

1999 LCMR Project Abstract

METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT

4(l) \$2,000,000 for the acquisition, development and rehabilitation in the metropolitan regional park system, consistent with the metropolitan council regional recreation open space capital improvement plan. The results of the project will include the collection and digitization of all local, regional, state, and federal parks and all off-road trails with connecting on-road routes for the metropolitan area that is illustrated on a printed map available to the public.

Sec. 17. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS The following amounts are appropriated in fiscal year 1999 from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund referred to in Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.02, subdivision 6. \$495,000 in fiscal year 1999 is added to the appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 15, subdivision 4, paragraph (b) metropolitan regional park system.

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Overall Project Outcome and Results

The key objective of these appropriations is to continue the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of the metropolitan regional park system, consistent with the Metropolitan Council's regional recreation open space capital improvement plan. Funds from the State appropriation are matched on a 60/40 basis with bonds issued by the Metropolitan Council and then granted to regional park implementing agencies as subgrants. The subgrants financed the following capital improvements:

- 1) Design/engineering work to match a TEA-21 grant for a 3.3 mile trail in Hyland-Bush Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, Bloomington.
- 2) Complete the restoration of the Harriet Island Regional Park picnic pavilion, St. Paul
- 3) Rehabilitate parking/work areas, septic systems and garage at Baylor Regional Park, Carver County.
- 4) Design/engineering work for replacing the bicycle/pedestrian trails, street modifications, landscaping and signage at the Lake of the Isles portion of Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.
- 5) Complete internal park roads, trails, enhance existing beach and picnic area at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, Anoka County.
- 6) Correct the subgrade and pave a portion of the internal park access road in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, Carver County.
- 7) Relocate and expand the boat launch at Lake Byllesby Regional Park, Dakota County.
- 8) Partially finance the historic/interpretive displays in the "Mill Ruins" portion of Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

- 9) Partially finance lighting a 5 kilometer ski trail, constructing a trail bridge over Battle Creek Road plus new trails, parking improvements and restoring oak-savannah and prairie at Battle Creek Regional Park, Ramsey County.
- 10) Partially finance rebuilding 7 miles of paved bike/pedestrian trail in Baker Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

With regard to the directive for the Metropolitan Council to collect, digitize and publish a map illustrating all local, regional, state and federal parks and all off-road trails with connecting on-road routes, the Metropolitan Council collected data in 1999 from local governments and other entities. The data was digitized and published in September 1999 by the Lawrence Group in 2000 King of Maps, Twin Cities Metro Street Atlas. This publication is available at bookstores and other map retail outlets. The park and trail data is contained in the updated versions of the atlas for 2001, 2002 and 2003. The partnership approach with a private map publishing company was the only way the data could be published in a format that was useful to the public, and published at an affordable price to the consumer.

Capital improvement projects completed June 30, 2002. Map data collection, digitization and publication project completed September 1999.

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Date of Final Report: December 30, 2002

Date of Next Status Report: Not applicable--this is the final report

Date of Original Workprogram Approval: June 16, 1999

Date of Second Amendment Workprogram Approval: May 10, 2002

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2002

Final Report to LCMR Workprogram 1999

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			Spent by June 30, 2002	Unspent balance on June 30, 2002
Total Biennial Project Budget:	LCMR	\$ 2,495,000	\$ 2,382,904	\$ 112,096
	Match	\$ 550,000	\$ 369,690	\$ 180,310
	Total	\$ 3,045,000	\$ 2,752,594	\$ 292,406

I. Legal Citations:

ML 1999, Chap. 231, Sec. 16, Subd. 4(I), Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition,

\$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the metropolitan council for subgrants for acquisition, development, and rehabilitation in the metropolitan regional park system, consistent with the metropolitan council regional recreation open space capital improvement plan. This appropriation may be used for the purchase of homes only if the purchases are expressly included in the work program approved by the legislative commission on Minnesota resources. The metropolitan council shall collect and digitize all local, regional, state, and federal parks and all off-road trails with connecting on-road routes for the metropolitan area and produce a printed map that is available to the public. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

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II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:

Continue financing highest priority acquisition, redevelopment and development projects in the Metropolitan Council's regional parks 1998-99 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that were not funded in the 1998 Capital Investment bill and to finance highest priority projects in the 2000-01 CIP. The 1999 appropriation financed three park and one trail rehabilitation project, and five park development projects in Anoka County, Bloomington, Carver County, Dakota County, Minneapolis, and Three Rivers Park District. More detailed descriptions of funded projects are shown in section IV: Outline of Project Results.

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III. PROGRESS SUMMARY: This is a final report illustrating work completed, explanations for work that wasn't completed, and any unspent balances.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

\$825,000 to finance the remainder of the Metropolitan Council's 1998-99 regional parks capital improvement program (CIP) that was not funded in the 1998 Capital Investment bill. \$550,000 of Metro. Council bond funds match the \$825,000. An additional \$1,175,000 of 1999 LCMR funds and \$495,000 added to the 1997 LCMR appropriation finance the highest priority projects in the 2000-01 CIP. No Metro. Council bonds could match the \$1,175,000 and \$495,000 because the Council's bonding capacity would be exceeded.

