

Business Item 2019-317

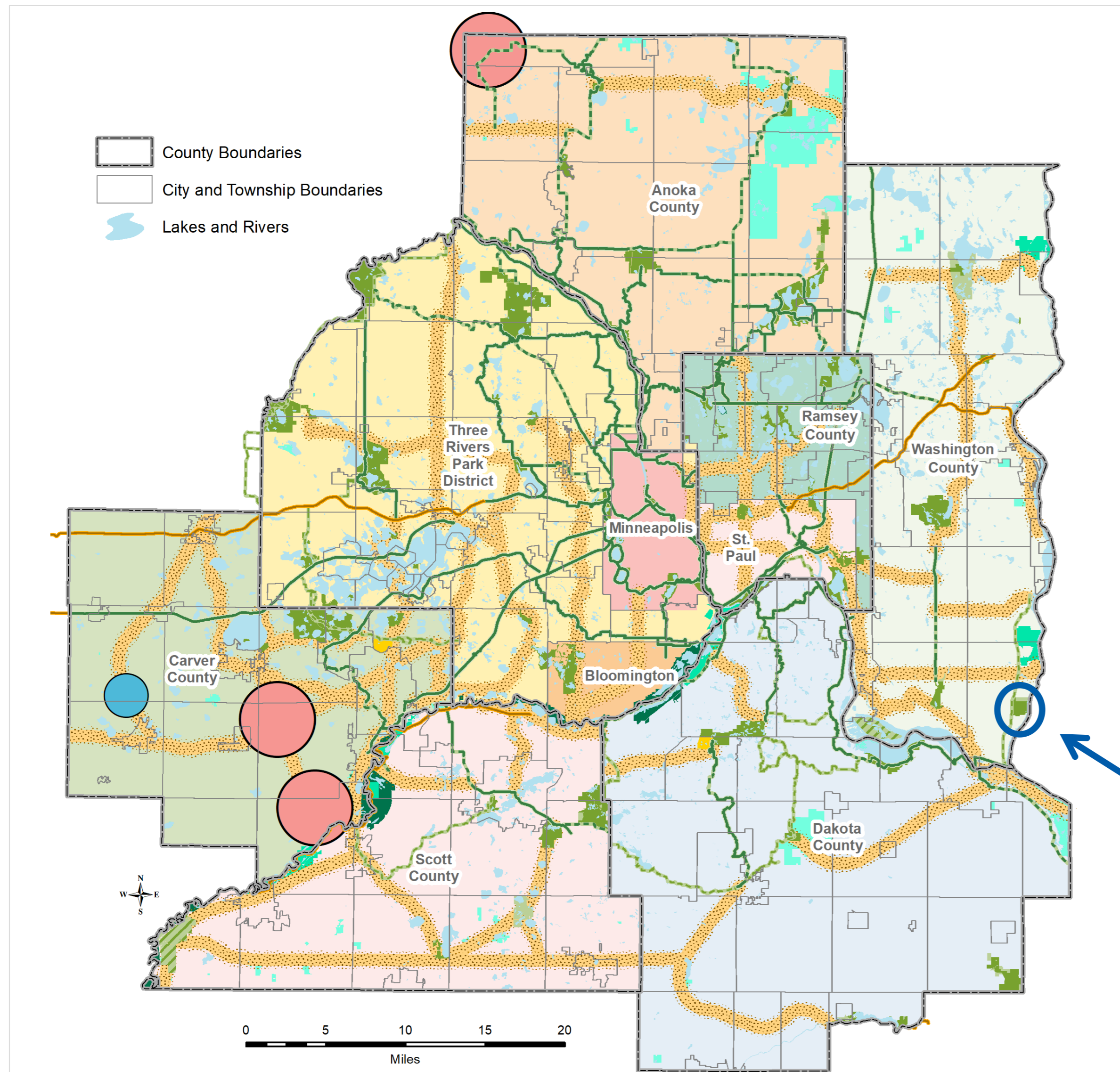
**Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant
for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, Rowe**
Washington County

