



2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan Amendment: Modernizing Mapping Information Item

Community Development Committee

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June 6, 2025 MPOSC Meeting Summary

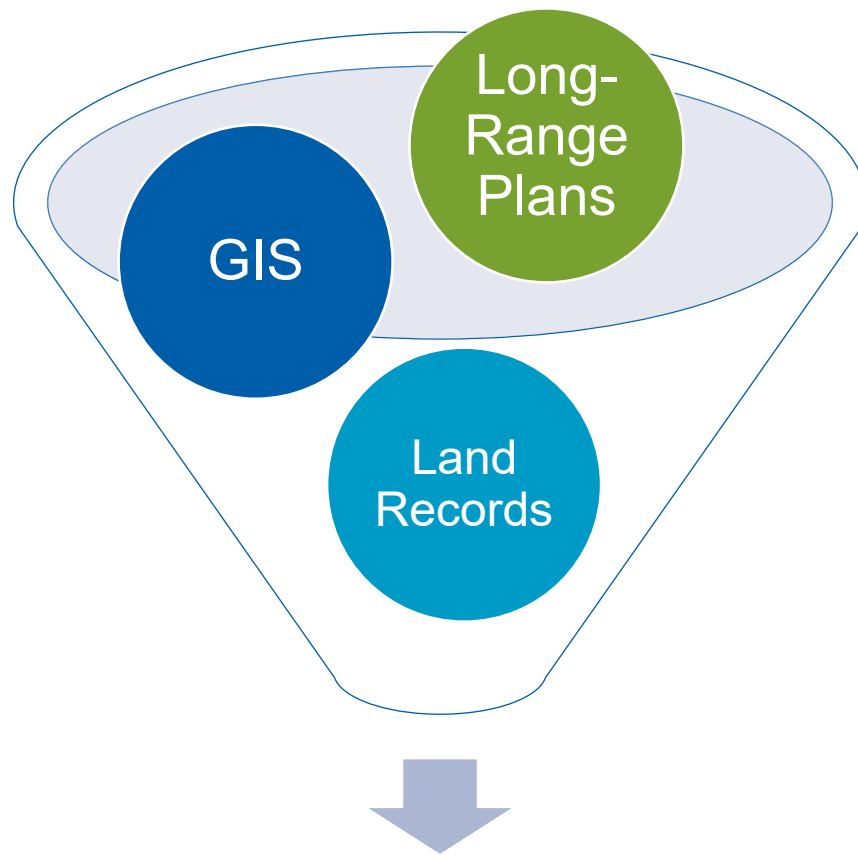
Summary

- Support for using GIS to track regional park and trail boundaries
- Refer to the GIS data as “primary reference”, not the “official land record”.
- Be clear about the proposed uses of the GIS dataset. For example: funding allocation, calculating acreage, ongoing regional park/trail planning, clear up long-standing land record issues that are not currently well documented.
 - Not intended to substitute for official legal land records or plats.
- Question about whether proposal should move forward as a Policy Plan Amendment or simple business item.



Modernizing Mapping

Components of the Mapping System



Regional Parks and Trails Boundaries

Background

- System growth since 1974 requires updated tools embracing GIS technology for improved accuracy.
- GIS data is more accurate than high-level long-range plans
- The GIS Improvement Project revealed a number of minor amendments that are needed to correct and reconcile the plans.

Policy Plan Amendment Proposal

Proposal to amend Section 2, System Plan, to establish:

- GIS dataset as a primary reference on file
- System plan boundaries consistent with the GIS dataset

