

Regional Parks System Additions: Implementing Agency Proposals (Part 2 of 2)

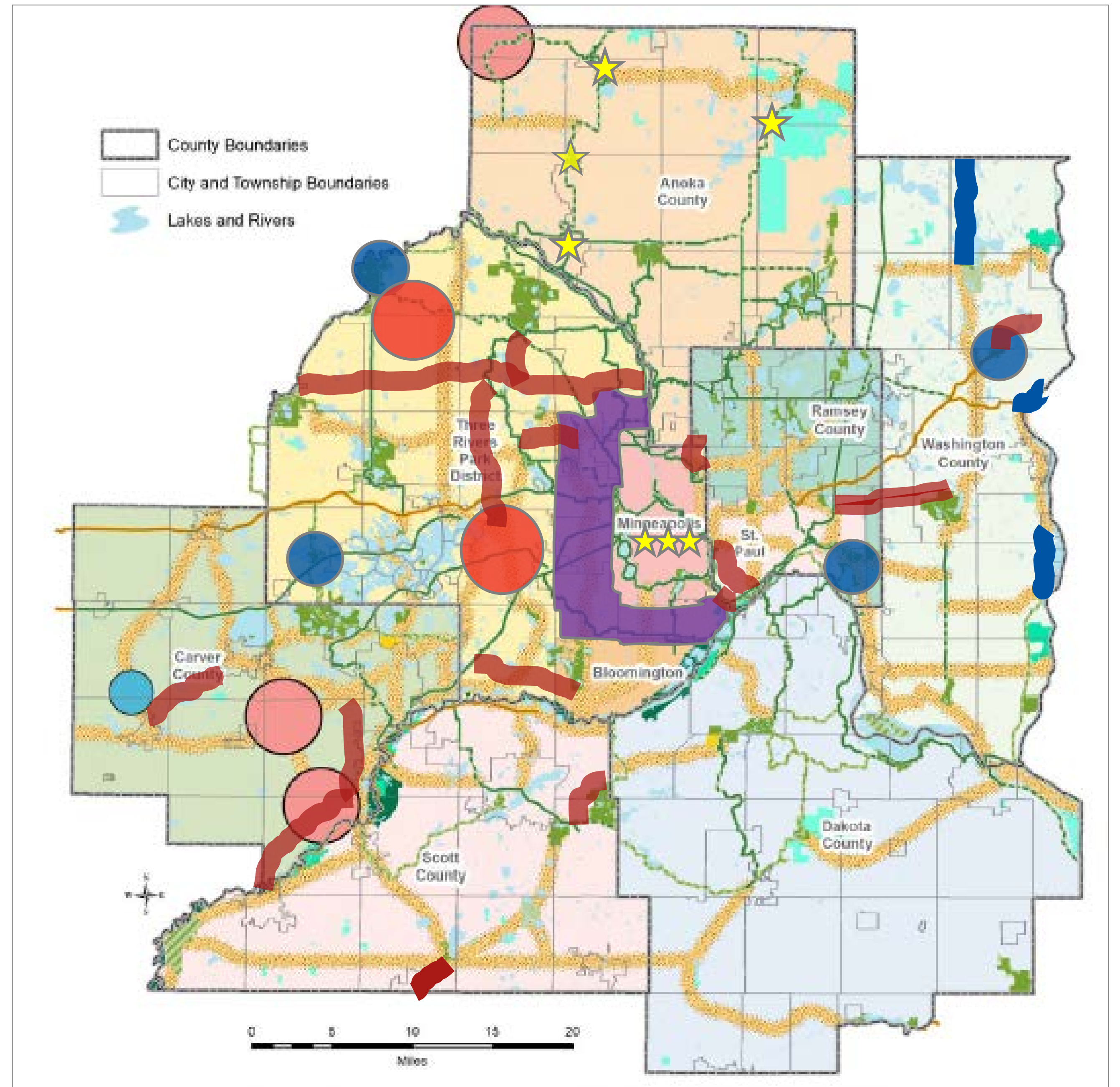
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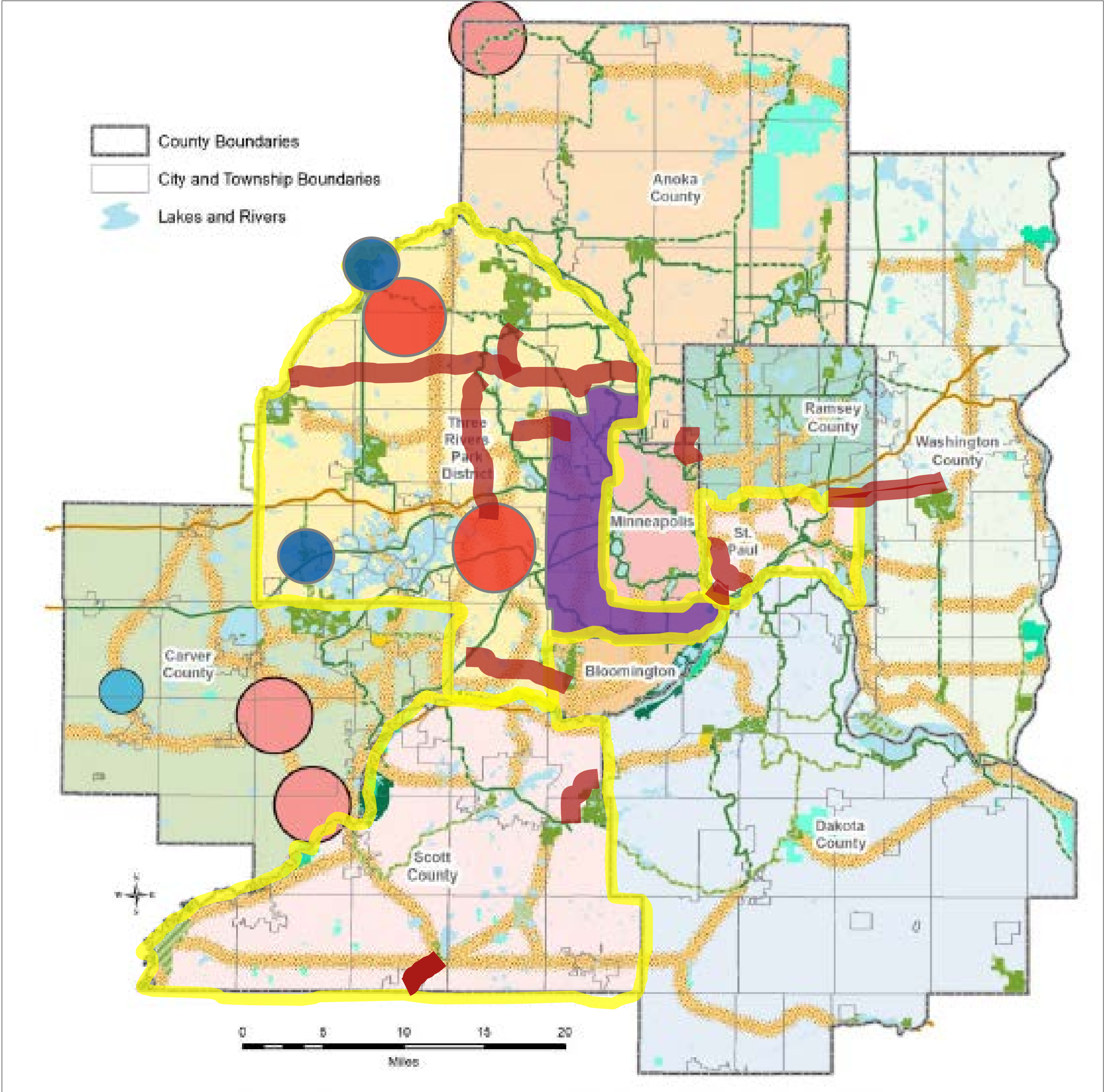
Overview of System Addition proposals: 28 proposals from eight agencies

- Boundary Adjustment
- Regional Trail Search Corridor
- ★ Propose Recognition of Regional Status
- Regional Park Search Area
- Special Recreation Feature Search Area



