

Committee Members sought

Parks and trails, and the part of the tourism industry they form, are huge for our state and community. Our area alone has the Paul Bunyan State Trail, the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail, the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Biking Trail, Crow Wing State Park, and Pillsbury State Forest.

Since parks and trails are so important to our economy, I strongly encourage qualified folks from our area to apply to serve on the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Legacy Advisory Committee is to promote and coordinate the implementation of the Parks and Trails Legacy Plan for Parks and Trails of State and Regional Significance — a 25-year long range plan www.legacy.leg.mn/sites/default/files/resources/parks_trails_legacy_plan... committee will have 15-17 members and will be a mixture of park and trail professionals and citizens.

There will be no less than two meetings each year and no more than six. Initial terms will be for two or three years. Applicants are asked to have experience in land acquisition, youth programs, natural resource education, new Minnesotans, resource management, marketing, new technology activities, recreation research, tourism, or business.

Interested individuals should send applications no later than December 7, 2011 to Laurie Young, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 or email to: laures.young@state.mn.us . The application can be found at www.legacy.leg.mn/parks-and-trails-legacy-advisory-committee.

If you can, please consider applying to serve on this committee. The work done on this committee will be of great importance to our region.

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