

**APPENDIX K
RECENT STATE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL PARKS
IN GREATER MINNESOTA**

Regional parks in Greater Minnesota have received the following funding from the state.

Minn. Laws 2000, Chap. 492, sec. 7, subd. 11 -- Capital Bonding
Regional Parks: Greater Minnesota \$500,000

For grants to public regional parks organizations located outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, to acquire land, design, and construct and redevelop regional parks and trails, open space, and recreational facilities. The improvements must be of a capital nature. Each \$3 of state grants must be matched by \$2 of nonstate funds.

Minn. Laws 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(b) -- LCMR Funding

(b) Local Grants Initiative: Program Outdoor Recreation Grants

\$1,614,000 the first year and \$1,765,000 the second year are from the trust fund and \$1,701,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants:

- (1) for regional parks outside the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121; *(see list below)*
- (2) for local parks, outdoor recreation areas, and natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019;
- (3) for statewide conservation partners grants of up to \$20,000 each to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost-share improvements of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife; and
- (4) for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

Grants under clause (1) may provide up to 60 percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost. Grants under clauses (2) to (4) may provide up to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost. This appropriation includes money for the Ramsey-Washington county Lake Links trail, Westwood Hills nature center, and the Chanhassen trail. The commission will monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area, under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and the nonmetropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purposes of this paragraph, the match must be a nonstate contribution, but may be either cash or qualifying in kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2004, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

Minn. Laws 2003, Chap. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 6(c)

Local Initiative Grants-Parks and Natural Areas

\$1,290,000 the first year and \$1,289,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants to local governments for acquisition and development of natural and scenic areas and local parks as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivisions 2 and 4a, and regional parks outside of the metropolitan area. Grants may provide up to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost, except nonmetropolitan regional park grants may provide up to 60

percent of the nonfederal share of the project cost. The commission will monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area, under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, and the nonmetropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purposes of this paragraph, the match must be a nonstate contribution, but may be either cash or qualifying in-kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2006, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

In addition, *Minn. Stat. §116P.14* Federal land and water conservation funds, provides that 50 percent of Federal LAWCON funds shall be for local projects:

Subd. 3. Local share. Fifty percent of all money made available to the state from funds granted under subdivision 1 shall be distributed for projects to be acquired, developed, and maintained by local units of government, providing that any project approved is consistent with a statewide or a county or regional recreational plan and compatible with the statewide recreational plan. All money received by the commissioner for local units of government is appropriated annually to carry out the purposes for which the funds are received.

**Non-metro Regional Park Funding with
2000 Bonding and 2001 LCMR Local Grants Initiative**

City	Park / Project	Acres	County	Grant Award
Rochester	Quarry Hill Nature Area Acquire 18.6 acres adjacent to existing 275 acre Quarry Hill Park. Contains a mature oak forest and open fields.	18.6	Olmsted	\$200,000
Wright County	Ney Park Acquire 238 acres adjacent to existing 360 acre Robert Ney Memorial Park Reserve. Current park includes picnic area, lake access, trails and education facility. Future plans include expanding year-round trail systems and environmental education opportunities.	238	Wright	\$450,000
Sherburne County	Fremont Park Acquire 49.9 acres for use as a regional park adjacent to a 63.8 acre proposed Natural and Scenic area. Proposed development of year round trails, picnicking, canoe access, and fishing pier. Future plans include trail linkages to existing and proposed regional facilities, and an educational center.	49.9	Sherburne	\$300,000
Redwood County	Plum Creek Park Acquire 2.96 acres of land adjacent to the existing 207 acres Plum Creek Park and develop an additional 16 campsites, bathhouse and playground, and install landscaping	2.96	Redwood	\$ 77,000
Benton County	Regional Park Acquisition Acquire 235 acres in Benton County, known as Graves farm, to be developed into a regional park. Adjoins a 54 acre proposed Natural and Scenic area on the Mississippi River. Future plans include development of a regional park master plan to include year-round trails, educational opportunities, picnicking and more.	235	Benton	\$173,000
Total		544.46		\$1,200,000

Non-metro Regional Park Grant Awards with 2003 LCMR Local Initiative Grants				
Applicant	Park / Project	Acres	County	Grant Award
Olmsted County	Fritz land acquisition Acquisition of 140 acres along the Root River. This parcel will connect to 263 acres of DNR forestry land. Future land acquisition will bring the total acreage of the park to 350 acres, combined with the DNR lands the total recreational us	140	Olmsted	\$480,000
Austin	Hormel Nature Center Acquisition of 62 acres of land adjacent to the Hormel Nature Center and development of 1 mile trail.	62	Mower	\$170,000
Meeker County	Koronis Regional Park Playground, restrooms and accessible campsite.		Meeker	\$34,000
Olmsted County	Oxbow Park Campground redevelopment including restroom building/emergency shelter and campground site improvements.		Olmsted	\$87,000
Wright County	Ney Park Trails and native species landscaping project.		Wright	\$30,000
Chisago County	Dennis Frandsen Park Develop recreational facilities to include volleyball, horseshoe, restrooms, roads, parking, water supply.		Chisago	\$90,000
Morris	Pomme de Terre Trail Develop new trail 1.3 mi. along the east side of Pomme de Terre River.		Stevens	\$57,000
Redwood Falls	Alexander Ramsey Park Campground renovations including restrooms, septic system, site pad expansion, electrical and water upgrades, accessibility improvements, road and parking improvements and new site amenities.		Redwood	\$100,000
Mankato	Kiwanis Park Acquire 54 acres. Develop canoe access, boat access, trails, picnic shelter, restrooms, parking, access road, signage and dog exercise area.	54	Blue Earth	\$202,000
Total		256		\$1,250,000