



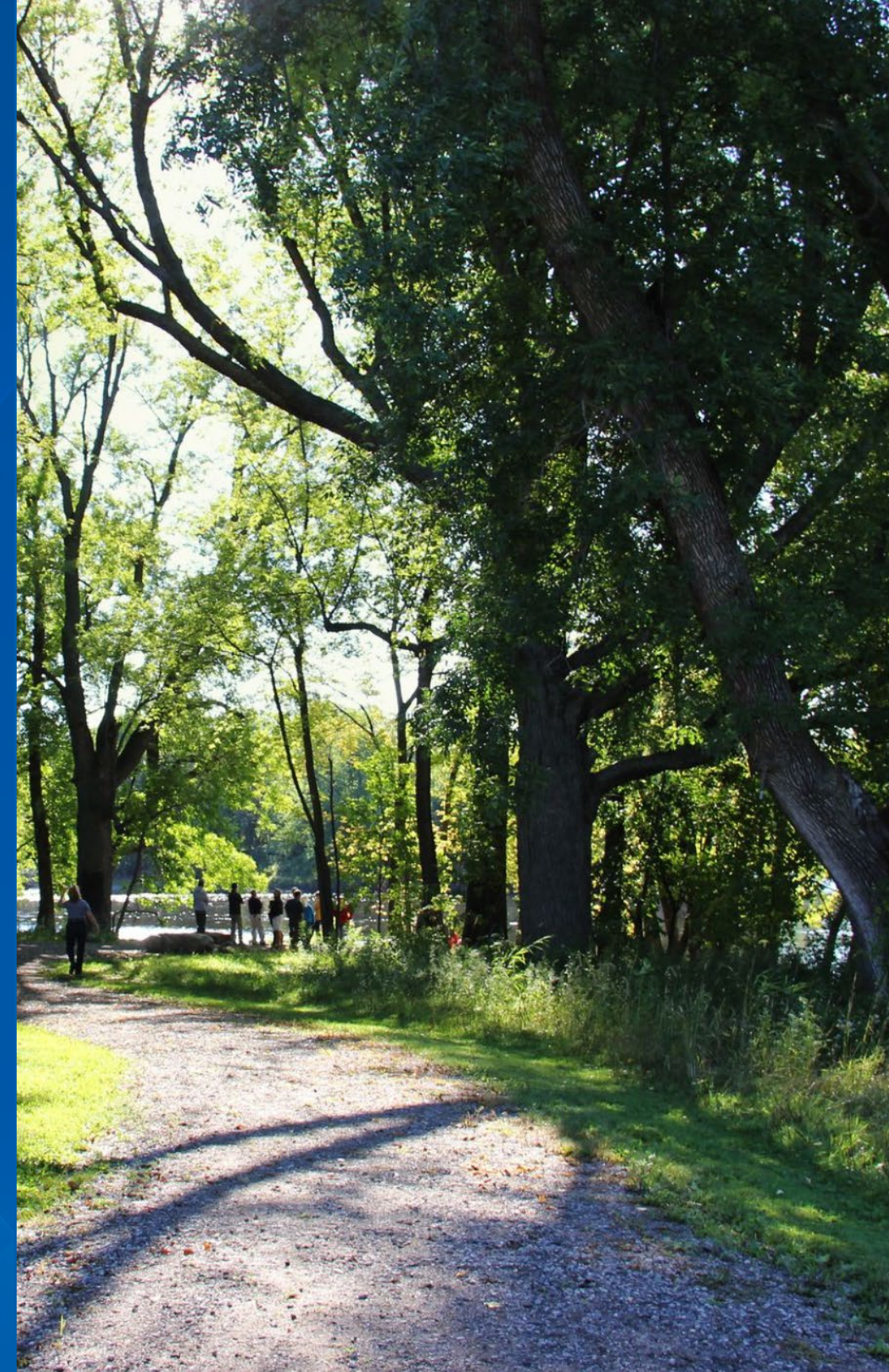
# **Mississippi West Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment, Anoka County**

