Information Item

for the Draft Amendment to the 2040 **Regional Parks Policy Plan**

October 1, 2020

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Public Comment and Engagement Update







Public Engagement Timeline

Invite August - September

Engage September - October

Orgs,
MPOSC,
CDC,
IAs

Reaching out, Website, Social Media

Orgs, MPOSC, CDC, IAs

Sharing, Listening, Videos



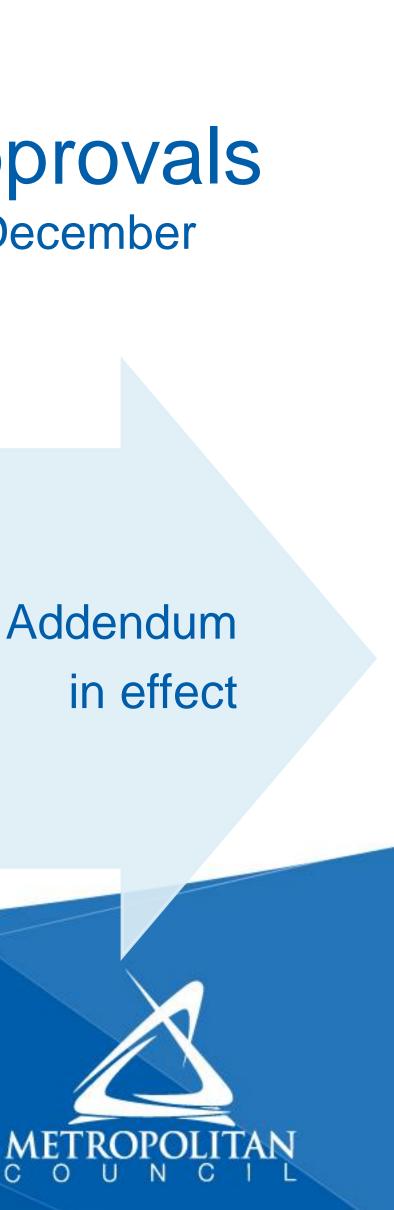
Refine November



Compile and Analyze Ideas

Revise the addendum

Business item MPOSC CDC MC



Ways to Participate

- Dedicated Website
- Survey
- Press Releases and Articles
- Social Media Posts
- Public Hearing
- Email and Voicemail
- Video Challenge

Comment Form and Survey

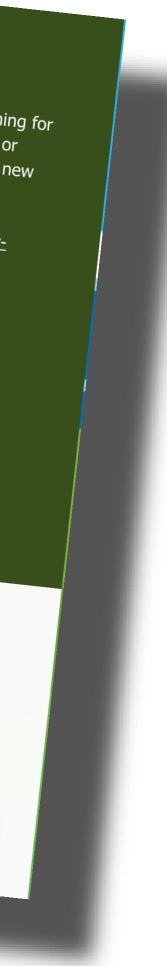
The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan outlines the Metropolitan Council's goals and strategies to guide planning for the regional parks and trails in the 7-county metropolitan area. The amendment proposes to add, expand, or modify regional parks and trails, adds new policy language to strengthen equitable access, and proposes a new future study on the history of the land where the parks and trails are located. Learn more about the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan: <u>https://metrocouncil.org/Parks/Planning/Parks-Policy</u> <u>Plan.aspx</u> The Metropolitan Council invites your advice on the new updates to the plan. Your voice is important! Your advice will shape the future of the regional parks and trails in the metro region. You can answer all of the questions, or just choose one of these options. They are ordered in this way in the survey: Option 1. Answer the one question about your dream for the system. Option 2. Answer the stories and themes questions, which have four primary categories.

* Required

1. First Name *

Enter your answer

Image of New Comment Form and Survey



Public Comment Update

Comments: +100

Commenters: 23

- Residents (21)
- Council Staff (1)
- Organization (1)

Majority Support for:

- Bridging Facilities
- Connected Regional Trails
- Natural Resources and Climate Change
- Water Trails
- Access, Accessibility, and Maintenance
- Reconsidering History
- Systems Additions
- Land Acknowledgement



Comment Highlight

Regional Trails:

 Regional trails should connect to regional parks

Future Regional Park System:

Improved access, accessibility, and maintenance

Equity:

- Support for low/no barrier to participation
- Support for a welcoming/equitable park system

Funding and System Additions:

• Expand with funding and maintenance in mind

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Engagement Process

Prioritizing underserved populations of the Regional Parks System

Enlisting the help of Council Members and MPOSC Commissioners

Using Parks Unit and Implementing Agency staff to reach out to youth oriented and outdoor recreation organizations









Engagement Update



Urban Roots:

- Youth & Parks Research Participant
- Two in-person meetings
- Five-youth and two-staff involved
- Developed a letter
- More engaged to sign the letter
- Video challenge accepted!



Mark Your Calendars

October 19: Public hearing

October 30: Public comment period closes

November 5: MPOSC meeting Comment Submissions

November 16: Joint meeting of CDC and MPOSC

Public Comment Summary and Recommendation





Thank you

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