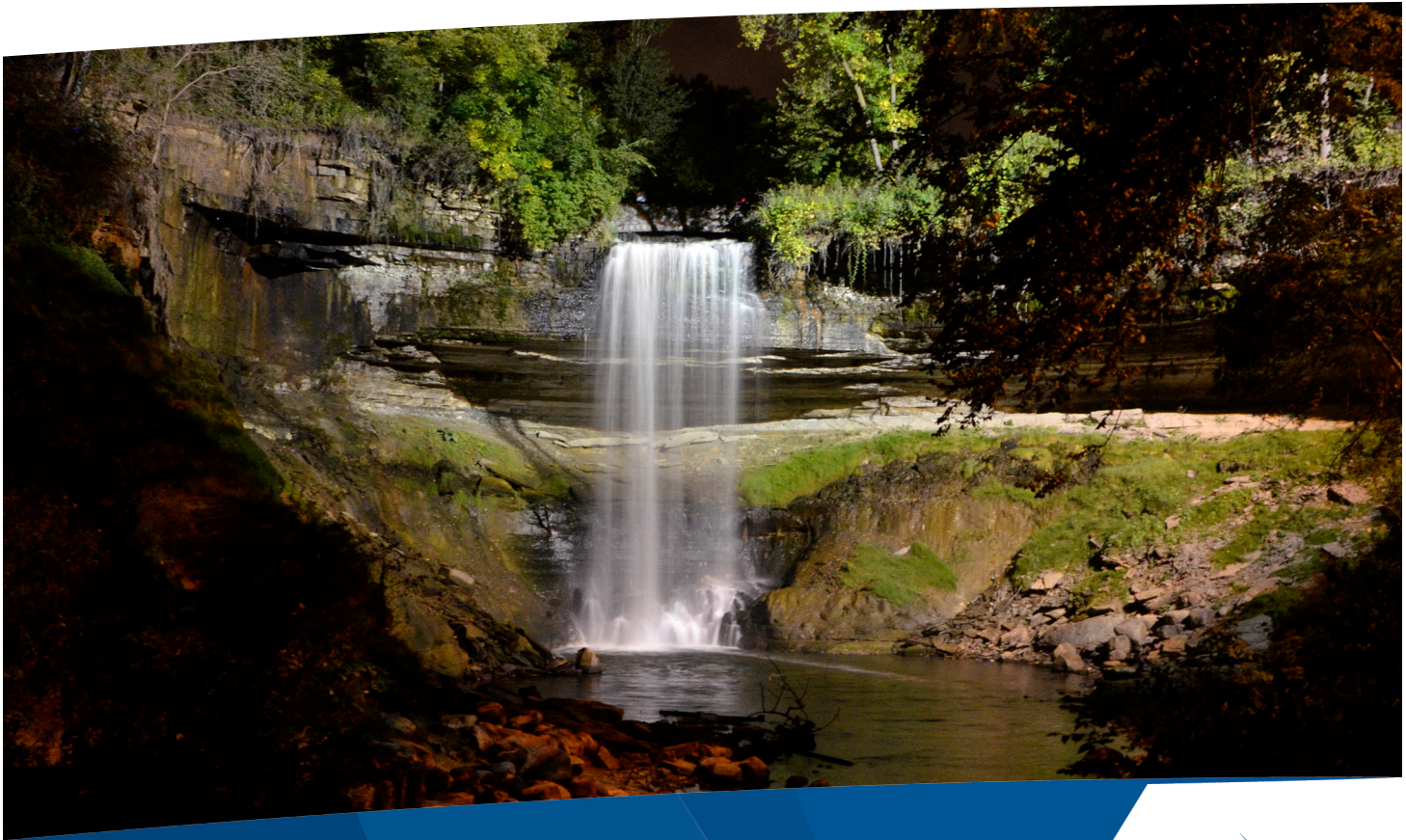


# UPDATED METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST FOR PARKS AND TRAILS FUND FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017

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House Environment & Natural Resources Policy & Finance Committee,  
Senate Finance Subcommittee on Legacy,  
Senate Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture Budget Division*

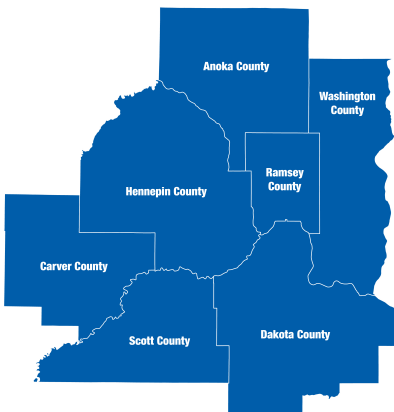


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## Executive Summary

The Parks and Trails Fund receives 14.25 percent of the sales tax revenues from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment and finances projects and programs that support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. The Metropolitan Council is the fiscal agent of Parks and Trails Fund appropriations that support the Metropolitan Regional Parks System. The Council grants appropriations to ten regional park implementing agencies that own and operate regional parks and trails in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Funds are granted to the park agencies using a formula in Minnesota Statutes 85.53, Subdivision 3.

This report contains the Council's updated recommended list of projects proposed to be financed from Fiscal Year 2016-17 Parks and Trails Fund appropriations. It is prepared in compliance with Laws of MN 2013, Chapter 137, Article 3, Section 4 (o) which states:

“By January 15, 2015, the [Metropolitan] council shall submit a list of projects, ranked in priority order, that contains the council's recommendations for funding from the parks and trails fund for the 2016 and 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund.”

Based on the February 2015 revenue forecast, \$402,000 was added to the project list total of \$34.9 million submitted on January 15 for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 biennium for a new total of \$35.3 million. It is based on the 2012 recommendation of the Parks and Trails Funding Work Group for allocating Parks and Trails Fund appropriations in Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2016-17 and 2018-19<sup>1</sup>:

- 40% to DNR State Parks and Trails
- 40% to Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails
- 20% to Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails

### ***The grants will advance the goals of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan:***

- Connect People to the Outdoors. \$1.23 million for recreation and environmental education programs, increased use of volunteers, and enhanced information about parks and trails.
- Acquire Land, Create Opportunities. \$3.53 million to acquire land. \$16.14 million to construct new recreation infrastructure in regional parks and build 13.4 miles of regional trails.
- Take Care of What We Have. \$13.17 million to replace worn out park and trail facilities. An additional \$1,049,000 to manage and restore natural landscapes in regional parks and trails.
- Coordinate with Partners. \$194,000 for creating new or updating old master plans for three regional parks and one regional trail.

### ***The \$35.3 million Parks and Trails Fund appropriation leverages \$11.8 million of Federal trail grants and \$8.2 million of non-State funds for a total investment of \$55.3 million.***

The distribution of Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 Parks and Trails Fund appropriations to each regional park implementing agency is shown in Table 1: Fiscal Years 2016-17 Parks and Trails Fund Allocations for Metro Regional Park Implementing Agencies. The amount for each agency is based on a formula in Minnesota Statutes 85.53, Subdivision 3.

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<sup>1</sup> Environmental Initiative, *Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Project, Recommendations from the Work Group to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*, November 2012, p. 4



*Table 1: Fiscal Years 2016-17 Parks and Trails Fund Allocations for Metro Regional Park Implementing Agencies*

<b>Metro Regional Park Implementing Agency</b>	<b>FY 2016 (\$ 000s)</b>	<b>FY 2017 (\$ 000s)</b>	<b>FY2016-17 (\$ 000s)</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Anoka County Parks	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,507	\$ 2,945	8.3%
City of Bloomington Parks	\$ 285	\$ 299	\$ 584	1.7%
Carver County Parks	\$ 321	\$ 337	\$ 658	1.9%
Dakota County Parks	\$ 1,186	\$ 1,243	\$ 2,429	6.9%
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	\$ 3,289	\$ 3,448	\$ 6,737	19.1%
Ramsey County Parks	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,440	\$ 2,814	8.0%
City of St. Paul Parks	\$ 2,428	\$ 2,545	\$ 4,973	14.1%
Scott County Parks	\$ 575	\$ 602	\$ 1,177	3.3%
Three Rivers Park District	\$ 3,769	\$ 3,951	\$ 7,720	21.9%
Washington County Parks	\$ 848	\$ 888	\$ 1,736	4.9%
10% for Park Acquisition Opportunity Grants	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,807	\$ 3,531	10.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,237</b>	<b>\$18,067</b>	<b>\$ 35,304</b>	<b>100%</b>

