

Business Item 2021-296

# **Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail Master Plan**

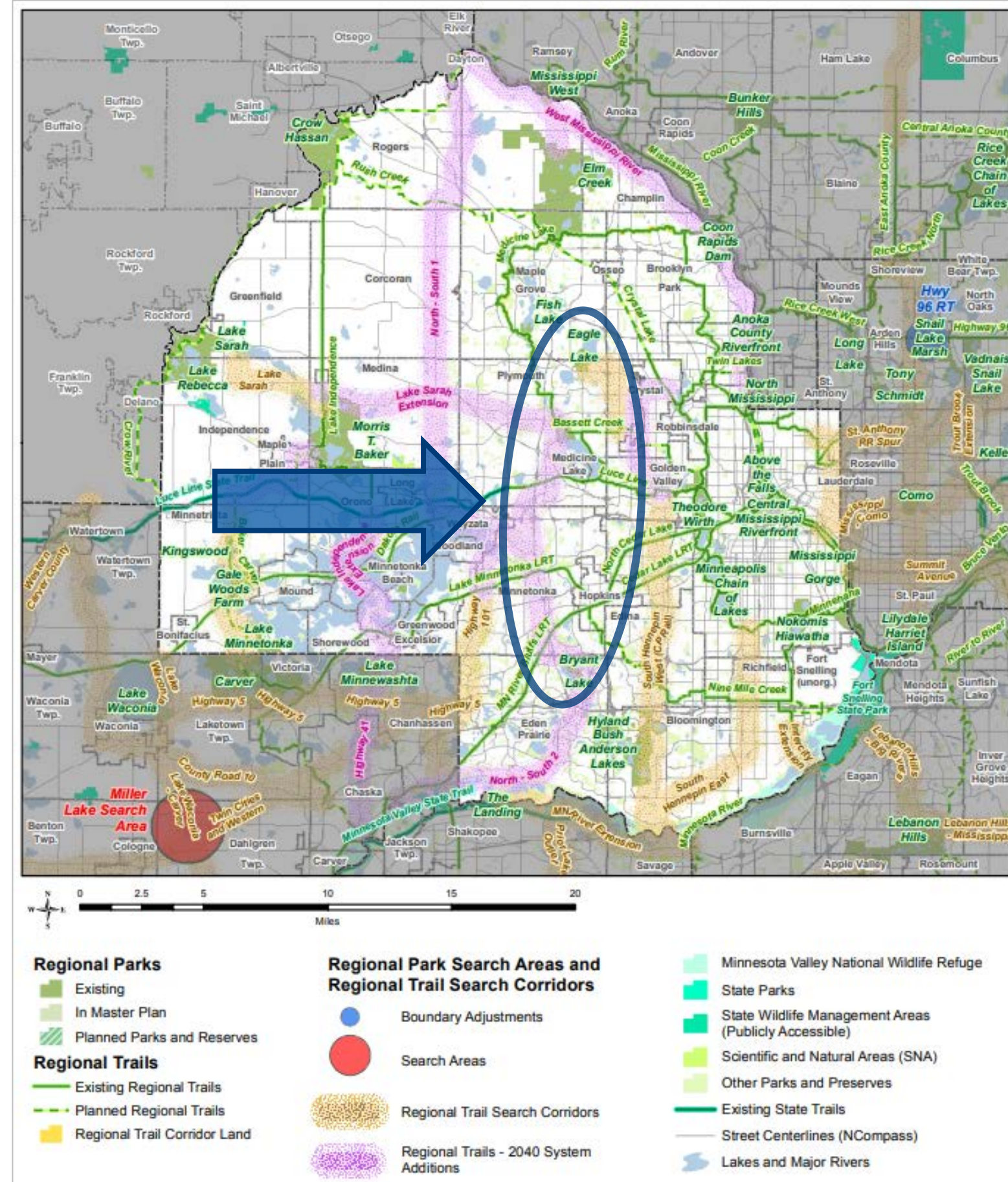
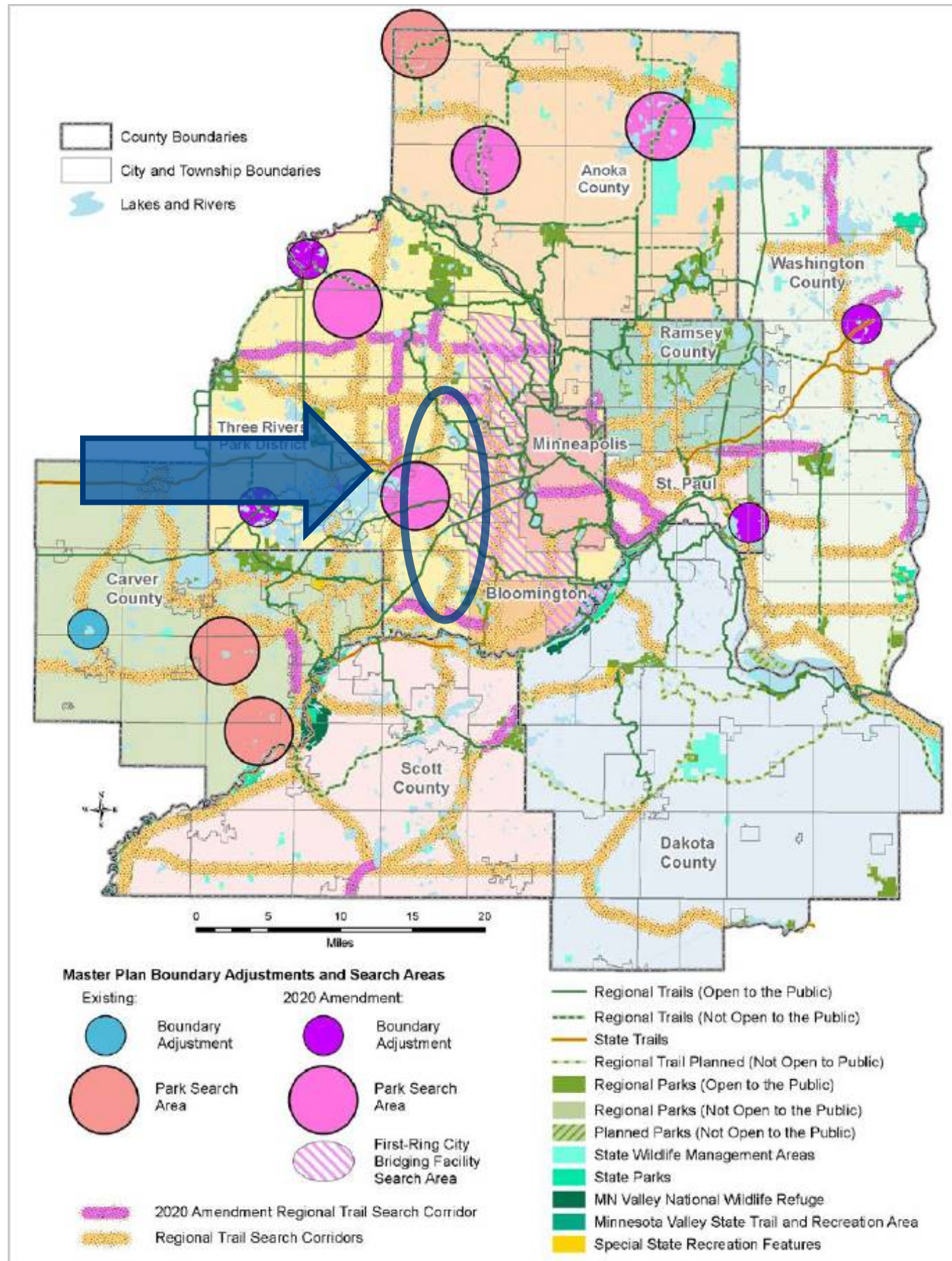
## **Three Rivers Park District**