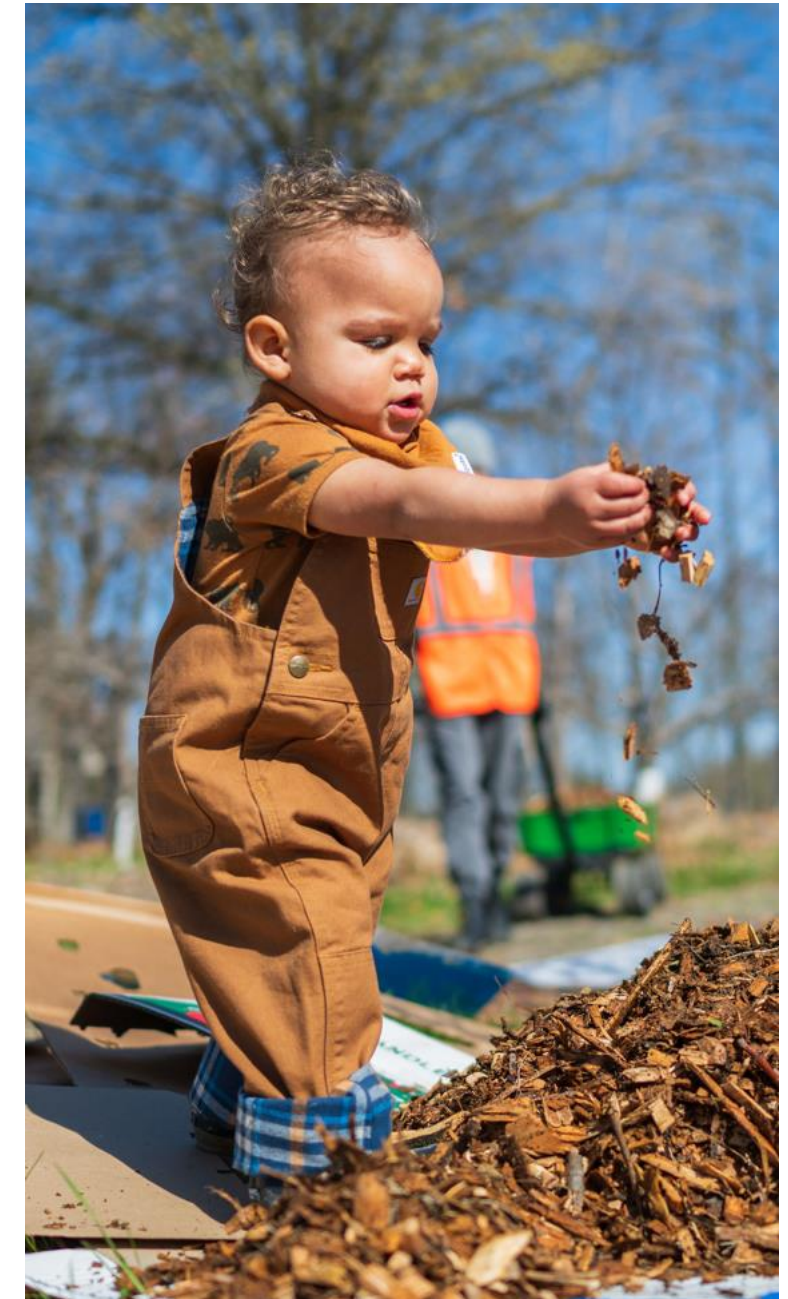
Long Range Plan and Needed Corrections

Long-Range Plans

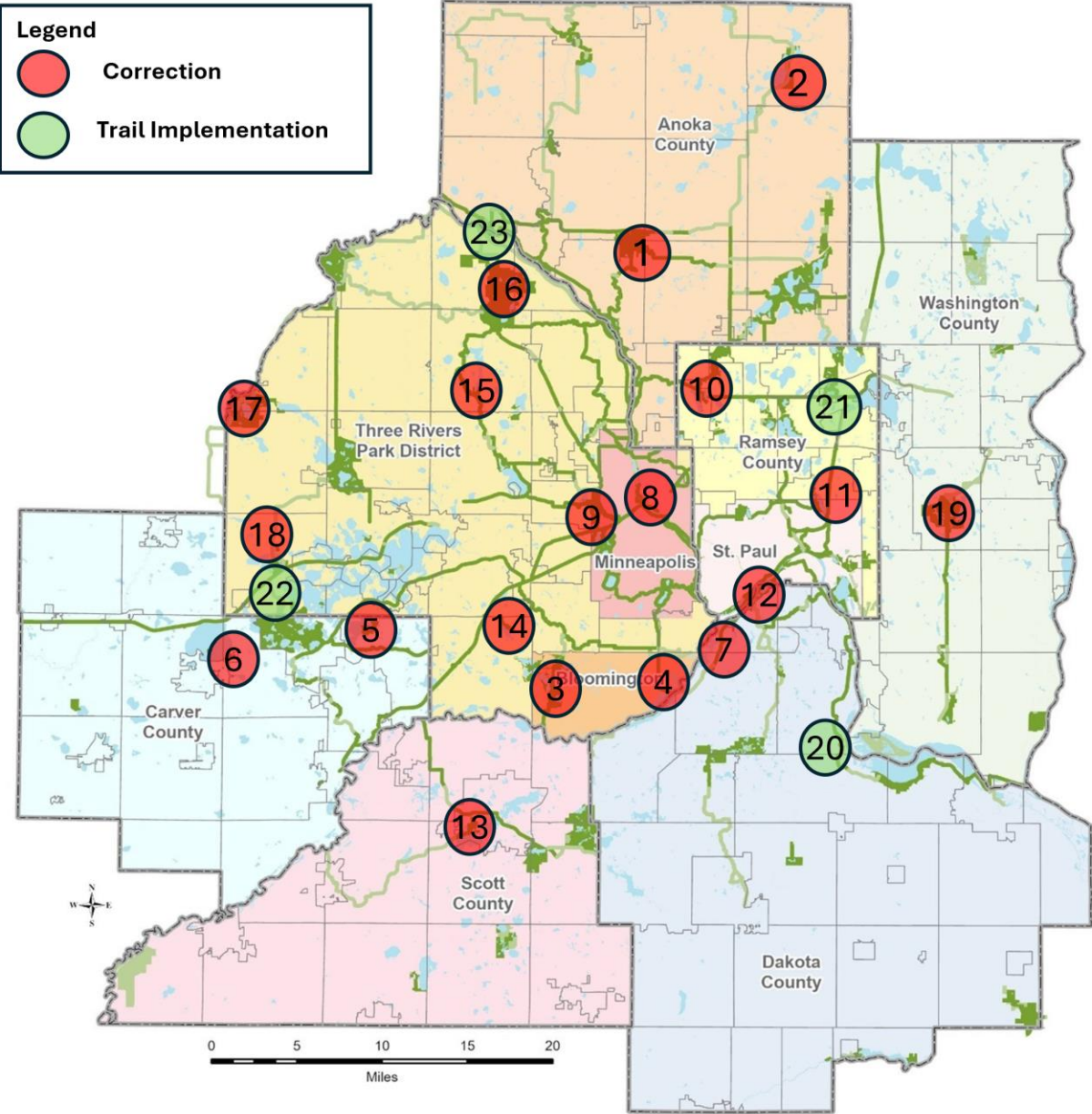
- Serve as the vehicle for **Council approvals**.
- Will now work **in concert with GIS**, which is more detailed and updated annually.

