

2014 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2019

PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition
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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b; *appropriation extended to June 20, 2019 in M.L. 2017 Chp. 96, Sec. 2, Subd. 17(a)(5), as extended by M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20.*

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

AMOUNT SPENT: \$1,500,000

AMOUNT REMAINING: \$0

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

(In 50 words or less, describe the outcomes of your project as they relate to protecting, conserving, preserving, and enhancing Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources)

This project acquired nine properties with high-quality natural resources for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System. This system offers large-scale, natural-resource based recreation opportunities in the metropolitan area for all Minnesotans. The 114 acres protected through this project have a broad range of ecological significance, including wetlands, river bluffs, ravines, shoreline, hardwoods, uplands and floodplains.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System is a natural resource-based system, with an emphasis on lands that are contiguous to lakes, rivers, or other water bodies. Natural resource protection and restoration is a key objective for the system. The 2014 ENRTF appropriation of \$1.5 million was matched with \$1 million of Metropolitan Council bonds and \$833,000 of regional park implementing agency funds for a total of \$3.3 million for acquisition for the Regional Park System. Approximately 114 acres were acquired through this appropriation. The parcels acquired contain high quality natural resources and are located within the boundaries of regional parks, regional park reserves or regional trails.

Nine properties were acquired for the Regional Park System. Dakota County acquired a 2.5-acre inholding for the Lebanon Hills Regional Park that will be restored to oak savanna. Washington County acquired an 8-acre hardwood forest inholding for the Big Marine Park Reserve that includes a portion of Pitzl Pond.

Three Rivers Park District acquired three properties totaling 19.6 acres for the Rush Creek Regional Trail. Rush Creek runs through these properties and these acquisitions will protect .75 miles of shoreline along with the creek's wetlands and uplands.

Three Rivers Park District also acquired two properties totaling 65 acres for the Baker Carver Regional Trail. One of these properties contains wetlands, woods, and a creek that feeds into Lake Minnetonka and Minnehaha Creek. The other property contains uplands with mature trees, and nearly 3 acres of wetland with frontage on Six Mile Creek.

Finally, Three Rivers Park District acquired two properties totaling 18.5 acres for the West Mississippi Regional Trail. These properties contain wooded ravines and a half mile of shoreline, protecting the Mississippi River along the regional trail.

These nine acquisitions will add over 100 acres to the Regional Park System for all Minnesotans to enjoy, while protecting valuable natural resources for the region.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The three Regional Parks Implementing Agencies that acquired property through this project- Dakota County, Three Rivers Park District, and Washington County- each conducted their own dissemination activities. Washington County issued a news release after acquiring the property for Big Marine Park Reserve and posted an ENRTF sign at the site. Dakota county also posted an ENRTF sign at the property acquired for Lebanon Hills Regional Park, and they had significant public attention and engagement while updating their Master Plan and developing a new Natural Resource Management Plan for the park. Three Rivers Park District acquired 7 properties and issued news releases for each one and will be posting signs as the properties become accessible to the public. The news releases for each property are included in the Work Plan Final Report.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2014 Work Plan Final Report

Date of Report: August 27, 2019

Final Report

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 24, 2014

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2019

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PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

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Location: Dakota, Hennepin, and Washington Counties for the parcels currently listed as acquisitions that may be financed with this ENRTF appropriation.

Total ENRTF Project Budget:	ENRTF Appropriation:	\$1,500,000
	Amount Spent:	\$1,500,000
	Balance:	\$0

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Appropriation Language:

\$1,500,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for grants for the acquisition of lands within the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system. This appropriation may not be used for the purchase of habitable residential structures. A list of proposed fee title and easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required work program. This appropriation must be matched by at least 40 percent of non-state money that must be committed by December 31, 2014, or the appropriation

cancels. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2017, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered. Carryforward; Extension (a) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects are extended to June 30, 2019: (2) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2, subdivision 7, paragraph (b), Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition, as extended by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 18, paragraph (a), clause (5).

I. PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The 2014 ENRTF appropriation of \$1.5 million would be matched with \$1 million of Metropolitan Council (Council) bonds and \$833,000 of regional park implementing agency (Agency) funds to acquire about 200 acres in the attached M.L. 2014 Acquisition List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition. These parcels contain high quality natural resources and are inholding properties (privately held parcels) within the boundaries of regional parks, regional park reserves or regional trails. The Agencies own and operate the regional parks and trails.

This is a continuation of past ENRTF appropriations to acquire high quality natural resource parcels for the Metropolitan Regional Park System. \$7.54 million of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) appropriations in 2007-2009 and 2011-12 have been matched with \$5.026 million of Metropolitan Council bonds and \$19.9 million of other funds to finance the acquisition of 1,076 acres.

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III. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Amendment Request #1 12/09/2014

The amendment shown in Section IV, Activity 1 comprises criteria and considerations for evaluating Metro Regional Park System land acquisitions if the purchase price is more than the appraised value. The criteria were prepared in response to the July 1, 2014 letter approving this work plan, which stated:

“Also, please be advised that any expenditure of these dollars must be consistent with LCCMR acquisition policy that Mr. Stefferud acknowledged in testimony on June 24, 2014. ENRTF dollars cannot be used for land acquired at a purchase price in excess of 100% of the appraised value in total (all funds), with the exception that up to 110% of appraised value may be approved following review by the LCCMR with criteria supplied by Metropolitan Council.”

Amendment #1 Approved: December 9, 2014

Project Status as of January 2015: On December 9, 2014 the LCCMR accepted the amendment described above and shown in Section IV, Activity 1, “**Criteria and Considerations for Evaluating Metro Regional Park System Land Acquisitions if the Purchase Price is Above Appraised Value**”.

Project Status as of July 2015: No ENRTF funds have been expended. Work continues towards acquiring properties in Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington Counties, with acquisitions expected to be completed within 2016. Some parcels on the 2014 ENRTF Work Plan were purchased with non-state funds, because the Work Plan had not been approved at the time the purchases were concluded or because they were purchased using

condemnation or other acquisition methods that are ineligible under ENRTF. The Council will submit an amendment request to remove these parcels from the work plan.

Amendment Request #2 8/17/15:

The Metropolitan Council requests a change in the project manager designation. The new project manager is Deb Streets Jensen, Senior Parks Finance Planner.

Amendment #2 Approved: August 25, 2015

Project Status as of January 2016: No ENRTF funds have been expended. Work continues toward acquiring properties in Scott, Hennepin and Washington counties. Ten of the original properties on the 2014 approved work plan have or will be acquired with non-ENRTF funds and are the subject of an amendment request to remove them from the work plan. The two parcels in Hennepin County, proposed by Three Rivers Park District, remain on the list; however, Three Rivers is currently ineligible for ENRTF funds. The Council will not entertain a request from Three Rivers for these two properties or any others until the LCCMR has released the constraint on the agency's eligibility, after which time the Council will submit a second 2016 work plan amendment to reactive the two existing properties and add several more.

Amendment Request #3 January 2016:

The Metropolitan Council requests:

1. Deletion of the parcels numbered, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 14, and 15 from the 2014 approved work plan because these parcels have been or will be acquired using non-ENRTF funds;
2. Addition of parcel 17 for Dakota County's Lebanon Hills Regional Park. This is a 2.58-acre wooded inholding for which the Agency is actively negotiating;
3. Updating the number of acres included in the work plan from 200 to 334.

Amendment #3 approved by LCCMR 2-10-2016

Project Status as of July 2016:

Acquisition of the parcels for this project has begun, and the Council believes the appropriation will be fully utilized by its expiration date on June 30, 2017. Three parcels are nearing their closing dates. One of these parcels, #17, is currently listed on the approved 2015 work plan, and the amendment request below seeks to move it to the 2014 work plan to use the older funding first. Parcels #18 and #19 are new, and the amendment request below seeks to add them to the 2014 work plan. All three are expected to close within the next 60 days.

For various reasons, 10 other parcels are no longer viable for acquisition consideration. Our amendment request seeks to remove them from the list to ensure the work plan properly reflects the work of the project.

Amendment Request #4 July 2016:

The Metropolitan Council requests:

1. Transfer of parcel 17 (Doehling) from the approved 2015 work plan (ML 2015 Chapter 76 Section 2 Subd. 09b) to this 2014 work plan to follow the first-in-first-out principle of accounting. Acquisition of this parcel will be approved by the Metropolitan Council on July 27, 2016 and is expected to close within 60

days. This is a 0.85-acre inholding in the southeastern-most corner of Lebanon Hills Regional Park, wooded with red and white oak, willows and evergreens.

2. Addition of parcels 18 (Becklin) and 19 (Segal/Enclave) for Three River Park District’s Rush Creek Regional Trail. Acquisition of these parcels is critical to the long-term regional trail vision to extend the existing 7.2 miles of regional trail (from the Mississippi River at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park to Elm Creek Park Reserve) by 11 miles to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve. This will provide a high-quality destination metro regional trail greenway across the northern half of Hennepin County. The overall route was developed to incorporate and highlight the natural resources of the area, including Rush Creek, wetland complexes, wooded areas, and unique bluffs along Rush Creek near Elm Creek Park Reserve. Both of the parcels are expected to close well before the end of 2016.
 - a. Parcel 18 (Becklin) holds an uninhabitable residence that will be demolished without using ENRTF funds. The parcel is being split between Three Rivers Park District for use in the Rush Creek Regional Trail and the City of Maple Grove.
 - b. Parcel 19 (Segal/Enclave) is currently owned by a private party. It is being purchased by a developer, who will sell it to Three Rivers Park District for use in the Rush Creek Regional Trail. There are no structures on the 10-acre property.
3. Deletion of parcels 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14 and 15. (Parcels 1 and 5 were deleted in earlier amendments.) These properties were either acquired using non-ENRTF funds or the seller has declined to sell. The cost and acreage totals have been updated in the acquisition/restoration list to reflect their removal.
4. Update the number of acres included in the work plan from 334 to 233, with 2.09 miles of shoreline.

These changes create a total project budget of just over \$4 million. Since the appropriation totaled \$1.5 million, acquisitions will be processed in the order in which they become available until the appropriation is exhausted or expires.

For the proposed parcels in this work plan, State ENRTF funds pay 45%, Council bonds cover 30%, and the regional park implementing agency covers the remaining 25%. This does not mean that ENRTF buys 45% of the 233 acres; it means that ENRTF funds contribute 45% of the eligible costs for every acre purchased with these funds.

Amendment #4 approved by LCCMR July 25, 2016.

Project Status as of January 2017:

