

Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Work Group Process Update

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

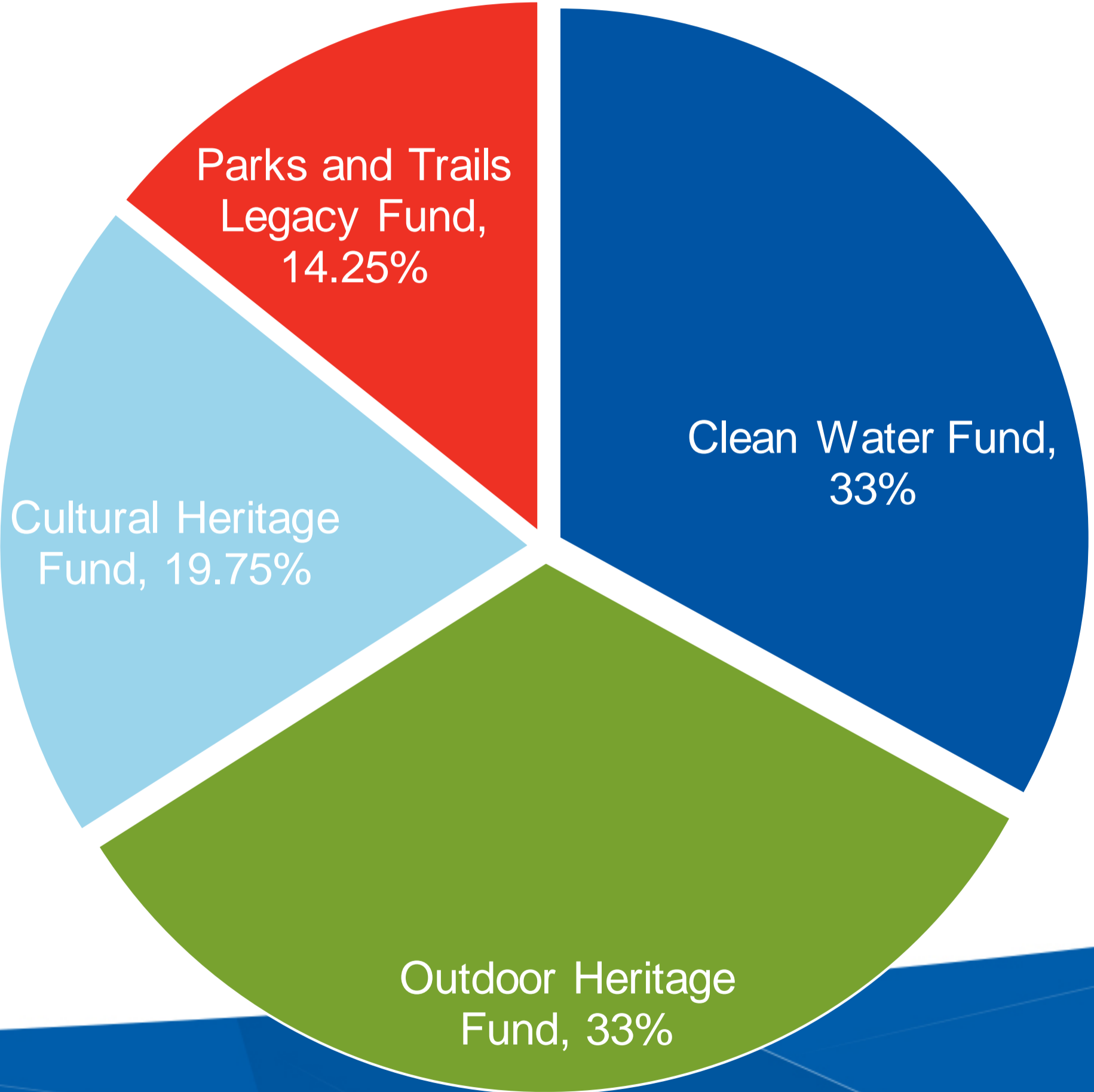
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2008 Passage of the Legacy Amendment

In 2008, Minnesotans passed the Clean Water Land and Legacy Act, funded by a 3/8 percent increase in the state sales tax



