

Parks and Trails Legacy Fund FY2026/2027 Projects Overview and Equity Highlights

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Anoka County FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$ 4,533,566	Equity Focus Area
<p>Bunker Hills Regional Park – Bunker Beach Lazy River Bridge Replacement: Design, engineering and reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge over the Lazy River and slide tower improvements at Bunker Beach Water Park.</p>	<p>Ability, Age</p>
<p>Bunker Hills Regional Park – Park Improvements: Continue design, engineering and construction of improvements to roads, parking lots, trails, building improvements throughout the regional park. <small>Conduct community engagement</small></p>	<p>Ability, Age</p>
<p>Agency-wide Natural Resource Management: Contract with organizations or hire staff for natural resources and maintenance management throughout the regional system in Anoka County.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve – Reconstruction of Playground: Design, engineering and reconstruction of playground at Centerville Beach.</p>	<p>Ability, age</p>

Anoka County Legacy Project Equity Highlight

Equity Focus: Age & Ability

How has your community engagement or equity lens shaped your project to better serve identified populations?

- Awareness
- Design ideas
- Specific equipment ideas



Carver County FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$1,205,211

Equity Focus Area

Carver County Regional Parks Recreation and Volunteer Specialist: Continue to develop and implement recreation/volunteer programs; engage 3,300 park visitors through 100 programs provided in the County Regional Parks outreach programming

Age

Carver County Regional Parks Maintenance and Forestry Supervisor: This position manages park and trail maintenance personnel and corresponding operations, and is responsible for asset management of park facilities, grounds and natural resources

None

Carver County Regional Parks and Trails Outreach: Conduct programs to encourage use of regional park and trail facilities; low/moderate income scholarships; seasonal staffing to conduct recreation programs and outreach activities; advertising and marketing for programs and outreach activities

Age & Income

Carver County Baylor Regional Park Phase I Redevelopment: Improvements being consider include replacement of playground, visitor center remodel including ADA improvements to restrooms, beach redevelopment/ shoreland restoration, campground electrical upgrade, camper cabin construction

Age & Ability

Carver County Legacy Project Equity Highlight

With outreach funding, we are working to reach and better serve a wide variety of youth.

Using an equity lens, we are better able to reach underserved youth.



Dakota County FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$4,302,087

Equity Focus Area

Agency-Wide Parks Outreach Coordinator: Create and manage a community outreach and engagement program to increase and enhance use of the parks by focusing on activities that strengthen use of parks, engaging the community, agencies, and developing relationships with community members.

Age, Race, Ability, Income, Ethnicity, National Origin

Indigenous Liaison: Incorporate Indigenous cultural perspectives into Dakota County Park topics related to the reintroduction of bison to Spring Lake Park Reserve, culturally significant Indigenous sites within park boundaries, and partnership opportunities.

National Origin

Outreach Program Support: Continue to implement an integrated outreach and awareness program to increase participation and familiarity of the park system service offerings to Dakota County residents and increase new use throughout the park system.

Age, Race, Ability, Income, Ethnicity, National Origin

Dakota County Projects Continued

Total Estimated Allocation: \$4,302,087

Equity Focus Area

Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby Regional Parks Campground Buildings and Beach House Renovations and Replacement Project: Construction and construction administration of architectural and programmatic improvements to campground buildings and Beach House facilities.

Age, Race, Ability, Income, Ethnicity, National Origin

Plant Propagation Program and UMN Extension Partnership: Program that will fully utilize the production space at the new Lebanon Hills Maintenance Shop Greenhouse, while continuing to engage community volunteers and partner with Dakota County Master Gardeners to provide horticultural programming. Also, includes half of the salary of the Master Gardner Coordinator position.