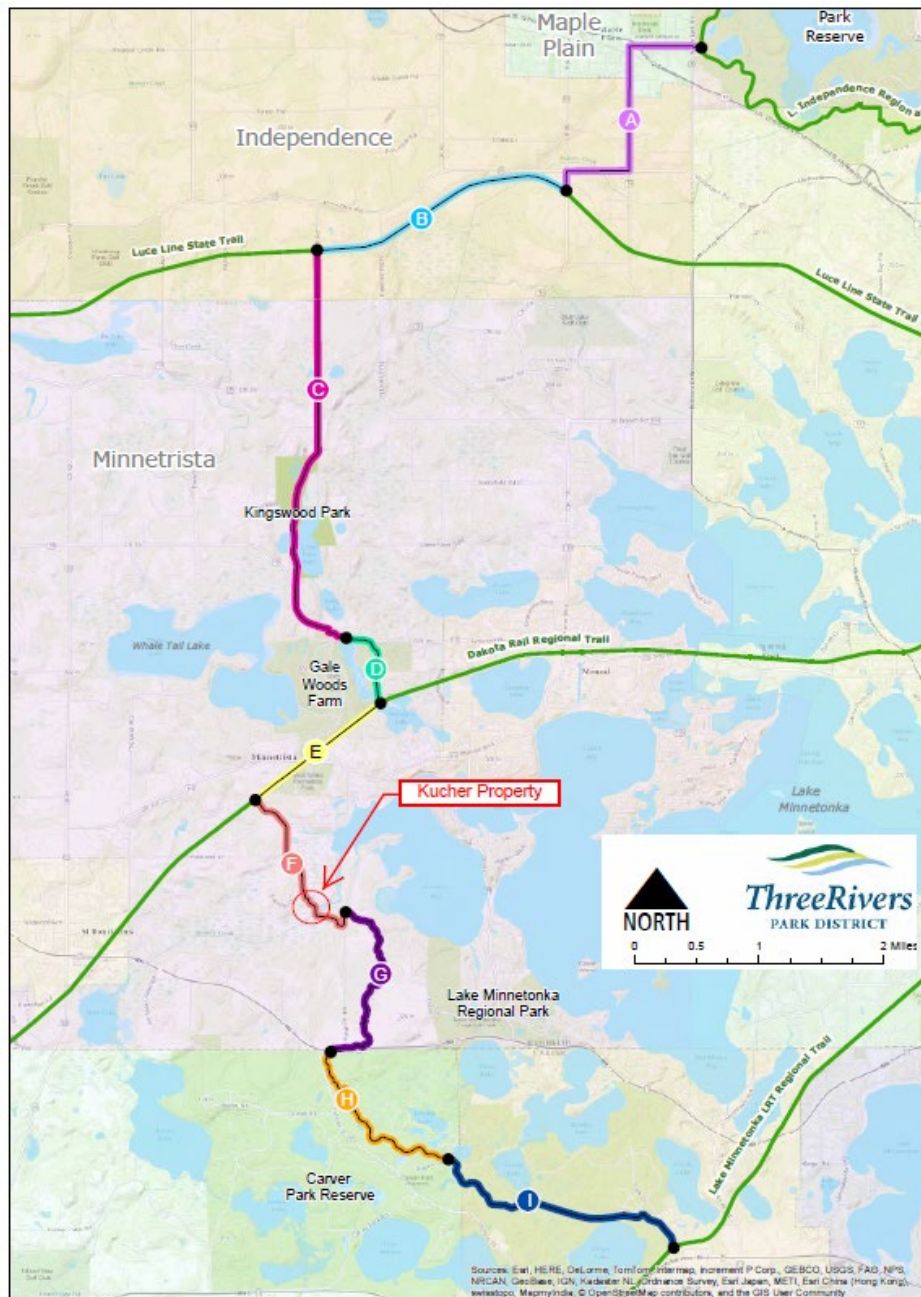
Two parcels have closed, a second has a signed purchase agreement and a third is scheduled to close in mid-February 2017. These are:

Parcel	Sub-recipient	Regional Park or Trail	ENRTF \$	Council \$	Agency \$
18	Three Rivers Park District	Rush Creek Regional Trail	\$30,568	\$20,379	\$16,982
17	Dakota County	Lebanon Hills Regional Park	210,170	140,113	116,761
Totals			\$240,738	\$160,492	\$133,743

The Regional Parks Implementing Agencies continue negotiating on the remaining properties on the work plan.

Amendment request #5 August 22, 2017:

The Metropolitan Council requests the addition of parcel 20 on behalf of its sub-recipient, Three Rivers Park District. The Park District proposes to purchase a property comprising six parcels to continue to assemble land for the Baker/Carver Regional Trail. This new corridor, spanning from the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail to Baker Park Reserve, connecting Carver Park Reserve, Lake Minnetonka Regional Park, Dakota Rail Regional Trail, Gale Woods Farm, Kingswood Special Recreation Feature, and the Luce Line State Trail through several communities and two counties. The subject property is called out below.



Proposed Regional Trail | Baker to Carver Park Reserves

The regional trail is envisioned to incorporate and highlight areas of natural resource value such as this property. Located directly on Six Mile Creek and incorporating portions of the associated wetlands, this property provides

an opportunity to further protect and preserve these important resources and provides public access to them. The property is within a Council-approved master plan. This amendment is contingent upon grant approval by the Metropolitan Council, which is expected to occur by December 31, 2017.

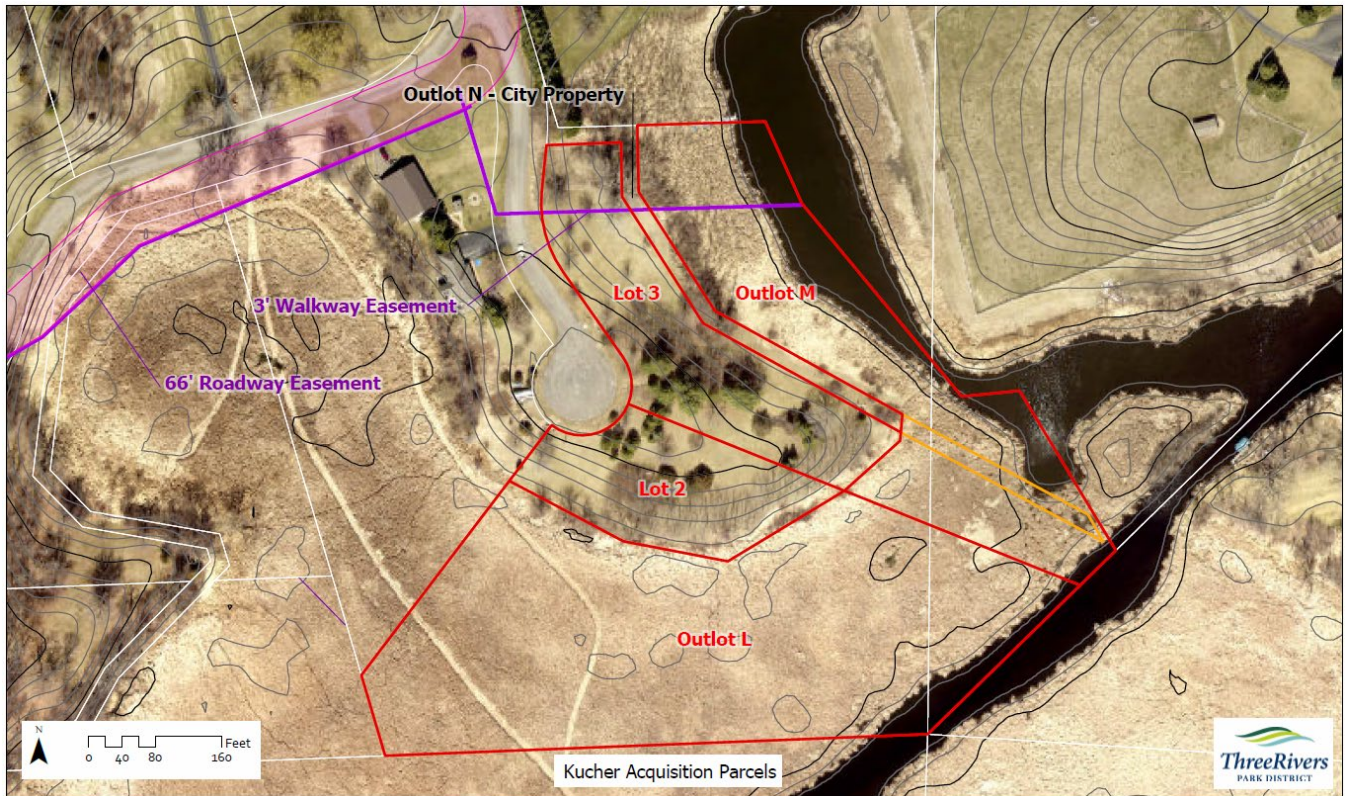
The property will be re-platted prior to closing to divide it into two parcels. The entire property was appraised in February 2017 at \$750,000, and the Park District has also supplied a 2013 appraisal as historical context. A map of the property configuration may be found on the next page.

- The Park District proposes using Trust Fund dollars plus matching funds from the Met Council and the Park District to purchase 3.72 acres for the Regional Trail. This portion of the property, calculated on a square-foot basis, is \$317,634.98. Only the portion of the property the Park District will permanently retain is included in this amendment request. Of this cost, the Park District will pay 25%, the Trust Fund would cover 45%, and the Met Council will pay 30%.
- The Park District will purchase the balance of the property, comprising 5.32 acres, with its own funds. The 5.32 acres will be sold to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). This value of this portion of the property was calculated on a square-foot basis at \$432,365.02. No Trust Fund or Metropolitan Council dollars will be expended for this portion of the purchase. Located directly on Six Mile Creek and incorporating portions of the associated wetlands, this property provides an opportunity to further protect and preserve these important resources.

The partnership between MCWD and the Park District is beneficial to both parties as well as the local community, greater region, and State of Minnesota. The City of Minnetrista has adopted a Resolution of Support in favor of the planned acquisition and division of property.

The land the Watershed District will retain is intended to be used as a future alum treatment facility, ultimately improving the water quality of Halstead Bay – the most polluted bay in Lake Minnetonka with respect to nutrient loading. The Park District owns and operates Lake Minnetonka Regional Park, which is located on Halstead Bay. While the alum treatment facility directly benefits the Park District, improving Lake Minnetonka water quality also improves the water quality of Minnehaha Creek and the Mississippi River – all significant Twin Cities and Minnesota resources.

The Park District and Watershed District have entered into an agreement outlining this partnership. Parcel #The property to be retained by the Park District includes 0.99 acres of upland with mature trees and 2.73 acres of wetland with frontage on Six Mile Creek.



Currently, there are four encumbrances on the property. Two are planned to retain as they do not prohibit the Park District use of the property as a future regional corridor and two will be resolved prior to closing. Additional detail follows:

- A three-foot walkway easement allows for a walkway through portions of the property (see the purple line on the north end of the map above). The easement allows a nearby resident access to the lake, but no dock is allowed. The walkway easement is not in conflict with the intended use of the property. There are no proposed changes to the easements, and the easements do not affect the appraised value.
- An ingress/egress easement through Outlot M allows for passive recreation (see Outlot M on the above map). Again, this easement is not in conflict with the intended use of the property and no changes are proposed.
- A flowage and conservation easement held by the City of Minnetrista restricts the construction of any structures or other improvements inconsistent with the natural state of the land for Outlots L and M. The Park District is working with the current owner and the City of Minnetrista to modify this easement to allow for regional trail construction (including but not limited to boardwalk and bridges) as well as infrastructure such as piping for the MCWD’s alum treatment facility. This modification will be complete prior to closing.
- The City of Minnetrista also holds a restriction on the property that prohibits reconfiguration and subdivision of the lots. The Park District is working with the current owner and the City of Minnetrista to modifications to re-plat the property in accordance with the proposed property split with the MCWD. This work will be completed prior to closing.

Amendment #5 Approved by LCCMR 8/28/2017

Project Status as of December 2017:

Since the last update, four parcels have closed or will close in the near future. These are:

Parcel	Sub-recipient	Regional Park or Trail	ENRTF \$	Council \$	Agency \$
#17	Dakota County	Lebanon Hills Regional Park	\$210,170	\$133,699	\$116,761
#18	Three Rivers Park District	Rush Creek Regional Trail	30,568	15,811	16,982
#19	Three Rivers Park District	Rush Creek Regional Trail	171,947	111,157	95,470
#20	Three Rivers Park District	Baker-Carver Regional Trail	150,164	100,,110	83,425
Totals			\$562,849	\$375,233	\$312,638

The Regional Parks Implementing Agencies continue negotiating on the remaining properties on the work plan.

Amendment Request #6 December 12, 2017

The Metropolitan Council requests a two-year extension for this appropriation, to allow the metropolitan Regional Parks Implementing Agencies time to complete negotiations on the properties on the acquisition list. Further, the Council requests an amendment on behalf of its subrecipient, Three Rivers Park District, to add parcel 21 to the acquisition list. The Park District proposes to buy a 12.94-acre property located in Maple Grove to continue land assembly for the Rush Creek Regional Trail. As with many properties needed to build out the planned metropolitan Regional Parks System, this parcel does contain a residence and other outbuildings. The buildings are in considerable disrepair and will be demolished. To comply with ENRTF requirements, the Metropolitan Council does not propose using Trust Fund dollars to purchase the portion that contains the buildings. This acquisition is expected to be completed during the existing term of this appropriation.

The property will be split between a 3.34-acre developed southern portion and a 9.6-acre undeveloped northern portion. The Park District proposes to fund only the undeveloped northern portion (“Subject portion”) with ENRTF money, using Parks and Trails Legacy Fund dollars as the state funds to acquire the developed southern portion. This acquisition will complement the work plan amendment approved by LCCMR on July 25, 2016.

The Subject portion is wooded, containing a mix of floodplain forest and upland species. Approximately 1,350 linear feet of Rush Creek runs through the Subject portion. There are some topography changes, but it is generally flat with steeper topography along portions of the creek.

