

2021 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1019

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department
House Bill No. 1019

Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

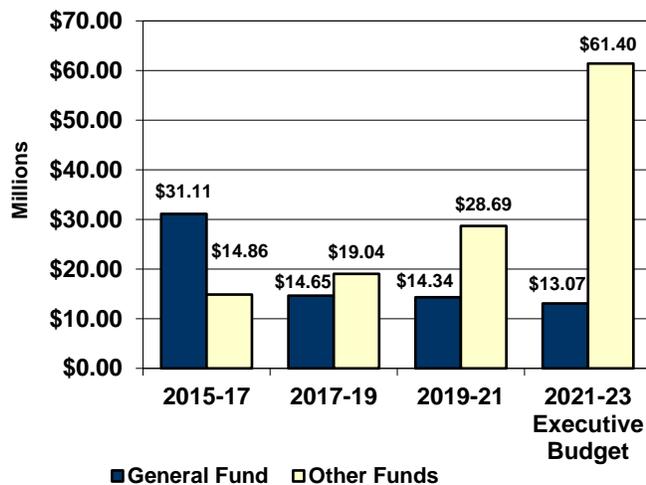
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Executive Budget	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700
2019-21 Legislative Appropriations ¹	61.50	14,343,129	28,691,853	43,034,982
Increase (Decrease)	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$32,704,510	\$31,430,718

¹The 2019-21 biennium agency appropriation amounts have not been adjusted for additional federal Coronavirus (COVID-19) funds authority of \$250,985 resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2019-21 biennium.

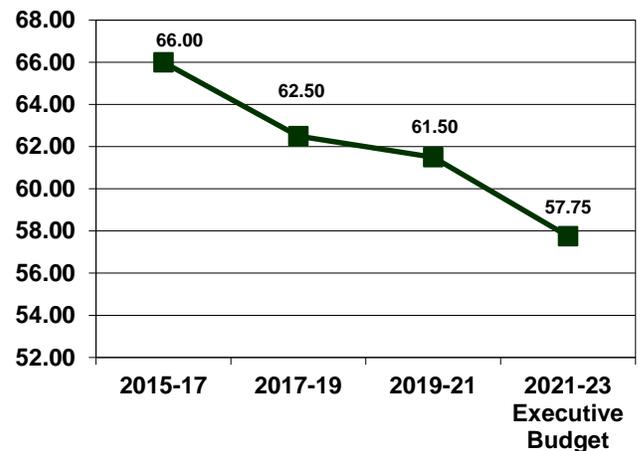
Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 Executive Budget	\$13,069,337	\$0	\$13,069,337
2019-21 Legislative Appropriations	14,343,129	0	14,343,129
Increase (Decrease)	(\$1,273,792)	\$0	(\$1,273,792)

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Executive Budget	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700
2021-23 Base Level	14,343,129	20,380,727	34,723,856
Increase (Decrease)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844

Attached as an appendix is a detailed comparison of the executive budget to the agency's base level appropriations.

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$291,271 is for salary increases, \$3,467 is for health insurance increases, and \$57,102 is for retirement contribution increases	\$338,139	\$13,701	\$351,840
2. Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center before its transfer to the State Historical Society	\$0	\$173,554	\$173,554
3. Transfers 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society	(\$840,596)	(\$587,999)	(\$1,428,595)
4. Increases federal funds authority for grants	\$0	\$2,308,426	\$2,308,426

5. Reduces funding for administration (\$155,653), park operations and maintenance (\$300,337), and recreation (\$680,123)	(\$202,990)	(\$933,123)	(\$1,136,113)
6. Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden to provide a total of \$744,880	(\$131,449)	\$0	(\$131,449)
7. Reduces funding for equipment over \$5,000 to provide a total of \$303,200	\$0	(\$511,800)	(\$511,800)
8. Increases funding for data processing to provide a total of \$1,295,981	\$410,250	\$7,664	\$417,914
9. Reduces funding for operating fees and services to provide a total of \$313,050	\$0	(\$245,853)	(\$245,853)
10. Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$45,000), recreation line item (\$20,000), and increasing funding in the parks operations & maintenance line item (\$295,079)	\$0	\$230,079	\$230,079
11. Adjusts funding for professional services by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$30,000), recreation line item (\$216,875), and increasing funding in the parks operations & maintenance line item (\$286,999)	\$0	\$40,124	\$40,124
12. Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses	\$19,751	\$6,687	\$26,438
13. Adds one-time funding from legacy fund earnings for state parks deferred maintenance	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
14. Adds one-time funding from bond proceeds for park district infrastructure grants	\$0	\$20,600,000	\$20,600,000
15. Adds one-time funding from bond proceeds for state park infrastructure improvements	\$0	\$9,885,000	\$9,885,000

**Other Sections Recommended to be Added in the Executive Budget
(As Detailed in the Attached Appendix)**

Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance - Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.

Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds - Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Exemption - International Peace Garden - Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - Park enhancements - Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Conveyance of land and buildings - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center - Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Continuing appropriation - Parks matching grant program - Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

State parks matching grant program - Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium to establish a state parks matching grant program.

Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

Deficiency Appropriation

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1097- Amends Section 55-08-07.2 to provide a continuing appropriation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the state parks gift fund.

Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expense		19,751	6,687	26,438
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)
One-time funding items				
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)
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Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

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Executive Budget Recommendation

Continuing appropriation - Parks matching grant program

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State parks matching grant program

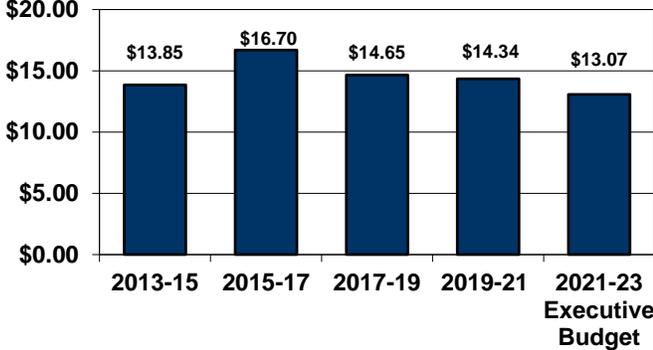
Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department

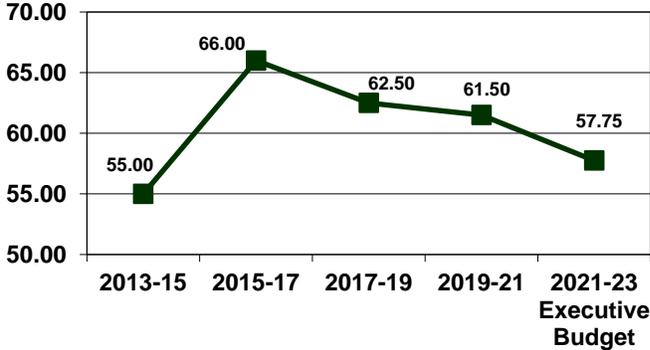
Historical Appropriations Information

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations Since 2013-15

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations (in Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations					
	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$13,854,838	\$16,702,916	\$14,654,276	\$14,343,129	\$13,069,337
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$2,848,078	(\$2,048,640)	(\$311,147)	(\$1,273,792)
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	20.6%	(12.3%)	(2.1%)	(8.9%)
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2013-15 biennium	N/A	20.6%	5.8%	3.5%	(5.7%)

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2015-17 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for 1 FTE position and related operating expenses for a park ranger at Cross Ranch State Park \$105,270
- 2. Added funding to convert 5 temporary administrative assistant positions to FTE positions \$301,838
- 3. Added funding to convert four .75 FTE positions into four 1 FTE positions \$93,647
- 4. Increased funding for extraordinary repairs at various state parks \$345,521
- 5. Added funding to increase temporary employee salaries by \$1 per hour \$220,220
- 6. Added funding for 10 additional seasonal temporary employees at various state parks \$213,543
- 7. Increased funding for operating expenses for administration, park operations and maintenance, and recreation by \$111,345, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center by \$368,000 \$479,345
- 8. Added funding for 4 FTE positions for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center \$366,384

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. Removed 2.5 unspecified FTE positions (\$292,187) and 1 FTE administrative assistant position (\$116,875) (\$409,062)
- 2. Reduced funding for salaries and wages in anticipation of savings from vacant positions and employee turnover (\$239,959)
- 3. Adjusted seasonal salaries and benefits (\$586,406)
- 4. Reduced funding for operating expenses for state parks from the general fund (\$215,320)
- 5. Reduced funding for extraordinary repairs (\$150,760)
- 6. Reduced funding for equipment from the general fund (\$350,000)

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Transferred 1 FTE information technology position and related funding to the Information Technology Department (\$177,868) and added funding of \$191,314 for payments to the Information Technology Department for the information technology unification initiative \$13,446

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| 2. Adjusted funding for salaries and wages | (\$105,086) |
| 3. Adjusted funding for extraordinary repairs by reducing funding from the general fund (\$947,794) and increasing other funds (\$947,794) to provide a total of \$1,141,920 from the state parks fund | (\$947,794) |
| 4. Adjusted funding for operating expenses by adding funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing, reducing other operating expenses, and reducing funding for bond payments | \$61,370 |
| 5. Added funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations | \$49,484 |

2021-23 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

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| 1. Transfers 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society | (\$840,596) |
| 2. Reduces funding from the general fund and other funds for administration (\$155,653), park operations and maintenance (\$300,337), and recreation (\$680,123) | (\$202,990) |
| 3. Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden to provide a total of \$744,880 | (\$131,449) |
| 4. Increases funding for data processing | \$410,250 |
| 5. Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses | \$19,751 |

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AS SUBMITTED BY THE
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the parks and recreation department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department, for providing funding to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and for providing a grant to the International Peace Garden, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Administration	\$ 2,604,999	\$ 13,454	\$ 2,618,453
Parks Operations & Maintenance	20,614,593	19,864,435	40,479,028
Recreation	<u>9,323,560</u>	<u>21,285,397</u>	<u>30,608,957</u>
Total All Funds	\$32,543,152	\$41,163,286	\$73,706,438
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,046,607</u>	<u>41,349,756</u>	<u>61,396,363</u>
Total General Fund	\$12,496,545	\$ (186,470)	\$12,310,075
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	61.50	(3.75)	57.75

Subdivision 2.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE
GARDEN

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Peace Garden	\$876,329	\$(131,449)	\$744,880
Total All Funds	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Less Estimated Income	0	0	0
Total General Fund	\$876,329	\$(131,449)	\$744,880

Subdivision 3.

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Lewis & Clark	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>\$(1,289,993)</u>	<u>\$14,382</u>
Total All Funds	1,304,375	(1,289,993)	14,382
Less Estimated Income	<u>334,120</u>	<u>(334,12)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 970,255	\$ (955,873)	\$14,382

Subdivision 4.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand Total All Fund	\$34,723,856	\$39,741,844	\$74,465,700
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>41,015,636</u>	<u>61,396,363</u>
Total General Funds	\$14,343,129	\$(1,273,792)	\$13,069,337

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
Parks Capital Projects	\$1,755,000	\$ 0
Extraordinary Repair	634,126	0
One-Time Equipment	622,000	0
State Park Survey	150,000	0
Recreation Mapping	75,000	0
Traffic Counters	75,000	0
International Peace Garden Projects	2,000,000	0
Parks Infrastructure	0	9,885,000
Park Deferred Maintenance Legacy Fund Earnings	0	10,000,000
Park District Infrastructure Grants	0	<u>20,600,000</u>
Total All Funds	\$5,311,126	\$40,485,000
Less Estimated Income	<u>\$5,311,126</u>	<u>\$40,485,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0

The 2021-23 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The parks and recreation department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining in the international peace garden line for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section will be subject to the International Peace Garden raising one to one matching funds from non-state of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS – LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER – EXEMPTION. The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

SECTION 8. Section 55-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Section 55-08-20 Parks Matching Grant Program – Continuing Appropriation. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of each odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-numbered year, North Dakota parks and recreation shall utilize one dollar in matching funds for every one dollar raised by a non-state entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota State parks and recreation managed properties. Any funds utilized pursuant to this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the North Dakota parks and recreation for capital projects.

SECTION 9. STATE PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. The department of parks and recreation is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available, of the amount transferred to the park gift fund from Legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to 2021 House Bill 1015 to establish a state parks matching grant program as provided in section 8 of this Act.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
1/12/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. **Chairman David Monson, Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt, Representative Bob Martinson, Representative Mike Nathe, Representative Mark Sanford, and Representative Mike Schatz** were all present. **Representative Tracy Boe** was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) overview
- Recreation Programs, State Parks, Campsites, Grant Programs, Planning and Geographic Information Systems, Improvements and Repairs, Special Projects, Budgets, Executive Recommendations
- North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA)

Andrea Travnicek (10:13 a.m.) testified in favor and submitted testimony #531 and #532.

Tim Chapman (11:25 a.m.) testified in favor and submitted testimony #497 and #498.

Cole Higlin (11:45 a.m.) testified in favor and submitted testimony #486.

Additional written testimony: #588

Chairman David Monson closed the hearing at 11:56 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk



HOUSE BILL 1019 TESTIMONY

EDUCATION & ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

January 12, 2021

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Mission Statement

We offer a diversity of recreation opportunities and sustainably manage resources.

Vision

Enriching generations through experiences that connect people and places.



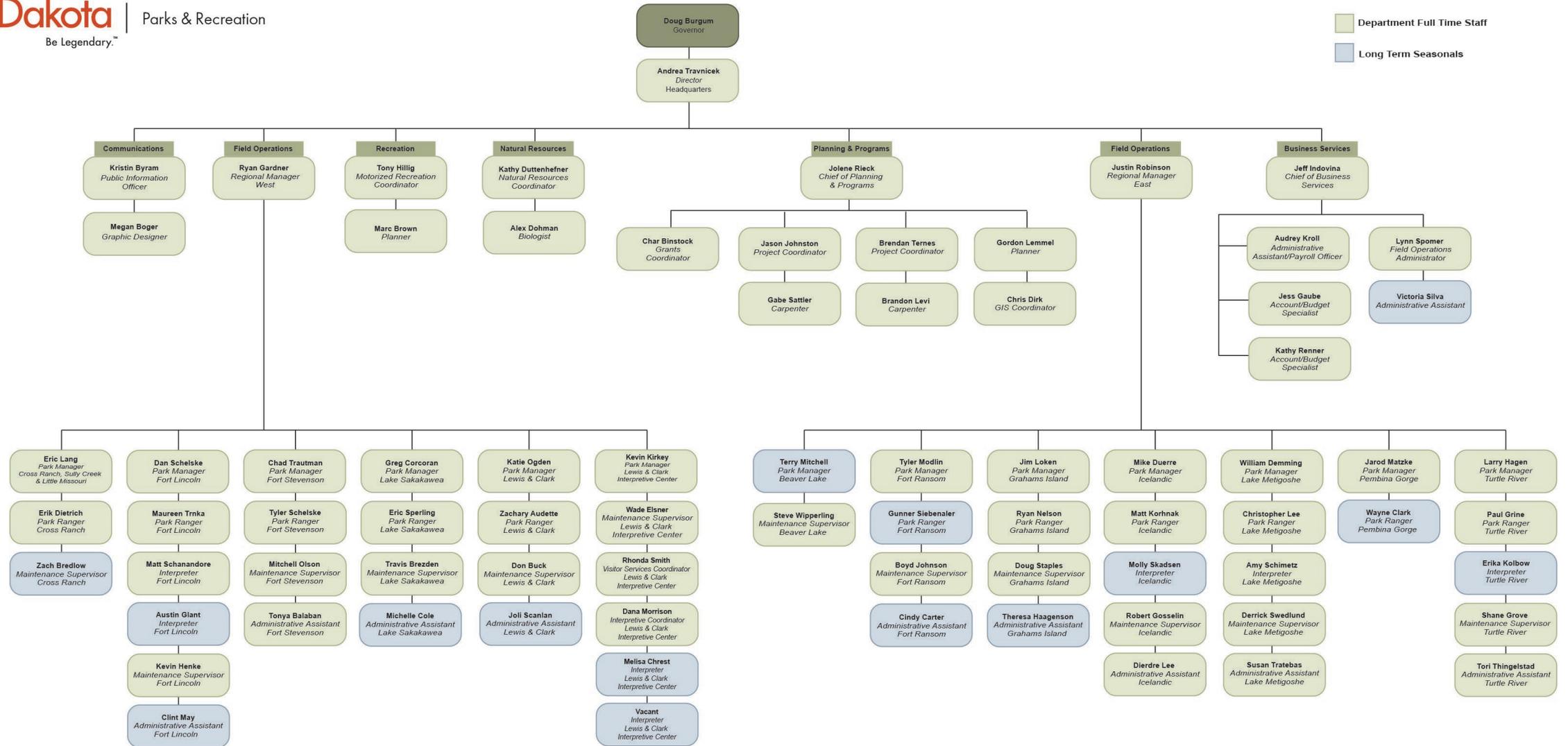
61.5 Full-time Employees



15 Destination Properties



Department Full Time Staff
Long Term Seasonals



SCORP & STRATEGIC PLAN



2018-2022 SCORP

An evaluation of the demand for and supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities in the state of North Dakota.



2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Guiding document to give the agency a unified direction and strategy.

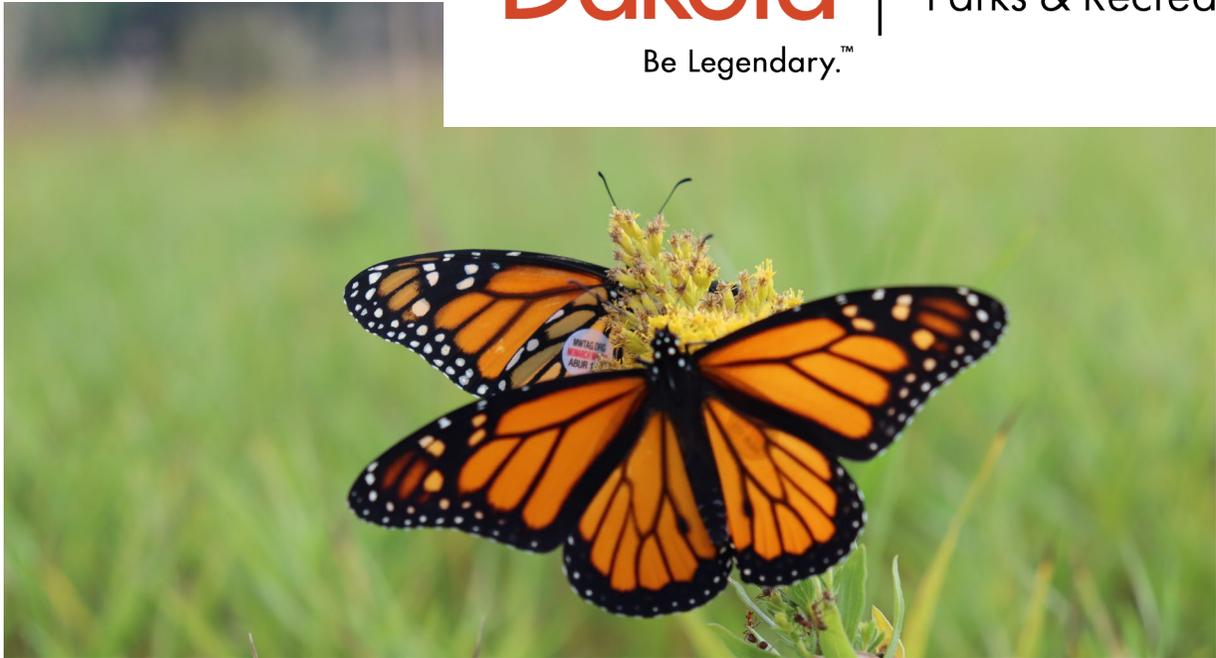
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES-ACCOMPLISHMENTS

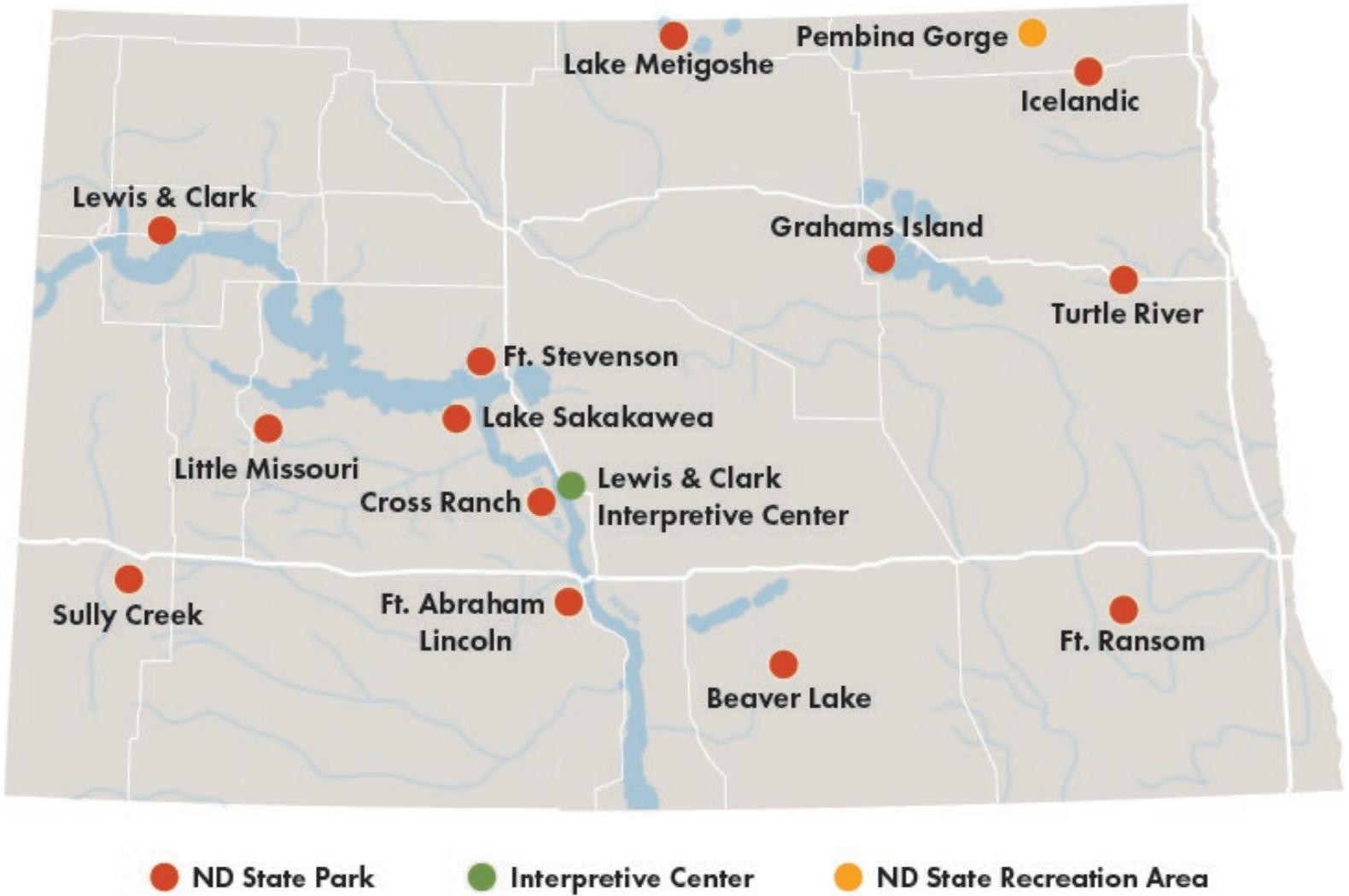
- Expanded customer offerings:
Covered wagon overnight rental, ice skating rinks, equipment rentals
- Installed WiFi registration stations at all park entrances
- Expanded volunteer program systemwide
- Developed and initiated new master planning framework
- Refined cyclical processes
- Electrification at Sully Creek State Park





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FIELD OPERATIONS

- 15 Destination properties
- 21,287 acres managed
- 1.29 million visitors in 2020
- 84,700 camping nights in 2020
 - 23% increase from 2019
- 39.75 field operation FTE
 - 23 of these are law enforcement officers
- 16 long term seasonal employees
- 171 seasonal positions

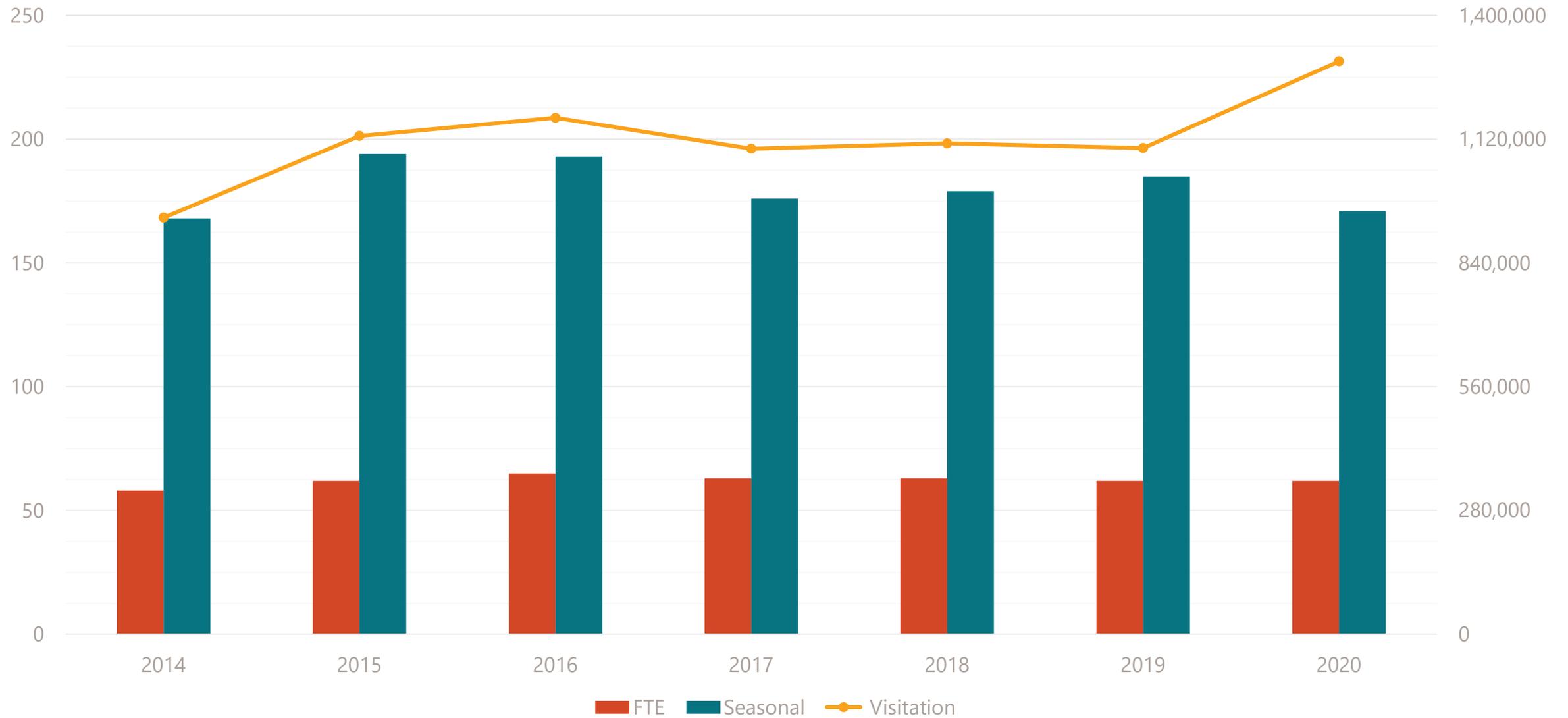


CAMPER VISITATION BY LOCATION IN 2020

State Park Location	2020 Unit Nights	Number of Campsites	2019-2020 Unit Nights Variance
Grahams Island	14,487	149	+24.30%
Lake Sakakawea	13,415	201	+25.30%
Fort Stevenson	9,582	146	+8.00%
Fort Abraham Lincoln	8,096	101	+18.90%
Lake Metigoshe	7,977	127	+46.20%
Icelandic	7,964	157	+2.90%
Lewis & Clark	7,451	101	+14.50%
Turtle River	5,295	94	+21.60%
Sully Creek	4,940	40	+48.00%
Cross Ranch	3,659	76	+46.60%
Fort Ransom	3,580	70	+39.20%
Little Missouri	1,796	35	+54.40%
Beaver Lake	1,753	33	+29.90%



Annual Visitation Comparison to Full-Time & Seasonal Employees



Recreation Activities



- Hiking
- Biking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Beaches
- Horseback Riding
- Geocaching
- Marinas
- Museums
- Historical Tours
- Snowshoeing
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Ice Fishing
- Dog Parks
- OHV Trails
- Snowmobiling
- Campfires

Equipment Rentals



- Aqua Pads
- Bicycles
- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Motorized Boats
- Paddle Boards
- Cross Country Skis
- Snowshoes
- Kick Sleds
- Fat Tire Bikes

Interpretive Services



- Campfire Series & Kahoot
- Local Programming
- Field Trips
- Amphitheater Programming
- Statewide Programming
- 2019 Statewide Special Events

DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE



- 1,330 Campsites
- 331 Buildings
- 56 Overnight Rental Accommodations
- 16 Rental Meeting Spaces
- 205 Miles of Multi-Use Trails
- 234 Marina Slips
- 125 Restroom Facilities
- 1,700 Picnic Tables
- 130 Miles of Roadway
- 14 Concession Stores

MOTORIZED RECREATION

Snowmobile

- 9,979 Registered Snowmobiles (as of 11/30/2020)
- Partnerships/Stakeholders
- 8,000 volunteer hours
- 2,800 miles of authorized trails

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)

- 27,349 trail counts
- 500 hours of trail maintenance completed
- 41,999 Registered Off-Highway Vehicles (as of 11/30/2020)
- 47.5 miles of designated trails

Youth Safety Outreach

- 923 Safety Certifications issued
- Youth Helmet Program





NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

- 95 multi-use trails
- 205 miles of trail
- 9 trail counters installed



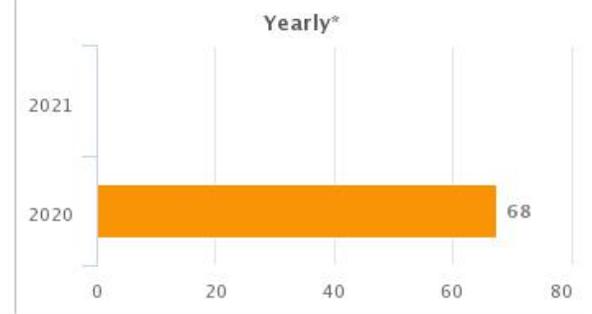
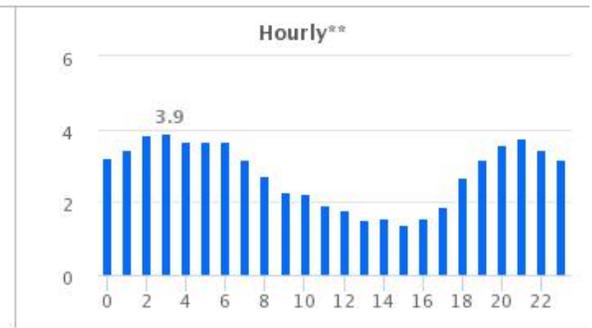
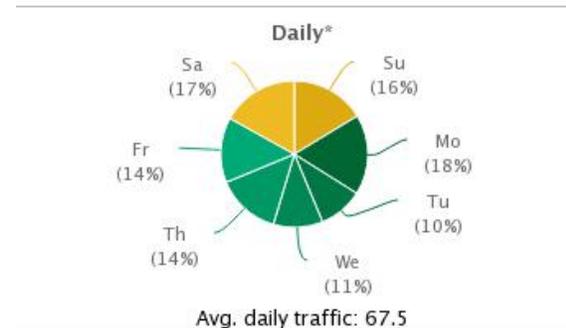
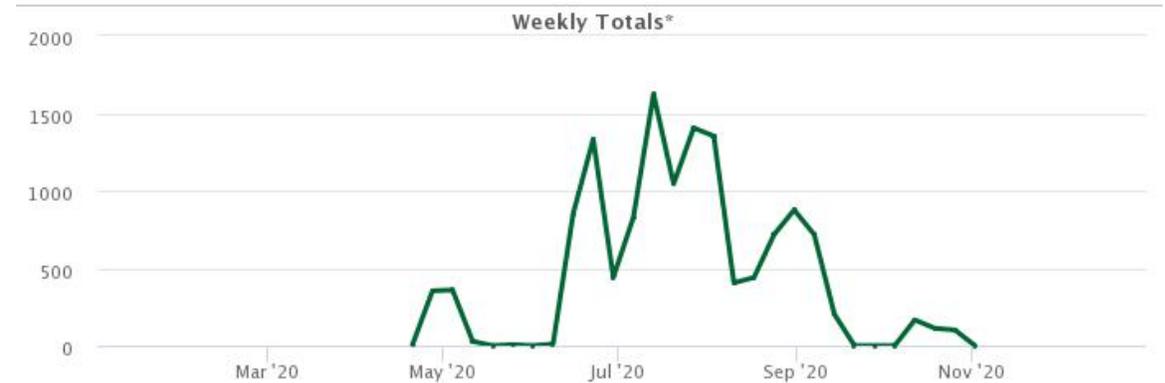
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Site report: from 2020-01-01 to 2021-01-01

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EXAMPLE OF TRAIL COUNTER DATA



* Weekly and Daily are calculated from Average Daily Traffic (ADT); Monthly and Yearly show ADT values.
 ** Based on last year of data only.

NATURAL RESOURCES



Environmental Reviews

- 228 projects reviewed



Noxious Weed Control

- 1,165 acres treated



Forestry Management

- 746 trees planted
- 244 trees removed

GRANT PROGRAMS



Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- National Park Service "state-side" program administered by NDPRD
- Granted \$1.6m in FY19 and \$1.8m in FY20
- Conducted over 500 post-project inspections last summer using GPS technology
- Permanent reauthorization of the Land & Water Conservation Fund through the Great American Outdoors Act

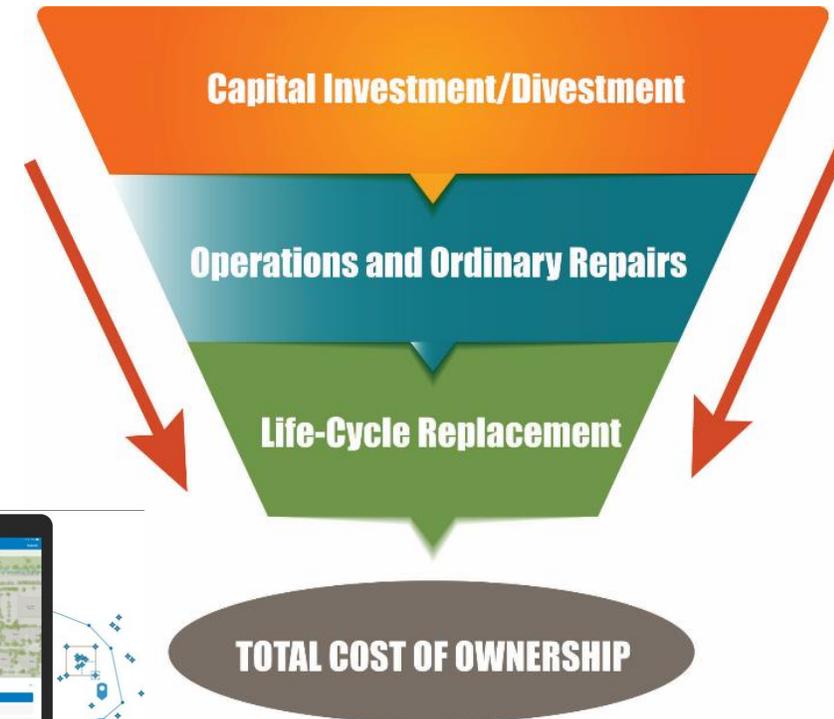
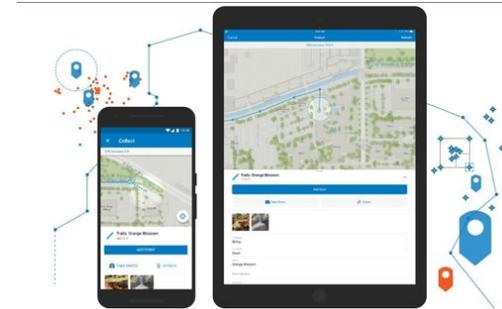
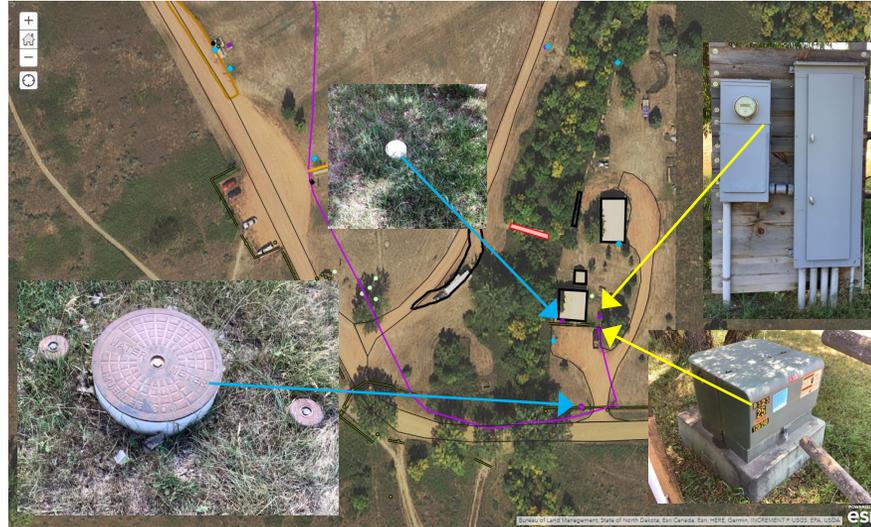
Recreation Trails Program (RTP)

- Federal Highway Administration program administered by NDPRD
- Granted \$1.08m in FY20 and \$773k in FY21
- Will launch on WebGrants in March 2021

PLANNING & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

MASTER PLANNING & DATA MANAGEMENT

Property	Current MP	New MP	Status
Cross Ranch State Park	1985	2020	Final Draft
Lewis & Clark State Park	1982	2020	Preliminary Draft
Crow Flies High State Recreation Area	None	2021	Initiated
Fort Stevenson State Park	1982	2021	Ready to Commence
Icelandic State Park	1984	2021	Kick-off July
Grahams Island State Park	1987	2022	
Lake Metigoshe State Park	1984/ 1988	2022	
Lake Sakakawea State Park	1983	2023	
Turtle River State Park	1997	2023	



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS & SPECIALTY CARPENTRY



- Over 100 projects valued at over \$5.54 million
- 43 projects complete, 32 in-progress
- Specialty repairs include marinas & historic facilities

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS

SYSTEM-WIDE

- Firewood storage buildings
- Vault toilet replacements
- Fuel containment systems
- FEMA trailer shingling and repairs
- Fish cleaning station upgrades

FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

- Maintenance shop energy retrofit
- Cavalry Square siding and windows
- Road approach at Stumpf Natural Area
- CCC parking lot repairs

ICELANDIC STATE PARK

- Heritage Center geothermal change-over
- Road repairs (spring 2021)

LITTLE MISSOURI STATE PARK

- Trail repairs
- Mobile office building

FORT RANSOM STATE PARK

- Added the Percheron Wagon as a new rental
- Replaced the shop roof

CROSS RANCH STATE PARK

- Installed an RV dump station

SULLY CREEK STATE PARK

- Electrification of camp sites with 30/50 amp service

LEWIS & CLARK STATE PARK

- Replacement cold storage building

LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK

- Replaced carpet in the Visitor's Center
- Replaced outdated HVAC in staff residence

FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK

- Replaced playground equipment in campground

LAKE METIGOSHE STATE PARK

- Repair the foundation on the dorms
- Repair and stabilization of the CCC Dining Hall

TURTLE RIVER STATE PARK

- Visitor Center exhibit renovation
- Conversion of cabins from seasonal to full-service



EXTRAORDINARY REPAIR & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Appropriation of \$1,141,920 for extraordinary repair
- Appropriation of \$1,755,000 in SIIF for capital projects
- One-time appropriation of \$634,126 for extraordinary repair



CAPITAL PROJECT

STATUS

SCSP Campground Electrical

Completed September 2020

GISP Bait Shop

Construction in-progress

ISP Roads

Engineering in-progress

FSSP DeTrobriand Marina Electrical

RFQ issued in December 2020

FSSP DeTrobriand Lodge

RFQ A/E selection in January 2021

PGSRA Campground

Engineering will end at 60% completion

Department-Wide Rental Cabins

Budget scoping and site planning for placements



CONSTRUCTION CARRYOVER & EXEMPTION

15-17 Biennium Carryover: \$1,054,779

- 21/22 projects are in-progress or complete
- Anticipate 3 projects will still be under construction at end of biennium
- Large projects held up with regulatory hurdles

17-19 Biennium Carryover: \$958,037

- 13/24 projects complete; 7 in-progress; 4 need to start
- Requesting exemption to carryover unspent funds into 21-23 biennium to complete in-progress construction projects

UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES

- **Storm damage**
 - Cross Ranch, Fort Ransom, Turtle River tree & trail damage
 - Storm related trail damage (landslides) at Little Missouri & Pembina Gorge
- **Ice damage**
 - Fort Stevenson Garrison Bay breakwater
 - Marina infrastructure statewide
- **Flooding**
 - Fort Abraham Lincoln Campground
 - Sully Creek State Park
- **Vandalism**
 - Fort Abraham Lincoln Hillside shelter burned down
 - Fort Ransom entrance sign vandalized by fire and replaced
- **Emergencies**
 - Boat rescues
 - Medical emergencies
- **Aged infrastructure**
 - Water lines break at LMSP
 - LCSP septic system collapse
 - Electrical outages
- **Global health pandemic**





SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

SOVEREIGN LANDS

Appropriation: \$500,000

- \$250,000 grant to Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation DBA Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance for Heritage River Landing @ Bismarck
 - Grant dollars expended in January 2020
- \$250,000 grant to Bismarck Parks and Recreation District for public access to sovereign lands located north of Sertoma Park
 - Grant dollars expended in October 2020

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY MAPPING: \$75,000

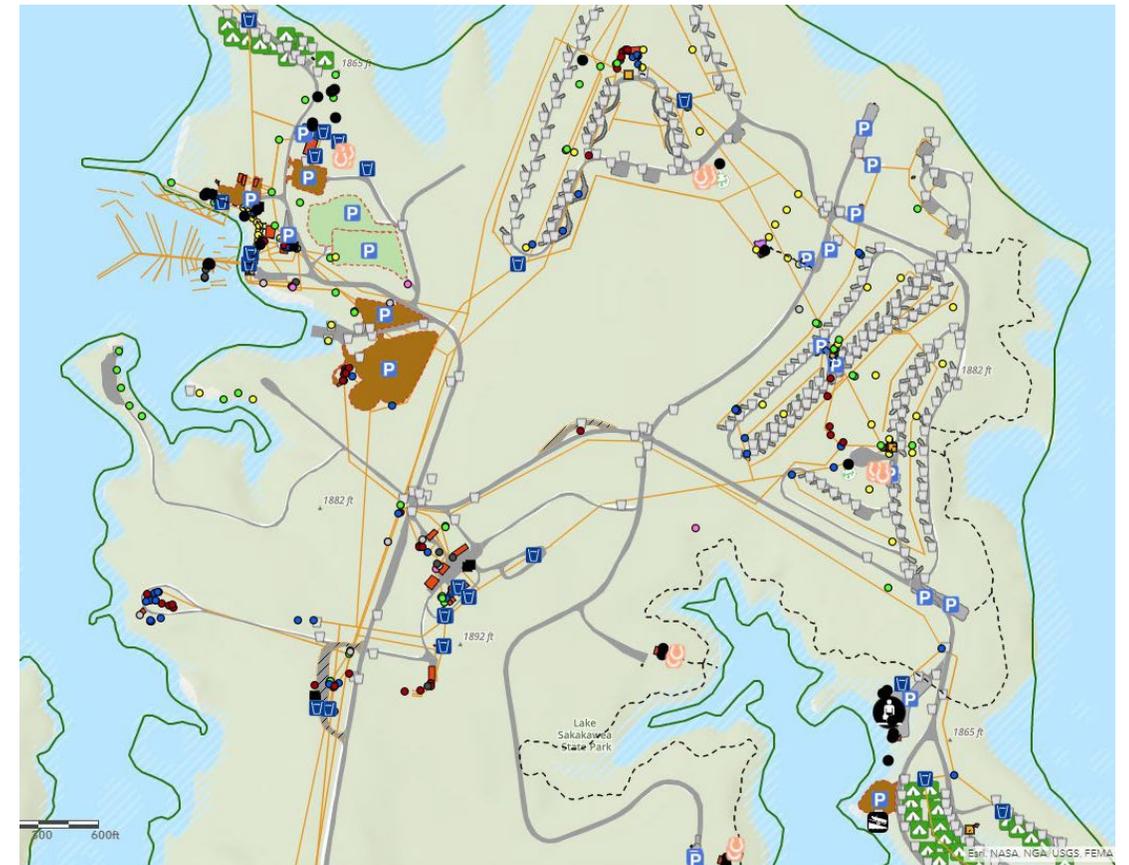
- Inventory and mapping of fixed assets at all state parks
- Geo-located assets utilizing GIS technology
- Provides data to calculate cost of life cycle replacement
- Coordination of other recreation providers' data
- Public web viewer available February 2021



Campsite Polygon: Elbowoods Loop

Park Code	Lake Sakakawea
Campground Name	Modern Campground
Campground Loop	Elbowoods Loop
Site Number	GR7
Campground Type	Campground
Site Parking	Back-In
Host Site	No
Group Site	Yes
Tent Only	No
Primitive	No

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SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

STATE PARK VISITOR/CUSTOMER STUDY: \$150,000

- RFP was issued August 27, 2020
- Project was awarded to RSG with help from NDSU
- There are three surveys:
 1. Economic Impact Study
 2. Visitor and Non-Visitor Survey
 3. Community Survey
- Anticipated final report by May 2021
- The findings will help with future planning, development, marketing and management efforts





SPECIAL PROJECTS

ONE-TIME FUNDING UPDATES

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT: \$440,000 with \$622,000 one-time funding from other funds

