

# Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Long-Range Plan, Dakota County

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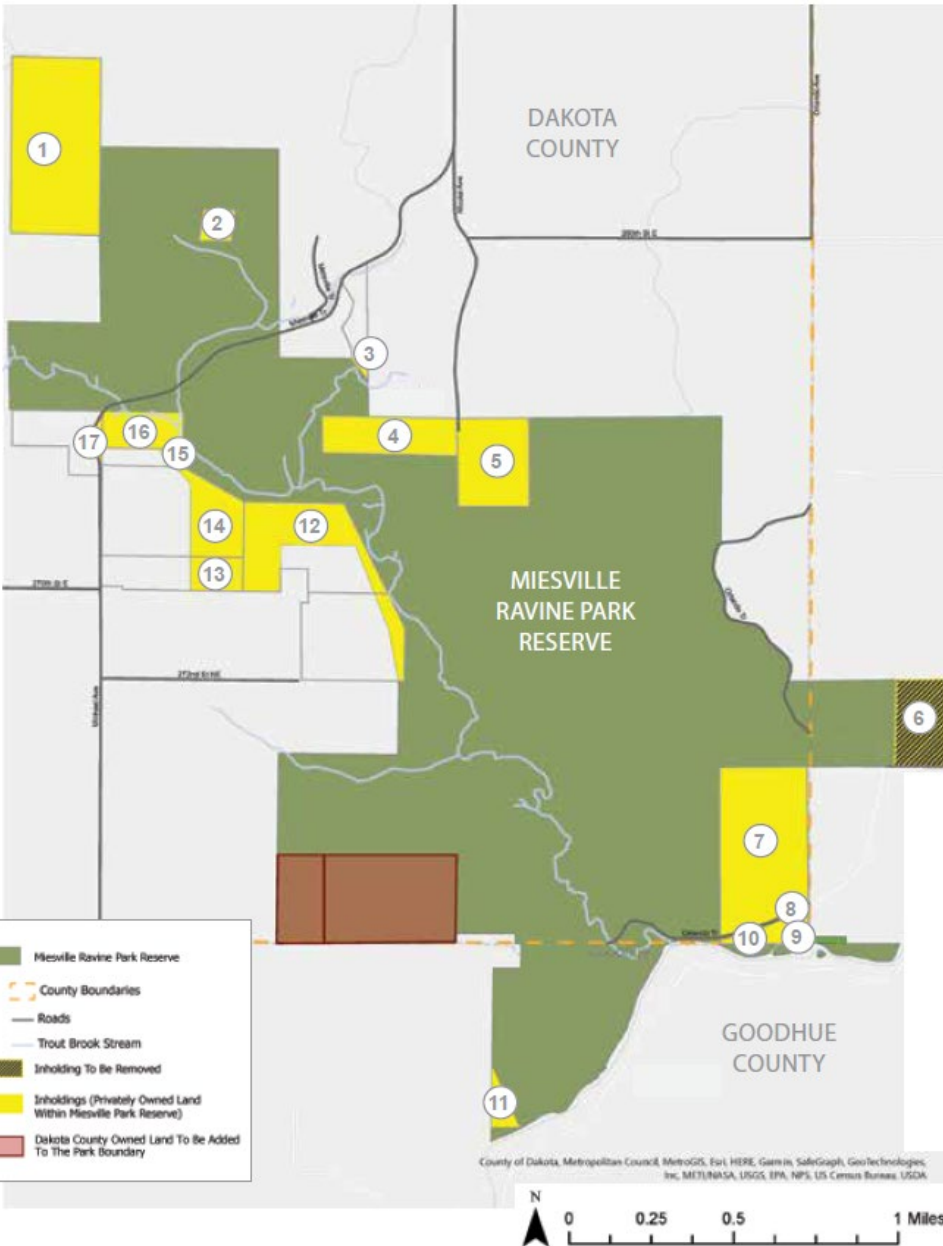
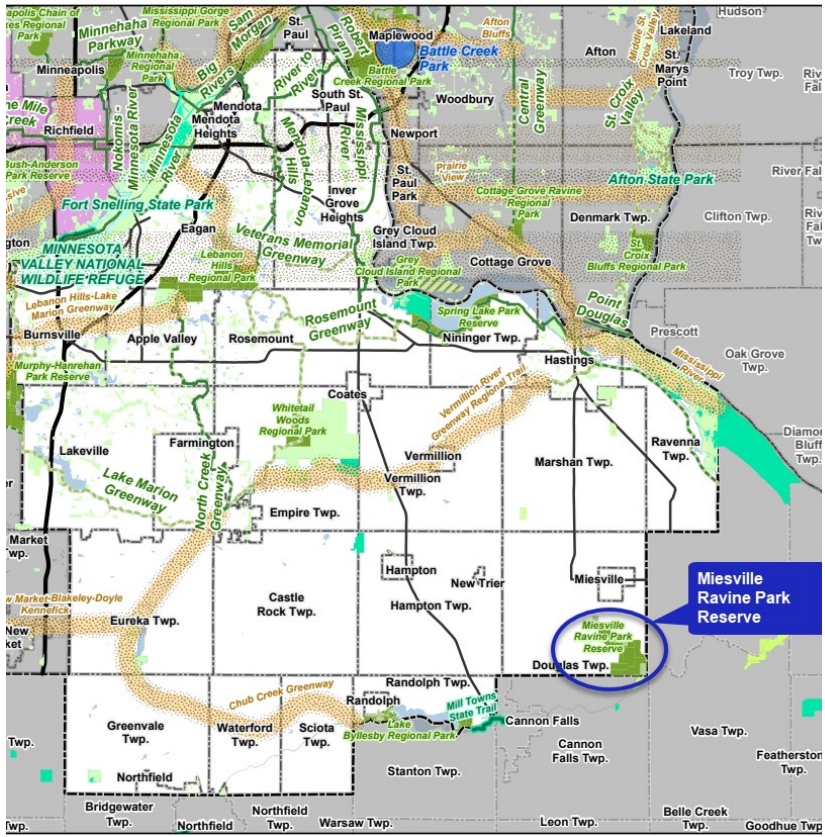
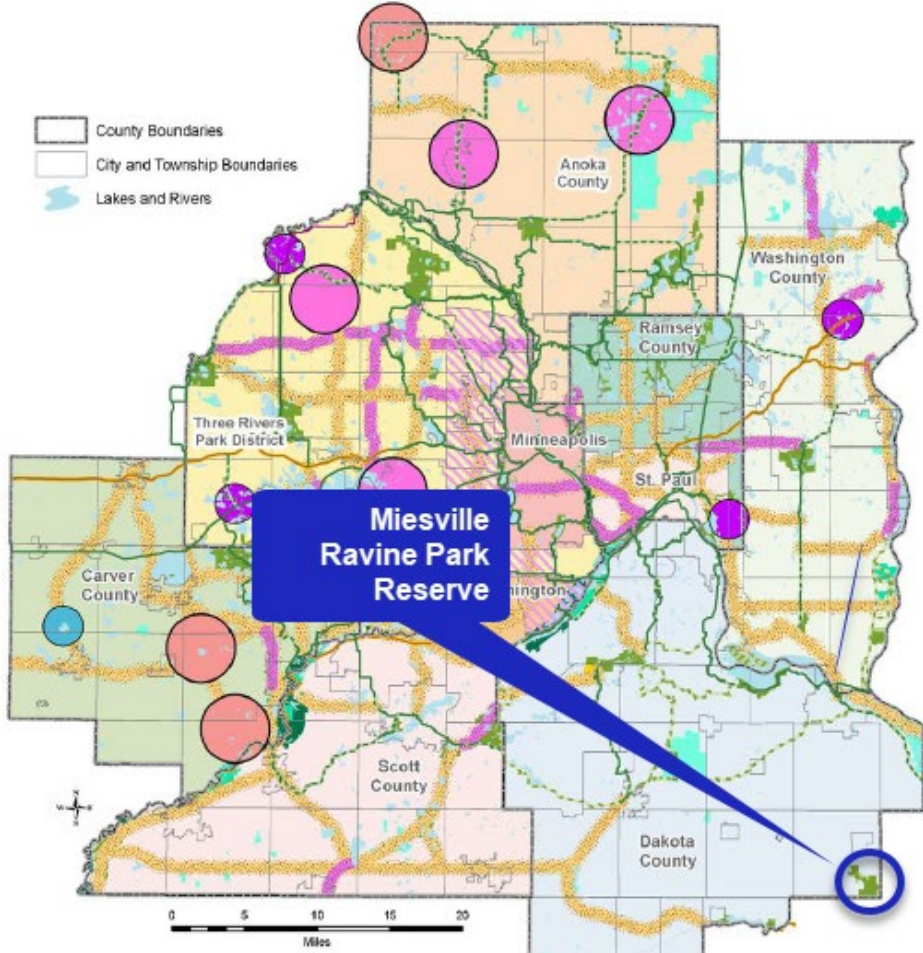
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# Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Long-Range Plan