June 18 Focus: *16 proposals from three agencies*

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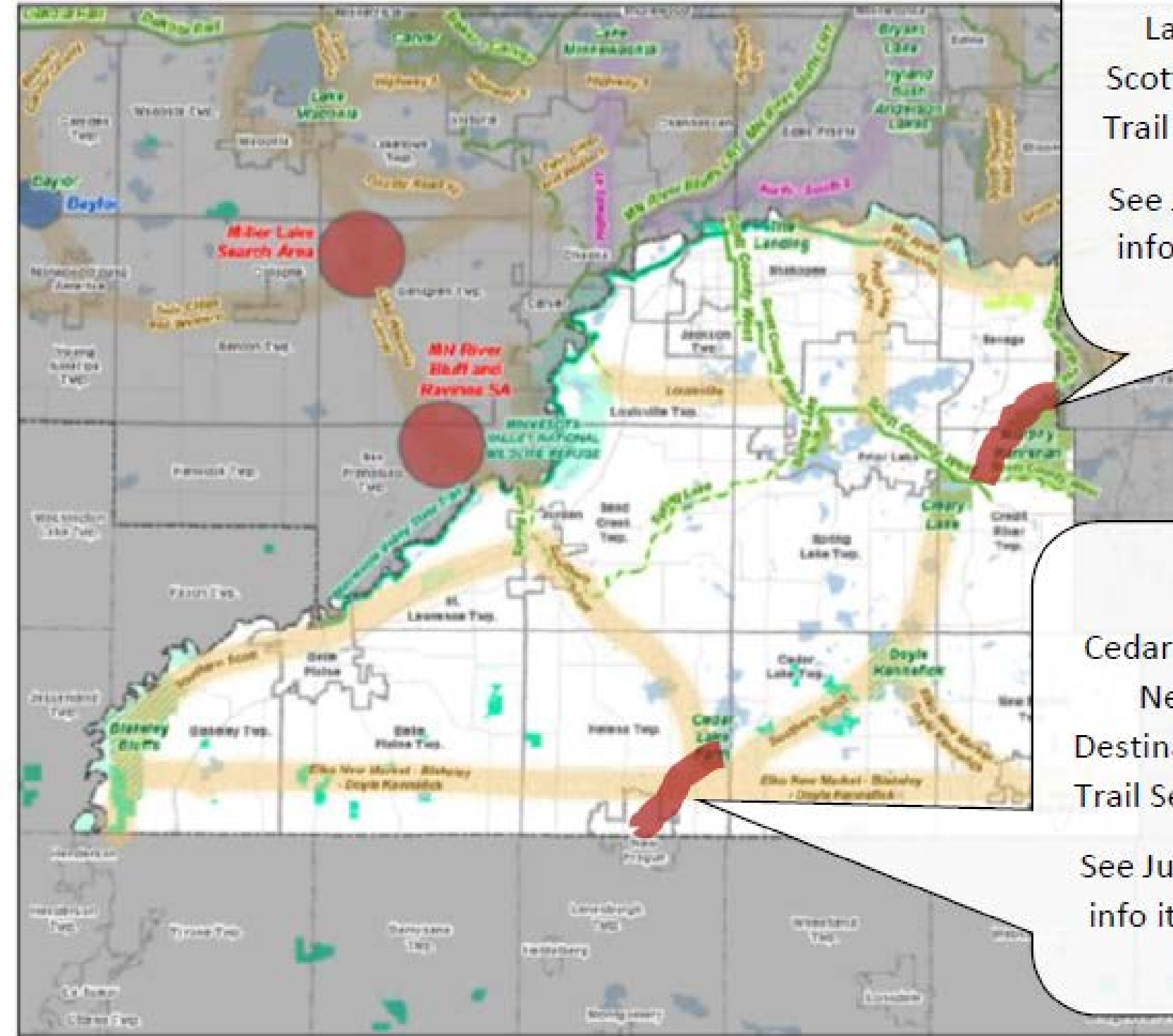


Scott County

2 proposals

1. Lake Marion to Scott West Regional Trail Search Corridor
2. Cedar Lake Farm to New Prague Destination Regional Trail Search Corridor

Regional Parks System Scott County



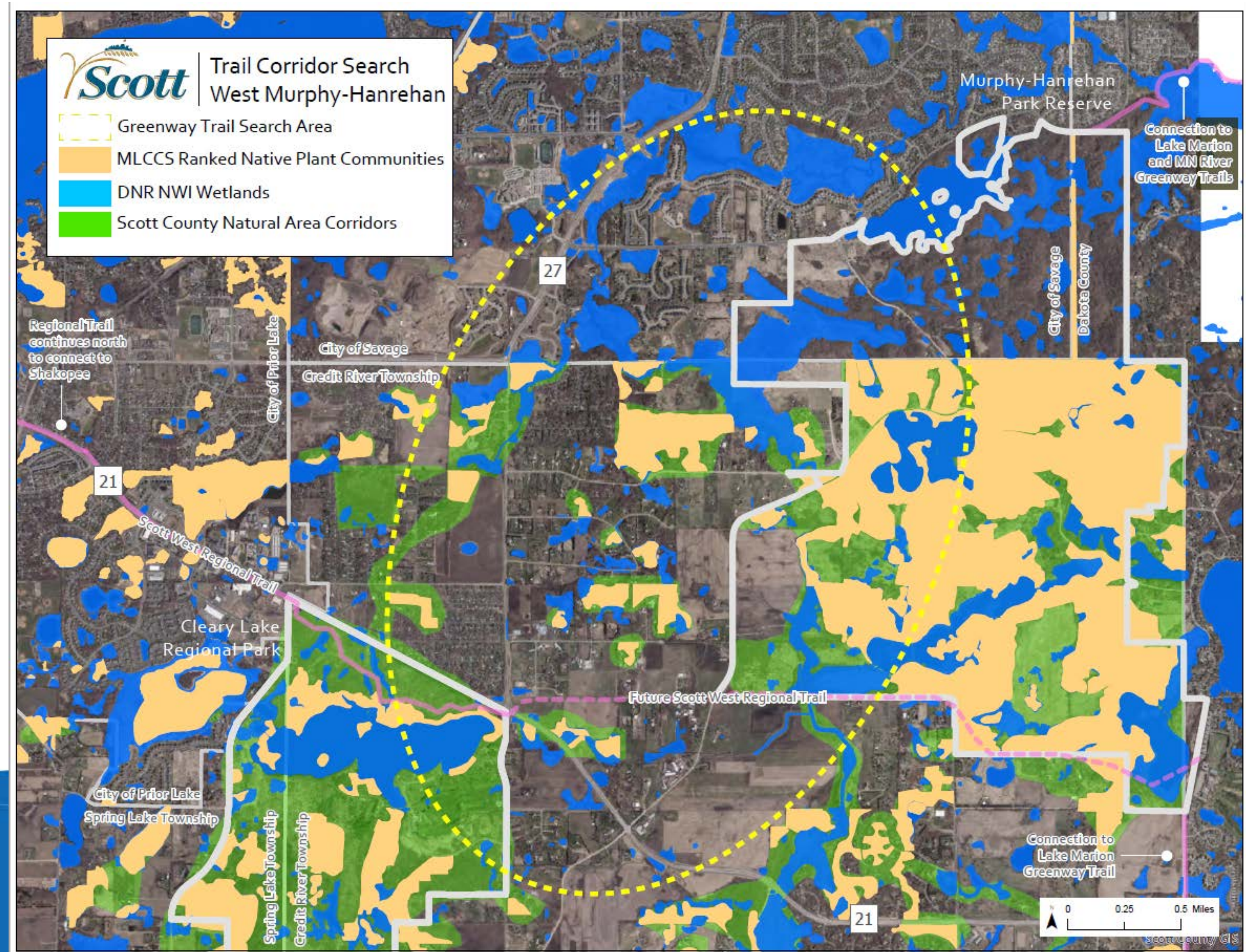
Proposed 2020 System Additions

- Regional Trail Search Corridor

Scott County Proposal 1 (info item attch. 1a)