Age, Ability, Income

Dakota County Legacy Project Equity Highlight



Dakota County Parks Outreach Program Support

MPRB FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$ 11,617,060	Equity Focus Area
<p>Seven MPRB projects will implement a variety of elements from the adopted park and trail plans. We will consult with community at the inception of these projects to determine the specific implementation scopes.</p>	<p>ALL: Age, Race, Ability, National Origin, Income</p>
Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Plan Implementation	
Minnehaha Regional Park Plan Implementation	
North Mississippi Regional Park Plan Implementation	
Wirth/Victory Memorial Parkway Regional Trail Plan Implementation	
Above the Falls Regional Park Plan Implementation	
St. Anthony Parkway Regional Trail Plan Implementation	
Theodore Wirth Regional Park Plan Implementation	

MPRB FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects Continued

Total Estimated Allocation: \$ 11,617,060	Equity Focus Area
Grand Rounds Missing Link Implementation: Connect the Grand Rounds between the Mississippi River and St Anthony Parkway, through land acquisition and trail implementation	Ability, Income
Luce Line Regional Trail Plan Implementation: Acquire land for a new route of the Luce Line Trail through north Minneapolis, and begin implementation of that new trail corridor	Race, National Origin, Ability, Income
Northeast Diagonal Regional Trail Rehabilitation and Enhancement: Improve trail surfacing, wayfinding, and visitor comfort facilities, and improve access points to the trail and connectivity to the Grand Rounds Missing Link	Ability, Income
Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail Rehabilitation and Access Improvements: Improve trail surfacing, wayfinding, and visitor comfort facilities, and improve access points to the trail and connectivity to the Grand Rounds Missing Link	Ability, Income

Grand Rounds Missing Link (Bridal Veil Regional Trail)

This **GAP** in the Grand Rounds has existed since the founding of MPRB in 1883.

No way to connect from St. Anthony Parkway to Mississippi River.

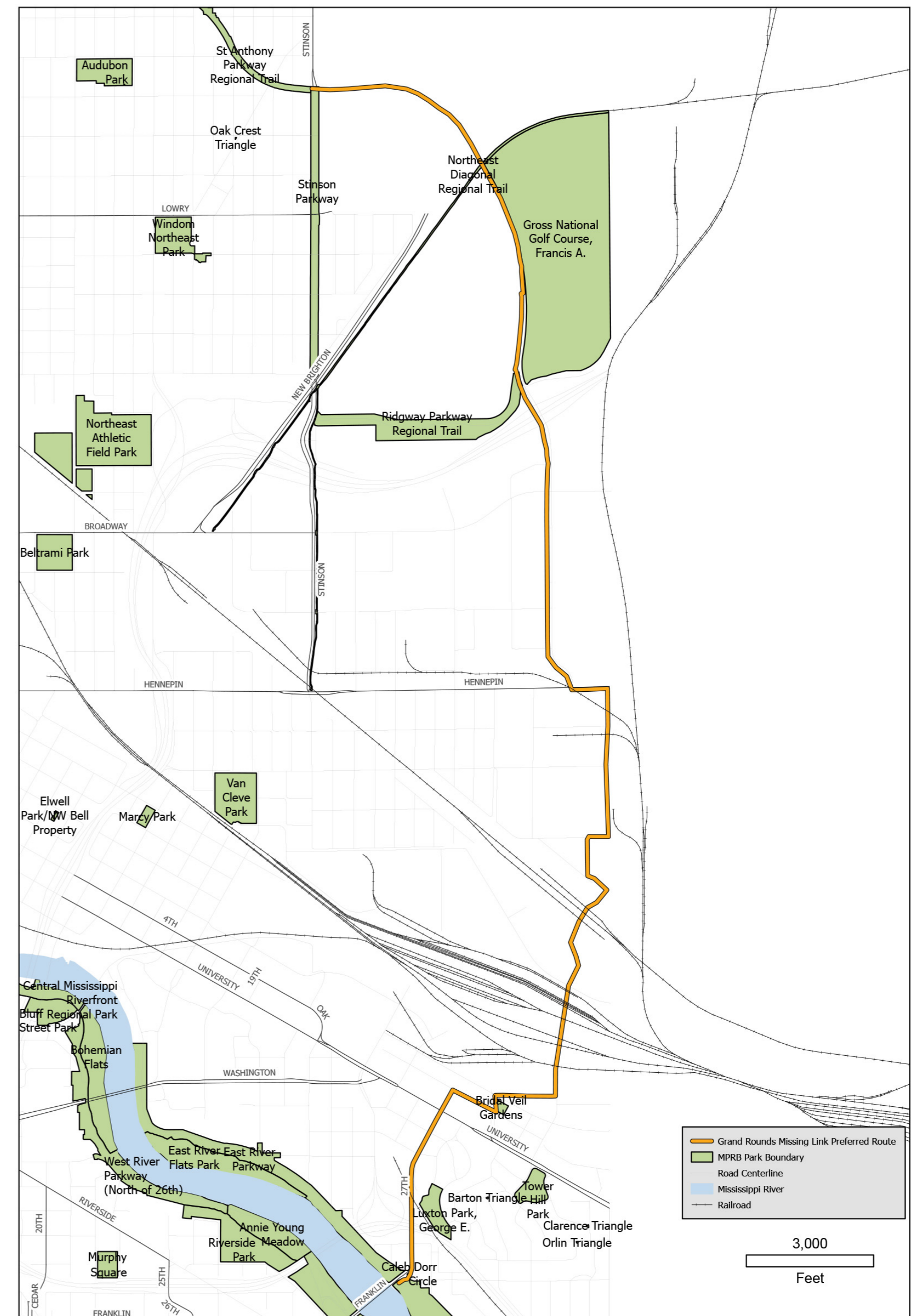
Northeast / Southeast Minneapolis are lower wealth than the region. University area skews younger than average.

