

Committee Report

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Community Development Committee Meeting: August 18, 2025 For the Metropolitan Council: Sept 10, 2025

Business Item: 2025-195

West Mississippi River Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Steinke), Three Rivers Park District

Proposed Action

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Summary of Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Discussion

Jessica Lee presented the staff report to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission on August 7, 2025. Jonathan Vlaming from Three Rivers Park District helped answer questions.

Commissioner Cecily Harris asked what the status is of the remaining parcels in Segment A of the regional trail. Vlaming responded that they only buy from willing sellers, so they don't have a definite timeline. He added that they are prioritizing areas where the road would be too steep for a trail. Harris then asked why the trail alignment is closer to the road than the river, to which Vlaming responded that the proposed alignment is only conceptual at this point and will depend on topography and other characteristics of the land.

Chair Tony Yarusso asked if reimbursing for this acquisition is different than what the Council used to allow for reimbursements. Lee described the previous practice, which was called Future Reimbursement Consideration, and how it was used for acquisition and development projects when funding was not available, and there was no set timeline for agencies to seek reimbursement, which came out of their bonding appropriations. The reason for this reimbursement had more to do with the property owner wanting to close earlier this year and Three Rivers having met their agency limit within that fiscal year's appropriation. Lisa Barajas, the Executive Director of Community Development, added that the Future Reimbursement practice was stopped when Council staff determined it did not meet IRS rules for tax exempt bonds. This grant request is for a reimbursement of an acquisition that just happened in April, and the law allows for such reimbursement within shorter timelines and with this funding source.

Harris asked if the entire regional trail is a segment of the Mississippi River Trail and if there was any funding associated with that, and Vlaming responded that it is and they have received some funding in the past, but there is no agreement for such.

Motion by Commissioner Monica Dillenburg, seconded by Commissioner David Yakes, the Commission voted unanimously to pass the proposed action.

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District(s), Member(s):	District A, Monica Dillenburg District 1, Judy Johnson
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Const. art. XI, sec. 15; Minn. Stat. § 473.315; 2050 <i>Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan</i> , Section 3, Natural Systems Policy Action 1: Locate and acquire land; Section 5, Planning Policy Action 1: Long-range plan requirements; Section 8, Finance Policy Action 3: Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund; FM 15-2 Grant/Loan Approval Policy, FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy.
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Jessica Lee, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1621
Division/Department:	Community Development / Regional Planning

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Background

Regional Park Implementing Agency and Project Request

Three Rivers Park District requested a Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) grant on May 1, 2025, to fund the acquisition of 2.17 acres for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail. A copy of the Agency's request is attached to this item as Exhibit 2 with application details in Exhibit 3.

The West Mississippi River Regional Trail when completed will span 20 miles adjacent to or near the Mississippi River in northeast Hennepin County, connecting the communities of Dayton, Champlin, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center. For a map of the entire regional trail, see Exhibit 1, Figures 1 and 2. Exhibit 1, Figure 3 shows the Dayton segment of the regional trail, and Figure 4 shows the subject parcel and nearby park property. The trail is within the National Park Service's Mississippi National River Recreation Area. Additionally, the regional trail is part of the National Mississippi River Trail that spans the entire length of the Mississippi River from the headwaters at

Itasca State Park to the mouth of the river in Louisiana.

Subject Property

The subject 2.17-acre property is within the Council-approved boundary of the West Mississippi River Regional Trail. The property is situated along the Mississippi River and is partially in the floodplain. The upland portion of the property contains dense forest. There was a home on the property at the time of sale that has been sold and removed.

Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF)

The Council's Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) Program provides funding to purchase property and easements via two state sources: the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The Council contributes by matching every \$3 in state funds with \$2 in Council funds. The \$3 to \$2 match is required at the program level, not the individual project level.

State and Council funds contribute up to 75% of the purchase price and eligible costs; the Regional Park Implementing Agency (Agency) contributes the remaining 25% as local match.

Project Budget

The appraised value of the subject property is \$635,000, and the Seller has agreed to a purchase price of \$650,000, or 102% of the appraised value. See Exhibit 4 for more information on the appraisal. The total project cost including legal fees, environmental assessments, stewardship, taxes, and appraisal is \$728,593 as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Project Budget

Budget item	Requested amount
Purchase price	\$650,000
Appraisal, legal fees, taxes, closing costs	\$16,093
Environmental assessment	\$2,500
Stewardship	\$60,000
Total Costs	\$728,593
Grant structure	
Grant amount	\$546,445
Local match	\$182,148

Acquisition Details

This is a straightforward fee-title acquisition. Three Rivers acquired this property on April 15, 2025. Because they had already reached their annual cap limit for the PAOF program in fiscal year 2025 (FY2025), they had asked the Council to consider approving this acquisition as a reimbursement grant. Council staff agreed this was a reasonable approach as long as the grant request was submitted for early FY2026 consideration. In addition, Three Rivers was able to sell the home for reuse rather than have it deconstructed. The sale of the home was around \$2,000 and the proceeds will be used for stewardship of the site.

Rationale

Council staff conduct the review of each PAOF request on a first-come-first-served basis under the following standards:

- the proposed acquisition complies with state statute and Council policy
- all necessary documentation for the acquisition is in place
- the appraisal is reasonable and appropriate

This acquisition is consistent with:

- The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund



- The *2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan*
 - Planning Policy Strategy 1 requires that before an Agency can receive a grant for acquisition, the proposed project must be consistent with a Council-approved long-range plan. The Council approved the West Mississippi River Regional Trail long-range plan in 2018 ([Business Item 2018-85](#)). The proposed acquisition is within the boundaries of the approved long-range plan.
 - Natural Systems and Policy Action 1 prioritizes the acquisition of lands with natural resource features, access to water, and/or restoration potential for the Regional Parks System. The subject property is necessary to complete the West Mississippi River Regional Trail and contains 285 linear feet of Mississippi River shoreline.
 - Finance Action 3 authorizes the use of PAOF as the funding mechanism for the acquisition of Regional Park and Trail lands and matching every \$3 in state funds with \$2 in Council bonds.

Imagine Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on the policy direction established in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Imagine lens, this request is consistent with the Regional Core Value of Stewardship. The Council’s investment in the West Mississippi River Regional Trail will provide access to nature and the outdoors and enhance quality of life in the region, which is consistent with several of our Regional Goals including “Our communities are healthy and safe” and “We protect and restore natural systems.”

Funding

The Council will fund the 75% share with the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund and Council funds. The PAOF program has available funds in the Council’s Authorized Capital Program.

