

The mission of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee is
“to champion the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan by providing recommendations to enhance
promotion, coordination, and accountability throughout implementation of the plan.”



Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Afton State Park

6959 Pellar Ave S

Hastings, MN 55033

Website link: [Afton State Park](#) | [Minnesota DNR](#)

9:50 AM Webex Meeting Open

- PTLAC members participating remotely are encouraged to join to resolve technical issues
- **Webex link:** <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m400425657ac193f6844203e3c8e27529>

10:00 AM Welcome

Janice Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe Erickson, Chair

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- Welcome & Introductions (PTLAC members, agency liaisons/staff)
 - **Ice breaker:** In a few words, what lens/background do you approach your work on the committee with?
 - **Approval of Agenda** (with member identification of any conflict of interest on agenda items.)
 - **Approval of Minutes** for February 27, 2025 Meeting
 - Comments on meeting structure/focus
 - **PLEASE NOTE: Date Change for June PTLAC Meeting.**
 - Meeting date changed from Thursday, June 26, 2025 to Wednesday, June 18, 2025

10:20 AM Afton State Park Welcome

Nick Bartels, Park Supervisor, Afton State Park

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- Welcome PTLAC to the park and brief information about Legacy projects on-site.

10:40 AM Context Building Session: DNR Legacy Updates and DNR Updates

Laura Preus, DNR Legacy Liaison

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- FY26-FY27 DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Strategic Directions
 - DNR capital needs report
 - Potential external impacts for Parks and Trails agencies
 - PTLAC Questions?

11:00 AM Advice Session: The Library Pass Program Growth & Outreach

Arielle Courtney, DNR Partnership Development Consultant and PTLAC Members

- Arielle will share background information about the Library Pass Program. Luisa will briefly share about the planned outreach effort being developed.
- PTLAC Questions: Please share perspectives on the following questions.
 - What outreach ideas do you have to promote the library program with lower income communities? What kinds of events this summer could best promote the program (keeping in mind limited staff capacity)?
 - How can we better use libraries as a hub to connect people to the outdoors at the local, regional, and state levels? What does this experience look like?
- Group discussion and advice.

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Advice Session: The Newsletter; MNPAIR; *Coordinate with Partners* -- Goals, Projects
(PTLAC Members and Liaisons)

- Luisa will share thoughts on the PTLAC newsletter. Questions for members to write a response to on paper:
 - How is this working? How do you engage with it? What parts are most and least useful, what else would you like to see? Newsletter Name?
 - Discussion?
- Luisa mention mini interviews idea.
- Renee will share about MNPAIR and future directions. Then a discussion, or break into groups:
 - The MNPAIR program is a “Coordinate with Partners” pilot project happening now. With the MNPAIR pilot program coming to an end, do members see the most value in continuing this program using the “Coordinate with Partners” budget, or trying something new? What other project ideas to members have about how to use the “Coordinate with Partners” budget?
 - Examples: continue with MNPAIR, do a new art-focused program at parks, focus on an outreach project (what kind?), etc.
 - For reference: the “Coordinate with Partners” pillar is about creating a more seamless experience for visitors across parks and trails from all agencies.

1:00 PM Site Tour of Afton State Park

- REMINDER: Please dress for the weather – site tour will include outdoors.

2:00 PM Adjourn

2025 PTLAC Meeting Schedule

NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

Former Date:- ~~Thursday, June 26, 2025, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM~~

New Date: **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Host: Met Council

Location: **Cleary Lake Regional Park, Scott County**

18106 Texas Avenue

Prior Lake, MN 55372

[Cleary Lake Regional Park | Three Rivers Park District](#)

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Host: DNR

Location: Lake Bemidji State Park

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Host: GMRPTC

Location: Grand Marais Recreation Area

Thursday, December 11, 2025. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Host: Met Council

Location: Mississippi Gateway Regional Park, Three Rivers Park District, Hennepin County

NOTE: Meeting dates, times, locations and topics are subject to change.

Legacy Liaisons' responsibilities to the committee:

Share context with members that will help them be informed to advise the Liaisons on Legacy topics.

Bring points of growth and questions to the committee where discussion with members can influence Legacy projects and programs.

Consider advice from PTLAC members as they make decisions regarding Legacy implementation.

Members' responsibilities:

Provide advice and ideas from their perspectives, as informed representatives of the public, to the liaisons on the Legacy topics and questions that the liaisons bring to the committee.
