



**Carver
County
Parks**

11360 Highway 212 West, Suite 2
Cologne, MN 55322

**Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**Carver County Public Works Headquarters
11360 Hwy 212, Cologne, MN 55322
Conference Room #2**

**Regular Meeting
6:30 p.m.**

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (6:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (6:31 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (6:31 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (6:32 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (6:33 p.m.)
- 6) Open to the Public (6:35 p.m.)
- 7) Consent Agenda (6:40 p.m.)
 - a. Waconia Hockey Association Use Permit for the Waconia Event Center
- 8) Presentation (6:45 p.m.)
 - a. Three Rivers Park District Mountain Bike Course at Carver Park Reserve and Request for Maintenance Equipment Cost Participation
- 9) Old Business (7:15 p.m.)
 - a. Customer Service Scenarios Without Entrance Fees
 - i. High Use Facility Service Management Options
 - b. 2040 Parks and Open Space System Plan
- 10) Staff Reports (7:45 p.m.)
 - a. Waconia Event Center
 - b. Lake Waconia Regional Park
 - i. Construction Planning
 - c. MN River Bluffs Slope Failure
 - d. TH 5 Arboretum Regional Trail Connection
 - e. Park System Operations & Recreation Services Update
- 11) Commission Member Reports (8:15 p.m.)
- 12) Set Next Meeting Date (8:20 p.m.) – April 10, 2019
- 13) Adjourn Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 952-466-5250.

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Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2019

Members Present: Jim Manders, Gerald Bruner, Curt Kobilarcsik, John Fahey, Mark Lagergren, Jim Boettcher, Scott Welvaert

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

Call to Order: Manders called the meeting to order at **(6:31p.m.)**

Election of officers: **(6:31p.m.)**
Staff shared that the county ordinance for the park commission states that election of officers is to be held during the second month of the year. Park Staff can serve as Secretary. Election for Chair - Boettcher nominated Manders, Kobilarcsik second nomination; Lagergren nominated Bruner, Welvaert second the nomination. Vote was taken - Bruner was elected as Chair on a vote 4 to 3. Election for Vice Chair - Lagergren nominated Manders, Fahey second nomination; no other nominations. Manders was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

Approval of Minutes: **(6:36p.m.)**
Fahey motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 regular meeting. Kobilarcsik seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: **(6:37p.m.)**
Staff added an additional item to the staff reports which is a request from Three Rivers Parks for cost participation on Mountain Bike trails at Carver Park Reserve.

Approval of Agenda: **(6:37 p.m.)**
Lagergren motioned to approve meeting agenda
Boettcher seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Commissioner Liaison Report: **(6:37p.m.)**
Walsh reported that he and Lynch met prior to the meeting. Lynch sent his regrets as he was not able to attend tonight.

Open to the Public: **(6:38 p.m.)**
None Present

Park Commission Orientation Presentation: **(6:38 p.m.)**

Staff shared with park commission members a Power Point orientation presentation for new member Welvaert and for review by existing members. Items covered in the presentation were the role of the park commission, background on the regional park system as a whole, implementing agency role, role of the Metropolitan Council, shared the three Carver County Regional parks, county parks that don't meet regional park classification, shared the regional trails within the county, staffing for the parks full-time and seasonal, amenities at each park, regional trail locations within the county, general services provided, programs and events at the parks or provided by park

staff. Information was provided on projects on the trails, Lake Waconia and Coney Island. Staff also stated that they are updating the comprehensive plan.

Questions or Comments:

Bruner asked if the lottery was setup to fund parks; Staff stated a portion of the funds comes to regional parks.

Boettcher asked about monument at Lake Bavaria; Staff stated that it was the first county park.

Bruner asked about the MN River Bluffs trail and if that trail goes all the way into Minneapolis; Staff stated it goes to Hopkins and from there you can get on other trails leading to Minneapolis.

Boettcher asked if the TH 5 Regional Trail will be a delayed; Staff stated due to the cultural resource work being done, we did submit a request for an extension for the federal funding. We did get some assurance that they would finish this work so we wouldn't lose the funding with a programmatic agreement. The project memorandum is held up due to the cultural resource piece. Staff stated that there is a report on what was found, if any park commission member is interested. Staffs pointed out on map where items have been found.

Manders asked about the 10 implementing agencies and how they were identified; Staff stated that they are identified in state statute from 1974. Manders asked about Wright County; staff stated that they don't fall in the metro area.

Lagergren asked about the Phase I timeline of Coney Island; Staff stated that the state historic preservation office are asking for one more plan from us which is a mitigation plan. Upon submittal, another 30 day review period begins. Staff stated that this is frustrating because they never mentioned this plan before. We have provided a data recovery document and unanticipated discovery document. Staff stated that we hope to have bid out by April for work this summer.

No other questions or comments

Old Business

(7:01 p.m.)

a. Customer Services Scenarios without Entrance Fees

Staff reviewed the memo that was provide to park commission members that reflected the different service scenarios should park entrance fees be eliminated. The memo includes background information of service that has been provided at the parks. Examples of services provided include: directional information to park users, permit fee collection, user count data collection, winter and summer rental programs at Lake Minnewashta and Baylor Regional Parks, general customer service to address complaints and service needs, general public relations and/or interactions with park users. The majority of services are provided between Memorial Day and Labor Day for each of the three parks.

Staff also shared the level of services at each park; Baylor Park is weekend service at gate house for customer contact for picnic shelter, MN Astronomical Society services, equipment rental (summer and winter). Lake Waconia has customer contact Monday – Sunday high volume of beach users and Lake Minnewashta has customer contact Monday – Sunday. Attendants help with directions to picnic shelters, off-leash dog park, monitoring parking capacities at the boat access; staff explained the conditional use permit from the City of Chanhassen which limits the number of vehicles with trailers that can park, equipment rental (summer and winter). Staff stated this park has the highest park usage amongst the three parks.

Staff shared the costs to staff the existing 2018 service model and the revenue generated from 2018 park entrance fees. Staff shared the calculation showing an increase needed in the general fund contribution. Also provided was the cost for collecting user counts, stating that this service will not go away due to the requirement of Met Council.

Staff reviewed each service scenario, the costs and how much general fund would be needed to offset the different service scenarios should park entrance fees be eliminated. The scenarios range from keeping the existing model with gate staff at entrance for customer service Monday – Sunday, other options limited service to just weekends, service only at Lake Minnewashta and no rentals summer or winter at either park. Staff stated that we have a lot of unknowns of what will happen in the parks when the fees are eliminated. It is anticipated that the most popular activities could have increased usage. Discussion was had on possible scenarios and number of people using the parks.

Staff asked each park commission member to provide an option they would like to see:

Bruner stated that in his opinion, not charging a fee for park entrance will make the parks crazy with people and things will be unruly; he thinks maybe not charging a fee during the week and charging a fee on the weekends.

Welvaert stated he would like to see the existing model or go with service on weekends and provide for rentals.

Lagergren stated he would like to see the rental programs stay at the parks.

Fahey supports the elimination of entrance fees and keeping the rentals in place or charging for different facilities or activities to control growth, he stated keep services the same and see what happens in the parks, then adjust.

Boettcher stated charge a fee on weekends and provide free during the week. This might be confusing, but it is needed. Also keep the rental programs.

Kobilarcsik supports the elimination of the fees. He would like to keep existing services with rentals intact and maybe expanding the rentals in the future with increased volume of people. He would like to keep the existing model. He stated that he doesn't feel the difference in dollars is big enough to reduce the services at the parks. He stated there should be someone in the parks if something comes up.

Manders stated that his observation is the primary services needs are for the dog park, boat access and maybe some directional services. He stated that Three Rivers has no fee entry and he said that he doesn't feel that they have been overwhelmed. They have increased fees on other items like camping, and other things. He stated, how do you control it if you don't have a fee for the dog park or boat access to help control the larger volumes of people.

