

Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (CCRRA Phase 2), Carver County

Business Item 2025-243

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

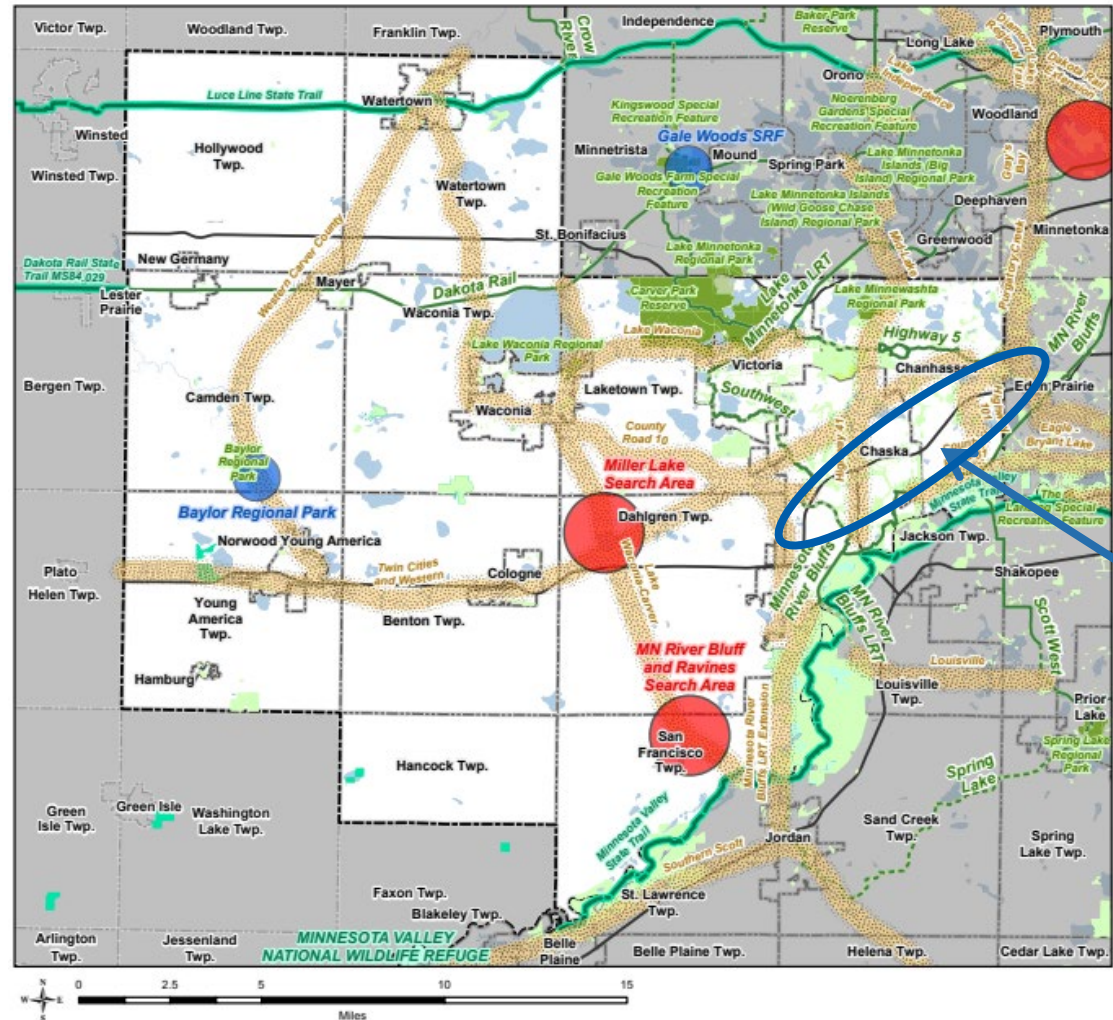
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Regional Parks System Plan Map

