

AGENDA
CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA
12260 So. Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMISSION: 6:30 P.M.

To Participate in the Meeting, Please see www.cityofdaytonmn.com Calendar for Zoom Invitation.

- 6:30 **CALL TO ORDER**
- 6:30 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 6:30 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 6:30 **CONSENT AGENDA** *These routine or previously discussed items are enacted with one motion. Minutes can be approved by those absent from meeting.*
- A. Approval of Park Commission Minutes from April 1st, 2025
- 6:35 **OPEN FORUM** *Limited to 3 minutes for non-agenda items; state your name and address; No action will be taken and items will be referred back to staff and/or Council.*
- COUNCIL UPDATE**
- JOINT WORK SESSION**
- 6:40 B. West Mississippi River Regional Trail Vision Discussion
- REGULAR MEETING**
- C. Elsie Stephens Master Plan Steering Committee
- Park Commission Representative
- NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- D. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025
- 8:00 **ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Dayton's mission is to promote a thriving community and to provide residents with a safe and pleasant place to live while preserving our rural character, creating connections to our natural resources, and providing customer service that is efficient, fiscally responsible, and responsive.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025, PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA

Call to Order

Chair Pikal called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: David Pikal, Brad Cole, John Knutson, and Keri Lingard Absent: Kaia Chambers

City Council Member Present: Salonek

Also in attendance: Public Works Superintendent, Marty Farrell; Community Event Specialist, Elizabeth Decker

Pledge of Allegiance

The Parks Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Pikal called for any additions, changes, or deletions from the agenda. No changes were proposed.

Consensus of the Commission approved the agenda.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Park Commission Minutes from March 4th, 2025

Motion by Lingard, seconded by Knutson, to approve the minutes from the March 4th, 2025 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Pikal opened the floor for public comment. No members of the public came forward to speak.

Council Update

Councilmember Salonek provided a brief update, noting that the City Council would be discussing the park visit at their meeting the following Tuesday, April 8th.

Staff Update

Farrell stated that all of his updates were included in the agenda items for this evening's meeting.

Regular Meeting

B. Elm Creek Watershed Presentation

Diane Spector from Stantec gave a presentation on the Elm Creek Watershed Commission's draft Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan. Key points included:

- The Elm Creek Watershed is a joint powers organization of 7 cities in northwest Hennepin County
- The commission sets standards and policies, while cities implement projects and improvements
- The Fourth Generation Plan is required by state statute to be updated every 10 years
- The plan drives individual city stormwater management plans, which become part of comprehensive plans
- The commission reviews development plans, monitors water quality, and provides education and outreach
- Identified problems include impaired waters, erosion, agricultural impacts, and increasing development
- Goals for the next 10 years focus on protecting water resources, education, and climate resilience
- Implementation strategies include projects, cost-share programs, and a climate resilience study
- Specific projects in Dayton include work around Diamond Lake

Commissioners were encouraged to review the draft plan documents online and provide any comments or feedback.

C. Three Rivers Park Presentation

Ann Rexine from Three Rivers Park District presented updates on the proposed West Mississippi River Regional Trail in Dayton:

- The trail is part of broader local, state and federal plans along the Mississippi River
- Three Rivers have been working to improve the trail corridor for future design and construction
- Recent property acquisitions have occurred through a willing seller approach
- The stretch between Goodin Park and North Diamond Lake Road is about 3.5 miles
- Three Rivers is coordinating with Hennepin County on their road reconstruction project
- Public engagement is planned, including open houses and property owner outreach
- The timeline for engagement runs from April 1st through June 24th

D. Elsie Stephens Park Canoe/Kayak 90% Plans

Christian Moring from MSA presented the 90% design plans for the Elsie Stephens Park canoe/kayak launch project:

- The plans include ADA parking improvements, a prefabricated shelter, seating area, and kayak storage rack
- There will be an ADA accessible concrete path down to launch steps
- The total project cost estimate ranges from \$700,000 to \$900,000 depending on alternates selected
- Key alternates include electrical service options, the prefabricated shelter, and tree replacements
- Construction could begin as early as June 1st if approved

Commissioners expressed overall support for the plans and discussed the importance of having renderings made available for future reference and presentations. Farrell noted the potential benefit of leveraging the federal grant to ensure a flexible implementation of both the Elsie Stephens project and complementary projects at Goodin Park.

