

# FINAL REPORT

## 2001 LCMR Project Abstract

**TITLE:** Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Arne Stefferud

**ORGANIZATION:** Metropolitan Council

**ADDRESS:** 230 East Fifth Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**WEB SITE ADDRESS:** [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org)

**FUND:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2001 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Ch. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(a)  
Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development

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**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** \$5,645,000

### Overall Project Outcome and Results

Funds from the LCMR appropriation were matched on a 60/40 basis with bonds issued by the Metropolitan Council, which were then granted to regional park implementing agencies as subgrants. The subgrants financed the following capital improvements:

1. Partially finance the acquisition of the 699-acre St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park in Washington County.
2. Acquire 1/2 acre, replace a play structure, plant 300 trees and construct a trail between the East and West Bush Lake areas of Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve in Bloomington.
3. Partially finance the acquisition of 37.5 acres in Lake Waconia Regional Park, Carver County.
4. Acquire about 50 acres of land within approved boundaries of regional parks, park reserves, and trails in Dakota County.
5. Partially finance the acquisition of a 400-acre parcel for the Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County.
6. Finance the first phase construction to rehabilitate the Como Conservatory's fern room and the growing house in St. Paul.

7. Continue rebuilding trails and restoring the shoreline of Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park.
8. Construct a campground visitor center building, related parking lot and utilities, relocate the equestrian center, build 1.5 miles of paved trails and install signs at Bunker Hills Regional Park, Anoka County.
9. Partially finance the rehabilitation of 7 miles of paved trail originally constructed in 1978 at Baker Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District.
10. Rebuild 9.3 miles of paved trail and boardwalk originally constructed in 1978 at Elm Creek Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District.
11. Begin to replace the beach bathhouse, seating terrace at the beach, a boardwalk trail, and path connections at Theodore Wirth Regional Park, Minneapolis.
12. Reimburse Dakota County for a sewer connection to picnic areas at Lebanon Hills Regional Park the county installed in 1996 and for youth group camp improvements at Spring Lake Park Reserve the county constructed in 1994.
13. Develop a part of three sections of the North Hennepin Regional Trail, Three Rivers Park District: 1) Elm Creek Park Reserve to Fish Lake Regional Park, 2) U.S. 169 to Theodore Wirth Regional Park, 3) Luce Line State Trail to West Medicine Lake.
14. Build 650 ft. of a historic plank road, a pedestrian path system within the lower tailrace area, and stabilize/restore exposed historic ruins in the "Mill Ruins Park" portion of Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park, Minneapolis.
15. Begin building a picnic area at Sucker Lake in Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park, Ramsey County.

#### Project Results Use and Dissemination

The parks that received capital improvement funds from the LCMR appropriation hosted 12,837,400 visits in 2003, or 42% of the total visits to the Metropolitan Regional Park System (30,500,000).

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**Date of Final Report:** October 1, 2004

**Date of Next Status Report:** Not applicable

**Date of Original Workprogram Approval:** June 13, 2001

**Project Completion Date:** June 30, 2004

**Title:** Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development

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		<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>- \$ Amount Spent:</b>	<b>= Balance</b>
<b>Total Biennial Project</b>	\$LCMR	5,645,000	5,645,000	0
<b>Budget:</b>	\$Match	3,762,600	3,760,602	1,998
	\$Total	9,407,600	9,405,602	1,998

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### II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

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### IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Appropriation of \$5,645,000 to finance a portion of the Metropolitan Council's 2000-2001 metropolitan regional parks capital improvement program (CIP) that was not funded in the 2000 Capital Investment appropriation. \$3,762,600 of Metropolitan Council bonds would match the LCMR recommended appropriation.

