

Information Item

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Meeting Date: August 7, 2025

Topic

Baylor Regional Park Long-Range Planning Process

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan, Section 5
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Colin Kelly, Planning Analyst (651-602-1361); Carver County staff
Division/Department:	Community Development / Regional Parks and Trails

Proposed Action

Information item; no action is proposed at this time.

Background

Following the August 7, 2025 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting, Commission members and Council staff are invited to tour Baylor Regional Park to learn about various facets of the long-range planning process currently underway.

Baylor Regional Park is located in Camden Township in western Carver County, approximately three miles north of Norwood Young America. Baylor Regional Park is approximately 200 acres in size, is situated on the western shore of Eagle Lake, and offers visitors many recreation opportunities including hiking trails, a swimming beach, a 50-site campground, a group camp area, reservable picnic shelters, an 18-hole disc golf course, and more. 2024 use estimates for the park indicate just over 100,000 annual users.

Prior to the tour, Carver County staff and project consultants will share an update on the Baylor Regional Park long-range planning process to date and invite feedback and questions from the Commission.

The tour will visit sites within and around the park that are significant today and into the future. Tour stops include:

- Eagle Lake Observatory (Minnesota Astronomical Society)
- Beach facility & potential park expansion opportunities
- Campground