E. 2024 Park Improvement Projects Bids Review

Paul Kangas presented the bid results for the 2024 Parks Improvement Package:

- Six bids were received, with the base bid ranging from approximately \$700,000 to \$900,000
- Alternates were included for various elements at PSA 21 and Elsie Stephens Park
- Custom Builders emerged as the apparent low bidder when recommended alternates were included
- Key recommended alternates included tree plantings, retaining walls, volleyball court edging, and parking improvements

The commission discussed each alternate in detail and provided the following recommendations:

- Approved retaining walls and landscaping at PSA 21
- Approved concrete edging for the volleyball court at PSA 21
- Rejected the standalone cornhole element at PSA 21
- Approved all tree plantings at PSA 21 and Lone Gardens
- Approved the base improvements at Elsie Stephens (Alternate AA)
- Approved west parking lot at Elsie Stephens
- Approved gate at historic entrance of Elsie Stephens
- Rejected stone seat wall, fireplace and entry columns at Elsie Stephens

The commission recommended moving forward with Custom Builders as the apparent low bidder based on the approved alternates. Staff will present these recommendations to the City Council for final approval.

F. Tree Ordinance Review

Farrell presented the final version of the tree ordinance with all previous comments incorporated. Commissioners indicated they had no additional comments or changes

to suggest. Farrell stated he would prepare the final document and proclamation for the presentation to the City Council.

Notices and Announcements

- The next Parks Commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 6th, pending agenda items
- Knutson shared the idea for a possible planned burn in Leathers Park for reseeding for Dayton FD and another company to learn from
- Commissioners discussed options for rescheduling the May meeting if needed
- An open house is planned for May 14th, with commissioners invited to have a table

Adjournment

Motion by Lingard, seconded by Chambers, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

PRESENTER: N/A

ITEM: West Mississippi River Regional Trail, vision discussion.

PREPARED BY: Martin Farrell

BACKGROUND: Three Rivers Park District presented their Engagement Plan relating to the West Mississippi Regional Trail to the City Council at their regular meeting on April 4th 2025. From that conversation a joint session was requested with the Parks Commission, City Council and Three Rivers Park District to discuss the vision for the Trail prior to Public Engagement efforts.

CRITICAL ISSUES: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): Selection of slides from recent TRPD presentation.