In its application for funding, the Park District wrote:

“The entire parcel is within the boundaries of a Council approved master plan for the regional trail and has been part of the acquisition plan for nine years. Acquisition of this parcel as well as several others along the Rush Creek are critical to the long-term regional trail vision to extend the existing regional trail 7.2 miles (Mississippi River at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park to Elm Creek Park Reserve) 11 miles west to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve providing high quality destination regional trail greenway across the northern half of Hennepin County. The overall route, which includes this parcel, was developed to incorporate and highlight the natural resources of the area including Rush Creek, wetland complexes, wooded areas, and unique bluffs along Rush Cree near Elm Creek Park Reserve.

Further this parcel is immediately adjacent to another parcel recently retained by Three Rivers with ENRTF for purposes of the regional trail greenway. With each additional parcel retained, the vision for a natural resource based trail corridor becomes closer and closer to reality.

There are no other existing or planned regional or local bike and pedestrian facilities that span the entire corridor or overcome the significant barriers this corridor does (Mississippi River and TH 169) and will (I-94, Rush Creek, Burlington-Northern railroad). The planned extension parallels Rush Creek for several miles, abuts several wetland complexes, and goes through or adjacent to several wooded areas providing people utilizing the regional trail system an opportunity to view, interact and experience undeveloped, natural places and resources close to home.

Acquisition of this parcel is critical as the Park District predominately acquires property on a willing seller basis. In this case, there is a willing seller who has signed a purchase agreement for the sale of their property.”

The appraiser derived the value opinion for this property on a per-square-foot basis. The Park District will pay 25% of the **total** purchase price, ENRTF would fund 22.34%, Parks and Trails Legacy would fund 22.66%, and the Council will fund 30%. ENRTF dollars would be allocated only against the negotiated purchase price for the undeveloped Subject portion of the property, with no ancillary acquisition costs. The breakdown is as follows:

Total purchase price	\$744,143
Local match	186,036
ENRTF	166,234
Parks & Trails Legacy Fund	168,630
Council bonds	223,243

Amendment #6 to extend the expiration date approved: May 30, 2018

Project Status as of July 2018:

Since the last update, parcel #21 has closed. Three Rivers Park District has not yet requested payment for the property. The amounts budgeted for this parcel are shown below.

Parcel	Sub-recipient	Regional Park or Trail	ENRTF \$	Council \$	Agency \$
#21	Three Rivers Park District	Rush Creek Regional Trail	\$166,234	\$110,823	\$92,352

Amendment Request #7 July 19, 2018

The Metropolitan Council requests an amendment to the acquisition list for this appropriation, to add four parcels that are expected to close before the end of 2018. These will be properties 23, 24, and 25 on the acquisition list. Expenditures from the Trust Fund for these properties will completely exhaust the appropriation and use a portion of the Council’s 2015 appropriation, as well (M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b, as extended M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20).

Property #23: Three Rivers Park District has an executed purchase agreement for a property necessary to complete land assembly for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail. The 7.3-acre parcel, located at 17180 Dayton River Road in the City of Dayton, is an inholding within the alignment of the Council-approved trail

master plan. The site is adjacent to the City's Goodin Park as well as Goodin Island, which is owned by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

This acquisition will protect 830 lineal feet of shoreline along the Mississippi River, with a wooded northeasterly portion and an open southwesterly portion. Approximately 64% of the site is within the floodway/floodplain and has easy access to the river. The appraisal was conducted on April 17, 2018 and updated on June 21, 2018. The Park District expects to close on the property by September 14, 2018. Council action on the grant award is expected on September 12, 2018, pending approval of this amendment request.

The property has easements for drainage and utilities, the majority of which are within the floodway/floodplain and wetland areas. Three Rivers Park District believes the easements will not impact the use of the property as a regional trail.

The property does contain a set of buildings, including a barn converted to living quarters on the ground floor. However, the living quarters are uninhabitable due to holes in the roof and walls and significant water damage. Three Rivers Park District will demolish and remove the buildings and will work to reclaim the materials. Figures 1 and 2, below, document the condition of the property; Figure 3 provides an example of its natural resources.

Figure 1: Holes in roof and walls

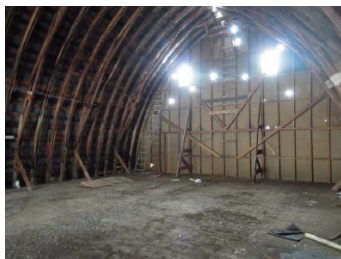



Figure 2: Water damage in living quarters



Figure 3: Natural resources



The City of Dayton has provided the following statement regarding the habitability of the living quarters:



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July 13, 2018

Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning
Three Rivers Park District
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Dear Ms. Grissman,


The structure located at 17180 Dayton River Road within the City of Dayton is not habitable.

While the list below is not exhaustive, it illustrates many of the factors that determined that this structure is not safe or appropriate for anyone to live in.

- Deferred maintenance: collapsed ceiling, mold, water damage, holes in the roof

This conclusion is based on information provided in the property appraisal and visual observation from the exterior of the property.

If you have any further questions you may contact me at 763-421-3487.

Sincerely,

Tina Goodroad, City Administrator/Development Director
City of Dayton

Property #24: Three Rivers Park District has an executed purchase agreement for a property necessary to complete land assembly for the Baker-Carver Regional Trail. The 55.94-acre parcel, located at 7300 Halstead Drive in the City of Minnetrista, is an inholding within the alignment of the Council-approved trail master plan. Approximately half of the property is wetland, woods, and upland field. The property also contains a creek that

empties into Lake Minnetonka, and from there to Minnehaha Creek and the Mississippi River. The seller has leased the balance of the parcel for agricultural use; the current crops will be harvested and the lease will terminate, after which the Park District intends to close in mid-November of 2018. The effective date of the appraisal is May 8, 2018. Council action on the grant award is expected on September 12, 2018, pending approval of this amendment request.

This property contains no structures. It does have a utility easement that runs from the northeast to the southwest, which will cross the trail alignment near the center of the site. Three Rivers Park District believes the easement will not impact the use of the property as a regional trail. Figures 4, 5 and 6, below, illustrate the natural resources on the site. Figure 6 shows the location of the easement; the trail will run from southeast to northwest through the property.

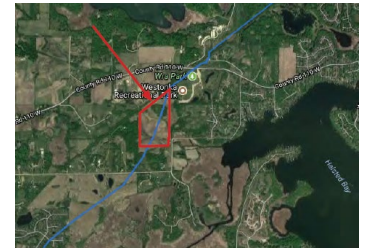
Figure 4: Natural resources



Figure 5: Natural resources



Figure 6: Utility easement (blue line)



Property #25: Washington County has an executed purchase agreement for a set of three parcels within the Council-approved boundary for Big Marine Park Reserve. The property is expected to close in September, 2018. One of these parcels has a habitable residence and will be acquired through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund.

The other two parcels, totaling 4.55 acres, are situated on a pond and are near Big Marine Lake. About half of these two parcels is wetland and pond area, with the other half wooded with hardwoods and pine. There is a restriction filed on the property that prevents it from being sold without the consent of the Town Board of New Scandia Township; the purchase agreement contains a condition that the restriction must be removed prior to closing. Figures 7, 8 and 9, below, illustrate the location and the natural resources on the properties.

Figure 7: Natural resources



Figure 8: Natural resources



Figure 9: Location (Top parcel not included)



Project Status as of January 31, 2019: The appropriation has been fully committed. Nine properties have been added to the metropolitan Regional Parks System, comprising 114 acres. Approximately half of the funds have been spent, and all costs will be incurred prior to the appropriation expiration date of June 30, 2019.

Project Status as of August 27, 2019 (Final Report). This project enabled the Metropolitan Council to assist the metropolitan Regional Parks Implementing Agencies to purchase nine properties totaling 114 acres for the Regional Parks System. These properties were:

- 2.58 acres for Lebanon Hills Regional Park with wooded frontage on the St. Croix River
- Three properties totaling 19.63 acres along the creek for Rush Creek Regional Trail
- Two properties totaling 64.98 acres with wetlands adjacent to Six Mile Creek for the Baker-Carver Regional Trail
- Two properties totaling 18.57 acres with river frontage for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail
- An 8.33-acre property on the Big Marine Lake, for Big Marine Park Reserve

Parcels 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 16 will not be acquired with this appropriation, as the above nine properties exhausted the appropriation funding. It is requested that these parcels be removed from the parcel list.

All costs have been incurred.

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

Activity 1: Acquisition Opportunity Grants

Description: Assist Agencies in acquiring about 233 acres for the Metropolitan Regional Park System through grants from the Council’s Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF).

ENRTF funds will finance 45% of the fee title acquisition cost. Matching Council bonds and Agency funds will finance the balance of the acquisition plus related costs for appraisal and legal services, closing costs, pro-rated property taxes and tax equivalency payments due on the land as required by MN Statute 473.341.

Qualified real estate professionals will oversee the appraisal and appraisal review processes to determine the value of property acquired by an Agency using any ENRTF funds. The LCCMR requires a certified appraisal, dated no more than one year prior to the date the purchase agreement is executed. If there is additional relevant valuation information that needs to be considered, the LCCMR requires that the appraisal be updated accordingly.

It is the requesting Agency’s responsibility to obtain LCCMR review and approval before proceeding with a property acquisition that is above the appraised value.

Criteria and Considerations for Evaluating Metro Regional Park System Land Acquisitions if the Purchase Price is Above Appraised Value

Introduction/Background

The 2014 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) to the Metropolitan Council to partially finance grants to Regional Park Implementing Agencies to acquire land interests within approved boundaries of Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails. [MN Laws 2014, Chapter 226, Section 2, Subd. 7(b)]. The ENRTF is managed by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Existing ENRTF Acquisition Funding Policies

1. Parcel is within a regional park or trail master plan approved by the Metropolitan Council.

2. Parcel contains high quality natural resources and does not include habitable structures.
3. Acquisitions are from willing sellers. If eminent domain is used, it's because the seller has requested it.

ENRTF Appraised Value Cap Policy

ENRTF dollars cannot be used for land proposed to be acquired at a purchase price in excess of 100% of the appraised value in total (all funds), with the exception being that up to 110% of appraised value may be approved following review by the LCCMR with criteria supplied by Metropolitan Council.

In the rare instance where negotiations between the park implementing agency and the seller are unable to reach an agreement based on the appraisal, the Metropolitan Council will review and determine if there are extraordinary circumstance where the Metropolitan Council wants to ask the LCCMR to review the Councils' determination to allow a regional park implementing agency to potentially pay more than 100% of the certified appraised value -- up to but no more that 110% of the certified appraised value.

Criteria to Evaluate the Appraised Value Cap

The Metropolitan Council and Regional Park Implementing Agencies recognize and respect the intent of the LCCMR to provide consistent interpretation and implementation of two state laws that direct acquisitions for state agencies (MS 84.0272, Subd. 1 and MS 16B.297).

The following criteria, additional considerations and review process will be used by the LCCMR to review proposed acquisitions in which the purchase price is more than the appraised value:

1. Does the land have high value natural resources or provide critical habitat for Species of Special Concern?
2. Is the land important for protecting interior or external view-sheds?
3. Is the land critical to acquire because it limits internal public or management access to other portions of the park or trail?
4. Is the land critical to acquire because it provides for an opportunity to fulfill a key natural- resource based recreation or protection/preservation component of an approved master plan that cannot otherwise be reasonably achieved?
5. Is there a threat of new development or significant improvements that would make the land more expensive or practically unavailable to acquire in the future? If so, answer criteria 6.
6. Would the proposed development devalue the adjacent public land because of incompatible land use, visual "intrusion" or natural resource impacts such as habitat fragmentation or increased storm-water runoff?
7. Would available non-state funding to be used for this property and adjacent park/trail property be jeopardized if the land is not secured?
8. For trail rights of way, is the property critical to fill the gap between previously acquired properties for the trail?
9. Would acquiring the land improve overall public safety (e.g. better turning radius for trails or better access), park security or management?

Additional Considerations to Evaluate the Appraised Value Cap

Offers: If there is one or more legitimate, written property offer(s) provided to a Regional Park Implementing Agency by the landowner, and a review of the land owner’s offer(s) by a qualified real estate professional working for the Regional Park Implementing Agency under contract or as an employee, determines that the offer(s) value is reasonable, a negotiated value determined by the qualified real estate professional based on the offer(s) and Regional Park Implementing Agency appraisal should be considered a valid purchase price.

