

Business Item 2021-298

**Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve, Park
Acquisition Opportunity Fund
(Muehlenhardt)
*Scott County***

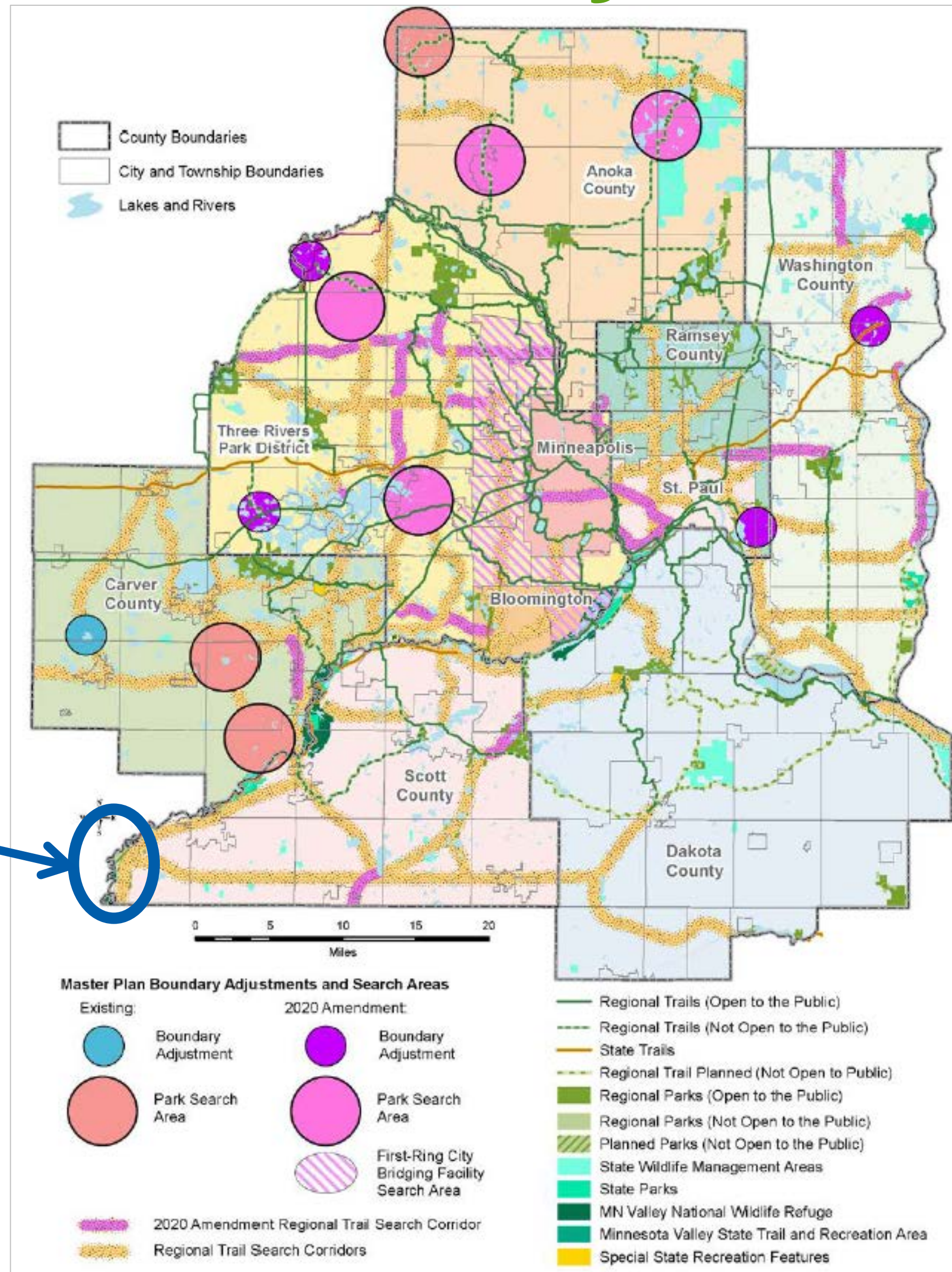
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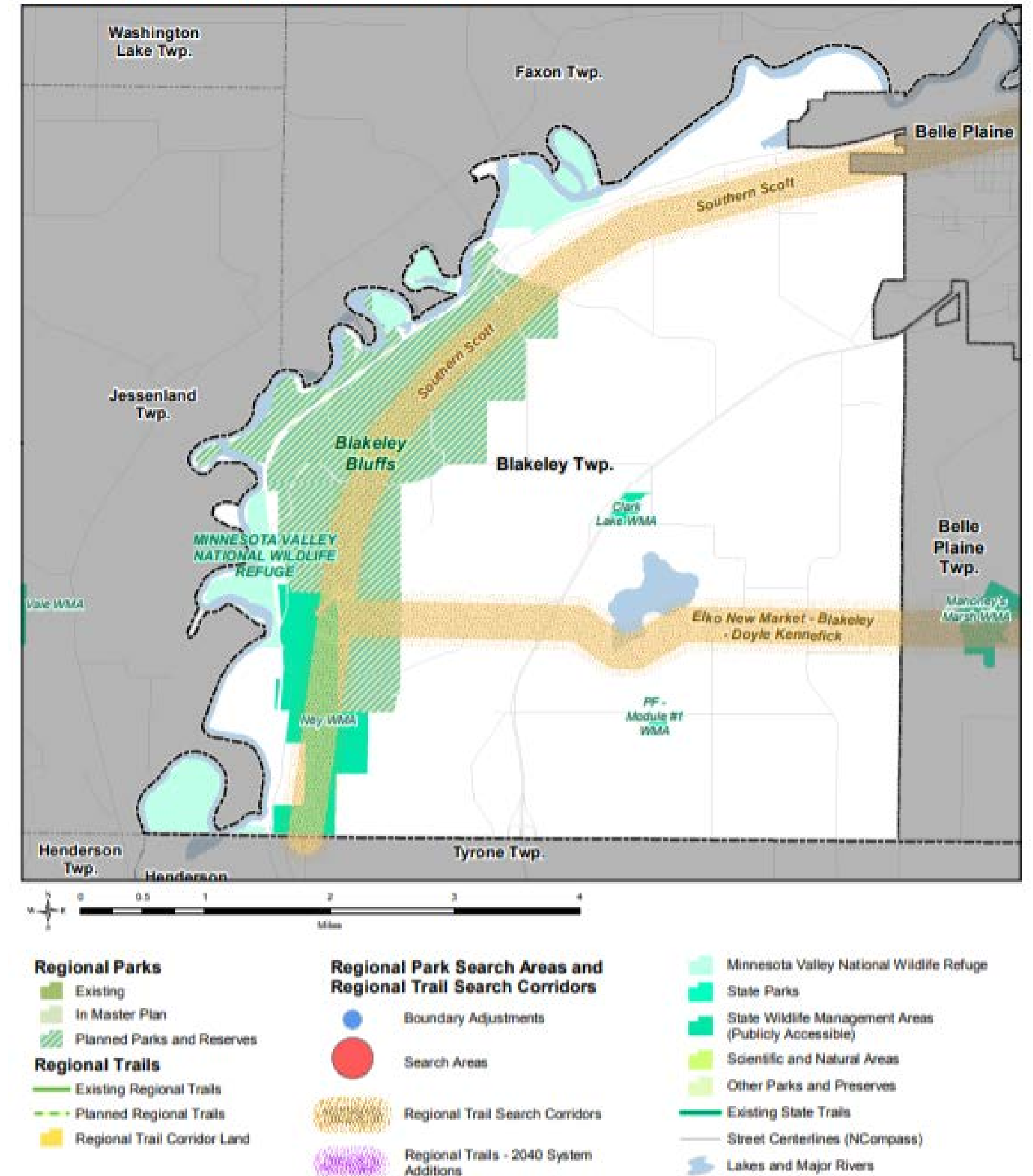


