



## Legislation Text

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Establishing the financing and spending budgets in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the total amount of \$2,191,000 for Metropolitan Council Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment projects, detailed below; and accepting the grant funds from the Metropolitan Council through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment funds through the Parks and Trails program.

WHEREAS, City Council is typically requested to approve project grant applications (CF #14-1618) that include preliminary project budget estimates; and

WHEREAS, final grant amounts awarded may be more or less than this original estimate based on a specific formula determined by the Metropolitan Council and adjusted at the time of actual grant award; and

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota Session Laws of 2015 which includes an appropriation to the Metropolitan Council for Regional Park and Open Space Development grants; the following grants are awarded to the City of Saint Paul:

Great River Passage Division - fund up to \$165,000 for operating budget for new division, focus on activating the river through an equity lens. Includes implementation and management of the Great River Passage (GRP) Master Plan, which covers 17 miles and over 3,500 acres of Mississippi River lands in St. Paul. Goals include achieving annual visit increases by underserved demographic groups to GRP regional parks. Equity initiatives include innovative public engagement, areas for cultural activities, training for participation in natural resource based activities, programs, and multi-modal access. Management will include protection and restoration of natural areas, bluffs, and slopes.

Indian Mounds Regional Park - fund up to \$123,000 to continue implementation of adopted master plan to include a splash pad (small artistic interactive water feature with year-round interest).

Lilydale Regional Park - Phase III - fund up to \$1,188,000 to continue implementation of adopted park master plan. Complete road and utility construction from the end of Phase II to the Harriet Island area (2,800 lineal feet).

Phalen Regional Park - fund up to \$82,000 to continue implementation of the adopted regional park master plan. Perform a traffic study of four intersections, traffic counts, circulation patterns, and parking access/layout at 9 parking lots to provide a framework for improving access and circulation for the roughly 1 million annual visitors, with approximately 64% of users being of Asian background.

Phalen Regional Park- Bathhouse Upgrades - fund up to \$633,000 to continue implementation of the adopted regional park master plan. Perform necessary aesthetic upgrades to the beach house focused on improved bathroom/changing rooms, concessions, staff space, storage, and seating areas.

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation desires to set up a financing and spending plan for said Metropolitan Council grants; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation will provide construction management and implementation services for the projects as previously listed upon the amendment of the 2015 Capital Improvement Budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation funds of \$2,191,000.00 in excess of those estimated in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budgets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Saint Paul, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, and the advice of the Long Range Capital Improvement Committee, that \$2,191,000.00 is available for appropriation in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budgets, and said budgets, as heretofore adopted by Council, are hereby further amended as outlined in the attached Financial Analysis.

See Attachment

The Saint Paul Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee received this request on August 10, 2015. The Committee did not reach quorum but recommended approval.