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**MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE FOR CRYSTAL LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL
WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 30**

The public is invited to an open house in September to learn more about the master planning process for the Crystal Lake Regional Trail and make comments about the proposed project. The Crystal Lake Regional Trail will travel approximately nine miles through Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park, Osseo and Maple Grove. The open house will take place from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 30, at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive N., Crystal.

When completed, the Crystal Lake Regional Trail will link the Minneapolis Grand Rounds trail system at Victory Memorial Parkway with Elm Creek Park Reserve. Construction of the trail has been divided into two segments. Three Rivers Park District has received a federal Surface Transportation Program grant to build approximately two miles of the trail in Robbinsdale. This phase will connect the Grand Rounds trail to the existing Twin Lakes Regional Trail tunnel under Trunk Highway 100.

The trail's second phase, which is in the planning stages, is expected to run parallel to County Road 81 northwest to Elm Creek Park Reserve. There, it will connect to both the Medicine Lake and Rush Creek regional trails.

The Crystal Lake Regional Trail Task Force is guiding the trail master planning process and will coordinate planning efforts with local and regional agencies. The master planning process, which began in July, is expected to take approximately one year. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the open house; written comments also may be submitted by e-mail to CrystalLakeTrail@threeriversparkdistrict.org or by mail to: Three Rivers Park District, Crystal Lake Regional Trail, 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441

About Three Rivers Park District

Three Rivers Park District is a natural resources-based park system that manages park reserves, regional parks, regional trails and special-use facilities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Park District offers facilities for every season, including picnicking, swimming, creative play, boating, fishing, downhill skiing, snowboarding, golf, camping and sledding; extensive trails for hiking, biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, as well as program sites for nature, recreation, historic and farm education.

Three Rivers Park District's mission is to promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system. The Park District owns and operates more than 27,000 acres and serves 7 million visitors a year.