

**Carver County Board of Commissioners
March 18, 2008
County Board Room
Carver County Government Center
Human Services Building
Chaska, Minnesota**

County Board Work Session Agenda

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4:00 p.m.	1. PUBLIC WORKS	
	1.1 Parks and Conservation Space Funding	1
5:00 p.m.	Board and Administrator Reports	

David Hemze
County Administrator



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Parks and Conservation Space Funding

Originating Division: Public Works

Meeting Date: March 18, 2008

Amount of Time Requested: 1 hour

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: In November 2007, a presentation was made to the Board which outlined current work taking place in the County's park areas and near term funding needs for land acquisition and development. Information presented indicated that if the County continues to advance fund land acquisition and wait for reimbursement by the Metropolitan Council before new projects are considered, it would be approximately 12-26 years of reimbursement before work would go forward to develop existing parks or new park areas would be considered for acquisition. At the conclusion of the presentation it was discussed that the board did not object to learning more about what others are doing to help finance parks and conservation space. One of those successful methods employed by other Park agencies has been to ask voters if they support funding of parks and conservation space by way of a referendum. County survey data indicates voter support for acquiring land of high natural value.

Representatives from the Trust for Pubic Lands (TPL) have volunteered to provide the Board with information on conservation financing for parks and conservation spaces.

The presentation does not commit the County to any action. It is purely for educational purposes.

ACTION REQUESTED: None

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$
Other Sources & Amounts =
=\$
TOTAL =\$

FISCAL IMPACT

- None
- Included in current budget
- Budget amendment requested
- Other:

Related Financial Comments:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: