

# Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, Big Marine Park Reserve (Booren), Washington County

Business Item 2025-47

Community Development Committee

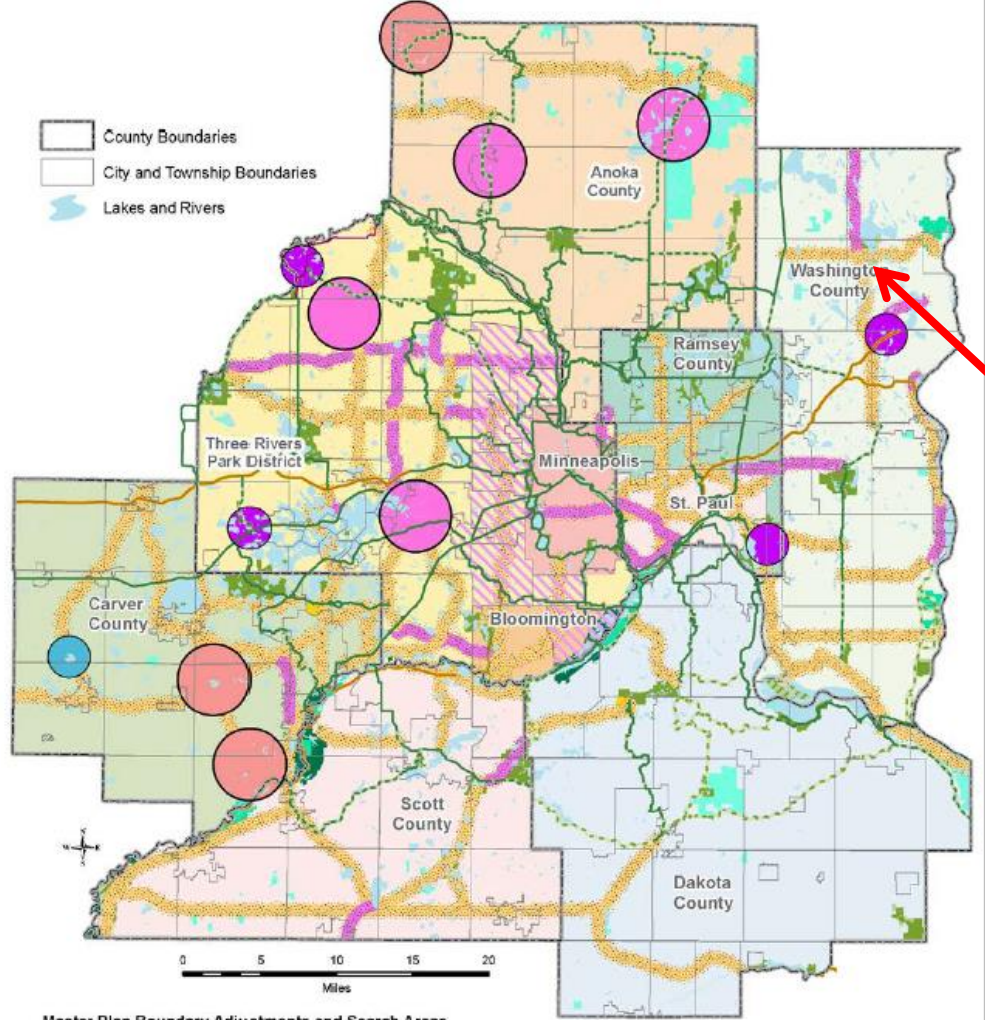
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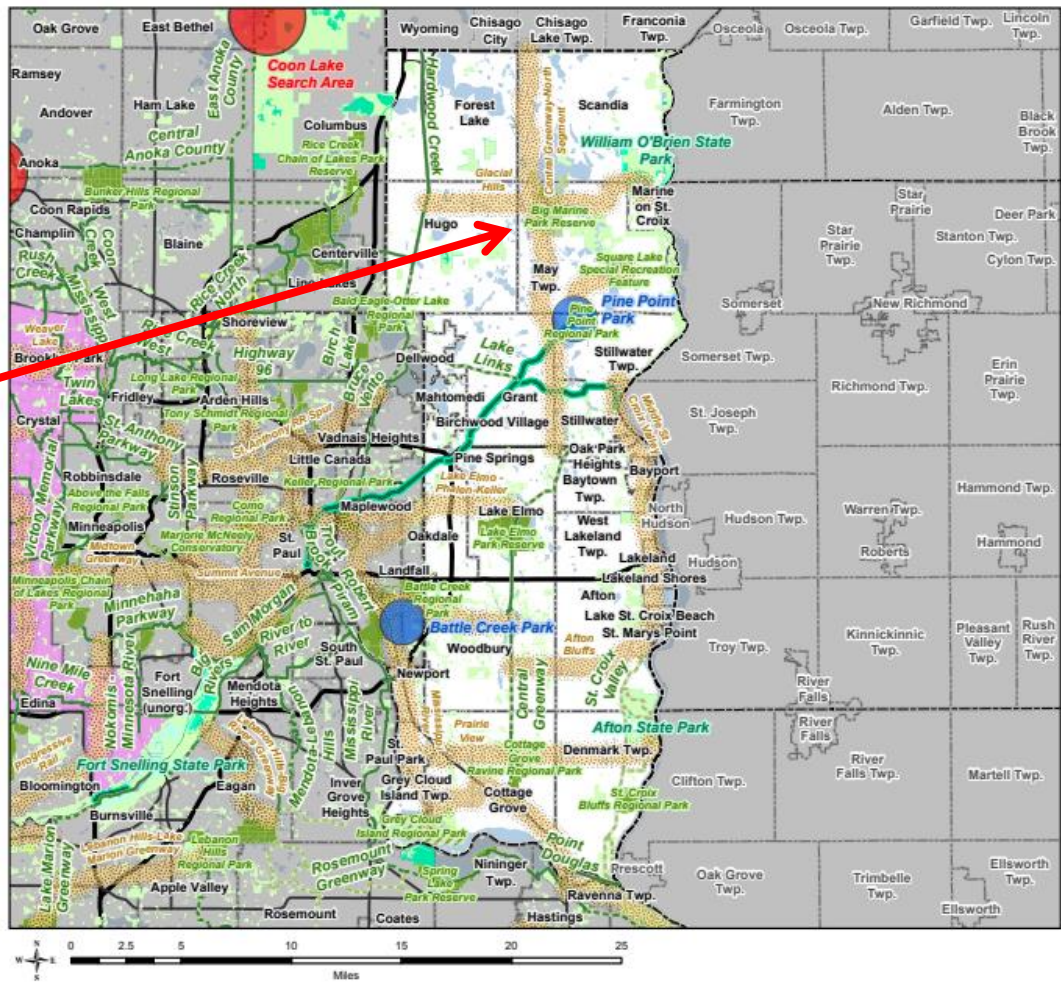