Lake Marion to Scott West Regional Trail Search Corridor

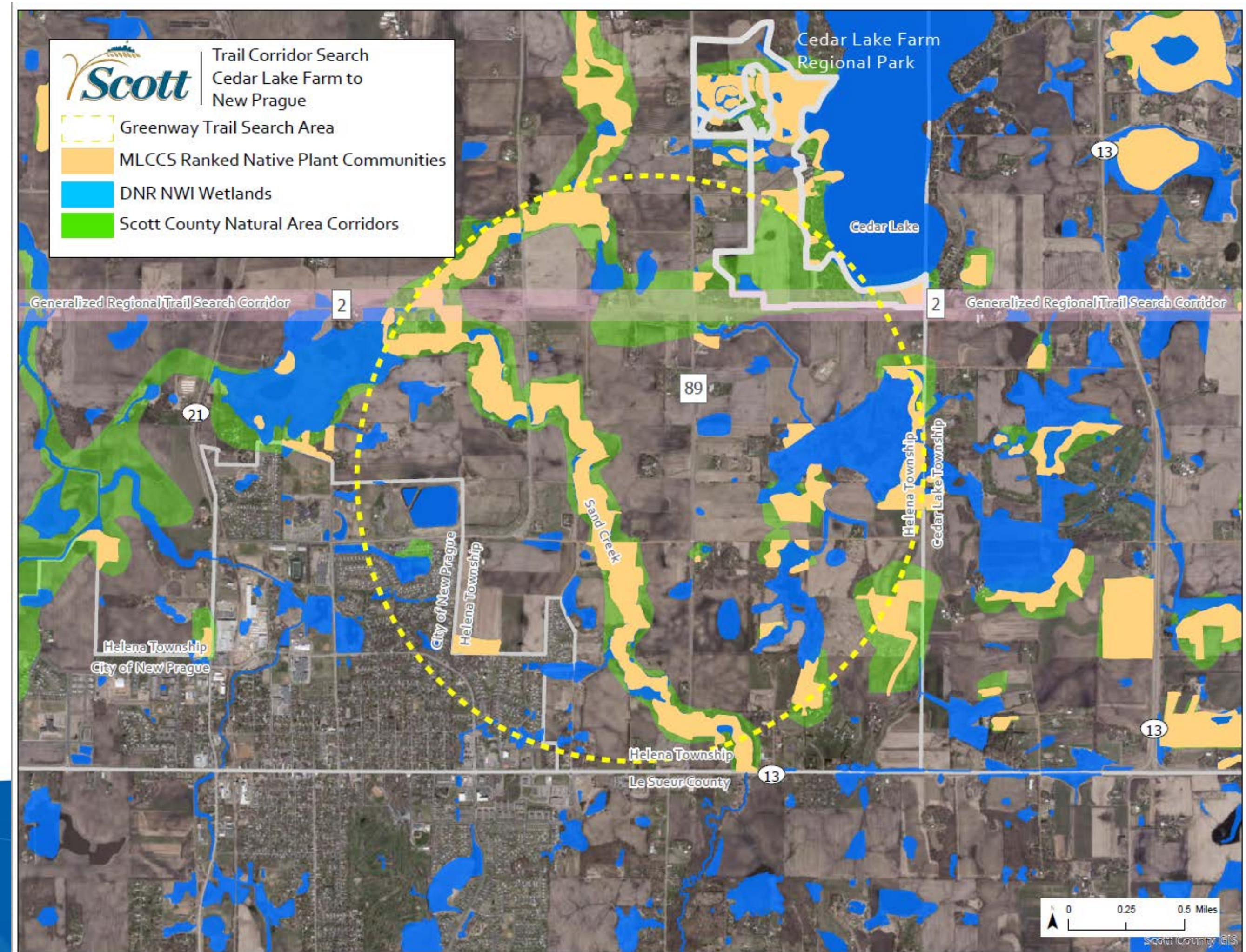
- Length: 3 – 6 miles
- Connection to Murphy Hanrehan Park Reserve
- Closest north/south regional trails are over 7 miles to the east in Shakopee



Scott County Proposal 2 (info item attch. 1b)

Cedar Lake Farm to New Prague Destination Regional Trail

- Length: 3 – 6 miles
- Serve the communities of Elko-New Market, Belle Plaine and several townships
- Encompass a 100-200' wide corridor for as much of its length as possible, minimum of 25'



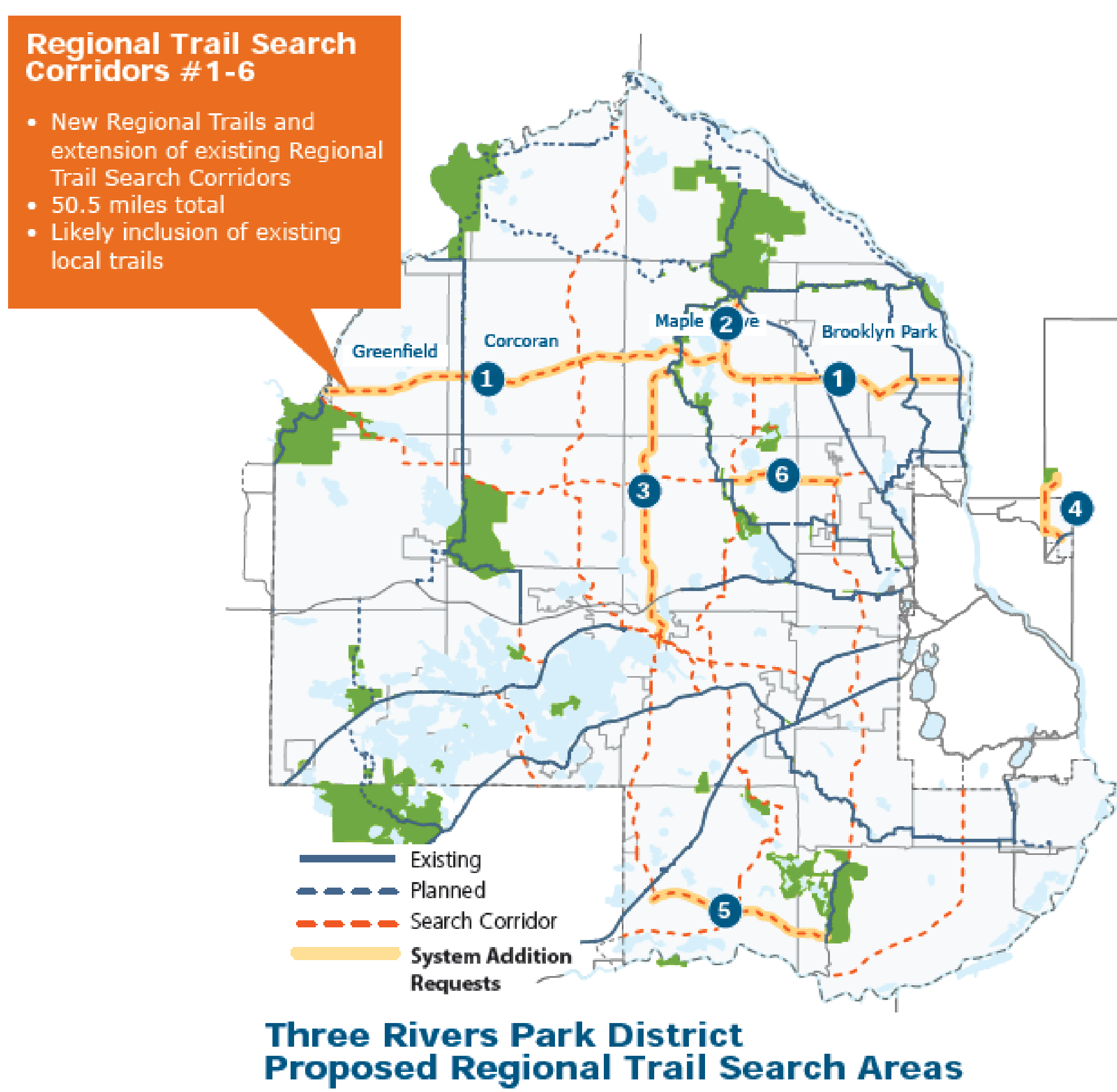
Three Rivers Park District

11 proposals

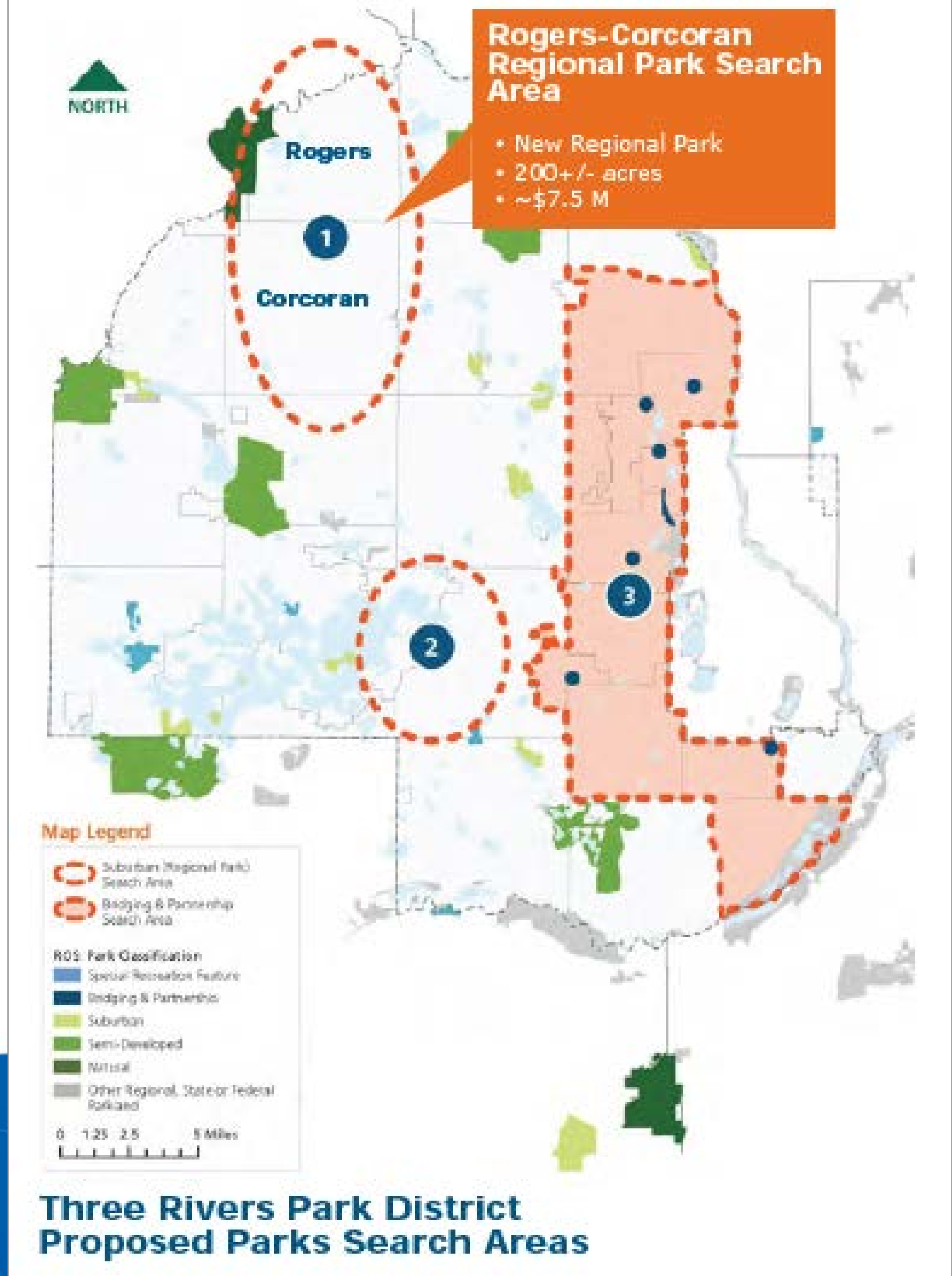
1. Weaver Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor (info item attch. 2a)
2. Eagle Lake to Bryant Lake Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor (info item attch. 2b)
3. Gray's Bay Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor (info item attch. 2c)
4. Silverwood Regional Trail Connector Search Corridor (info item attch. 2d)
5. Purgatory Creek Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor (info item attch. 2e)
6. Lake Sarah Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor (info item attch. 2f)
7. Rogers Corcoran Regional Park Search Area (info item attch. 2g)
8. Minnetonka and Minnehaha Creek Corridor Regional Park Search Area (info item attch. 2h)
9. First-Ring Regional Special Recreation Feature Search Area (info item attch. 2i)
10. Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Boundary Adjustment (info item attch. 2j)
11. Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Boundary Adjustment (info item attch. 2k)