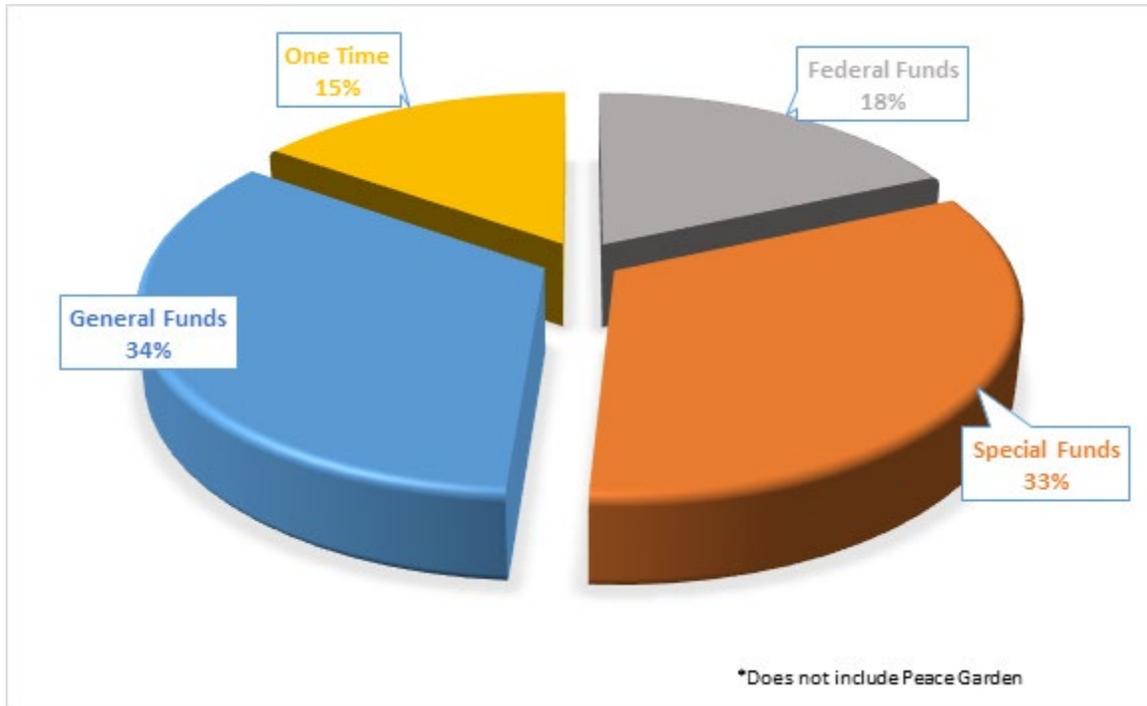
- 72" Riding Mowers – 5
- Utility Vehicles – 18
- Dump or Sewage Trailers – 6
- Law Enforcement Vehicle Radios – 25
- Utility Tractors – 3
- Bobcat ToolCat – 1
- All-Terrain Vehicles – 5

TRAFFIC COUNTERS: \$75,000

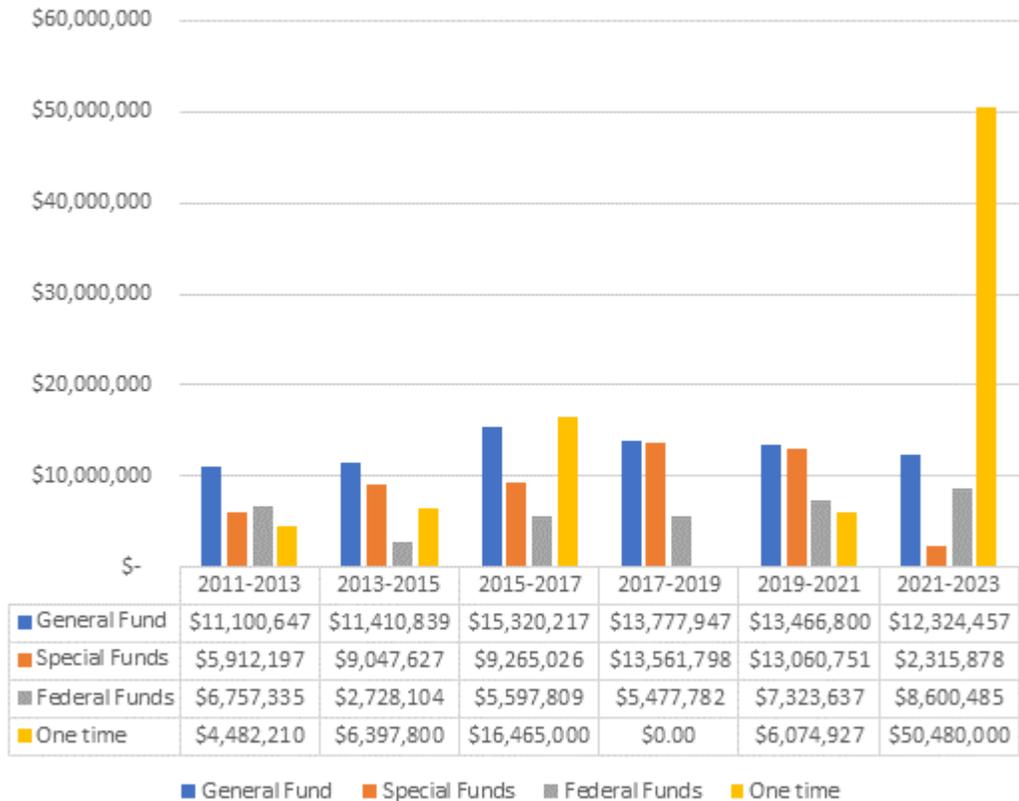
- RFP out until January 18, 2021
- Allocated funds to update technology to better understand customer trends
- Covers 3 parks – ISP, FALSP, and FSSP

BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES

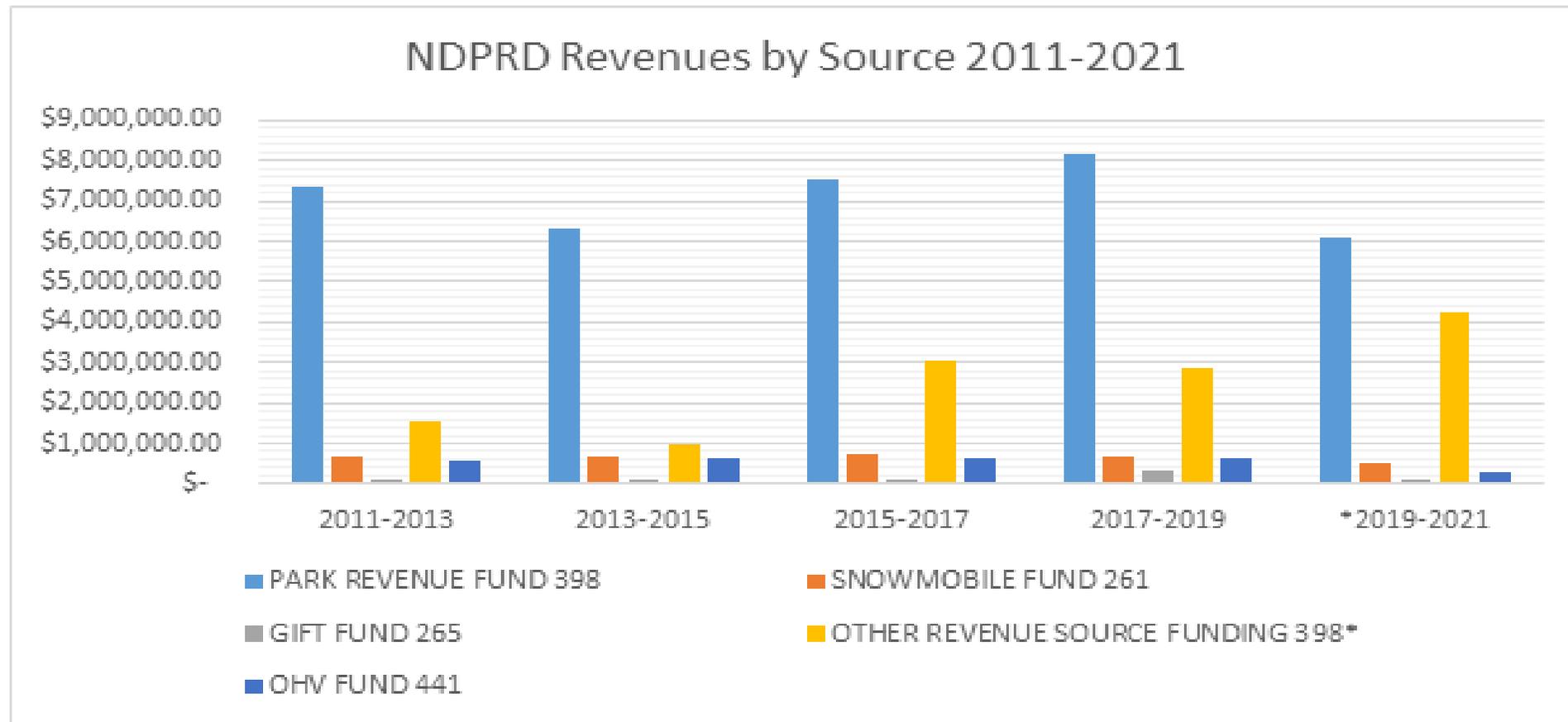
NDPRD Base Budget 2019-2021*



NDPRD Funding by Source



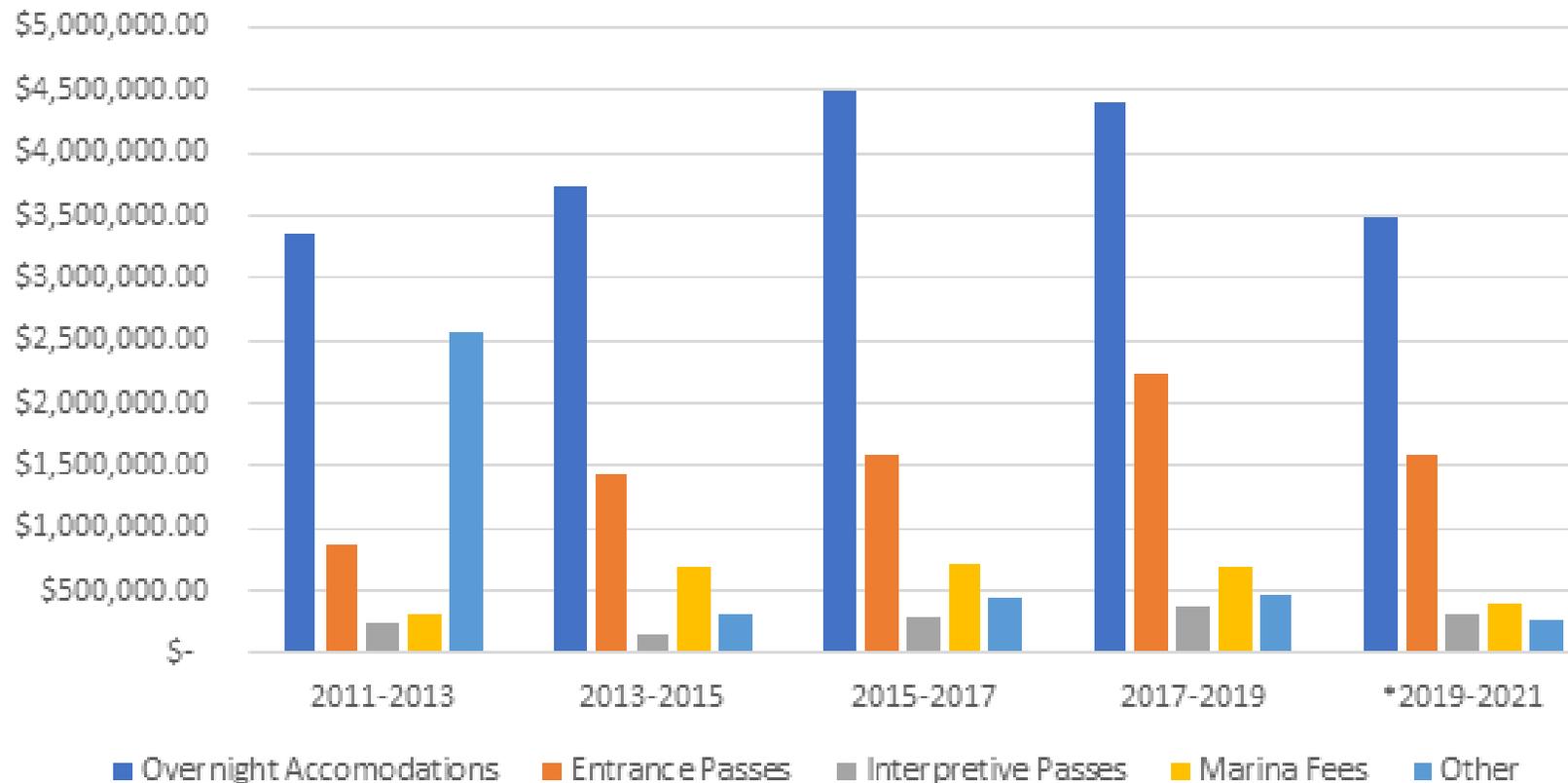
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BUDGET- REVENUES CONTINUED

Park Revenue by Source 2011-2021

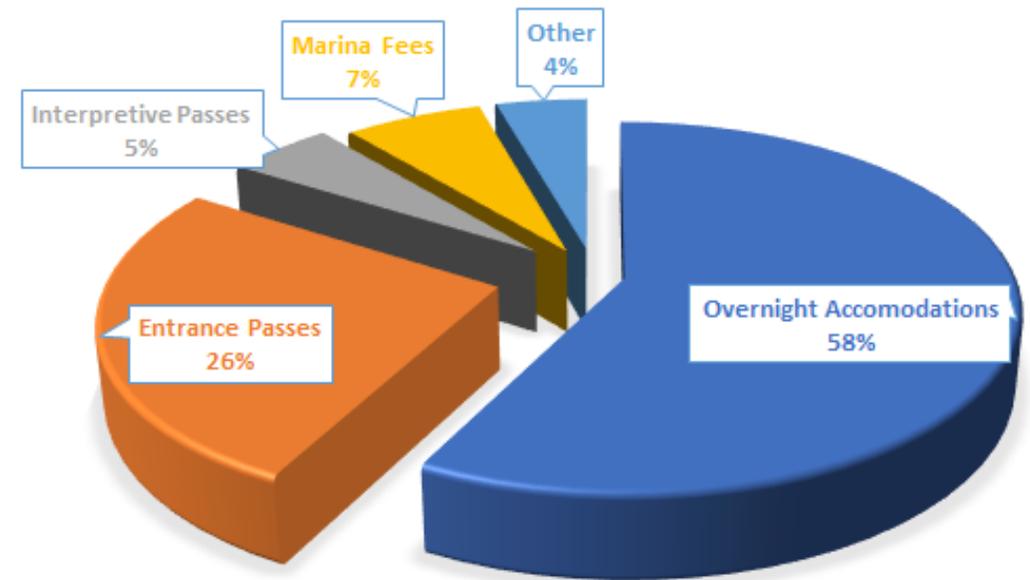


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BUDGET-REVENUES

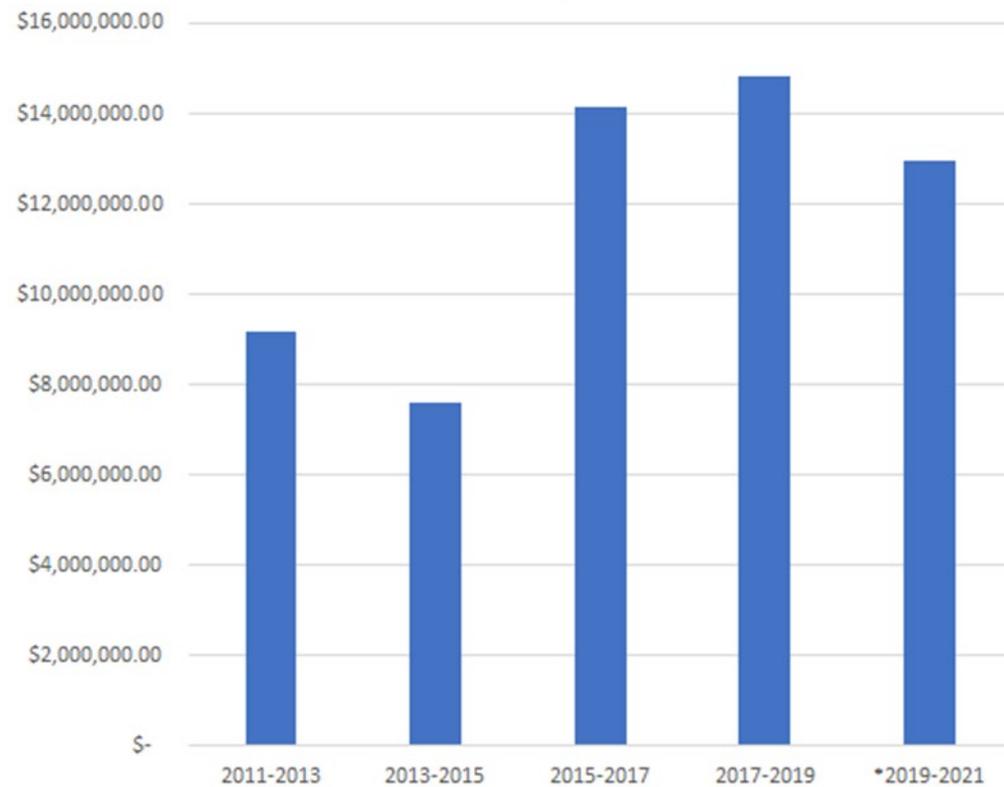
North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department					
Annual Permit Sales and Revenue*					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Permits Sales	17,254	18,022	16,649	16,866	20,290
Revenue					
Regular Permits	\$ 379,247.00	\$ 391,000.00	\$ 502,861.00	\$ 509,940.00	\$ 626,471.00
Veteran Permits	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 2,653.00	\$ 61,190.00	\$ 64,064.00
Senior Permits	\$ 40,569.00	\$ 46,596.00	\$ 61,218.00	\$ 3,108.00	\$ 2,856.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$420,926.00	\$438,636.00	\$566,732.00	\$574,238.00	\$693,391.00
Price Categories					
Regular	\$25	\$25	\$35	\$35	\$35
Disabled Veteran greater than 50% disability/POW	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Disabled Veteran less than 50% disability	\$20	\$20	\$28	\$28	\$28
Senior	\$20	\$20	\$28	\$28	\$28
Duplicates	\$10	\$10	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated
*Based on Permit Year					

PERCENTAGE OF PARKS REVENUE BY SOURCE
2019-2021 BIENNIUM TO DATE



BUDGET-REVENUES

NDPRD Revenue by Biennium



Mineral Revenues by Biennium



*Through November 30, 2020



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ADMINISTRATION LINE

- **State-wide Compensation package**
 - 2% salary increase each year of biennium
 - Maintain state health insurance package with fully funded state-paid premium, no change to deduction
 - Agency flexibility to provide additional increases
- **Retirement**
 - Increase both employer and employee by 1% January 1, 2022



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

- **Natural Resource Line:**

- Increase of \$19,864,435 or (96.4%) to \$40,479,028.
- Provide \$9.88 million infrastructure funding through bonding (breakdown on next slide).
- Provide \$10 million appropriation for park deferred maintenance from Legacy Fund earnings.

- **Recreation Line:**

- Increase of \$21,285,397 or (228.3%) to \$30,608,957
- Provide \$20.6 million for park district infrastructure grants through bonding.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ONE TIME FUNDING (OTHER FUNDS)

- Provide \$9.88 million infrastructure funding through bonding

Seasonal & Park Ranger Housing	\$2,200,000
Shoreline Repairs	\$500,000
Marina Repairs/Enhancements	\$500,000
Electric Service Upgrades	\$1,660,000
Lake Metigoshe Scout Dining Hall	\$775,000
Water Service Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Fiber Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Lagoon Studies and Repair/Enhancement	\$1,300,000
Road/Camping Pad Repairs	\$350,000
Total	\$9,885,000

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

STATE PARK MATCHING GRANT

- Provide Up to \$10 million for State Park Challenge Grant Program if Legacy Fund earnings exceed \$505 million on June 30, 2021



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER LINE

- Transfer 3.75 FTE
- Transfer operating funds of \$1.28 million to the State Historical Society of North Dakota
- Includes Fort Mandan & Fahlgren Park





EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ADJUSTMENTS

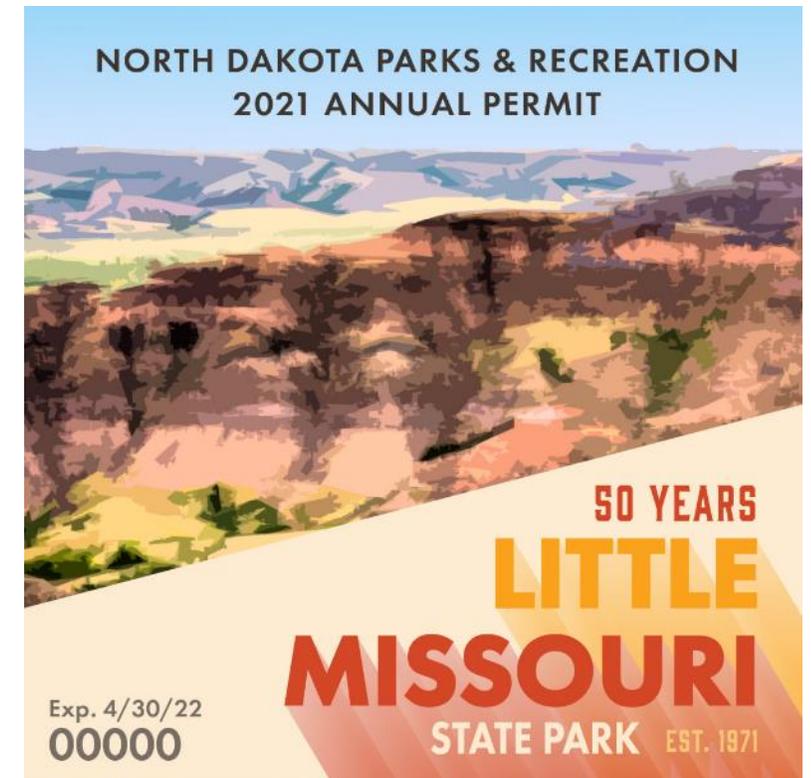
- Bank of North Dakota approved the \$3,000,000 loan for the International Peace Garden per Section 12 of the 2019-2021 budget appropriation, request appropriation for loan repayment
- Little Missouri State Park land leases - expire November 1, 2021
 - \$190,652 for a five-year period ending in 2026
- Exemption language to complete 17-19 projects that have been started but may need the full construction season of 2021

AGENCY BILLS

- **HB1068:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-29-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of an off-highway vehicle
- **HB1097:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state parks gift fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation
- **SB2093:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parks and recreation charges for services
- **SB2094:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-29-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of off-highway vehicle safety certificates by the parks and recreation department for completion of an off-highway vehicle safety training course

CURRENT INITIATIVES

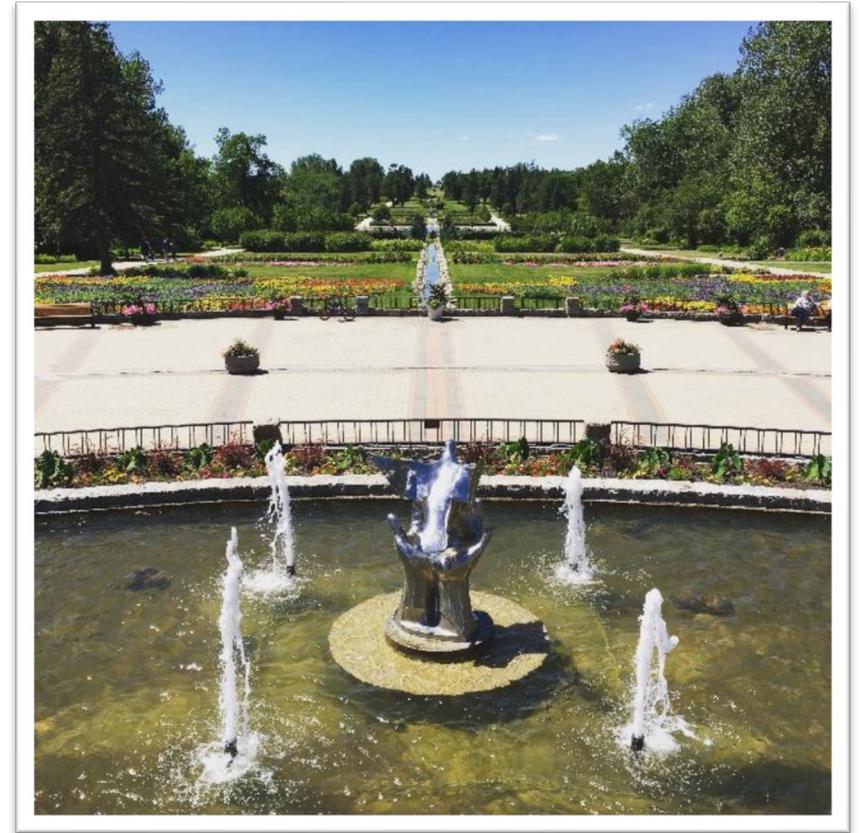
- Work with landowners
- Trails
 - Databases
 - Signage
- Transportation signs
- Project management
- Launched statewide programming
 - 12 Months – 12 Hikes Challenge
 - Adventure Challenge
- Little Missouri State Park 50th Anniversary



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS

- 15% General Fund decrease
- Request for \$3 million loan; given \$5 million appropriation with additional one-to-one match from Manitoba
- Continue to coordinate on project management and maintenance needs



INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

House Appropriations –
Education and Environment
Subcommittee Hearing

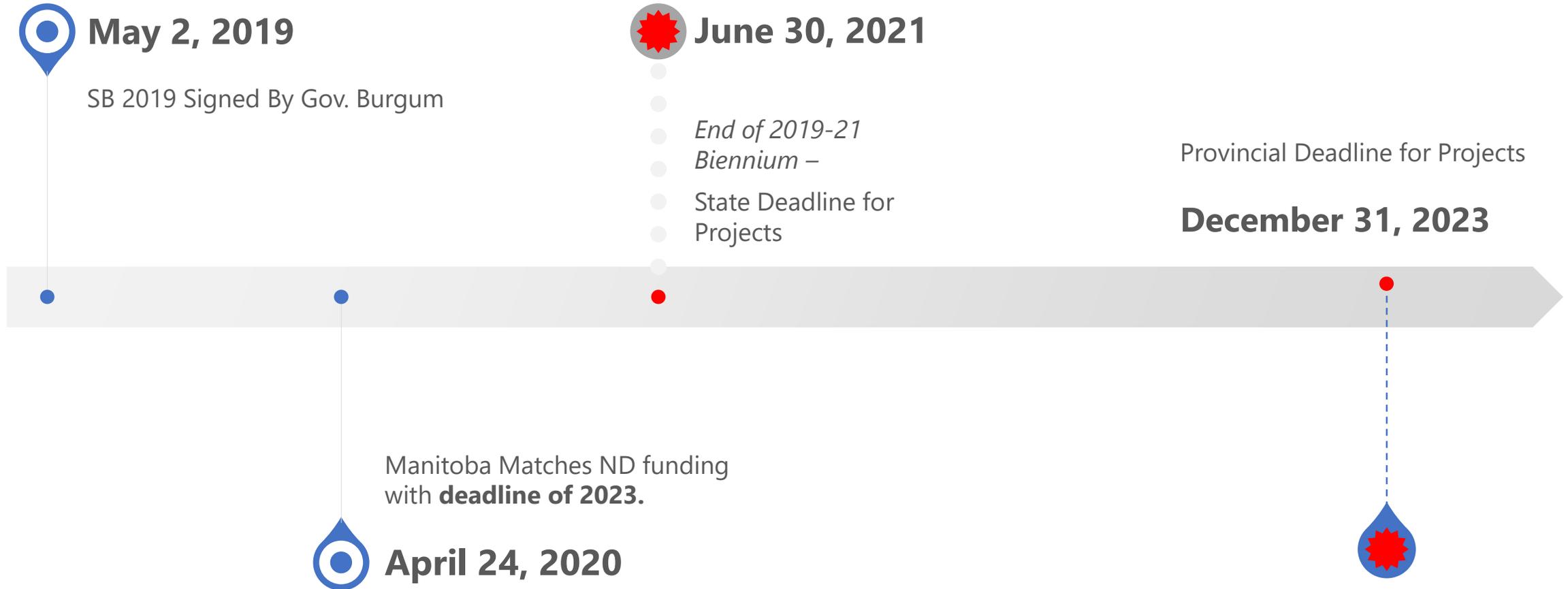


Historic Capital Funding

- Manitoba matched North Dakota's approx. \$6 million commitment in spring of 2020, about one year after N.D. funding approved
 - Expenses could not be incurred until match was secured
- Provincial match is good through 2023



Funding Match Timeline



\$3.5 million committed of the total \$12 million:

- U.S. and Canadian combined
- (29 percent)
- All funds projected to be committed by end of biennium

Project Progress

Month	Forecast Commitment Amount (USD)
December 2020	\$3,511,477 (spent and committed)
January 2021	IFC Documents
February 2021	\$125,000
March 2021	\$614,739
April 2021	\$1,839,834
May 2021	\$2,180,693
June 2021	\$2,120,284
July 2021	\$110,538

Project Progress

Construction Management At-Risk delivery to maximize efficiency and value

- Construction Management At-Risk brings the contractor into the project early, in the design phase, to help inform design decisions and encourage value for money

Project Progress

Conservatory Expansion

- To sustainably house one of the world's most unique conservation collections
- To expand options to generate more revenue from event rentals and general visitorship
- Increase research opportunities from state, provincial and global institutions
- Increase educational opportunities and experiences for K-12

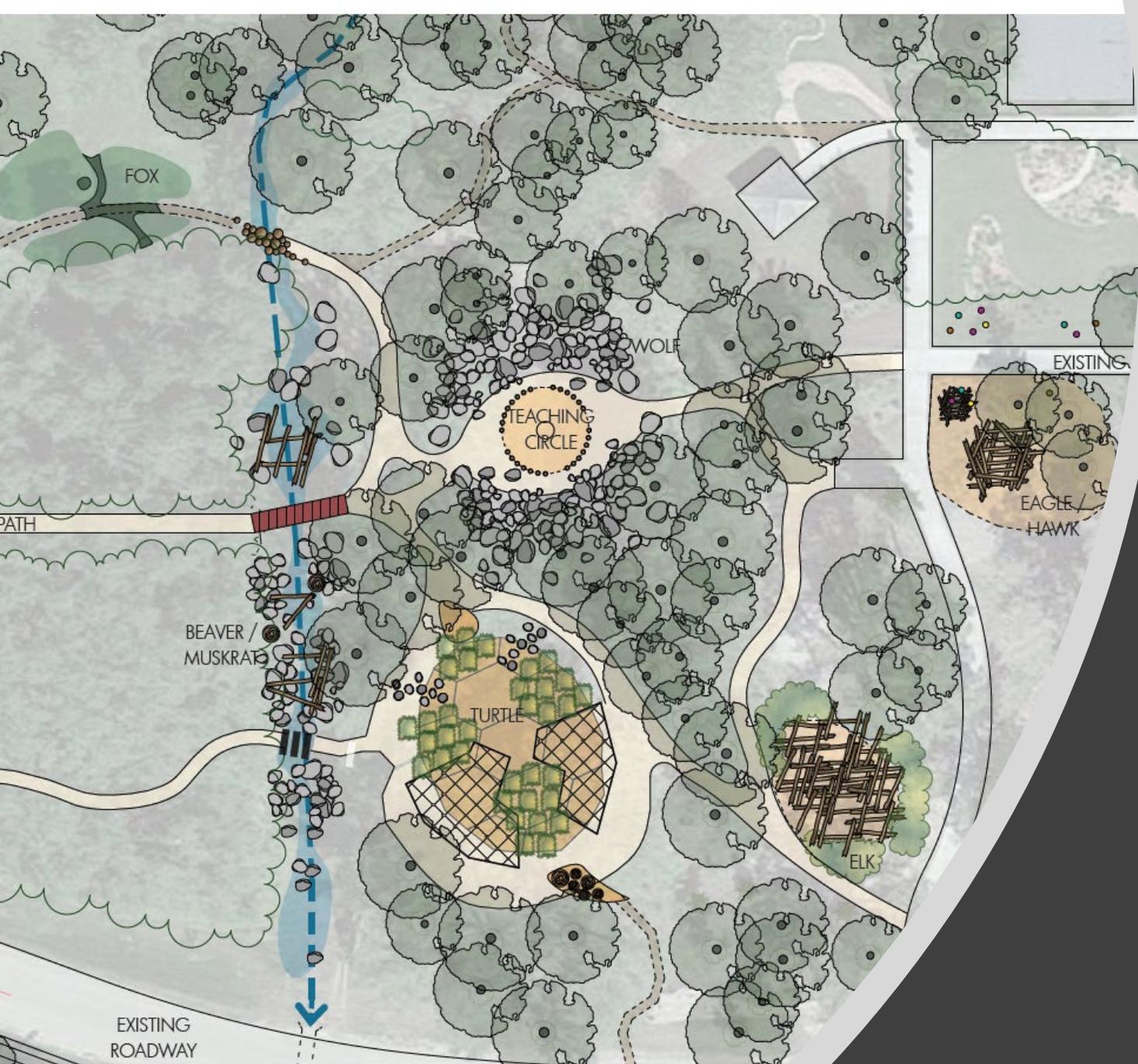


Conservatory Expansion



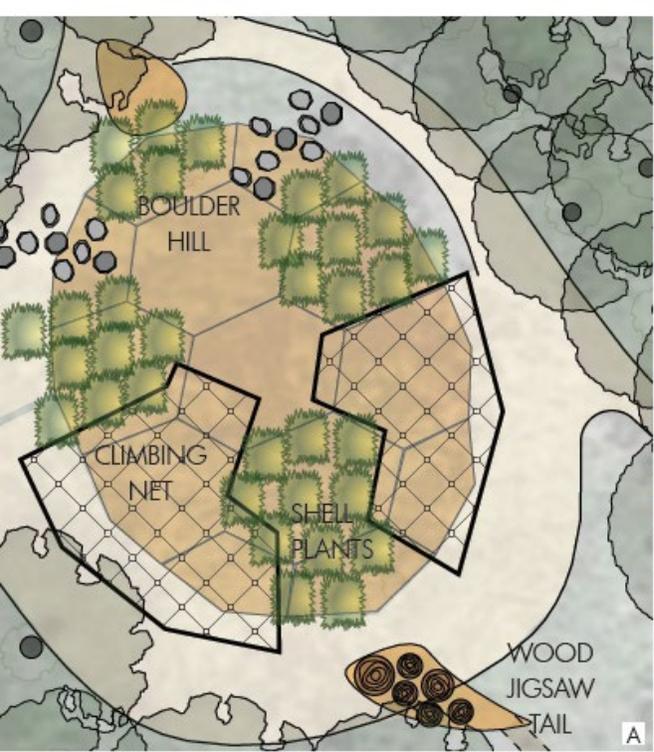
Conservatory Expansion

- Schematic Design



Children's Educational and Experiential Play Area

- Schematic Design
- Increasing offerings for all generations
- Geographical, cultural and biological components for school and youth groups



Children's Educational and Experiential Play Area



QUESTIONS?



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HB1019 2021-2023 APPROPRIATION BILL ND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

House Appropriations Committee
Prairie Room, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Dr. Andrea Travnicek

Chairman Monson and members of the committee,

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is charged by Century Code to plan and coordinate government programs encouraging the full development and preservation of existing and future parks, outdoor recreation areas, and nature preserves (NDCC 55-08-01.1) and to serve as a focal point in the state for activities related to parks (NDCC 55-08-01.2).

A financial audit was conducted in 2020 for the Department. No findings of concern were found.

The Department's budget is comprised of six lines. The International Peace Garden budget is a pass-through; however, the Department is a collaborating partner assisting with the review of bidding and construction documents for capital projects (Table 1).

Table 1 NDPRD Budget Divisions and Areas of Responsibility

Division/Line	Current FTE	Areas of Responsibility
Administration Division	7	Office of the Director Accounting Payroll Human Resources Information Technology Public Relations/Marketing
Recreation, Planning, Grants Planning Division (Recreation Line)	5	Planning State Snowmobile & OHV Program State Trails Program Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Recreation Trails Program Grants
Field Operations Division (Natural Resources Line)	45.75	State Park Management Law Enforcement Program Natural Resources Program Capital Development and Extraordinary Repairs
Carryover	0	Previous biennium capital and extraordinary repairs
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	3.75	Operations and maintenance of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan
Peace Garden	0	Pass-through funding for the International Peace Garden.

STATE PARK VISITATION

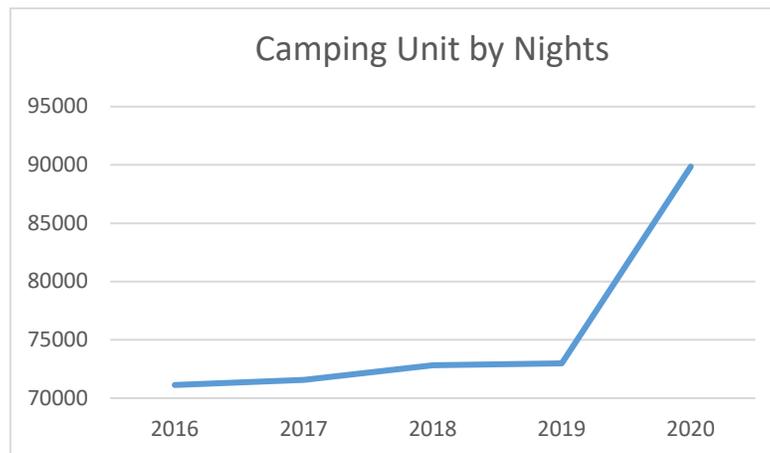
State park visitation continued a positive trend in the current biennium. State parks had 1.29 million visits in 2020, which was 17% higher than in 2019 and 16% higher than the previous five-year average (Figure 1). Camping unit nights were similarly up from 2019 with 89,859 camper nights. This represents a 23% increase over 2019 numbers and a 24% increase over the previous five-year average (Figure 2). There was a 35% increase in 2020 from 2019 from May through October.

In addition to the state park visitation, 88,075 people utilized facilities at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan in 2020 with 5,886 paid admissions.

Figure 1 State Park Visitation by Calendar Year

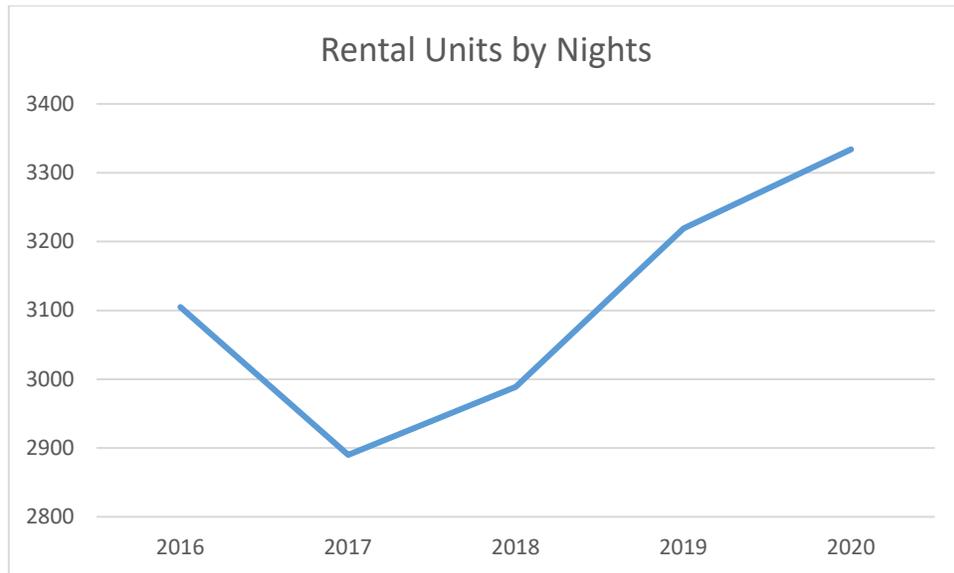


Figure 2 Camping Unit Nights by Calendar Year



In general, the Department has seen an overall increase in overnight rental accommodations since 2017 (Figure 3). In part, this is due to the investment the Department has made in higher-end and unique overnight rental accommodations. These accommodations include the York cabin at Cross Ranch and the Bjone house and Percheron Wagon at Fort Ransom. Overnight accommodation rentals at these two parks increased from 702 in 2017 to 1,300 in 2020, representing an overall increase of 81%. The new and refurbished units are winterized and have higher-end furnishings than similar units in the rest of the system. Additional upgrades to several overnight facilities have been made including, gas fireplaces, updated HVAC systems, and WiFi accessibility. The Department is currently developing new camper cabins at Grahams Island State Park and updating cabins at Turtle River State Park to make year-round accommodations. This funding was allocated to the Department in the last legislative session.

Figure 3 Overnight Rental Unit Nights by Calendar Year



During the 2020 season, as has been consistent over the last five years, Grahams Island, Lake Sakakawea, and Fort Stevenson State Parks have seen the most unit nights system-wide (Table 2). This is primarily due to the park's location, services available to customers, and the number of campsites available at those locations. In 2020 all our parks saw growth in overnight camping nights, but Little Missouri, Sully Creek, and Cross Ranch State Park had the most considerable variance in units from 2019 to 2020. The Department's largest increase was at Little Missouri State Park, with a 54% increase in unit nights.

Table 2 NDPRD campsite unit night by property

State Park Location	2020 Unit Nights	Number of Campsites	2019-2020 Unit Nights Variance
Grahams Island	14,487	149	+24.30%
Lake Sakakawea	13,415	201	+25.30%
Fort Stevenson	9,582	146	+8.00%
Fort Abraham Lincoln	8,096	101	+18.90%
Lake Metigoshe	7,977	127	+46.20%
Icelandic	7,964	157	+2.90%
Lewis & Clark	7,451	101	+14.50%
Turtle River	5,295	94	+21.60%
Sully Creek	4,940	40	+48.00%
Cross Ranch	3,659	76	+46.60%
Fort Ransom	3,580	70	+39.20%
Little Missouri	1,796	35	+54.40%
Beaver Lake	1,753	33	+29.90%

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Department manages the Snowmobile and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) programs. These programs, which are funded through OHV and Snowmobile Registrations and Gas Taxes, contribute to the development and management of 47.5 miles of designated OHV trails and 2,344.8 miles of snowmobile trails, with 2,800 miles authorized. In the 2019-2021 biennium, 9,979 snowmobiles and 41,999 OHVs were registered as of December 1, 2020. The Department also manages the safety programs associated with motorized recreation in which 923 youth received their certifications this past biennium to date. We provided 19 OHV and 14 snowmobile in-person safety courses with 326 student certifications issued. The Department also sponsors an online certification process in which 597 youth received their safety certifications. Our safety programs continue to prove important as youth operator deaths remain a concern. As we continue to build the safety program, the Department has joined forces with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Vision Zero to strengthen outreach and amplify messaging. In addition, the Department has partnered with several local law enforcement agencies to conduct joint courses and continued partnerships with Farm Safety For Kids, the Jake Star Foundation, and Market Place for Kids.

In addition to motorized recreation, over 200 miles of non-motorized trails are managed by the Department. In the 2019-2021 biennium, one new trail was added, and 16 trail counters were installed at five state parks and three recreation areas. These trail opportunities exist to provide recreation opportunities for equestrian, biking, hiking, or just getting out to explore nature in our legendary state.

Resources related to trail maintenance remain important in the upcoming biennium as trail counts increase on both motorized and non-motorized trails. In the 2019-2021 biennium,

two seasonal staff were hired to provide trail maintenance and repair throughout the state parks and recreation systems.

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Department administers two federal grant programs: the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) through the U.S. National Park Service and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through the U.S. Federal Highway Administration. Between the two programs (LWCF and RTP), over \$59 million in grants have been awarded to 1,539 projects since program inception statewide. Grants have been awarded in every county in the state.

Demand for grant dollars has increased through the years in both grant programs. In the last Federal fiscal year, the RTP had approximately 48% of the grant requests that remained unfunded. While the LWCF, had approximately 5% of grant requests that remained unfunded.

In 2020 the Great American Outdoors Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Trump, included permanent authorization of \$900 million annually for the LWCF. On average, North Dakota has received \$1.8 million per year, and with the passage of the Act, the state is estimated to receive \$2.4 million annually starting in the federal fiscal year 2021.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department's Natural Resources Division is responsible for the Nature Preserve and Natural Heritage Programs, noxious weed management, native prairie restorations, tree and shrub planting, and hazard tree management throughout the park system.

From 2019-2020, the program treated 2,374 acres of noxious weeds with over \$20,738 in associated chemical costs, planted over 1,320 trees and shrubs, conducted 11- Level 1 Visual Tree Risk Assessments accounting for over 244 corrective mitigation actions, and maintains over 202 acres of prairie restorations.

The program is also responsible for environmental reviews relating to agency lands owned, leased, or managed, the Natural Heritage Inventory, and compliance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund's protections. Between 2019-2020, 445 environmental reviews were completed.

DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Department has responsibility for the management of 15 destination areas (13 state parks, the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center) with an additional seven recreation areas and eight natural areas/preserves.

Table 3 NDPRD Visitor Facilities

Number of Facilities	Facility Type
1330	Campsites
331	Buildings
56	Rental Overnight Accommodations
16	Rental Meeting Spaces
205	Trail Miles
234	Marina Slips
14	Concession Stores

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EXTRAORDINARY REPAIR PROJECTS

The 2019-2021 biennium included appropriations for capital projects and extraordinary repairs. Seven capital projects were funding with Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF) funds totaling \$1.755 million. Six projects are in-progress, and one project is complete. Sully Creek State Park received a new 30/50 amp electrical service to 38 campsites and was operational in September 2020.

A continued commitment by the legislature to fund capital improvements and extraordinary repairs is key to managing deferred maintenance. Extraordinary repairs were funded with an appropriation of \$1.14 million, plus a one-time appropriation of approximately \$634,000. The sum of \$1.78 million has been obligated to over 50 projects in the Department.

Projects included storage building securing trusses, ADA (Americans with Disability Act) showers, multiple cabins being shingled, window replacements system-wide, marina gangway improvements, trail repairs, capping of old water wells, replacement of multiple firewood sales storage sheds, multiple roof repairs, flooring replacement in rental cabins, replacement and upgrades to four fish cleaning stations, replacement of siding, retrofit of vault toilets, lift station replacement, sewage line replacement and breakwater marina repairs.

Not all funding from the 19-21 biennium for these items will be expended by the end of the biennium, and the Department will work with OMB and the construction carryover committee to determine the final carryover amount.

CONSTRUCTION CARRYOVER AND EXEMPTION FUNDS

The 2019-2021 NDPRD budget included approximately \$958,000 in Construction Carryover funds from the 2017-2019 biennium. The funds were applied to 24 projects across the state. As of January 2021, 13 are complete, nine are in-progress, one has not been initiated, and one has been canceled.

The Department would like to request an amendment to the executive budget recommendation and initial bill in Section 6 “Exemptions” to the following: “Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly provided an exemption for the use of construction carryover funds from the 15-17 biennium. Current HB1019 includes an exemption for those funds in Section 6. At the start of the biennium, the appropriated amount with \$1.05 million was allocated to 22 projects. Currently, nine are complete, 11 are in-progress, and one is pending. By the end of the biennium, we estimate 17 projects will be completed and only three projects will be in-progress, with the largest project being the construction of a new campground at Fort Stevenson State Park. This project has been delayed due to state and federal regulatory reviews and the funding is leveraged with a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS

The International Peace Gardens is managed by a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is not property in the Department’s portfolio. Funding for operations, capital, and repairs are passed through the Department’s budget and authority in a dedicated funding line. The Department has minimal oversight in the operations and execution of the funds, which Executive Director Tim Chapman will explain. Funding is often jointly submitted with the Province of Manitoba.

