

# Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve (Riesgraf), Scott County

Business Item 2025-162

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

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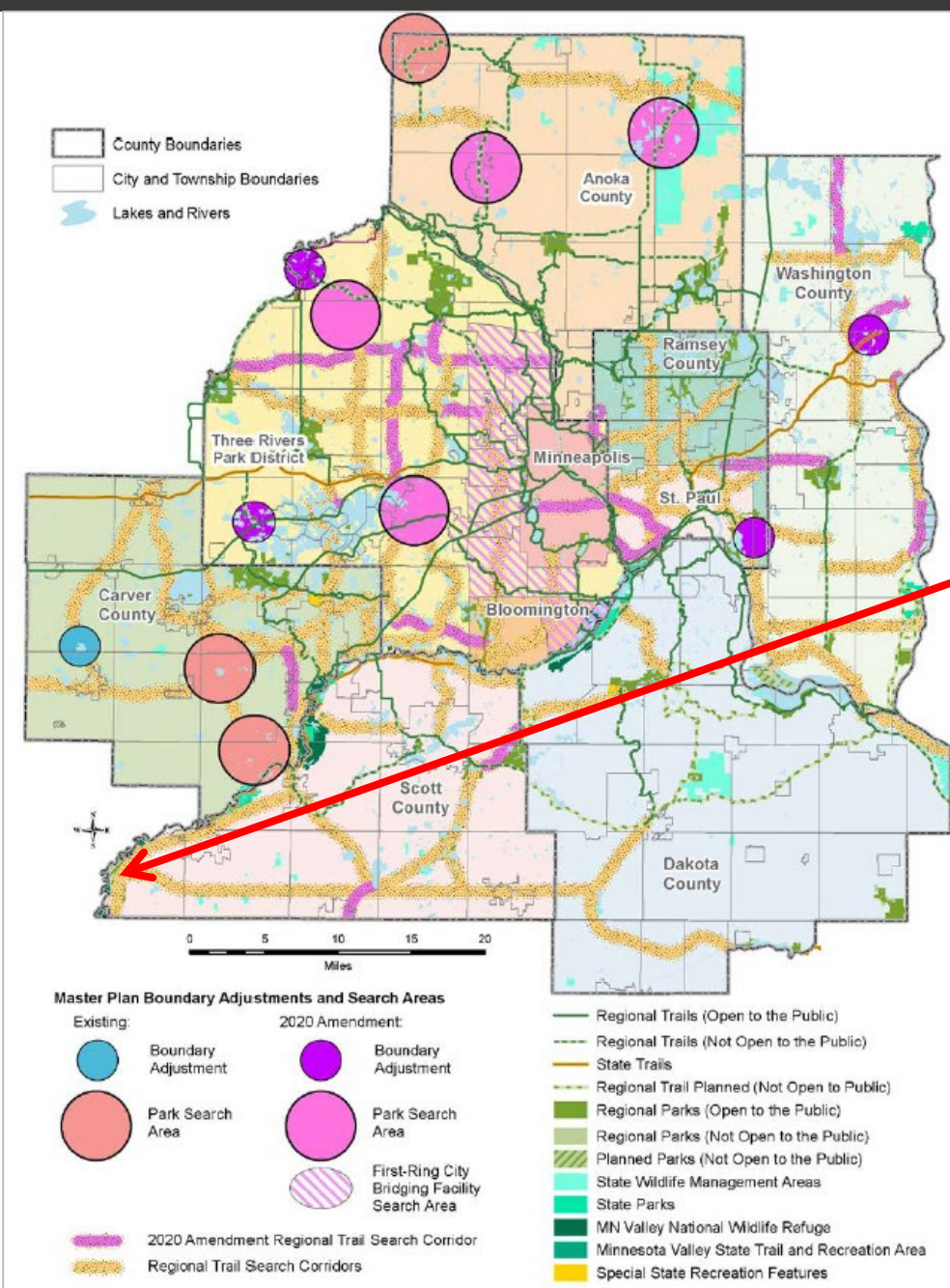
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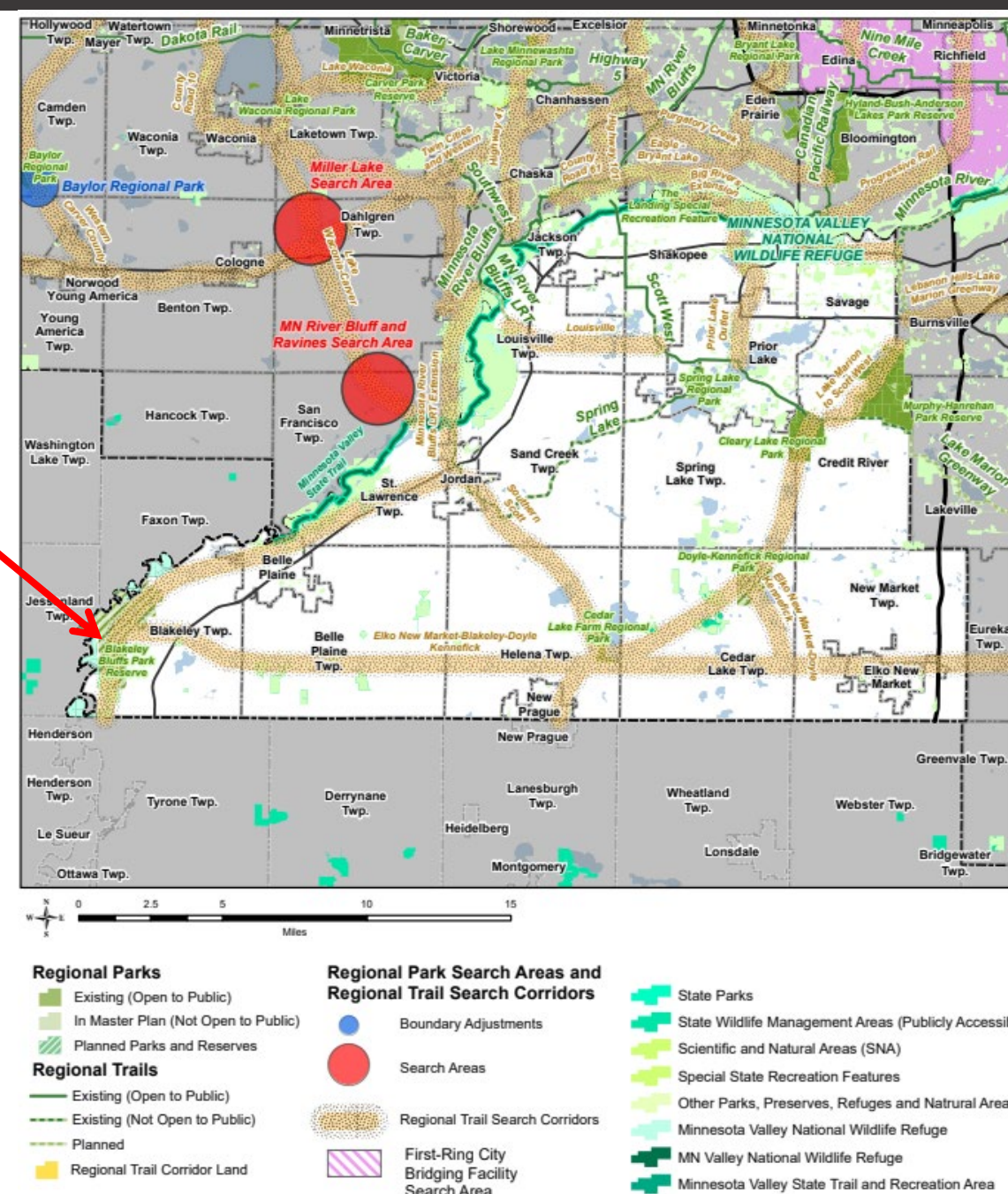




