

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26, 2016

Subject: Approval of the FY2018-19 Parks and Trails Legacy Prioritized Project Recommendations

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff presented the item indicating that each of the ten regional parks implementing agencies had individually selected and prioritized their projects, allocating portions of each agency's share of the Parks and Trails fiscal year 2018/2019 appropriation. Agencies completed a new grant application this year, and as part of that application they responded to a series of questions in the Equity Toolkit that was approved by the Council in July of 2016. The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission discussed and evaluated the projects at its meeting in October, and in two four-to-three votes, they elected to shift the priority among projects from Bloomington and Carver County.

The Council received a letter from Carver County asking the Council to reconsider the decision. Council Member Wulff explained that in addition to the letter from Carver County, she received a call from an MPOSC member stating that he had reconsidered and regretted his vote for the reprioritization of the Carver County projects. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Commission's recommendations. An amendment was passed unanimously to return the Carver County projects to their original priority, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the amended motion.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: October 17, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26, 2016

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes §85.53 Subd. 3(4), MN Statutes 473.315, and 2040 *Regional Parks Policy Plan*, Finance Strategy 5

Staff Prepared/Presented: Deb Streets Jensen, Senior Parks Finance Planner, 651.602.1554

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Appropriation formula. A working group was convened following the 2011 legislative session to determine how PAT Funds are split among the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Metropolitan Regional Parks System, and Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails. The working group recommended a 40/40/20 split among the three park and trail systems through the state fiscal year 2018/2019 biennium. The legislature is not bound by the recommendation.

Regional Park Implementing Agencies’ (Agencies) shares. The formula to distribute the PAT Fund appropriation is set by Minnesota Statute 85.53² based on the following:

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- 13.5% - each implementing agency's share of nonlocal visits based on the most recent user visitation survey conducted by the Council.
- 10% of the total PAT Fund appropriation is reserved for land acquisition costs. This portion is distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and is not allocated as part of the above percentages.

Council's Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant program. Regional park implementing agencies request their share of the PAT Fund through the Council's Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) grant program. The grant program is administered in accordance with relevant state statutes, Council policy, and the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. Each regional park implementing agency submits grant applications for projects that in sum reflect their share.

Process for generating the list of projects. Regional park implementing agencies submitted their proposed projects via the Council's new online grant system. The application collected information required to assess eligibility, including the project description and other requirements specified in state statute and the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. Elements of the application included:

- Park or trail name
- Project description
- Questions to ascertain if project supplements or substitutes for other funding
- Information on other funding sources that serve as leverage
- Identification of Parks and Trails Legacy Plan's strategic direction
- Regional Parks equity toolkit items

Staff conducted a technical review of the applications to ensure that they were complete then communicated with the Agencies as necessary to make clarifications needed to render the applications ready for further review. All Agencies demonstrated a high degree of responsiveness.

New elements for fiscal years 2018/2019. There are three major new elements in this biennium's recommendation for PAT Fund projects, both related to equity considerations:

- **Equity toolkit.** As part of the adoption of the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*⁴ adopted in February of 2015⁵ the Council committed to implementing a method of reviewing and evaluating the equity implications of PAT Fund project proposals using the regional parks equity toolkit. The toolkit was developed through significant community outreach and discussion, which included representatives from the ten regional park implementing agencies, advocacy and community organizations, and other partners. The Council adopted the regional parks equity toolkit on July 13, 2016⁶.

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The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* says that the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) and Council will “**discuss and evaluate the proposed projects based on the benefit a particular project may provide to all the region’s residents, the needs and preferences of specific under-served populations, and the unintended consequences of the project. On occasion, based on the Council’s evaluation, the Council may elect to recommend shifting the order of the prioritized list. Reprioritization will in no way apply to regional park implementing agency projects that serve as a match to Federal or State funds**” (page 100).

This business item provides the background for MPOSC and the Council to undertake their discussion and evaluation of the Project List.

The Agencies determine the scope of work for each project; neither MPOSC nor the Council will require changes to the scope of any project; and the Agencies individual allotments of PAT Funds will not be impacted by the re-prioritization of projects.

- **Connecting people and the outdoors.** The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* says that the Council would implement in fiscal year 2018 a minimum percentage of PAT Funds that should be spent on the PAT Legacy strategy of ‘Connect People and the Outdoors’⁷, and to “require regional park implementing agencies to adhere to the determined minimum level of spending as it pertains to their annual share of Parks and Trails Fund appropriations” (page 99). The Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee defined “connect people and the outdoors” as non-capital projects that attract new users or retain existing users.

For the 2018/2019 state biennium, the Council approved a five percent minimum towards connecting people and the outdoors on September 28, 2016, on business item 2016-175⁸ Although the minimum percentage was approved very recently, the requirements for **balanced** PAT Fund spending have been in place for several years. Council staff reviewed the attached list of prioritized projects and ensured that all ten agencies have successfully met this new requirement (see Attachment 1 for the list of projects).

- **Ensuring PAT Funds supplement rather than substitute traditional sources of funding.** The 2016 Legislature amended MN Statute §85.53, subdivision 2(h) via session law (Chapter 172, Article 3, Section 1) to add that “*any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the parks and trails fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund, at the time the request for funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.*” All prioritized projects were reviewed under this new requirement and were determined to supplement traditional sources of funding.

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Rationale

Appropriation of the PAT Fund is set in Minnesota Statute 473.315⁹ and the funding source was set through constitutional amendment. It is the Council's responsibility to review, aggregate, and recommend the projects to the Office of the Governor. After the 2017 legislature sets the final appropriation, the Council serves as the fiscal agent to administer the grant funds.

Funding

Appropriation estimate. At the end of the 2016 legislative session, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) developed an estimate of the 2018/2019 sales tax revenue available for distribution through the PAT Legacy program. MMB recommended a five percent reserve on the total available appropriation. Based on the current estimates from MMB, the allocations to the individual agencies are shown below in Table 1.

Table 1 (in thousands)

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Known Support / Opposition

- The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission took 20 separate votes on this item at its meeting on October 4, 2016, one for each agency and by each year in the biennium. In 16 decisions, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the regional park implementing agencies' prioritization of the projects for the following agencies: Anoka County, Dakota County, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Ramsey County, Saint Paul, Scott County, Three Rivers Park District, and Washington County.
- In each of the other four votes, the Commission voted 4-3 to recommend reprioritization of the following projects as shown below:

Regional Park Implementing Agency	Project Title	Year	Agency's Priority	Commission's recommendation
Bloomington	Park Ambassador Program	2018	2	1
Bloomington	Parking Lot Reconstruction and Trail Lighting	2018	1	2
Bloomington	Park Ambassador Program	2019	2	1
Bloomington	Rest Rooms Building and Maintenance Garage Reconstruction	2019	1	2
Carver County	Recreation Marketing Outreach, Scholarship & Seasonal Staffing	2018	3	2
Carver County	Baylor Regional Park Headquarters Barn Remodel	2018	2	3
Carver County	Recreation Marketing Outreach, Scholarship & Seasonal Staffing	2019	3	2
Carver County	Creative Playground Improvement & Equipment Replacement	2019	2	3

- Carver County has submitted a letter (Attachment 2) disagreeing with the Commission's reprioritization of the projects and requesting that the County's original priorities be honored.
- Staff received three emails from citizens expressing concern that a disproportionate amount of spending is going to development and not enough spending is going to natural resource management.

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

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The grant application required Agencies to identify if the proposed project:

- Was a new project or program;

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- Was an expansion, enhancement or acceleration of past work accomplished with a previous funding source; or
- Had previously been funded with PAT Funds.

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Known Support / Opposition

Regional Park implementing agencies were asked to submit their respective Board approvals. The collection of these approvals is in process.

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Attachment 1 - Parks and Trails Legacy Fund 2018/2019 Project List

ANOKA COUNTY

Connecting People with the Outdoors

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$76,000	2018-1	2018-1	
	2019 \$84,000	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	This project will hire a Communication & Outreach Specialist to specifically target the underserved populations and engage them in meaningful discussions on how Anoka County Parks can better serve the community, be more inclusive and to connect people to the outdoors.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Communication and Outreach Specialist will support the Parks & Recreation Department with the promotion of the County's regional park system through event planning, outreach efforts to underserved populations, partnerships, and program evaluation with the intent to connect people to the outdoors. The design, development and production of communication and marketing materials will also be a core function of this role. The primary focus of the position is to strengthen equitable use of the County's regional parks and trails by all residents across age, race, ethnicity, income, national origin, and ability.			
Verification method	The success of this project will be measured by tracking the number and demographics of people engaged through new program offerings, community outreach and events, and new promotional materials created on an annual basis.			

