homes. New and expanded park and trail opportunities are needed to satisfy current visitors, as well as to create opportunities for new visitors.

Desired 25-Year Outcome

Land needed to meet the nature-based outdoor recreation needs of Minnesotans will be acquired and/or developed.



Top Priorities Recommended by the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1. Accelerate acquisition of private land within a park or trail boundary (private in-holdings).
2. Connect high-priority trails and fill critical gaps.
3. Focus on opportunities in areas near regional centers and in areas of shortage that are projected to grow most rapidly over the coming 25 years.

Minnesota State Park and Recreation Area Development

Acquire Land, Create Opportunities

- Acquisition and development planning and design.
- Minnesota state park and trail land acquisitions.
- Minnesota state park development.
- Start-up development and operations for new Minnesota state park and recreation areas.

- New campground developments.
- New state trail construction.
- State park group camp and rustic lodging development.

Acquire Land and Create Opportunities FY16-17 Targets and Outcomes

DNR's FY16-17 Plan

Pursue high-priority acquisitions that provide important connections and/or preserve priority natural or cultural resources. Expand trail experiences that motivate new customers. Complete high-priority development projects that create new opportunities to encourage outdoor recreation participation and/or enhance or protect natural and cultural resources.



Proposed Results/Outcomes

- Construct a new campground.
- Acquire 40 new state park acres.
- Acquire 25 new state trail acres.
- Complete construction of a day-use area at one state recreation area.
- Complete two key state trail connections.

FY16-17 Project Highlights

- **Whitewater State Park – New Campground:** This new campground will replace Gooseberry Glen Campground, which is located in the floodplain of the Whitewater River. When Gooseberry Glen floods, it poses a safety risk to campers. The new campground will be located on high ground to the east of Highway 74. It will feature:
 - 39 campsites, including five that meet ADA standards.
 - Four tent-only campsites, including one that meets ADA standards.
 - Four camper cabins, including two that meet ADA standards and two with tent pads.
 - Three group camps, each of which will have a picnic pavilion (two with electricity). One group camp will include four RV spaces with electricity (one that is ADA compliant).
 - Two seasonal toilet/shower buildings.
 - A solar array that will generate enough energy to meet the needs of the new campground.
- **Gitchi-Gami State Trail:** The project will construct a section of trail along West Road to connect the city of Beaver Bay to the Gitchi-Gami State Trail segment in Silver Bay.

- **Soo Line Recreational Trail Connection:** This project provides a trail leading from the Soo Line Recreational Trail into Father Hennepin State Park. Legacy funding will be leveraged by a Federal Recreational Trail Program grant.

Taking Care of What We Have

FY 16-17 Legacy Allocation: \$19,927,000

Budget Allocations

FY12/13 Biennium \$13,859,650

FY14/15 Biennium \$15,198,000

Why is this Important?

Minnesota has invested, and continues to invest, in the development of parks and trails of state and regional significance. Once a park or trail is established, regular reinvestment is needed to ensure safe, high-quality experiences for current and future visitors. Today, a lack of funding, aging infrastructure, and intensive use have led to a backlog of preservation, rehabilitation and renewal work. For example, more than 100 of the 296 bridges in the state trail system are more than 100 years old and will need to be rehabilitated or replaced.

Desired 25-Year Outcome

Minnesota parks and trails of state and regional significance are well maintained and up-to-date. They meet current needs and provide high-quality recreation opportunities for a variety of visitors with different interests, needs and abilities. Rehabilitation is accelerated beyond current levels; this work includes infrastructure and natural resource management.

Top Priorities Recommended by the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1. Accelerate rehabilitation of an aging park and trail infrastructure to ensure high-quality experiences. To meet current standards for park and trail facilities, state and regionally significant parks and trails need more funds set aside for development, restoration and redevelopment.
2. Preserve existing high-quality natural resources and restore those that have been degraded. Place a priority on controlling the spread of invasive species. Natural resources are the foundation for parks and trails of state and regional significance. Natural settings are very important to parks and trails visitors. High-quality natural areas and water resources must be preserved and, in areas where they already have been degraded, they should be restored.



DNR Parks and Trails Division Programs

Renewal and Rehabilitation

- Renewal and rehabilitation of state trails, forest trails, state trail bridges, and state park buildings and facilities.
- Renewable energy and energy conservation projects at state park, trail and forest facilities.
- Emergency repair and maintenance of state park buildings and facilities.
- Enhancing ADA accessibility.

Natural Resource Management

- Invasive species detection, prevention and control on lands administered by the Parks and Trails Division.
- Landscape reconstruction on Parks and Trails Division lands.
- Prescribed burning on state park lands.

