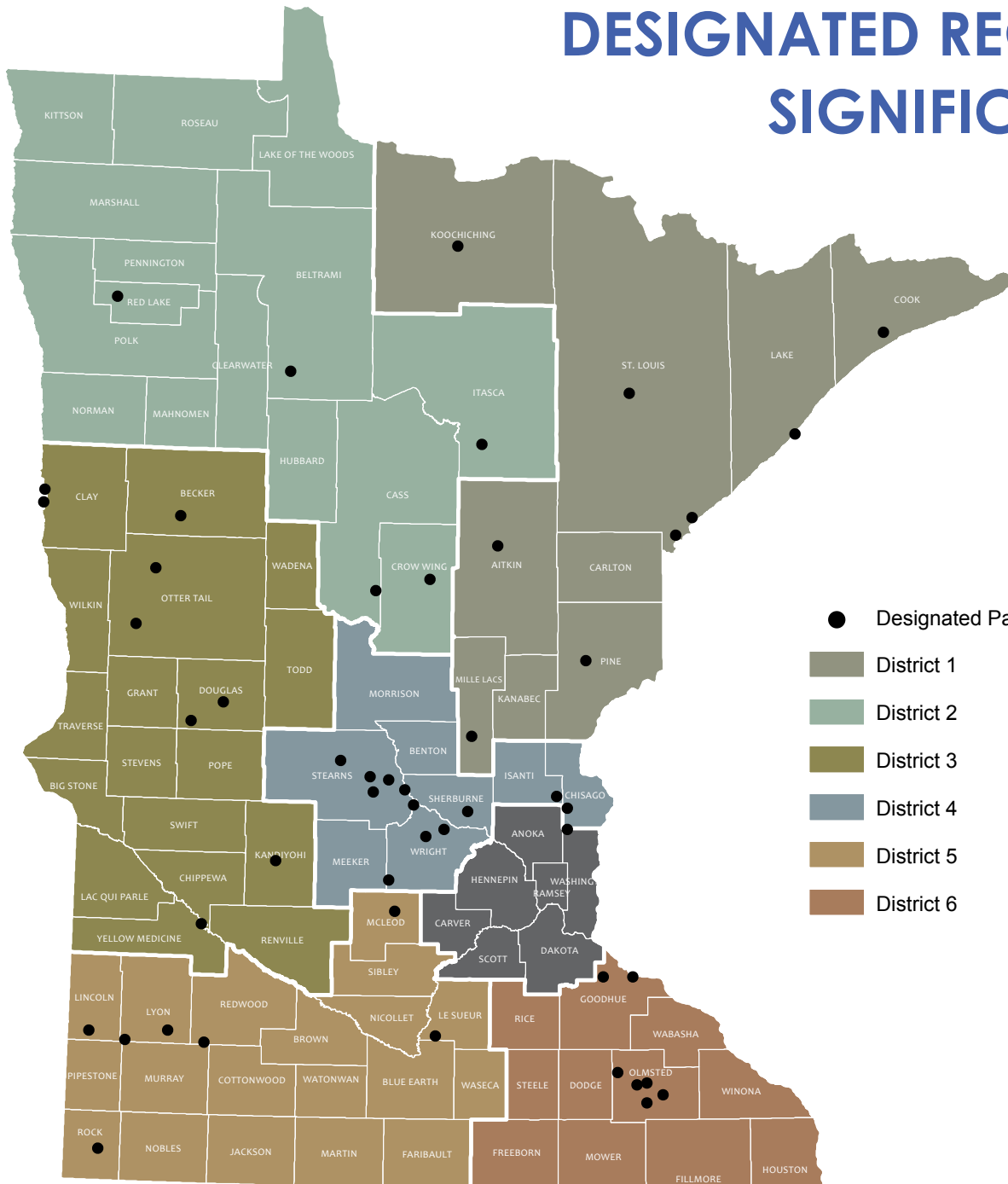


Greater Minnesota **REGIONAL PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION**

POLICY & PLANNING REPORT FOR 2017



DESIGNATED REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PARKS & TRAILS



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- 1 Keith Nelson, Eveleth
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Renee Mattson

System Plan Coordinator:

