

Parks and Trails Legacy Program COVID-19 Pandemic Impact Overview

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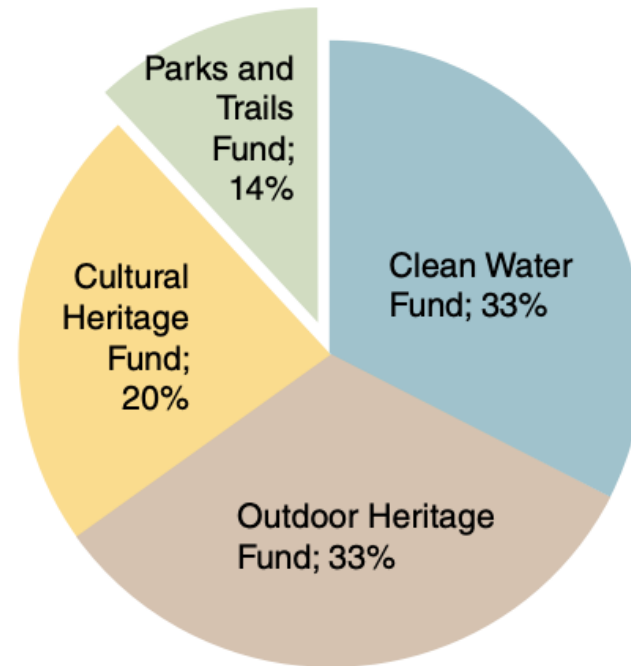
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Minnesota Legacy Amendment

In 2008, Minnesota voters passed the **Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment**.

- The **Parks and Trails Legacy Fund** focuses on parks and trails of regional and state significance.
- As defined in the **25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan**, these parks and trails are large scale (large land base), natural resource based, and they serve a regional or statewide audience.



Four Strategic Priorities Guide the 25-Year Plan



Connect People to the Outdoors



Acquire Land, Create Opportunities



Take Care of What We Have



Coordinate Among Partners

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DNR Parks and Trails

State Parks and Recreation Areas

- **75** State Parks and Recreation Areas
- Nearly **5,000** camping and lodging units
- **240,000** acres of land managed

State and Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Trails

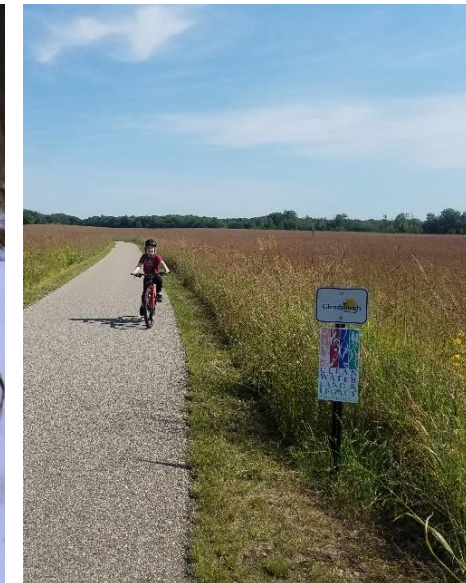
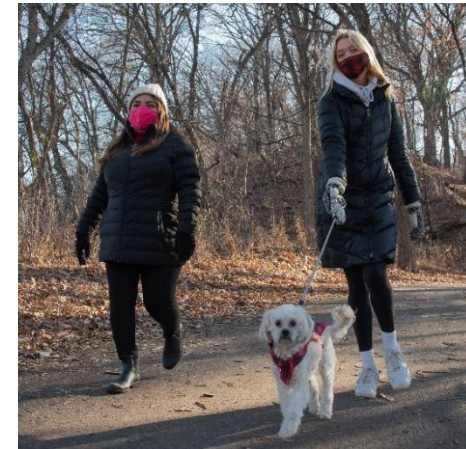
- **25** state trails
- **1,500** miles of developed state trails
- **3,600** miles of hiking, biking, horse, and motorized trails within state parks, state recreation areas, and state forests
- **24,600** miles of Grant-in-aid trails (snowmobile, OHV, and ski)

State Forest Recreation Areas

- **43** state forest campgrounds
- **12** state forest horse campgrounds
- **29** forest day-use areas

Water Recreation

- **35** state water trails
- **1,700** public water accesses
- **360** fishing piers



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Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission



- **64** Parks and Trails across **80** counties in Greater Minnesota
- **21** Regional Trails – motorized, non-motorized, mixed use and water
- **31** Natural Resource Based Parks
- **12** Special Recreation Feature Parks



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Metropolitan Regional Parks System

- **10** Regional Park Implementing Agencies
- **44** Regional Parks
- **12** Park Reserves
- **8** Special Recreation Features
- **55** Regional Trails with **415** miles of currently open to the public
- Almost **55,000** acres of parkland



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Parks and Trails System Coordination

- **New visitors** were introduced to our systems for the first time due to the pandemic.
- New visitors are **welcomed** and **encouraged to return** for future visits.
- With cooperative efforts across systems and across Minnesota, we have an opportunity to **serve a bigger, boarder and more diverse Minnesota public** in the years ahead.

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Outdoor Recreation and Facilities

Partners worked with the Minnesota Department of Health to develop safe outdoor recreation guidelines.

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Minnesotans value the outdoors and natural resources

Thank you.



Questions?

