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**REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION OF THE TWIN CITIES EARNS CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL
“MEETS ALL STANDARDS” SEAL**

SAINT LOUIS PARK, MN March 22, 2010--- The Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities, announces that it has been awarded the Charities Review Council “Meets All Standards” Seal indicating that it meets all sixteen of its Accountability Standards.

Nonprofit organizations such as The Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities earn the Seal by voluntarily participating in the Council’s online Accountability Wizard. The Accountability Wizard is available to all nonprofit organizations soliciting in Minnesota and addresses a nonprofit organization’s performance in four critical areas: Public Disclosure, Governance, Financial Activity and Fundraising. By participating in the Accountability Wizard, nonprofit organizations can demonstrate responsibility, integrity and transparency to their constituents.

The Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities is now listed as a reviewed organization on the online Giving Guide of the Council’s Smart Givers Network, www.smartgivers.org and the Council’s Smart Giver newsletter distributed to more than 18,000 subscribers in Minnesota. The listings help a nonprofit organization demonstrate its commitment to accountable ethical practices to the public and that it is a trustworthy organization. The Council’s Smart Givers Network is the source of unbiased information where smart givers come for help and resources on responsible giving. The giving public can investigate an organization’s mission statement and programs, so they can be sure of what their money supports and determine whether it meets widely accepted standards.

Founded in 2008, The Regional Parks Foundation is committed to enhancing our region’s livability by using private funds to support planned land acquisitions for the regional parks and trail system and to increase awareness of regional parks. With more than 38 million annual visits, 49 regional parks and reserves, 231 miles of regional trails and six special recreation features... there is a well loved and well used regional park near almost everyone in the metro area.

For more information about The Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities, call Jane Johnson, Executive Director, at 952-697-3554 or visit www.rpftc.org.