

# ***Todd County Board of Commissioners***

May 1, 2006

To the Citizens of Todd County:

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, it is with great pleasure to share with you the Todd County Parks, Open Space and Trail Plan. This long-range planning document contains recommendations to help guide the development of recreation opportunities in the County over the next ten to twenty years. Creating and maintaining recreation opportunities and protecting open space is a complicated endeavor. The proper planning and design of recreational facilities requires the involvement and cooperation of many people.

Our initial focus is to enhance and protect the recreational and open space resources that we already have in the County. That includes Battle Point Park, located on Lake Osakis, and the countywide snowmobile trail system. We will work collaboratively with the landowners and local officials from the cities and townships early in the development of all projects to ensure good working relationships. Furthermore, this plan is a starting point, a guide, we recognize more decisions will need to be made. We also recognize that over time, some things will change, and we will need to adapt to these situations.

Members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) volunteered hundreds of hours to create this strategic long-range plan. Plus, many more citizens gave their time and ideas at a one of five area meetings held throughout the County and in two landowner workshops on open space. In total, citizens of Todd County donated over 2,000 hours on this Plan. A sincere expression of gratitude and thanks goes out to all of the people who contributed to this process.

Citizens, landowners, local officials, and representatives from recreational organizations are encouraged to read through the Executive Summary before diving into the full plan document. If you have questions as you read through this document, information on who to contact is provided at the end of this summary. We look forward to working with you, your neighbors, and interested organizations throughout the county.

Let's roll up our sleeves and make our vision become a reality!

Sincerely,

Janet Goligowski, Chair  
Todd County Board of Commissioners