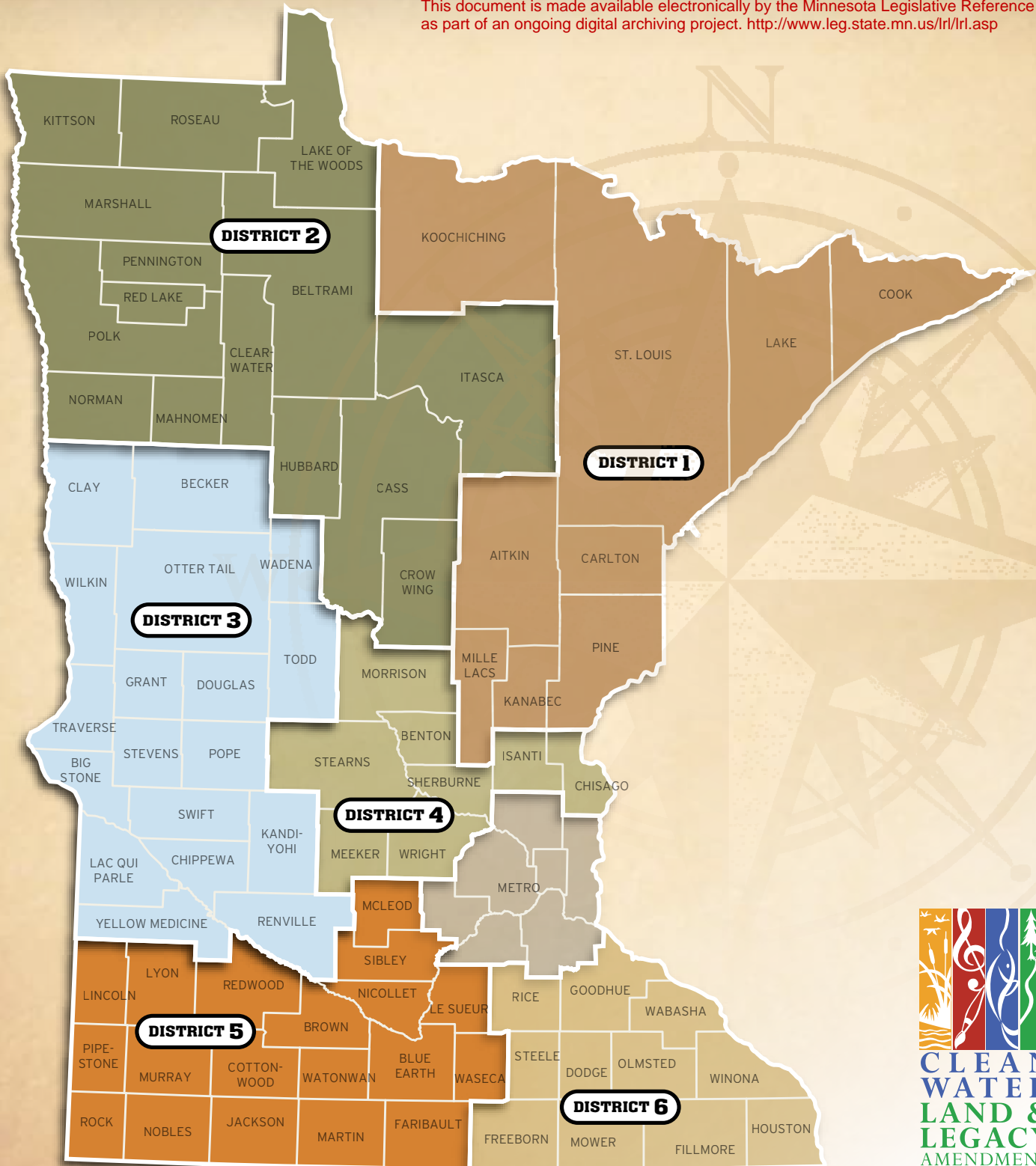
