

Business Item 2020-186

Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan

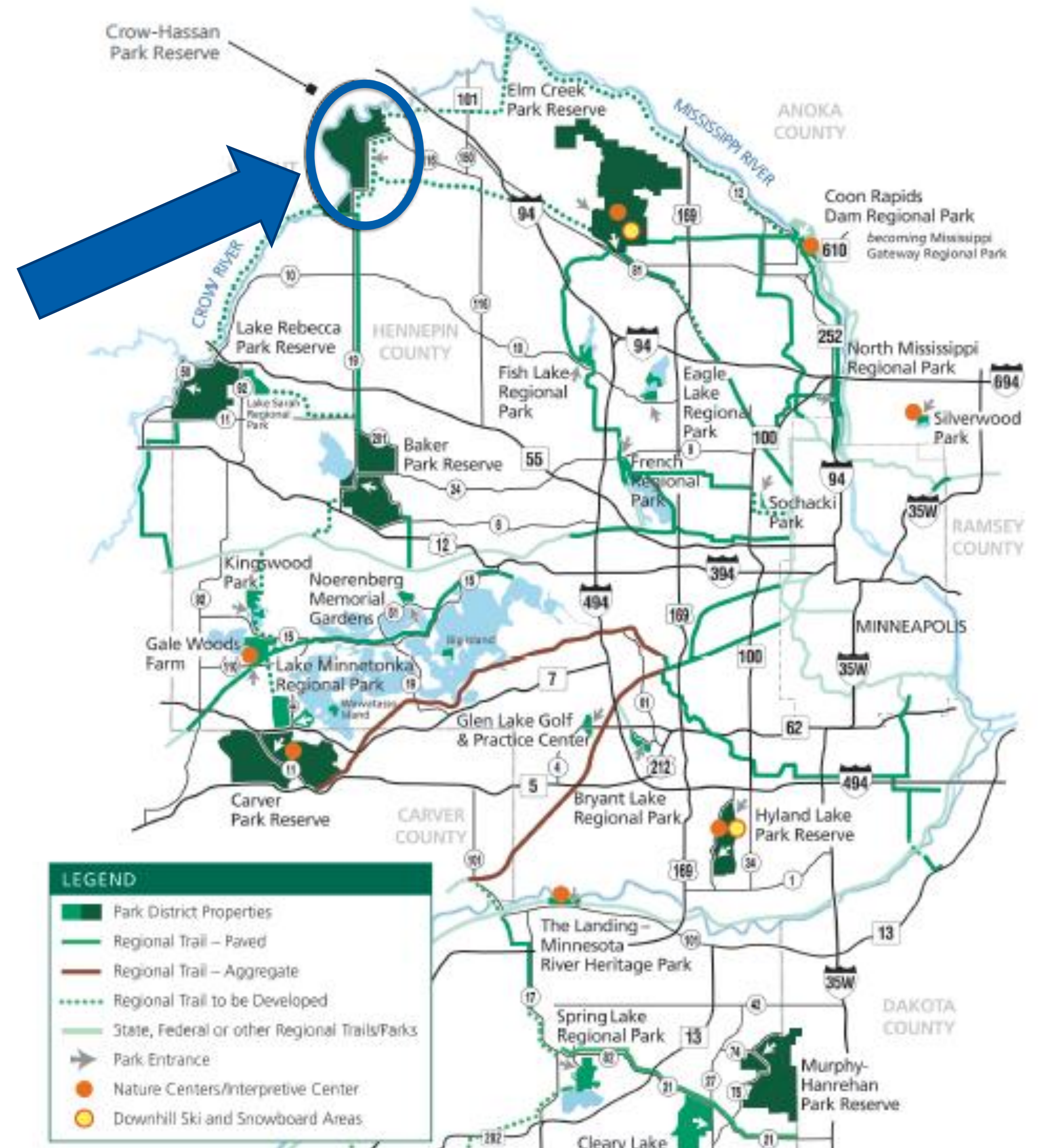
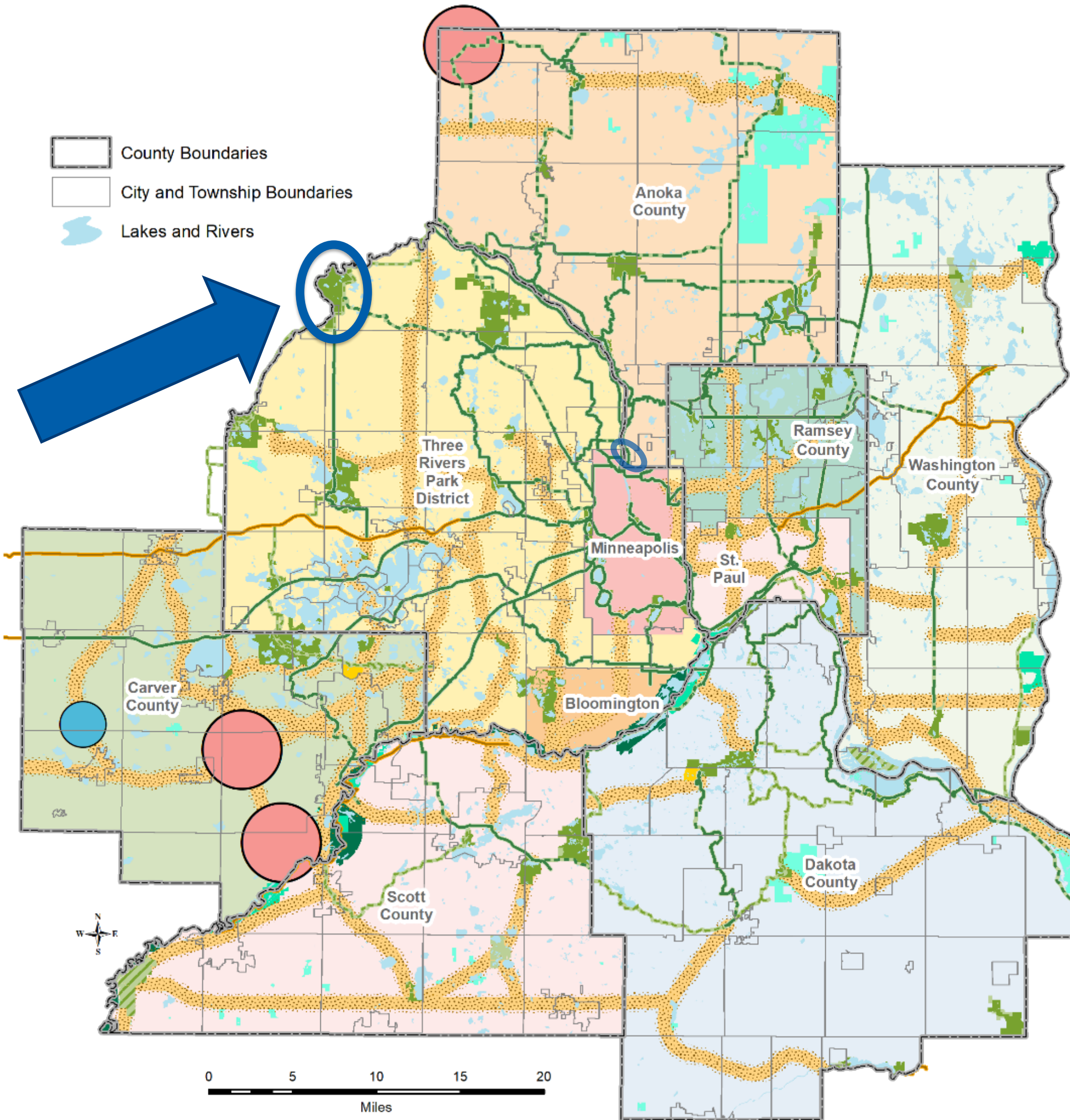
Three Rivers Park District