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**Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission**



# Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail (Hennepin County)



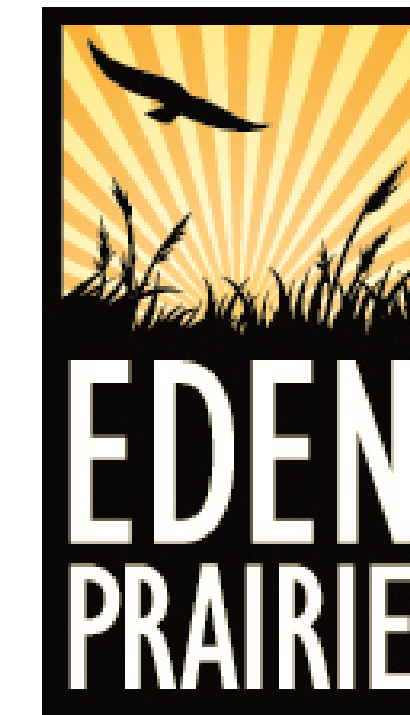
# Partner Engagement

## Overall

- Cities of Maple Grove, Plymouth, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie
- Hennepin County
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

## Project Approach

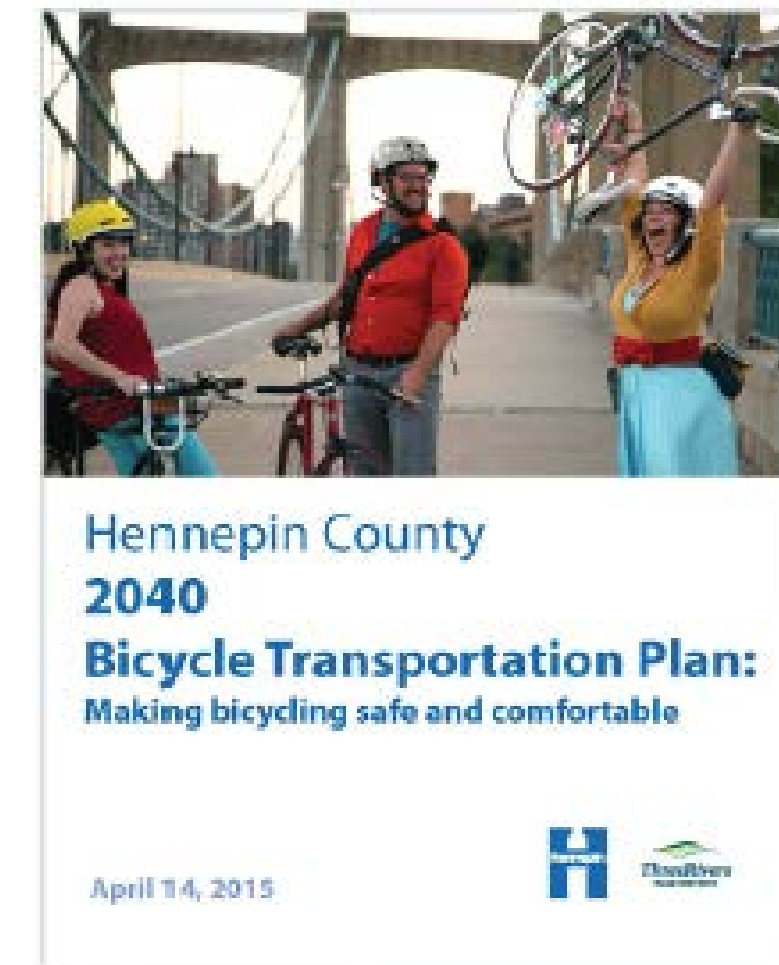
- Phase 1 – West Metro Regional Trail Study
  - Fall 2017 to summer 2018
  - 9 in-person activities and several online tools
  - Over 700 comments
- Phase 2 – Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail Master Plan



# Public Engagement

## Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail

- Phase 1 key takeaway:
  - Provide park-like settings for the trails, with connection to destinations.
  - Connect to key destinations such as parks, green space, nature areas, and shopping and entertainment spaces.
- Phase 2 further connected with adjacent neighbors and underrepresented groups. Common themes from engagement include:
  - Support for the north-south regional trail corridor.
  - Enhance crossings for pedestrian safety at busy intersections along the route.
  - Make wayfinding along regional trails more user friendly.
  - Increase/improve amenities along trails.
  - Provide a variety of experiences along trails.
  - Concern over loss of privacy and vegetation along Baker Road.
  - Better engagement processes during planning efforts impacting adjacent neighbors/neighborhoods
- Some planned events were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic



# Equity Analysis

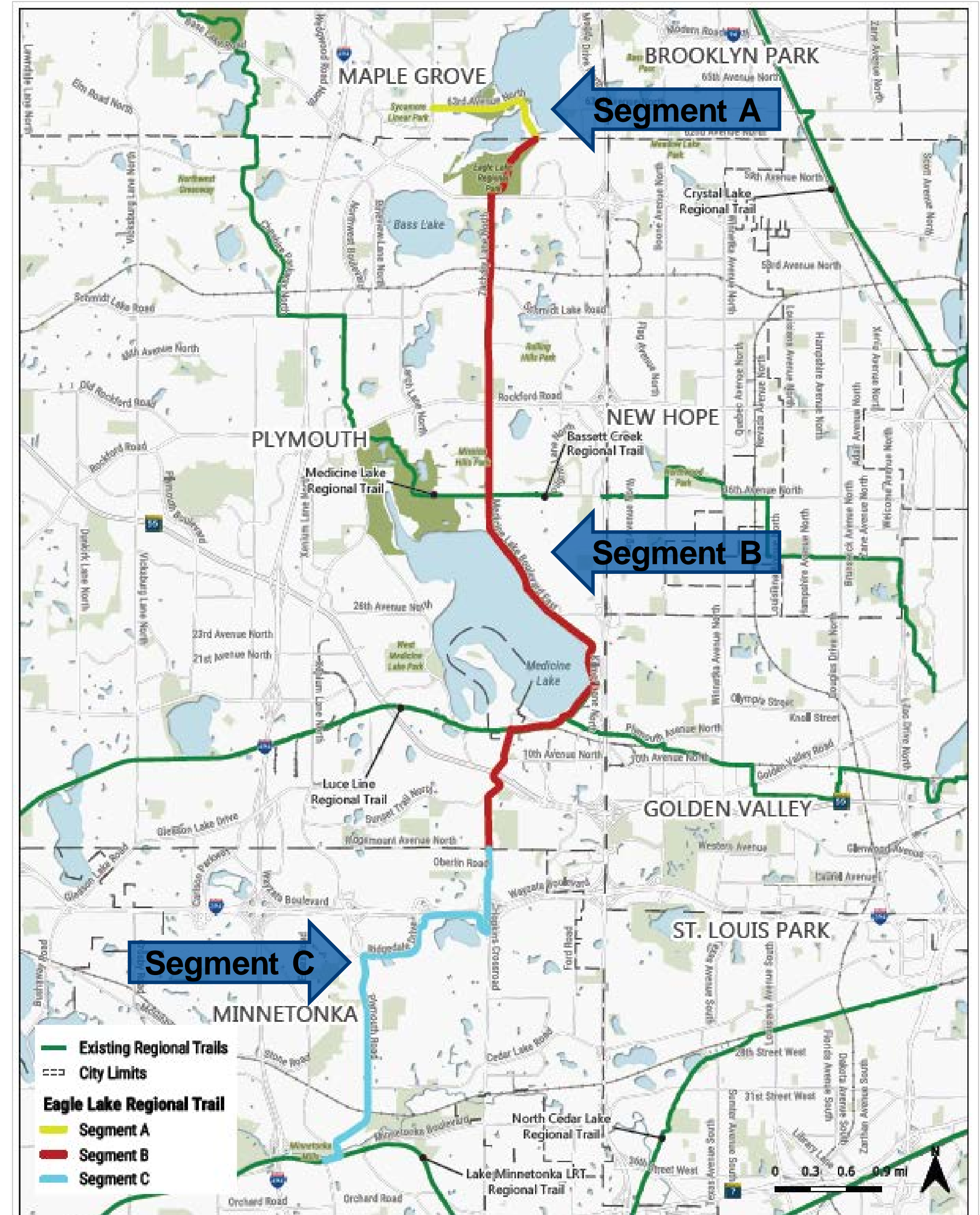
- The Park District reached out to multiple community groups, who will likely benefit from the regional trail.
- The area around the trail corridor continues to diversify in income, race, ethnicity, and age due to a variety of factors, such as the development of affordable housing and public transit.
- The regional trail will provide a safe, multi-use trail that connects housing, entertainment spaces, schools, jobs, services, and transit facilities.
- The Park District is committed to pursue and explore ways to further engage adjacent residents and underrepresented racial and ethnic groups in the field of regional parks and trails in the development of the Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail.