Landowner Appraisal: If the landowner has completed and shared its own appraisal with the Regional Park Implementing Agency, and a review of the land owner’s appraisal by a qualified real estate professional working for the Regional Park Implementing Agency under contract or as an employee, determines that this appraised value is reasonable, a negotiated value determined by the qualified real estate professional based on the two appraisals should be considered a valid purchase price.

Review Process

If the proposed acquisition meets ENRTF Acquisition Funding Policies 1 to 3 and is between 100 and 110 percent of the appraised value (ENRTF Appraised Value Cap Policy 4), the requesting Regional Park Implementing Agency will provide detailed information associated with the applicable criteria outlined above for review to the LCCMR.

Total ENRTF Project Budget	ENRTF Appropriation:	\$1,500,000
	Amount Spent:	\$1,500,000
	Balance:	\$0

The details of specific land acquisition negotiations – including identifying the seller, the expected timing or the purchase price – are confidential to protect the rights of the negotiating parties. The following table illustrates descriptions of the information that will be provided in future status updates when acquisition subgrants are awarded for specific parcels.

Activity Completion Date: June 30, 2019

Activity Status as of January 2015: No funds have been granted from this appropriation yet. Agencies continue to negotiate on acquiring the parcels from the M.L. 2014 Acquisition/Restoration List for M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b.

Activity Status as of July 2015: The Council expects the first acquisition to be completed with funds from the 2014 ENRTF appropriation to occur in late 2015. No funds have been granted from this appropriation yet.

Activity Status as of January 2016: The Council expects the first acquisition to be completed with funds from the 2014 ENRTF appropriation to occur in 2016. No funds have been granted from this appropriation yet.

Activity Status as of July 2016: With this status report, the Council requests an amendment to add two parcels and shift a third parcel from the approved 2015 ENRTF work plan to the approved 2014 ENRTF work plan. This will make the best use of state funds by using the oldest available appropriation first. All three parcels are expected to close by early fall of 2016, with the first expected to be approved by the Metropolitan Council on July 27, 2016.

According to LCCMR staff, Three Rivers Park District has satisfied their eligibility requirements and is again eligible for ENRTF funding.

Activity Status as of January 2017: Three grants have been awarded by the Council and two have been executed. No funds have been paid out as of the date of this report.

Activity Status as of June 2017: Three grants have been awarded by the Council. All have been executed. One grant is fully paid out; a second is nearly paid out, and a third remains open.

Activity Status as of December 2017: Four grants have been awarded by the Council. Two are closed and paid out; one grant is executed and remains open; and the newest grant agreement has been issued and is undergoing execution. All four of these grants will be closed and paid out during the existing term of this appropriation.

Activity Status as of July 2018: Six grants have been awarded by the Council. The Regional Parks Implementing Agencies have closed all of the acquisitions; three grants are fully paid out. Three more acquisitions are pending approval of the amendment to the approved work plan requested with this update.

If amendment #7 is approved, the Metropolitan Council will be able to spend the entire appropriation before the current appropriation end date. Please note the Council proposes to split cost of two parcels between two ENRTF appropriations:

- \$32,111 from M.L. 2014 Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b as extended by laws M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20(a)(2)
- \$67,338 from M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b, as extended M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20(b)(1)

Activity Status as of January 2019: Nine grants have been awarded by the Council, fully committing the appropriation. All properties have closed.

Final Report Summary—August 2019: Nine properties have closed, totaling \$1,500,000.

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: When the acquisition subgrant for each parcel is being considered by the Council, it publishes the subgrant request, which includes a map of the parcel in context of the regional park or trail unit where it is located. The Council also publishes a summary of all park acquisition grants as part of annual reports. The acquiring Agency may publish news accounts of the subgrant award and a description of the land to be acquired with the grant. Since the parcels contain high quality natural resource features and do not contain visitor support facilities, the Agencies are careful in informing the public about the land until it can accommodate public use. For example, installing a trail or viewing area for the public to use should occur before publicizing the land's availability for public use.

Status as of January 2015: No funds have been granted from the appropriation. Consequently, there has been no dissemination of information about a grant being awarded to acquire land.

Status as of July 2015: No funds have been granted from the appropriation. Consequently, there has been no dissemination of information about a grant being awarded to acquire land.

Status as of January 2016: No funds have been granted from the appropriation. Consequently, there has been no dissemination of information about a grant being awarded to acquire land.

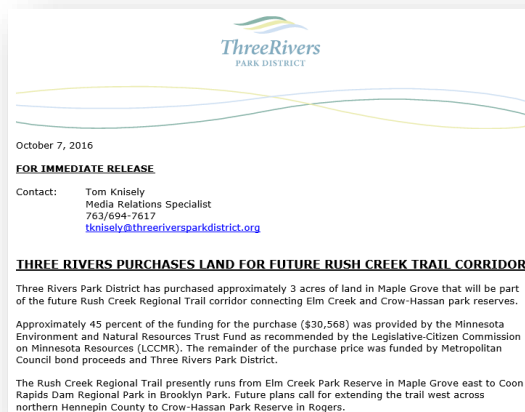
Status as of July 2016: No funds have been granted from the appropriation. Consequently, there has been no dissemination of information about a grant being awarded to acquire land.

Status as of January 2017:

- Dakota County disseminated information about ENRTF's assistance with funding parcel #17 by installing a standard ENRTF logo sign on one of the former Doehling property/new park boundary signs in a

location with high public visibility and will be including funding acknowledgement in a new County web page feature on park acquisitions.

- Three Rivers Park District disseminated information about ENRTF's assistance with funding parcel #18 by:
 - posting the ENRTF logo and the following statement on their website, "Funding to purchase a portion of the land for this trail was provided by the **Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**;" and issuing the following press release to media in the northern metropolitan area:




Status as of December 12, 2017

Evidence of dissemination will be provided after the transactions for the two most recent properties have been completed.

Status as of July 19, 2018: Evidence of dissemination will be provided after the transactions for the most recent properties have been completed.

Status as of January 31, 2019: Evidence of dissemination for all properties will be provided with the final report.



Final Report Summary—August 2019:

Parcel number	Evidence of signage with ENRTF logo	Other evidence of dissemination of funding acknowledgement
17 – Dakota County / Doehling	 <p style="text-align: center;">Lebanon Hills Regional Park</p>	<p>There was significant public attention and engagement in updating the Master Plan and a new Natural Resources Management Plan for Lebanon Hills Regional Park, which includes the Doehling property.</p>
18 – Three Rivers Park District / Becklin	<p>Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.</p>	<p>Becklin acquisition</p> <p>Three Rivers Park District sent the following news release to Twin Cities metropolitan area media on October 7, 2016, which announced the purchase of the Becklin property:</p> <p><u>THREE RIVERS PURCHASES LAND FOR FUTURE RUSH CREEK TRAIL CORRIDOR</u></p> <p>Three Rivers Park District has purchased approximately 3 acres of land in Maple Grove that will be part of the future Rush Creek Regional Trail corridor connecting Elm Creek and Crow-Hassan park reserves.</p> <p>Approximately 45 percent of the funding for the purchase (\$30,568) was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The remainder of the purchase price was funded by Metropolitan Council bond proceeds and Three Rivers Park District.</p> <p>The Rush Creek Regional Trail presently runs from Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove east to</p>

		Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Brooklyn Park. Future plans call for extending the trail west across northern Hennepin County to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve in Rogers.
19 – Three Rivers Park District / Segal	Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.	<p>Segal/Enclave acquisition</p> <p>Three Rivers Park District sent the following news release to Twin Cities metropolitan area media on August 3, 2017, which announced the purchase of the Segal/Enclave property:</p> <p><u>THREE RIVERS PURCHASES LAND FOR FUTURE RUSH CREEK TRAIL CORRIDOR</u></p> <p>Three Rivers Park District has purchased approximately 10 acres of land in Maple Grove that will be part of the future Rush Creek Regional Trail corridor connecting Elm Creek and Crow-Hassan park reserves.</p> <p>Nearly half of the funding to purchase the property was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The remainder of the purchase price was funded by Metropolitan Council bond proceeds and Three Rivers Park District.</p> <p>The Rush Creek Regional Trail presently runs from Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove east to Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Brooklyn Park. Future plans call for extending the trail west across northern Hennepin County to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve in Rogers.</p> <p>The Trust Fund is a permanent fund constitutionally established by the citizens of Minnesota to assist in the protection, conservation, preservation and enhancement of the state’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources.</p> <p>The news release was published online by the Maple Grove Voice.</p>
20 – Three Rivers Park District / Kucher	Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.	<p>Kucher and Wegner acquisitions</p> <p>Three Rivers Park District published a news item on ThreeRiversParks.org announcing the purchases of the Kucher and Wegner properties. The news item is available here:</p>

		<p>https://www.threeriversparks.org/news/three-rivers-purchases-land-future-regional-trails</p> <p>Note: The news item has since been updated to include the Hodgson purchase as well. To provide the clearest communication to the public about the status of regional trail acquisitions, Three Rivers will maintain and update this news item to reflect regional trail acquisitions. On the Baker-Carver Regional Trail and Rush Creek Regional Trail items elsewhere on the website, this statement and link take users to the land acquisition news item:</p> <p>Three Rivers has purchased land for this project. Learn more.</p> <p>The Wegner property will be part of the future Rush Creek Regional Trail from Elm Creek Park Reserve to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve. The Rush Creek Regional Trail has a dedicated page on ThreeRiversParks.org, and this page includes a Funding heading that includes the ENRTF logo and a link to the ENRTF website. The Rush Creek Regional Trail page is available at this link: https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/rush-creek-regional-trail. Funding information, including the ENRTF logo and link, are permanent parts of the web pages for the parks and trails that have been funded with ENRTF money (also see the Carver Park Reserve, Lake Rebecca Park Reserve and Kingswood Park pages).</p> <p>The Kucher property will be part of the future Baker-Carver Regional Trail. Because the Baker-Carver Regional Trail has not been constructed, it doesn't yet have a trail page on the website; however, the trail has a page under the Future Developments section of the website: https://www.threeriversparks.org/page/bakercarver-regional-trail-acquisition. Under the description, the third paragraph of text includes a link to the land acquisition news item. (Three Rivers has purchased land for this project. Learn more.)</p>
21 – Three Rivers Park District / Wegner	Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.	See above.

<p>22 – Three Rivers Park District / Dahlheimer</p>	<p>Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.</p>	<p>Dahlheimer and Goodin acquisitions</p> <p>Three Rivers sent the following news release to Twin Cities metropolitan area media on October 11, 2018, which announced the purchase of the Dahlheimer and Goodin properties:</p> <p><u>THREE RIVERS PURCHASES TWO PROPERTIES FOR WEST MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL TRAIL</u></p> <p>Three Rivers Park District has purchased two properties in Dayton that will be part of the future West Mississippi River Regional Trail corridor. Together, the properties comprise about 18 acres of land.</p> <p>Seventy-five percent of the funding to purchase the land was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The remainder of the purchase price was funded by Three Rivers Park District.</p> <p>The West Mississippi River Regional Trail will travel approximately 20 miles adjacent to or near the river through northeastern Hennepin County, and will connect the communities of Dayton, Champlin, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center – with the confluence of the Crow/Mississippi Rivers and the Minneapolis Grand Rounds acting as bookends. The trail will connect Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park <i>becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park</i> with North Mississippi Regional Park and will link to the Rush Creek, Medicine Lake and Twin Lakes regional trails.</p> <p>The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is a permanent fund constitutionally established by the citizens of Minnesota to assist in the protection, conservation, preservation and enhancement of the state’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife and other natural resources.</p> <p>CCX Media aired this story on the acquisitions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdzAmbVEd98</p> <p>The news release also was posted on Three Rivers Park District’s website under the Future Developments section. The link is available here:</p>
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		<p>https://www.threeriversparks.org/page/west-mississippi-river-regional-trail-acquisition-plan.</p> <p>When dedicated pages are created on Three Rivers Park District’s website for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail and Baker-Carver Regional Trail (which will occur when trail construction starts), those pages will include the Funding information — including the ENRTF logo and website link — that are found on the Rush Creek Regional Trail, Carver Park Reserve, Lake Rebecca Park Reserve and Kingswood Park pages. Information about ENRTF funding also will be included in communications about the projects when construction takes place.</p>
23 – Three Rivers Park District / Goodin	Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.	See above
24 – Three Rivers Park District / Hodgson	Signs will be posted when trail kiosk is installed.	<p>Hodgson acquisition</p> <p>Three Rivers Park District published a news item on ThreeRiversParks.org announcing the purchase of the Hodgson property. The news item is available here: https://www.threeriversparks.org/news/three-rivers-purchases-land-future-regional-trails</p> <p>The news item includes the ENRTF logo.</p>
25 – Washington County / Bofenkamp		<p>Washington County issued the following news release:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <p>NEWS RELEASE</p> </div> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Our Mission: Providing quality services through responsible leadership, innovation and the cooperation of dedicated people</small></p> <p>Date: Nov. 13, 2018 Contact: Yvonne Klunnert, Public Information Manager Phone: 651-430-6026, after hours 952-807-3723 E-mail: yvonne.klunnert@co.washington.mn.us</p> <p>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The following actions were taken at the Nov. 13, 2018, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota</p>

		<p>Bofenkamp Continued...</p> <p>County acquires land for inclusion in Big Marine Park Reserve</p> <p>The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the acquisition Nov. 13 of a lot in Scandia to be included in Big Marine Park Reserve.</p> <p>The acquisition is at 14621 Margo Ave., and is a lot in Big Lake Estates. The purchase was initiated by the Official Map process, which is part of the Big Marine Park Reserve Master Plan. When a property owner purchased the property and then applied for a building permit, it triggered provisions of the park ordinance requiring the county to either grant the permit or commence efforts to acquire the property for the park.</p> <p>An appraisal of the land was done, and the County Board determined that the land was appropriate for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve. The appraised value of the property is \$491,500, and the purchase will be funded by the county's voter-approved Land and Water Legacy Program. A request will be made to the Metropolitan Council for reimbursement for 75 percent of the cost of the land.</p> <p>Contact: Sharon Price, Property Manager, 651-430-4391</p>
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VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

For the period July 2014 to January 2019.