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Community Development Committee



Crow-Hassan Park Reserve



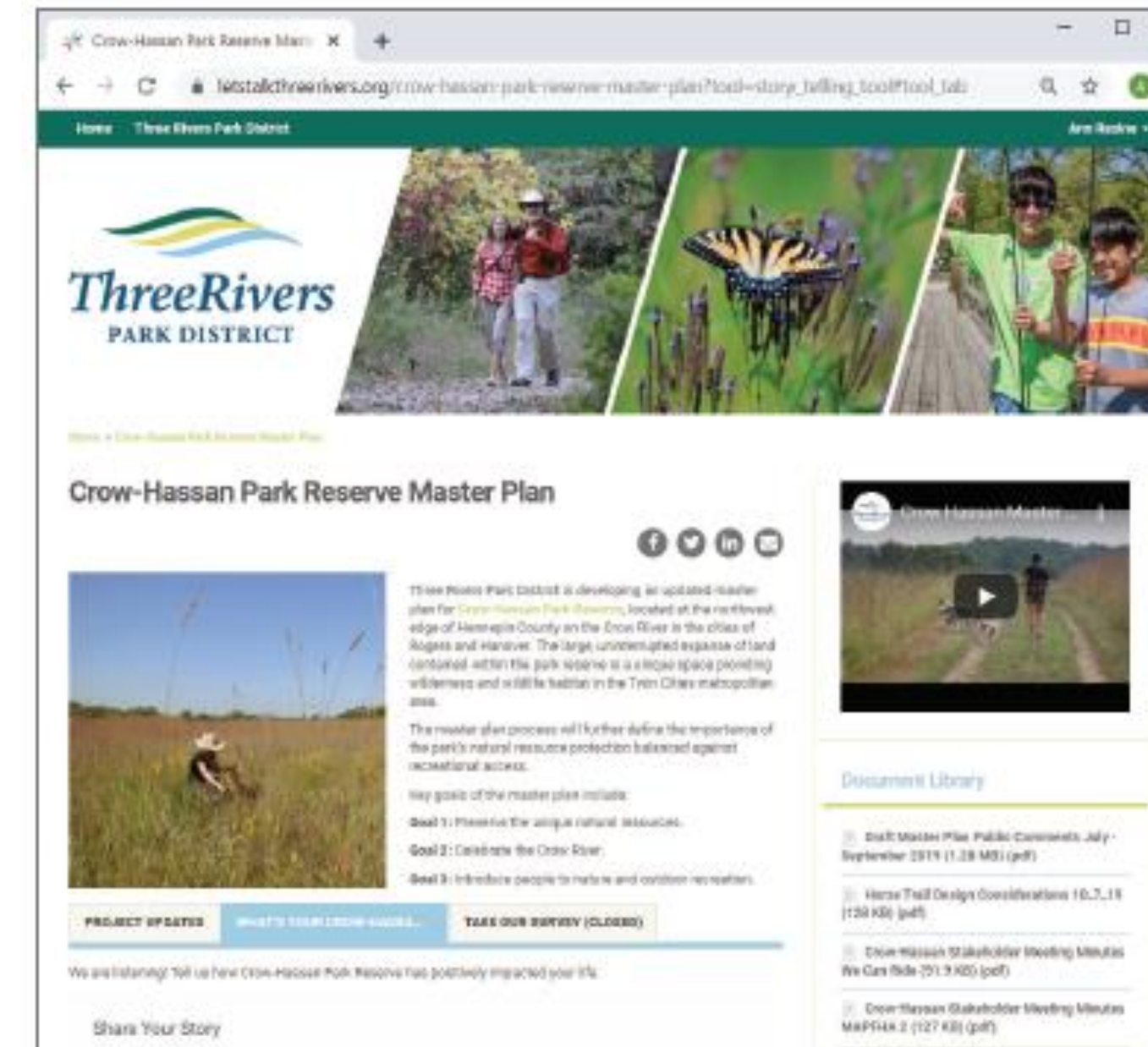
Community Engagement

Many groups and individuals engaged

- Current park users
- Underrepresented populations
- Local communities, clubs and advocacy groups
- Park District volunteers

