



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment, and Parks and Trails Funds, in the amount of \$5,108,578.84, and enter into grant agreements as required as a condition of receiving said funds, which include an indemnification clause.

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment to Minnesota's Constitution dedicates three-eighths of one percent in state sales tax to clean water, habitat, arts and culture, and parks and trails of state or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Parks and Trails Fund is appropriated to the Regional Parks implementing agencies for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is designated as a Regional Parks implementing agency by Minn. Stat. 473.351, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of Parks and Trails Legacy funds to Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is \$2,525,112.83 in FY 2020 and \$2,583,466.01 in FY 2021, for a total of \$5,108,578.84; and

WHEREAS, projects and programs that have been identified as eligible to receive Parks and Trails Legacy funds are as follows:

Como Shuttle - \$210,000  
Great River Passage Division - \$340,000  
Volunteer and Education Coordinators - \$300,000  
Cherokee Heights Regional Park Ohio Street Lighting Improvements - \$139,449  
Cherokee Heights Regional Park Trail Connections - \$315,000  
Como Transportation Improvements - \$1,019,017  
Grand Round North Regional Trail Master Planning - \$30,000  
Harriet Island Play Area Design - \$150,000  
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Master Plan Implementation Ph I - \$500,000  
Indian Mounds Interpretive Plan Implementation-Signage - \$500,000  
Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan Implementation and Dog Park - \$475,000  
Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Planning - \$150,000  
Robert Piram Regional Trail Construction Ph I - \$650,000  
Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary - Geranium Street Connection and Signage - \$330,112.84; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there is a public purpose in providing environmental education and the betterment of our parks facilities and trails and that acceptance of the grant funding will enable continued staffing and installation of new trails and amenities; and

WHEREAS, Laws 2019, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 4, Paragraph (b) requires that Parks and Trails Legacy funds may only be used for projects approved by the elected representatives of the Regional Parks implementing agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Saint Paul, that the aforementioned projects are hereby designated to receive Parks and Trails Legacy funds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council authorizes the appropriate City officials to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the aforementioned funding, which includes an indemnification clause.