



2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan Amendment: Modernizing Mapping Information Item

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Modernizing Mapping



Background

- System growth since 1974 requires updated tools embracing GIS technology for improved accuracy.
- GIS data is more accurate than visionary long-range plans
- The GIS Improvement Project revealed a number of minor amendments that are needed to correct and reconcile the plans.

Policy Plan Amendment Proposal

- To establish GIS data as the official land record.
- Reconcile needed mapping corrections.

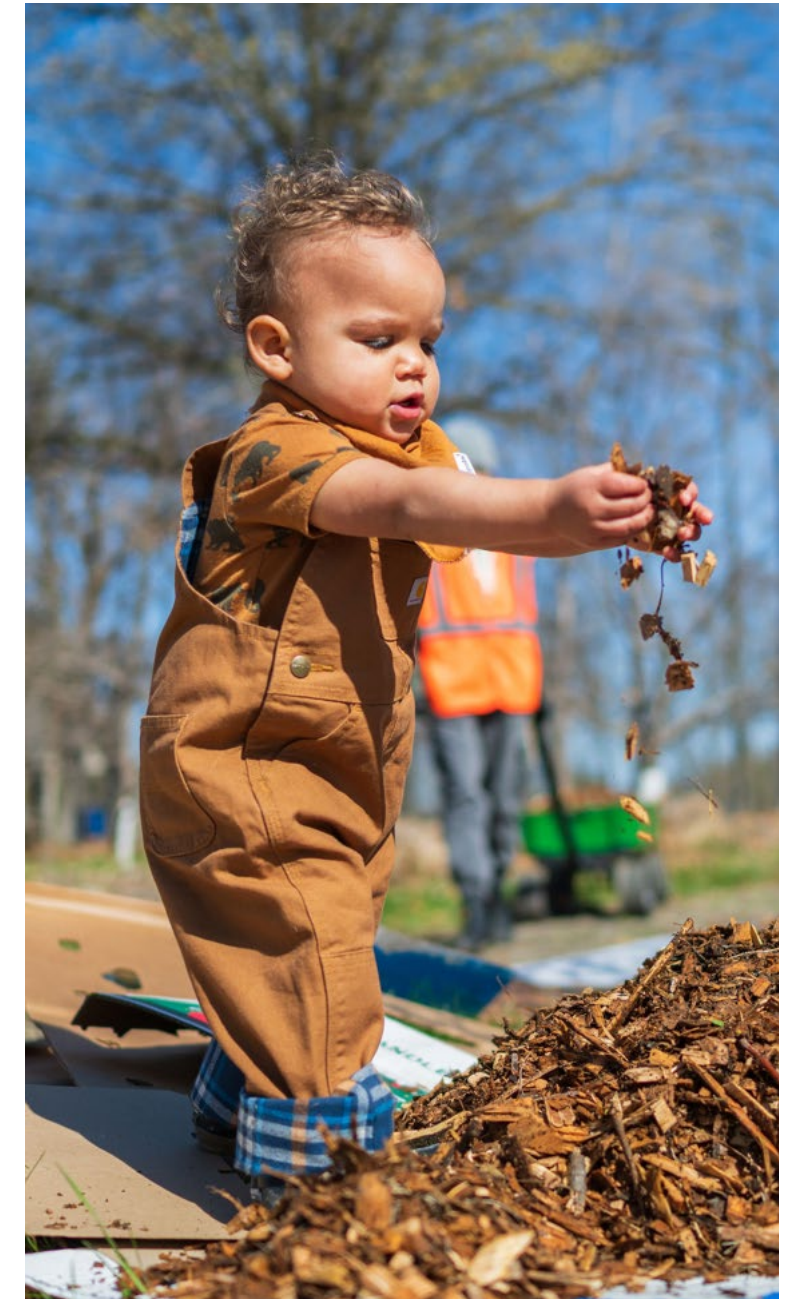
Long Range Plan and Needed Corrections

Long-Range Plans