# Development Concept

## Eagle Lake Trail Segment – 12.3 miles

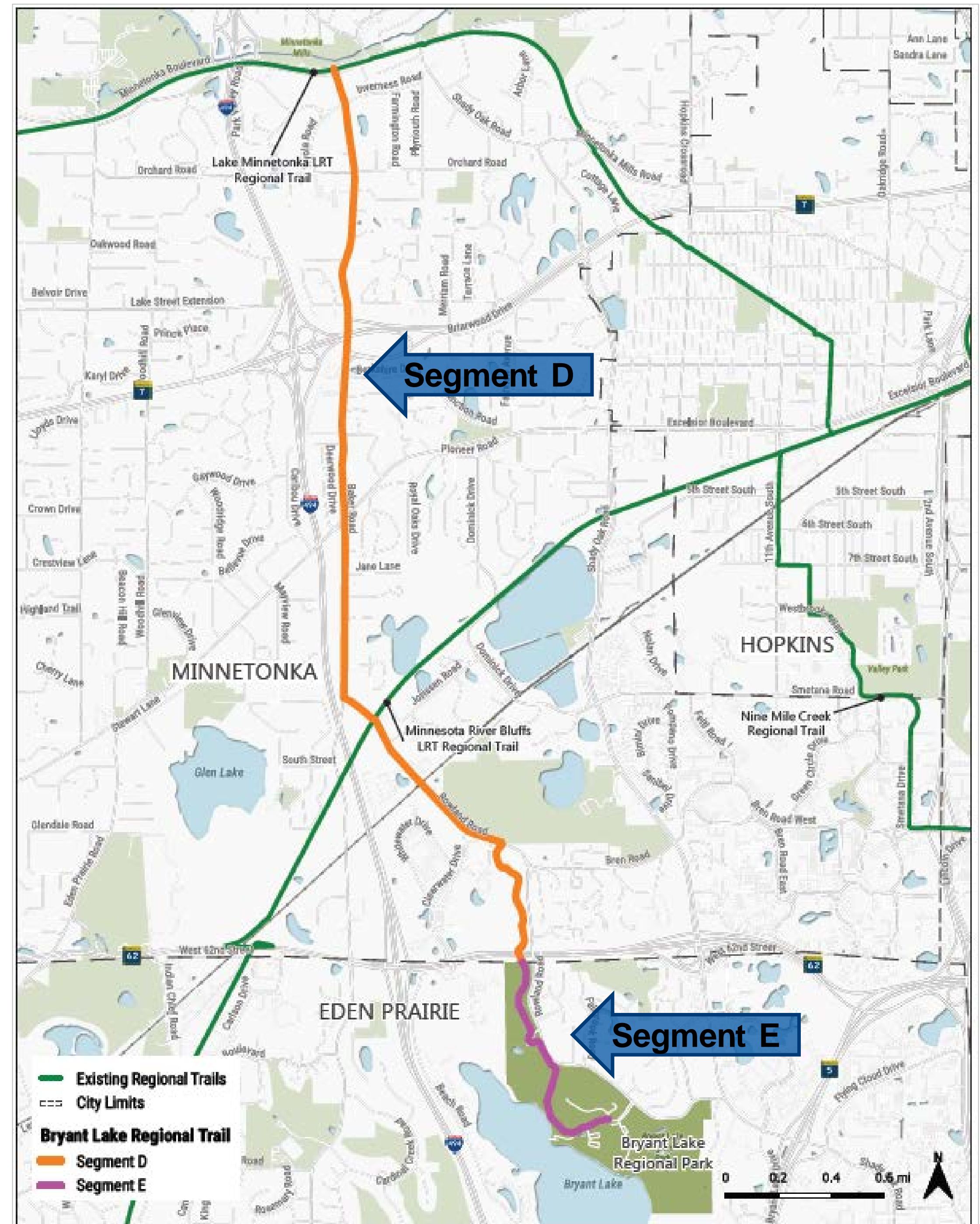
1. Segment A – 1.1 miles, Maple Grove
  - 0.7 mile existing, 0.5 mile planned
  - Mostly within Eagle Lake Regional Park
2. Segment B – 7.1 miles, Eagle Lake Drive to Ridgemount Avenue, Plymouth
  - 5.9 miles existing, 1.2 miles planned
  - Connects to Bassett Creek, Medicine Lake, and Luce Line regional trails
3. Segment C – 4.1 miles, Ridgemount Avenue to Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka
  - 3.4 miles existing, 0.7 mile planned
  - Connects to Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail



# Development Concept *cont.*

## Bryant Lake Trail Segment – 4.7 miles

1. Segment D – 3.7 miles, Minnetonka Boulevard to Highway 62, Minnetonka
  - 0.6 mile existing, 3.1 miles planned
  - Connects to Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT regional trails
2. Segment E – 1.0 mile, Highway 62 to Bryant Lake Regional Park, Eden Prairie
  - Entire trail is existing



# Estimated Project Costs

- The total estimated acquisition and development cost for the entire regional trail is \$13,175,000.
  - Eagle Lake trail segment is estimated to cost \$5,590,00
  - Bryant Lake trail segment is estimated to cost \$7,585,000
- The total estimated annual operating and maintenance budget is \$103,207.
- Approval of master plan does not commit the Council to any funding at this time.





# Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail is consistent with the requirements of the:
  - *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
    - Planning Strategy 1
  - Other Council policies



# Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Acknowledge Three Rivers Park District's intent to split the Eagle-Bryant Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor into two distinct but interconnected regional trails – the Eagle Lake Regional Trail and the Bryant Lake Regional Trail – which will be formally documented in the next update of the Regional Parks Policy Plan, estimated for 2024.
3. Require Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.



# Thank you

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