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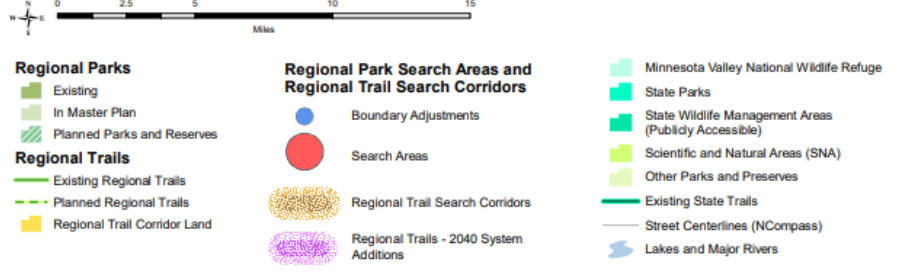
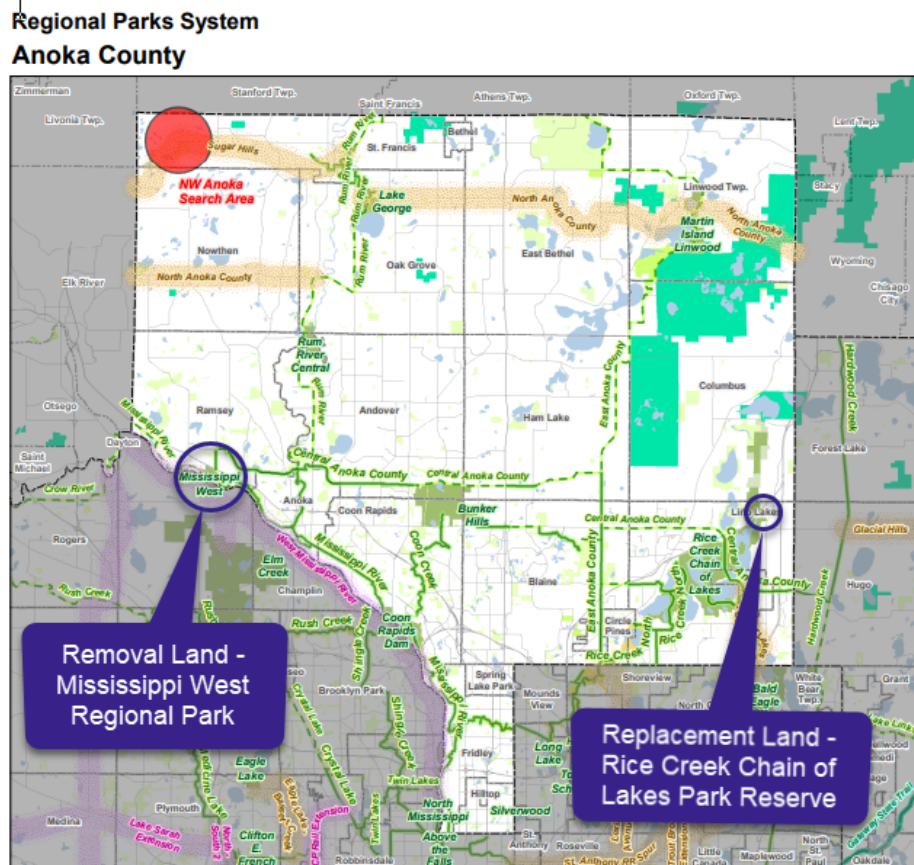
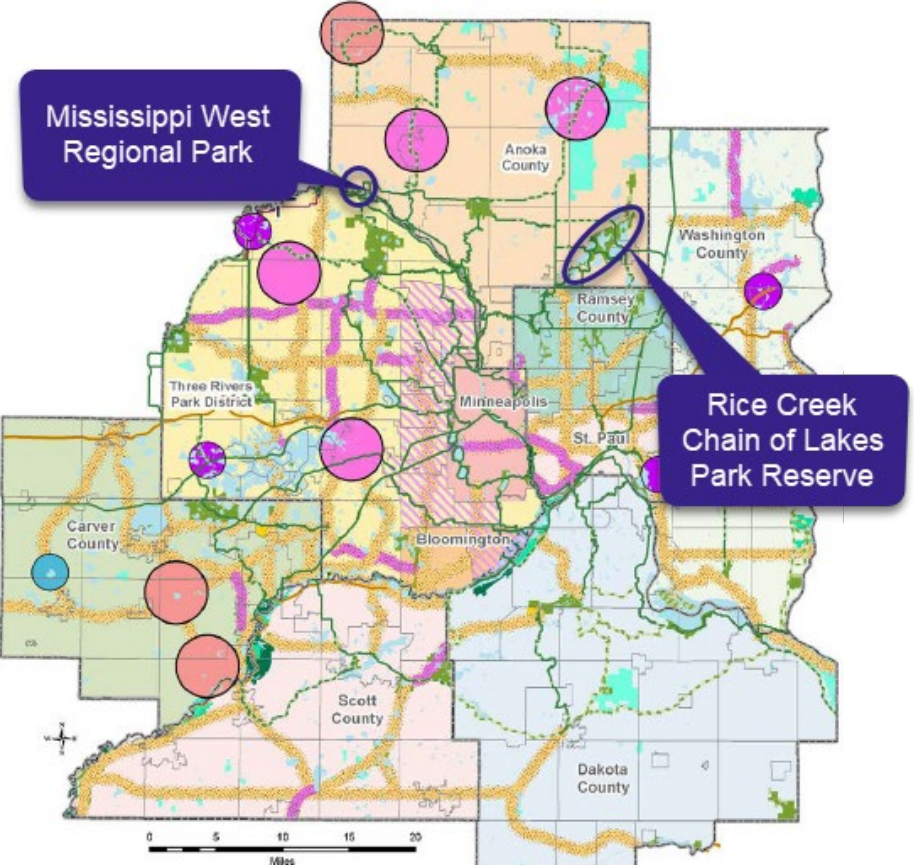
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# Mississippi West Regional Park and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve – Land Exchange