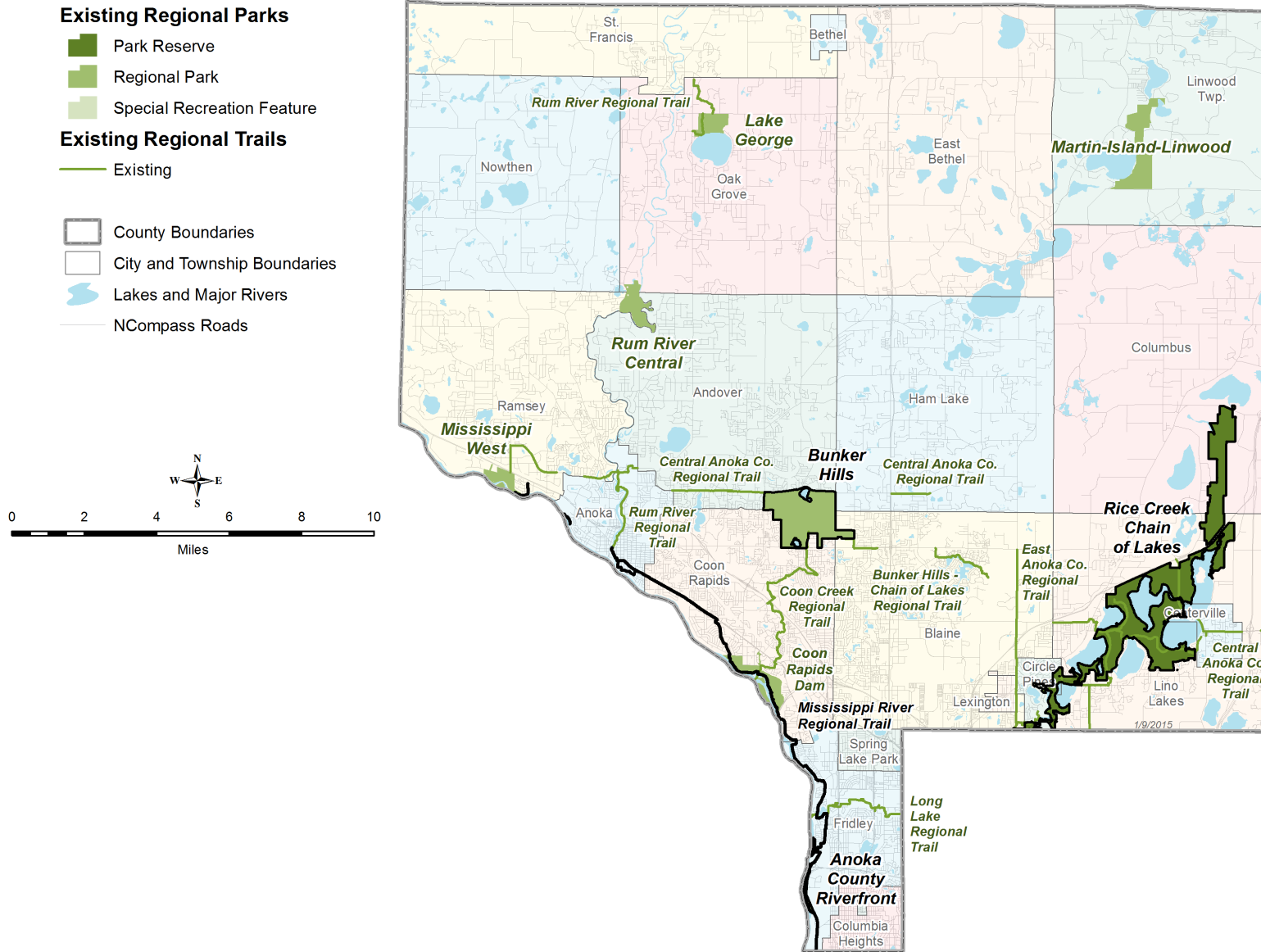
*The following tables describe each park agency's projects proposed for funding. Maps of each park agency's regional parks and trails show where the projects are located in context of all the regional parks and trails that agency operates.*

**Table 2: Anoka County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund Fiscal Years 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY2016 (\$000s)	FY2017 (\$000s)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000s)	Non-State Funds (\$000s)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park	Redevelop roadway, parking lots and trails, building enhancements, maintenance facility improvements, boat launch improvements, disc golf installation, natural resource restoration, signs, site furnishings, utilities, fees and contingencies. Project will enhance visitor experience and provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities. Park had 206,000 visits in 2013.	\$ 948	\$ 924	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 2	Anoka County Regional Parks & Trail System	Natural resource restoration and management by the Conservation Corps of Minnesota at Anoka County regional parks and trails. The parks and trails had 3,178,000 total visits in 2013.	\$ 140	\$ 145	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 3	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Improvements to the Rice Creek Maintenance Shop and campground support facility improvements to improve maintenance and operations efficiencies and improve visitor experience in park. Park had 351,000 visits in 2013.	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 3	Mississippi River Regional Trail	Reimburse the Cities of Anoka and Ramsey for their costs to extend the Mississippi River Regional Trail 2 miles from Anoka to Mississippi West Regional Park. The trail had 116,000 visits in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 340	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 4	Bunker Hills Regional Park	Digital sign construction for the Bunker Hills Regional Park south entrance. The park had 612,000 visits in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Anoka County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,438</b>	<b>\$ 1,507</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Figure 1: Map of Anoka County Regional Parks and Trails**



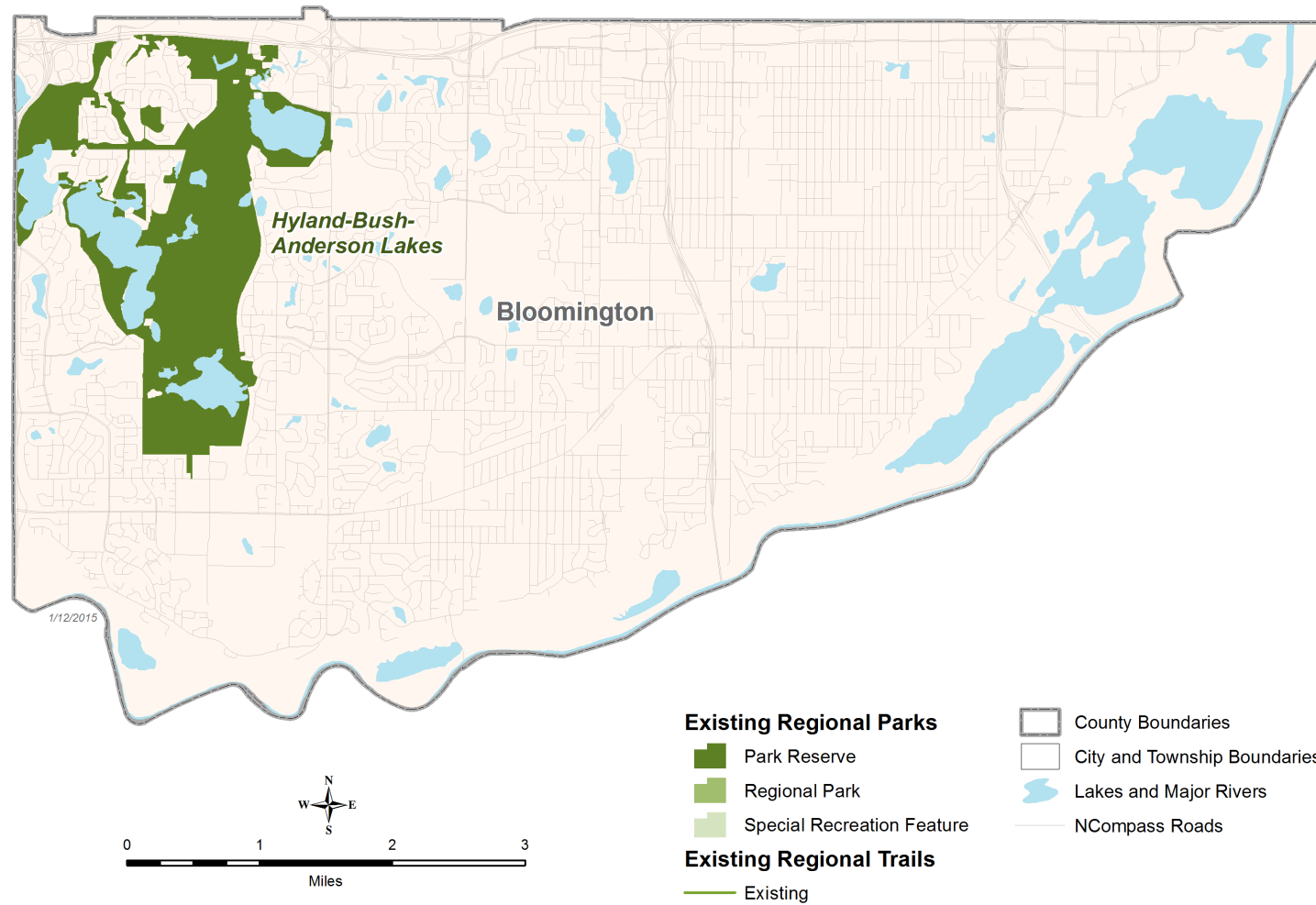
*Table 3: City of Bloomington Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17*

