

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF APPROPRIATION AVAILABILITY

### Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

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#### Appropriation Language

\$1,290,000 is from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for subgrants for the acquisition of lands within the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of residential structures. A list of proposed fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. All funding for conservation easements must include a long-term stewardship plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the agreement. This appropriation must be matched by at least 40 percent of nonstate money and must be committed by December 31, 2009, or the appropriation cancels. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2012, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

#### Project Overview

The Twin Cities area is host to a nationally renowned system of regional parks that provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities for the public while preserving green space for wildlife habitat. The Metropolitan Council is using this appropriation to partially finance the acquisition of approximately 195 acres to be added to existing metropolitan regional parks, with priority given to lands with shoreland, lands that provide important natural resource connections, and lands containing unique natural resources.

**Current Completion Date:** 6/30/2012

#### Amendment Request to Extend Availability to 06/30/2013

The appropriation's availability will expire on June 30, 2012. Based on grants awarded to-date plus a pending grant request, there is \$1,162,551 remaining in the appropriation. I respectfully request the extension of the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation for Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition to June 30, 2014.

The reasons for this extension are:

1. Lands acquired from the appropriation are purchased from willing sellers. Consequently the timing of when those acquisitions occur is out of the control of the regional park agencies that negotiate the purchases.
2. Every \$1 of the appropriation is matched with \$1.20 of Metro Council bonds and park agency funds. If \$1,162,551 of the appropriation was allowed to expire, this would eliminate the opportunity to match \$1,415,514 of non-State funds to acquire regional park land.

3. There is over 2,000 acres of land which regional park implementing agencies have identified as potential acquisitions from willing sellers that remain to be acquired, and meet the requirement of the appropriation that it not be used to acquire residential structures. These parcels have high quality natural resource characteristics such as lake, stream or river frontage, or forest habitat.
4. The extension of the 2009 appropriation to June 30, 2014 will align with the \$2.25 million appropriation approved in 2011.

Attached for your information are two documents which provide support to my request:

- “2008-09 ENRTF appropriation financed acquisitions” lists the parcels that have been financed in part with \$1.5 million 2008 ENRTF appropriation and a portion of the \$1.29 million ENRTF appropriation. It illustrates the date the grants were approved which shows the sporadic timing of expending the appropriation since it is based on when landowners are willing sellers. It also shows the \$1.20 match to each \$1 of ENRTF money and the cumulative benefits of these appropriations.
- Metro Parks 2011-12 acquisition-list template Acquisition Status Update 2-2-2012” lists parcels that regional park implementing agencies have identified as potential acquisitions from willing sellers that remain to be acquired. These parcels do not contain residential structures on them, which is a condition of the appropriation, and they have high quality natural resource characteristics such as lake, stream or river frontage, or forest habitat. I have inserted parcels acquired with the 2008 ENRTF appropriation and a portion of the 2009 ENRT appropriation. It lists over 2,000 acres of other land that regional park implementing agencies are trying to acquire.

**2008 and 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Utilization for Metro Parks System Acquisition**

**2008 ENRTF Funded Grants for Metro Regional Parks Acquisition**

**Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant Sources**

Date Grant Approved	Grant No.	Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant Amount	Total Acquisition Cost	Acreage	Park Unit	2008 Env. Trust Fund	Metro Council bonds	Park Agency Funding
12/10/2008	SG-2008-143	\$ 135,654	\$ 180,870	0.5	Above The Falls Regional Park	\$ 81,392	\$ 54,261	\$ 45,216
6/24/2009	SG-2009-021	\$ 396,968	\$ 529,200	9.4	Rush Creek Regional Trail	\$ 244,440	\$ 152,528	\$ 132,233
10/14/2009	SG-2009-059	\$ 719,400	\$ 959,200	8.9	Carver PR	\$ 431,640	\$ 287,760	\$ 239,800
10/28/2009	SG-2009-062	\$ 369,683	\$ 492,911	8.1	Cedar Lake Farm RP	\$ 221,810	\$ 147,873	\$ 123,228
4/28/2010	SG-2010-045	\$ 742,425	\$ 989,900	38.0	Grey Cloud Island RP	\$ 445,455	\$ 296,970	\$ 247,475
6/23/2010	SG-2010-052	\$ 135,870	\$ 181,160	1.8	St. Croix Valley RT	\$ 75,263	\$ 60,607	\$ 45,290
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 2,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,333,241</b>	<b>66.7</b>		<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 833,242</b>