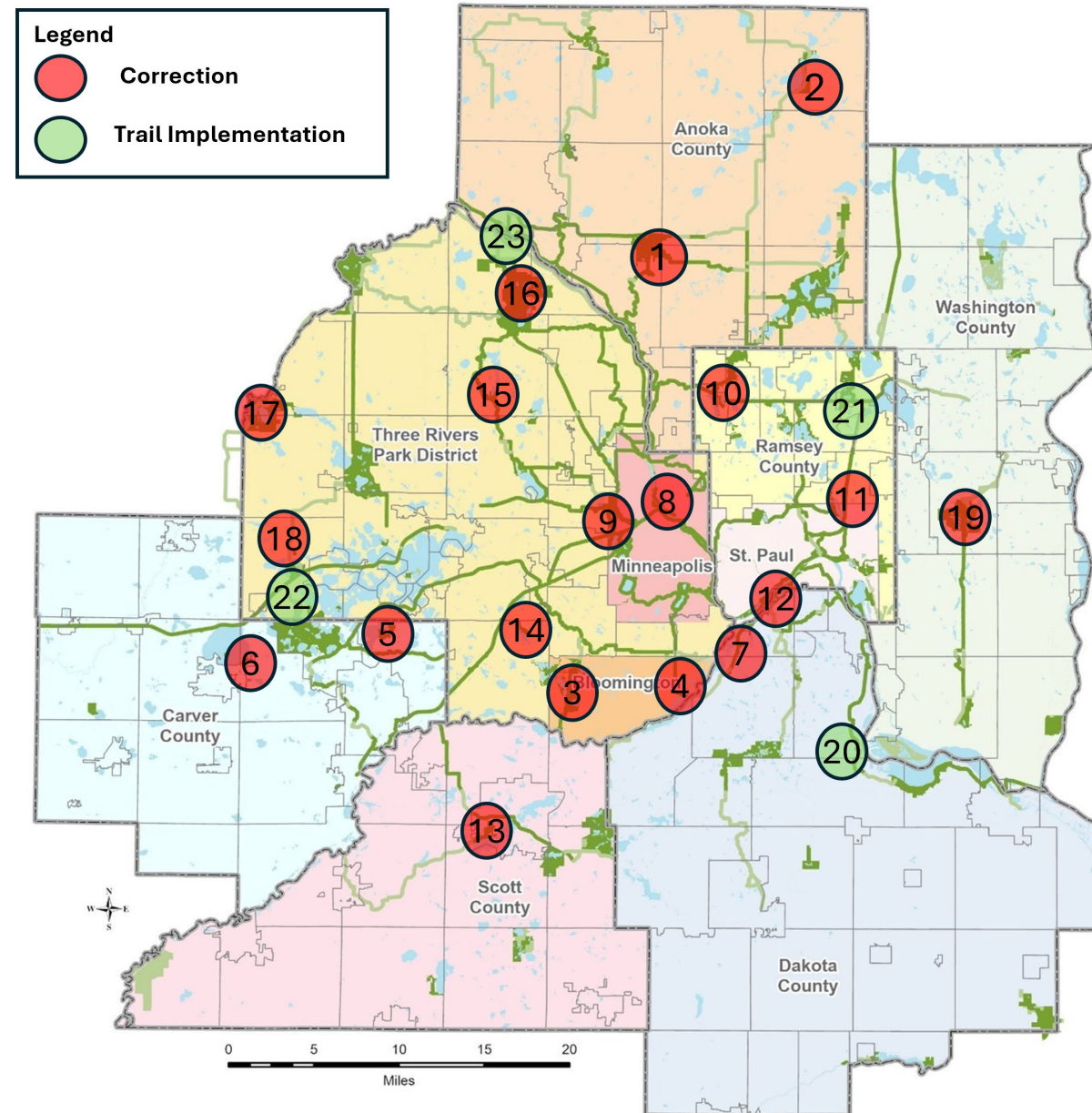
- Serve as the vehicle for **Council approvals**.
- Will now work **in concert with GIS**, which is more detailed and updated annually.

Proposed Long-Range Plan/Data Amendments

- Minor changes to reconcile long-range plans with GIS data.
 - Mainly comprised of corrections and trail implementation changes.



Amendment Locations



Correction Examples – Regional Parks

Anoka County's Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park Amendment



Proposed addition of parcels located in the northwest part of the of the park.

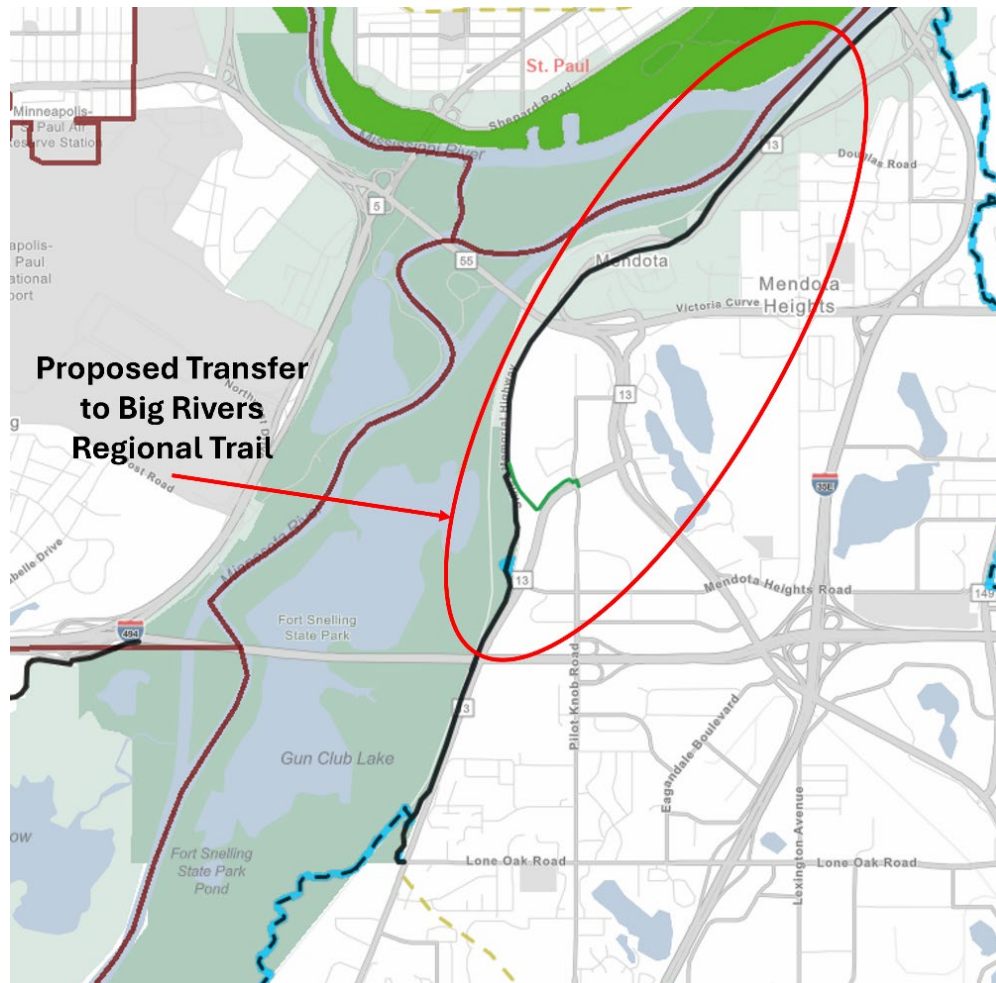
Carver County's Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Amendment