Engagement themes became the primary design recommendations

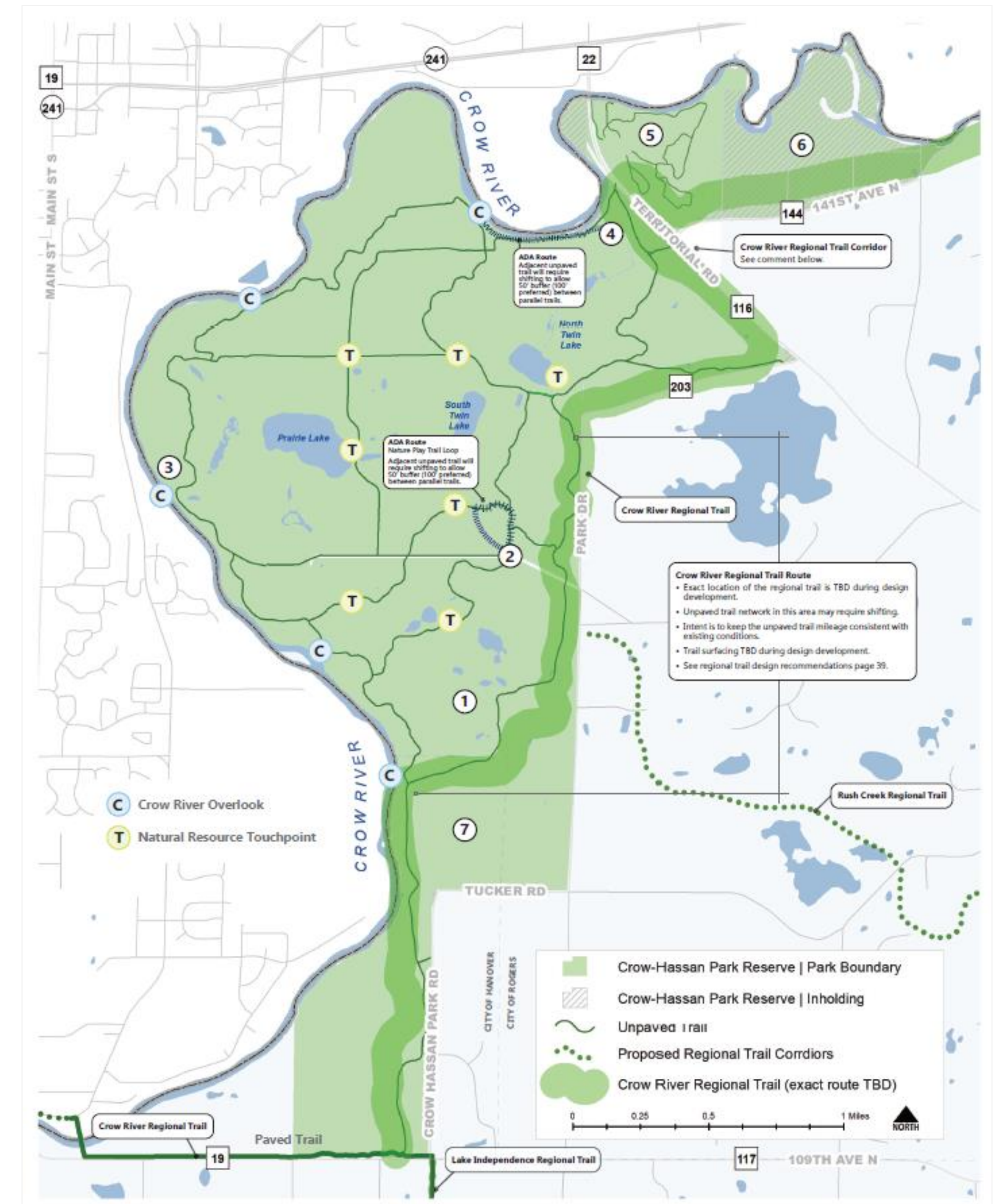
- Protect unique natural resources
- Maintain the rustic quality
- Reduce user conflicts
- Improve accessibility
- Improve signage and wayfinding
- Increase natural resource-based programming, education and experiential opportunities
- Diversify camping options