November 18, 2019


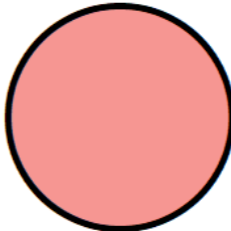












Community Development Committee



Regional Parks System Plan Map

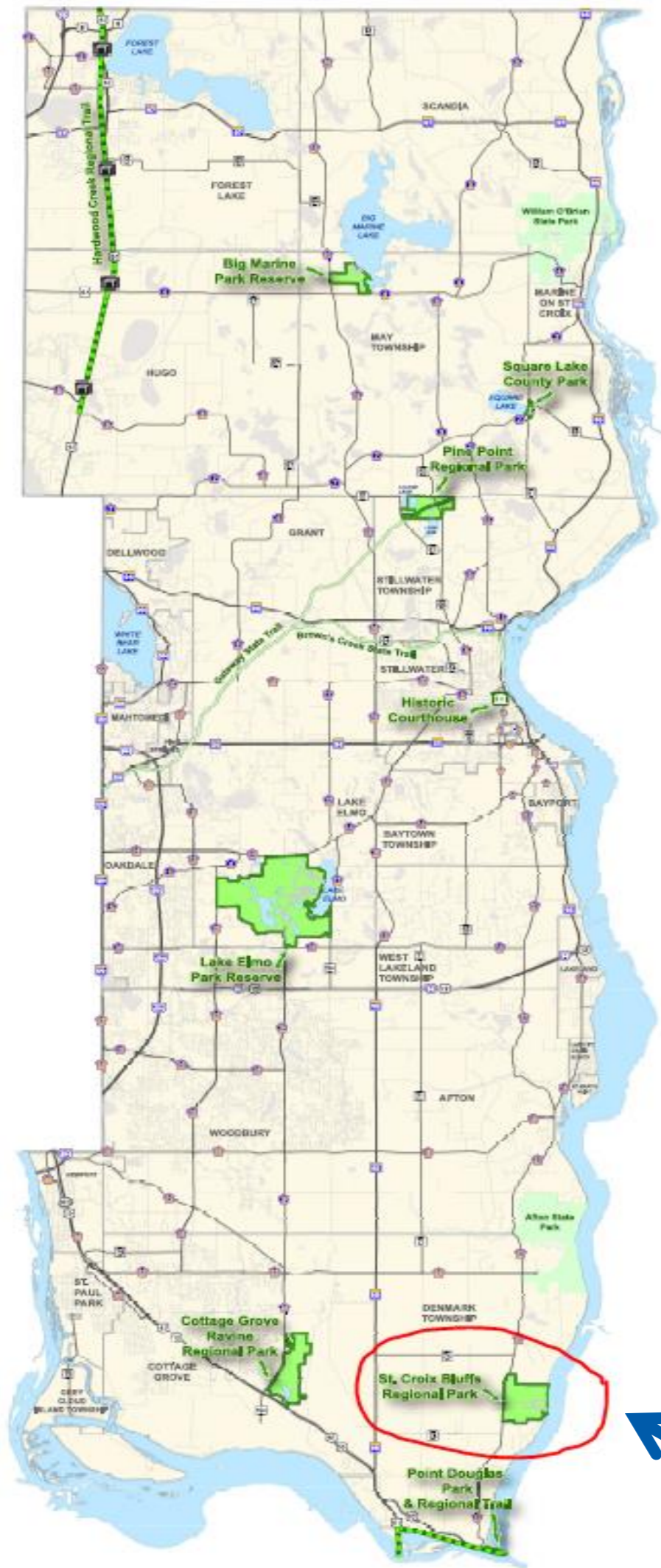


Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors

-  Park Boundary Adjustments
-  Park Search Areas
-  Regional Trail Search Corridors
-  Existing State Trails
-  Regional Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Planned Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Regional Trails (Open to the Public)
-  Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
-  Planned Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
-  State Wildlife Management Areas
-  State Parks
-  MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
-  Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area
-  Special State Recreation Features

St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

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Rowe Property



Rowe acquisition budget and grant structure

Acquisition Budget	Cost
Purchase price	\$2,935,000
Appraisal and review	\$10,238.75
Phase 1 EA; stewardship	\$14,300
Taxes and fees	\$11,927.45
Total project cost	\$2,971,466.20

Grant Structure	Amount
FY2020 PTLF/ PAOF	\$317,159.79
FY2016 ENRTF/ PAOF	\$612,834.63
FY2018 ENRTF/ PAOF	\$407,165.37
Council bonds	\$891,439.86
Grant amount not to exceed	\$2,228,599.65
Local match (25%)	\$742,866.55
Total costs	\$2,971,466.20

Rationale for recommendation

- Consistent with:
 - The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*;
 - State fiscal year 2020 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) appropriation requirements;
 - FY2016 and FY2018 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) requirements;
 - The St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park master plan; and
 - Washington County is within it's \$1.7 million-per-year limit each for PTLF PAOF funding and ENRTF PAOF funding.

Recommendations

Subject to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources approving the purchase price, the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve a grant of up to \$2,228,599.65 to Washington County to acquire the 102-acre Rowe property located on the St. Croix Trail south of 90th Street, Denmark Township, for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.
- Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.