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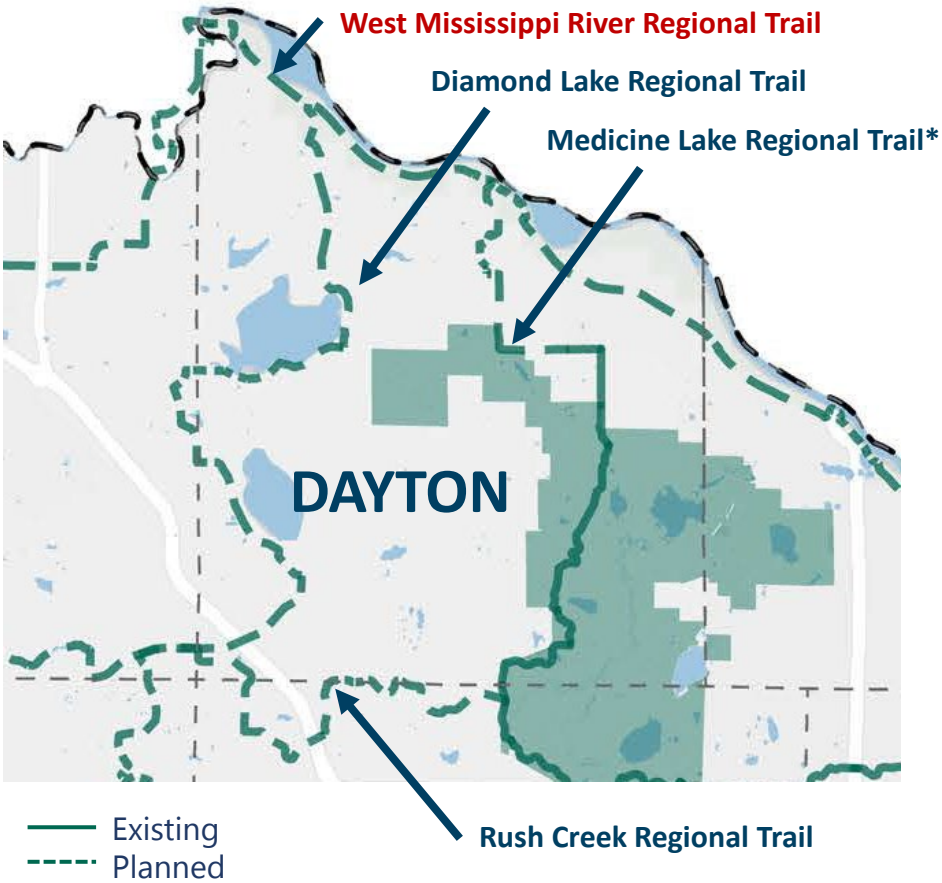
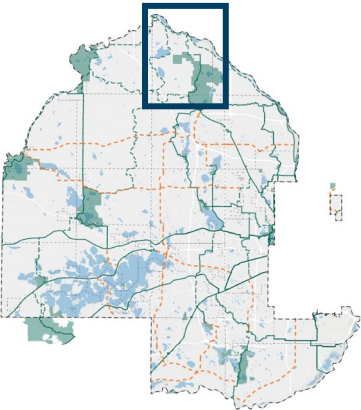
West Mississippi River Regional Trail 2025 Update
April 1, 2025



Dayton regional trails SNAPSHOT

	Approx. Miles in Dayton (when complete)
West Mississippi River RT	6
Diamond Lake RT	7
Medicine Lake RT*	4
Rush Creek RT	1
Total	18

* Also known as the Elm Creek Connector. Mileage does not include trail segments within Elm Creek Park Reserve.



