

Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve (Lehnert), Scott County

Business Item 2025-48

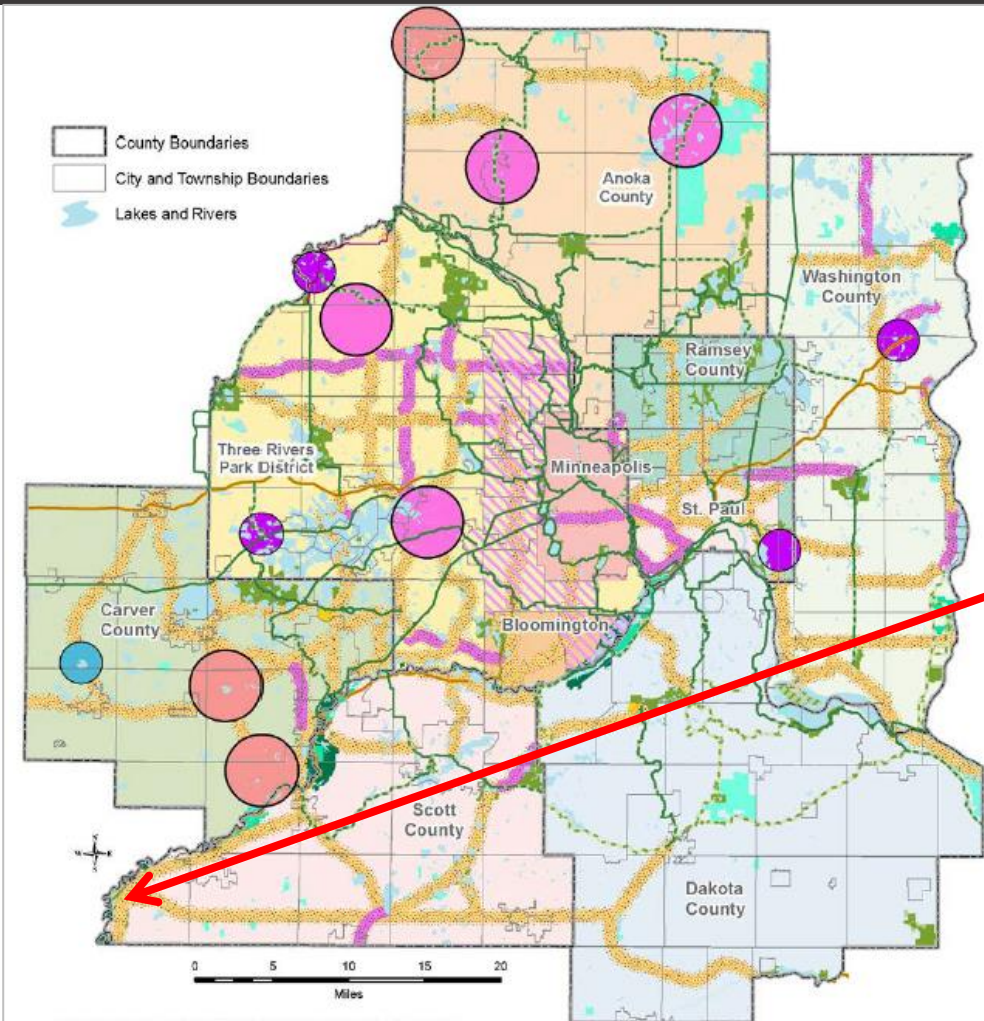
