



## 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.