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000s)	FY 2017 (\$000s)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000s)	Non-State Funds (\$000s)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve	Partial funding to reconstruct parking lots, driveways, parking lot lighting, boat ramp improvements and associated storm water improvements at the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve. The park had 742,180 visits in 2013.	\$ 285	\$ 299	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>City of Bloomington Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>	<b>\$ 299</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



Figure 2: Map of Bloomington Regional Parks (Park is jointly managed with Three Rivers Park District)

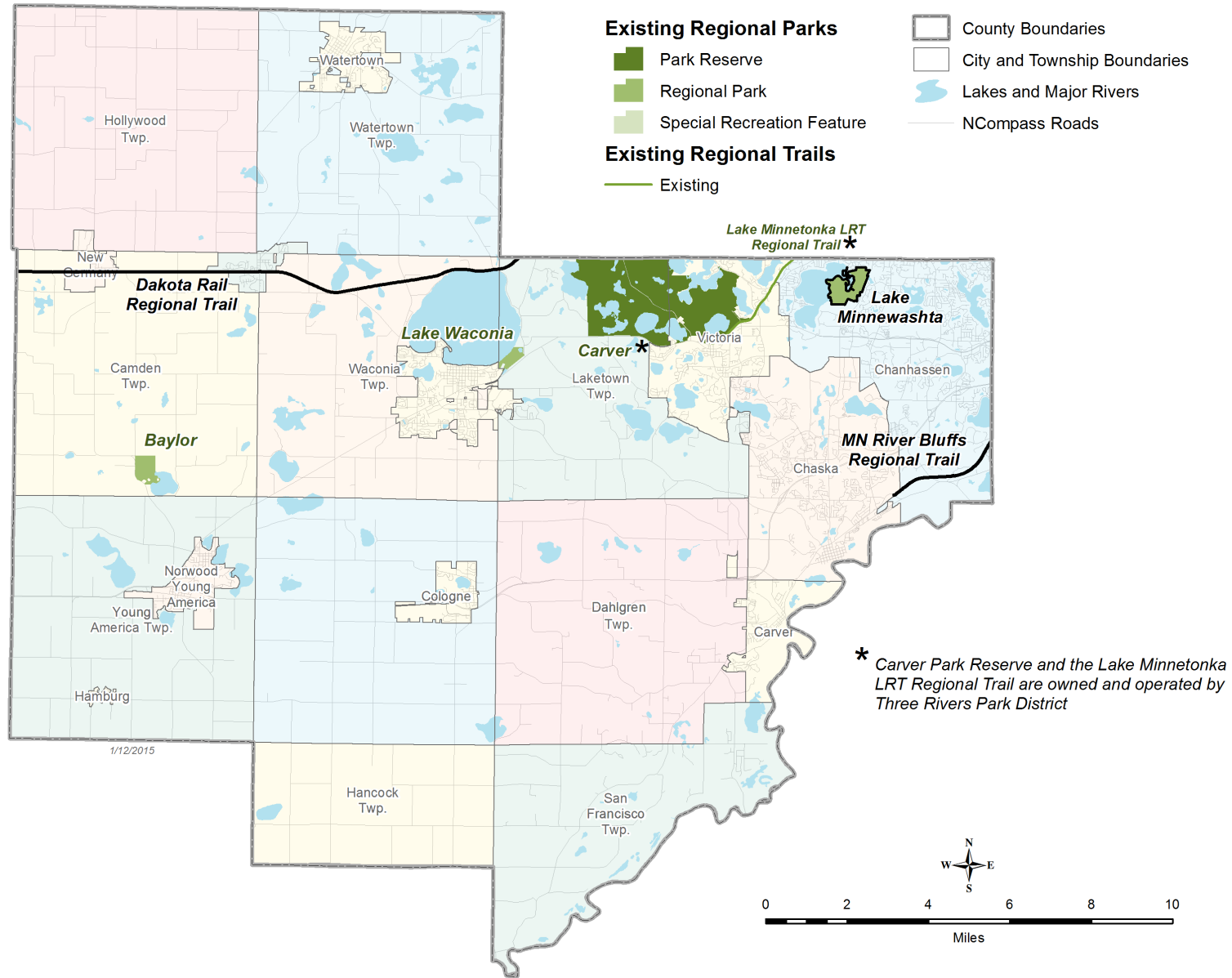


*Table 4: Carver County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17*

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 Priority 1	Recreation and Volunteer Specialist, all Regional Parks in Carver County	Continue Recreation and Volunteer Specialist position initiated in 2014 to develop and implement recreation and volunteer programs. Engage 3,000 park visitors through 90 programs provided in the County Regional Parks in outreach programming. Legacy funds will leverage \$42,000 in County General funds.	\$ 37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42
FY 2016 Priority 2	Extension of the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail	Design, engineer, construct 2.1 miles of paved trail between cities of Chaska and Carver, and construct a pedestrian bridge and trailhead. The trail had 131,000 visits in 2013.	\$ 284	\$ -	\$ 551	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 1	Recreation and Volunteer Specialist, all Regional Parks in Carver County	Continue Recreation and Volunteer Specialist position initiated in 2014 to develop and implement recreation and volunteer programs. Engage 3,300 park visitors through 100 programs provided in the County Regional Parks in outreach programming. Legacy funds will leverage \$44,000 in County General funds.	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ -	\$ 44
FY 2017 Priority 2	Extension of the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail	Design, engineer, and construct 1.3 miles of paved trail between County Road 61 and Bluff Creek Drive. The trail had 131,000 visits in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 180	\$ 272	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 3	Lake Minnewashta Park Trail, Dakota Rail Regional Trail	Crack seal and seal coat 1.5 miles of trail at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and 3.4 miles of trail on the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. There are 64,000 visits and 107,000 visits annually to Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail respectively.	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Carver County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 321</b>	<b>\$ 337</b>	<b>\$ 823</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>