The Department’s 2019-2021 biennium budget included \$876,329 for operations. The proposed 2021-2023 biennium appropriation includes a 15% budget cut of \$744,880.

Section 6 of SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly included an exemption clause for prior biennium capital funding and required a one-to-one non-state funding match. The amount for this exemption was \$1.078 million of general funds. Any remaining funds would be made available through Section 5 of HB1019 in the next biennium. The Department has been involved in assisting with the guidance of project management as per legislative intent.

The Department's 2019-2021 included \$2 million in SIIF funds that were appropriated as well as authority for the Parks and Recreation Department to borrow from the Bank of North Dakota \$3 million, or so much as may be necessary, for matching non-state funds that may become available. On December 11, 2020, the Department received a letter from the International Peace Gardens stating that Manitoba had matched the funds. On December 13, 2020, the Department sent a letter of certification to OMB stating the matching funds were in place and OMB responded by e-mail December 14, 2020, that the certified letter and the related documentation meets the requirements of Section 12 of Senate Bill 2019 and that funds may be borrowed from the Bank of North Dakota. OMB adjusted the 2019-2021 appropriation to reflect the addition of the loan. On December 30, 2020 the Bank of North Dakota \$3 million line of credit loan was approved. The executive budget recommendation did not have the repayment of the loan included at the time of budget development. The Department would like to include an amendment for an appropriation for the repayment of the loan with interest as stated in Section 12 of SB2019.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

In 2012, the Department commissioned an economic impact study through North Dakota State University (NDSU). The study determined North Dakota state parks' economic impact to be \$233 million (in 2012 dollars) with \$99 million in direct economic contribution and \$134 million in secondary economic contribution. In the one-time funding special projects below, a new economic impact study is outlined and currently in progress.

ONE-TIME FUNDING SPECIAL PROJECTS

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$150,000 for a visitor survey and economic impact study. In October 2020, the Department put the project out for bid. Resource System Group (RSG) partnering, with North Dakota State University (NDSU), was selected to conduct a customer survey, community survey, and economic impact study. The customer survey and economic impact study was launched in the middle of December, and the community survey will be launched in the middle of January 2021. Survey efforts will yield a robust data set to better understand impacts on local communities and how park properties can be maintained or improved to enhance the visitor experience. Survey results and a finalized report should be completed by May 2021.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$75,000 for the start of a new traffic counter system, which is the primary method of establishing a visitor count for 15 destination properties. Three parks will be used as a pilot including Fort Stevenson, Icelandic and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Parks. The current technology at most properties is outdated and requires manual collection of data. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently out for bid and is due January 18, 2021.

Section 8 of SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly included an exemption of remaining funds related to recreation opportunities on sovereign lands. Section 9 of the same bill outlined the requirements for grants. The first grant in the amount of \$250,000 was awarded to the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance for the Heritage River Landing project in Bismarck. The funds were expended by January 2020. The second grant for \$250,000 was awarded to the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District for access to sovereign lands in Sertoma Park in Bismarck. These funds were expended by October 2020.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$75,000 for the recreation asset mapping project. The anticipated completion date is February 2021. The agency utilizes global positioning systems technology to geo-locate fixed assets at state park properties and allow for metadata tags. The outcome of the project includes an online viewer accessible by the public. The data collection component provides readily accessible quantity data for fixed asset management and repairs.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$622,000 in special funds for the replacement of aged equipment that has met or exceeded the life cycle replacement. Some of the funds have been used to modernize law enforcement vehicles to be compliant with the statewide interoperable radio network (SIRN). Three utility tractors were purchased to replace 25 – 50 plus year old tractors. One older tractor and a utility vehicle were replaced with a Bobcat Toolcat. This piece of equipment will allow for a more versatile function for one of our equestrian properties. Our 36-year-old sewage pumper unit was replaced, five all-terrain vehicles, some as old as 30 years, were replaced, and 13 utility vehicles were replaced, 11 were older than 20 years. The remaining funding was allocated for purchasing 25 law enforcement Motorola APX 8500 vehicle radios and five-light bar packages. These vehicle radios are SIRN 2020 compliant with encryption, GPS trackability, emergency location, and open microphone functions for the safety of our officers.

DEPARTMENT REVENUE

The Department has seen growth in revenues over the past three biennia. Revenues in the 2015-2017 biennium were \$14,138,248. The 2017-2019 biennium saw revenue grow to \$14,846,526, a 5% increase. Current biennium revenue is \$12,945,273 through November 30, 2020, which is 20% more than the previous biennium over the same time period. Revenue has grown, in the current biennium, through the sale of annual vehicle entry permits. Vehicle entry permit fees were raised from \$25 to \$35 by the 65th Legislative Assembly. 2020 saw an increase of 20% in the sale of annual permits, which equated to a revenue increase of \$119,153. Park usage increased as more residents spent time in the North Dakota State Park system. This increase was a result of the COVID pandemic, which led people to stay closer to home and take advantage of local amenities. The continued upgrades to our accommodations/amenities has led to a 14% increase in overnight stays at our properties compared to 2017-2019. A large portion of the growth in revenues between the 2015-2017 biennium and the 2017-2019 biennium is attributable to mineral royalties from leases signed in 2011. The current biennium has seen the income from oil royalties

decline by 74%, which equates to \$1.3 million less when compared to the 2017-2019 biennium over the same time period.

FEDERAL FUNDING

The majority of the federal funding in the Department's budget comes from two federal grant programs: the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) through U.S. Federal Highways Administration and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program through the U.S. Department of Interior. The Department makes these funds available through grant programs to government agencies, political subdivisions, and, in the case of the Recreation Trails Program, to qualifying non-profit organizations.

The Department has projected funding levels from the Recreation Trails Program to be the same in the 2021-2023 biennium. The LWCF has been a part of North Dakota's recreation investments since 1965. Projected funding levels in the Land and Water Conservation Fund are expected to increase by 52% from FY20 due to the changes in the recently passed Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). The program is also alternatively funded through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), which was passed in 2006. Between the two sources for the LWCF program, the proposed budget includes an annual appropriation of \$1.8 million to \$2.8 million of federal funds.

2019-2021 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Department's 2019-2021 biennium original appropriation was \$43,034,982. Currently the appropriation is \$49,877,611. The change in the appropriation is due to the following: Capital Construction \$958,037; Carryover \$2,633,607; Peace Garden loan \$3,000,000; and COVID federal funds \$250,985. The removal of one-time funding shows that the department budget appropriation is comprised of 39.8% General Funds, 38.6% Special Funds, and 21.6% Federal Funds. This is a 2% reduction in General Funds from the previous biennium, and the continued growth of the Department's reliance on Special and Federal Funds.

The Department is on track to expend all base budget funds during the 2019-2021 biennium. The majority of capital carryover projects will be complete by the end of the biennium. We will need carryover to complete the final projects. The repair of the breakwater at the Fort Stevenson Marina is the largest project for the carryover and will need additional appropriation in the 2021-2023 biennium. The breakwater suffered catastrophic failure in 2019.

BUDGET REQUEST

The executive budget recommendation for the 2021-2023 biennium is \$74,465,700 with \$13,069,337 in General Funds, \$8,600,485 in Federal Funds, and \$52,795,878 in Special Funds.

The executive budget recommendation for the Administration line shows an increase of \$13,454 or (0.5%) to \$2,618,453. This request reflects the enhancements for salary and benefit adjustments for state employees of 2% salary increase per year and increase both employer and employee by 1% for retirement starting January 1, 2022.

The executive budget recommendation for the Natural Resources line reflects an increase of \$19,864,435 or (96.4%) to \$40,479,028. Proposed bonding packages for \$9.88 million and \$10 million are included in this line. The Parks Infrastructure Bond (Table 4) and the Park Deferred Maintenance through Legacy Fund Earnings would be used to modernize, repair, and maintain state park infrastructure. This will increase the visiting public's positive experience when visiting our properties and maintain facilities. The specific information supporting this request is discussed below.

The Recreation line, which includes the Department's federal grants programs, increases by \$21,285,397 or (228.3%) to \$30,608,957. This includes a 17.5% or \$1,278,609 increase in federal funding. A proposed bonding package of \$20.6 million for the Park District Infrastructure Grants is included in this line. Previously, a community grant program was administered by the Department where park districts could apply for grants for recreation projects.

The executive budget recommendation for the International Peace Garden operating budget is reduced by \$131,449 or 15%. Carryover is requested to complete capital projects at the International Peace Garden since this process may take longer due to ensuring all applicable North Dakota, United States, and Canadian statues are met on a project. We also request loan repayment of \$3,000,000 plus interest for the funds approved in the last biennium.

The executive budget recommendation for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center line includes an overall reduction of \$955,873 or (98.9%). This is due to the executive budget recommendation of transferring the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and associated properties to the State Historical Society. This also results in a reduction of 3.75 FTEs from the budget.

Table 4 Parks Infrastructure for Bonding Package

Description	Request
Seasonal and Park Ranger Housing	\$2,200,000
Shoreline Repairs	\$500,000

Marina Repairs/Enhancements	\$500,000
Electric Service Upgrades	\$1,660,000
Lake Metigoshe Dining Hall Conversion	\$775,000
Water Service Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Fiber Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Lagoon Studies and Repair/Enhancement	\$1,300,000
Road/Camping Pad Repairs	\$350,000
Total	\$9,885,000

Seasonal and Park Ranger Housing: Housing is outdated, and many of the parks lack permanent seasonal housing altogether. Seasonal employees are housed most often in aged campers or trailers. Due to the remote nature of the state parks, housing is critical to properly staff state parks. If housing is not available, we will need additional funding to pay higher wages to entice people to commute, or we risk not being able to fully staff operations. Full-time rangers and managers are required to live on-site for the safety of visitors and security of the properties. Aged foundations, other extraordinary repairs, and life expectancy of mobile homes have reached their replacement cycle. Funding is needed to provide proper housing for employees to reside on-site year-round. The estimated \$2.2 million would allow for investment in proper and needed housing for 3-5 ranger residences and seasonal residences to be constructed at 3-5 parks.

Shoreline Repairs: Many of NDPRD's properties encompass dynamic riverine systems. Recent flooding, ice jams, and geomorphic activities affect streambanks, causing erosion, steep or unstable banks, which leads to public safety concerns. Each riverine system is unique. Funds will be utilized to hire an engineer specializing in bioengineering of streambank stabilization techniques for each affected park and provide options for implementing solutions. The remaining funds would be used to address the highest priority needs that result from the studies.

Marina Engineering Studies and Repairs/Enhancements: NDPRD operates four marinas in three state parks: Lewis & Clark, Lake Sakakawea, and Fort Stevenson. The marinas were designed and constructed by non-state entities prior to NDPRD's acquisition. The dynamic lake and river levels require the need for modern marina infrastructure. The demand for marina slips are increasing along with slip amenities. This project includes hiring a marine engineer to evaluate our marina infrastructure and associated marina layouts, considering changing wind, current, and icing conditions. The engineer will identify infrastructure solutions to meet changing customer and environmental demands.

Electrical Service Upgrades: The estimate of \$1,660,000 is to upgrade existing 20/30-amp campsites to 50-amp capability. Currently, there are 414 sites that require 50-amp RV campers to utilize a 30-amp pedestal. This creates overloads in the system, tripping breakers

and/or causing electrical outages. The electrical feeds are co-linked with critical infrastructures, such as sanitary lift stations, causing catastrophic outages due to peak customer demand on the system.

Lake Metigoshe Boy Scout Dining Hall Conversion: The Lake Metigoshe State Park Boy Scout Dining Hall has a 60'x 60' kitchen and dining area with a 12'x 24' office area. The building has not been used as a dining hall for many years. The building is not weather-tight and has deteriorating windows, roofing, and is suffering structural damage. NDPRD seeks to maximize its potential to convert the use from a dining hall to a facility that can generate more revenues and serve visitor demand. The project will evaluate the need for reconstruction or renovation. If the building is structurally sound for renovation, the project could include amenities such as energy savings, modern restroom facilities or sleeping quarters. The scope of work will include architecture/engineering services and construction.

Water Service Upgrades: Campground customer's preferences include full-service amenities, including potable water availability at the site. The request of \$1,100,000 will be utilized to upgrade the water services at modern campsites (those with power) that do not currently have their own water hydrant. In many locations, the potable water 35 to 40 years old, and campers share water hydrants (some up to 75 feet away). The age of these systems leads to water leaks and lines breaking, causing higher continuous repair costs and water outages for our visitors. There are an estimated 324 campsites that can benefit from the water upgrades.

Fiber Upgrades: Parks lack high-speed internet capability within many of our facilities. Numerous maintenance buildings and other support facilities run off aged copper lines with router services. High-speed connectivity will increase the production of asset management, computer-based tools and staff efficiencies. Fiber will also speed up the ability to process reservations and retail operations in many of our parks.

Cost estimates to begin expanding high-speed internet at our destination properties would be \$1,500,000 with approximately \$125,000 of ongoing operating costs per year. The total final cost of infrastructure required would vary based on site, scope and demand. By installing high-speed capability, we will enable visitors and staff to utilize smartphones for recreation or work purposes where cellular service is not available. This return on investment allows for marketing, visitor engagement with social media and online interpretive interactive programming. One of the factors for increased cabin stays at Lake Metigoshe State Park is WiFi capability. This has allowed for visitors to stay connected with friends and relatives. This a twofold investment for the visitor and our employees. High-speed connectivity will increase staff efficiencies while providing for greater opportunities for visitors.

Lagoon Studies and Repairs/Enhancements: Many of NDPRD's destination properties include campgrounds and support facilities with full-service infrastructure, including sanitary sewer. The agency has been renovating existing facilities and adding amenities, which led to increased demands on existing sanitary sewer systems. When a renovation or addition occurs, it prompts reviews by the local county and/or the North Dakota Department of

Environmental Quality. The results may include the need for septic system upgrades, including lagoons and drain fields. This project will include an engineering study of NDPRD's properties to identify the difference between existing conditions and future compliance needs. The engineering report will provide the agency with options of probable costs for future infrastructure projects. The remaining funds will be utilized for immediate repairs, possible expansions, and new sanitary systems, with the understanding that certain needs may be immediate.

Road/Camping Pad Repairs: NDPRD is responsible for the upkeep of 130 miles of roadways. This optional request includes \$350,000 for road repairs and camping pad repairs. Camping pads are associated with the majority of our campsites.

Park Deferred Maintenance (\$10,000,000): With a large amount of infrastructure associated with park properties, deferred maintenance remains a concern for the Department. Currently, the Department estimates \$74 million of deferred maintenance system-wide. Approximately \$6.5 million is associated with park buildings, \$52.3 million associated with paved roads, \$4.3 million for gravel roads, and \$10.7 for shoreline repairs. Shoreline repairs cost estimate does not include marina deferred maintenance estimates. With the proposed \$10 million for deferred maintenance, priority would be given to repair buildings, marinas and roadways.

Examples of projects include: stabilizing the administration building, repairing the Central Barracks, and repairing the Trolley Line at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park; new foundation for the dormitory at Lake Metigoshe State Park; replacing windows and siding at the Heritage Center at Icelandic State Park; and painting and shingling of buildings across the park system.

Park District Infrastructure Grant: The \$20.6 million appropriation would be utilized to revive a program similar to the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, also known as the Community Grants Program, that was last funded in the 2013-2015 biennium. The prior program funded two areas: Recreation Leadership and the Outdoor Recreation Facilities.

The Park District Infrastructure Grant could be available to municipal, county and regional park districts to improve, renovate or construct outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible applicants would apply during a grant funding cycle. The project ranking criteria would include, but not be limited to, alignment with the State-wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), demonstrated need through a local planning document and evidence of public input towards the project.

Management of the program would be completed through NDPRD's grants program. The Department would request that partial funding from this appropriation can be used to offset administrative, salary and IT costs. The grant selection committee would consist of representatives from the Department and the North Dakota Recreation and Parks Association, at a minimum.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

The Department also requests the following:

SECTION 3. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining in the international peace garden line for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section will be subject to the International Peace Garden raising one to one matching funds from non-state of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS – LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER – EXEMPTION. The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

SECTION 8. Section 55-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Section 55-08-20 Parks Matching Grant Program – Continuing Appropriation. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-number year, North Dakota parks and recreation shall utilize one dollar in matching funds for every one dollar raised by

a non-state entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota State parks and recreation managed properties. Any funds utilized pursuant to this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the North Dakota parks and recreation for capital projects.

SECTION 9. STATE PARKS MATCHING. The Department of parks and recreation is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available, of the amount transferred to the park gift fund from Legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to 2021 House Bill 1015 to establish a state parks matching grant program as provided in section 8 of this Act.

PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS TO MEET EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department was asked to develop a budget proposal with a 10% reduction in base budget and reprioritize 5% of the 2019-2021 special fund adjusted legislative base. The following is a list of proposed reductions to meet the executive budget request limit (Table 5).

Table 5 Proposed reductions to meet limit requests.

Description	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds
Transfer of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to State Historical Society (Optional)	\$823,110		\$587,999
Reduce Funding for International Peace Garden	\$131,449		
Shift repair funding from general to special	\$265,000		
Fees, Professional Services	\$285,000		
Professional Development	\$75,000		

The general fund reductions were driven by the transfer of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. Additional general fund reductions were achieved by moving costs to special funds. Special funds reprioritization and reduction occurred.

COMPARISON OF OPTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department provided optional packages for consideration for the 2021-2023 biennium (Table 6). The executive budget proposal included several of the options requested.

Table 6 Optional package comparison

Request	Agency Request		Executive Recommendation	
	General	Other	General	Other
Restore 10% general	\$1,427,625			
Restore general for NDIT	\$750,000		\$372,250	
Infrastructure Enhancement (see Table 4)	\$9,960,000			\$9,885,000
Restore general for Extraordinary Repairs	\$1,141,920			
Equipment over \$5,000	\$497,100			
Pembina Gorge Campground	\$4,500,000			
Park deferred maintenance funding				\$10,000,000
Park District Infrastructure Grants				\$20,600,000

FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE RELATED TO COVID-19

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department requested federal funding related to COVID-19 related needs (Table 7).

Table 7 Federal funding related to COVID-19

Request	Spent	Remaining
Supplies	\$87,438	\$35,548
Wi-fi	\$28,000	\$0
Mobile Units	\$100,000	\$0
Total	\$215,438	\$35,548

DEPARTMENT BILLS WITH POTENTIAL BUDGETARY IMPACT

House Bill 1097 relates to the state parks gift fund and provides for a continuing appropriation. The gift fund associated with the Department has been in place since the 1980s. With more discussions related to larger projects and various donors, the Department is looking for clarity of the authority associated with the fund as well as having the fund available on a continuing basis.

REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Department would like to request adjustments related to the International Peace Gardens loan, funding for Little Missouri State Park lease renewals, and an exemption for the 17-19 extraordinary repair projects.

On December 30, 2020, the Bank of North Dakota approved the \$3,000,000 loan plus interest for the International Peace Garden per Section 12 of the 2019-2021 budget appropriation.

Little Missouri State Park encompasses 45 miles of equine and walking trails across state land and leased private properties. These leases encompass 4333 acres and expire November 1, 2021. Total costs of leased lands would be \$190,652 for a 5-year period ending 2026.

As discussed previously, include exemption language to complete 17-19 projects that have been started but may need the full construction season of 2021. The Department would like to request an amendment to the executive budget recommendation and initial bill in Section 6 "Exemptions" to the following: "Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

**International Peace Garden
Program Management**



Budget Item Number	Budget Item Description	Current Budget (USD) as of 3-Jun-2020	Committed (\$)	Forecast Additional Cost to Complete (\$)	Forecast Cost at Completion (\$)	Forecast Variance at Completion (\$)	Forecast Notes
1	Non-Construction	-	830,587	-	830,587	(830,587)	Non-Construction Costs in CAD
1.01	Colliers Project Leaders - Project Management	-	188,240	-	188,240	(188,240)	
1.02	Prime Consultant	-	628,847		628,847	(628,847)	Taken from LM's proposal, including the exchange rate of 1.31.
1.03	Colliers Project Leaders - Business Case and Financial Modeling	-	13,500	-	13,500	(13,500)	
2	Construction Costs	11,299,060	2,680,890	8,729,971	11,410,860	(111,800)	Construction Costs in CAD, to be spent before July 2021
2.01	Conservatory Expansion	6,058,084	29,883	6,028,201	6,058,084	-	12/01/2020: Includes the Café Kitchen, Road, Formal Channel, CCC, and Stone Masonry Scope of Work
2.02	Children's Play Areas	976,800	8,814	967,986	976,800	-	
2.03	Campground Electrical Upgrade	138,306	110,278	-	110,278	28,028	Signed contract value
2.04	Lodging	1,826,320	1,498,382	400,000	1,898,382	(72,062)	Estimated total based on quotes received to date
2.05	Wireless Coverage	194,620	166,439	28,181	194,620	-	Estimated contract value for current scope of work with SRT
2.06	Willis Pavillion	85,322	-	85,322	85,322	-	
2.07	Peace Chapel	67,192	-	67,192	67,192	-	
2.08	Historic Lodge	54,020	-	54,020	54,020	-	
2.09	Masonic Auditorium	-	-	-	-	-	11/06/2020: Scope of work removed from the project.
2.10	Front Gate	194,620	-	194,620	194,620	-	Costs may be allocated to Conservatory Expansion
2.11	Irrigation Upgrade	160,580	200,518	-	200,518	(39,938)	Includes additon of variable flow pump
2.12	Lighting	117,364	-	117,364	117,364	-	
2.13	Administration Building	31,339	22,612	8,727	31,339	-	
2.14	Horticulture Staff HQ	384,023	178,660	205,363	384,023	-	
2.15	Water Systems	137,640	-	137,640	137,640	-	
2.16	Landscaping and Maintenance Equipment and Building	320,790	339,738	8,880	348,618	(27,828)	10/26/2020: Forecast additional cost to complete is based on \$8,880.00 of expected electrical Greenhouse costs
2.17	Music Camp Area	552,040	125,565	426,475	552,040	-	10/28/2020: \$131,432.33 USD committed for Music Theatre Lighting Upgrade
3	Contingency	390,424	-	-	-	390,424	
3.01	Construction Contingency	390,424	-	-	-	390,424	
3.02	Design Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	
	PROJECT TOTALS	11,689,484	3,511,477	8,729,971	12,241,447	(551,963)	

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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Chairman Monson and members of the committee:

I am Tim Chapman, the Chief Executive Officer of the International Peace Garden testifying on behalf of the Garden in support of an extension of funding for capital projects underway.

Thank you for the time and attention in reviewing the progress and accomplishments of the International Peace Garden. We are grateful for the committee's support in the 2019 Session and look forward to continued support and understanding as we approach the 2021-2023 biennium. We are also grateful to Governor Burgum, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and Director Dr. Andrea Travnicek for their guidance.



We are excited to share that we have completed some of the smaller projects in our capital budget and are close to design completion on our larger projects, including the world-class Conservatory and events center, children's educational and experiential play area and renovations to other key public facing infrastructure and rental facilities. Thanks to the State and Provincial commitments the Garden is truly on a path to sustainability through public-private partnerships. Our projects will be enhanced through corporate and private sponsorships as we have started a capital campaign process to ensure these public investments last for many decades.

The 66th Legislative Assembly approved historic capital funding at the Peace Garden for the 2019-2021 biennium up to \$6,078,828 of reimbursable costs, if matched 1:1 by a non-state agency. The Province of Manitoba agreed to match the state's commitment, but due to the unexpected provincial election being called in 2019 that match was not confirmed until Spring of 2020. This delay along with uncertainty brought by the Covid-19 pandemic tightened the timeline to have the state funds efficiently used by June of 2021 considering the size and complexity of the scope. The Provincial funds are available through 2023.

As stated in the 2019 legislation all expenses must be matched 1:1 before submitting to the state for reimbursement. This required the Garden to hold off on spending and design initiation on our Scope of Work until the Provincial match was disbursed, which happened in the full amount of \$7,500,000 Canadian Dollars on April 24, 2020.

While we awaited the Provincial match, IPG worked with Colliers Project Leaders – our Program Manager for the Scope of Work – to develop 10-year revenue projections based on the

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deferred maintenance and enhancements. Colliers has since done a remarkable job in engaging architects, engineers and contractors on both sides of the border to ensure this historic international effort is shared by Americans and Canadians alike. JLG Architects of North Dakota has paired with LM Architectural Group of Manitoba to lead all design and engineering and they have also done remarkable, efficient work despite our short timeframe. Colliers has detailed these efforts, cash-flow projections and the program's progress in their attached letter.

All efforts are being made to expedite construction to meet the current biennium's deadline while also emphasizing the importance of good stewardship of the public funds. All costs relating to the State's funding can be committed to by June 30, 2021, though an extension of the capital funds to align with the Provincial deadline of 2023 would allow for better stewardship of the remaining funds. An extension would also allow the Garden to add funding support through the capital campaign, which is expected to begin this spring following a feasibility study and wealth screening in both countries.

Also attached are designs of the key projects within the scope. The Garden has struck a balance of addressing longstanding deferred maintenance that will lead to more revenue opportunities and increased energy and operational efficiency. Upon completion of the projects, we will be far better suited to host school groups, business and organizational conferences, banquets and marquee gatherings of state, provincial, national and international leaders. All these components are critical to a healthy non-profit that benefits from both public and private support.

Despite the pandemic, the International Peace Garden is a well-positioned outdoor and indoor attraction ready to welcome a society keener on park settings for recreation, respite, and safe gathering. The Peace Garden State and Manitoba are joined by one of the world's most unique institutions. There is no other botanical garden or park of this size, potential and legacy situated on an international border. We are excited with your support to continue advancing the Garden's call for cooperation and peace among people into the future through sustainable year-round offerings to all generations.

Thank you for your attention and all your work advocating for North Dakotans during this unprecedented and difficult time.

Tim Chapman,



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**Testimony of Cole Higlin
North Dakota Recreation & Park Association
To House Appropriations Committee
In Support of HB 1019**

Chairman Delzer and Members of the Committee, my name is Cole Higlin, and I am the public policy committee chair of the North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA). NDRPA represents more than 900 members across the state and works to advance parks, recreation and conservation for an enhanced quality of life in North Dakota. I am here on behalf of NDRPA to support House Bill 1019.

Public parks and recreation facilities are valuable community infrastructure, and usage in our state is significant. Six out of every 10 North Dakota households (60 percent) report outdoor recreation is very important, while 93 percent report it is important, according to the *2018-2022 North Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*. Five percent more North Dakota households feel outdoor recreation is very important today compared to five years ago.

NDRPA supports the governor's recommendation for operating expenses and maintenance for the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as parks' infrastructure funding through bonding and park district infrastructure grants through bonding. As noted in the *2018-2022 SCORP*, 49 percent of outdoor recreation providers report demand for facilities and activities exceeds supply for their users. Over the next five years, additional funding needed to fulfill reported existing unmet capital needs is \$319 million. The Parks and Recreation Department is a strong partner with organizations across the state, and planning documents such as the *SCORP* are important to North Dakota parks and recreation agencies. The priorities outlined in the governor's recommendation would strengthen these partnership efforts.

With the state's growing population, the Parks and Recreation Department and local agencies need sufficient resources to provide and build upon our public parks. Parks, open space, trails, greenways, water, recreation facilities, programs, and services provide documented benefits, among them economic, health, environmental, and social/community. Providing safe, affordable and accessible recreation opportunities for our citizens and visitors is essential to maintaining North Dakota's commitment to a high quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee and express support for this bill and for your continued commitment to North Dakota's quality of life needs.

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Testimony of Kyle Martin

Executive Director

Travel Alliance Partnership

In support of HB 1019

January 8, 2021

Chairman Monson and members of the House Appropriations Education and Environment Committee:

My name is Kyle Martin, and I am the executive director of the Travel Alliance Partnership (TAP). TAP is a coalition of travel industry stakeholders, including CVBs, state attractions, businesses and other interested stakeholders, in this viable and growing sector of North Dakota's economy. On behalf of the tourism industry and its partners, I am writing to voice support for HB 1019.

The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed tourism across the United States. Millions of Americans have been forced to cancel or change their travel plans, opting now for experiences that offer wide open spaces and immersion in the great outdoors. As a result, North Dakota's parks have experienced a record-breaking season, reporting a 35 percent increase in campsites this season compared to 2019. September and October were some of the busiest camping months in North Dakota, noting a 173% and 339% increase in camping numbers from 2019 respectively. These record-breaking numbers also lead to increased demand on the staff and resources,

emphasizing the need for additional funding for North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

The Canadian border closure has also impacted North Dakota's tourism, with North Dakota experiencing 10% of its normal volume of Canadian visitors. With no indication as to when the border could reopen, tourism destinations, including the International Peace Gardens and multiple border communities will feel the economic strain of the pandemic.

TAP asks the House Appropriations Education and Environment Committee to consider the impacts of the pandemic, which has resulted in increased visitation and usage of parks and campsites, and to consider additional funding to ensure our parks can sustain their newfound popularity as travelers look to North Dakota and its great outdoors as their premiere tourism destination.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
1/19/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.

Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz	P	
Representative Boe	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Manitoba match funding
- Deferred maintenance

Andrea Travnicek (2:03 p.m.) testified in favor. Testimony #1763

Representative Bob Martinson made a motion to extend the loan to the next biennium

Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt seconded the motion

Roll Call vote taken:

Representative	Yay	Nay	Absent
Chairman Monson	X		
Vice Chairman Schmidt	X		
Representative Martinson	X		
Representative Nathe	X		
Representative Sanford			X
Representative Schatz		X	
Representative Boe			X

Motion Passed 4 Yay, 1 Nay, 2 Absent

Additional Testimony: #1764

Chairman David Monson closed the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

Question: Do you have a breakdown of land owned and leased at Little Missouri State Park? Do we have a breakdown of park acreage for each state park?

Little Missouri State Park:

Property	Ownership	Status	Acreage (+/-)
Little Missouri State Park 5,413 Acres <i>(does not include ~1080 acres of ACOE take lands available for public access)</i>	NDPRD	Owned	1080 Acres
	Appledorn	Trail Easement	2108 Acres
	Benz	Trail Easement	1174 Acres
	MHA Nation (Fettig)	Trail Easement	1051 Acres

The trail easements are short-term easements, with many of them expiring in 2021 or 2022. NDPRD maintains the trails on private lands covered by the easements. Private landowners have limited liability related to the public use of property. Refer to NDCC §53-08 for additional information.

Additional State Parks Acreage:

Property	Acreage (+/-)
Beaver Lake State Park	273
Cross Ranch State Park	569
Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park	837
Fort Ransom State Park	934
Fort Stevenson State Park	587
Grahams Island State Park	959
Icelandic State Park	930
Lake Metigoshe State Park	1509
Lake Sakakawea State Park	740
Lewis and Clark State Park	525
Little Missouri State Park	5413
Sully Creek State Park	63
Turtle River State Park	775

Question: What is the total amount the department has for deferred maintenance?

The agency evaluated deferred maintenance in four categories: buildings, paved and gravel roads and shorelines. Opinions of probable cost were prepared based upon past pricing and anticipated future unit costs that included items such as professional engineering/design fees, contractor's mobilization and general condition costs and contingency funds. NDPRD performs a biennium inspection of each building utilizing internal staff. Maintenance needs are placed in the agency's work-order management system. The following list is partially derived from these inspections.

Buildings	~\$6.4 million	Interior and exterior painting, replacement of shingles, replacement of windows, masonry repairs, replace floor
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		coverings, playground repairs, moisture penetrations, siding repair and replacement, specialty building construction (i.e. earth lodges)
Shorelines	~\$10.7 million	Riprap or bioengineering stabilization of riverbanks, fluctuating lake levels and water access
Paved Roadways	~\$52.3 million	Asphalt crack sealing, overlays and full-depth roadway reconstruction (many of the asphalt roads were never properly constructed as asphalt roads, just millings over gravel)
Gravel Roads	~\$4.2 million	Blading and reshaping of gravel roads to promote drainage and surface stability.

This does not include trails.

Question: Are they using snowmobile trails now with off-road vehicles? Can they do

Off-highway vehicles are authorized to transit highway rights-of-way or ditches if not in violation of any local ordinances in accordance with N.D.C.C.§39-29-09. The ability to operate in a highway right-of-way is not limited by seasons or dates within our century code provisions. If a highway right-of-way is also signed as a snowmobile trail, it is still considered a highway right-of-way first which would allow for the transition of an OHV on the marked trail.

However, an OHV cannot continue riding along a snowmobile trail that enters, crosses or otherwise transits private lands. We enter leases with private land owners to transit their land to supplement our snowmobile trails. Incumbent to our lease is the statement "STATE shall have the right to allow the public to operate snowmobiles on the Trail". If an OHV crosses, traverses, or other wise users private lands designated as a state snowmobile trail, they would be violating trespassing statutes.

Question: How many parks do you have that are on well water?

- Lake Metigoshe State Park is on well water. They have a total of seven wells and test water quality routinely. At this time the rural water company does not have any plans to expand their service and provide rural water to Lake Metigoshe State Park.
- Little Missouri State Park has one potable well as a public water source. There are private wells on land the agency utilizes through an easement along the trails for livestock and horse consumption.

Question: What is the departments role with the Maah Daah Hey Trail?

Maah Daah Hey Trail

The Maah Daah Hey Trail (MDHT) is a co-operative partnership between the USDA Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and North Dakota Parks and Recreation. There are additional non-profit organizations that provide services on the MDHT, including trail and trailhead maintenance. NDPRD maintains the trail that traverses through Sully Creek State Park and retains a couple of trail leases on state school trust lands.

NDPRD administers FHWA's Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP) which serves as a funding source for multiple organizations that work on the MDHT. In Federal Fiscal Year 2020, the RTP funded two grants over \$100 thousand to the USDA Forest Service and the Maah Daah Hey Trails Association for trail improvement. In the latest grant application cycle, three projects were ranked for receiving approximately \$134 thousand in grant funds that directly benefit the Maah Daah Hey Trail. The trail typically receives RTP grant funds in almost every grant cycle in the last five years.

ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Status Statement

#1764

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21		2021-23 Executive Budget
		Legislative Appropriation	Revised Estimate	
Beginning Balance	\$7,996,518 ¹¹	\$0	\$4,948,114	\$3,466,470
Revenue:				
Oil and Gas Production Tax	\$10,799,177	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000 ¹²	\$15,000,000 ¹²
Interest Income	73,576	45,000	90,000	90,000
Refunds	1,049,705	0	1,315,400	0
Total Revenues	\$11,922,458	\$15,045,000	\$16,405,400	\$15,090,000
Expenditures/Commitments:				
Administrative Expenses	(\$98,808)	(\$150,000)	(\$175,000)	(\$175,000)
Grant awards/available for commitment	(14,872,054)	(14,895,000)	(17,712,044) ¹³	(16,000,000) ¹³
Total Expenditures and Commitments	(\$14,970,862)	(\$15,045,000)	(\$17,887,044)	(\$16,175,000)
Ending Balance	\$4,948,114	\$0	\$3,466,470	\$2,381,470

¹¹ The amount shown is based on grants awarded to date, not amounts spent, as some grant awards are paid out over several years.

¹² NDCC section 57-51-15 established a maximum allocation of \$40.0 million (\$20.0 million per year) for the 2015-17 biennium, \$10.0 million for the 2017-19 biennium and \$15.0 million for the 2019-21 biennium. The current forecast for oil and gas taxes will result in approximately \$15 million being allocated to the fund during the 2021-23 biennium.

¹³ All moneys in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-17.8-02. Grant commitments include some projects that will draw down funds over a 10 year period. The amounts shown reflect the estimated amount available for grants and not the amount expended.

Notes:

The 2013 legislature, through passage of HB 1278, established the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The bill creates chapter 54-17.8 of the NDCC, which establishes an advisory board to administer the fund, provides a continuing appropriation for the fund, and establishes allowable uses of the fund. Moneys in the fund can be used for grants to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

- Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen;
- Improve and maintain water quality, soil conditions, and support stewardship practices to enhance farming and
- Develop wildlife and fish habitat; and
- Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Funds may not be used for:

- Litigation;
- Lobbying; or
- Activities that would interfere with coal mining, sand, scoria and gravel extraction, oil and gas operations, or other energy facility or infrastructure
- The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- Projects outside North Dakota or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
1/27/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz	P	
Representative Boe	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Base level funding changes
- ND state parks cost of ownership
- Bank of ND loan terms
- Possible matching grant program
- Little Missouri State Park existing conditions

Andrea Travnicek (10:21 a.m.) testified in favor. Testimony #3831

Additional written testimony: #3830

Chairman David Monson adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

NORTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS COST OF OWNERSHIP

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's capital investments combined with the operation, maintenance and lifecycle replacement costs amounts to the total cost of ownership.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects are investments or divestitures of infrastructure that adds or decreases the agency's level of service. The executive budget recommendation includes a proposed \$9.88 million bonding package. The following list comprises the recommended capital projects in HB 1019 for the 2021-2023 biennium. Recommendations focus on projects that support a 21st century workforce, modernize our services to enhance the public's experience and increase return on investment.

\$2,200,000	Seasonal and park ranger housing
\$500,000	Marina Repairs: Garrison Bay Marina breakwater repairs and engineering study of marinas
\$1,660,000	Electrical service upgrades at park properties
\$1,500,000	Fiber upgrades to park properties
\$350,000	Road and camping pad repairs
\$500,000	Stream bank stabilization engineering and construction at sites with river or lake shorelines
\$1,100,000	Water service upgrades
\$1,300,000	Sanitary sewer compliance engineering studies and compliance repairs/expansions
\$775,000	Construction to the Boy Scout Dining Hall at Lake Metigoshe State Park

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS

Extraordinary repairs are repairs over \$5,000 in value that extend the lifespan of existing infrastructure. These projects sustain the agency's level of service. The executive budget recommendation provides a \$10 million appropriation for park deferred maintenance from Legacy Fund earnings.

Statewide Deferred Maintenance

Buildings \$6.5M	Paved Roads \$52.4M
Shorelines \$6.5M	Gravel Roads \$4.3M

PLUMBING FLOORING
SHINGLING PAINTING
 LIGHTING **STAINING**
 PLAYGROUNDS WINDOWS INSULATION
ELECTRICAL CAULKING
 HVAC ROADS **SANDING**

EXEMPTIONS

The Department is requesting an exemption for any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws, relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Fort Stevenson State Park

- DeTrobiand Lodge reconstruction
- Campground
- Breakwater repair

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park

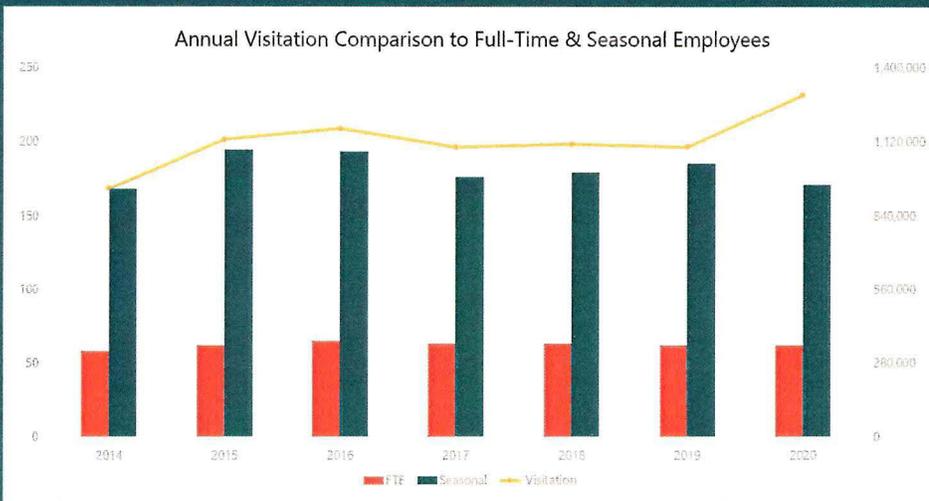
- On-A-Slant Village

Balance as of December 31, 2020*

15-17
Biennium \$302,211

17-19
Biennium \$674,582

* Actual amount will be less due to construction in progress.



Increased visitation and facility use cause assets to naturally deteriorate faster, coupled with a decrease in staffing and unexpected damages, creating a situation where ordinary repairs may not get completed regularly, creating backlog and increased costs for repair projects.

Lifecycle replacement schedules will continue to be important as investments are made into the state parks.



UNEXPECTED DAMAGES

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department faces a wide range of unexpected damages from natural, environmental and human interference. These challenges take funding and staff time to repair that was not previously budgeted.

HB 1019 ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

As described in the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's written testimony, these are the additional requests for the Department for the 2021-2023 biennium. Included are Sections associated with Game and Fish, federal funds, International Peace Gardens, park enhancements, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and a State Parks Matching program. In addition, an inclusion of \$190,652 for a 5-year period ending in 2026 for leases at Little Missouri State Park is requested and a one-time \$20.6 million appropriation for park district infrastructure grant through bonding.

SECTION 3



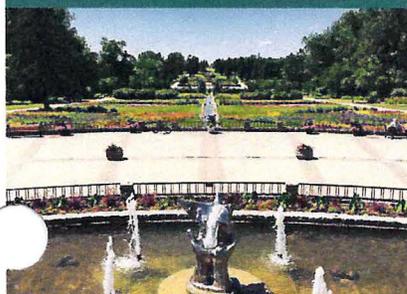
GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, and must be transferred to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4



ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5



EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section will be subject to the International Peace Garden raising one to one matching funds from non-state of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

On December 30, 2020, the Bank of North Dakota approved the \$3,000,000 loan plus interest for the International Peace Garden per Section 12 of the 2019-2021 budget appropriation. We need an appropriation to pay the principal and interest on this loan.

SECTION 6



EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

The Department would like to request an amendment to the executive budget recommendation in Section 6 "Exemptions" to the following: "Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023."

SECTION 7



CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS – LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER – EXEMPTION. The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

DOT Grant - The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

SECTION 8



Section 55-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows: Section 55-08-20 Parks Matching Grant Program – Continuing Appropriation. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of each odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-numbered year, North Dakota Parks and Recreation shall utilize one dollar in matching funds for every one dollar raised by a non-state entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota Parks and Recreation managed properties. Any funds utilized pursuant to this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department for capital projects.

SECTION 9



STATE PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. The department of parks and recreation is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available, of the amount transferred to the park gift fund from Legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to 2021 House Bill 1015 to establish a state parks matching grant program as provided in section 8 of this Act.

ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS

Little Missouri State Park encompasses 45 miles of equine and walking trails across state land and leased private properties. These leases encompass 4,333 acres and expire November 1, 2021. Total costs of leased lands would be \$190,652 for a 5-year period ending 2026.

Park District Infrastructure Grant: The \$20.6 million appropriation would be utilized to revive a program similar to the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, also known as the Community Grants Program, that was last funded in the 2013-2015 biennium.

Below are some payment examples. Please let me know if you would like any other scenarios.

\$3 million line of credit, fully advanced 1/20/21

	1.75%	2.75%	3.75%	4.75%
6/30/2021	\$ 3,023,301.37	\$ 3,036,616.44	\$ 3,049,931.51	\$ 3,063,246.58
6/30/2023	\$ 3,128,301.37	\$ 3,201,616.44	\$ 3,274,931.51	\$ 3,348,246.58

Annual Payment for \$3 million term loan

	1.75%	2.75%	3.75%	4.75%
4 year	\$ 783,115.24	\$ 802,290.37	\$ 821,645.42	\$ 841,177.61
6 year	\$ 531,521.97	\$ 549,937.57	\$ 568,640.34	\$ 587,625.45

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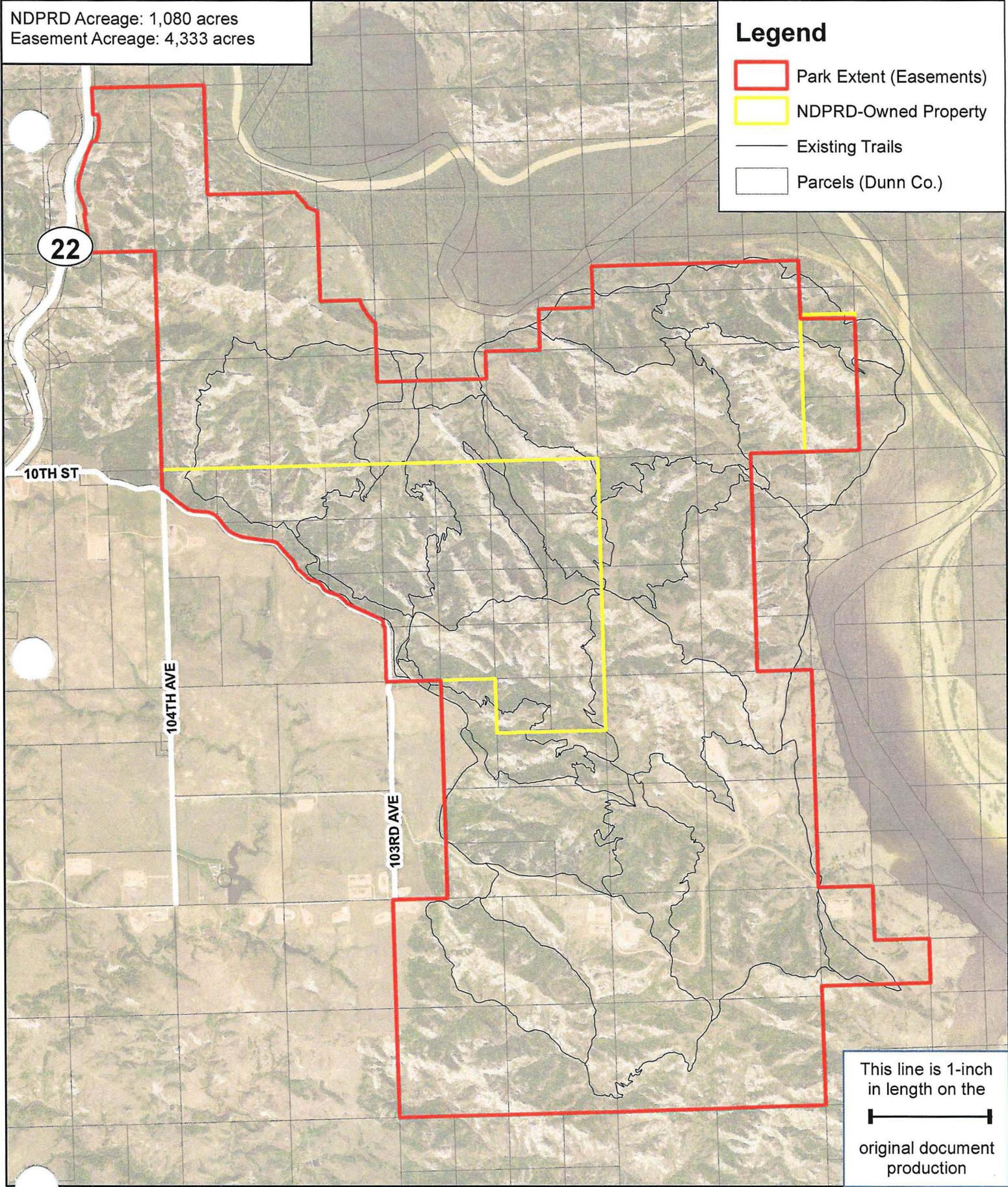
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NDPRD Acreage: 1,080 acres
Easement Acreage: 4,333 acres

Legend

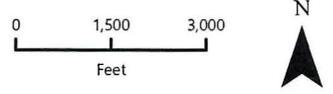
-  Park Extent (Easements)
-  NDPRD-Owned Property
-  Existing Trails
-  Parcels (Dunn Co.)