A. ENRTF Budget Overview:

Budget Category	ENRTF	Council match	Subrecipient match
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #17	\$210,170	\$133,699	\$116,761
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #18	30,568	15,811	16,982
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #19	171,947	111,157	95,470
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #20	150,164	100,109	83,425
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #21	166,234	110,823	186,036
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #22	258,688	172,459	143,716
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #23	195,504	130,335	108,613
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #24	284,613	189,742	158,118
Fee Title Acquisition: Parcel #25	32,111	35,863	22,658
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET COMMITTED:	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$931,788
BALANCE REMAINING	0	0	0

- Explanation of use of classified staff: N/A
- Explanation of capital expenditures greater than \$5,000: Acquisitions were financed as follows:
 - 45% of the costs will be reimbursed with ENRTF money. No costs ineligible for ENRTF will be reimbursed from ENRTF funds, which are applied against the actual acquisition cost for the property.
 - 30% of the costs will be reimbursed from Metropolitan Council bonds.
 - 25% of the costs will be borne by the acquiring regional parks implementing agency.
- Number of full-time equivalents (FTE) directly funded with this ENRTF appropriation: None.
- Number of full-time equivalents (FTE) estimated to be funded through contracts with this ENRTF appropriation: None.

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds*	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Council bonds will finance 30% of total acquisition costs. This is cash.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	100% of tax equivalency payment due on the land as required under MN Statute 473.341, plus it may partially finance some of the fee title acquisition cost incurred at closing or closing costs, such as legal services, closing costs and pro-rated property taxes.
Agency provides other non-state funds to finance 25% of cash total acquisition costs plus any additional costs	\$843,788	\$931,778	100% of appraisal cost and earnest money; may also partially finance some of the closing costs.
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$1,843,788	\$1,931,788	

*In cases where the seller donates land value and thus reduces the total cash outlay, that land value donation will be counted as part of the 25% match to the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant. Consequently there may be cases in which the Agency provides no cash match to the grant. In those instances the Council bonds would finance the items listed in the “use of other funds” column.

This table will be updated with the amounts spent from these other sources in future status reports when the two regional park implementing agencies request reimbursement and convey final figures.

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners:

Based on the park agencies that have listed parcels on the attached M.L. 2014 M.L. 2014 Acquisition List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition, the following regional park agencies are eligible to receive Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant(s) from this work plan. The amount each agency actually receives is dependent on the amount needed for a particular subgrant and will be reported in future status reports in the Project Budget and in Other Funds.

Regional Park Agency Contact	Regional Park Implementing Agency
Kelly Grissman	Three Rivers Park District
Sharon Price	Washington County Parks
Al Singer	Dakota County Parks

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:

This work plan is a component of the long-range goal in the Council’s 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan to acquire land within Council-approved master plan boundaries for regional parks and trails. Generally, the share from each funding source for land acquisitions is:

Funding Source	Percent of Acquisition Cost
ENRTF	45%
Council bonds	30%
Agency funds	25%

ENRTF appropriations have been restricted to acquire only land containing high quality natural resources that contain no residential structures. Other funding sources such as Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, matched with Council bonds and Agency funds, have been used to acquire land that had low quality natural resources and/or included structures—both residential and non-residential. Long-term strategies for ongoing financial support include continued public-sector investment of state, regional and local sources for natural resource restoration and management of the acquired lands.

C. Spending History:

This is a continuing appropriation for acquiring high quality natural resources parcels for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System. The table below shows past ENRTF appropriations for this purpose.

ENRTF Funding Source	M.L. 2007(FY08)	M.L. 2008 (FY09)	M.L. 2009 (FY10)	M.L. 2010 (FY11)	M.L. 2011 (FY12-13)	M.L. 2014 (FY2015)
ML 2007, Chap. 30, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(f)	\$2,500,000					
ML 2008, Chap. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(i)		\$1,500,000				
M.L. 2009, Chap. 143, Sec. 2, Subd. 4(c) and M.L. 2012, Chap. 272, Sec. 88, Subd. b			\$1,290,000			
M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chap. 2, Art.3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04c					\$2,250,000	
2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b						\$1,500,000

VIII. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION LIST:

See attached M.L. 2014 Acquisition/Restoration List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition.

IX. VISUAL ELEMENT or MAP(S):

See attached parcel maps 17 to 25 for each numbered parcel listed in the M.L. 2014 Acquisition/Restoration List for Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition (including all amendment requests).

X. ACQUISITION/RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS WORKSHEET:

See attached Excel file.

XI. RESEARCH ADDENDUM:

n/a

XII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted no later than January 2015, July 2015, January 2016, July 2016, January 2017, July 2017, December 2017, January 2018, July 2018, January 2019, and a final report in August 2019.

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund					
M.L. 2014 Project Budget					
Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition					
Legal Citation: M.L. 2014, Ch. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b; extended to 6/30/18 by M.L. 2017, Ch. 96, Sec. 2, Subd 17(a)(5), and to 6/30/19 by M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20.					
Project Manager: Emmett Mullin					
Organization: Metropolitan Council					
M.L. 2014 ENRTF Appropriation: \$1,500,000					
Project Length and Completion Date: 5 Years, June 30, 2019					
Date of Report: August 27, 2019					
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent*	Activity 1 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
Fee Title Acquisition - Purchase price only	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -



Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition
 Organization: Metropolitan Council
 Project Length & Completion Date: 5 years, 6/30/19
 Date of Report: August 27, 2019

M.L. 2014 Acquisition/Restoration List

Legal Citation: M.L. 2014, Ch. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 07b; extended to 6/30/18 by M.L. 2017, Ch. 96, Sec. 2, Subd 17(a)(5) and M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 20.
 M.L. 2014 ENRTF Appropriation: \$1,500,000

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#	Acquisition Parcel Name	PID	Latitude	Longitude	Committed ENRTF \$	Metropolitan Council match	Sub-recipient match	Estimated PILT	County	Ecological Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	# of Shore-line Miles	Type of Land-owner	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder	Status:	Note
17	Dakota County, Lebanon Hills Reg Park	100360053010 100360053020	44° 46' 33.893" N 44° 46' 33.893" N	93° 7' 22.41" W 93° 7' 20.216" W	\$ 210,170	\$ 133,699	\$ 116,761	N/A	Dakota	Wooded inholding	Fee Title Acquisition	2.58	0.00	Private Party	Fee Title; Dakota County	Property acquired	Doehling
18	Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek Reg Trail	0511922 24 0007	45 14°59.39" N	93 49°67.27" W	\$ 30,568	\$ 15,811	\$ 16,982	N/A	Hennepin	On Rush Creek: flood plain, wetland, wooded, and bluff like landform.	Fee Title Acquisition	3.17	0.07	Private Party	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Becklin
19	Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek Reg Trail	411922210001	45°14'95.25" N	93° 47' 48.3" W	\$ 171,947	\$ 111,157	\$ 95,470	N/A	Hennepin	On Rush Creek: flood plain, wetland, wooded, and bluff like landform.	Fee Title Acquisition	10.04	0.42	For-profit developer	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Segal/Enclave
21	Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek Reg Trail;	0411922220007	45.150041	-93.477573	\$ 166,234	\$ 110,822	\$ 186,036	n/a	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplain	Fee Title Acquisition	6.42	0.25	Private Party	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Wegner
22	Three Rivers Park District, West Mississippi Reg Trail	0912022220005 0912022220004	45.223729	-93.481175	\$ 258,689	\$ 172,460	\$ 143,715	n/a	Hennepin	On the south shore of the Mississippi River, within the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area; half wooded, steeply sloped ravine	Fee Title Acquisition	11.27	0.25	Private Party	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Dahlheimer
23	Three Rivers Park District, West Mississippi River Reg Trail	0512022230009	45.233066	-93.49801	\$ 195,504	\$ 130,336	\$ 108,613	n/a	Hennepin	830' of Mississippi River shoreline	Fee Title Acquisition	7.3	0.16	Private Party	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Goodin
24	Three Rivers Park District, Baker-Carver Reg Trail	2811724120003	44.918718	-93.713888	\$ 284,613	\$ 189,742	\$ 158,118	n/a	Hennepin	Wetland, wooded & upland field w/creek that feeds Lake Minnetonka and Minnehaha Creek	Fee Title Acquisition	55.94	0.25	Private Party	Fee title: Three Rivers Park District	Property acquired	Hodgson
25	Washington County, Big Marine Park Reserve,	3203220440011 3203220440012	45.2130008	-92.855857	\$ 32,111	\$ 35,863	\$ 22,658	n/a	Washington	Hardwoods & pine; pond part of property, adjacent to Big Marine Lake	Fee Title Acquisition	8.33	0.00	Private Party	Fee title: Washington County	Property acquired	Boefnkamp
Totals					\$ 1,349,836	\$ 899,890	\$ 848,353					105.1	1.40				

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 1 (removed from work plan by amendment January 2016)

Parcel Name: Carver County, Lake Waconia Regional Park, Coney Island






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Longitude: 93° 47' 2.6514" W

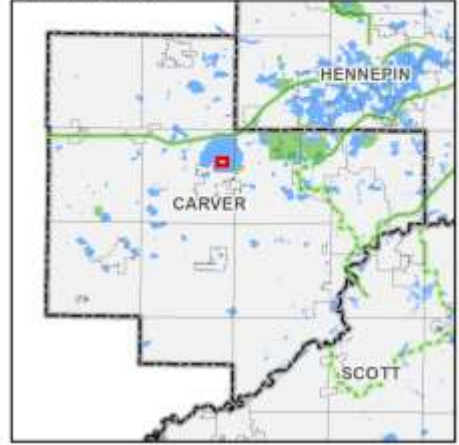
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Parcel removed by amendment January 2016



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  2013 Parcel Boundaries
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 2

Parcel Name: Dakota County, Lake Byllesby Regional Park, Augustine

Parcel removed by amendment July 2016



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  2013 Parcel Boundaries
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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Latitude: 44° 31' 6"N
Longitude: 93° 1' 40" W
Acreage: 110

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 3

Parcel Name: Dakota County, Miesville Ravine Regional Park Reserve, Ellison







Latitude: 44° 33' 36.212"N

Longitude: 93° 49' 19.461" W

Acreage: 49

Parcel removed by amendment July 2016



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  2013 Parcel Boundaries
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 4

Parcel Name: Dakota County, Spring Lake Regional Park Reserve, Sorg I

Latitude: 44° 46' 8.697"N

Longitude: 92° 55' 23.412" W

Acreage: 8

Parcel removed by amendment January 2016



- Existing Regional Parks
- Existing Regional Trails
- Planned Regional Trails
- 2013 Parcel Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