Staff stated that if we eliminate entrance fees and then we replace entrance fees by charging for certain things in the parks like the dog park and boat access, what is the message that we are sending to the county board and the Finance Department.

Discussion was had on the fees for different items in the parks, how do you manage those items, related costs and implementation.

Discussion was had on entrance fee charged now and if this is a barrier to people from coming to the park; Staff stated that entrance fees have been eliminated at Three Rivers Parks. People wonder why we charge.

Staff will look at comments and come back with possible options.

Questions or Comments:

Fahey asked if the increase to general fund takes care of the shortfall for the parks; Staff stated the county has a resource that they can use to make up the difference without increasing the general fund tax levy. The board indicated that they wanted to take a look at eliminating the park entrance fees and using some of these

funds. Staff stated that the board may decide to use those funds in a different way once we give them the numbers of what will be needed to supplement the lost revenue.

Boettcher asked about the boat services at Lake Minnewashta; Staff stated that the City of Chanhassen has issue us a conditional use permit that we have only 35 vehicle with trailer parking spots at the boat landing. Gate attendants are needed to keep track of number of boats coming and going. Discussion was had on different methods of keeping track of number of boats at the landing and the process that is being used currently.

Bruner stated that if we have no entrance fees, you will have a lot more people coming into the parks.

Boettcher asked about the costs of labor from Memorial Day – Labor Day; Staff stated that most of the labor is during this time. However, if weather is nice, we could have staff before and after these dates mostly on weekends.

Fahey asked about the revenue generated for rentals and if this would be applied to the operation expense; Staff stated that our rental programs are subsidized, the rental revenue is not part of the park entrance fees. Discussion was had on the rental program. Lost revenue from rental would need to be off set with additional funds.

Manders stated that we shouldn't go entirely without services. Supply some services and then decided based on usage.

Park commission members don't want to see the rental services go away and maybe more people in the park will mean more rentals as well as more maintenance and trash services needed.

Boettcher asked if we could use the old boat landing area at Lake Minnewashta for extra boat traffic parking; staff stated that we would be exceeding the boat launching numbers.

Fahey stated that we keep services as is for a couple years to see what happens at the parks. Once we know what will happen with no entrance fee, then make a decision on what type of services to offer. Discussion was had on handling more people in the parks and how do we manage it.

Staff stated that Three Rivers has a no entrance fee but charge for other items like dog park, boat launching. Discussion was had on this.

Manders stated that Chanhassen does not have ongoing support on weekends and it seems to go ok; but our parks have different offerings and it might need services on the weekends and onsite control.

Staff shared information on use at the parks during the week and weekends at each park and the services at any giving time.

Fahey stated that you could have signs directing people to the different shelters or a card reader for the dog park to let people in.

Boettcher stated that maybe a tiered structure for using the dog park or boat landing, which would be cheaper than it is now.

No Questions or Comments

Staff Reports:

(8:08 p.m.)

A. Waconia Event Center/Lake Waconia Park

Staff shared a power point with information that was presented to the county board in January, the board has asked for information on the ballroom that is also impacting the plans for grading and utilities. Some of the information shared was the background information with the sewer and water, background on event center with running the town hall model, the plaza design and market analysis of event venues in the area that supplies same type of services for rentals and SWOT from the stakeholders group.

Staff stated that the architects are aware of the history of Coney Island and they are focusing in on the outdoor spaces of the park. Staff shared the area of park that they are focusing on and showed a map of where things would be located in the park. Staff stated that the existing buildings at the park will be removed so there will be an immediate need for restrooms at the park. Staff shared concepts of what the central plaza and what those buildings might look like. Also shared was the picnic area and different site amenities showing a couple different concepts. Staff showed how things might look like with different types of events at the park, with possible lighting in the park at some point. Staff stated at this time all of these designs and drawings are conceptual.

Staff shared what the cost of central plaza/concession building would be as well as picnic shelter with restrooms. Staff stated that the next step is to address the need for restrooms and picnic shelter.

Staff shared the other benchmark facilities (dining/drinking) venues in the county, reviewed the SWOT exercise that was done by the stakeholder group. Staff reviewed the facility options for the Event Center which consist of 1) Maintaining the existing facility, upgrading the facility to address maintenance and code compliance needs and provide a full service kitchen. 2) Reprogramming the facility which includes extensive renovations of the building, a catering kitchen, new restrooms, rooms for multipurpose programming. 4) Building a new multipurpose facility, on a new site. 5) Remove existing facility. With these options, pros and cons were provided.

Staff stated that the property that the ballroom is on was purchased with Environmental Natural Resources Trust Funds. These dollars are for public recreational space. Continuing the ballroom on this site would be contrary to the funding. The Metropolitan Council allowed an interim use of the ballroom to until the property was needed to be repurposed. If we didn't plan for use consistent with the funds we might have to repay the funds. There are also Met Council funds in the property and they may ask for dollars back. Discussion was had on funding sources and options.

Staff shared costs for each of these options and the potential maintenance and operational costs that go along with each option. Discussion was had on the costs and what those costs would cover.

Staff also shared options that would be eligible for funding through LCCMR or other regional funding.

Staff stated that the county board made a recommendation for additional analysis on repurposing the building or building a new facility. Staff stated that at the end of the month, we will share with them costs of providing additional analysis of these options. Staff stated that also we will be able to share with them the renderings of park. We will be able to show them the issues that we have with treatment of stormwater and the elevation of the Event Center presents challenges.

Park commission members are leaning on removal of the building, constructing a different building, a new multipurpose facility that is planned for the future.

Staff stated that they will be getting further direction at the February 26th board meeting.

Questions or Comments:

Bruner stated that it looks like there is a plan for a new building; Staff stated the master plan calls for multiple buildings in the park but at this time we might just start with just one of the buildings.

Boettcher asked what will be happening to the picnic shelter and bathrooms that are at the park now; Staff stated those will be removed once we start the grading of the park.

Manders asked about the removal of the Event Center; Staff stated that our recommendation was to maintain the existing structure, phasing it out and remove. Manders asked if there is a political impact to county; Staff stated that the impact goes further out than just Waconia. If we remove, it will upset some. Giving the best information is the best way to go about it.

Discussion was had on keeping and removing the building. It was suggested that the money we are spending on analysis is better spent elsewhere and does the county want to be in the event center business.

Discussion was also had on the acquisition of the building and that it was not part of the original master plan.

Discussion was also had on the larger community groups that have been using the building and that some are finding other venues and at this time there are no commitments for 2020.

No Other Questions or Comments

B. Lake Waconia Regional Park

i. Construction Planning

Staff shared the grading plan for work at the park and where the stormwater ponds will be and the layout of the parking lot in the park. Staff stated that they are working on the dirt balance in the park so they don't have to bring in outside soils to balance the site. They are looking at sidewalks, if they will be right behind the curb or away from curb.

They are looking at how people will get on and off the ice; the DNR boat access will provide one way but looking at other alternatives in the park.

Staff shared the large trunk sewer line will be coming through the park and will service future development north and east of park. MCES will also be replacing a force main in the park. This work will be occurring in the winter next year into the spring.

Staff stated that we are outside of the City limits and in order for us to get utility service we will be annexed into the City and that process has started now. On the 26th we will request authorization for annexation. A developers agreement will be drafted, site planning work will be submitted and hopefully in June presented to the planning commission for recommendation and then to city council in early July. Staff stated that we will be seeking bids in April with construction to begin in August.

Staff also stated that the Coney Island work would go out for bid also in April.

Questions or Comments:

Boettcher asked about when this happens is the park going to be closed down; Staff stated we are planning work to begin in August and once that starts might not be much access.

