



## Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Announces Legacy Grant Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021

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The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission has announced grant recommendations for the FY21 funding cycle.

Established in 2013, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission conducts system planning and designates regionally significant parks and trails in the 80-counties outside the seven-county metropolitan area. Grant recommendations to the legislature are made through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund; one of the four funds resulting from the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment. These funds may only be spent to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance.

From the 62 regionally designated parks and trails in the Greater Minnesota System, the GMRPTC received 22 applications totaling nearly \$28 million dollars; nine projects were selected.

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

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

“The grants recommended by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for FY21 will have a profound impact in the communities they serve and also regionally” 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 2021

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Olmsted County Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo	\$2,135,000
Goodhue County Byllesby Park	\$1,350,236
Sandstone Robinson Park	\$902,654
Douglas County Lake Brophy Park	\$930,746
St. Cloud Beaver Island Trail	\$900,000
Otter Tail County Perham to Pelican Rapids Trail	\$1,878,820
Le Sueur County Lake Washington Park	\$983,511
Cannon Valley Trail	\$503,100
Wright County Crow River Regional Trail	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>\$9,984,067</b>