

**City of East Bethel
Park Commission Agenda**

7:00 pm

Date: August 13, 2014

Location: City Hall

Meeting Room: Council Chambers



Item

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| 7:00 PM | 1.0 | Call to Order |
| 7:01 PM | 2.0 | Adopt Agenda |
| 7:02 PM | 3.0 | Approve Minutes – June 11, 2014 |
| 7:05 PM | 4.0 | Parks Financial Information & Parks Capital Funds Summary |
| 7:10 PM | 5.0 | Sandhill Crane Natural Area Grant Application Update |
| 7:20 PM | 6.0 | Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment |
| 7:45 PM | 7.0 | Council Report and Other Business |
| 7:50 PM | 8.0 | Adjourn |

EAST BETHEL PARK COMMISSION MEETING

June 11, 2014

The East Bethel Parks Commission met on June 11, 2014 at 7:05 P.M at the East Bethel City Hall for their regular monthly meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Zimmermann Tim Hoffman Denise Lachinski Kenneth Langmade
Sue Jefferson Bonnie Harvey Stacy Voelker

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Director
Tim Harrington, City Council

**Adopt
Agenda** Hoffman motioned to adopt the agenda. Jefferson seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

**Approve –
May 2014** Hoffman made a motion to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes as submitted with Zimmerman excused. Jefferson seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Parks Not a whole lot happening.

**Financial
Information
& Parks
Capital
Funds
Summary** Hoffman motioned to present the parks financial information and parks capital fund summary as presented. Lachinski seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Park Tour The Parks tour visited the following Parks:
Booster Park (skate park and baseball field locations)
John Anderson Park (possible trail spur)
Bonde Park (soccer/lacrosse upgrades)
Water Treatment Plant (future development area)
Rod and Norma Smith Park
Anderson Lakes Park
Outdoor Ice Rink
Sandhill Crane Natural Area
Whispering Oaks Park

We did have some vandalism at Rod and Norma Smith Park. Lachinski mentioned she drove through Clarissa and they have a beautiful baseball park.

John Anderson Park the scouts have done a lot of work here. We have lost a lot of trees to oak wilt.

Bonde Park is where we may look at putting in lacrosse fields. The road is on private property.

At the outdoor ice rink, there needs to be some work done to ensure the ground is leveled. We need to repave the inside the boards. We also need to address the power issue. The park ride is moving to west side of the road and down by the theater.

Anderson Lakes needs some upgrades. The bleachers are inside the fence, which Ayshford is unsure how they got there.

Whispering Oaks Park has new park equipment with work out equipment.

**Council
Report &
Other
Reports
Adjourn**

The 2015-2016 CIP was approved. The Chamber golf tournament is July 18, 2014.

Hoffman motioned to adjourn the June 11, 2014 meeting at 7:45p.m. Zimmerman seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Anderson
Recording Secretary

City of East Bethel
Revenue / Expense Statement
Fiscal Year 2014
1/1/14 to 7/31/14

Account Description	Actual - 7/31/14	FY 2014 Budget	YTD as a % of Budget
Public Works - Park Maintenance			
E 101-43201-101 Full-Time Employees Regular	110,463.40	197,900.00	56%
E 101-43201-102 Full-Time Employees Overtime	1,845.37	1,000.00	185%
E 101-43201-103 Part-Time Employees	5,999.00	5,900.00	102%
E 101-43201-105 Employee On Call/Standby Pay	-	3,100.00	0%
E 101-43201-107 Commissions and Boards	-	1,700.00	0%
E 101-43201-122 PERA-Coordinated Plan	8,140.59	14,300.00	57%
E 101-43201-125 FICA/Medicare	11,173.23	19,700.00	57%
E 101-43201-126 Deferred Compensation	3,368.50	5,900.00	57%
E 101-43201-131 Cafeteria Contribution	26,686.44	44,000.00	61%
E 101-43201-151 Worker s Comp Insurance Prem	8,365.78	8,450.00	99%
E 101-43201-201 Office Supplies	-	100.00	0%
E 101-43201-211 Cleaning Supplies	303.78	500.00	61%
E 101-43201-212 Motor Fuels	10,177.76	16,000.00	64%
E 101-43201-213 Lubricants and Additives	88.26	500.00	18%
E 101-43201-214 Clothing & Personal Equipment	668.15	3,000.00	22%
E 101-43201-215 Shop Supplies	5.69	400.00	1%
E 101-43201-216 Chemicals and Chem Products	120.76	3,000.00	4%
E 101-43201-217 Safety Supplies	132.42	700.00	19%
E 101-43201-218 Welding Supplies	-	100.00	0%
E 101-43201-219 General Operating Supplies	1,256.30	2,200.00	57%
E 101-43201-221 Motor Vehicles Parts	2,633.12	2,100.00	125%
E 101-43201-222 Tires	282.66	1,000.00	28%
E 101-43201-223 Bldg/Facility Repair Supplies	659.61	2,500.00	26%
E 101-43201-225 Park/Landscaping Materials	809.35	7,000.00	12%
E 101-43201-226 Sign/Striping Repair Materials	-	1,500.00	0%
E 101-43201-229 Equipment Parts	1,063.40	2,000.00	53%
E 101-43201-231 Small Tools and Minor Equip	60.07	2,000.00	3%
E 101-43201-306 Personnel/Labor Relations	117.33	300.00	39%
E 101-43201-307 Professional Services Fees	365.00	600.00	61%
E 101-43201-321 Telephone	725.00	2,500.00	29%
E 101-43201-341 Personnel Advertising	108.00	200.00	54%
E 101-43201-342 Legal Notices	-	100.00	0%
E 101-43201-381 Electric Utilities	1,101.74	6,000.00	18%
E 101-43201-384 Sewer Utilities	-	300.00	0%
E 101-43201-385 Refuse Removal	76.59	1,200.00	6%
E 101-43201-387 Heating Fuels/Propane	180.32	250.00	72%
E 101-43201-401 Motor Vehicle Services (Lic d)	190.50	2,200.00	9%
E 101-43201-402 Repairs/Maint Machinery/Equip	-	3,000.00	0%
E 101-43201-403 Bldgs/Facilities Repair/Maint	-	3,000.00	0%
E 101-43201-405 Park & Landscape Services	-	2,200.00	0%
E 101-43201-415 Other Equipment Rentals	3,677.21	7,000.00	53%
E 101-43201-422 Auto/Misc Licensing Fees/Taxes	543.71	1,200.00	45%
E 101-43201-431 Equipment Replacement Chgs	16,700.00	16,700.00	100%
E 101-43201-434 Conferences/Meetings	345.00	400.00	86%
	218,434.04	393,700.00	55%