**Figure 3: Map of Carver County Regional Parks and Trails**



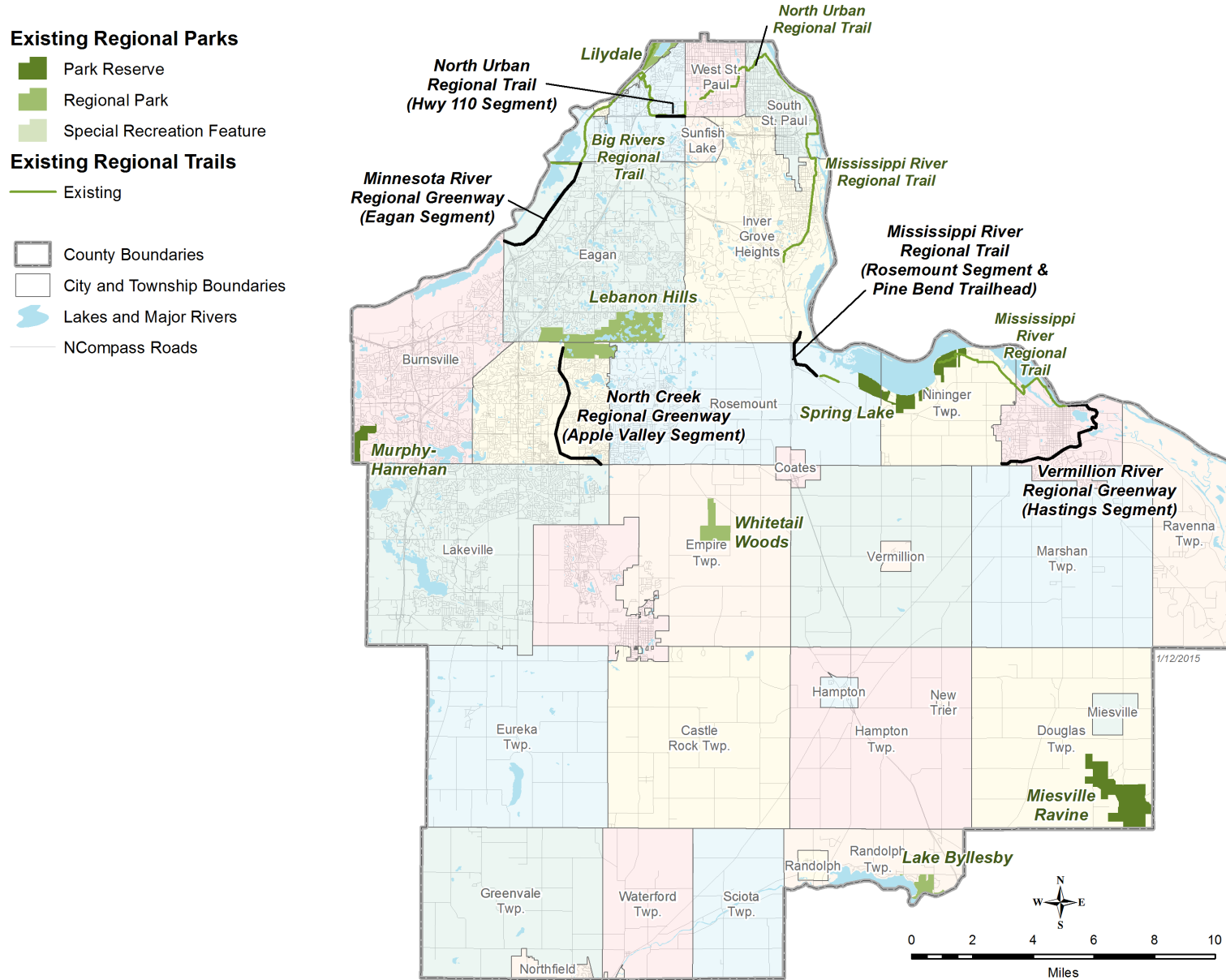
**Table 5: Dakota County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$ 000s)	FY 2017 (\$ 000s)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 Priority 1	Mississippi River Regional Trail Rosemount West Segment	Design, engineer and construct 2 miles of Mississippi River Regional Trail from 117th Street E. to Pine Bend Trail in Rosemount. The trail had 70,900 visits in 2013.	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ 1,440	\$ 270
FY 2016 Priority 2 FY 2017 Priority 1	North Urban Regional Trail Hwy. 110 Segment	Design, engineer and construct a short segment of the North Urban Regional Trail including grade separated crossing at Hwy 110 and Dodd Road intersection and connection to Valley Park. The trail had 20,700 visits in 2013.	\$ 475	\$ 245	\$ 1,040	\$ 160
FY 2016 Priority 3	Vermillion River Greenway Hastings Segment	Design, engineer and construct a regional greenway from the Mississippi River Regional Trail to the Vermillion River through the City of Hastings.	\$ 180	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 4	Dakota County Regional Parks and Greenways	Natural resource management, stewardship, restoration and improvements throughout the park and greenway system per master plans. Total visits to all Dakota County regional parks and trails were 1,038,000 in 2013.	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
FY 2017 Priority 2	Minnesota River Regional Greenway	Design, engineer and construct 2 miles of trail adjacent to Hwy 13 from I-494 to approximately Lone Oak Road in Eagan.	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 560	\$ 70
FY 2017 Priority 3	Mississippi River Regional Trail Pine Bend Trailhead	Design, engineer and construct parking lot and restroom trailhead for Mississippi River Regional Trail in Pine Bend SNA in Inver Grove Heights. The trail had 70,900 visits in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ 400	\$ 75
FY 2017 Priority 4	North Creek Greenway	Design, engineer and construct tunnel under 157 <sup>th</sup> Street in Apple Valley to provide grade separated crossing of regional greenway to 157th Street in Apple Valley.	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 615	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 5	Dakota County Regional Parks and Greenways	Natural resource management, stewardship, restoration and improvements throughout the regional park and greenway system per master plans.	\$ 61	\$ 218	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Dakota County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,186</b>	<b>\$ 1,243</b>	<b>\$ 4,775</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



**Figure 4: Map of Dakota County Regional Parks and Trails**

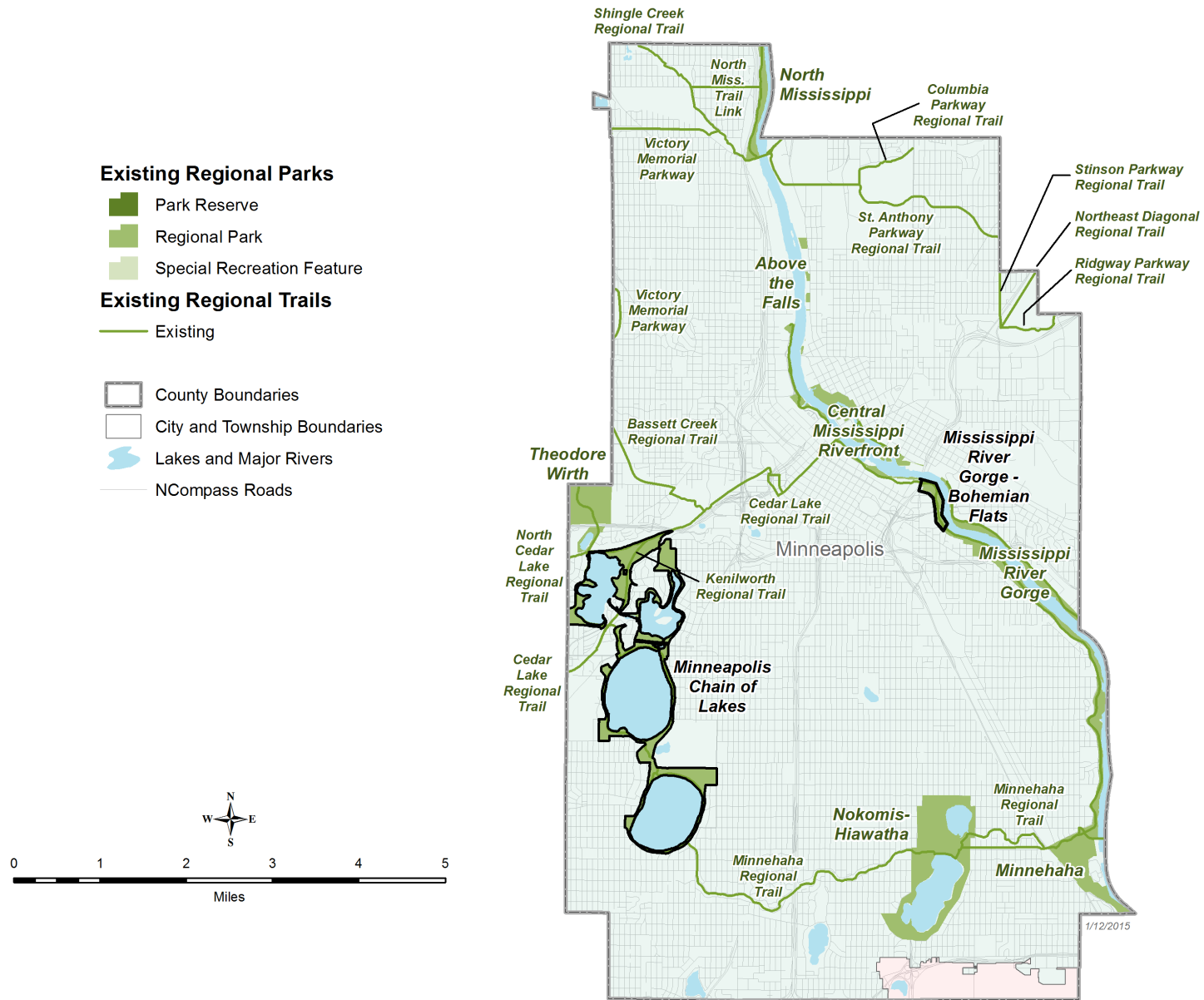


*Table 6: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17*

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<b>Park Agency Priority</b>	<b>Park, Trail or Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description and Outcomes</b>	<b>FY 2016 (\$000's)</b>	<b>FY 2017 (\$000's)</b>	<b>Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)</b>	<b>Non-State Funds (\$000's)</b>
FY 2016 Priority 1	Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	Design and construct trail, shoreline, water access, picnic, shoreline and concessions improvements throughout park. The park had 5,094,400 visits in 2013.	\$ 3,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 2 FY 2017 Priority 1	Mississippi River Gorge Regional Park	At Bohemian Flats, design and implement park improvements that include boat access, restroom accommodations, picnic areas, trails, shoreline restoration, and way finding. The park had 1,250,600 visits in 2013.	\$ 250	\$ 3,448	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Totals</b>	<b>\$ 3,289</b>	<b>\$ 3,448</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Figure 5: Map of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Regional Parks and Trails**