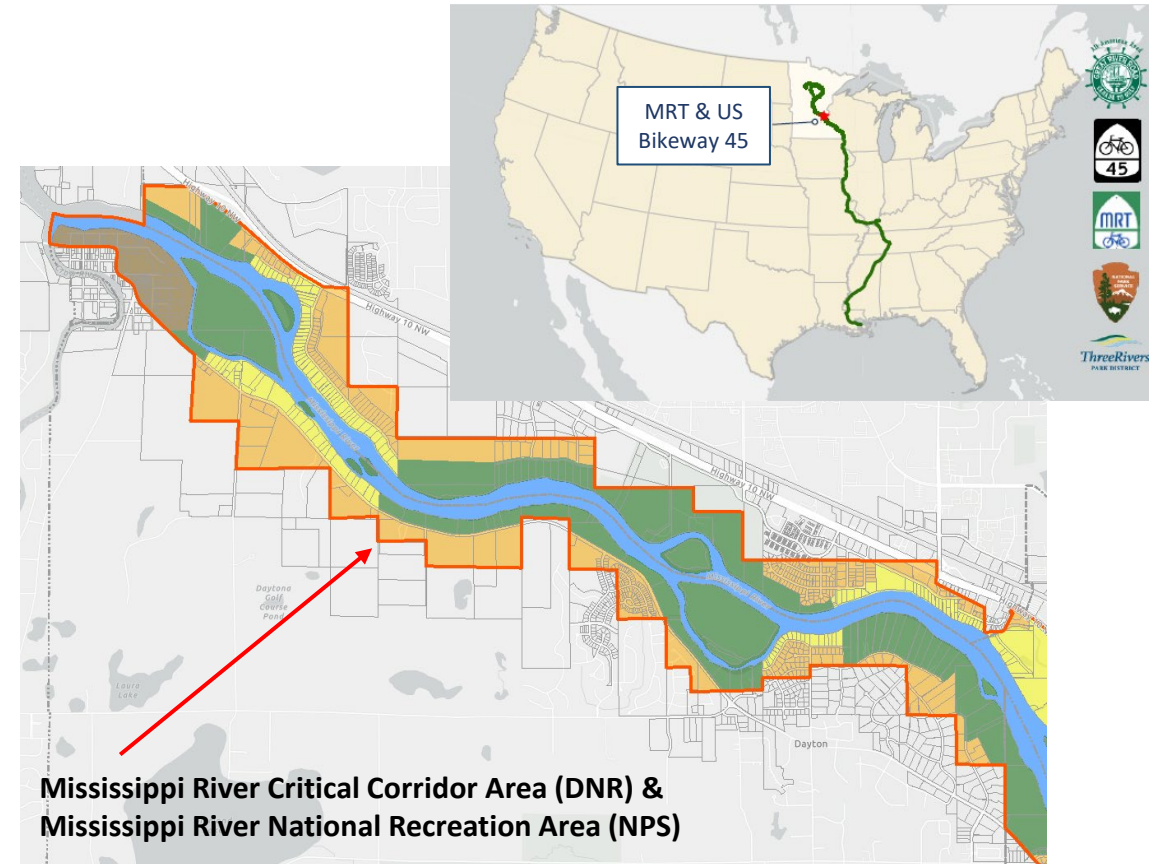
2040 Regional Trail System

planning framework

West Mississippi River Regional

The West Mississippi River Regional Trail is consistent with or builds off the:

- Minnesota National River Recreation Area (MNRRA; NPS)
- Mississippi River Critical Corridor Habitat (MRCCA; MNDNR)
- Mississippi River Trail/US Bikeway 45 (MRT; ASHTO, NPS, MNDOT)
- 2040 Regional Park and 2040 Transportation Policy Plans (Metropolitan Council)
- 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan (Hennepin County)
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Dayton)
- 2016 West Mississippi River Regional Trail Long-range Plan (Three Rivers, Dayton, Metropolitan Council)
- 2018 Regional Trail Cooperative Agreement (Three Rivers, Dayton)





- CA-RN: River Neighborhood District
- CA-SR: Separated from River District
- CA-ROS: Rural and Open Space District