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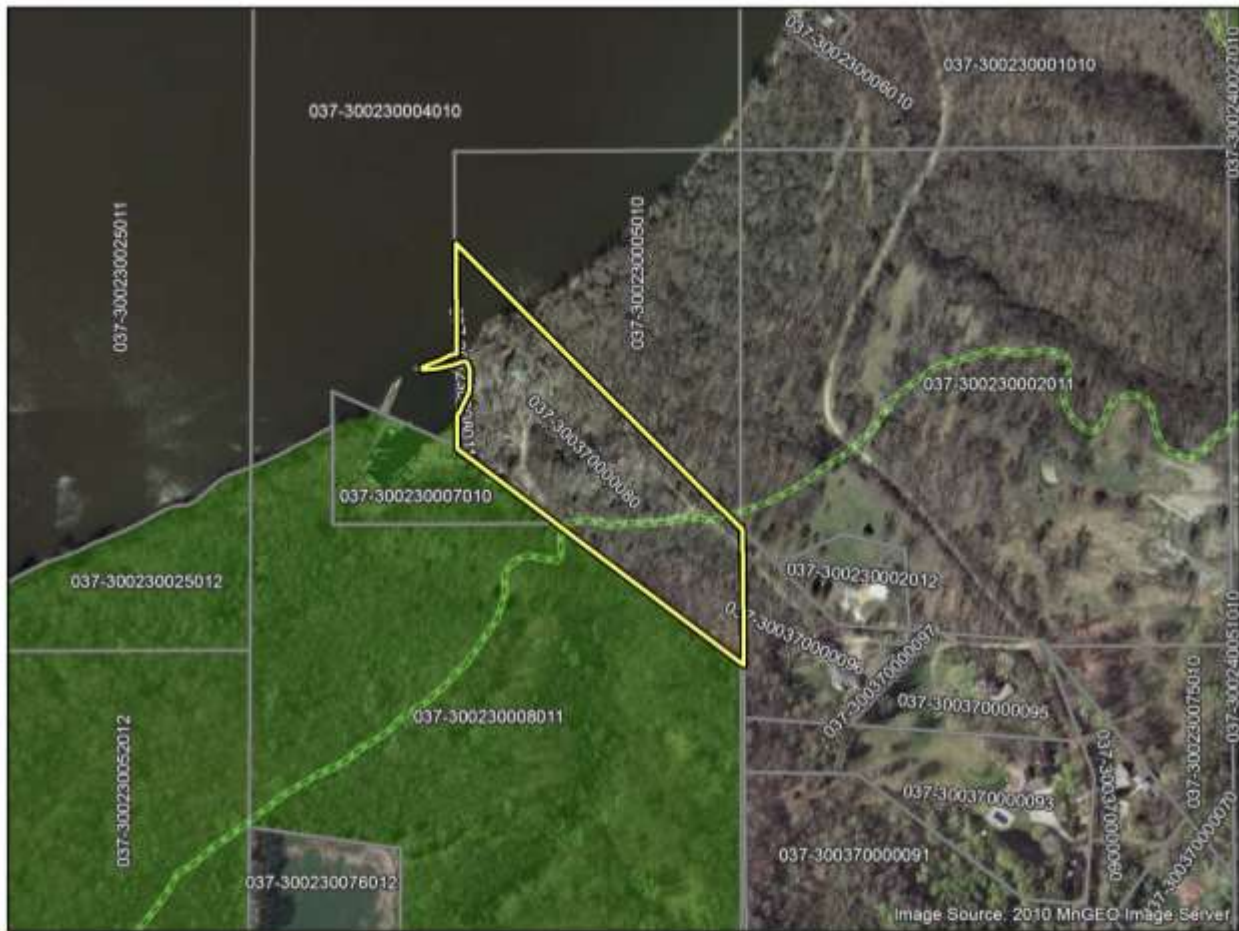
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Longitude: 92° 56' 24.67" W

Acreage: 10

Parcel removed by amendment January 2016



- Existing Regional Parks
- Existing Regional Trails
- Planned Regional Trails
- 2013 Parcel Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 6

Parcel Name: Dakota County, Spring Lake Regional Park Reserve, Sorg II







Latitude: 44° 45' 13.34"N

Longitude: 92° 56' 4.835" W

Acreage: 77

Parcel removed by amendment July 2016



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  2013 Parcel Boundaries
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 7

Parcel Name: Dakota County, Spring Lake Regional Park Reserve, Volkert/Gramsey

Latitude: 44° 44' 48.667"N

Longitude: 92° 57' 0.774" W

Acreage: 40

**Parcel removed by
amendment July 2016**



- Existing Regional Parks
- Existing Regional Trails
- Planned Regional Trails
- 2013 Parcel Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- City and Township Boundaries



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 8







Parcel Name: Scott County, Blakeley Bluffs Regional Park Reserve, PIN 29080030

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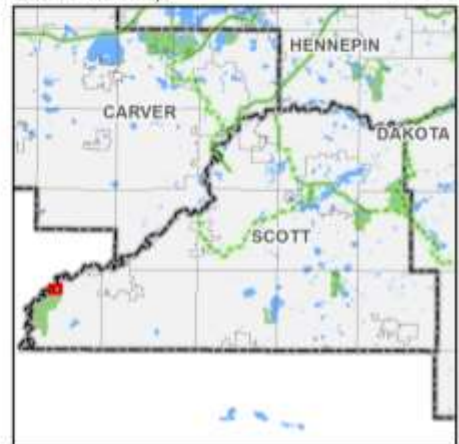
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Acreage: 15



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Scott County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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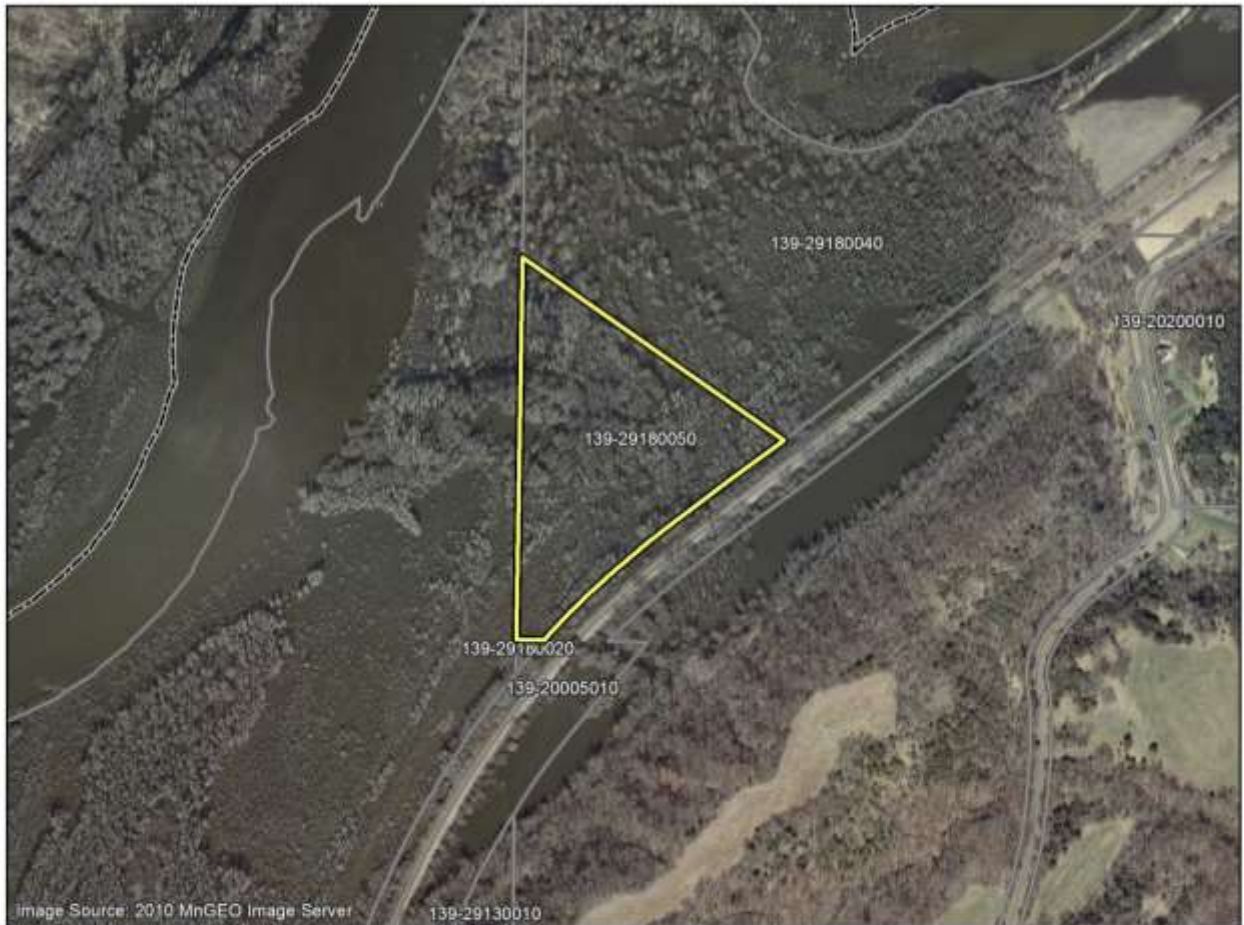
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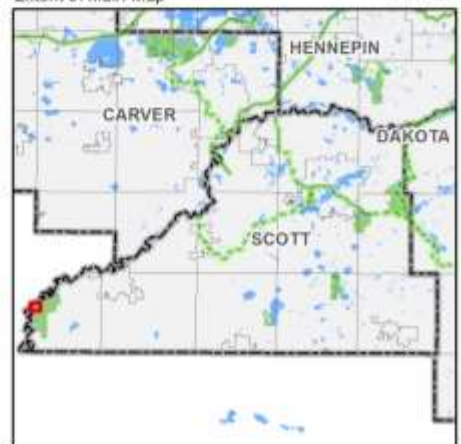
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Acreage: 16



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Scott County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

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

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Longitude: 93° 52.679' 0.00" W

Acreage: 50



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Scott County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 11

Parcel Name: Scott County, Blakeley Bluffs Regional Park Reserve, PIN 29170070 and 29170081







Latitude: 44° 36.007' 0.00"N

Longitude: 93° 51.499' 0.00" W

Acreage: 74

**Parcel removed by
amendment July 2016**



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Scott County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

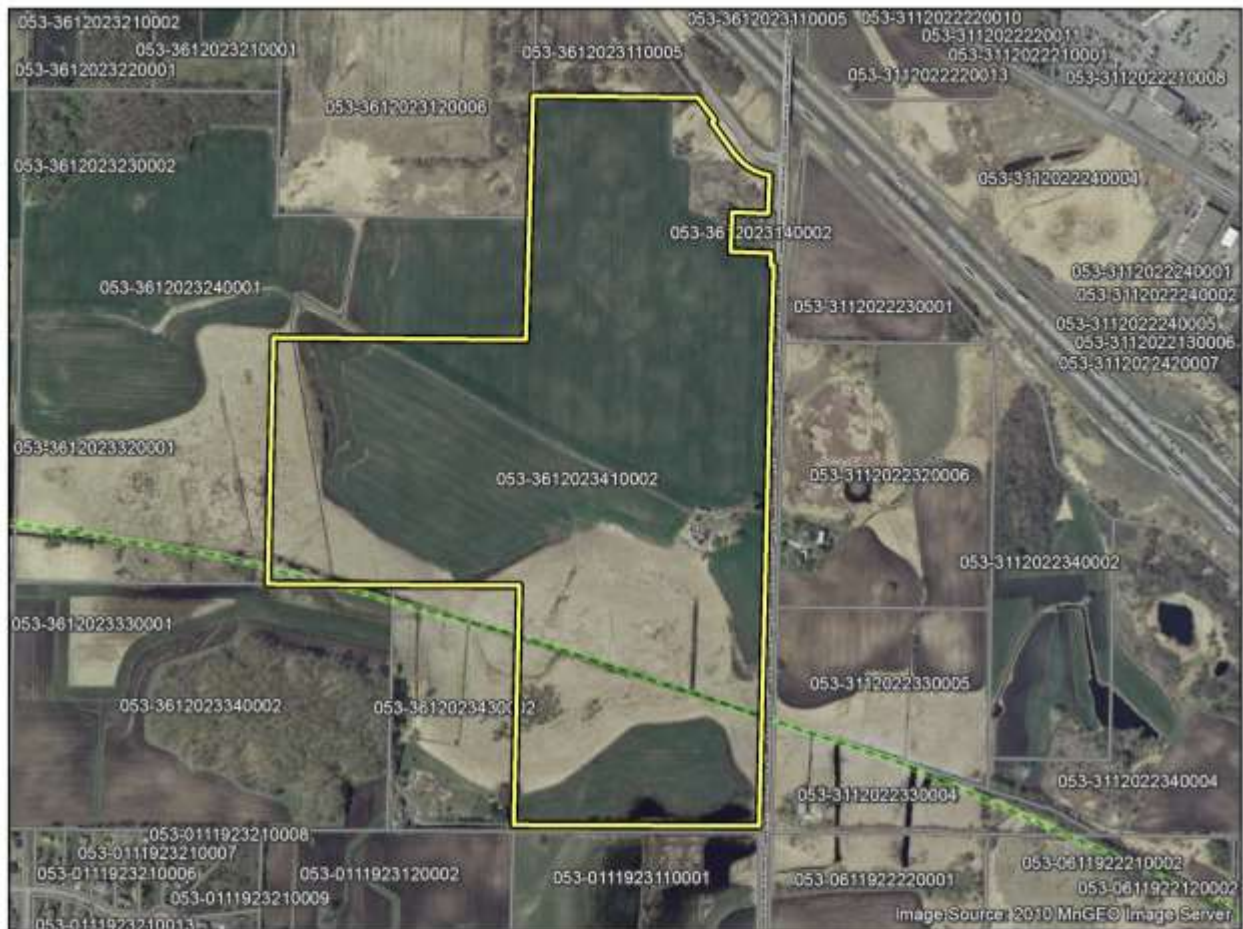
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Parcel Name: Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek RT, Stone's Throw East PIN 3612023410002