# Regional Parks System Plan Map

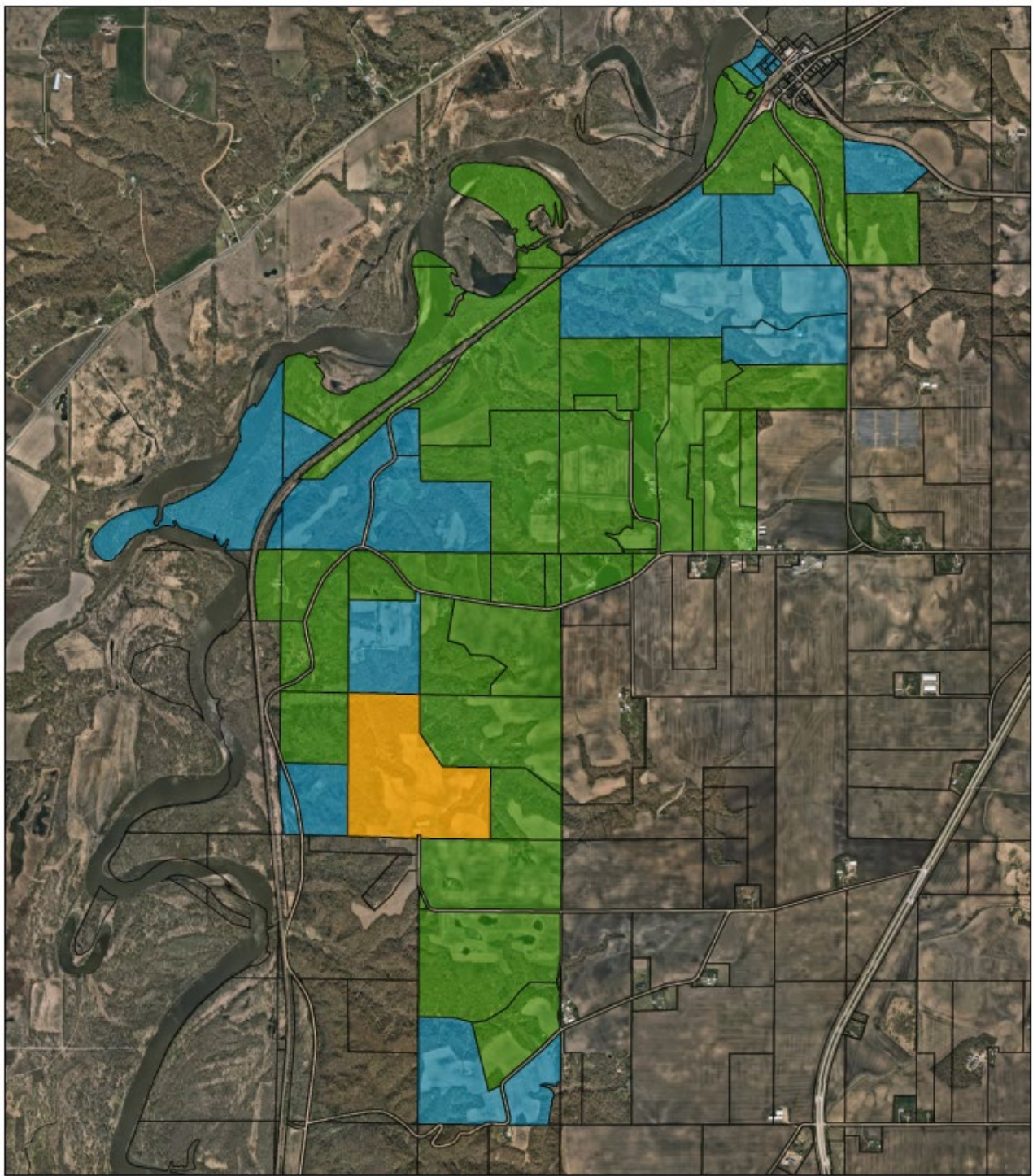


Blakeley  
Bluffs Park  
Reserve





# Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve- Riesgraf property



Scott County Planning and Resource Management  
Parks and Trail Department  
5/6/2025  


Acquired Park Land  
Potential Acquisition  
Planned Park Boundary -  
Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve

0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000  
Feet



# Project cost

- Appraised value: \$1,700,000
- Purchase price: \$2,000,000
- Purchase price allowed for grant: \$1,870,000
- Total grant project cost: \$1,950,003
- Total grant amount: \$1,462,502
- Scott County match: \$487,501

# Rationale for recommendation

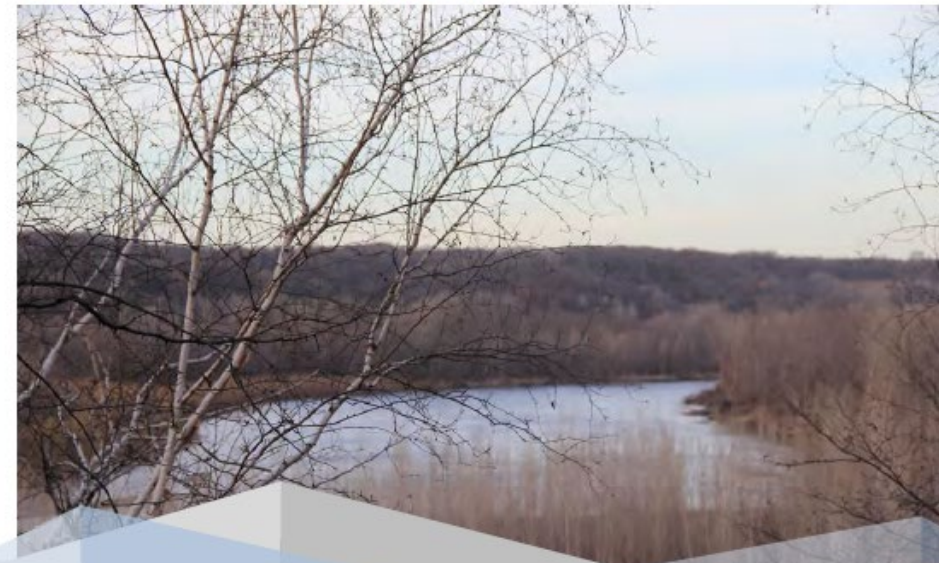
## Consistent with:

- The 2050 Regional Parks Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund
- The Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve long-range plan;
- Scott County is within it's \$2 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund.



## Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Master Plan

Scott County Parks and Trails



*The mission for Scott County parks and trails is to enhance the health and spirit of our residents and guests by creating a sustainable system that connects people to the natural world.*

Scott County is a regional park implementing agency of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Funding for Scott County's regional parks and trails master planning has been provided through a grant received under the Minnesota Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment, in which 14.25% of the funds generated from the 3/8% increase in the state sales tax will provide funding for regional and state parks and trails.

December 13, 2011

# Recommendations

## That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,462,502 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to acquire a 123-acre parcel located at 17525 263<sup>rd</sup> St. W. in Belle Plaine, MN, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.