**Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Evaluation Team Application Overview**

**Overview:**

The application is for individuals interested in serving on the *Evaluation Team* (ETeam) that reviews designation applications from cities and counties in Greater Minnesota for park or trail designation in the *Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails System.* The Commission strives for geographic diversity of ETeam members, as well as a variety of experience among members to best complement the evaluation process.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

The key roles and responsibilities of the ETeam:

* Evaluating proposals against the criteria defined in the *Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan* (Strategic Plan)
* Providing recommendations related to modifications/updating of the criteria based on changing circumstances and user needs/wants
* Providing input on funding applications and their relationship to the Master Plan for the park or trail applicant when requested by the Commission
* Independent thinking

Other roles and responsibilities of ETeam members include:

* Understanding of the planning and design of regional-level facilities, including parks and trails
* Understanding factors influencing planning decisions and outcomes, especially regional trends

**Desired Background and Competencies:**

Illustrative key personal attributes and experience being sought:

* Professional background in community/regional planning, landscape architecture, natural resources planning, and/or public park/trail administration; preferably with direct experience with regional and state-level parks and trails
* Experience in programming and facility management is helpful
* Diversity of work experience, in both the public and private sector
* Regional connections – such as with other organizations involved in regional-level planning, to better understand regional needs/planning nuances unique to a given district or region of the state
* Understanding of regional and statewide park and recreation needs, demands and trends within the six districts
* Understanding of regional growth patterns and dynamics (i.e., population, economic, tourism, etc.)

The Commission will select ETeam members that best meet these desired background and competencies.

**Terms and Compensation:**

There are no set terms for these positions. Length of term will be made at the discretion of the Commission.

Compensation for serving on the ETeam includes mileage reimbursement at the current federal government rate, meals, and an hourly rate for professional service. *Generally*, reimbursement will include up to 10 hours of preparation time to review applications and prepare for meetings and actual meeting time.