Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Announces Legacy Grant Recommendations for FY19

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The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission has announced grant recommendations for the FY19 funding cycle.

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission was established in 2013 to carry out system planning and provide recommendations to the legislature for ﻿grants﻿ funded by the Legacy Parks and Trails fund to counties and cities outside the seven-county metropolitan area, for parks and trails of regional significance.

Of the 47 regionally designated parks and trails in the Greater Minnesota system (at the time of application), the Commission received 19 applications and selected 13 projects totaling $8,809,875, to recommend for legislative approval.

Successful applicants submitted projects that met the 25-Year Legacy Plan Strategic Directions:

* Connect People to the Outdoors
* Acquire Land, Create Opportunities
* Take Care of What We Have
* Coordinate Among Partners

“These grants will truly shape communities and provide enhanced opportunities for outdoor recreation in Greater Minnesota for both residents and visitors” said Tom Ryan, Commission Vice Chair.

In addition to helping create and maintain recreation resources, parks and trails Legacy grants contribute to the state’s economy and its vital $13 billion travel and tourism industry, with 250,000 full and part-time workers.

The complete list of grant recommendations for Fiscal Year 19

# Project Award

Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board $200,786

Red Wing Barn Bluff Park $1,137,433

Elk River Woodland Trails Park $362,000

Cannon Valley Trail $1,055,135

Granite Falls Memorial Park $732,261

Cohasset Tioga Recreation Area $690,000

Big Falls Campground and Horse Camp $1,278,030

Redwood County Plum Creek Park $301,435

Hermantown Proctor Munger Trail Spur $820,000

Lyon County Twin Lakes Park $342,470

Lake County Mountain Bike Trails $659,000

Isanti County Irving & John Anderson County Park $594,000

Rochester Cascade Lake Park $637,325

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