Goal

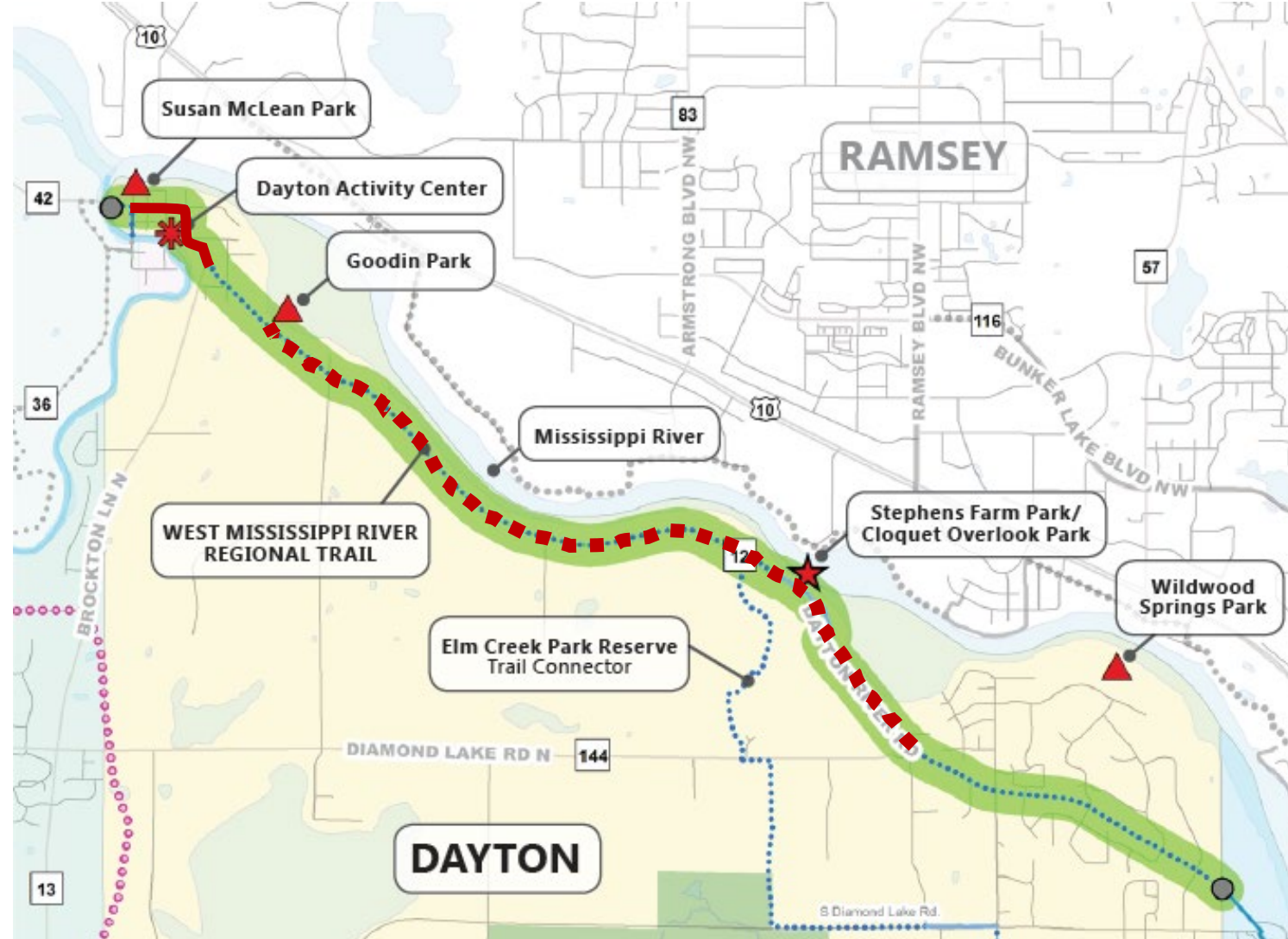
Provide a high-quality destination multi-use trail that provides the best user experience reasonably feasible.

Regional Trail will be along Dayton River Road with the following exceptions:

-  **Historic Village Area:** follows Robinson and Division Street
-  **Between Goodin Park and North Diamond Lake Road:** as opportunities present themselves, property acquisition on a willing-seller basis should be considered where construction complications could be alleviated or lessened and/or to create a wider, more scenic regional trail corridor

long-range plan (formerly known as the master plan)

West Mississippi River Regional Trail



West Mississippi River Regional Trail

Acquisition

- Ongoing between Goodin Island to Diamond Lake Road North
- Willing-seller basis only
- Primarily 'word of mouth'

Design and Construction

- Pending securement of property rights
 - *and/or* -
- As partnership opportunities present themselves:
 - Recent Elsie Stevens Park trail construction
 - Anticipating Hennepin County partnership for partial trail construction as part of Dayton River Road work



Segment A3: Brockton Lane to Elsie Stephens Park



West end of Segment A7:
Cloquet Overlook to North Diamond Lake Road



Long-range Plan Excerpts

Area of Interest:

- ~330 acres along a 3.5 mile stretch of the River between Goodin Island and North Diamond Lake Road
- 252 acres are already in public ownership