Three Rivers Park District will provide a local match of \$182,148.

Exhibit List

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- Exhibit 4: Appraisal excerpt
- Exhibit 5: Board approval
- Exhibit 6: Purchase agreement



Exhibit 1 – Images

Figure 1. Map of the Regional Parks System and the West Mississippi River Regional Trail (circled in red)

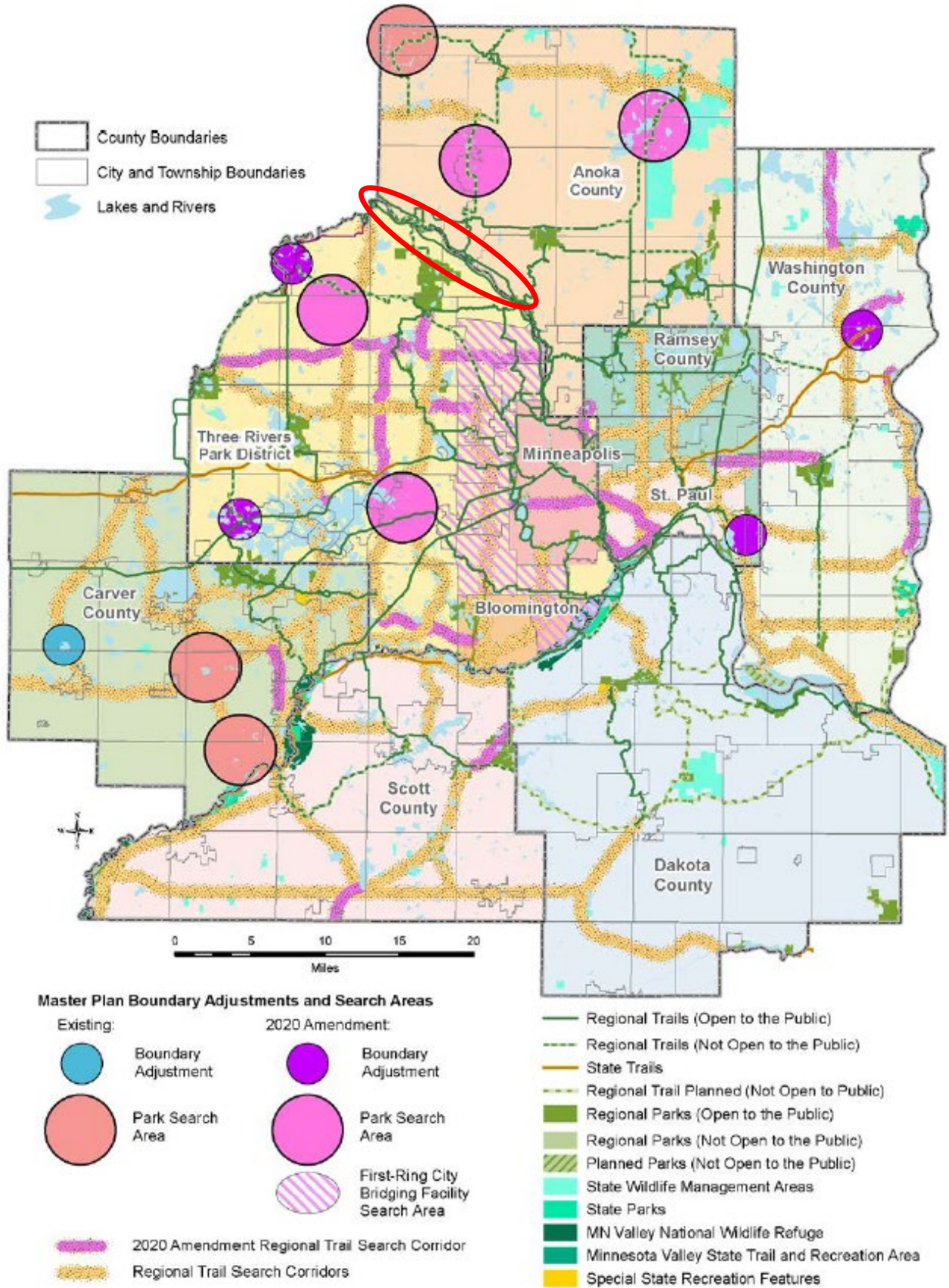
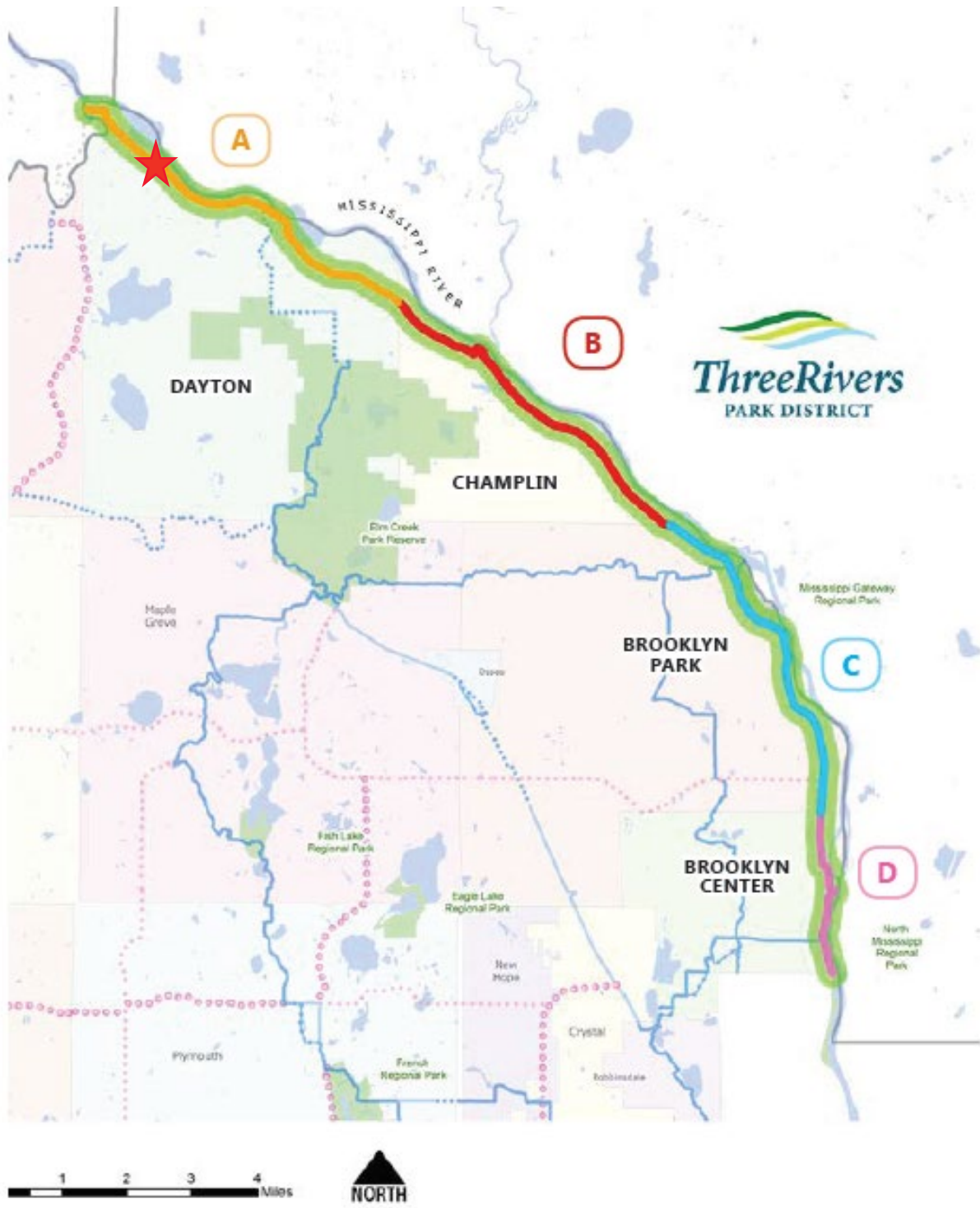