City of East Bethel Park Commission Agenda Information

Date:

August 13, 2014

Agenda Item Number:

Item 5.0

Agenda Item:

Sandhill Crane Natural Area (SCNA) Grant Application Update

Requested Action:

Review grant application and provide comments to Anoka County

Background Information:

The Anoka County Parks Department has finished the grant application for improvements to the Sandhill Crane Natural Area. The grant would cover the cost of natural area restoration and installation of recreational facilities including boardwalks, benches, and observation decks.

The grant funds are provided by the Closed Landfill Natural Resources Damages Fund. The application is seeking \$1,060,000 which would completely fund the proposed improvements to the SCNA.

Anoka County is seeking comments on the proposal and a recommendation for submittal.

Attachments:

5.1) Grant Application

Fiscal Impact: None at this time

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends approval and submittal of the grant application.

Park Commission Action

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Vote Yes: _____

Vote No: _____

No Action Required: _____

County Board Action Items

A. Resolution in Support of Grant Funding – Sandhill Crane Natural Area (10)

Action Requested

To consider recommending to the County Board the adoption of Resolution 2014-PRK10 authorizing submission of a Closed Landfill Natural Resources Damages Program grant proposal for natural restoration and outdoor recreation facilities at the Sandhill Crane Natural Area.

Previous Committee Review/Action

January 2014: Informational item regarding new DNR grant program.

Description

In October 1999, the City of East Bethel , Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the management of the 570 acre Sandhill Crane Natural Area (SCNA) in East Bethel.

Recently, the Minnesota DNR introduced a new grant program referred to as the Natural Resources Damages (NRD) Fund, which manages funds generated through the State's Landfill Cleanup Insurance Recovery Effort (IRE), for the purpose of mitigating natural resources damages near the location(s) where the damages occurred. The former (remediated) East Bethel Landfill, which is included in the SCNA boundaries, was the third highest ranking site for the amount of money recovered statewide under the IRE program.

The City of East Bethel and Anoka County staff has determined that the NRD Program could be a potentially suitable and advantageous source of funding for the development of outdoor recreation amenities and the restoration of natural resources at the SCNA consistent with the MOU management plan priorities. The NRD grant would be used for: the restoration of natural resources, site access and trail amenities, and the establishment of an interpretive sign program.

The proposed grant request of \$1,060,000 would be 100% funded by the NRD program. If approved by the County Board (and City of East Bethel) the grant proposal would be submitted in October 2014.

Supporting Documents

Resolution #2014-PRK10
Site Plans and Project Budget

Funding Source and Percentage

NRD Grant Program – 100%

Responsible Staff

John VonDeLinde, Division Manager – Parks and Community Services
Jeff Perry, Park Planning and Resources Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE:
OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER:

RESOLUTION #2014-PRK10

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO
THE MINNESOTA NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGES GRANT PROGRAM
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANDHILL CRANE NATURAL AREA**

WHEREAS, since October 1999, the City of East Bethel, Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) have been working under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the management of the Sandhill Crane Natural Area (SCNA) in East Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the SCNA is a 570 acre public open space area of ecological significance, containing a variety of lake, prairie, wetland, and forest resources, including habitat, plant and animals of statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the desire of the MOU partner agencies to undertake the development of ecologically sensitive and sustainable recreation amenities to increase the public use and benefit of the SCNA, including walking trails, boardwalks, observation areas, and carry-in water access; and

WHEREAS, the managing agencies also desire to expand and improve the quality of natural resources restoration and habitat management activities in the SCNA, consistent with the overarching goals of the SCNA Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota DNR and PCA have jointly introduced a new grant program referred to as the Natural Resources Damages (NRD) Fund, which manages funds generated through the State's Landfill Cleanup Insurance Recovery Effort (IRE), for the purpose of mitigating natural resources damages near the location(s) where the damages occurred; and

WHEREAS, the former East Bethel Landfill, which is included in the SCNA boundaries and has been remediated and restored to a native prairie, was the third highest ranking site for the amount of money recovered statewide under the IRE program; and