Joe Czapiewski

LEGACY GRANT OUTCOMES 2016-2018: COMPLETE OR IN PROGRESS

LEGACY DOLLARS AT WORK IN GREATER MINNESOTA

FY19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT	AWARD	DIST.
Big Falls Campground and Horse Camp	\$1,278,030	1
Proctor Hermantown Munger Trail Spur	\$820,000	1
Lake County Mountain Bike Trails	\$659,000	1
Red Lake River Corridor	\$200,786	2
Tioga Recreation Area	\$690,000	2
Memorial Park	\$732,261	3
Irving & John Anderson County Park	\$594,000	4
Woodland Trails Park	\$362,000	4
Lyon County Twin Lakes Park	\$342,470	5
Plum Creek Park	\$301,435	5
Barn Bluff Park	\$1,137,433	6
Cannon Valley Trail	\$1,055,135	6
Cascade Lake Park	\$637,325	6
Total	\$8,809,875	

**PROJECT
PLANNING 3**

**19.06 RESTORED
TRAIL MILES**


**378.03
ACRES**
ACQUIRED FOR PARKS

**30 PROGRAMMING
CONNECTING** 
PEOPLE TO THE OUTDOORS

**6.5
TRAIL MILES**
ACQUIRED

**1 BRIDGE
PROJECT**

**16 PARKS
DEVELOPMENT** 

45.75 
NEW TRAIL MILES



Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

2017 MIL

- In January, Commissioners and consultants met for a strategic planning session “GMRPTC 2.0 – A Reboot for a New Biennium.” A facilitator guided the Commission through a Continuous Process Improvement exercise which resulted in updating the GMRPTC designation and funding process by redefining the steps in the process to improve the designation protocols. As a result of the exercise, the Commission changed the designation process from a defined “open and close” application period to an “application at will” procedure, which has been well received by our constituents.
- The Data Management System refinements continued with a remake of the on-line funding application. The Commission's January strategic planning session, updated funding criteria and feedback and suggestions from applicants led to a Phase I overhaul of the funding portal. Phase II of the process is underway and will launch with the opening of the Funding Application period in April 2018.
- The Commission has contracted with individuals to assist in managing the work of the District Planning Committees and to provide administrative help as well as guidance and support.
- Some of the monthly Commission meetings went out into the districts and gave Commissioners the opportunity to tour completed projects and see the exciting results first hand.

ESTONES

- The existing Funding Criteria were evaluated as an outcome of the Continuous Process Improvement session and modified to provide improved clarity and direction for applicants. Requests are evaluated based on their ability to provide a high-quality experience, serve a regional population or visitor destination, enhance connectivity, fill a critical gap in a recreational opportunity and show a relationship to the Master Plan. Requests are further evaluated based on the applicant's response to the funding application requirements. A seven-point scoring system provides enhanced guidance for application review.
- A series of funding application workshops were held in each of the six districts following the launch of the new application. The workshops walked applicants through the process and encouraged applicants to ask questions to better understand how to submit a project that would compete well against the criteria. The result was a strong pool of applications and projects with significant outcomes within the regional context.
- Greater Minnesota now has 51 designated parks and trails within the regional system, an addition of five facilities during 2017. During the funding application period 46 parks and trails were eligible to apply for funding and 19 applications were received. Of the 19 applications, the Commission was able to provide grants for 12 projects and with one rollover project from the FY18 cycle there will be a total of 13 projects funded in the FY19 cycle.