Figure 2. Excerpt from the West Mississippi River Regional Trail long-range plan showing a map of the regional trail, with the approximate location of the subject property starred.



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Figure 3. Map of Dayton segment of the West Mississippi River Regional Trail, with the subject property location starred.

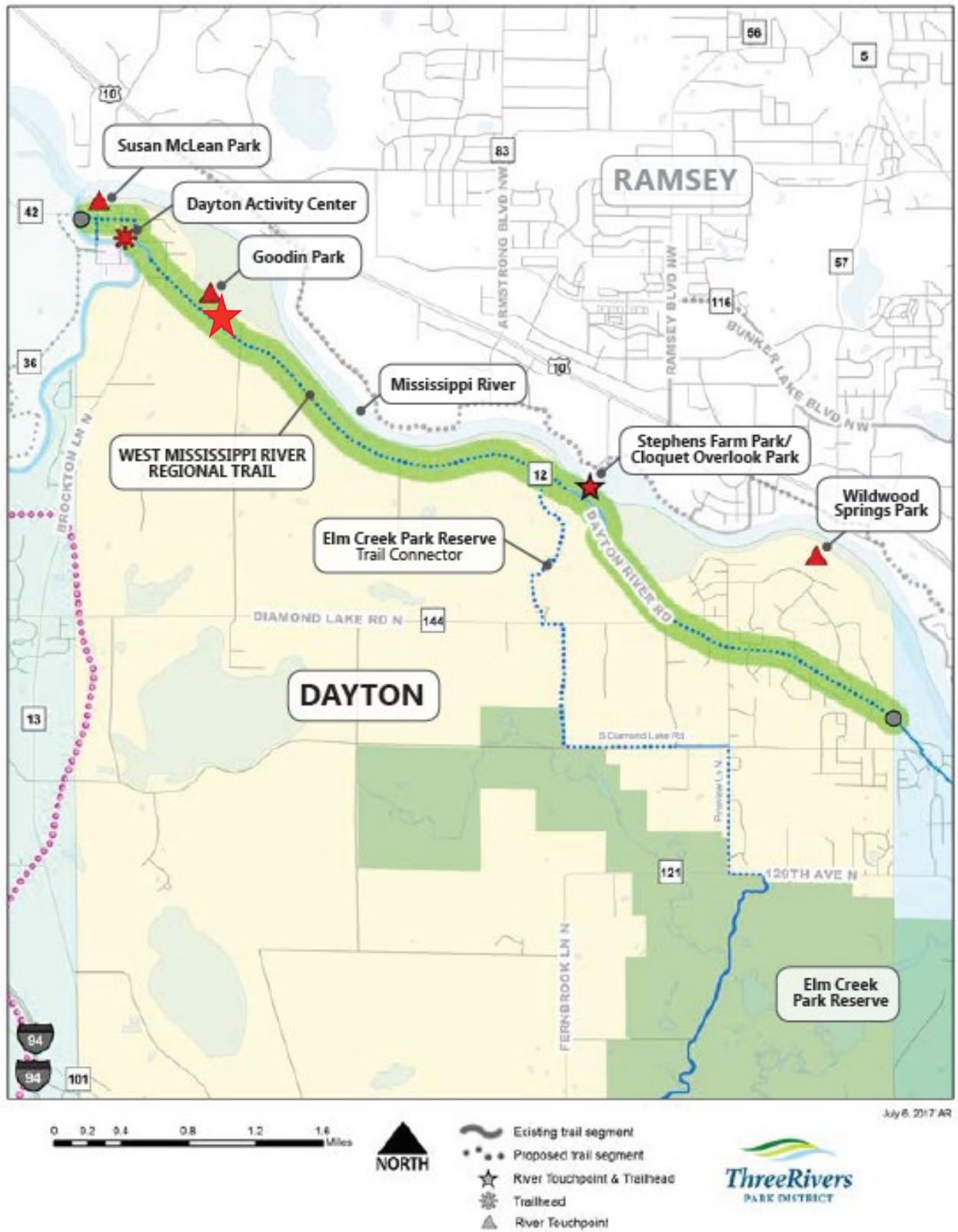


Figure 4. Map showing the subject property outlined in blue and the proposed West Mississippi River Regional Trail location in pink.

