

Business Item 2019-228

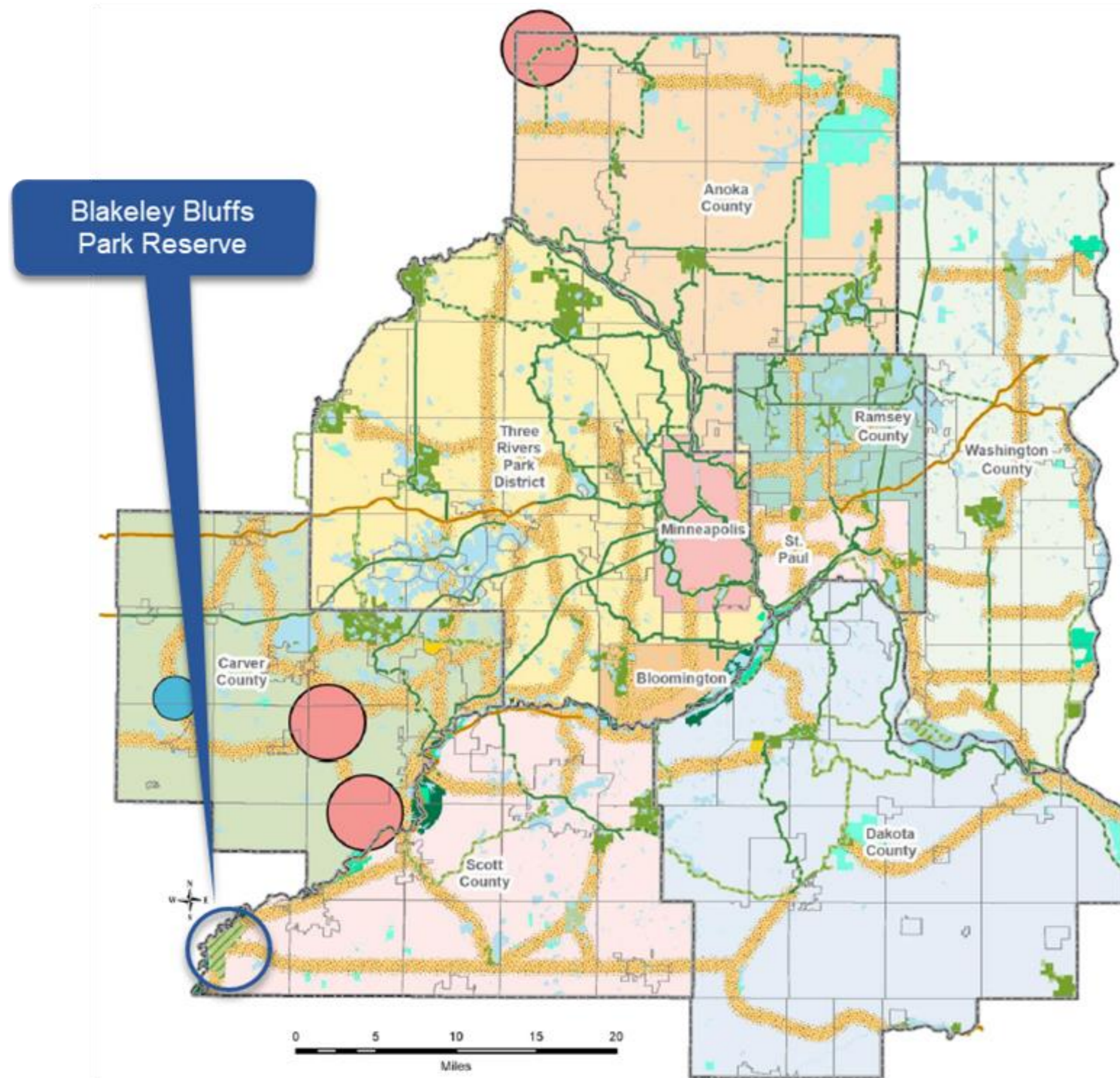
Blakeley Bluffs Parks Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment and Boundary Change – Scott County

