

Business Item 2019-316

Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

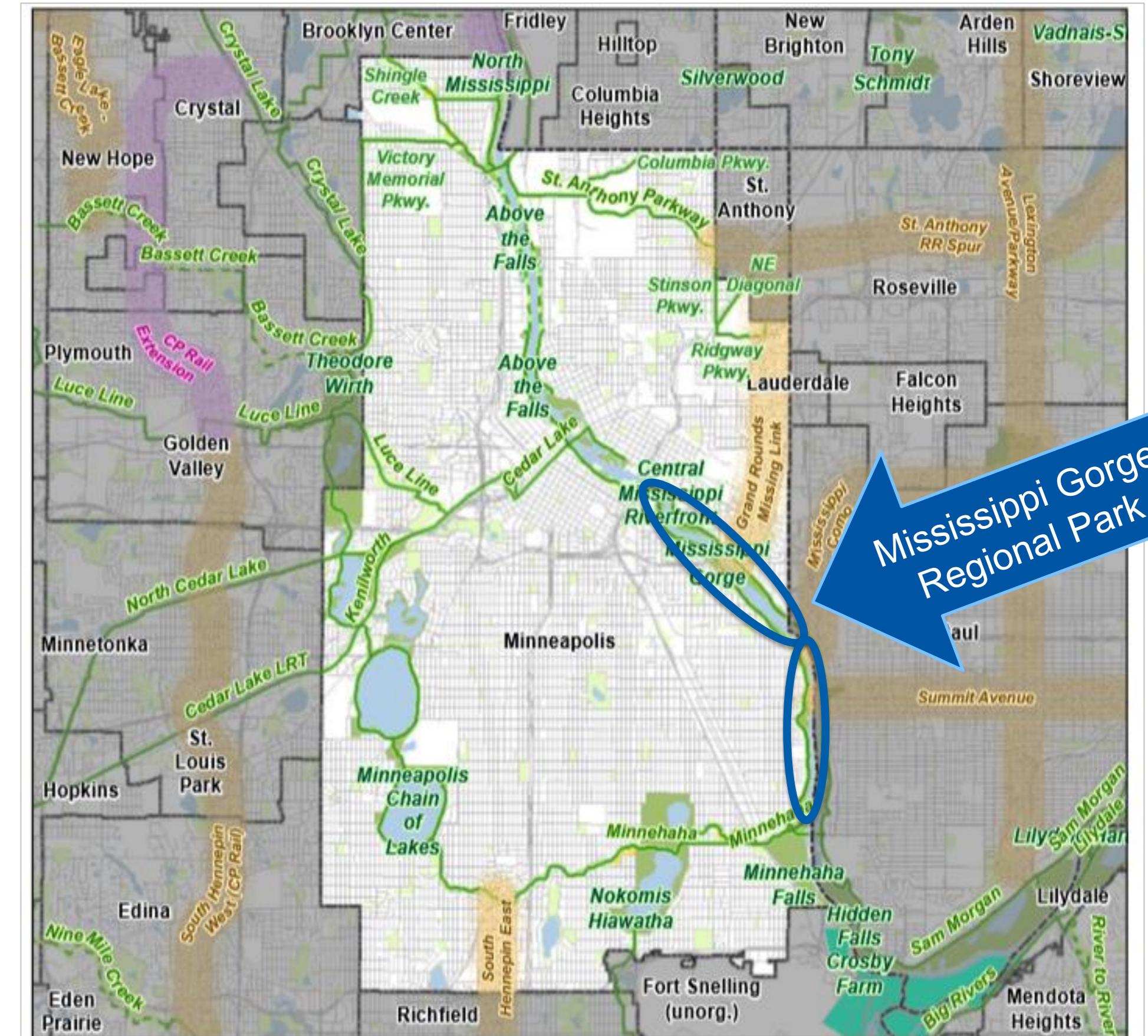
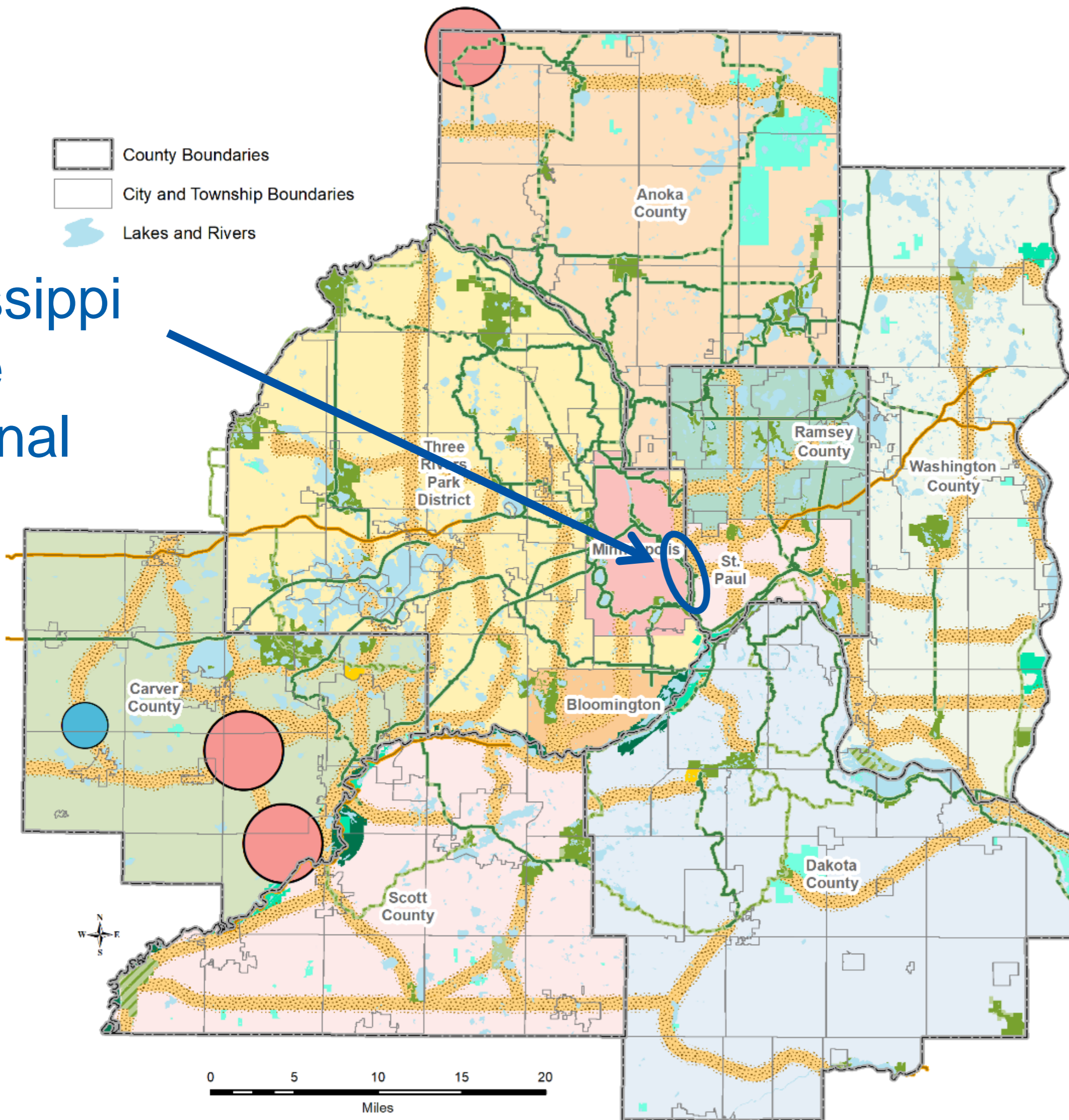
November 18, 2019