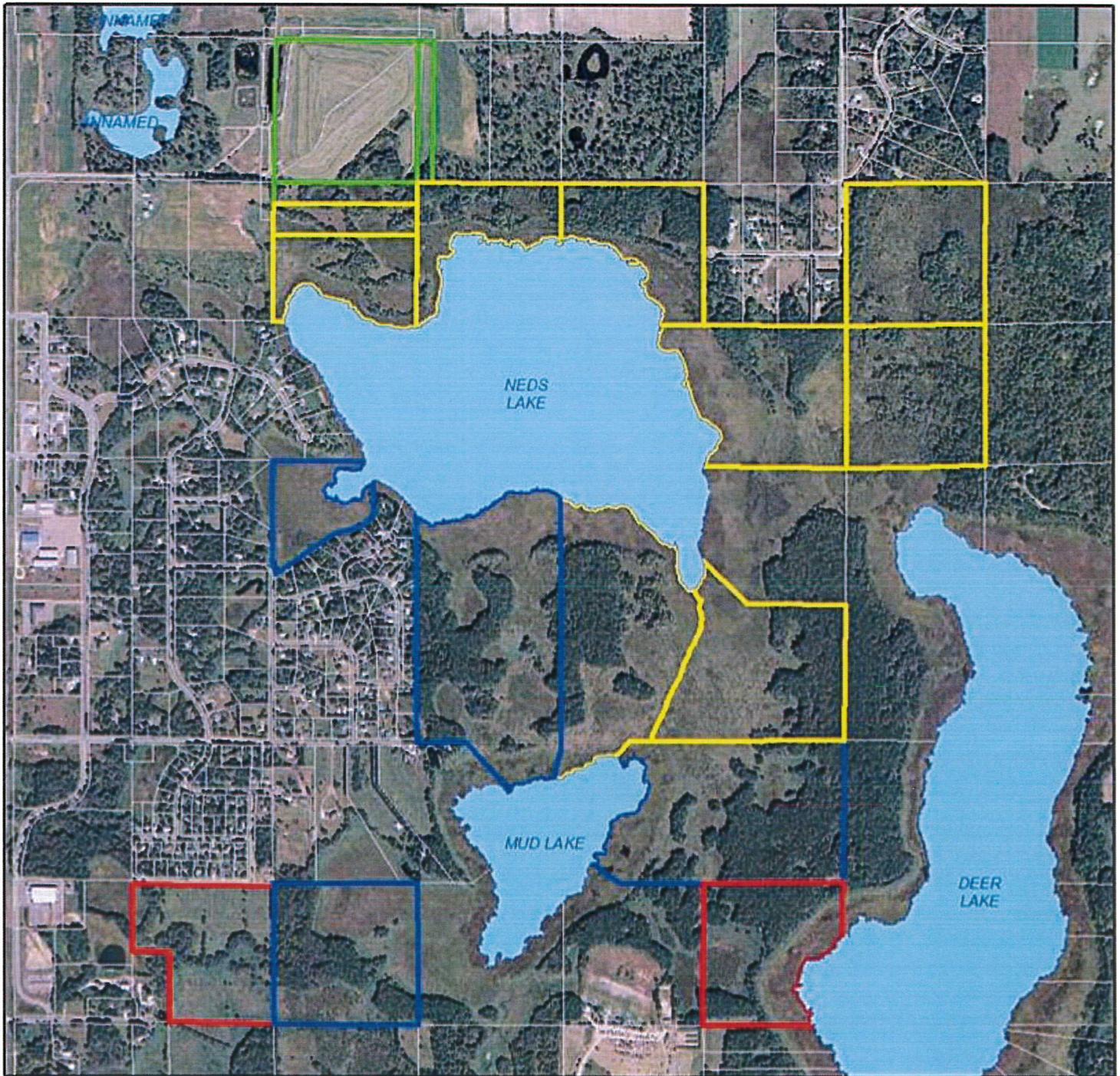
WHEREAS, the City of East Bethel and Anoka County have determined that the NRD Program could be a potentially suitable and advantageous source of funding for the development of outdoor recreation amenities and the restoration of natural resources at the SCNA consistent with the state's NRD priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Bethel and Anoka County are best positioned to move forward with the development and management of the outdoor recreation facilities and natural resources at the SCNA, in partnership with financial assistance provided under the State's NRD Grant Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County hereby authorizes an application to the Minnesota Natural Resources Damages Grant Program for outdoor recreation facility development and natural resources restoration at the Sandhill Crane Natural Area in East Bethel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the NRD Grant Program application is successful, Anoka County agrees to negotiate in good faith towards the establishment and execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with the appropriate SCNA partnering agencies, specifying the roles and responsibilities of each agency in the management of recreational amenities and natural resources at the SCNA.

Sandhill Crane Natural Area NRD Project Budget	
Design Engineering	70,000
Topographic Survey	5,000
Geotechnical Analysis	5,000
Archaeological Study	10,000
Wetland Delineation	10,000
Permits	10,000
Construction: Trail/Boardwalk/Parking Lots	750,000
Construction: Materials Testing	5,000
Signs/site furnishings	5,000
Oak Wilt Management	50,000
Invasive Species Management	60,000
Prairie Restoration	65,000
Boundary Survey/Signs	15,000
Subtotal	1,060,000
Contingency 10%	100,000
Total	1,160,000