Development Concept

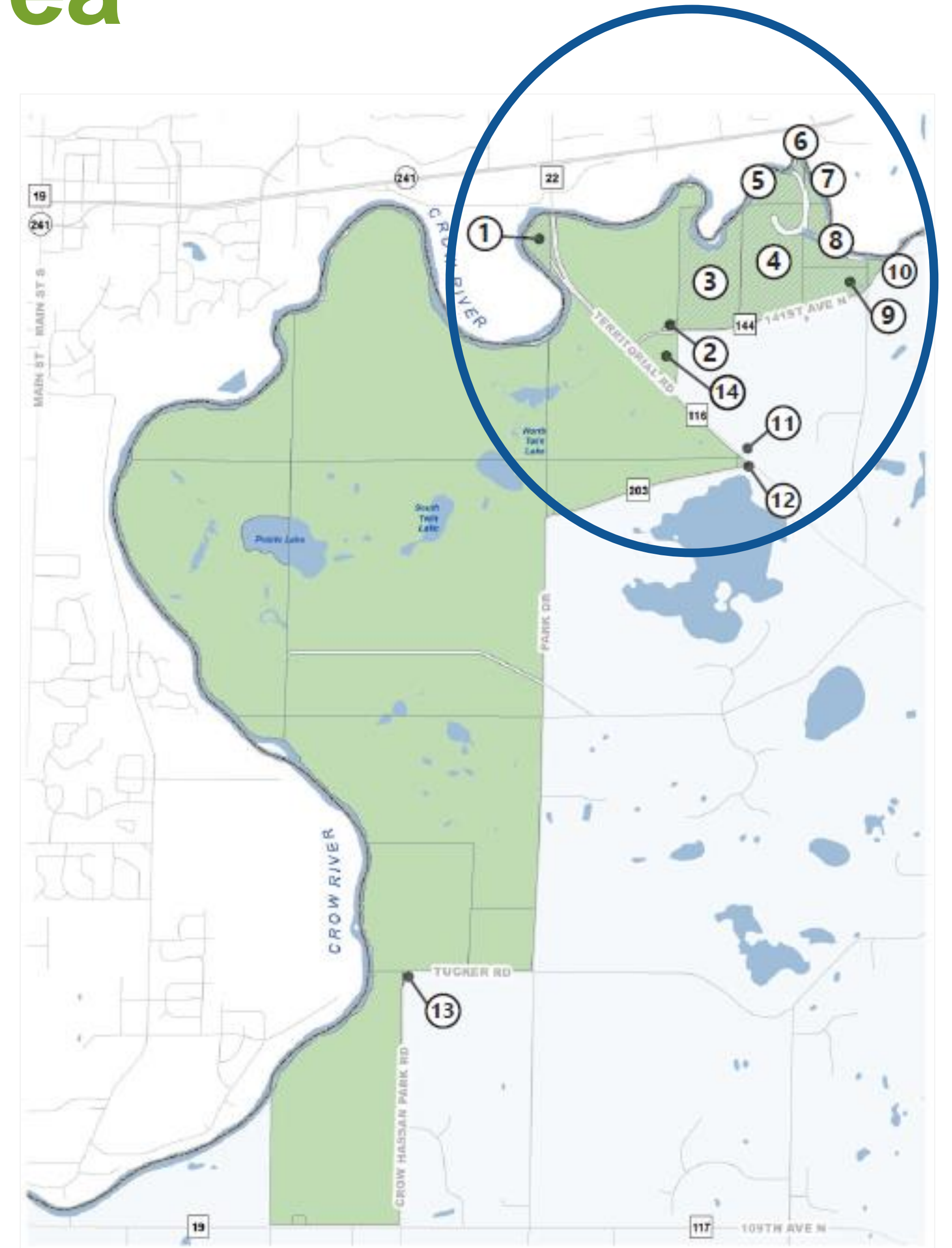
Recreation Development Plan

1. Further Refined Crow River Regional Trail
2. Further Refined Trailhead Area
 - Including improved parking lots, a new picnic shelter, and an ADA nature play trail and
3. Enhanced Bluestem Unit
4. Enhanced Riverbend Unit
 - Including new individual, reservable campsites, new ADA non-motorized boat launch, new ADA Northern River Trail segment
5. Enhanced Dog Off-Leash Area
6. New Park Boundary Expansion Area
7. Enhanced District Nursery



Park Boundary Expansion Area

- A response to adjacent planned suburban expansion and increased regional recreational demand.
- Within the expansion area is property owned by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. A future Crow River wastewater treatment plant is anticipated by 2030.
 - A land exchange between MCES and the Park District may be required as part of the wastewater treatment project.
 - To date, the Park District and the City of Rogers are supportive of a land exchange which results in additional parkland for Crow-Hassan.



Estimated Project Costs

- Inholdings are considered for acquisition on a willing seller basis.
- Maintenance costs based on full implementation of plan would add \$160,000, to a total of \$520,000
- Approval of master plan does not commit the Council to any funding at this time.

| Implementation Components | Estimated Costs |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Acquisition | \$2,750,000 |
| Development | \$2,570,000 |
| Total | \$5,320,000 |



Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Crow-Hassan Park Reserve 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:

1. Approve the Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan, with approval of the proposed boundary adjustment of 179.85 acres being contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment currently under development.
2. Require that the Agency update the Master Plan to remove the characterization of the parcel north of 141st Avenue North as “surplus.”
3. Require Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating any new development of the park reserve or the Crow River Regional Trail adjacent to or in the vicinity of the park reserve, to 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 existing and planned regional interceptor system and other critical wastewater infrastructure.

