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Dear Ms. DeWitt:

The attached report on Fiscal Year 1991 distribution of supplementary regional park operations and maintenance grants is submitted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 473.351. The statute requires the Metropolitan Council to annually report the amount granted to each agency and its estimate of the percentage of park operations and maintenance budget funded by the grants.

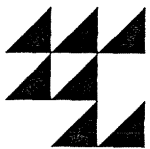
If you have further questions on this report or the issue of future operations and maintenance funds for regional parks, please call me at 291-6453, Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Chair, Larry Kitto, at 488-4855, or the Council's Parks Coordinator, Jack Mauritz, at 291-6602.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Anderson, Chair
Metropolitan Council

Regional Parks **Operation and Maintenance Grants**

A Report to the
Minnesota State Legislature for
Fiscal Year 1991



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Introduction

The 1990 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$2,817,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 1991 Metropolitan Area regional park operations and maintenance grants (See note below). The funds, appropriated to the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, were distributed by the Metropolitan Council to regional park implementing agencies pursuant to Minnesota Statute 473.351. That statute requires the Council to report the amount granted to each agency and its estimate of the percentage of park operations and maintenance budget financed by these grants.

Grant Disbursements

The table below illustrates each regional park implementing agency's 1990 operations and maintenance budget, the FY 1991 state grant to the agency distributed in 1990, and the estimated percentage of the agency's 1990 park operations and maintenance budget financed by the state grant. The table illustrates that, on average, 9.1 percent of regional park operations and maintenance budgets were financed with these grants.

Metropolitan Area Regional Parks Operations and Maintenance Grants:
Fiscal Year 1991

Regional Park Implementing Agency	Regional Park Implementing Agency 1990 Budget	FY 1991 State Operations & Maintenance Grant	Percent of Agency Budget Financed By State Grant
Anoka County	\$2,242,891.00	\$260,292.07	11.6%
Carver County	248,757.00	31,191.99	12.5
Dakota County	1,951,613.00	149,215.46	7.6
Ramsey County	1,549,110.00	199,385.12	12.9
Washington County	555,518.00	66,544.61	12.0
City of Bloomington	252,502.00	37,944.98	15.0
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	6,990,181.00	742,218.38	10.6
City of St. Paul	6,161,972.00	541,083.48	8.8
Suburban Hennepin Regional Park Dist.	10,687,605.00	711,537.26	6.7
Scott County	474,879.00	77,586.65	16.3
TOTALS	\$31,115,028.00	\$2,817,000.00	AVERAGE 9.1%

Note: The initial appropriation of \$3 million for this program made by the 1989 Legislature was reduced by the 1990 Legislature which allocated \$120,000 for fishing piers on the Mississippi River and cut the appropriation \$63,000 to conform to a general reduction pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1990, Chapter 594, Section 24.