Sandhill Crane Natural Area

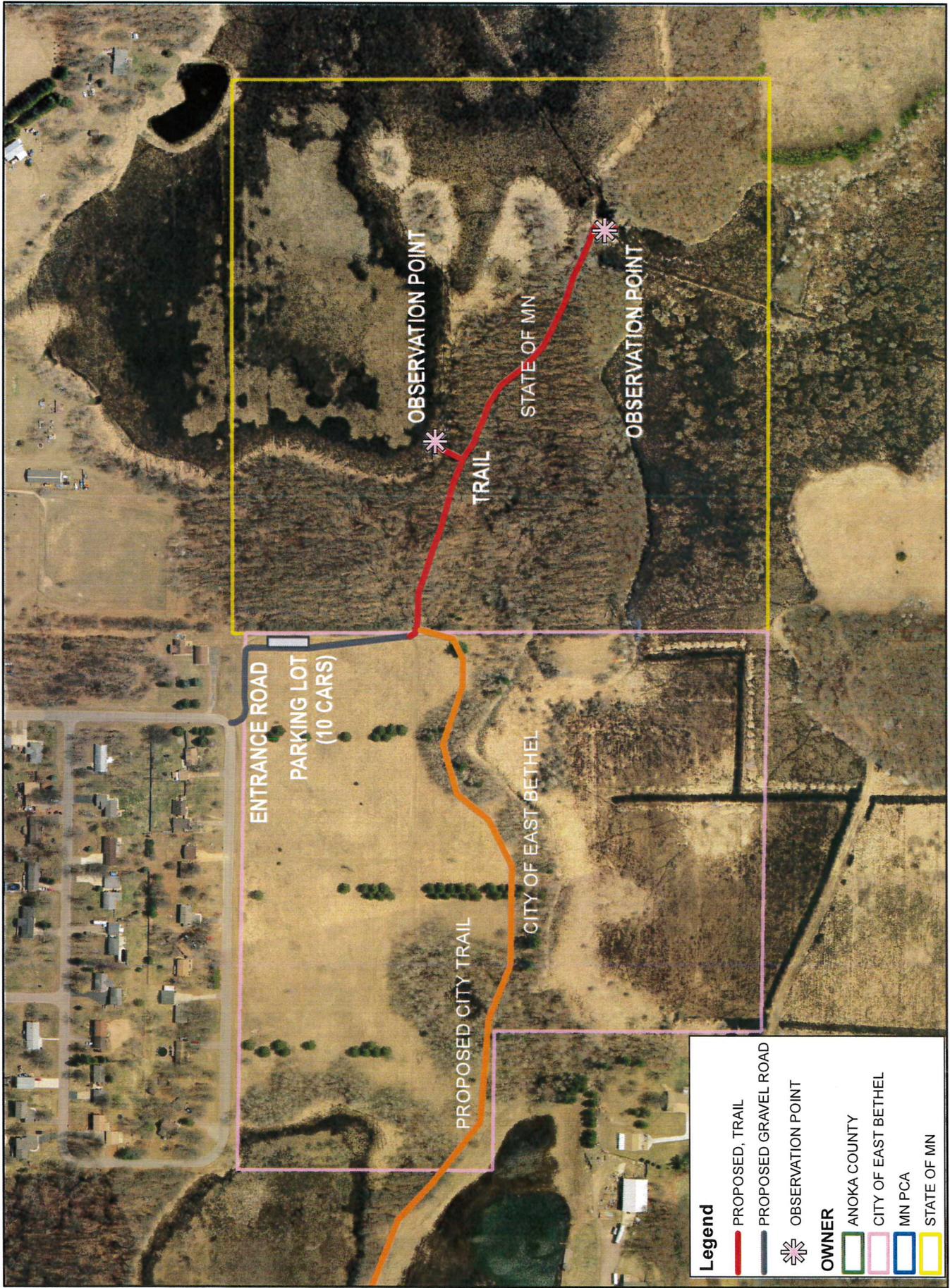
Parcel Owner

- Anoka County
- City of East Bethel
- MN PCA
- State of MN (DNR)

*Imagery Source: Summer/2010 FSA Aerials



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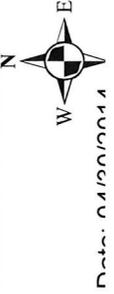
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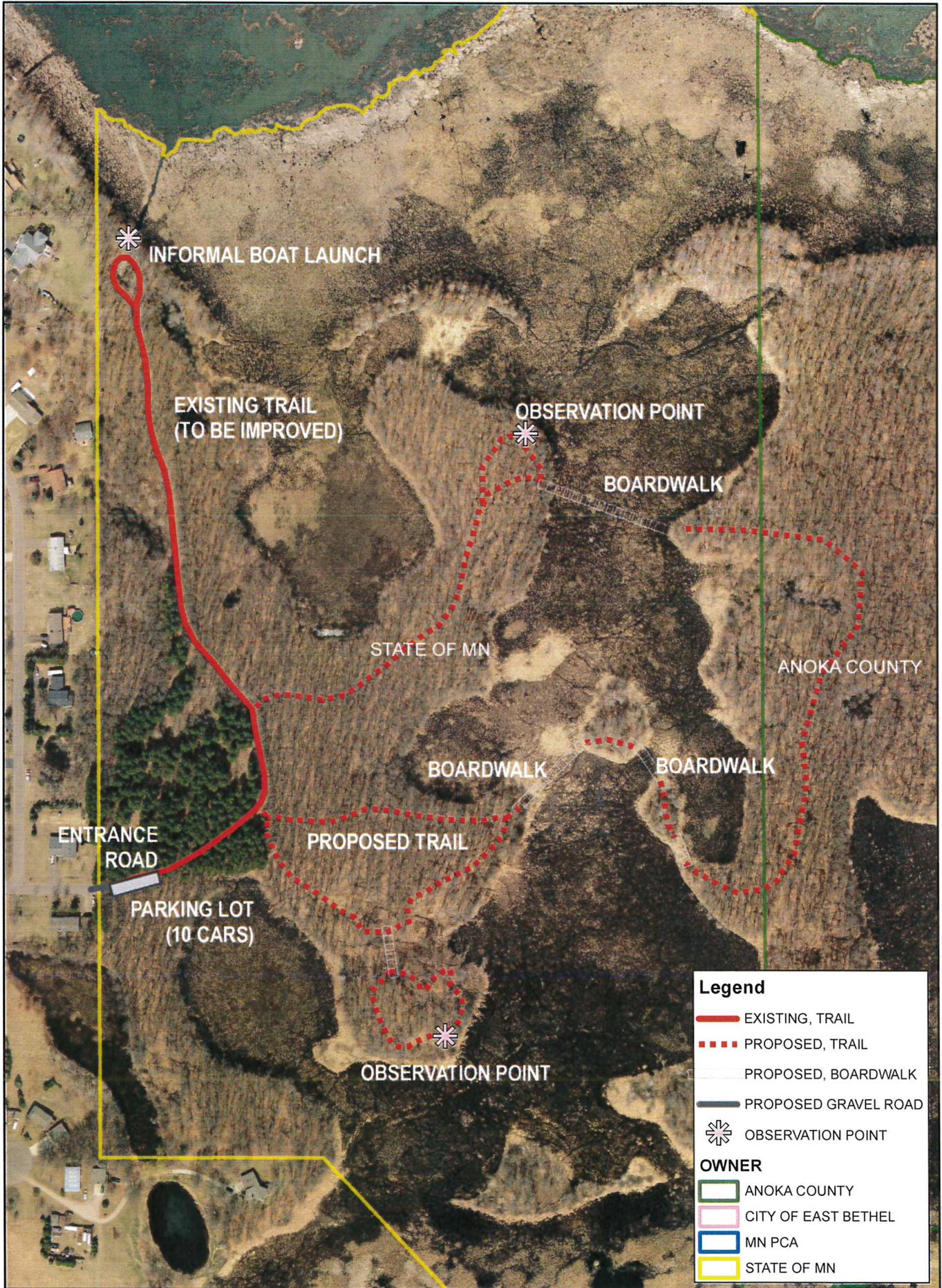
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- PROPOSED GRAVEL ROAD
- ✱ OBSERVATION POINT