**2009 ENRTF Funded Grants for Metro Regional Parks Acquisition**

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Date Grant Approved	Grant No.	Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant Amount	Total Acquisition Cost	Acreage	Park Unit	2009 Env. Trust Fund	Metro Council bonds	Park Agency Funding
6/23/2010	SG-2010-052	\$ 62,565	\$ 92,870	1.8	St. Croix Valley RT	\$ 43,799	\$ 29,199	\$ 19,872
6/22/2011	SG-2011-050	\$ 38,847	\$ 51,796	3.2	Miss. River RT	\$ 23,308	\$ 15,539	\$ 12,949
1/25/2011	2012-xxx	\$ 100,500	\$ 134,000	25.0	Miesville Ravine PR	\$ 60,300	\$ 40,200	\$ 33,500
Upcoming	2012-xxx	\$ 513,750	\$ 685,000	15.0	Spring Lake PR	\$ 308,250	\$ 205,500	\$ 171,250
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 715,662</b>	<b>\$ 963,666</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>\$ 435,657</b>	<b>\$ 290,438</b>	<b>\$ 237,571</b>
						<b>\$ 1,162,551</b>	<b>2009 ENRTF Projected Balance</b>	

**2008 and 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Utilization for Metro Parks System Acquisition**

**Every \$1 of ENRTF money matched with \$1.20 of Metro Council bonds and Park Agency Funds**

<b>Share of Acquisition Costs Financed by Source</b>		
<b>ENRTF</b>	<b>Metro Council bonds</b>	<b>Park Agency Funding</b>
45%	30%	25%
\$ 1,162,551	\$ 778,621	\$ 636,893
<b>Total Match that would be lost if 2009 ENTRF appropriation is not extended beyond June 30, 2012</b>		<b>\$ 1,415,514</b>

## Acquisition Status Update to 2011-2012 Acquisition List for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal (Feb. 2012)

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

**Project Manager Name:** Arne Stefferud

**2011 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund \$ Appropriation:** \$2,250,000

**Final Title Holder(s):** See "Title Holder" below

#	Acquired with 2008 and 2009 ENRTF appropriations (X)	Park or Trail Name Where Parcel is located	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	"Title Holder" Regional Park Agency	Estimated # of Acres	Property Tax ID#	Geographical Coordinates (Provide Latitude/Longitude OR UTM-X/UTM-Y)			
							Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
1		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	353222130001				
2		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	353222120001				
3		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	263222240001				
4		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	80	233222310001, 233222340001				
5		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	40	233222130001				
6		Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve	Fee Title	Anoka County	36	233222140001				
7		Baylor Regional Park	Fee Title	Carver County	20	20340600				
8		Baylor Regional Park	Fee Title	Carver County	40	20270900 This site is 40 acres of an 89 acre parcel				
9	X	Miesville Ravine PR	Fee Title	Dakota County	25	Lewis parcel				
10		Miesville Ravine PR	Fee Title	Dakota County	79	09-02200-010-75				
11		Miesville Ravine PR	Fee Title	Dakota County	77	09-03600-010-76 09-03600-010-77 46031000 (Goodhue Cty.)				
12		Lebanon Hills Regional Park	Fee Title	Dakota County	1.62	10-02600-010-54				
13		Spring Lake Park Reserve	Fee Title	Dakota County	35.71	30-02200-010-27, 010-00, 020-00 030-00, 040-00, 050-00, 060-00				
14	X	Mississippi River Regional Trail	Fee Title	Dakota County	3.2	Cunningham parcel				
15		Mississippi River Regional Trail	Fee Title	Dakota County	28.8	8.8 miles involving numerous property owners				