Significant park access gaps throughout corridor.

2-year planning process to determine preferred route.

Community-involved detailed design process underway now.

Some construction possible in 2025/2026.



Grand Rounds Missing Link Regional Trail: Preferred Route

Ramsey County FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$ 4,522,697

Equity Focus Area

Vadnais-Snail Lakes Trail Enhancements: Design, enhance, and construct trails that are resilient to environmental changes. Provide site amenities, enhanced access, playground modifications.

Ability, age

Long Lake Improvements: Minor improved site accessibility and infrastructure, utilities, stormwater management, wayfinding, site amenities, and restoration.

Ability, age

Long Lake Boat Launch: Improved poured concrete boat launch resilient to environmental changes.

Ability, age, race

Battle Creek Dog Park Parking Lot: Improved parking lot and site amenities.

Ability, age, race

Regional Park and Trail Sign Implementation: Design and installation of new park entrance and park use signs.

Ability, age, race, national origin

Ramsey County Projects Continued

Total Estimated Allocation: \$4,522,697

Equity Focus Area

Conservation Corps: Continue contracts with the Conservation Corps of Minnesota (CCM) to engage youth of the community in natural resource management projects throughout Ramsey County Regional Parks & Trails.

Race, income

Outreach Programming: Continue to support outreach and outdoor recreation-based programming for people of color and low-income users throughout the Ramsey County Regional Parks & Trails system

Race, national origin, age, ability, income

Tamarack Nature Center Volunteer Coordinator: Continue to support a volunteer corps for the Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery Hollow aka (destination for discovery)

Race, national origin, age, ability, income

Ramsey County Legacy Project Equity Highlight

New Boat Launch Signage:

- Incorporates Universal Design for accessibility regardless of age, ability, national origin.
- Emphasis on useful information over rules creates a welcoming environment.

Lake Name
Turtle Lake

Lake Rules

- Boating hours: 9:30 a.m. to one hour before sunset.
- Speed Limit: 40 MPH
- Clean in Clean out: Clean watercraft to prevent invasive species.
- No Wake 300 feet from: Rafts, Docks, Non-motorized watercraft.
- Rule Here: Holding rule here.
- Rule Here: Holding rule here.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Find additional resources including lake quality and all regulations visit: ramseycounty.us/TurtleLake.

RAMSEY COUNTY Parks & Recreation

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY

Map details: The map shows Turtle Lake with a counter-clockwise boat traffic pattern. It includes roads like County Road I West, Lexington Avenue North, and Hodgson Road. A 'YOU ARE HERE' marker is located at Turtle Lake County Park. Other nearby features include Maarsden Archery Range and Charley Lake.

