

Business Item 2021-221

Cleary Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion

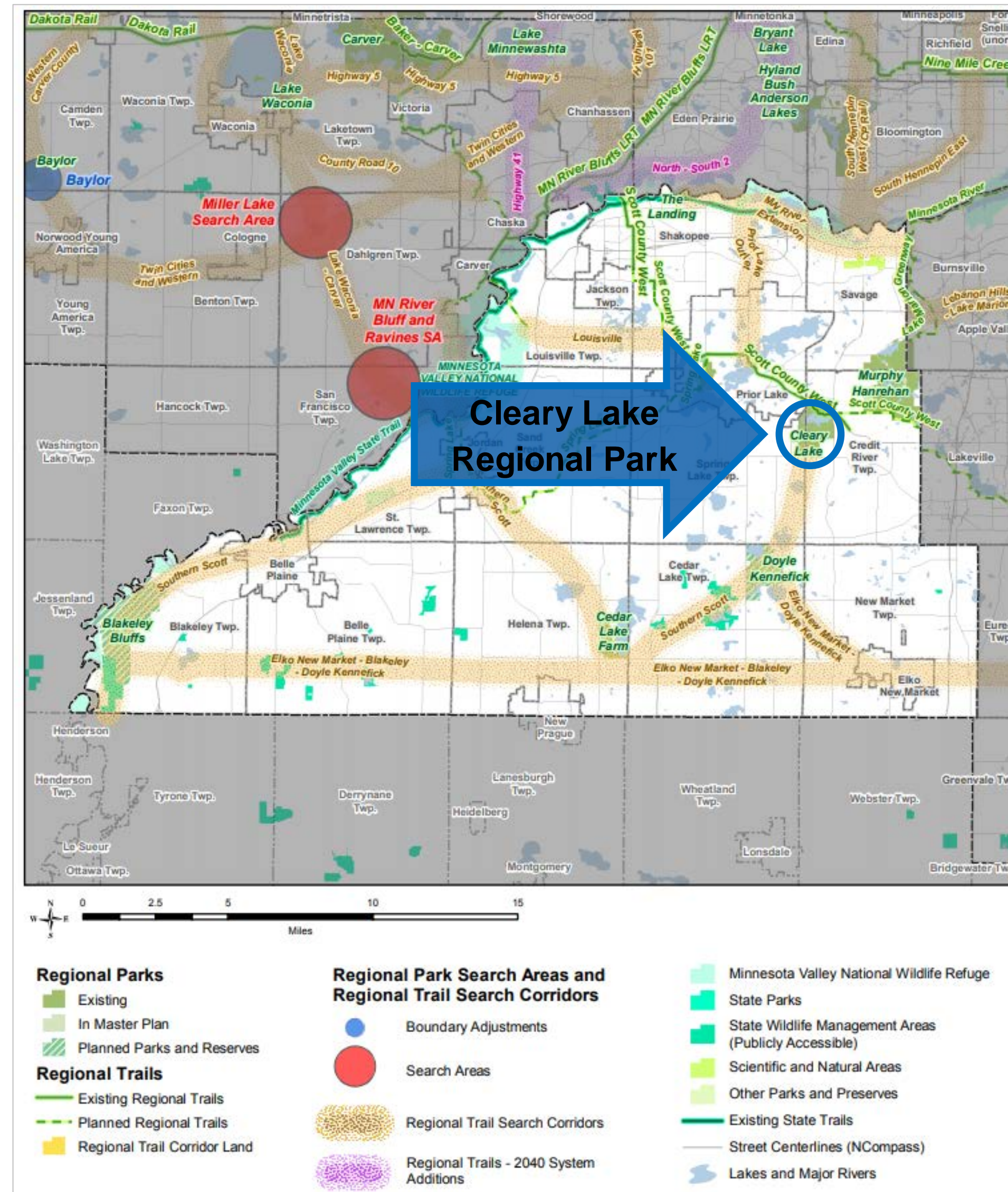
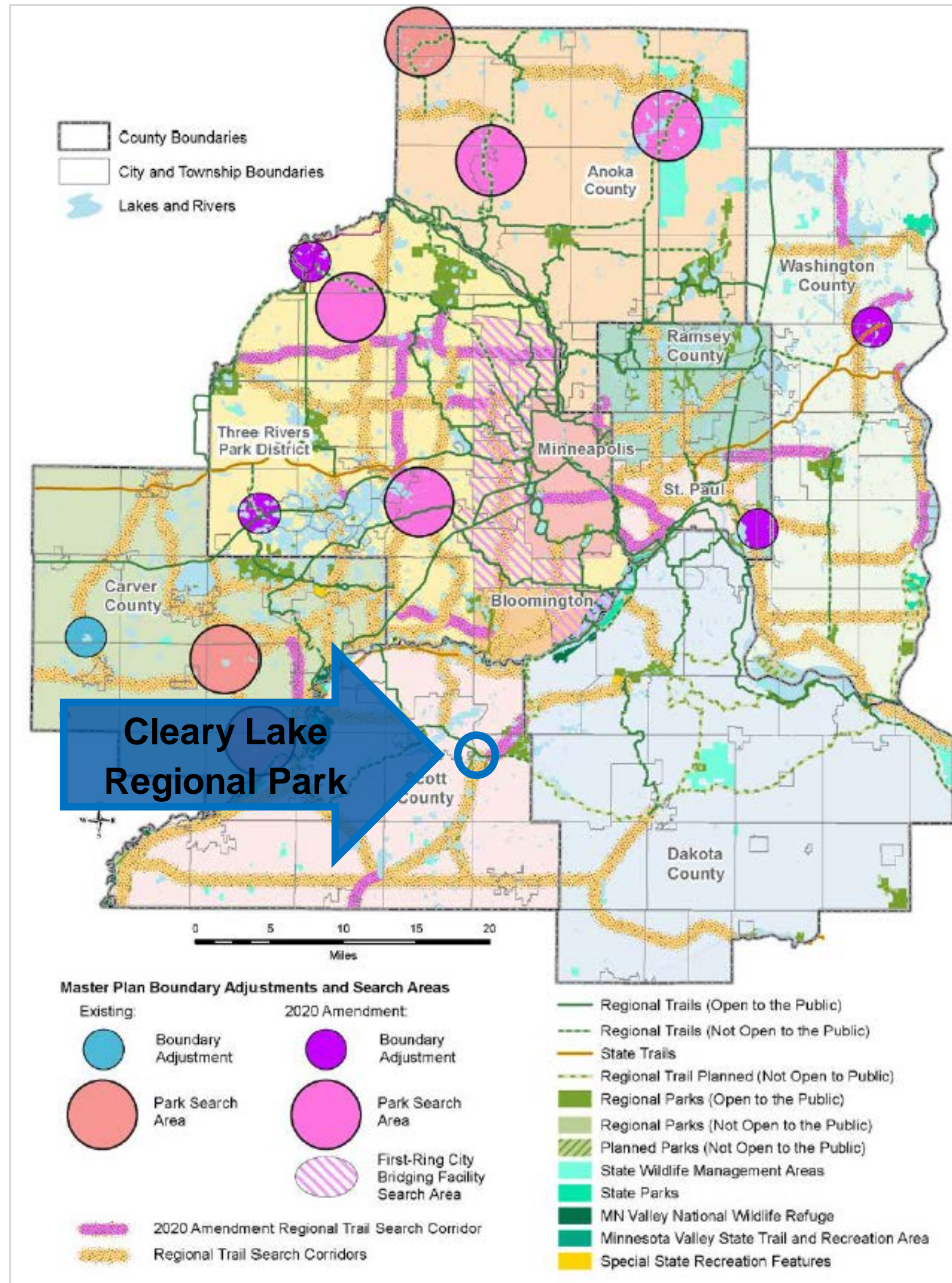
Three Rivers Park District

