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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Division Action

Referred by Chair to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

03/05/2019 Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Ways and Means

03/07/2019 Referred by Chair to the Legacy Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from parks and trails fund.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

1.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.6 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the parks and trails
1.7 fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020"
1.8 and "2021" used in this act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for
1.9 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal
1.10 year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and
1.11 2021. All appropriations in this act are onetime.

Table with columns: APPROPRIATIONS, Available for the Year, Ending June 30, 2020, 2021

1.16 Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS

1.17 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 51,216,000 \$ 51,634,000

1.18 The amounts that may be spent for each
1.19 purpose are specified in the following sections.

1.20 Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

1.21 Money appropriated in this act may not be
1.22 spent on activities unless they are directly

2.1 related to and necessary for a specific  
 2.2 appropriation. Money appropriated in this act  
 2.3 must be spent in accordance with Minnesota  
 2.4 Management and Budget's Guidance to  
 2.5 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.  
 2.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.7 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this  
 2.8 act, fiscal year 2020 appropriations are  
 2.9 available until June 30, 2022, and fiscal year  
 2.10 2021 appropriations are available until June  
 2.11 30, 2023. If a project receives federal funds,  
 2.12 the period of the appropriation is extended to  
 2.13 equal the availability of federal funding.

2.14 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

2.15 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks  
 2.16 and trails funds, in consultation with the  
 2.17 Council on Disability and other appropriate  
 2.18 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,  
 2.19 committees, and commissions, should make  
 2.20 progress toward providing people with  
 2.21 disabilities greater access to programs, print  
 2.22 publications, and digital media related to the  
 2.23 programs the recipient funds using  
 2.24 appropriations made in this act.

2.25 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 2.26 **RESOURCES**

<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>30,932,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>31,187,000</u></b>
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2.27 (a) \$20,280,000 the first year and \$20,447,000  
 2.28 the second year are for state parks, recreation  
 2.29 areas, and trails to:

2.30 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

2.31 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

2.32 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

3.1 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with  
3.2 partners to implement the 25-year long-range  
3.3 parks and trails legacy plan.

3.4 (b) \$10,140,000 the first year and \$10,224,000  
3.5 the second year are for grants for parks and  
3.6 trails of regional significance outside the  
3.7 seven-county metropolitan area under  
3.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants  
3.9 awarded under this paragraph must be based  
3.10 on the lists of recommended projects  
3.11 submitted to the legislative committees under  
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,  
3.13 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota  
3.14 Regional Parks and Trails Commission  
3.15 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.16 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph  
3.17 must support parks and trails of regional or  
3.18 statewide significance that meet the applicable  
3.19 definitions and criteria for regional parks and  
3.20 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota  
3.21 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan  
3.22 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional  
3.23 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,  
3.24 2015. Grant recipients identified under this  
3.25 paragraph must submit a grant application to  
3.26 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to  
3.27 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used  
3.28 by the commissioner for the actual cost of  
3.29 issuing and monitoring the grants for the  
3.30 commission. Of the amount appropriated,  
3.31 \$..... the first year and \$..... the second year  
3.32 are for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks  
3.33 and Trails Commission to carry out its duties  
3.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,  
3.35 including the continued development of a  
3.36 statewide system plan for regional parks and

- 4.1 trails outside the seven-county metropolitan  
4.2 area.
- 4.3 (c) By January 15, 2020, the Greater  
4.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
4.5 Commission must submit a list of projects that  
4.6 contains the commission's recommendations  
4.7 for funding from the parks and trails fund for  
4.8 fiscal year 2021 to the chairs and ranking  
4.9 minority members of the house of  
4.10 representatives and senate committees and  
4.11 divisions with jurisdiction over the  
4.12 environment and natural resources and the  
4.13 parks and trails fund.
- 4.14 (d) By January 15, 2020, the Greater  
4.15 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
4.16 Commission must submit a report that contains  
4.17 the commission's criteria for funding from the  
4.18 parks and trails fund, including the criteria  
4.19 used to determine if a park or trail is of  
4.20 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking  
4.21 minority members of the house of  
4.22 representatives and senate committees and  
4.23 divisions with jurisdiction over the  
4.24 environment and natural resources and the  
4.25 parks and trails fund.
- 4.26 (e) \$512,000 the first year and \$516,000 the  
4.27 second year are for coordination and projects  
4.28 between the department, the Metropolitan  
4.29 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional  
4.30 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced  
4.31 web-based information for park and trail users;  
4.32 and support of activities of the Parks and  
4.33 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 4.34 (f) The commissioner must contract for  
4.35 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota

5.1 for restoration, maintenance, and other  
5.2 activities under this section for at least  
5.3 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the  
5.4 second year.

5.5 (g) The implementing agencies receiving  
5.6 appropriations under this section must give  
5.7 consideration to contracting with Conservation  
5.8 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,  
5.9 and other activities.

5.10 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                    \$        20,280,000 \$        20,447,000**

5.11 (a) \$20,280,000 the first year and \$20,447,000  
5.12 the second year are for distribution according  
5.13 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,  
5.14 subdivision 3.

5.15 (b) Money appropriated under this section and  
5.16 distributed to implementing agencies must be  
5.17 used only to fund the list of projects approved  
5.18 by the elected representatives of each of the  
5.19 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.

5.20 Projects funded by the money appropriated  
5.21 under this section must be substantially  
5.22 consistent with the project descriptions and  
5.23 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.

5.24 Any money remaining after completing the  
5.25 listed projects may be spent by the  
5.26 implementing agencies on projects to support  
5.27 parks and trails.

5.28 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the  
5.29 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money  
5.30 appropriated under this section must ensure  
5.31 that the money is used to supplement and not  
5.32 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

5.33 (d) The implementing agencies receiving  
5.34 appropriations under this section must give

6.1 consideration to contracting with Conservation  
6.2 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,  
6.3 and other activities.

6.4 Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE \$ 4,000 \$ -0-

6.5 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative  
6.6 Coordinating Commission for the website  
6.7 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.8 3.303, subdivision 10.