

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Parks Ambassador Update


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Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program

1. Fund Distribution Plan Written
2. Fund Distribution Plan Approved
3. Applications Submitted
4. Review Committee Convened
5. Review Committee
Recommendations Made
6. On Track for grants awarded in 2019!

**REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM
COMPETITIVE EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM**
2019 Fund Distribution Plan



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June 2019

The image is a flyer for the Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program. It features a photograph of two young boys on a swing set in a park. The boy on the left is wearing a red t-shirt and plaid shorts, while the boy on the right is wearing an orange polo shirt and grey pants. The background is a grassy area with a concrete curb. The flyer has a white background with a blue geometric design at the bottom. The Metropolitan Council logo is in the bottom right corner, and the date 'June 2019' is in the bottom left corner.

Art Shanty Projects

Art Shanty Projects is an artist driven temporary community exploring the ways in which relatively unregulated public spaces can be used as new and challenging artistic environments to expand the notions of what art can be.

40,000 visitors in 2018 at Lake Harriet (a regional park) where the festival will be returning this year!



An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest, likely a spruce or fir forest, with a rich green color palette. The trees are packed closely together, creating a textured, layered appearance. The lighting is soft, highlighting the individual branches and needles of the trees.

Future Forest

Regional Parks Idea Lab

Exchange

We invite guests of the shanty to write, record, speak or draw a love letter to their park. For every five love letters written, we will plant a tree.



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Structure

Still open! Has to be under 1500 pounds.

Signage

Work with a team of designers/artists of color to create park welcome signs for 4 specific parks that will be piloted for Art Shanty Projects.



Future Forest Goals

1. Welcome Residents and raise awareness of the regional park system.



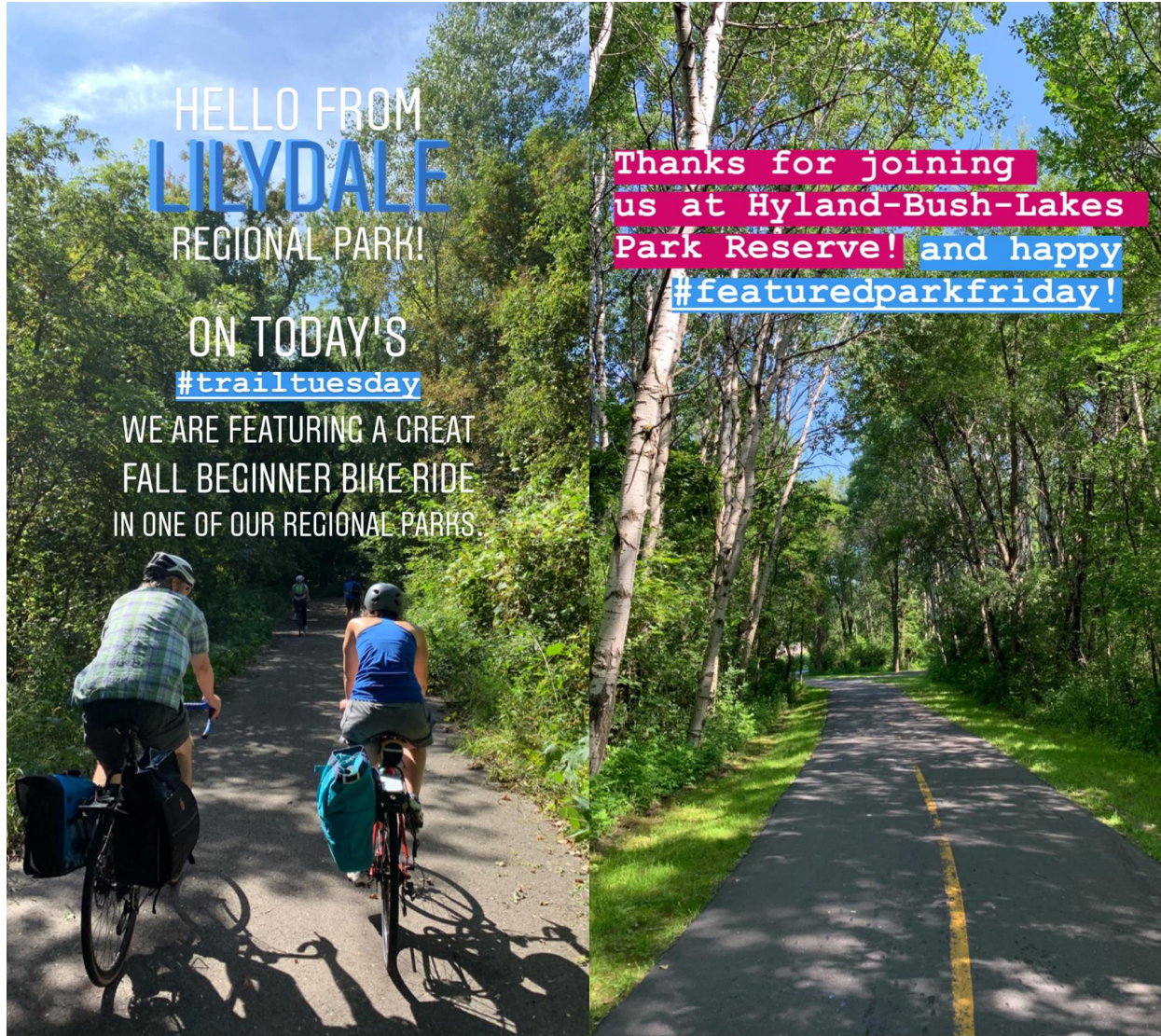
2. Have and document conversations around what people love in parks and around climate change.