Regional Parks System Plan Map

Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve



Regional Parks System
Blakeley Township, Scott County

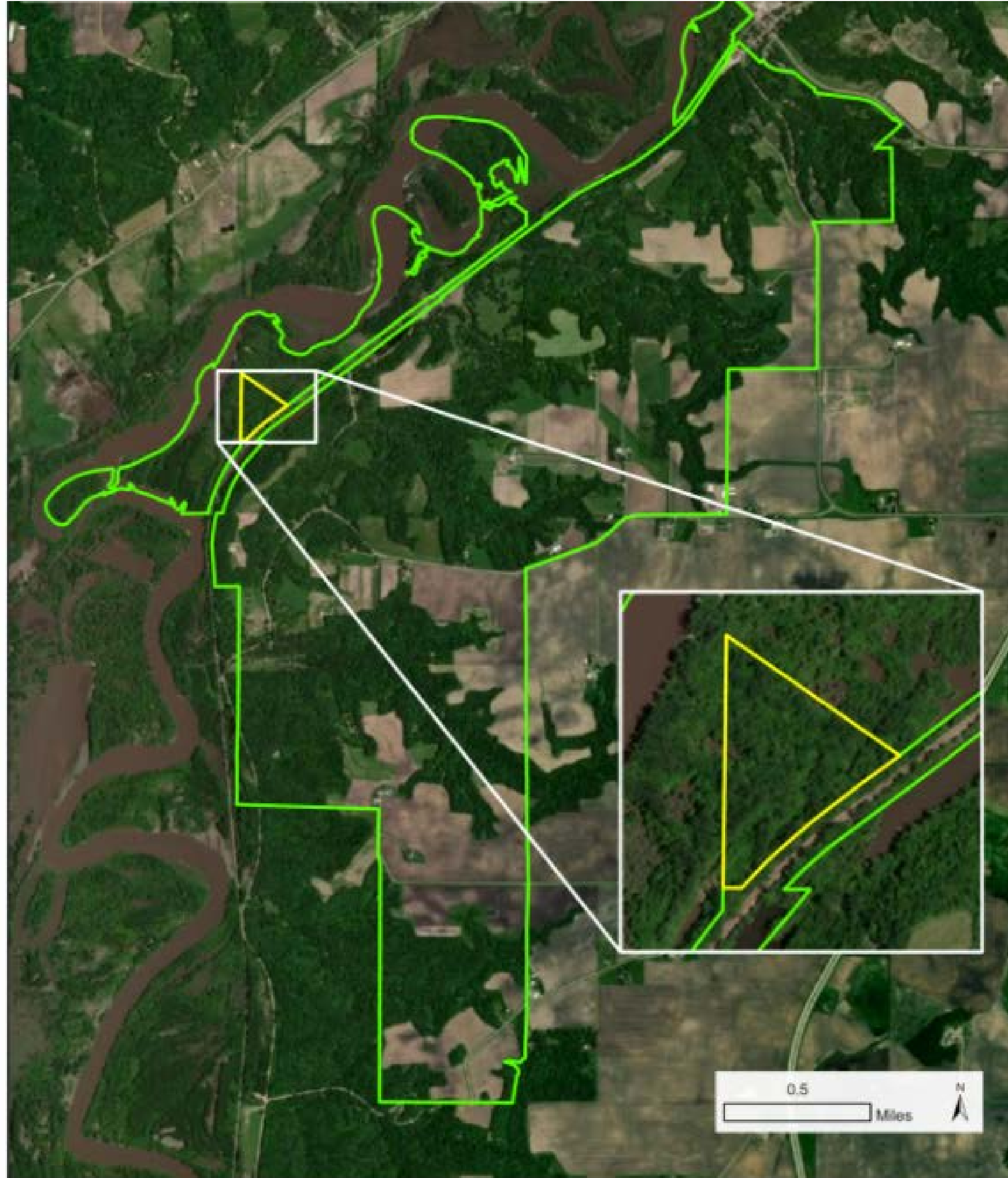


Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve



**Images courtesy of Scott County*

Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve: Muehlenhardt inholding



- Current park inholding
- Along the Minnesota River
- 15 acres of floodplain forest

Muehlenhardt Property Project Cost



- Appraised value: \$30,000
- Total acquisition cost: \$34,200
- Total grant amount: \$25,650 (Parks and Trails Legacy Fund)
- Scott County match: \$8,550

Rationale for recommendation

- Consistent with:
 - The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*;
 - Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) appropriation requirements;
 - The Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve master plan; and
 - Scott County is within it's \$1.7 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund.

Recommendations

- Approve a grant of up to \$25,650 to Scott County, using funding from FY2021 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, to acquire the vacant 15-acre Muehlenhardt property for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.



Image of the Minnesota River and floodplain forest, courtesy of Scott County