Taking Care of What We Have FY16-17 Targets and Outcomes

DNR's FY16-17 Plan

The division will work to ensure high-quality outdoor recreational experiences and natural resources through infrastructure renewal and increased accessibility for people of all abilities. "Taking care of what we have" means that we are maintaining the natural and cultural resources and built facilities that are necessary to sustain quality outdoor experiences for current and future visitors. Accelerating investments to restore and preserve our resources and facilities will be crucial for the division to address a backlog of rehabilitation needs and sustain the system in to the future. The Parks and Trails Division has identified five key strategies to develop measurable outcomes outlined in our 10-year Strategic Plan. The division utilized this plan to produce a two-year plan for FY16-17 with the following outcomes.

Proposed Results/Outcomes

- Rehab one campground.
- Rehab/repave 30 state trail miles.
- Install solar arrays at three state parks.
- Install accessible picnic tables and fire rings at 11 state parks.
- Make one state park beach area accessible.
- Rehab interpretive displays at three state park visitor centers.
- Rehab/replace four trail bridges.
- Convert a historic building into a lodging facility at one state park.
- Rehab a historic fire tower at one state park.
- Install new vault toilets at six state parks.
- Rehab hiking trails at four state parks.
- Conduct prescribed burns on about 5,600 acres.
- Control invasive species on about 8,700 acres.
- Reconstruct native plant communities on about 900 acres.
- Conduct natural/cultural resource surveys as needed.
- Hire approximately 75 youth workers through Conservation Corps Minnesota to assist with resource management during the summer.

FY16-17 Project Highlights

- **Whitewater State Park:** Completely rehabilitate the Upper and Lower Cedar campgrounds. Replace both toilet/shower buildings, level tenting space for all 70 sites, replace all sewer and electrical infrastructure, replace all vault toilets, add screening between sites, increase ADA opportunities, repave campground roads, and ensure proper stormwater management to protect water quality in the Whitewater River.
- **Trail/Bridge Rehab:** Repave 4.8 miles of the Root River State Trail between Peterson and Rushford; repave 13 miles of the Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail from Mankato to Madison Lake; repave six miles of the Glacial Lakes State Trail from Willmar to Spicer. Rehab snowmobile/OHV bridges on the Blue Ox Trail and in Chengwatana State Forest; rehab a snowmobile/ATV bridge in Temperance River State Park.
- **Forest/Prairie/Savanna Restoration:**
 - **Itasca State Park**—More than 100 acres are being prepared and planted with pine trees as part of a larger effort to restore pine forests that were removed before the area became a state park.
 - **Jay Cooke State Park**—Approximately 20 acres are being restored to northern forest in an area heavily damaged by flooding in 2012.
 - **Minneopa State Park**—Fencing and other infrastructure will be installed prior to the re-introduction of bison to the park in fall 2015. Woody vegetation is also being removed and invasive species controlled to improve the quality of 350 acres of remnant prairie.
 - Continue restoring prairie and savannas at **Maplewood State Park** (50 acres), **Rice Lake State Park** (40 acres), **Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area** (30 acres), and other sites.

Coordinate with Partners

FY 16-17 Legacy Allocation: \$1,080,000

Budget Allocations

FY12/13 Biennium \$404,000

FY14/15 Biennium \$407,000

Why is this Important?

The state and regional parks and trails system is made up of many parts, with different providers in different parts of the state, and funded through a variety of sources. This complex network poses a challenge to state and regional providers interested in meaningful coordination, as well as to our visitors, who seek high-quality, connected, and accessible opportunities. Coordination is essential to achieve the vision laid out in the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan and to ensure that the principles the public developed for the use of Legacy Funds are achieved. Effective coordination results in the wise use of funds and may result in cost savings. Efficiency and effectiveness are enhanced through coordination.

Desired 25-Year Outcome

Minnesotans and visitors see parks and trails of state and regional significance as a seamless network; they may not know what agency is responsible for management of the natural area they are enjoying—and they don't need to. Emphasis is on the user experience. Outdoor recreation providers must work together to offer visitors easy-to-use maps and other information.



Top Priorities Recommended by the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1. Give visitors the opportunity to easily find what they want. Develop and maintain integrated and standardized information (e.g., website) about parks and trails of state and regional significance.
2. Establish a statewide advisory committee to help foster a network of parks and trails with a seamless user experience.
3. Enhance coordination with other agencies, organizations and nonprofits.
4. Enhance coordination of Minnesota's state and regional parks and trails at the regional and site levels.

Parks and Trails Coordinating Programs that Benefit the Three Partnering Entities (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Council, and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trail Commission):

- Coordinated research.
- Integrated, Web-based systems.
- Support for the Legacy Advisory Committee.
- Restoration evaluation.
- Coordinated approaches to involve youth and diverse audiences in Legacy work.