3. Help people move from fears of climate change into action.



4. Plant a forest grown from love.



Equity and Awareness of Regional Trails

- Develop Regional Ride Guide: The Best of Beginner Biking
- [#TrailTuesday](#) and [#FeaturedParkFriday](#) social media series
- League Cycling Instructor certification
- Researching and designing possible regional learn to ride program

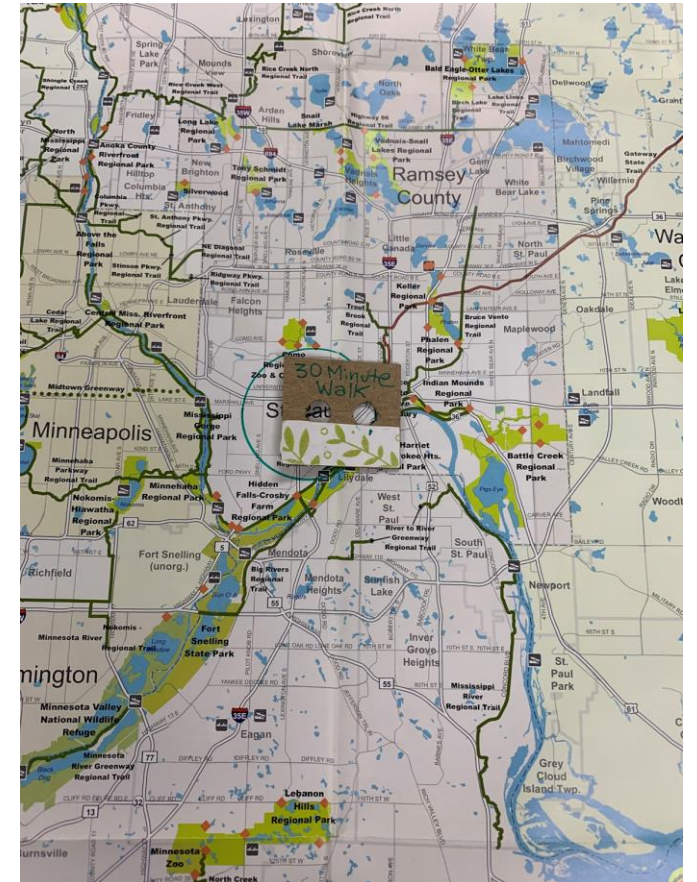
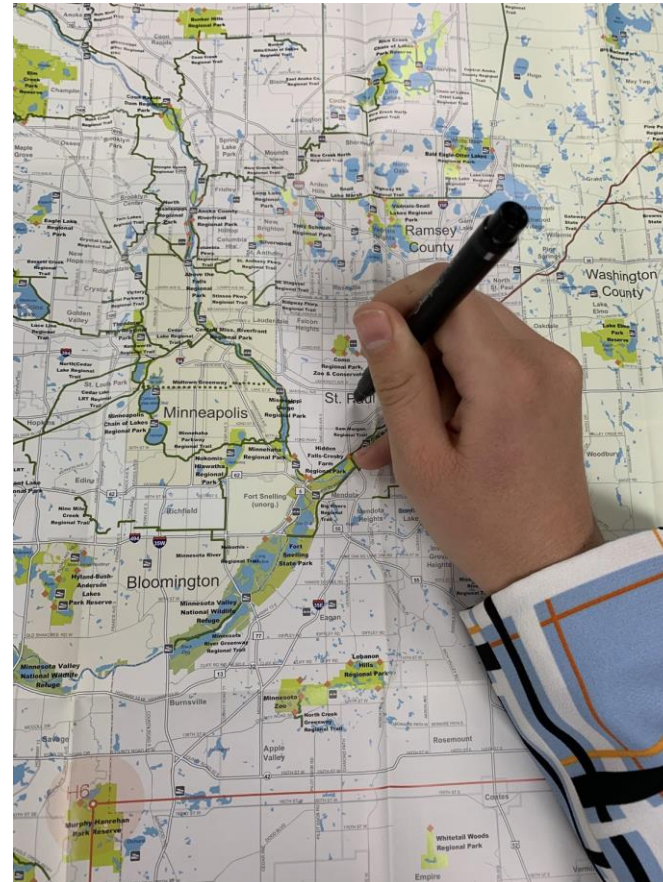
Outreach Events

