



Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Announces Legacy Grant Recommendations for FY20

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The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission has announced grant recommendations for the FY20 funding cycle.

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission was established in 2013 to conduct 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. The Parks and Trails fund receives 14.25% of the sales tax revenue resulting from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment. Of that, the Commission receives 20%, the DNR and Metropolitan Council each receive 40%.

Of the 59 regionally designated parks and trails in the Greater Minnesota system (at the time of application), the Commission received 21 applications and selected 11 projects totaling \$8,639,258 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

“The grants recommended by the Commission for FY20 make a meaningful impact not only in the communities they directly serve, but regionally as well” said Tom Ryan, Commission Chair.

In addition to helping create and maintain recreation resources, Parks and Trails Legacy grants contribute to the state’s economy through job creation and visitor spending. Furthermore, it is important to recognize the public health value outdoor recreation brings to a community.



The complete list of grant recommendations for Fiscal Year 20

Project	Award
Duluth Hartley Park	\$1,293,975
Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board	\$1,491,881
Rochester Gamehaven Park	\$1,076,410
Gull Lake Trail	\$1,206,319
Duluth Traverse	\$889,198
Wright County Bertram Park	\$2,297,600
Granite Falls Memorial Park	\$150,000
Cannon Valley Trail	\$88,875
Lincoln County Hole in the Mountain Park	\$53,000
Morrison County Belle Prairie Park	\$65,000
Redwood County Plum Creek Park	\$27,000
TOTAL AWARDED	\$8,639,258