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Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



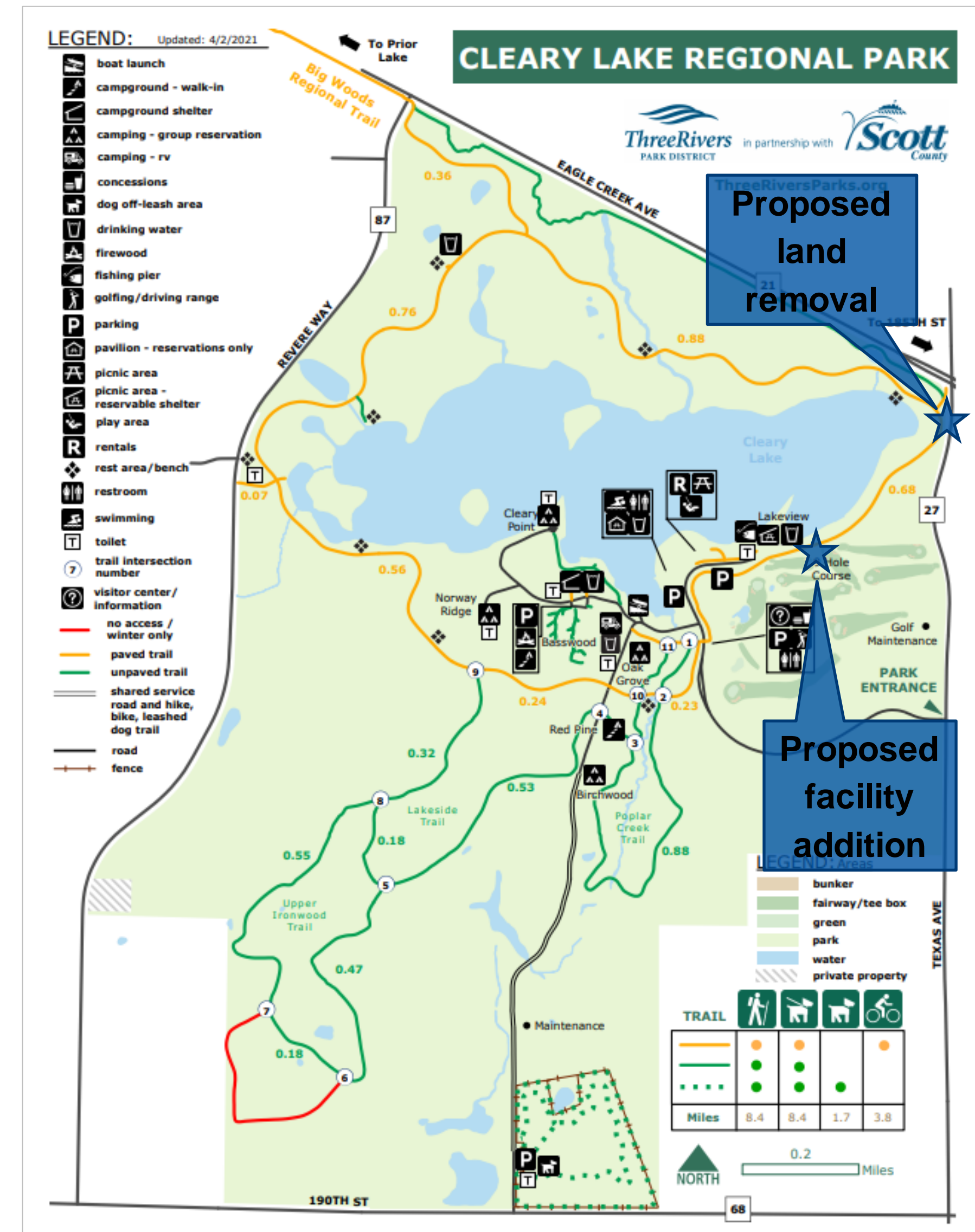
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Proposed Land Conversion

