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**TO:** Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

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**SUBJECT:** (Information Item): Grants financed with 2011 State Bond appropriation of \$5 million and matching \$3.334 million Metro Council bonds and Scott County grant financed from FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation

**INTRODUCTION**

The 2011 Special Legislative Session included the enactment of law appropriating \$5 million of State bonds to the Metropolitan Council for,  
"the cost of improvements and betterments of a capital nature and acquisition by the council and local government units of regional recreation open-space lands in accordance with the council's policy plan as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.147. Priority must be given to park rehabilitation and land acquisition projects. This appropriation must not be used to purchase easements. " [2011 First Special Session Laws, Chapter 12, Section 14, Subdivision 3]

This memorandum provides a summary of how the funds will be used under the requirements of the law.

This memorandum also includes the proposed grant to Scott County for its share of the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation. Grants to the other nine regional park implementing agencies were approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 14 as part of an amendment to the Council's 2011 Unified Capital Budget.

The grants described in this memorandum will be considered by the Metropolitan Council's Community Development Committee on October 3 as part of the Council's fourth quarter amendment to the 2011 Unified Capital Budget.

**2011 State bond appropriation**

The amount each park agency receives from a State bond appropriation and matching Metro Council bonds for project specific capital improvement grants is based on the following formula:

--70% of the funds are disbursed based on the population of each park agency's jurisdiction with no overlap when jurisdictions occur (e.g. Ramsey County parks population does not include City of St. Paul)

--30% of the funds are disbursed based on the amount of non-local visits relative to all non-local visits each agency hosted based on the most recent visitor origin research data. A "non-local visit" is a visit by a person to a park that is outside that visitor's residential jurisdiction. For example a resident of Dakota County who visits a Washington County regional park is a non-local visitor.

Table 1 illustrates the grants to each park implementing agency from the 2011 State bond appropriation and matching Metro Council bonds. A grant to the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board regarding funding to implement the updated master plan for Theodore Wirth Regional Park will be considered once the Metropolitan Council has considered and approved the updated master plan. With the

exception of the Theodore Wirth Regional Park grant, the Metropolitan Council is expected to approve the other grants shown on Table 1 on October 26 as an amendment to the Council's 2011 Unified Capital Budget.

**Table 1: Regional Park System grants financed from \$5 million of 2011 State bonds and \$3.334 million Metro Council bonds**

<b>Regional Park Implementing Agency</b>	<b>Agency Priority</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>State Bonds (\$000s)</b>	<b>Metro Council Bonds (\$000s)</b>	<b>Project Total Subgrant (\$000s)</b>
Anoka County	1	Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park	Acquire 230 acres of land formerly owned by Three Rivers Park District and leased to Anoka County.	\$ 356	\$ 19	\$ 375
Anoka County	2	Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park	Reconstruct approx. 1 mile of bituminous roadway, 85,000 sf of bituminous parking lots and trails, curb/gutter and stormwater drainage improvements, stormwater outlet stabilization, utilities, lighting, landscape restoration, site furnishings, signage, fees and contingencies (Phase 1 of 2 funding phases)	\$ 470	\$ 25	\$ 495
<b>Anoka County Percentage Share</b>		<b>10.44%</b>	<b>Anoka County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 827</b>	<b>\$ 44</b>	<b>\$ 870</b>
City of Bloomington	1	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve	Construct/reconstruct trails and Normandale Lake Park Unit - approximately 2,445 linear feet of trails.	\$ 197	\$ 10	\$ 207
<b>City of Bloomington Percentage Share</b>		<b>2.49%</b>	<b>City of Bloomington Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 197</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 207</b>

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Regional Park Implementing Agency	Agency Priority	Project Location	Project Description	State Bonds (\$000s)	Metro Council Bonds (\$000s)	Project Total Subgrant (\$000s)
Carver County	1	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park	Project includes, design, engineering and construction to complete 1.6 miles of trail within the park, construct trail underpass at TH 41, and connection to a trail along TH 41. The City of Chanhassen designs, engineers and constructs one mile of trail along TH 41 and participates in the engineering and construction of trail underpass at TH 41.	\$ 187	\$ 21	\$ 208
<b>Carver County Percentage Share</b>		<b>2.50%</b>	<b>Carver County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 187</b>	<b>\$ 21</b>	<b>\$ 208</b>
Dakota County	1	Lebanon Hills Regional Park	The Connector Trail will traverse the entire east/west length of Lebanon Hills Regional Park, serving non-motorized recreation, including bicycles. This project will accomplish final engineering and construction of at least 3.6 miles (from Dodd Road/Visitor Center to the Jensen Lake picnic area)	\$ 595	\$ 66	\$ 661
Dakota County	2	Dakota County Regional Parks and Trails	These funds are to address a significant backlog of park redevelopment projects, such as buildings, structures, utilities and roads, for purposes of continuing public service, addressing safety, and preserving infrastructure. Examples of need include replacing/upgrading utility systems (e.g. septic systems, electrical needs), redevelopment to improve access and safety (e.g. ADA), addressing storm water management issues, and bituminous overlays.	\$ 180	\$ 20	\$ 200
<b>Dakota County Percentage Share</b>		<b>10.33%</b>	<b>Dakota County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 775</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>	<b>\$ 861</b>

