



# Lake Marion Greenway and North Creek Greenway Natural Resource Management Plans

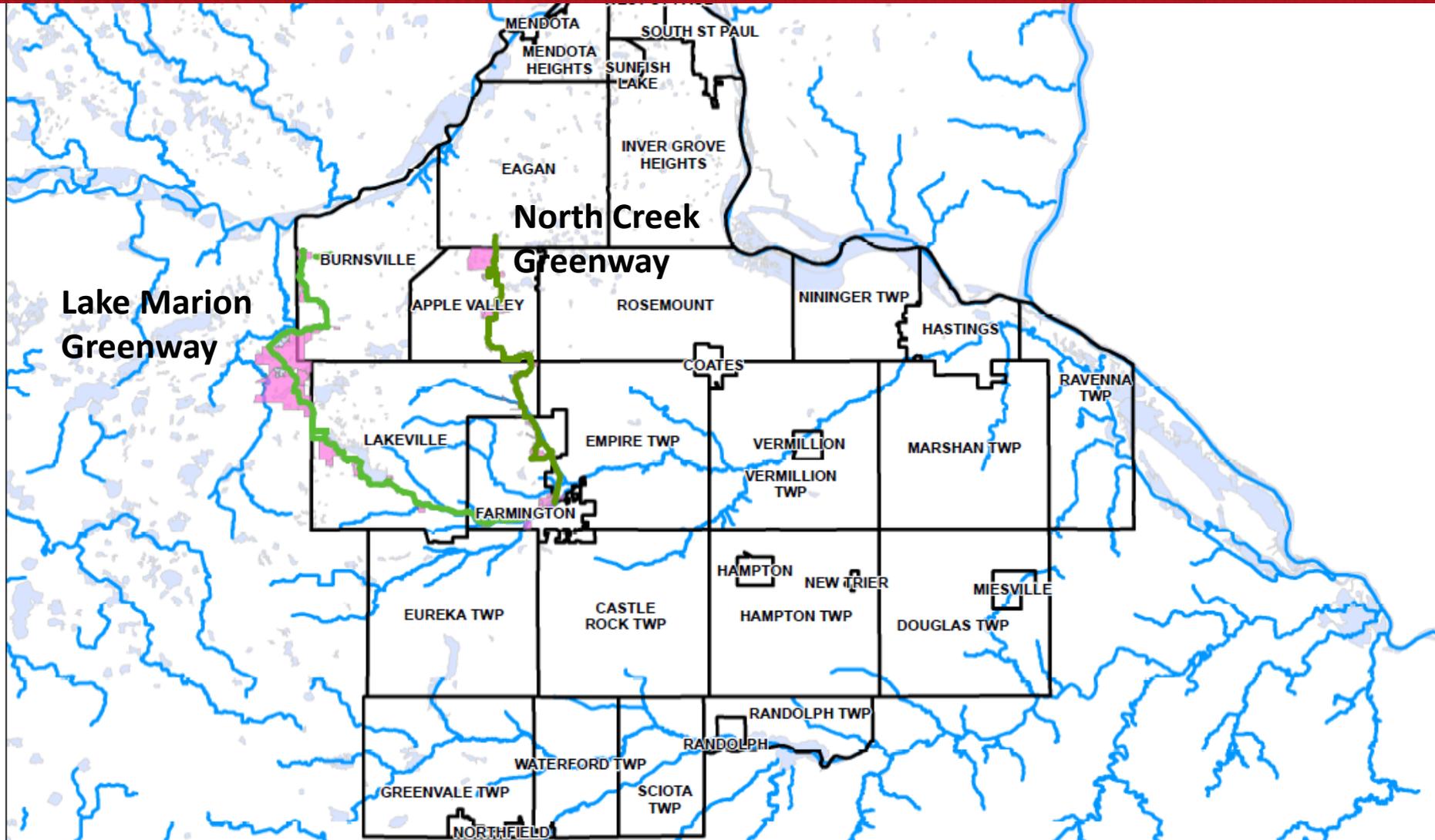
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# Overview



- Greenways Context
- Public Engagement
- Requested Actions
- Questions/Comments

# Greenways - Context



Scale  
1:300,000

# Summary



- **Red bold** – Updates to Final Draft
- North Creek Greenway 14 miles of trail
  - **1,469 (+6.2)** acres of public lands considered
  - Total of **\$1.7 million (+\$250,000)** in natural resource projects identified
- Lake Marion Greenway
  - 20 miles of trail
  - 3,517 acres of public lands considered
  - Total of **\$1.6 million (+\$130,000)** in natural resource projects identified

# Public Engagement



- Contacted **638** residents adjacent to Greenways via mailings, and two announcements made via social media
- 1<sup>st</sup> Open House – City of Lakeville  
Wednesday, March 23, Heritage Library
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House – City of Apple Valley  
Wednesday, April 13 Western Service Center
- Ten (10) participants at both Open House Meetings

# Public Engagement



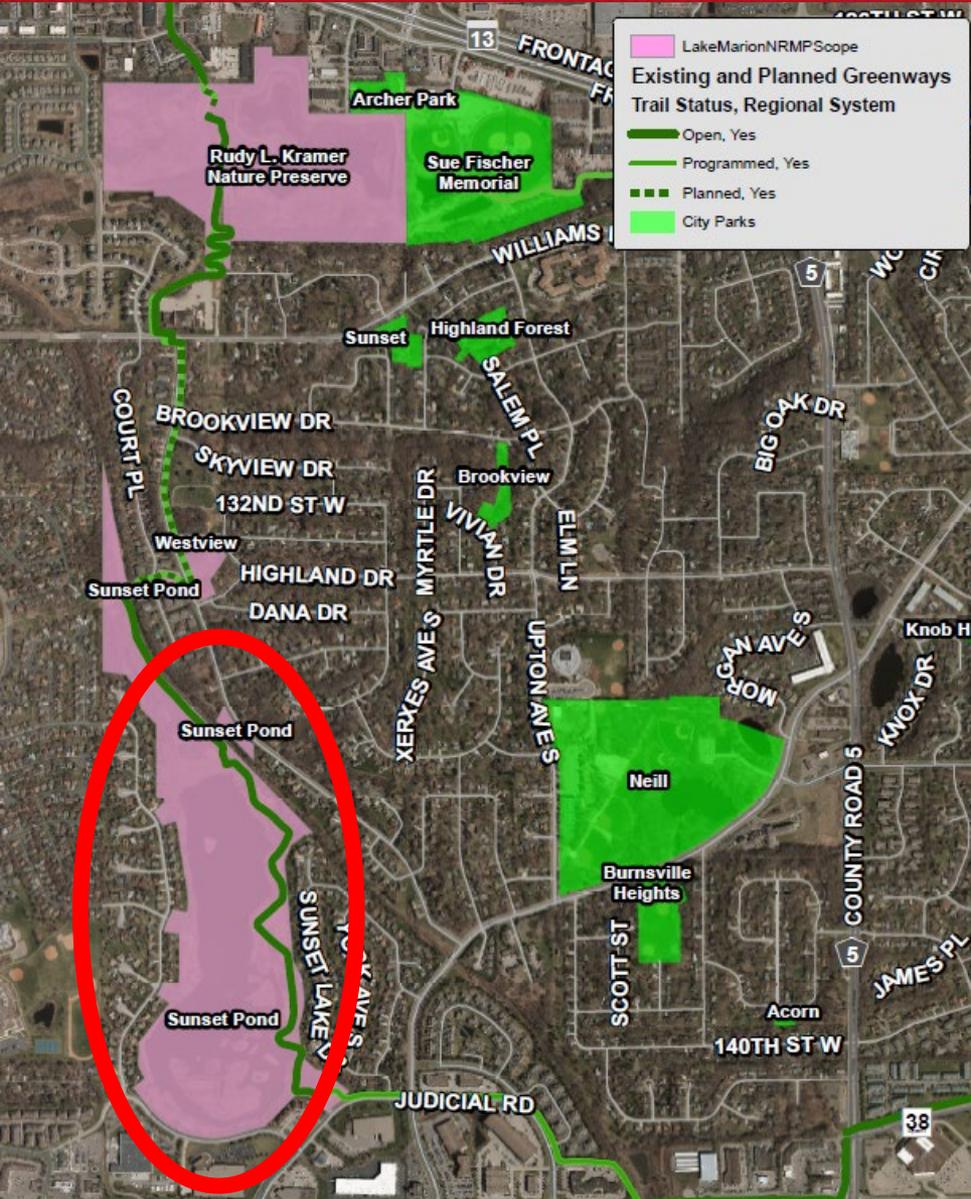
Digital Public Comment Submission was made available on map-based website, but no comments were recorded using this method during the 60-day review period.

