

Why Regional Park Master Plans Matter

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- Required by Minnesota Statute 473.313
- Set high-level, “40,000 foot” view of a regional park or trail
 - Defines park or trail administrative boundary – the land to be acquired
 - Defines future development and eligible activities
- Council’s Role:
 - Set policy through development of *Regional Parks Policy Plan*
 - Approve master plans consistent with Council policies
 - Provide grants for acquisitions and park development in projects consistent with a Council-approved master plan

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- Includes park implementing agency's estimate of costs
- Not done on a regular schedule – many plans are 10 and 20 years old, or older!
 - Expensive and staff intensive
- Requires public engagement, inviting residents, other governments, and organizations to participate in visioning and plan development
- Master Plan review offers the Council an opportunity to influence future direction at park or system level

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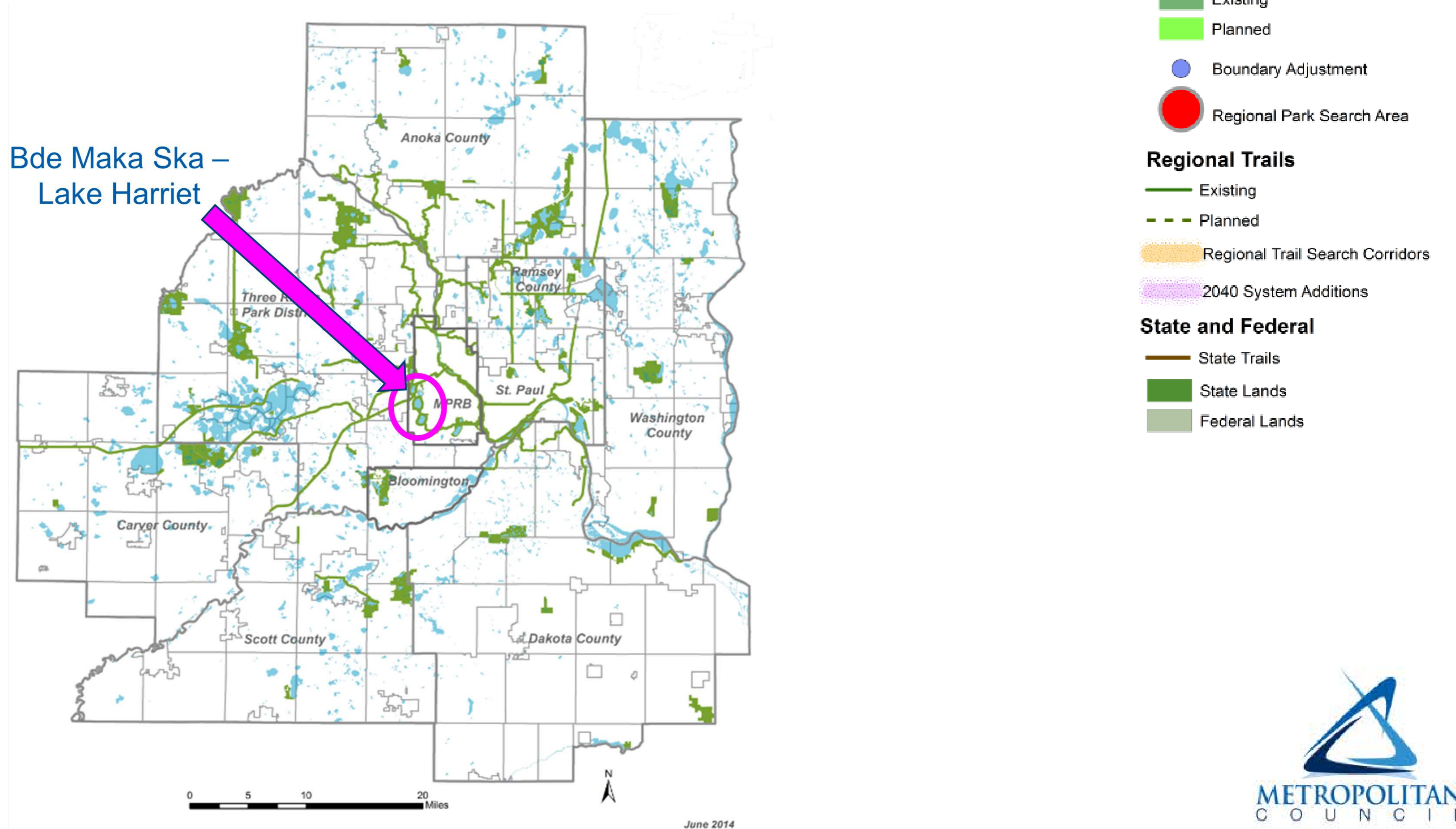
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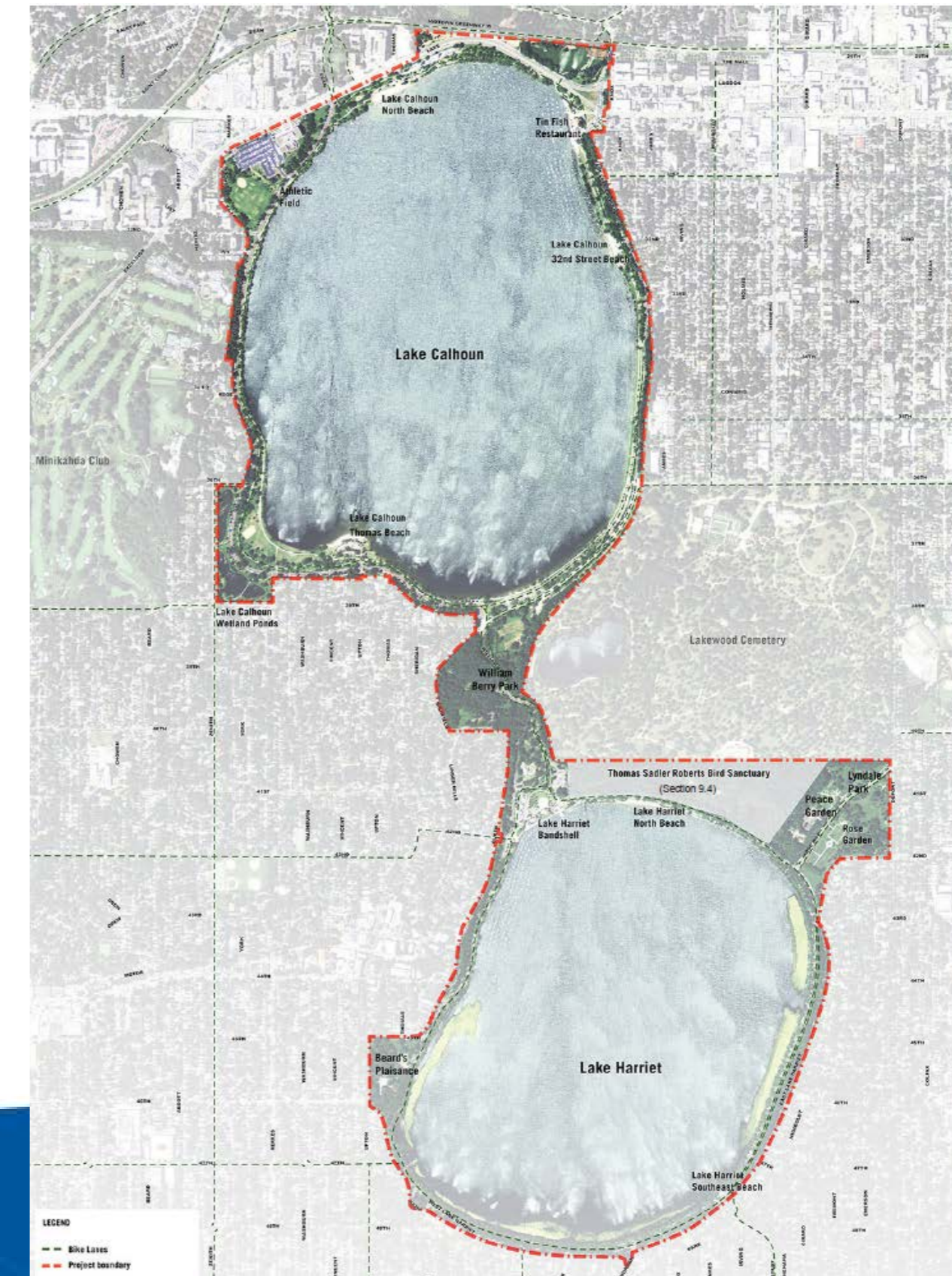