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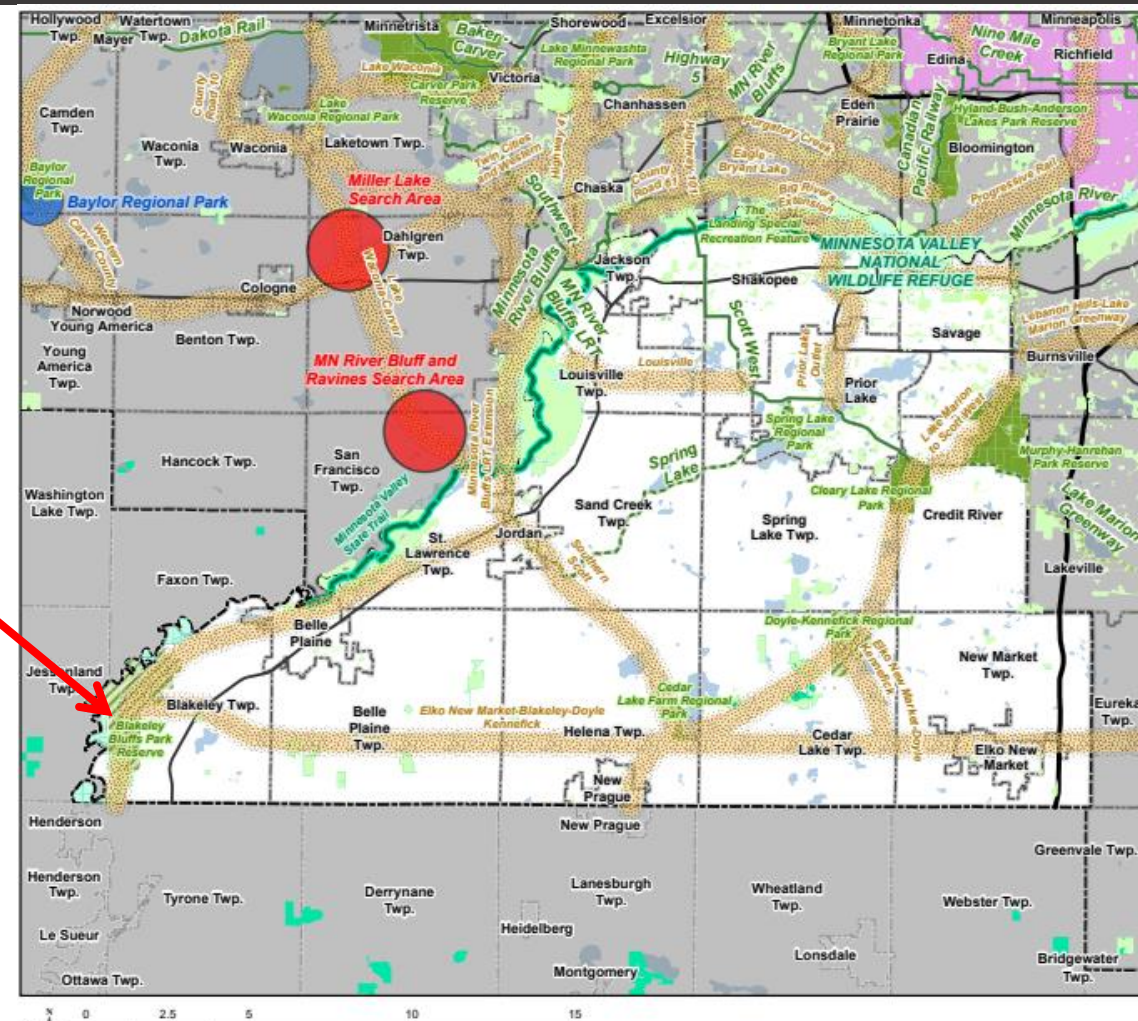
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Regional Parks System Plan Map



Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve



- Master Plan Boundary Adjustments and Search Areas**
- Existing:
 - Boundary Adjustment
 - Park Search Area
 - 2020 Amendment:
 - Boundary Adjustment
 - Park Search Area
 - First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area
 - 2020 Amendment Regional Trail Search Corridor
 - Regional Trail Search Corridors
 - Regional Trails (Open to the Public)
 - Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
 - State Trails
 - Regional Trail Planned (Not Open to Public)
 - Regional Parks (Open to the Public)
 - Regional Parks (Not Open to the Public)
 - Planned Parks (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

- 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 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
 - MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
 - Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area

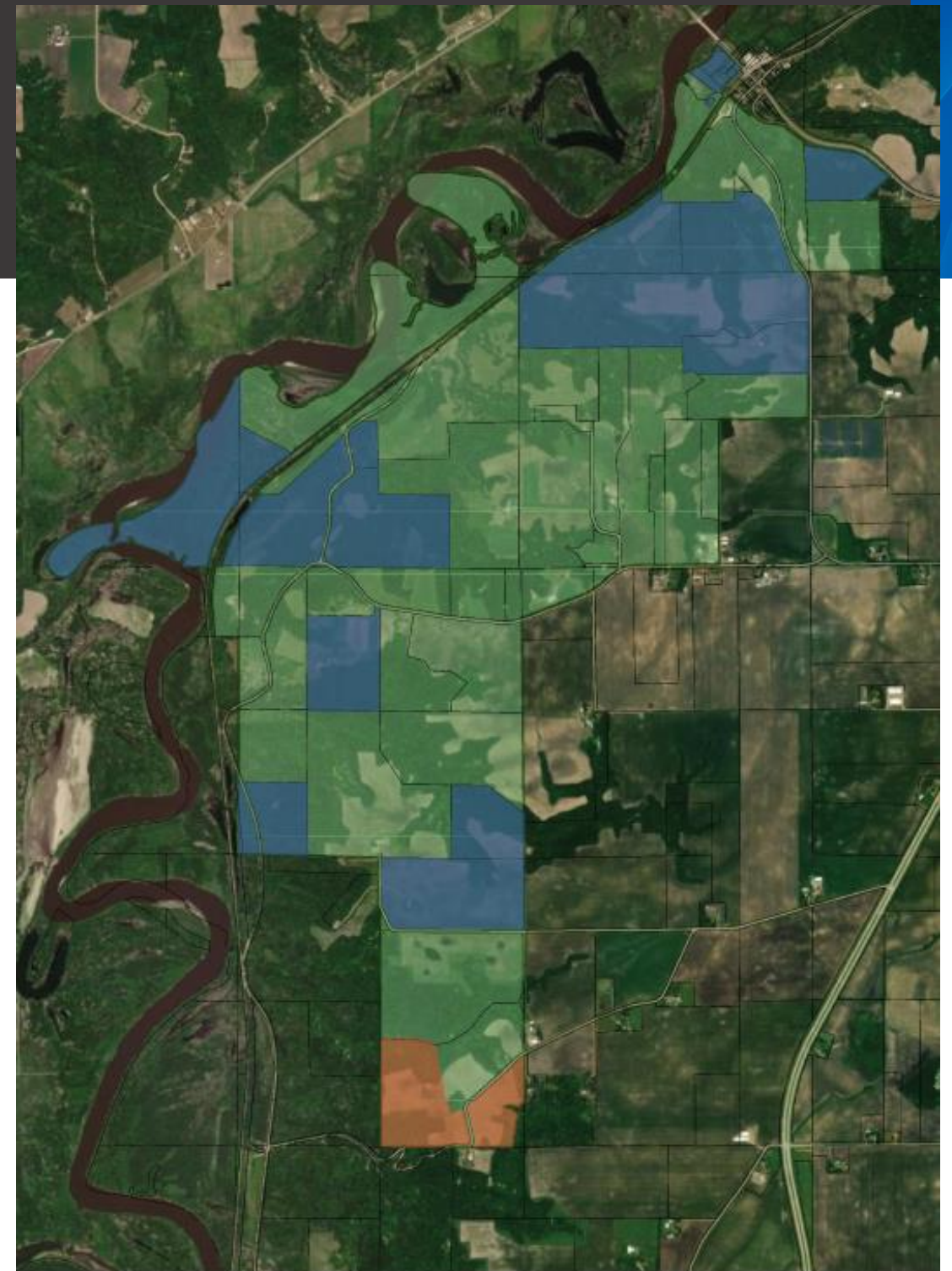
Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve and Lehnert property



Scott County Planning and Resource Management
Parks and Trails Department
12/23/2024

0 175 350 700 1,050 1,400 Feet

- Approximate Potential Acquisition
- Planned Park Boundary - Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve



Scott County Planning and Resource Management
Parks and Trails Department
11/25/2024

0 500,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 Feet

- Acquired Park Land
- Approximate Potential Acquisition
- Planned Park Boundary - Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve



Project cost

- Appraised value: \$1,040,000
- Purchase price: \$1,040,000
- Total acquisition cost: \$1,076,033
- Total grant amount: \$807,025
- Scott County match: \$269,008



Photo taken from the appraisal

Rationale for recommendation

Consistent with:

- The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund
- The Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve long-range plan;
- Scott County is within it's \$1.7 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund.



Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Master Plan

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.

December 13, 2011

Recommendations

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$807,025 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to acquire an 85-acre parcel located at 17130 Salisbury Hill Road in Belle Plaine, MN, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.