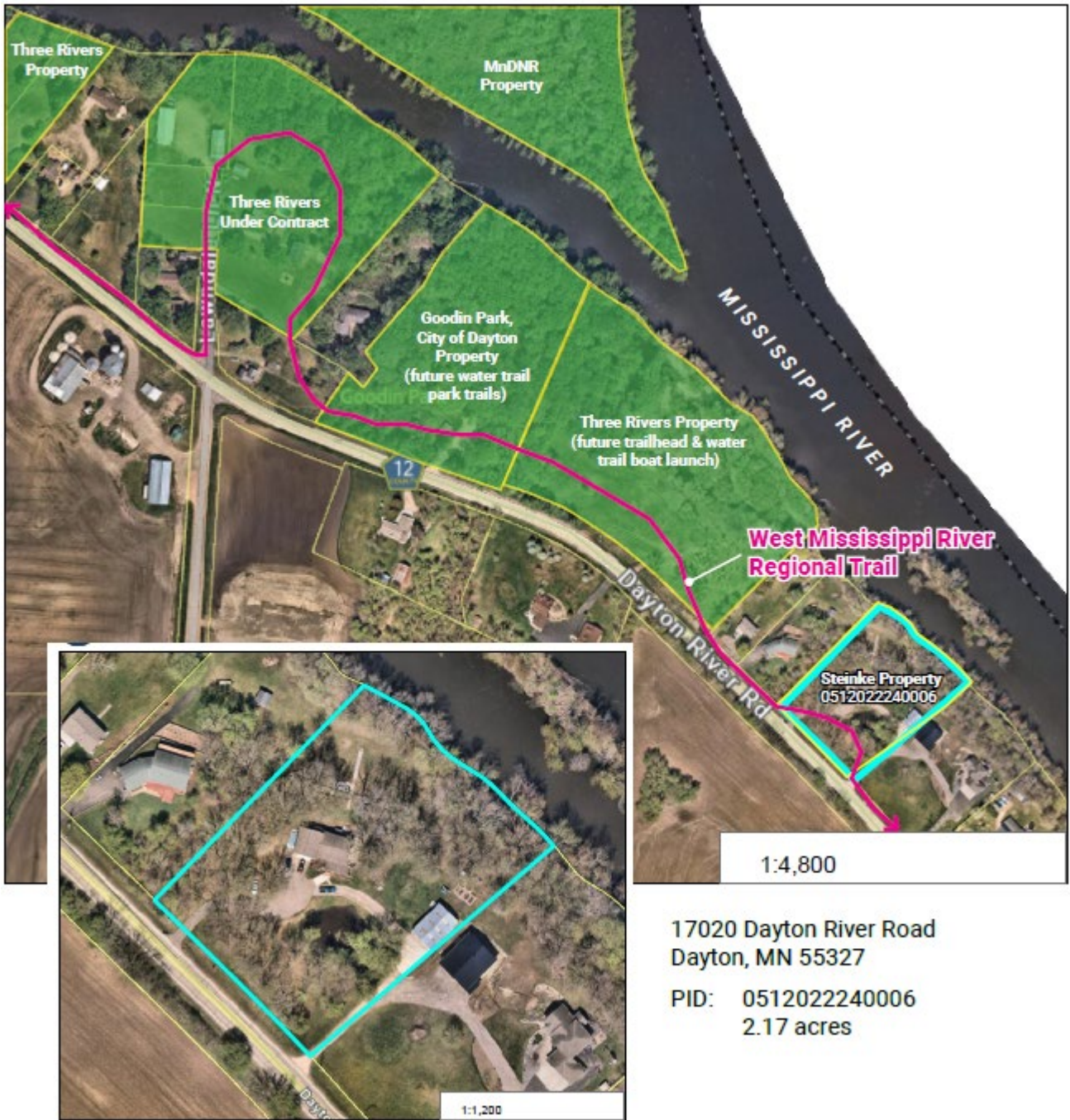


Exhibit 2: Grant request letter



Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

May 1, 2025

Marge Beard
District 1

Mr. Emmett Mullin, Manager
Regional Parks and Natural Resources Unit
Community Development Division
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Jennifer DeJournett
Vice Chair
District 2

Erin Kolb
District 3

RE: Trail Acquisition Opportunity Grant Fund Request
West Mississippi River Regional Trail: Steinke Property
17020 Dayton River Road, Dayton, Minnesota
PID: 05-120-22-24-0006

Louise M. Segreto
District 4

Dear Emmett,

John Gibbs
Chair
District 5

Three Rivers Park District respectfully requests a Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant for West Mississippi River Regional Trail in the amount of \$546,445 for acquisition of 2.17 acres located along the Mississippi River in the City of Dayton. Please process this request and forward to the Metropolitan Parks Open Space Commission, Community Development Committee, and Metropolitan Council for consideration and approval.

Jan Guenther
Appointed
At Large

Background Summary

Jesse Winkler
Appointed
At Large

Three Rivers is pursuing acquisition of properties along the West Mississippi River Regional Trail (WMRRT). The WMRRT is designated as a destination regional trail and is envisioned to function as a linear park or greenway, both connecting people to the Mississippi River and improving natural resources along the corridor. Acquisition of this property supports the long-term vision of the WMRRT corridor by preserving and restoring the existing natural resources along the Mississippi River.

Boe Carlson
Superintendent

Regional Recreation Amenity

Acquisition of this parcel is critical to the long-term WMRRT vision. When complete, the regional trail will span over 20.2 miles from the confluence of the Mississippi and Crow Rivers in Dayton to the Grand Rounds in Minneapolis, thereby connecting the communities of Dayton, Champlin, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

Natural Resource Summary

During the planning for the WMRRT, parcels directly along the Mississippi River were identified so that the trail corridor could act as a buffer and provide some additional level of protection of the river. The property totals 2.17 acres including floodplain and dense forest.

Funding Request

Three Rivers requests FY2026 Metropolitan Council acquisition funding consideration at the Council's earliest opportunity as the closing of the property happened on April 15, 2025.

Thank you for your continued assistance through this process.

Maggie Heurung
Planner

Enclosures

C: Jonathan Vlaming, Associate Superintendent
Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning
Jessica Lee, Metropolitan Council

Exhibit 3: Grant application



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Application

Instructions

Print to PDF will convert the application plus any PDF attachments into a single PDF file. **Release for Review** will change the status of the application to Under Review and move it on to the evaluation process. **Negotiation** will allow you to unlock one or more sections of the application and route the application back to the applicant for further editing. **Annotations** allow internal staff to add notes that are visible to internal staff only and possibly also reviewers if they have a special security privilege. The applicant cannot see these notes. **Versions** will display all component versions that were created as a result of the negotiation process. **Feedback** allows staff to enter feedback about the application to the applicant. The feedback text will appear at the bottom of the application and will be visible to anyone who has access to the application. **Withdraw** changes the status of the application to Withdrawn and removes the app from the evaluation process.

Application Details

[Map](#) | [Print to PDF](#) | [Release for Review](#) | [Negotiation](#) | [Annotations\(0\)](#) | [Versions](#) | [Feedback](#) | [Withdraw](#)

23171 - FY2026 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Program - Final Application

24664 - West Mississippi River Regional Trail Steinke Property Parks Grants Acquisition

Status: Submitted

Submitted Date: 05/01/2025 1:16 PM Submitted By: Maggie Marie Heurung

Applicant Information

Primary Contact:

Feel free to edit your profile any time your information changes. Create your own personal alerts using My Alerts.

Name:*	She/her/her <small>Pronouns</small>	Maggie <small>First Name</small>	Marie <small>Middle Name</small>	Heurung <small>Last Name</small>
Title:*	Associate Planner			
Department:	Planning			
Email:*	maggie.heurung@threeriversparks.org			
Address:*	3000 Xenium Ln N			
* City	Plymouth	Minnesota <small>State/Province</small>	55441 <small>Postal Code/Zip</small>	
Phone:*	763-694-7797 <small>Phone</small>			Ext.
Fax:				
What Grant Programs are you most interested in?*	Regional Solicitation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities			

Organization Information

Name:*	THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT		
Jurisdictional Agency (if different):			
Organization Type:			
Organization Website:			
Address:*	RESERVATIONS 3000 XENIUM LN N		
* City	PLYMOUTH	Minnesota <small>State/Province</small>	55441-2661 <small>Postal Code/Zip</small>
County:*	Hennepin		

Phone:* 763-559-6700

Ext.

Fax:

PeopleSoft Vendor Number 0000057347A1

Project description

PAOF grants are limited to a single park or trail. Do not mix properties from more than one park or trail on a single request.

Park or trail name West Mississippi Regional Trail

Master plan

An acquisition request will not be considered complete until the property is included in a Council-approved master plan.

Is the project consistent with a Council-approved master plan? Yes

If yes, name of master plan and date of Council approval West Mississippi River Regional Trail Master Plan 04/25/2018
Name of master plan Council approval date - Format: mmddyyyy (Do not enter any punctuation.)

If no, has a master plan amendment been submitted to the Council for review and approval?

Acquisition method

Acquisition method Fee title

If the acquisition method is anything other than routine, provide more detail.

This question seeks a general description of the acquisition method - is this a routine purchase, or does it involve a land donation, park dedication fees, condemnation, or some combination? Please use this space to describe the overall acquisition **project**.

Does this acquisition involve eminent domain? No

Eminent domain

If eminent domain is being used:

(1) you must upload a copy of the notice your Agency provided to the Council that the petition to the Court was filed.

(2) Include documentation of your governing body's authorization (on the Other Acquisition Attachments web page).

When was the Council notified of your intention to use eminent domain?

Date the petition was filed.

Settlement date

Public domain

Note that ENRTF funding cannot be used for acquisitions of property already in the public domain unless a minimum of 12 LCCMR commissioners approve the transaction. If this is a public domain acquisition and if you propose using ENRTF, be sure your closing schedule accommodates planning to be included on a future LCCMR agenda.

Is any portion of the property currently in the public domain? No

If yes, describe/name the entity and the portion of the property it owns, as well as why this public-to-public transfer is necessary.

Closing date

The Council will process all acquisition requests expeditiously, but we do not guarantee that the approval process will be completed to meet your requested closing date. This date will be considered an **estimate** only. However, the acquisition must be completed during the standard one-year grant term unless prior approval is obtained from the Council or the grant term is amended.

Estimated closing date 04/15/2025
Format: mmddyyyy (Do not enter any punctuation.)

Type of agreement Purchase Agreement
i.e., purchase agreement, offer letter, etc.

Date agreement expires
Format: mmddyyyy (Do not enter any punctuation.)

Relocation costs

Payment of relocation costs is required by both state and federal law, unless the seller waives those rights. Please consult with Agency attorneys to determine applicability for this acquisition. If the seller has waived relocation rights, you must upload an executed copy of the waiver.

Does the requested grant amount include relocation costs? No

Appraisal

The appraisal must have an effective date within one year of the date the purchase agreement is signed. The appraisal **MUST** list the Metropolitan Council as an intended user, and the intended use must include "negotiation and grant reimbursement."

Appraisal effective date	12/12/2024	
Appraised value	\$635,000.00	
Amount being offered the seller (net of closing and other costs)	\$650,000.00	102.36%
		<small>% of appraised value</small>

Who performed the appraisal? Nagell Appraisal & Consulting, Inc.

Who contracted for the appraisal (i.e., was it done at arms' length)? Three Rivers Park District

Survey

Was a survey done? No

Quality of natural resources - is the property...

...undeveloped?		Yes
	Fully	Partially
...wooded?		Yes
	Fully	Partially
...shoreline?		Yes
	Fully	Partially

Describe the existing natural resources it contains

This property is situated along the Mississippi River and is partially in the floodplain area. The upland portion of the property contains dense forest.

Known opposition

Is the Agency aware of any opposition to this acquisition? No

If yes, explain:

Encumbrances

To your knowledge, are there any current or anticipated assessments or liens on property? No

If yes, describe.

Are there easements or other encumbrances on any part of the property? No

If yes, describe

Clear title

To your knowledge, does the current owner have clear title to the property? Yes

If not, what must be done to clear the title, and when will that be completed?

Suggested funding source

For guidance, see the PAOF rules in the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan at <http://metro council.org/Parks/Publications-And-Resources/POLICY-PLANS/2040-Regional-Parks-Policy-Plan.aspx>; for ENRTF fee title acquisition project requirements, see http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/pm_info/enrtf_fee-title-acquisition-project-requirements.pdf

The Council will review your project specifics and work with you to determine the optimal funding source(s).

Anticipated funding source PTLF Legacy / Council match
Select as many as apply

Funding source comments, if desired

Structures currently on the property

Does the property contain **ANY** structures? Yes

If yes, are there any habitable structures? Yes

Does the property currently contain any revenue-generating businesses? No

If yes, what is the plan for the structure(s)? We are exploring moving the single-family home with a house moving company. If that is not possible, we are also exploring working with the fire department to do a practice burn. If neither of these options are feasible, we will demolish the structure in a traditional fashion after abating for hazardous materials and removing/reusing components that are in good shape (doors, windows, cabinets).

If there are habitable structures, could they be relocated? If yes, how? If no, why not? The house can possibly be relocated by a house moving company and sold to another family or interested group. We are exploring the feasibility of this as moving a three-level house has some constraints.

If the property contains habitable structures or revenue-generating businesses, describe:

The property contains a single-family residential home. The home is 2,995 finished square feet, was originally built in 1976 and is in good condition.

For ENRTF funding only

If this will use ENRTF funding, LCCMR rules require that you describe the selection process used to identify these proposed parcels.

NOTICE: ENRTF funding has specific requirements for disseminating information to the public when property is purchase through the Trust Fund. It is the agency's responsibility to meet those requirements and to provide documentation to the Council BEFORE payment will be made.

Stewardship and minimal access

Describe the stewardship plan.

The structure will be moved and/or demolished and the land will be restored to natural green space.

How will the stewardship implementation be funded?

Stewardship efforts on this property will be both funded by the PAOF grant and provided in-kind by Three Rivers Natural Resources and Management staff.

Are you requesting funds to provide minimal access to the property (prior to it being open to the public) as part of this grant request? No

If yes, how will those funds be used?

Site Description

Land Use History

Current land uses Agricultural, Residential
Select as many as apply

Previous land uses Agricultural, Residential
Select as many as apply

Adjacent land uses Agricultural, Residential
Select as many as apply

Inspection

Does the property contain any of the following? Wells, Septic
Select as many as apply

Sellers and parcels

Seller name	Parcel address	PID	Acres (SF for easements)	Date PA signed	Habitable structures?	MN House district	City	County	Met Council district	MPOSC	Latitude	Longitude
Bradley and Kelly Steinke	17020 Dayton River Road, Dayton, Minnesota	05-120-22-24-0006	2.17	02/18/2025	Yes	34A	Dayton	Anoka-Hennepin	1	A	45.231591	-93.495922
			2.17									

Local match

Source of local match

Three Rivers G.O. Bond Funds and Legacy funding.

Grant agreement signatories

Full name	Title	If this is an attorney, is the signature 'for form only'?
Eric Quiring	General Counsel	Yes
Boe Carlson	Superintendent	

Acquisition Costs

Cost Items	Amount	State funds	Metro funds	Match funds
Purchase price				
Negotiated purchase price	\$650,000.00	\$292,500.00	\$195,000.00	\$162,500.00
Appraisal expenses				
Appraisal	\$1,400.00	\$630.00	\$420.00	\$350.00
Appraisal review	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Environmental expenses				
Phase I environmental site assessment	\$2,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$750.00	\$625.00
Phase II environmental site assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Environmental contamination remediation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holding expenses				
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land stewardship	\$60,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00
Land development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pro-rated share of all property taxes/assessments	\$4,867.00	\$2,190.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,217.00
Legal services and closing costs	\$1,845.00	\$830.00	\$554.00	\$461.00
Property tax equivalency payment-473.341	\$3,506.00	\$1,578.00	\$1,052.00	\$876.00
Relocation costs to seller	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State deed tax/conservation fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Title insurance	\$1,625.00	\$732.00	\$487.00	\$406.00
Well disclosure statement	\$50.00	\$22.00	\$15.00	\$13.00
Other holding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other expenses				
Other expenses	\$2,800.00	\$1,260.00	\$840.00	\$700.00
Totals	\$728,593.00	\$327,867.00	\$218,578.00	\$182,148.00

Total Estimated Acquisition Costs

Totals	Total acquisition cost	Total paid with state funds	Total paid with metro funds	Total paid by agency	Total grant amount
Total Estimated Acquisition Cost (calculated after costs above are entered)	\$728,593.00	\$327,867.00	\$218,578.00	\$182,148.00	\$546,445.00

Exhibit 4: Appraisal excerpt

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT FACTS & CONCLUSIONS



General Description:	Residential property
Report Type:	Appraisal Report
Current Use:	Single-family residential property
Special Assumptions:	None , see rear of report for standard assumptions
Site Size:	94,602 SF (2.17 acres)
Year Built:	1976
Finished Area:	2,995 SF
Zoning:	A1, Agricultural District
Highest and Best Use:	Current use
Property Rights Appraised:	Fee Simple Interest
Business Value / FF&E:	No business value or FF&E included
Value Type:	As-Is
Cost Approach:	Not Applied
Sales Comparison Approach:	\$635,000
Income Approach:	Not Applied
Final Value Opinion:	\$635,000

VALUE TYPE, CONDITION & STABILITY OF PROPERTY

Type of Value:	This report provides an opinion of Market Value .
Condition of Value:	This report provides an opinion of the as-is value.
Occupancy of Property:	Properties like the subject are typically owner occupied. The subject appears to have a history of owner occupancy.

INTENDED USE OF THE APPRAISAL

Intended Use:	The client intends to use the appraisal for <u>decision making regarding a potential purchase of the subject.</u>
Intended User(s):	Three Rivers Park District & Metropolitan Council & LCCMR No party, other than the named client and listed intended users, may use or rely upon any part of this report without the prior written authorization of both the named client and the appraiser. This report is not valid unless it contains the original signatures in blue ink. Any unauthorized third party relying upon any portion of this report does so at its own risk. Client may not rely on this appraisal for any other use.

DATE OF APPRAISAL

Effective Date:	December 12, 2024
Inspection Date:	December 12, 2024
Date of Report:	July 9, 2025

Exhibit 5: Board approval

*Excerpt from 02/18/25 Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved by Three Rivers Park District Board on 03/20/25)*

5B. West Mississippi River Regional Trail Acquisition Opportunity

*Ann Rexine, Principal Planner, provided a brief update regarding the proposed property acquisition, shared a map of the property location on screen (**on file**) and stood for Commissioners' questions.*

MOTION by Guenther, seconded by DeJournett, TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE WEST MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL TRAIL OFF OF DAYTON RIVER ROAD (PID 0512022240006) IN THE CITY OF DAYTON; TO ENTER INTO AN ACQUISITION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT WITH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; AND TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$745,000 WITH LOCAL FUNDING FROM THE LAND ACQUISITION DEVELOPMENT AND BETTERMENT FUND.

All ayes, no nays, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Exhibit 6: Purchase agreement

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between **Three Rivers Park District**, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota ("Buyer") and **Bradley and Kelly Steinke**, ("Sellers").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Buyer is a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, whose primary duties are acquisition, development and maintenance of large parks, wildlife sanctuaries or other reservations, and means for public access to historic sites and to lakes, rivers and streams and to other natural phenomena, and to acquire, establish, operate and maintain trail systems; and

WHEREAS, Sellers own property located at 17020 Dayton River Road, Dayton, Minnesota, legally described on Exhibit A hereto ("Subject Property"), containing approximately 2.17 acres; and

WHEREAS, Sellers and Buyer wish to enter into an agreement for the conveyance of the Subject Property from Sellers to Buyer.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises and the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Conveyance. Sellers hereby agree to convey to Buyer and Buyer agrees to accept from Sellers the Subject Property together with all improvements and fixtures.

2. Consideration. In consideration of the conveyance, transfer and delivery by the Sellers to the Buyer of the Subject Property, the Buyer shall pay to the Sellers the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) ("Purchase Price") at Closing.

3. Deed/Marketable Title. Subject to performance by the Buyer, Sellers agree to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed in recordable form conveying marketable title to Subject Property subject only to the following exceptions:

- (a) Building and zoning laws, ordinances, State and Federal regulations; and
- (b) Reservation of any minerals or mineral rights to the State of Minnesota.

4. Real Estate Taxes. Real estate taxes due and payable in the year of Closing shall be prorated between Sellers and Buyer on a calendar year basis to the actual date of Closing. Sellers shall pay the prorated portion of the real estate taxes up to and including the date prior to the date of Closing. Buyer shall pay its prorated portion of the real estate taxes from and after the date of Closing. Real estate taxes payable in the years prior to Closing shall be paid by Sellers on or before the date of Closing. Real estate taxes payable in the years subsequent to Closing shall be paid by Buyer.

5. Special Assessments. Sellers shall pay on or before the date of Closing all special assessments levied or pending against the Subject Property as of the date of Closing.

6. Prorations. Except as otherwise provided herein, all items customarily prorated and adjusted in connection with the Closing of the sale of the Subject Property shall be prorated as of the date of Closing. It shall be assumed that the Buyer will own the Subject Property for the entire date of the Closing.

7. Damages To Real Property. Except for Buyer's inspection activities pursuant to Section 8(d), if there is any loss or damage to the Subject Property between the date hereof and the date of Closing, for any reason, the risk of loss shall be on the Sellers. Sellers shall notify Buyer of loss or damage to the Subject Property promptly upon such occurrence. If the Subject Property is destroyed or damaged before the Closing, this Agreement shall become null and void, at Buyer's sole option. Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement within 30 days after Sellers notify Buyer of such damage. If Buyer elects to not terminate this Agreement, the proceeds of all insurance covering the Subject Property conveyed by this Agreement payable by reason of such damage or destruction shall be paid to Buyer.

8. Title and Documents.

(a) Documents and Information to be provided. Within 15 days after the acceptance of this Agreement by the parties hereto, Sellers shall provide Buyer with the following:

- (i) Copies of any environmental audits or assessments of the Subject Property that are in Sellers' possession.
- (ii) Copies of any certificates, authorizations, permits, licenses and approvals which have been issued covering the Subject Property.
- (iii) Copies of any surveys of the Subject Property that are in Sellers' possession.
- (iv) Copies of any written agreements affecting the ownership and use of the Subject Property known to Sellers.
- (v) An abstract of the Subject Property if in Sellers' possession.

(b) Title Commitment. Buyer agrees to obtain an owner's title commitment. Buyer shall pay the title commitment fee and shall pay the premium for any title insurance desired by Buyer.

(c) Review of Commitment. Buyer shall have 30 days after receipt of the title commitment within which to object to the contents. If said objections are not made in writing within such time period, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived such objections. If Buyer objects to the contents of the title documents, Sellers shall have 90 days from the date of such objections to make title marketable. If title is not made marketable within 90 days, this Agreement shall be null and void at the

sole option of Buyer and neither party shall have any further obligation under this Agreement.

(d) Inspections; Document Review. With respect to all of the above items other than the title documents, Buyer shall have 90 days after delivery of the foregoing to Buyer during which to inspect all such items. Further, Buyer may inspect the Subject Property and conduct such other and further inspections or other review as seems necessary by Buyer during such period. If such review and/or inspection by the Buyer shall be unsatisfactory to Buyer, Buyer shall notify Sellers within such time period, and this Agreement shall be null and void at the sole discretion of the Buyer. If said period should expire without notice of Buyer's intention to terminate this Agreement, then this Agreement shall be considered in full force and effect and Buyer shall be deemed to have waived any objections based upon such review and inspection. Sellers hereby grant Buyer and/or its agents the right to enter upon the Subject Property for the purpose of inspection and to prepare topological studies, planning, surveys, soil tests and other engineering studies, and environmental inspection and testing that may be deemed necessary; provided however that Buyer shall pay all costs thereof and shall protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold Sellers and Subject Property harmless from and against any and all costs, damages and liabilities arising from entry upon inspection or testing of Subject Property, including but not limited to costs, damages and liabilities arising from mechanics, materialmens and other liens filed against Subject Property in connection with work performed or material furnished by or at the direction of Buyer and also any legal fees and court costs that may be expended or incurred in defending or releasing such liens. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this indemnification shall survive termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

9. Environmental. To Sellers' knowledge, and except as disclosed in the reports and other documents provided to Buyer, Sellers' operations are in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, judicial or administrative decisions of any governmental authority or court of competent jurisdiction in effect and in each case, if applicable, as amended as of the Closing relating to (a) pollution of the environment, (b) a Release, as defined below, or threatened Release of Hazardous Materials, as defined below, or (c) the handling, storage, transport or disposal of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws").

During the period of Sellers' ownership of the Subject Property, to the Sellers' knowledge, and except as disclosed in the reports and other documents provided to the Buyer (a) there has been no Release, as defined below, of any Hazardous Materials, as defined below, on the Subject Property, and (b) there have not been, and Sellers have not received any notices from any governmental authority of any underground storage tanks on the Subject Property. For purposes of this Agreement, "Release" shall mean, in violation of applicable Environmental Laws, depositing, discharging, injecting, spilling, leaking, leaching, dumping, emitting, escaping, emptying, seeping or placing and other similar actions into or upon any land, water or air, or otherwise entering into the environment, and "Hazardous Materials" shall mean (a) any chemicals, materials or substances defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous substances," "toxic substances," "pollutant or contaminant" or words of similar import, under applicable Environmental Laws; (b) any petroleum or petroleum products, natural or synthetic gas, radioactive materials, polychlorinate, biphenyls, asbestos in any form that is friable, urea

formaldehyde foam insulation or radon, and (c) any other chemical, material or substance, the handling, storage, transport or disposal of which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any governmental authority under applicable Environmental Laws.

Sellers have disclosed to the Buyer all reports and other documents in Sellers' possession concerning environmental matters relating to the Subject Property. To Sellers' knowledge there are no existing claims or causes of action, and there are no pending claims regarding the Subject Property against the Subject Property or Sellers involving the violation of Environmental Laws, and Sellers have no such claims against third parties. Sellers shall indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from and against any and all claims brought under Environmental Laws pertaining to conditions in existence and known to Sellers prior to conveyance to Buyer.

10. Sellers' Warranties. As an inducement to Buyer to enter into this Agreement, and as part of the consideration therefore, Sellers represent and warrant to and covenant with Buyer that to the best of Sellers' knowledge at the time of Closing there are no persons in possession of the Subject Property, including, but not limited to tenants, licensees, or permittees.

11. Defaults/Right to Terminate. In addition to the other rights to terminate this Agreement granted to each of the parties pursuant to this Agreement, either party may cancel this Agreement upon 30 day's written notice to the other party at any such time as such other party is in default of its agreements hereunder and remains in such default for 30 days following the written notice of such default.

12. Due Authorization. Sellers and Buyer hereby represent to the other that each has the requisite power and authority to execute this Agreement and the documents referred to herein and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder; and the individuals executing this Agreement and all such other documents that have a legal power, right and actual authority to bind each of the parties hereto to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and all other such documents. Further, each of the parties to this Agreement hereby represents to the other that its execution and performance of this Agreement and all other documents referred to herein shall not violate any applicable statute, ordinance, governmental restriction or regulation, or any prior restriction or agreement.

13. Closing; Contingencies.

(a) Performance at Closing. Subject to satisfaction of Paragraphs 8 and 13(b) hereof, the Closing of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall take place at 3000 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 on or before April 15, 2025 or at such other time as may be agreed upon between the parties.

(i) At the Closing Sellers shall:

(a) sign an Affidavit of Sellers confirming the absence of judgments, mechanics liens and unrecorded interests against the Subject Property not disclosed herein;

- (b) deliver any documents necessary to clear title in accordance with this Agreement, if any;
 - (c) sign the well disclosure statement required by Minnesota Statutes §103I.235,
 - (d) sign the Warranty Deed, and
 - (e) pay the deed tax and conservation fee.
- (ii) At the Closing, Buyer shall:
- (a) pay the title commitment fee, if not paid pursuant to paragraph 8(b);
 - (b) pay the premium for title insurance, if desired by Buyer;
 - (c) pay any and all other Closing costs including all filing fees; and
 - (d) Pay to the Sellers the Purchase Price for the conveyance, transfer and delivery of the Subject Property to the Buyer.
- (b) Contingencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the Closing is expressly subject to the following contingencies:
- (i) Buyer shall obtain consent of the City of Dayton to its acquisition of the Subject Property pursuant to Minn. Stat. §398.09(b)(1);
 - (ii) Buyer shall obtain all other consents required from governmental or other regulatory authorities;
 - (iii) Buyer shall have the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement based on the environmental inspection findings which will occur within the 90-day inspection window or in the event any storage, dumping or release of hazardous materials, chemicals, pollution or similar occurs after the 90-day inspection window; and
 - (iv) This Agreement and the obligations of Buyer hereunder are strictly contingent upon approval of this Agreement by Buyer's Board of Commissioners.

Any failure to satisfy any contingency contained herein shall render this Agreement null and void, in the Buyer's sole discretion, and the parties shall execute any instruments necessary to cancel this Agreement.

14. Condemnation. In the event of the initiation of proceedings for condemnation (or sale in lieu thereof) of any portion of the Subject Property prior to Closing, Buyer shall have the right to cancel this Agreement, in which case this Agreement shall be deemed null

and void and neither of the parties shall have any further obligations. Conversely, Buyer may elect to purchase Subject Property and close the transaction notwithstanding such proceedings and, if Buyer shall so elect, all awards or payments made for such portion of Subject Property by the condemning authority to which Sellers are entitled shall be paid to Buyer and Buyer shall proceed to close the transactions herein and pay the full Purchase Price to Sellers.

15. Possession. Sellers shall deliver possession of the Subject Property on the date of Closing.

16. Representations and Warranties. The obligations of the Buyer under this Purchase Agreement are contingent on the representations and warranties of Sellers contained in this Purchase Agreement which must be true as of the date of this Agreement and on the date of Closing. All representations of the parties hereto shall survive Closing and delivery of the deed.

17. No Intent to Acquire by Condemnation. Buyer and Sellers agree that Buyer has not indicated an intent to acquire the Subject Property through eminent domain.

18. Time. Time is of the essence for performance of the terms of this Agreement.

19. Binding Effect. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit and shall be binding on representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto, provided that neither party hereto shall have the right to assign its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior consent of the other party.

20. Waivers. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver be a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing. Any party may waive any provision of this Agreement intended for its benefit; provided, however, such waiver shall in no way excuse the other party from the performance of any of its other obligations under this Agreement.

21. Amendment. No amendment of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in writing expressing the intent to so amend and signed by both parties.

22. Notices. Any notices to be provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by personal delivery or by express courier or by deposit in U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Buyer or Sellers at the addresses set forth below or at such other address as either party may designate in writing. The date notice is given shall be the date on which the notice is delivered, if notice is given by personal delivery, or the date notice is sent by express courier or U.S. Mail if otherwise.

If to Sellers:

Bradley and Kelly Steinke
17020 Dayton River Road
Dayton, MN 55327

If to Buyer:

Three Rivers Park District

Office of the Superintendent
c/o General Counsel
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

23. Governing Law. This Agreement is made and executed under and in all respects is to be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

24. Survival of Covenants. All covenants, agreements, representations, and warranties contained herein shall survive delivery of the deed from Sellers to Buyer and be enforceable by Sellers or Buyer after delivery of the deed.

25. Entire Agreement. This written Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other oral or written agreements, negotiations, understandings, and representations between the parties regarding the Subject Property.

26. Brokers. No brokers are involved in this real estate transaction.

27. Disclosures. Sellers make the following disclosures to Buyer:

- (a) Sellers are not foreign persons for purposes of income taxation, and Sellers will provide Buyer with a FIRPTA Affidavit at Closing.
- (b) Sellers are not aware of any methamphetamine production that has occurred on the Subject Property.
- (c) Sellers are not aware of any human remains, burials or cemeteries located on the Subject Property.

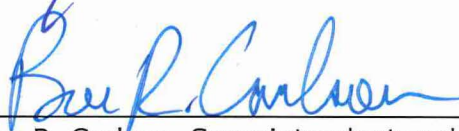
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the latest date beside the signatory lines below.

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota

Dated: 02/18/2025

By 
John Gibbs, Board Chair

Dated: 02/18/2025

By 
Boe R. Carlson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

SELLERS:

Dated: 01/17/2025 07:43PM UTC

By 
Bradley Steinke

Dated: 01/17/2025 07:54PM UTC

By 
Kelly Steinke