Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Barbarawi), Scott County

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Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

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Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve: Barbarawi Property
Project Cost

- Appraised value: $760,000
- Purchase price: $843,600 (111%)
- PAOF-eligible portion of purchase price: $836,000 (110%)
- Total PAOF-eligible acquisition cost: $907,315
- Total grant amount: $680,486
- Scott County match: $226,829
Rationale for Recommendation

Consistent with:

- The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund;
- The Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Acquisition Long Range Plan; and
- Scott County is within it’s $1.7 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF Park Acquisition Opportunity Funds.
Recommendations

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to $680,486 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to acquire approximately 41 acres located at 24236 Union Trail in Belle Plain, MN for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.