

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

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**DATE:** May 25, 2012  
**TO:** Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission  
**FROM:** Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst—Parks (651) 602-1360  
**SUBJECT:** (2012-xxx) Amend Four Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grants to Anoka County  
Metropolitan Parks & Open Space Commission District E: Tony Yarusso  
Metropolitan Parks & Open Space Commission District F: Daniel Schlaferman

**INTRODUCTION**

Anoka County has submitted a request to amend three grants financed with Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations. The amendments are:

- 1) Reduce grant SG-2011-100, Mississippi West Regional Park boat launch from \$400,000 to \$382,000 as that is the amount that is needed to complete the project.
- 2) Expand the scope of grant SG-2011-101, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve day camp redevelopment to include funding for roadway improvements, and storm water drainage restoration and improvements because the grant is large enough to finance this additional work.
- 3) Reduce grant SG-2011-104, Volunteer Resource Development Coordinator from \$80,000 to \$65,000 because that is the amount needed for that position.
- 4) Increase grant SG-2011-103, Conservation Corp of Minnesota from \$108,000 to \$141,000 with the reductions from grants SG-2011-100 and SG-2011-104 so that more natural resource restoration and management work can be accomplished.

The Metropolitan Council must consider and approve these amendments because they are substantive changes to the original grant agreements. This staff report contains a review of this request under applicable terms of the grant agreements and recommends approving the proposed amendments.

**AUTHORITY TO REVIEW**

Minnesota Statute Section 473.315 authorizes the "Metropolitan Council with the advice of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to make grants from any funds available to it for recreation open space purposes to any municipality, park district or county located wholly or partially within the metropolitan area to cover the cost, or any portion of the cost, of acquiring or developing regional recreation open space in accordance with the [*Regional Recreation Open Space*] Policy Plan".

## ANALYSIS

All of these grants are financed with the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriation from the constitutionally dedicated Parks and Trails Fund (Land and Legacy Amendment). The appropriation was disbursed to the regional park agencies based on a formula in Minn. Statute Section 85.53, Subd. 3.

Section 18.5 of the grant agreements states:

**"Minn. Stat. Section 16B.98.** Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any regranting envisioned in which the amount available to the Grantee under the formula in Minn. Stat. Section 85.53, subd 3 is maintained."

Anoka County's request does not change the amount it received from that appropriation and is therefore consistent with Section 18.5 of the grant agreement.

In order to consider this request for amending these grants, Section 9.2 of the grant agreements states:

**"9.2 Amendments.** Any amendment to this grant agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office."

## CONCLUSION

Metropolitan Council staff find that the amendments should be approved because:

1. Anoka County has submitted a written statement to the Council describing the situation and giving reasons for the proposed amendments, as shown in Attachment 1.
2. The amendments are consistent with sections 9.2 and 18.5 of the grant agreements.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Council authorize amendments to the following grant agreements with Anoka County:

- 1) Reduce grant SG-2011-100, Mississippi West Regional Park boat launch from \$400,000 to \$382,000.
- 2) Expand the scope of grant SG-2011-101, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve day camp redevelopment to include funding for roadway improvements, and storm water drainage restoration and improvements because the grant is large enough to finance this additional work.
- 3) Reduce grant SG-2011-104, Volunteer Resource Development Coordinator from \$80,000 to \$65,000.
- 4) Increase grant SG-2011-103, Conservation Corp of Minnesota from \$108,000 to \$141,000 with the reductions from grants SG-2011-100 and SG-2011-104.

**Attachment 1: Letter from Karen Blaska, Anoka County**



**Anoka County Parks and Recreation**

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May 23, 2012

Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst - Parks  
Metropolitan Council  
390 N. Robert St.  
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Re: Grant Amendments for SG 2011-100, SG 2011-101, SG 2011-103, SG 2011-104

Dear Arne:

As you are aware, the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department has fully executed FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant agreements for the above mentioned projects. The total appropriation to Anoka County was \$1,376,000 split between the following projects:

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Project</b>	<b>Anoka County Contract No.</b>
\$500,000	SG 2011-099	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Campground Improvements	2011-0375
\$400,000	SG 2011-100	Mississippi West Regional Park Boat Launch	2011-0373
\$200,000	SG 2011-101	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Day Camp Redevelopment	2011-0376
\$ 88,000	SG 2011-102	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Visitor Center Enhancements	2011-0374
\$108,000	SG 2011-103	Conservation Corps Minnesota	2011-0377
\$ 80,000	SG 2011-104	Volunteer Resource Development Coordinator	2011-0378
<b>\$1,376,000</b>	<b>Total 2012 Park and Trail Legacy Appropriation</b>		

Since starting these projects, the County is anticipating a surplus in SG 2011-100 and SG 2011-104. Conversely, the County is anticipating a deficit in SG 2011-103. Therefore Anoka County would like to amend the appropriation amounts for these grant agreements. Additionally, the County would like to expand the scope of work for SG 2011-101 to include roadway, storm water drainage improvements and restoration.

