

Greater Minnesota  
**REGIONAL PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION**

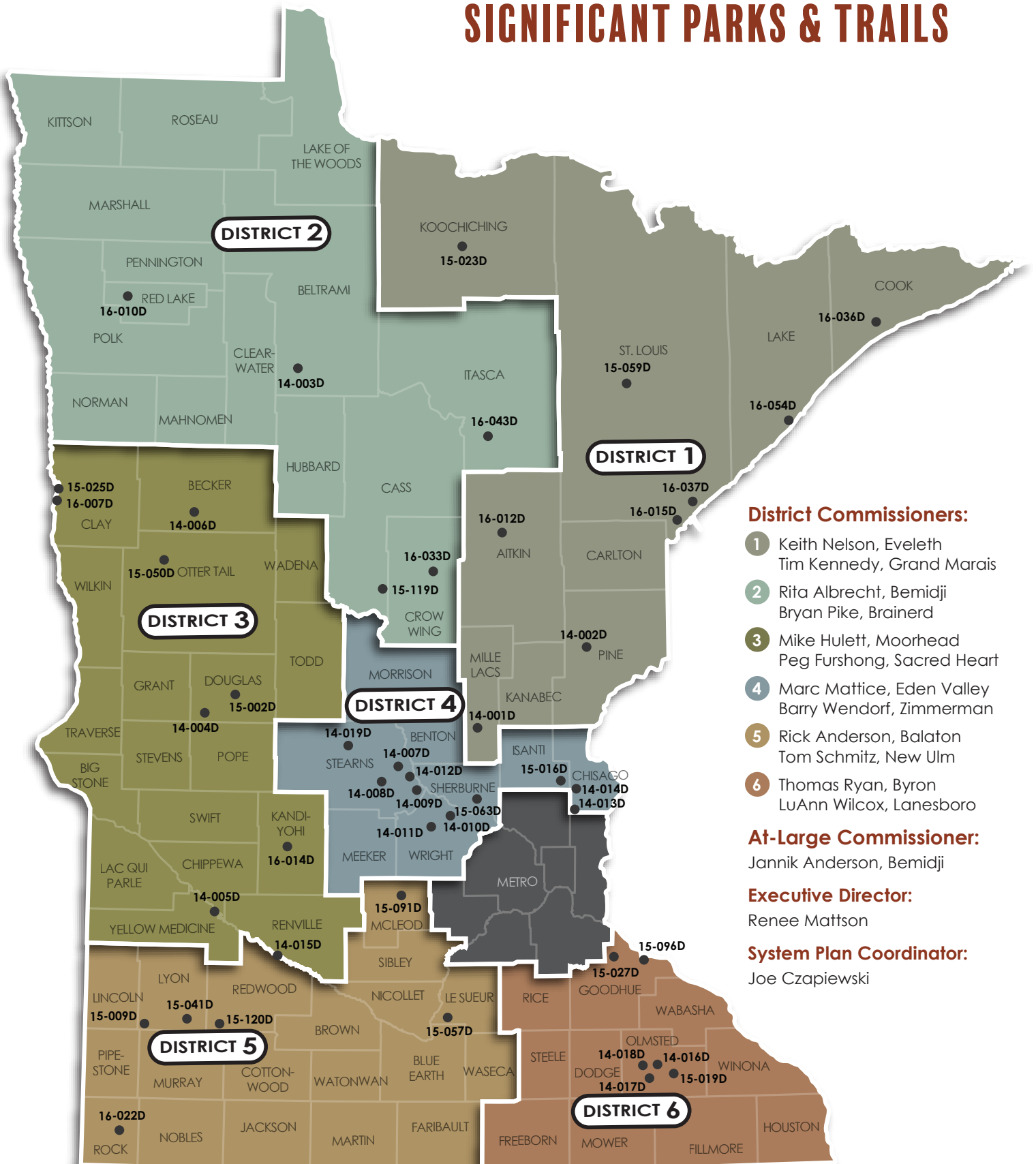


**POLICY & PLANNING REPORT**  
FOR 2016





# DESIGNATED REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PARKS & TRAILS



## District Commissioners:

- 1 Keith Nelson, Eveleth  
Tim Kennedy, Grand Marais
- 2 Rita Albrecht, Bemidji  
Bryan Pike, Brainerd
- 3 Mike Hulett, Moorhead  
Peg Furshong, Sacred Heart
- 4 Marc Mattice, Eden Valley  
Barry Wendorf, Zimmerman
- 5 Rick Anderson, Balaton  
Tom Schmitz, New Ulm
- 6 Thomas Ryan, Byron  
LuAnn Wilcox, Lanesboro