Saint Paul FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

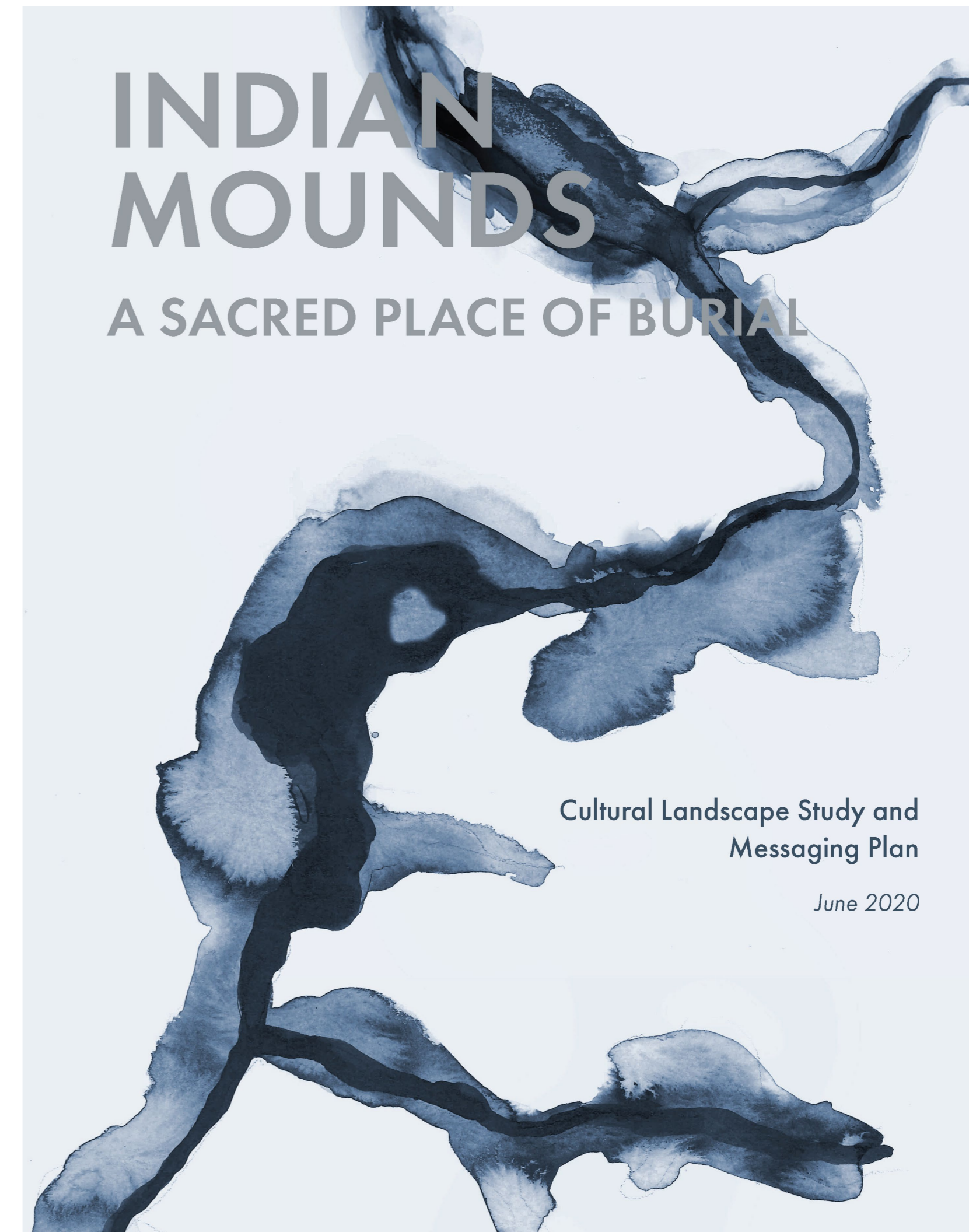
Total Estimated Allocation: \$5,959,799	Equity Focus Area
Bruce Vento RT Eastside Heritage Skate Park: Construction of skate park	Income, Age
Harriet Island RP Riverwalk Design: Design and community engagement to reconstruct the dilapidated riverfront promenade through Harriet Island	None
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP Master Plan Implementation Phase V: Continued implementation of the Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm long-range plan	None
Indian Mounds RP Long-Range Plan Amendment and Implementation: Development of new long-range for the Indian Mounds area to reflect its Cultural Landscape Study and continued implementation of that plan	Race
Samuel Morgan RT Lower Landing Improvements: Construction of sport courts and other improvements in Lower Landing Park	None
Phalen RP Picnic Area Construction: Construction phase of new picnic pavilion and surrounding area	None