Abbreviations:

RP = Regional
Park RT = Regional Trail PR = Park Reserve
A = Acquisition, R = Rehabilitation, D = Development

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Pro- ject Code	Park Agency (Grant Number)	Project Description and Final Result	Additional 1997 & 1999 LCMR Appropri- ation (\$000's)	Metro. Council bond match (\$000's)	Total Grant (\$000's)	Unspent LCMR funds (\$000's)
99A-1	Bloomington (SG-99-42)	Design/engineering and some construction work for 3.3 mile long trail along East Bush Lake Road in Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR. Partial match to TEA-21 grant. This grant originally was intended to finance land acquisition but was amended on May 10, 2002 to finance this trail project since no willing sellers of land came forward within the grant period. A portion of the LCMR funds granted were spent by the June 30, 2002 deadline. The Council bonds for this grant were not spent by that time. The Council extended the time the Council bonds were available for this project to December 31, 2003 in order to match the TEA-21 grant.	16.7	180.3	197	4.69
99R-1	City of St. Paul (SG-99-44)	Complete restoration of Harriet Island RP picnic pavilion. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	319.9	0	319.9	0
99R-2	Carver County (SG-99-43)	Rehabilitate parking/work areas, septic systems, and garage at Baylor RP. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	88.8	83.6	172.4	0

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99R-3	Mpls. Park Bd. (SG-99-40)	Design and engineering for bike/ped trail rehabilitation, street modifications, landscaping and signage at Lake of the Isles portion of Mpls. Chain of Lakes RP. Project was initially supposed to fund construction of some trails but wet weather, higher than projected bids for construction and extensive environmental reviews delayed construction beyond the appropriation deadline of June 30, 2002. Consequently the park implementing agency spent the grant on design/engineering work that is part of a total project estimated to cost \$11 million (including design, engineering, and construction). Grant closed on June 30, 2002.	751.5	0.0	751.5	107.4
99D-1	Anoka County (SG-99-39)	Balance of funds beyond what was appropriated in 1998 Bonding bill to construct internal park roads, trails, enhance existing beach, and picnic areas in Rice Creek Chain of Lakes PR. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	41.0	0.0	41.0	0
99D-2	Carver County (SG-99-38)	Subgrade correction and pave a portion of the park access road, Lake Minnewashta RP. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	119.2	0.2	119.4	0
99D-3	Dakota County (SG-99-37)	Boat launch relocation/expansion in Lake Byllesby RP. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	310.0	12.0	322.0	0
99D-5	Mpls. Park Bd. (SG-99-36)	Partially fund "Mill Ruins" historic/interpretive area in Central Mississippi Riverfront RP. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	200.1	220.9	421.0	0
99D-6	Ramsey Co. (SG-99-41a and SG-99-139)	Partially fund lighting of 5 kilometer ski trail, trail bridge over Battle Creek Rd., new trails, parking improvements, and oak-savannah and prairie restoration at Battle Creek RP. Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	480.8	0.0	480.8	0

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01R-4	Three Rivers Park District (SG-99-36)	Partially finance rebuilding 7 miles of paved trail built in 1978 to a width of 10 feet and to meet AASHTO guidelines at Baker PR. \$167,000 of LCMR funds must finance completed work prior to June 30, 2002. Remainder of project financed with 2001 LCMR funds (see amended 2001 LCMR workprogram). Project completed and grant closed on June 30, 2002.	167.0	53.0	220.0	0
TOTALS			\$ 2,495.0	\$ 550.0	\$3,045.0	\$ 112.1

V. CONTEXT:

A. Significance: This request continues the land acquisition, redevelopment and development of the Metropolitan Regional Park System.

B. Strategy: State and Metro. Parks, Recreation Areas and Trails.

C. Time: Projects funded should be completed by June 30, 2002.

D. Budget History: The following table illustrates the State and Metro. Council appropriations for this program including the 1998 State Capital Investment and matching Metro.Council bond appropriation. The table includes State appropriations made directly to some regional park implementing agencies as well as appropriations to the Metropolitan Council.

Calendar Year	State G.O.	State Gener.	MN Future	MN Environ.	Metropolitan Council	Totals
	Bonds	Fund	Resources	Trust	Bonds	
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$(000's)
1994	13,100				9,767	22,867
1995			1,120	4,591	2,251	7,962
1996	10,500		850		7,182	18,532
1997		2,900		4,000	2,333	9,233
1998		19,400			6,000	25,400
TOTALS	23,600	22,300	1,970	8,591	27,533	83,994

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VI. COOPERATION:

Following are the names of key staff from each of the regional park implementing agencies (subgrantees) that are responsible for subgrant management from this appropriation.

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Randy Quale, Bloomington Parks Manager, 2215 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431
Martin Walsh, Carver County Parks Director, 10775 Co. Rd. 33, Norwood Young America, MN 55397
Steve Sullivan, Dakota County Parks Director, 8500-127th St. E., Hastings, MN 55033

Judd Reitkerk, Assist. Supt. Mpls. Park & Rec. Board, 200 Grain Exchange, 400 South 4th St., Mpls. MN 55415
Larry Holmberg, Ramsey Co. Parks & Recreation Supervisor, 2015 Van Dyke St., Maplewood, MN 55109

Tim Agness, Principal Planner, City of St. Paul Parks & Recreation Div., 25 West Fourth St., St. Paul, MN 55102
Delbert Miller, Three Rivers Park District, 12615 County Rd. 9, Plymouth, MN 55441-1248

V. LOCATION

The residents and visitors to the seven county metropolitan region benefit from this appropriation.

The work was done in Camden Township-Carver County and the cities of Bloomington, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Maplewood, Medina, Randolph Township--Dakota County, and White Bear Township--Ramsey County.