

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

District Planning Committee (DPC) Application Form

Overview:

This application is for individuals interested in serving on a District Planning Committee (DPC) that supports the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (Commission). There are six districts, as depicted in Exhibit A and further defined in the *Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan* (Strategic Plan), available on the Commission's website (www.gmrptcommission.org).



Roles and Responsibilities:

Roles and responsibilities of members include:

- a) Understanding factors influencing planning decisions and outcomes, especially district level trends
- b) Participating in an advisory role in applying and refining the classification system
- c) Clarifying and prioritizing the meaning of "regional" for that District
- d) Making recommendations on regional priorities, as defined under Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Funding Program in the Strategic Plan (see www.gmrptcommission.org/our-work.html)
- e) Making recommendations to the Commission on the regional-level prioritization of projects each year for funding
- f) Promoting local jurisdiction involvement in the Regional Parks and Trails system planning process, as appropriate
- g) Work with district planners to define and update the district plan.

More complete DPC Operating Guidelines can be found at <http://www.gmrptcommission.org/about-the-commission.html>.

Desired Background and Competencies:

DPCs are set up to serve a long-range planning purpose, and members must be unbiased in terms of assessing the demand for regional parks, trails, and recreational facilities across Greater Minnesota. Whereas members may advocate for the value of regional parks and trails in Greater Minnesota, advocating for a particular group or special interest is expressly prohibited.

Key individual attributes being sought include:

- Understanding of regional and statewide park and recreation needs, demands and trends within the district being represented
- Understanding of regional growth patterns and dynamics (i.e., population, economic, tourism, etc.)
- Being a strong advocate for the role and value of regional parks, trails, and recreational facilities in enhancing the quality of life in Greater Minnesota
- Providing connections and advocacy to local parks and trails about the GMRPTC regional park system and encouraging local involvement

The Commission will select DPC members that best meet the desired background and competencies, and those that demonstrate a clear understanding of the role and responsibilities of the DPCs. The Commission will also strive for diversity of gender, race, ethnicity, geography, and general background on the DPCs to ensure that a broad cross-section of perspectives is achieved.

Term and Compensation

Selections are reviewed on an ongoing basis and approved by the Commission at a regular meeting, with consideration given to attendance and/or advocacy for the Commission. Compensation for the DPC includes mileage and allowable expense reimbursement.

DPC Application Information

DPC Applicant is seeking to represent:

District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6

Required Information:

Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Optional Information (for Commission aggregate statistic purposes only):

Gender: Male Female

Age: 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

Race/Ethnicity: African Immigrant Asian Immigrant or Asian American African American
 Hispanic/Latino/Latina Caucasian Multi-racial Native American

Applicant Background Information:

Attach a current resume and provide other pertinent information that will aid the Commission in determining the qualifications of the applicant for this appointment.

Potential Conflicts of Interest:

Include in background statement information any agency, organization, or special interest affiliations that the Commission should be aware of for potential conflict of interest. (Note: The Commission recognizes that applicants with the desired background may also have some park and trail-related affiliations in which potential conflicts of interest on some issues may arise. The intent is to ensure that any of these are clearly stated and that DPC members abstain from acting on issues that raise any concerns in this regard.)

Applicant Signature and Submission:

In signing this application, the applicant swears that, to the best of your knowledge, the provided information is correct and complete. In submitting this application, the applicant indicates full consent to this nomination.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Applicant Submission:

Applications should be submitted electronically to: Coordinator@gmrptcommission.org. Please include the number of the District in your email subject line, i.e. DPC 5 Application.