Coordinate with Partners FY16-17 Targets and Outcomes

DNR's FY16-17 Plan

Coordination and cooperation are needed to do everything from providing information to park and trail visitors to ensuring that park and trail shortages are addressed. While agencies and organizations can do a great deal of coordination and cooperation on their own, an advisory body will encourage the coordinated development of a network of parks and trails.



Proposed Results/Outcomes

The Legacy Advisory Committee will advise the three partnering entities on how to use these funds to:

- Enhance, integrate and create accessible Web-based information for park and trail visitors.
- Conduct standardized, coordinated research for state and regional park and trail systems.
- Support activities of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- Involve youth and diverse audiences in Legacy work and outcomes.
- Coordinate with other agencies, organizations and nonprofits.

FY16-17 Project Highlights

- **Research:** Standardized and coordinated research is needed across the three systems to understand who is using the state and regional park and trail systems, where they are coming from, and their satisfaction with facilities and programs. Partners agree that this information is lacking, but that it is critical to ensure that citizen expectations for the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund are being met. Information on use and satisfaction that can be compared across systems is also important for decisions about future investments.
- **Web-based Systems:** We will build on partnership efforts to develop an integrated website that people can use to do trip-planning, create customized maps, use print-on-demand services, and interface with

smartphones. Integrated, Web-based tools will provide people with useful information about a seamless system of parks and trails in Minnesota.

- **Support for the Legacy Advisory Committee:** The committee is comprised of volunteers who travel from all over the state. Reimbursement for travel expenses and support for their work makes participation possible for a diverse group of citizens. This committee helps advance implementation of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan.
- **Restoration Evaluation:** Evaluation of natural resource restoration projects across all four Legacy Funds will determine progress toward goals and help achieve legislative mandates for restoration evaluation. A coordinated approach to evaluation provides several efficiencies.
- **Other Needs:** A coordinated effort is needed for priorities such as joint marketing, youth involvement, and connecting racially and ethnically diverse audiences.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

FY16-17 Legacy Priorities by Pillar

At-A-Glance

Connect People to the Outdoors	Acquire Land, Create Opportunities	Take Care of What We Have	Coordinate with Partners
<p>Provide statewide cultural competency and customer service training.</p> <p>Develop outreach efforts to diverse communities throughout Minnesota.</p> <p>Use communications strategies (marketing, Web, PR, publications) to address the "lack of information" cited as one of the main barriers to outdoor recreation.</p> <p>Provide interpretive programs at "destination" and "core" parks and trails.</p> <p>Deliver some of the I Can! programs through trained Conservation Corps Minnesota (CCM) staff.</p> <p>Hire 7-9 interns to expand summer programming for 18,000 – 23,000 visitors.</p> <p>Develop self-guided interpretation at key Rustic park locations.</p> <p>Fund 25% of a volunteer coordinator position.</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive and trusted source of data for the entire division.</p>	<p>Complete high-priority acquisition and development projects for state parks and trails. See page 16 for a project list.</p>	<p>Complete high-priority rehabilitation projects for state parks and trails. See page 16 for a project list.</p> <p>Conduct prescribed burns on about 5,700 acres.</p> <p>Control invasive species on about 8,700 acres.</p> <p>Reconstruct native plant communities on about 900 acres.</p> <p>Hire approximately 75 youth workers through CCM to assist with resource management during the summer.</p> <p>Conduct natural/cultural resource surveys as needed.</p>	<p>Conduct coordinated research on the state and regional park and trail system.</p> <p>Advance user-friendly, Web-based systems that help people plan trips and get outdoors.</p> <p>Support activities of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee, and other priority coordination needs such as joint marketing and youth involvement.</p> <p>Continue to evaluate natural resource restoration projects across all four Legacy Funds.</p> <p>Support capacity-building efforts for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Coalition.</p>

DNR FY16-17 Legacy Priorities for Acquisition, Development and Rehabilitation Projects

The following table is organized according to the DNR Parks and Trails Division Draft System Plan (available at www.mndnr.gov), which identifies 10-year investment priorities according to “destination,” “core,” and “rustic” categories of park and trail units.