Lagergren asked if the entire park will be annexed into the City; staff stated that yes it would be and wanting the DNR to come along with us.

No other Questions or Comments

C. MN River Bluffs Slope Failure

Staff stated that we are closer to having an agreement done with HCRRA on the project.

No Questions or Comments

D. TH 5 Arboretum Regional Trail Connection

Talked about this topic in the orientation presentation.

E. Park Operations & Recreation Services updates:

Staff recapped the two events that took place at the Lake Waconia Event Center; staff stated that they felt that the two events were successful. Staff does not have the counts for the number of people that attended the two events but felt they were well attended. Staff stated that for the most part, there were very few issues and can work with groups to address some concerns.

Fahey commented that he has been part of the snowmobile group and did attend the event. He thought that it was in the top 3rd or 4th largest for this event. He did hear a lot of comments bad mouthing the county and did hear a lot of misinformation. He tried to manage that; he also shared the background of the event. Discussion was had on the future of the event and whether it would come back to the park in the future.

Staff shared with the recent onset of snow, free ski rentals was offered at the parks the last two weekends, and starting this weekend they will charge. If snow conditions hold, we will provide rentals until mid-March.

We are starting the hiring process for summer help.

Staff shared a video of the Baylor Park candlelit ski event that was held on February 2nd. Staff shared that we had a great turnout of about 300+ people who enjoyed the snow and the warmer temperatures. With the new snow, we are also able to have some of our winter programming activities.

Staff reminded the park commission that the Maple Syrup open house would be held on March 23rd this year.

Three Rivers proposal on Mountain Bike Trails at Carver Park Reserve (Added Agenda Item)

Staff stated that Three Rivers is moving ahead with mountain biking course at Carver Park Reserve and they are asking for cost participation with them. Staff stated that we have talked about doing an analysis of having it at Lake Waconia or Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Staff stated that it seems to make more sense to consider a partnership with them and redirect the money we would have spent to do the analysis.

Questions or Comment:

Manders asked where in the park it would be located; Staff stated they have not seen any type of layout.

Commission Member Reports: (9:16 p.m.)

Lagergren stated that the parks staff did a great job with the candlelit ski event at Baylor, he was happy to help!

Bruner stated that he applied to the Met Council District Four job and had an interview. He thought he did very well, he stated that they take three people from the interviews and submit to the governor for appointment. He stated he will find out tomorrow if he was one of the three selected to move forward. He thinks it would be nice to be on the Met Council and he would try and help the parks. Discussion was had on the process and people on the board and new governor and other staff members.

Next Meeting Date: (9:19 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on March 13, 2019 at the Public Works building in Cologne at 6:30p.m.

Adjourn Meeting: (9:20 p.m.)

Manders motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Fahey seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

Final Minutes prepared by Connie Keller

Approved by Commission Chair 



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission
CC: Marty Walsh, Parks & Recreation Director
FROM: Sam Pertz, Parks & Recreation Supervisor
SUBJECT: Waconia Area Hockey Association – Fundraising Event
DATE: 2/27/19

This memorandum outlines the pertinent details for review and permit authorization of the public special event to occur in the regional park & trail areas operated by Carver County.

2019 Waconia Area Hockey Association – Fundraising Event

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2019

Where: Lake Waconia Regional Park – Lake Waconia Event Center (LWEC)

What: Variety of indoor activities including: food & drink (alcoholic & nonalcoholic) service, entertainment (live band) and social atmosphere for adults.

Anticipated Attendance: 1,000+ people in total.

Impact on Park System: The Waconia Hockey Association is renting LWEC to facilitate all elements of the event. Traffic congestion and use impacts beyond the parking area are not anticipated.

Required Permitting Items Obtained & Reviewed: Permitting is underway and programed activities are allowed by ordinance and by conditional use permit.

*The Waconia Hockey Association has contracted with Vandy's Grill in Waconia for catering & event services.

Permit/Use Fees: LWEC rental fees for the event are estimated to be approximately \$2,200.

Number of Years the Event has been facilitated in the Park: (1) This is the first time the event group has requested a Use Permit from the Parks Department.

Staff Notes: The Waconia Hockey Association has completed permitting requirements of insurance for food and alcohol. (Insurance etc.) Live music and the consumption of alcohol will exceed normal park hours of 10:00PM and continuing until 1:00AM.

Recommendation: It is requested that the Park Commission recommend approval of the Special Event Use Permit for the Waconia Area Hockey Association Fundraising Event to the County Board.



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission
FROM: Martin Walsh, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Request for Cost Participation in Maintenance of Mountain Bike Course
DATE: March 1, 2019

In a letter dated February 7, 2019 from Johnathan Vlaming, Associate Superintendent of the Three Rivers Park District, he requested Carver County consider an operations partnership at Carver Park Reserve. The request is for a onetime commitment to assist in funding maintenance equipment which would be used to maintain a new mountain bike course.

Additional background, the sport of mountain biking, and fat tire biking conducted on single track biking courses has grown tremendously over the last few years. The activity of single track biking continues on an upward trend. In addition to biking enthusiasts, high schools are incorporating the activity as either a club sport or sanctioned as a part of the high school athletic program.

The Parks Commission has received formal requests to find space within its own park areas for mountain biking. There currently is an absence of authorized single track mountain bike facilities in the southwest metropolitan area. Further, the commission has indicated that it would like to explore if a single track facility could be accommodated within one of the Carver County Regional Parks.

The proposal by Three Rivers Park District warrants consideration. The current County Comprehensive Parks Open Space and Trails (POST) Plan and the Draft 2040 Comprehensive POST Plan identifies Carver Park Reserve as a facility which services recreational needs within the county. Additional, the request aligns with POST Goal (6) and POST Policy (5) language pertaining to partnerships.

A partnership with Three Rivers Park District may more effectively service the needs of the public for a mountain bike facility as compared to each agency working independently in the same geographic area. Additionally, it appears that the park district would accomplish the development of the facility far sooner than we would be able.

Staff from Three Rivers Park District will present their proposal along with additional information about the planned mountain bike facility at Carver Park Reserve. This will provide opportunity to further engage on the topic and provide greater understanding about the project.

A recommendation is not requested at this time.

See Attachments:



2/7/2019

Marty Walsh
Park Director
Carver County

Dear Marty,

Three Rivers proposes an operations partnership with Carver County to help bring mountain biking to Carver Park Reserve.

Mountain biking is a rapidly growing outdoor recreation activity, and has also turned into a popular high school sport. Analysis of existing and planned mountain bike facilities indicates that there is a strong need for a facility in the southwest metro. To meet this need, Three Rivers is considering development of a 10-mile single-track Mountain Bike course at Carver Park Reserve.

This facility would help meet the demand for mountain biking in Carver County for residents and high school teams. At this time, there are no park entrance fees, nor are there any mountain bike passes required to use Three Rivers' mountain bike facilities.

Three Rivers' Board of Commissioners will discuss this idea at their February 21st Board meeting, and will likely make a final decision on whether to proceed at their March Board meeting. If approved the facility would be opening by the end of 2019. Historically, the Board has been hesitant to develop facilities outside of suburban Hennepin County.

One way to help promote the successful approval and development of this facility is to create partnerships. For this project, Three Rivers has a partnership with a non-profit to help cover the design and development costs. It would be beneficial to expand on that to create an operational partnership.

An operations partnership with Carver County would be a significant positive consideration when deciding to move forward on this project. The partnership could be similar to what we arranged for Three Rivers operations and maintenance of the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail extension past downtown Victoria, with a one-time partnership donation of \$20,000 from Carver County to Three Rivers for help in partially covering the cost of the needed maintenance equipment for the trail, and the operations and maintenance of trail. There would be no further costs to Carver County.

