

# Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (CCRRA), Carver County

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Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

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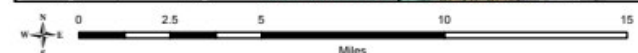
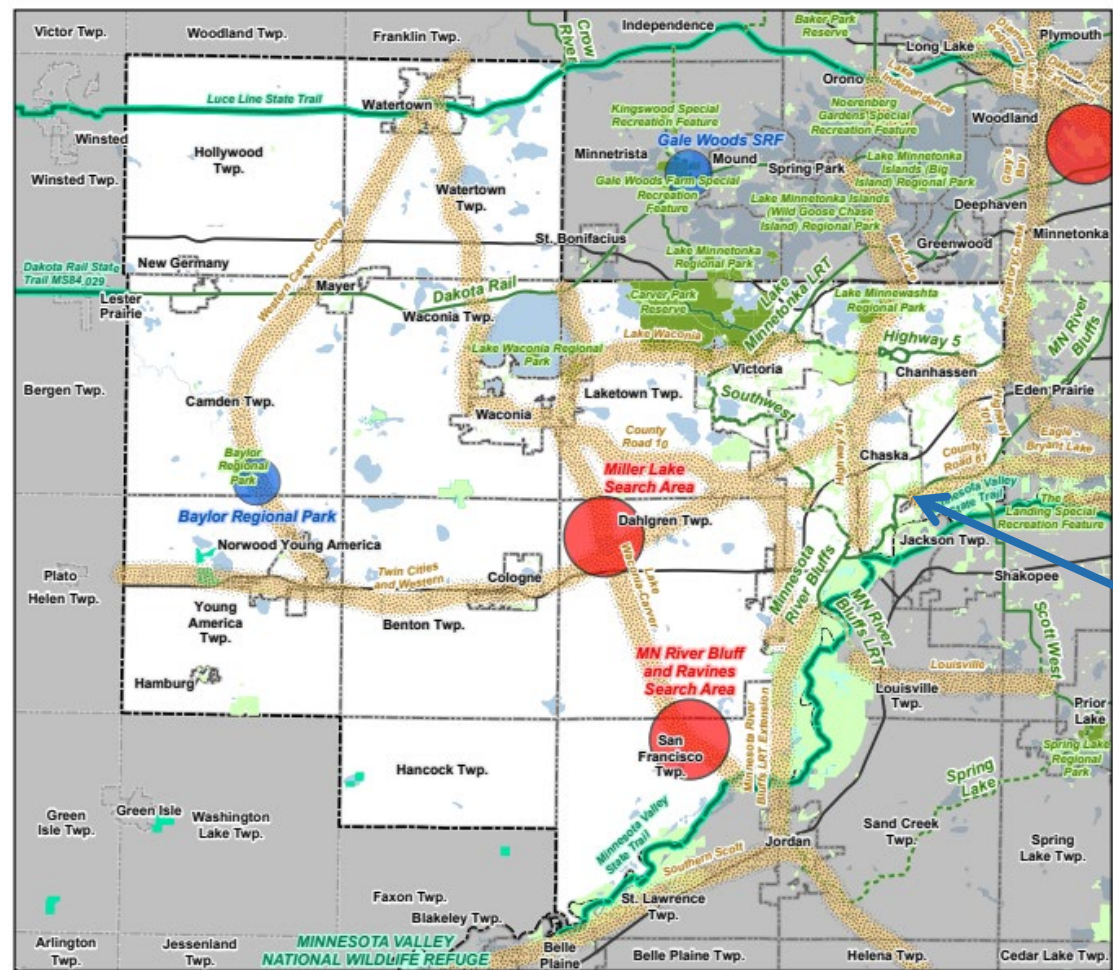
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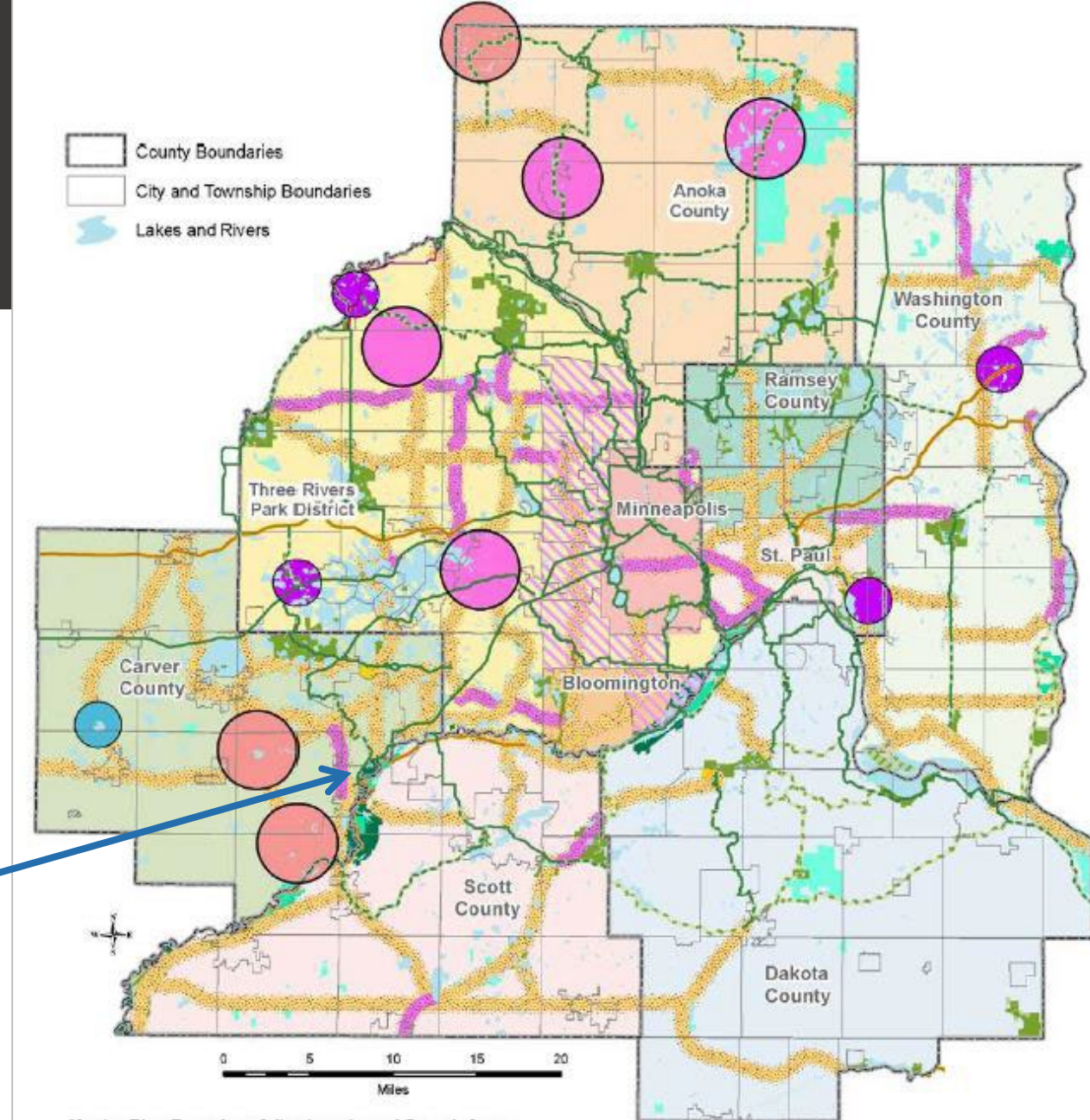
# Regional Parks System Plan Map

