

# Annual Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Operations and Maintenance Allocation

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# What is ‘Operations and Maintenance?’



- Minn. Statute 473.351 requires that by July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission reports to Council “the funding requests from the implementing agencies based on the actual expenditures made” in the previous year.
- The State Legislature funds a portion of the expenses necessary to run the Regional Parks and Trails System because the System draws a significant percentage of its visits from outside the Metropolitan area and the State of Minnesota.
- The law requires the Council to review the operating expenses of each agency for eligibility on an annual basis.

# Operations and Maintenance Formula



## State Statute provides the following distribution formula for O&M:

- 40% based on previous year's O&M expenses
- 40% based on previous year's proportionate share of total system visits
- 20% based on previous year's proportionate share of total acreage

# Funding Summary



## State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation: \$11,740,000

- \$2.54M from the state General Fund
- \$9.2M in lottery-in-lieu of sales tax revenue

Final passthrough amounts will be based upon actual appropriations and revenues received

# State Fiscal Year 2026 O&M Distribution

Agency	Reported Actual 2024 O&M Expenses	Estimated Distribution Amount
Anoka County	\$9,309,883.98	\$980,207
Bloomington Parks	\$863,310.91	\$94,087
Carver County	\$1,760,919.36	\$248,300
Dakota County	\$9,913,013.13	\$768,058
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$28,912,771.00	\$2,897,284
Ramsey County	\$8,673,636.24	\$1,063,855
Saint Paul Parks	\$24,753,617.35	\$1,504,758
Scott County	\$2,496,588.41	\$214,842
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$51,206,536.95	\$3,468,186
Washington County	\$5,811,365.63	\$500,423
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$143,701,642.96</b>	<b>\$11,740,000</b>

# Recommended Action

**That the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission reports to the Metropolitan Council the Regional Parks and Trails System state fiscal year (SFY) 2026 Operations and Maintenance Funding requests.**