DISTRICT 1

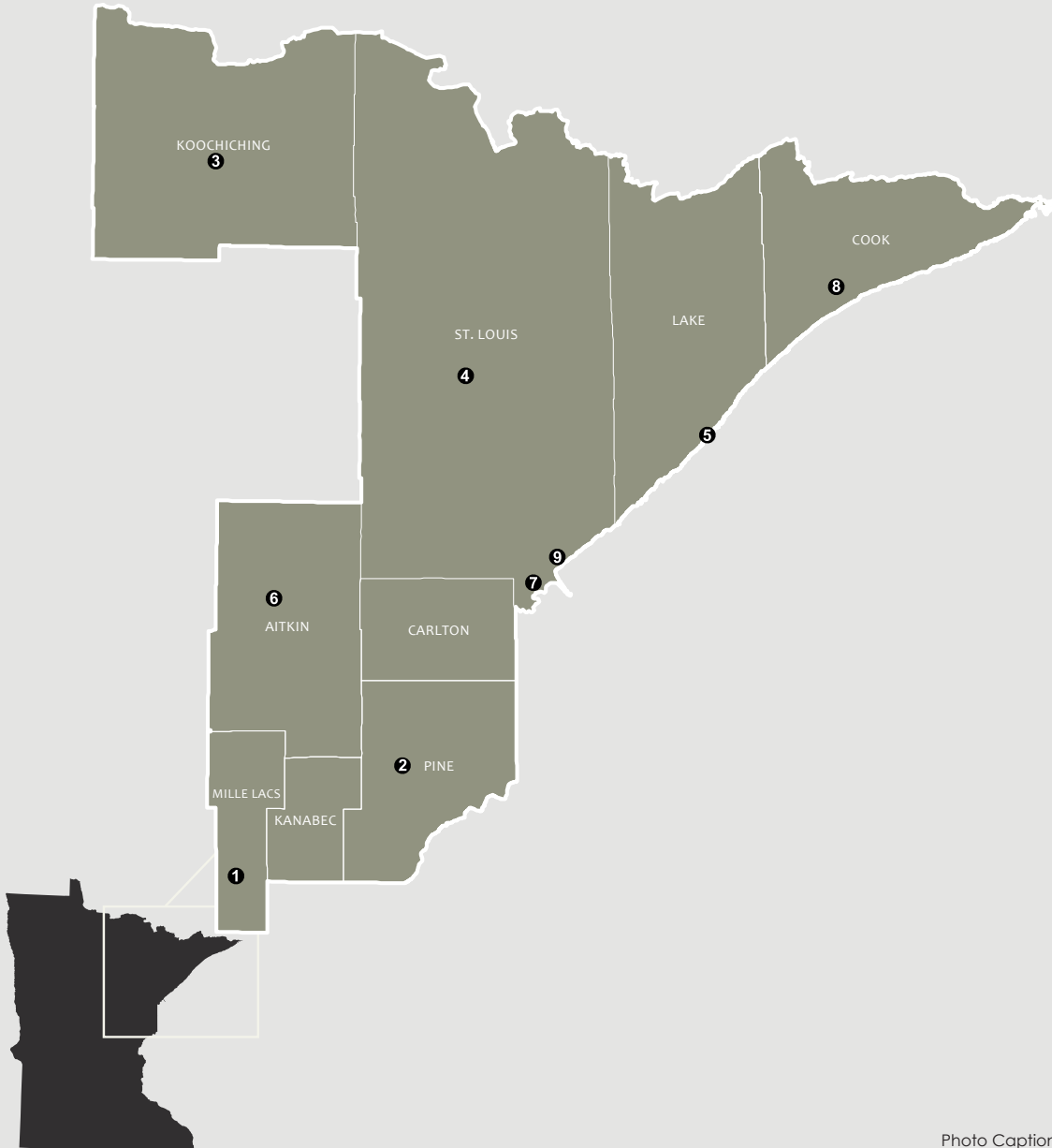
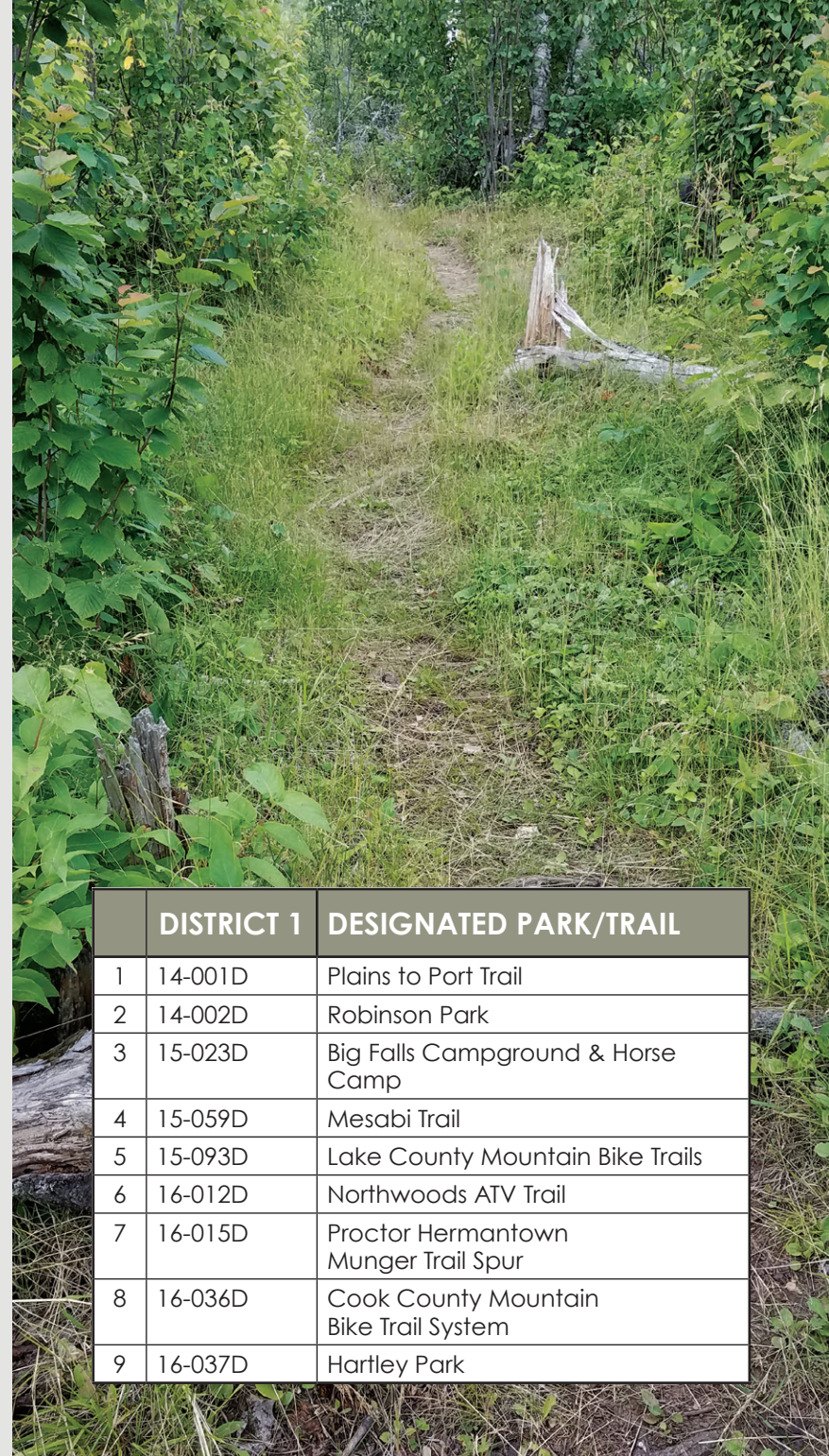


