



Retroactive Authorization to submit and accept Recreational Trails Program Grants from DNR

3/3/2026





Request

Parks is requesting authorization to retroactively submit and accept Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants for bridge infrastructure repairs in amounts not to exceed **\$100,000** per project. The two RTP grants would support: **(1)** replacement of the Oak Leaf Trail pedestrian bridge over the Root River near Hwy 100 and Coldspring Road; and **(2)** replacement of two Menomonee River trail bridges within Menomonee River Parkway in Wauwatosa.

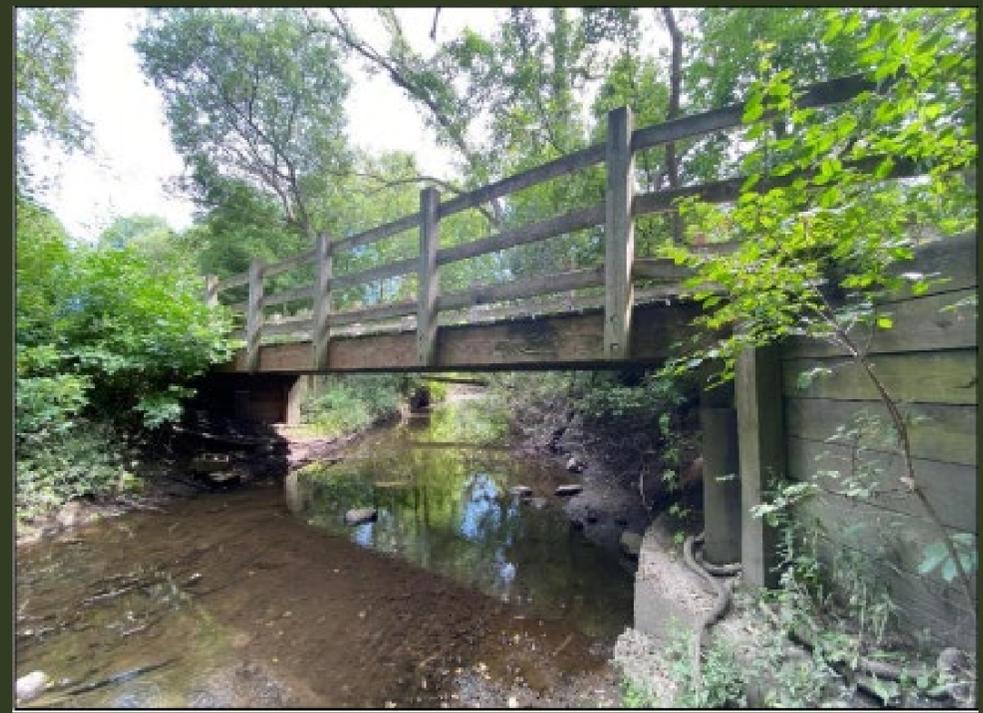


Background

- RTP is a reimbursable grant program that requires local match. The required 20% local match for both RTP grant applications will be provided through previously approved Parks capital funding under Capital Project WP073901 – Parks Bridges Repairs and Replacement Phase 2, adopted as part of the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget. Retroactive authorization is requested to meet RTP application timelines.
- Parks has been awarded \$382,901 of RTP funds in the last 10 years for four separate projects (East Side bike trail rehab, Ryan Creek bridge replacement, OLT Zip Line sinkhole repair, OLT Kohl Park development).

Background

The Oak Leaf Trail project would replace the pedestrian bridge over the Root River near Hwy 100 and Coldspring Road in Root River Parkway to improve safety and maintain a continuous trail connection.



The Menomonee River Parkway project would repair two pedestrian trail bridges crossing the Menomonee River in Menomonee River Parkway in Wauwatosa, including near the Honey Creek confluence, to support safe public access along the parkway trail corridor.



Terms



- RTP grants were due March 1, 2026.
- Awards will be announced in 3-4 months.
- Projects must be completed by 2030



Questions?



Thank You!