Little Missouri State Park - Existing Conditions

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

SCALE: 1 inch = 3,000 feet



Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version				House Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0		\$866,187	(\$29,176)	\$837,011
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271				0		(279,929)	(11,342)	(291,271)
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467				0		(3,332)	(135)	(3,467)
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102				0		(54,878)	(2,224)	(57,102)
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554				0			(173,554)	(173,554)
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0	3.75	840,596	587,999	1,428,595
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426				0			(2,308,426)	(2,308,426)
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0		202,990	933,123	1,136,113
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0		131,449		131,449
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0			511,800	511,800
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914				0		(410,250)	(7,664)	(417,914)
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0			245,853	245,853
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079				0			(230,079)	(230,079)
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124				0			(40,124)	(40,124)
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expense		19,751	6,687	26,438				0		(19,751)	(6,687)	(26,438)
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)				0		710		710
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	3.75	\$1,273,792	(\$530,636)	\$743,156
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000				0			(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0			(20,600,000)	(20,600,000)
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0			(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0	(\$40,485,000)	(\$40,485,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	3.75	\$1,273,792	(\$41,015,636)	(\$39,741,844)
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	3.75	\$1,273,792	(\$41,015,636)	(\$39,741,844)
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	201.2%	114.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	
Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	
Exemption - International Peace Garden	Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.	

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Exemption - Park enhancements

Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Conveyance of land and buildings -
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Continuing appropriation - Parks matching grant program

Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

State parks matching grant program

Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/3/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz		A
Representative Boe	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
- Moratorium
- Viewshed easements
- Storage unit
- Budget level funding changes
- Deferred maintenance

Andrea Travnicek (9:01 a.m.) testified in favor. Testimony #5205

Additional written testimony: #5206

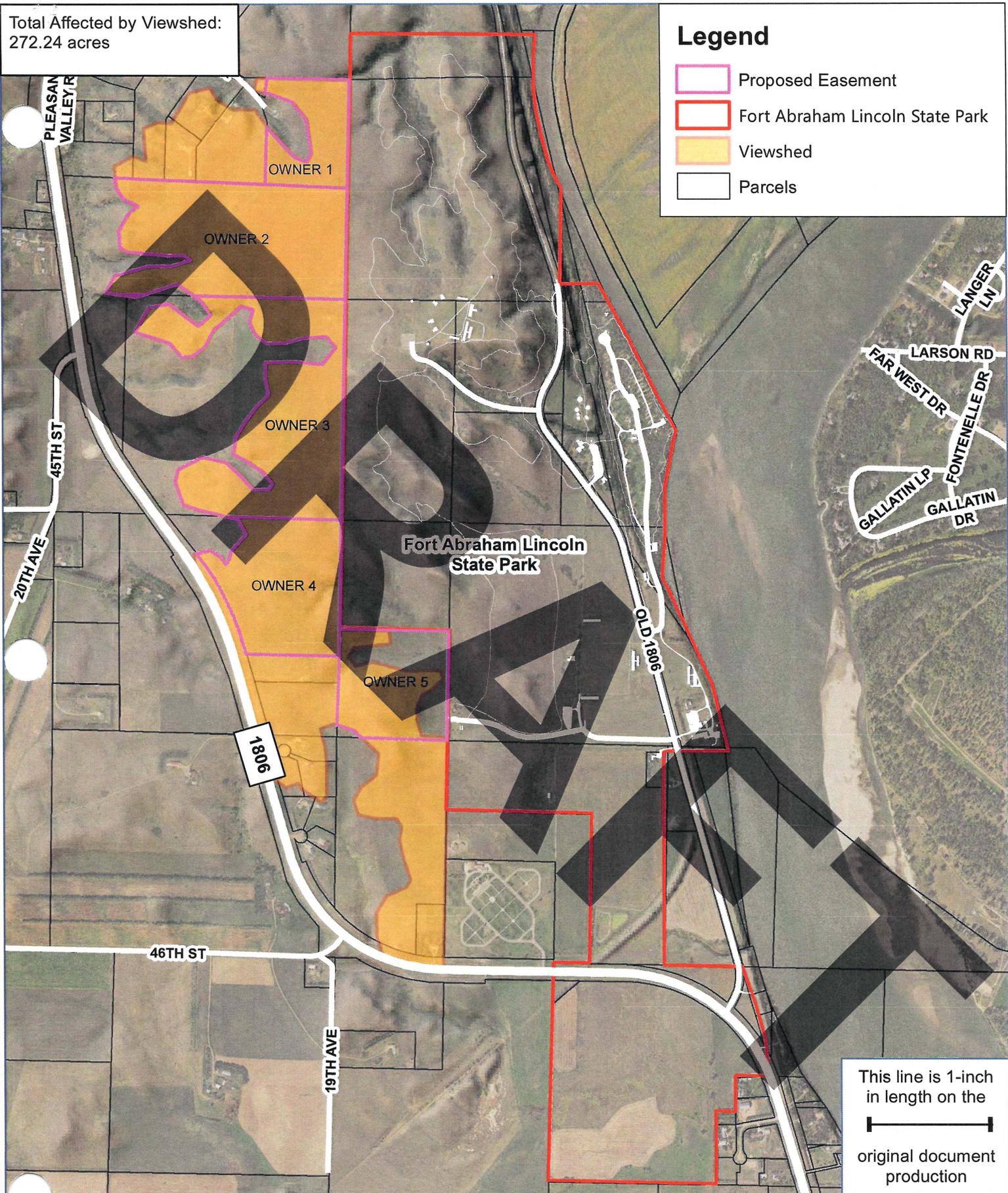
Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

Total Affected by Viewshed:
272.24 acres

Legend

- Proposed Easement
- Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
- Viewshed
- Parcels



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Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Viewshed

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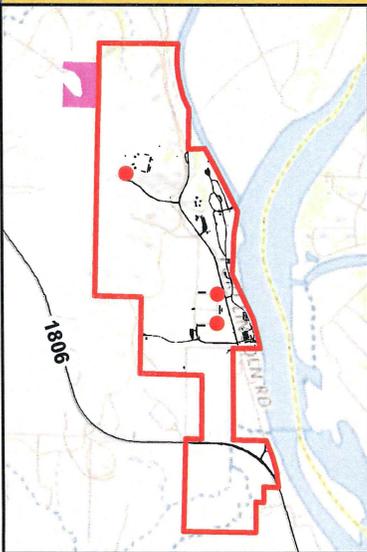
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Legend

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-  Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
-  Viewshed
-  Parcels

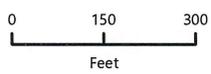
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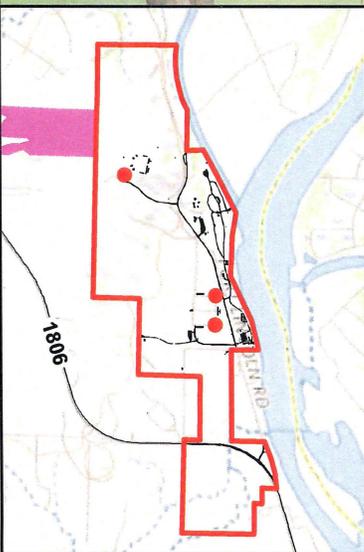
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Legend

-  Proposed Easement
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-  Viewshed
-  Parcels

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Fort Abraham Lincoln
State Park

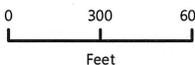


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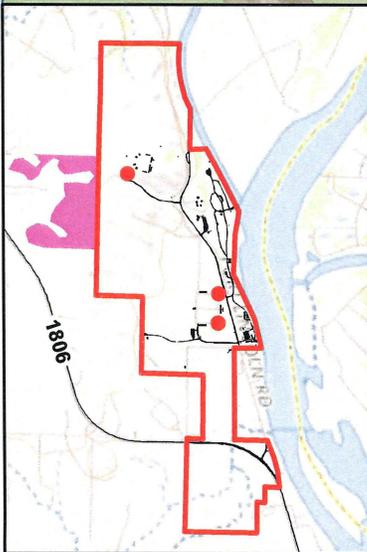
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Legend

-  Proposed Easement
-  Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
-  Viewshed
-  Parcels

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Fort Abraham Lincoln
State Park

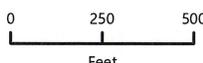


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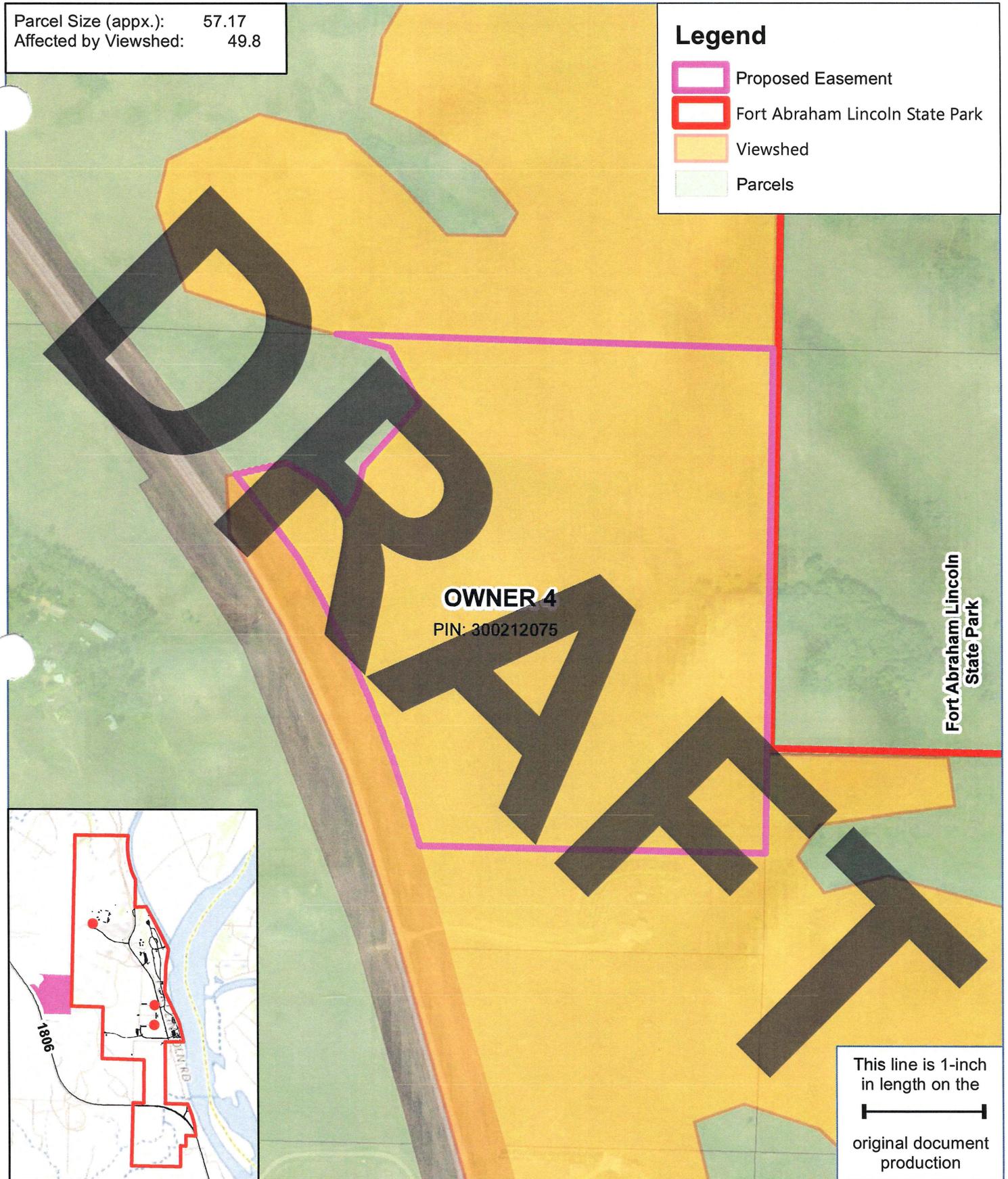
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Legend

-  Proposed Easement
-  Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
-  Viewshed
-  Parcels



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Fort Abraham Lincoln
State Park

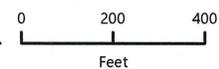
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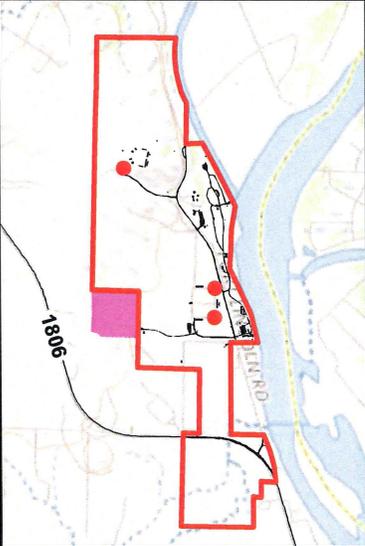
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-  Proposed Easement
-  Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
-  Viewshed
-  Parcels

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Fort Abraham Lincoln
State Park

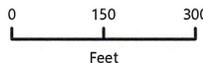


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Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version				House Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271		279,929	11,342	291,271				0
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467		3,332	135	3,467				0
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102		54,878	2,224	57,102				0
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554				0
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0	3.75	840,596	587,999	1,428,595
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426				0
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0		202,990	933,123	1,136,113
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0		131,449		131,449
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0			511,800	511,800
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914				0
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0			245,853	245,853
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079				0
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expense		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438				0
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	(\$98,757)	\$2,809,411	\$2,710,654	3.75	\$1,175,035	\$2,278,775	\$3,453,810
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000				0			(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
Adds funding from SIF for parks deferred maintenance				0			7,500,000	7,500,000			7,500,000	7,500,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0			(20,600,000)	(20,600,000)
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0			(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)
Adds funding from SIF for the International Peace Garden capital project:				0			3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adds funding for trail lease renewals				0		200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$200,000	\$10,500,000	\$10,700,000	0.00	\$200,000	(\$29,985,000)	(\$29,785,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$101,243	\$13,309,411	\$13,410,654	3.75	\$1,375,035	(\$27,706,225)	(\$26,331,190)
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$14,444,372	\$33,690,138	\$48,134,510	3.75	\$1,375,035	(\$27,706,225)	(\$26,331,190)
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(6.1%)</i>	<i>(8.9%)</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>(2.1%)</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>(0.7%)</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>7.8%</i>				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(6.1%)</i>	<i>(8.9%)</i>	<i>201.2%</i>	<i>114.5%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>65.3%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
Estimated income - Department of transportation grant		Section 4 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.
Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 5 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Exemption - International Peace Garden

Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Section 6 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - International Peace Garden capital projects

Section 7 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for International Peace Garden capital projects in Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. These funds are subject to one-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources.

Exemption - Park enhancements

Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Section 8 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Conveyance of land and buildings - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Continuing appropriation - Parks matching grant program

Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

State parks matching grant program

Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

Requirements - Matching Funds - International Peace Garden capital project - Strategic investment and improvements fund

Section 9 - Of the funds appropriated in the International Peace Garden line item in Section 1 of this Act includes \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund, for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from nonstate sources. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.

Emergency

Section 10 declares section 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/10/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.

Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz	P	
Representative Boe	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF)
- Viewshed by Fort Abraham State Park
- Sovereign land and navigable waters
- Legacy funds
- Matching grant programs
- International Peace Garden

Andrea Pfennig (9:00 a.m.) testified neutrally. Testimony #6218

Andrea Travnicek (9:11 a.m.) testified in favor. Testimony #6219

Tim Chapman (9:55 a.m.) testified in favor.

Additional written testimony: #6223

Chairman David Monson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

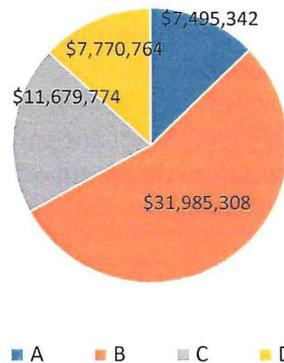
Purpose of OHF

- The commission shall use the fund to provide grants, with higher priority given to enhance conservation practices in this state by:
 - Providing access for sportsmen,
 - Agricultural stewardship practices,
 - Developing and restoring wildlife and fish habitat; and
 - Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

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Program Results

- The Industrial Commission has awarded funding for 176 projects for a total of over \$58 million.



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Exclusions

- Funds may not be used in any manner to finance:
 - Litigation;
 - Lobbying activities;
 - Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
 - The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
 - Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

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Limited Consideration

- The commission or a grantee may not use grant funds, except after a finding of exceptional circumstances by the commission, to finance:
 - A completed project or project commenced before the grant application;
 - A feasibility or research study;
 - Maintenance costs;
 - A paving project for a road or parking lot;
 - A swimming pool or aquatic park;
 - Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
 - Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year;
 - A building, except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project; or
 - A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in execution and completion of the project.

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Clarification

- OHF does not award funds that have not been received.
 - Some projects span multiple bienniums and those obligations are carried forward.
- The current cash amount available to award is \$5,143,003.
 - The previous grant round resulted in \$11.6 of funding awarded.
 - The next application deadline is May 3rd.
 - There may not be any remaining funds at the end of the biennium.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN -

REQUIREMENTS. Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for International Peace Garden Capital Projects, in ... are not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021~~19~~, and ending June 30, 2023~~1~~. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section is subject to the International Peace Garden raising one-to-one matching funds from nonstate of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The pParks and rRecreation deDpartment shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

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SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS - MATCHING FUNDS -

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CAPITAL PROJECTS. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 for capital projects. Total eExpenditures of these funds for all projects under this section areis collectively subject to one dollar of matching funds from the province of Manitoba or other nonstate sources for each one dollar of state fundsone-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources. The pParks and Rrecreation dDepartment shall review International Peace Garden total capital project expenditures under this section at least quarterly to ensure the total amount of these expenditures are collectively and equally matched one dollar of matching funds from the province of Manitoba or other nonstate sources for each one dollar of state funds. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

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SECTION 11. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND

IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,755,000, from the strategic investment

and improvements fund and the estimated income line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, for parks capital projects and International Peace Garden capital projects.

SECTION 12. CONTINGENT LOAN AUTHORIZATION – CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN. The parks and recreation department may borrow from the Bank of North Dakota, \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, which is appropriated to the parks and recreation department for matching nonstate funds that may become available, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The funds authorized in this section may be borrowed and spent only upon certification by the director of the Parks and Recreation Department to the director of the office of management and budget that the province of Manitoba or other entity has made available funds for capital projects at the International Peace Garden, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. Total expenditures of these funds appropriated in this section for all projects under this section are collectively subject to one dollar of matching funds from the province of Manitoba or other nonstate sources for each one dollar of state funds. The Parks and Recreation Department shall review International Peace Garden total capital project expenditures under this section at least quarterly to ensure the total amount of these expenditures are collectively and equally matched one dollar of matching funds from the province of Manitoba or other nonstate sources for each one dollar of state funds. The parks and recreation department shall request from the sixty-seventh legislative assembly an appropriation to repay any outstanding loans authorized in this section. The funding in this section is a one-time funding item.

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Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version				House Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271		260,934	10,554	271,488		(18,995)	(788)	(19,783)
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467		2,954	701	3,655		(378)	566	188
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102				0		(54,878)	(2,224)	(57,102)
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554				0
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0	3.75	\$840,596	\$587,999	1,428,595
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426				0
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0		202,990	933,123	1,136,113
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0		131,449		131,449
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0			511,800	511,800
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914				0
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0			245,853	245,853
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079				0
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expense		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438				0
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	(\$173,008)	\$2,806,965	\$2,633,957	3.75	\$1,100,784	\$2,276,329	\$3,377,113
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000			\$0	\$0
Adds funding from SIIF for parks deferred maintenance				0			7,500,000	7,500,000			7,500,000	7,500,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0		(20,600,000)	(20,600,000)	(20,600,000)
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0		(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)
Adds funding from SIIF for the International Peace Garden capital project				0			3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adds funding for trail lease renewals				0		200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$200,000	\$20,500,000	\$20,700,000	0.00	\$200,000	(\$19,985,000)	(\$19,785,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$26,992	\$23,306,965	\$23,333,957	3.75	\$1,300,784	(\$17,708,671)	(\$16,407,887)
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$14,370,121	\$43,687,692	\$58,057,813	3.75	\$1,300,784	(\$17,708,671)	(\$16,407,887)
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)	0.0%	(1.2%)	13.8%	7.6%				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	201.2%	114.5%	0.0%	0.2%	114.4%	67.2%				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
Estimated income - Department of transportation grant		Section 4 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.
Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 5 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Exemption - International Peace Garden

Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Section 6 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - International Peace Garden capital projects

Section 7 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for International Peace Garden capital projects in Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. These funds are subject to one-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources.

Exemption - Park enhancements

Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Section 8 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Conveyance of land and buildings - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Continuing appropriation - Parks matching grant program

Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

State parks matching grant program

Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

Requirements - Matching Funds - International Peace Garden capital project - Strategic investment and improvements fund

Section 9 - Of the funds appropriated in the International Peace Garden line item in Section 1 of this Act includes \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund, for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from nonstate sources. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.

Emergency

Section 10 declares section 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/11/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz	P	
Representative Boe		A

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Andrea Travnicek (4:20 p.m.) testified in favor.

Chris Kadrmas (4:26 p.m.) discussed amendment 21.0278.01001

Representative Mark Sanford made a motion to approve the amendment subject to review when seen

Representative Mike Nathe seconded

Voice vote: Motion carried

Representative Mark Sanford moved Do Pass as amended

Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt seconded

Roll Call vote taken:

Representative	Yea	Nay	Absent
Chairman Monson	X		
Vice Chairman Schmidt	X		
Representative Martinson	X		
Representative Nathe	X		
Representative Sanford	X		
Representative Schatz	X		

Representative Boe			X
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Motion Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Absent

Additional written testimony: #6508

Chairman David Monson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

21.0278.01001
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
House Appropriations - Education and
Environment Division Committee
February 11, 2021

Fiscal No. 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact sections 10 and 12 of Senate Bill No. 2019, as approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly, relating to International Peace Garden capital projects; to provide for an exemption; to provide a report; to provide legislative intent; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 20 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	17,737,582	38,652,175
Recreation	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>9,101,398</u>	<u>18,124,958</u>
Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$7,247,420	\$59,790,572
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>17,053,084</u>	<u>37,099,693</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$10,194,336	\$22,690,879
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	0.00	61.50"

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 4 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
International Peace Garden	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,876,329</u>
Total all funds	\$876,329	\$3,000,000	\$3,876,329
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total general fund	\$876,329	\$0	\$876,329"

Page 2, replace lines 6 through 11 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>\$136,537</u>	<u>\$1,440,912</u>
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	\$136,537	\$1,440,912
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>253,881</u>	<u>587,999</u>
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$117,344)	\$852,913"

Page 2, replace lines 13 through 17 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	\$10,076,992	\$24,420,121
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>20,306,965</u>	<u>40,687,692</u>
Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$30,383,957	\$65,107,813"

Page 2, line 18, after "FUNDING" insert "- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY"

Page 2, line 19, after "biennium" insert "and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 2, replace line 21 with:

"Extraordinary repairs	\$634,126	\$17,500,000"
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Page 2, replace line 23 with:

"International Peace Garden capital projects	5,000,000	3,000,000"
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Page 2, replace lines 27 through 30 with:

"Traffic counters	75,000	0
Trail lease renewals	0	200,000
Recreational opportunities on sovereign lands grant	0	2,000,000
Political subdivision park grant program	0	5,000,000
Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$27,750,000
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$10,250,000

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The parks and recreation department shall report to the appropriation committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION- REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional income from federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. the department shall report any additional income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department as requested by the director of the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT. The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - GENERAL FUND - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$17,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 is from the general fund with legislative intent that the source of funds is legacy fund earnings deposited in the general fund on

June 30, 2019, and \$7,500,000 is from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION GRANTS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$5,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the purpose of providing grants to political subdivisions for the construction or improvement of its parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. To be eligible for a grant under this section a political subdivision must provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds. The department shall develop criteria for the application and approval process.

SECTION 8. SOVEREIGN LANDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$2,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department may enter into agreements with entities for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands.

SECTION 9. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loan from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023. Expenditure of the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding referenced in this section.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS - MATCHING FUNDS - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CAPITAL PROJECTS. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 for capital projects. Expenditure of ~~thesethese~~ the funds is appropriated for this purpose is subject to ~~one-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources~~ the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with funding referenced in this section. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section. The International Peace Garden shall report quarterly to the parks and recreation department regarding the expenditure of these funds along with the the source of the matching funds. The funds appropriated in this section are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, for capital projects.

SECTION 11. REPEAL. Section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - REQUIREMENTS. Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the peace tower in section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section is subject to the International Peace Garden raising one-to-one matching funds from nonstate sources of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 13. EXEMPTION - PARK ENHANCEMENTS. Any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 14. EXEMPTION - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS. Of the funds appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for extraordinary repairs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 15. EMERGENCY. The \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund appropriated for the International Peace Garden in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act and sections 9, 10, and 11 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Reorder accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	17,737,582	38,652,175
Recreation	9,023,560	9,101,398	18,124,958
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,000,000	3,876,329
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	136,537	1,440,912
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$30,383,957	\$65,107,813
Less estimated income	20,380,727	20,306,965	40,687,692
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$10,076,992	\$24,420,121
FTE	61.50	0.00	61.50

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding for Data Processing³	Adjusts Funding for Buildings, Maintenance, and Repairs⁴	Adjusts Funding for Professional Services⁵	Adds Funding for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing Expenses⁶
Administration	\$153,741	\$37,367	\$16,604	(\$45,000)	(\$30,000)	\$26,438
Park operations and maintenance	(923,243)	202,387	376,360	295,079	286,999	
Recreation	9,025	23,072	(2,250)	(20,000)	(216,875)	
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(76,534)	12,317	27,200			
Total all funds	(\$837,011)	\$275,143	\$417,914	\$230,079	\$40,124	\$26,438
Less estimated income	29,176	11,255	7,664	230,079	40,124	6,687
General fund	(\$866,187)	\$263,888	\$410,250	\$0	\$0	\$19,751
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Grants⁷	Adds Funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center⁸	Decreases Funding for Bond Payment⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Fort Lincoln Viewshed¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Trail Lease Renewals¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance¹²
Administration			(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	
Park operations and maintenance						\$17,500,000
Recreation	\$2,308,426					
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center		\$173,554				
Total all funds	\$2,308,426	\$173,554	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$17,500,000
Less estimated income	2,308,426	173,554	0	0	0	7,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$10,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for Capital Projects¹³	Adds One-Time Funding for Sovereign Lands¹⁴	Adds One-Time Funding for Political Subdivision Grant Program¹⁵	Total House Changes
Administration				\$408,440
Park operations and maintenance				17,737,582
Recreation		\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	9,101,398
International Peace Garden	\$3,000,000			3,000,000
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center				136,537
Total all funds	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$30,383,957
Less estimated income	3,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	20,306,965
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,076,992
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2021-23 biennium salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250 for both years, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,427 to \$1,429 per month:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary increase	\$260,934	\$10,554	\$271,488
Health insurance increase	2,954	701	3,655
Total	\$263,888	\$11,255	\$275,143

³ Funding is increased for data processing to provide a total of \$1,295,981.

⁴ Funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs is adjusted by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$45,000), recreation line item (\$20,000), and increasing funding in the parks operations and maintenance line item (\$295,079).

⁵ Funding for professional services is adjusted reducing the administration line item (\$30,000), recreation line item (\$216,875), and increasing funding in the parks operations and maintenance line item (\$286,999).

⁶ Funding is increased for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses.

⁷ Federal fund authority is increased for the land and water conservation program.

⁸ Funding is increased from other funds for the operation of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

⁹ Funding is decreased for bond payments.

¹⁰ One-time funding from the general fund is added for lease payments relating to the Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed.

¹¹ One-time funding from the general fund is added for trail lease renewals in the Little Missouri River area.

¹² One-time funding of \$17.5 million is provided from legacy fund earnings deposited in the general fund (\$10 million) and the strategic investment and improvements fund (\$7.5 million) for deferred maintenance.

¹³ One-time funding of \$3 million is added from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects. Total expenditures of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of or to repay the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized for the 2019-21 biennium.

¹⁴ One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund is added for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands.

¹⁵ One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund is added for providing grants to political subdivisions for the construction or improvement of parks. A section is added requiring dollar-for-dollar matching funds and directing the Parks and Recreation Department to develop criteria for the application and approval process.

This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any additional federal funds or other funds which become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$100,000 of funding from the Department of Transportation for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$17.5 million, of which \$10 million is from legacy fund earnings deposited in the general fund and \$7.5 million is from the strategic investment and improvements fund for deferred maintenance during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for grants to political subdivisions for the construction or improvement of parks during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$2 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loans from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in the 2019-21 biennium, during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Amend Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2019 (2019) to authorize the \$2 million appropriation for International Peace Garden capital projects to be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
- Repeal Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2019 (2019) authorizing a Bank of North Dakota loan for International Peace Garden capital projects.

- Allow any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws to continue into the 2021-23 biennium. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project.
- Allows any funds remaining for park enhancements from the appropriation in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws to continue and be available for park enhancement projects during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Allow up to \$675,000 of the appropriation for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws to be continued and available for extraordinary repairs during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Provide an emergency clause.

Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version				House Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271		260,934	10,554	271,488		(\$18,995)	(\$788)	(19,783)
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467		2,954	701	3,655		(378)	566	188
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102				0		(54,878)	(2,224)	(57,102)
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554				0
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0	3.75	\$840,596	\$587,999	1,428,595
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426				0
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0		202,990	933,123	1,136,113
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0		131,449		131,449
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0			511,800	511,800
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914				0
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0			245,853	245,853
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079				0
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expense		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438				0
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	(\$173,008)	\$2,806,965	\$2,633,957	3.75	\$1,100,784	\$2,276,329	\$3,377,113
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	(\$10,000,000)	\$0
Adds funding from SIIF for parks deferred maintenance				0			\$7,500,000	7,500,000			7,500,000	7,500,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0		(20,600,000)		(20,600,000)
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0			(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)
Adds funding from SIIF for the International Peace Garden capital projects				0			3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adds funding for trail lease renewals				0		200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000
Adds funding from SIIF for recreation opportunities on sovereign lands				0			2,000,000	2,000,000			2,000,000	2,000,000
Adds funding from SIIF for political subdivision park grant program				0			5,000,000	5,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000
Adds funding for Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease				0		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$10,250,000	\$17,500,000	\$27,750,000	0.00	\$10,250,000	(\$22,985,000)	(\$12,735,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$10,076,992	\$20,306,965	\$30,383,957	3.75	\$11,350,784	(\$20,708,671)	(\$9,357,887)
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$24,420,121	\$40,687,692	\$65,107,813	3.75	\$11,350,784	(\$20,708,671)	(\$9,357,887)
Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)	0.0%	(1.2%)	13.8%	7.6%				
Total changes as a percentage of base level	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	201.2%	114.5%	0.0%	70.3%	99.6%	87.5%				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Federal funds	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and	Section 3 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	<u>Executive Budget Recommendation</u>	<u>House Version</u>
Transfers funding from game and fish		Section 4 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfers funding from the department of transportation	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 5 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.
Deferred maintenance	Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.	Section 6 provides \$17,500,000 for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium. \$10,000,000 from the legacy fund earnings deposited in the general fund and \$7,500,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
Political subdivision matching funds program		Section 7 provides \$5,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to provide grants to political subdivisions for the 2021-23 biennium. Political subdivisions must provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds.
Provides for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands grants	Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.	Section 8 provides \$2,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands during the 2021-23 biennium.
Provides for capital projects at the international peace garden	Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.	Section 9 Provides \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund, for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.
Amendment to require matching funds come from province of Manitoba and require the International Peace garden to report to the parks and recreation department	Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.	Section 10 amends and reenacts section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba and requires the the International Peace garden to report quarterly to the parks and recreation department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds. The funds appropriated are not subject to section 54-44.111, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
Amendment to contingent loan from Bank of North Dakota	Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.	Section 11 amends and reenacts section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba. The funds borrowed and appropriated under this Act are not subject to section 54-44.111 and may be used in the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Exemption for Peace Tower

Section 12 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption for park enhancements

Section 13 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from being subject to section 54-44.111

Exemption for extraordinary repairs

Section 14 would exempt any funds appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in subdivision of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to section 54-44.111 for the 2021-23 biennium

Emergency

Section 15 declares section 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/17/2021

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.

10:47 Chairman Delzer- Opens the meeting for HB 1019;

Attendance	P/A
Representative Jeff Delzer	P
Representative Keith Kempenich	P
Representative Bert Anderson	P
Representative Larry Bellew	P
Representative Tracy Boe	P
Representative Mike Brandenburg	P
Representative Michael Howe	A
Representative Gary Kreidt	P
Representative Bob Martinson	P
Representative Lisa Meier	P
Representative Alisa Mitskog	P
Representative Corey Mock	P
Representative David Monson	P
Representative Mike Nathe	P
Representative Jon O. Nelson	P
Representative Mark Sanford	P
Representative Mike Schatz	P
Representative Jim Schmidt	P
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	P
Representative Michelle Strinden	P
Representative Don Vigesaa	P

Discussion Topics:

- Budget
- Amendment

10:48 Representative Nathe- Reviews the budget and the amendment 21.0278.01001 (#11622)

Additional written testimony: No written testimony

10:55 Chairman Delzer- Closes the meeting for HB 1019

Risa Berube, House Appropriations Committee Clerk

21.0278.01001

Title.

Fiscal No. 2

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
House Appropriations - Education and
Environment Division Committee
February 11, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact sections 10 and 12 of Senate Bill No. 2019, as approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly, relating to International Peace Garden capital projects; to provide for an exemption; to provide a report; to provide legislative intent; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 20 with:

"		<u>Adjustments or</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	17,737,582	38,652,175
Recreation	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>9,101,398</u>	<u>18,124,958</u>
Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$7,247,420	\$59,790,572
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>17,053,084</u>	<u>37,099,693</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$10,194,336	\$22,690,879
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	0.00	61.50"

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 4 with:

"		<u>Adjustments or</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
International Peace Garden	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,876,329</u>
Total all funds	\$876,329	\$3,000,000	\$3,876,329
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total general fund	\$876,329	\$0	\$876,329"

Page 2, replace lines 6 through 11 with:

"		<u>Adjustments or</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>\$136,537</u>	<u>\$1,440,912</u>
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	\$136,537	\$1,440,912
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>253,881</u>	<u>587,999</u>
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$117,344)	\$852,913"

Page 2, replace lines 13 through 17 with:

"		<u>Adjustments or</u>	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	\$10,076,992	\$24,420,121
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>20,306,965</u>	<u>40,687,692</u>
Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$30,383,957	\$65,107,813"

Page 2, line 18, after "**FUNDING**" insert "**- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 2, line 19, after "biennium" insert "and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 2, replace line 21 with:

"Extraordinary repairs	\$634,126	\$17,500,000"
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Page 2, replace line 23 with:

"International Peace Garden capital projects	5,000,000	3,000,000"
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Page 2, replace lines 27 through 30 with:

"Traffic counters	75,000	0
Trail lease renewals	0	200,000
Recreational opportunities on sovereign lands grant	0	2,000,000
Political subdivision park grant program	0	5,000,000
Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$27,750,000
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$10,250,000

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The parks and recreation department shall report to the appropriation committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION- REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional income from federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. the department shall report any additional income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department as requested by the director of the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT. The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - GENERAL FUND - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$17,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 is from the general fund with legislative intent that the source of funds is legacy fund earnings deposited in the general fund on

June 30, 2019, and \$7,500,000 is from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION GRANTS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$5,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the purpose of providing grants to political subdivisions for the construction or improvement of its parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. To be eligible for a grant under this section a political subdivision must provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds. The department shall develop criteria for the application and approval process.

SECTION 8. SOVEREIGN LANDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$2,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department may enter into agreements with entities for recreational opportunities on sovereign lands.

SECTION 9. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loan from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023. Expenditure of the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding referenced in this section.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS - MATCHING FUNDS - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CAPITAL PROJECTS. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 for capital projects. Expenditure of ~~these~~the funds ~~is appropriated for this purpose is~~ subject to ~~one-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources~~the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with funding referenced in this section. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section. The International Peace Garden shall report quarterly to the parks and recreation department regarding the expenditure of these funds along with the the source of the matching funds. The funds appropriated in this section are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, for capital projects.

SECTION 11. REPEAL. Section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - REQUIREMENTS. Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the peace tower in section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section is subject to the International Peace Garden raising one-to-one matching funds from nonstate sources of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 13. EXEMPTION - PARK ENHANCEMENTS. Any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 14. EXEMPTION - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS. Of the funds appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for extraordinary repairs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 15. EMERGENCY. The \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund appropriated for the International Peace Garden in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act and sections 9, 10, and 11 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	17,737,582	38,652,175
Recreation	9,023,560	9,101,398	18,124,958
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,000,000	3,876,329
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	136,537	1,440,912
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Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$30,383,957	\$65,107,813
Less estimated income	20,380,727	20,306,965	40,687,692
General fund	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$14,343,129	\$10,076,992	\$24,420,121
FTE	61.50	0.00	61.50

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding for Data Processing³	Adjusts Funding for Buildings, Maintenance, and Repairs⁴	Adjusts Funding for Professional Services⁵	Adds Funding for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing Expenses⁶
Administration	\$153,741	\$37,367	\$16,604	(\$45,000)	(\$30,000)	\$26,438
Park operations and maintenance	(923,243)	202,387	376,360	295,079	286,999	
Recreation	9,025	23,072	(2,250)	(20,000)	(216,875)	
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(76,534)	12,317	27,200			
Total all funds	(\$837,011)	\$275,143	\$417,914	\$230,079	\$40,124	\$26,438
Less estimated income	29,176	11,255	7,664	230,079	40,124	6,687
General fund	(\$866,187)	\$263,888	\$410,250	\$0	\$0	\$19,751
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Grants⁷	Adds Funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center⁸	Decreases Funding for Bond Payment⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Fort Lincoln Viewshed¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Trail Lease Renewals¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance¹²
Administration			(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	
Park operations and maintenance						\$17,500,000
Recreation	\$2,308,426					
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center		\$173,554				
Total all funds	\$2,308,426	\$173,554	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$17,500,000
Less estimated income	2,308,426	173,554	0	0	0	7,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$10,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for Capital Projects¹³	Adds One-Time Funding for Sovereign Lands¹⁴	Adds One-Time Funding for Political Subdivision Grant Program¹⁵	Total House Changes
Administration				\$408,440
Park operations and maintenance				17,737,582
Recreation		\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	9,101,398
International Peace Garden	\$3,000,000			3,000,000
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center				136,537
Total all funds	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$30,383,957
Less estimated income	3,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	20,306,965
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,076,992
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2021-23 biennium salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250 for both years, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,427 to \$1,429 per month:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary increase	\$260,934	\$10,554	\$271,488
Health insurance increase	2,954	701	3,655
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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/19/2021

House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman David Monson called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Monson	P	
Vice Chairman Schmidt	P	
Representative Martinson	P	
Representative Nathe	P	
Representative Sanford	P	
Representative Schatz	P	
Representative Boe		A

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Representative Bob Martinson made a motion to reconsider their actions.

Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt seconded

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Representative Mike Nathe made a motion to further verbally amend under deferred maintenance lines to reduce 17.5 million to 7 million with SIF money, strike sovereign land funding, and remove dollar to dollar matching funds. Amendment 21.0278.01005.

Representative Bob Martinson seconded

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Representative Mike Nathe made a motion Do Pass as amended

Vice Chairman Jim Schmidt seconded

Roll Call vote taken:

Representative	Yea	Nay	Absent
Chairman Monson	X		
Vice Chairman Schmidt	X		
Representative Martinson	X		
Representative Nathe	X		
Representative Sanford	X		
Representative Schatz	X		
Representative Boe			X

Motion carried 6 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Absent

Chairman David Monson adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

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SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional income from federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department shall report any additional income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

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authorized in section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023. Expenditure of the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding referenced in this section.

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SECTION 9. REPEAL. Section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.

SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - REQUIREMENTS. Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the peace tower in section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section is subject to the International Peace Garden raising one-to-one matching funds from nonstate sources of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - PARK ENHANCEMENTS. Any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS. Of the funds appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws is not subject to section 54-44.111, and any unexpended funds are available for extraordinary repairs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY. The \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund appropriated for the International Peace Garden in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act and sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - House Action

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Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds Funding for Data Processing ³	Adjusts Funding for Buildings, Maintenance, and Repairs ⁴	Adjusts Funding for Professional Services ⁵	Adds Funding for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing Expenses ⁶
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Park operations and maintenance	(923,243)	202,387	376,360	295,079	286,999	
Recreation	9,025	23,072	(2,250)	(20,000)	(216,875)	
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(76,534)	12,317	27,200			
Total all funds	(\$837,011)	\$275,143	\$417,914	\$230,079	\$40,124	\$26,438
Less estimated income	29,176	11,255	7,664	230,079	40,124	6,687
General fund	(\$866,187)	\$263,888	\$410,250	\$0	\$0	\$19,751
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Grants ⁷	Adds Funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center ⁸	Decreases Funding for Bond Payment ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Fort Lincoln Viewshed ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Trail Lease Renewals ¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance ¹²
Administration						
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Recreation	\$2,308,426					
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center		\$173,554				
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¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
2/22/2021

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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9:02 Chairman Delzer- Opened the meeting for HB 1019

Attendance	P/A
Representative Jeff Delzer	P
Representative Keith Kempenich	P
Representative Bert Anderson	P
Representative Larry Bellew	P
Representative Tracy Boe	P
Representative Mike Brandenburg	A
Representative Michael Howe	P
Representative Gary Kreidt	P
Representative Bob Martinson	P
Representative Lisa Meier	P
Representative Alisa Mitskog	P
Representative Corey Mock	P
Representative David Monson	P
Representative Mike Nathe	P
Representative Jon O. Nelson	P
Representative Mark Sanford	P
Representative Mike Schatz	P
Representative Jim Schmidt	P
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	P
Representative Michelle Strinden	P
Representative Don Vigesaa	P

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment

9:03 Representative Nathe Explains the budget and the amendment 21.0278.01005

9:08 Committee Discussion

9:15 Representative Nathe Makes a motion to adopt amendment 21.0278.01005

Representative Monson Second

Voice Vote- Motion Carries

9:16 Representative Nathe Makes a motion for a Do Pass as Amended

Representative Monson Second

Further Discussion

9:17 Roll call vote was taken;

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jeff Delzer	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	N
Representative Tracy Boe	A
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Motion Carries 18-1-2 Representative Nathe will carry the bill

Additional written testimony: No written testimony

9:18 Chairman Delzer- Closes the meeting for HB 1019

Risa Berube,

House Appropriations Committee Clerk

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
the House Appropriations - Education and
Environment Division Committee
February 19, 2021

Fiscal No. 4

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SECTION 4. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department as requested by the director of the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT. The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.

SECTION 6. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$7,500,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for deferred maintenance for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loan from the Bank of North Dakota

authorized in section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023. Expenditure of the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding referenced in this section.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS - MATCHING FUNDS - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CAPITAL PROJECTS. The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 for capital projects. Expenditure of ~~these~~the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to ~~one-to-one matching funds being raised from nonstate sources~~the province of Manitoba providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with funding referenced in this section. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section. The International Peace Garden shall report quarterly to the parks and recreation department regarding the expenditure of these funds along with the the source of the matching funds. The funds appropriated in this section are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, for capital projects.

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SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS. Of the funds appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws is not subject to section 54-44.111, and any unexpended funds are available for extraordinary repairs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY. The \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund appropriated for the International Peace Garden in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act and sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
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Recreation	9,023,560	2,101,398	11,124,958
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,000,000	3,876,329
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	136,537	1,440,912
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$13,383,957	\$48,107,813
Less estimated income	20,380,727	13,306,965	33,687,692
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$76,992	\$14,420,121
FTE	61.50	0.00	61.50

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds Funding for Data Processing ³	Adjusts Funding for Buildings, Maintenance, and Repairs ⁴	Adjusts Funding for Professional Services ⁵	Adds Funding for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing Expenses ⁶
Administration	\$153,741	\$37,367	\$16,604	(\$45,000)	(\$30,000)	\$26,438
Park operations and maintenance	(923,243)	202,387	376,360	295,079	286,999	
Recreation	9,025	23,072	(2,250)	(20,000)	(216,875)	
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(76,534)	12,317	27,200			
Total all funds	(\$837,011)	\$275,143	\$417,914	\$230,079	\$40,124	\$26,438
Less estimated income	29,176	11,255	7,664	230,079	40,124	6,687
General fund	(\$866,187)	\$263,888	\$410,250	\$0	\$0	\$19,751
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Grants ⁷	Adds Funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center ⁸	Decreases Funding for Bond Payment ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Fort Lincoln Viewshed ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Trail Lease Renewals ¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance ¹²
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Park operations and maintenance						\$7,500,000
Recreation	\$2,308,426					
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center		\$173,554				
Total all funds	\$2,308,426	\$173,554	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$7,500,000
Less estimated income	2,308,426	173,554	0	0	0	7,500,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	(\$710)	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for Capital Projects ¹³	Total House Changes
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Park operations and maintenance		7,737,582
Recreation		2,101,398
International Peace Garden	\$3,000,000	3,000,000
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Total all funds	\$3,000,000	\$13,383,957
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General fund	\$0	\$76,992
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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
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This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any additional federal funds or other funds which become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$100,000 of funding from the Department of Transportation for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

for the 2021-23 biennium.