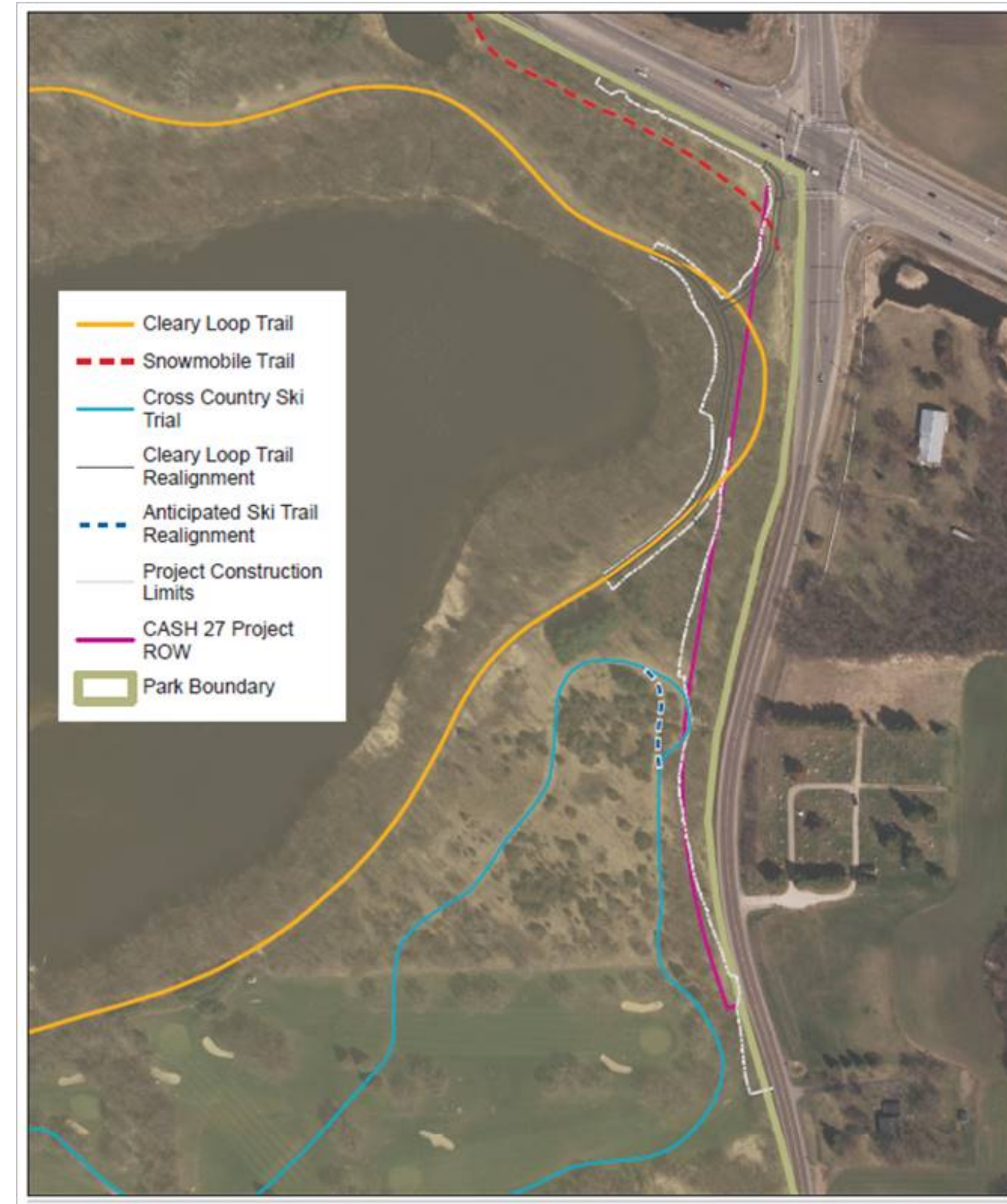
- Plan amendment proposes the removal of land and the addition of a facility.
- Will allow Scott Co. Highway Dept. to make improvements to the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 27 corridor.
- In exchange, Three Rivers Park District proposes a channel stabilization project.
- Land removal and facility addition are both proposed in the northeast portion of the regional park.

Land Conversion	Appraised Value, Cost Estimates
Removal Land	\$144,021
Facility Additions	\$144,021



Issues with respect to the existing park unit

- *Regional Parks Policy Plan – Chapter 6, Strategy 2*
- Removal will not impact the ability of the regional park to continue to meet Council standards for a regional park.
- The sliver of land required for the road right-of-way will have a minimal impact to park facilities:
 - The Cleary loop trail and a cross country ski trail will need to be realigned
 - Some early successional trees will need to be removed, replanting to screen park users from noise and visual impact of roadway will occur



Issues with respect to the alternative use

- The project proposes to stabilize 710 linear feet of channel.
- Channel delivers approx. 12 tons of suspended solids and 2.41 lbs. of phosphorus into Cleary Lake annually
- Project will benefit the region by improving water quality, supporting recreational activities, and supporting stewardship of natural resources in park and watershed
- Without the channel stabilization project, erosion of sediment and nutrients into Cleary Lake would continue



Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Cleary Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion is consistent with the requirements of the:
 - *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
 - Chapter 6 – System Protection, Strategy 2 – Conversions
 - Chapter 4 – Siting and Acquisition, Strategy 1 – Priorities
 - Other Council policies



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council

1. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Cleary Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion.
2. Approve the permanent release of the restrictive covenant on 2.21 acres of land and the temporary release of the restrictive covenant on 1.41 acres of land within Cleary Lake Regional Park – at total of 3.62 acres – in exchange for a channel stabilization project within Cleary Lake Regional Park.



Thank you

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