OWNER

- ANOKA COUNTY
- CITY OF EAST BETHEL
- MN PCA
- STATE OF MN

**SANDHILL CRANE NATURAL AREA
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - SOUTH**





**SANDHILL CRANE NATURAL AREA
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CENTRAL**

Date: 02/27/2014



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**SANDHILL CRANE NATURAL AREA
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - NORTH**





City of East Bethel Park Commission Agenda Information

Date:

August 13, 2014

Agenda Item Number:

Item 6.0

Agenda Item:

Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment

Requested Action:

Review master plan amendment and provide comments to Anoka County

Background Information:

The Anoka County Parks Department has finished the Draft Master Plan Amendment for the East Anoka County Regional Trail and is seeking comments and input from stakeholders. The amendment includes the addition of the East Anoka County Regional Trail which follows Lexington Ave to Viking Blvd in East Bethel and also crosses back into the city near Durant St and the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve.

Once complete, the trail would provide a connection for East Bethel residents to the entire Anoka County trail system and the metro-wide trail system. Another added benefit of the proposed trail location is that it would help complete the trail loop around Fish Lake.

Anoka County is seeking input and comments before the plan is finalized.

Attachments:

6.1) Draft Master Plan Amendment for the East Anoka County Regional Trail

Fiscal Impact: None at this time

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends approval of the Trail Master Plan Amendment

Park Commission Action

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Vote Yes: _____

Vote No: _____

No Action Required: _____

East Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment



April 2014

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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT REPORT

Boundaries and Acquisition Costs

The East Anoka County Regional Trail is a 22 mile long corridor that traverses the county south to north through the cities of Lino Lakes, Blaine, Ham Lake, Columbus, East Bethel and Linwood Township. The trail provides a connection between Anoka, Ramsey and Isanti Counties. See Figure 1 for the trail's regional context.

A portion of the trail along CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue, from County Road J north to CSAH 14/Main Street has already been constructed and is outlined in the 2004 East Anoka County Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan previously approved by the Metropolitan Council. Figure 2 shows a portion of the existing segment of trail in the City of Lino Lakes.

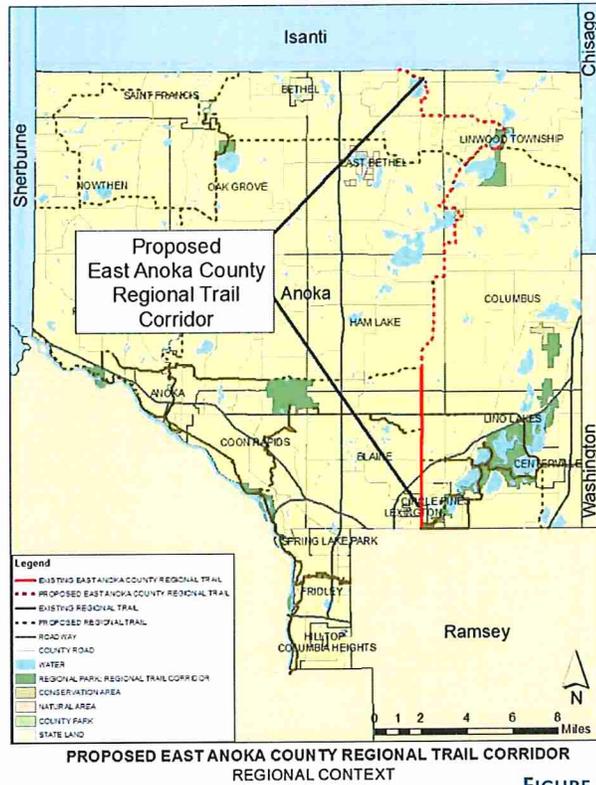


FIGURE 2

This amendment covers the segment of trail proposed to follow CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue from CSAH 14/Main Street north to Isanti County.

CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue is one of the main north/south arterial roads located in the eastern portion of the County. The trail, as proposed, follows on the east side of CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue north to 185th Avenue, where it

crosses the road and follows the west side of CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue north to Coon Lake County Park. Refer to Figures 3 & 4.

At this point, the trail traverses north through the park back to CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue. Again, the trail crosses the road and follows on the north side of CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue to CSAH 22/Viking Boulevard. At the intersection of CSAH 17/CSAH 22, the trail crosses to the north and follows CSAH 22/Viking Boulevard to Martin Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park, as shown in Figure 4.