Please review this idea with your County Administrator. Please let me know prior to 2/21/19 if the County is interested and able to help make the Mountain Bike facility a reality through an operations partnership. If Carver County is supportive of the idea, I would then draft an agreement for your review and consideration by both boards.

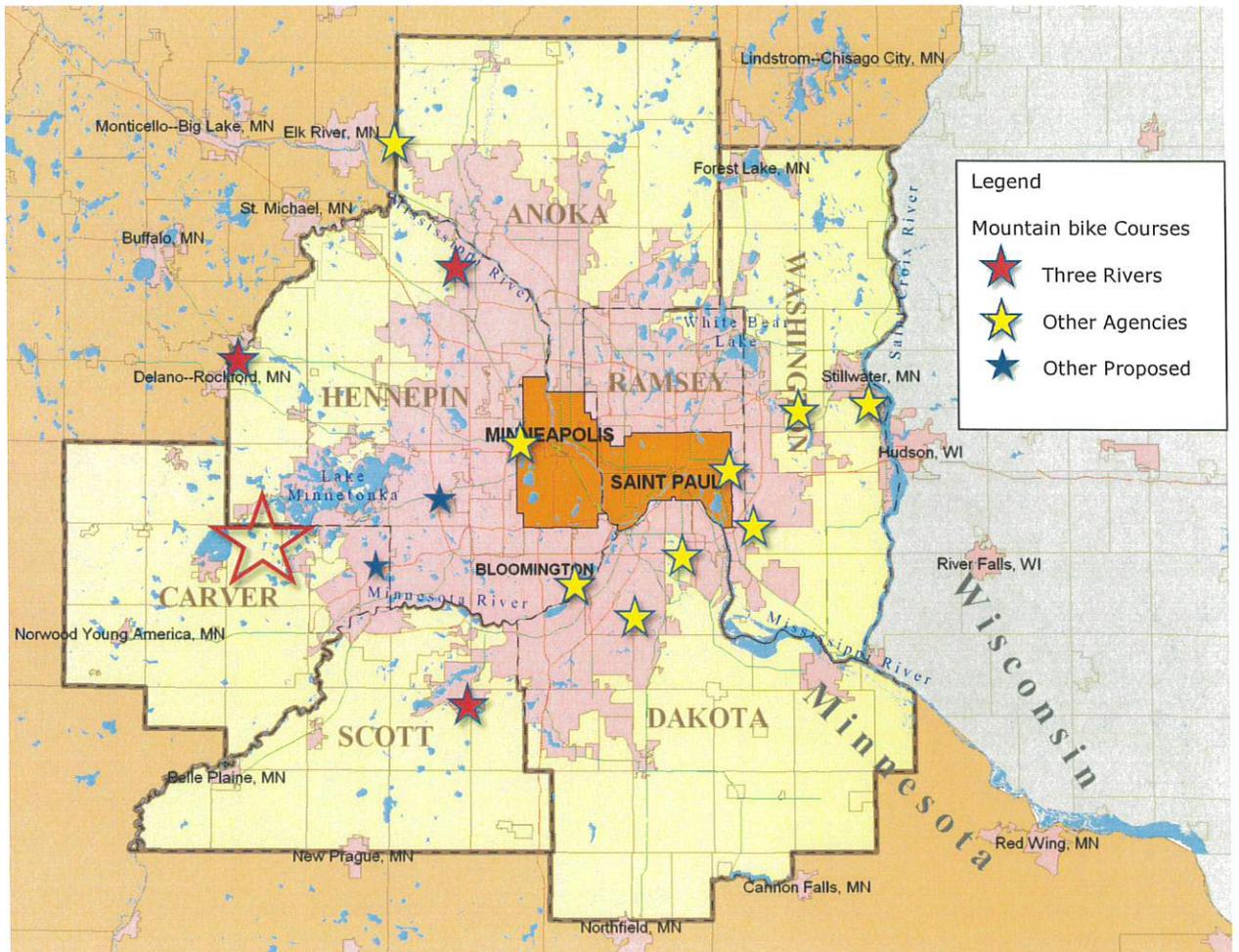
Thank you for your help on this project!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Vlaming".

Jonathan Vlaming
Associate Superintendent

Mountain Bike Courses in the 7-county Metro





MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission

FROM: Samuel Pertz, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

SUBJECT: Consideration to Eliminate Park Entrance Fees – Mitigation Solutions for Increased Use to High-Use Facilities

DATE: February 28th, 2019

This memo is intended to further brief the Park Commission about the requested consideration to eliminate park entrance fees as requested by members of the County Board.

After presenting four service scenarios at the February 2019 meeting, members of the Park Commission raised questions about an increase in use of the most popular park facilities and what outcomes might surface without the implementation of various operational solutions. The highest demand facilities identified were the: off-leash dog area and public watercraft access (Lake Minnewashta RP); beach facilities (Lake RP Waconia & Lake Minnewashta RP); campground (Baylor RP) and park system picnic pavilions/shelters. The Commission voiced concern that these high demand facilities would become overwhelmed with users, and it may cause additional operational and maintenance service needs. Those effects might ultimately have a negative impact on park users and resources.

Staff has provided possible mitigation options ranging from a wait and see approach to implantation of specific operational solutions. Other measures could be considered. Additionally, the solutions listed have not been “proofed out” at this time in terms of funding or site feasibility.

Off-leash Dog Area (Lake Minnewashta RP)

- Leave the facility as it is today and allow users to self-mitigate.
- Increase designated parking in an existing area of the park.
- Staff the park entrance on peak-use days/times.
- Implement a fee specific to facility access/usage.
- Plan for the development of increased parking at the facility.

Public Watercraft Access (Lake Minnewashta RP)

- Leave the facility as it is today and allow users to self-mitigate.
- Coordinate with the County AIS Program to mitigate parking capacity when inspection service is present.
- Staff the park entrance on peak-use days/times.
- Implement a fee specific to facility access/usage.
- Plan for the development of increased parking for users of the facility.

Beach Facilities (Lake Waconia & Lake Minnewashta RP)

- Leave the facilities as they are today and allow users to self-mitigate.
- Increase parking capacity for the facilities.
- Increase contracted lifeguard service to appropriately address increased facility usage over peak times.

Campground (Baylor RP)

- Leave the facility and operational models as they are today.
*Staff would anticipate this increase in users to be positive situation.
- Increase rates for camp site reservation.

Park System Picnic Shelter/Pavilions

- Leave the facility and operational models as they are today.
 - *Staff would anticipate this increase in users to be positive situation.
- Increase rates for camp site reservation.

Recommendation:

Staff is not seeking a recommendation from the Park Commission at this time.



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission
FROM: Martin Walsh, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: 2040 Parks and Trails Comprehensive Plan Proposed Changes
DATE: February 27, 2019

Attached are pages in the draft document of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan which have proposed changes highlighted. The changes address comments received pertaining to Parks, Open Space and Trails Chapter. Below is a brief summary of the pages with the noted changes.