Parks and Trails Fund

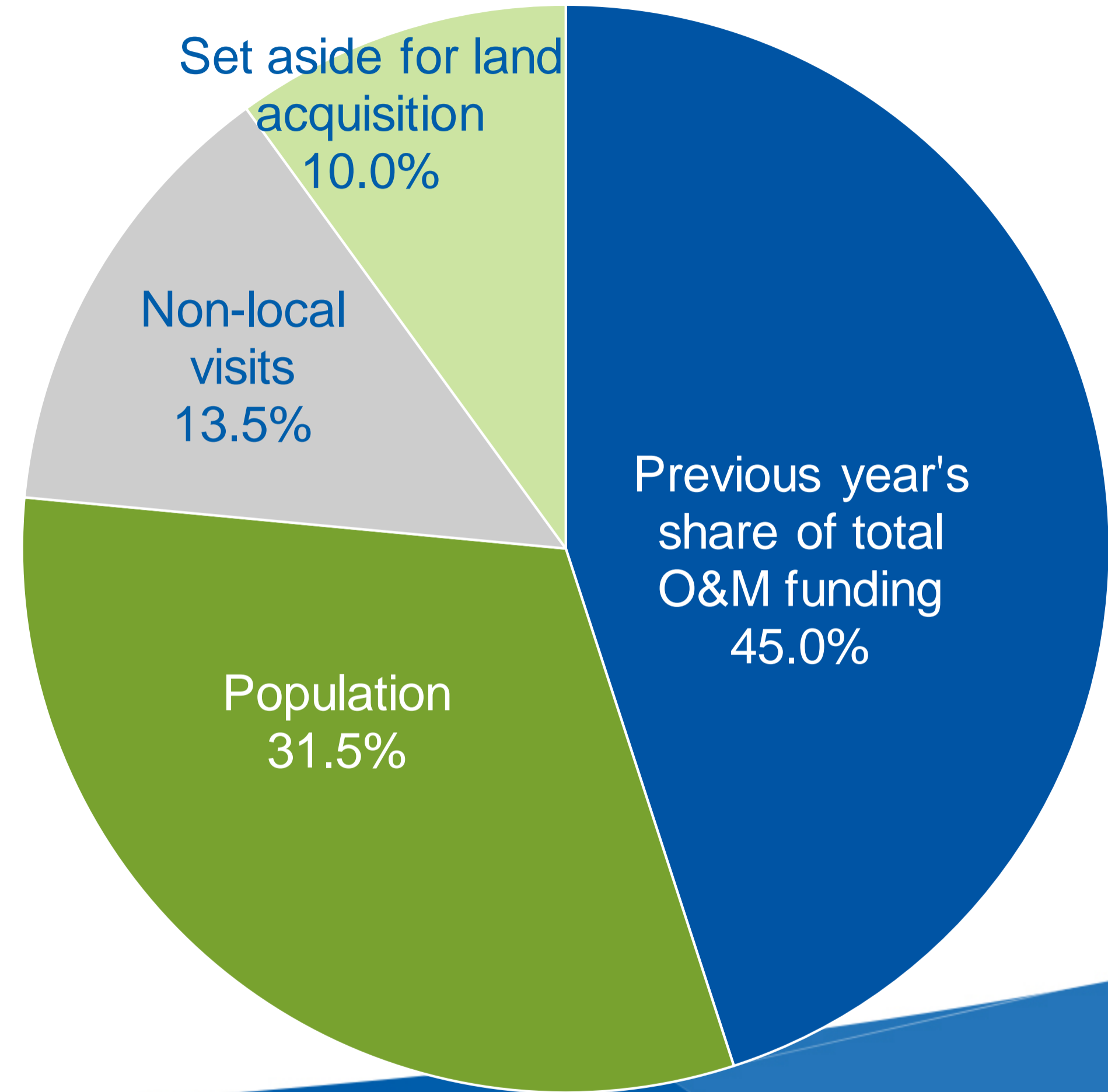
- Guided by the Parks and Trails Legacy Plan: A 25-year long-range plan for Minnesota
- Funding may flow through three implementing agencies:
 - Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission
 - Metropolitan Council on behalf of the ten Regional Park Implementing Agency Partners
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



Parks and Trails Legacy Fund:

