

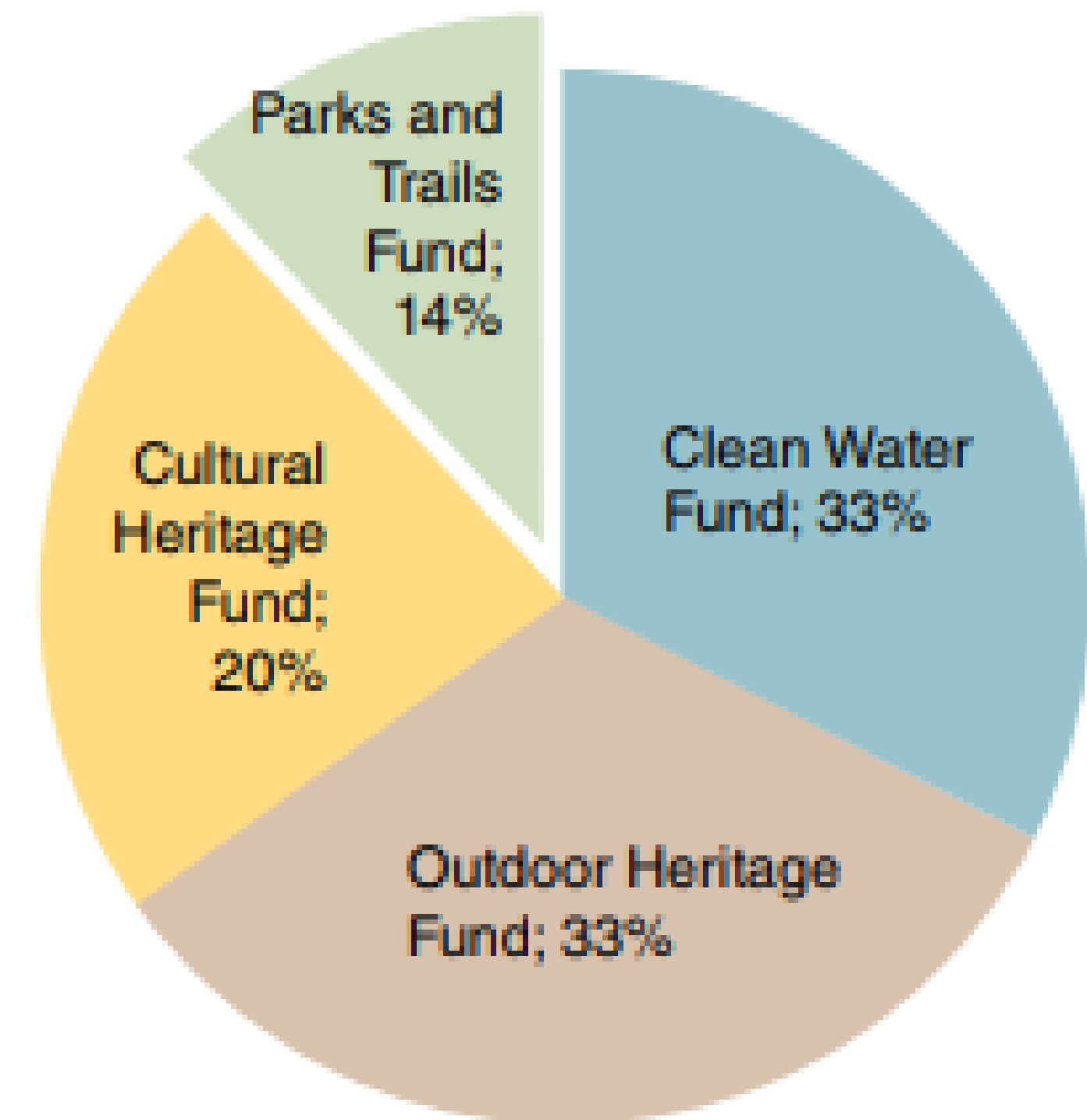
Parks and Trails Legacy 25-Year Plan An Overview

Community Development Committee
January 6, 2020



Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment November 2008

- Authorized for 25 years: 2009 – 2034
 - Increased state sales tax by 3/8 of one percent
- The Parks and Trails Fund is one of four Legacy Funds
- The three entities charged with Implementing the Parks and Trails Legacy:
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
 - Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission
 - **Metropolitan Regional Parks System and the Metropolitan Council**



Regional Park Implementing Agencies

- Anoka County
- Carver County
- Dakota County
- Ramsey County
- Scott County
- Washington County
- Bloomington
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- St. Paul
- Three Rivers Park District



