

At a glance

As of February 2023

Statutory authority

25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

Committee webpage

[Park & Trails Legacy Advisory Committee | Minnesota Legacy](https://www.legacy.mn.gov/ptlac) (<https://www.legacy.mn.gov/ptlac>)

Application opportunities

Check webpage in late August for application requests.

Quick facts

- **TERMS:** Members are appointed for two-year staggered terms.
- **MEETINGS:** Meetings are held during the day, of the forth Thursday, every other month.
- **LOCATION:** When in-person meetings are possible, they are hosted by one of the three implementing agencies in/by a park of their choosing. Virtual access through Webex is available for those who cannot travel.
- More details on [Legacy webpage](https://www.legacy.mn.gov/ptlac)

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Parks & Trails Legacy Advisory Committee (PTLAC)

Purpose: Champion the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan by providing recommendations to enhance promotion, coordination, and accountability throughout implementation of the plan

About this committee

Created as part of the implementation of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan, the committee was convened by the Metropolitan Council (Met Council), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Coalition (GMRPTC).



Members collaborate to implement the [Legacy Plan](#)

Members give input and recommendations on how the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund should be used. The Parks and Trails Fund, one of the four funds created by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed in 2008, receives 14.25% of the money raised by the sales tax increase. The purpose of the amendment is to provide supplemental financial resources to traditional funding sources for support of state and regionally significant park and trail systems.

The committee is made up of up to 17 members. Each implementing agency appoints three members, and together they select the remaining eight spots via an open solicitation process (Ad-Hoc). Meetings are every other month, and locations are chosen by the host agency. Meetings are held in facilities throughout the state, and typically includes a tour to give members an opportunity to witness and experience projects and programs that have benefited from Parks and Trails Legacy Fund.

Minnesotans' opportunity to serve

This committee looks for new members almost every year and desires to reflect Minnesota's population. Any occupation, and recreational background is welcomed. The Parks and Trails committee values every perspective during discussions. Members have the opportunity to serve Minnesotans' vision and as stewards for the Parks and Trails. Networking between park staff and supporters, as well as observing firsthand the great changes that are being made are big parts of this position. This opportunity is perfect for those who are passionate about community, beautiful recreational spaces, and learning about the Parks and Trails systems. If interested, an applicant is eligible if they are:

- A Minnesota resident
- 18 years or older