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16	X	Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.5	Galka parcels				
17		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.20	15-029-24-11-0047				
18		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.44	15-029-24-11-0048				
19		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.15	15-029-24-11-0049				
20		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.47	15-029-24-11-0050				
21		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.42	15-029-24-13-0014				
22		Above The Falls Regional Park	Fee Title	Mpls. Park Bd.	0.08	15-029-24-13-0005				
23	X	Cedar Lake Farm RP	Fee Title	Scott County	8.12	Novotny parcel				
24		Doyle-Kennefick RP	Fee Title	Scott County	76.96	39020020				
25	X	Carver Park Reserve	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	8.9	Hedtke parcel				
26		Rush Creek Regional Trail	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	12.75	Brockton Lane, Dayton (Nelson)				
27		Rush Creek Regional Trail	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	4.03	16855 106th Place, Maple Grove				
28	X	Rush Creek Regional Trail	Fee Title	Three Rivers Park Dist.	9.4	Ganzer parcel ID 04-119-22-11-0008				
29	X	St.Croix Regional Trail	Fee Title	Washington Co.	1.8	Pontius parcel				
30		St.Croix Regional Trail	Fee Title	Washington Co.	0.23	Portion of parcel 0902620240004				
31		Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.1	Portion of parcel 2202721430001				
32		Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	31.72	Portion of parcel 1402721120001				
33		Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	9.02	Portion of parcel 1402721130001				
34		Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.19	Portion of parcel 1402721240001				
35		Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.21	Portion of parcel 1402721230001				
36		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.67	3203220440011				
37		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	1.88	3203220440012				
38		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	4.99	3303220330002				
39		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.72	3303220330003				
40		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	79.79	603120110001				
41		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.72	503120110009				
42		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.54	503120330001				
43		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.47	603120440001				
44		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.94	3203220440007				

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45		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	1.41	3203220440009				
46		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	2.27	503120430002				
47		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	18.54	503120430001				
48		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	3.94	503120110007				
49		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.57	703120110001				
50		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	78.95	Portion of parcel 703120130001				
51		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	25.83	Portion of parcel 703120440001				
52		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	32.45	803120120001				
53		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	78.69	803120210001				
54		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.34	803120220001				
55		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.17	803120230001				
56		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.53	803120310001				
57		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	43.24	803120320001				
58		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	35.24	803120340001				
59		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.02	803120430001				
60		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.62	1703120110001				
61		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	22.81	1703120120001				
62		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	34.09	1703120130001				
63		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	17.69	1703120210001				
64		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.71	1703120220001				
65		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	38.53	Portion of parcel 1703120230001				
66		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	28.9	1703120240001				
67		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	38.69	Portion of parcel 1803120110001				
68		Big Marine Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	22.78	803120110001				
69	X	Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	38	Appert parcel				
70		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.96	2502722310004				
71		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.96	2502722320001				
72		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	10.23	3202721310001				
73		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	19.53	502621110001				
74		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.46	502621210001				
75		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	18.82	602621110001				
76		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	15.52	602621120001				
77		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	11.93	602621210001				
78		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	20	2502722330001				
79		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	39.97	2502722340001				
80		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	40.09	2602722440001				
81		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	81.57	3102721120001				
82		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	3.1	3102721140001				

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83		Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	34.8	3102721410003				
84		Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Fee Title	Washington Co.	6.91	260292140003				
85		St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	0.15	2202720130002				
86		St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	41.7	2202720310001				
87		St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Fee Title	Washington Co.	36.41	2202720420001				
					<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>2,289.87</b>				
					<b>Total Acres Acquired</b>	<b>94.92</b>				
					<b>Total Acres To Be Acquired</b>	<b>2,194.95</b>				
<p><b>NOTES:</b> Parcels listed are those that have high quality natural resources on them such as wetlands, river or lake shoreline, significant forest or prairie vegetation. In some instances a structure is on the parcel but it has little value (under \$20,000).</p>										