Recommended changes to the Parks Trails and Open Space Chapter

- Page 6.4 change responds to comments by Three Rivers Park District "These two regional facilities do not charge..."
- Page 6.23 change responds to City of Waconia and pertains to lighting at Lake Waconia Regional Park
- Page 6.27 change responds to City of Waconia pertaining to a trail along Carver Creek to Miller Lake
- Page 6.30 change responds to DNR comments related to Tiger and Patterson WMA
- Page 6.32 change responds to DNR comment related to State Supported Grant in Aid Snowmobile Trails
- Page 6.37, Figure 6.11 has been updated to respond to comment provided by the Metropolitan Council about regional trails needing to be consistent with the Regional Parks Policy Plan. Also addresses comment by the City of Victoria concerning an errant label
- Page 6.41 change responds to City of Watertown comment asking for clarification on Crow River Regional Trail alignment (Destination Regional Trail), City of Norwood Young America for a trail connection to Baylor Regional Park and comments received about support for widened road shoulders on Highways 25 and Highway 284
- Page 6.43 change respond Comments by the Metropolitan Council and Three Rivers Park District related to TH 5 Regional Trail Master Plan and TH 5 Regional Trail alignment through Carver Park Reserve
- Pages 6.44 & 6.45 respond to Metropolitan Council comments about inconsistencies with trails either identified or trails not included in the Regional Parks Policy Plan
- 6.46 change responds to City of Watertown comment asking for clarification on the Crow River Regional Trail alignment (Linking Regional Trail)
- 6.63 added the funding source of Conservation Partners Grant Program administered by the DNR and funded Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council
- Appendix- Diagram of Regional Trail Search Corridors has been over laid on the Bikeway Transit Network and County Roadways with 4' shoulders, responds to comment provided by the Metropolitan Council

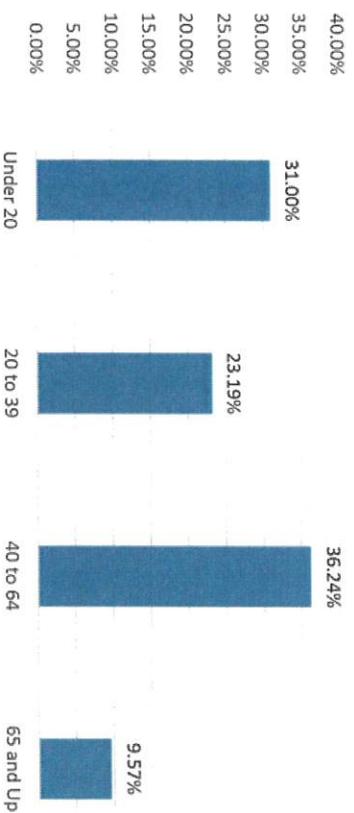
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Recommendation:

It is requested that the Park Commission recommend to the Carver County Board approval of the Draft 2040 Parks, Open Space and Trails Chapter.

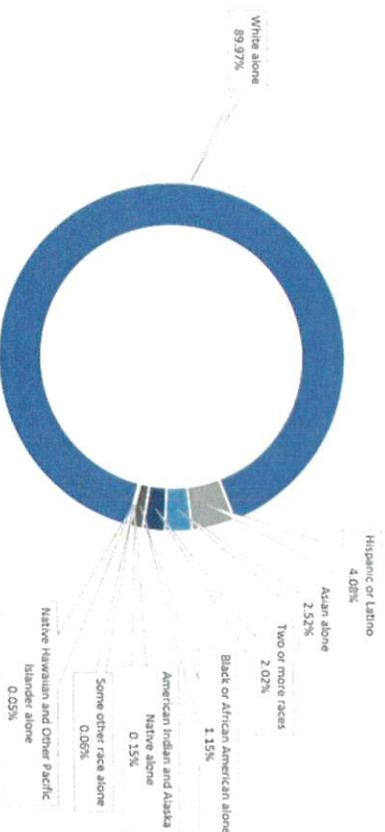
CARVER COUNTY 2015 POPULATION BY AGE

Source: American Community Survey 2011-2015



CARVER COUNTY 2015 POPULATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

Source: American Community Survey 2011-2015



Trends in Park Visits

Despite concerns about per capita participation rates, with increasing population comes an increase in the number of actual park visits. When looking further into park visit trends, the numbers become even more telling as to the demands that will be placed on regional park resources. According to the Metropolitan Council, annual use estimate of the Regional Park System is summarized as follows:

- An estimated 47.8 million visits were made to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2016
- Estimated annual visits have increased by over 11 million visits since 2006; 40 percent of the increase is attributed to the opening or inclusion of 13 parks and trails to the Regional Park System during this period; a total of 65 parks and 52 trails were sampled in 2016 compared to 77 park and trail units sampled in 2005, and 64 in 1995

As of 2016, Carver County’s overall share of regional visitation is lower than expected relative to the county’s percentage of the metro population, suggesting that some residents are visiting regional parks outside of Carver County. The most likely reasons for this is either the lack of developed parks and facilities within Carver County that meet resident needs or the desire by residents to visit a particular regional park for its intrinsic values, such as the Chain of Lakes Regional Park in Minneapolis. Also, visits to Carver Park Reserve and Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail are not included in Carver County visitor counts since the park and trail are managed by Three Rivers Park District. These **two regional facilities** do not charge entrance fees, which may impact park visits in Carver County parks. The chart below compares regional visits and population for Metro Regional Park agencies.

LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK—Continued

Master Plan Overview

Preparation of a master plan for the Waconia Event Center Building should be considered in the forthcoming years. Future development features under the master plan include:

- Water and utility service improvements
- Pedestrian and vehicle access improvements
- Natural resource management plan
- Waterfront development including expanding beach, lakfront walk, fishing piers
- Proposed park buildings in central plaza area

Additional Future Initiatives:

- Snowmaking for the sledding hill
- Nordic skiing
- **Lighting of park trails and sledding hill to extend hours of use. Any future lighting should be coordinated with the City to allow for a more consistent, usable and looped system for park and trail users.**

◇ Figure 6.8: Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan



MINNESOTA RIVER BLUFFS REGIONAL PARK SEARCH AREA—Continued

Trail Connections

Trail connections between the future regional park, adjoining public lands, and the larger county-wide trail system are important. This includes providing paved destination trails linking the park to the USFWS Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and the local and regional trails within the City of Carver (and points beyond). In the longer-term, paced destination trails within the park would likely be part of the Minnesota River Bluffs Trail described in the trails section.

Partnership Opportunities/Private Land Ownership Issues and Concerns Associated with Site Selection

Setting aside land for this regional park will require a working partnership with landowners, the DNR and the USFWS. Carver County will pursue land opportunities with willing landowners. However, all proposed park facilities will require a detailed evaluation as to appropriateness and need. For example, the need for a visitor center is greatly reduced if a paved trail connection could be made between the regional park and the Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Also, special consideration may be given to allowing hunting as a permitted use in select areas, depending on the circumstances associated with land acquisition and partnership opportunities with the MN DNR and USFWS.

MILLER LAKE REGIONAL PARK SEARCH AREA

Search Area Location

The Miller Lake Regional Park search area lies south of Waconia and Victoria and northeast of Cologne, near Miller Lake. Natural landmarks in the area include Miller Lake and Carver Creek. The search area limits are subject to opportunities with willing landowners as they surface over time. Siting a regional park near the growth area of the City of Cologne will ensure the benefits of providing geographically balanced park and recreation services, conveniently located within reasonable bicycling, hiking and jogging distance. In terms of general uses, the regional park will focus on “developed” recreational facilities as listed below. Exploring collaborative opportunities with the DNR and USFWS to set aside lands in this area for public open space will also be pursued. However, a collaborative outcome would require that “undeveloped” or “wildlife-dependent” recreation such as hunting, and fishing may have to be accommodated. There may also be certain use and access restrictions related to property managed by other agencies. Complementary uses may include various forms of “limited development”, including nature/wildlife observation and photography, education/interpretation, and nature trails for hiking. In spite of potential limitations, a collaborative approach may have some merit and is worth of due consideration. **The City of Waconia is planning for a future segment of trail along Carver Creek. The County should be aware of this opportunity as Carver Creek drains to the Miller Lake area and additional County trail along the segment outside the City/ Limits might be a nice addition to the Carver County/City trail system. Snowmobile trails, operated and managed by other organizations may also be considered for a future regional park.**

Park Size Requirement

Regional parks are typically 200 to 500 acres in size, with 100 acres generally considered the minimum acceptable to accommodate a basic set of facilities. Since this search area does not abut any other public lands, the overall size of this future park should be on the middle to higher end of the typical size

State Lands, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lands

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) own, manage, and operate several land holding within Carver County as public open space. The following provides an overview of the type and extent of existing land holdings by the MN DNR and USFWS within the context of Carver County's Parks and Open Space Plan. Existing and future opportunities for collaborative opportunities are also discussed relative to each agency.