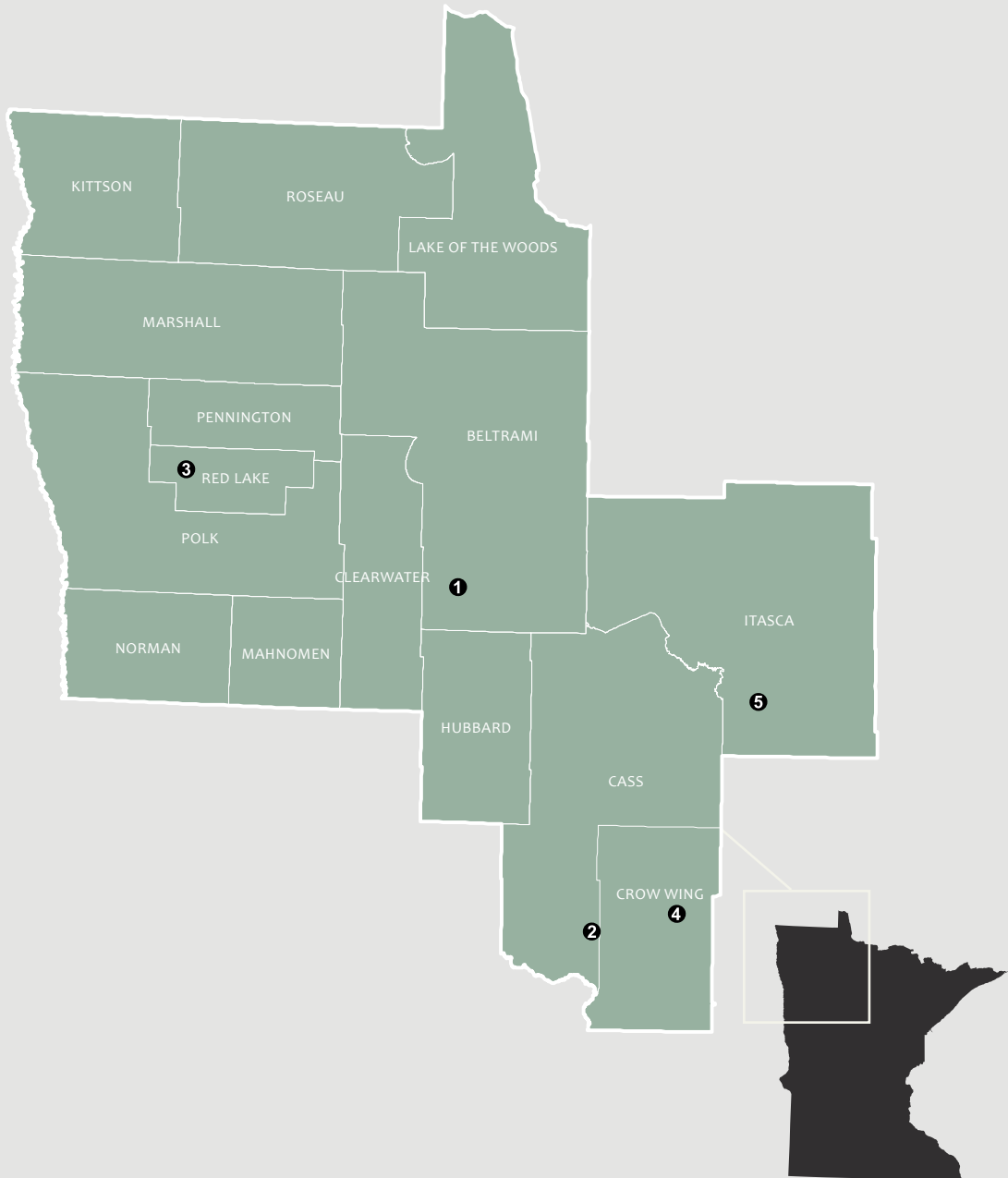
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Lake County, where new purpose-built trails will be constructed