Conservation Corps MN (CCM) Contract to conduct natural resource and maintenance management throughout the park system.

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$150,000	2018-2	2018-2	
	2019 \$150,000	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Contract with Conservation Corps of MN for natural resource and maintenance management throughout the regional parks in Anoka County: hiring a CCM crew to conduct invasive species removals, prairie, oak savanna and forest restorations, oak wilt management, seeding, plantings, additional building and grounds maintenance, tree/shrub removal, debris removal, sign installation, river clean up/obstruction removal.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race			
Specific aspects supporting equity	While this project is not specifically intended to better serve specific targeted demographic segments of the population, CCM is a non-profit organization that provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults from diverse backgrounds while accomplishing conservation and natural resource management. This project proposes to utilize a CCM crew for natural resource and maintenance management throughout the park system that will provide a safe, accessible, clean and attractive environment for all populations of color and age groups.			
Verification method	The work that CCM does throughout the system is intended to benefit all populations. Visitor surveys could be conducted to assess the success of this project and be measured by the quality of visitor experiences and frequency of use.			

Bunker Hills Activities Center Deck

Bunker Hills Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$350,000	2018-3	2018-3	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Construct two accessible outdoor gathering areas connected to the Bunker Hills Regional Park Activities Center - a large capacity reservable outdoor gathering area and a smaller gathering area that is open to the public. Work will include design, engineering, construction, lighting, utilities, furnishings, restoration, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	Based on focus groups research from the Met Council's "Regional Park Use Among Selected Communities of Color" (2014), one way to enhance the regional parks system was to "enhance capacity of gathering spaces". The proposed large outdoor gathering space will provide an outdoor space that will connect users with nature while enjoying a premier indoor facility within Bunker Hills Regional Park. The current exterior spaces are not fully accessible and the new gathering space will be designed to provide universal access to the site. The outdoor deck and patio spaces will also be used to conduct programming related to the Memorial Peace Garden further connecting a variety of ages, ethnicities, and races through common interest programs.		
Verification method	Staff will evaluate programs and rental groups through follow up surveys, reports, and staff observation focused on identifying new users of the facility and recording demographic information.		

Bunker Beach Parking Lot and Trail Improvements at Bunker Hills Regional Park

Bunker Hills Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$586,720	2018-4	2018-4	
2019 \$100,000	2019-3	2019-3	
Description	Rehabilitate the main parking lot at Bunker Beach Water Park and reconstruct up to four park trail segments within Bunker Hills Regional Park if funding allows. The main parking lot is proposed to be reclaimed and repaved and some sections of curbing will be removed and replaced. The scope of the grant will include design, engineering, construction, landscape restoration, signage, site furnishings, utility work if needed, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This proposed project is not specifically intended to better serve targeted demographic segments of the population, but Bunker Beach is Minnesota's largest outdoor water park and draws a variety of youth, families and elderly people from diverse backgrounds. Bunker Beach provides discounted rates for many summer camp programs that serve a variety of youth with varying economic conditions and racially diverse backgrounds. The project will provide a clean and aesthetically pleasing entrance experience for users.		
Verification method	A survey of Bunker Beach attendee's and trail users on their experience and demographics.		

Reconstruct 1200 feet of Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Entrance Road (Aqua Lane)

Rice Creek Chain Park Reserve

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$350,000	2018-5	2018-5	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
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Description	Reconstruct a portion of the Aqua Lane park road at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The scope of the grant will include design, engineering, construction, restoration, signs, utility work if needed, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The striped on-shoulder bike trail that will be reconstructed as part of the project will provide a safe, smooth surface for access into the park.		
Verification method	After construction, the County will verify the grades are accessible and the surface is smooth through an as-built survey.		

Construct 1.5 miles of Central Anoka County Regional Trail (to match federal funds)

Central Anoka Regional Trail

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019 \$220,000	2019-4	2019-4	
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Description	The City of Lino Lakes applied for federal funds to construct approx. 1.5 miles of regional trail along CSAH 14/Main Street and safely connect the Lino Lake Elementary STEM school, Lino Lakes Sr Ctr, Wargo Nature Ctr, Heritage Lab and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. Serve as a local match to the federal funds and will include design, engineering, construction, landscape restoration, signs, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Age, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The construction of 1.5 miles of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail provides a valuable connection to the commercial area at Lake Drive and Main Street and it provides a direct connection to Lino Lakes Elementary School, the Lino Lakes Senior Center and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The project would serve young children, students, families, the elderly, as well as people with disabilities. It completes another important segment in the 26 mile regional trail, extending from Mississippi West Regional Park to Washington County.		
Verification method	Demographic survey of trail users.		

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground Maintenance Facility Construction

Rice Creek Chain Park Reserve

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$651,780	2019-5	2019-5	
Description	This project will construct a 3500 sf Maintenance Facility at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The scope of work for the grant includes design and engineering of the building and site, construction, security fencing, lighting, utilities, landscape restoration, signs, site furnishings, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project is not specifically intended to better serve specific targeted demographic segments of the population, but by Anoka County being able to service the park better through a local maintenance facility, all park users are better served. In addition, by locating the maintenance facility within the park, the increased staff presences can help to address the safety and security concern/perceptions identified in the Regional Park Use Among Select Communities of Color investigation completed by the Metropolitan Council (2014). The opportunity to have Park Services Rangers based out of that facility would reduce response times to incidents or concerns within the park as well.		
Verification method	Through the FAMIS work order system, staff can evaluate how quickly work orders are completed that will relate to the operations of this regional park. The ability to quickly respond to park users concerns will result in better service and translate to increased visitation by all user groups.		

Reconstruct parking lot, trails and retaining wall at Anoka County Riverfront - Islands of Peace RP

Anoka Co Riverfront Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$450,000	2019-6	2019-6	
Description	This project proposes to reconstruct the parking lot, trails and retaining wall at Islands of Peace Park, a part of Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park. The scope of the grant will include design, engineering, construction, utility work, lighting, landscape restoration, signs, site furnishings, fees and contingencies.		
Demographic segment	Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This park when originally developed in the 1980's was designed to be completely accessible. Since it's development accessibility standards have changed and the bituminous surfacing is in a state of disrepair, that reconstruction is required. This project targets people with disabilities and will provide a safe, accessible parking lot and trail system within the park. The park is also near lower income housing and will provide an aesthetically pleasing trail system for those residents.		
Verification method	Demographic survey of users.		

Parking Lot Reconstruction and Trail Lighting

Hyland PR-Three Rivers Park District

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$254,130	2018-1	2018-2	MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Design, engineer & reconstruct parking lots and driveways including demolition, grading, curb and gutter, paving, landscaping, parking lot lighting, trail lighting, utilities, retaining walls & associated storm water improvements at the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve, in particular, West Bush Lake Park. If project costs come in lower, City would utilize funds to install lighting on trail between Bandshell & Chalet parking lot.		
Demographic segment	Age, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will serve all demographic segments, as the parking lots and trails are free for use by the public. Safe and usable parking lots will facilitate access and use of the Park Reserve by all segments of the population. The parking lots will be brought up to ADA-compliant standards, thereby making the parking lots fully accessible by those with mobility restrictions.		
Verification method	Utilize the Met Council’s visitor surveys to compare usage before and after the project		

Park Ambassador Program

Hyland PR-Three Rivers Park District

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$30,000	2018-2	2018-1	MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019 \$31,100	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Staffing, programming, supplies and contracted services to operate a Park Ambassador Program within the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park focusing on increasing usage by minorities & other underrepresented populations by conducting community outreach, meet & greet park users, education of regulations, address reservation/maintenance concerns & creating programs of interest to underserved segments of the public developed based upon surveys, engagement & outreach.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will strive to serve all demographic segments, as its’ primary goals will be to connect people and the outdoors, and to increase Park Reserve usage by minorities and other underrepresented populations. Funding will be used to staff part-time positions that would conduct community outreach, meet and greet park users, educate users as to park regulations, implement equity initiatives, and address reservation and maintenance concerns. Funding would be also used to create programs of interest to specific underserved segments of the public.		
Verification method	Utilize the Met Council’s visitor surveys to compare usage before and after the project. Also, conduct program participation counts, demographic analysis and collect program evaluations to ensure the program's goals are being met.		