- Master Plan Boundary Adjustments and Search Areas**
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| <b>Existing:</b>                              | <b>2020 Amendment:</b>                        | Regional Trails (Open to the Public)             |
| Boundary Adjustment                           | Boundary Adjustment                           | Regional Trails (Not Open to the Public)         |
| Park Search Area                              | Park Search Area                              | State Trails                                     |
|   | First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area | Regional Trail Planned (Not Open to Public)      |
| 2020 Amendment Regional Trail Search Corridor | Regional Trail Search Corridors               | 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                |



# Equity Analysis

## Focused Engagements:

- **Latino Visitors:** Walk with Caminatas Domingueras; walk with Huellas Latinas; Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research (HACER) resource fair pop-up input.
- **Youth Visitors:** Outdoor Career Success input session.
- **People Living with Disabilities:** Project Healing Waters meeting.
- **Dakota Communities:** Dakota County contracted with the Upper Pezihutazizi / Oyate Upper Sioux Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to conduct a Traditional Cultural Places (TCP) survey.

## Advice Shaped the Plan:

- **Preserving and protecting natural resources** (Tribal groups and Latino visitors)
- **Increasing access to the Cannon River** (Disabled community, Older individuals, and Parents, Families)
- **Providing access to more of the park with low-impact natural surface trails** (Latino visitors)
- **Improving accessibility** (Disabled community, Older individuals, Parents, and Families)
- **Cultural Landscape Preservation and Interpretation** (THPOs)



*Trout Brook at Miesville  
Ravine Park Reserve*



*Floodplain at Miesville  
Ravine Park Reserve*

# Public and Partner Engagement



## Public Engagement Themes

- Increase natural resource management, Trout Brook restoration, and improved access to more of the park
- Expand wildlife viewing and river recreation
- Expand trail-based recreation
- Balance recreational development with natural system protection
- Improved boat launch access
- Better wayfinding

## Partner Engagement

**Agencies Engaged:** Douglas Township, Minnesota DNR, Cannon Valley Trail, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District, North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for Dakota Tribes located within Minnesota.