	DISTRICT 1	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-001D	Plains to Port Trail
2	14-002D	Robinson Park
3	15-023D	Big Falls Campground & Horse Camp
4	15-059D	Mesabi Trail
5	15-093D	Lake County Mountain Bike Trails
6	16-012D	Northwoods ATV Trail
7	16-015D	Proctor Hermantown Munger Trail Spur
8	16-036D	Cook County Mountain Bike Trail System
9	16-037D	Hartley Park



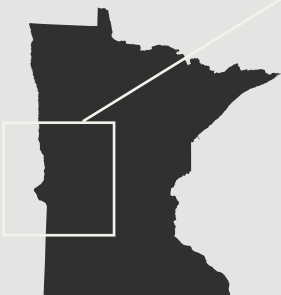
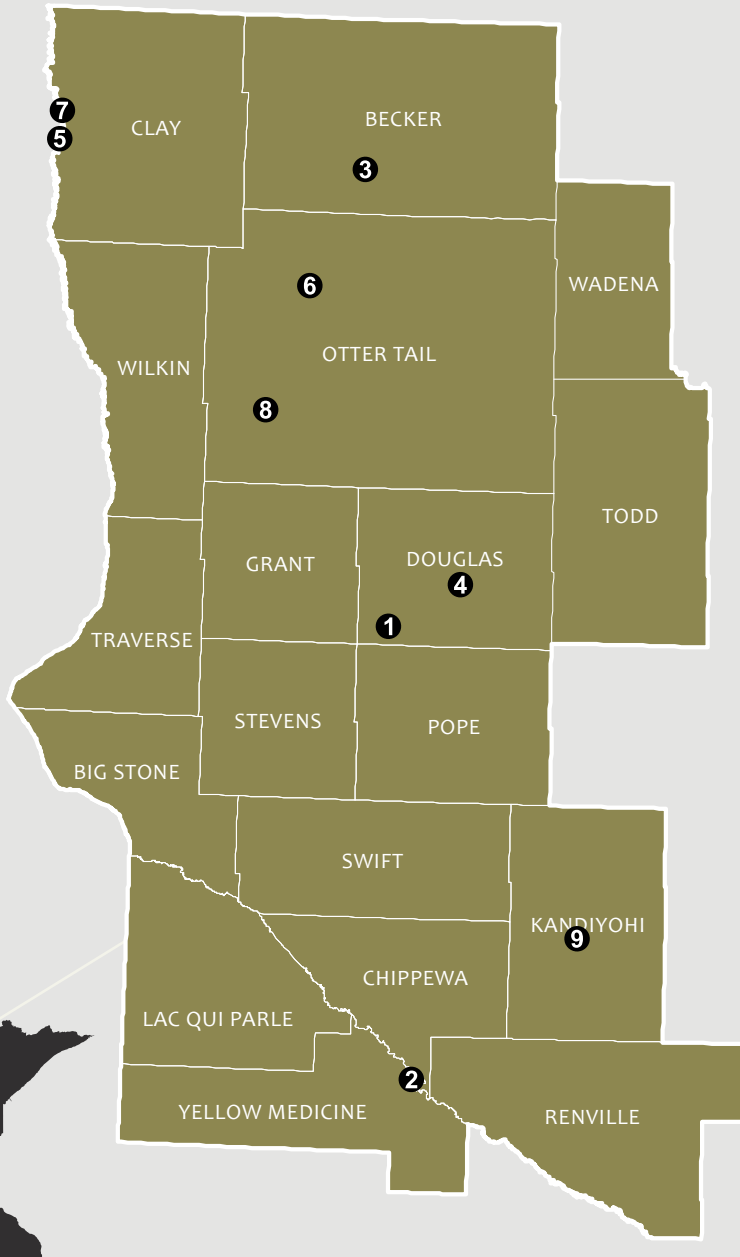
DISTRICT 2