# Land Conversion



## Removal:

- 3.65 acres of regional park land for fee title
- 1.97 acres of regional park land for a temporary construction easement

## Replacement:

33 acres of Rice Creek for natural resource management

Land Conversion	Value	Natural Resources and Recreation
Mississippi West Regional Park Fee title– 3.65-acre Temporary easement – 1.97 acres	\$56,000	Turf grass and restored native grasses. Limited recreation.
Rice Creek Chain of Lakes PR 33 acres	\$60,000	350 feet of Rice Creek. Limited non-motorized watercraft access.

*A trail located in Mississippi West Regional Park.*

# Land Removal Mississippi West Regional Park



**Proposal**  
Remove 3.65 acres of parkland with a 1.97-acre temporary construction easement

# Land Replacement Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve



**Proposal**  
Add 33 acres to the Park Reserve, located within the existing park reserve boundary

# Rationale for Proposed Action



The Mississippi West Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment is consistent with the requirements of the:

- 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan
  - Chapter 6, System Protection, Strategy 2
  - Chapter 4, Siting and Acquisition, Strategy 1
  - Chapter 5, Planning, Strategy 1
  - Other Council policies

*A view of the Mississippi River from the Mississippi West Regional Park.*

# Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Mississippi West Regional Park master plan amendment and land conversion.
2. Approve the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve acquisition master plan amendment.
3. Approve the removal of 3.65 acres of land within the Mississippi West Regional Park in exchange for adding 33 acres of land to Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve (Figures 3 and 4).
4. Consent to a temporary construction easement for 1.97 acres of land within the Mississippi West Regional Park as illustrated in Figure 3.



Thank you

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*Adult fishing at Peltier Lake located in Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve.*