

**News Release from  
The Chisago County Board of Commissioners and the  
Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission**

**CHISAGO COUNTY TO RECEIVE \$1.9 MILLION FOR REGIONAL TRAILS**

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Chisago County is pleased to announce that the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission has included three Chisago County projects in its funding priority list to be presented to the Minnesota Legislature for approval in January 2016.

Total recommended funding for the three projects is \$1,885,500. Endorsement by the Commission is the critical first step in the legislative funding process. Included in the Commission's funding priority list are:

- The Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail East End Paving Project - *To complete paving on the Trail's East End Project (currently under construction)*
- The Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail Connection – *To build an additional trail segment to connect the Trail's East End Project to the existing trail in the City of Shafer*
- The Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail Rehabilitation Project - *To repave the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail from the City of North Branch through the City of Wyoming*

“This is exceptional news!” says Chisago County Commission Chairperson Rick Greene. “The County has worked hard to develop and maintain these two important regional trails. It is gratifying to partner with the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission in making these next projects a reality.”

In 2014 the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail and the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail successfully achieved the important Regionally Significant Designations required to apply for grant funding. In 2015 Chisago County prepared Master Plans to better inform and support the grant applications for each trail. Funded projects require a 10% match from the local community.

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013. The Commission undertakes system planning and provides recommendations to the legislature for grants funded by the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, to counties and cities outside of the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of regional significance.

For more information on the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission and the designation and funding process, please visit: [www.gmrptcommission.org](http://www.gmrptcommission.org)

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