BLOOMINGTON

Rest Rooms Building and Maintenance Garage Reconstruction

Hyland PR-Three Rivers Park District

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-1	2018-2	MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019 \$279,900	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	Design, engineer & reconstruct rest rooms building, maintenance garage, driveway, sidewalks, lighting, utilities, associated storm water improvements including demolition, grading, curb & gutter, paving, retaining wall construction & landscaping at the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve.		
Demographic segment	Age, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will serve all demographic segments, as the rest rooms will be free for use by the public. The maintenance garage will assist City staff in storing supplies and equipment to maintain the Park Reserve for all the public to use and enjoy. The rest rooms will be brought up to ADA-compliant standards, thereby making them fully accessible by those with mobility restrictions.		
Verification method	Utilize the Met Council's visitor surveys to compare usage before and after the project		

CARVER COUNTY

Parks and Recreation Volunteer Specialist

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$37,500	2018-1	2018-1	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019 \$37,500	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	Continue with a full time position of Recreation and Volunteer Specialist. The position entails focused work in recreation programming, special events, volunteer recruitment and programming. Specifically, the position develops, implements, instructs, markets recreation and volunteer programs. Additionally, the position contributes to the overall planning, evaluation, and promotion of recreation and volunteer services for the Parks Department.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	Carver County proposes to continue with a full time position of Recreation and Volunteer Specialist. The position entails focused work in recreation programming, special events, volunteer recruitment and programming. Specifically, the position develops, implements, instructs, markets recreation and volunteer programs. Additionally, the position contributes to the overall planning, evaluation, and promotion of recreation and volunteer services for the Parks Department.		
Verification method	Both program rosters and actual participant counts are conducted at the time of the program to tabulate attendance. Rosters and event participation counts are used to record the number of participants who attend special events. All volunteer hours and participation are recorded and tabulated. This information is collected at the time of the program/event the volunteer service is conducted.		

Placeholder: Baylor Regional Park Headquarters (Barn) Remodel

Baylor Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$301,550	2018-2	2018-3	NOTE: The County's actual preferred #2 priority project is not within a Council-approved master plan. When the master plan is approved, the County will seek to replace this project with a trail project. MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Placeholder: Carver County proposes to remodel its Baylor Regional Park Headquarters Building (1930's barn) to update the office, lobby, restrooms, storage areas, patio, sidewalks and landscape. The proposed project would address compliances with building codes, modernize and improve both interior and exterior elements of the building, improve building function, security and access to the internet. Work includes design, engineering, construction.
Demographic segment	Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	The proposed project will better serve those with ability challenges. The building will be updated with ADA requirements. While the full project scope is a work in process, primary considerations include remodeling the restroom areas to ensure accessibility and compliance with building codes to service a range of abilities from those who may use wheelchairs or have other restrictive movements to the fully able bodied. Automatic door closures and openers are to be evaluated, if feasible and not cost prohibitive, installed on the main entrance points to the building.
Verification method	Before and after conditions for ADA compliance would be noted.

Recreation Marketing, Outreach, Scholarship & Seasonal Staffing

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$8,000	2018-3	2018-2	MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019	\$28,000	2019-3	2019-3	
Description	The requested grant funds would provide the resources to improve Carver County's outreach abilities for park areas and recreation programs.			
Demographic segment	Age			
Specific aspects supporting equity	Grant funds will provide for increased outreach abilities for youth to be aware of park areas and participate in recreation programs. Attributes include advertisement, scholarships, and staffing.			
Verification method	Both program rosters and actual participant counts are conducted at the time of the program to tabulate attendance. Rosters and event participation counts are used to record the number of participants at special events.			

CARVER COUNTY

Placeholder: Creative playground Improvement and Equipment Replacement

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$0	2018-0	2018-0	NOTE: The County's actual preferred #2 priority project is not within a Council-approved master plan. When the master plan is approved, the County will seek to replace this project with a trail project. MPOSC recommended a change in priority
2019	\$314,370	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Placeholder: The proposed project would replace a portion of existing 23 year old play equipment and upgrades site furnishings and landscaping. Project includes design, engineering and construction.			
Demographic segment	Age			
Specific aspects supporting equity	Playground equipment is specifically meant for children, the targeted population. Playground equipment also provides opportunity for physical exercise and are designed for social interaction through various play experiences.			
Verification method	County will visually observe usage by children to determine its success.			

DAKOTA COUNTY

Park System Awareness and Marketing Campaign

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$100,000	2018-1	2018-1	
2019	\$100,000	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	Develop and implement an integrated brand awareness and marketing campaign to increase awareness and familiarity of the park system service offerings to Dakota County residents and increase new use throughout the park system. The campaign will use print, digital and other media strategies to inform a broad and diverse audiences with targeted approaches appropriate for those audiences.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	As part of the Visitor Services Plan, Dakota County has engaged in a multicultural and general outreach effort to engage groups that are not currently using the parks. The groups included racial and ethnic minorities, youth, seniors and people living with disabilities. Lack of awareness was a major theme that cut across all groups. We received creative ideas from dialogue participants on how to create more welcoming parks. The proposed campaign will have a targeted, inclusive strategy for addressing each of the demographic segments.			
Verification method	Continue community dialogues with groups engaged in the Visitor Services Plan to understand and evaluate whether progress is being made regarding awareness and welcome. Incorporate survey questions into County residential survey on awareness and familiarity of parks and park services with cross-tabs based on demographics to better understand trending. Incorporate a robust analytics component to the awareness and marketing campaign in order to evaluate effectiveness.			

DAKOTA COUNTY

Parks Outreach & Engagement Coordinator

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$75,000	2018-2	2018-2	
2019 \$75,000	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Parks Outreach & Engagement Coordinator would create and manage a community outreach and engagement program to increase and enhance use of the parks by focusing on activities that strengthen use of parks, engaging the community, agencies, and developing relationships with community members. Additional focus would be identifying and supporting opportunities for partnership with DC departments including social services, corrections, etc. to provide opportunities to connect clients to outdoors.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin		
Specific aspects supporting equity	Through community dialogues DC has completed with under-represented groups, we've heard community outreach and engagement would: Build and promote greater awareness and familiarity of parks, especially among non-visitors. Provide a means for better understanding and addressing other barriers to visitation including safety, affordability, transportation. Create a welcoming park system that is responsive to community needs.		
Verification method	Increase in overall park visitation. Number of community and agency outreach efforts completed. Number of community and agency partnerships initiated. Number of community members and agency staff engaged during various public engagement efforts (e.g., master planning, CIP projects)		

Whitetail Woods Regional Park- Phase 2 Master Plan Improvements

Whitetail Woods Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$1,052,620	2018-3	2018-3	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	The predominant project include: 1) an ADA compliant, year round, multi-purpose, paved trail and boardwalk around Empire Lake, 2) a minimum of two camper cabins to better meet public demand, 3) improving and replacing the Empire Lake dike outlet to provide dependable management and 4) install benches and associated site furnishings,5) landscaping, and 6) other master plan approved improvements. The grant includes: 1) design, 2) engineering, 3)construction, and 4) construction administration.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The project is not targeted as an equity focused project but provides benefit to under-represented populations. Ability: Paving an ADA compliant lake loop trail with accommodate people of diverse abilities. The camper cabins will be ADA compliant. Age: A paved lake loop trail accommodates a recreation activity for people of all ages. Walking is a preferred recreation activity of older adults Race/Ethnicity/National Origin: The MC Study, "Regional Park Use among Select Communities of Color "includes - Walking is a preferred recreation activity. The trail provides opportunity for walking.		
Verification method	The primary tool will be through observation. Another predominant method includes public engagement and feedback with all master plans, capital improvement plans, operational plans, county-wide residential survey, web comments, list serve comments, use of focus groups and customer satisfaction surveys.		