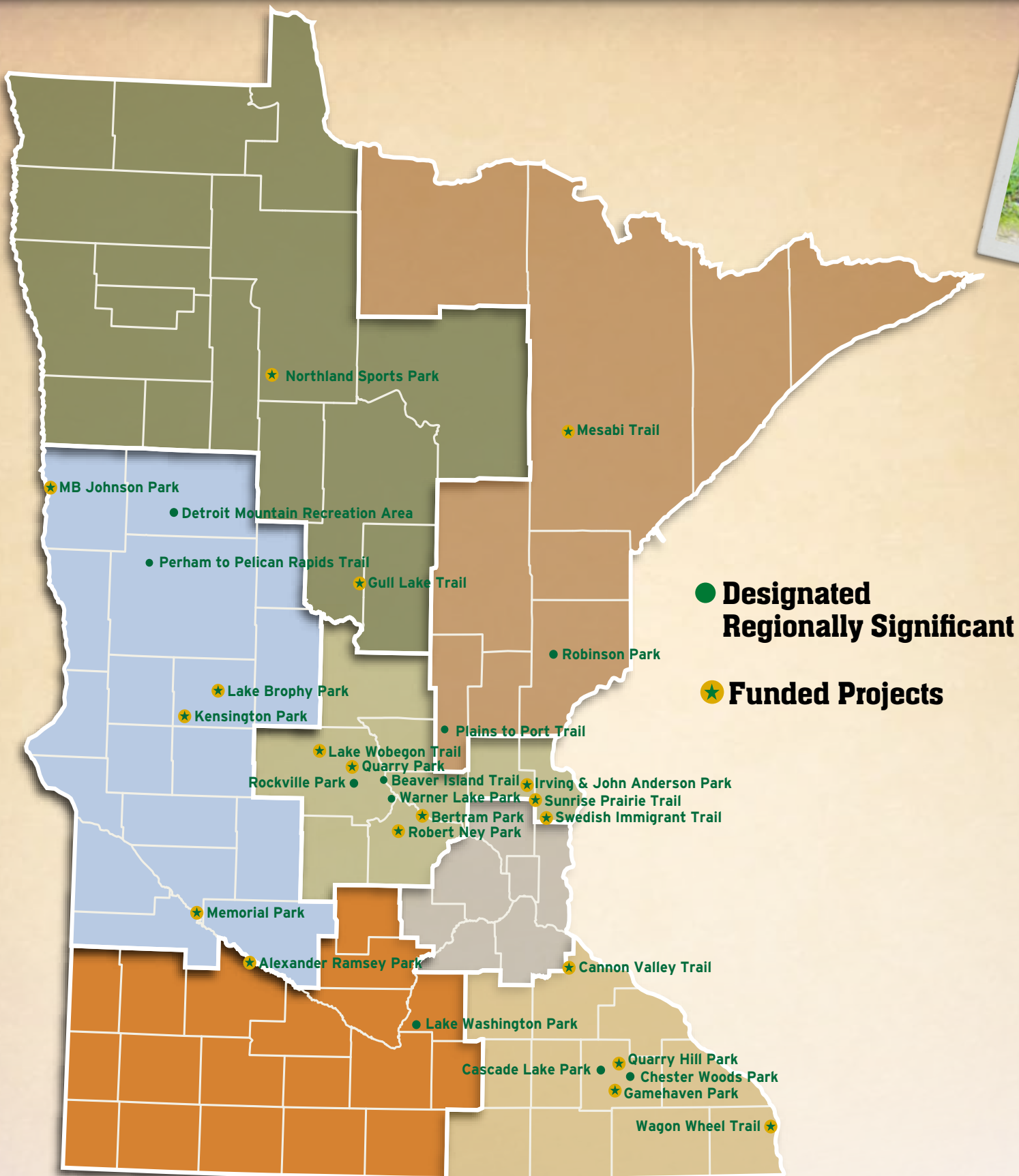


# Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Commission

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# DESIGNATED REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PARKS & TRAILS



Additionally, 27 parks and trails have ranked high and are in the process of achieving regionally significant designation.



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## GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION - FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT RANKING	PROJECT NAME	DISTRICT	FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING REQUEST
1	Bertram Park Acquisition - Phase 10	4	2016	\$2,839,000
2	Irving & John Anderson Park Acquisition	4	2016	\$325,000
3	Lake Brophy Park Acquisition	3	2016	\$130,000
4	Gamehaven Park Acquisition	6	2016	\$1,100,000
5	Bertram Park Phase I Development	4	2016	\$700,000
6	Alexander Ramsey Park	5	2016	\$380,102
7	Swedish Immigrant Trail - East End Paving	4	2016	\$157,500
8	Quarry Hill Park - Priarie House Educational Building	6	2016	\$400,000
9	Sunrise Prairie Trail - Segment F & G	4	2016	\$719,248
10	Cannon Valley Trail Comprehensive Plan Update	6	2016	\$37,500
11	Robert Ney Park - Programming Specialist	4	2016	\$100,000
12	Memorial Park - Implementation Plan	3	2016	\$51,200
13	Sunrise Prairie Trail - Rehabilitation	4	2016	\$1,107,000

PROJECT RANKING	PROJECT NAME	DISTRICT	FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING REQUEST
1	Lake Wobegon Trail Extension	4	2017	\$750,000
2	Alexander Ramsey Park	5	2017	\$534,747
3	Northland Regional Sports Park Phase II	2	2017	\$262,500
4	Quarry Hill Park - Exploration Hall Renovation	6	2017	\$1,200,000
5	Kensington Park - Visitors Center	3	2017	\$802,480
6	Irving & John Anderson Park Phase II	4	2017	\$180,000
7	Swedish Immigrant Trail - Regional Connection	4	2017	\$621,000
8	MB Johnson Park - Park Improvements	3	2017	\$1,299,000
9	Robert Ney Park - Programming Specialist	4	2017	\$100,000
10	Gull Lake Trail - Phase II	2	2017	\$495,448
11	Mesabi Trail - Trail Expansion**	1	2017	\$1,800,000
12	Wagon Wheel Trail**	6	2017	\$400,000

**TOTAL Per Fiscal Year**

**\$8,046,550    \$8,445,175**

**Grand Total - FY16    FY17**

**\$16,491,725**

\*\* Denotes projects funded through legislative action

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## **Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Report to the Legislature Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Recommendations**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **How will these projects benefit Minnesota?**

The Commission unanimously selected the projects listed within this brochure for funding recommendations. The goal was to identify "Legacy-worthy" projects that will provide enhanced opportunities and enduring value for Minnesota residents and visitors.

### **What criteria were used to evaluate funding requests?**

All funding requests were evaluated based on the criteria and principles defined in the Strategic Plan:

- Classification Criteria – provide a high-quality destination; well-located to serve a regional population and/or tourist destination; enhance connectivity; and/or fill a gap in recreational opportunity
- Four Legacy Strategic Directions – connect people and the outdoors; acquire land, create opportunities; take care of what we have; coordinate among partners
- Guiding Principles and Themes – complimentary to above; with an additional focus on projects most relevant to and valued by residents and visitors, and those that foster economic development in Greater Minnesota

### **Are all parks and trails eligible to apply for funding?**

Only parks and trails designated as regionally significant are eligible to request funding. The designation requirement and the funding request evaluation process ensure that projects recommended for funding are well-vetted and of high regional value.

Out of 177 applications in 2014 and 2015, a total of 27 parks and trails have achieved regional designation. Additionally, 27 parks and trails have ranked high and are in the process of achieving regionally significant designation.

### **About the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission**

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (Commission) was established by Legislative action in 2013; Minnesota Statutes 85.536. Establishment; purpose – The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission is created to undertake system planning and provide recommendations to the legislature for grants funded by the parks and trail fund to counties and cities outside of the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of regional significance.

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