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# [Friends Group] Receives $[#] Grant to Implement Youth Engagement Project in [State Park or Trail]

**[City], MN** – Volunteer-led [Friends Group] will implement a [project] at [State Park or Trail] with support from the Minnesota DNR and funds issued by Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota (P&TC). The project will include [project overview].

[Friends Group]’s mission is [mission]. The group engages in a variety of activities, including [activities].

[Friends Group] is one of five groups selected to receive a grant from Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota under a statewide grant program that seeks to connect more kids to quality, outdoor experiences at state parks and trails.

All awardees of this grant include:

* Friends of Blue Mounds State Park
* Gitchi-Gami Trail Association
* Friends of Lake Maria State Park
* Friends of Tettegouche State Park
* Friends of Wild River State Park

The various projects compliment long-term, youth engagement goals of the state parks and trails and fit into the wide variety of activities of friends groups. Friends groups support state parks and trails in various ways, from raising money and promotion, to advocacy and programming.