

Regional Parks Funding Allocation Policy & Regional Parks Fund Distribution Policy

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Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Background

- The update to the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* removes finance-related policies and procedures from the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*:
 - Placing these policies and procedures in the Council’s organizational policies will allow the Council to be more nimble to adjust administrative procedures as needed
- The anticipated adoption of the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* will orphan finance-related policies that warrant formal policymaker review and adoption.



Regional Parks Funding Allocation Policy

- To be adopted as a one of the Council's Policies
- “The Metropolitan Council shall abide by state statute, session law, the *Regional Parks Policy Plan*, and the Regional Parks Fund Distribution Policy when allocating funds received from the State of Minnesota for the regional recreation open space system established and governed by state statute as well as any direct state appropriations for parks or recreational purposes.”
- Provides a framework for the Council's adoption, upon the recommendation of MPOSC, of the Regional Parks Fund Distribution Policy

Regional Parks Fund Distribution Policy

- To be adopted by MPOSC / Council
 - Intended to reflect current policies
 - For each program (at right):
 - Allocation: Who gets how much money?
 - Eligible costs and activities: For what?
 - Required match
 - Amendments / Unspent funds
 - Annual Review by MPOSC / Council
 - Sub-recipient Administrative Guide:
 - The “how” of implementation
 - Developed in 2019
- Operation and Maintenance
 - Parks and Trails Legacy Fund
 - Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund:
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 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund / Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund
 - Regional Parks Bonding Program
 - Interest earnings
 - Set-Aside Competitive Equity Grant Program

Next Steps

- Discussions of draft language:
 - Today
 - November 19 Community Development Committee meeting
- Revisions based on internal and external feedback
- Business item for adoption:
 - December 4 MPOSC meeting
 - December 12 Management Committee meeting
 - December 17 Community Development Committee meeting
 - January 9 Council meeting



Questions?

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Regional Fund Distribution Policy

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