

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2017 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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**Project Title:**

**ENRTF ID: 169-G**

Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition

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**Category:** G. Land Acquisition, Habitat and Recreation

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**Total Project Budget:** \$ 2,400,000

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** 3 years, July 2017 - June 2020

**Summary:**

This project will acquire 369 acres of high-quality wooded land and wetlands and three miles of shoreline for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System (MRPS) with \$2.4 million from ENRTF.

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**Location**

**Region:** Metro

**County Name:** Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Washington

**City / Township:**

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**Alternate Text for Visual:**

21 properties to be acquired

<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge Base
<input type="checkbox"/> Extent of Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/Tech Basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgency
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Readiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Leverage	<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> %



**PROJECT TITLE: Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition – Phase 5**

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT**

This project will acquire 369 acres of high-quality wooded land and wetlands and three miles of shoreline for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System (MRPS) with \$2.4 million from ENRTF. The Metropolitan Council, serving as the fiscal agent, will collaborate with the Regional Parks Implementing Agencies (Agencies) to match ENRTF dollars with \$2.9 million in Council bond proceeds and local Agency funds.

The MRPS – owned and operated by the individual Agencies – comprises 54 regional parks and park reserves totaling over 54,000 acres open for public use; eight special recreation features; 40 regional trails with 340 miles of hiking and biking trails. With over 48 million visits each year, the MPRS hosts more annual visits than Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon – combined.

The Twin Cities metropolitan region is expected to gain 750,000 people by 2040. The goals of this project are to preserve open space for wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities to an expanding population by assisting Agencies to acquire land. Past ENRTF appropriations totaling over \$8.5 million have helped acquire 1,076 acres for the MRPS.

**II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

**Activity 1:** Award grants to acquire 369 acres. ENRTF dollars will finance 45% of total eligible acquisition costs (\$2.4 million), with Metropolitan Council financing 30% (\$1.6 million) and the Agencies financing the remaining 25% (\$1.3 million) to acquire parcels on the 2017 Proposed Acquisition/Restoration List. **Budget: \$2,420,696**

Please note the acquisitions are currently in negotiation; therefore estimated costs for all parcels are confidential at this time. The total for all parcels is \$5,379,325. The Activity 1 table below illustrates *examples* of the expected grants. The actual amount of each acquisition will be updated in the required semi-annual reports to the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources.

<b>Example Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Acquire 2 parcels for Lebanon Hills Regional Park in Dakota County for \$1	6/30/17
Acquire 2 parcels for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park in Scott County for \$1	7/30/17
Acquire 4 parcels for Rush Creek Regional Trail in Three Rivers Park District for \$1	9/31/17

**III. PROJECT STRATEGY**

**A. Project Team/Partners**

The four Agencies currently working to acquire and manage the lands listed in this proposal are listed below. Each Agency is responsible for completing the negotiations to acquire the property according to ENRTF rules, and each will contribute matching funds for their purchases. Individuals listed are the primary contact people.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Dakota County Parks	Steve Sullivan (952-891-7088)
Scott County Parks	Patty Freeman (952-496-8752)
Three Rivers Park District	Kelly Grissman (763-559-9000)
Washington County Parks	John Elholm (651-430-4303)



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**B. Project Impact and Long-Term Strategy**

The Metropolitan Council's *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* calls for expanding the MRPS to nearly 70,000 acres and tripling the trail system from 340 current miles to more than 1,100 miles by 2040. This proposal builds on previous ENRTF appropriations to continue working towards that goal by adding 369 acres to the MRPS.

**C. Timeline Requirements**

The timeline for this proposal is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. All land acquisitions using ENRTF are made from willing sellers, which means the actual timing is uncertain. The properties listed in the 2014 and 2015 ENRTF work plans, as amended in January 2016, have been included in the 2017 Proposed Acquisition/Restoration List to ensure the opportunity to preserve the land is not lost when each transaction is ready to close. If the land becomes available before the earlier appropriation expires, we will draw from the earliest available appropriation first. In addition, our Agency partners are now negotiating on other purchases, and those parcels have been added in this proposal. Individual grants to Agencies will be considered only after the Metropolitan Council has conducted a thorough review of eligibility and completeness for each acquisition.