- Minneapolis Institute of Art Bike Night
- National Public Lands Day
- MPRB Monarch Festival
- Minneapolis Open Streets
 - Minnehaha/Lake
 - Franklin Avenue
- Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead Opening
- State Fair

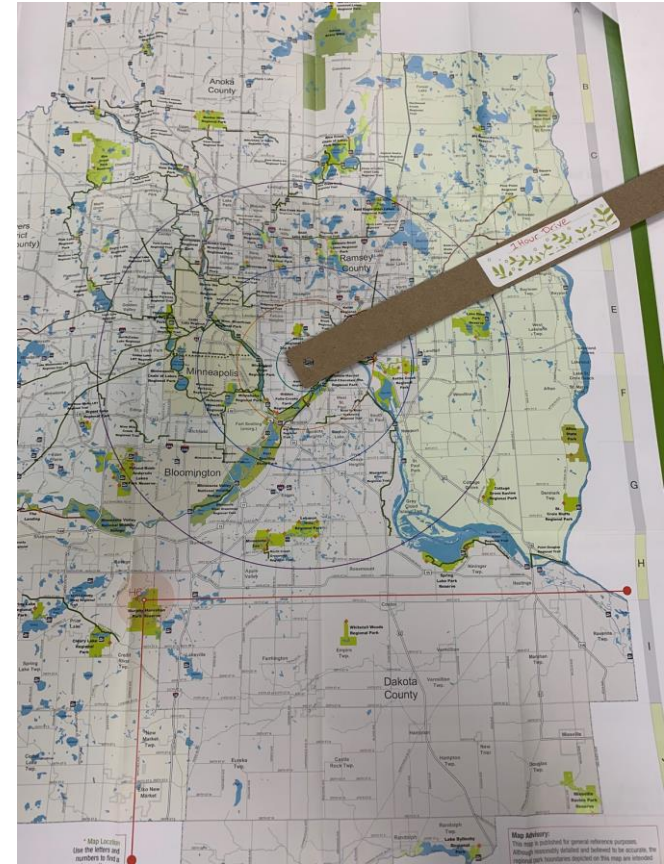
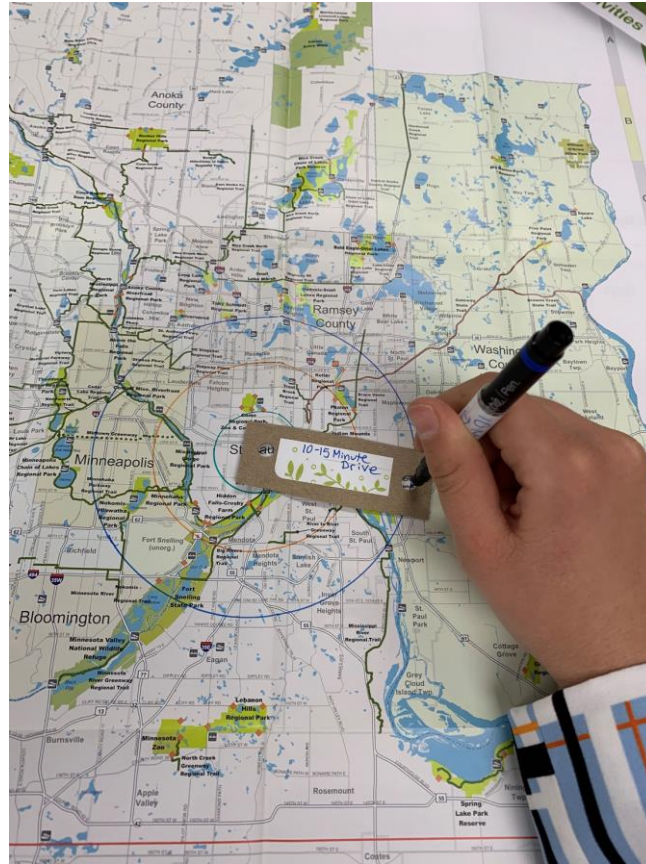


