

Battle Creek Winter Recreation Area

Proposed Snowmaking Facility



The Request

\$3.1 million in state funding as a matching grant to design and construct the Battle Creek Winter Recreation area.

The project will install a permanent snowmaking system on 2.5 kilometers of lighted ski trail, as well as a teaching area, snowboarding, recreational tubing and sledding area.

Benefits

Battle Creek Winter Recreation area will support local student athletes, foster healthy winter activities in the community, build the base of skiers benefitting the entire state and bolster tourism efforts in the east metro. Currently, Nordic skiers in the east metro travel 30 - 60 minutes away to reach a snowmaking facility.

- Extends the ski season from 60 days to 100 days
- Provides reliable ski trails to over 30 high schools in the east metro
- Would be the first and only snowmaking facility in the east metro

Project Detail

The snowmaking system will be designed to establish a cross-country ski trail at temperatures below 27° F. System features include construction of a reservoir for water cooling, a pumping station, pipe and hydrants, electrical connections and fixtures for snowmaking; tow rope system for snowboarding, and a seasonal building to house the pumping station and equipment. Portable snowmaking guns and

grooming equipment to grade the snow will be provided as part of the local cost share.

Fiscal Impact

Project costs total \$4.5 million. State request - \$3.1 million. Ramsey County - \$1 million. The community will raise additional funds through private funding.

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About Battle Creek Regional Park

Battle Creek is a 1,440-acre regional park located in the cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood and hosts 14 kilometers of cross-country ski trails, 3.8 kilometers of which are lighted. The Battle Creek Recreation Center, operated by the city of Saint Paul, is adjacent to the area where the proposed recreation area will be located. Battle Creek is one of the most visited parks in the Ramsey County system, with over 656,000 visitors each year.



Portable snowmaking guns demonstration at Battle Creek Regional Park. Portable snow guns are used to establish cross country ski trails.