**Table 7: Page 1, Ramsey County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Bald Eagle Otter Lake Regional Park	Continue to support a volunteer corps for the Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery Hollow (aka. Destination for Discovery). In 2013, Tamarack had a total of 286 volunteers who contributed 5,458 hours.	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 2	Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails System	Continue contracts with Conservation Corps of Minnesota to engage youth of the community in natural resource management projects throughout Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails. In 2013 the Conservation Corp of Minnesota worked on over 20 different natural resource projects at Ramsey County regional parks and trails, totaling over 5,900 hours. Of that total, approximately 1,300 hours were assisting high school youth on natural resource projects and environmental education.	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 3	Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails System	Develop and implement out-reach for nature and outdoor recreation based programming for people of low income and color throughout Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails. Measure increase in nature and outdoor based programming and participants of low income and color.	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 4	Bald Eagle Otter Lake Regional Park	Design and construction of Tamarack Nature Center Campus Site and infrastructure consisting of parking lot and roadway redevelopment, storm water management, pedestrian connections, landscape restoration, signage, and other site amenities at Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park. Supplement construction cost for Early Childhood Learning Center Project. Supplement construction cost for the Tamarack Nature Center Interior Remodel project. There were 99,352 visits to Tamarack Nature Center in Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park in 2013.	\$ 925	\$ 194	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 5	Vadnais - Snail Lakes Regional Park	Design and construct fishing nodes along Sucker Lake Channel, improve pedestrian connections, landscape restoration, and signage. Legacy funds will leverage non-state funds provided by the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization for fishing node development and landscape restoration. There were 746,300 visits to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park in 2013.	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60

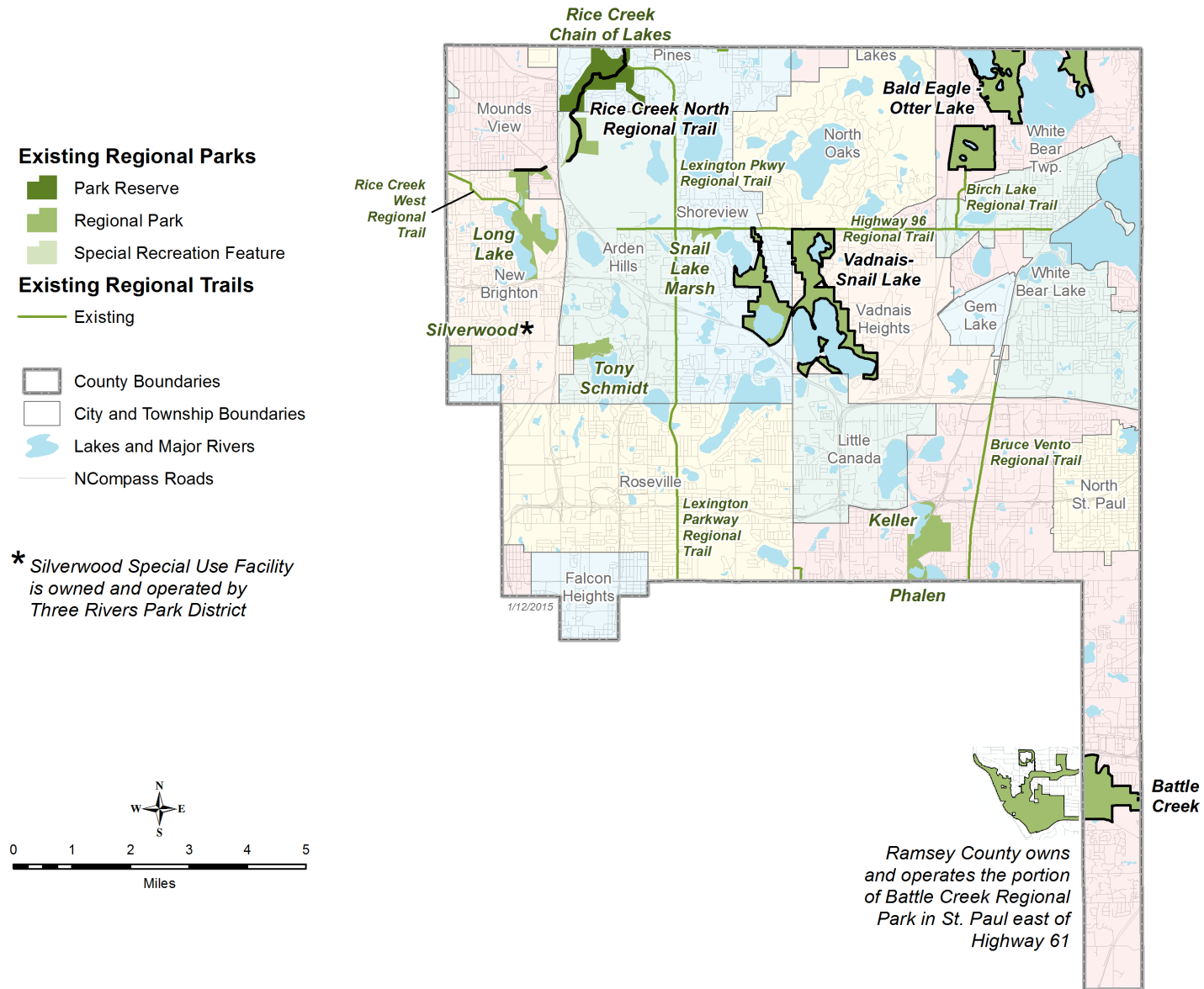


**Table 7: Page 2, Ramsey County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 Priority 6	Battle Creek, Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Parks and Rice Creek North Regional Trail	Preparation of a System-wide Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) Master Plan that will identify and prioritize future capital projects at the Battle Creek OLDA, Battle Creek Regional Park; Otter Lake OLDA, Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park; Rice Creek OLDA, Rice Creek North Regional Trail. 2013 Annual Visits: Bald Eagle Otter Lake, 333,600. Battle Creek Regional Park, 761,900. Rice Creek North Regional Trail, 196,200.	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 7	Battle Creek, Bald Eagle-Otter Lake and Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Parks	Supplement way finding implementation costs for cross-country ski trails at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park. 2013 winter visits: Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park, 21,800. Battle Creek Regional Park 62,600. Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park, 62,100.	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 8	Battle Creek Regional Park	Develop a mountain bike trail master plan and initiate implementation of mountain bike trail improvements consistent with the master plan. There were 761,900 visits to Battle Creek Regional Park in 2013.	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 5	Battle Creek Regional Park	Redevelop the existing playground in the Upper Afton section of Battle Creek Regional Park consisting of playground equipment replacement, playground container improvements, replace safety surface material, and improve pedestrian connection from the picnic pavilion, landscape enhancement at the playground and picnic pavilion, plus signage. There were 761,900 visits to Battle Creek Regional Park in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 6	Rice Creek North Regional Trail	Phase 1 design and development improvements for a new trailhead facility south of Co. Rd. I consisting of bituminous and natural surface trails, trailhead building with restrooms, entrance road and parking lot development, cross country ski staging area and trails, signage, storm water management, habitat restoration, landscape enhancements and improved canoe/kayak access to Rice Creek. There were 196,200 visits to the Rice Creek North Regional Trail in 2013.	\$ -	\$ 783	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Ramsey County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,374</b>	<b>\$ 1,440</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>

**Figure 6: Map of Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails**



**Table 8: Page 1, City of St. Paul Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Education Coordinator	Education Coordinator position: Continue program initiated in 2010 with Legacy funds to develop and implement activities such as classes, citizen science surveys, field labs, hands-on nature study programs, and interpretive tours. Environmental Education program to engage 1,000 community members in Regional Parks annually.	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 2	Volunteer Coordinator	Natural Resources Volunteer Program: To continue the program initiated in 2010 with Legacy funds for 1 FTE to recruit, coordinate, and lead natural resource volunteers in habitat restoration, environmental education and garden maintenance and for up to 3% to be used for program supplies. The Natural Resources Volunteer program will engage 5,000 community volunteers annually.	\$ 67	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 3	Como Regional Park Shuttle	Provide access and more convenient parking at an off-site parking lot with front door service to over 40,000 park users each year. Increase average weekday users by 25% and weekend users by 10%. Helps alleviate congestion, parking, and pollution problems associated with excessive auto traffic. Como hosts approximately 4,476,000 visits annually.	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 4	Great River Passage Division	Operating budget for project and equity initiatives in Mississippi River Gorge, Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm, Lilydale-Harriet Island-Cherokee-Raspberry Island, and Battle Creek-Indian Mounds-Pigs Eye Regional Parks, as well as Sam Morgan and Bruce Vento Regional Trails. Using principles and guidance from the Great River Passage Master Plan, initiatives will support innovative public engagement, establishing organizational partnerships, providing areas for cultural activities, and enhancing participation in natural resource based activities, programs, and multi-modal access. Projects will include protection and restoration of natural areas, bluffs and slopes. Goals include increasing annual visits by underserved demographic groups to these regional parks and trails.	\$ 165	\$ 165	\$ -	Funding from private foundations (McKnight and McNeely foundations) to be sought as match
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 5	Indian Mounds Regional Park	Continue Implementation of adopted Master Plan to include a splash pad (small artistic interactive water feature with year-round interest.) Indian Mounds hosts approximately 344,000 visits annually, including 13% of both African Americans and Asians, and 3% Native Americans.	\$ 123	\$ 539	\$ -	\$ -

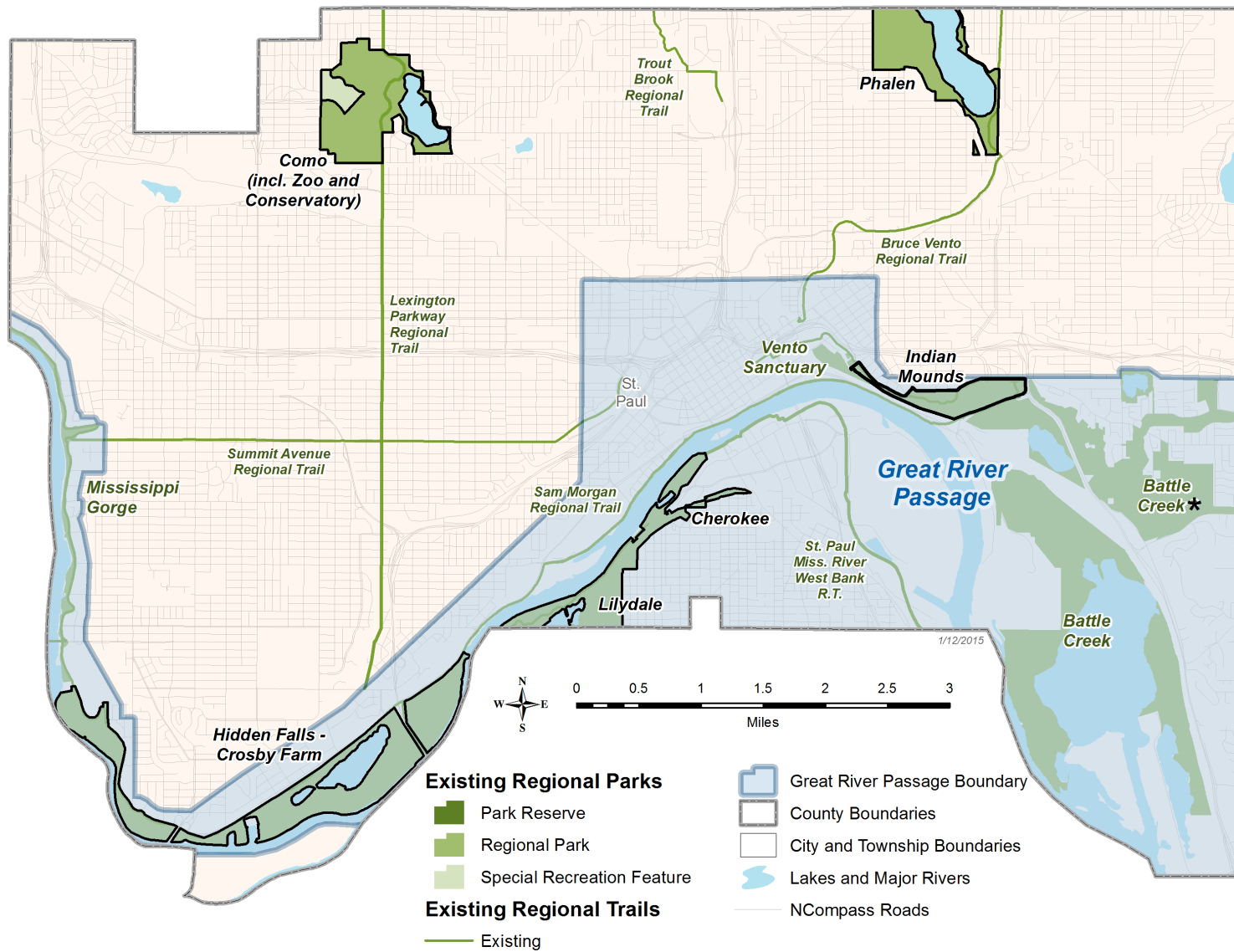
**Table 8: Page 2, City of St. Paul Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 Priority 6	Lilydale Regional Park-Phase 3	Continue implementation of adopted park master plan: Complete road and utility construction from the end of Phase 2 to the Harriet Island area (2,800 lineal feet). Lilydale hosts approximately 786,000 visits annually, of which approximately 10% are of Asian descent.	\$ 1,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 7	Phalen Regional Park	Continue implementation of the adopted regional park master plan: Perform a traffic study of four intersections, traffic counts, circulation patterns, and parking access /layout at 9 parking lots to provide a framework for improving access and circulation for the roughly 1 million annual visitors to the park, with approximately 64% of users being of Asian background.	\$ 82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 8	Phalen Regional Park	Continue implementation of the adopted regional park. Perform necessary aesthetic upgrades to the Beach House focused on improved bathroom/ changing rooms, concessions, staff space, storage, and seating areas. These improvements will update the facility appearance and serve the beach and splash-pad users.	\$ 633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 6	Como Regional Park	Complete an important Como Regional Park access road Estabrook Drive and related infrastructure, lighting, and landscape restoration. The park hosts approximately 4,476,000 visits annually, representing people from many backgrounds.	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 7	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park	Prepare master plan amendment to update the 1970's master plan. Use the adopted Great River Passage Master Plan as a base plan to start with.	\$ -	\$ 140	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017 Priority 8	Lilydale Regional Park Phase 4	Continue Implementation of adopted master plan: Pickerel Clearing area including restroom, shelter, and associated site improvements	\$ -	\$ 822	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2017, Priority 9	Cherokee Regional Park	Reconstruction of the 3,800 square feet Cherokee Regional Park Play Area to provide active play opportunities for children between the ages of 2 to 12. Cherokee Regional Park receives approximately 340,000 visits per year. Approximately 10% are of Hispanic background.	\$ -	\$ 342	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,428</b>	<b>\$ 2,545</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