	DISTRICT 2	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-003D	Northland Regional Sports Park
2	15-119D	Gull Lake Trail
3	16-010D	Red Lake River Corridor
4	16-033D	Milford Mine Memorial Park
5	16-043D	Tioga Recreation Area

Photo Caption:
Tioga Recreation Area

DISTRICT 3



	DISTRICT 3	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-004D	Kensington Park
2	14-005D	Memorial Park
3	14-006D	Detroit Mountain Recreation Area
4	15-002D	Lake Brophy Park
5	15-025D	MB Johnson Park
6	15-050D	Perham to Pelican Rapids Trail
7	16-007D	Moorhead River Corridor
8	16-009D	Glacial Edge Trails
9	16-014D	Robbins Island Park

Photo Caption:
Detroit Mountain Recreation Area



DISTRICT 4

	DISTRICT 4	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-007D	Quarry Park
2	14-008D	Rockville Park
3	14-009D	Warner Lake Park
4	14-010D	Bertram Park
5	14-011D	Robert Ney Park
6	14-012D	Beaver Island Trail
7	14-013D	Swedish Immigrant Trail
8	14-014D	Sunrise Prairie Trail
9	14-019D	Lake Wobegon Trail
10	15-004D	Kraemer Lake-Wildwood County Park
11	15-016D	Irving & John Anderson County Park
12	15-039D	Collinwood Regional Park
13	15-063D	Woodland Trails Park