*Family at Miesville Ravine Park Reserve*



# Boundary Adjustment and Acquisitions

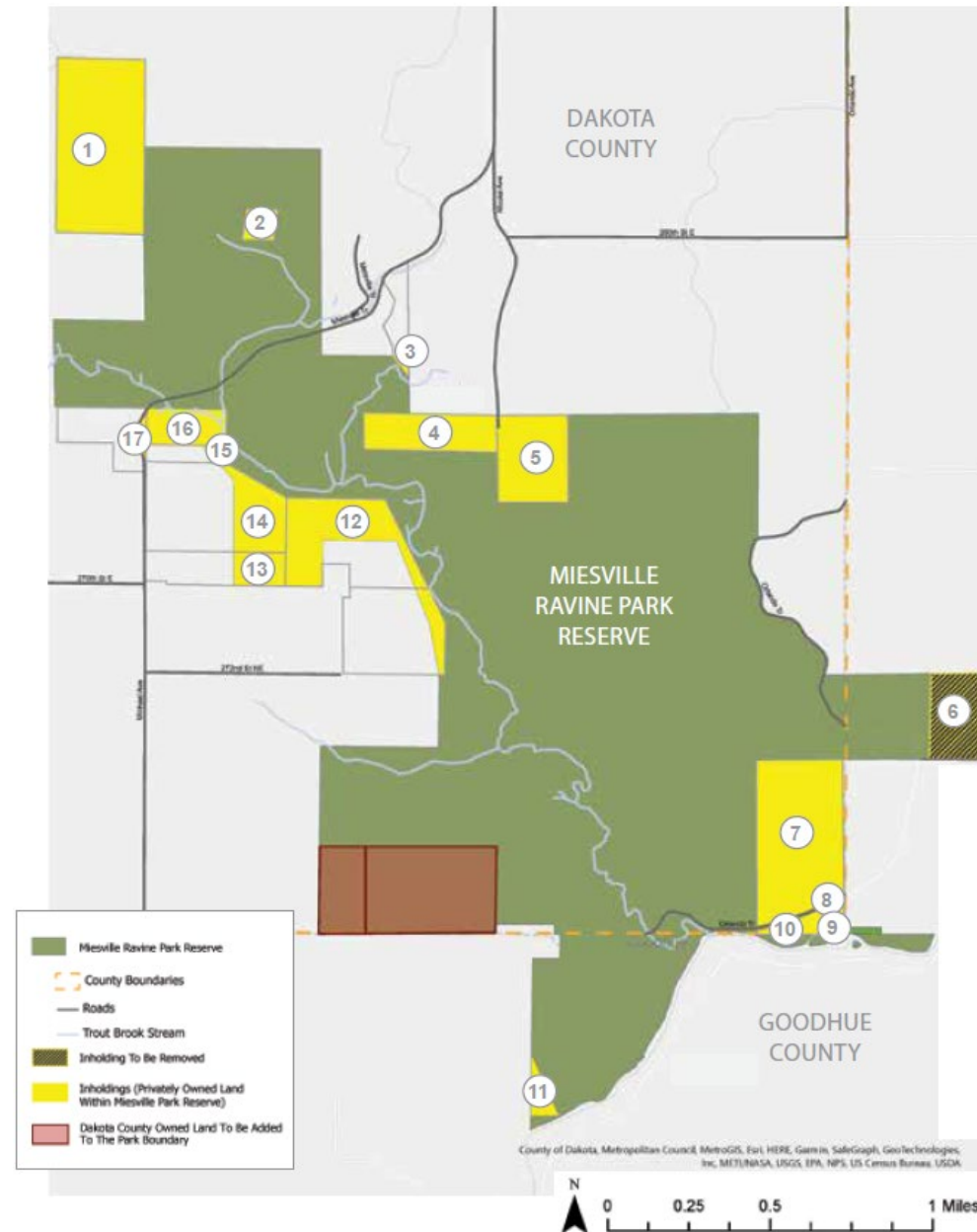
**Removals:** 22-acre inholding

**Addition:** 70-acre inholding

**Proposed total acreage** of the park is 1,850 acres

- 1,519 acres of Dakota County-owned land
- 309 acres of private inholdings

**Acquisition cost:** \$5.1 million  
*(estimated value of the parcel and buildings; although only portions of parcels are planned to be acquired)*