Abbreviations: RP=Regional Park, PR=Park Reserve, RT=Regional Trail, A=Acquisition, R=Rehabilitation and D=Development

Project Code	Regional Park Implementing Agency	Grant number and project description	2001 LCMR Appropriation (\$000's)	Metro Council bond match (\$000's)	Total Grant (\$000's)
01A-1	Washington Co.	SG-01-105. Partial reimbursement on acquisition of St. Croix Bluffs RP acquired in 1995 in an early buy-out from Ceridian Corporation. <b>Completion date:</b> March 21, 2002	\$ 385.0	\$ 248.1	\$ 633.1
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 385.0	\$ 248.1	\$ 633.1
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01A-2	Bloomington	SG-01-106. Final reimbursement on .5 acres in Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR acquired in 1998. Completion date: 60 days after subgrant is executed. <b>Completion date:</b> July 12, 2002	\$ -	\$ 53.9	\$ 53.9
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ -	\$ 53.9	\$ 53.9
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01A-3	Carver County	SG-01-107. Reimbursement for 37.5 acres of Lake Waconia RP acquired in 1999. Completion date: 60 days after subgrant is executed. <b>Completion date:</b> May 31, 2004	\$ 359.0	\$ 232.2	\$ 591.2
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 359.0	\$ 232.2	\$ 591.2
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0

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01A-4	Dakota County	SG-01-108. Acquire some of 1,216 acres of inholdings in Dakota County RP, PR and RT. <b>Completion date:</b> May 8, 2002	\$ 310.0	\$ 203.5	\$ 513.5
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 310.0	\$ 203.5	\$ 513.5
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01A-5	Scott County	SG-01-112. Acquire a portion of a 400-acre parcel in Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park. This land was designated as a regional park by the Metropolitan Council on March 24, 2004 after conducting a public hearing review of the proposal on February 2, 2004 as required by MN Statute 473.147. <b>Completion date:</b> June 28, 2004	\$ 220.0	\$ -	\$ 220.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 220.0	\$ -	\$ 220.0
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01R-1	City of St. Paul	SG-01-109. Phase 1 rebuild Fern House and growing house, Como Conservatory. <b>Completion date:</b> November 12, 2003	\$ 1,426.7	\$ -	\$ 1,426.7
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 1,426.7	\$ -	\$ 1,426.7
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01R-2	Mpls. Park Bd.	SG-01-110. Continue rebuilding trails, shoreline restoration, at Lake of the Isles portion of Minneapolis Chain of Lakes RP. <b>Completion date:</b> June 10, 2004.	\$ 283.0	\$ 186.0	\$ 469.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 283.0	\$ 186.0	\$ 469.0
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0

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01R-3	Anoka County	SG-01-111. Campground visitor building, utilities, parking, relocate equestrian center, 1.5 mile of trails, signage in Bunker Hills RP. <b>Completion date:</b> October 24, 2003.	\$ 564.0	\$ 375.0	\$ 939.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 564.0	\$ 375.0	\$ 939.0
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01R-4	Three Rivers Park District	SG-01-112. Partial financing to rebuild 7 miles of paved trail built in 1978 to a width of 10 feet and to meet AASHTO guidelines at Baker PR. An additional \$167,000 of 1999 LCMR funds for this project must be spent on completed work on this project by June 30, 2002 (See amended 1999 LCMR workprogram). The remaining \$53,000 of Metro. Council bonds in the amended 1999 LCMR workprogram for this project and the \$480,000 of 2001 LCMR funds must be spent on completed work on this project by June 30, 2004. <b>Completion date:</b> August 2, 2002	\$ 480.0	\$ -	\$ 480.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 480.0	\$ -	\$ 480.0
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01R-5	Bloomington	SG-01-113. Reimbursement to replace play structure in 1998, and to replace 300 trees lost in a 1998 storm at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR. <b>Completion date:</b> June 30, 2004	\$ 25.0	\$ 30.0	\$ 55.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 25.0	\$ 29.7	\$ 54.7
		<b>Balance</b>	0	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3