Community Development Committee



Regional Parks System, City of Minneapolis

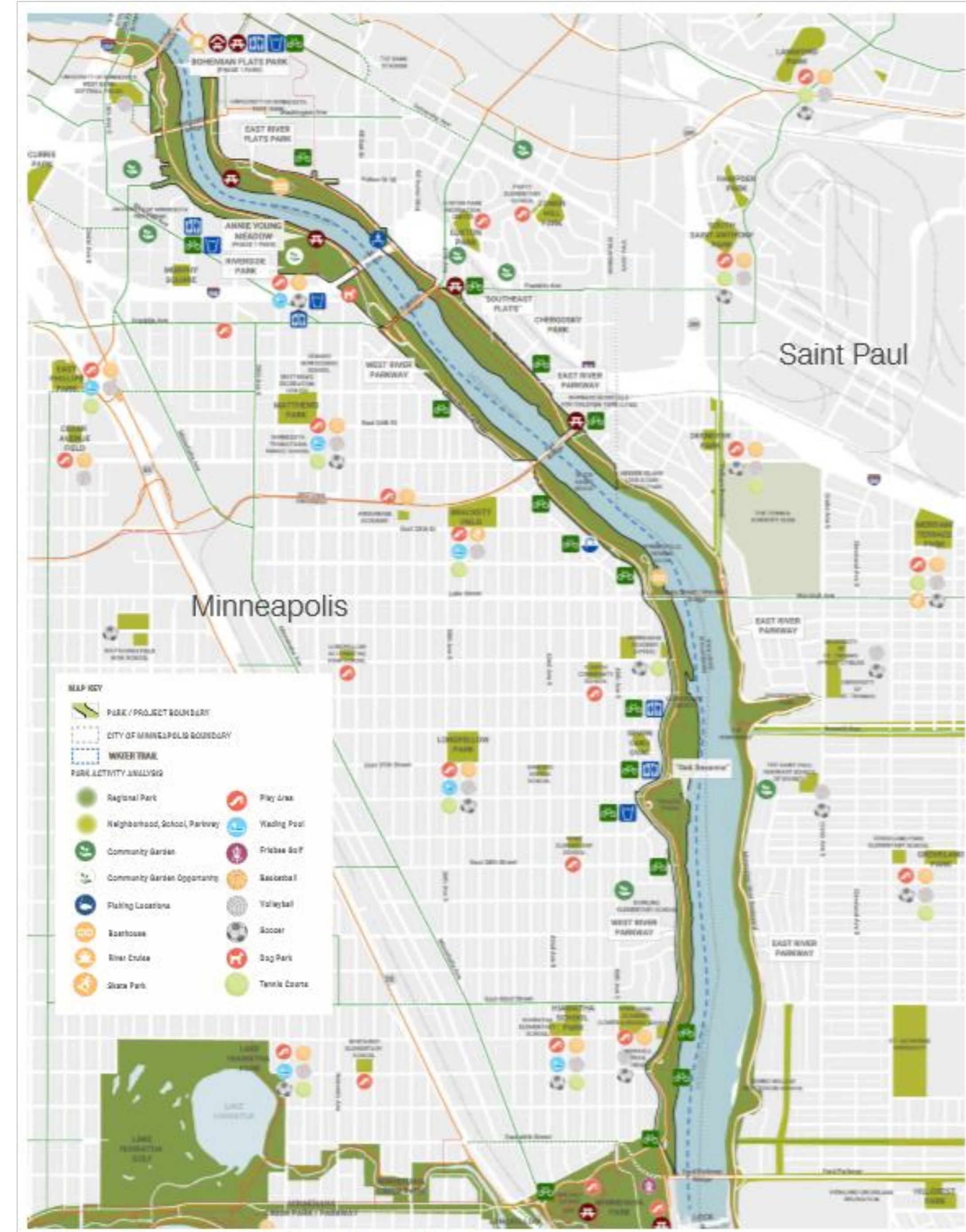
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| <p>Regional Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing In Master Plan Planned Parks and Reserves <p>Regional Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Regional Trails Planned Regional Trails Regional Trail Corridor Land | <p>Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Adjustments Search Areas Regional Trail Search Corridors Regional Trails - 2040 System Additions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge State Parks State Wildlife Management Areas (Publicly Accessible) Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) Other Parks and Preserves Existing State Trails Street Centerlines (NCompass) Lakes and Major Rivers |
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Mississippi Gorge Regional Park