Naturehood Game

1. Put a dot roughly where you live
2. Using the five compasses and corresponding markers, draw a circle around your home

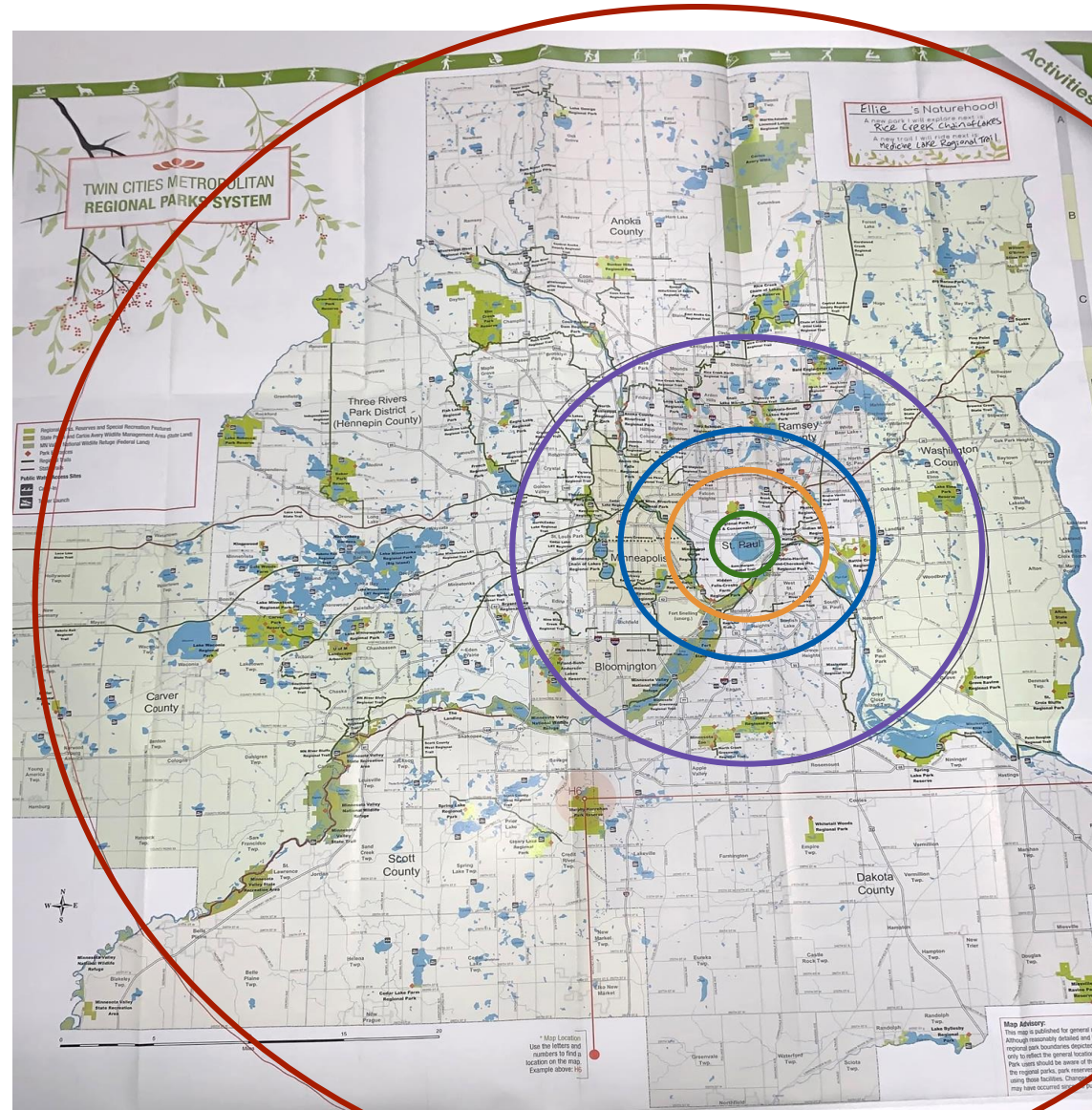
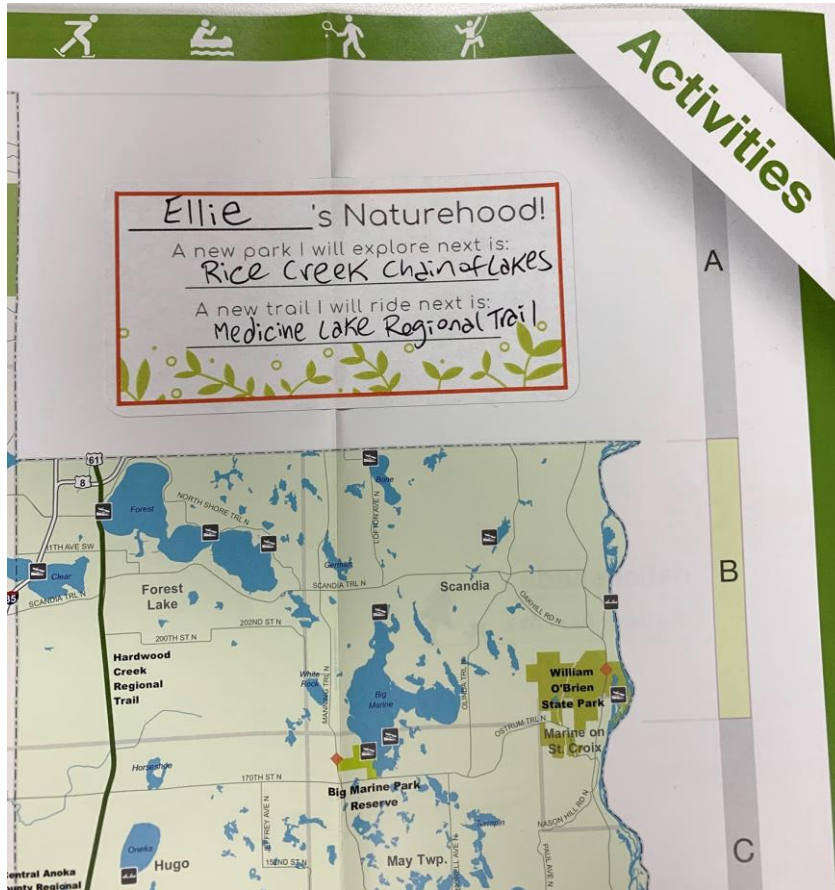


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3. Fill out your Naturehood sticker



Planned Convenings

1. Imagine Deliver- Dec 2019
2. Welcome Sign Design Process- Nov 2019
3. Bdote Tour- May 2020



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Questions?





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