## 2017 Detailed Project Budget

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### IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET 3 years

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u> (See "Guidance on Allowable Expenses", p. 13)	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Personnel:</b> None	\$ -
<b>Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:</b> Professional services such as appraisals, appraisal reviews, title insurance, closing services, and Phase I Environmental Assessment Fees are included in the Acquisition line item.	\$ -
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies:</b> None	\$ -
<b>Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements):</b> 369 total acre to be held in fee title by Dakota County, Scott County, Three Rivers Park District, and Washington County.	\$ 2,420,696
<b>Travel:</b> None.	\$ -
<b>Additional Budget Items:</b> None	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000</b>

### V. OTHER FUNDS (This entire section must be filled out. Do not delete rows. Indicate "N/A" if row is not applicable.)

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b>Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b> The Metropolitan Council will contribute \$1,703,798 in bonding proceeds towards these projects, and the Regional Parks Implementing Agencies will contribute another \$1,419,831 in local match. These are cited as pending because they are dependent upon receipt of ENRTF appropriation.	\$ 2,958,629	Pending
<b>Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b> N/A	\$ -	N/A
<b>In-kind Services To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b> N/A	\$ -	N/A
<b>Funding History:</b> N/A	\$ -	N/A
<b>Remaining \$ From Current ENRTF Appropriation:</b> The Council was appropriated \$1,500,000 in 2014 and \$1,000,000 in 2015 from ENRTF. The 2014 and 2015 work plans were amended in January 2016 to remove all inactive parcels. All parcels on the 2014 & 2015 work plans (totaling \$2,911,300) have been included on the 2017 proposal to allow the Agencies time to complete their negotiations. If any of those parcels are able to close before the 2014 or 2015 appropriations expire, the Council will request funds from the earlier appropriation first.	\$ 2,500,000	Unspent

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## 2017 Proposed Acquisition/Restoration List

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition - Phase 5

**Project Manager Name:** Deb Streets Jensen

**Organization:** Metropolitan Council

**ENRTF \$ Request:** \$2,400,000

#	Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates Format: [Deg.]° [Min.]' [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		Estimated Cost	County	Ecological Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Land-owner	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)
		Latitude	Longitude								
1	(Removed)										
2	LHRP Doehling 100360053010 100360053020	44° 46' 33.893" N 44° 46' 33.893" N	93° 7' 22.41" W 93° 7' 20.216" W	See note 2	Dakota	Wooded inholding	Acquisition	2.58	0.00	Private	Dakota Co.
3	MRPR - Ahlers 09-03600-77-010 09-03600-76-010	44° 32' 49.1"	-92° 47' 40.1"	See note 2	Dakota	Cannon River shoreland, floodplain and forested hillsides	Acquisition	75.91	0.04	Private	Dakota Co.
4	BBPR PID 29190080	44° 34' 23"	93° 52' 21"	See note 2	Scott	Forested ravine; MCBS Maple-Basswood NPC	Acquisition	37	0	Private	Scott Co.
5	BBPR PID 29180050	44° 35' 30" N	93° 53' 30" W	See note 2	Scott	Minnesota River Floodplain	Acquisition	16	0.3	Private	Scott Co.
6	BBPR PID 29180040	44° 35' 50" N	93° 52' 43" W	See note 2	Scott	Minnesota River Floodplain	Acquisition	50	0.61	Private	Scott Co.
7	BBPR PID 29080030	44° 36' 38" N	93° 51' 28" W	See note 2	Scott	Minnesota River Floodplain	Acquisition	15	0	Private	Scott Co.
8	DKRP PID 30840010	44° 37' 1"	93° 25' 1"	See note 2	Scott	Forest buffer restoration opportunity	Acquisition	10	0	Private	Scott Co.
9	DKRP PID 30840020	44° 37' 7"	93° 25' 3"	See note 2	Scott	Lowland hardwood forest; Emergent marsh	Acquisition	28	0	Private	Scott Co.
10	RCRT Stone's Throw East 36-120-23-41-0002	45° 9' 28.948" N	93° 31' 29.07" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplain	Acquisition	40	0.32	Private	Three Rivers Park District
11	RCRT Stone's Throw West 36-120-23-24-0001	45° 9' 37.33" N	93° 32' 5.404" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplain	Acquisition	10	0.25	Private	Three Rivers Park District