Saint Paul Projects Continued

Total Estimated Allocation: \$5,959,799	Equity Focus Area
JW Long-term Vegetation Maintenance: Long-term maintenance of native vegetation established in other Legacy-funded projects	None
JW Great River Passage: Providing operating funds to lead initiatives for equitable access to regional parks along Mississippi River	Race, Income
JW Volunteer & Education Coordinators: Continued funding of coordinator positions to connect, recruit, lead, and coordinate people to regional parks	Age, Race
JW Como Shuttle: Shuttle service to enhance access to Como Park Zoo and Conservatory	None

Equity Highlight – Indian Mounds

- Cultural Landscape Study completed in 2020
- Partners include tribal governments, THPOs, local indigenous community
- Began to repair harm with initial messaging work and natural resources work



Equity Highlight – Indian Mounds



- Current long-range plan from 2011, recreation focused
- New cultural landscape classification
- Need new long-range plan to move forward
- Built off Cultural Landscape Study
- Opportunity to establish new name

One function of Dakota artistic symbols is to communicate ideas and values.

Oyate kiŋ ed wóohoda he ʒokaheya. Hehan Maŋa kiŋ de akan wiʒoni k'a wóihduhapi hena ohodapi. Ded maŋa ihduŋaŋpi kiŋhaŋ waŋaŋyaŋ mániŋpi. Wicapi kiŋ hena waŋaŋ k'a ohodapi kte. Dena heçetu k'a maŋoçe de oyate kiŋ anaŋoptaŋpi kte seéçeca.