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01R-6	Three Rivers Park District	SG-01-114. Rebuild 9.3 miles paved trail and boardwalk built in 1978 at Elm Creek PR. <b>Completion date:</b> November 17, 2003.	\$ 496.9	\$ -	\$ 496.9
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 496.9	\$ -	\$ 496.9
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01R-7	Mpls. Park Bd.	SG-01-115. Begin to replace beach bathhouse, seating terrace at beach, boardwalk trail on wetland, and path connections at Theodore Wirth RP. <b>Completion date:</b> June 30, 2004.	\$ 71.0	\$ 47.0	\$ 118.0
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 71.0	\$ 47.0	\$ 118.0
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01D-1	Dakota County	SG-01-116. Reimbursement on sewer connection for picnic areas in 1996 at Lebanon Hills RP, and youth group camp improvements in 1994 at Spring Lake PR. <b>Completion date:</b> June 7, 2002	\$ -	\$ 307.9	\$ 307.9
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ -	\$ 307.9	\$ 307.9
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01D-2	Three Rivers Park District	SG-01-117. Continue work on the following sections of North Hennepin RT: 1) Elm Creek PR to Fish Lake RP, 2) U.S. 169 to Theodore Wirth RP, 3) Luce Line State Trail to West Medicine Lake. <b>Completion date:</b> May 31, 2004.	\$ -	\$ 1,679.5	\$ 1,679.5
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,677.8	\$ 1,677.8
		<b>Balance</b>	0	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.7

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01D-3	Mpls. Park Bd.	SG-01-118. An estimated \$300,000 match to a \$700,000 TEA-21 grant to construct 650 ft. of historic plank road from Portland Ave. eastward. An estimated \$174,900 match to a \$685,000 TEA-21 grant for pedestrian circulation system within the lower tailrace area; and an estimated \$225,000 to stabilize/restore exposed historic ruins as part of "Mill Ruins Park" in Central Mississippi Riverfront RP. <b>Completion date:</b> June 8, 2004.	\$ 554.4	\$ 145.5	\$ 699.9
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 554.4	\$ 145.5	\$ 699.9
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
01D-4	Bloomington	SG-01-119. Trail between E. and W. Bush Lake areas and install a play structure at picnic site #2.at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR. <b>Completion date:</b> June 30, 2004.	\$ 100.0	\$ 52.5	\$ 152.5
			\$ 100.0	\$ 52.5	\$ 152.5
			0	0	0
01D-5	Ramsey Co.	SG-01-120. Begin Sucker Lake picnic area at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP. <b>Completion date:</b> June 30, 2004.	\$ 370.0	\$ 201.6	\$ 571.6
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 370.0	\$ 201.6	\$ 571.6
		<b>Balance</b>	0	0	0
		<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 5,645.0	\$ 3,762.7	\$ 9,407.7
		<b>Minus amount spent</b>	\$ 5,645.0	\$ 3,760.7	\$ 9,405.7
		<b>Balance</b>	0	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0

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**Result Status:** This final report submitted on October 1, 2004..

**V. TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:**

	LCMR dollars (\$000's)	Metro. Council bonds (\$000's)	Combined LCMR and Metro. Council (\$000's)
<b>All Results: Personnel:</b>	0		
<b>All Results: Equipment:</b>	0		
<b>All Results: Development:</b>	\$ 1,024.4	\$ 2,387.0	\$ 3,411.4
<b>All Results: Acquisition:</b>	\$ 1,274.0	\$ 737.7	\$ 2,011.7
<b>All Results: Rehabilitation:</b>	\$ 3,346.6	\$ 638.0	\$ 3,984.6
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$ 5,645.0</b>	<b>\$ 3,762.7</b>	<b>\$ 9,407.7</b>

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**VI. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SPENDING**

**A. Past Spending (Appropriations):** Funds appropriated and that have been spent by June 30, 2001 on other Metropolitan Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development projects are shown below.