## Carver County



- Regional Parks**
  - Existing (Open to Public)
  - In Master Plan (Not Open to Public)
  - Planned Parks and Reserves
- Regional Trails**
  - Existing (Open to Public)
  - Existing (Not Open to Public)
  - Planned
  - Regional Trail Corridor Land
- Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors**
  - Boundary Adjustments
  - Search Areas
  - Regional Trail Search Corridors
  - First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area
- Other Features**
  - State Parks
  - State Wildlife Management Areas (Publicly Accessible)
  - Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA)
  - Special State Recreation Features
  - Other Parks, Preserves, Refuges and Natural Areas
  - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
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  - Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area

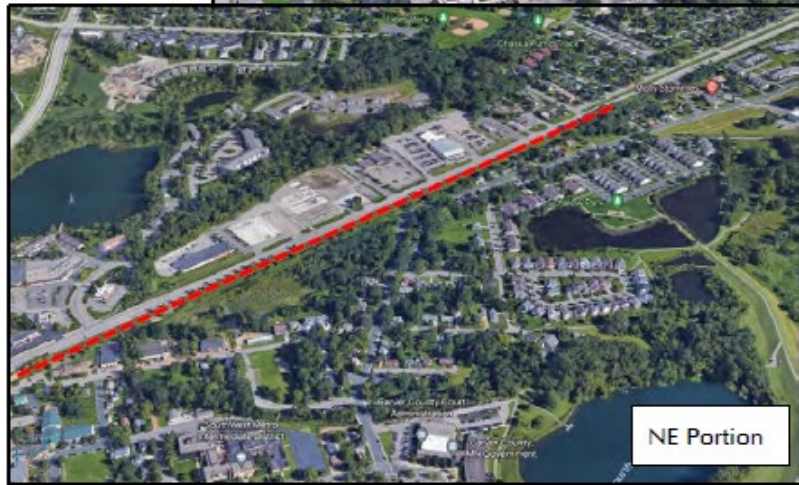
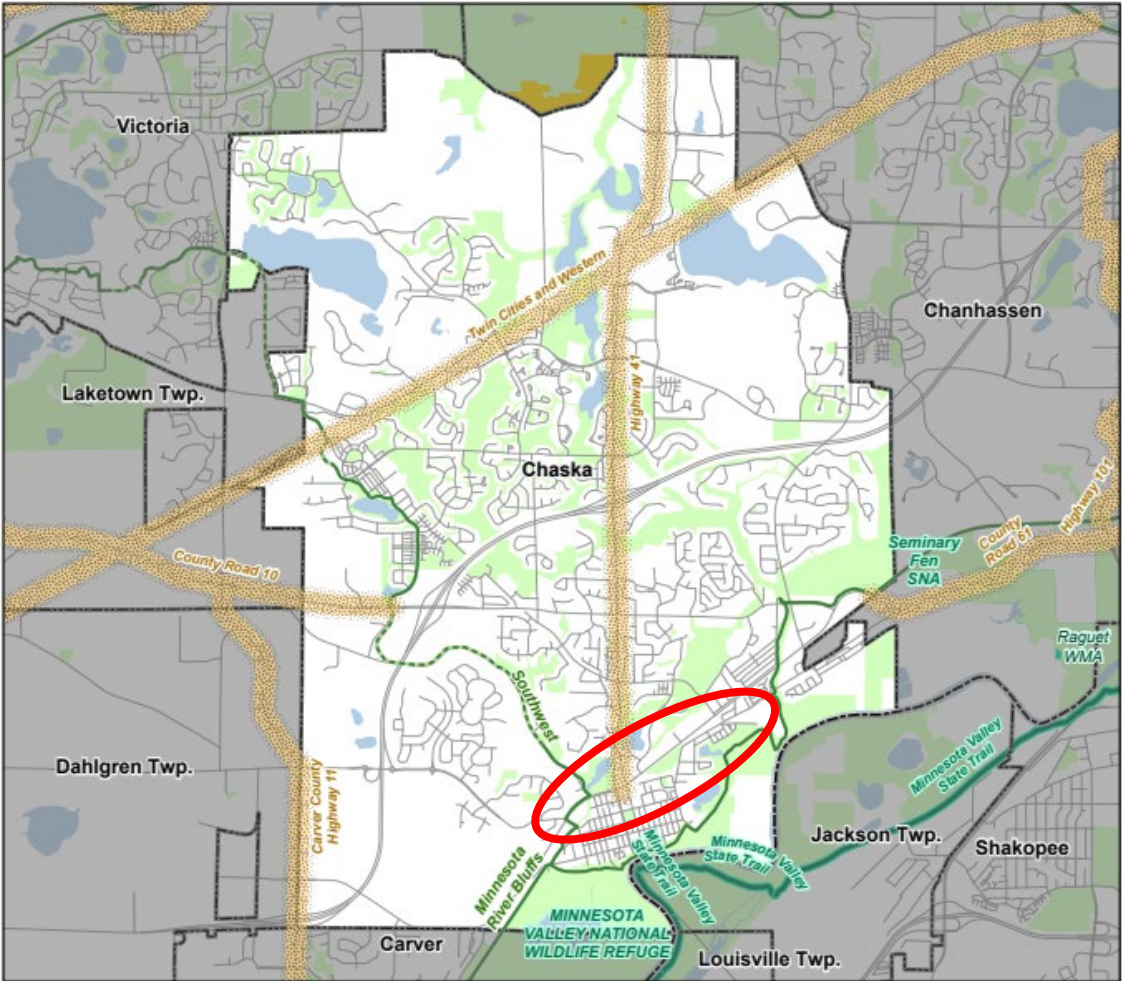
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- Master Plan Boundary Adjustments and Search Areas**
  - Existing:
    - Boundary Adjustment
    - Park Search Area
  - 2020 Amendment:
    - Boundary Adjustment
    - Park Search Area
    - First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area
    - 2020 Amendment Regional Trail Search Corridor
    - Regional Trail Search Corridors
- Regional Trails**
  - Regional Trails (Open to the Public)
  - Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)
  - State Trails
  - Regional Trail Planned (Not Open to Public)
- Regional Parks**
  - Regional Parks (Open to the Public)
  - Regional Parks (Not Open to the Public)
  - Planned Parks (Not Open to the Public)
  - State Wildlife Management Areas
  - State Parks
  - MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
  - Minnesota Valley State Trail and Recreation Area
  - Special State Recreation Features