Applications must be submitted by June 30 each year to be considered for open seats on the DPCs. Submittals after that date will be held for a period of one year, and may, at the discretion of the Commission, be used to fill open seats that may occur. *(Note: Applications outside of the deadline will be considered, depending on district needs and initiatives.)*

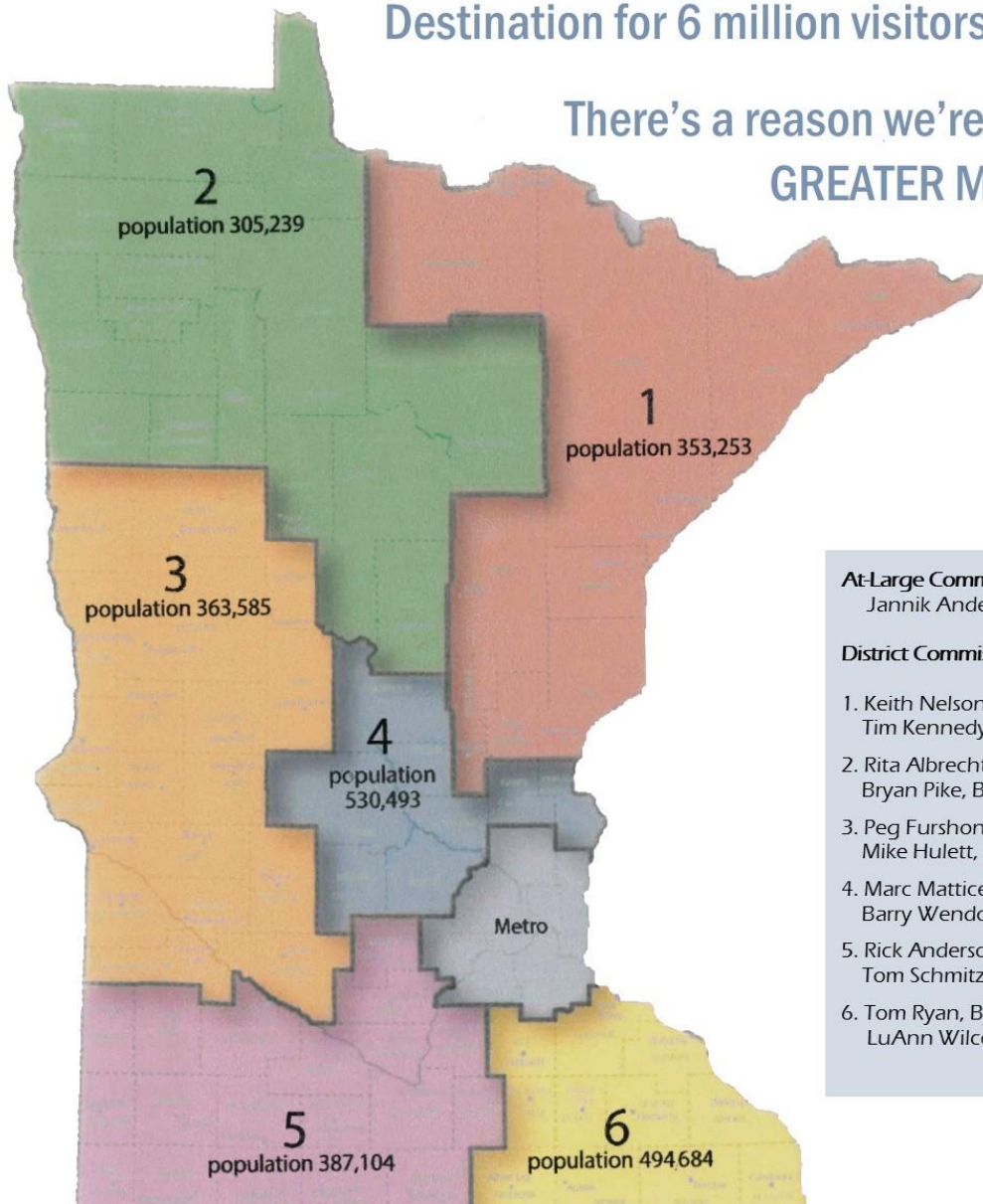
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Serving 80 counties and 214 cities.

Home to 2.4 million residents.

Destination for 6 million visitors annually.

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At-Large Commissioner:

Jannik Anderson, Bemidji

District Commissioners:

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

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