- Identify \$7.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for deferred maintenance during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Identify \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loans from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in the 2019-21 biennium, during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Amend Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2019 (2019) to authorize the \$2 million appropriation for International Peace Garden capital projects to be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
- Repeal Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2019 (2019) authorizing a Bank of North Dakota loan for International Peace Garden capital projects.
- Allow any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws to continue into the 2021-23 biennium. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project.
- Allows any funds remaining for park enhancements from the appropriation in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws to continue and be available for park enhancement projects during the 2021-23 biennium.
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- Provide an emergency clause.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1019: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (18 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1019 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to International Peace Garden capital projects; to repeal section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to International Peace Garden capital projects; to provide for an exemption; to provide a report; and to declare an emergency"

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Administration	\$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	7,737,582	28,652,175
Recreation	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>2,101,398</u>	<u>11,124,958</u>
Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$10,247,420	\$42,790,572
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>10,053,084</u>	<u>30,099,693</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$194,336	\$12,690,879
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	0.00	61.50"

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 4 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
International Peace Garden	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,876,329</u>
Total all funds	\$876,329	\$3,000,000	\$3,876,329
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total general fund	\$876,329	\$0	\$876,329"

Page 2, replace lines 6 through 11 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>\$136,537</u>	<u>\$1,440,912</u>
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	\$136,537	\$1,440,912
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>253,881</u>	<u>587,999</u>
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$117,344)	\$852,913"

Page 2, replace lines 13 through 17 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	\$76,992	\$14,420,121
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>13,306,965</u>	<u>33,687,692</u>
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Page 2, line 18, after "**FUNDING**" insert "**- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 2, line 19, after "biennium" insert "and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 2, replace line 21 with:

"Extraordinary repairs	\$634,126	\$7,500,000"
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Page 2, replace line 23 with:

"International Peace Garden capital projects 5,000,000 3,000,000"

Page 2, replace lines 27 through 30 with:

"Traffic counters	75,000	0
Trail lease renewals	0	200,000
Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease	0	50,000
Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$10,750,000
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$250,000

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This amendment also adds sections to:

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2021 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1019

**Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department
House Bill No. 1019**

Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

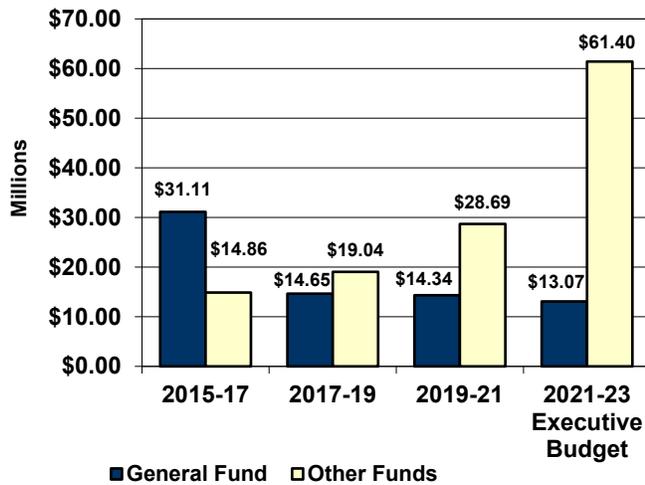
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Executive Budget	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700
2019-21 Legislative Appropriations ¹	61.50	14,343,129	28,691,853	43,034,982
Increase (Decrease)	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$32,704,510	\$31,430,718

¹The 2019-21 biennium agency appropriation amounts have not been adjusted for additional federal Coronavirus (COVID-19) funds authority of \$250,985 resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2019-21 biennium.

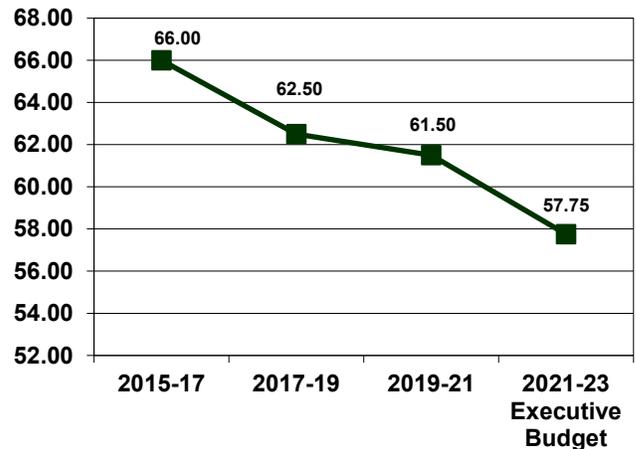
Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 Executive Budget	\$13,069,337	\$0	\$13,069,337
2019-21 Legislative Appropriations	14,343,129	0	14,343,129
Increase (Decrease)	(\$1,273,792)	\$0	(\$1,273,792)

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Executive Budget	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700
2021-23 Base Level	14,343,129	20,380,727	34,723,856
Increase (Decrease)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844

First House Action

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

**Executive Budget Highlights
(With First House Changes in Bold)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$291,271 is for salary increases, \$3,467 is for health insurance increases, and \$57,102 is for retirement contribution increases. The House added funding for salary adjustments of 1.5 percent per year with a \$100 minimum and \$250 maximum monthly increase and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,427 to \$1,429 per month. The House did not add funding for retirement contribution increases.	\$338,139	\$13,701	\$351,840

2. Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center before its transfer to the State Historical Society.	\$0	\$173,554	\$173,554
3. Transfers 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society. The House did not transfer 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations.	(\$840,596)	(\$587,999)	(\$1,428,595)
4. Increases federal funds authority for grants.	\$0	\$2,308,426	\$2,308,426
5. Reduces funding for administration (\$155,653), park operations and maintenance (\$300,337), and recreation (\$680,123). The House did not reduce funding for administration, park operations and maintenance, and recreation.	(\$202,990)	(\$933,123)	(\$1,136,113)
6. Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden to provide a total of \$744,880. The House did not reduce funding for International Peace Garden.	(\$131,449)	\$0	(\$131,449)
7. Reduces funding for equipment over \$5,000 to provide a total of \$303,200. The House did not reduce funding for equipment.	\$0	(\$511,800)	(\$511,800)
8. Increases funding for data processing to provide a total of \$1,295,981.	\$410,250	\$7,664	\$417,914
9. Reduces funding for operating fees and services to provide a total of \$313,050. The House did not reduce funding for operating expenses.	\$0	(\$245,853)	(\$245,853)
10. Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$45,000), recreation line item (\$20,000), and increasing funding in the parks operations & maintenance line item (\$295,079).	\$0	\$230,079	\$230,079
11. Adjusts funding for professional services by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$30,000), recreation line item (\$216,875), and increasing funding in the parks operations & maintenance line item (\$286,999).	\$0	\$40,124	\$40,124
12. Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses.	\$19,751	\$6,687	\$26,438
13. Adds one-time funding from legacy fund earnings for state parks deferred maintenance. The House did not add one-time funding from legacy fund earnings for deferred maintenance. The House added one-time funding of \$7.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for deferred maintenance.	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
14. Adds one-time funding from bond proceeds for park district infrastructure grants. The House did not add one-time funding from bond proceeds for park district infrastructure grants.	\$0	\$20,600,000	\$20,600,000
15. Adds one-time funding from bond proceeds for state park infrastructure improvements. The House did not add one-time funding from bond proceeds for state park infrastructure improvements.	\$0	\$9,885,000	\$9,885,000

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1019

Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds - Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance - Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.

Estimated income - Department of Transportation grant - Section 5 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of Section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Deferred maintenance - Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 6 provides \$7.5 million for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium from SIIF.

International Peace Garden - Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 7 provides \$3 million from SIIF for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized for the 2019-21 biennium.

Amendment - Section 8 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds to be raised from the province of Manitoba and requires the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds. The funds appropriated are not subject to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.

Repeal - Section 9 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.

Exemption - International Peace Garden - Section 10 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - Park enhancements - Section 11 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Extraordinary repairs - Section 12 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 and may be expended during the 2021-23 biennium.

Emergency - Section 13 declares Sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

Deficiency Appropriation

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1097 - Amends Section 55-08-07.2 to provide a continuing appropriation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the state parks gift fund.

House Bill No. 1395 - Appropriates federal coronavirus relief funds previously authorized by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section.

Senate Bill No. 2093 - Authorizes the director of the Parks and Recreation Department to allow the sale of beer and wine at state parks.

Senate Bill No. 2094 - Requires an individual that is at least 12 years old to complete an off-highway vehicle safety training course prescribed by the director of the Parks and Recreation Department and has received the appropriate off-highway vehicle safety certificate issued by the director.

Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271		260,934	10,554	271,488
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467		2,954	701	3,655
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102				0
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	(\$173,008)	\$2,806,965	\$2,633,957
One-time funding items								
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000				\$0
Adds funding from SIIF for parks deferred maintenance				0			\$7,500,000	7,500,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0
Adds funding from SIIF for the International Peace Garden capital projects				0			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adds funding for trail lease renewals				0		\$200,000		200,000
Adds funding for Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease				0		50,000		50,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$250,000	\$10,500,000	\$10,750,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$76,992	\$13,306,965	\$13,383,957
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$14,420,121	\$33,687,692	\$48,107,813
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)	0.0%	(1.2%)	13.8%	7.6%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	201.2%	114.5%	0.0%	0.5%	65.3%	38.5%

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Appropriation - Additional income	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	<u>Executive Budget Recommendation</u>	<u>House Version</u>
Transfers funding from Game and Fish	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfers funding from the Department of Transportation		Section 5 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of Section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.
Deferred maintenance - Strategic investment and improvements fund		Section 6 provides \$7.5 million for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
Provides for capital projects at the International Peace Garden		Section 7 provides \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.
Amendment to require matching funds come from province of Manitoba and require the International Peace Garden to report to the Parks and Recreation Department		Section 8 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba and requires the the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds. The funds appropriated are not subject to Section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
Amendment to contingent loan from Bank of North Dakota		Section 9 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.
Exemption for Peace Tower	Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.	Section 10 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.
Exemption for park enhancements	Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.	Section 11 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11.
Exemption for extraordinary repairs		Section 12 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 for the 2021-23 biennium

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Emergency

Section 13 declares Sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

Transfers the the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society

Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-0105.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Creates Matching Program

Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

Transfers funds from the legacy fund earnings to the matching program

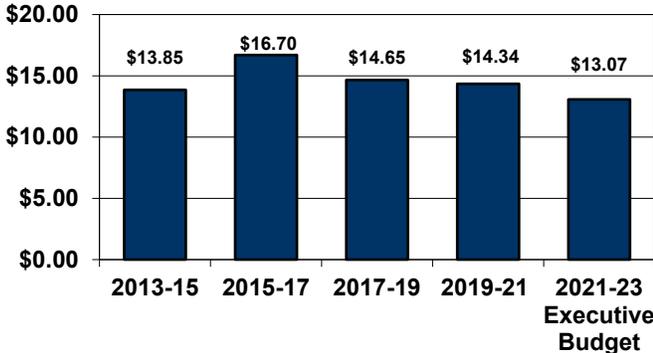
Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department

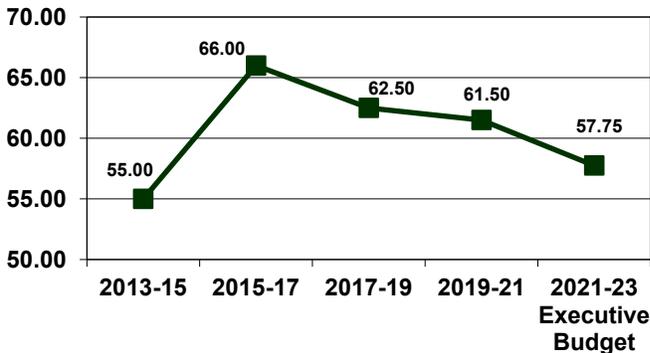
Historical Appropriations Information

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations Since 2013-15

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations (in Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations					
	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$13,854,838	\$16,702,916	\$14,654,276	\$14,343,129	\$13,069,337
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$2,848,078	(\$2,048,640)	(\$311,147)	(\$1,273,792)
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	20.6%	(12.3%)	(2.1%)	(8.9%)
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2013-15 biennium	N/A	20.6%	5.8%	3.5%	(5.7%)

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2015-17 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for 1 FTE position and related operating expenses for a park ranger at Cross Ranch State Park \$105,270
- 2. Added funding to convert 5 temporary administrative assistant positions to FTE positions \$301,838
- 3. Added funding to convert four .75 FTE positions into four 1 FTE positions \$93,647
- 4. Increased funding for extraordinary repairs at various state parks \$345,521
- 5. Added funding to increase temporary employee salaries by \$1 per hour \$220,220
- 6. Added funding for 10 additional seasonal temporary employees at various state parks \$213,543
- 7. Increased funding for operating expenses for administration, park operations and maintenance, and recreation by \$111,345, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center by \$368,000 \$479,345
- 8. Added funding for 4 FTE positions for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center \$366,384

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. Removed 2.5 unspecified FTE positions (\$292,187) and 1 FTE administrative assistant position (\$116,875) (\$409,062)
- 2. Reduced funding for salaries and wages in anticipation of savings from vacant positions and employee turnover (\$239,959)
- 3. Adjusted seasonal salaries and benefits (\$586,406)
- 4. Reduced funding for operating expenses for state parks from the general fund (\$215,320)
- 5. Reduced funding for extraordinary repairs (\$150,760)
- 6. Reduced funding for equipment from the general fund (\$350,000)

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Transferred 1 FTE information technology position and related funding to the Information Technology Department (\$177,868) and added funding of \$191,314 for payments to the Information Technology Department for the information technology unification initiative \$13,446

- 2. Adjusted funding for salaries and wages (\$105,086)
- 3. Adjusted funding for extraordinary repairs by reducing funding from the general fund (\$947,794) and increasing other funds (\$947,794) to provide a total of \$1,141,920 from the state parks fund (\$947,794)
- 4. Adjusted funding for operating expenses by adding funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing, reducing other operating expenses, and reducing funding for bond payments \$61,370
- 5. Added funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations \$49,484

2021-23 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Transfers 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society. **The House did not transfer 3.75 FTE positions and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations.** (\$840,596)
- 2. Reduces funding from the general fund and other funds for administration (\$155,653), park operations and maintenance (\$300,337), and recreation (\$680,123). **The House did not reduce funding for administration, park operations and maintenance, and recreation.** (\$202,990)
- 3. Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden to provide a total of \$744,880. **The House did not reduce funding for the International Peace Garden.** (\$131,449)
- 4. Increases funding for data processing. \$410,250
- 5. Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses. \$19,751

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AS SUBMITTED BY THE
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the parks and recreation department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department, for providing funding to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and for providing a grant to the International Peace Garden, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Administration	\$ 2,604,999	\$ 13,454	\$ 2,618,453
Parks Operations & Maintenance	20,614,593	19,864,435	40,479,028
Recreation	<u>9,323,560</u>	<u>21,285,397</u>	<u>30,608,957</u>
Total All Funds	\$32,543,152	\$41,163,286	\$73,706,438
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,046,607</u>	<u>41,349,756</u>	<u>61,396,363</u>
Total General Fund	\$12,496,545	\$ (186,470)	\$12,310,075
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	61.50	(3.75)	57.75

Subdivision 2.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE
GARDEN

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Peace Garden	\$876,329	\$(131,449)	\$744,880
Total All Funds	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Less Estimated Income	0	0	0
Total General Fund	\$876,329	\$(131,449)	\$744,880

Subdivision 3.

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Lewis & Clark	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>\$(1,289,993)</u>	<u>\$14,382</u>
Total All Funds	1,304,375	(1,289,993)	14,382
Less Estimated Income	<u>334,120</u>	<u>(334,12)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 970,255	\$ (955,873)	\$14,382

Subdivision 4.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand Total All Fund	\$34,723,856	\$39,741,844	\$74,465,700
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>41,015,636</u>	<u>61,396,363</u>
Total General Funds	\$14,343,129	\$(1,273,792)	\$13,069,337

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
Parks Capital Projects	\$1,755,000	\$ 0
Extraordinary Repair	634,126	0
One-Time Equipment	622,000	0
State Park Survey	150,000	0
Recreation Mapping	75,000	0
Traffic Counters	75,000	0
International Peace Garden Projects	2,000,000	0
Parks Infrastructure	0	9,885,000
Park Deferred Maintenance Legacy Fund Earnings	0	10,000,000
Park District Infrastructure Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>20,600,000</u>
Total All Funds	\$5,311,126	\$40,485,000
Less Estimated Income	<u>\$5,311,126</u>	<u>\$40,485,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0

The 2021-23 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The parks and recreation department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining in the international peace garden line for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section will be subject to the International Peace Garden raising one to one matching funds from non-state of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS – LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER – EXEMPTION. The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

SECTION 8. Section 55-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Section 55-08-20 Parks Matching Grant Program – Continuing Appropriation. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of each odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-numbered year, North Dakota parks and recreation shall utilize one dollar in matching funds for every one dollar raised by a non-state entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota State parks and recreation managed properties. Any funds utilized pursuant to this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the North Dakota parks and recreation for capital projects.

SECTION 9. STATE PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. The department of parks and recreation is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available, of the amount transferred to the park gift fund from Legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to 2021 House Bill 1015 to establish a state parks matching grant program as provided in section 8 of this Act.

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
3/4/2021
Senate Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Senator Holmberg opened the hearing at 8:29 am.

Senators present: **Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Bekkedahl, Poolman, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman.**

Discussion Topics:

- 95-day advance reservation for camping sites
- Electronic trail counters
- Forestry management
- Return on investment for expenses paid
- Electrical upgrades at camping sites
- Department insurance policies
- Replacement of Towers at International Peace Gardens
- Authority for accepting federal funds

Andrea Travnicek, Director, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept. testified in favor and submitted testimony #7247 and #7370.

Ryan Gardner, Regional Park Manager, ND Parks and Recreation Dept. testified in favor and answering insurance questions.

Tim Chapman, CEO, International Peace Garden – testified in favor and submitted testimony #7365 and #7366.

Additional written testimony submitted in favor: #7343.

Senator Holmberg closed the hearing at 9:50 am.

Rose Laning, Committee Clerk

HB1019 2021-2023 APPROPRIATION BILL ND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Senate Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, 8:30 AM
Tuesday, March 4, 2021
Dr. Andrea Travnicek, Director

Chairman Holmberg and members of the committee,

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is charged by Century Code to plan and coordinate government programs encouraging the full development and preservation of existing and future parks, outdoor recreation areas, and nature preserves (NDCC 55-08-01.1) and to serve as a focal point in the state for activities related to parks (NDCC 55-08-01.2).

A financial audit was conducted in 2020 for the Department. No findings of concern were found.

The Department's budget is comprised of six lines. The International Peace Garden budget is a pass-through; however, the Department is a collaborating partner assisting with the review of bidding and construction documents for capital projects (Table 1).

Table 1 NDPRD Budget Divisions and Areas of Responsibility

Division/Line	Current FTE	Areas of Responsibility
Administration Division	7	Office of the Director Accounting Payroll Human Resources Information Technology Public Relations/Marketing
Recreation, Planning, Grants Planning Division (Recreation Line)	5	Planning State Snowmobile & OHV Program State Trails Program Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Recreation Trails Program Grants
Field Operations Division (Natural Resources Line)	45.75	State Park Management Law Enforcement Program Natural Resources Program Capital Development and Extraordinary Repairs
Carryover	0	Previous biennium capital and extraordinary repairs
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	3.75	Operations and maintenance of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan
Peace Garden	0	Pass-through funding for the International Peace Garden.

STATE PARK VISITATION

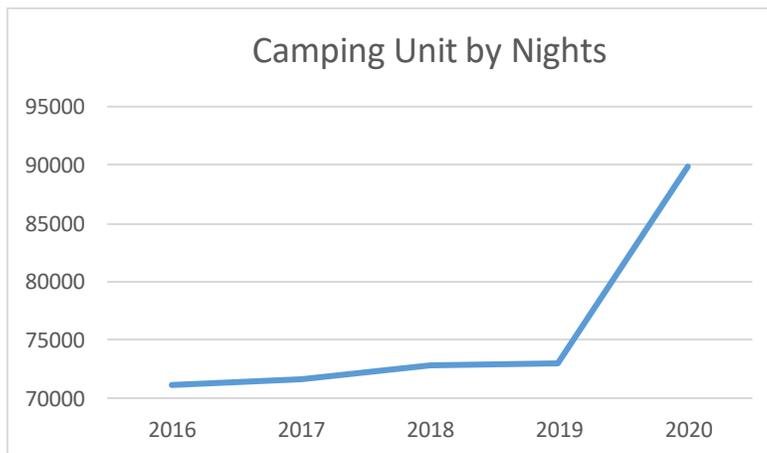
State park visitation continued a positive trend in the current biennium. State parks had 1.29 million visits in 2020, which was 17% higher than in 2019 and 16% higher than the previous five-year average (Figure 1). Camping unit nights were similarly up from 2019 with 89,859 camper nights. This represents a 23% increase over 2019 numbers and a 24% increase over the previous five-year average (Figure 2). There was a 35% increase in 2020 from 2019 from May through October.

In addition to the state park visitation, 88,075 people utilized facilities at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan in 2020 with 5,886 paid admissions.

Figure 1 State Park Visitation by Calendar Year

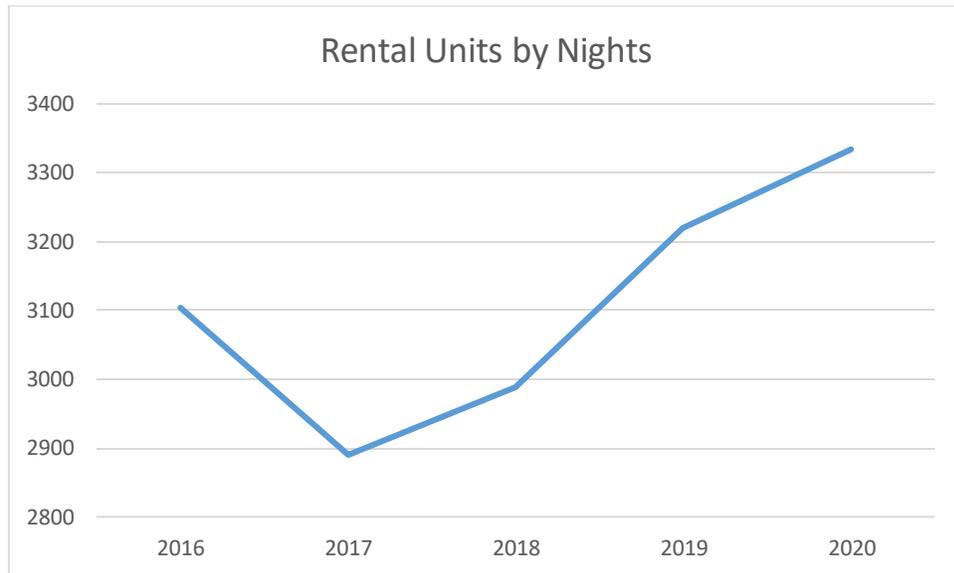


Figure 2 Camping Unit Nights by Calendar Year



In general, the Department has seen an overall increase in overnight rental accommodations since 2017 (Figure 3). In part, this is due to the investment the Department has made in higher-end and unique overnight rental accommodations. These accommodations include the York cabin at Cross Ranch and the Bjone house and Percheron Wagon at Fort Ransom. Overnight accommodation rentals at these two parks increased from 702 in 2017 to 1,300 in 2020, representing an overall increase of 81%. The new and refurbished units are winterized and have higher-end furnishings than similar units in the rest of the system. Additional upgrades to several overnight facilities have been made including, gas fireplaces, updated HVAC systems, and WiFi accessibility. The Department is currently developing new camper cabins at Grahams Island State Park and updating cabins at Turtle River State Park to make year-round accommodations. This funding was allocated to the Department in the last legislative session.

Figure 3 Overnight Rental Unit Nights by Calendar Year



During the 2020 season, as has been consistent over the last five years, Grahams Island, Lake Sakakawea, and Fort Stevenson State Parks have seen the most unit nights system-wide (Table 2). This is primarily due to the park's location, services available to customers, and the number of campsites available at those locations. In 2020 all our parks saw growth in overnight camping nights, but Little Missouri, Sully Creek, and Cross Ranch State Park had the most considerable variance in units from 2019 to 2020. The Department's largest increase was at Little Missouri State Park, with a 54% increase in unit nights.

Table 2 NDPRD campsite unit night by property

State Park Location	2020 Unit Nights	Number of Campsites	2019-2020 Unit Nights Variance
Grahams Island	14,487	149	+24.30%
Lake Sakakawea	13,415	201	+25.30%
Fort Stevenson	9,582	146	+8.00%
Fort Abraham Lincoln	8,096	101	+18.90%
Lake Metigoshe	7,977	127	+46.20%
Icelandic	7,964	157	+2.90%
Lewis & Clark	7,451	101	+14.50%
Turtle River	5,295	94	+21.60%
Sully Creek	4,940	40	+48.00%
Cross Ranch	3,659	76	+46.60%
Fort Ransom	3,580	70	+39.20%
Little Missouri	1,796	35	+54.40%
Beaver Lake	1,753	33	+29.90%

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Department manages the Snowmobile and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) programs. These programs, which are funded through OHV and Snowmobile Registrations and Gas Taxes, contribute to the development and management of 47.5 miles of designated OHV trails and 2,344.8 miles of snowmobile trails, with 2,800 miles authorized. In the 2019-2021 biennium, 9,979 snowmobiles and 41,999 OHVs were registered as of December 1, 2020. The Department also manages the safety programs associated with motorized recreation in which 923 youth received their certifications this past biennium to date. We provided 19 OHV and 14 snowmobile in-person safety courses with 326 student certifications issued. The Department also sponsors an online certification process in which 597 youth received their safety certifications. Our safety programs continue to prove important as youth operator deaths remain a concern. As we continue to build the safety program, the Department has joined forces with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Vision Zero to strengthen outreach and amplify messaging. In addition, the Department has partnered with several local law enforcement agencies to conduct joint courses and continued partnerships with Farm Safety For Kids, the Jake Star Foundation, and Market Place for Kids.

In addition to motorized recreation, over 200 miles of non-motorized trails are managed by the Department. In the 2019-2021 biennium, one new trail was added, and 16 trail counters were installed at five state parks and three recreation areas. These trail opportunities exist to provide recreation opportunities for equestrian, biking, hiking, or just getting out to explore nature in our legendary state.

Resources related to trail maintenance remain important in the upcoming biennium as trail counts increase on both motorized and non-motorized trails. In the 2019-2021 biennium,

two seasonal staff were hired to provide trail maintenance and repair throughout the state parks and recreation systems.

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Department administers two federal grant programs: the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) through the U.S. National Park Service and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through the U.S. Federal Highway Administration. Between the two programs (LWCF and RTP), over \$59 million in grants have been awarded to 1,539 projects since program inception statewide. Grants have been awarded in every county in the state.

Demand for grant dollars has increased through the years in both grant programs. In the last Federal fiscal year, the RTP had approximately 48% of the grant requests that remained unfunded. While the LWCF, had approximately 5% of grant requests that remained unfunded.

In 2020 the Great American Outdoors Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Trump, included permanent authorization of \$900 million annually for the LWCF. On average, North Dakota has received \$1.8 million per year, and with the passage of the Act, the state is estimated to receive \$2.4 million annually starting in the federal fiscal year 2021.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department's Natural Resources Division is responsible for the Nature Preserve and Natural Heritage Programs, noxious weed management, native prairie restorations, tree and shrub planting, and hazard tree management throughout the park system.

From 2019-2020, the program treated 2,374 acres of noxious weeds with over \$20,738 in associated chemical costs, planted over 1,320 trees and shrubs, conducted 11- Level 1 Visual Tree Risk Assessments accounting for over 244 corrective mitigation actions, and maintains over 202 acres of prairie restorations.

The program is also responsible for environmental reviews relating to agency lands owned, leased, or managed, the Natural Heritage Inventory, and compliance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund's protections. Between 2019-2020, 445 environmental reviews were completed.

DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Department has responsibility for the management of 15 destination areas (13 state parks, the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center) with an additional seven recreation areas and eight natural areas/preserves.

Table 3 NDPRD Visitor Facilities

Number of Facilities	Facility Type
1330	Campsites
331	Buildings
56	Rental Overnight Accommodations
16	Rental Meeting Spaces
205	Trail Miles
234	Marina Slips
14	Concession Stores

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EXTRAORDINARY REPAIR PROJECTS

The 2019-2021 biennium included appropriations for capital projects and extraordinary repairs. Seven capital projects were funding with Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF) funds totaling \$1.755 million. Six projects are in-progress, and one project is complete. Sully Creek State Park received a new 30/50 amp electrical service to 38 campsites and was operational in September 2020.

A continued commitment by the legislature to fund capital improvements and extraordinary repairs is key to managing deferred maintenance. Extraordinary repairs were funded with an appropriation of \$1.14 million, plus a one-time appropriation of approximately \$634,000. The sum of \$1.78 million has been obligated to over 50 projects in the Department.

Projects included storage building securing trusses, ADA (Americans with Disability Act) showers, multiple cabins being shingled, window replacements system-wide, marina gangway improvements, trail repairs, capping of old water wells, replacement of multiple firewood sales storage sheds, multiple roof repairs, flooring replacement in rental cabins, replacement and upgrades to four fish cleaning stations, replacement of siding, retrofit of vault toilets, lift station replacement, sewage line replacement and breakwater marina repairs.

Not all funding from the 19-21 biennium for these items will be expended by the end of the biennium, and the Department will work with OMB and the construction carryover committee to determine the final carryover amount.

CONSTRUCTION CARRYOVER AND EXEMPTION FUNDS

The 2019-2021 NDPRD budget included approximately \$958,000 in Construction Carryover funds from the 2017-2019 biennium. The funds were applied to 24 projects across the state. As of January 2021, 13 are complete, nine are in-progress, one has not been initiated, and one has been canceled.

The Department would like to request an amendment to the executive budget recommendation and initial bill in Section 6 “Exemptions” to the following: “Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly provided an exemption for the use of construction carryover funds from the 15-17 biennium. Current HB1019 includes an exemption for those funds in Section 6. At the start of the biennium, the appropriated amount with \$1.05 million was allocated to 22 projects. Currently, nine are complete, 11 are in-progress, and one is pending. By the end of the biennium, we estimate 17 projects will be completed and only three projects will be in-progress, with the largest project being the construction of a new campground at Fort Stevenson State Park. This project has been delayed due to state and federal regulatory reviews and the funding is leveraged with a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS

The International Peace Gardens is managed by a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is not property in the Department’s portfolio. Funding for operations, capital, and repairs are passed through the Department’s budget and authority in a dedicated funding line. The Department has minimal oversight in the operations and execution of the funds, which Executive Director Tim Chapman will explain. Funding is often jointly submitted with the Province of Manitoba.

The Department’s 2019-2021 biennium budget included \$876,329 for operations. The proposed 2021-2023 biennium appropriation includes a 15% budget cut of \$744,880.

Section 6 of SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly included an exemption clause for prior biennium capital funding and required a one-to-one non-state funding match. The amount for this exemption was \$1.078 million of general funds. Any remaining funds would be made available through Section 5 of HB1019 in the next biennium. The Department has been involved in assisting with the guidance of project management as per legislative intent.

The Department's 2019-2021 included \$2 million in SIIF funds that were appropriated as well as authority for the Parks and Recreation Department to borrow from the Bank of North Dakota \$3 million, or so much as may be necessary, for matching non-state funds that may become available. On December 11, 2020, the Department received a letter from the International Peace Gardens stating that Manitoba had matched the funds. On December 13, 2020, the Department sent a letter of certification to OMB stating the matching funds were in place and OMB responded by e-mail December 14, 2020, that the certified letter and the related documentation meets the requirements of Section 12 of Senate Bill 2019 and that funds may be borrowed from the Bank of North Dakota. OMB adjusted the 2019-2021 appropriation to reflect the addition of the loan. On December 30, 2020 the Bank of North Dakota \$3 million line of credit loan was approved. The executive budget recommendation did not have the repayment of the loan included at the time of budget development. The Department would like to include an amendment for an appropriation for the repayment of the loan with interest as stated in Section 12 of SB2019.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

In 2012, the Department commissioned an economic impact study through North Dakota State University (NDSU). The study determined North Dakota state parks' economic impact to be \$233 million (in 2012 dollars) with \$99 million in direct economic contribution and \$134 million in secondary economic contribution. In the one-time funding special projects below, a new economic impact study is outlined and currently in progress.

ONE-TIME FUNDING SPECIAL PROJECTS

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$150,000 for a visitor survey and economic impact study. In October 2020, the Department put the project out for bid. Resource System Group (RSG) partnering, with North Dakota State University (NDSU), was selected to conduct a customer survey, community survey, and economic impact study. All surveys were completed in February. Survey efforts will yield a robust data set to better understand impacts on local communities and how park properties can be maintained or improved to enhance the visitor experience. Survey results and a finalized report should be completed by May 2021.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$75,000 for the start of a new traffic counter system, which is the primary method of establishing a visitor count for 15 destination properties. Three parks will be used as a pilot including Fort Stevenson, Icelandic and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Parks. The current technology at most properties is outdated and requires manual collection of data. The bid was awarded in February.

Section 8 of SB2019 of the 66th Legislative Assembly included an exemption of remaining funds related to recreation opportunities on sovereign lands. Section 9 of the same bill outlined the requirements for grants. The first grant in the amount of \$250,000 was awarded

to the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance for the Heritage River Landing project in Bismarck. The funds were expended by January 2020. The second grant for \$250,000 was awarded to the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District for access to sovereign lands in Sertoma Park in Bismarck. These funds were expended by October 2020.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$75,000 for the recreation asset mapping project. The project was completed in February and has gone live to the public. The agency utilizes global positioning systems technology to geo-locate fixed assets at state park properties and allow for metadata tags. The outcome of the project includes an online viewer accessible by the public. The data collection component provides readily accessible quantity data for fixed asset management and repairs.

The 2019-2021 appropriation included \$622,000 in special funds for the replacement of aged equipment that has met or exceeded the life cycle replacement. Some of the funds have been used to modernize law enforcement vehicles to be compliant with the statewide interoperable radio network (SIRN). Three utility tractors were purchased to replace 25 – 50 plus year old tractors. One older tractor and a utility vehicle were replaced with a Bobcat Toolcat. This piece of equipment will allow for a more versatile function for one of our equestrian properties. Our 36-year-old sewage pumper unit was replaced, five all-terrain vehicles, some as old as 30 years, were replaced, and 13 utility vehicles were replaced, 11 were older than 20 years. The remaining funding was allocated for purchasing 25 law enforcement Motorola APX 8500 vehicle radios and five-light bar packages. These vehicle radios are SIRN 2020 compliant with encryption, GPS trackability, emergency location, and open microphone functions for the safety of our officers.

DEPARTMENT REVENUE

The Department has seen growth in revenues over the past three biennia. Revenues in the 2015-2017 biennium were \$14,138,248. The 2017-2019 biennium saw revenue grow to \$14,846,526, a 5% increase. Current biennium revenue is \$12,945,273 through November 30, 2020, which is 20% more than the previous biennium over the same time period. Revenue has grown, in the current biennium, through the sale of annual vehicle entry permits. Vehicle entry permit fees were raised from \$25 to \$35 by the 65th Legislative Assembly. 2020 saw an increase of 20% in the sale of annual permits, which equated to a revenue increase of \$119,153. Park usage increased as more residents spent time in the North Dakota State Park system. This increase was a result of the COVID pandemic, which led people to stay closer to home and take advantage of local amenities. The continued upgrades to our accommodations/amenities has led to a 14% increase in overnight stays at our properties compared to 2017-2019. A large portion of the growth in revenues between the 2015-2017 biennium and the 2017-2019 biennium is attributable to mineral royalties from leases signed in 2011. The current biennium has seen the income from oil royalties decline by 74%, which equates to \$1.3 million less when compared to the 2017-2019 biennium over the same time period.

FEDERAL FUNDING

The majority of the federal funding in the Department's budget comes from two federal grant programs: the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) through U.S. Federal Highways Administration and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program through the U.S. Department of Interior. The Department makes these funds available through grant programs to government agencies, political subdivisions, and, in the case of the Recreation Trails Program, to qualifying non-profit organizations.

The Department has projected funding levels from the Recreation Trails Program to be the same in the 2021-2023 biennium. The LWCF has been a part of North Dakota's recreation investments since 1965. Projected funding levels in the Land and Water Conservation Fund are expected to increase by 52% from FY20 due to the changes in the recently passed Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). The program is also alternatively funded through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), which was passed in 2006. Between the two sources for the LWCF program, the proposed budget includes an annual appropriation of \$1.8 million to \$2.8 million of federal funds.

2019-2021 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Department's 2019-2021 biennium original appropriation was \$43,034,982. Currently the appropriation is \$49,877,611. The change in the appropriation is due to the following: Capital Construction \$958,037; Carryover \$2,633,607; Peace Garden loan \$3,000,000; and COVID federal funds \$250,985. The removal of one-time funding shows that the department budget appropriation is comprised of 39.8% General Funds, 38.6% Special Funds, and 21.6% Federal Funds. This is a 2% reduction in General Funds from the previous biennium, and the continued growth of the Department's reliance on Special and Federal Funds.

The Department is on track to expend all base budget funds during the 2019-2021 biennium. The majority of capital carryover projects will be complete by the end of the biennium. We will need carryover to complete the final projects. For example the repair of the breakwater at the Fort Stevenson Marina is the largest project for the carryover and will need additional appropriation in the 2021-2023 biennium. The breakwater suffered catastrophic failure in 2019.

BUDGET REQUEST

The executive budget recommendation for the 2021-2023 biennium is \$74,465,700 with \$13,069,337 in General Funds, \$8,600,485 in Federal Funds, and \$52,795,878 in Special Funds. One-time funding is \$40,485,000.

The executive budget recommendation for the Administration line shows an increase of \$13,454 or (0.5%) to \$2,618,453. This request reflects the enhancements for salary and

benefit adjustments for state employees of 2% salary increase per year and increase both employer and employee by 1% for retirement starting January 1, 2022.

The executive budget recommendation for the Park Operations and Maintenance (Natural Resources) line reflects an increase of \$19,864,435 or (96.4%) to \$40,479,028. Proposed bonding packages for \$9.88 million and \$10 million are included in this line. The Parks Infrastructure Bond (Table 4) and the Park Deferred Maintenance through Legacy Fund Earnings would be used to modernize, repair, and maintain state park infrastructure. This will increase the visiting public’s positive experience when visiting our properties and maintain facilities. The specific information supporting this request is discussed below.

The Recreation line, which includes the Department’s federal grants programs, increases by \$21,285,397 or (228.3%) to \$30,608,957. This includes a 17.5% or \$1,278,609 increase in federal funding. A proposed bonding package of \$20.6 million for the Park District Infrastructure Grants is included in this line. Previously, a community grant program was administered by the Department where park districts could apply for grants for recreation projects.

The executive budget recommendation for the International Peace Garden operating budget is reduced by \$131,449 or 15%. Carryover is requested to complete capital projects at the International Peace Garden since this process may take longer due to ensuring all applicable North Dakota, United States, and Canadian statues are met on a project. We also request loan repayment of \$3,000,000 plus interest for the funds approved in the last biennium.

The executive budget recommendation for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center line includes an overall reduction of \$955,873 or (98.9%). This is due to the executive budget recommendation of transferring the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and associated properties to the State Historical Society. This also results in a reduction of 3.75 FTEs from the budget.

Table 4 Parks Infrastructure for Bonding Package

Description	Request
Seasonal and Park Ranger Housing	\$2,200,000
Shoreline Repairs	\$500,000
Marina Repairs/Enhancements	\$500,000
Electric Service Upgrades	\$1,660,000
Lake Metigoshe Dining Hall Conversion	\$775,000
Water Service Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Fiber Upgrades	\$1,500,000

Lagoon Studies and Repair/Enhancement	\$1,300,000
Road/Camping Pad Repairs	\$350,000
Total	\$9,885,000

Seasonal and Park Ranger Housing: Housing is outdated, and many of the parks lack permanent seasonal housing altogether. Seasonal employees are housed most often in aged campers or trailers. Due to the remote nature of the state parks, housing is critical to properly staff state parks. If housing is not available, we will need additional funding to pay higher wages to entice people to commute, or we risk not being able to fully staff operations. Full-time rangers and managers are required to live on-site for the safety of visitors and security of the properties. Aged foundations, other extraordinary repairs, and life expectancy of mobile homes have reached their replacement cycle. Funding is needed to provide proper housing for employees to reside on-site year-round. The estimated \$2.2 million would allow for investment in proper and needed housing for 3-5 ranger residences and seasonal residences to be constructed at 3-5 parks.

Shoreline Repairs: Many of NDPRD's properties encompass dynamic riverine systems. Recent flooding, ice jams, and geomorphic activities affect streambanks, causing erosion, steep or unstable banks, which leads to public safety concerns. Each riverine system is unique. Funds will be utilized to hire an engineer specializing in bioengineering of streambank stabilization techniques for each affected park and provide options for implementing solutions. The remaining funds would be used to address the highest priority needs that result from the studies.

Marina Engineering Studies and Repairs/Enhancements: NDPRD operates four marinas in three state parks: Lewis & Clark, Lake Sakakawea, and Fort Stevenson. The marinas were designed and constructed by non-state entities prior to NDPRD's acquisition. The dynamic lake and river levels require the need for modern marina infrastructure. The demand for marina slips are increasing along with slip amenities. This project includes hiring a marine engineer to evaluate our marina infrastructure and associated marina layouts, considering changing wind, current, and icing conditions. The engineer will identify infrastructure solutions to meet changing customer and environmental demands.

Electrical Service Upgrades: The estimate of \$1,660,000 is to upgrade existing 20/30-amp campsites to 50-amp capability. Currently, there are 414 sites that require 50-amp RV campers to utilize a 30-amp pedestal. This creates overloads in the system, tripping breakers and/or causing electrical outages. The electrical feeds are co-linked with critical infrastructures, such as sanitary lift stations, causing catastrophic outages due to peak customer demand on the system.

Lake Metigoshe Boy Scout Dining Hall Conversion: The Lake Metigoshe State Park Boy Scout Dining Hall has a 60'x 60' kitchen and dining area with a 12'x 24' office area. The building has not been used as a dining hall for many years. The building is not weather-tight and has deteriorating windows, roofing, and is suffering structural damage. NDPRD seeks to

maximize its potential to convert the use from a dining hall to a facility that can generate more revenues and serve visitor demand. The project will evaluate the need for reconstruction or renovation. If the building is structurally sound for renovation, the project could include amenities such as energy savings, modern restroom facilities or sleeping quarters. The scope of work will include architecture/engineering services and construction.

Water Service Upgrades: Campground customer's preferences include full-service amenities, including potable water availability at the site. The request of \$1,100,000 will be utilized to upgrade the water services at modern campsites (those with power) that do not currently have their own water hydrant. In many locations, the potable water 35 to 40 years old, and campers share water hydrants (some up to 75 feet away). The age of these systems leads to water leaks and lines breaking, causing higher continuous repair costs and water outages for our visitors. There are an estimated 324 campsites that can benefit from the water upgrades.

Fiber Upgrades: Parks lack high-speed internet capability within many of our facilities. Numerous maintenance buildings and other support facilities run off aged copper lines with router services. High-speed connectivity will increase the production of asset management, computer-based tools and staff efficiencies. Fiber will also speed up the ability to process reservations and retail operations in many of our parks.

Cost estimates to begin expanding high-speed internet at our destination properties would be \$1,500,000 with approximately \$125,000 of ongoing operating costs per year. The total final cost of infrastructure required would vary based on site, scope and demand. By installing high-speed capability, we will enable visitors and staff to utilize smartphones for recreation or work purposes where cellular service is not available. This return on investment allows for marketing, visitor engagement with social media and online interpretive interactive programming. One of the factors for increased cabin stays at Lake Metigoshe State Park is WiFi capability. This has allowed for visitors to stay connected with friends and relatives. This a twofold investment for the visitor and our employees. High-speed connectivity will increase staff efficiencies while providing for greater opportunities for visitors.

Lagoon Studies and Repairs/Enhancements: Many of NDPRD's destination properties include campgrounds and support facilities with full-service infrastructure, including sanitary sewer. The agency has been renovating existing facilities and adding amenities, which led to increased demands on existing sanitary sewer systems. When a renovation or addition occurs, it prompts reviews by the local county and/or the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. The results may include the need for septic system upgrades, including lagoons and drain fields. This project will include an engineering study of NDPRD's properties to identify the difference between existing conditions and future compliance needs. The engineering report will provide the agency with options of probable costs for future infrastructure projects. The remaining funds will be utilized for immediate repairs, possible expansions, and new sanitary systems, with the understanding that certain needs may be immediate.

Road/Camping Pad Repairs: NDPRD is responsible for the upkeep of 130 miles of roadways. This optional request includes \$350,000 for road repairs and camping pad repairs. Camping pads are associated with the majority of our campsites.

Park Deferred Maintenance (\$10,000,000): With a large amount of infrastructure associated with park properties, deferred maintenance remains a concern for the Department. Currently, the Department estimates \$74 million of deferred maintenance system-wide. Approximately \$6.5 million is associated with park buildings, \$52.3 million associated with paved roads, \$4.3 million for gravel roads, and \$10.7 for shoreline repairs. Shoreline repairs cost estimate does not include marina deferred maintenance estimates. With the proposed \$10 million for deferred maintenance, priority would be given to repair buildings, marinas and roadways.

Examples of projects include: stabilizing the administration building, repairing the Central Barracks, and repairing the Trolley Line at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park; new foundation for the dormitory at Lake Metigoshe State Park; replacing windows and siding at the Heritage Center at Icelandic State Park; and painting and shingling of buildings across the park system.

Park District Infrastructure Grant: The \$20.6 million appropriation would be utilized to revive a program similar to the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, also known as the Community Grants Program, that was last funded in the 2013-2015 biennium. The prior program funded two areas: Recreation Leadership and the Outdoor Recreation Facilities.

The Park District Infrastructure Grant could be available to municipal, county and regional park districts to improve, renovate or construct outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible applicants would apply during a grant funding cycle. The project ranking criteria would include, but not be limited to, alignment with the State-wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), demonstrated need through a local planning document and evidence of public input towards the project.

Management of the program would be completed through NDPRD's grants program. The Department would request that partial funding from this appropriation can be used to offset administrative, salary and IT costs. The grant selection committee would consist of representatives from the Department and the North Dakota Recreation and Parks Association, at a minimum.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

The Department also requests the following:

SECTION 3. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The sum of \$122,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department for

maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining in the international peace garden line for repair of the peace tower at the International Peace Garden, in subdivision 2 of section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden in this section will be subject to the International Peace Garden raising one to one matching funds from non-state of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION. Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS – LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER – EXEMPTION. The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

SECTION 8. Section 55-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Section 55-08-20 Parks Matching Grant Program – Continuing Appropriation. Subject to legislative appropriations, each biennium during the period beginning July first of odd-numbered year and ending December thirty-first of each even-number year, North Dakota parks and recreation shall utilize one dollar in matching funds for every one dollar raised by a non-state entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota State parks and recreation managed properties. Any funds utilized pursuant to this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the North Dakota parks and recreation for capital projects.

SECTION 9. STATE PARKS MATCHING. The Department of parks and recreation is authorized to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available, of the amount transferred to the park gift fund from Legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to

2021 House Bill 1015 to establish a state parks matching grant program as provided in section 8 of this Act.

PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS TO MEET EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department was asked to develop a budget proposal with a 10% reduction in base budget and reprioritize 5% of the 2019-2021 special fund adjusted legislative base. The following is a list of proposed reductions to meet the executive budget request limit (Table 5).

Table 5 Proposed reductions to meet limit requests.