Regional Parks System Plan Map



Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park: Bde Maka Ska – Lake Harriet

- 1066 acres of water
- 489 acres of land
- Lake Harriet, Bde Maka Ska, Lake of the Isles, Dean Parkway, Cedar Lake, and Brownie Lake
- Approximately 5 million visits annually
- No additional land acquisition proposed



Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park: Bde Maka Ska – Lake Harriet Master Plan Development Concept

- **Five overarching topic areas**
 - Natural Resources
 - Access and Circulation
 - Recreation, events, and enterprises
 - Cultural and historic resources
 - Equity
- **Nine geographic focus areas**
 - Six at Bde Maka Ska
 - Three at Lake Harriet

Estimated Implementation Costs

Bde Maka Ska – Lake Harriet	Estimated Costs
Subtotal estimated costs*	\$100,417,000
Contingency, design & engineering	\$25,104,250
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST	\$125,521, 250

*Costs estimated to increase by 5% annual inflation



Proposed Findings

- The proposed master plan:
 - is consistent with the requirements of the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*;
 - is consistent with Planning Strategy 1, and other Council policies;
 - will require investments in non-recreational public facilities and as such, preliminary development plans should be sent to MCES for review.

Proposed Action

- Approve the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes: Bde Maka Ska – Lake Harriet Master Plan

