

Business item 2018-203

Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for the Baker-Carver Regional Trail: Hodgson Property

Three Rivers Park District

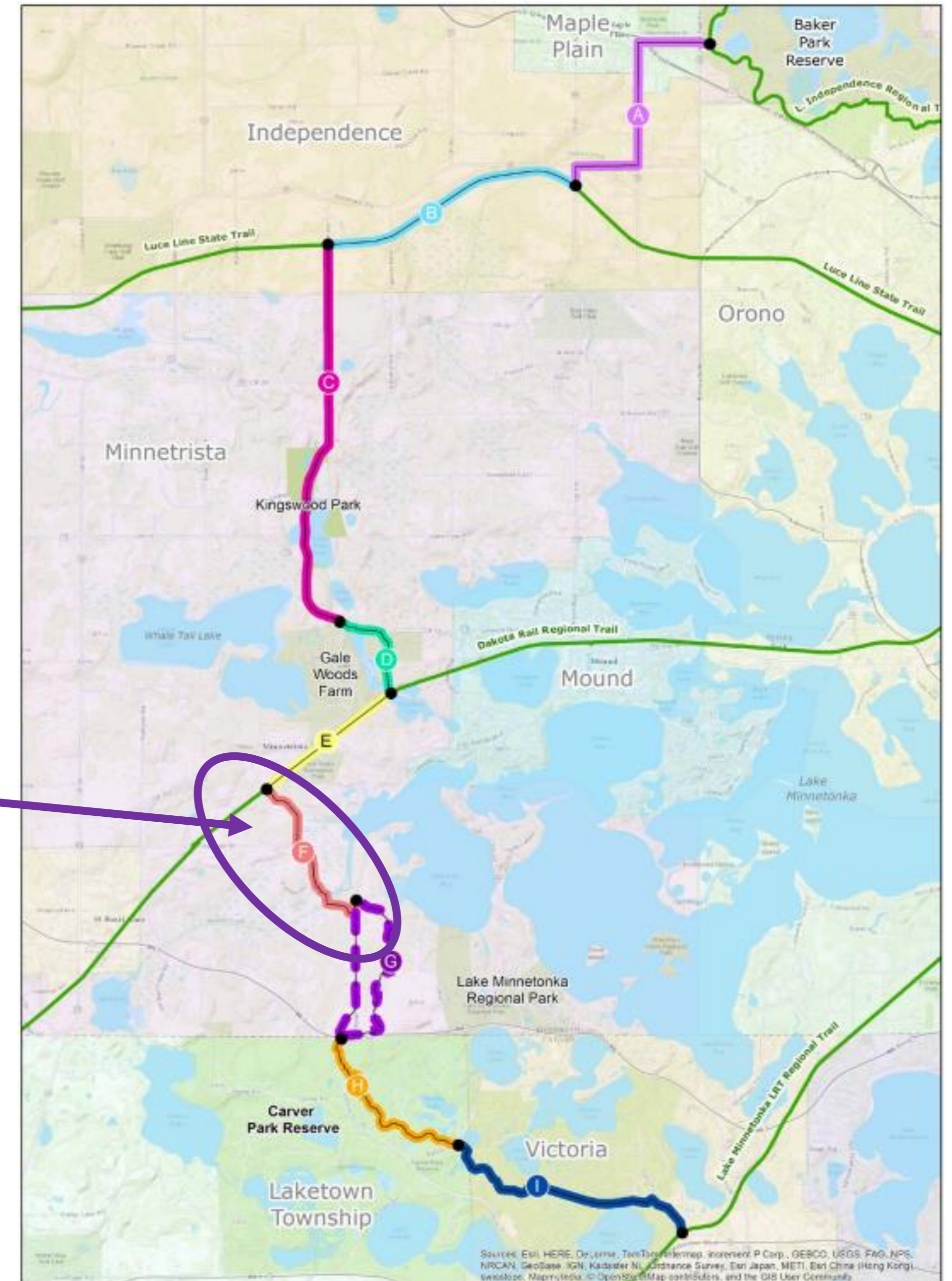
August 20, 2018

Community Development Committee



Baker-Carver Regional Trail

- Located in western Hennepin County
- Runs through Medina, Maple Plain, Independence, Minnetrista, Victoria, and Laketown Township
- Property is in Segment F, in Minnetrista, near Halstead Bay