DAKOTA COUNTY

Lake Byllesby Regional Park Master Plan Improvements

Lake Byllesby Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$0	2018-0	2018-0	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$1,168,730	2019-3	2019-3	

Description	The project will increase lake and river access e.g. dock and carry-in portage; provide trails and small gathering space on Echo Point; restore and renaturalize the park with trees, shrubs and native perennials; improve the layout and, or capacity picnic ground and campground; and other master plan approved improvements. The project includes design, engineering, construction and construction administration.
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	This is not a targeted equity project but provides benefits to under-represented populations. Ability/Age: All trail improvements will be ADA compliant serving people of all abilities. Race/Ethnicity/National Origin: The Met Council Study, "Regional Park Use Among Select Communities of Color" includes: - Walking was typically a preferred recreation activity. The project will provide enhanced walking opportunities. - Include large gathering spaces. The project will include enhanced group picnicking opportunities.
Verification method	The primary tool will be through observation. Another predominant method includes public engagement and feedback with all master plans, capital improvement plans, operational plans, county-wide residential survey, web comments, list serve comments, use of focus groups and customer satisfaction surveys.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Hall's Island and the Park on the Scherer Site

Above the Falls Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$464,485	2018-1	2018-1	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$164,565	2019-1	2019-1	

Description	Design, engineer, and construct Hall's Island and the Park on the Scherer Site within Above the Falls Regional Park, based on the Metropolitan Council approved Master Plan for that park.
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	The creation of a park on a major water body in north and northeast Minneapolis will better serve people with lower incomes and those with races/ethnicities other than white. These portions of Minneapolis have a higher percentage of target groups than those areas currently well served by water-based parks in Minneapolis. Though it is impossible to attribute each aspect of the park (trails, kayak launch, earthwork, boardwalks, etc.) to better service of target populations, the park as a whole will provide recreational amenities currently lacking for those populations. The fundamental lack of high-quality water-based parks nearby is assuredly a barrier to park use for underserved groups.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, MPRB would perform surveys that ask users to self-identify as to race, ethnicity, income, and ability, and ask their satisfaction with the park.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Water Works

Central Miss Riverfront Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$1,090,485	2018-2	2018-2	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$415,325	2019-2	2019-2	

Description	Implement the Water Works portion of the 2015 Central Mississippi Regional Park master plan pending adoption by the Metropolitan Council. Work will include design, engineering, and construction of trails, pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle circulation, landscaping improvements, ramps, stairs, and walls, buildings, stormwater management, historic resources, neighborhood connections, and natural habitat restoration.
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	Specifically, the project will include interpretive planning and facilities that will focus on histories other than the well-known Euro-American one. People of color and native people have identified the Euro-American interpretive focus in many parks as a barrier to feeling welcome in the parks. In addition, the project will include improvements in accessibility for people with different mobility and visual abilities. The project as a whole, located in the center of the city and accessible from all directions, will improve Mississippi River access to all residents. The population of Minneapolis is 35% people of color, which is the second highest percentage among implementing agencies and one of the highest in the state.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, MPRB would perform surveys that ask users to self-identify as to race, ethnicity, income, and ability and also asks their satisfaction with the interpretive items included in the park and their feeling of welcome in the park.

Community-Driven Master Plan for Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail

Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$256,000	2018-3	2018-3	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Create a master plan for Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail through extensive engagement with the community to provide direction for connecting more people to parks through future capital investment and also will inherently promote the park through its community engagement.
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	The community engagement associated with the creation of the master plan will pay particular attention to involving people of races, ethnicities, national origins, ages, and abilities sometimes underserved in planning processes. MPRB has found through past projects that its engagement efforts can be empowering for minority communities and can also lead to better plans--plans that guide subsequent capital improvements in a way that better meets the needs of all communities. The planning effort itself, through its communications, advertising, and outreach, will also create awareness of the park and park system as a whole.
Verification method	MPRB requests demographic information of planning process participants, and will do so for this project.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Improvement of Existing Infrastructure at Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail

Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$1,194,000	2018-4	2018-4	
2019	\$1,200,000	2019-3	2019-3	

Description	Design, engineering, and construction of rehabilitation projects associates with existing trails, bridges, habitat enhancement, stormwater management and water quality infrastructure, and signage. Exact project extents and tasks will be refined during project scoping and included in the project's grant agreement.
Demographic segment	Age, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	Capital improvements, specifically rehabilitation of trails and bridges, will increase accessibility for people with different abilities in terms of mobility and visual impairment. The existing infrastructure in the park is aging and may not always meet accessibility guidelines and best practices, which can be a barrier for people with different abilities. In addition, improving trails, bridges, and signs will ensure the parkway trail can serve as an important off-road cross-city bicycling route for young people. Fear of riding on streets and difficulty navigating broken and degrading pavement is a significant barrier to park use by the youngest bicyclists.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, MPRB would perform surveys of young and/or differently abled individuals to assess their satisfaction with the improvements.

Implementation of Mississippi River Gorge Master Plan

Mississippi Gorge Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$44,000	2018-5	2018-5	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Design, engineering, and construction of improvements included in the Metropolitan Council approved Master Plan for Mississippi Gorge Regional Park, specifically in the area south of I-35W on the west bank now commonly known as Bohemian Flats. Work will include bicycle and pedestrian paths, picnic areas, fishing areas, landscaping, signs, and visitor comfort facilities.
Demographic segment	Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	Improvement of pathways and fishing access will directly benefit people with different abilities in terms of mobility and vision. The lack of accessible facilities currently restricts use for persons who are differently abled. This funding request is the "tail" of other Parks and Trails funding from 2017. Though this 2018 request will not implement all improvements in the park, it will complete those begun in 2017.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, MPRB would perform on-site surveys of differently abled persons to determine their satisfaction with the improvements.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Webber Park Natural Filtration Swimming Pool

North Mississippi Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$450,000	2018-6	2018-6	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Final stages of implementation of the first-in-the-nation public natural filtration swimming pool at Webber Park, which is within North Mississippi Regional Park. Work will include design, engineering, and construction of landscaping, stormwater management, grading and drainage, furniture, and signage.
Demographic segment	National Origin
Specific aspects supporting equity	Signage will be translated into applicable languages besides English to ensure park users feel welcome. Speakers of languages other than English identify language barriers as barriers to park use. Furthermore, the Webber natural swimming pool is located on Minneapolis' north side immediately adjacent to a racially concentrated area of poverty. The north side of Minneapolis has a dearth of water access for its residents, which are largely people of color and many of whom have lower incomes. The pool offers a variety of swimming experiences in a healthy, chemical-free environment. This request is the "tail" of previous funding from various sources to build the pool.
Verification method	MPRB would perform an on-site survey of non-English speakers to evaluate satisfaction with signage and welcomingness of the facility overall.

Minnehaha Park Pavilion Rehabilitation

Minnehaha Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019	\$550,000	2019-4	2019-4	

Description	Rehabilitate Minnehaha Regional Park Pavilion to upgrade public spaces including restrooms, open seating areas, plaza spaces, stairs, ramps, and landscaping. Work will include design, engineering, architecture, and construction.
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project features improved family-friendly user comfort amenities like restrooms and a large gathering space that appeal to families of color that tend to use a park for an extended period of time. There is already extensive use by families of color in Minnehaha Park for picnicking and gathering, and this rehabilitation will enhance their experience. In addition, it will improve the visitor experience for families with young children, the elderly, and the differently abled by creating restrooms and a gathering space that are fully accessible. Families with small children and the elderly--including families of color--consider the lack of quality restrooms and gathering spaces to be a barrier to long stays in a park.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, MPRB would perform surveys that ask users to self-identify as to race, ethnicity, income, and ability, and ask their satisfaction with the project. Families with young children and the elderly would also be asked to state satisfaction with the project.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Kenilworth Channel Rehabilitation

Mpls Chain of Lakes Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$1,400,000	2019-5	2019-5	
Description	Rehabilitation of Kenilworth Channel within the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park to address failing walls and shorelines. Work will include design, engineering, and construction of earthwork, walls, natural habitat restoration, and landscaping.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project was not intended to better serve specific target demographic segments. However, the population of Minneapolis is 35% people of color, which is the second highest percentage among implementing agencies and one of the highest in the state. This project, located in the most heavily used regional park of all, will improve the aesthetic and functional quality of the user experience. Because this project is primarily a natural resource and rehabilitation-based project, it is hard to identify the exact benefits to target populations, other than the users of the Chain of Lakes do represent many different age, race, ethnicity, national origin, and income groups.		
Verification method	This project was not intended to better serve target demographic segments.		