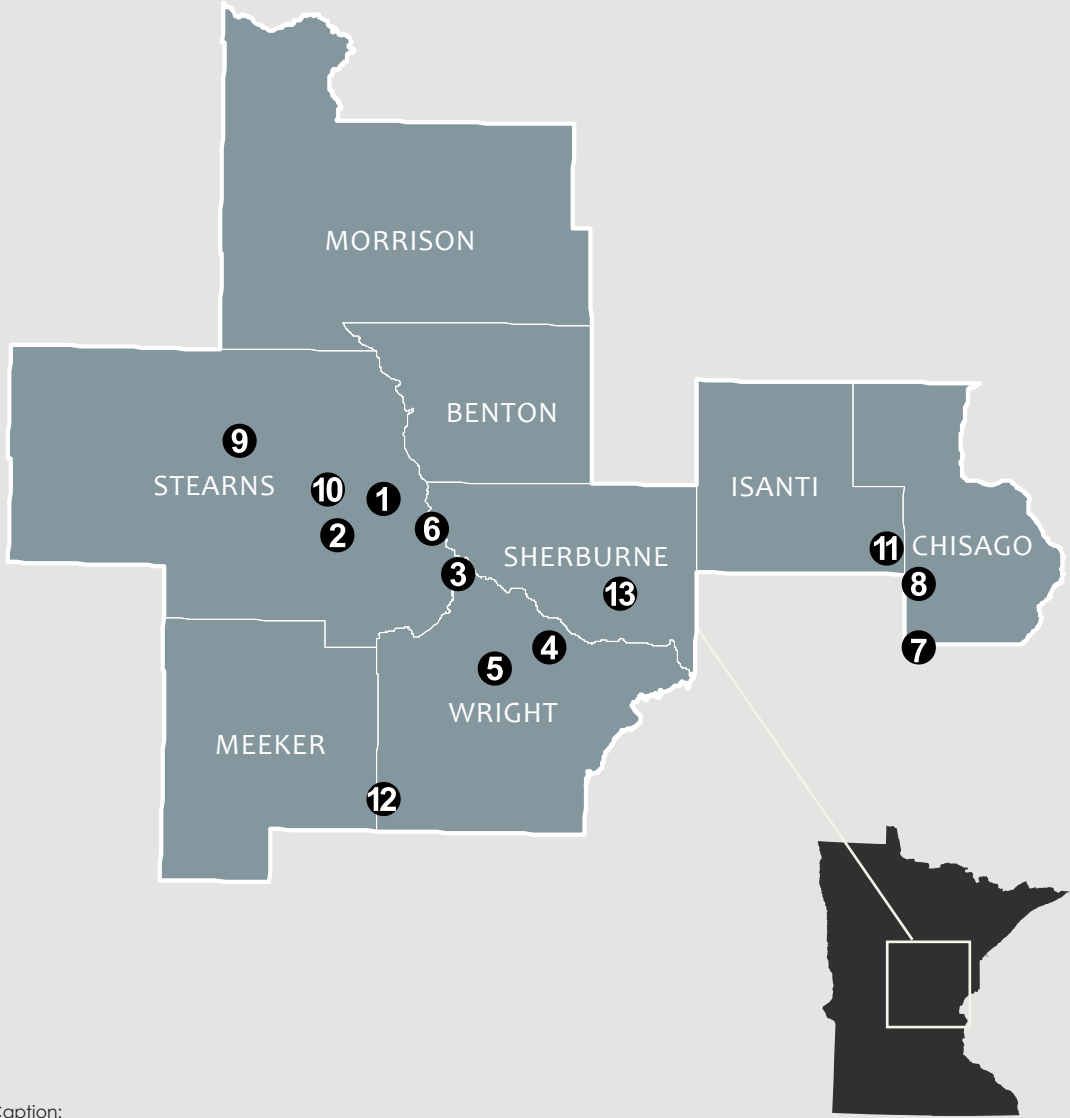
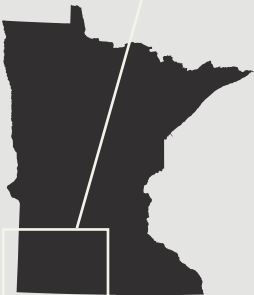
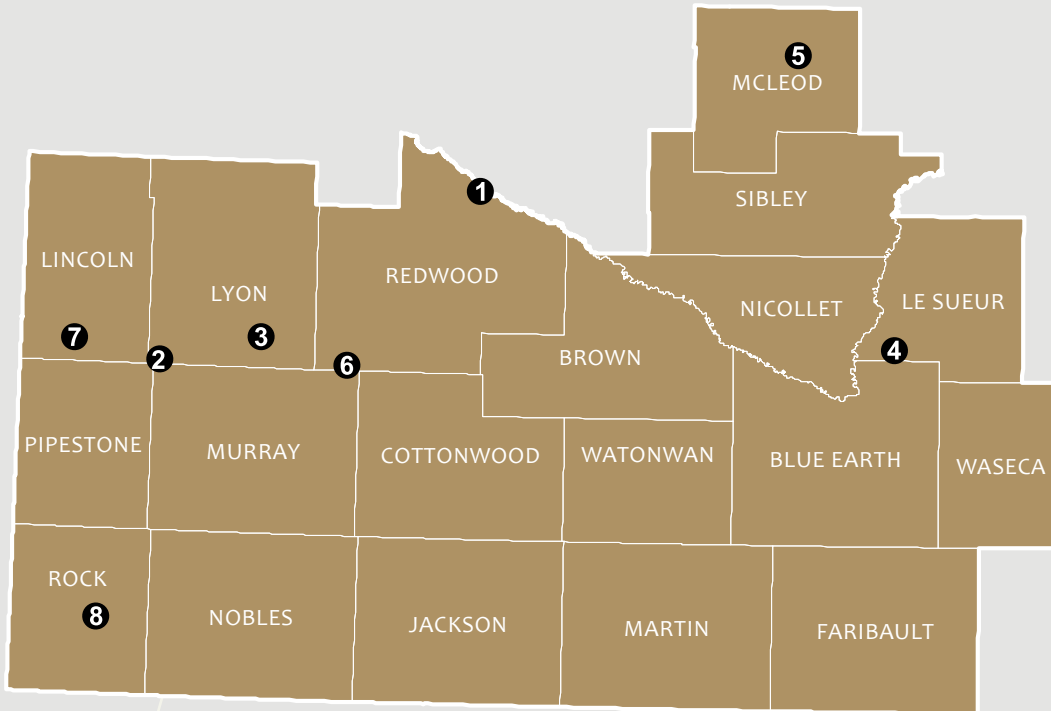