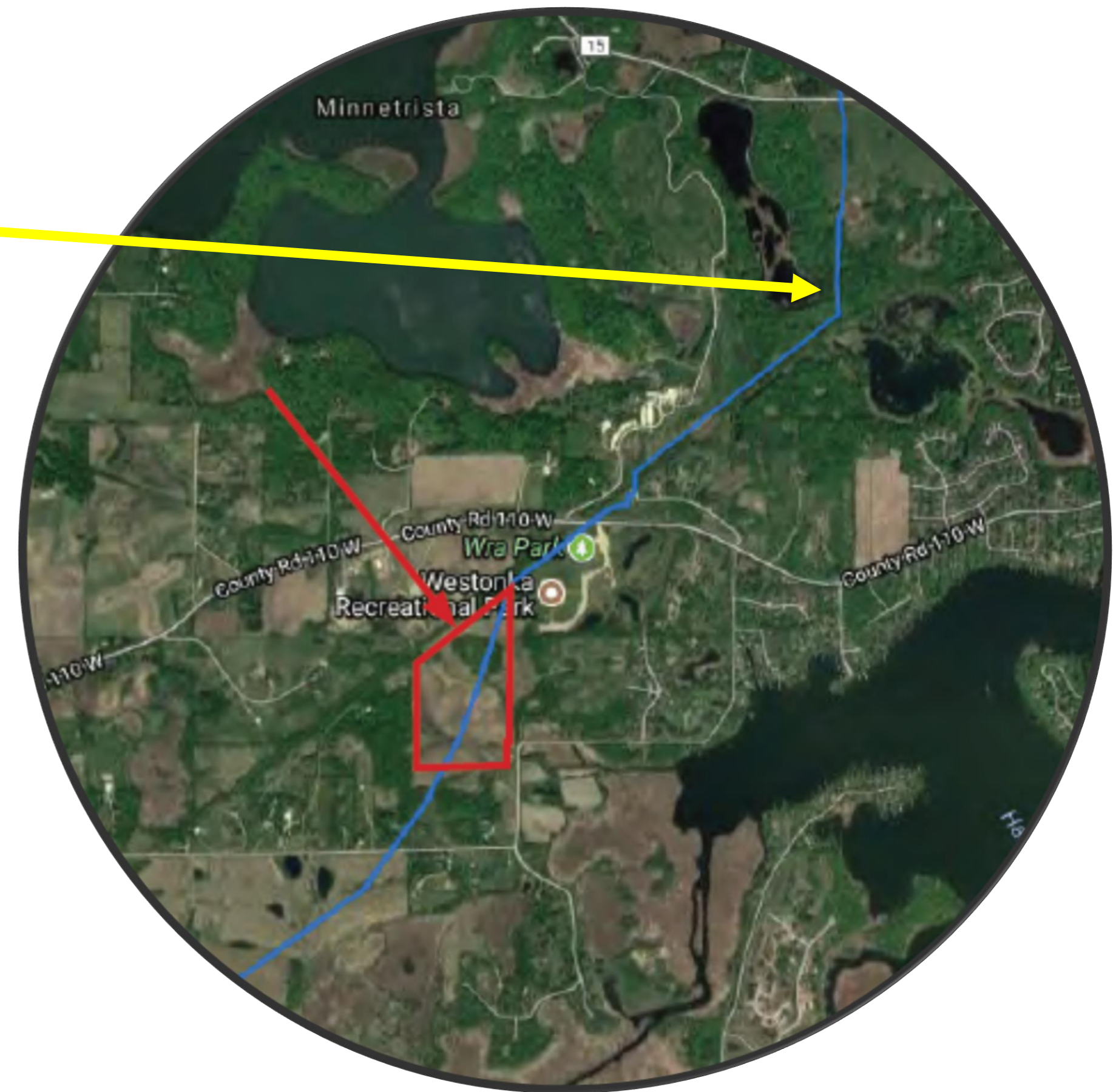


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- The blue line shows the location of a gas pipeline that runs from northeast to southwest through the property (outlined in red)
- The trail will run northwest to southwest through the property



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Grant request

Funding sources	Amount
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund/Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (ENRTF/PAOF)	\$284,613.30
Council bonds	<u>189,742.20</u>
Total grant funding	\$474,355.50
Local match (25% minimum)*	<u>158,118.50</u>
Total cost of property and eligible expenses	\$632,474.00

*Three Rivers Park District has requested future reimbursement consideration for its match up to \$158,118.50.

Rationale

This request is consistent with:

- The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Baker-Carver Regional Trail master plan, approved by the Council in 2015; and
- All requirements of ENRTF/PAOF:
 - Contains high-value natural resources
 - Does not contain a habitable residence
 - Within a Council-approved master plan
 - Not already fully or partially protected by state ownership
 - Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources has approved the acquisition

Proposed Actions

- Approve a grant of up to \$474,355.50 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the Hodgson parcel at 7300 Halstead Drive in Minnetrista for the Baker-Carver Regional Trail;
- Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council;
- Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$158,118.50 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs associated with this item; and
- Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.