

Business Item 2020-189











Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park (Spencer), Ramsey County

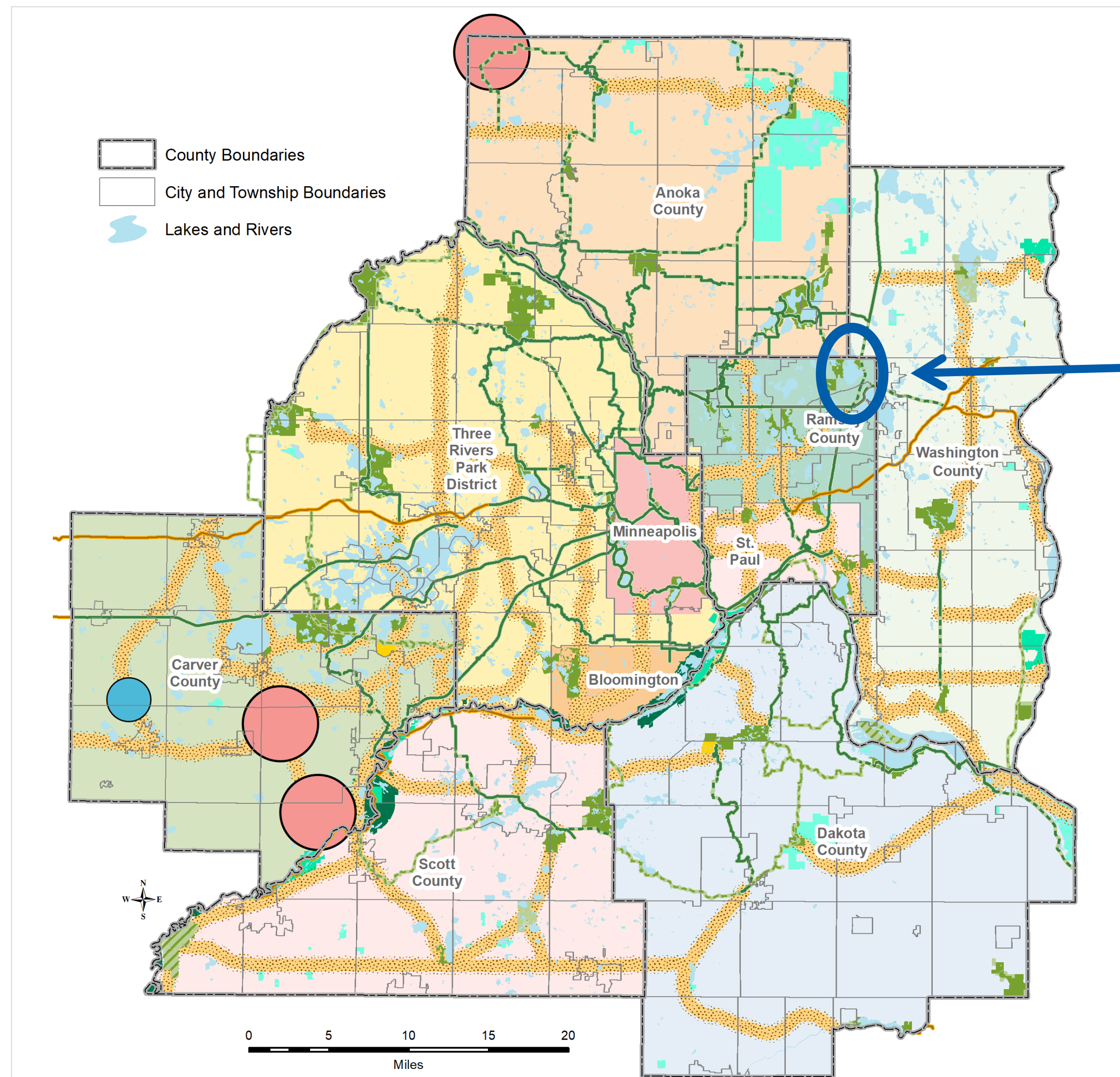
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Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Regional Parks System Plan Map

-  Regional Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Planned Parks (Not Open to the Public)
-  Regional Trails (Open to the Public)
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-  Planned Regional Trails (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