- Approximately 265 acres of land and 5.5 miles of riverfront, from Central Mississippi Riverfront to Minnehaha Regional Park
- Great River Road and Grand Rounds National Scenic Byways
- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area



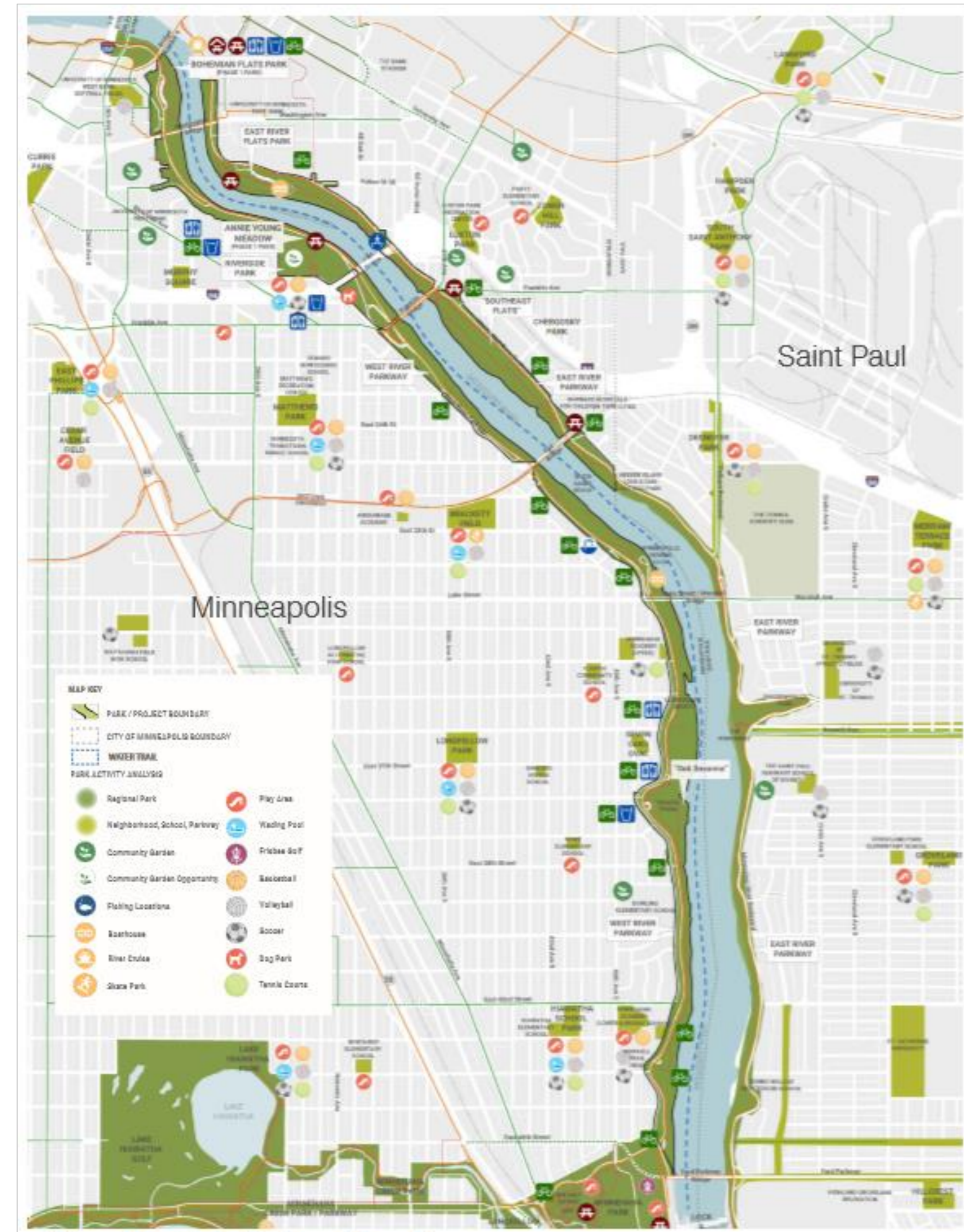
Development Concept

Three planning scales

1. Overall Master Plan approach
2. Focus area recommendations