Five (5) individuals submitted comments by email, and two (2) phone calls were received.

## Municipal Citizen Advisory Committees: April-May 2022

- City of Lakeville Parks and Natural Resources Committee
- City of Burnsville Parks and Natural Resources Commission
  
- Current discussion about City of Apple Valley and City of Farmington's interest in reviewing Plans

# Lake Marion Greenway Corridor



**City of Burnsville  
Parks and Natural  
Resources Commission**  
concerned about previous  
suggestion for cattail  
management in Sunset  
Ponds.

# Lake Marion Greenway Corridor



Hybrid Cattail management currently not a natural resource priority for City of Burnsville, County removed mention of this from the restoration plan.

# City of Burnsville NRMP

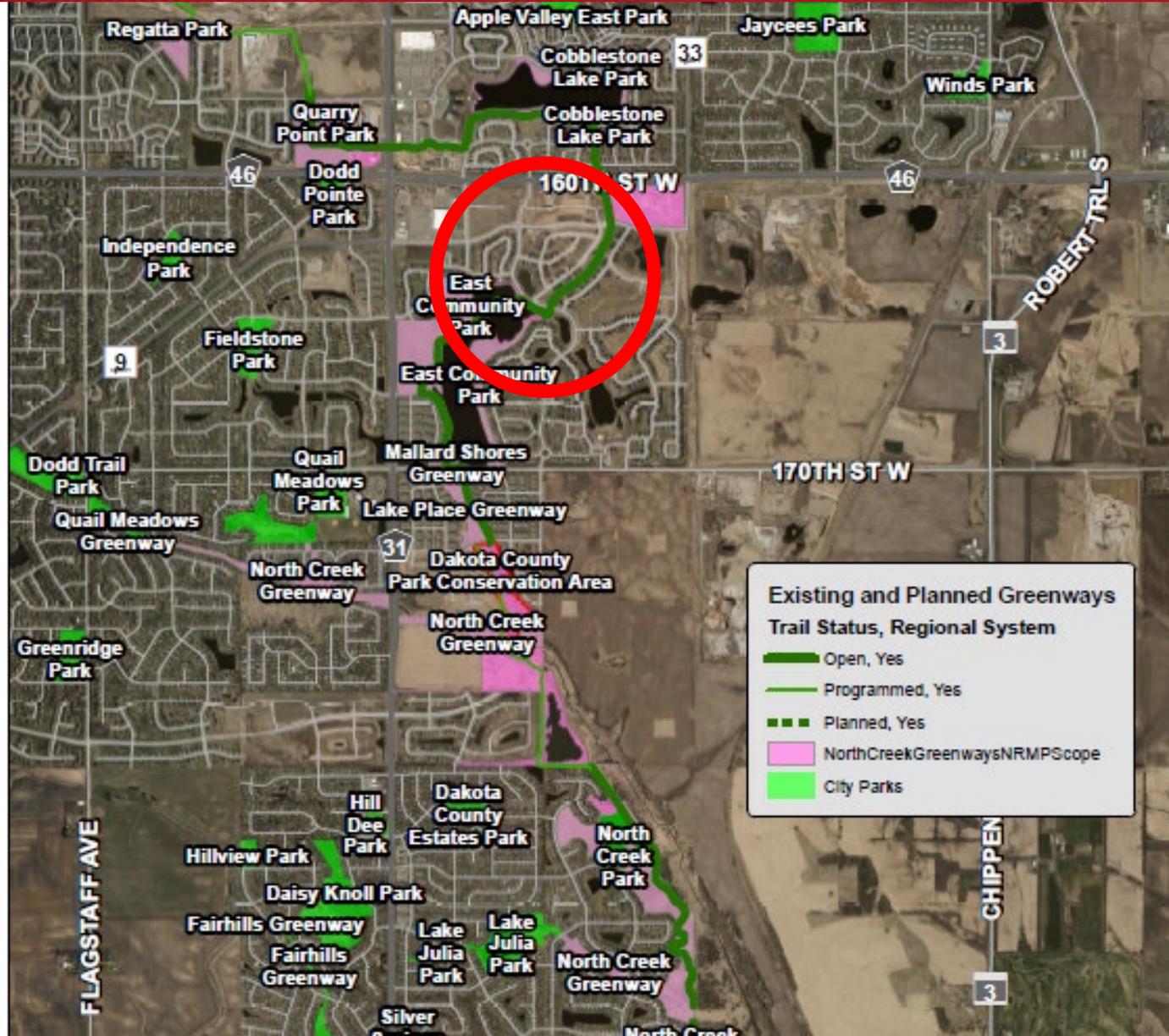


## Sunset Pond Park - Project Area 1 (SP1)

16.3 acres; target upland community: lowland forest

- Remove and control invasive woody vegetation (mostly Common buckthorn).
- Thin aggressive or dense native trees and shrubs.
- Remove and control invasive herbaceous vegetation.
- Overseed with lowland forest mix and manage for establishment.
- Over time, replace volunteer/weedy tree species with longer-living native trees that provide greater habitat value.
- Monitor and practice adaptive management to enhance biodiversity.

# North Creek Greenway Corridor



Open House attendees expressed interest in adding City of Lakeville lands to restoration scope.

# North Creek Greenway Corridor



- 5.2 ac addition
- Planned involvement with East Lake Elementary School