Latitude: 45° 9' 28.948"N

Longitude: 93° 31' 29.07" W

Acreage: 50-60



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Hennepin County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

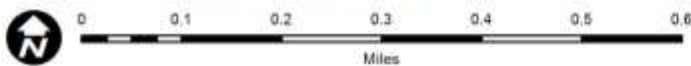
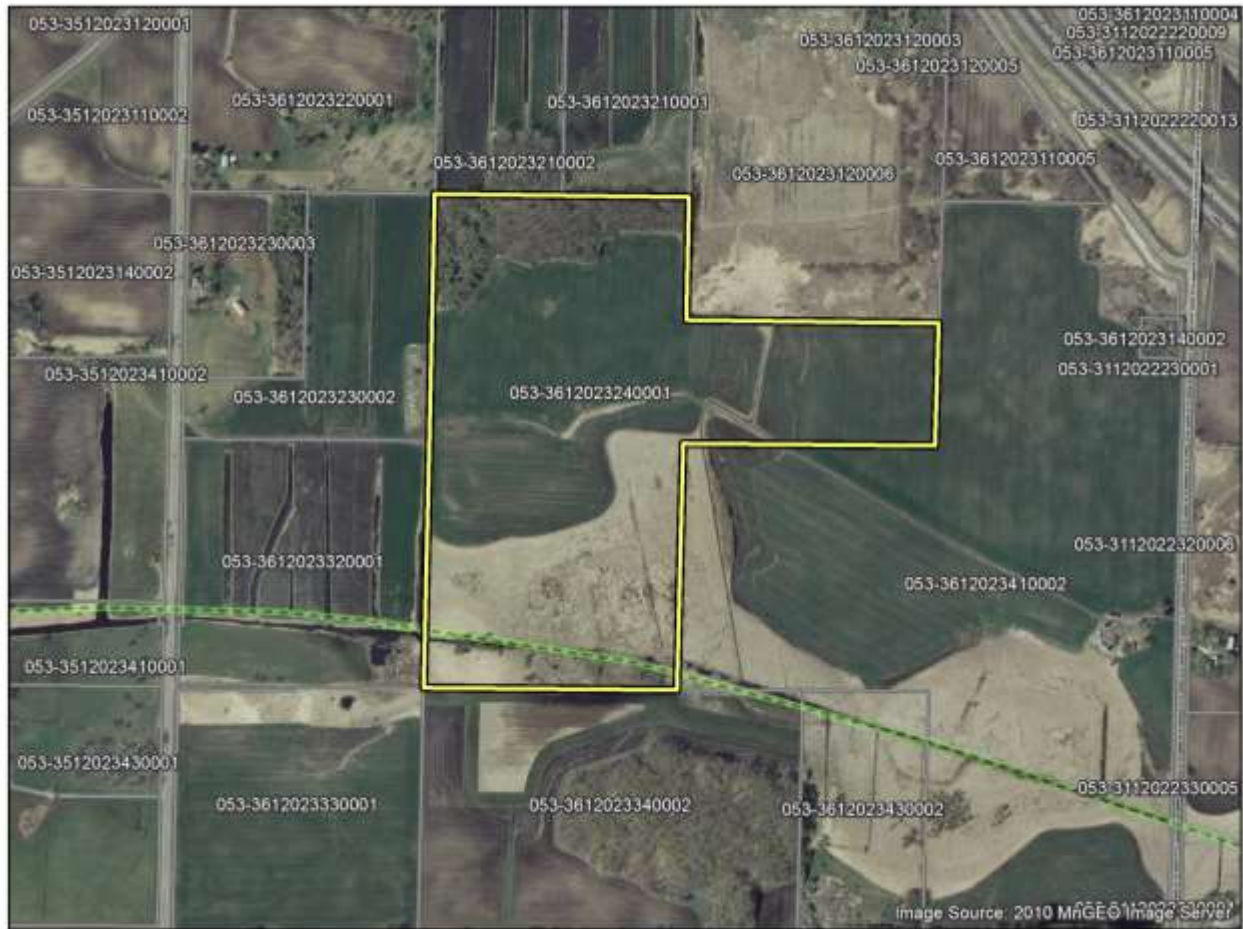
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
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Latitude: 45° 9' 37.33"N

Longitude: 93° 32' 5.404" W

Acreage: 50



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Hennepin County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 1/14/2014



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 14

Parcel Name: Washington County, Point Douglas Regional Trail Acquisition







Latitude: 44° 45' 25.6"N

Longitude: 92° 50' 59.9" W

Acreage: 6.8

**Parcel removed by
amendment July 2016**



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Washington County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 1/14/2014



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2014 Work Plan Parcel Maps

Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

Parcel #: 15

Parcel Name: Washington County, St. Croix Valley Regional Trail Acquisition







Latitude: 44° 46' 27"N

Longitude: 92° 48' 37" W

Acreage: 16.65

Parcel removed by amendment July 2016



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Washington County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 1/14/2014



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

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


Parcel Name: Washington County, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park – Rowe property

Latitude: 44° 48' 36"N

Longitude: 92° 47' 17" W

Acreage: 42



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Washington County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 1/14/2014



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 3

Parcel #: 17

Parcel Name: Dakota County Parks / Lebanon Hills Regional Park / Doehling property

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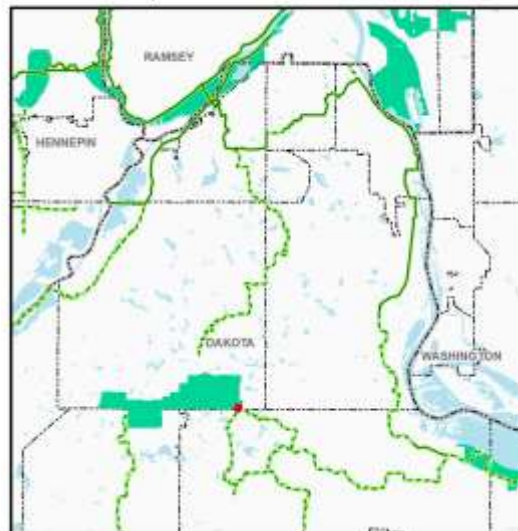
Longitude: 92°47' 17" W

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Extent of Main Map

-  Existing Regional Parks
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-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Cities & Townships
-  County Boundaries
-  Lakes and Rivers



Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition

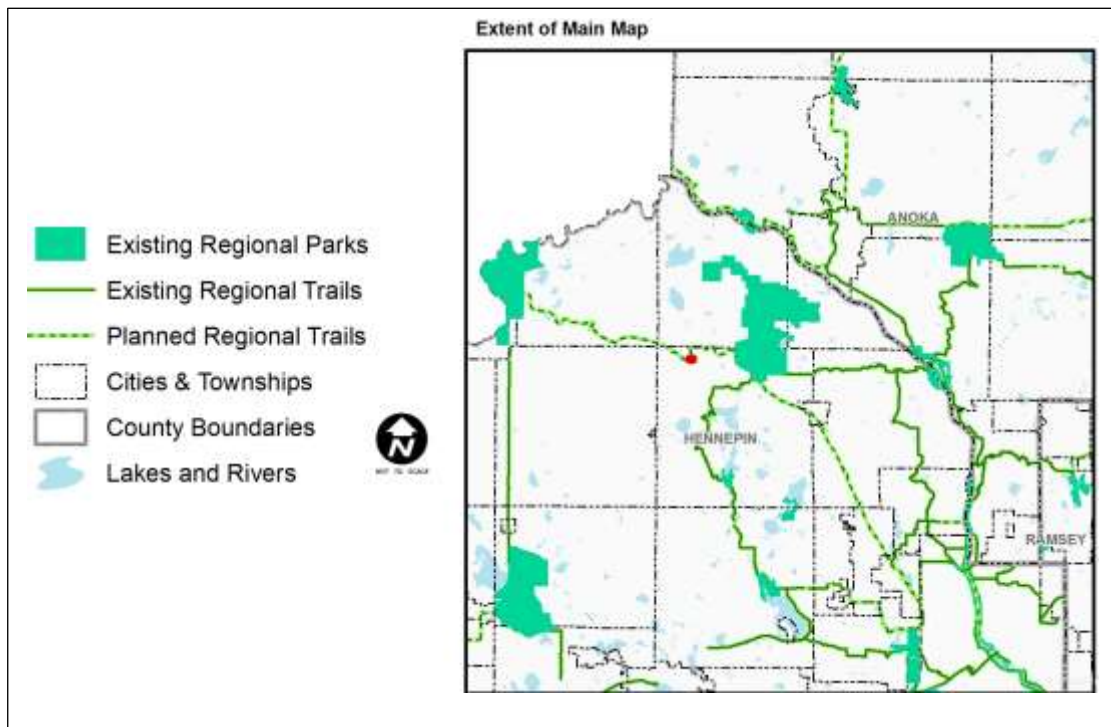
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Parcel Name: Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek Regional Trail, Becklin Property

Latitude: 45° 14' 59.39"N

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Acreage: 3.17



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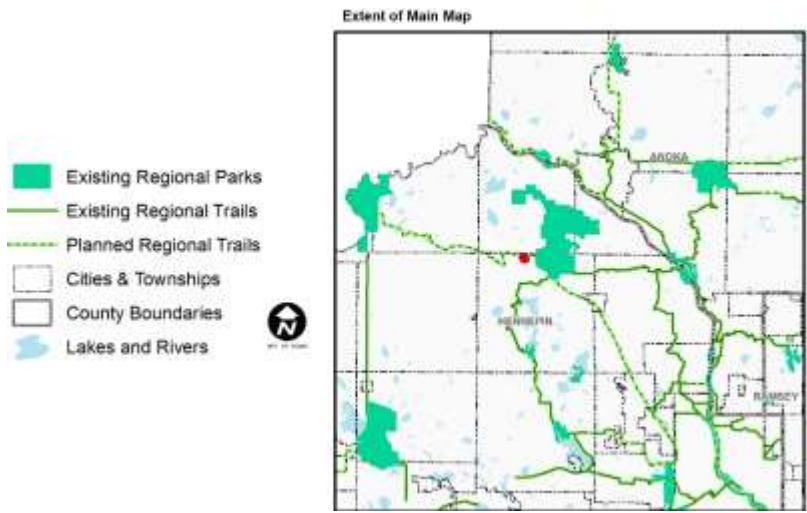
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Latitude: 45° 14' 95.25"N

