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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1608**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to parks and trails; modifying an appropriation from the parks and trails
1.3 fund to allow use for a safe trail crossing; amending Laws 2013, chapter 137,
1.4 article 3, section 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** \$ 16,821,000 \$ 16,953,000

1.8 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000
1.9 the second year are for parks and trails of
1.10 regional or statewide significance in the
1.11 metropolitan area, distributed according to
1.12 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining
1.13 after completion of the listed project may be
1.14 spent on projects to support parks and trails
1.15 by the implementing agency.

1.16 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000
1.17 the second year are for grants to Anoka
1.18 County for:

- 1.19 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills
1.20 Regional Park from Avocet Street;
- 1.21 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
1.22 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi

- 2.1 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
2.2 Dam Regional Park;
- 2.3 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake
2.4 George Regional Park;
- 2.5 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain
2.6 of Lakes Park Reserve;
- 2.7 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of
2.8 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance
2.9 shop rehabilitation, road and parking
2.10 construction, fencing, beach improvements,
2.11 and roof repairs;
- 2.12 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
2.13 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 2.14 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
2.15 Minnesota;
- 2.16 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
2.17 position;
- 2.18 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 2.19 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
2.20 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 2.21 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
2.22 Regional Park;
- 2.23 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
2.24 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 2.25 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
2.26 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
2.27 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 2.28 (14) improvements of the Heritage
2.29 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
2.30 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 2.31 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
2.32 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
2.33 to Golden Lake Elementary School.

- 3.1 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
3.2 the second year are for grants to the city of
3.3 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
3.4 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 3.5 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
3.6 second year are for grants to Carver County
3.7 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
3.8 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
3.9 and for trail and bridge construction on the
3.10 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.
- 3.11 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
3.12 the second year are for grants to Dakota
3.13 County for:
- 3.14 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
3.15 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional
3.16 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
3.17 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
3.18 Trail;
- 3.19 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi
3.20 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and
3.21 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;
- 3.22 (3) engineering and construction of regional
3.23 trail segments throughout the county;
- 3.24 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
3.25 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
3.26 Garden on the North Creek Regional
3.27 Greenway; and
- 3.28 (5) resource management of the county's
3.29 parks and trails system.
- 3.30 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000
3.31 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis
3.32 Park and Recreation Board for:
- 3.33 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
3.34 river access areas, landscapes, and storm

- 4.1 water management improvements at Above
4.2 the Falls Regional Park;
- 4.3 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
4.4 Regional Park;
- 4.5 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central
4.6 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;
- 4.7 (4) planning and design for the Central
4.8 Riverfront including the water works and the
4.9 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;
- 4.10 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
4.11 and play area rehabilitation at
4.12 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;
- 4.13 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
4.14 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession
4.15 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
4.16 Lakes Regional Park;
- 4.17 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
4.18 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
4.19 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
4.20 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;
- 4.21 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
4.22 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
4.23 Avenue; and
- 4.24 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
4.25 Park.
- 4.26 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
4.27 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
4.28 County for:
- 4.29 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
4.30 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
4.31 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
4.32 Lakes Regional Park;

- 5.1 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
5.2 Minnesota;
- 5.3 (3) design and construction of an early
5.4 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
5.5 and pedestrian connections, landscape
5.6 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
5.7 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;
- 5.8 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
5.9 Center;
- 5.10 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
5.11 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
5.12 Hollow;
- 5.13 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
5.14 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 5.15 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
5.16 management improvements, and site
5.17 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
5.18 Regional Park;
- 5.19 (8) trail development and connection, storm
5.20 water management improvements, and site
5.21 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
5.22 Trail; and
- 5.23 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 5.24 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
5.25 the second year are for grants to the city of
5.26 Saint Paul for:
- 5.27 (1) an education coordinator;
- 5.28 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 5.29 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 5.30 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
5.31 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;

- 6.1 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
6.2 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
6.3 and
6.4 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
6.5 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
6.6 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
6.7 second year are for grants to Scott County for
6.8 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
6.9 Park.
6.10 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
6.11 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
6.12 Park District for:
6.13 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
6.14 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
6.15 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
6.16 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
6.17 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
6.18 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
6.19 Regional Trail;
6.20 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
6.21 Regional Trail;
6.22 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
6.23 Regional Trail; and
6.24 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
6.25 Regional Trail.
6.26 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
6.27 second year are for grants to Washington
6.28 County for:
6.29 (1) parking, buildings, and other
6.30 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
6.31 Elmo Park Reserve;

- 7.1 (2) design and construction of the Point
7.2 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
7.3 Wisconsin; and
- 7.4 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
7.5 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
7.6 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.
- 7.7 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
7.8 the second year are for grants to implementing
7.9 agencies for land acquisition within
7.10 Metropolitan Council approved regional
7.11 parks and trails master plan boundaries as
7.12 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.13 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).
- 7.14 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
7.15 this section must give consideration to
7.16 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
7.17 use of corps services to contract for
7.18 restoration and enhancement services.
- 7.19 (n) For projects with the potential to need
7.20 historic preservation services, a recipient
7.21 of a grant awarded under this section must
7.22 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock
7.23 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
7.24 corps' services.
- 7.25 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
7.26 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
7.27 priority order, that contains the council's
7.28 recommendations for funding from the
7.29 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
7.30 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
7.31 minority members of the senate and house
7.32 of representatives committees and divisions
7.33 with jurisdiction over the environment and
7.34 natural resources and the parks and trails
7.35 fund.

8.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.