

Update to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan

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Community Development Committee



Minnesota Statute Requirements

- Prepare and adopt a long-range system policy plan for regional recreation open space.
 - Identify general areas where property should be acquired.
 - Establish priorities for acquisition and development.
 - Include a 5-year Capital Improvement Program.
 - Estimate costs of the recommended acquisition and development.
- Comprehensively review the plan every four years.



**Lebanon Hills Regional Park—
Dakota County**



**Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park—
Anoka County & Three Rivers Park District**

2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan



- Adopted Feb 2015
- Update underway for adoption late 2018
- Aligned with *Thrive MSP 2040*

Two Main Sections

- Policies and Strategies
- Regional Parks System Plan

2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Policies and Strategies

- Recreational Activities and Facilities
- Siting and Acquisition
- Planning
- Finance
- System Protection

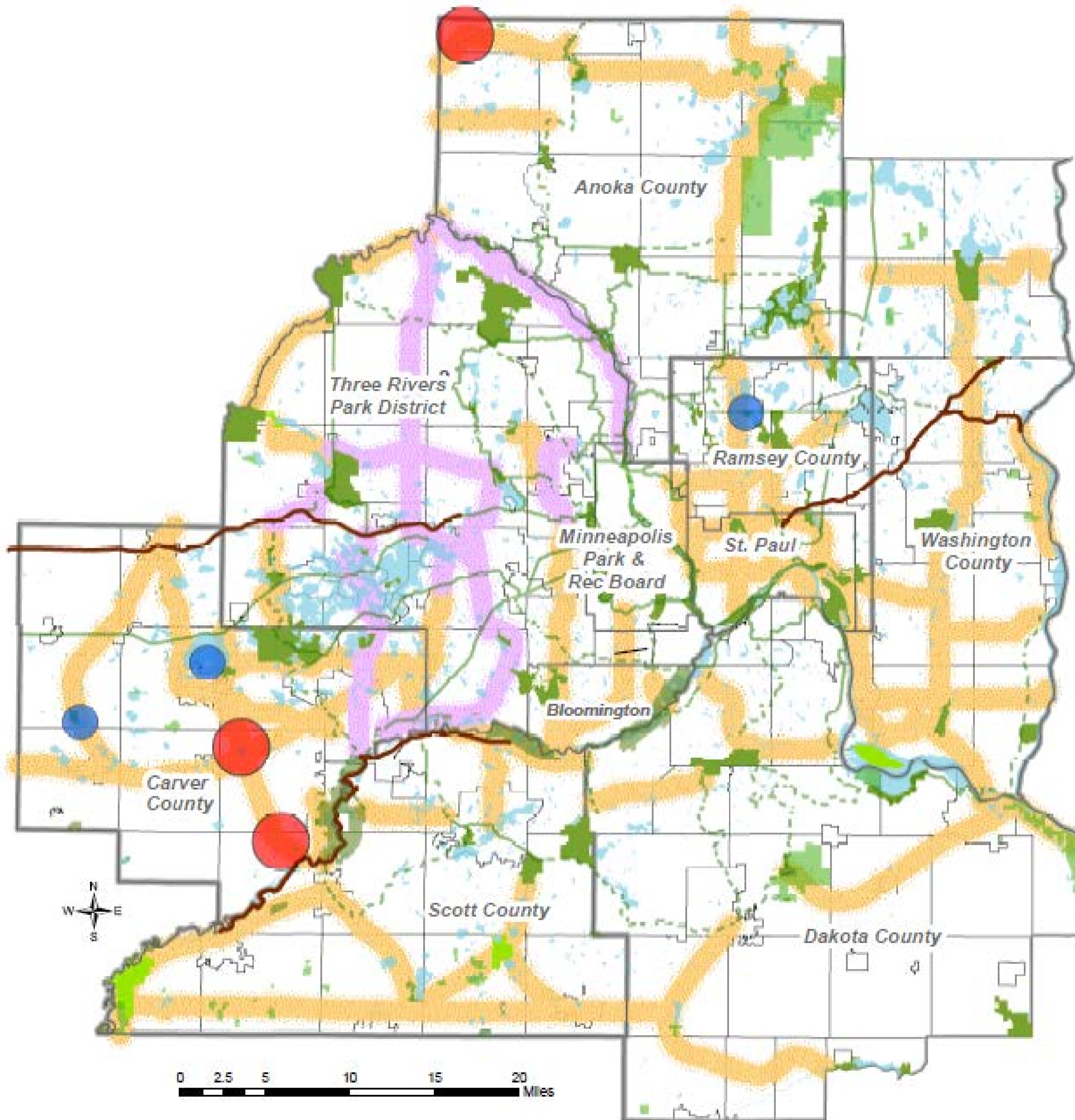


Lake Elmo Park Reserve
Washington County

2040 Regional Parks System Plan

70,000 acres

1,100 miles of
regional trails



Regional Parks, Park Reserves, Special Recreation Features

- Existing
- Planned
- Boundary Adjustment
- Search Area

Regional Trails

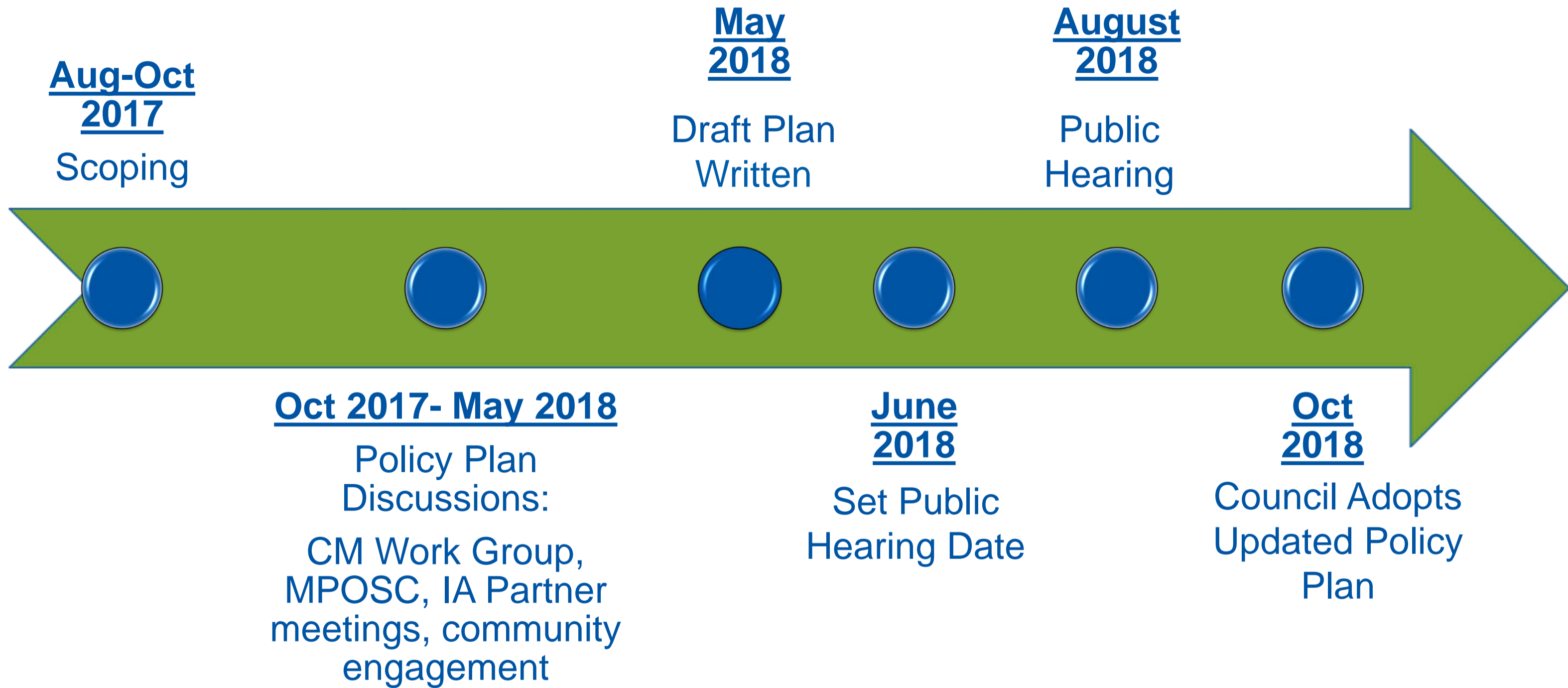
- Existing Regional Trails
- Planned Regional Trails
- Regional Trail Search Corridors
- 2040 Regional Trail Search Corridor Additions

State and Federal

- State Lands
- State Trails
- Federal Lands

Questions about the Regional Parks Policy Plan?