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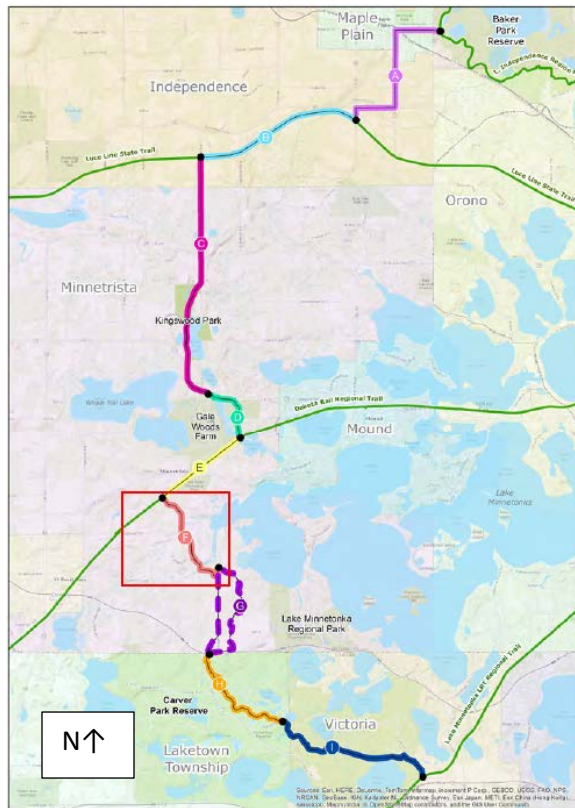
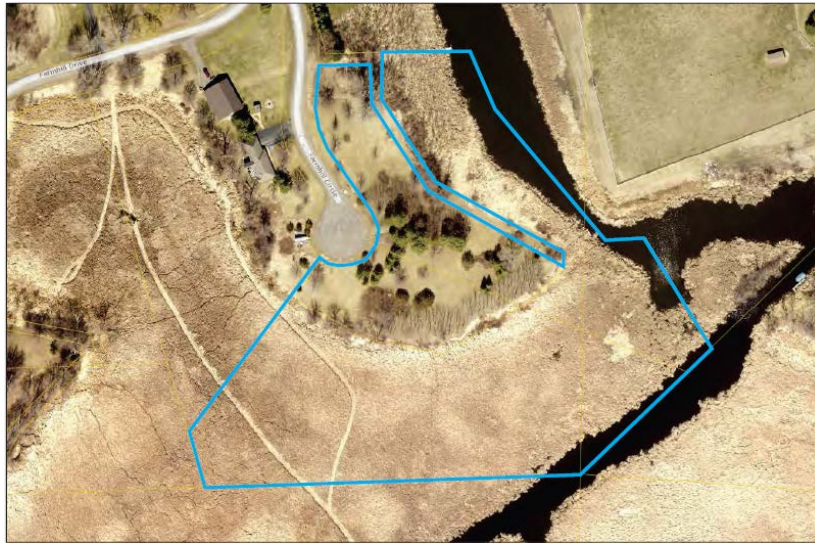
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Acreage: 3.72



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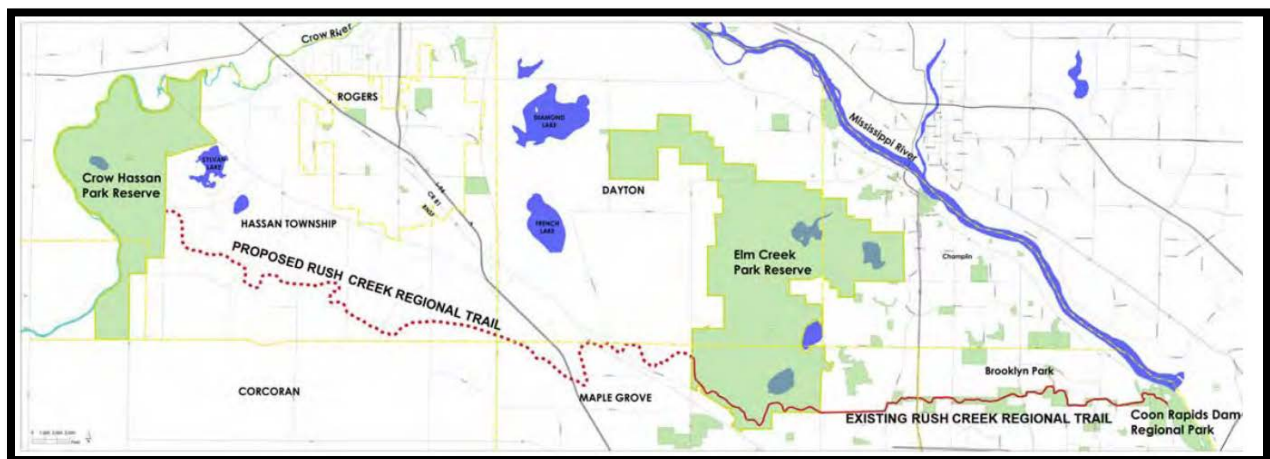
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Parcel Name: Three Rivers Park District, Rush Creek Regional Trail, Wegner property

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Acreage: 9.6



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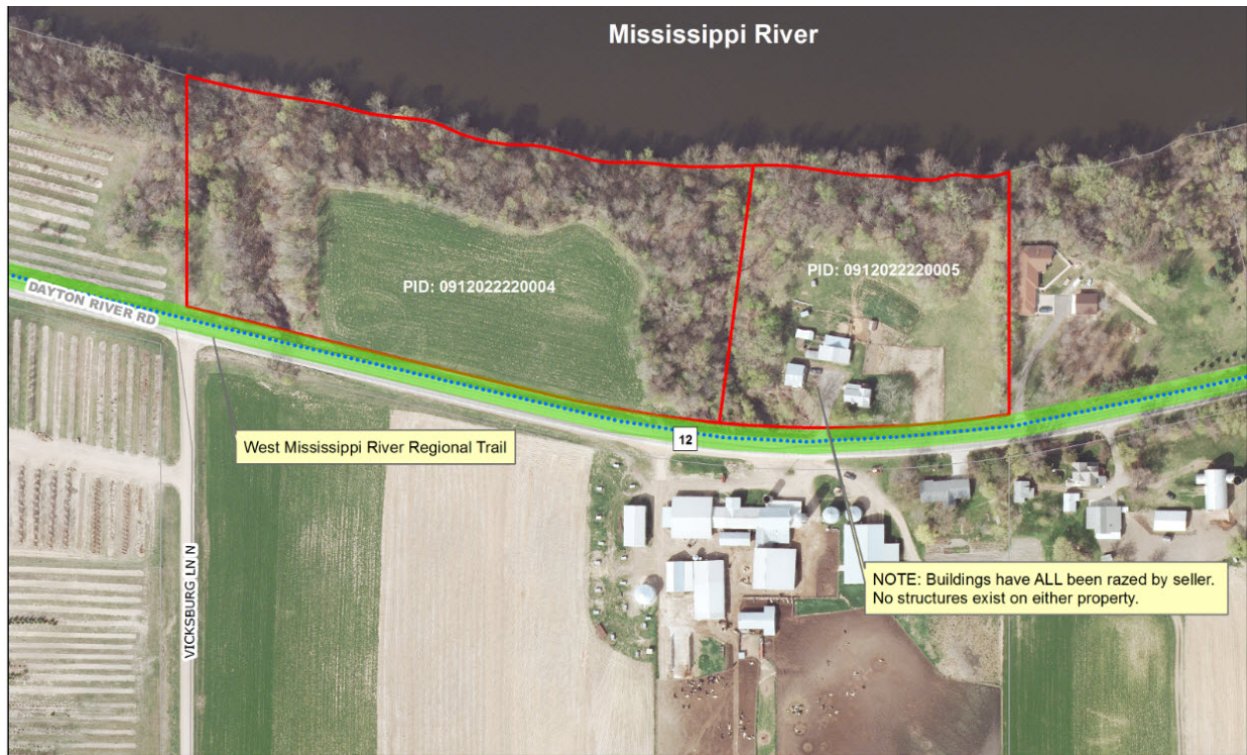
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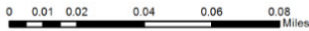
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October 4, 2017 AR

Dahlheimer Property Acquisition



Existing trail segment
Proposed trail segment



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Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Parks System Acquisition

Parcel #: 23

Parcel Name: Three Rivers Park District, West Mississippi River Regional Trail, Goodin property

Latitude: 45.233066

Longitude: -93.49801

Acreage: 7.3



Goodin Property



- Existing trail segment
- Proposed trail segment



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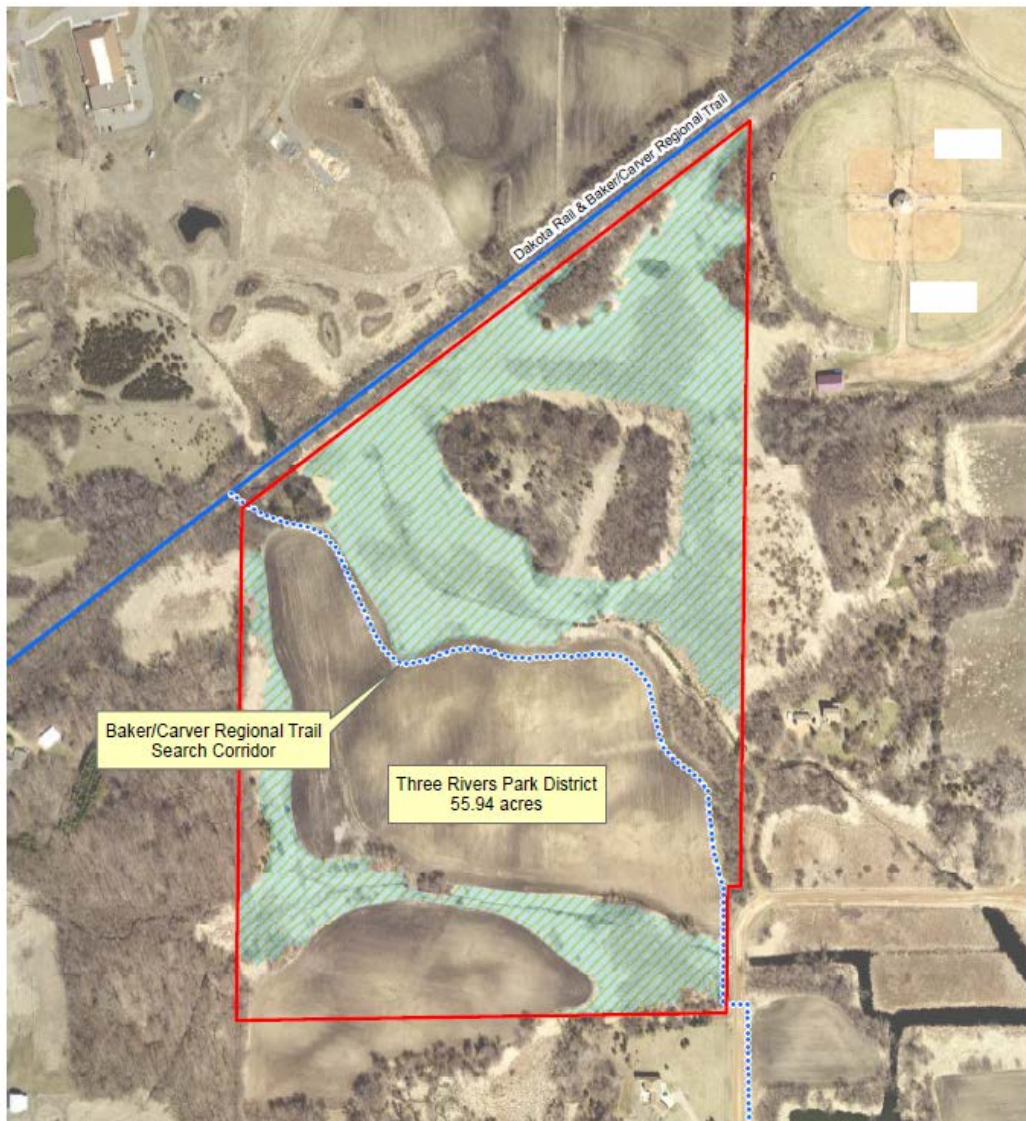
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Parcel Name: Three Rivers Park District, Baker-Carver Regional Trail, Hodgson property

Latitude: 44.918718

Longitude: -93.713888

Acreage: 55.94



Hodgson Property

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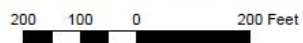
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Longitude: -92.855857

Acreage: 4.55

Proposed ENRTF-funded parcels
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Bofenkamp Parcels