Capitalizing on Regional Park and Transit Interconnections

Mpls Chain of Lakes Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$100,000	2019-6	2019-6	
Description	Public information and education efforts focused at encouraging riders of two new light rail transit lines--the Southwest and Bottineau lines--to disembark and connect with regional parks in Minneapolis. Work includes advertising in transit vehicles and at stations, ambassadors at stations, and/or organized walking/biking tours.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	People of color have stated that lack of awareness of the park system is a barrier to use. This project aims to create awareness among communities of color to encourage them to use transit to access parks. Programs and ambassadors will help welcome people of color and those of other national origin into parks located in neighborhoods that may seem unwelcoming to people of color. The light rail transit system serves a diverse population, with origins and destinations throughout the metro area. By promoting regional parks as key destinations on the system, a true interconnection between parks and transit can be achieved.		
Verification method	MPRB could perform rider surveys of people of color to determine awareness of the park system before and after implementation of this project, or could partner with Metro Transit to incorporate such questions into that agency's user surveys. MPRB could perform attendee surveys after programs to determine the effectiveness of instilling ongoing interest in visiting parks among people of color.		

Nature and Outdoor Recreation Programming

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$125,000	2018-1	2018-1	
2019 \$125,000	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	Develop and implement nature and outdoor recreation programming for people of color and lower income levels throughout Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails system.		
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income		
Specific aspects supporting equity	A variety of welcoming programs and events will be developed and implemented to provide opportunities to various races, ethnicities, and low income residents at locations throughout the park system utilizing participant input.		
Verification method	Upon completion of each program, the overall percentage of people of color and overall percentage of people that comply with poverty income level will be calculated through participant surveys and reported.		

Volunteer Coordinator for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery Hollow and Garden Area

Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$75,000	2018-2	2018-2	
2019 \$75,000	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Continue to support a volunteer corps for the Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery Hollow and Garden Area. Volunteers assist with programs, assist with animal care, assist with natural resource preservation and restoration, and assist with special events and projects. Recruit, train, recognize, and manage volunteers.		
Demographic segment	Race		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project provides a variety of opportunities for residents within the County to connect with the outdoors at Tamarack Nature Center through a variety of volunteer opportunities. The volunteer program can tailor opportunities to individual interests. Through improved recruitment methods, more people of color will see Tamarack as a place to volunteer.		
Verification method	The volunteer coordinator is consistently improving volunteer opportunities at Tamarack Nature Center to provide more meaningful activities to increase the number of volunteers and hours at Tamarack Nature Center. The volunteer program will measure the involvement of the race of the volunteers participating through surveys.		

Conservation Corps of Minnesota Contract Projects

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$110,000	2018-3	2018-3	
	2019 \$110,000	2019-3	2019-3	
Description	Contract with Conservation Corps of Minnesota to engage youth of the community in natural resource management projects; i.e., of the teaching garden, buckthorn removal, other invasive removals, prairie restoration, streambank stabilization, etc.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race			
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project provides a variety of opportunities for youth to connect with the outdoors within the Regional Park and Trail system while completing natural resource management projects, and teaching activities to other park and trail users. CCM recruits youth from a diverse background.			
Verification method	The number of youth participants and number of hours Youth Corps performed will be obtained from CCM. We will track racial make-up through participant surveys and/or CCM data.			

Sucker Lake Picnic Area - Sucker Lake Channel Restoration and Fishing Improvements

Grass-Vadnais Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$200,000	2018-4	2018-4	Match- cannot be reprioritized
	2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Supplement existing Design/Engineering services to complete site improvement plans for fishing nodes, trails, landscape, site amenities and signage. Construction activities will include demolition, grading, stormwater management, utilities, construction, landscaping, installation of signs and site amenities. Legacy funds will leverage non-state funds provided by Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization & Saint Paul Regional Watershed			
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity			
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will provide improved park facilities and amenities, and enhance the quality of natural resources for increased recreation opportunities that appeal to the demographic segments selected.			
Verification method	User surveys conducted by the Metropolitan Council will measure who is using the area and patterns for this use.			

Battle Creek Regional Park Upper Afton Playground Redevelopment

Battle Creek Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$200,000	2018-5	2018-5	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Supplement design and construction cost for the redevelopment of the existing playground in the Upper Afton section of Battle Creek Regional Park consisting of demolition, grading, utilities, trails, lighting, construction, landscaping, site amenities, signage, new playground container and playground equipment, and safety surfacing. The plan is to improve accessibility and play value.
Demographic segment	Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will provide necessary site improvements and recreational amenities to ensure high-quality, all-inclusive experiences for all park users. Public input will be sought and incorporated into the new site and design. Children and those with mobility issues will be targeted for input into the playground design process.
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, playground users that are children and have mobility issues will be surveyed to measure their rating of the play experience.

Tamarack Nature Center Site and Infrastructure Improvements

Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$50,000	2018-6	2018-6	
2019	\$500,000	2019-4	2019-4	

Description	Design/Engineering to develop building plans for an addition to the Nature Center, Sugar Shack, Garden House, Shelters, and Maintenance Facility. Develop site plans for gathering nodes, observation, amenities, trails, landscaping, signage, stormwater management; initiate construction for site related improvements such as trails, gathering nodes, nature observation, signage, landscaping, and site amenities. Supplement construction costs for amenities on the Campus Site and Infrastructure project.
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability
Specific aspects supporting equity	Public input targeting the selected demographic segments will be utilized as part of the process to create improvements that satisfy their interests and engagement.
Verification method	Metropolitan Council participant surveys will measure whether the improvements and participation has reached the target demographic segments.

Bruce Vento Regional Trail Development

Bruce Vento Regional Trail

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$500,000	2018-7	2018-7	
	2019 \$100,000	2019-6	2019-6	
Description	Design/Engineering for final trail construction plans between Buerkle Road to Highway 96 consisting of design/engineering for trails, sidewalk, storm water management, wetland impacts, landscape, signage, pedestrian bridge, site amenities; and design/engineering for preliminary trail extension plans between Highway 96 to County Road J consisting of design/engineering for trail alignment, amenities, conceptual pedestrian bridge, grading, landscaping, stormwater management, and signage.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will provide the necessary design documents, site improvements, and recreational amenities needed to complete the remaining undeveloped portions of trail. The trail sections connect many people that fall within the selected demographic segments to the regional trail system. The trail provides a safe, off-road alternative for all pedestrians and bicyclists needing access to work, school, recreation, fitness, shopping and services.			
Verification method	Trail users will be counted and surveyed to determine if target populations are better served as compared with the existing segments .			

Regional Park and Trail Master Plan Development and Amendments

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$40,000	2018-8	2018-8	
	2019 \$200,000	2019-9	2019-9	
Description	Prepare a master plan amendment for Battle Creek Regional Park, Rice Creek North Regional Trail, and develop a master plan for Lexington Avenue Regional Trail including design/engineering, community engagement to identify improvements for existing elements such as buildings, roads, parking, creeks, ponds, lakes, wetlands, trails, animal exercise, amenities, turf games, landscaping, utilities, stormwater management, restoration, signage, gathering nodes, fitness/play elements, land acquisition.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	The community input process will be improved to include more representation from the various target populations including age, race, ethnicity, income, national origin, and physical ability. Their input will be incorporated into the master plans.			
Verification method	Upon completion of the project the types of input solicited and incorporated will be calculated and reported. Surveys of planning participants will measure participation of the target segments and ideas incorporated.			

Rice Creek North Regional Trail - Trail and Site Improvements

Rice Creek North Regional Trail

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$163,000	2019-5	2019-5	
Description	Supplement improvements for a trailhead facility south of Co. Rd. I including design/engineering, construction, demolition, grading, landscaping, trails, parking, building, roads, stormwater management, utilities, signage, site and play equipment, amenities, habitat restoration, access to the water trail, lighting.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will provide new park and trail opportunities to ensure high-quality experiences of park and trail users. The project improves year-round access for all and the trailhead has the potential to be a community gathering space for events.		
Verification method	The amount of use by the various segments selected will be measured through surveys including the Metropolitan Council user survey.		

ADA Improvements

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$100,000	2019-7	2019-7	
Description	Phased design and construction of ADA access deficiencies throughout the Regional Park and Trail System that are identified in the Ramsey County Parks and Trails ADA Transition Plan including Design/engineering, for building and site improvements such as access improvements for walkways, hardware components, doors, window, restroom components, building interiors, utilities, stair and railings, sidewalk, trail, shelters, play elements, parking lots, grading, signs and site amenities.		
Demographic segment	Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	Improve access to Regional Parks and Trails by reducing the number of ADA deficiencies.		
Verification method	Upon completion of the project, the number of deficiencies completed will be calculated and reported. Use of parks and trails by people with physical disabilities will be counted by Met Council surveys.		