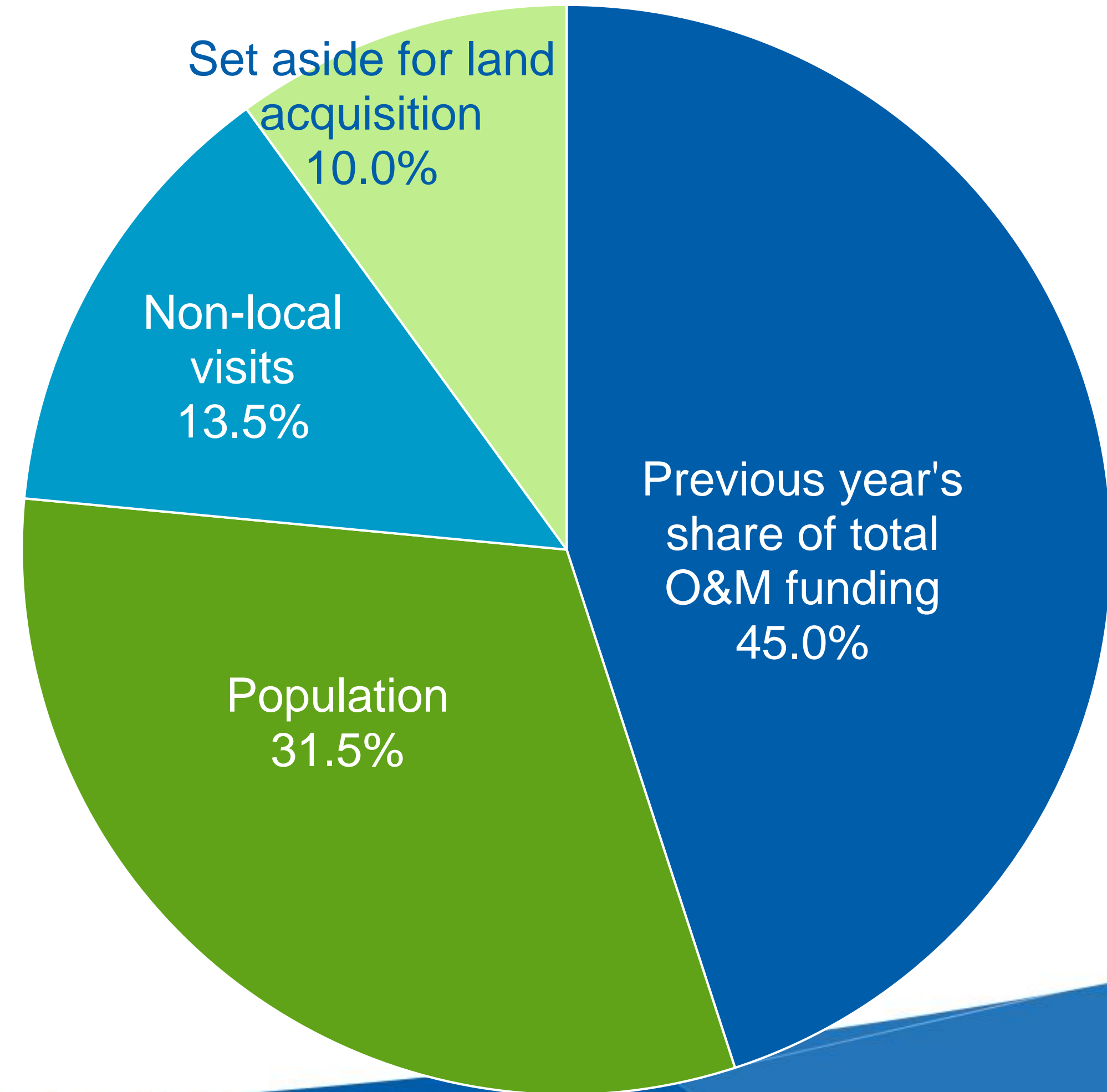
Regional Parks grant programs

- By statute, the Council can give Regional Parks funding only to the Regional Park Implementing Agencies
- Three of the funding sources are formula-driven:
 - Operations and Maintenance funding
 - Parks and Trails Legacy Fund
 - Regional Parks Bonding program
- Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Program is first come-first served

Program	Funding Source Distribution Methodology
Operations & Maintenance	• State • Formula
Parks & Trails Legacy	• State matched by Council bonds • Formula
Parks Acquisition	• State matched by Council bonds • 1st come, 1st served
Bonding	• State matched by Council bonds • Formula
Equity	• Council bonds • Competitive

Parks and Trails Legacy Fund

- 100% of Legacy Funds passed directly to 10 Regional Park Implementing Agencies as directed by [Minn. Stat. § 85.53](#)
 - Formula distribution set in law
- Supports the four pillars of the statewide Parks and Trails Legacy Plan:
 - Connect People and the Outdoors
 - Acquire Land, Create Opportunities
 - Take Care of What We Have
 - Coordinate among Partners



Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Work Group

- Directed by 2019 State Legislature
- Nine person working group
- Develop a consensus recommendation for the future allocation of the parks and trails (Legacy) fund (Minnesota Session Laws – 2019, 1st Special Session)
 - Three members from each
 - DNR
 - Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission
 - Metropolitan Regional Parks System.
- Funding recommendation to be submitted no later than June 15, 2020
- Presented to the governor for consideration in the budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, and possibly beyond.

PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY PLAN

Parks and Trails of State and Regional Significance

A 25-year long-range plan for Minnesota



February 14, 2011



Parks and Trails Vision for Minnesota

By 2035, connecting all Minnesotans to the outdoors



*Dakota Rail Regional Trail
Three Rivers Park District*



*Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park
Anoka County*

Four Strategic Directions

Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

1
**Connect
People and
the Outdoors**

2
**Acquire Land,
Develop
Opportunities**

3
**Take Care of
What We
Have**

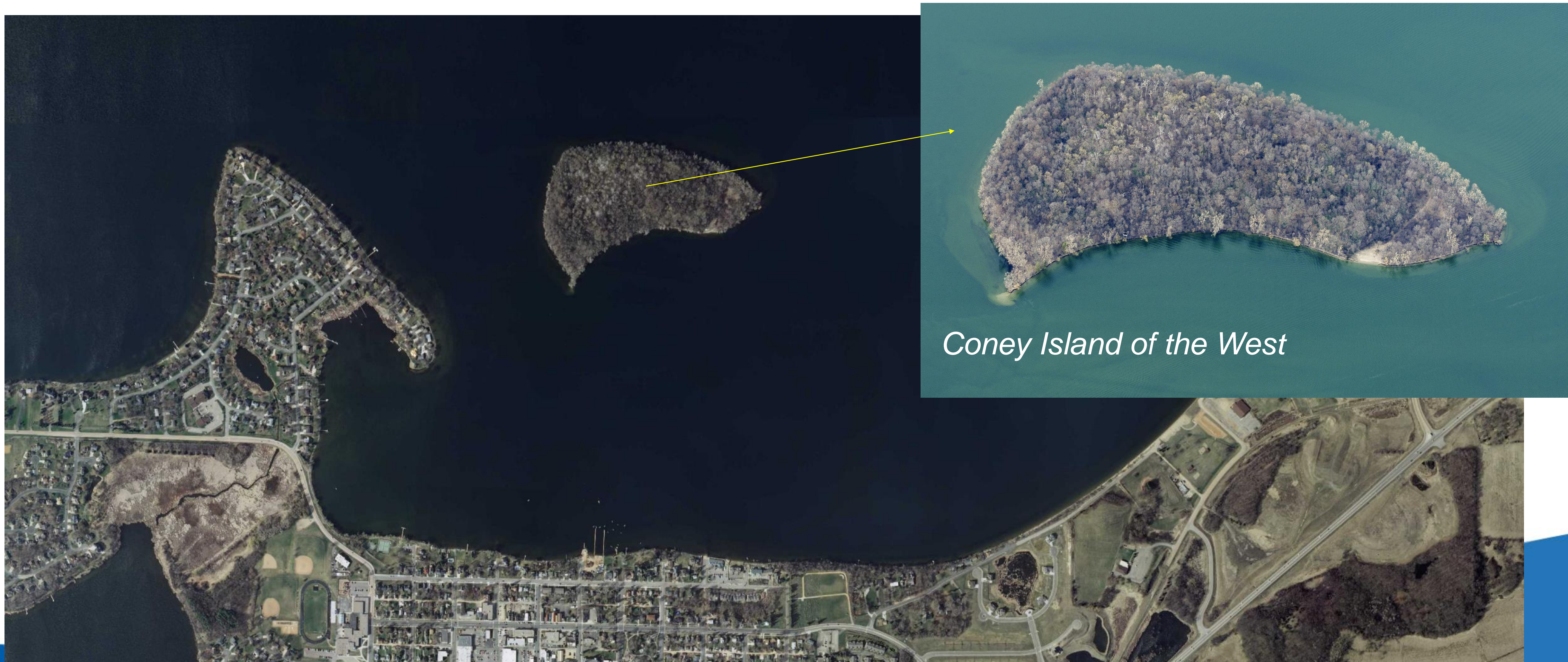
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**Coordinate
Among
Partners**

1. Connect people and the outdoors



*Lake Elmo Park Reserve, Legacy funded swim pond improvements
Washington County*

2. Acquire land, develop opportunities



Lake Waconia Regional Park, Carver County

2. Acquire land, develop opportunities



*Eastman Nature Center, Elm Creek Park Reserve
Three Rivers Park District*

3. Take care of what we have



*Lake Harriet and Bde Maka Ska Trail Reconstruction
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board*

4. Coordinate among partners



New, coordinated website of state and regional parks and trails

Legislative Coordinating Commission

- Minnesota State Legislative Tracking System for the Legacy Amendment
- Annual reporting on all funds for all projects
- Lots of information on projects and progress

WATCH THE PROGRESS
MINNESOTA'S
LEGACY
MONITOR THE FUNDS

Project Search Funding Opportunities Appropriations Maps About

Keeping you informed

The Minnesota legislature created this site to monitor investments from the Clean Water & Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Track the progress and learn how to apply.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
CLEAN WATER & LEGACY AMENDMENT

Find Projects Near You

Search by city, zip or address for nearby projects Find Nearby Projects

Note: Location data was recently added to the site. Projects will be added to the map as data is collected.

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Thank You

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