University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

The University of Minnesota owns and operates the Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen. The Arboretum provides educational and recreational opportunities to all-age spectrums and is open to members and the general public, for a fee.

DNR Wildlife Management Areas

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are part of Minnesota's outdoor recreation system established to protect lands and waters having a high potential for wildlife production, public hunting, trapping, fishing, and other compatible recreational uses. Funding for WMAs is provided by the Minnesota's Legislature. Hunting license fees and surcharges, bonding funds, re-investment in Minnesota funds including Critical Habitat License Plate dollars, and Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ETF) funds have been used to buy WMAs. Conservation groups also donate land and money to support the acquisition of WMA lands.

The location of existing WMAs in Carver County includes:

- Patterson Lake WMA—61 acres; consists of islands on Lake Patterson, which are surrounded by emergent vegetation and some areas of open water; islands protect and are managed for forest species and various species of aquatic orientated birds, such as egrets or herons. **Patterson Lake is a state designated wildlife lake, an important migratory waterfowl habitat that can be managed to improve wildlife habitat.**
- Assumption WMA—67 acres; managed mainly for wetland wildlife species; contains one large wetland basin and is predominately open water with some cattails, wet meadow and grassland; surrounding area is heavily farmed; purpose of this WMA is to preserve habitat for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife species.
- Schneewind WMA—249 acres; predominantly a wetland with surrounding uplands that have been planned to prairie; managed for grassland as well as wetland species.
- Carver Highlands WMA—302 acres; managed mainly for grassland wildlife; predominately upland grasses within 3 distinct parcels, two of which are along County Road 45 and the third is next to County Road 50, 0.3 miles east of County Road 45. Parcels are located adjacent to USFWS land along the Minnesota River. The objective for this WMA property is to preserve and enhance upland grass habitat.
- Raguet WMA—315 acres; unit is entirely within the floodplain of the Minnesota River. It contains floodplain forest, wetland and grassland.
- **Tiger Lake – The DNR owns WMA lands west of Tiger Lake with plans to expand over time as opportunities (willing sellers) arise.**

Other Collaborative Opportunities with the MN DNR

The Minnesota DNR has extensive array of financial assistance and grant programs that may be accessible to Carver County and/or local property owners, depending on circumstances. The Financial Assistance Directory on MN DNR's website provides up-to-date information on these programs, including the following categories:

- Remediation Fund Grant Program
- Landowner Incentive Program
- Native Prairie Tax Exemption Program
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Wildlife Conservation
- Education, Planning and Research
- Fire Protection Programs
- Habitat Improvement
- Recreation (general, trails, and water)
- Metro Greenways Protection and Restoration
- Native Prairie Bank Program
- Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program
- Re-invest in Minnesota (RIM) Critical Habitat Match Program
- Community Conservation Assistance
- Enforcement (snowmobile and OHV safety)
- Forest Management
- Land Conservation
- State-supported grant-in-aid snowmobile trails

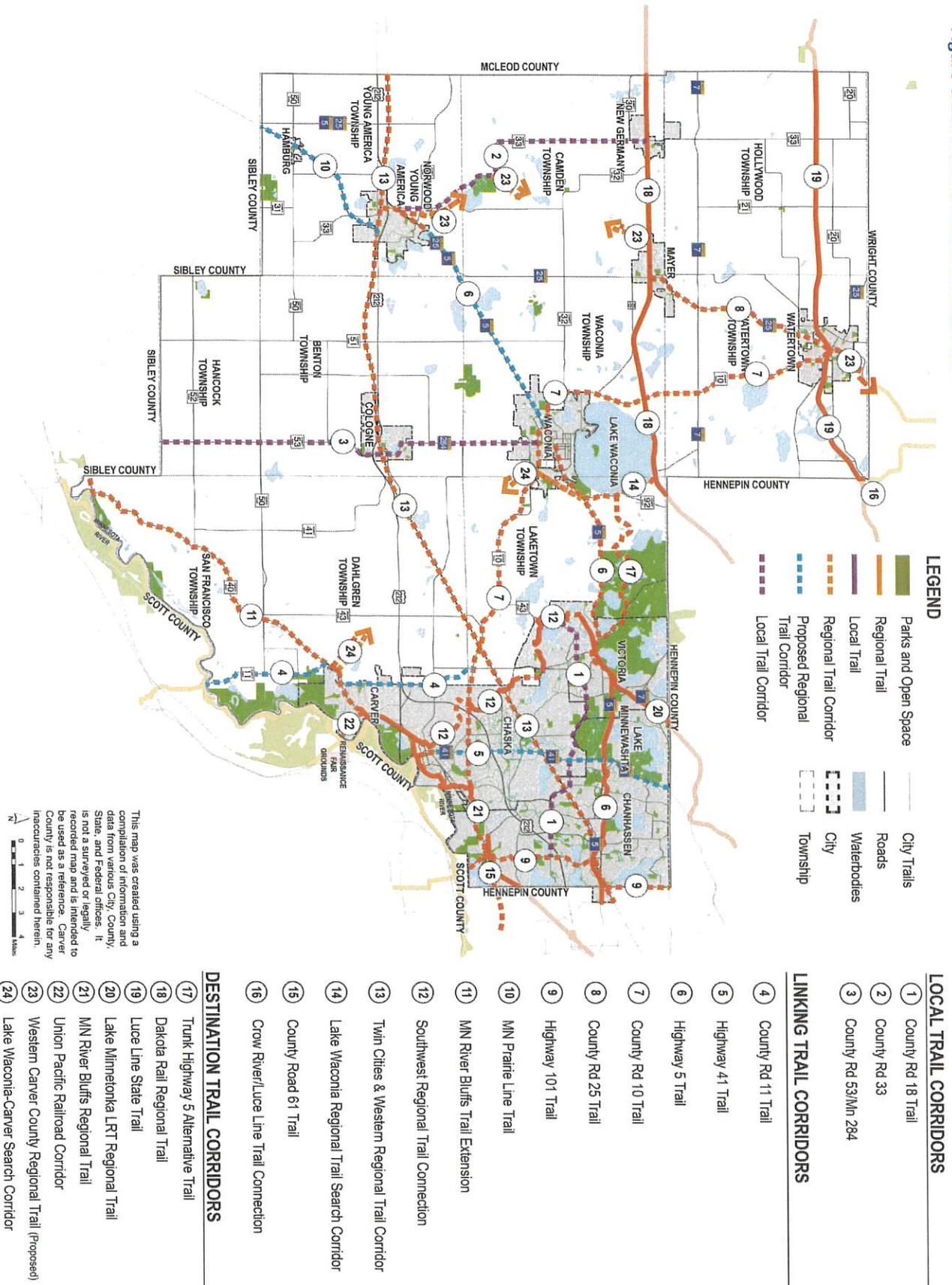
USFWS Existing Lands

Similar to the Minnesota DNR, the USFWS manages lands in Carver County, virtually all of which are located along the Minnesota River as part of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is a corridor of land and water that stretches 34 miles along the Minnesota River from Fort Snelling State Park to the City of Jordan. It comprises 14,000 acres in eight units, five of which have trails. Two units are located at least partially in Carver County, each of which offers a variety of attractions and seasonal activities.