# Changes After Public Review



- The inclusion of the City of Lakeville land adjacent to the Brantjen Farms Development will be included for possible future restoration.
- Additional budget and language was added to both NRMPs to include the option of generalized future lawn-to-prairie projects, locations to be determined.

# Project Timeline and Engagement



## Project Timeline:

RFP Issued	May 2021
Execution of Contract	July 2021
Project Start	July 2021
Meetings with City Staff and Technical Advisory Group	Aug. – Oct. 2021
Research and Project Inventory	June-Nov. 2021
First Draft Presentation to Planning Commission	Feb 2022
Public Comment Period (60-days)	Apr – May 2022
Public Open Houses for NRMPs	Apr – May 2022
Public Meetings with City – Advisory Councils	Apr – ?* 2022
<b><u>Final Draft Presentation to Planning Commission</u></b>	<b>June 2022</b>
Plan Adoption	July – <b>Fall 2022*</b>

**\* City of Farmington and City of Apple Valley participation forthcoming.**

**We ask the Planning Commission their direction for Adoption of the North Creek Greenway NRMP.**

# Requested Actions



- County Staff asks direction as to whether adoption of the **North Creek Greenway NRMP** should wait for consultation with municipal citizen advisory groups:
  - City of Apple Valley Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee – Reconvenes **September 2022**
  - City of Farmington Parks and Recreation Commission – **Meets Monthly**
- County Staff asks for your recommendation to adopt the final draft of the **Lake Marion Greenway NRMP**.

Questions?