

Information Item

Regional Parks System Additions Project: Process Update

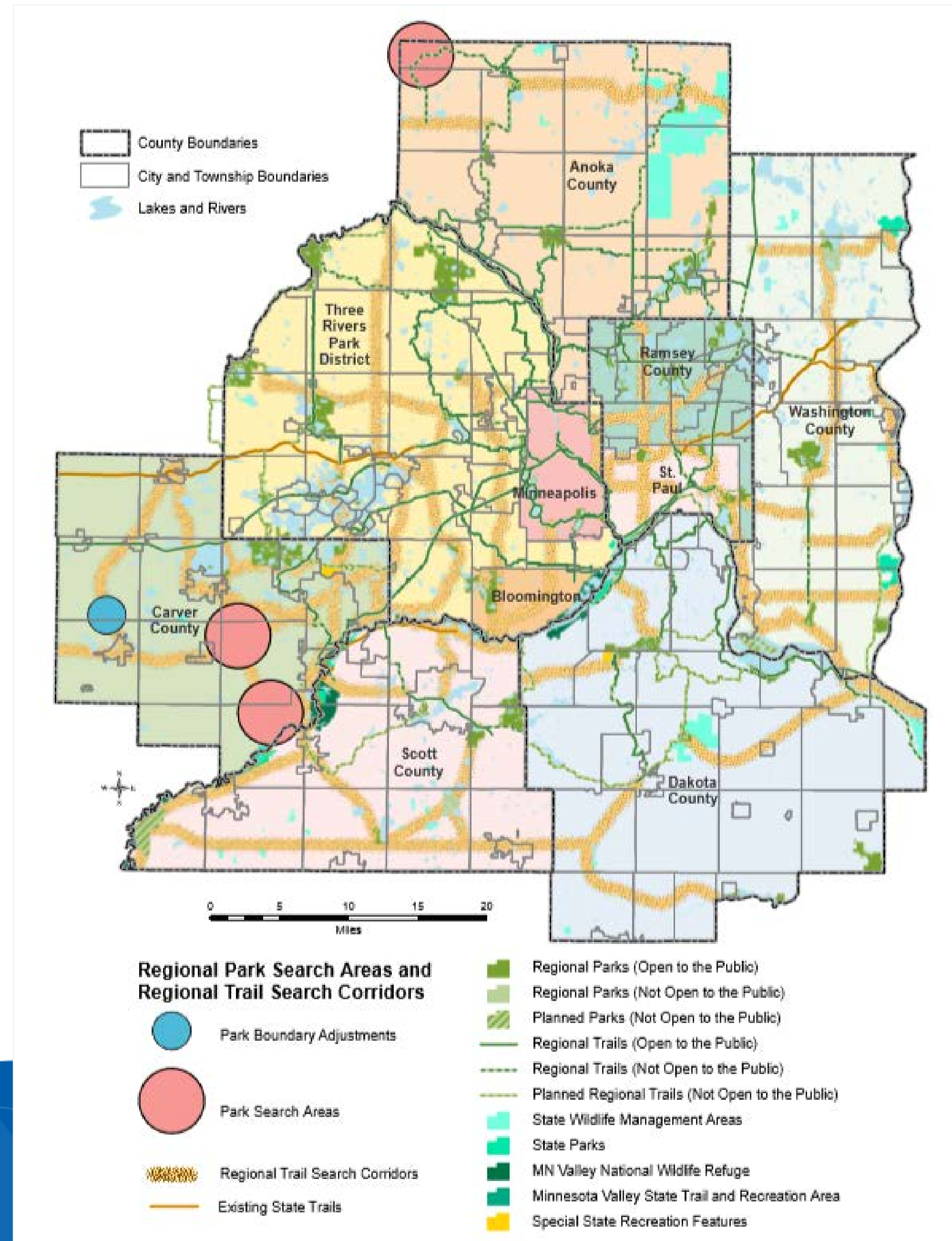
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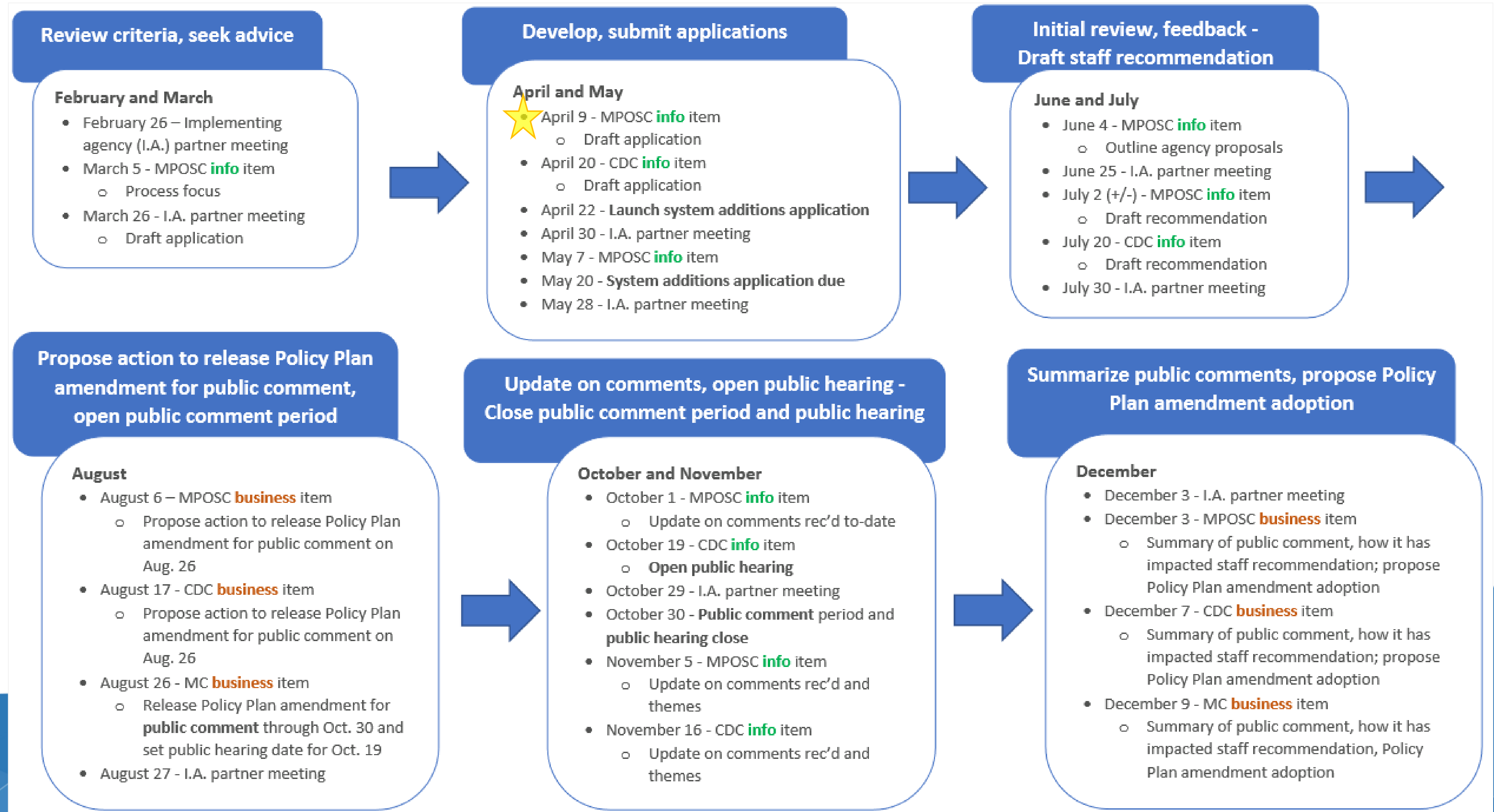


