



Celebrating



of Minnesota State Parks & Trails

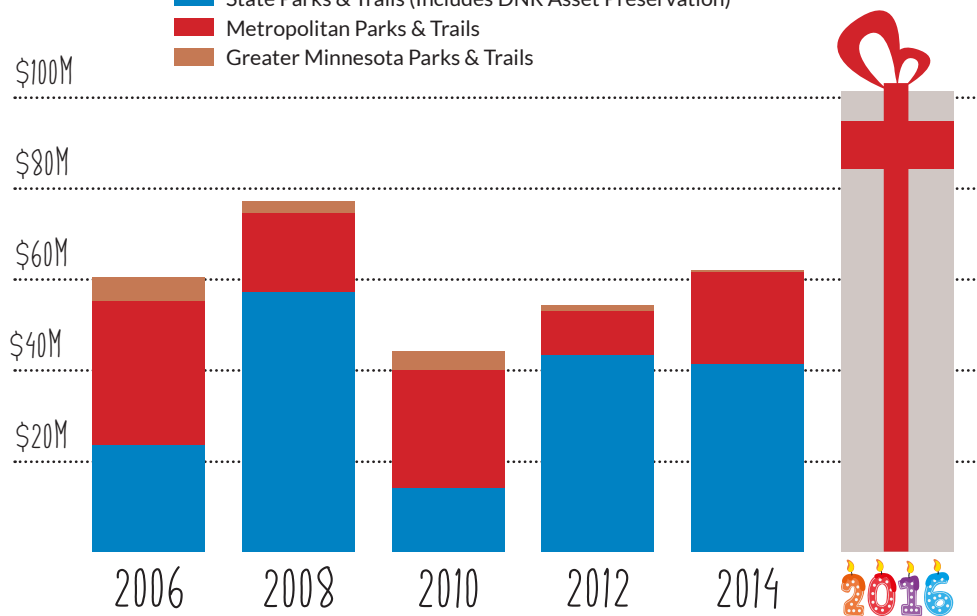
MINNESOTA'S STATE PARKS & TRAILS ARE TURNING 125 IN 2016! There won't be a better time for a strong parks and trails capital investment bill to ensure they're around for another 125.

On April 20, 1891, the Minnesota Legislature did something (nearly) unprecedented: By a margin of only one vote, they created Lake Itasca State Park to preserve the headwaters of our country's most treasured river. Only Niagara Falls in New York was protected as a state park earlier. In the 125 years since, Minnesota's state park system has grown into one of the nation's finest. But after so many years, many of **our state parks and trails need to be revitalized and updated**. They're 125 years old, after all. And despite all the progress made since 1891, our park and trail system remains incomplete: Approximately half of our state trail miles remain undeveloped, and nearly 16% of state park land is still privately owned.

SO LET'S GIVE MINNESOTA'S PARKS & TRAILS THE BIRTHDAY GIFT THEY DESERVE. Parks & Trails Council, after meeting with partners across the state, has identified over \$100 million of capital investment needs to revitalize, update, and expand our parks and trails. This investment would get our parks and trails up-to-date and create new opportunities for the next 125 years.

BONDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PARKS AND TRAILS:

- State Parks & Trails (Includes DNR Asset Preservation)
- Metropolitan Parks & Trails
- Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails



We've identified \$105 million of needs that would make a great birthday gift.



SEE BACK SIDE FOR DETAILS

How would \$105 million be used to **CELEBRATE 125 YEARS** of state parks & trails in Minnesota?

(in \$1,000s)

\$57,500 STATE PARK & TRAIL REHABILITATION & RENEWAL

State Park & Trail Renewal

To fund preservation needs across the state park and trail system, including renewing historic structures, rehabilitating trails and water access points, addressing health and safety concerns, and ensuring facilities are ADA accessible.

\$40,000

Itasca State Park Renovation

To fund renovation needs at Minnesota's oldest state park. Projects include renovation of visitor facilities, bike trail realignment, erosion control, reforestation, and water and sewer rehabilitation.

\$10,000

State Park Campground Renovations

To complete renovation of campgrounds in state parks, including replacing shower and toilet buildings, addressing safety and code issues, upgrading electrical systems, and repaving campground roads where needed.

\$7,000

Prairie Restorations

To restore 500 acres or prairie in state parks and along state trails.

\$500

\$27,715 STATE PARK & TRAIL ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT

State Park, Recreation Area, and Trail Development.....	\$10,000
Casey Jones State Trail.....	\$1,250
Chester Woods State Trail.....	\$2,250
Gitchi-Gami State Trail.....	\$3,130
Glacial Lakes State Trail.....	\$2,585
Goodhue Pioneer State Trail.....	\$1,300
Hearland State Trail (Itasca Spur).....	\$350
Interstate State Park/Swedish Immigrant Trail Connection.....	\$2,200
Mill Towns State Trail.....	\$650
Minnesota Valley State Trail.....	\$1,500
Mississippi Blufflands State Trail.....	\$1,000
Preston-Harmony State Trail.....	\$1,500

\$13,000 METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS & TRAILS

To improve and expand the Metropolitan Regional Park & Trail System through acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects. Includes funding for Ramsey County's Battle Creek Winter Recreation Area. This request would be matched by \$9.33 million of non-state funds.

\$6,610 GREATER MINNESOTA PARKS & TRAILS

Local & Regional Grant Programs

To provide competitive grants to local governments for acquisition and development of local and regional parks across Greater Minnesota.

\$5,000

Dakota Rail Trail

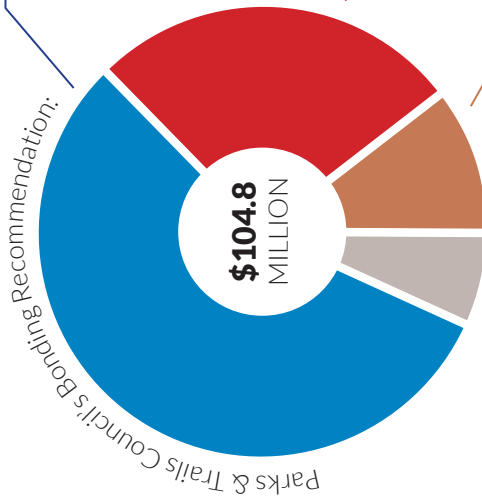
To provide funding for the Dakota Rail Trail project.

\$900

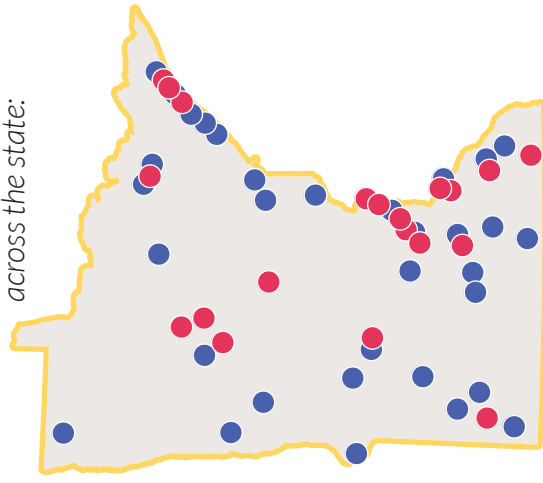
Faribault Northern Links Trail

To provide funding for the Faribault Northern Links Trail project.

\$710



Funding projects with impact across the state:



● Priority Rehabilitation Projects

● Priority Acquisition & Development Projects