Timeframe for Plan Update



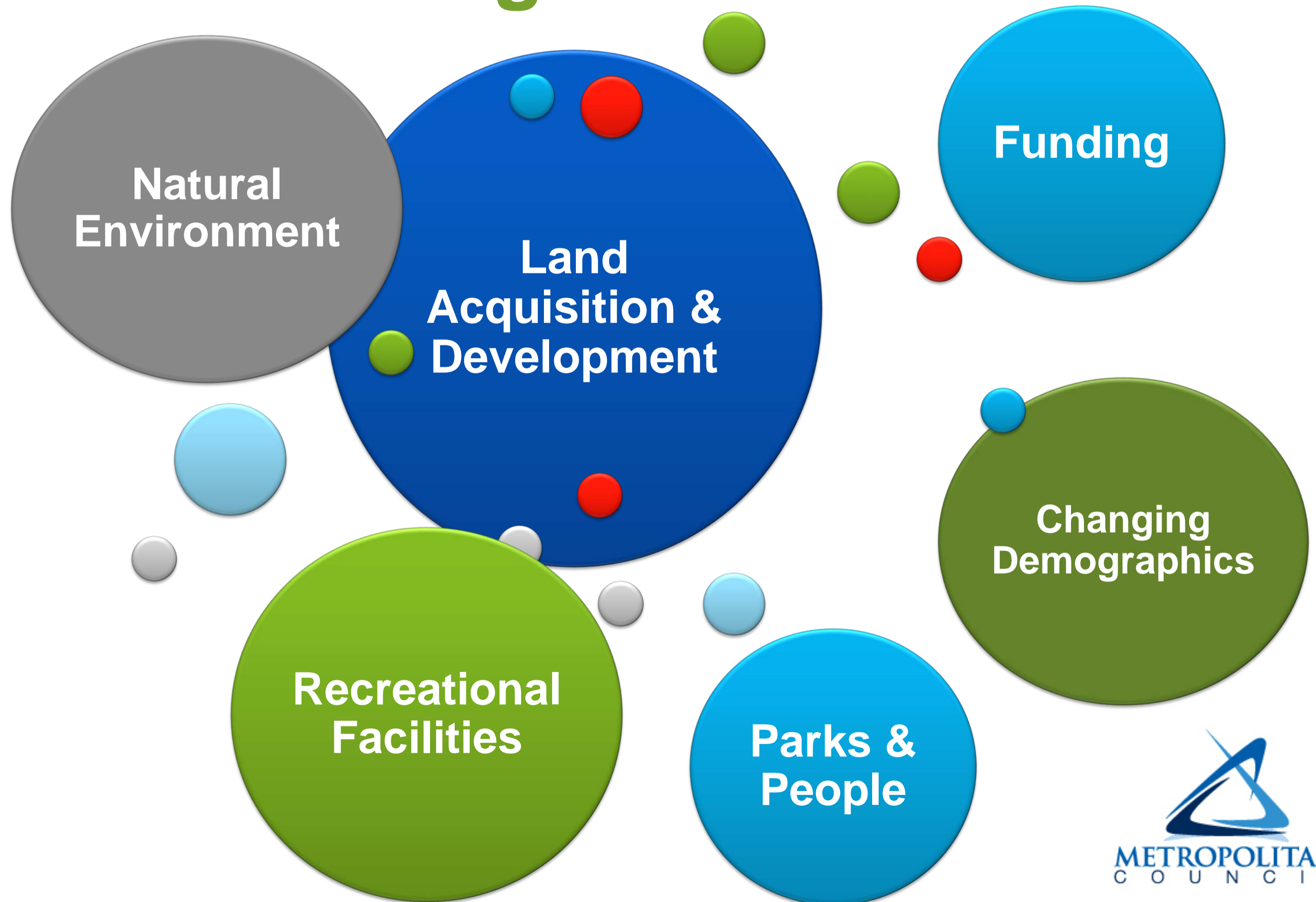
Plan Update Process

- Community Engagement
- Park Implementing Agency Planning Sessions
- Internal Staff Teams
- Council Member Work Group
- Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
- Engagement with Park Agency Boards/Commissions



Como Conservatory Special
Recreation Feature
St. Paul

Themes from Feedback Session with Park Agencies



Work Areas for Policy Plan Update

- **Statutory Requirements**
 - 5 year Capital Improvement Program
 - Estimated costs to acquire and develop the System Plan
- **Respond to Legislation**
 - Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area rules
 - Council interest earnings on park fund
 - Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation: Funds must be used only to fund the list of projects approved by the elected representatives of the implementing agencies

Work Areas for Policy Plan Update

- **Clarify/Modify Language**
 - Definitions and criteria for System Additions
 - Recreation activities/facilities
 - Reimbursements
 - Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund
- **Other**
 - Develop Indicators
 - Program Guide



Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Program Guide – a new element

The Program Guide:

- Will complement the Policy Plan
- Will contain grant rules and guidance to implement the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
- Will not affect System Plan map, or local comprehensive plans



Hyland Bush Anderson Lakes Park Reserve
Bloomington & Three Rivers Park District



Minnehaha Regional Park
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

**Questions about the
update?**

Future Planning Processes