At the park, the trail traverses northeast around Island Lake and



EAST ANOKA COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR
PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - CENTRAL SECTION

FIGURE 4



EAST ANOKA COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR
PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - COON LAKE TO ISLAND LAKE

FIGURE 3

connects to Martin Lake Road, near the Camp Salie entrance. At this point, the proposed trail follows along the west side of Martin Lake Road north to CSAH 26/227th Avenue. The trail follows 227th Avenue which turns into 229th Avenue, and continues west on 229th Avenue until Durant Street. At Durant Street the trail then heads north and follows the easternmost boundary of the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve north to Fawn Lake Drive. From there the trail crosses to the north side of Fawn Lake Drive at Hupp Street and follows Fawn Lake Drive west to the Isanti County border at Isanti County Road

12/Anoka County Road 24. Refer to Figure 5 for this section of the proposed trail.

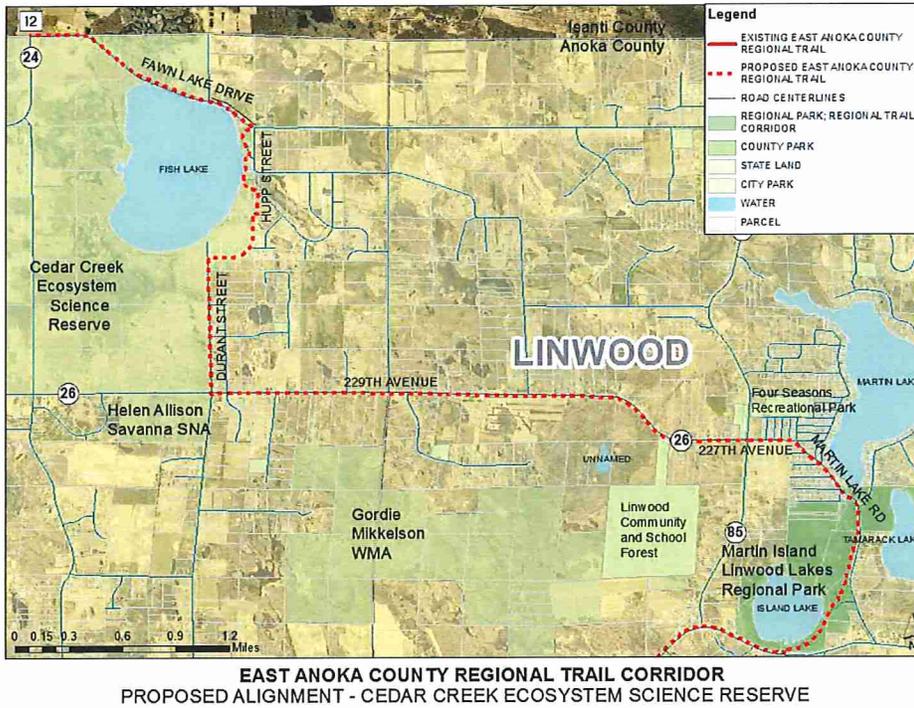


FIGURE 5

The proposed trail along county roads is anticipated to be constructed when the existing county roads are reconstructed and expanded. This provides the best economies of scale to construct the trail in the most economical way.

Right of way acquisition for the proposed 22 mile segment of the trail would affect 210 parcels totaling approximately 34 acres. A list of potentially affected parcels is shown in Table 1 in the Appendix. Straight right of way acquisition is estimated to be approximately \$1,000,000. While it is not anticipated that right of way or easement acquisition will be an issue, if the small amounts of right of way or easement cannot be acquired, the County would then purchase the entire impacted parcel, designate the needed right of way and sell the remainder of the parcel at market value. If whole parcel acquisition is required, the estimated cost is approximately \$34,642,800 based on the current assessed value for 2014. Market rate appraisals have not been conducted to date, but will be conducted prior to any acquisition or funding request to the Metropolitan Council.

Demand Forecast

Regional parks and trails have been increasing in popularity, and as the population grows the need for additional recreation resources and amenities grow as well. The population in the communities the corridor crosses are anticipated to grow steadily, as is Anoka County.

Population Forecast¹

City/Year	2010	2040
Blaine	57,186	86,000
Columbus	3,914	5,300
East Bethel	11,626	18,200
Ham Lake	15,296	17,300
Lino Lakes	20,216	29,000
Linwood Township	5,213	4,700
Anoka County	330,844	426,080

According to the Metropolitan Council Regional Forecast to 2040, the metro regional area is anticipated to grow by 22% between 2010 and 2040. By 2040, seniors are expected to comprise 20% of the population and people of color will comprise 40%. As the population increases, diversifies, and ages, demand for easily accessible outdoor recreation opportunities and open spaces increase.

The outdoor recreational use patterns in the metropolitan area have also been growing steadily. Recreational visits to Anoka County regional trails have increased from 583,600 to just over 870,000 in 2012.²

In addition, according to the Outdoor Foundation:

¹ Metropolitan Council, Thrive MSP 2040 Forecasts, Adopted May 28, 2014

² Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2012, Metropolitan Council



FIGURE 6

Outdoor recreation reached the highest participation level in five years. Outdoor recreation added three million participants in 2011 — a significant improvement over the past few years when participation either dropped or remained stagnant.³ With the population growth expected and the increase in recreational visits to regional parks and trails, the demand for additional facilities will only increase.

To increase access to parks and trails and increase education regarding health, wellness and outdoor recreation, Anoka County has installed park and trail wayfinding maps throughout the parks and trails system. This project was in cooperation with the Blue Cross Blue Shield “Do” campaign. Refer to Figure 6 for an example of a sign.

Also, the Go Anoka County website (goanokacounty.org) was created to provide information related to parks and recreation facilities, promote access to those facilities to make it easier to recreate outdoors.