**Figure 7: Map of City of St. Paul Regional Parks and Trails**



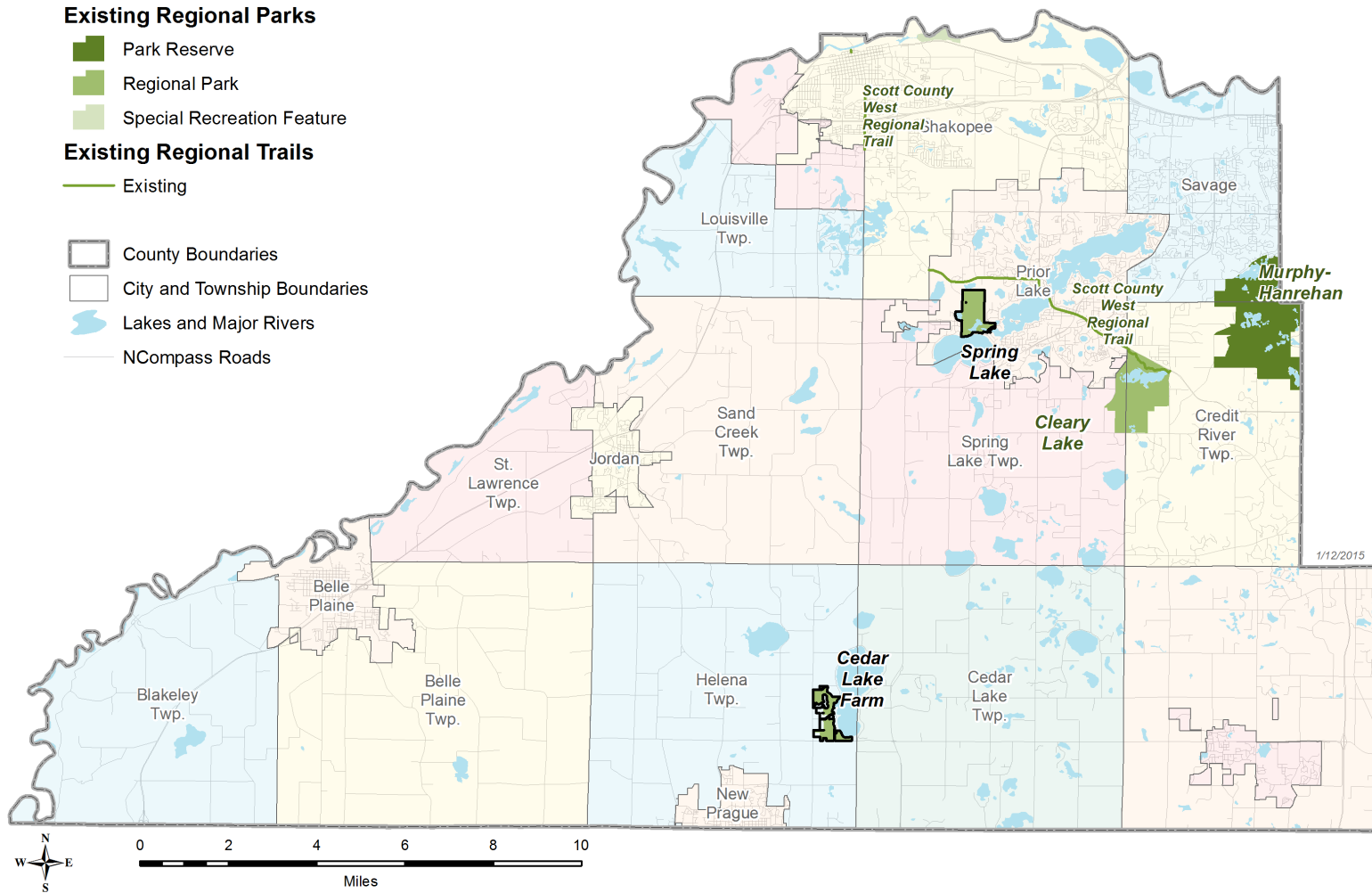
\* The portion of Battle Creek Regional Park east of Highway 61 is owned and managed by Ramsey County

**Table 9: Scott County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park	Phase 1 development of Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park, including trail construction, installation of park amenities, improvements to buildings, natural resource restoration and enhancement, and infrastructure. Cedar Lake Farm has been opened seasonally since 2009 and hosts approximately 27,000 visits annually.	\$ 275	\$ 602	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 Priority 2	Spring Lake Regional Park	Construct segment of planned trail system and implement natural resource wetland restoration and enhancement work in collaboration with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, City of Prior Lake, and the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District. Spring Lake Regional Park opened for use in October 2012 and hosts 59,000 visits annually. This project will leverage funds from our partner agencies.	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270
		<b>Scott County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 575</b>	<b>\$ 602</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 270</b>

**Figure 8: Map of Scott County Regional Parks and Trails**



**Table 10: Three Rivers Park District Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 Priority 1	Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail - East Edina Segment	Complete eastern Edina portion of the 17-mile Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail that travels through Hopkins, Minnetonka, Edina, Richfield and Bloomington. The specific project is for the segment of trail from Tracy Avenue near Edina High School in Edina over to the intersection of Xerxes and 75th on the Edina/Richfield border. The project involves construction of approximately 4 miles of trail and boardwalks on public land, and a major bridge crossing of Highway 100. With the completion of this segment, there will be one remaining gap - from Tracy Avenue west to Hwy 169. When the trail is fully open, the projected annual use is 400,000 visits. With regard to equity, the completed trail will provide direct access to a Racially Concentrated Area of Poverty (RCAP) in eastern Richfield, direct access to affordable housing in the Southdale area, and will provide access to two LRT lines as well as several major employment nodes in Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and Minnetonka. The projected total cost for this trail segment is \$13.58 million in 2015 dollars. Three Rivers has obtained a federal grant for \$6.16 million to help pay for this project. The remainder will be funded through 2014 and 2015 Legacy grants and local funds.	\$ 3,769	\$ -	\$ 6,160	\$ 749
FY 2017 Priority 1	French Regional Park	Fund stewardship projects at Clifton French Regional Park in Plymouth. The stewardship projects focus on upgrading facilities that have reached their normal end-of-life. Project improvements include a new Creative Play Area, complete rebuild of parking lots and roads, and complete rebuild of all paved trails. Total project costs are estimated at \$5,950,000 in 2017 dollars. The existing Creative Play Area is very popular, with over 100,000 visits each year. Design of the new play area will include significant community outreach, including targeted equity markets. French Park had 537,500 visits in 2013. That use reflects the diverse population within the park's service area.	\$ -	\$ 3,951	\$ -	\$ 2,049
<b>Three Rivers Park District Totals</b>			<b>\$3,769</b>	<b>\$3,951</b>	<b>\$ 6,160</b>	<b>\$ 2,798</b>