Therefore, Anoka County respectfully requests that our Parks and Trails Legacy Appropriation Grant Agreements be changed to as follows:

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\$500,000	SG 2011-099	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Campground Improvements	2011-0375
<i>\$382,000</i>	SG 2011-100	Mississippi West Regional Park Boat Launch	2011-0373
\$200,000	SG 2011-101	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Day Camp Redevelopment – <i>expand scope of work to include roadway, storm water drainage improvements and restoration</i>	2011-0376
\$ 88,000	SG 2011-102	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Visitor Center Enhancements	2011-0374
<i>\$141,000</i>	SG 2011-103	Conservation Corps Minnesota	2011-0377
<i>\$ 65,000</i>	SG 2011-104	Volunteer Resource Development Coordinator	2011-0378
<b>\$1,376,000</b>	<b>Total 2012 Park and Trail Legacy Appropriation</b>		

I am enclosing a map that shows the location of the grant projects in relation to one another for your reference.

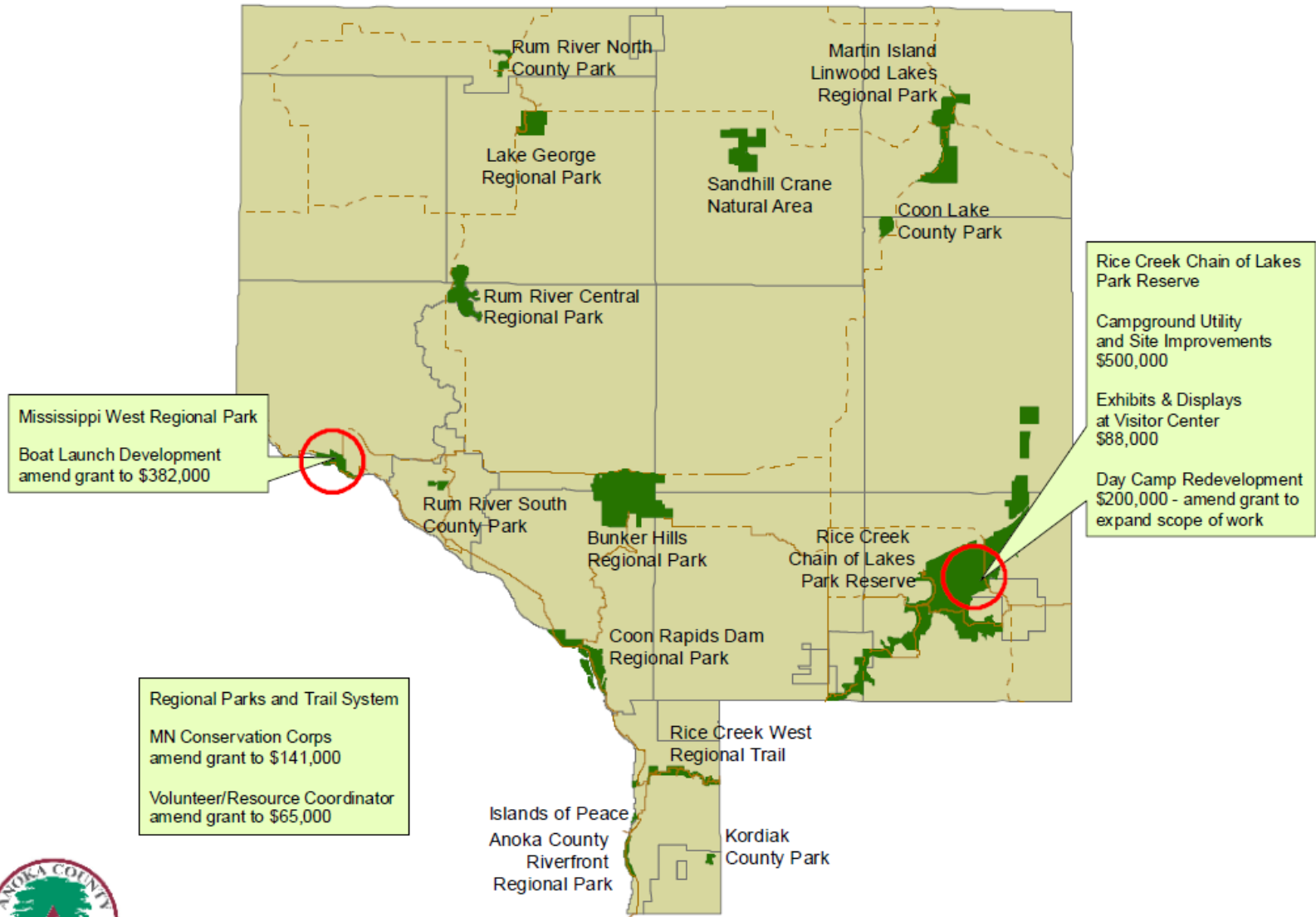
If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience at 763-767-2865 or karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Karen Blaska  
Park Planner

cc: John VonDeLinde, Director

## Anoka County Parks and Recreation FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant Projects



Date: 05/23/2012