Development Concept

The proposed development concept for the East Anoka County Regional Trail is to provide a trail that links several regional trails and destination points in and around Anoka County. Destinations outside Anoka County include the Ramsey County Regional Park and Trail System and the Isanti County Trail System. The East Anoka County Regional Trail provides a critical link between the existing Rice Creek North and Central Anoka County regional trails as well as the proposed Bunker Hills/Chain of Lakes and North Anoka County regional trails. The proposed trail also connects to Coon Lake County Park and Martin Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park, Boot Lake SNA, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and several local parks and trail systems.

³ Outdoor Recreation Participation Report 2012, Outdoor Foundation



FIGURE 8

The southern portion of the trail already exists and is outlined in the 2004 East Anoka County Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan, therefore this master plan amendment addresses only the northern portion of the trail corridor from CSAH 14/Main Street north to the Isanti County line, as shown in Figure 7.

The majority of the proposed trail corridor follows existing county roadways. The development concept for these sections will be similar to Figure 8, with a grade separated paved trail that is 8-10 feet wide. There may be instances, i.e. near intersections or narrow right of ways, where the trail may be located

immediately behind the curb, but still separated from the road grade.

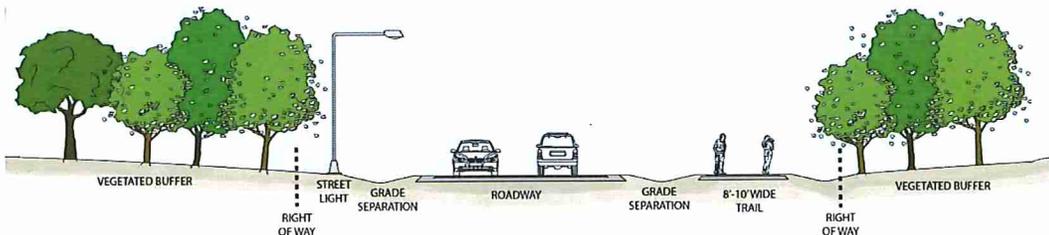


FIGURE 7

There are wetlands and ditches along the trail corridor. Anoka County is proposing to construct boardwalks and/or bridges where possible to reduce the environmental impacts of the trail.

Trailhead facilities currently exist at Ramsey County’s Rice Creek North Regional Trail just south of County Road J on Lexington Avenue, at Coon Lake County Park and at Martin Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park. This amendment does not propose any additional regional facilities along the corridor.

Trailhead signs are proposed at a few of the major intersections along the trail as are smaller trail identification signs to help users navigate the trail. Examples of these signs are shown in Figures 6 and 9.

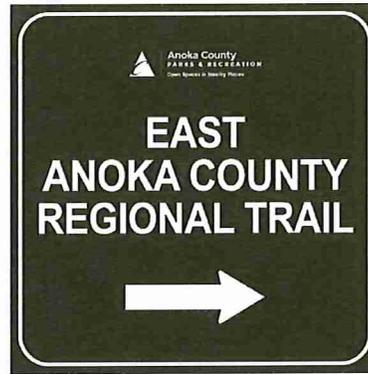


FIGURE 9

When construction of the trail through the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve (CCESR) occurs, the County will enter into a Joint Powers agreement with the CCESR to ensure that the trail is constructed with the least amount of disturbance possible.

The cost estimate for completion of this 22 mile trail is approximately \$13,997,500. The cost breakdown is shown in the table below.

Proposed East Anoka County Regional Trail Development Cost Estimate	
Description	Total
Right of Way/Easement Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Design/Engineering/Project Management	\$1,200,000
Archaeological Survey	\$300,000
Wetland Delineation	\$300,000
Topographic Survey/Construction Staking	\$500,000
Geotechnical Survey	\$250,000
Clearing and grubbing	\$250,000
Utility relocations, if required	\$300,000

Bituminous trail construction	\$4,400,000
Boardwalk Construction	\$2,850,000
Pedestrian Bridge Construction	\$750,000
Lighting	\$250,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$200,000
Signage and striping	\$100,000
Site Furnishings	\$75,000
Sub-Total	\$12,725,000
Contingency (10%)	\$1,272,500
Total	\$13,997,500

There may be some cost savings on this estimate, if the trail is constructed as part of future roadway reconstruction projects or other development projects that occur.

The schedule for construction of this trail will depend on right of way acquisition, roadway reconstruction and funding availability; therefore, no schedule has been developed. The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to work with local cities and the Anoka County Highway Department to implement this trail as development and redevelopment occurs.

Conflicts

Conflicts related to park or trail redevelopment will be kept to a minimum through proper planning and community involvement. With any new development or redevelopment in areas of existing residential homes, there are common concerns among the residents that are adjacent to a park or trail.

One of these concerns is the effect increased usage of the park or trail will have on their safety, security and privacy. Generally, regional parks and trails in the metropolitan area do not have a high number of criminal activities related to use. A typical concern is vandalism and damage to vehicles. The County provides Park Ranger patrols and works with the local

police and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to ensure the parks and trails are safe and secure.

Privacy is also a concern and Anoka County typically works with affected residents to minimize the perceived impacts. Because the majority of the trail is adjacent to county roads, development of this trail will typically occur when the roadways are upgraded and resident concerns regarding the trail can be addressed with any concerns regarding the roadway construction. Anoka County does not anticipate there to be any major conflicts with the area residents and if an issue does arise, a variety of methods for mitigation can be utilized, with the best methods being determined by Anoka County.

Conflicts between pedestrians and vehicular traffic will be kept to a minimum by working with the County Highway Department and the local cities to ensure safe crossings at road intersections and driveways for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, signing along the trail will alert users of potential conflict areas, i.e. street crossings, pedestrian cross-traffic, etc., and will provide way-finding and interpretive information.

