

Regional Parks and Trails System: 2025 in Review

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Meeting



December 4, 2025

Key Achievements

- Adoption of Imagine 2050 , Parks and Trails Policy Plan, and Handbook
- Launched a successful Art + Policy Imagine 2050 engagement program
- Modernizing Mapping Amendment
- Grounded and Growing Website
- Continued Park and Trail Acquisitions



Fun Fact

- MPOSChad 3 off-site meetings in 2025 :
 - Baylor Regional Park
 - Como Regional Park
 - Cleary Lake Regional Park

2025 Parks and Trails Recap



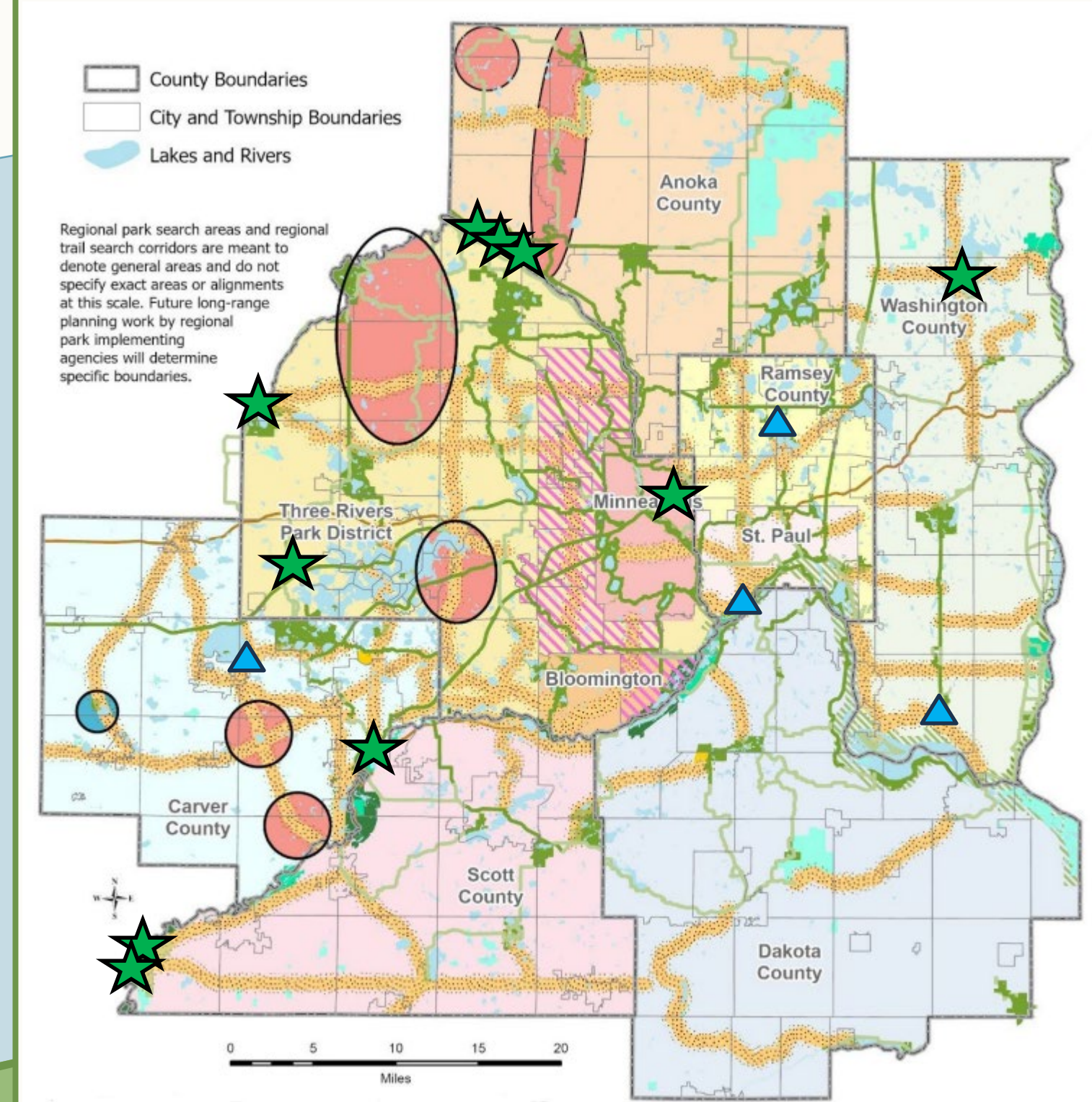
2025 Acquisitions and Grants

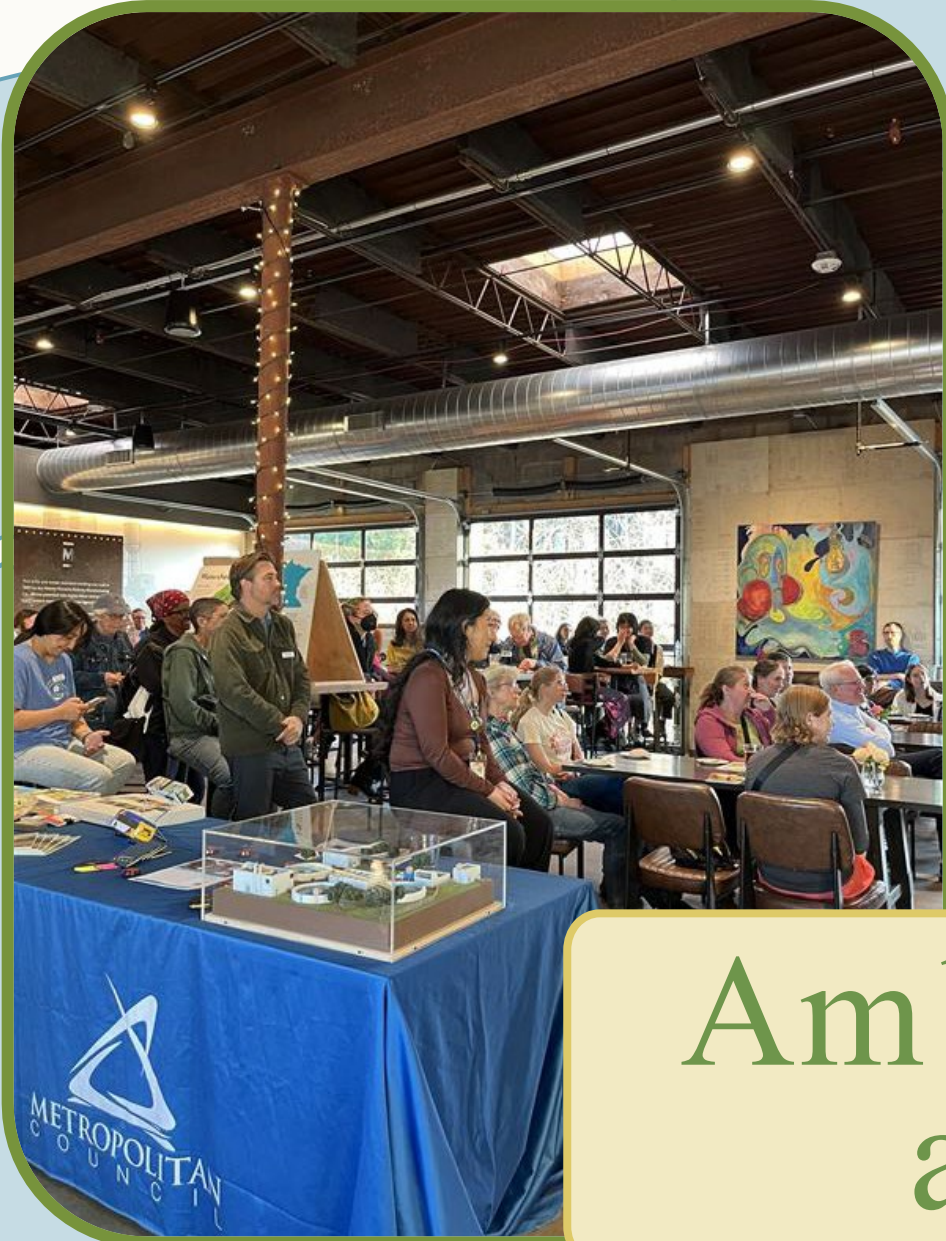
Acquisitions (Green Stars - ★)

- 10 acquisitions across five agencies
- Approved awards in 2025 for a total of 308 .6 new acres
 - 14 acres for Regional Trails
 - 293 acres for Park Reserves
 - 1.6 acres for Special Features
- \$9,848,742 invested into these acquisitions

Fishing Piers Grant (Blue Triangles - ▲)

- \$500,000 appropriated by Legislature for new fishing piers
- Six agencies participated and four agencies were awarded \$125,000 :
 - Carver County
 - Ramsey County
 - Saint Paul
 - Washington County





Ambassador Program and Art + Policy

2025 Highlights

- Art + Policy: Led successful Imagine 2050 engagement program
- Moved to next phase of Grounded and Growing Project
- Continued engagement at community events (Monarch Festival, etc.)
- Continued building social media presence and improved awareness

Parks and Trails Planning



Agency-Council Workgroups

Began convening Agency staff to work through regional issues such as Trail System Coordination, Bridging Facilities, Climate and Natural Systems, and American Indian Commitments

Imagine 2050 and Policy Plan

- Adopted Imagine 2050 Regional Development Guide and Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan
- Created first ever Parks and Trails Planning Handbook
- Developed Park and Trail Outcome Measures
- Helped create over 180 System Statements

Other Work

- Long-Range Plan Reviews
- Annual GIS Data Submittal and Review
- Modernizing Mapping Policy Plan Amendment
- Updated Parks Equity Tool



THANK YOU!