**Maka Paha
Burial Mounds**

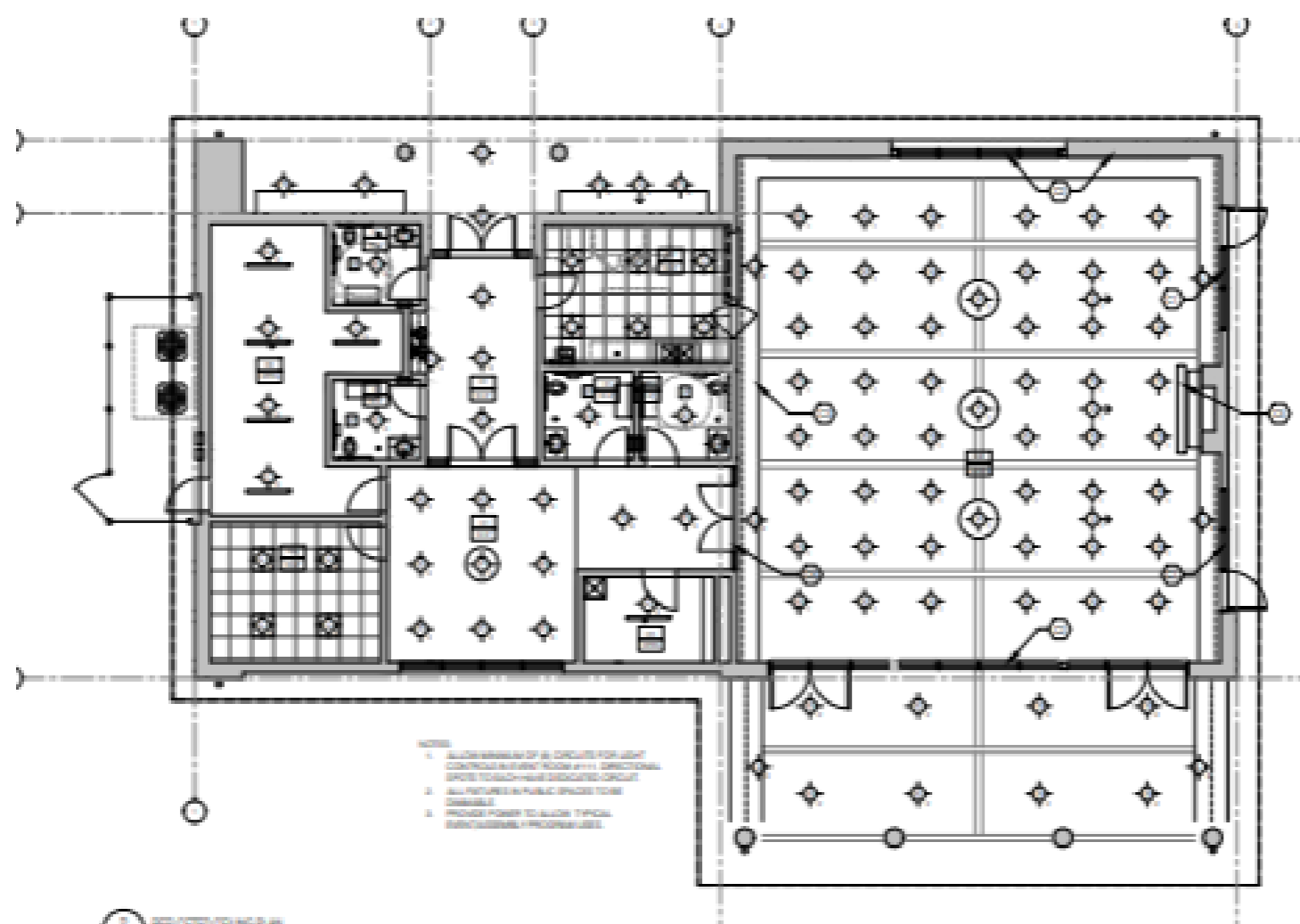
A guiding principle in the culture of the Oyate is the respect for life. During a human being's journey on earth the most cherished part of existence is the gift of life and freedom. It is an essential understanding that once our walk on this earth has ended, the physical remains of our life become sacred. The resting places of human beings are sacrosanct and must be respected. These are fundamental human rights that require attentive protection by a humanized society.

There are many orthographies in development and in use by the Oceŋi Sakowin. This translation uses the University of Minnesota orthography which has not been sanctioned by the Oceŋi Sakowin.

Scott County FY2026/2027 Legacy Project

Total Estimated Allocation: \$ 1,928,829	Equity Focus Area
Pavilion: Develop a four-season pavilion to support group gatherings and programs at one of Scott County's Regional Parks	Accessibility; age; race/ethnicity

Scott County Legacy Project Equity Highlight



What communities are you working to better serve with this project?

- New park visitors and visitors of color
 - “meeting with friends and family” most popular activity to do in the parks
- Families with young children, all visitors
 - Bathroom and water access
- All visitors
 - Desire for additional programming

How has your community engagement or equity lens shaped your project to better serve identified populations

- On-going community engagement
 - Resident Surveys and Visitor Studies (local)
 - 5-year visitor study (Metropolitan Council)
- Long-range plans

Three Rivers FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: FY26: \$6,037,285 FY27: \$6,273,507 TOTAL: \$12,310,792	Amount
District-wide: CCM, Contracts, etc. to Support Forestry-Horticulture Operations: 2026	\$ 430,000
District-wide: CCM, Contracts, etc. to Support Forestry-Horticulture Operations: 2027	\$ 430,000
District-wide: Water Quality Improvements: 2026	\$ 206,461
District-wide: Water Quality Improvements: 2027	\$ 220,000
Bassett Ck RT: Reconstruction of the regional trail along 36th Ave between Zachary Ln and TH 169. Trail reconstructed as part of City of Plymouth led 36th Ave reconstruction project	\$ 685,000
Elm Creek: Grambarts storage building's exterior rehab	\$ 200,000