September 5, 2019

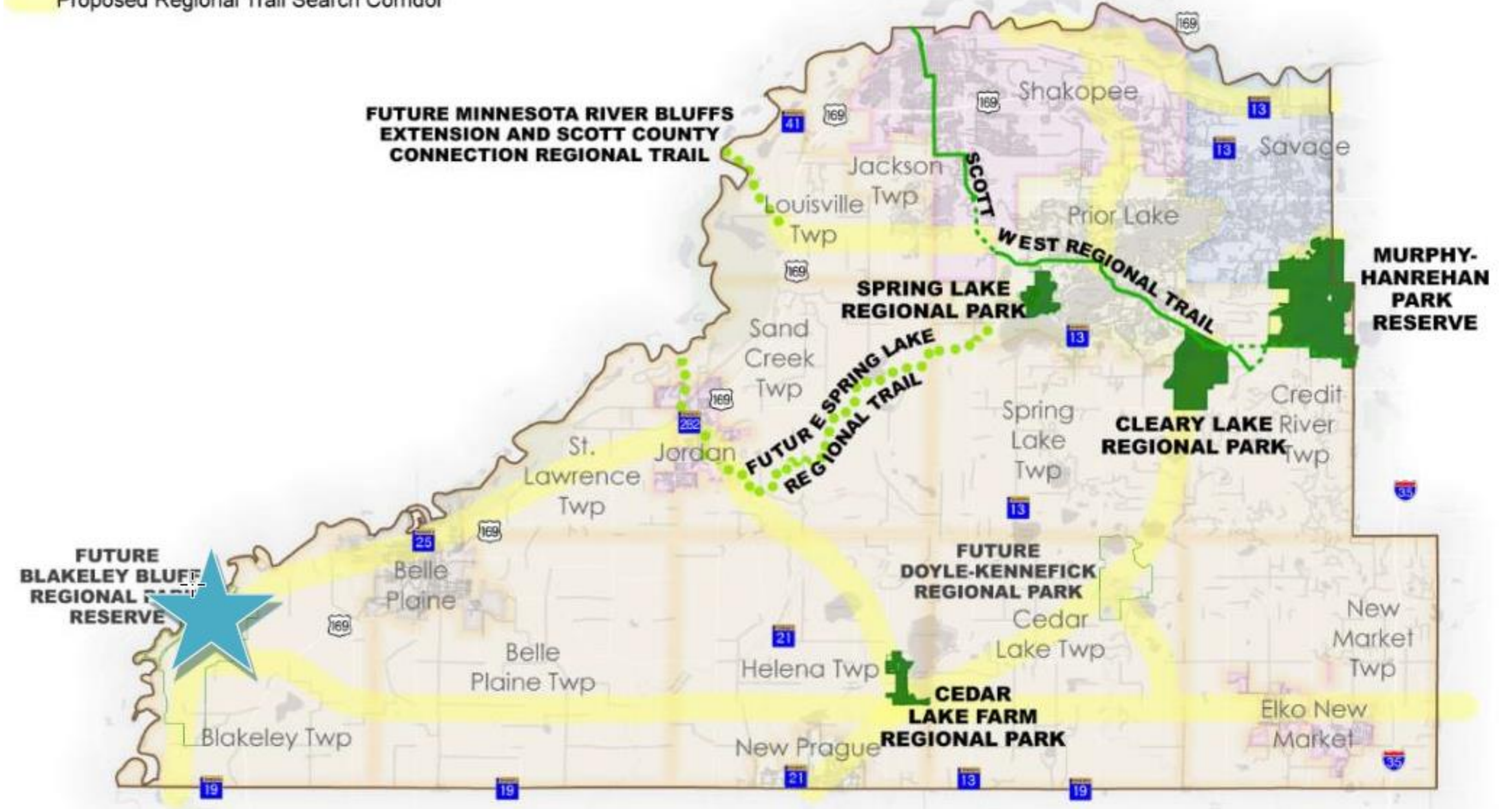
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Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve

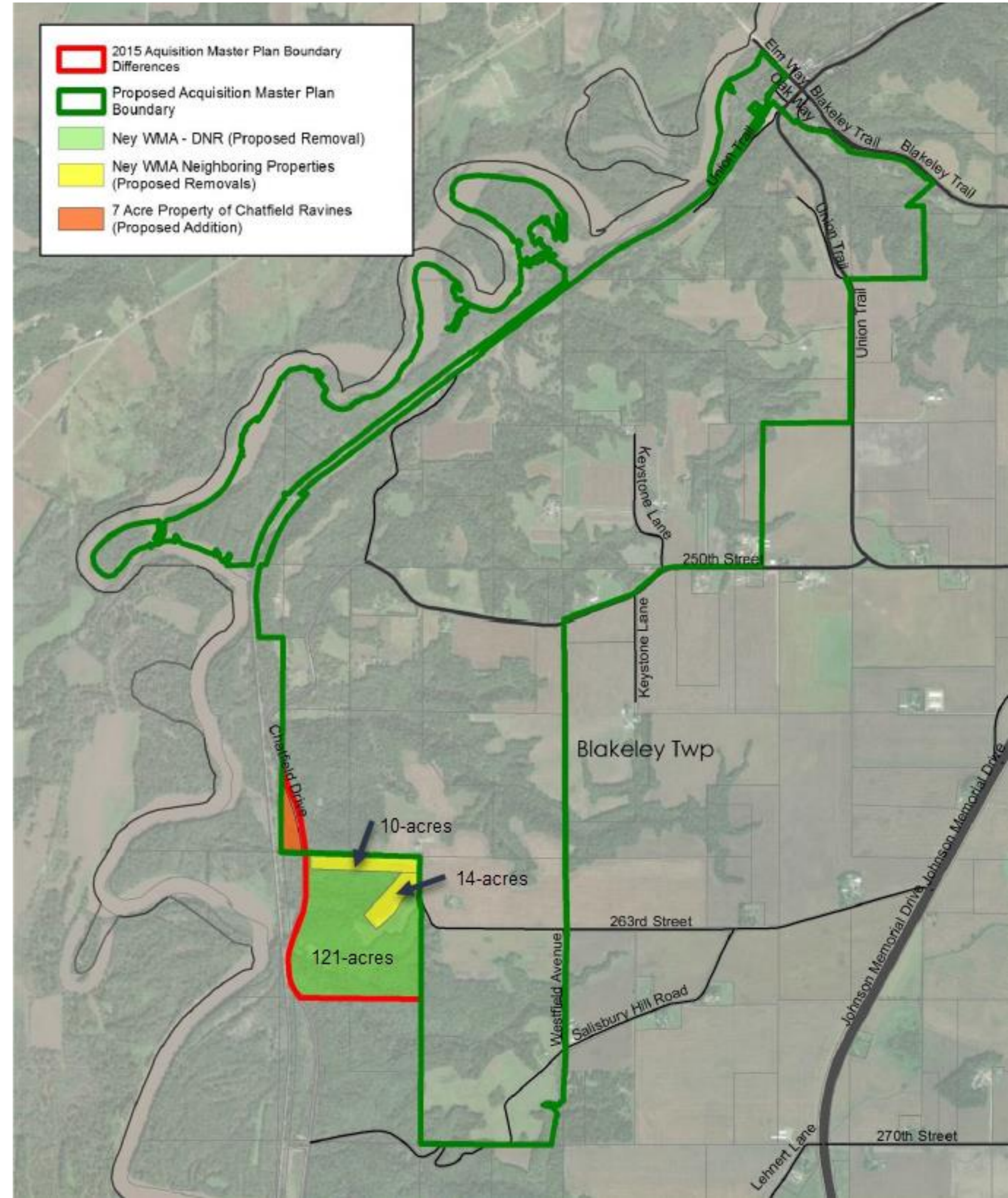


- Regional Park
- Planned Park Boundary
- Existing Regional Trail
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- Future Master Planned Regional Trail
- Proposed Regional Trail Search Corridor