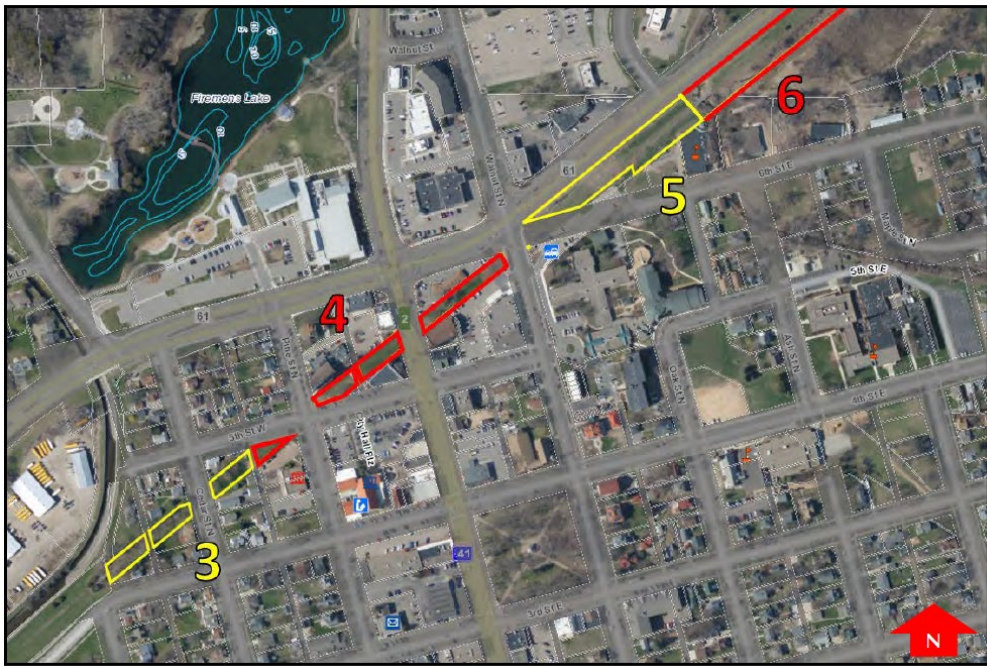
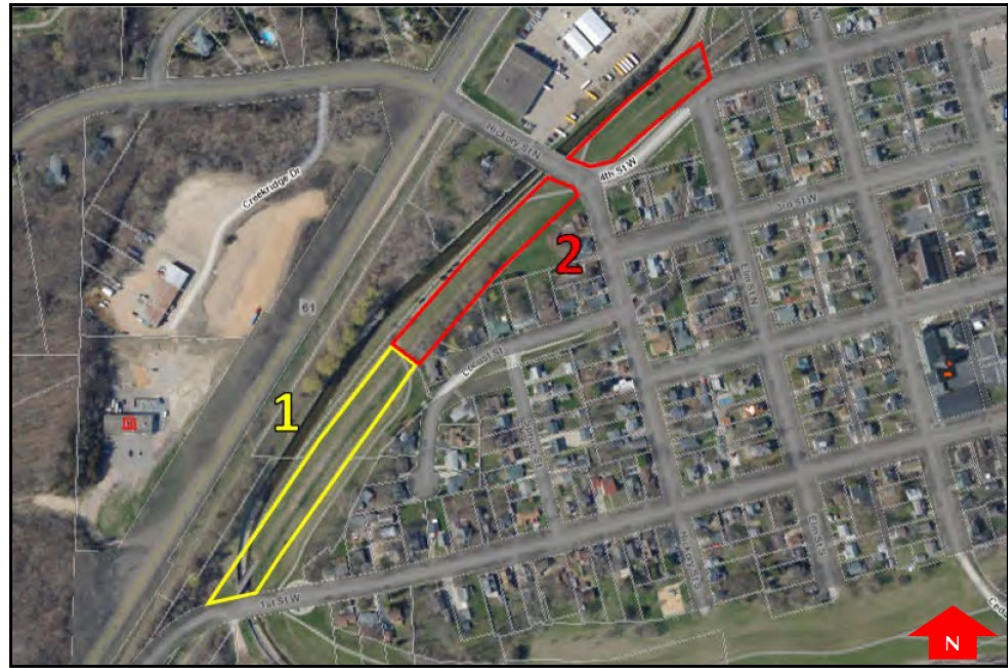


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# Project Cost

- Appraised value: \$2,135,500
- CCRRA donation: \$533,875
- Purchase price: \$1,601,625
- Total project cost: \$2,148,000
- Total grant amount: \$1,611,000
- Carver County match: \$537,000



# Rationale for Recommendation

## Consistent with:

- The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund;
- The Minnesota Rivers Bluffs Regional Trail Long Range Plan; and
- Carver County is within its \$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 \$1,611,000 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire in easement approximately 5.2 acres of a former Carver County Regional Railroad Authority corridor located in Chaska, MN, for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