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

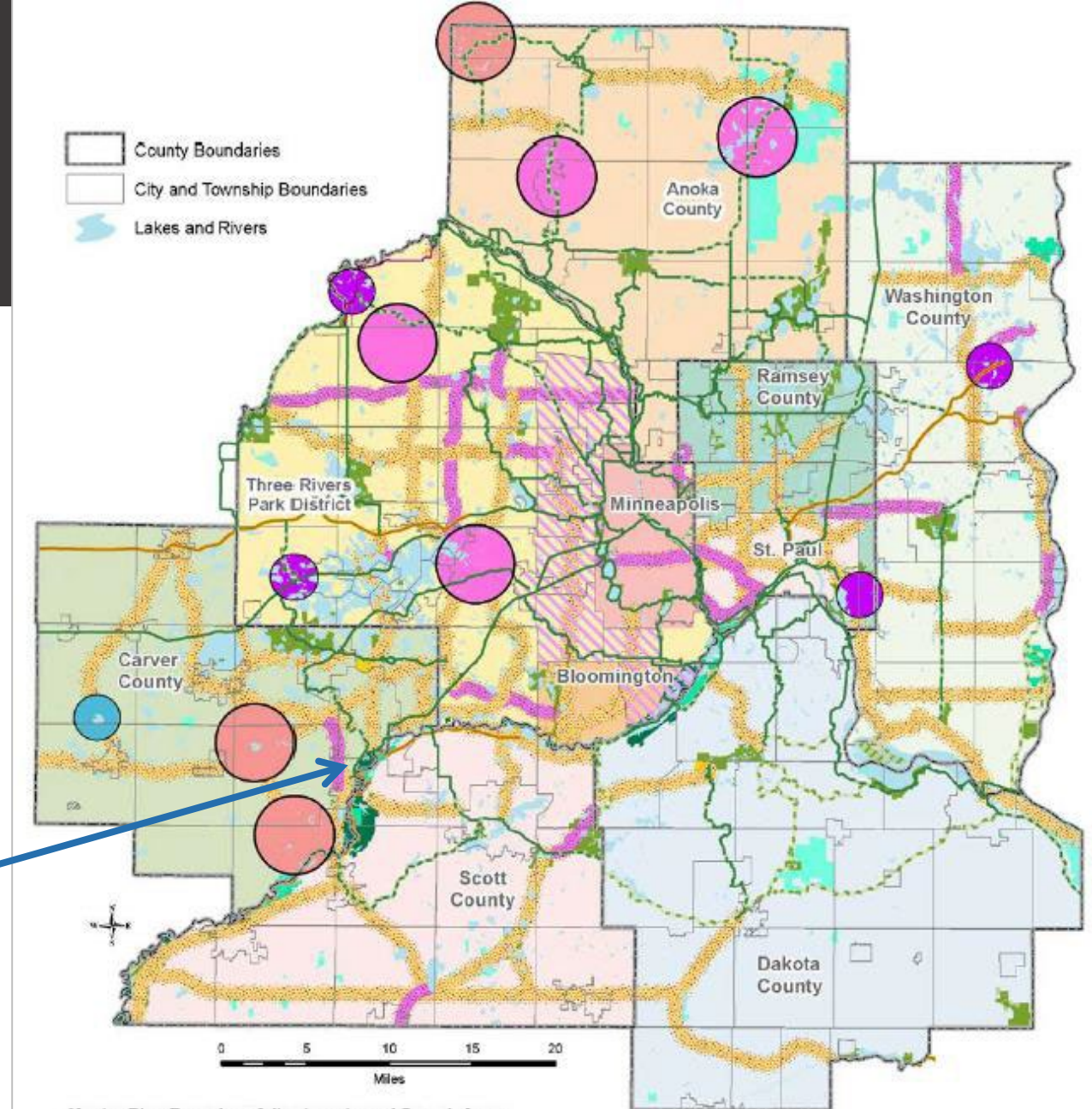
Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors

- Boundary Adjustments
- Search Areas
- Regional Trail Search Corridors
- First-Ring City Bridging Facility Search Area

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

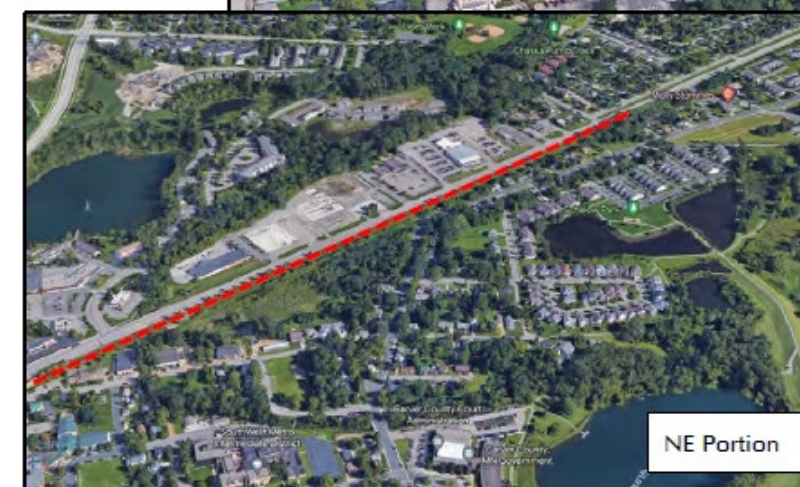
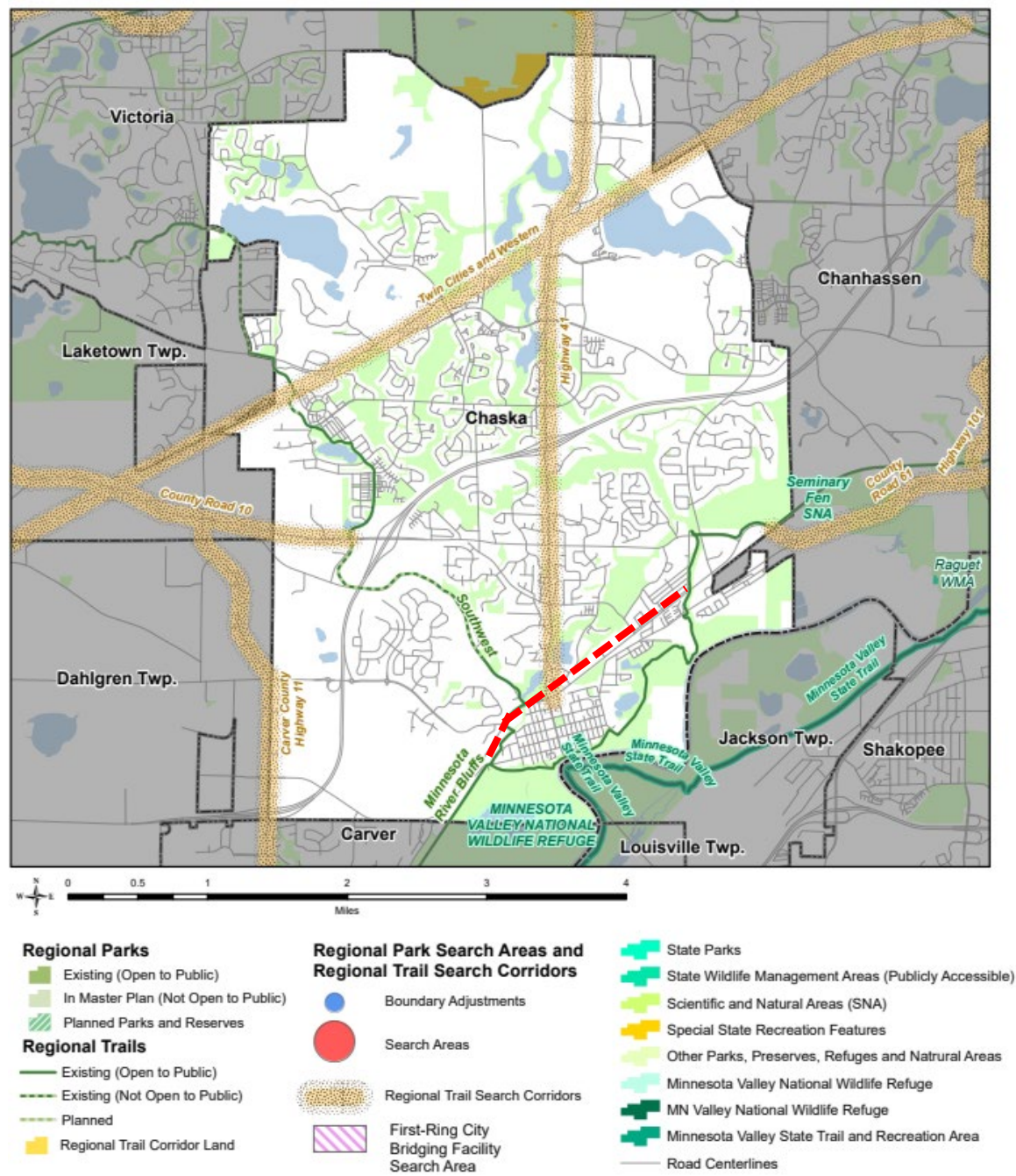
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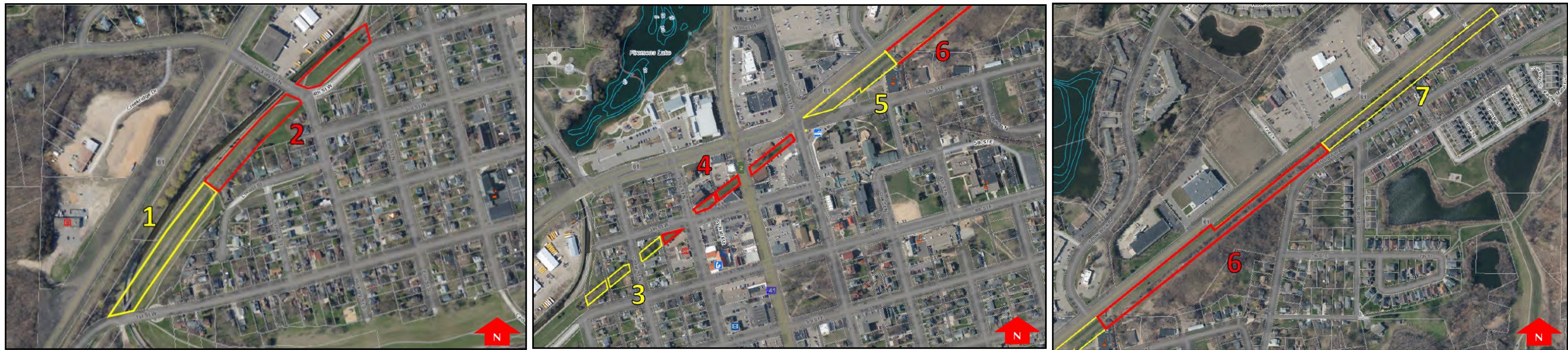
Master Plan Boundary Adjustments and Search Areas



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Project Cost

- Appraised value: \$1,824,500
- CCRRA donation: \$456,125
- Total project cost: \$1,824,500 (including in-kind match)
- Purchase price: \$1,368,375
- Total grant amount: \$1,368,375
- Carver County match: \$456,125



Rationale for Recommendation

Consistent with:

- The 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan;
- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund;
- The Minnesota Rivers Bluffs Regional Trail Long Range Plan; and
- Carver County is within it's \$2 million per fiscal year limit for the PTLF Park Acquisition Opportunity Funds.

Recommendations

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,368,375 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire in easement approximately 7.7 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.