RAMSEY COUNTY

Regional Park and Trail Entrance ID Signs

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
	2019 \$50,000	2019-8	2019-8	
Description	Wayfinding - develop Park ID entrance signs at Regional Parks and Trails consisting of Design/Engineering, and phased construction of Park ID signs consisting of demolition, grading, landscaping, utilities, lighting, sidewalk, bituminous paving, curb and gutter, fencing, site equipment, amenities, and signs.			
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income			
Specific aspects supporting equity	Signs will be designed to provide identifiable branding This is difficult to and increased visibility for regional parks and trails. They will welcome and invite a variety of park and trail users. The goal is to attract increased use from people of various races and ethnicities, and income.			
Verification method	Verifying the impact signs have on the ability to find and use parks and trails is difficult. A survey could be conducted that asks how park users discovered the park. The sign could be one option for selection.			

SCOTT COUNTY

Research project to learn about barriers and draws for current non park users.

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$34,924	2018-1	2018-1	
	2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	A research project that will understand what barriers exist for non-park users. Additionally, this study would attempt to understand what might be pull factors for these same potential users into the parks. If we were to limit ourselves to understanding barriers, we may fall short in prescribing solutions. Research methods may include, but is not limited to, focus groups, interviews, mail, phone, internet surveys, or other methods deemed appropriate to reach the study populations.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	By completing this project in the first year of the biennium, we can understand the demographics that may be affected by barriers and determine what draws can be provided to connect new users to the park system. In the following years, we will use this information to narrow in on specific populations and differing abilities with targeted awareness marketing and programming.			
Verification method	This will provide a baseline for understanding equity issues as we move forward through the life of the Legacy funding, and potentially beyond.			

Concrete vault restroom replacement for Group Camp Sites at Cleary Lake Regional Park

Cleary Lake Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$90,000	2018-2	2018-2	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description At Cleary Lake Regional Park group camps replace two wood latrines at end of life cycle. The project includes design, bid, furnish and install two prefabricated concrete vault latrine buildings including soil borings, permitting, bidding, site preparation/demolition, tree removals/trimming for crane accessibility, grading, drainage, erosion control, ADA concrete pad and path, site restoration, furnish and install latrines, related utility and lighting work, signage and building appurtenances.

Demographic segment

Specific aspects supporting equity The project is not specifically intended to better serve specific targeted demographic segments. It is intended to benefit all who wish to use the group camp site or adjacent trails. Demographics on group camp users is unavailable at this time so we are unable to tie the project to a specific target demographic.

Verification method Because demographics on group campers is not available at this time, the project is not specifically intended to serve a specific demographic.

Group Camp and Large Picnic Area Development at Cedar Lake Farm

Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$473,556	2018-3	2018-3	
2019	\$612,326	2019-3	2019-3	

Description Design, engineering, demolition, construction and construction management and administration of a group camp, large group picnic area and pavilion, trail connections, and support facilities including road access, parking lot, restroom, and utilities.

Demographic segment Age, Income, Ability

Specific aspects supporting equity Age - Group camps are open to all ages. By adding camper cabins, a more comfortable camping experience, we anticipate attracting the 45 + year age group which is utilizing regional facilities in Scott County less than we would expect. Income - The amenities are free (trails) and affordable (picnic shelter and camper cabins) and there are free complimentary amenities elsewhere in the park. We anticipate the facilities may benefit individuals in lower income brackets which appear to be using regional facilities less than we would expect. Ability - the project adds accessible facilities and improves accessible trail access between amenities within the park and to an adjacent neighborhood.

Verification method We anticipate beginning to collect demographic data with picnic shelter and group camp reservations. This information will inform future marketing and operations decisions for group camps and their support facilities. We will measure initial success, prior to having this demographic data, based on a final installation review that confirms the facility is properly installed and operating. Longer-term success will be measured by reviewing user demographic data along with general population data.

Awareness Marketing to target underrepresented populations

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019	\$25,000	2019-1	2019-1	

Description	We will use targeted marketing and outreach to help create awareness of Scott County Regional Parks for underrepresented populations. This will include a variety of marketing media including, but not limited to, print, direct connections with residents, and social media. Efforts will focus to connect with lower income and racial and ethnic minorities; groups we believe are currently underrepresented in regional facilities in Scott County. Outreach to the community will inform marketing.
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income
Specific aspects supporting equity	Lack of awareness of the regional park system is a barrier among communities of color, based on qualitative research by Met Council. Communities of color are using the Scott County regional system less than we would anticipate (-3%). Lower income households are visiting less than we would anticipate (-8%). Targeted marketing to these groups may remove an awareness barrier. Highlighting affordable and free activities may remove affordability barrier.
Verification method	There are barriers to quantitatively verifying the near term success of this project. Long term success will be evaluated by comparing future visitor surveys with previous 2008 and 2013 visitor surveys.

Programs to bring families to Scott County Parks

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019	\$17,754	2019-2	2019-2	

Description	Provide free events and activities to bring families to Scott County regional parks and trails. We understand low income families (making less than \$75,000) are underrepresented in our parks. These events would attempt to create awareness within this demographic.
Demographic segment	Income
Specific aspects supporting equity	The events will provide affordable visits to Scott County parks and trails. By providing busing to and from the park, as well as providing activities at no cost, the events will remove cost barriers to the park. We will look at partnering with different departments in the County that would be able to advertise the program to low income individuals or families. While the events are entirely free, we would make an effort to highlight the activities in the park that are always free.
Verification method	During the event, we will ask attendees to fill out surveys helping us understand their previous park use, their likelihood of visiting again, and demographic data to understand if future programs like this would be beneficial in creating awareness for families making less than \$75,000.

Trout Brook Regional Trail

Trout Brook Regional Trail

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$550,000	2018-1	2018-1	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Construction of stormwater harvest system to complete the re-introduction of the creek as a stormwater feature and recreational amenity for trail users. This is the final phase of providing healthy stream system along the trail. The creek will provide an enhanced connection between people, development and stormwater with open water, habitat, cleaner water at the outlet and a focus for the resting spots along the trail within the former brownfield site.
Demographic segment	Race
Specific aspects supporting equity	St. Paul's North End and the nearby McDonough Housing Project are home to a diverse population that includes many Hmong, Karen, and African American families of low income status. While wealth is sometimes only measured in income, adding Troutbrook as a regional trail and re-introducing the creek as a trail amenity provides a rich and important connection to green space that was previously lacking in this community.
Verification method	Trail/park counts, special event or programmed use and surveys are among the methods that can be used to verify service to target populations.

Indian Mounds Regional Park Improvements

Indian Mounds Regional Park

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$780,000	2018-2	2018-2	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$331,600	2019-1	2019-1	

Description	Project to include trail improvements between T.H. 61 to Bruce Vento Trail including design, engineering, demolition, grading, stormwater management, paving, landscaping and retaining wall construction as required.
Demographic segment	Age
Specific aspects supporting equity	Indian Mounds RP is a popular park for large group and family gatherings. The immediately adjacent neighborhood contains a large African American population and many low income residents. It is in a part of St. Paul where fewer than the average number of households have vehicles. Better trail connections and improved trail amenities will enhance circulation and access for all, especially for those who will walk and bike to the park.
Verification method	Park counts, the # of picnic shelter permits and the accompanying survey are among the ways this information could be gathered. Measure-able outcomes would include lineal feet of multimodal trail added, lineal feet of roadway added, number of signs added, benches, picnic tables. Surveys that include race and ethnicity, income, age and ability to verify that the use of the park reflects the makeup of the region could help to verify the target populations are better served.

Lilydale Regional Park Improvements

Lilydale-Harriet Island-Cherokee Heights Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$200,000	2018-3	2018-3	
2019 \$410,000	2019-2	2019-2	
Description	Design, engineering and construction of a picnic shelter with restroom facilities. Site work will include grading, erosion control, and stormwater management.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project was not designed to better serve any one specific targeted demographic segments. We are certain however, that adding a restroom to this park will make it significantly more enjoyable for park users of all ages and abilities to enjoy hiking, biking, fishing, or work in small learning groups from the nearby charter school.		
Verification method	We will be able to garner information from picnic shelter and park use permits, as well as from the staff and students at the nearby charter school.		