Three Rivers Park District Proposals

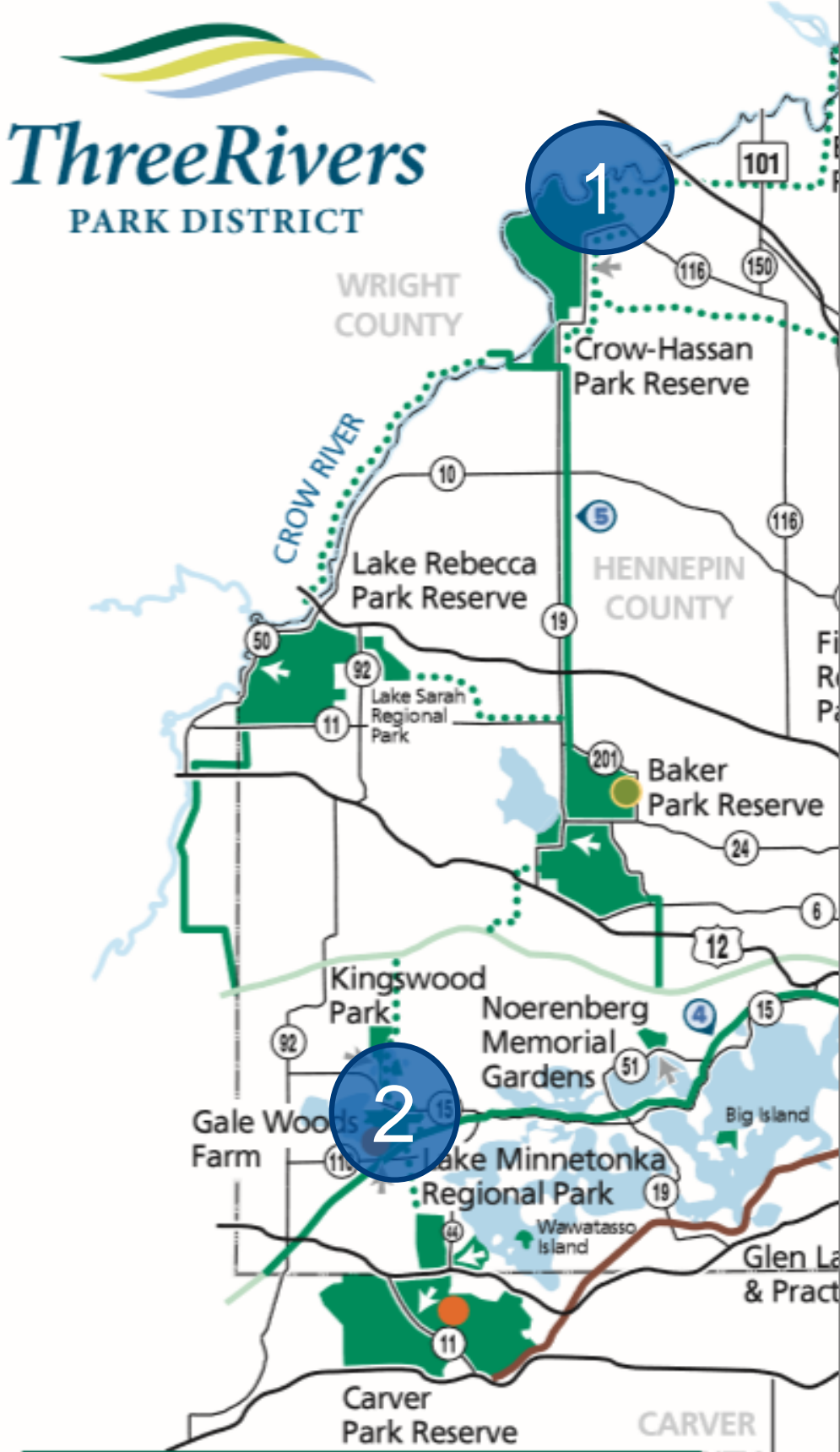
Six Regional Trail Search Corridors
(info item attachments 2a – 2f)



Two Park Search Areas, One SRF Search Area
(info item attachments 2g – 2i)



Two Boundary Adjustments
(info item attachments 2j – 2k)



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 1 (info item attch. 2a)

Weaver Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor

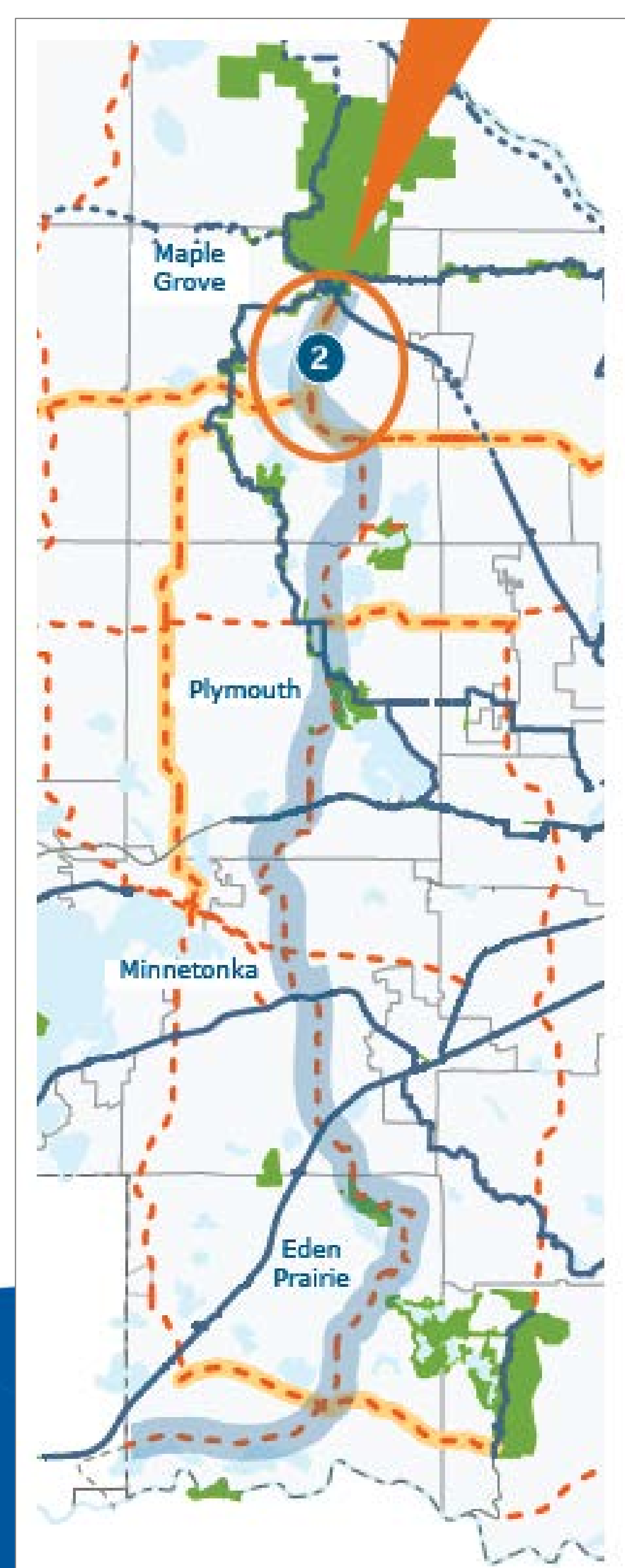
- Approximate length: 23 miles
- Connect Crow River Regional Trail / Lake Rebecca Park Reserve to West Mississippi River Regional Trail
- Likely inclusion of existing local trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 2 (info item attch. 2b)