# Regional Parks System Plan Map



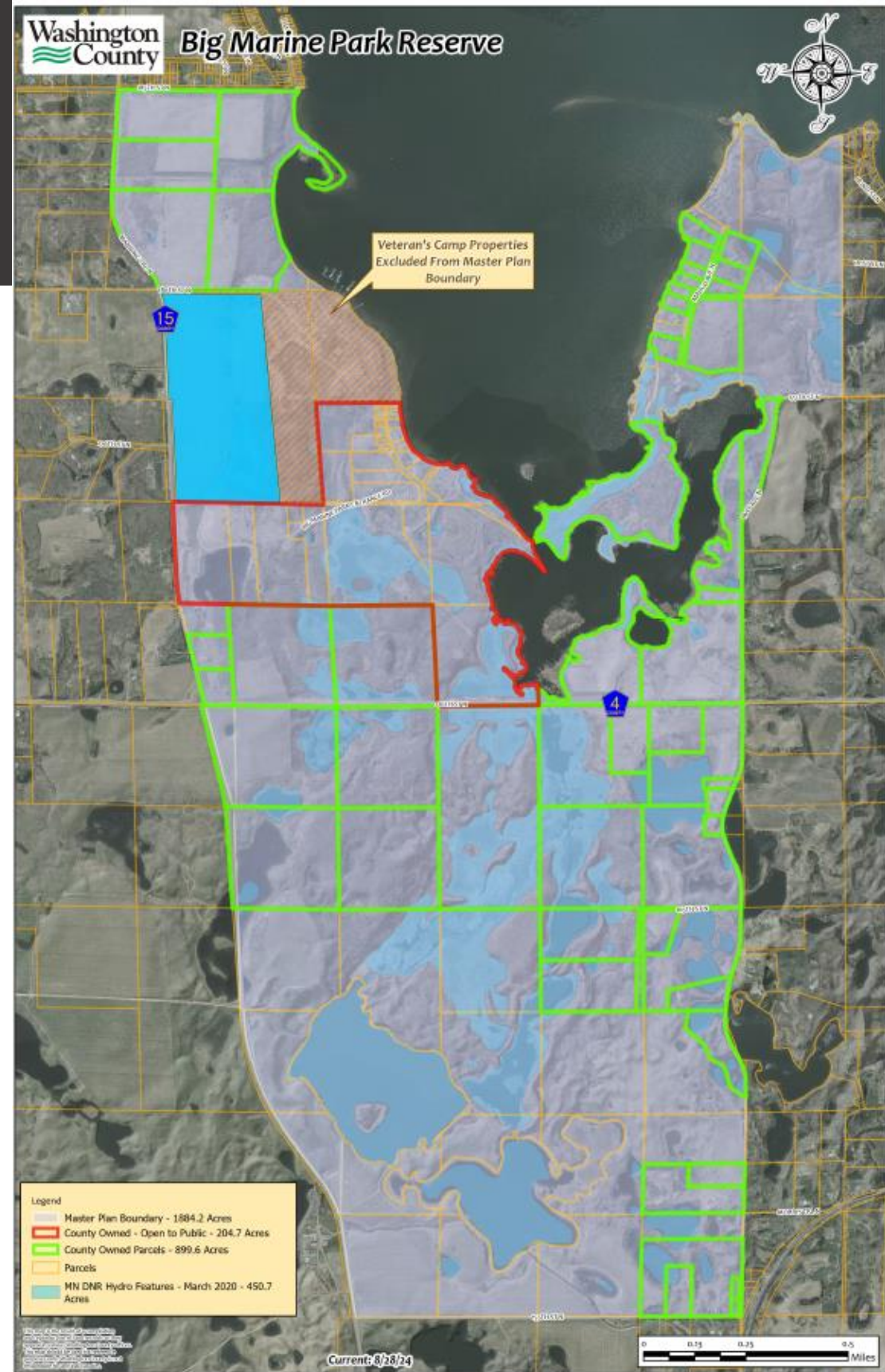
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## Regional Park Systems Washington County



- Regional Parks**
  - Existing (Open to Public)
  - In Master Plan (Not Open to Public)
  - Planned Parks and Reserves
- Regional Trails**
  - Existing (Open to Public)
  - Existing (Not Open to Public)
  - Planned
  - Regional Trail Corridor Land
- Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors**
  - Boundary Adjustments
  - Search Areas
  - Regional Trail Search Corridors
  - First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area
- State Parks**
  - State Parks
  - State Wildlife Management Areas (Publicly Accessible)
  - Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA)
  - Special State Recreation Features
  - Other Parks, Preserves, Refuges and Natural Areas
  - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
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  - Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area

# Big Marine Park Reserve and Booren property



# Project cost

- Appraised value: \$1,715,000
- Purchase price: \$1,715,000
- Total acquisition cost: \$1,734,243
- Total grant amount: \$1,300,682
- Washington County match: \$433,561



*Photos taken from the appraisal*

# Rationale for recommendation

## Consistent with:

- The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
- The Big Marine Park Reserve long-range plan;
- Washington County is within its \$1.7 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF and ENRTF Park Acquisition Opportunity Funds.



# Recommendations

## That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,300,682 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to acquire an 80-acre parcel located in the southeast quadrant of 180<sup>th</sup> Street and Manning Trail in Marine-on-St. Croix, MN, for the Big Marine Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