Harriet Island South Saint Paul Regional Trail

Harriet Island - South St Paul Regional Trail

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$350,000	2018-4	2018-4	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019 \$550,000	2019-3	2019-3	
Description	Project includes additional design, engineering, easements, potential acquisitions, construction of safety improvements related to the regional trail project specifically at intersections of the trail and private businesses and rail properties. Specific property information is included as an attachment.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project is not designed to better serve a specific targeted demographic segment. It completes a trail connection from St. Paul's Harriet Island to South St. Paul improving the trail connections through Harriet Island and Lilydale Regional Parks, and the neighborhoods and businesses between St. Paul to South St. Paul, adding a new alternative option for individuals without vehicle. We will improve non-motorized vehicle use, taking advantage of non-vehicle transit routes and ultimately improving access and safety for all ages - those on bikes, those pushing strollers, or those in wheelchairs.		
Verification method	Surveys with bike groups and surveys with local employers and the district council (WSCO) could be among the methods used to collect data and verify service to persons of all ages.		

Phalen Regional Park Master Plan Implementation

Phalen Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$190,690	2018-5	2018-5	
2019 \$1,013,890	2019-4	2019-4	
Description	Design, engineering and construction of pedestrian and vehicular circulation and parking. Grading, stormwater management and erosion control to be included.		
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This is an area of the city with where nearly 80% of the youth qualify for free and reduced lunch. Improved circulation and parking will benefit all users who walk, bus, bike and drive to the park. Current infrastructure in the park is 40 years old. Traffic and parking improvements were frequently discussed and weighted by community members during the recent master plan update for Phalen Regional Park.		
Verification method	Pre and post-construction surveys will be conducted with beach, golf and picnic pavilion users. Focus group discussions will be conducted with known user groups from the neighborhood and nearby housing project. Results from surveys and focus groups will be recorded.		

Program Allocations

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$245,000	2018-6	2018-6	
2019 \$245,000	2019-5	2019-5	
Description	The Ed and Vol Coordinators were established for program development/implementation. They will increase efforts to connect people of color to our regional parks and develop deeper relationships with rec staff, schools and other groups. Funds for the shuttle are used to operate, staff and maintain the City-owned busses.		
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin		
Specific aspects supporting equity	while this project was not developed to address specific demographic groups, the education and volunteer coordinators' programs and outreach will target specific school groups and organizations who work with people of various races, ages, abilities and incomes.		
Verification method	Participant logs for Environmental programs, document ridership daily for the Como Shuttle, survey riders and non-shuttle riders to document service to target populations and improve shuttle services.		

Great River Passage Division

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$167,000	2018-7	2018-7	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019	\$167,000	2019-6	2019-6	

Description	Develop a framework for increasing the number of annual visits by underserved demographic groups to St. Paul's riverfront regional parks by providing more opportunities and increasing accessibility. Battle Creek-Indian Mounds RP; Lilydale-Harriet Island RP; Hidden Falls/Crosby RP; Mississippi Gorge RP, Sam Morgan RT; Harriet Isl-SSP RT. Introduce innovative public engagement practices, provide venues for cultural activities, training for participation in natural resource based activities.
Demographic segment	Race
Specific aspects supporting equity	The project is not designed to target any specific demographic group. Phasing and programming will take equity into account.
Verification method	The number and type of public engagement opportunities and cultural activities, number and demographic of participants in these activities, will be among the measures of our success in reaching target populations. In addition to the partnership with our Environmental and Volunteer Coordinators keep logs of participants in environmental programs along the river, of initiatives and activities developed to enhance access to Regional Parks will help verification.

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT

Hyland Park Reserve: Pavement Rehabilitation

Hyland Park Reserve

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$2,053,730	2018-1	2018-1	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	Rehabilitation Construction of 3 acres of paved parking and 0.9 miles of paved roads, and associated infrastructure within Hyland Park Reserve.
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual park level. Three Rivers' own research provides 2013 visitor data for Hyland Park as follows: Age 45+: 250,398; African American: 27,822; Asian: 64,918; Hispanic: 37,096; HH Income <\$50,000: 176,206. Visitor data indicates that Hyland serves equity markets. Three Rivers and Met Council research has shown that the quality of facilities and maintaining what we have is important to all markets, including equity markets. Rehabilitation of pavement maintains high quality facilities that are appreciated and enjoyed by all markets who use the park.
Verification method	Project will result in rehabilitated and high quality 3 acres of paved parking and 0.9 miles of paved roads, and associated infrastructure within Hyland Park Reserve

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT

Baker Park Reserve Restrooms and Boat Rental Building Renovation: Design and Engineering

Baker Park Reserve

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$350,000	2018-2	2018-2	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Project will complete the design and engineering required for renovation of the bathroom buildings and the boat rental building within the main day-use recreation area of Baker Park Reserve.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual park level. Three Rivers' own research provides 2013 visitor data for Hyland Park as follows: Age 45+: 131,112; African American: 4,856; Asian: 29,136; Hispanic: 24,280; HH Income <\$50,000: 87,408. Visitor data indicates that Baker serves equity markets. Three Rivers and Met Council research has shown that the quality of facilities and maintaining what we have is important to all markets, including equity markets. Rehabilitation of pavement maintains high quality facilities that are appreciated and enjoyed by all markets who use the park.		
Verification method	The project will result in the design and engineering necessary to renovate the bathroom buildings and the boat rental building within the main day-use recreation area of Baker Park Reserve.		

Baker-Carver Regional Trail: Design and Engineering for 3.4 miles of paved trail

Baker-Carver Regional Trail

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$352,000	2018-3	2018-3	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Project will complete the design and engineering necessary to construct 3.4 miles of paved trail connecting Lowry Nature Center in Carver Park to Lake Minnetonka Regional Park		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual trail level. Three Rivers' own 2014 regional trail visitor data indicates that 58 % (~2.6 million visits) of Three River's Regional Trail System visits are by users age 45 and above, and that use by 60-74 years has increased from 15 % of all visitors to 20 % of all visitors in the last 5 years. This data indicates that regional trails are heavily used by what the Council deems is an underserved market (age 45+). Development of new trails directly serves this market.		
Verification method	Successful addition of 3.4 miles of paved trail.		

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT

Barriers to Participation Study

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$220,000	2018-4	2018-4	
	2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
Description	Research study focusing on identifying and quantifying barriers to participation to the regional park system experienced by under-represented populations. The study will also identify pull factors – those programs and facilities that would attract new visitors to regional parks and trails. The study will focus on residents living within Three Rivers jurisdictional area. Scott County may partner on this study, in which case the study will also include residents of Scott County.			
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability			
Specific aspects supporting equity	There is very limited qualitative data and no representative quantitative data on the barriers to the regional park system experienced by under-represented populations, and on what facilities and programs would attract new visitors to the system. This study will provide the information necessary to guide equity investments in the future.			
Verification method	The study will provide the critically important factual data needed to make the most effective and efficient investments in parks equity.			

Expansion of the School Naturalist-In-Residence Program: Connecting school students to nature via school site curriculum and field trips to Three Rivers parks.

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
	2018 \$60,000	2018-5	2018-5	
	2019 \$60,000	2019-5	2019-5	
Description	2 new 0.5 FTE educators hired to be Naturalists-In-Residence working directly with 2 public schools with diverse student body. Develop env. ed. curriculum in-line with state education standards and benchmarks, i.e. STEM focused. Year 1:Create/teach Nature-based, outdoor-focused curriculum for school. Conduct field trips to TRPD Parks. Year 2:Model and train teachers in EE school site curriculum. Continue Field Trips. Year 3:Each school may choose to continue the program at their expense.			
Demographic segment	Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin			
Specific aspects supporting equity	This initiative will bring environmental education curriculum and teaching to two diverse-population schools. In general, public schools are more diverse than the general population across income, race, ethnicity, immigrant status. The project will focus on working with two public schools whose student body is more diverse than the general population with regard to income, race, ethnicity and immigrant status. It is an ideal setting to reach each of these targeted population.			
Verification method	The project will quantify the number of students served, along with demographics breakdowns.			