3. Parkway and trail recommendations

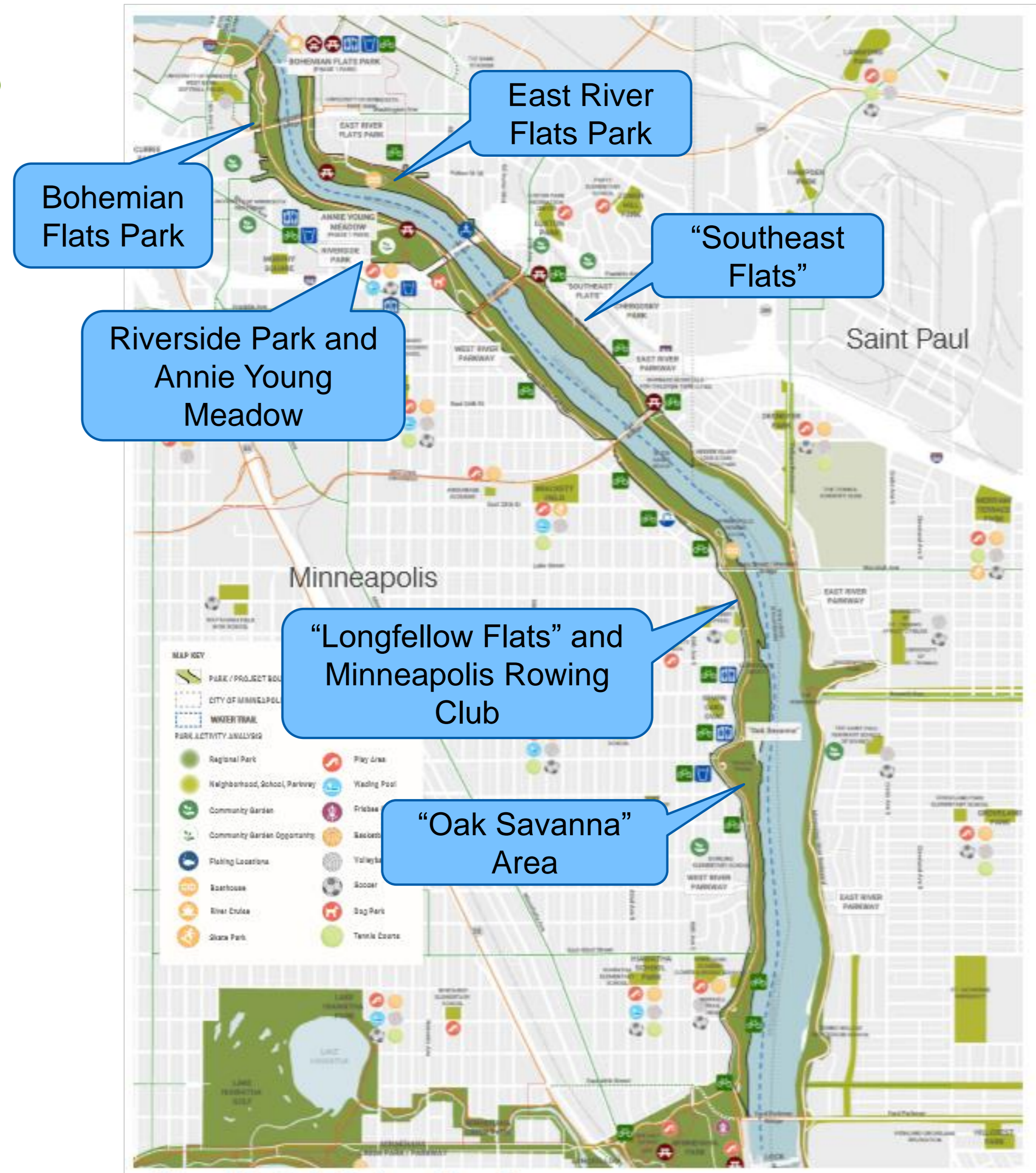
Overall Master Plan approach

- Balance park and recreation opportunities with protection, preservation and restoration of natural resources and river ecology
- Reflect community input
- Improve access to, from, and within park
- Consider two possible futures - with and without dams



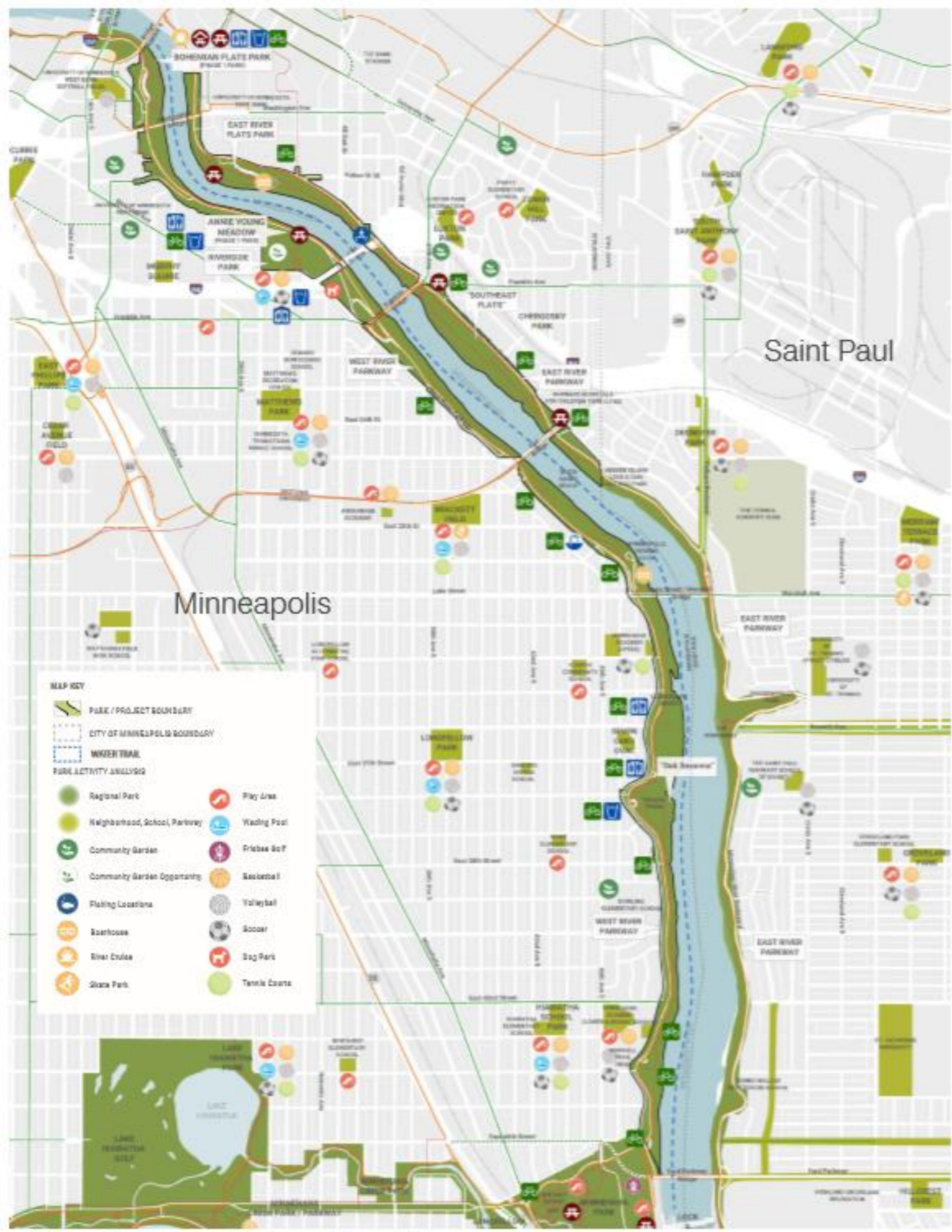
Focus Area Recommendations

- Bohemian Flats Park
- Riverside Park and Annie Young Meadow
- “Longfellow Flats” and Minneapolis Rowing Club and Boathouse Area
- “Oak Savanna” Area
- East River Flats Park
- “Southeast Flats” Area



