

## Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: January 2, 2018

**Subject:** 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statute 473.147

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

### Proposed Action

Information item; no action is proposed.

### Background

Minnesota Statute 473.147 requires the Metropolitan Council to prepare and adopt a long-range system policy plan for regional recreation open space as part of the Council's Metropolitan Development Guide. The Council's long range system policy plan, known as the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (2040 RPPP)*, must include policies, strategies, and a system plan that guide the Regional Parks System, and must also include estimated costs for acquisition and development and a five year capital improvement program. The Council adopted the *2040 RPPP* on February 11, 2015. Minnesota Statute 473.147 also requires the Council to complete a comprehensive review of the plan every four years.

Staff will provide information on the *2040 RPPP* update process and will engage the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) in a discussion to identify important considerations for long-range Regional Parks System planning, based on MPOSC members' experiences and expertise.

### Rationale

Minnesota Statute 473.147 states that the Metropolitan Council shall consult with and make maximum use of the expertise of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission in preparing the policy plan.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability and its principles of Integration, Collaboration, and Accountability provided the policy foundation for the development of the *2040 RPPP* and will also guide the policy plan update.

### Funding

N/A

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A