Public Services

The local, county and regional parks will provide the necessary facilities required for trail users, i.e. parking lot, restrooms, drinking fountain and benches. Public services are available at Coon Lake County Park and Martin Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park. In addition, future development of local parks adjacent to the trail will also provide necessary facilities, therefore no new non-recreational related public services will be required for this trail.

Operations

The Anoka County Park Ordinance, dated January 24th, 2012 regulates parks and trails under the jurisdiction of Anoka County. Education and enforcement is provided through the Anoka County Park Rangers, the local police departments and the Anoka County Sheriff's Department.

Anoka County typically partners with the local cities through either a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to provide for the maintenance of regional trails. Typically, the MOU or JPA is executed prior to trail construction and outlines what agency is responsible for general routine maintenance of the trail and what agency is responsible for capital improvements to the trail in their jurisdiction.

The County is typically responsible for the daily and general routine maintenance of trails within regional or county parks. This includes mowing, sweeping, plowing, clearing, debris

removal, etc. Outside of regional and county park facilities, the local cities are responsible for daily trail maintenance. Solid waste is typically collected from trash receptacles located along the trail at regular intervals by the local agencies. Anoka County will inspect the trail annually and will provide the capital improvements that are needed and will provide the long-term maintenance required, such as bituminous overlays, crack-sealing, etc. Trail signage is typically provided by and maintained by the County.

Annual maintenance costs for the East Anoka County Regional Trail are estimated to be about \$30,000. This includes funding for sign replacements, minor bituminous repair and crack-sealing. Revenue for the operation and maintenance of the trail comes from the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department's annual operations and maintenance budget, which includes revenues from picnic shelter rentals, room rentals, programs, parks entrance fees and the County general fund. Supplementary funding is provided through the Regional Park Operations and Maintenance Grant Program.

Citizen Participation

Anoka County is currently working with regulatory agencies and local units of government in the master planning process and will be requesting comments on this amendment. In addition, an open house will be held to receive public comment on the proposed plan. A notice advertising the open house will be published in the local weekly newspaper and on the Anoka County website. Post card invitations will also be mailed out to adjacent residents and local city and county officials.

Comments received from the public and the local and regulatory agencies will be incorporated into this master plan amendment.

Refer to Appendix for the public notices, letters requesting comments, comments received from the public and from the municipal and regulatory agencies that responded.

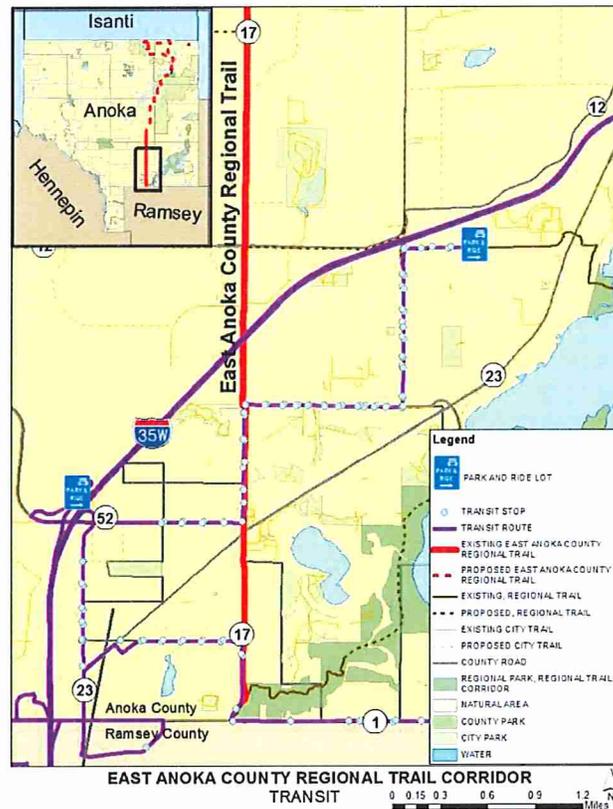
Public Awareness

Public awareness is an important component to regional park and trail systems. The County will provide public education efforts through the Metropolitan Council's regional-wide awareness program, as well as, public information maps, websites (www.anokacountyparks.com & www.anokacounty.us), social media, publications and brochures provided by Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department.

Accessibility

Anoka County continually strives to provide equal access to all residents of Anoka County and in the region. Park and trail use is open to any and all citizens. While there is a nominal parking fee in some of the regional parks, there is not a fee for trail use. This eliminates any economic barriers for trail users. A small portion of the trail corridor in the south of the county is located along two public transportation routes 250 and 262, with two Park and Ride lots within 1.5 miles of the trail. In addition, the Anoka County Traveler Transit Link and Metro Transit's Mobility Link provides transportation services for a minimal fee. This service offers rides to specific locations.

The facilities and amenities along the trail will conform to the standards mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Joint Powers Agreements

Since regional trails cross multiple jurisdictions, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is generally executed prior to construction of the trail. The JPA addresses who has control over the trail right-of-way, how that control is exercised, who will operate and maintain the trail and how operations and maintenance will be accomplished. The JPA outlines that the trail is open and available to all users (not restricted by residence) with only controls on the type of use and timing/season of the permitted use(s). JPA's are in place for the duration of the trail's life cycle.



City of East Bethel Park Commission Agenda Information

Date:

August 13, 2014

Agenda Item Number:

Item 7.0

Agenda Item:

Council Report and Other Business

Requested Action: Informational

Background Information:

Staff and the Parks Commission will continue discussions on the future direction of the City's Parks and projects with the City Council liaison Tim Harrington. The purpose of this discussion will be to formulate goals and objectives for the park development program and to update the commission on issues currently before the City Council.

Attachments:

Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation(s):

Park Commission Action

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Vote Yes: _____

Vote No: _____

No Action Required: _____