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Hyland Operations Center: Hyland Operations Center - Roof Replacement (cost adjustment)	\$ 530,000
MN River Bluffs RT: Reconstruction of CR 62 east and west overpasses	\$ 420,000
Noerenberg: Carriage House foundation/basement replacement	\$ 200,000
Shingle Creek RT: Design and reconstruct the Shingle Creek RT along Noble Ave in Brooklyn Park	\$ 156,871
Shingle Creek RT: Design, realign and reconstruct Shingle Creek Regional Trail in Brooklyn Center	\$ 195,000
Carver PR: Road and parking lot mill and overlay - Parley, Springview, and Lowry NC (engineering in 2026, construction in 2027)	\$ 1,085,000

Three Rivers FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

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Lake Minnetonka RP: Reconstruction of phase 2 roads, parking lots, park trails, and connector trail to Hwy 7 underpass (Design & Engineering in 2026, reconstruction in 2027)	\$ 4,354,682
Baker PR: Katrina internal trail loop reconstruction (engineering in 2027/28, construction in 2028)	\$ 220,000
French RP: Maintenance parking lot mil and overlay	\$ 130,000
Gale Woods: Gale Woods pavilion HVAC replacement	\$ 130,539
Nursery: Energy Consumption Reduction: Solar Roof installations	\$ 400,000
Bryant Lk RT: Design and construct the Bryant Lake Regional Trail in Minnetonka	\$ 430,000

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Eagle Lake RT: Design and construct the Eagle Lake Regional Trail in Plymouth and Minnetonka	\$ 6,730,000
Reg Trails: Design & Construct: Wayfinding and Rest Areas @ Cedar Lake, Medicine Lk, West Mississippi River and Crystal Lake Regional Trails	\$ 520,000
TOTAL Legacy Grants	\$12,310,792
TOTAL Projects Cost	\$41,400,704
% of Project cost funded by Legacy	29.7 %

Bloomington/Three Rivers Partnership Executive Summary

What is covered:

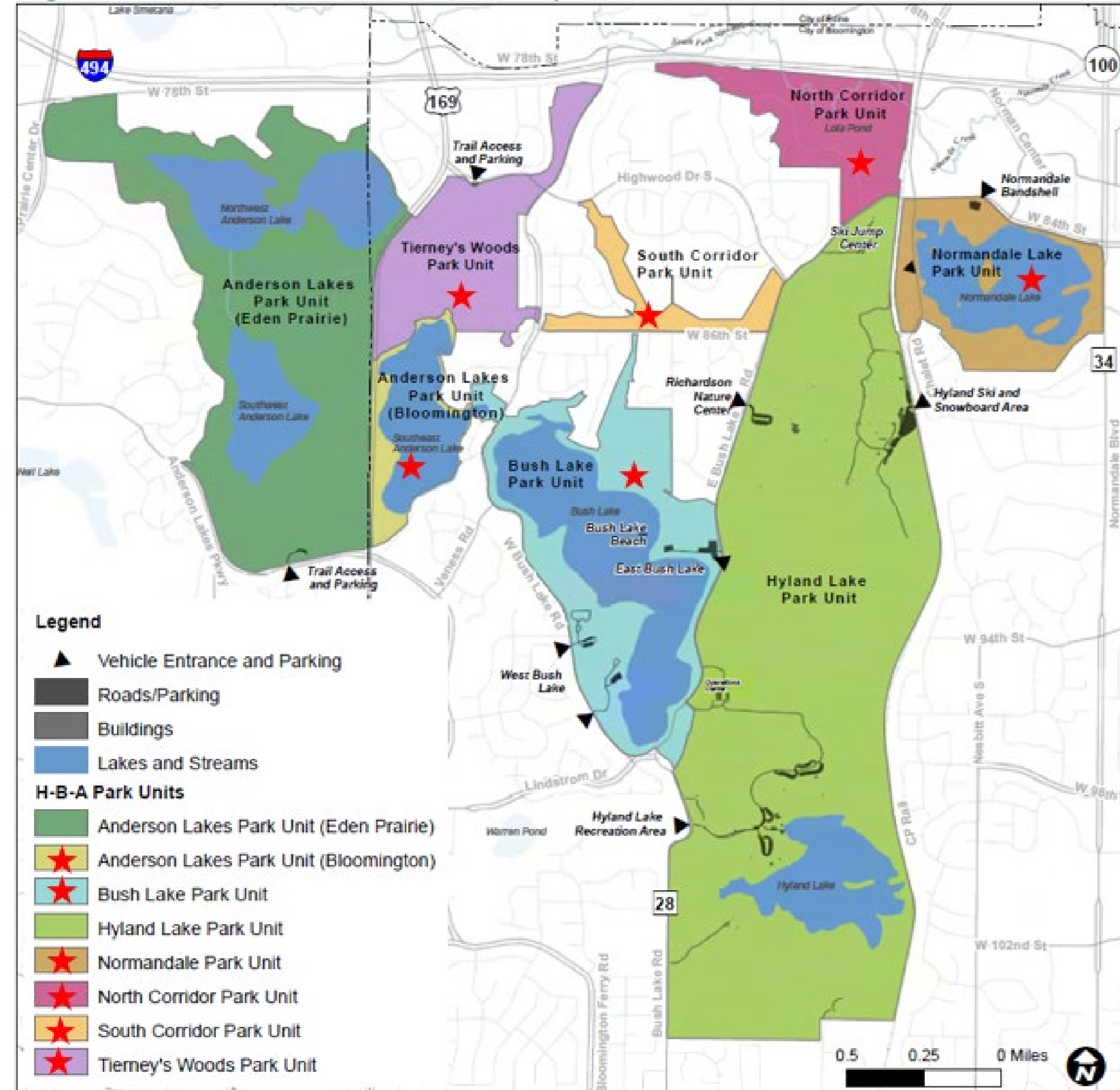
All Existing City of Bloomington regional park units and facilities within Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, including the Normandale Lake Bandshell; and the city's segments of the CP Rail, Nine Mile Creek and Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trails.

Services provided by Three Rivers:

- Natural Resources management
- Horizontal and vertical infrastructure maintenance
- Preservation and rehabilitation maintenance
- Operational maintenance
- Operations
- Programming
- Reservations
- Planning
- Grant Management
- Capital Improvements
- Land acquisition of inholding properties recognized in approved Long-range plans.

Bloomington/Three Rivers Partnership Executive Summary

Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve



Bloomington Regional Trails

(Green = CP Rail RT, Black = Nokomis/MN River RT; Blue = Nine Mile Creek RT)



Bloomington/Three Rivers Partnership Executive Summary



Bloomington FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: FY26: \$384,945 FY27: \$400,007 TOTAL: \$784,952	Amount
Three Rivers/Bloomington will be conducting an infrastructure inventory in 2025, which will determine the greatest need projects to be done in 2026 and 2027.	\$ 784,952

Washington County FY2026/2027 Legacy Projects

Total Estimated Allocation: \$2,787,707

Equity Focus Area

Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension:

Fill system gap and extend the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail south to the county line.

All

Big Marine Park Reserve Improvements:

Improvements identified in the Long-Range Plan at Big Marine Park Reserve, including access, natural resources, recreation, and trails.

Ability

St Croix Bluffs Regional Park Campground Improvements:

Improvements to the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park campground, including campsite upgrades and play area improvements.

Age/Ability

Central Greenway Regional Trail - Lake Elmo Segment Feasibility Study:

Conduct feasibility study to address key design challenges within the City of Lake Elmo.

Ability

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Washington County Legacy Project Equity Highlight

Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension

- Washington Co's most visited trail
- Address 1-mile gap in the regional network.
 - Ramsey County/Saint Paul via the Bruce Vento RT
 - Anoka County/Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve via Rice Creek RT
 - Chisago County/North Branch via the Sunrise Prairie RT

