This Document can be made available
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION

HOUSE FILE NO. 2249

April 1, 2009
Authored by Scalze, Laine, Mullery, Hausman, Mahoney and others
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; appropriating money for metropolitan regional parks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS.**

$27,760,000 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the Metropolitan Council for distribution to implementing agencies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.351, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), as grants according to the following formula:

(1) 45 percent of the money must be disbursed according to the allocation formula in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.351, subdivision 3, to each implementing agency;

(2) 31.5 percent of the money must be distributed based on each implementing agency's relative share of the most recent estimate of the population of the metropolitan area;

(3) 13.5 percent of the money must be distributed based on each implementing agency's relative share of nonlocal visits based on the most recent user visitation survey conducted by the Metropolitan Council; and

(4) ten percent of the money must be distributed as grants to implementing agencies for land acquisition within the Metropolitan Council-approved regional parks and trails master plan boundaries under the council's park acquisition opportunity grant program. The Metropolitan Council must provide a match of $2 of the council's parks bonds for every $3 of state funds for the park acquisition opportunity grant program.