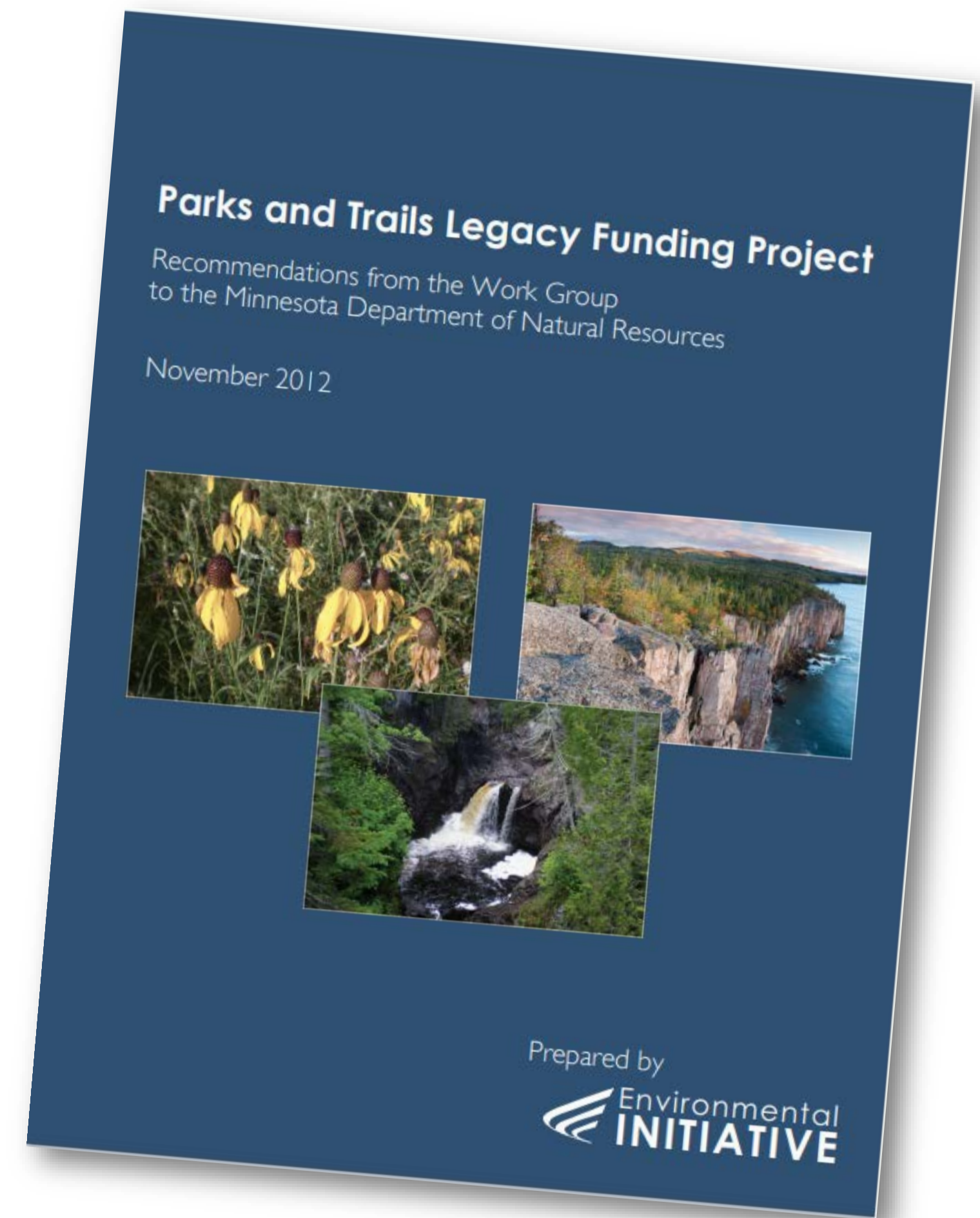
- Supports parks and trails of regional and state significance
- Council disburses 100% of Metro funding to ten Regional Park Implementing Agency Partners by statutory formula

Funding Formula for Metropolitan
Regional Parks System



2012 Funding Agreement

- First two biennia (2010-2013) challenging at Legislature
- 2012 Consensus Funding Agreement
 - 40% State Parks and Trails
 - 40% Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails
 - 20% Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
- This Agreement has been in place for four biennia (2014-2022)



Laws of Minnesota 2019, First Special Session

Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 3(h)

- Establish a nine-member working group to develop consensus recommendations for the future allocation of the parks and trails (Legacy) fund
 - Three representatives from each of the three parks and trails systems
 - Consult with the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee
 - Work Group shall develop a consensus recommendation by **June 15, 2020**
 - Present recommendation for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, with the possibility of extension in future biennia

2020 Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Workgroup

Metropolitan Council (Council)

- **Mary Merrill**, Retired Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Superintendent
- **John Gunyou**, Three Rivers Park District Board Chair
- **Mary Jo McGuire**, Ramsey County Commissioner, former State Representative and State Senator
- **Boe Carlson** (alternate), Three Rivers Park District Superintendent

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails (GMRPT)

- **Rick Anderson**, Commissioner District 5 GMRPTC
- **Tim Engrav**, Commissioner District 1 GMRPTC
- **Marcia Larson**, Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails
- **Mike Nigbur** (alternate), Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails

MN Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR)

- **Shannon Lotthammer**, Assistant Commissioner, MN DNR
- **Phil Leversedge**, Deputy Director, Division of Parks and Trails, MN DNR
- **Scott Kelling**, Northeastern Regional Manager, Division of Parks and Trails, MN DNR
- **Melody Webb** (alternate), Assistant Regional Manager, Division of Parks and Trails, MN DNR



2020 Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Workgroup Current Status

- Mediation Center of Minnesota facilitating negotiation
- 9-member Work Group met two times in Saint Cloud, MN
- March 27, 2020 Work Group meeting canceled
- April 24, 2020 meeting still scheduled as planned
- Current deadline for consensus recommendation is **June 15, 2020**
- Figuring out how to continue this discussion in video conference environment

Questions?

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