The Chaska Unit is nestled in the floodplain between the river towns of Chaska and Carver. This 600-acre unit consists of a marsh-edged lake surrounded by farmland and floodplain forest. Currently, this area contains a lot of “edge” habitat, areas where fields meet forests. USFWS is actively restoring the native floodplain forest to benefit migrant songbirds, including many types of warblers, as well as hawks, owls, wood ducks, herons and eagles.

The Rapids Lake Unit is located south of Carver and consists of 1,500 acres of prairie restoration in old upland farm fields, oak savanna, goat prairies clinging to steep bluffs, bottomland forests, and Minnesota’s largest private wetland restoration (completed in 2001). Preserving the oak savanna systems is a high priority on this unit to enhance the habitat for turkeys, squirrels, deer, and many other species. Former agricultural land is also being restored to native prairie through prescribed burns and seeding. The Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center located in this unit has been completed and is located about 3 miles south of Carver. The Center focuses extensively on partnering with local schools on educational programming, with the facility serving as an extension of a science classroom.

◇ Figure 6.11: Trails & Trail Corridors Plan



Destination Trails-- Continued

WESTERN CARVER COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

From south to north, this regional trail corridor will ultimately make a connection between the City of Norwood Young America, Baylor Regional park, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail in the City of Mayer and north to the Luce Line State Trail in Watertown. In the 2040 timeframe, the focus will be on establishing the trail corridor in the growth areas of the three cities.

Once beyond the 2040 growth boundaries of these cities, the possible alignment options for the trail become less certain given land acquisition concerns and issues previously expressed by some of the landowners in this area. Multiple planning considerations will need to be considered, including following the Highway 25 right-of-way in select locations. Note: Watertown Township acknowledges that the Metropolitan Council's Regional Park Policy Plan identifies the Crow River Regional Trail (referred to as the Western Carver County Regional Trail in the 2040 County Plan) with a potential future alignment through the township as a linking trail. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with Watertown Township, Carver County, and others. Within Watertown Township, the Western Carver County Regional Trail will run along State Highway 25 within the right-of-way of the State Highway. At the time the trail is to be built, the Watertown Township Board will determine the final location of the trail through public process with Watertown Township residents. Within the Watertown City Limits, the City is planning the trail alignment from north to south along the Crow River. The City of Norwood Young America should capture ROW through future land use planning within the city limits to connect to the Western Carver County Regional Trail. The development of a trail to Baylor Park would provide for the future opportunity to extend a trail to New Germany and connect into the Dakota Rail Trail. Carver County supports the state plan to widen the shoulder of both Highway 25 and Highway 284 to create on-street bicycle facilities.

Linking Trails– Continued

LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

From south to north, this destination trail corridor makes a connection between Lake Waconia Regional Park on the south side of the lake, and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail, which is located on the north side of the lake. As illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan map, the alignment of this trail is optimally located along the shoreline along the east side of the lake until CSAH 30/92, where it would then extend along the roadway, heading north, until CSAH 155. The trail would connect to the existing boat launch near the junction of CSAH 30/92 and CSAH 155 and then extend along CSHA 155 to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. Once to CSAH 30/92, establishing the trail along the west side of the roadway would provide the most appealing experience to the trail user, albeit in close proximity to the road. The challenges with developing the trail following this alignment include limited space, steep grades, and established vegetation along the lakeshore, each of which posing significant constraints to trail development.

Future options should be explored to replace the road along the eastern edge of Lake Waconia from Lake Waconia Regional Park to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. Presumably, the existing roadway would be relocated further to the east as part of future roadway and development planning. (Importantly, the existing private properties would require assured access under any roadway realignment scenario. The advantage, presumably, to these landowners would be that their properties would front a greenway versus a county road, with direct access to an extensive trail system and open space.)

HIGHWAY 101 REGIONAL TRAIL

The Metropolitan Council Regional Parks Policy Plan identifies a proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail, which will connect the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail to the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail. The extension of this future regional trail will make an important north-south connection where no trail currently exists.

HIGHWAY 5 REGIONAL TRAIL

In 2017, Carver County completed a master plan for the Highway 5 Regional Trail to identify a regional trail corridor that extends along Highway 5 from the Carver County/Hennepin County line west through the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and connecting to the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail and Carver Park Reserve to the west. This trail, which is listed in the Regional Parks Policy Plan, will also connect to the proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail. An alternate alignment which would route this regional trail corridor through the Carver Park Reserve and via the Lake Waconia Regional Trail is presented on the trail map. The County would seek re-alignment of this corridor in the Regional Parks Policy Plan. **The alignment for this trail is identified in the TH 5 Regional Trail Master Plan and should be referenced in the comprehensive plan as well.**

TRUNK HIGHWAY 5 ALTERNATE

From east to west, this trail corridor makes a connection between the proposed Lake Waconia Trail on the east side of Lake Waconia and Carver Park Reserve. As with other trails, Carver County will have to work collaboratively with the City of Waconia, Laketown Township, the City of Victoria, and **Three Rivers Park District, along with landowners and developers to establish trail alignments in planning and development phases.**

Once the corridor is determined to the boundary of Carver Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District will determine the final alignment of the trail within the context of the larger master plan for the reserve. Both Carver County and Three Rivers Park District will have to collaborate with the City of Victoria to make the trail connection between Carver Park Reserve and the existing Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail that now ends in Victoria.

Linking Trails-- Continued

TWIN CITIES & WESTERN REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

Existing rail corridors provide opportunities for long term trail corridors as evidenced by the Luce Line State Trail and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail corridors. Of particular note is the Twin Cities & Western Railroad (TCW) through Carver County, which would extend from the Highway 5 Regional Trail, diagonally southwest to the City of Cologne and then west to the McLeod County line through the community of Norwood Young America. Although the TCW line is not anticipated to be abandoned within the 2040 timeframe, this corridor offers a high value opportunity for a trail if it is ever abandoned. Developing a trail along this corridor if it is ever converted to a rail transit corridor should also be considered at such time as part of a multi-modal approach to transportation. Alternatively, as development along the rail line occurs, preserving land for trail development adjacent to the rail corridor may provide another way to develop this trail.

MINNESOTA PRAIRIE LINE REGIONAL TRAIL

Existing rail lines provide opportunities for long term trail corridors as evidenced by the Luce Line State Trail and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail corridors. Of particular note is the Minnesota Prairie Line heading south out of Norwood Young America and through Hamburg. Although the Minnesota Prairie Line is not anticipated to be abandoned within the 2040 timeframe, this corridor offers a high value opportunity for a trail if it is ever abandoned. Developing a trail along this corridor if it is ever converted to a rail transit corridor should also be considered at such time as part of a multi-modal approach to transportation. Alternatively, as development along the rail line occurs, preserving land for trail development adjacent to the rail corridor may provide another way to develop this trail. This potential trail corridor is not currently listed as part of the regional trail system. This potential trail corridor is not currently listed as part of the regional trail system.

COUNTY ROAD 10 REGIONAL TRAIL

The County Road 10 Regional Trail is intended to follow the road right-of-way between Watertown and Chaska. Small segments of the trail have been developed in coordination with roadway redevelopment. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with affected Cities, Township, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is to be built, the appropriate Cities and Townships will determine the final location of the trail through public process with residents.

WESTERN CARVER COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL SEARCH CORRIDOR

The Western Carver County Regional Trail Search Corridor is intended to follow the road right-of-way between Watertown and Mayer. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with adjacent cities, townships, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is developed, the appropriate cities and townships will determine the final location of the trail through a public process with residents.