12	RCRT: 10775 Fernbrook 04-119-22-11-0005	45 14'98.41" N	93 46'29.13" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	5	0.05	Private	Three Rivers Park District
13	RCRT: 15510 Territorial Rd 04-119-22-22-0007	45 15'03.62" N	93 47'77.13" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	8	0.19	Private	Three Rivers Park District
14	RCRT: 15750 Territorial Rd 04-119-22-22-0006	45 15'17.34" N	93 47'9.77" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	3	0.15	Private	Three Rivers Park District
15	RCRT: 15776 Territorial Rd 04-119-22-22-0005	45 15'22.77" N	93 48'11.68" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	3	0.11	Private	Three Rivers Park District
16	RCRT: 15928 Territorial Rd 05-119-22-11-0003	45 15'22.32" N	93 48'25.00" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	0.33	0.09	Private	Three Rivers Park District
17	RCRT: 16072 Territorial Rd 05-119-22-11-0002	45 15'23.38" N	93 48'36.91" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	0.33	0.09	Private	Three Rivers Park District
18	RCRT: Becklin 51-119-22-24-007	45 14'59.39" N	93 49'67.27" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	3.2	0.07	Private	Three Rivers Park District
19	RCRT: Enclave at Rush Creek 41-192-22-21-0001	45 14'95.25" N	93 47'48.3" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	10	0.42	For-profit entity	Three Rivers Park District
20	RCRT:15024 Territorial Rd 04--119-22-12-0003	45 15'02.57 N	93 46'99.51" W	See note 2	Hennepin	Rush Creek wetlands/floodplai n	Acquisition	10	0.53	Private	Three Rivers Park District
21	SCBRP Rowe 2202720420001 2202720130002	44°48' 36"N	92° 47' 17" W	See note 2	Washington	Wooded St. Croix river frontage	Acquisition	42	0.28	Private	Washington Co.
				\$ 5,379,325				369	3		

**NOTES:**

**#1 - Abbreviations:**

LBRP = Lake Byllesby Regional Park  
LHRP = Lebanon Hills Regional Park  
MRPR = Miesville Ravine Park Reserve  
RCRT = Rush Creek Regional Trail

BBRP = Blakeley Bluffs Regional Park  
DKRP = Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park  
SCBRP = St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

**#2** - Because purchase negotiations are ongoing, individual cost estimates are confidential. Actual purchase prices will be provided in future twice-annual reports after each property closes.

**#3** - Restoration plans for each property will be presented to LCCMR staff during due diligence.

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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #:** 1

