



2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LEGISLATION WE ARE INTRODUCING:

#1 COMMISSION REQUEST - LEGACY

- Update language to reflect actual practice
- Extend funding availability for member projects
- Not seeking to allocate additional funds this year
- S.F. 3799 (Hauschild) / H.F. 3564 (Skraba)

#2 LEGISLATIVE-CITIZENS COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES (LCCMR) FUNDING

- Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) appropriation
- Includes appropriation for DNR Local Parks & Trails Grants
- Multiple member projects funded
- \$18 million appropriation for Community Grants included
- H.F. 3426 (Jordan) / S.F. 3857 (Hawj)

#3 GRANT FUNDING - BONDING

- Bonding bill that includes a bonding appropriation of at least \$4 million to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to fund the local and regional grant programs under Minn. Stat. 85.019 and additional funding for local and regional parks and trails.





GREATER MINNESOTA PARKS & TRAILS (GMPT)

Who We Are



Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails (GMPT) is an organization of counties, cities, parks groups, businesses and individuals who are dedicated to building and developing stronger parks and trails, both regional and local, throughout Greater Minnesota.

Established in 2010, the primary focus of GMPT is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Minnesota by providing areas for recreational opportunities, and promoting legislative support, funding opportunities, and networking for regional parks and trails throughout Greater Minnesota.

Prior to the establishment of GMPT, Greater Minnesota did not have an established history of comprehensive planning for regional parks and trails. Since then, a robust network of local and regional engagement has been developed.



What We Do



- Advocate for a Legacy Amendment parks & trails funding formula that allocates at minimum 20% of the total funds to regional parks & trails of Greater Minnesota.
- Advocate for increased state & federal funding for programs that provide communities with support for local & regional parks in Minnesota.
- Keep members connected and informed through consistent communication and educational opportunities, including newsletters, forums, action alerts, legislative updates, and more!