Linking Trails-- Continued

ARBORETUM-- LAKE MINNEWASHITA REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTION

As the Trail and Bikeway Plan illustrates, a trail connection is proposed between Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail in Victoria and Lake Minnewashta Regional Park in Chanhassen via a trail corridor through, or on the periphery of, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The intent with this alignment is to create a high value destination trail experience via a greenway-type corridor through various parks, and the arboretum site, versus directly following the TH 5 corridor, which is a far less appealing experience for the trail user. Local Connections under discussion about local trail connections in Chanhassen, defining an acceptable alignment through the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum property is the most challenging aspect of this corridor that will take a collaborative effort to address. Nonetheless, given the much higher value user experience, due diligence by Carver County, the City of Chanhassen and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is justified and recommended in finding an agreeable alternative route to the TH 5 corridor. Within Chanhassen, the challenge will be maintaining a greenway context through existing and future developments prior to entering the regional park. **The alignment for this trail is identified in the TH 5 Regional Trail Master Plan and should be referenced in the comprehensive plan as well.**

COUNTY ROAD 11 REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

The County Road 11 Regional Trail Corridor is intended to follow the road right-of-way between County Road 10 and the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Extension Trail southwest of Carver. A short segment of the trail is already developed between County Road 44/Big Woods Boulevard and County Road 10. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with affected Cities, Township, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is to be built, the appropriate Cities and Townships will determine the final location of the trail through public process with residents. **This potential trail corridor is not currently listed as part of the regional trail system.**

TRUNK HIGHWAY 41 TRAIL CORRIDOR

The Trunk Highway 41 Trail Corridor includes segments of existing local trails and a portion of undeveloped trail between the Hennepin County line on the north and downtown Chaska. This corridor aligns with the Metropolitan Council Regional Trail Search Corridors and provides a key north/south link in eastern Carver County connecting with key regional features such as Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and the Highway 5 Regional Trail. Developing a trail plan for the undeveloped trail gap will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with other managing agencies.

COUNTY ROAD 61 TRAIL CORRIDOR

The County Road 61 Trail Corridor is intended to follow the County Road 61 right-of-way between Bluff Creek Drive on the west and the City of Eden Prairie in Hennepin County. This corridor will connect the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail, Seminary Fen Scientific and Natural Area, and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with affected Cities, Township, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is to be built, the appropriate Cities and Townships will determine the final location of the trail through public process with residents.

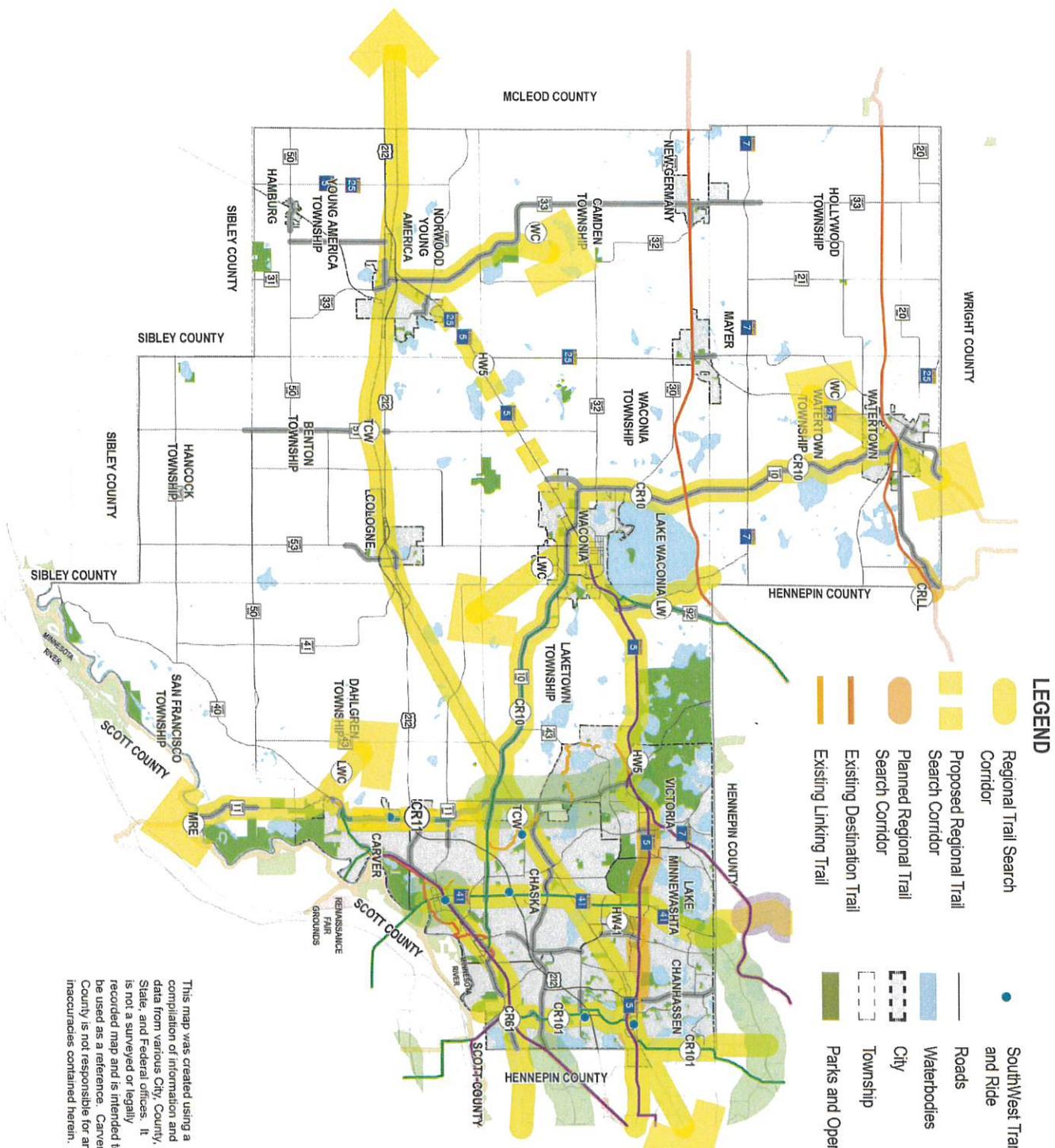
Linking Trails-- Continued

Crow River Regional Trail Alignment

In 2017, Three Rivers Park District, in collaboration with Carver County and Wright Counties, adopted the Crow River Regional Trail Master Plan. The master plan identifies the Carver County 0.37 mile segment from the Luce Line State Trail (where it crosses County Road 26) to County Road 20, and east to County Road 17 (Wright County).

◇ Table 6.3: Funding Sources—Continued

Source	Description/Overview	Limitations
<p>Outdoor Heritage Funding Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program</p>	<p>The Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program funds conservation projects that restore, enhance, or protect forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife in Minnesota. Funding for the CPL grant program is from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, created by the people of Minnesota. The CPL Program has been recommended by the I-SOHC to (and approved by) the MN Legislature annually since 2009.</p>	<p>The MN DNR manages this reimbursable program to provide competitive matching grants from \$5,000 to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national nonprofit organizations, including government entities.</p>



LEGEND

- Regional Trail Search Corridor
- Proposed Regional Trail Search Corridor
- Planned Regional Trail Search Corridor
- Existing Linking Trail
- SouthWest Transit Park and Ride
- Roads
- Waterbodies
- City
- Township
- Parks and Open Space
- Roadway Shoulders Greater than 4'
- RBTN Tier 1 Alignment
- RBTN Tier 2 Alignment
- RBTN Tier 1 Priority Regional Bicycle Transportation Corridor
- RBTN Tier 2 Priority Regional Bicycle Transportation Corridor

REGIONAL TRAIL SEARCH CORRIDORS

- County Rd 10
- Highway 101
- Highway 5
- Lake Waconia
- Lake Waconia-Carver
- Minnesota River Bluffs Trail Extension
- Twin Cities & Western
- Western Carver County
- County Rd 61
- Highway 41
- County Rd 11
- Crow River/Luce Line Trail Connection

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