**Parcel Name:** (this parcel removed from request)

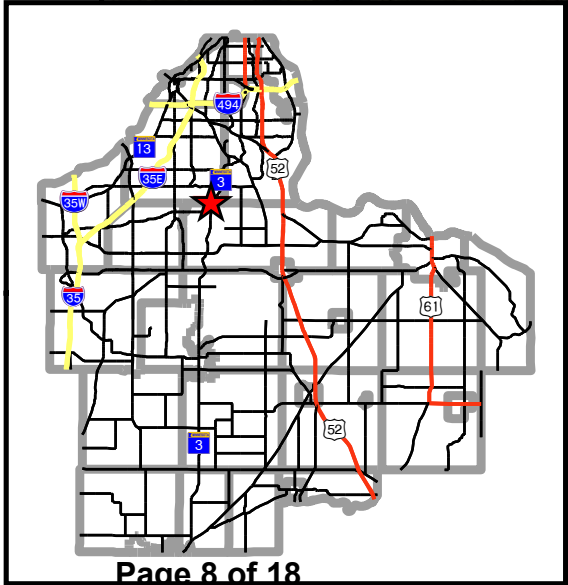
**Latitude:**

**Longitude:**

**Acreage:**



Prepared by Dakota County GIS for Dakota County Environmental Resources



**Legend**

- Proposed Acquisition (2.6 ac.)
- Current Park Boundary
- County Property

0 100 200 300 Feet



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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #: 3**