Fly Fishing at Miesville Ravine Park Reserve





# Development Concept

## 10-Year Concept

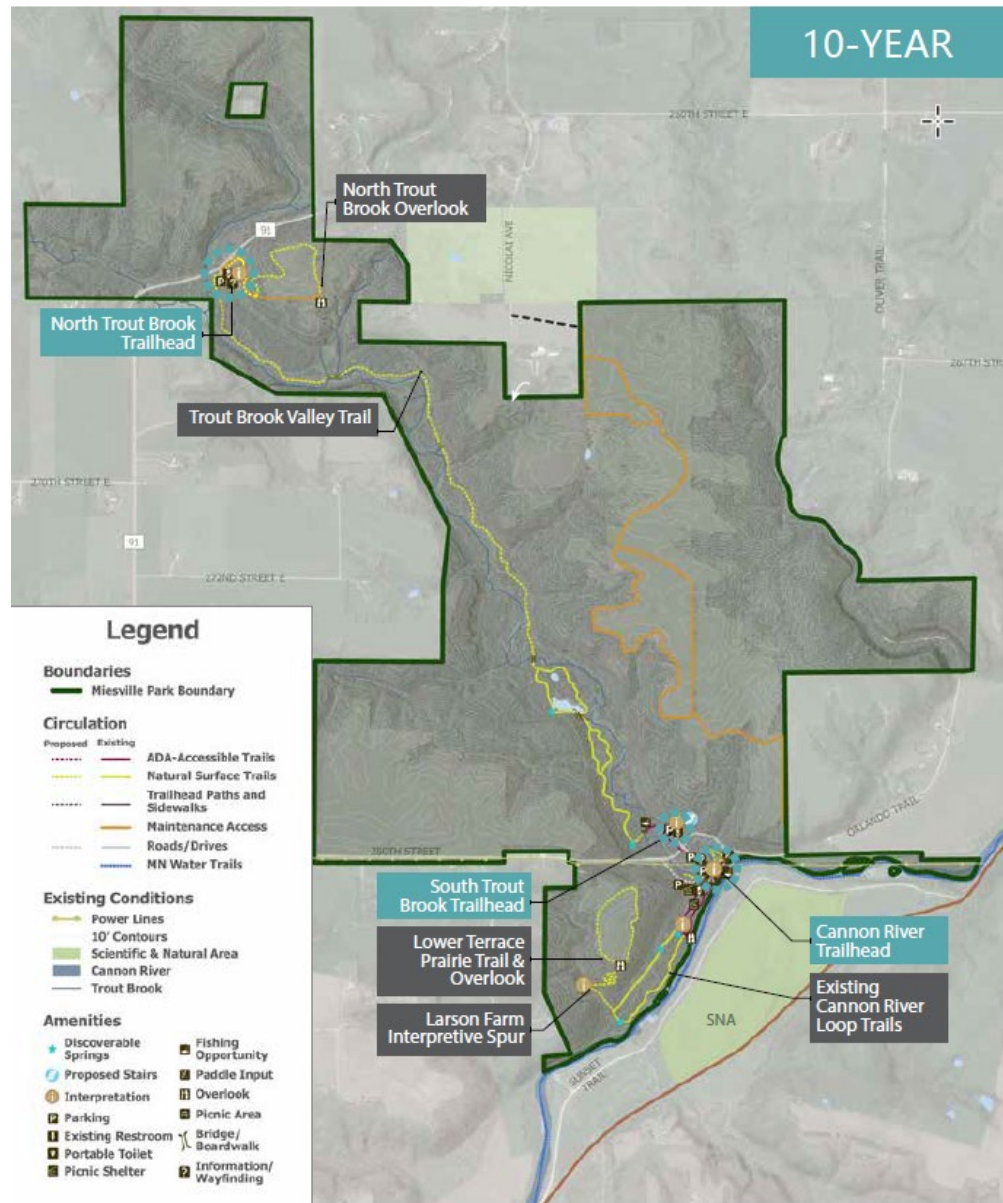


Figure 6.2 Miesville Ravine Park Reserve 10-year Concept

## Long-Term Concept

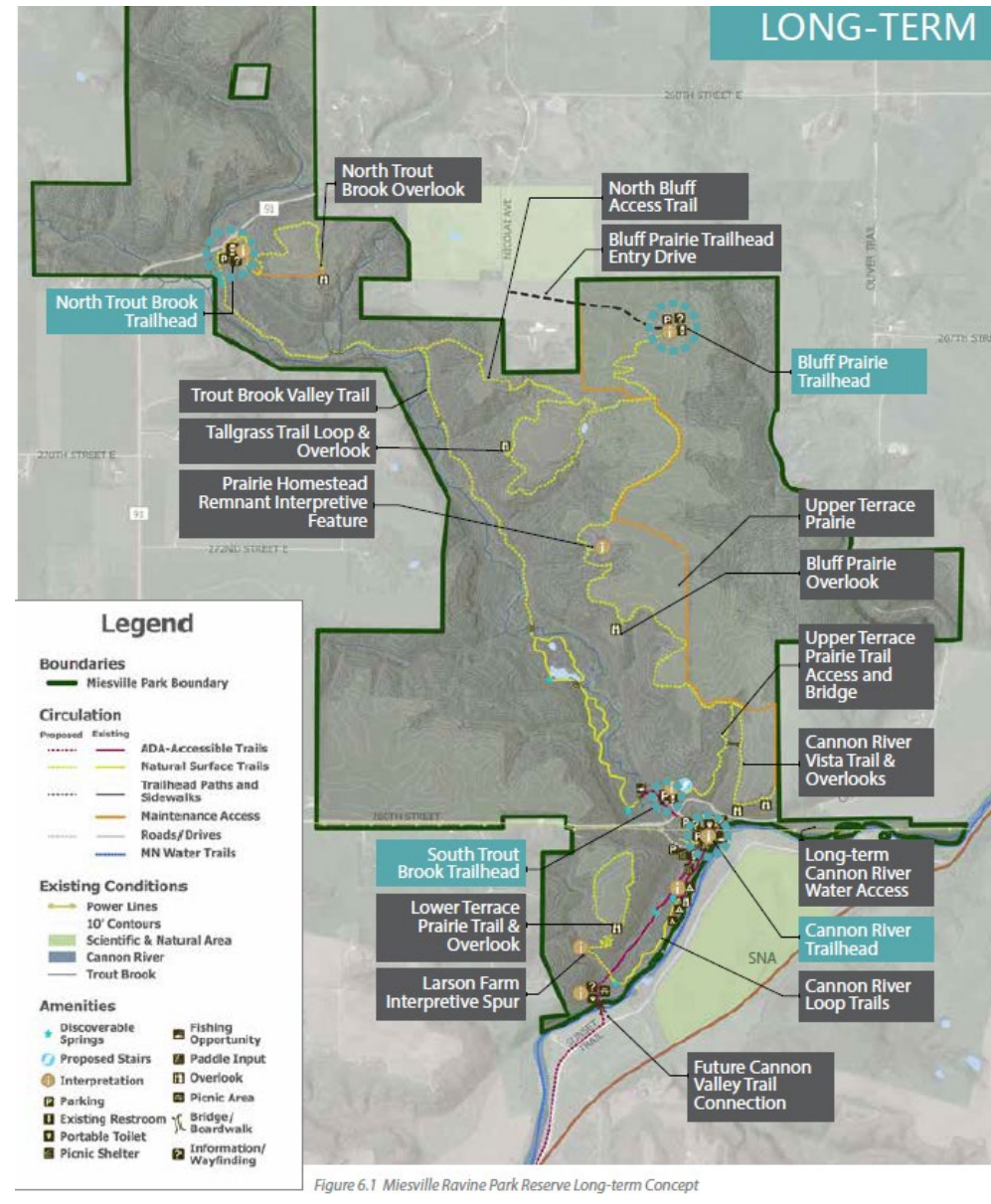


Figure 6.1 Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Long-term Concept

### 10-Year Concept

- Improve circulation
- Increase accessibility
- Add 1 trailhead to 2 existing trailheads
- Add comfort amenities

### Long-Term Concept

- Add 1 trailhead and add amenities to all 4 trailheads
- Improve accessibility
- Clarify and improve circulation
- Add complementary amenities



# Costs



## Total Costs

**Development and natural resource improvements:** Approximately \$15.1 million which includes \$3.7 million for the first 10-years of implementation.

**Acquisitions:** \$5,100,000

**Operations & maintenance of 10-year plan:** \$498,700 annually

*Children at Miesville Ravine.*



# Rationale for Proposed Action

The Park Reserve Plan is consistent with the requirements of the:

- 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan
  - Chapter 5, Planning, Strategy 1
  - Other Council policies



*Miesville Ravine Park Reserve*



# Proposed Action



That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Long-Range Plan.
2. Approve the boundary adjustment removing 22-acres of private inholdings and adding 77-acres of Dakota County owned parkland within the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve boundary.
3. Advise the County to consider implementing the recommendations for solar resources and the Minnesota DNR in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.

*A shelter at Miesville Ravine Park Reserve.*





Thank you

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*Trout Brook*