

Four efforts were planned to better understand the changing nature of outdoor recreation in Minnesota.

Determine the general outdoor recreation participation of Minnesotans.

Establish a cost-effective methodology that can be replicated every 5 years, so trends can be established, and short-term forecasts made.

Review secondary information sources for information they may provide on recreation participation/use trends in the state. This will assist with short-term forecasting.

Determine—from providers—the recreation facility needs and management concerns of cities, counties and school districts in the state. Establish a cost-effective methodology that can be replicated every 5 years, so trends can be established, and short-term forecasts made.

Determine directly the recreation facility and program needs of the general Minnesota population.