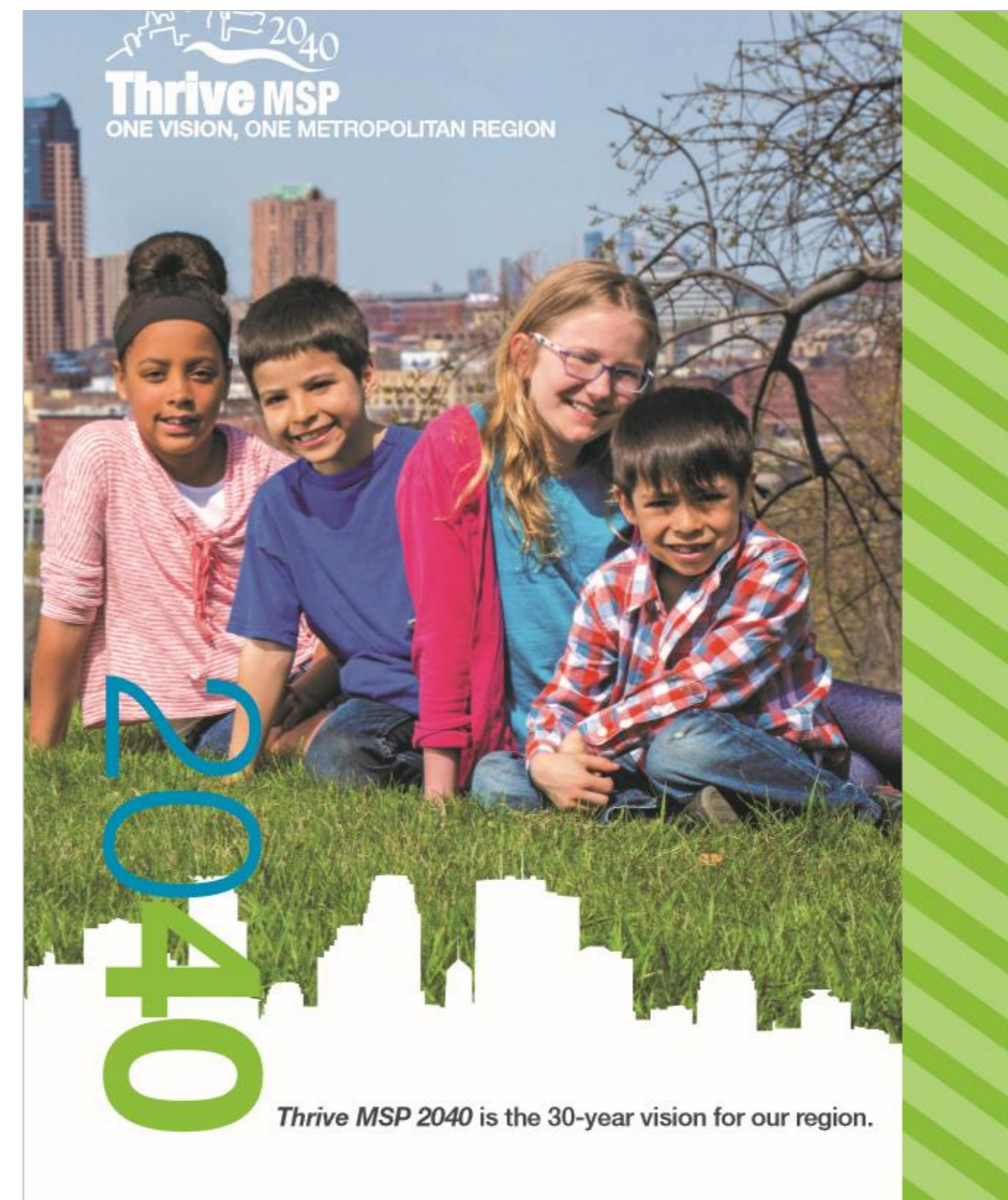
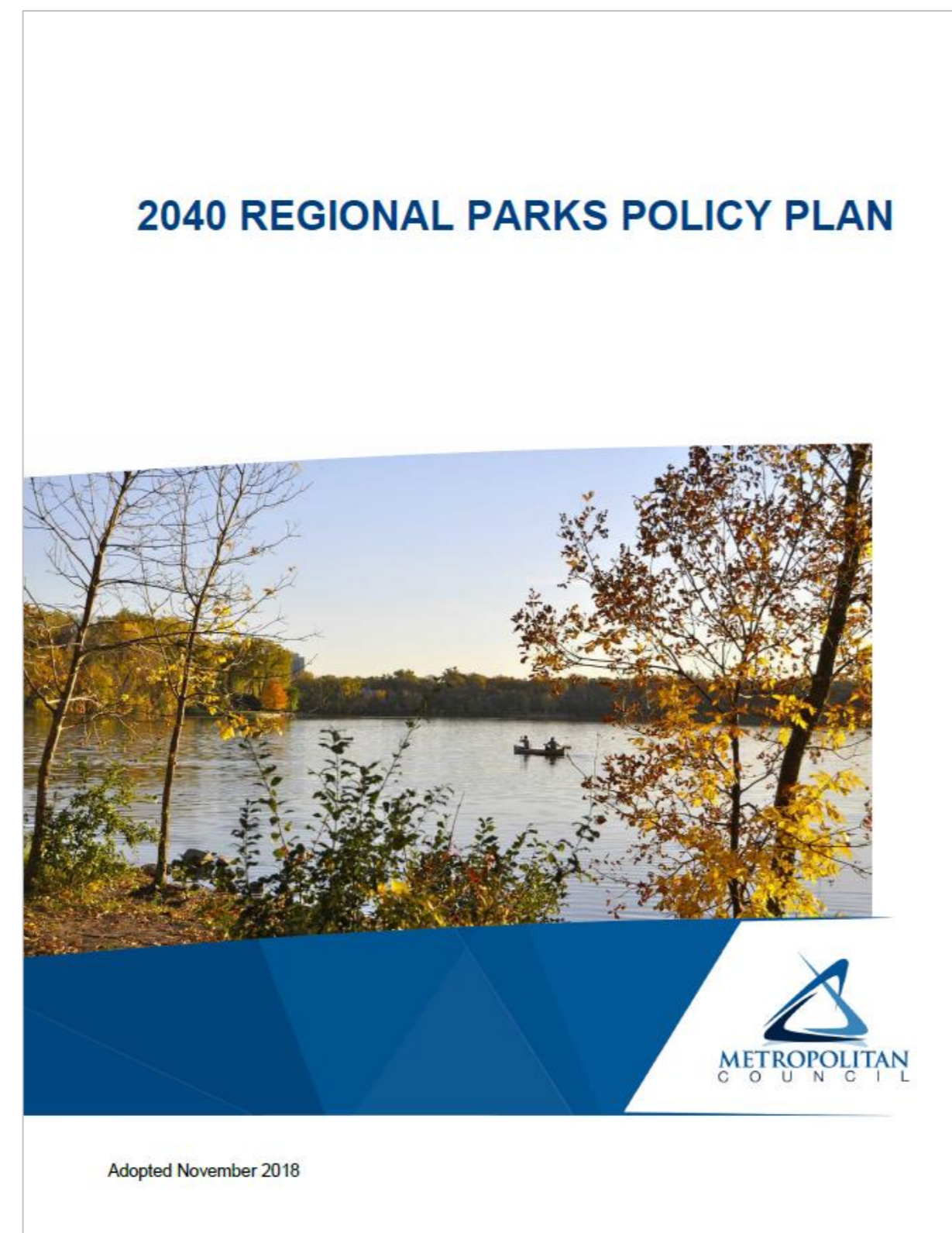
Parkway and Trail Recommendations

- Interconnected
- Safe
- Convenient
- Connect
 - parks
 - natural areas
 - recreation facilities
 - residential areas
 - civic institutions
 - businesses
 - other community destinations



Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan is consistent with the requirements of the:
 - *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, including Planning Policy Strategy 1
 - Other Council policies



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve the Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan.
- Require that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.



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