

2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan

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Minnesota Statutes

Require the Metropolitan Council to prepare and adopt a long-range system policy plan for regional recreation open space

- Identify generally the areas which should be acquired for the regional parks system
- Estimate the costs of the recommended acquisition and development

Require local comprehensive plans to conform to the policy plan



Lebanon Hills Regional Park—
Dakota County



Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park—
Anoka County & Three Rivers Park District





Thrive Direction for Regional Parks Policy Plan

- Expand the regional parks system to **conserve, maintain and connect natural resources** identified as high quality or of regional importance
- Provide a comprehensive regional park and trail system that preserves quality **natural resources**, increases **climate resiliency**, fosters **healthy communities** and enhances **quality of life** in the region



Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park—
Washington County



Thrive Direction for Regional Parks Policy Plan

- Promote **multi-modal access** to regional parks, trails and transit network where appropriate
- **Strengthen equitable usage** of regional parks and trails by all our region's residents, such as across race, ethnicity, class, age, ability and immigrant status



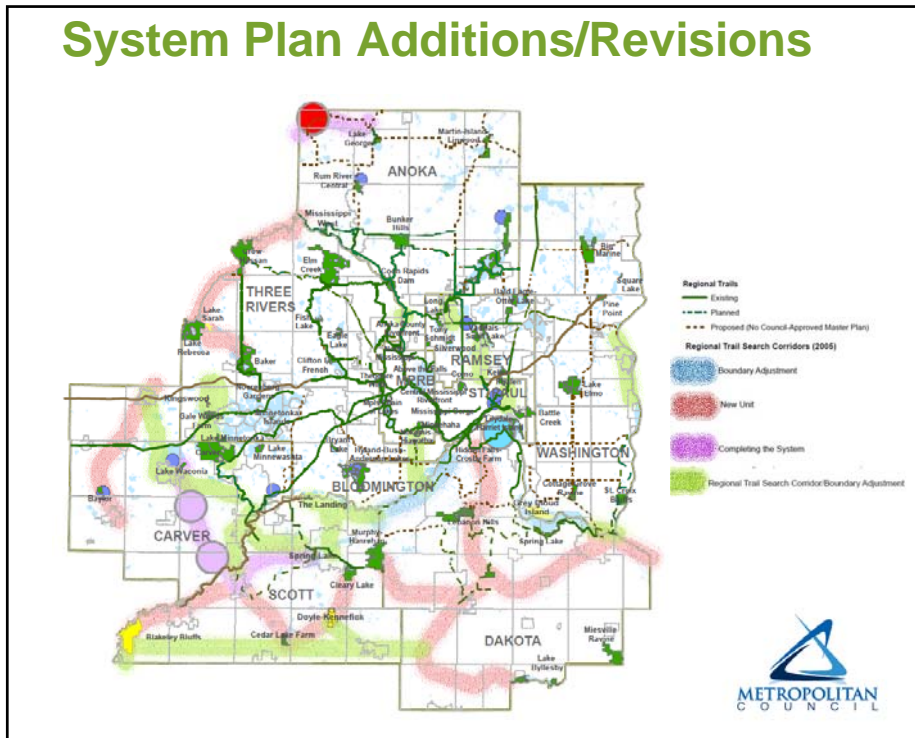
Lake Elmo Park Reserve—
Washington County



Battle Creek Regional Park
Ramsey County



System Plan Additions/Revisions



Community Engagement

- **External stakeholder engagement**
 - Stakeholder meetings with park implementing agencies, other partners and advocacy groups
 - Focus group research with communities of color
 - Follow-up policy discussions with participants
 - Public meetings with community-based organizations & partners
 - Individual, one-on-one meetings with regional park implementing agencies
 - Park user on-site interviews/surveys



Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve
Anoka County



Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park
Scott County



Plan Development Process Details

Internal collaboration:

- **MPOSC**
 - Discussion/Confirmation
- **Joint MPOSC/CDC**
 - Discussion
- **CDC**
 - Updates
- **Thrive Work Group**
 - Discussion
- **System Policy Plan authors**
 - Discussion



Como Conservatory Special Recreation Feature
St. Paul



Big Marine Park Reserve
Washington County

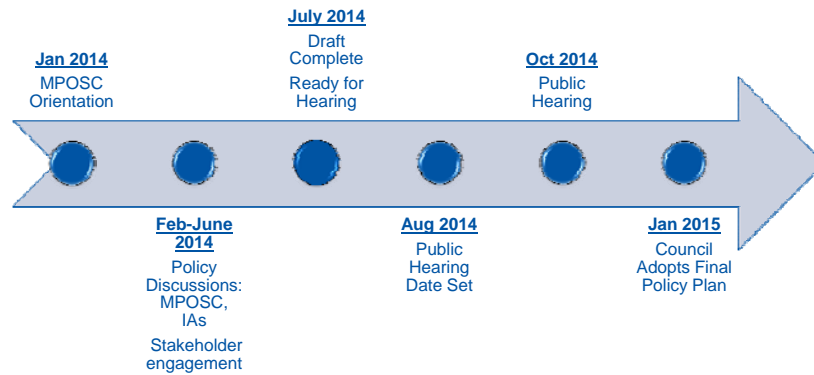


2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Process Requirements

- **Set Public Hearing for Review of Draft Policy Plan**
 - July—complete Draft Plan
 - August—MPOSC, CDC, Met Council set hearing
 - 45 day notice for public hearing
- **Conduct Public Hearing on draft Policy Plan**
 - October 20—public hearing conducted at CDC
 - October 30—public record closes
- **Adopt 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan**
 - December—MPOSC and CDC
 - January 2015—adopted by Met Council



2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Timeline



Questions or Comments

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