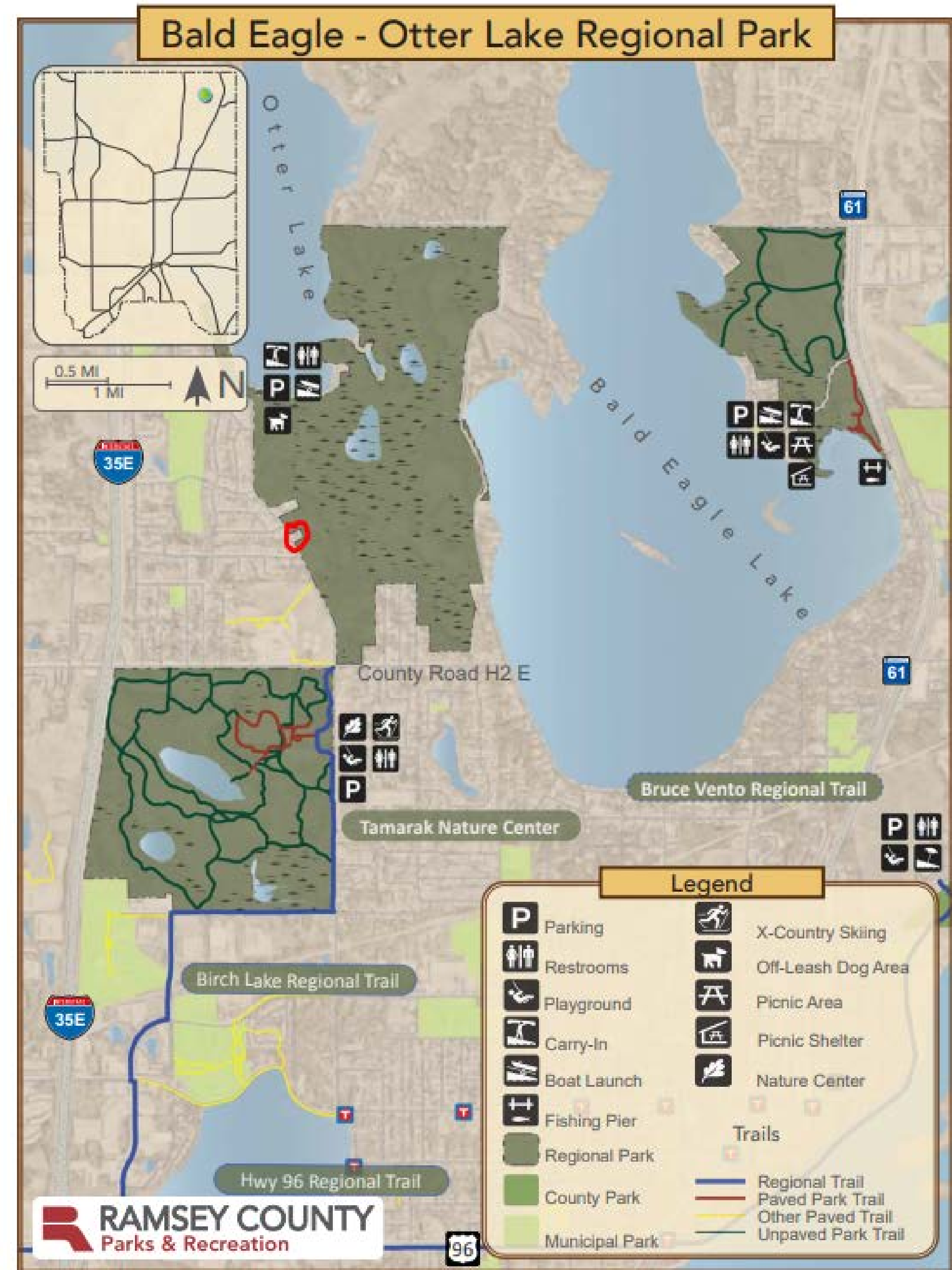
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**Images are from Ramsey County's website*



Spencer Property Project Cost

- Appraised value: \$348,000
- Purchase price: \$348,000
- Total acquisition cost, including stewardship: \$389,280
- Total grant amount: \$291,960
 - FY21 Legacy funds: \$175,176
 - Met Council match: \$116,784
- Ramsey County match: \$97,320



Rationale for recommendation



- Consistent with:
 - The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*;
 - State fiscal year 2021 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) appropriation requirements;
 - The Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park master plan; and
 - Ramsey County is within its \$1.7 million per fiscal year limit for PTLF PAOF funding.



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Recommendations

- Approve a grant of up to \$291,960 to Ramsey County for the .61-acre Spencer property located at 5600 Otter Lake Road in White Bear Township for Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park, contingent on Council approval of the July 2020 Special Budget Amendment, Business Item 2020-182 JT.
- Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
- Consider reimbursing Ramsey County up to \$97,320 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Bonding Program for costs associated with their local match.
- Inform Ramsey County that the Council does not under any circumstance represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.