



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

2007

MRPA Actively Supports the Following State Legislation:

Parks and Recreation Funding

MRPA supports operations and maintenance, acquisition, and infrastructure funding for parks, recreation, trails, and open spaces statewide. This funding is not to supplant traditional and current funding sources.

Active Living and Healthy Communities

MRPA supports increased public access to recreation opportunities throughout Minnesota. Parks and recreation provides four leading strategies to engage the public in active lifestyles: access, opportunities, affordability, and inclusive nature.

Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MRPA supports parks and recreation as a potential recipient of LCCMR funds, the reinstatement of the Futures Resources Fund, and parks and recreation representation on the LCCMR. MRPA also supports the inter-agency sharing of best practices throughout the state.

Dedicated Sales Tax

MRPA supports the inclusion of parks and recreation as a recipient of dedicated sales tax legislation funding. This legislation is not to supplant traditional and current funding sources.

Urban Natural Resources

MRPA supports the protection of natural resources and the use of the appropriate control methods to protect them. Funding provided by the state will assist in the management of these important resources.

Park Dedication

MRPA supports park dedication legislation that does not limit park discretion in the use of land or cash in lieu of land.

Other Monitoring Items

MRPA will also monitor the following legislation during the 2007 session; local government aid, property taxes, and levy limits.