Description	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds
Transfer of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to State Historical Society (Optional)	\$823,110		\$587,999
Reduce Funding for International Peace Garden	\$131,449		
Shift repair funding from general to special	\$265,000		
Fees, Professional Services	\$285,000		
Professional Development	\$75,000		

The general fund reductions were driven by the transfer of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. Additional general fund reductions were achieved by moving costs to special funds. Special funds reprioritization and reduction occurred.

COMPARISON OF OPTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department provided optional packages for consideration for the 2021-2023 biennium (Table 6). The executive budget proposal included several of the options requested.

Table 6 Optional package comparison

Request	Agency Request		Executive Recommendation	
	General	Other	General	Other
Restore 10% general	\$1,427,625			
Restore general for NDIT	\$750,000		\$372,250	
Infrastructure Enhancement (see Table 4)	\$9,960,000			\$9,885,000

Restore general for Extraordinary Repairs	\$1,141,920			
Equipment over \$5,000	\$497,100			
Pembina Gorge Campground	\$4,500,000			
Park deferred maintenance funding				\$10,000,000
Park District Infrastructure Grants				\$20,600,000
State Parks Matching Grants Program				\$10,000,000

FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE RELATED TO COVID-19

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department requested federal funding related to COVID-19 related needs (Table 7).

Table 7 Federal funding related to COVID-19

Request	Spent	Remaining
Supplies	\$87,438	\$35,548
Wi-fi	\$28,000	\$0
Mobile Units	\$100,000	\$0
Total	\$215,438	\$35,548

DEPARTMENT BILLS WITH POTENTIAL BUDGETARY IMPACT

House Bill 1097 relates to the state parks gift fund and provides for a continuing appropriation. The gift fund associated with the Department has been in place since the 1980s. With more discussions related to larger projects and various donors, the Department is looking for clarity of the authority associated with the fund as well as having the fund available on a continuing basis.

REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Department would like to request adjustments related to the International Peace Gardens loan, funding for Little Missouri State Park lease renewals, and an exemption for the 17-19 extraordinary repair projects.

On December 30, 2020, the Bank of North Dakota approved the \$3,000,000 loan plus interest for the International Peace Garden per Section 12 of the 2019-2021 budget appropriation.

Little Missouri State Park encompasses 45 miles of equine and walking trails across state land and leased private properties. These leases encompass 4333 acres and expire November 1, 2021. Total costs of leased lands would be \$190,652 for a 5-year period ending 2026.

As discussed previously, include exemption language to complete 17-19 projects that have been started but may need the full construction season of 2021. The Department would like to request an amendment to the executive budget recommendation and initial bill in Section 6 “Exemptions” to the following: “Any funds remaining for parks enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws and in subdivision 1 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

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HOUSE BILL 1019 TESTIMONY

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 4, 2021

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Mission Statement

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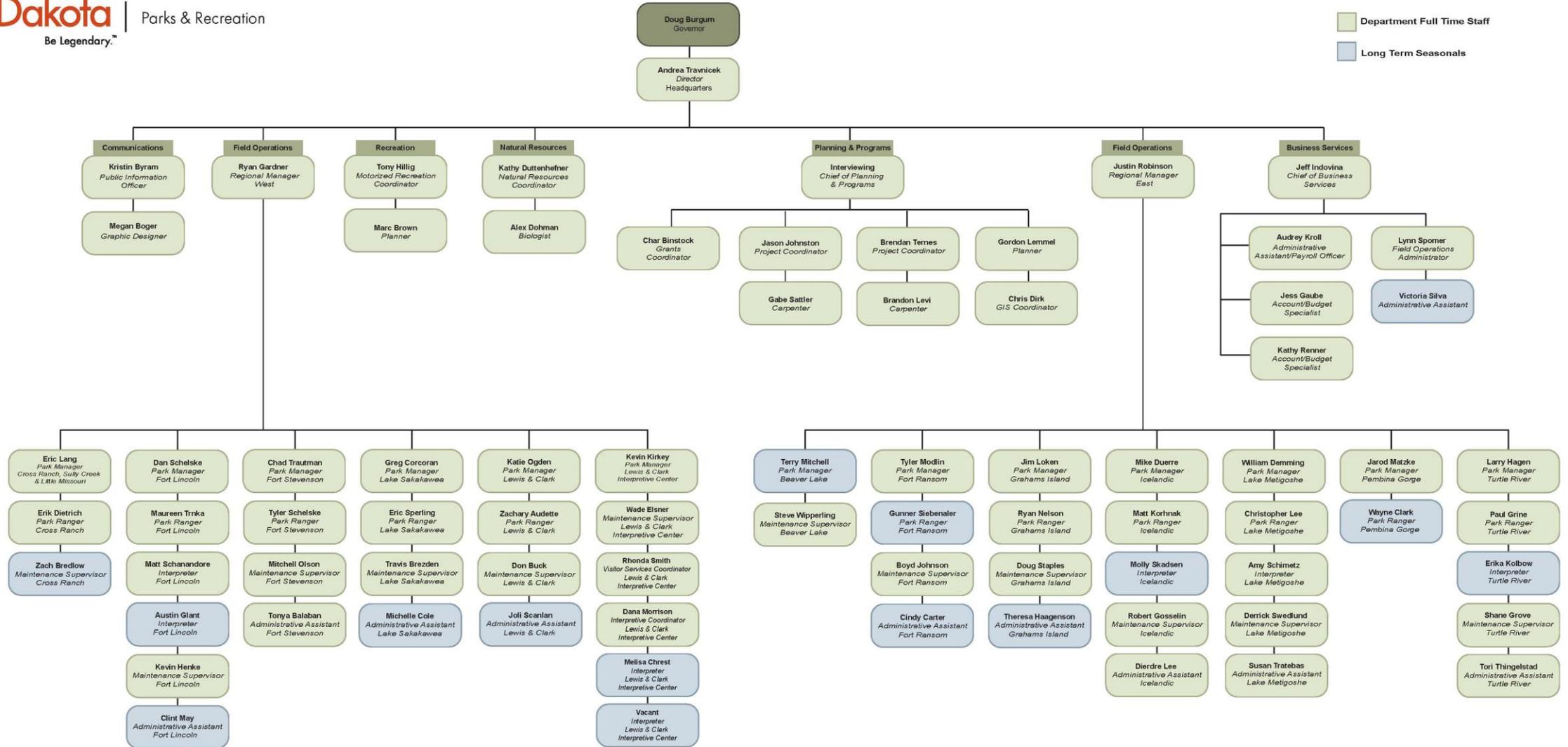
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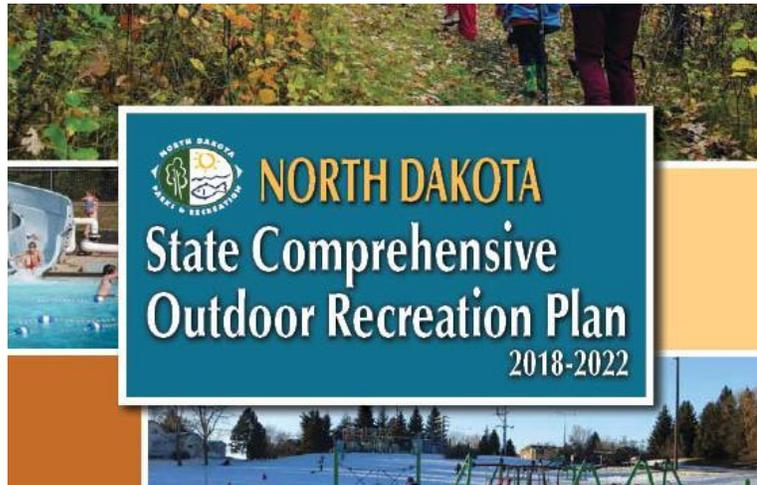
61.5 Full-time Employees



15 Destination Properties



SCORP & STRATEGIC PLAN



2018-2022 SCORP

An evaluation of the demand for and supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities in the state of North Dakota.



2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Guiding document to give the agency a unified direction and strategy.

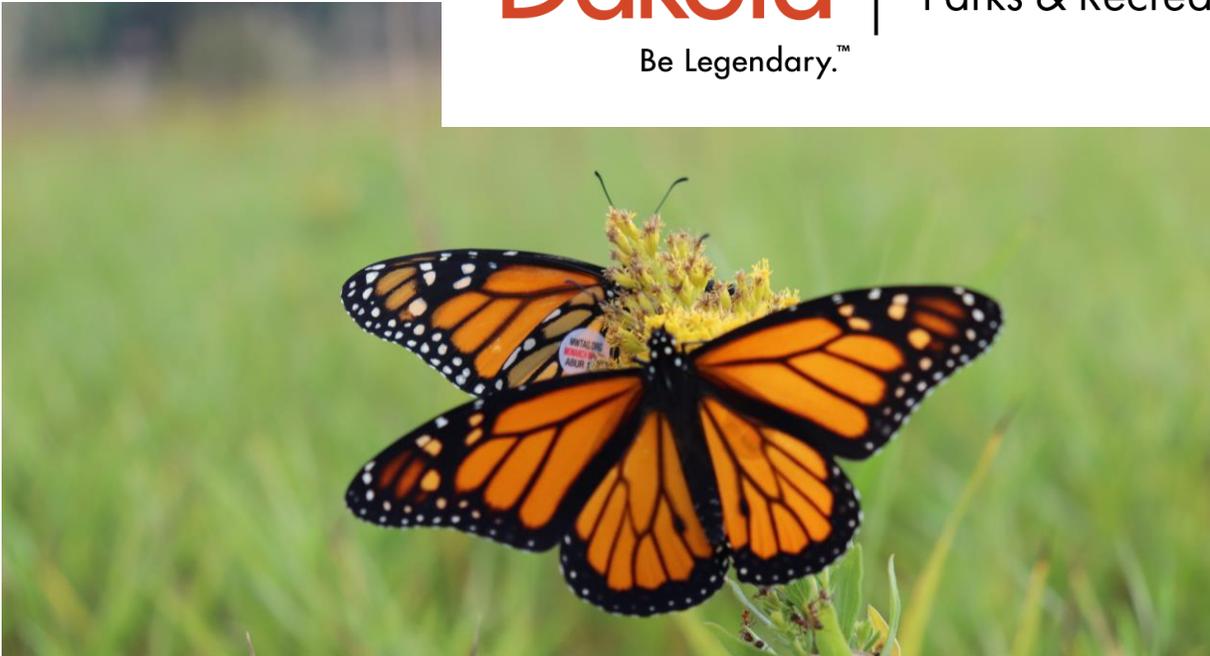
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES-ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded customer offerings:
Covered wagon overnight rental, ice skating rinks, equipment rentals
- Installed WiFi registration stations at all park entrances
- Expanded volunteer program systemwide
- Developed and initiated new master planning framework
- Refined cyclical processes
- Electrification at Sully Creek State Park



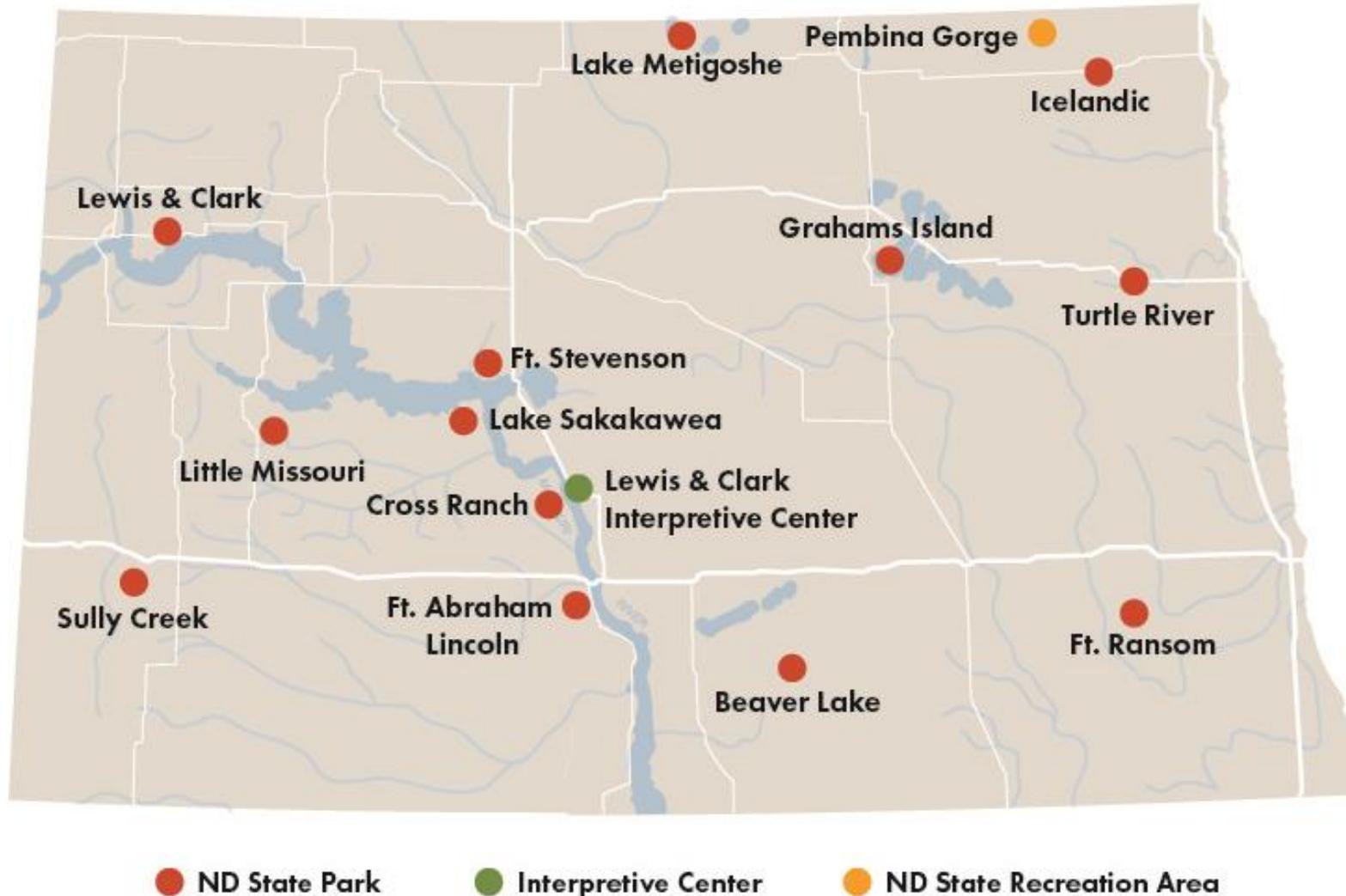


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FIELD OPERATIONS

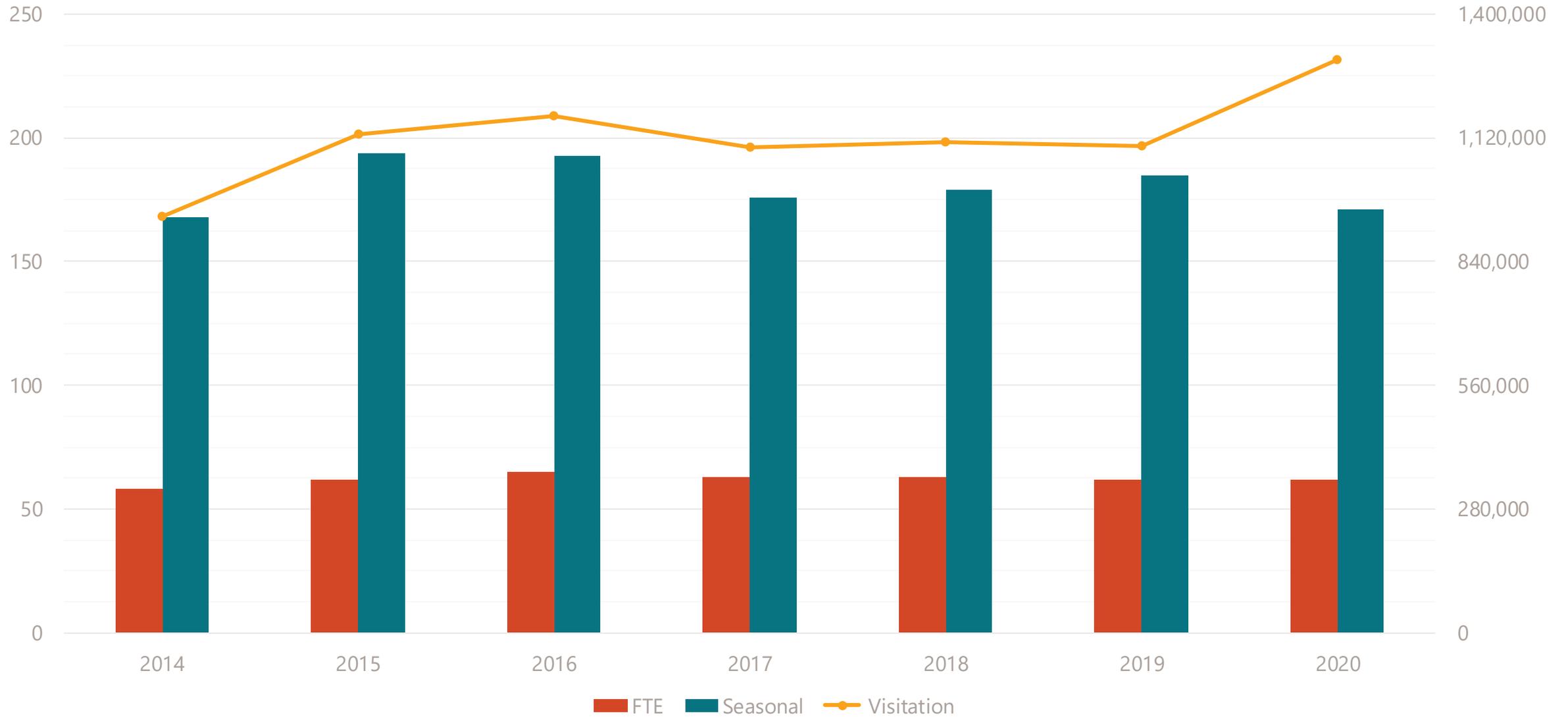
- 15 Destination properties
- 21,287 acres managed
- 1.29 million visitors in 2020
- 84,700 camping nights in 2020
 - 23% increase from 2019
- 39.75 field operation FTE
 - 23 of these are law enforcement officers
- 16 long term seasonal employees
- 171 seasonal positions



CAMPER VISITATION BY LOCATION IN 2020

State Park Location	2020 Unit Nights	Number of Campsites	2019-2020 Unit Nights Variance
Grahams Island	14,487	149	+24.30%
Lake Sakakawea	13,415	201	+25.30%
Fort Stevenson	9,582	146	+8.00%
Fort Abraham Lincoln	8,096	101	+18.90%
Lake Metigoshe	7,977	127	+46.20%
Icelandic	7,964	157	+2.90%
Lewis & Clark	7,451	101	+14.50%
Turtle River	5,295	94	+21.60%
Sully Creek	4,940	40	+48.00%
Cross Ranch	3,659	76	+46.60%
Fort Ransom	3,580	70	+39.20%
Little Missouri	1,796	35	+54.40%
Beaver Lake	1,753	33	+29.90%

Annual Visitation Comparison to Full-Time & Seasonal Employees



Recreation Activities



- Hiking
- Biking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Beaches
- Horseback Riding
- Geocaching
- Marinas
- Museums
- Historical Tours
- Snowshoeing
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Ice Fishing
- Dog Parks
- OHV Trails
- Snowmobiling
- Campfires

Equipment Rentals



- Aqua Pads
- Bicycles
- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Motorized Boats
- Paddle Boards
- Cross Country Skis
- Snowshoes
- Kick Sleds
- Fat Tire Bikes

Interpretive Services



- Campfire Series & Kahoot
- Local Programming
- Field Trips
- Amphitheater Programming
- Statewide Programming
- Statewide Special Events

DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE



- 1,330 Campsites
- 331 Buildings
- 56 Overnight Rental Accommodations
- 16 Rental Meeting Spaces
- 205 Miles of Multi-Use Trails
- 234 Marina Slips
- 125 Restroom Facilities
- 1,700 Picnic Tables
- 130 Miles of Roadway
- 14 Concession Stores

MOTORIZED RECREATION

Snowmobile

- 9,979 Registered Snowmobiles (as of 11/30/2020)
- Partnerships/Stakeholders
- 8,000 volunteer hours
- 2,800 miles of authorized trails

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)

- 27,349 trail counts
- 500 hours of trail maintenance completed
- 41,999 Registered Off-Highway Vehicles (as of 11/30/2020)
- 47.5 miles of designated trails

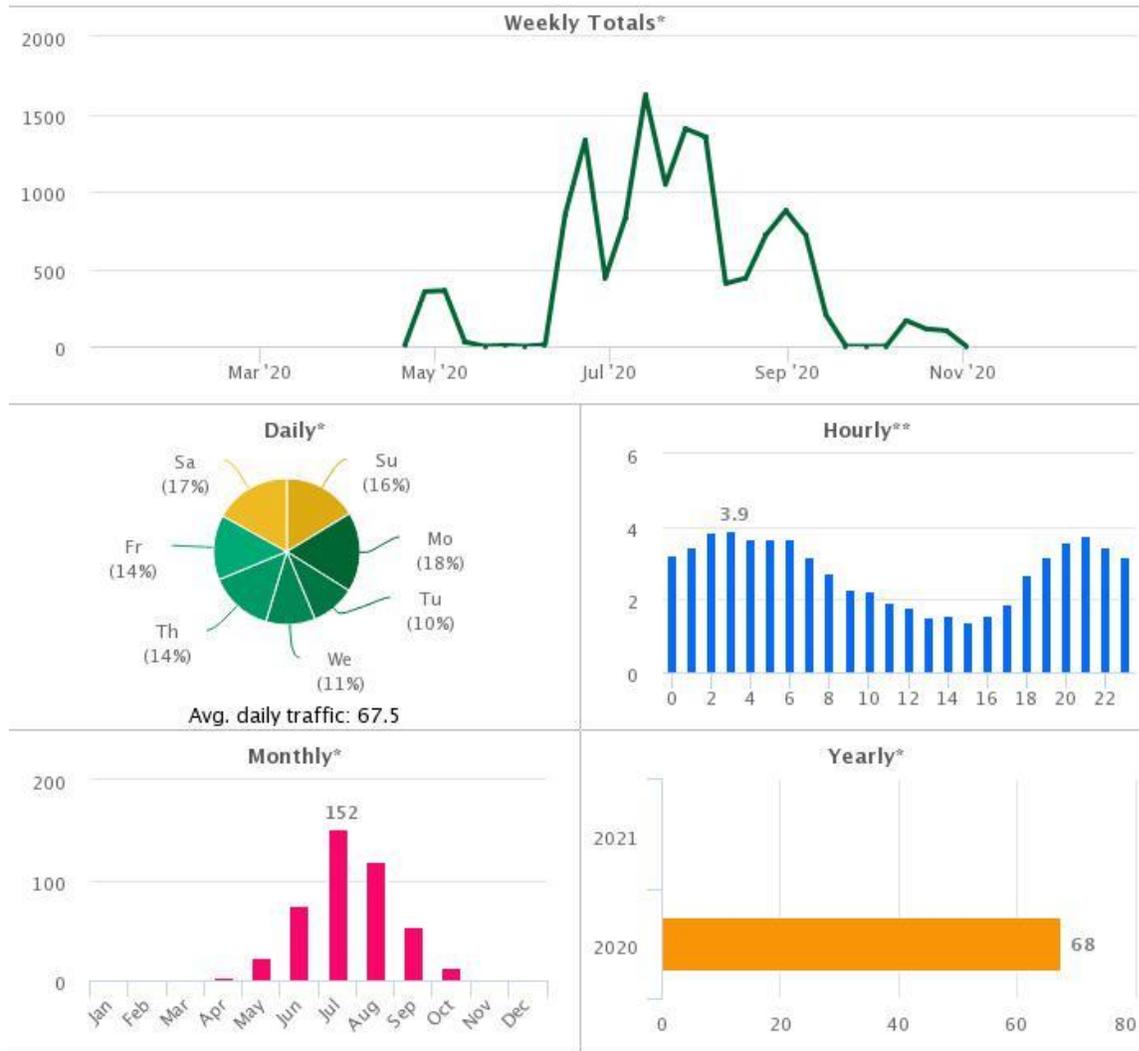
Youth Safety Outreach

- 923 Safety Certifications issued
- Youth Helmet Program



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

- 95 multi-use trails
- 205 miles of trail
- 9 trail counters installed



* Weekly and Daily are calculated from Average Daily Traffic (ADT); Monthly and Yearly show ADT values.

** Based on last year of data only.

NATURAL RESOURCES



Environmental Reviews

- 228 projects reviewed



Noxious Weed Control

- 1,165 acres treated



Forestry Management

- 746 trees planted
- 244 trees removed

GRANT PROGRAMS



Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- National Park Service "state-side" program administered by NDPRD
- Granted \$1.6m in FY19 and \$1.8m in FY20
- Conducted over 500 post-project inspections last summer using GPS technology
- Permanent reauthorization of the Land & Water Conservation Fund through the Great American Outdoors Act

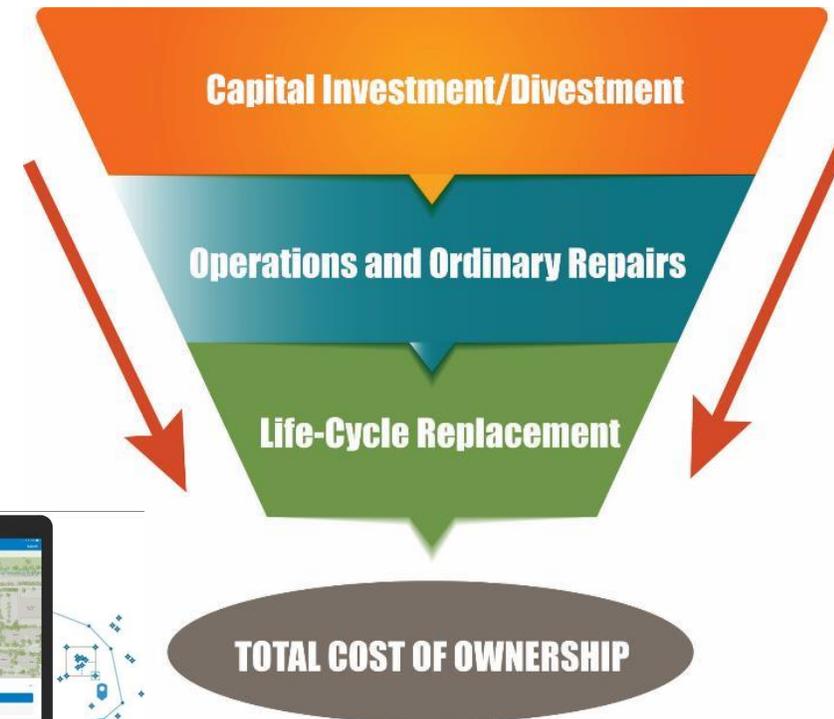
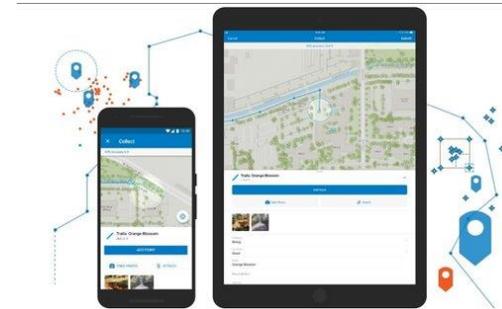
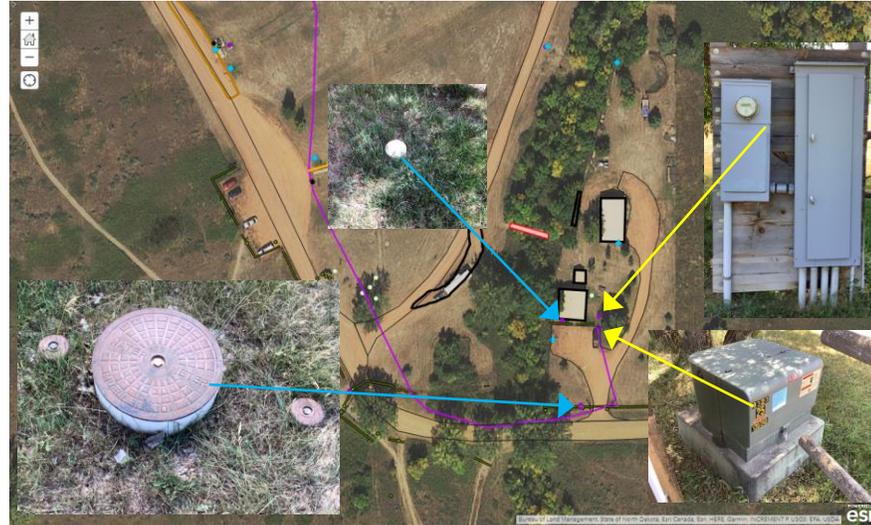
Recreation Trails Program (RTP)

- Federal Highway Administration program administered by NDPRD
- Granted \$1.08m in FY20 and \$773k in FY21
- Will launch on WebGrants in April 2021

PLANNING & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

MASTER PLANNING & DATA MANAGEMENT

Property	Current MP	New MP	Status
Cross Ranch State Park	1985	2020	Final Draft
Lewis & Clark State Park	1982	2020	Comment Period
Crow Flies High State Recreation Area	None	2021	Initiated
Fort Stevenson State Park	1982	2021	Initiated
Icelandic State Park	1984	2021	Kick-off July
Grahams Island State Park	1987	2022	
Lake Metigoshe State Park	1984/ 1988	2022	
Lake Sakakawea State Park	1983	2023	
Turtle River State Park	1997	2023	



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS & SPECIALTY CARPENTRY



- Over 100 projects valued at over \$5.54 million
- 43 projects complete, 32 in-progress
- Specialty repairs include marinas & historic facilities

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS

SYSTEM-WIDE

- Firewood storage buildings
- Vault toilet replacements
- Fuel containment systems
- FEMA trailer shingling and repairs
- Fish cleaning station upgrades

FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

- Maintenance shop energy retrofit
- Cavalry Square siding and windows
- Road approach at Stumpf Natural Area
- CCC parking lot repairs

ICELANDIC STATE PARK

- Heritage Center geothermal change-over
- Road repairs (spring 2021)

LITTLE MISSOURI STATE PARK

- Trail repairs
- Mobile office building

FORT RANSOM STATE PARK

- Added the Percheron Wagon as a new rental
- Replaced the shop roof

CROSS RANCH STATE PARK

- Installed an RV dump station

SULLY CREEK STATE PARK

- Electrification of camp sites with 30/50 amp service

LEWIS & CLARK STATE PARK

- Replacement cold storage building

LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK

- Replaced carpet in the Visitor's Center
- Replaced outdated HVAC in staff residence

FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK

- Replaced playground equipment in campground

LAKE METIGOSHE STATE PARK

- Repair the foundation on the dorms
- Repair and stabilization of the CCC Dining Hall

TURTLE RIVER STATE PARK

- Visitor Center exhibit renovation
- Conversion of cabins from seasonal to full-service



EXTRAORDINARY REPAIR & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Appropriation of \$1,141,920 for extraordinary repair
- Appropriation of \$1,755,000 in SIIF for capital projects
- One-time appropriation of \$634,126 for extraordinary repair



CAPITAL PROJECT

STATUS

SCSP Campground Electrical

Completed September 2020

GISP Bait Shop

Construction in-progress

ISP Roads

Engineering in-progress

FSSP DeTrobriand Marina Electrical

Engineering firm selected

FSSP DeTrobriand Lodge

Architect selected

PGSRA Campground

Engineering will end at 60% completion

Department-Wide Rental Cabins

Budget scoping and site planning for placements

CONSTRUCTION CARRYOVER & EXEMPTION

15-17 Biennium Carryover: \$1,054,779

- 21/22 projects are in-progress or complete
- Anticipate 3 projects will still be under construction at end of biennium
- Large projects held up with regulatory hurdles

17-19 Biennium Carryover: \$958,037

- 13/24 projects complete; 7 in-progress; 4 need to start
- Requesting exemption to carryover unspent funds into 21-23 biennium to complete in-progress construction projects

UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES

- **Storm damage**
 - Cross Ranch, Fort Ransom, Turtle River tree & trail damage
 - Storm related trail damage (landslides) at Little Missouri & Pembina Gorge
- **Ice damage**
 - Fort Stevenson Garrison Bay breakwater
 - Marina infrastructure statewide
- **Flooding**
 - Fort Abraham Lincoln Campground
 - Sully Creek State Park
- **Vandalism**
 - Fort Abraham Lincoln Hillside shelter burned down
 - Fort Ransom entrance sign vandalized by fire and replaced
- **Emergencies**
 - Boat rescues
 - Medical emergencies
- **Aged infrastructure**
 - Water lines break at LMSP
 - LCSP septic system collapse
 - Electrical outages
- **Global health pandemic**



SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

SOVEREIGN LANDS

Appropriation: \$500,000

- \$250,000 grant to Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation DBA Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance for Heritage River Landing @ Bismarck
 - Grant dollars expended in January 2020
- \$250,000 grant to Bismarck Parks and Recreation District for public access to sovereign lands located north of Sertoma Park
 - Grant dollars expended in October 2020

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY MAPPING: \$75,000

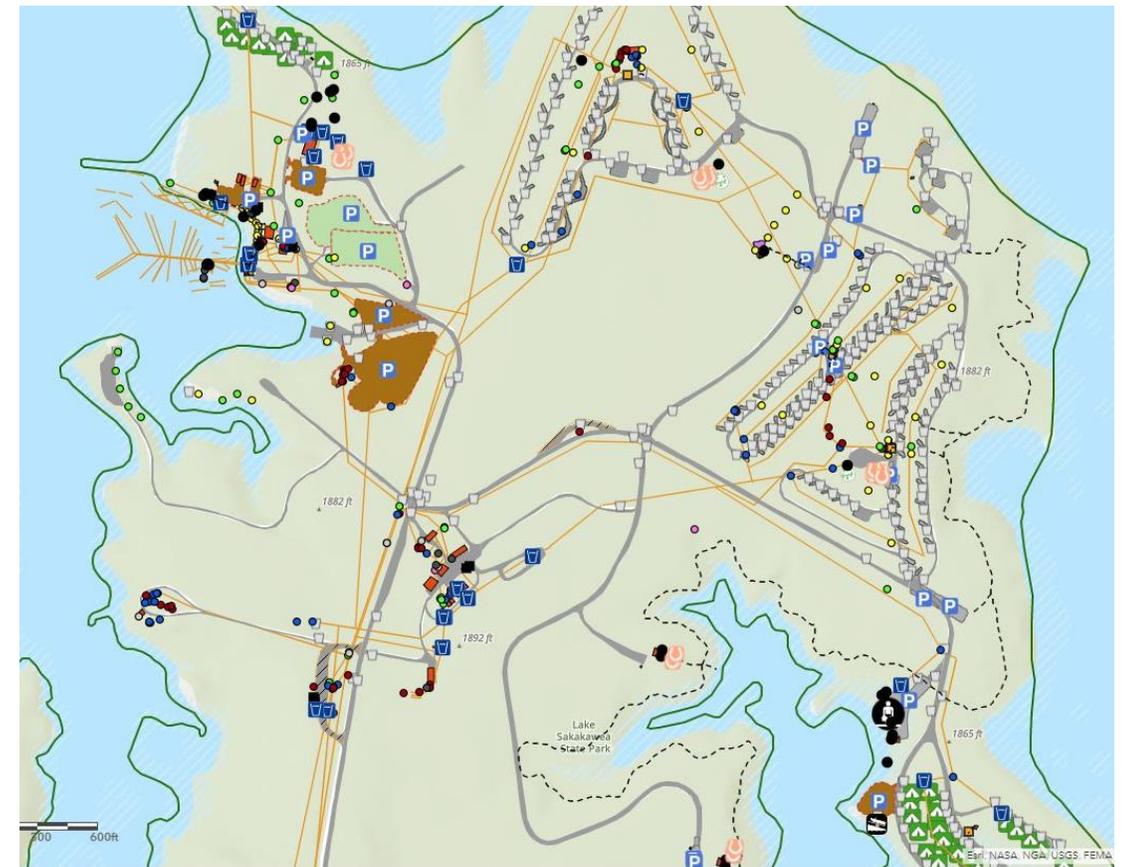
- Inventory and mapping of fixed assets at all state parks
- Geo-located assets utilizing GIS technology
- Provides data to calculate cost of life cycle replacement
- Coordination of other recreation providers' data
- Public web viewer available February 2021



Campsite Polygon: Elbowoods Loop

Park Code	Lake Sakakawea
Campground Name	Modern Campground
Campground Loop	Elbowoods Loop
Site Number	GR7
Campground Type	Campground
Site Parking	Back-In
Host Site	No
Group Site	Yes
Tent Only	No
Primitive	No

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SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

STATE PARK VISITOR/CUSTOMER STUDY: \$150,000

- RFP was issued August 27, 2020
- Project was awarded to RSG with help from NDSU
- There are three surveys:
 1. Economic Impact Study
 2. Visitor and Non-Visitor Survey
 3. Community Survey
- Anticipated final report by May 2021
- The findings will help with future planning, development, marketing and management efforts



SPECIAL PROJECTS

ONE-TIME FUNDING UPDATES

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT: \$440,000 with \$622,000 one-time funding from other funds

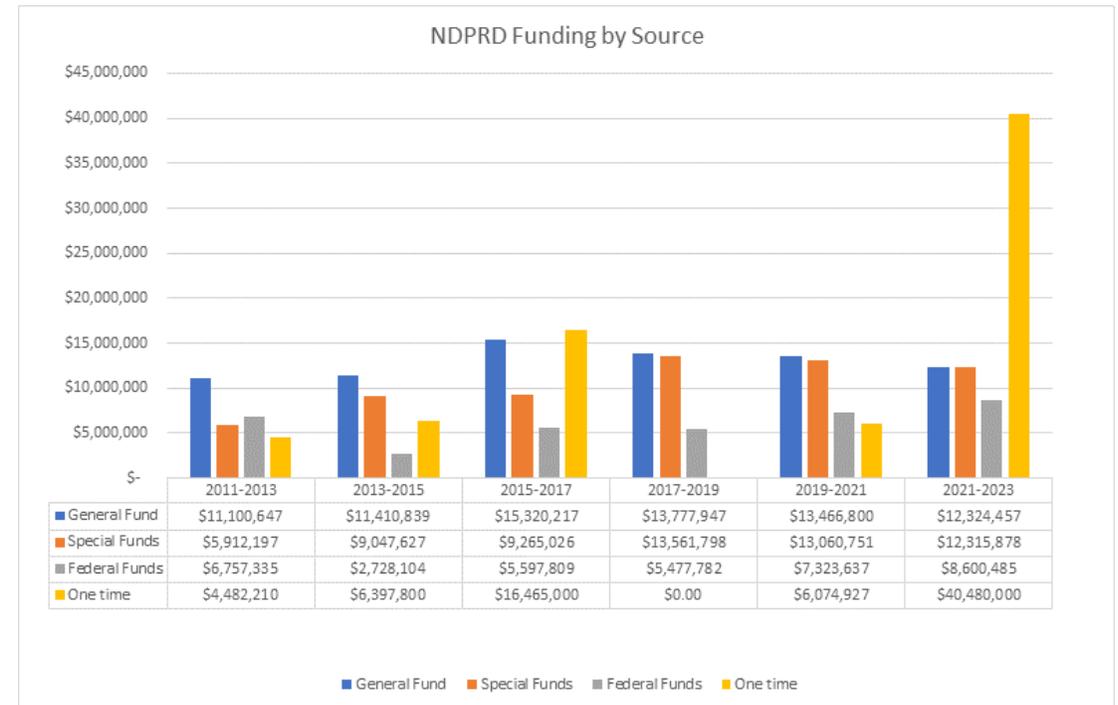
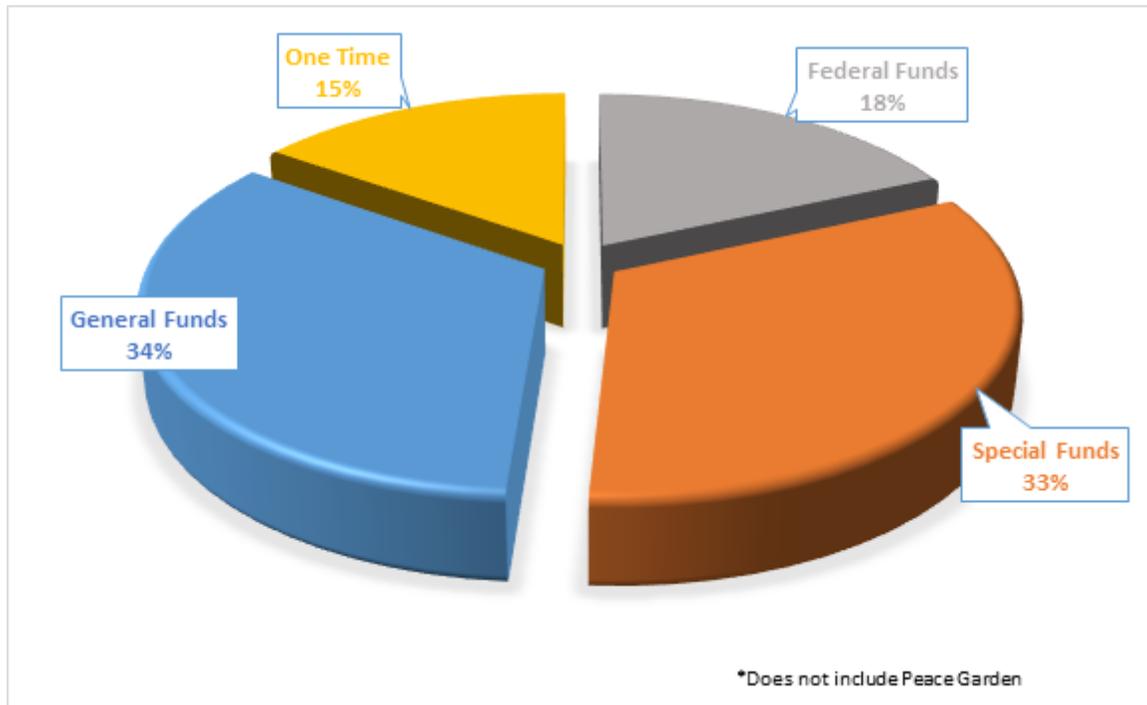
- 72" Riding Mowers – 5
- Utility Vehicles – 18
- Dump or Sewage Trailers – 6
- Law Enforcement Vehicle Radios – 25
- Utility Tractors – 3
- Bobcat ToolCat – 1
- All-Terrain Vehicles – 5

TRAFFIC COUNTERS: \$75,000

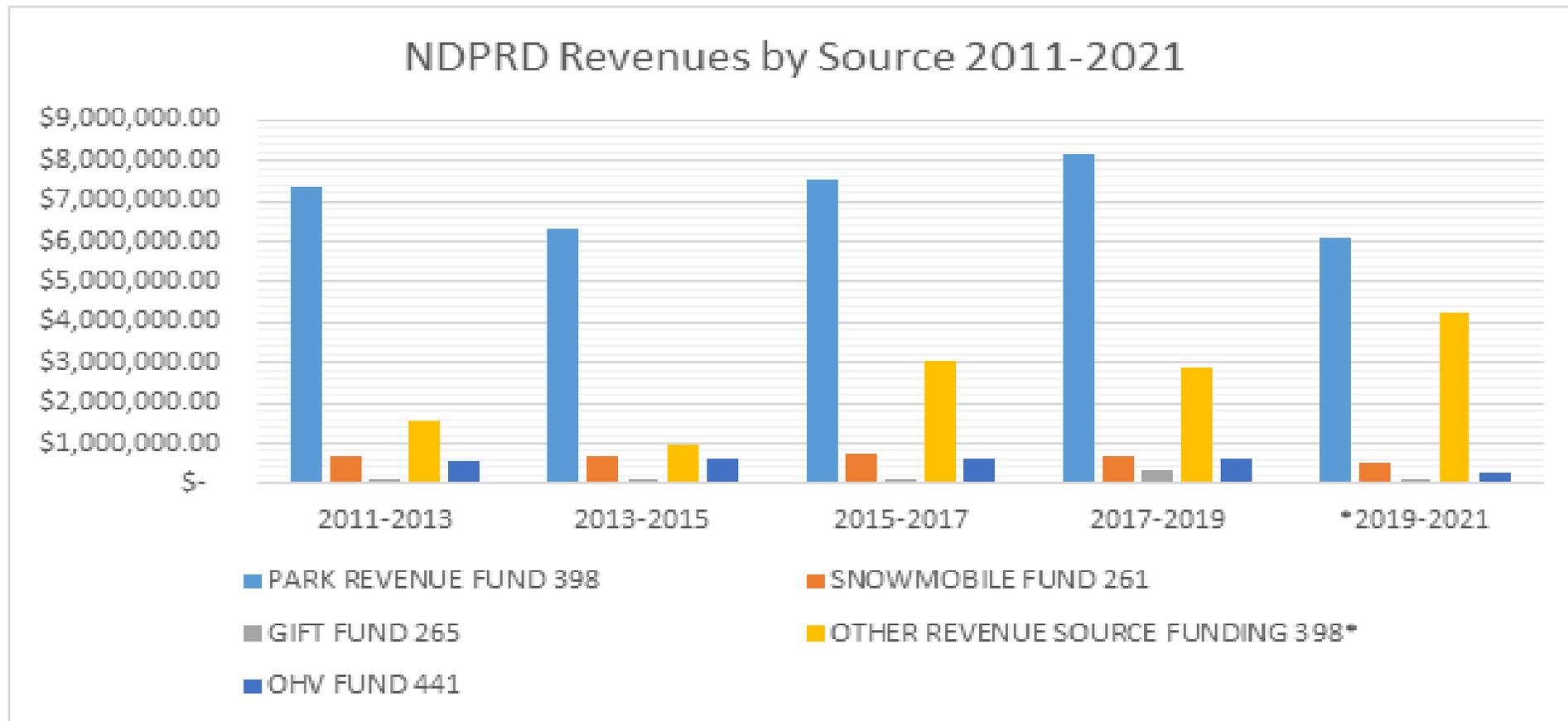
- Company has been selected
- Allocated funds to update technology to better understand customer trends
- Covers 11 state park locations

BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES

NDPRD Base Budget 2019-2021*

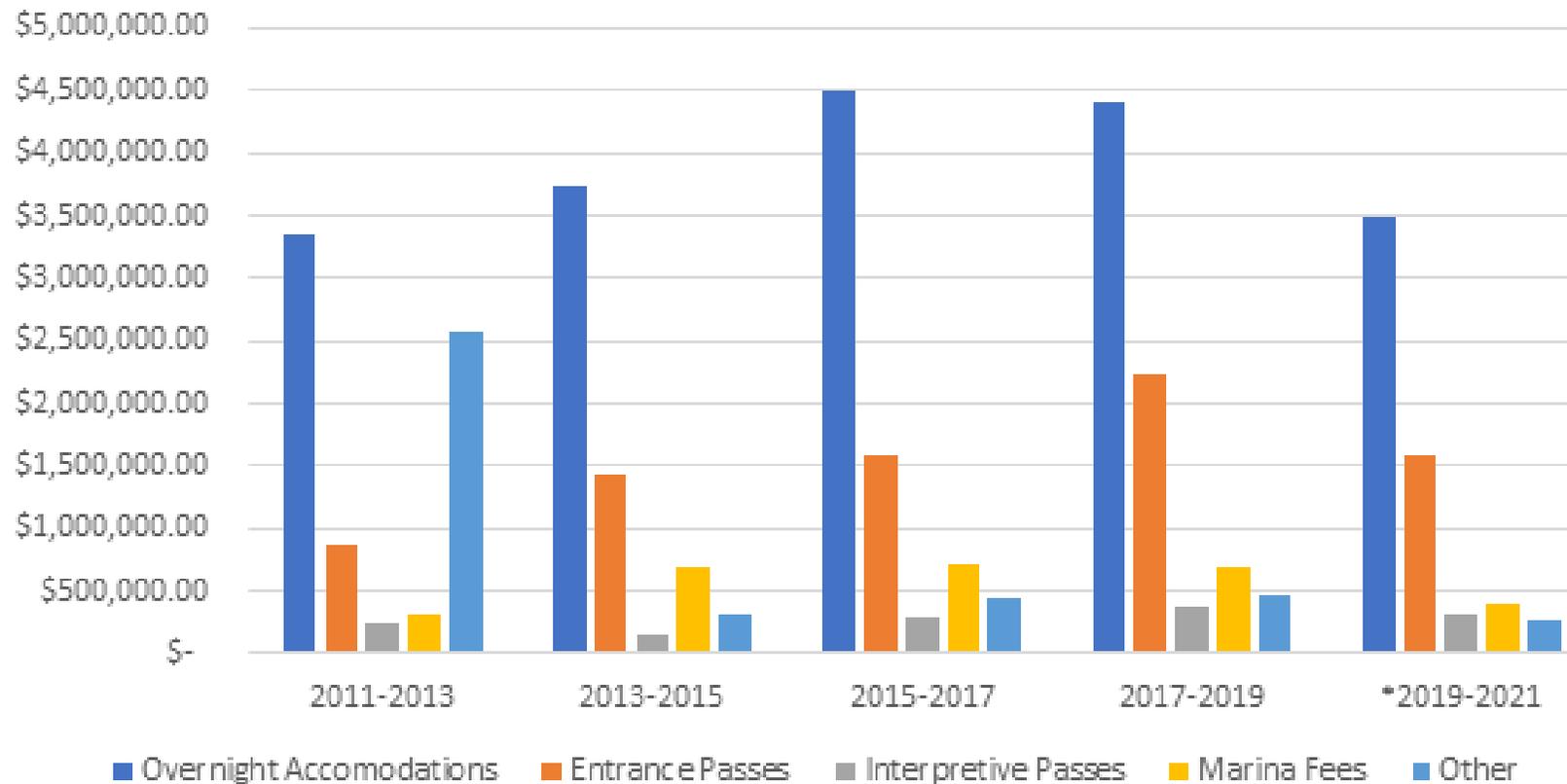


BUDGET- REVENUES



BUDGET- REVENUES CONTINUED

Park Revenue by Source 2011-2021

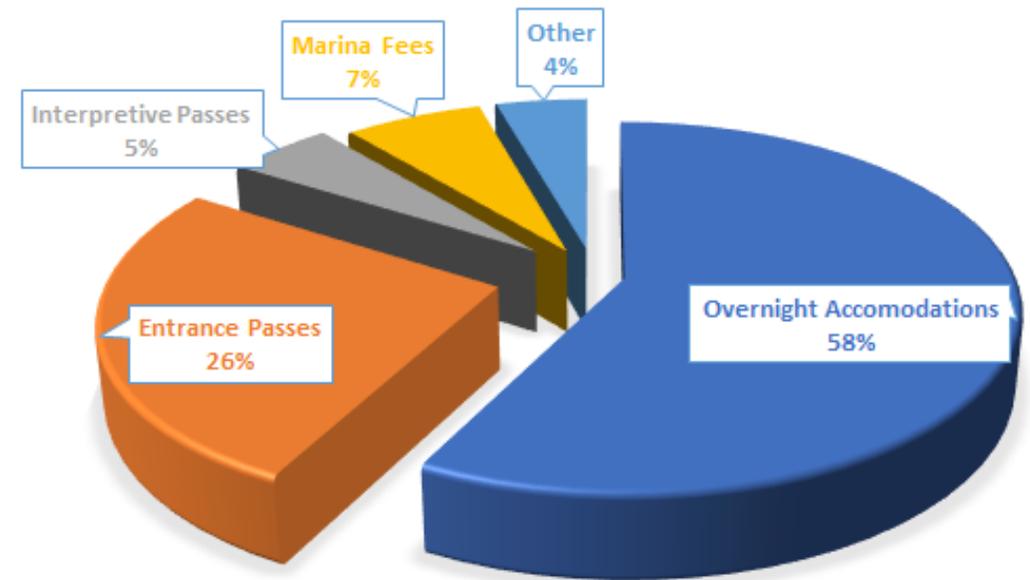


*Revenue reported through November 30, 2020

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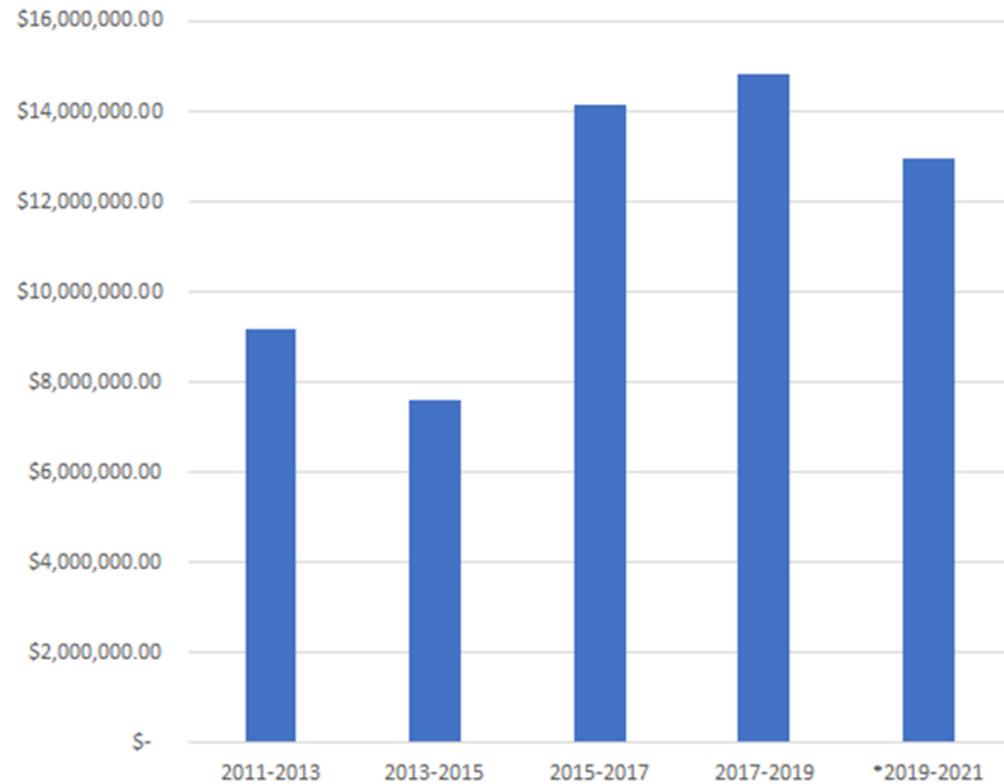
North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department					
Annual Permit Sales and Revenue*					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Permits Sales	17,254	18,022	16,649	16,866	20,290
Revenue					
Regular Permits	\$ 379,247.00	\$ 391,000.00	\$ 502,861.00	\$ 509,940.00	\$ 626,471.00
Veteran Permits	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 2,653.00	\$ 61,190.00	\$ 64,064.00
Senior Permits	\$ 40,569.00	\$ 46,596.00	\$ 61,218.00	\$ 3,108.00	\$ 2,856.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$420,926.00	\$438,636.00	\$566,732.00	\$574,238.00	\$693,391.00
Price Categories					
Regular	\$25	\$25	\$35	\$35	\$35
Disabled Veteran greater than 50% disability/POW	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Disabled Veteran less than 50% disability	\$20	\$20	\$28	\$28	\$28
Senior	\$20	\$20	\$28	\$28	\$28
Duplicates	\$10	\$10	Eliminated	Eliminated	Eliminated
*Based on Permit Year					

PERCENTAGE OF PARKS REVENUE BY SOURCE
2019-2021 BIENNIUM TO DATE

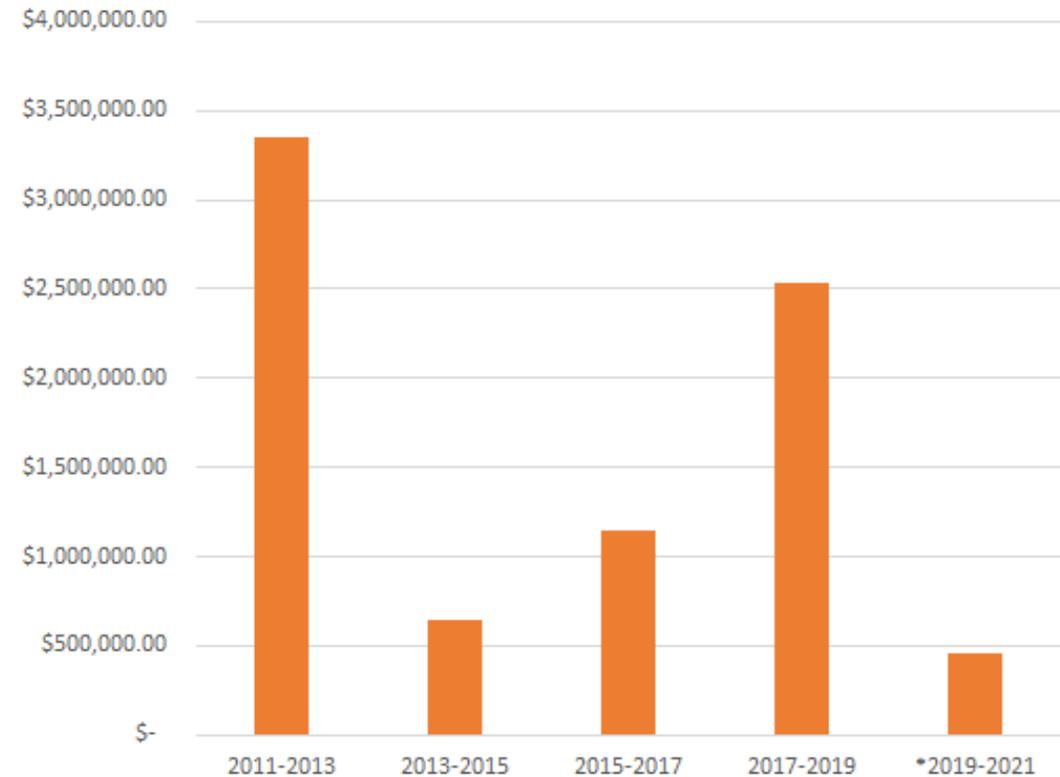


BUDGET-REVENUES

NDPRD Revenue by Biennium



Mineral Revenues by Biennium



*Through November 30, 2020

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ADMINISTRATION LINE

- **State-wide Compensation package**
 - 2% salary increase each year of biennium
 - Maintain state health insurance package with fully funded state-paid premium, no change to deduction
 - Agency flexibility to provide additional increases
- **Retirement**
 - Increase both employer and employee by 1% January 1, 2022

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

- **Park Operations & Maintenance (Natural Resources Line):**
 - Increase of \$19,864,435 or (96.4%) to \$40,479,028.
 - Provide \$9.88 million infrastructure funding through bonding (breakdown on next slide).
 - Provide \$10 million appropriation for park deferred maintenance from Legacy Fund earnings.
- **Recreation Line:**
 - Increase of \$21,285,397 or (228.3%) to \$30,608,957
 - Provide \$20.6 million for park district infrastructure grants through bonding.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ONE TIME FUNDING (OTHER FUNDS)

- Provide \$9.88 million infrastructure funding through bonding

Seasonal & Park Ranger Housing	\$2,200,000
Shoreline Repairs	\$500,000
Marina Repairs/Enhancements	\$500,000
Electric Service Upgrades	\$1,660,000
Lake Metigoshe Scout Dining Hall	\$775,000
Water Service Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Fiber Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Lagoon Studies and Repair/Enhancement	\$1,300,000
Road/Camping Pad Repairs	\$350,000
Total	\$9,885,000

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

STATE PARK MATCHING GRANT

- Provide Up to \$10 million for State Park Challenge Grant Program if Legacy Fund earnings exceed \$505 million on June 30, 2021



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER LINE

- Transfer 3.75 FTE
- Transfer operating funds of \$1.28 million to the State Historical Society of North Dakota
- Includes Fort Mandan & Fahlgren Park



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ADJUSTMENTS

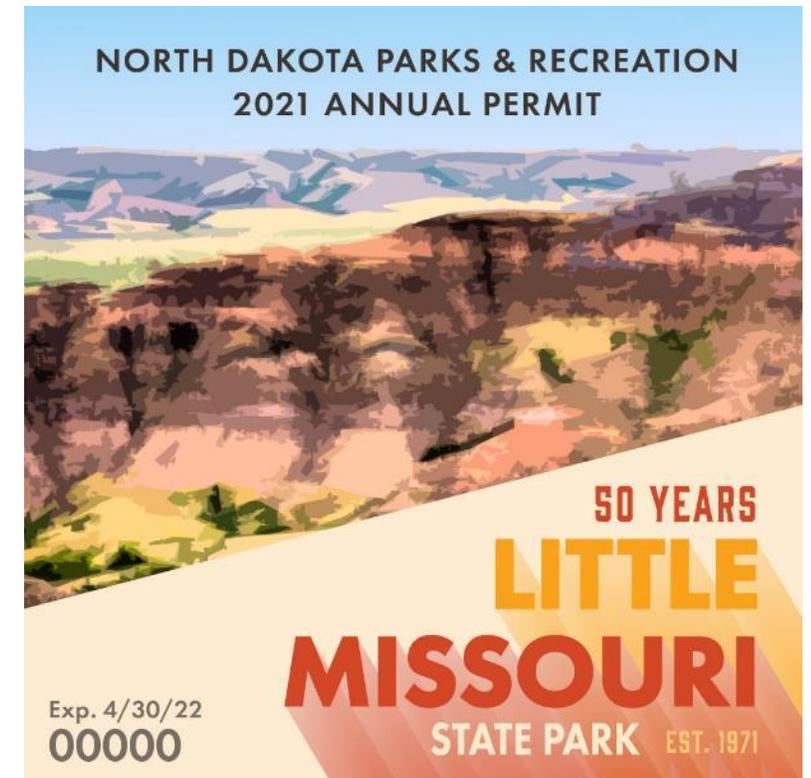
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- Little Missouri State Park land leases - expire November 1, 2021
 - \$190,652 for a five-year period ending in 2026
- Exemption language to complete 17-19 projects that have been started but may need the full construction season of 2021

AGENCY BILLS

- **HB1068:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-29-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of an off-highway vehicle
- **HB1097:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state parks gift fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation
- **SB2093:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parks and recreation charges for services
- **SB2094:** A bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-29-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of off-highway vehicle safety certificates by the parks and recreation department for completion of an off-highway vehicle safety training course

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Work with landowners
- Trails
 - Databases
 - Signage
- Transportation signs
- Project management
- Launched statewide programming
 - 12 Months – 12 Hikes Challenge
 - Adventure Challenge
- Little Missouri State Park 50th Anniversary



EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS

- 15% General Fund decrease
- Request for \$3 million loan; given \$5 million appropriation with additional one-to-one match from Manitoba
- Continue to coordinate on project management and maintenance needs



INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

Senate Appropriations

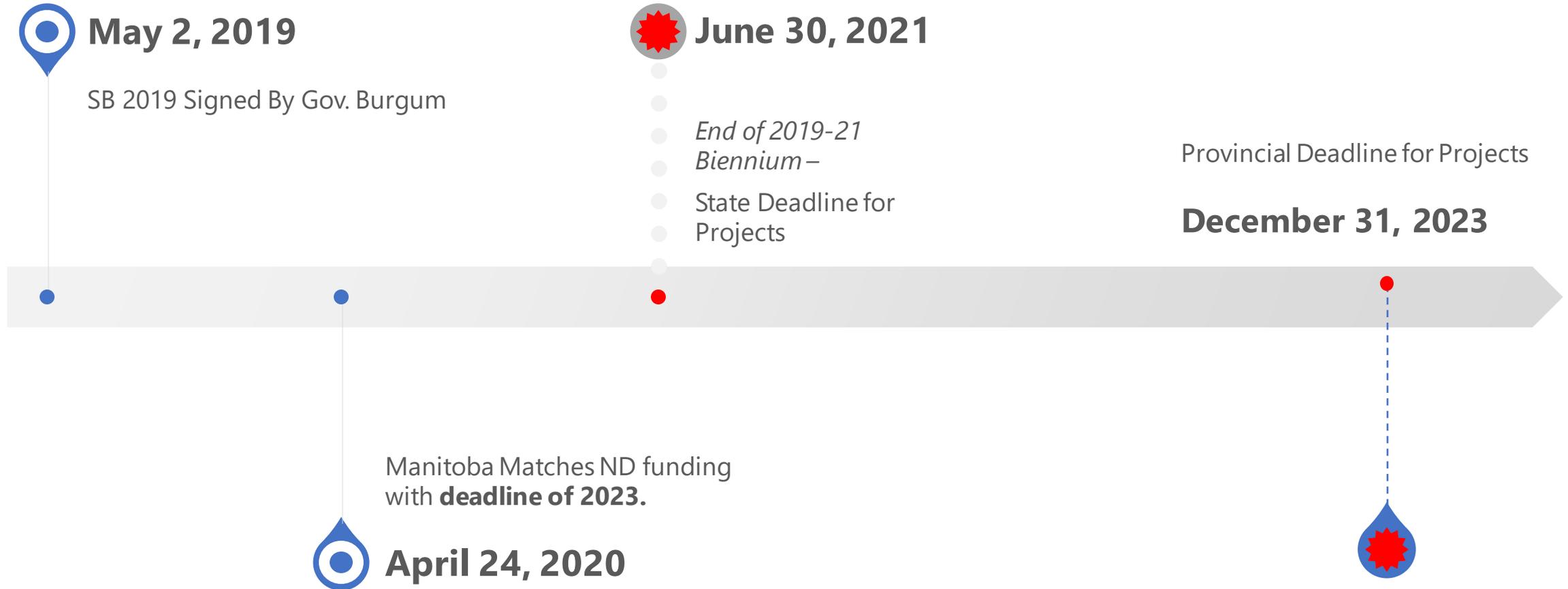


Historic Capital Funding

- Manitoba matched North Dakota's approx. \$6 million commitment in spring of 2020, about one year after N.D. funding approved
 - Expenses could not be incurred until match was secured
- Provincial match is good through 2023



Funding Match Timeline



\$3.5 million committed of the total \$12 million:

- U.S. and Canadian combined
- (29 percent)
- All funds projected to be committed by end of biennium

Project Progress

Month	Forecast Commitment Amount (USD)
December 2020	\$3,511,477 (spent and committed)
January 2021	IFC Documents
February 2021	\$125,000
March 2021	\$614,739
April 2021	\$1,839,834
May 2021	\$2,180,693
June 2021	\$2,120,284
July 2021	\$110,538

Project Progress

Construction Management At-Risk delivery to maximize efficiency and value

- Construction Management At-Risk brings the contractor into the project early, in the design phase, to help inform design decisions and encourage value for money

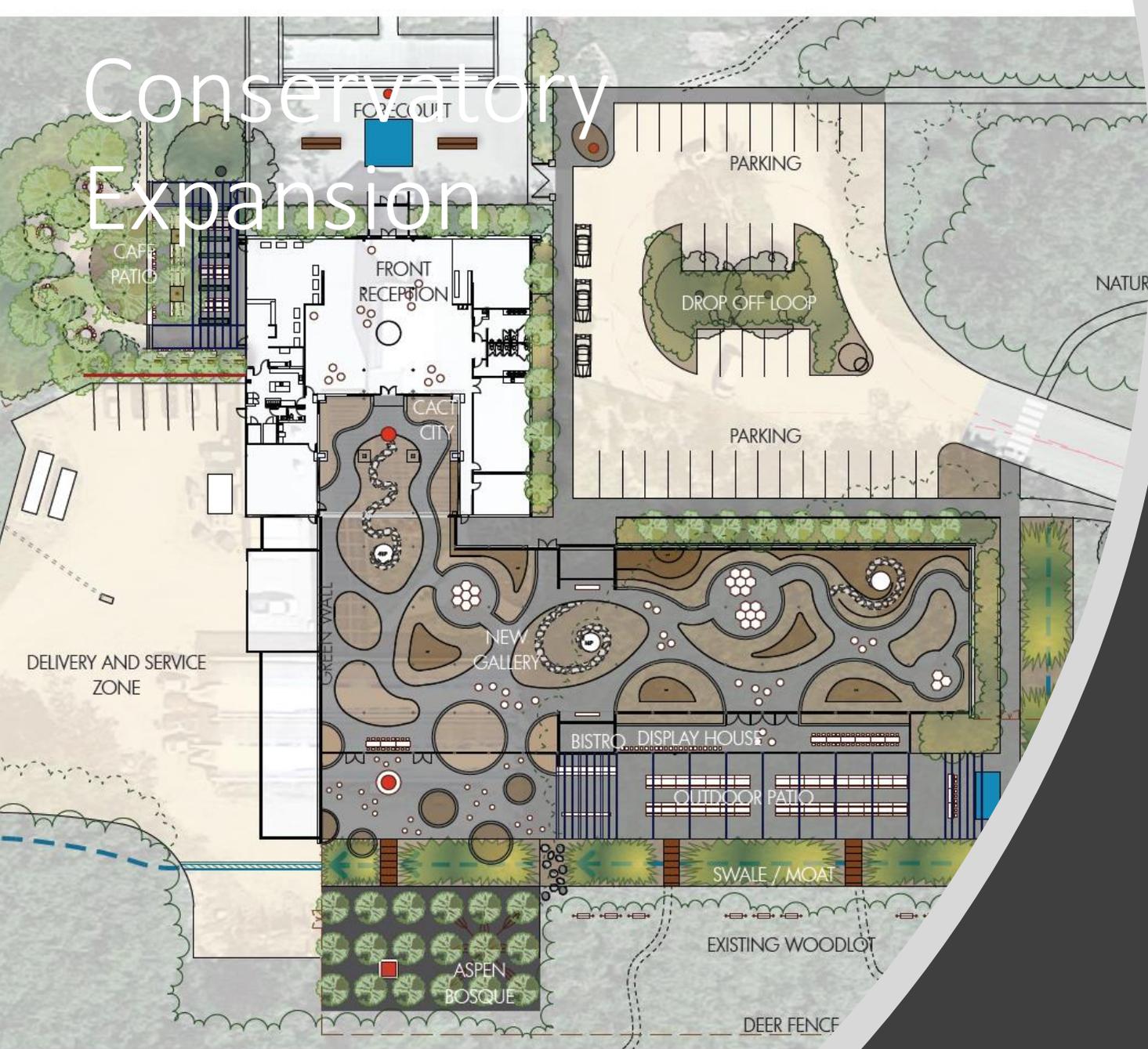
Project Progress

Conservatory Expansion

- To sustainably house one of the world's most unique conservation collections
- To expand options to generate more revenue from event rentals and general visitorship
- Increase research opportunities from state, provincial and global institutions
- Increase educational opportunities and experiences for K-12

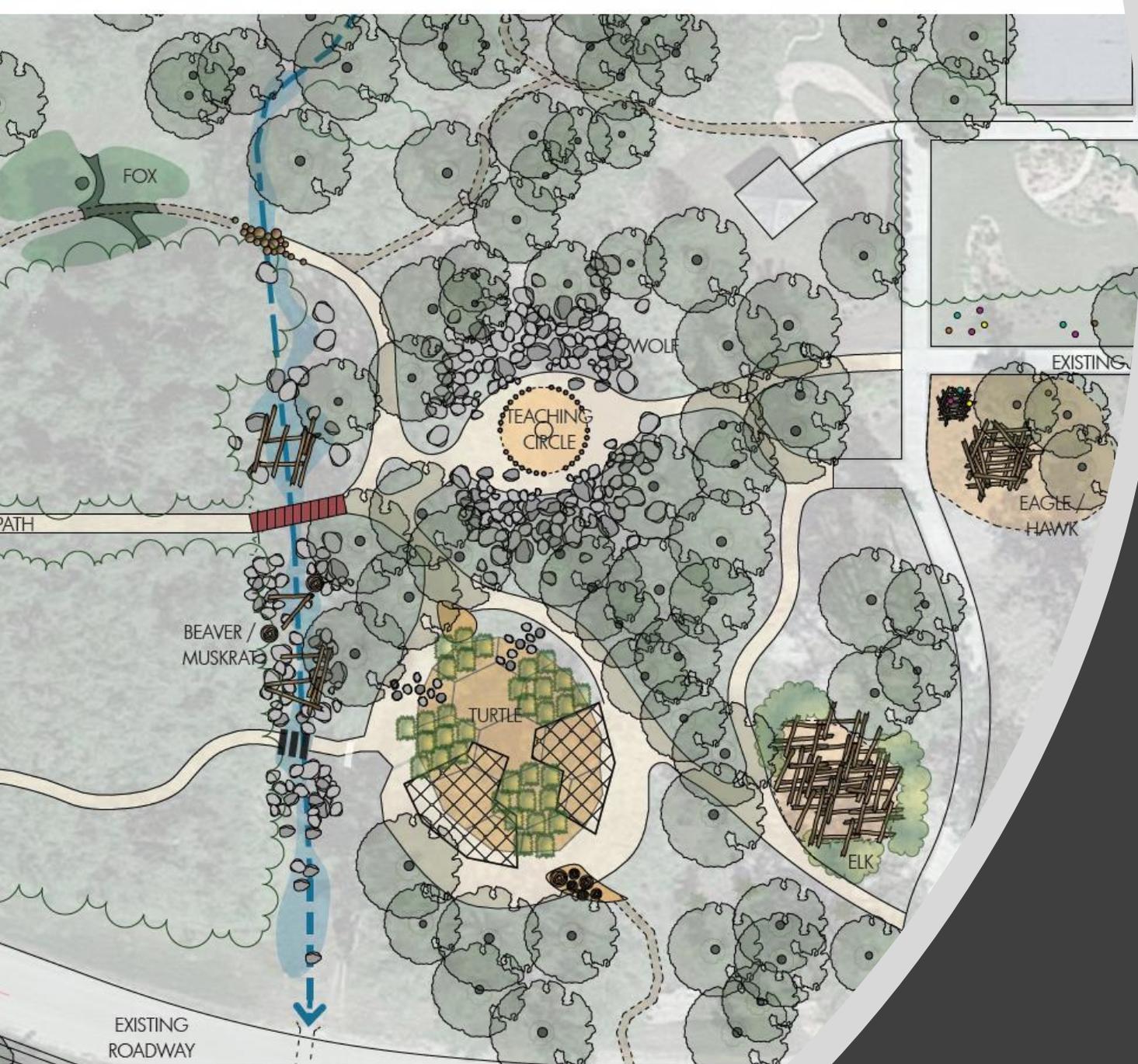


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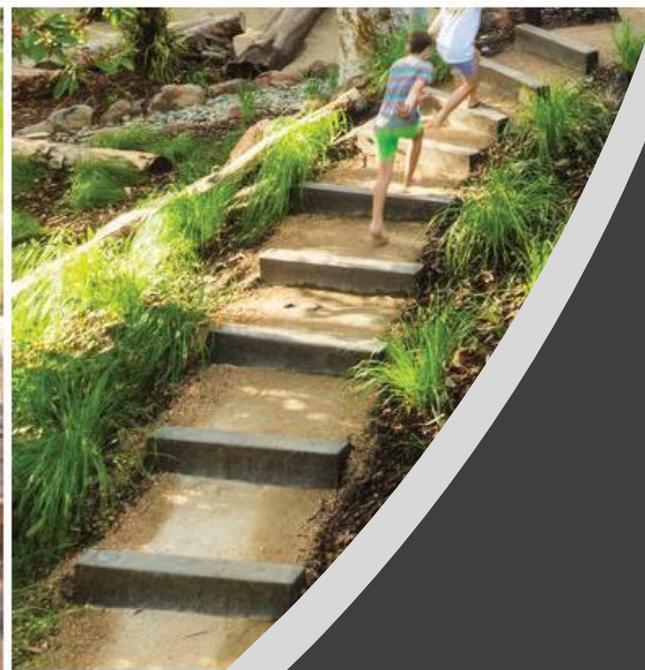
Conservatory Expansion

- Schematic Design



Children's Educational and Experiential Play Area

- Schematic Design
- Increasing offerings for all generations
- Geographical, cultural and biological components for school and youth groups



Children's Educational and Experiential Play Area

QUESTIONS?



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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Sen. Ray Holmberg, Chair
March 3, 2021

International Peace Garden
Tim Chapman, CEO

Chairman Holmberg and members of the committee:

I am Tim Chapman, the Chief Executive Officer of the International Peace Garden testifying on behalf of the Garden in support of an extension of funding for capital projects underway.



Thank you for the time and attention in reviewing the progress and accomplishments of the International Peace Garden. We are grateful for the committee's support in the 2019 Session and look forward to continued support and understanding as we approach the 2021-2023 biennium. We are also grateful to the House of Representatives, Governor Burgum, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and Director Dr. Andrea Travnicek for their guidance.

We are excited to share that we have completed some of the smaller projects in our capital budget and are close to design completion on our larger projects, including the world-class Conservatory and events center, children's educational and experiential play area and renovations to other key public facing infrastructure and rental facilities. Thanks to the State and Provincial commitments the Garden is truly on a path to sustainability through public-private partnerships. Our projects will be enhanced through corporate and private sponsorships as we have started a capital campaign process to ensure these public investments last for many decades.

The 66th Legislative Assembly approved historic capital funding at the Peace Garden for the 2019-2021 biennium up to \$6,078,828 of reimbursable costs, if matched 1:1 by a non-state agency. The Province of Manitoba agreed to match the state's commitment, but due to the unexpected provincial election being called in 2019 that match was not confirmed until Spring of 2020. This delay along with uncertainty brought by the pandemic tightened the timeline to have the state funds efficiently used by June of 2021 considering the size and complexity of the scope. The Provincial funds are available through 2023.

As stated in the 2019 legislation all expenses must be matched 1:1 before submitting to the state for reimbursement. This required the Garden to hold off on spending and design initiation on our Scope of Work until the Provincial match was disbursed, which happened in the full amount of \$7,500,000 Canadian Dollars on April 24, 2020.

While we awaited the Provincial match, IPG worked with Colliers Project Leaders – our Program Manager for the Scope of Work – to develop 10-year revenue projections based on the

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deferred maintenance and enhancements. Colliers has done a remarkable job in engaging architects, engineers and contractors on both sides of the border to ensure this historic international effort is shared by Americans and Canadians alike. JLG Architects of North Dakota paired with LM Architectural Group of Manitoba to lead all design and engineering and they have also done remarkable, efficient work despite our short timeframe. Colliers has detailed these efforts, cash-flow projections and the program's progress in their attached letter.

All efforts are being made to expedite construction to meet the current biennium's deadline while also emphasizing the importance of good stewardship of the public funds. All costs relating to the State's funding can be committed to by June 30, 2021, though an extension – as approved by the House – of the capital funds to align with the Provincial deadline of 2023 would allow for better stewardship of the remaining funds. An extension would also allow the Garden to add funding support through the capital campaign, which is expected to begin this spring following a feasibility study.

Also attached are designs of the key projects within the scope. The Garden has struck a balance of addressing longstanding deferred maintenance that will lead to more revenue opportunities and increased energy and operational efficiency. Upon completion of the projects, we will be far better suited to host school groups, business and organizational conferences, banquets and marquee gatherings of state, provincial, national and international leaders. All these components are critical to a healthy non-profit that benefits from both public and private support.

Despite the pandemic, the International Peace Garden is a well-positioned outdoor and indoor attraction ready to welcome a society keener on park settings for recreation, respite and safe gatherings. The Peace Garden State and Manitoba are joined by one of the world's most unique institutions. There is no other botanical garden or park of this size, potential and legacy situated on an international border. We are excited with your support to continue advancing the Garden's call for cooperation and peace among people into the future through sustainable year-round offerings to all generations.

Thank you for your attention and all your work advocating for North Dakotans during this unprecedented time.

Tim Chapman



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MEMORANDUM

To:	Tim Chapman, CEO International Peace Garden	For info of:	North Dakota House Appropriations Committee
From:	Curtis Krul, Project Manager	Doc Ref:	860670-0089(1.0)
Project:	IPG – Campus Upgrades Project	Date:	January 7, 2021
Subject:	Memo – Project Status Overview		

The International Peace Garden Campus Upgrades Project is a culmination of planning and preparation over the course of many years. Colliers Project Leaders was engaged at the end of 2019 to initiate the formal planning and preparation to execute a portfolio of work ranging from new construction, campus asset upgrades, and renovations.

Project planning began early in January 2020 with the creation of a business plan and revenue projection to validate the program of work and create priority for project completion within the funding schedule limits.

In April, once funding was received (in full) from the Province of Manitoba, matching the funding from North Dakota, Colliers and IPG initiated the work on small projects that did not require design/consultation to execute the work. This project list included the Landscape Maintenance/Storage building, the campground electrical upgrades, a new garden irrigation system, and staff lodging projects.

Concurrently, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Prime Consultant services was drafted and posted. On September 18, 2020, the proposal call period closed, and through evaluation, LM Architectural Group and JLG Architects were selected as the successful proponent. Immediately following award, Colliers and IPG held a kick-off meeting and site visit for the Prime Consultant team to begin the site review process and design phase of the work for the larger projects; focusing on the Conservatory Expansion and the Children's play area. Utilizing their professional credentials, the Prime Consultant team, LM and JLG will evaluate the existing condition of many of the other facility locations throughout the grounds. This information, drafted in a report, will be used to validate design decisions and execute the work in the most financially responsible manner.

To complete the project within the timeline, the Project Team agreed to change the delivery approach to better suit the scope and schedule. Utilizing the construction management (at risk) project delivery method, IPG will benefit from immediate access to trade pricing, valuable preconstruction services, and a phased construction approach that will assist with meeting the tight timeline. While the Prime Consultant RFP was open, Colliers and IPG also finalized the Request for Proposals for Construction Manager services, which closed on December 18, 2020. A recommendation for the selection of the successful firm was reached on December 23, 2020. The IPG board voted on their approval on January 5, 2021, and Bockstael Construction from Winnipeg Manitoba, and Construction Engineers from Grand Forks, North Dakota were awarded the contract for Construction Management services (at risk) for the full program of work. Once the scope is tailored for each project and phased into tender packages, the Construction Manager (CM) can tender these components to subtrades and complete the construction work, minimizing the delay associated with traditional design-bid-build projects. The construction work will occur concurrently, with many projects under construction at once. The compressed timeline is well-

IPG – Campus Upgrades Project

Memo – Project Status Overview

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suited for a Construction Management delivery, but still involves some risk and speed costs that may result in not fully completing the full scope of work by June 2021.

Bockstael Construction and Construction Engineers are currently solidifying their work plan and cashflow for the program of work. This includes focused budgeting on both the Conservatory Expansion and the Children's play area, using the schematic design documents. The initial construction schedule indicates construction will start in February 2021 with a phased construction approach to safely handle the succulent collection during construction.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Krul", written over a horizontal line.

Curtis Krul, B.Env.D, M.L.Arch, PMP, LEED Green Associate
Project Manager

**Testimony of Cole Higlin
North Dakota Recreation & Park Association
To Senate Appropriations
In Support of HB 1019**

Chairman Holmberg and Members of the Committee, my name is Cole Higlin, and I am the public policy committee chair of the North Dakota Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA). NDRPA represents more than 900 members across the state and works to advance parks, recreation and conservation for an enhanced quality of life in North Dakota. I am here on behalf of NDRPA to support House Bill 1019.

Public parks and recreation facilities are valuable community infrastructure, and usage in our state is significant. Six out of every 10 North Dakota households (60 percent) report outdoor recreation is very important, while 93 percent report it is important, according to the *2018-2022 North Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*. Five percent more North Dakota households feel outdoor recreation is very important today compared to five years ago.

NDRPA supports the park operations and maintenance budget for the Parks and Recreation Department in House Bill 1019. We also ask for the committee's consideration of park district infrastructure funding as well as the Community Grant Program, a 50/50 match grant program last funded in 2015-2017, the only state funding for community parks and recreation facilities such as pools and multi-purpose playing fields. As noted in the *2018-2022 SCORP*, 49 percent of outdoor recreation providers report demand for facilities and activities exceeds supply for their users. Over the next five years, additional funding needed to fulfill reported existing unmet capital needs is \$319 million.

With the state's growing population, the Parks and Recreation Department and local agencies need sufficient resources to provide and build upon our public parks. Parks, open space, trails, greenways, water, recreation facilities, programs, and services provide documented benefits, among them economic, health, environmental, and social/community. Providing safe, affordable and accessible recreation opportunities for our citizens and visitors is essential to maintaining North Dakota's commitment to a high quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for this bill and for your continued commitment to North Dakota's quality of life needs.

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
3/23/2021

Parks and Recreation Department Sub-committee
State Historical Society Sub-committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Senator Sorvaag opened the joint hearing with sub-committees on HB 1019 and HB 1018 at 9:38 AM.

Senators present **Sorvaag, Mathern, and Erbele, Krebsbach, and Davison. Senator Bekkedahl** was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Fort Mandan, Fahlgren Park
- DOT funding
- Why L&C Interpretive Center was moved to ND Parks & Rec.
- General fund vs special fund appropriations

Andrea Travnicek, Director, ND Parks and Recreation – testified in favor and submitted testimony #10517.

Chris Kadrmas, Legislative Council – submitted testimony #10518.

Bill Peterson, Director, State Historical Society – testified in favor and submitted testimony #10519.

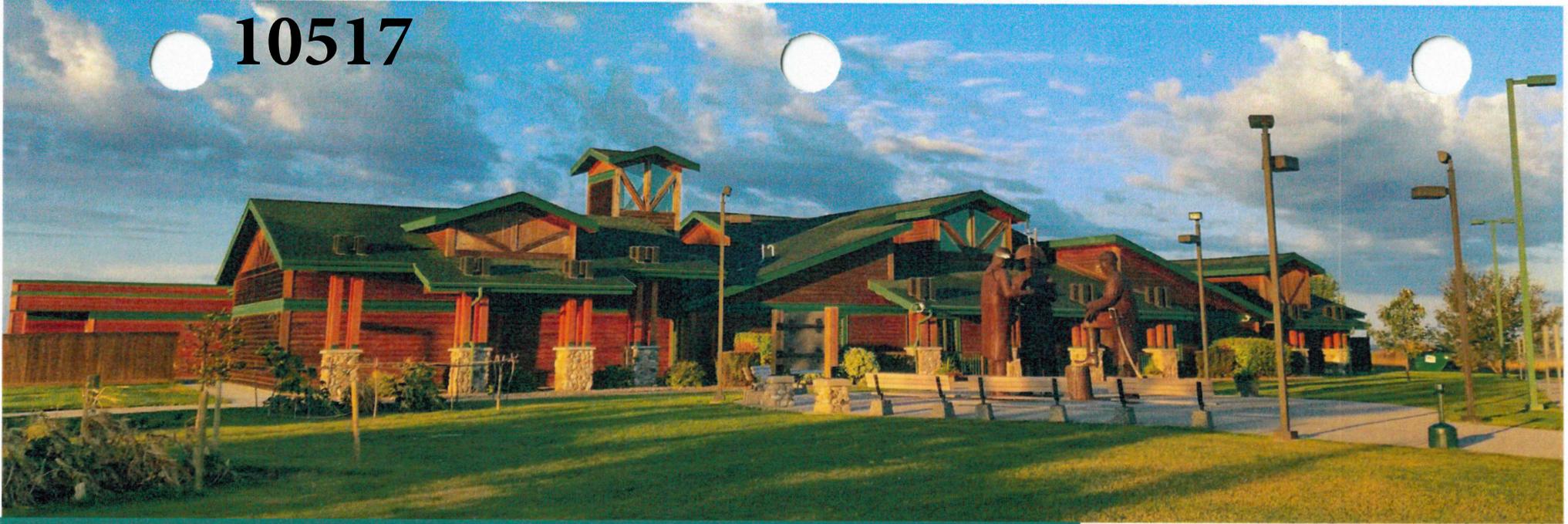
Kevin Keirke, Manager, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center – testified in favor.

Andrea Wike, Assistant Director, State Historical Society – testified in favor.

Senator Sorvaag closed the hearing at 10:07 AM.

Rose Laning, Committee Clerk

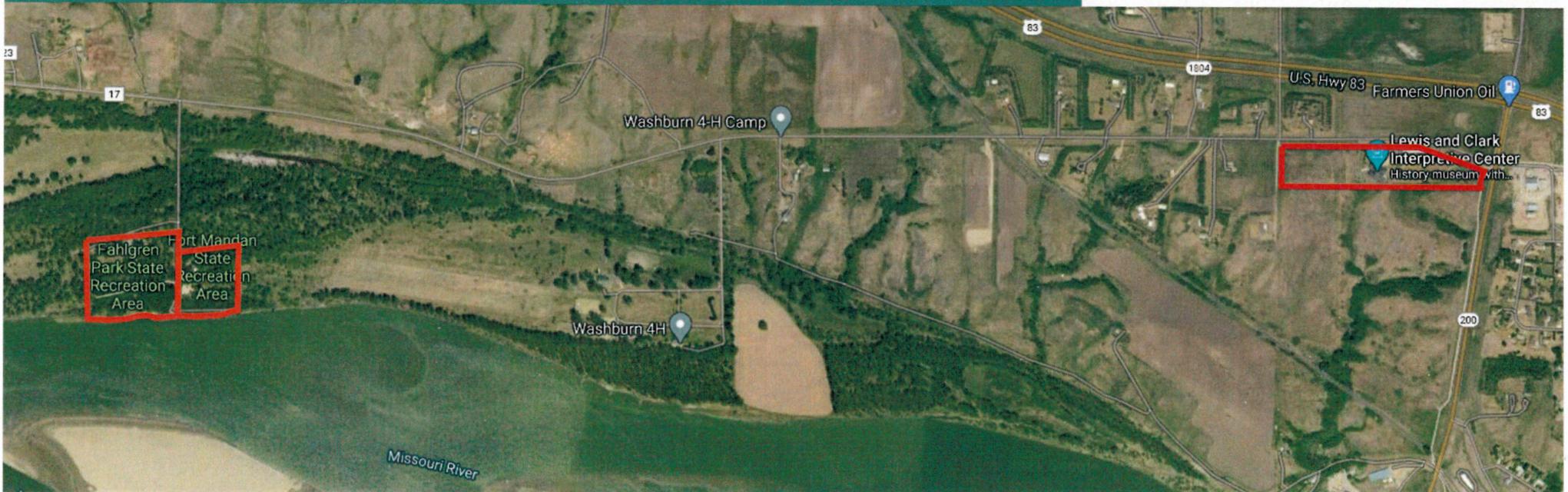
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Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center & Fort Mandan

Fort Mandan and Fahlgren Park are 2.4 miles southwest of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. This includes an interpretive trail along the riverfront and five picnic shelters.

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Fahlgren Park

Owned by: NDPRD
21 Acres

Includes: a playground, one vault toilet,
and two picnic shelters

Fort Mandan

Owned by: McLean County Historical Society
Land leased by: NDPRD (2015-2065)

11 Acres

Includes: a visitor center, a rental facility, picnic shelter,
reconstructed fort, and a maintenance building.

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Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Owned by: NDPRD
14.7 Acres

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center houses four permanent galleries, two temporary art and history galleries, an observation deck, a library, one rental event center with a catering kitchen, a museum store, walking trails and two picnic shelters.

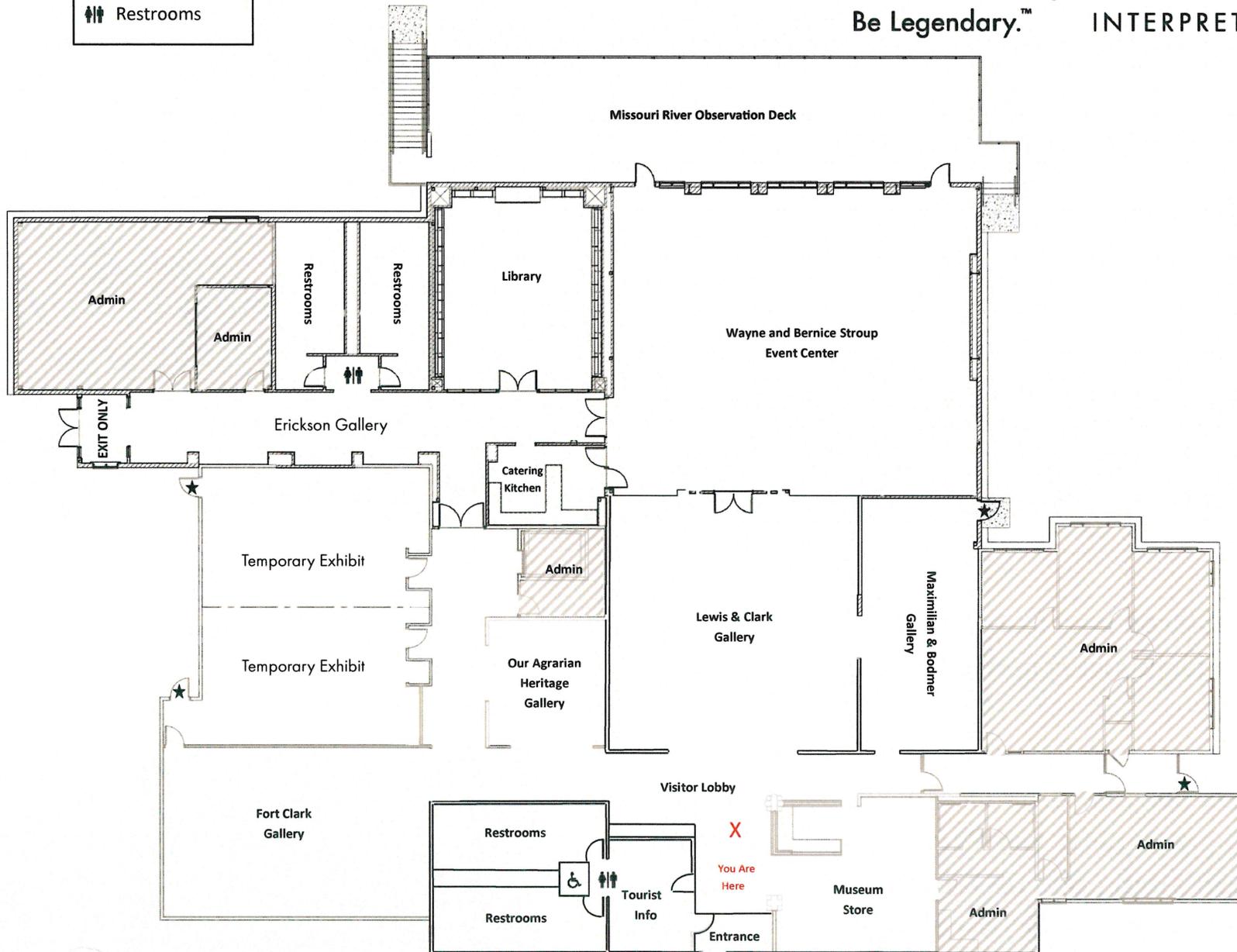


With funding from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, the facilities serve as a designated rest area.