## At-Large Commissioner:

Jannik Anderson, Bemidji

## Executive Director:

Renee Mattson

## System Plan Coordinator:

Joe Czapiewski

DISTRICT 1	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
14-001D	Plains to Port Trail
14-002D	Robinson Park
15-023D	Big Falls Campground and Horse Camp
15-059D	Mesabi Trail
16-012D	Northwoods ATV Trail
16-015D	Proctor Hermantown Munger Trail Spur
16-036D	Cook County Mountain Bike Trail System
16-037D	Hartley Park
16-054D	Lake County Mountain Bike Trails

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

DISTRICT 3	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
14-004D	Kensington Rune Stone Park
14-005D	Memorial Park
14-006D	Detroit Mountain Recreation Area
15-002D	Lake Brophy Park
15-025D	MB Johnson Park
15-050D	Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail
16-007D	Moorhead River Corridor
16-014D	Robbins Island Regional Park

DISTRICT 4	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
14-007D	Quarry Park
14-008D	Rockville Park
14-009D	Warner Lake Park
14-010D	Bertram Park
14-011D	Robert Ney Park
14-012D	Beaver Island Trail
14-013D	Swedish Immigrant Trail
14-014D	Sunrise Prairie Trail
14-019D	Lake Wobegon Trail
15-016D	Irving & John Anderson County Park
15-063D	Woodland Trails Park

DISTRICT 5	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
14-015D	Alexander Ramsey Park
15-009D	Twin Lakes Park
15-041D	Garvin Park
15-057D	Lake Washington Regional Park
15-091D	Dakota Rail Trail
15-120D	Plum Creek Park
16-022D	Luverne Loop & Blue Mounds Trail

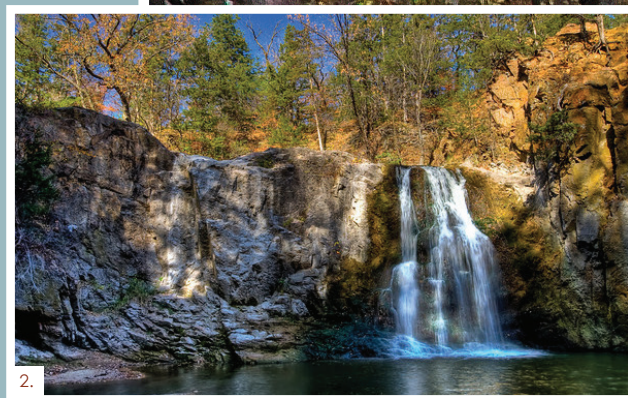
DISTRICT 6	DESIGNATED PARK/TRAIL
14-016D	Quarry Hill Park and Nature Center
14-017D	Gamehaven Park
14-018D	Cascade Lake Park
15-019D	Chester Woods Park
15-027D	Cannon Valley Trail
15-096D	Barn Bluff Park

## FY18 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT	AWARD	DIST.
Cook County Mountain Bike Trails	\$278,000	1
Mesabi Trail	\$750,000	1
Milford Mine Memorial Park	\$60,000	2
Tioga Recreation Area	\$50,000	2
Detroit Mountain Recreation Area	\$1,246,000	3
Lake Brophy Park	\$875,000	3
Memorial Park	\$596,000	3
Moorhead River Corridor	\$661,000	3
Robbins Island Regional Park	\$606,000	3
Lake Wobegon Trail	\$980,000	4
Dakota Rail Trail	\$647,000	5
Cascade Lake Park (FY18)	\$999,000	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,747,810</b>	<b>(FY18)</b>
Cascade Lake Park (FY19)	\$551,000	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$551,000</b>	<b>(FY19)</b>

# Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission 2016 MILESTONES

- Through Legacy Funding, 25 regionally designated parks and trails were awarded a total of \$16,491,725 for FY16 and FY17. The funding enabled communities to make significant improvements to enhance the outdoor recreation experience for Minnesotans and visitors.
- The Commission added 19 parks and trails to the Greater Minnesota system, bringing the total to 46 regionally significant facilities.
- The System Plan and Work Plan for 2016 and beyond was approved. This plan provides the framework for future system development and funding allocations.
- The Commission developed a first-of-its-kind Master Plan Portal in the Data Management System where communities with limited resources can write a Master Plan for their parks and trails with a much smaller investment. This portal is available to ALL communities whether they plan to apply for designation or not.
- The Commission hosted designation and funding application workshops in all six districts in the state to help applicants learn how to submit strong applications.
- In January the Commission hosted a meeting of all the District Planning volunteers to collaborate and gather their ideas for park and trail initiatives.
- District Planning Committees worked with Commissioners to identify Key Strategic Initiatives in each district and ensure that innovative opportunities and unique assets are sought out and cataloged.
- The Commission hosted a Mountain Bike Trail System Planning Meeting in October, bringing together a collaborative group of experts and enthusiasts from this increasingly popular sport, to discuss statewide planning.



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