Background

- *The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* commits the Council to convening a region-wide discussion about system additions in 2019.
- Focus:
 - Park Search Areas
 - Regional Trail Search Corridors
 - Park Boundary Adjustments
 - Bridging Facilities



2020 Timeline for Regional Park System Additions



Draft System Addition Application Content

- 1. System Addition Proposal:** Please describe the proposal, it's location, the proposed acreage or trail miles, and if applicable, partner arrangement. Please include an overview map of the proposal depicting the location in your agency's jurisdiction. If the proposal calls for converting an existing county or local park or trail to a regional park or trail; is a boundary adjustment for an existing regional park or park reserve; or is for a bridging facility, please also include a more detailed map depicting the location in the local jurisdiction(s) (e.g., city, township).
- 2. General Criteria:** Describe how the proposed Regional Park System addition is regionally significant and meets *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* criteria. Address the applicable general criteria (located in the tables 4-1 and 4-2, page 66) and applicable strategies in Chapter Four Siting and Acquisition of the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.

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- 3. Agency and Other Support:** Please provide your agency's board approvals, government partner support, and other partner support documents specific to this proposed system addition. Less formal letters of support from local government staff will also suffice.
- 4. Public Participation:** Please describe the level of public input that has occurred specific to this proposed system addition and what was learned (if applicable). Input may have been gathered through a comprehensive plan update, the development of an agency system plan, public hearing or other avenues.

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- 5. Regional Context:** Describe how your proposal advances one or more *Thrive MSP 2040* or Regional Parks System outcomes including: planning for future population growth, expanding natural resource management, increasing climate resilience, balancing conservation with recreation, promoting access via trails and transit to local, state, and federal park lands, and strengthening equitable usage (Chapter Two of the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, page 15).
- 6. Anticipated Funding Request and Timeline:** Please provide a high-level funding estimate for anticipated acquisitions and stewardship (if applicable), and the anticipated timeline for implementing this proposal (e.g., 0-10 years, 11-20 years, 20+ years). For acquisition estimates, please use \$256,750 per acre within the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) and \$36,950 per acre outside of the MUSA. (Unless more location-specific acquisition cost information is known.)

Discussion Questions

- What are your questions about the system additions process, including the application?
- What other insights or advice do you have to help ensure the system additions process is successful?