**Parcel Name:** Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Ahlers

**Latitude:** 44° 32' 49.1"

**Longitude:** -92° 47' 40.1"

**Acreage:** 75.91

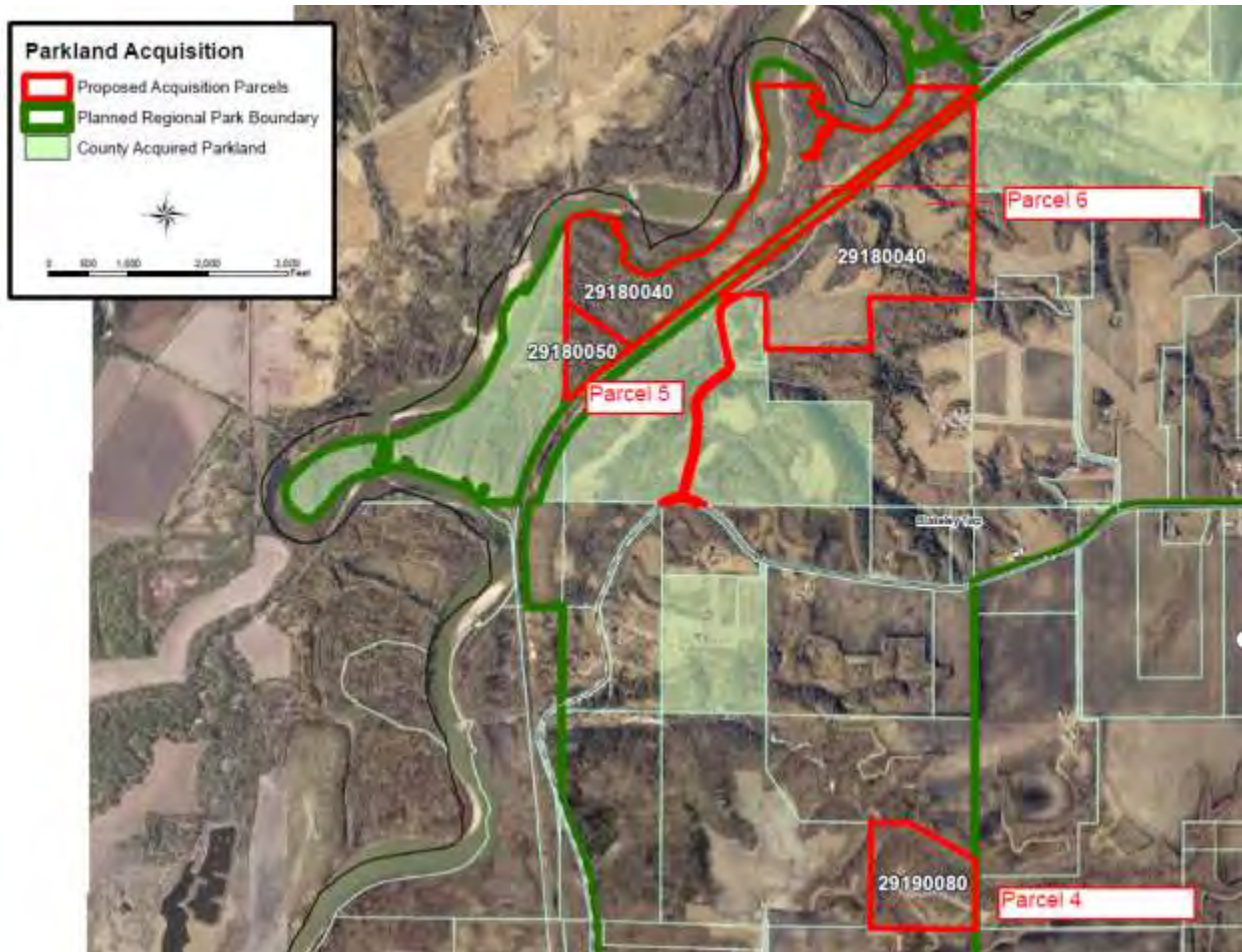


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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #:** 7







**Parcel Name:** Dakota County, Blakeley Bluffs Regional Park Reserve, PON 29080030

**Latitude:** 44° 36.565' 0.00" N

**Longitude:** 93° 51.458' 0.00" W

**Acreage:** 15



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Scott County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 07/16/2014



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Parcel #	Parcel Name	Latitude	Longitude	Acreage
8	30840010	44° 37' 1"	93° 25' 1"	10
9	30840020	44° 37' 7"	93° 25' 3"	28



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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #: 10 & 11**