Proposed Long-Range Plan/Data Amendments

- Minor changes to reconcile long-range plans with GIS data.
 - Mainly comprised of corrections and trail implementation changes.



Amendment Locations



Correction Examples – Regional Parks

Anoka County's Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park Amendment



Proposed addition of parcels located in the northwest part of the of the park.

Carver County's Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Amendment



Proposed addition of parkland to the entrance in the southeast part of the park.

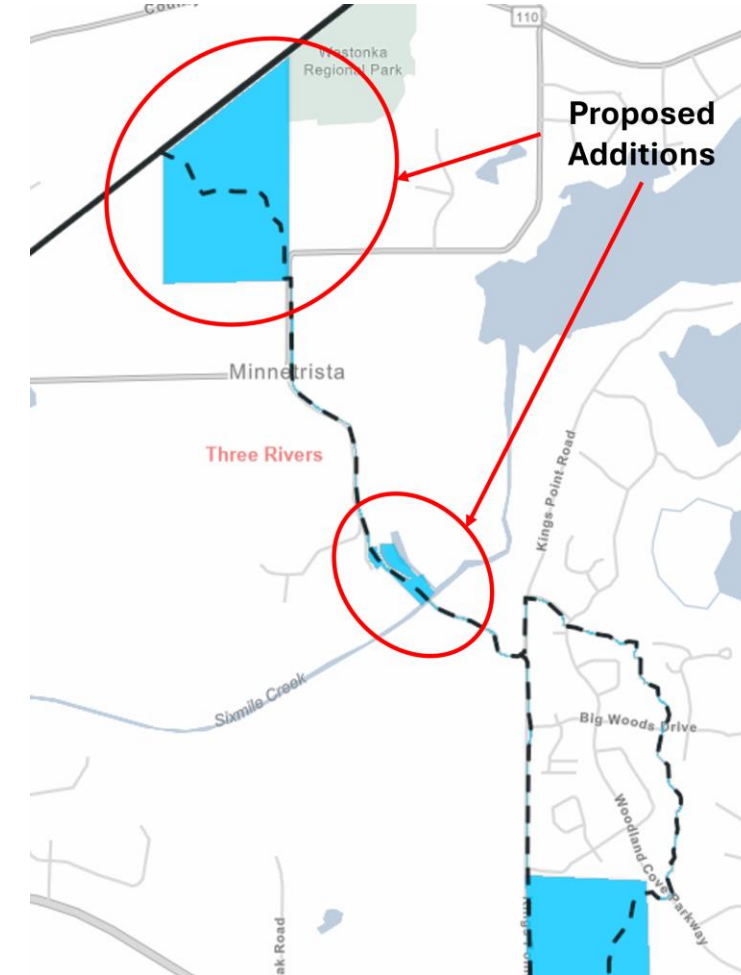
Trail Implementation Examples

Ramsey County's Birch Lake Regional Trail Amendment



Trail alignment implemented along Hammond Road and Township Parkway, to connect with Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park.

Three Rivers Park District's Baker-Carver Regional Trail Amendment



Addition of Segment F trail corridor land for trail development and natural system management.

Next Steps



Date	Milestone
June 5, 2025 MPOSC June 16, 2025 CDC	Information Item
September 4, 2025 MPOSC September 15, 2025 CDC September 24 MC action; next day notice, period opens	Policy Plan Amendment Business Item; Release for Public Comment
November 5, 2025 (week of) Committee of the Whole or MC	Public hearing
November 17, 2025	Public comment period closes
December 1 CDC; December 4 MPOSC; December 10 MC or December 17 Committee of the Whole	Metropolitan Council consideration for adoption



Thank You