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT

Lake Minnetonka Regional Park: Parking and Roads Pavement Rehabilitation

Lake Minnetonka Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$944,000	2018-9	2018-9	
2019 \$1,141,110	2019-9	2019-9	
Description	Design, Engineering, Construction Administration and Construction of 4.6 acres of paved parking lots and 1.5 miles of paved roads within Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual park level. Three Rivers' own research provides 2013 visitor data for Lake Minnetonka Park as follows: Age 45+: 45,760; African American: 2,080; Asian: 4,150; Hispanic: 10,400; HH income <\$50,000: 29,120. Visitor data indicates that Lake Minnetonka serves equity markets. Three Rivers and Met Council research has shown that the quality of facilities and maintaining what we have is important to all markets, including equity markets. Rehabilitation of pavement maintains high quality facilities that are appreciated and enjoyed by all markets who use the park.		
Verification method	High quality rehabilitation of 4.6 acres of parking and 1.5 miles of roads.		

Baker Park Reserve Bathroom Buildings and Boat Rental Building Renovation: Construction

Baker Park Reserve

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$1,316,000	2019-1	2019-1	
Description	Project will provide for construction and construction administration required for renovation of the bathroom buildings and the boat rental building within the main day-use recreation area of Baker Park Reserve.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual park level. Three Rivers' own research provides 2013 visitor data for Hyland Park as follows: Age 45+: 131,112; African American: 4,856; Asian: 29,136; Hispanic: 24,280; HH Income <\$50,000: 87,408. Visitor data indicates that Baker serves equity markets. Three Rivers and Met Council research has shown that the quality of facilities and maintaining what we have is important to all markets, including equity markets. Rehabilitation of pavement maintains high quality facilities that are appreciated and enjoyed by all markets who use the park.		
Verification method	This project will result in high quality renovated bathroom buildings and the boat rental building within the main day-use recreation area of Baker Park Reserve.		

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT

Baker-Carver Regional Trail: Construction of 3.4 miles of paved trail

Baker-Carver Regional Trail

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$1,679,000	2019-2	2019-2	
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Description	Project will provide construction administration and construction of 3.4 miles of paved trail connecting Lowry Nature Center in Carver Park to Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The Met Council does not provide equity markets visitor data at the individual trail level. Three Rivers' own 2014 regional trail visitor data indicates that 58 % (~2.6 million visits) of Three River's Regional Trail System visits are by users age 45 and above, and that use by 60-74 years has increased from 15 % of all visitors to 20 % of all visitors in the last 5 years. This data indicates that regional trails are heavily used by what the Council deems is an underserved market (age 45+). Development of new trails directly serves this market.		
Verification method	Successful addition of 3.4 miles of paved trail.		

Awareness Building Campaign

Jurisdiction-wide

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2018-0	
2019 \$160,000	2019-3	2019-3	
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Description	The Awareness Building Campaign will use print, digital and other media in multiple languages to help inform potential visitors about Three Rivers Parks District. The campaign will follow after the completion of the Barriers to Participation Study and will use the results of that study to determine the most effective communication methods and topics.		
Demographic segment	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income, National Origin, Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	Awareness of the regional park system was identified by the Met Council as the foremost barrier to participation for under-represented populations. This project will increase awareness of the regional park system among under-represented populations.		
Verification method	The project will quantify media impressions & distribution quantities delivered as part of the campaign. Currently marketing and print materials are available only in English; having these messages available in additional languages will better serve some of the identified target populations.		

Bluffs Pole Barn Maintenance and Renovation

St Croix Bluffs Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$700,000	2018-1	2018-1	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
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Description	Design, engineering, and construction of pole shed.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project was not designed to better serve specific target demographic segments.		
Verification method	The success of the St. Croix Bluffs Pole Barn Maintenance and Renovation will be measured by the number of park attendees in future park visitor counts as park facilities are upgraded to more adequately serve the park and therefore, the community.		

St. Croix Bluffs Campground Generator Backup and Wiring

St Croix Bluffs Regional Park

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$33,640	2018-2	2018-2	
2019 \$0	2019-0	2019-0	
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Description	This project focuses on the installation of backup generator systems, lighting, and an update of campground electrical systems. During instances of power interruption, there are not backup generator capabilities to provide power or electricity. This results in a lack of emergency lighting, a notable safety issue. This initiative reinvests already existing infrastructure, improving facilities to serve increasingly diverse campground users, with preferences for well-lit camp spaces.		
Demographic segment	Age		
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project was not designed to better serve specific target demographic segments.		
Verification method	A survey of visitors to the campground, particularly those who are using the campground for the first time, will provide an indication of the effectiveness of the improvements made to park infrastructure.		

Lake Elmo Park Campground Backup Generator and Wiring

Lake Elmo Park Reserve

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$33,640	2018-3	2018-3	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

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Demographic segment	Age
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project was not designed to better serve specific target demographic segments.
Verification method	A survey of visitors to the campground, particularly those who are using the campground for the first time, will provide an indication of the effectiveness of the improvements made to park infrastructure.

Branding, Marketing, Software Upgrades and Design

Jurisdiction-wide

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018	\$90,000	2018-4	2018-4	
2019	\$0	2019-0	2019-0	

Description	This project will be used to upgrade software and hire consultant services to assist in providing multilingual services for park users in St. Croix Bluffs and Lake Elmo Park. Consultant tasks would include design guidance and direction in effective communication methods to non-native speakers.
Demographic segment	Ethnicity, National Origin
Specific aspects supporting equity	This project will provide funding for the design of multilingual amenities at campgrounds in St. Croix Bluffs and Lake Elmo Park; improving the experience for visitors who may have previously encountered equity of access issues. Software upgrades will improve website ease of use, translation, and ability to explore park amenities.
Verification method	Measuring visits made to the parks website, and a park visitor survey one year after multilingual upgrades will help assess the effectiveness of changes made - and provide insight into how well parks are effectively meeting the needs of an increasingly more diverse customer population.

Lake Elmo Park Renovations - including pavement

Lake Elmo Park Reserve

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Agency Priority</u>	<u>MPOSC Priority</u>	<u>Special note, if any</u>
2018 \$0	2018-0	2019-0	Match- cannot be reprioritized
2019 \$940,000	2019-1	2019-1	
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Description	This project will rehabilitate internal bituminous paved trails throughout the Lake Elmo Park to conform to ADA specifications and increase accessibility.		
Demographic segment	Ability		
Specific aspects supporting equity	The County strives to make the park attractive for all. There's significant commitment to diversification of outdoor recreation experiences, to better reflect regional demographic preferences. There are major capital investment plans in the park, funded through anticipated bond sale in 2019 of \$5M. The County plans to leverage this bond sale with Legacy funding to redevelop significant park features: repaving internal bituminous trails, and upgrading recreational amenities to make them contemporary and ADA accessible.		
Verification method	Success will be measured by number of attendees in park surveys performed one year after improvements are made. An increase in visitors of all abilities will show the effectiveness of upgraded amenities.		



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October 12, 2016

Chair Cunningham and Members
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Dear Chair and Members:

At the October 4th, 2016 meeting of the Metropolitan Council Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC), the MPOSC made recommendation to reprioritize Carver County's Parks and Trails Legacy Funding grant requests.

Carver County disagrees with the reprioritization of the projects for the following reasons and respectfully asks that the County's priorities be honored.

First, MPOSC members are confused with the terms "Equity" and the Legacy Fund pillar of, "Connecting People to the Outdoors". They mistakenly tied the value of "Equity" to only the pillar of "Connecting People to the Outdoors" not understanding that all four pillars of Parks and Trails Legacy Funding, distributed through the Council, have an "Equity" component in the grant application applied equally.

Second, the MPOSC advanced a new program request pertaining to Outreach ahead of an established CIP program. It is important that the County maintains consistent funding for established programs.

Third, the County has prioritized staffing for the position of Parks and Recreation Programmer and Volunteer Specialist above capital improvement projects. Even if full funding is not appropriated and Outreach is eliminated, no less than 10% or double the 5% requirement for "Connecting People to the Outdoors" is provided.

Fourth, the recommendation by the MPOSC to advance Outreach ahead of CIP items may have a negative impact on "Equity" elements related to these projects such as ADA enhancements.

The County's prioritized requests are listed below.

Grant Request	Priority	2018	2019	Legacy Fund Pillar
Staffing	1	\$37,500	37,500	Connect People to the Outdoors
Visitor Center Remodel (CIP)	2	\$301,550		Take Care of What We Have
Playground Replacement (CIP)	2		\$314,370	Take Care of What We Have
Outreach	3	8,000	28,000	Connect People to the Outdoors

Sincerely,

Martin Walsh
Parks Director