Proposed addition of parkland to the entrance in the southeast part of the park.

Correction Examples – Regional Trails

Dakota County's Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail Amendment



Clarifies the boundary between the Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional Trail.

Bloomington's Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trail Amendment



2.0-mile existing trail extension to connect to Three River's trail terminus and transfer management to Three Rivers.

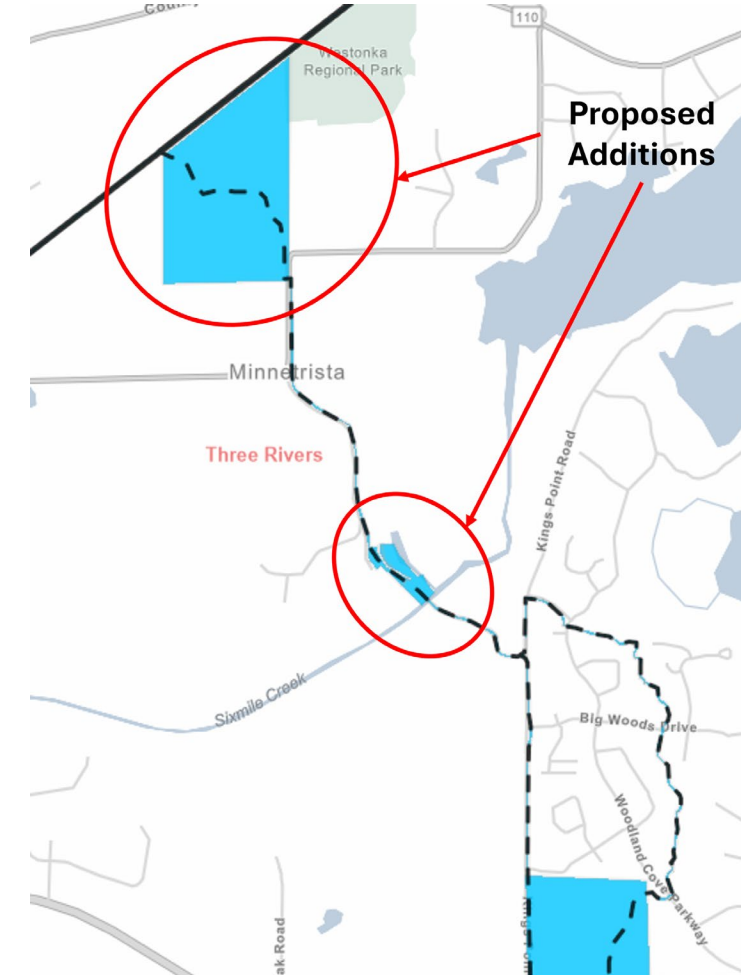
Trail Implementation Examples

Ramsey County's Birch Lake Regional Trail Amendment



Trail alignment implemented along Hammond Road and Township Parkway, to connect with Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park.

Three Rivers Park District's Baker-Carver Regional Trail Amendment



Addition of Segment F trail corridor land for trail development and natural system management.

Next Steps



| Date | Milestone |
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| June 5, 2025 MPOSC | Information Item |
| June 16, 2025 CDC | |
| September 4, 2025 MPOSC | Policy Plan Amendment Business Item; Release for Public Comment |
| September 15, 2025 CDC | |
| September 24 MC action; next day notice, period opens | |
| November 5, 2025 (week of) Committee of the Whole or MC | Public hearing |
| November 17, 2025 | Public comment period closes |
| Varies | Final public comment reports prepared |



Thank you

