

## Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: January 2, 2018

**Subject:** 2018 Parks and Trails Legacy Regional Celebrations: An Update

**District(s), Member(s):** All MPOSC Districts

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 15

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

Information only

### Background

In cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission, the Metropolitan Council, with our ten regional park implementing agencies, is sponsoring a series of eight Regional Parks and Trails Legacy Celebrations across Minnesota. The first one will be held at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

These events help mark the 10-year milestone of the passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The day will be filled with family-friendly activities, celebrating Parks and Trails Legacy accomplishments, providing opportunities to learn about the Legacy Amendment and gather input on past Parks and Trails Legacy projects as well as future investments.

Governor Mark Dayton has been invited to help celebrate this first event at Silverwood Park. Three Rivers Park District, who owns and operates the park, will be on hand, along with staff from the other nine agencies, the Department of Natural Resources and the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission.

This is an all ages, all abilities occasion, so whether you're an avid adventurer or a novice, we hope you will join us to make this first event a success.

Here is a listing of the eight events, that run through the first half of 2018. The second metropolitan regional event will be at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Park Reserve in Bloomington on Friday, May 11, 2018.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1-4PM	Silverwood Park, St. Anthony
Friday, April 27, 2018	College of St. Benedict, Gorecki Hall, St. Joseph
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Red Baron Expo Center & Camden State Trail, Marshall
Friday, May 11, 2018	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, Hyland Chalet and Bandshell, Bloomington
Saturday, May 19, 2018	Rochester

Saturday, June 2, 2018	Itasca State Park, Bemidji
Saturday, June 16, 2018	Prairie Wetland Environmental Learning Center, Fergus Falls
Wednesday, June 27, 2018	Essential Duluth Heritage Sport Center, Duluth

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Parks and Trails Legacy Celebrations are consistent with the *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability. These funds help support high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities across Minnesota, for the benefit of all the state’s residents. These events seek to increase awareness of the Legacy Amendment and check-in with residents, gathering their insights to help shape future investments.

### Funding

Funding for the Parks and Trails Legacy Celebrations is derived from the Parks and Trails Legacy Funds that are dedicated to support, “Coordination Among Partners” activities, as outlined in the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan. This source of funding is administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Metropolitan Council and the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission.