

Business Item 2020-88

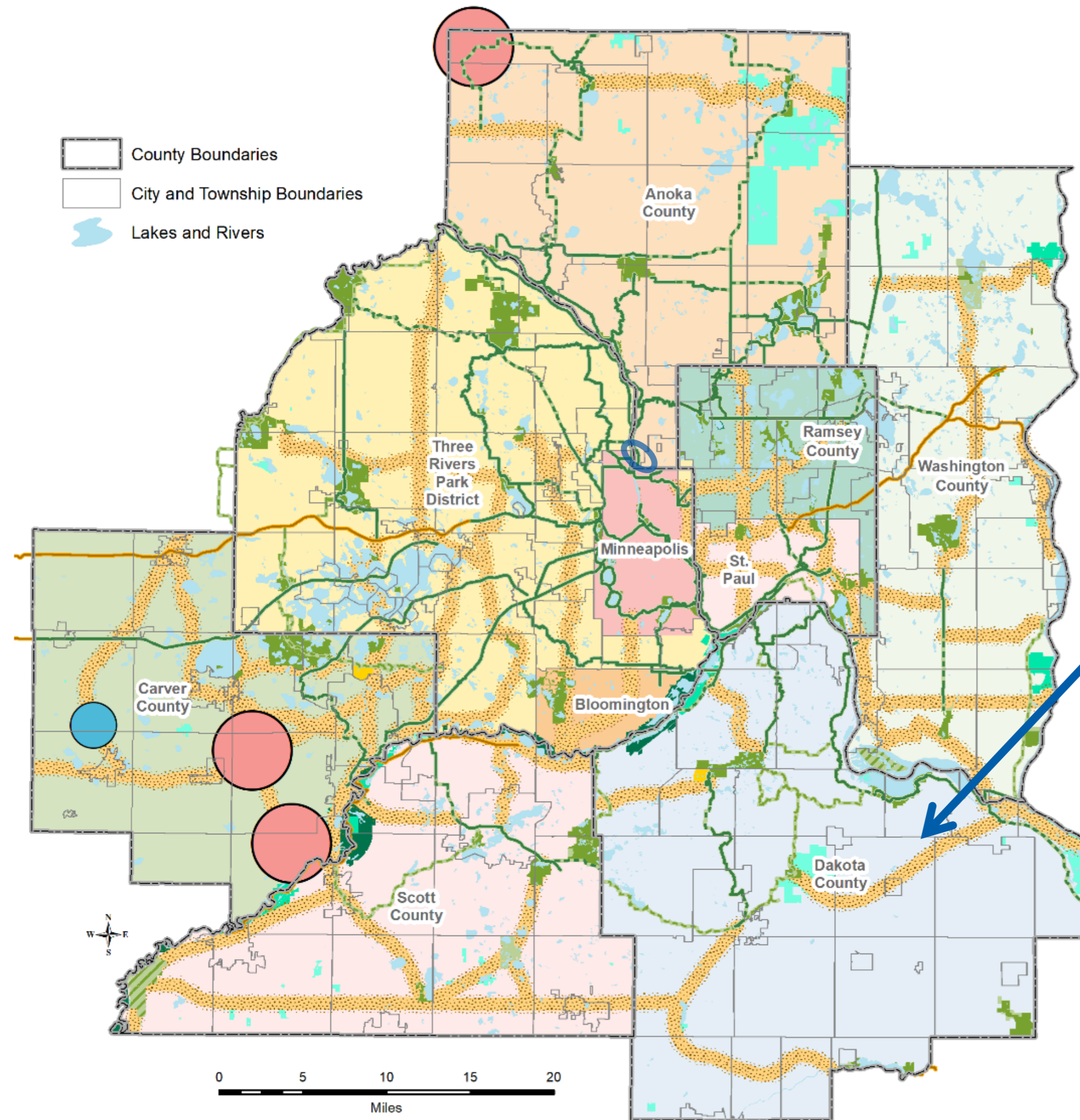
Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail (Hastings) Master Plan Dakota County

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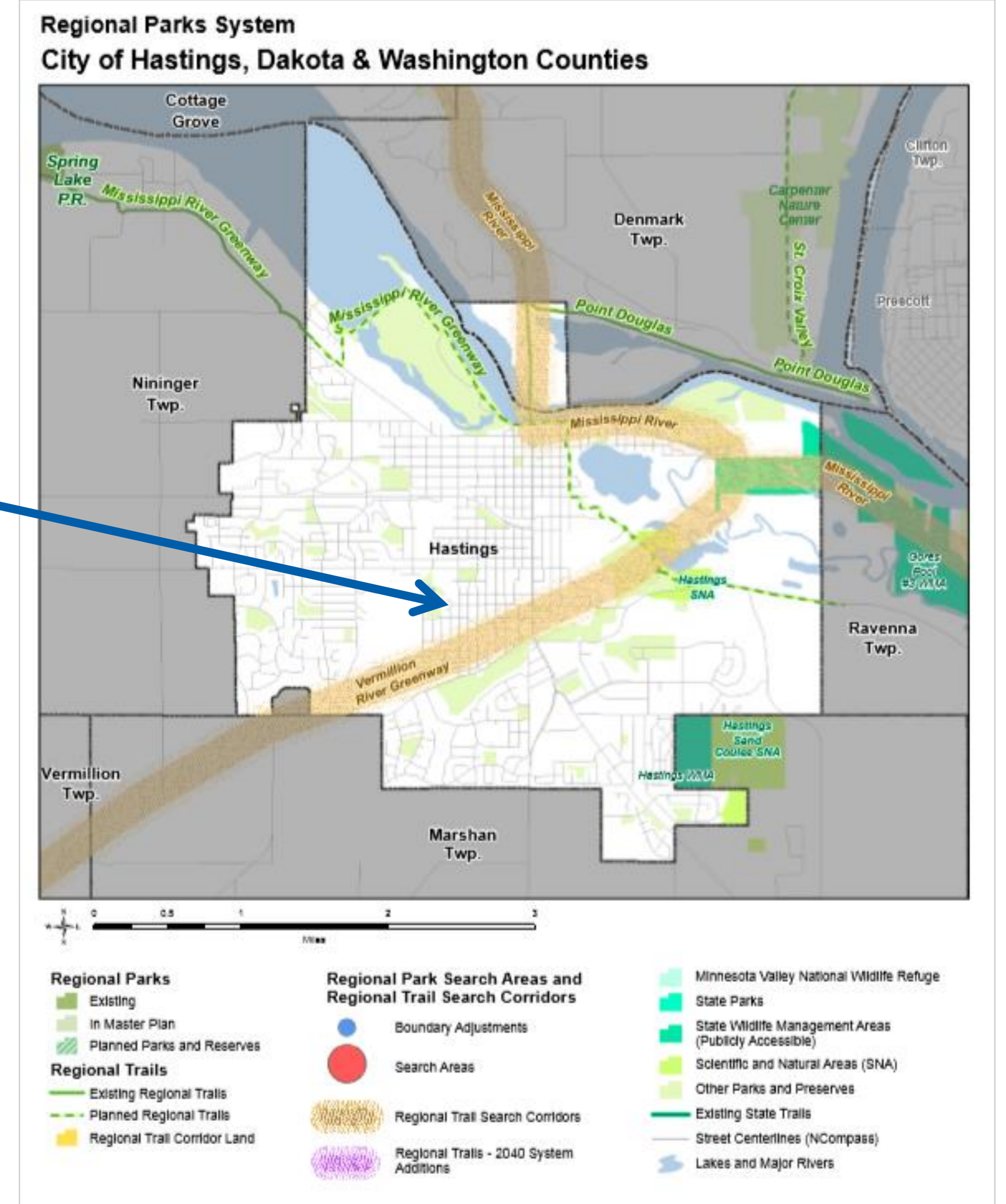
Community Development Committee



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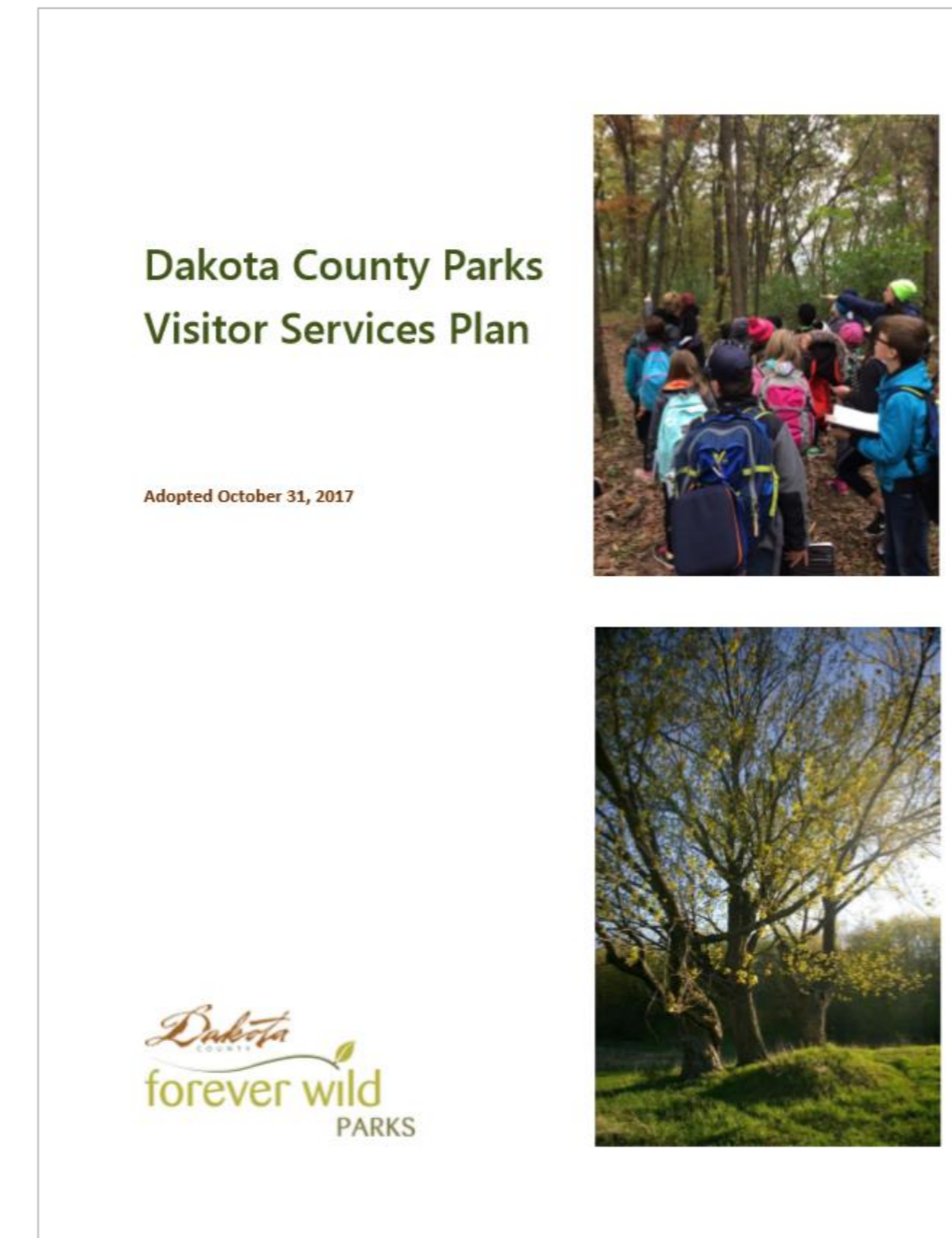
Community Engagement

Dakota County's Visitor Services Master Plan (2017)

- Provide safe and accessible facilities
- Provide clear signage and other amenities
- Provide information about regional park and recreation facilities

Master plan-focused outreach

- Add lighting in wooded portions of trail corridor
- Add amenities, improve area around Vermillion Falls
- Develop the new trail segment away from County Road 46



Overall Development Concept

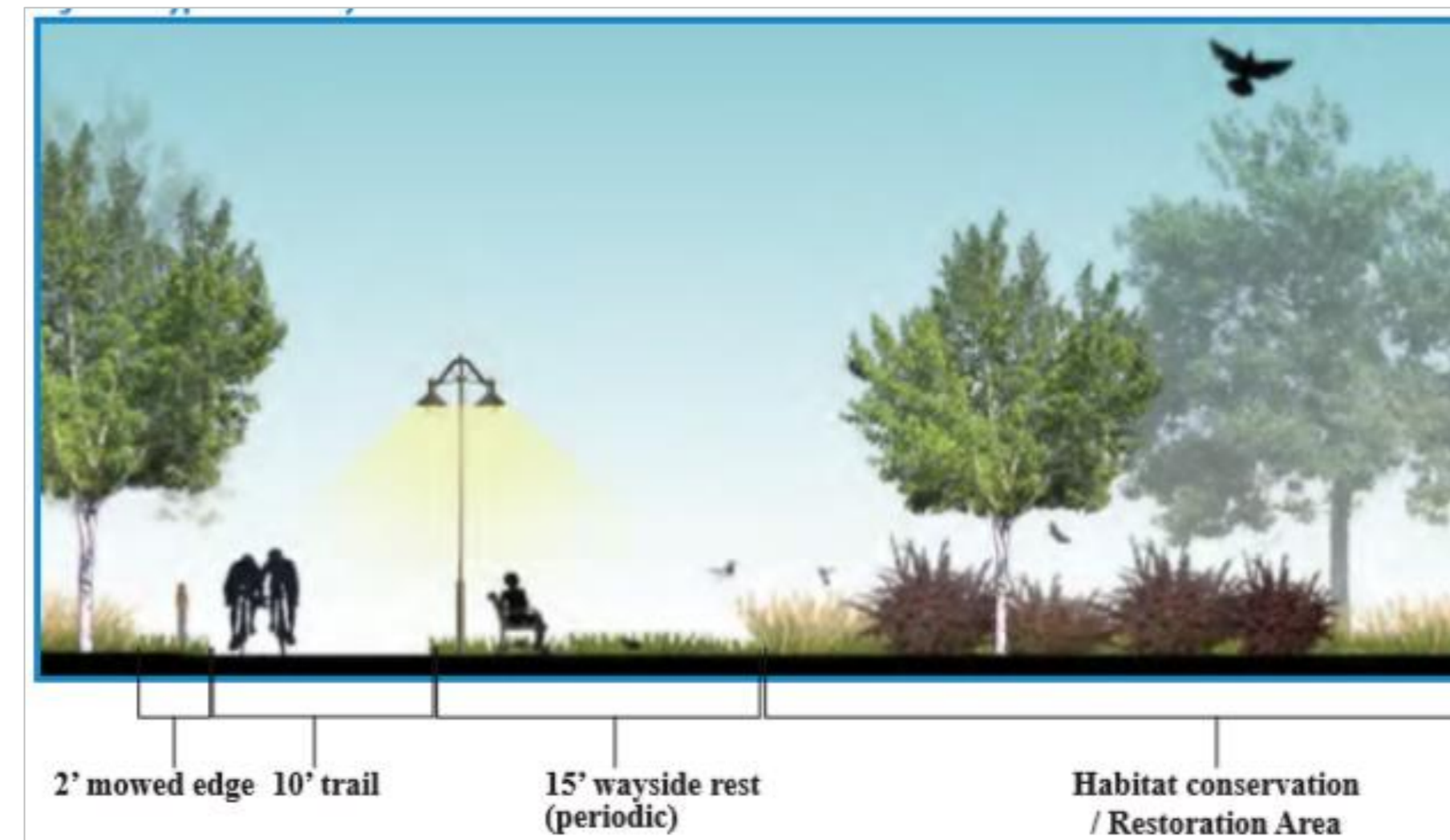
- The Master Plan identifies the preferred regional trail alignment, alternative alignments, trailheads, gateways, and grade-separated crossings.
- The Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail will integrate linear recreation, non-motorized transportation, water quality improvements, habitat preservation and interpretation.
- Dakota County is committed to providing universal accessibility at all trail facilities.



Estimated Project Costs

- Dakota County estimates 19.4 acres (5.35 miles) of land is needed to secure the trail corridor.
- Development cost estimates include:
 - trail construction
 - wayfinding signage
 - site furnishings (e.g., benches, drinking fountains, bicycle racks)
 - lighting
 - vegetation improvements
 - water quality improvements
- Approval of master plan does not commit the Council to any funding at this time.

Implementation Components	Estimated Costs
Acquisition	\$2,542,320
Development	\$3,842,660
Total	\$6,384,980



Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail (Hastings) 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 Dakota County's Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail (Hastings) Master Plan.
2. Require Dakota County, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division Assistant Manager.