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Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	1	Theodore Wirth Regional Park	A citizen advisory committee is currently updating the master plan for the park and working to prioritize improvements that will focus on attracting visitors to its unique historical, environmental, and recreational qualities, while reducing maintenance and operating costs. Improvement may include park-wide trail (bicycle, walking, hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and skiing) improvements, stormwater management, lighting, picnic facilities, habitat restoration, an operation facility, site furniture, landscaping, interpretive and wayfinding enhancements, site utilities, survey and site investigations, design and engineering, and project management. <b>Note: No grant will be awarded until master plan update is approved by the Metropolitan Council and a specific project is funded that is consistent with the updated master plan.</b>	\$ 1,569	\$ 174	\$ 1,743
<b>Minneapolis Park &amp; Rec. Board Percentage Share</b>		<b>20.91%</b>	<b>Minneapolis Park &amp; Rec. Board Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 1,569</b>	<b>\$ 174</b>	<b>\$ 1,743</b>

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Ramsey County	1	Keller Regional Park	Design and construction of approximately .70 mile of 10' wide bituminous and boardwalk trail from Lakeside Picnic Area to Spoon Lake Picnic Area with coordinated tunnel design and cost sharing with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for an underpass at Highway 36.	\$ 627	\$ 65	\$ 692
<b>Ramsey County Percentage Share</b>		<b>8.30%</b>	<b>Ramsey County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 627</b>	<b>\$ 65</b>	<b>\$ 692</b>
City of St. Paul	1	Como Regional Park	The Como Aquatics project required additional funding due to unstable soil conditions encountered during construction. We requested from Metro Council that we be considered for reimbursement from Metro Council Bonds for up to \$5,280,000 of Local CIB funds and this request was approved in March 2011. There is small amount remaining (\$6,000) of additional reimbursement for Como Pool that we will be requesting in the 2012/13 CIP.	\$ -	\$ 1,098	\$ 1,098
<b>City of St. Paul Percentage Share</b>		<b>13.17%</b>	<b>City of St. Paul Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,098</b>	<b>\$ 1,098</b>
Scott County	1	Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park	Start Phase 1 Development based on approved master plan: work will include building restoration and site improvements including play structure, shoreline restoration, trail construction.	\$ 276	\$ 15	\$ 291
<b>Scott County Percentage Share</b>		<b>3.49%</b>	<b>Scott County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 276</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ 291</b>

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Three Rivers Park District	1	Silverwood Special Recreation Feature	Reimbursement for costs associated with the Development of Silverwood Special Recreation Feature	\$ -	\$ 1,793	\$ 1,793
<b>Three Rivers Park District Percentage Share</b>		<b>21.51%</b>	<b>Three Rivers Park District Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,793</b>	<b>\$ 1,793</b>
Washington County	1	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	Complete construction of a new (replacement) campground shower building and dump station including well, septic, electric to campsites, water distribution to campground, trails, parking, and related infrastructure, landscaping and amenities such as patios, benches, planters, bicycle racks, kiosk, and site signage.	\$ 95	\$ 5	\$ 100
Washington County	2	Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Construct a well and water distribution system at the group camp sites in Lake Elmo Park Reserve. The project also includes the installation of vault toilets, drinking fountains, small shelters, and related infrastructure, landscaping and amenities such as benches, bicycle racks, kiosks, and site signage.	\$ 238	\$ 12	\$ 250
Washington County	3	Lake Elmo Park Reserve	Improve and expand existing parking and trail connections near the cross country ski trailhead to include development of a plan for improved pedestrian and vehicle access to the site; as well as constructing a new parking lot, access drive, trails/sidewalks, and stormwater management features.	\$ 210	\$ 11	\$ 221
<b>Washington County Percentage Share</b>		<b>6.85%</b>	<b>Washington County Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 542</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 571</b>

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				State Bonds (\$000s)	Metro Council Bonds (\$000s)	Project Total Subgrant (\$000s)
			<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,334</b>	<b>\$ 8,334</b>
			<b>Percentage by Funding Source</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>	



## **FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant to Scott County**

As noted in the introduction, this memorandum also includes the proposed grant to Scott County for its share of the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation. Grants to the other nine regional park implementing agencies were approved by the Metropolitan Council on September 14 as part of an amendment to the Council's 2011 Unified Capital Budget. The Scott County grant of \$512,000 would finance phase one development of the Spring Lake Regional Park master plan, which includes site preparation, road and parking lot construction, trail construction, off-leash dog area, natural resource restoration work.