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2040 Regional Parks System Plan Summary

As Figure 3-10 illustrates, the updated 2040 System Plan includes:

- Regional Parks System facilities open to the public (2020)
  - 44 regional parks
  - 12 park reserves
  - 8 special recreation features
  - 55 regional trails, consisting of 415 miles

- Planned Regional Parks System units that are not yet open to the public
  - 2 regional parks
  - 1 park reserve
  - 8 regional trails, consisting of approximately 80 miles

- Regional Parks System boundary adjustments
  - 3 regional parks
  - 1 park reserve
  - 1 special recreation feature

- Regional park search areas
  - 7 regional park search areas

- Special recreation feature search area
  - 1 location siting multiple unique bridging facilities

- Regional trail search corridors
  - 53 regional trail search corridors, with approximately 588 miles

- 2020 System additions process: 26 System additions and expansions were considered as part of this update including four boundary adjustments, five search areas including four regional parks and one special recreation feature bridging facility search area, and 17 regional trail search corridor additions or extensions.

  - Boundary adjustments (four):
    - Ramsey County’s Battle Creek Regional Park Boundary Adjustment
    - Three Rivers Park District’s Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Boundary Adjustment, and Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Boundary Adjustment
    - Washington County’s Pine Point Regional Park Boundary Adjustment

  - Regional park and special recreation feature search areas (five):
    - Anoka County’s Coon Lake Regional Park Search Area and Rum River Regional Park Search Area
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- Three Rivers Park District’s Rogers-Corcoran Regional Park Search Area, Minnetonka & Minnehaha Creek Corridor Regional Park Search Area, and First-Ring Special Recreation Feature Park, Bridging Facility Search Area

  - Regional trail search corridor additions or extensions (17):
    - Carver County’s County Road 11 Regional Trail Search Corridor
    - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board’s Midtown Greenway Regional Trail Search Corridor
    - Three Rivers Park District’s Weaver Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor, Eagle Lake to Bryant Lake Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor, Gray’s Bay Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor, Silverwood Regional Trail Connector Search Corridor, Purgatory Creek Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor, and Lake Sarah Regional Trail Extension Search Corridor
    - Scott County’s Cedar Lake Farm to New Prague Destination Regional Trail Search Corridor and Lake Marion to Scott West Regional Trail Search Corridor
    - Saint Paul’s Midtown Greenway Extension Regional Trail Search Corridor, CP Rail Spur Regional Trail Search Corridor, and Union Pacific Railroad’s Altoona Subdivision Regional Trail Search Corridor
    - Washington County’s Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail Search Corridor Extension, Central Greenway Regional Trail Search Corridor Extension, Lake Elmo Park Reserve to Phalen-Keller Regional Park Regional Trail Search Corridor, and Pine Point Regional Park to Square Lake Special Recreation Feature Regional Trail Search Corridor
Figure 3-10: 2040 Regional Parks System Plan Map