Eagle Lake to Bryant Lake Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor

- Approximate length: Five-mile extension to a total of 21 miles
- Connect Elm Creek Park Reserve in north to Carver County Regional Trail System in southwest
- Likely inclusion of existing location trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 3 (info item attch. 2c)

Gray's Bay Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor

- Approximate length: 10.5 miles
- Connects Medicine Lake Regional Trail on north end with Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail on south end
- Likely inclusion of existing local trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 4 (info item attch. 2d)

Silverwood Regional Trail Connector Search Corridor

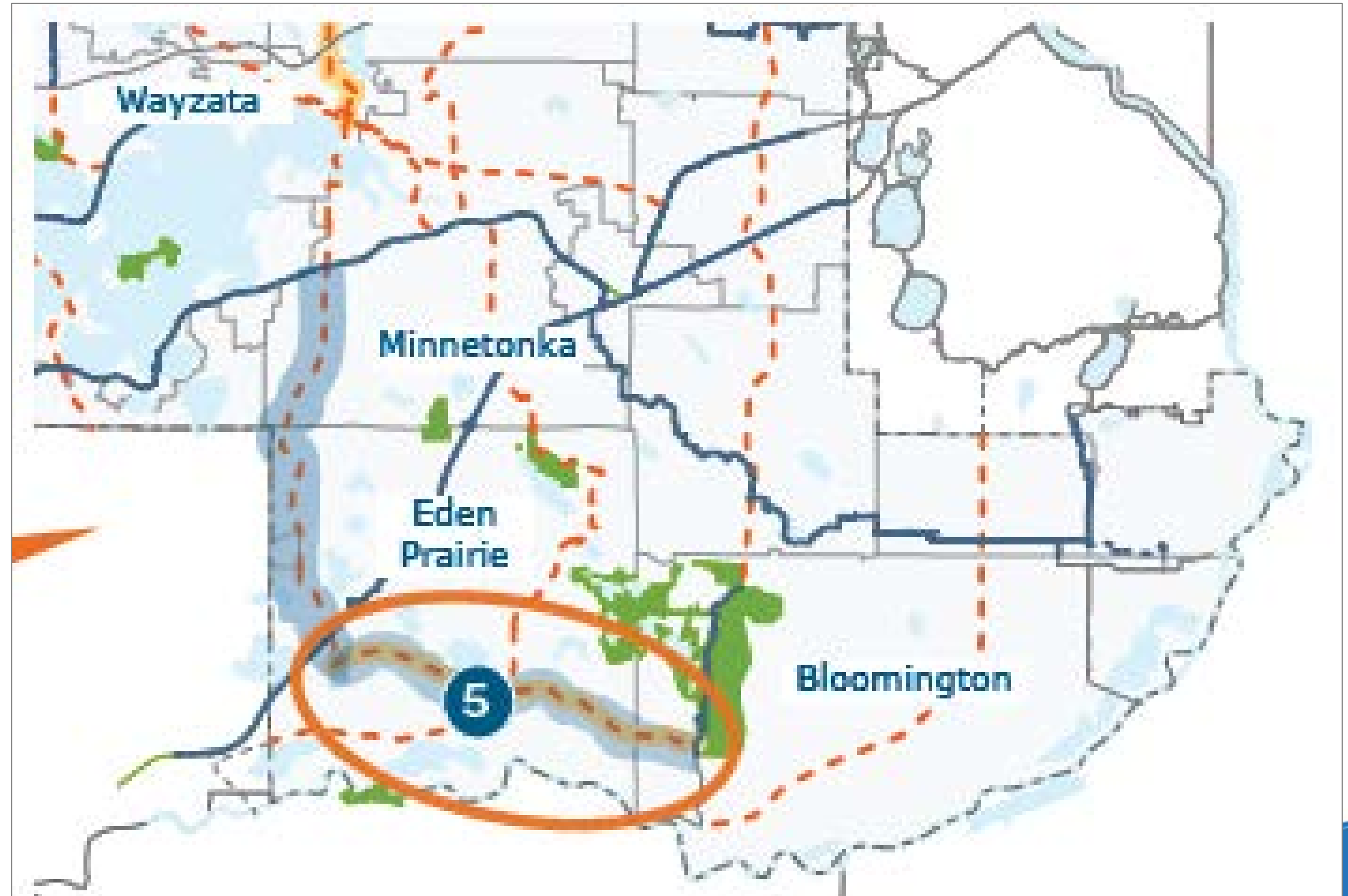
- Approximate length: 2 miles
- Connect Silverwood Special Recreation Feature to Grand Rounds / Northeast Diagonal Regional Trail
- Likely inclusion of existing local trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 5 (info item attch. 2e)

Purgatory Creek Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor

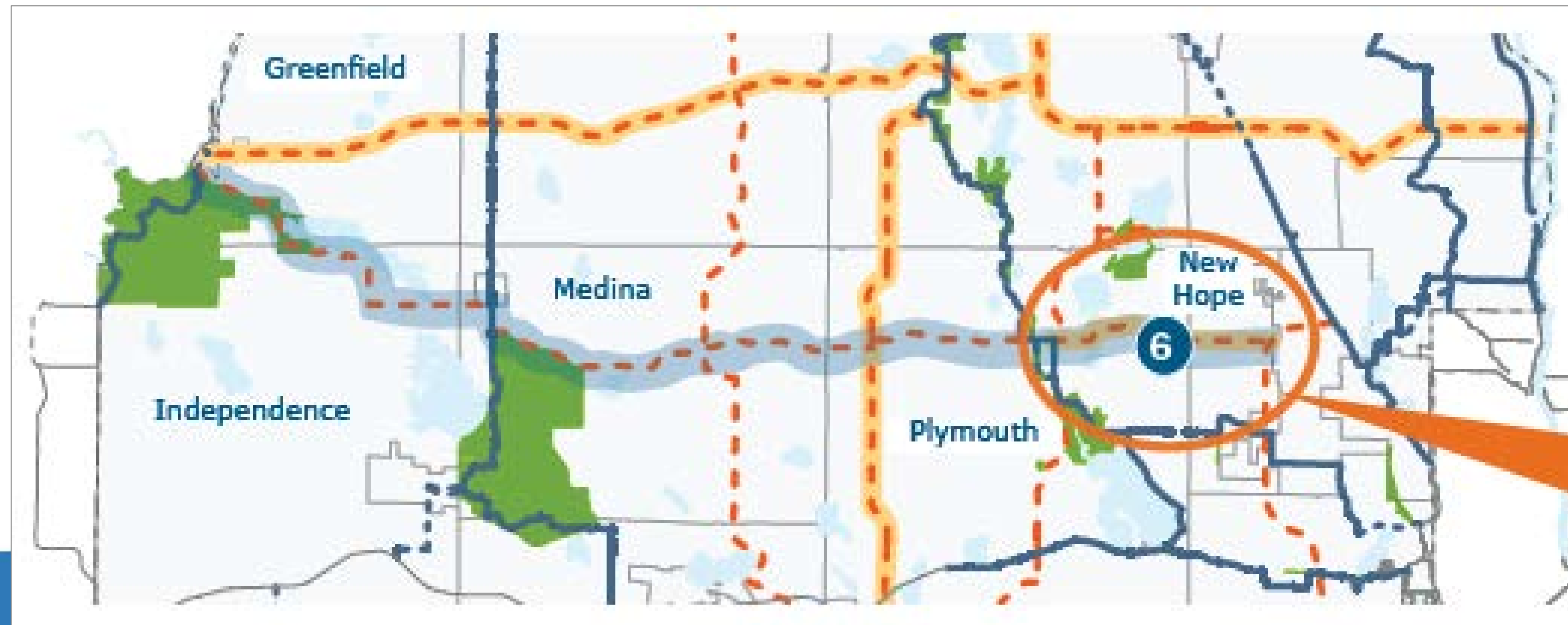
- Approximate length: Six-mile extension to a total of 14 miles
- Connect Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail to Hyland Park Reserve
- Likely inclusion of existing local trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 6 (info item attach. 2f)

Lake Sarah Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor

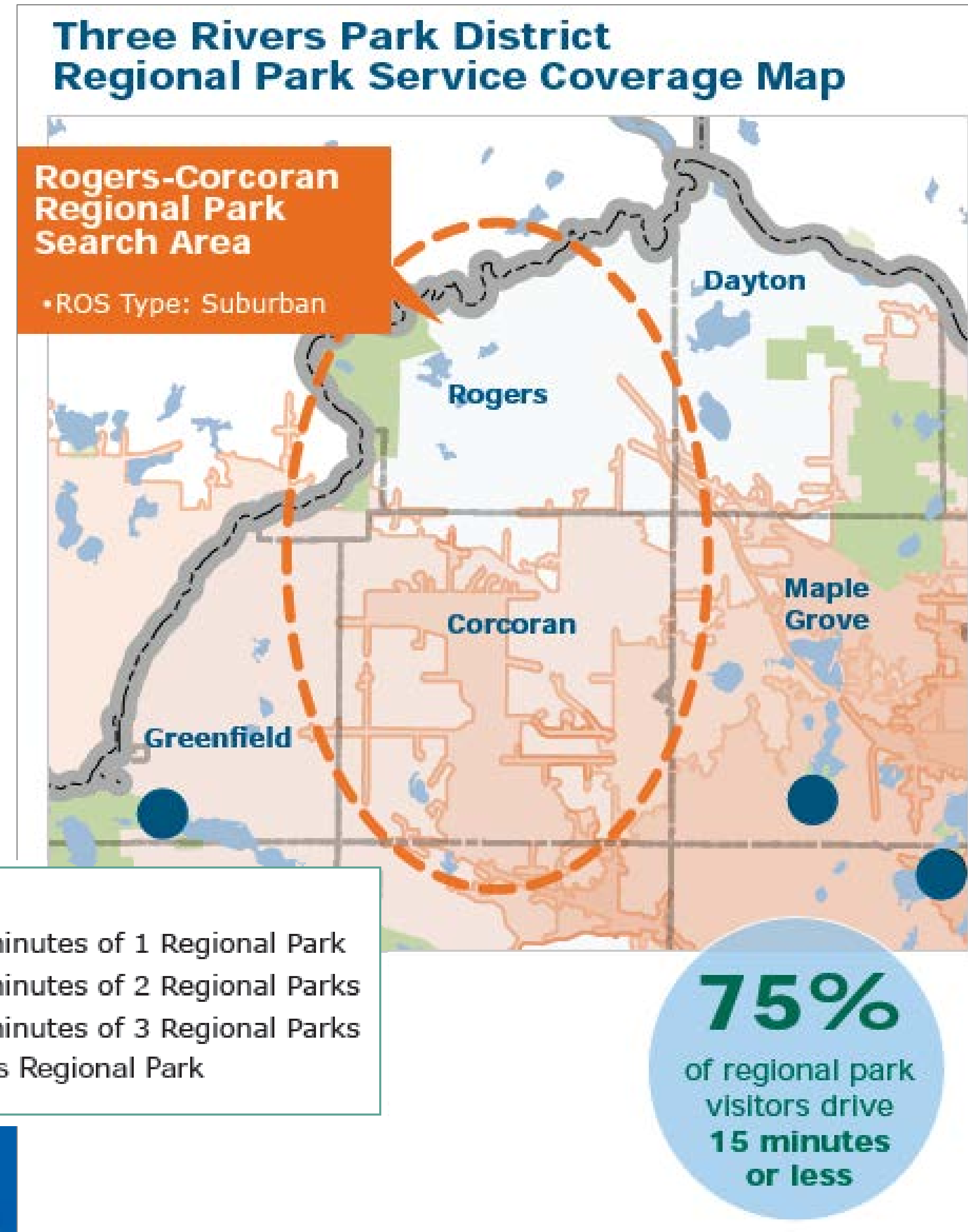
- Approximate length: Four-mile extension to a total of 18 miles
- Connects Lake Rebecca Park Reserve / Lake Sarah Regional Park to CP Rail Regional Trail through Plymouth and New Hope
- Likely inclusion of existing local trails



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 7 (info item attch. 2g)

Rogers-Corcoran Regional Park Search Area

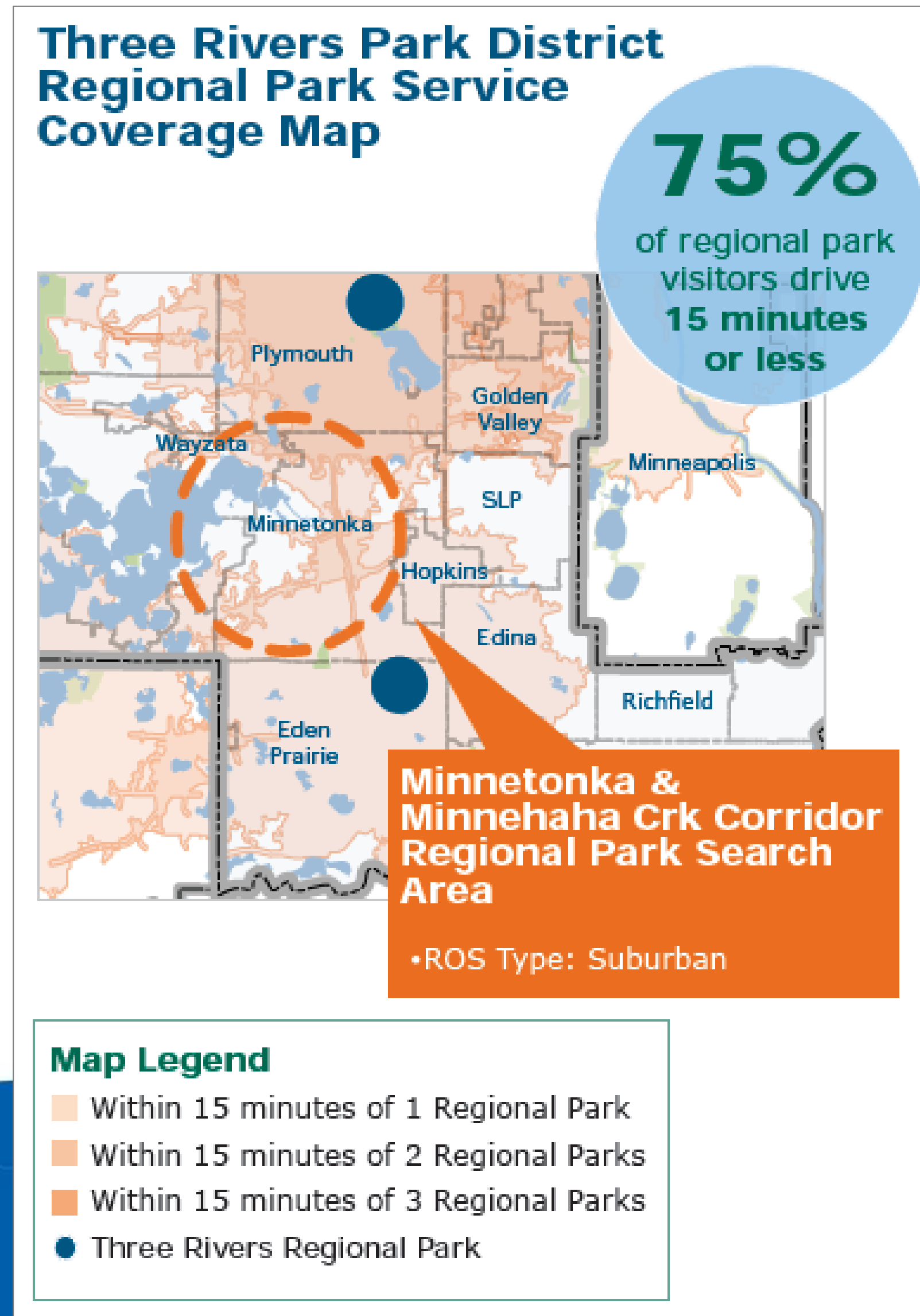
- Estimated acreage: 200 acres
- Much of the land remains rural; a matrix of farm fields, hobby farms and large residential lots.
- Area is rich in wetlands, rolling hills and scenic vistas.
- Could mirror existing regional parks or challenge the mold



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 8 (info item attch. 2h)

Minnetonka and Minnehaha Creek Regional Park Search Area

- Estimated acreage: 100 acres
- Area is already fully developed
- No large, undeveloped tracts of land but there are many local parks and undeveloped public parcels along Minnehaha Creek
- May include local parkland, to be determined during master planning phase



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 9 (info item attch. 2i)

First-Ring Special Recreation Feature Search Area

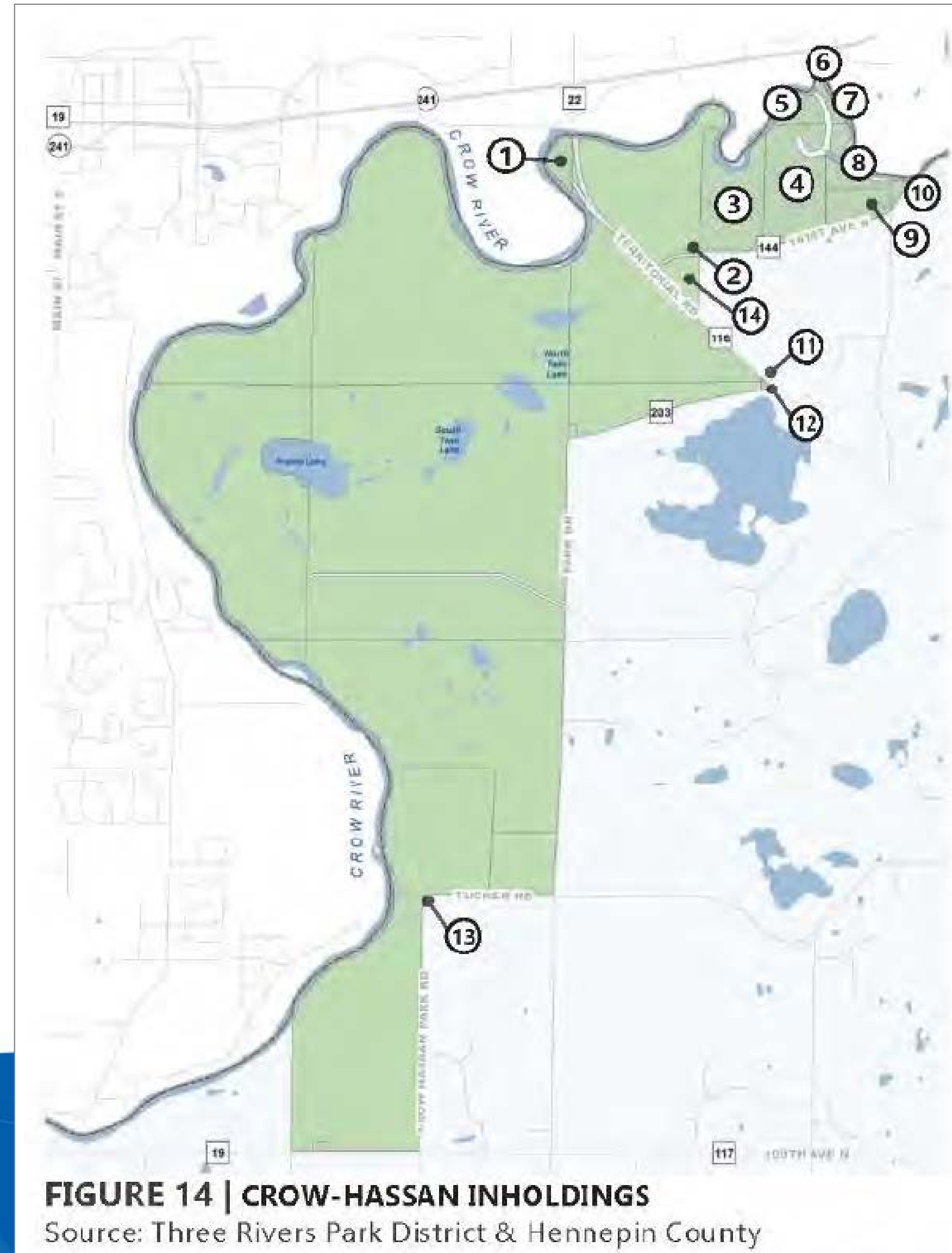
- First-ring cities fully developed prior to the creation of Three Rivers Park District.
- These cities are home to over 440k people, account for over 50% of residents in Three Rivers' jurisdiction.
- Due to historical development patterns, there are no regional park facilities within the search area.
- A "System of Bridging Facilities" is proposed.
- Defining the system would be accomplished through an inclusive master planning process.
- Each facility would be unique and tailored to fit the needs and interests of local area residents.



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 10 (info item attch. 2j)

Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Boundary Adjustment

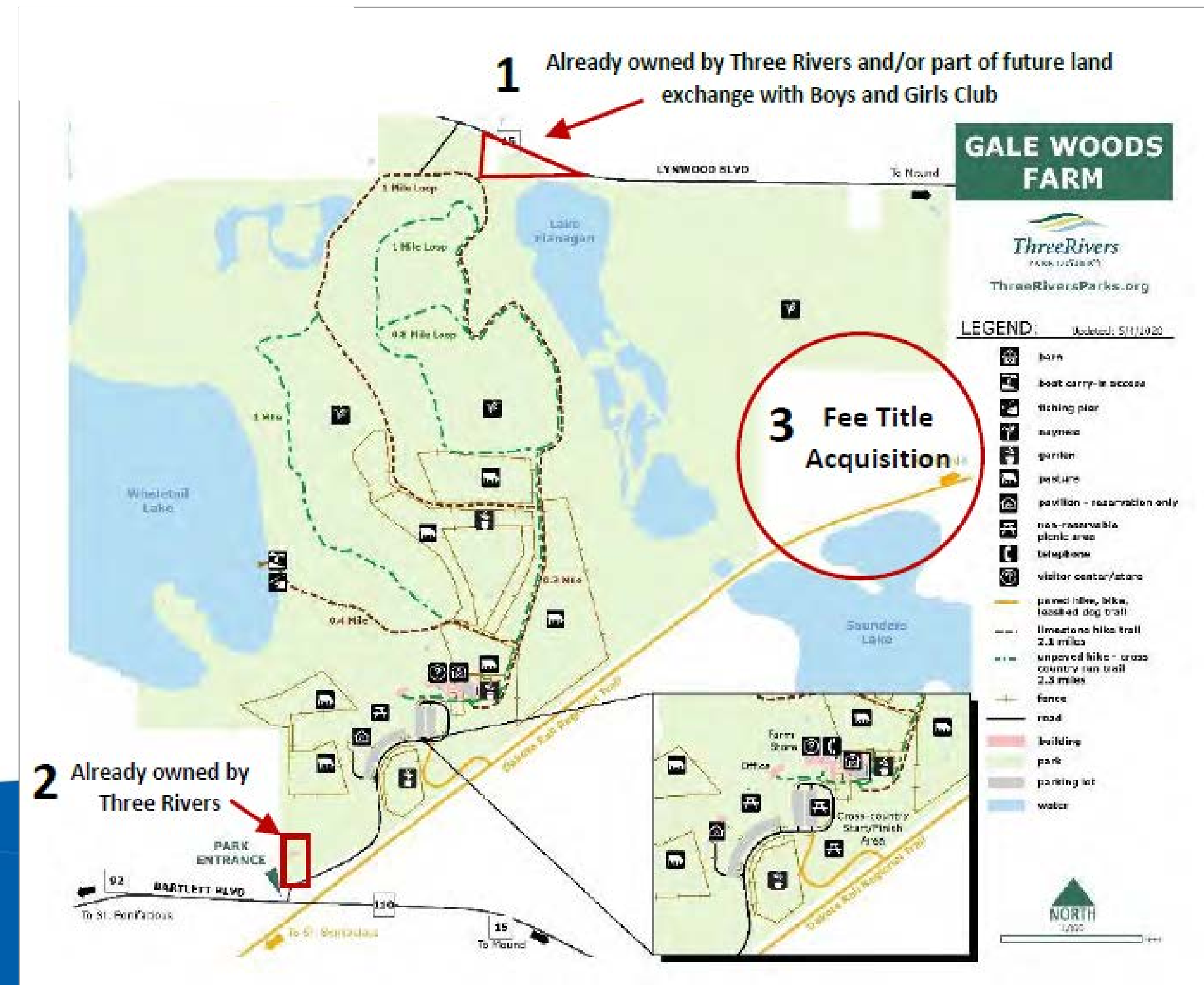
- Would expand boundary by approximately 180 acres
- Would allow for additional (future) recreational development when warranted by demand / future growth
- Would not negatively impact the natural resources and undeveloped nature of the greater park
- Parcel 3 is owned by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, purchased to support wastewater treatment plan



Three Rivers Park District Proposal 11 (info item attch. 2k)

Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Boundary Adjustment

- Would expand boundary by approx. 33 acres, includes an immediate opportunity to acquire 28 acres
- Expansion would allow for additional natural resource protection and potentially secure a regional trail easement for the Baker-Carver Regional Trail
- Adjacent property owners and broader community are supportive of the park and are interested in working with Three Rivers to expand the boundary



