



# 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!





# 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## LEGISLATION WE ARE INTRODUCING:

### #1 LEGACY

- Ensure Greater Minnesota receives at least 20% of parks and trails Legacy Fund
- Extend funding availability for a number of projects facing unavoidable delays
- Set DNR compensation for grant related services at a flat rate
- S.F. 1039 / H.F. 489

### #2 GENERAL FUNDING

- Shift funding for Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission from Legacy to General Fund so that more Legacy funding can be used for projects
- S.F. 1040 / H.F. 723

## LEGISLATION WE SUPPORT:

- LCCMR bill that includes an appropriation for DNR Local Parks and Trails Grants
- Bonding bill that includes funding for DNR Local Parks and Trails Grants
- S.F. 506 / H.F. 1218