Year	State G.O. bonds \$000's	State General Fund \$000's	MN Future Resources Fund \$000's	MN Environ. Trust Fund \$000's	Metropolitan Council bonds \$000's	Totals \$000's
1994	13,100				9,767	22,867
1995			1,120	4,591	2,251	7,962
1996	10,500		850		7,182	18,532
1997		2,900		4,000	2,333	9,233
<b>TOT.</b>	23,600	2,900	1,970	8,591	21,533	58,594

**B. Current and Future Spending (Appropriations):** Additional funds appropriated before 2001 that had balances on June 30, 2001 and were spent during the funding period of June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2004 are as follows:

Year	State G.O. bonds \$000's	State General Fund \$000's	MN Future Resources Fund \$000's	MN Environ. Trust Fund \$000's	Metropolitan Council bonds \$000's	Totals \$000's	Oct. 2004 Balance
1998	\$ 19,400				\$ 6,000	\$ 25,400	0
1999			\$ 1,300	\$ 2,795	\$ 550	\$ 4,645	0
<b>TOT.</b>	\$ 19,400	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,795	\$ 6,550	\$ 30,045	0

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**Financial status of 2000 appropriation as of October 1, 2004**

<b>2000 State G.O. bonds appropriated</b>	<b>2000 State G.O. bonds spent as of October 1, 2004</b>	<b>2000 State G.O. bonds balance as of October 1, 2004</b>	<b>2000 Metropolitan Council bonds appropriated</b>	<b>2000 Metropolitan Council bonds spent as of October 1, 2004</b>	<b>Metropolitan Council bonds balance as of October 1, 2004</b>
<b>\$000's</b>	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>\$000's</b>
\$ 21,600	\$ 16,092	\$ 5,508	\$ 3,333	\$ 3,333	0

**C. Project Partners:**

Following are the names of key staff from each of the regional park implementing agencies (subgrantees) that are responsible for subgrant management from this appropriation and past appropriations.

- John VonDeLinde, Anoka County Parks & Recreation Director, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd., Anoka, MN 55304
- Randy Quale, Manager Bloomington Parks, 2215 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431
- Martin Walsh, Carver County Parks Director, 10775 Co. Rd. 33, Norwood Young America, MN 55397
- Steve Sullivan, Dakota County Parks Director, 8500-127th St. E., Hastings, MN 55033
- Judd Reitkerk, Assist. Supt. For Planning, Mpls. Park & Rec. Board, 200 Grain Exchange, 400 South 4th St., Mpls. MN 55415
- Larry Holmberg, Supervisor Planning and Acquisition, Ramsey Co. Parks & Recreation, 2015 Van Dyke St., Maplewood, MN 55109
- Tim Agness, Principal Planner, City of St. Paul Parks & Recreation Div., 25 West Fourth St., St. Paul, MN 55102
- Boe Carlson, Three Rivers Park District, 300 Xenium Lane, Plymouth, MN 55441-2661 (for Three Rivers Park District and Scott

**D. Time:** Projects funded from this appropriation were completed on or before June 30, 2004 as described in Section IV.

**VII. DISSEMINATION:**

The public is informed of programs and facilities offered in the Metropolitan Regional Park System through public information efforts/publications of all of the regional park implementing agencies. The Metropolitan Council publishes a map entitled "Regional Parks--A Map and Guide to Your Regional Parks in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area". The Metropolitan Council also posts the information from this map/guide on its website entitled [www.metrocouncil.org/parks](http://www.metrocouncil.org/parks).

**VIII. LOCATION:**

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The location of all projects funded with the 2001 appropriation are shown on the map titled: Location Map of 2001 Environmental Trust Fund and Metropolitan Council Bond Financed Regional Parks Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Development Projects which is in the original work program approved June 13, 2001 and the location map for the Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park was included in the second amendment to the workprogram submitted in March, 2004.

### **IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

This final report illustrates the work completed and the financial status of LCMR funds and matching Metropolitan Council bonds spent under this appropriation between June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2004..