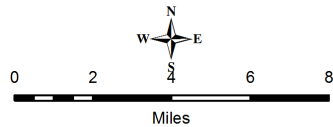
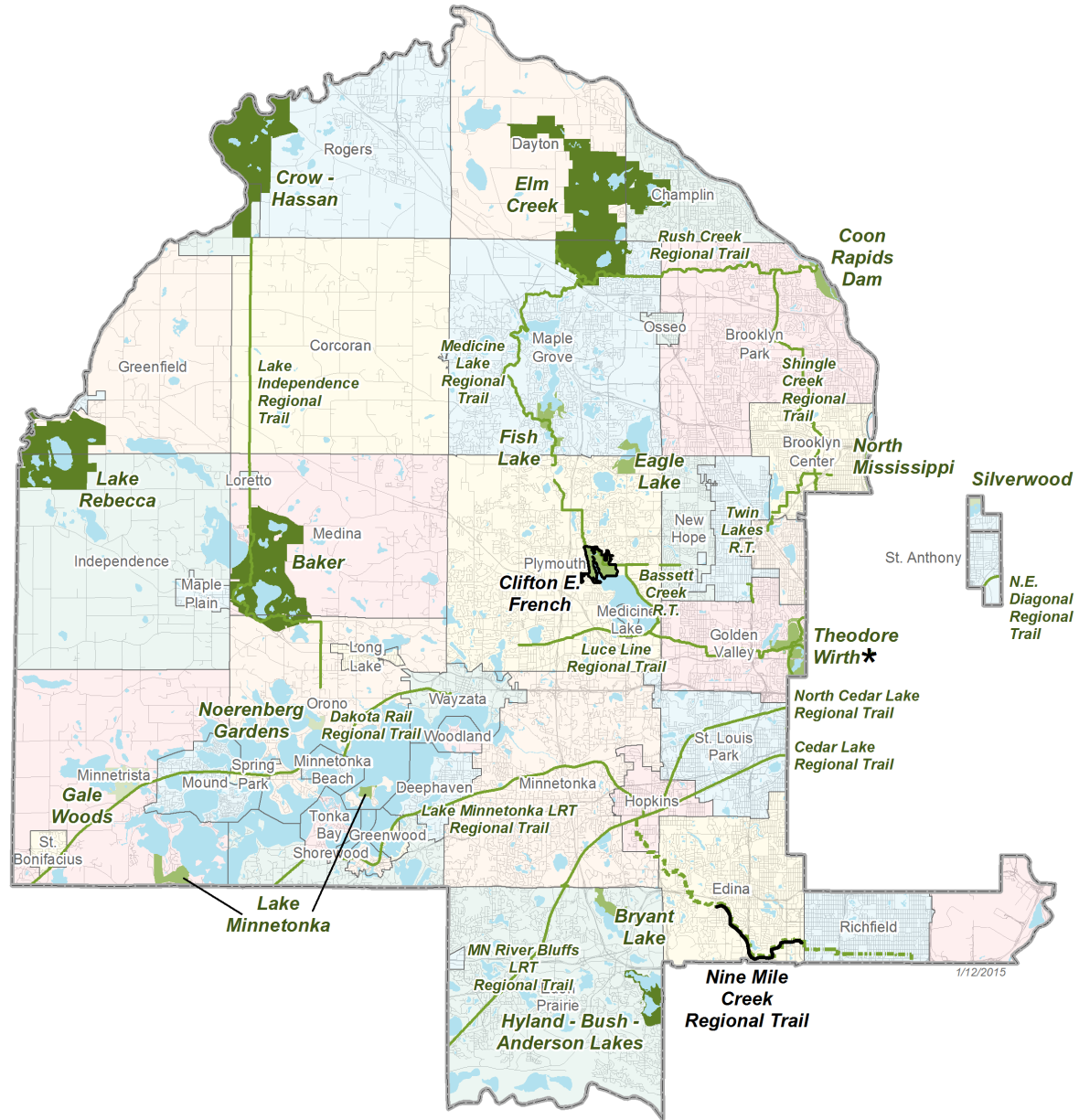
**Figure 9: Map of Three Rivers Park District Regional Parks and Trails**

- Existing Regional Parks**
- Park Reserve
  - Regional Park
  - Special Recreation Feature

- Regional Trails**
- Existing
  - Planned

- County Boundaries
- City and Township Boundaries
- Lakes and Major Rivers
- NCompass Roads

\* Theodore Wirth Regional Park is owned and operated by the Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board

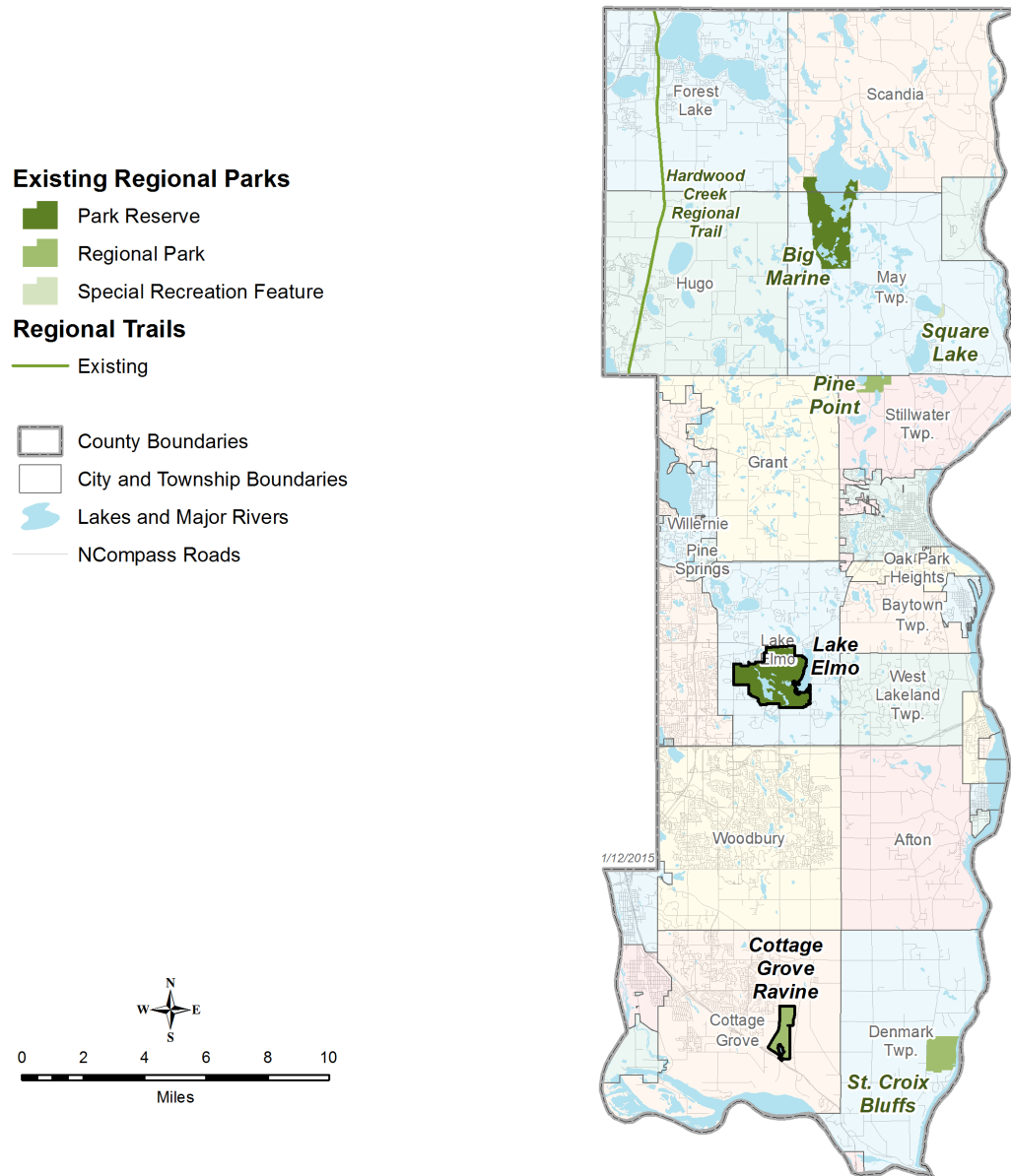


**Table 11: Washington County Prioritized Project List for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant Leveraged (\$000's)	Other Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 1	Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Improve parking, buildings and other features at the Lake Elmo Swim Pond to better meet Americans with Disabilities standards and improve other park visitor needs. The swim pond area was originally developed in 1986. The park had 464,200 visits in 2013.	\$ 425	\$ 413	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2016 and 2017 Priority 2	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Renovation and partial relocation of the roads and parking areas at the park; including improvements to buildings and other related facilities. The current park building was constructed in 1985. The park had 75,300 visits in 2013.	\$ 423	\$ 475	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Washington County Parks Totals</b>	<b>\$ 848</b>	<b>\$ 888</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Figure 10: Map of Washington County Regional Parks and Trails**





**Table 12: Park Acquisition Opportunity Grants for Parks and Trails Fund FY 2016-17**

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Park Agency Priority	Park, Trail or Project Name	Project Description and Outcomes	FY 2016 (\$000's)	FY 2017 (\$000's)	Federal Trail Grant (\$000's)	Non-State Funds (\$000's)
FY 2016, Priority 1	Acquire parcels when they are available to purchase	Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants comprised of Parks and Trails Fund appropriation and Metro Council bonds finance up to 75% of costs to acquire parcels within Metro Council-approved regional park and trail master plans. The Park and Trail Legacy Fund appropriation finances 45% of the acquisition cost, Metro Council bonds finance 30% of costs and funds provided by the acquiring park agency finance 25% of acquisition cost.	\$ 1,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,107
FY 2017, Priority 1	Acquire parcels when they are available to purchase	Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants comprised of Parks and Trails Fund appropriation and Metro Council bonds finance up to 75% of costs to acquire parcels within Metro Council-approved regional park and trail master plans. The Park and Trail Legacy Fund appropriation finances 45% of the acquisition cost, Metro Council bonds finance 30% of costs and funds provided by the acquiring park agency finance 25% of acquisition cost.	\$ -	\$ 1,807	\$ -	\$ 2,209
		<b>Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,724</b>	<b>\$ 1,807</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,316</b>



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