“Destination” Parks and Trails	“Core/DNR-led” Parks and Trails	“Rustic/Partner-led” Parks and Trails
Innovation and Next Generation Initiatives: For example, skill-building center feasibility; customer needs assessments and program evaluations; programming in Gateway communities.		
<p>Blufflands State Trail: Repave 4.8 miles between Peterson and Rushford.</p> <p>Blufflands State Trail: Stabilize eroding hillsides near Harmony-Preston.</p> <p>Gateway State Trail: Purchase a 10-acre parcel to allow the connection from Scandia to William O'Brien State Park.</p> <p>Gitchi-Gami State Trail: Provide a connection from the city of Beaver Bay to Silver Bay via West Rd.</p> <p>Gooseberry Falls State Park: Replace electronic interpretive exhibits in the visitor center to engage the next generation of visitors.</p> <p>Itasca State Park: Acquire a 4-acre easement to allow Phase II of the re-routing of the Itasca bike path.</p> <p>Itasca State Park: Complete construction of a new amphitheater in Itasca State Park to provide outdoor programming.</p> <p>Itasca State Park: Complete rehabilitation of the interpretive displays at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center; replace outdated exhibits with engaging, family-friendly exhibits.</p> <p>Itasca State Park: Complete rehabilitation of the snowmobile bridge within the park.</p> <p>Jay Cooke State Park: Acquire a 40-acre parcel on the west side of the park to provide future parking for hiking paths; project started with FY15 Legacy.</p> <p>Jay Cooke State Park: Complete interior rehabilitation of the River Inn, which began in 2011.</p> <p>St. Croix State Park: Complete rehabilitation of the 6-mile biking trail.</p> <p>Sibley State Park: Stabilize shoreline and improve accessibility at the beach and boat rental area.</p> <p>Tettegouche State Park / MnDOT: Clear site to incorporate newly acquired lands into park setting.</p> <p>Whitewater State Park: Relocate Gooseberry Glen campground from its current location in the Whitewater River floodplain to address visitor safety during flooding.</p> <p>Whitewater State Park: Complete rehabilitation of the Upper and Lower Cedar campgrounds.</p> <p>Whitewater State Park: Rehabilitate the interpretive displays at the visitor center.</p> <p>Willard Munger State Trail: Complete a comprehensive assessment and develop a rehabilitation plan for the trail.</p>	<p>Accessible Fire Rings: Buffalo River, Glacial Lakes, Maplewood, Hayes Lake, Lake Bronson, Old Mill, Lake Maria, Afton, Interstate, Frontenac and Minneopa state parks.</p> <p>Accessible Picnic Tables: Buffalo River, Glacial Lakes, Maplewood, Hayes Lake, Lake Bronson, Old Mill, Lake Maria, Afton, Interstate, Frontenac and Minneopa state parks.</p> <p>Camden State Park: Convert the historic former park manager's residence into a lodging facility.</p> <p>Cascade River State Park: Complete the replacement of the toilet/shower building.</p> <p>Central Lakes State Trail/Becklund: Prepare site for new trail parking.</p> <p>Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area: Provide additional trail development to expand mountain biking.</p> <p>Douglas State Trail: Repair four trail sections.</p> <p>Father Hennepin State Park: Provide trail leading from the Soo Line Trail into the park.</p> <p>Great River Bluffs State Park: Four vault toilets.</p> <p>Inspiration Peak Wayside Rest and Maplewood State Park: Rehabilitate severely eroded hiking trails; host training for crew leaders; select other projects.</p> <p>La Salle Lake State Recreation Area: Complete construction of new day-use area.</p> <p>Lake Bronson State Park: Install a solar array.</p> <p>Lake Maria/Scriven: Clear site to incorporate newly acquired lands into park setting.</p> <p>Maplewood State Park/Beers Island: Clear site to incorporate newly acquired lands into park setting.</p> <p>Mill Towns State Trail/Faribault to Dundas: Acquire 8.6-acres to re-route the trail onto DNR land.</p> <p>Mill Towns State Trail/Faribault to Dundas: Acquire 2.8-acres to re-route the trail onto DNR land.</p> <p>Minneopa State Park: Install a solar array.</p> <p>Myre-Big Island State Park: Install a solar array.</p> <p>Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail: Repave 13 miles from Madison Lake to Mankato.</p> <p>Scenic Fire Tower: Rehabilitate historic structure currently closed due to safety.</p> <p>Temperance River State Park: Replace the Tofte Lynx Bridge within the park for snowmobile/ATV use.</p> <p>Zippel Bay State Park: Add a double vault toilet to the public water access site.</p>	<p>Blue Ox Trail: Rehabilitate Big Falls Bridge, an important OHV and snowmobile trail bridge.</p> <p>Charles A. Lindbergh State Park: One vault toilet.</p> <p>Chengwatana State Forest: Rehabilitate decking of Snake River Bridge for snowmobile/OHV use.</p> <p>George H. Crosby-Manitou State Park: One vault toilet.</p> <p>Glacial Lakes State Trail: Repave 6 miles from Willmar to Spicer.</p> <p>Judge C. R. Magney State Park: One vault toilet.</p> <p>Schoolcraft State Park: One vault toilet.</p>