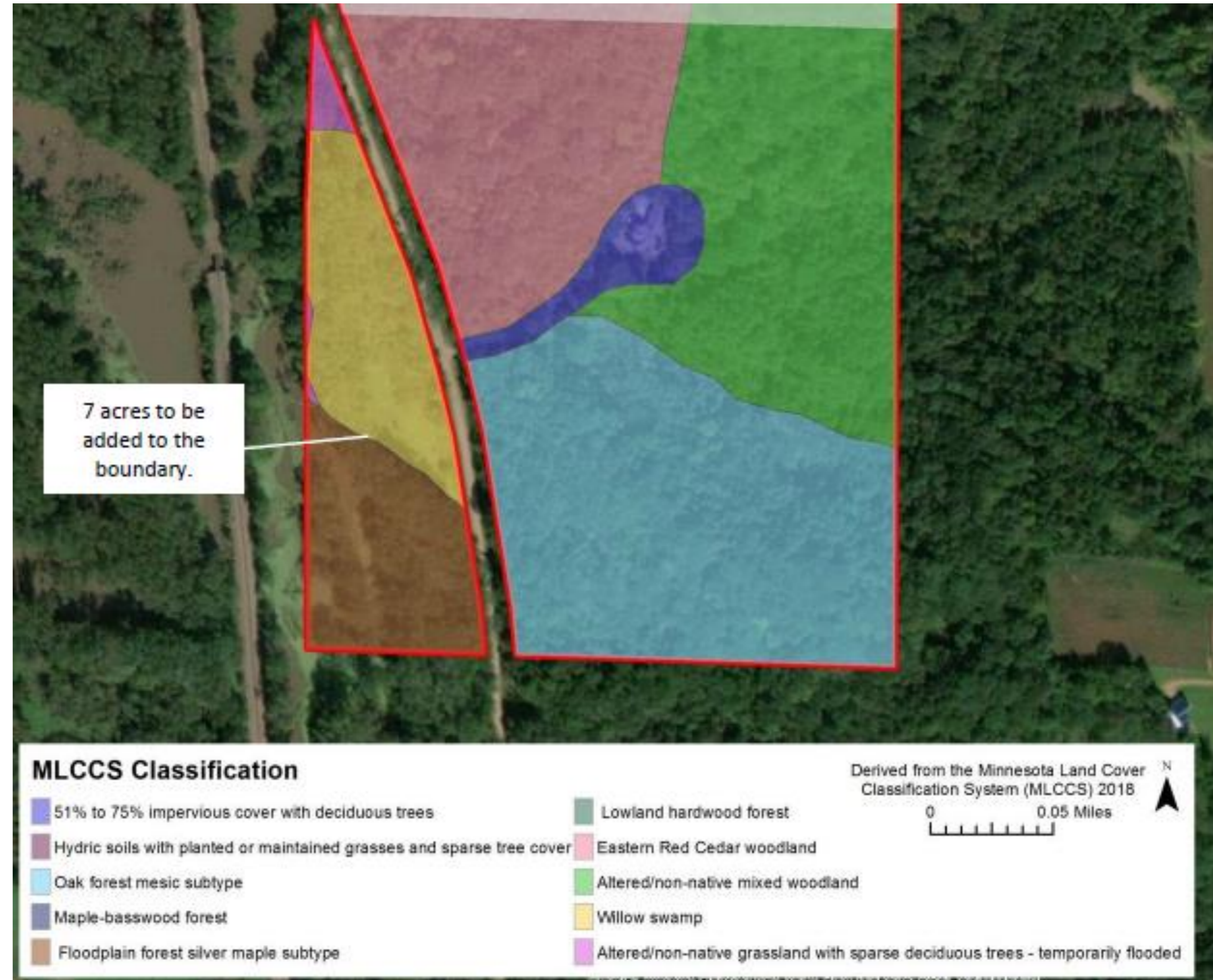
Boundary Adjustment

- Add 7-acres
- Remove 145-acres
- Reducing 2,545-acres to 2,407-acres



Parkland Addition

- Protection of the Minnesota River Valley flood plain
- Future hiking trail
- Flexible space for signage and birding
- Conservation easement held by the Minnesota Land Trust



Rationale

The proposed acquisition master plan amendment and boundary adjustment is consistent with the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* and other Council policies.

- Planning Strategy 1
- Chapter 4 Siting and Acquisition



Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Master Plan, As Amended

Scott County Parks and Trails



The mission for Scott County parks and trails is to enhance the health and spirit of our residents and guests by creating a sustainable system that connects people to the natural world.

Scott County is a regional park implementing agency of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Funding for Scott County's regional parks and trails master planning has been provided through a grant received under the Minnesota Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment, in which 14.25% of the funds generated from the 3/8% increase in the state sales tax will provide funding for regional and state parks and trails.

Amended on July 30, 2019

Scott County Board Approval December 13, 2011
Metropolitan Council Approval March 14, 2012

Proposed Actions

- Approve Scott County's Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment.
- Approve the boundary adjustment adding 7-acres of high-quality, natural resource land along the Minnesota River in Blakeley Township.
- Inform Scott County that it must submit the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Development Master Plan for Metropolitan Council approval prior to requesting funding for development.