★ Emergency Exit

♿ Restrooms



Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version				House Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0
Salary increase		279,929	11,342	291,271		260,934	10,554	271,488		(\$18,995)	(\$788)	(19,783)
Health insurance increase		3,332	135	3,467		2,954	701	3,655		(378)	566	188
Retirement contribution increase		54,878	2,224	57,102				0		(54,878)	(2,224)	(57,102)
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554				0
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations	(3.75)	(840,596)	(587,999)	(1,428,595)				0	3.75	\$840,596	\$587,999	1,428,595
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426				0
Decreases funding for agency operations		(202,990)	(933,123)	(1,136,113)				0		202,990	933,123	1,136,113
Reduces funding for the International Peace Garden		(131,449)		(131,449)				0		131,449		131,449
Decreases funding for equipment over \$5,000			(511,800)	(511,800)				0			511,800	511,800
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914				0
Decreases funding for operating fees and services			(245,853)	(245,853)				0			245,853	245,853
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079				0
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438				0
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$530,636	(\$743,156)	0.00	(\$173,008)	\$2,806,965	\$2,633,957	3.75	\$1,100,784	\$2,276,329	\$3,377,113
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from legacy fund earnings for parks deferred maintenance			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000				\$0			(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
Adds funding from SIIF for parks deferred maintenance				0			\$7,500,000	7,500,000			7,500,000	7,500,000
Adds funding from bonds for park district infrastructure grants			20,600,000	20,600,000				0			(20,600,000)	(20,600,000)
Adds funding from bonds for state park infrastructure improvements			9,885,000	9,885,000				0			(9,885,000)	(9,885,000)
Adds funding from SIIF for the International Peace Garden capital projects				0			3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adds funding for trail lease renewals				0		\$200,000		200,000		200,000		200,000
Adds funding for Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease				0		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$40,485,000	\$40,485,000	0.00	\$250,000	\$10,500,000	\$10,750,000	0.00	\$250,000	(\$29,985,000)	(\$29,735,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(3.75)	(\$1,273,792)	\$41,015,636	\$39,741,844	0.00	\$76,992	\$13,306,965	\$13,383,957	3.75	\$1,350,784	(\$27,708,671)	(\$26,357,887)
2021-23 Total Funding	57.75	\$13,069,337	\$61,396,363	\$74,465,700	61.50	\$14,420,121	\$33,687,692	\$48,107,813	3.75	\$1,350,784	(\$27,708,671)	(\$26,357,887)
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	2.6%	(2.1%)	0.0%	(1.2%)	13.8%	7.6%				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(6.1%)	(8.9%)	201.2%	114.5%	0.0%	0.5%	65.3%	38.5%				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	Executive Budget Recommendation	House Version
Appropriation - Additional income	Section 4 would appropriate any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	<u>Executive Budget Recommendation</u>	<u>House Version</u>
Transfers funding from Game and Fish	Section 3 would provide \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfers funding from the Department of Transportation		Section 5 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of Section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.
Deferred maintenance - Strategic investment and improvements fund		Section 6 provides \$7.5 million for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
Provides for capital projects at the International Peace Garden		Section 7 provides \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.
Amendment to require matching funds come from province of Manitoba and require the International Peace Garden to report to the Parks and Recreation Department		Section 8 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba and requires the the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds. The funds appropriated are not subject to Section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
Amendment to contingent loan from Bank of North Dakota		Section 9 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.
Exemption for Peace Tower	Section 5 would exempt any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section would also require the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.	Section 10 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.
Exemption for park enhancements	Section 6 would exempt any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.	Section 11 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11.
Exemption for extraordinary repairs		Section 12 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 for the 2021-23 biennium

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

Executive Budget Recommendation

House Version

Emergency

Section 13 declares Sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.

Transfers the the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society

Section 7 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-0105.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Creates Matching Program

Section 8 would create a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The section also provides a continuing appropriation for the parks matching grant program.

Transfers funds from the legacy fund earnings to the matching program

Section 9 authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to \$10,000,000, or however much is available from funds transferred to the park gift fund from legacy fund earnings at the end of the 2019-21 biennium, pursuant to the executive recommended House Bill No. 1015, which establishes a state parks matching grant program.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
State Historical Society
Bill Peterson, Director of the State Historical Society

	General Fund	Special Funds	Total Appropriation
<u>Parks & Rec Budget Appropriation</u>			
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	\$ 840,595	\$ 587,999	
	<u>\$ 840,595</u>	<u>\$ 587,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,594</u>
<u>Governor's Executive Recommendation</u>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 840,595	\$ 188,499	
Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ 399,500	
	<u>\$ 840,595</u>	<u>\$ 587,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,594</u>
<u>SHSND's Proposed Budget</u>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 840,595	\$ 188,499	
Operating Expenses	\$ 299,500	\$ 100,000	
	<u>\$ 1,140,095</u>	<u>\$ 288,499</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,594</u>

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
3/29/2021

Department of Parks and Recreation sub-committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Senator Sorvaag opened the hearing at 4:05 p.m.

Senators present: **Sorvaag, Bekkedahl and Mathern.**

Discussion Topics:

- Lewis and Clark Interpretation Center

Senator Mathern moved to transfer the Lewis and Clark Interpretation Center to the Historical Society

Senator Bekkedahl seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote 3-0-0

Motion Passes

Andrea Travnicek, Director, North Dakota Parks and Recreation, answered questions of the sub-committee.

Senator Sorvaag closed the hearing at 4:15 p.m.

Skyler Strand, Committee Clerk

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
4/1/2021
Parks and Recreation Department

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget.

Senator Sorvaag opened the hearing at 9:30 AM.

Senators present: **Sorvaag, Bekkedahl and Mathern.**

Discussion Topics:

- State Parks matching grant program
- Foundation vs gift fund authority
- A study

Andrea Travnicek, Director, ND Parks and Recreation – testified in favor and submitted testimony #11276 and #11277.

Teddy Boyer, Legislative Council – testified neutrally.

Larry Martin, OMB, testified neutrally.

Senator Bekkedahl moved matching grant program.

Senator Sorvaag second.

Senator Sorvaag – Y

Senator Bekkedahl – Y

Senator Mathern – Y

Roll call vote 3-0-0. Motion passed.

Senator Sorvaag closed the hearing at 10:06 AM.

Rose Laning, Committee Clerk

As described in the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's written testimony, these are the additional requests for the Department for the 2021-2023 biennium. Executive budget recommendations along with recommendations made by the House are listed below.

HB 1019 ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

FEDERAL FUNDS



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

SECTION 4: In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 3: In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional income from federal or other funds that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department shall report any additional income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

TRANSFERS FUNDING FROM GAME AND FISH



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

SECTION 3: The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, and must be transferred to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 4: The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation department as requested by the director of the parks and recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

TRANSFERS LCIC ASSETS



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

SECTION 7: The State of North Dakota, by and through the North Dakota parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 5: The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

ONE-TIME: \$10.0 million appropriation for park deferred maintenance from Legacy Fund earnings transferred on June 30, 2021.

HOUSE VERSION

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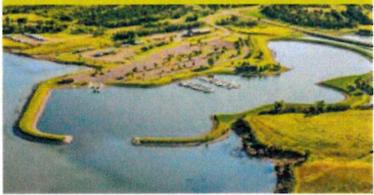
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EXEMPTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS



HOUSE VERSION

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CREATES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

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FUNDS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM



EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

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ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS **HOUSE VERSION**

- The \$20.6 million appropriation for Park District Infrastructure Grants would be used to revive a program last funded in the 2013-2015 biennium.
\$200,000 for trail lease renewals at Little Missouri SP.
- Provides one park infrastructure funding of \$9.88 million through bonding.
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EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On December 30, 2020, the Bank of North Dakota approved the \$3,000,000 loan plus interest for the International Peace Garden per Section 12 of the 2019-2021 budget appropriation. We need an appropriation to pay the principal and interest on this loan.

HOUSE VERSION

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE PARKS COST OF OWNERSHIP

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department’s capital investments combined with the operation, maintenance and lifecycle replacement costs amounts to the total cost of ownership.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects are investments or divestitures of infrastructure that adds or decreases the agency’s level of service. The executive budget recommendation includes a proposed \$9.88 million bonding package. The following list comprises the recommended capital projects in HB 1019 for the 2021-2023 biennium. Recommendations focus on projects that support a 21st century workforce, modernize our services to enhance the public’s experience and increase return on investment.

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- \$350,000** Road and camping pad repairs
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- \$1,100,000** Water service upgrades
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- \$775,000** Construction to the Boy Scout Dining Hall at Lake Metigoshe State Park

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS

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Statewide Deferred Maintenance

Buildings \$6.5M	Paved Roads \$52.4M
Shorelines \$6.5M	Gravel Roads \$4.3M

- PLUMBING FLOORING
- SHINGLING PAINTING**
- LIGHTING **STAINING**
- PLAYGROUNDS WINDOWS INSULATION
- ELECTRICAL** CAULKING
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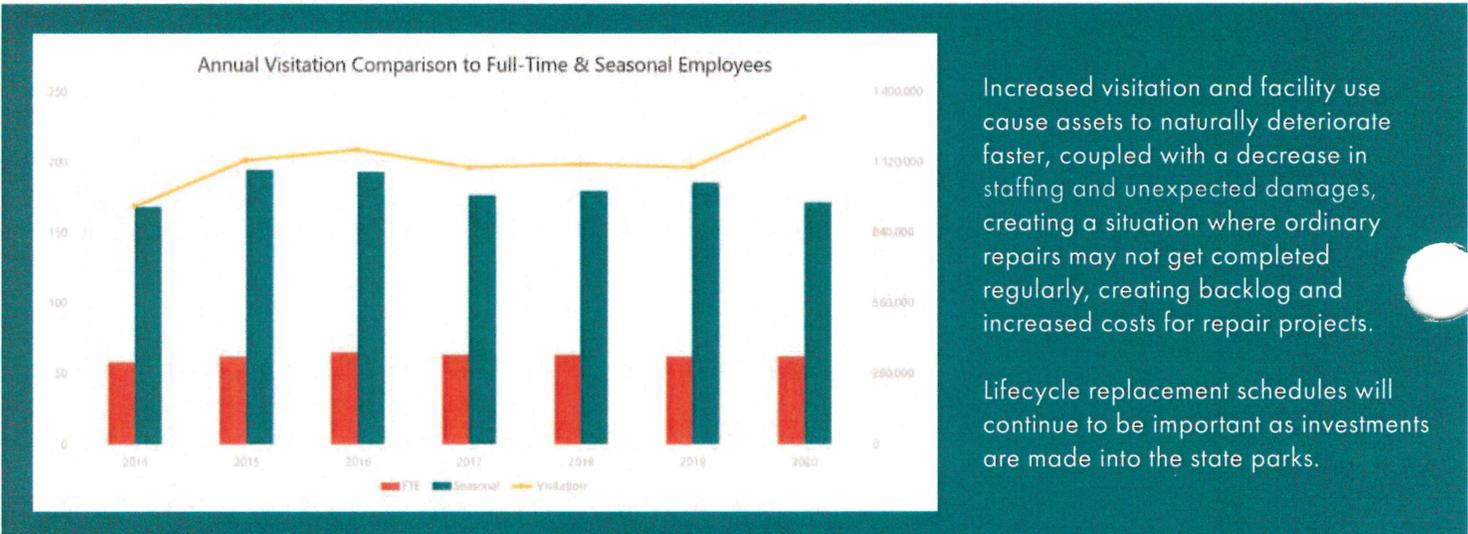
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- On-A-Slant Village

Balance as of December 31, 2020*

15-17 Biennium	\$302,211
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Increased visitation and facility use cause assets to naturally deteriorate faster, coupled with a decrease in staffing and unexpected damages, creating a situation where ordinary repairs may not get completed regularly, creating backlog and increased costs for repair projects.

Lifecycle replacement schedules will continue to be important as investments are made into the state parks.



UNEXPECTED DAMAGES

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2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1019

4/2/2021

Senate Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Senator Holmberg opened the hearing at 8:01 AM.

Senators present: **Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Bekkedahl, Poolman, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman.**

Discussion Topics:

- Movement of L & C Interpretive Center to State Historical Society

Senator Sorvaag presented and moved amendment LC 21.0278.02001 – #11318.
Senator Bekkedahl second.

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Roll Call vote 14-0-0. Motion passed.

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Roll Call vote 14-0-0. Motion passed.

Senator Sorvaag will carry the bill.

Senator Holmberg closed the committee hearing at 8:14 AM.
Rose Laning, Committee Clerk

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Page 5, line 19, replace "9" with "10"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$3,013,439	\$1,631	\$3,015,070
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	28,652,175	3,348	28,655,523
Recreation	9,023,560	11,124,958	2,001,204	13,126,162
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,876,329		3,876,329
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	1,440,912	(1,440,912)	
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$48,107,813	\$565,271	\$48,673,084
Less estimated income	20,380,727	33,687,692	1,411,901	35,099,593
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$14,420,121	(\$846,630)	\$13,573,491
FTE	61.50	61.50	(3.75)	57.75

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases ¹	Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Operatons ²	One-Time Funding for Parks Matching Program ³	Total Senate Changes
Administration	\$1,631			\$1,631
Park operations and maintenance	3,348			3,348
Recreation	1,204		\$2,000,000	2,001,204
International Peace Garden Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(12,121)	(\$1,428,791)		(1,440,912)
Total all funds	(\$5,938)	(\$1,428,791)	\$2,000,000	\$565,271
Less estimated income	96	(588,195)	2,000,000	1,411,901
General fund	(\$6,034)	(\$840,596)	\$0	(\$846,630)
FTE	0.00	(3.75)	0.00	(3.75)

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022. The House provided salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250.

² Funding and 3.75 FTEs are removed to transfer the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society. The House did not provide for this transfer.

³ One-time funding of \$2 million is provided from the strategic investment and improvements fund (\$1 million) and from other funds (\$1 million) derived from matching funds for a parks matching grant program. The House did not include this funding.

This amendment also:

- Conveys ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section exempts the conveyance from North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property. The House did not include this section.
- Creates a parks matching grant program requiring dollar-for-dollar matching funds provided from nonstate sources and includes \$1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund. The House did not include this section.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of the parks matching grant program and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation. The House did not include this section.
- Removes a section providing for a \$100,000 transfer from the Department of Transportation for defraying expenses of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. The House included this section.

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and
 2 recreation department; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact section 10 of chapter 44
 3 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to International Peace Garden capital projects; to repeal
 4 section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to International Peace Garden
 5 capital projects; to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide an application; to
 6 provide for ~~an exemption~~ exemptions; to provide a report; to provide a legislative management
 7 and to declare an emergency.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
 10 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
 11 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
 12 other income, to the parks and recreation department for the purpose of defraying the expenses
 13 of the parks and recreation department and the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and for
 14 providing a grant to the International Peace Garden, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021,
 15 and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

16 Subdivision 1.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
17 Administration	18 \$2,604,999	\$408,440	\$3,013,439
19 Park operations and maintenance	20 20,914,593	7,737,582	28,652,175
21 Recreation	22 9,023,560	2,101,398	11,124,958
23 Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$10,247,420	\$42,790,572
Less estimated income	20,046,609	10,053,084	30,099,693

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly

1	Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$194,336	\$12,690,879
2	Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	0.00	61.50
3	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$2,604,999</u>	<u>\$410,071</u>	<u>\$3,015,070</u>
4	<u>Park operations and maintenance</u>	<u>20,914,593</u>	<u>7,740,930</u>	<u>28,655,523</u>
5	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>4,102,602</u>	<u>13,126,162</u>
6	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$32,543,152</u>	<u>\$12,253,603</u>	<u>\$44,796,755</u>
7	<u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>12,052,984</u>	<u>32,099,593</u>
8	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$12,496,543</u>	<u>\$200,619</u>	<u>\$12,697,162</u>
9	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>61.50</u>	<u>(3.75)</u>	<u>57.75</u>

10 Subdivision 2.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

11			Adjustments or	
12		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
13	International Peace Garden	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,876,329</u>
14	Total all funds	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,876,329</u>
15	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
16	Total general fund	<u>\$876,329</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$876,329</u>

17 Subdivision 3.

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

18			Adjustments or	
19		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
20	Lewis and Clark interpretive center	\$1,304,375	\$136,537	\$1,440,912
21	Total all funds	\$1,304,375	\$136,537	\$1,440,912
22	Less estimated income	334,118	253,881	587,999
23	Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$117,344)	\$852,913
24	<u>Lewis and Clark interpretive center</u>	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>(\$1,304,375)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
25	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>(\$1,304,375)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
26	<u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>334,118</u>	<u>(334,118)</u>	<u>0</u>
27	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$970,257</u>	<u>(\$970,257)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

28 Subdivision 4.

TOTAL - SECTION 1

29			Adjustments or	
30		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>

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1	Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	\$76,992	\$14,420,121
2	Grand total special funds	20,380,727	13,306,965	33,687,692
3	Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$13,383,957	\$48,107,813
4	<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$14,343,129</u>	<u>(\$769,638)</u>	<u>\$13,573,491</u>
5	<u>Grand total special funds</u>	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>14,718,866</u>	<u>35,099,593</u>
6	<u>Grand total all funds</u>	<u>\$34,723,856</u>	<u>\$13,949,228</u>	<u>\$48,673,084</u>

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

11	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
12	Extraordinary repairs	\$634,126	\$7,500,000
13	Capital projects	1,755,000	0
14	International Peace Garden capital projects	5,000,000	3,000,000
15	<u>Parks matching grant program</u>		<u>2,000,000</u>
16	Additional equipment	622,000	0
17	State park survey	150,000	0
18	Recreation mapping	75,000	0
19	Traffic counters	75,000	0
20	Trail lease renewals	0	200,000
21	Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>
22	Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$10,750,000
23	Less estimated income	8,311,126	10,500,000
24	Total general fund	\$0	\$250,000
25	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$8,311,126</u>	<u>\$12,750,000</u>
26	<u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>12,500,000</u>
27	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The parks and recreation department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

1 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING.** In addition to the
2 amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional income from federal or other funds
3 that become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department for the biennium
4 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department shall report any additional
5 income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

6 **SECTION 4. GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - TRANSFER - BOAT RAMP**
7 **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.** The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of
9 section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds
10 available to the game and fish department, and must be transferred to the parks and recreation
11 department as requested by the director of the parks and recreation department for
12 maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state
13 parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

14 ~~—SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT.~~
15 ~~The estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of~~
16 ~~grant funding from the department of transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for~~
17 ~~the Lewis and Clark interpretive center.~~

18 **SECTION 5. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS - LEWIS AND CLARK**
19 **INTERPRETIVE CENTER - APPLICATION.** The State of North Dakota, by and through the
20 parks and recreation department shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive
21 center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and
22 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance.

23 **SECTION 6. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**
24 **IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of
25 section 1 of this Act includes \$7,500,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund
26 for deferred maintenance for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

27 **SECTION 7. PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**
28 **IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act
29 includes \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for a matching grant
30 program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The parks and
31 recreation department may spend these funds for capital project improvements at state parks,

1 subject to the department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each project on a
2 dollar-for-dollar basis.

3 **SECTION 8. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**
4 **IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1
5 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements
6 fund for International Peace Garden capital projects or the repayment of any outstanding loan
7 from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session
8 Laws, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
9 Expenditure of the funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba
10 providing funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding
11 referenced in this section.

12 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 10 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS - MATCHING FUNDS - INTERNATIONAL**
15 **PEACE GARDEN CAPITAL PROJECTS.** The International Peace Garden line item in
16 subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes \$2,000,000 for capital projects.
17 Expenditure of ~~thesethe~~ funds appropriated for this purpose is subject to ~~one-to-one-~~
18 ~~matching funds being raised from nonstate sources~~the province of Manitoba providing
19 funding equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with funding
20 referenced in this section. The parks and recreation department shall review and
21 accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects
22 and shall assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.
23 The International Peace Garden shall report quarterly to the parks and recreation
24 department regarding the expenditure of these funds along with the the source of the
25 matching funds. The funds appropriated in this section are not subject to section
26 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and
27 ending June 30, 2023, for capital projects.

28 **SECTION 10. REPEAL.** Section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.

29 **SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - REQUIREMENTS.**

30 Any funds remaining in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the peace tower in
31 section 30 of chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and

1 any unexpended funds are available for capital projects during the biennium beginning July 1,
2 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Funding available for use by the International Peace Garden
3 in this section is subject to the International Peace Garden raising one-to-one matching funds
4 from nonstate sources of North Dakota sources consistent with the 2013 North Dakota
5 legislative language. The parks and recreation department shall review and accept engineering
6 proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and shall assist
7 with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

8 **SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - PARK ENHANCEMENTS.** Any funds remaining for park
9 enhancements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws are not
10 subject to section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds are available for park enhancement
11 projects during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

12 **SECTION 13. EXEMPTION - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS.** Of the funds appropriated in
13 the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs, \$675,000 in
14 subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2017 Sessions Laws is not subject to section
15 54-44.111, and any unexpended funds are available for extraordinary repairs during the
16 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

17 **SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PARKS MATCHING GRANT**
18 **PROGRAM.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
19 effectiveness of the parks matching grant program created in section 7 of this Act, and the
20 feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation. The legislative
21 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
22 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

23 **SECTION 15. EMERGENCY.** The \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and
24 improvements fund appropriated for the International Peace Garden in subdivision 2 of
25 section 1 of this Act and sections ~~78~~, ~~89~~, and ~~910~~ of this Act are declared to be an emergency
26 measure.

2021 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1019

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
4/14/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman Mike Nathe called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Nathe	P	
Representative Monson	P	
Representative Boe	P	
Chairman Sorvaag	P	
Senator Bekkedahl	P	
Senator Mathern	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Base level funding changes
- SIIF funding

Andrea Travnicek (2:36 p.m.) testified neutrally.

Additional written testimony: #11526

Chairman Mike Nathe adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019
Base Level Funding Changes

	House Version				Senate Version				Senate Changes to House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease) - House Version			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$20,380,727	\$34,723,856	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)				\$0
Salary increase		260,934	10,554	271,488		254,900	10,650	265,550		(\$6,034)	\$96	(5,938)
Health insurance increase		2,954	701	3,655		2,954	701	3,655				0
Increases funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center			173,554	173,554			173,554	173,554				0
Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations				0	(3.75)	(\$840,596)	(\$588,195)	(1,428,791)	(3.75)	(\$840,596)	(\$588,195)	(1,428,791)
Increases ongoing funding for grants, benefits, and claims			2,308,426	2,308,426			2,308,426	2,308,426				0
Increases funding for data processing		410,250	7,664	417,914		410,250	7,664	417,914				0
Adjusts funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs			230,079	230,079			230,079	230,079				0
Adjusts funding for professional services			40,124	40,124			40,124	40,124				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		19,751	6,687	26,438		19,751	6,687	26,438				0
Reduces funding for bond payment		(710)		(710)		(710)		(710)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	(\$173,008)	\$2,806,965	\$2,633,957	(3.75)	(\$1,019,638)	\$2,218,866	\$1,199,228	(3.75)	(\$846,630)	(\$588,099)	(\$1,434,729)
One-time funding items												
Adds funding from SIIF for parks deferred maintenance			\$7,500,000	7,500,000			\$7,500,000	7,500,000				\$0
Adds funding from SIIF for the International Peace Garden capital projects			3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000				0
Adds funding for trail lease renewals		\$200,000		200,000		\$200,000		200,000				0
Adds funding for Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000				0
Adds funding from SIIF for parks and recreation matching program				0			1,000,000	1,000,000			\$1,000,000	1,000,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$250,000	\$10,500,000	\$10,750,000	0.00	\$250,000	\$11,500,000	\$11,750,000	0.00	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$76,992	\$13,306,965	\$13,383,957	(3.75)	(\$769,638)	\$13,718,866	\$12,949,228	(3.75)	(\$846,630)	\$411,901	(\$434,729)
2021-23 Total Funding	61.50	\$14,420,121	\$33,687,692	\$48,107,813	57.75	\$13,573,491	\$34,099,593	\$47,673,084	(3.75)	(\$846,630)	\$411,901	(\$434,729)
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	(1.2%)	13.8%	7.6%	(6.1%)	(7.1%)	10.9%	3.5%				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	0.5%	65.3%	38.5%	(6.1%)	(5.4%)	67.3%	37.3%				

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	House Version	Senate Version
Appropriation - Additional income	Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfers funding from Game and Fish	Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	House Version	Senate Version
Transfers the the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society		Section 5 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also would exempt the conveyance from Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.
Transfers funding from the Department of Transportation	Section 5 provides that the estimated income line item in subdivision 3 of Section 1 of this Act, includes \$100,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of defraying expenses for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.	
Deferred maintenance - Strategic investment and improvements fund	Section 6 provides \$7.5 million for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium from the strategic investment and improvements fund.	Section 6 provides \$7.5 million for deferred maintenance for the 2021-23 biennium from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
Creates Matching Program		Section 7 creates a parks matching grant program which requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. Includes \$1,000,000 from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund.
Provides for capital projects at the International Peace Garden	Section 7 provides \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.	Section 8 provides \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for capital projects. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws.
Amendment to require matching funds come from province of Manitoba and require the International Peace Garden to report to the Parks and Recreation Department	Section 8 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba and requires the the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds.The funds appropriated are not subject to Section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 9 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada come from the province of Manitoba and requires the the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of those funds.The funds appropriated are not subject to Section 54-44.1-11, and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.
Amendment to contingent loan from Bank of North Dakota	Section 9 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.	Section 10 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.

Other Sections in Parks and Recreation Department - Budget No. 750

	<u>House Version</u>	<u>Senate Version</u>
Exemption for Peace Tower	Section 10 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.	Section 11 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.
Exemption for park enhancements	Section 11 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11.	Section 12 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11.
Exemption for extraordinary repairs	Section 12 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 for the 2021-23 biennium	Section 13 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 for the 2021-23 biennium
Legislative Management Study		Section 14 provides for a Legislative Management Study on the parks matching grant program and feasibility of creating a parks and recreation foundation.
Emergency	Section 13 declares Sections 7, 8, and 9 of this Act to be an emergency measure.	Section 15 declares Sections 8, 9, and 10 of this Act to be an emergency measure.
Transfers funds from the legacy fund earnings to the matching program		

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
4/15/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman Mike Nathe called the meeting to order at 4:04

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Nathe	P	
Representative Monson	P	
Representative Boe	P	
Chairman Sorvaag	P	
Senator Bekkedahl	P	
Senator Mathern	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Base level funding changes
- Extraordinary repairs and capital projects
- Matching funds

Andrea Travnicek, Director of Parks and Recreation (4:14 p.m.) testified neutrally.

Additional written testimony: #11547

Chairman Mike Nathe adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF): Agency Budgets (Trump 1)

\$ 78,260,768 Corrections/Highway Patrol Salaries

HB 1395

Trump 1

\$ 78,260,768 Corrections/Highway Patrol Salaries
\$ 7,000,000 Tourism (SB 2018) CC
\$ 6,500,000 Cyber Security ITD (SB 2021)
\$ 5,250,000 Bioscience (HB 1009 with claw back)
\$ 4,000,000 Well Plugging (HB 1395)
\$ 2,000,000 Event Center Venues (SB 2018) CC
\$ 2,311,638 Senior Nutrition (HB 1012) CC
\$ 2,000,000 Travel Agencies (SB 2018) CC
\$ 523,194 State Treasure (HB 1395)
\$ 300,000 School for Deaf HVAC (HB 1013) CC
\$ 250,000 Regional Education Associations (HB 1013) CC
\$ 86,000 Vision Services HVAC (HB 1013) CC
\$ 18,400 Audit OMB (HB 1395)
\$108,506,000

Biden 1

1 Billion on its way
Waiting for Federal Guidance

OMB Bill:

Coronavirus Capital Projects: \$112M funds from Biden 1

\$ 80,000,000 Career and Tech
\$ 11,774,000 State Parks (General Fund)
\$ 4,700,000 Historical (General Fund)
\$ 4,000,000 Pulver Hall
\$ 3,000,000 Law Enforcement
\$ 9,000,000 For discussion
\$112,474,000

Traditional

\$ 21,900,000 DOT all townships (\$8.1M already in OMB)
\$ 17,500,000 Presidential Library Loan
\$ 5,900,000 Minot Science Center
\$ 5,000,000 GF Airport
\$ 4,000,000 UND Space Command
\$ 1,000,000 Arts

HB 1394 (Trump #2)

Passed & completed

Consideration

\$250,000,000 Clean Sustainable Energy Loan (BND line of credit)
\$ 5,000,000 Grass Lands (Ag Commissioners budget from SIFF)
\$ PERS Unfunded Liability

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
4/19/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman Mike Nathe called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Nathe	P	
Representative Monson	P	
Representative Boe	P	
Chairman Sorvaag	P	
Senator Bekkedahl	P	
Senator Mathern	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Base level funding changes
- Federal funding versus SIIF funding

Representative Mike Nathe (11:08 a.m.) explained a proposed amendment. Testimony #11556

Chairman Mike Nathe adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
the Conference Committee
April 15, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1464-1466 of the House Journal and pages 1169-1171 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1019 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after the first semicolon insert "to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for application;"

Page 1, line 5, after the second "provide" insert "for"

Page 1, replace lines 17 through 23 with:

"Administration	\$2,604,999	\$410,071	\$3,015,070
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	7,740,930	28,655,523
Recreation	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>4,102,602</u>	<u>13,126,162</u>
Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$12,253,603	\$44,796,755
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>12,052,984</u>	<u>32,099,593</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$200,619	\$12,697,162
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	(3.75)	57.75"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 14 with:

"Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>(\$1,304,375)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	(\$1,304,375)	\$0
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>(334,118)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$970,257)	\$0"

Page 2, replace lines 18 through 20 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	(\$769,638)	\$13,573,491
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>14,718,866</u>	<u>35,099,593</u>
Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$13,949,228	\$48,673,084"

Page 2, line 26, after "repairs" insert "and capital projects"

Page 2, after line 28, insert:

"Parks matching grant program	0	2,000,000"
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Page 3, replace lines 5 through 7 with:

"Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$12,750,000
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>12,500,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$250,000"

Page 3, replace lines 25 through 28 with:

"SECTION 5. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS - LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER - APPLICATION. The state of North Dakota, by and through the parks and recreation department, shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance."

Page 3, line 29, after "MAINTENANCE" insert "AND CAPITAL PROJECTS"

Page 4, line 2, after "maintenance" insert "and capital projects"

Page 4, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 7. PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for a matching grant program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The parks and recreation department may spend these funds for capital project improvements at state parks, subject to the department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each project on a dollar-for-dollar basis."

Page 5, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the effectiveness of the parks matching grant program created in section 7 of this Act and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

Page 5, line 19, replace "7" with "8"

Page 5, line 19, replace "8" with "9"

Page 5, line 19, replace "9" with "10"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$3,013,439	\$1,631	\$3,015,070	\$3,015,070	
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	28,652,175	3,348	28,655,523	28,655,523	
Recreation	9,023,560	11,124,958	2,001,204	13,126,162	13,126,162	
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,876,329		3,876,329	3,876,329	
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	1,440,912	(1,440,912)			
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$48,107,813	\$565,271	\$48,673,084	\$48,673,084	\$0
Less estimated income	20,380,727	33,687,692	1,411,901	35,099,593	35,099,593	0
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$14,420,121	(\$846,630)	\$13,573,491	\$13,573,491	\$0
FTE	61.50	61.50	(3.75)	57.75	57.75	0.00

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases ¹	Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Operatons ²	One-Time Funding for Parks Matching Program ³	Total Conference Committee Changes
Administration	\$1,631			\$1,631
Park operations and maintenance	3,348			3,348
Recreation	1,204		\$2,000,000	2,001,204
International Peace Garden Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(12,121)	(\$1,428,791)		(1,440,912)
Total all funds	(\$5,938)	(\$1,428,791)	\$2,000,000	\$565,271
Less estimated income	96	(588,195)	2,000,000	1,411,901
General fund	(\$6,034)	(\$840,596)	\$0	(\$846,630)
FTE	0.00	(3.75)	0.00	(3.75)

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022, the same as the Senate version. The House provided salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250.

² Funding and 3.75 FTE positions are removed to transfer the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society, the same as the Senate version. The House did not provide for this transfer.

³ One-time funding of \$2 million is provided from the strategic investment and improvements fund (\$1 million) and from other funds (\$1 million) derived from matching funds for a parks matching grant program, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this funding.

This amendment also:

- Conveys ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section exempts the conveyance from North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Includes capital projects with deferred maintenance for uses of the \$7.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
- Creates a parks matching grant program requiring dollar-for-dollar matching funds provided from nonstate sources and includes \$1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of the parks matching grant program and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Removes a section providing for a \$100,000 transfer from the Department of Transportation for defraying expenses of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, the same as the Senate version. The House included this section.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1019
4/20/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department.
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Chairman Mike Nathe called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Representative	Present	Absent
Chairman Nathe	P	
Representative Monson	P	
Representative Boe	P	
Chairman Sorvaag	P	
Senator Bekkedahl	P	
Senator Mathern	P	

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Senator Sorvaag made a motion to recede from the senate amendments and further amend. 21.0278.02003

Senator Mathern Seconded

Roll Call Vote taken:

Motion Carried: 6-0-0

Representative Nathe and Senator Sorvaag will carry the bill.

Chairman Mike Nathe adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Klarissa Pudwill, Committee Clerk

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1464-1466 of the House Journal and pages 1169-1171 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1019 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after the first semicolon insert "to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for application;"

Page 1, line 5, after the second "provide" insert "for"

Page 1, replace lines 17 through 23 with:

"Administration	\$2,604,999	\$410,071	\$3,015,070
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	8,140,930	29,055,523
Recreation	<u>9,023,560</u>	<u>3,735,402</u>	<u>12,758,962</u>
Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$12,286,403	\$44,829,555
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>12,085,784</u>	<u>32,132,393</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$200,619	\$12,697,162
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	(3.75)	57.75"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 14 with:

"Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>(\$1,304,375)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	(\$1,304,375)	\$0
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>(334,118)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$970,257)	\$0"

Page 2, replace lines 18 through 20 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	(\$769,638)	\$13,573,491
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>14,751,666</u>	<u>35,132,393</u>
Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$13,982,028	\$48,705,884"

Page 2, replace line 26 with:

"Extraordinary repairs and capital projects	\$634,126	\$7,900,000"
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Page 2, after line 28, insert:

"Parks matching grant program	0	1,632,800"
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Page 3, replace lines 5 through 7 with:

"Total all funds	\$8,311,126	\$12,782,800
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>	<u>12,532,800</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$250,000"

Page 3, replace lines 25 through 28 with:

"SECTION 5. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS - LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER - APPLICATION. The state of North Dakota, by and through the parks and recreation department, shall convey ownership of the Lewis and

Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance."

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Page 3, line 29, after "**MAINTENANCE**" insert "**AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**"

Page 3, line 29, remove "**STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**"

Page 3, line 30, replace "**IMPROVEMENTS FUND**" with "**FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**"

Page 4, line 1 replace "\$7,500,000" with "\$7,900,000"

Page 4, line 1, replace "the strategic investment and improvements fund" with "federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 4, line 2, after "maintenance" insert "and capital projects"

Page 4, line 2, after the period insert "The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

SECTION 7. PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND. The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,632,800, of which \$816,400 is from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund and \$816,400 is matching funds from nonstate sources for a matching grant program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The parks and recreation department may spend these funds for capital project improvements at state parks, subject to the department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each project on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The federal funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Page 4, line 3, remove "**STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**"

Page 4, line 4, replace "**IMPROVEMENTS FUND**" with "**FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**"

Page 4, line 5, remove "strategic investment and improvements"

Page 4, line 6, replace "fund" with " federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 4, line 11, after the period insert "The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Page 5, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the effectiveness of the parks matching grant program created in

section 7 of this Act and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

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Page 5, line 17, remove "the strategic investment and"

Page 5, line 18, replace "improvements fund" with " federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 5, line 19, replace "7" with "8"

Page 5, line 19, replace "8" with "9"

Page 5, line 19, replace "9" with "10"

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$3,013,439	\$1,631	\$3,015,070	\$3,015,070	
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	28,652,175	403,348	29,055,523	28,655,523	\$400,000
Recreation	9,023,560	11,124,958	1,634,004	12,758,962	13,126,162	(367,200)
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,876,329		3,876,329	3,876,329	
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	1,440,912	(1,440,912)			
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$48,107,813	\$598,071	\$48,705,884	\$48,673,084	\$32,800
Less estimated income	20,380,727	33,687,692	1,444,701	35,132,393	35,099,593	32,800
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$14,420,121	(\$846,630)	\$13,573,491	\$13,573,491	\$0
FTE	61.50	61.50	(3.75)	57.75	57.75	0.00

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases ¹	Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Operations ²	One-Time Funding for Parks Matching Program ³	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance ⁴	Adjusts One-Time Funding Source for International Peace Garden ⁵	Total Conference Committee Changes
Administration	\$1,631					\$1,631
Park operations and maintenance	3,348			\$400,000		403,348
Recreation	1,204		\$1,632,800			1,634,004
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(12,121)	(\$1,428,791)				(1,440,912)
Total all funds	(\$5,938)	(\$1,428,791)	\$1,632,800	\$400,000	\$0	\$598,071
Less estimated income	96	(588,195)	1,632,800	400,000	0	1,444,701
General fund	(\$6,034)	(\$840,596)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$846,630)
FTE	0.00	(3.75)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3.75)

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022, the same as the Senate version. The House provided salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250.

² Funding and 3.75 FTE positions are removed to transfer the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State

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Historical Society, the same as the Senate version. The House did not provide for this transfer.

³ One-time funding of \$1,632,800 is provided from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (\$816,400) and from matching funds (\$816,400) for a parks matching grant program. The Senate provided funding of \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$1,000,000 from matching funds. The House did not include this funding.

⁴ Changes the funding source from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to provide a total of \$7.9 million for deferred maintenance and capital projects. The Senate and the House provided \$7.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

⁵ Changes the funding source from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the International Peace Garden capital projects. The Senate and the House provided \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

This amendment also:

- Conveys ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section exempts the conveyance from North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property. The Senate version included this section, the House did not.
- Creates a parks matching grant program requiring dollar-for-dollar matching funds provided from nonstate sources, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of the parks matching grant program and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Removes a section providing for a \$100,000 transfer from the Department of Transportation for defraying expenses of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, the same as the Senate version. The House included this section.

**2021 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1019 as engrossed

House Conference Committee

- Action Taken** **HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments**
 HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments and further amend
 SENATE recede from Senate amendments
 SENATE recede from Senate amendments and amend as follows
- Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Representatives	4/14	4/15	4/19	Yes	No		Senators	4/14	4/15	4/19	Yes	No
Chairman Nathe	P	P	P				Chairman Sorvaag	P	P	P		
Representative Monson	P	P	P				Senator Bekkedahl	P	P	P		
Representative Boe	P	P	P				Senator Mathern	P	P	P		
Total Rep. Vote							Total Senate Vote					

Vote Count Yes: _____ No: _____ Absent: _____

House Carrier _____ Senate Carrier _____

LC Number _____ . _____ of amendment

LC Number _____ . _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

**2021 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1019 as engrossed

House Conference Committee

- Action Taken**
- HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments
 - HOUSE accede to Senate Amendments and further amend
 - SENATE recede from Senate amendments
 - SENATE recede from Senate amendments and amend as follows
 - Unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Senator Sorvaag Seconded by: Senator Mathern

Representatives	4/20		Yes	No		Senators	4/20		Yes	No
Chairman Nathe	P		X			Chairman Sorvaag	P		X	
Representative Monson	P		X			Senator Bekkedahl	P		X	
Representative Boe	P		X			Senator Mathern	P		X	
Total Rep. Vote			3	0		Total Senate Vote			3	0

Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 0

House Carrier Representative Nathe Senate Carrier Senator Sorvaag

LC Number 21.0278 . 02003 of amendment

LC Number 21.0278 . 04000 of engrossment

Emergency clause added

Statement of purpose of amendment

To transfer the Lewis and Clark site to State Historical Society and add language for capital projects.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1019, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Sorvaag, Bekkedahl, Mathern and Reps. Nathe, Monson, Boe) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1169-1171, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1019 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1464-1466 of the House Journal and pages 1169-1171 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1019 be amended as follows:

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Page 1, replace lines 17 through 23 with:

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Total all funds	\$32,543,152	\$12,286,403	\$44,829,555
Less estimated income	<u>20,046,609</u>	<u>12,085,784</u>	<u>32,132,393</u>
Total general fund	\$12,496,543	\$200,619	\$12,697,162
Full-time equivalent positions	61.50	(3.75)	57.75"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 14 with:

"Lewis and Clark interpretive center	<u>\$1,304,375</u>	<u>(\$1,304,375)</u>	\$0
Total all funds	\$1,304,375	(\$1,304,375)	\$0
Less estimated income	<u>334,118</u>	<u>(334,118)</u>	0
Total general fund	\$970,257	(\$970,257)	\$0"

Page 2, replace lines 18 through 20 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$14,343,129	(\$769,638)	\$13,573,491
Grand total special funds	<u>20,380,727</u>	<u>14,751,666</u>	<u>35,132,393</u>
Grand total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$13,982,028	\$48,705,884"

Page 2, replace line 26 with:

"Extraordinary repairs and capital projects	\$634,126		\$7,900,000"
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Page 2, after line 28, insert:

"Parks matching grant program	0		1,632,800"
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Page 3, replace lines 5 through 7 with:

"Total all funds	\$8,311,126		\$12,782,800
Less estimated income	<u>8,311,126</u>		<u>12,532,800</u>
Total general fund	\$0		\$250,000"

Page 3, replace lines 25 through 28 with:

"SECTION 5. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS - LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER - APPLICATION. The state of North Dakota, by and through the parks and recreation department, shall convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and surrounding real property to the state

historical society. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to this conveyance."

Page 3, line 29, after "**MAINTENANCE**" insert "**AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**"

Page 3, line 29, remove "**STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**"

Page 3, line 30, replace "**IMPROVEMENTS FUND**" with "**FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**"

Page 4, line 1 replace "\$7,500,000" with "\$7,900,000"

Page 4, line 1, replace "the strategic investment and improvements fund" with "federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 4, line 2, after "maintenance" insert "and capital projects"

Page 4, line 2, after the period insert "The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

SECTION 7. PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND. The recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,632,800, of which \$816,400 is from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund and \$816,400 is matching funds from nonstate sources for a matching grant program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The parks and recreation department may spend these funds for capital project improvements at state parks, subject to the department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each project on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The federal funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Page 4, line 3, remove "**STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND**"

Page 4, line 4, replace "**IMPROVEMENTS FUND**" with "**FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**"

Page 4, line 5, remove "strategic investment and improvements"

Page 4, line 6, replace "fund" with " federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 4, line 11, after the period insert "The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Page 5, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the effectiveness of the parks matching grant

program created in section 7 of this Act and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

Page 5, line 17, remove "the strategic investment and"

Page 5, line 18, replace "improvements fund" with " federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund"

Page 5, line 19, replace "7" with "8"

Page 5, line 19, replace "8" with "9"

Page 5, line 19, replace "9" with "10"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1019 - Parks and Recreation Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Administration	\$2,604,999	\$3,013,439	\$1,631	\$3,015,070	\$3,015,070	
Park operations and maintenance	20,914,593	28,652,175	403,348	29,055,523	28,655,523	\$400,000
Recreation	9,023,560	11,124,958	1,634,004	12,758,962	13,126,162	(367,200)
International Peace Garden	876,329	3,876,329		3,876,329	3,876,329	
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	1,304,375	1,440,912	(1,440,912)			
Total all funds	\$34,723,856	\$48,107,813	\$598,071	\$48,705,884	\$48,673,084	\$32,800
Less estimated income	20,380,727	33,687,692	1,444,701	35,132,393	35,099,593	32,800
General fund	\$14,343,129	\$14,420,121	(\$846,630)	\$13,573,491	\$13,573,491	\$0
FTE	61.50	61.50	(3.75)	57.75	57.75	0.00

Department 750 - Parks and Recreation Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases ¹	Transfers the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Operatons ²	One-Time Funding for Parks Matching Program ³	Adds One-Time Funding for Deferred Maintenance ⁴	Adjusts One-Time Funding Source for International Peace Garden ⁵	Total Conference Committee Changes
Administration	\$1,631					\$1,631
Park operations and maintenance	3,348			\$400,000		403,348
Recreation	1,204		\$1,632,800			1,634,004
International Peace Garden						
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	(12,121)	(\$1,428,791)				(1,440,912)
Total all funds	(\$5,938)	(\$1,428,791)	\$1,632,800	\$400,000	\$0	\$598,071
Less estimated income	96	(588,195)	1,632,800	400,000	0	1,444,701
General fund	(\$6,034)	(\$840,596)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$846,630)
FTE	0.00	(3.75)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3.75)

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022, the same as the Senate version. The House provided salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250.

² Funding and 3.75 FTE positions are removed to transfer the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society, the same as the Senate version. The House did not provide for this transfer.

³ One-time funding of \$1,632,800 is provided from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (\$816,400) and from matching funds (\$816,400) for a parks matching grant program. The Senate provided funding of \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$1,000,000 from matching funds. The House did not include this funding.

⁴ Changes the funding source from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to provide a total of \$7.9 million for deferred maintenance and capital projects. The Senate and the House provided \$7.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

⁵ Changes the funding source from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the International Peace Garden capital projects. The Senate and the House provided \$3 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

This amendment also:

- Conveys ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section exempts the conveyance from North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property. The Senate version included this section, the House did not.
- Creates a parks matching grant program requiring dollar-for-dollar matching funds provided from nonstate sources, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of the parks matching grant program and the feasibility and desirability of creating a parks and recreation foundation, the same as the Senate version. The House did not include this section.
- Removes a section providing for a \$100,000 transfer from the Department of Transportation for defraying expenses of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, the same as the Senate version. The House included this section.

Engrossed HB 1019 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.