**Parcel Name:** Three Rivers Park District – Stones’s Throw West (#11) and Stone’s Throw East (#10)

**Latitude - #10:** 45° 9' 28.948" N

**Longitude - #10:** 93° 31' 29.07" W

**Latitude - #11:** 45° 9' 37.33" N

**Longitude: - #11:** 93° 32' 5.404" W

**Acreage:** #10 – 40; #11 – 10

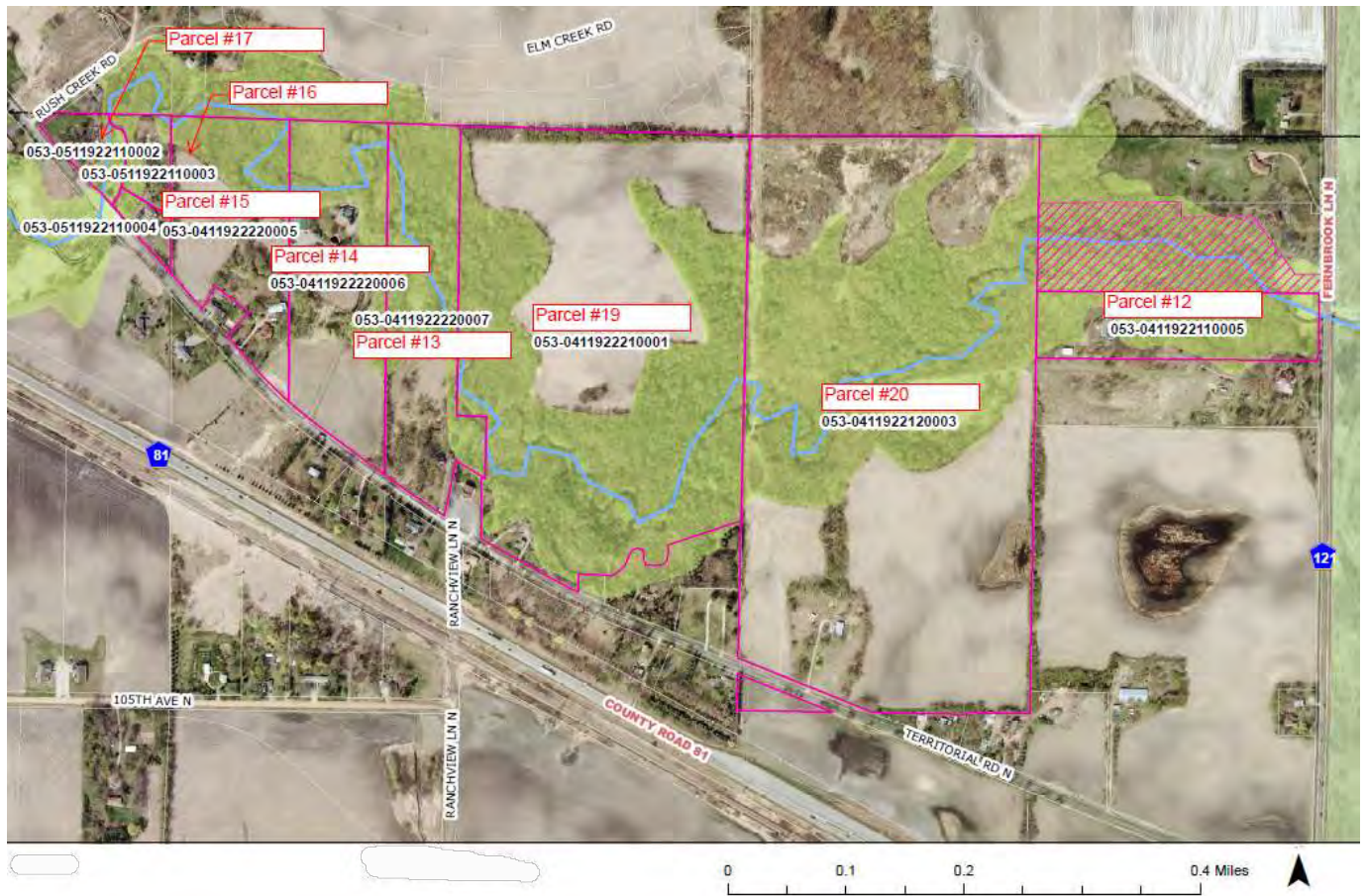


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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title: Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5**

Parcel #	Parcel Name	Latitude	Longitude	Acreage
12	10775 Fernbrook	45° 14'98.41" N	93° 46'29.13" W	5
13	15510 Territorial Rd	45° 15'03.62" N	93° 47'77.13" W	8
14	15750 Territorial Rd	45° 15'17.34" N	93° 47'9.77" W	3
15	15776 Territorial Rd	45° 15'22.77" N	93° 48'11.68" W	3
16	15928 Territorial Rd	45° 15'22.32" N	93° 48'25.00" W	3
17	16072 Territorial Rd	45° 15'23.38" N	93° 48'36.91" W	0.33
19	41-192-22-21-0001	45° 14'95.25" N	93° 47'48.3" W	10
20	15024 Territorial Rd	45° 15'02.57" N	93° 46'99.51" W	10



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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #: 18**

**Parcel Name:** Three Rivers Park District 10510 Holly Lane

**Latitude:** 45 14'59.39" N

**Longitude:** 93 49'67.27" W

**Acreage:** 3.2



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**2017 Work Plan Parcel Maps**

**Project Title:** Metropolitan Regional Park System Acquisition - Phase 5

**Parcel #:** 21







**Parcel Name:** Washington County – Rowe property

**Latitude:** 44°48' 36"N

**Longitude:** 92° 47' 17" W

**Acreage:** 42



-  Existing Regional Parks
-  Existing Regional Trails
-  Planned Regional Trails
-  Parcels - Washington County
-  County Boundaries
-  City and Township Boundaries

Extent of Main Map 1/14/2014





## Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description

### 2017 ENRTF Proposal: Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition – Phase 5

*Project Manager Qualifications:* Deborah Streets Jensen is the Metropolitan Council's Senior Parks Finance Planner, working in the Regional Parks and Natural Resources work unit. A Council employee since 1998, Ms. Streets Jensen has worked in grant administration since 2007. She supported the Livable Communities Act grant program through summer 2015 and has been handling finance and acquisition grant requests since that time.

*Organization Description:* The Metropolitan Council is the regional policy-making body, planning agency and provider of essential services for the Twin Cities metropolitan region. The Council's mission is to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous region.