City of Saint Paul

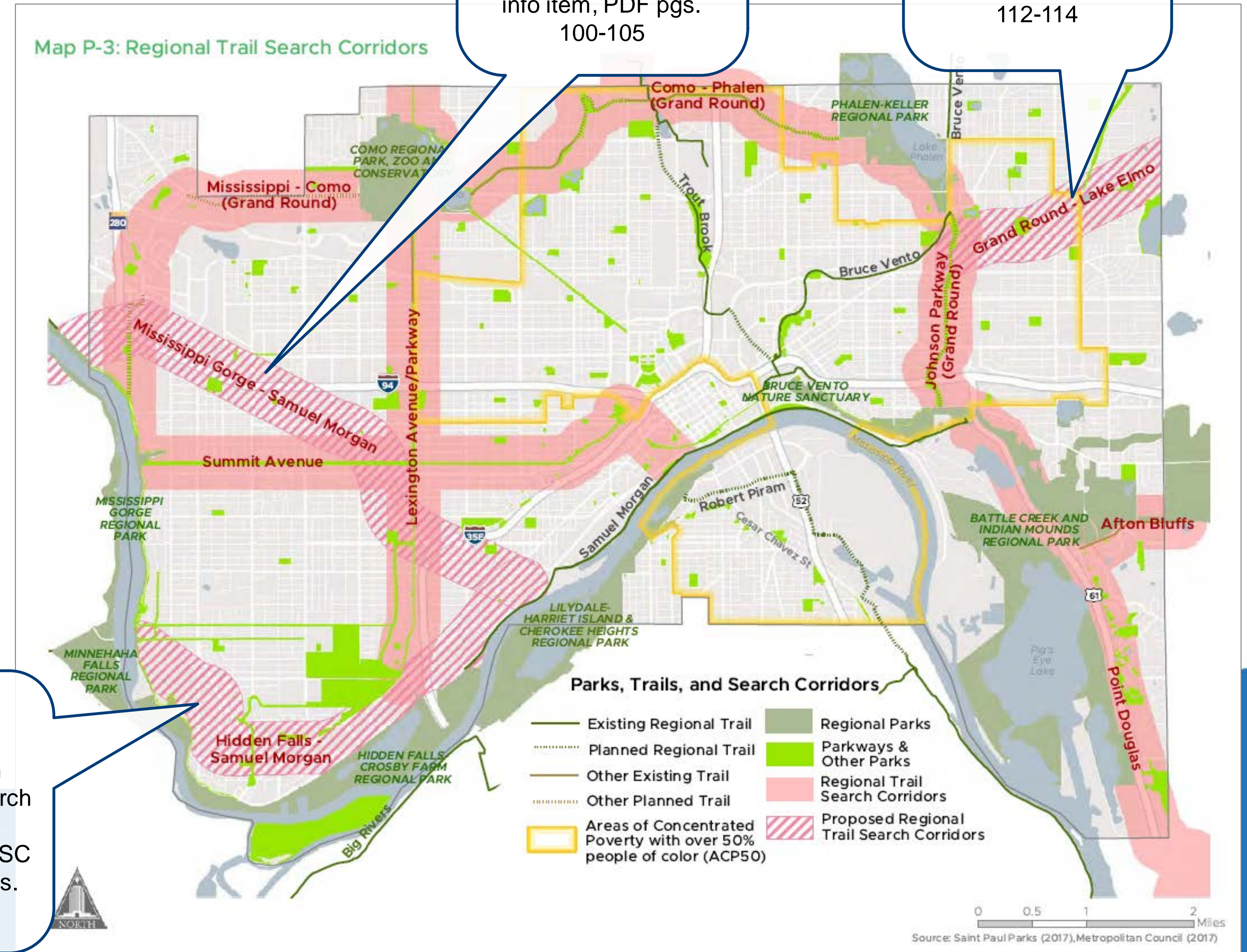
3 proposals

1. Mississippi Gorge – Samuel Morgan / “Midtown Greenway Extension” Regional Trail Search Corridor
2. Hidden Falls – Samuel Morgan / “Ford Spur” Regional Trail Search Corridor
3. Grand Round – Lake Elmo Regional Trail Search Corridor

3a
Mississippi Gorge – Samuel Morgan Regional Trail Search Corridor
See June 18 MPOSC info item, PDF pgs. 100-105

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Grand Round – Lake Elmo Regional Trail Search Corridor
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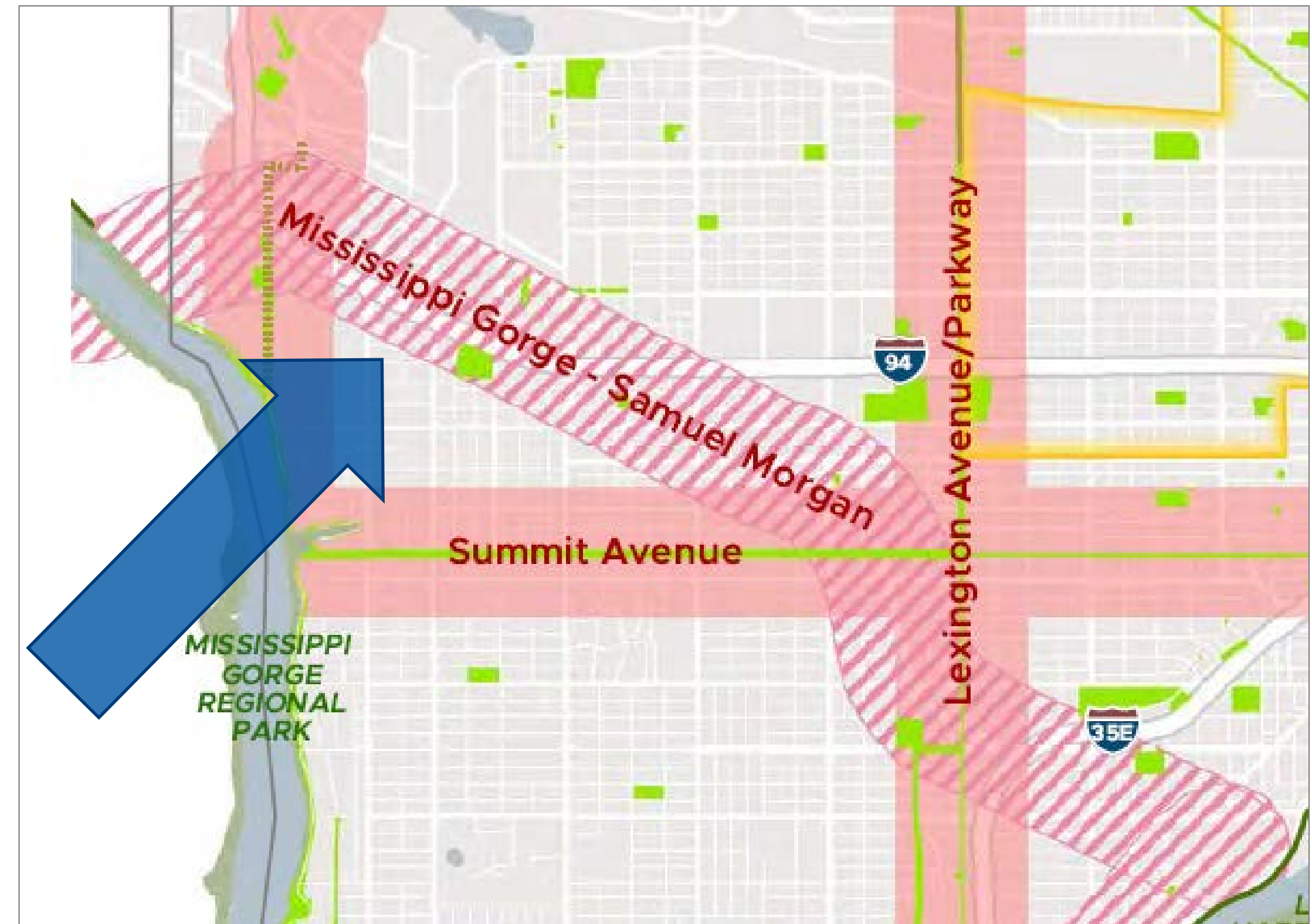
3b
Hidden Falls – Samuel Morgan Regional Trail Search Corridor
See June 18 MPOSC info item, PDF pgs. 107-110



Saint Paul Proposal 1 (info item attch. 3a)

Mississippi Gorge – Samuel Morgan / “Midtown Greenway Extension” Regional Trail Search Corridor

- Approximate length: 5.7 miles of trail
- Both termini of the search corridor are near other implementing agency jurisdictions
- Corridor intersects with more than a dozen Major and Minor Bikeways identified in the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan



Saint Paul Proposal 2 (info item attch. 3b)

Hidden Falls – Samuel Morgan / “Ford Spur” Regional Trail Search Corridor

- Approximate length: 4.7 miles of trail
- Both termini of the search corridor are near other implementing agency jurisdictions
- Except for a portion of the Samuel Morgan RT where this proposed corridor would connect to it, there are no existing or planned regional trails within 1.5 miles of the corridor



Saint Paul Proposal 3 (info item attch. 3c)

Grand Round – Lake Elmo Regional Trail Search Corridor

- Approximate length: 6.8 miles
- Portions of the trail would be within the City of Saint Paul, and portions within Ramsey and Washington counties
- Would provide direct connections between regional park units that are currently unconnected by trails





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