Photo Caption:
Collinwood Regional Park
and Campground

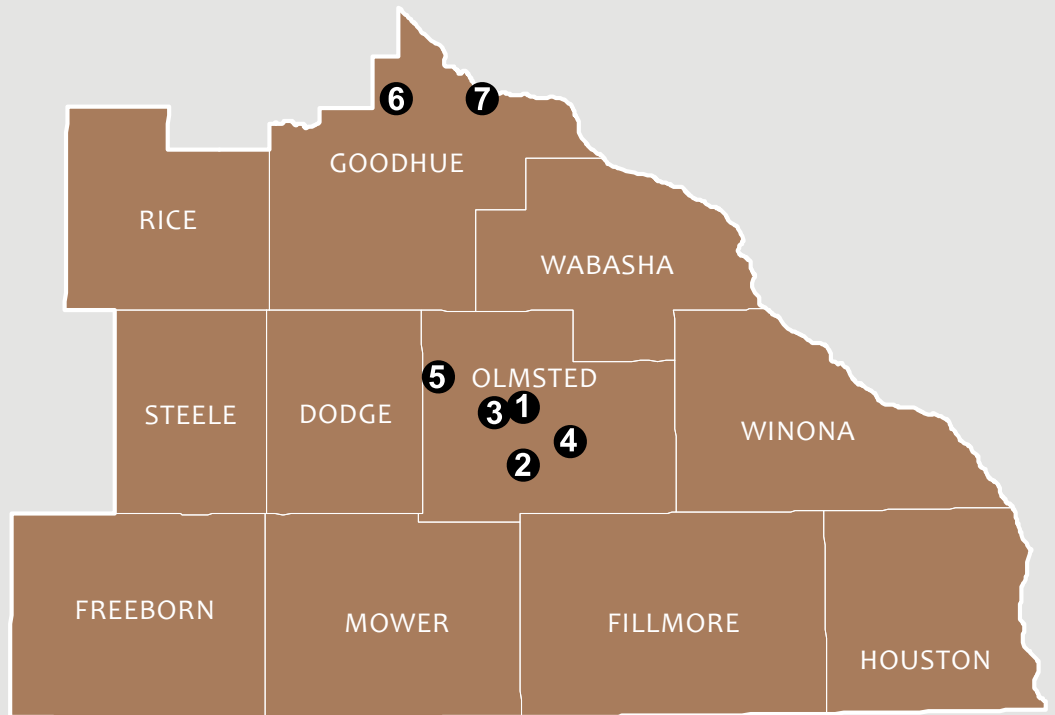
DISTRICT 5



	DISTRICT 5	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-015D	Alexander Ramsey Park
2	15-009D	Lyon County Twin Lakes Park
3	15-041D	Lyon County Garvin Park
4	15-057D	Lake Washington Park
5	15-091D	Dakota Rail Trail
6	15-120D	Plum Creek Park
7	16-021D	Hole In The Mountain
8	16-022D	Luverne Loop & Blue Mounds Trail

Photo Caption:
Lyon County Twin Lakes Park

DISTRICT 6



	DISTRICT 6	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
1	14-016D	Quarry Hill Park & Nature Center
2	14-017D	Gamehaven Park
3	14-018D	Cascade Lake Park
4	15-019D	Chester Woods Park
5	15-020D	Oxbow Park/Zollman Zoo
6	15-027D	Cannon Valley Trail
7	15-096D	Barn Bluff Park

Photo Caption:
Snowshoeing in Olmsted
County Parks



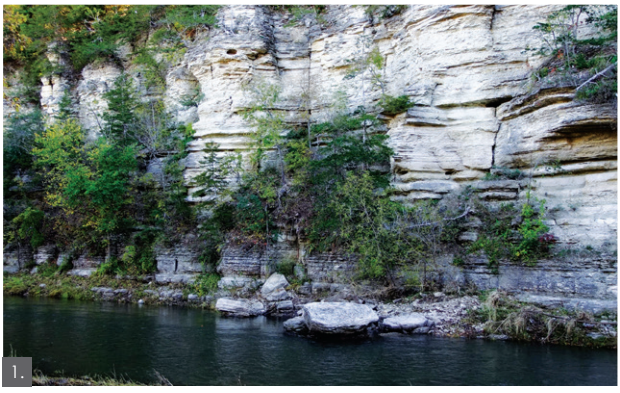


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1. Root River Bluff – District 6
2. Rochester Prairie House - Before/After
– District 6
3. Tioga Mountain Bike Trail – District 2