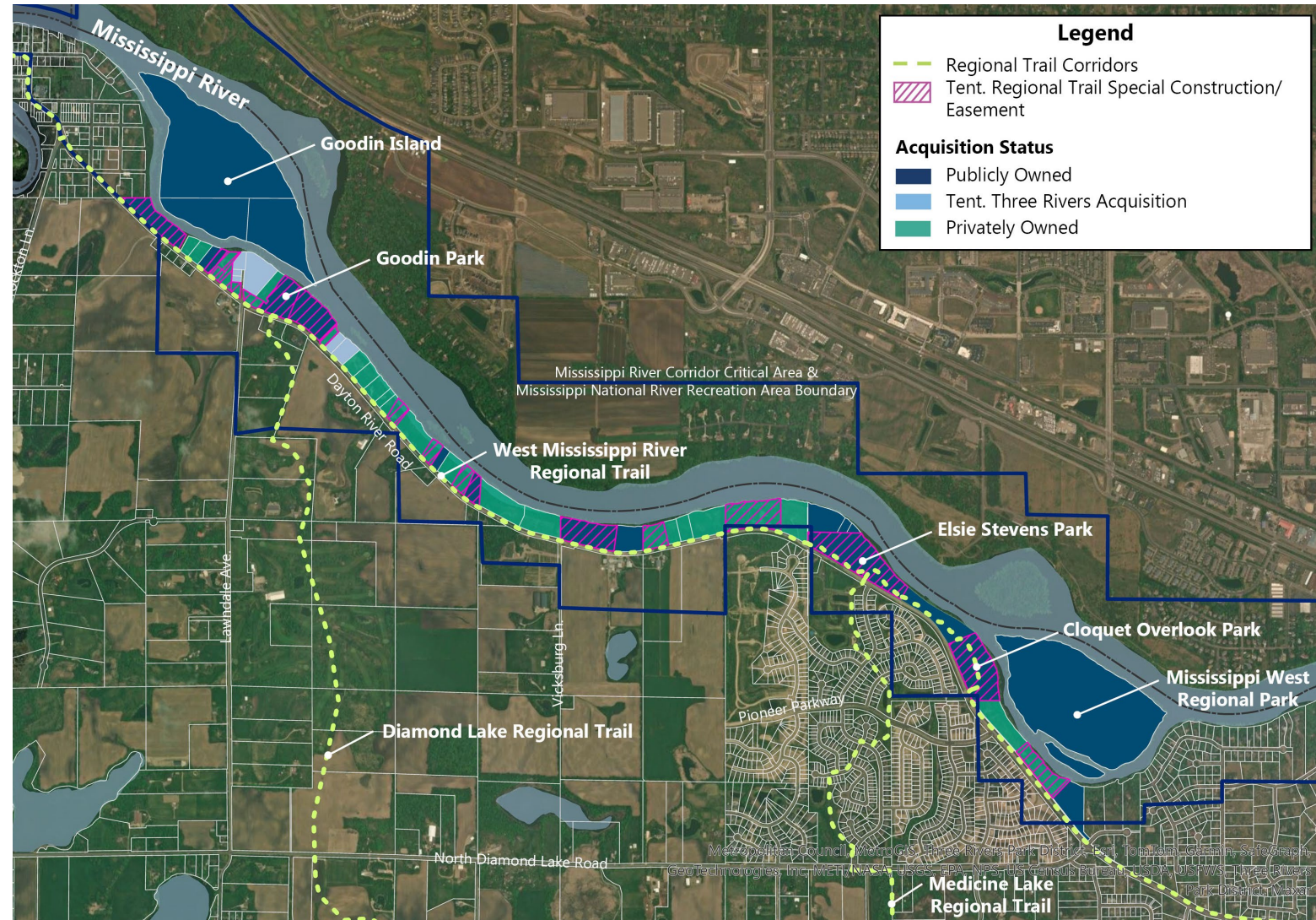
Owner	Parcels	Acres
State of MN Land	4	95
Anoka County (Island)	1	75
City of Dayton	8	45
Three Rivers Park District (Includes pending opportunities)	13	37
Private	31	78

High Priority Parcels:

	Public	Private	Total
Parcels where special construction and/or easements are anticipated	8	12	20

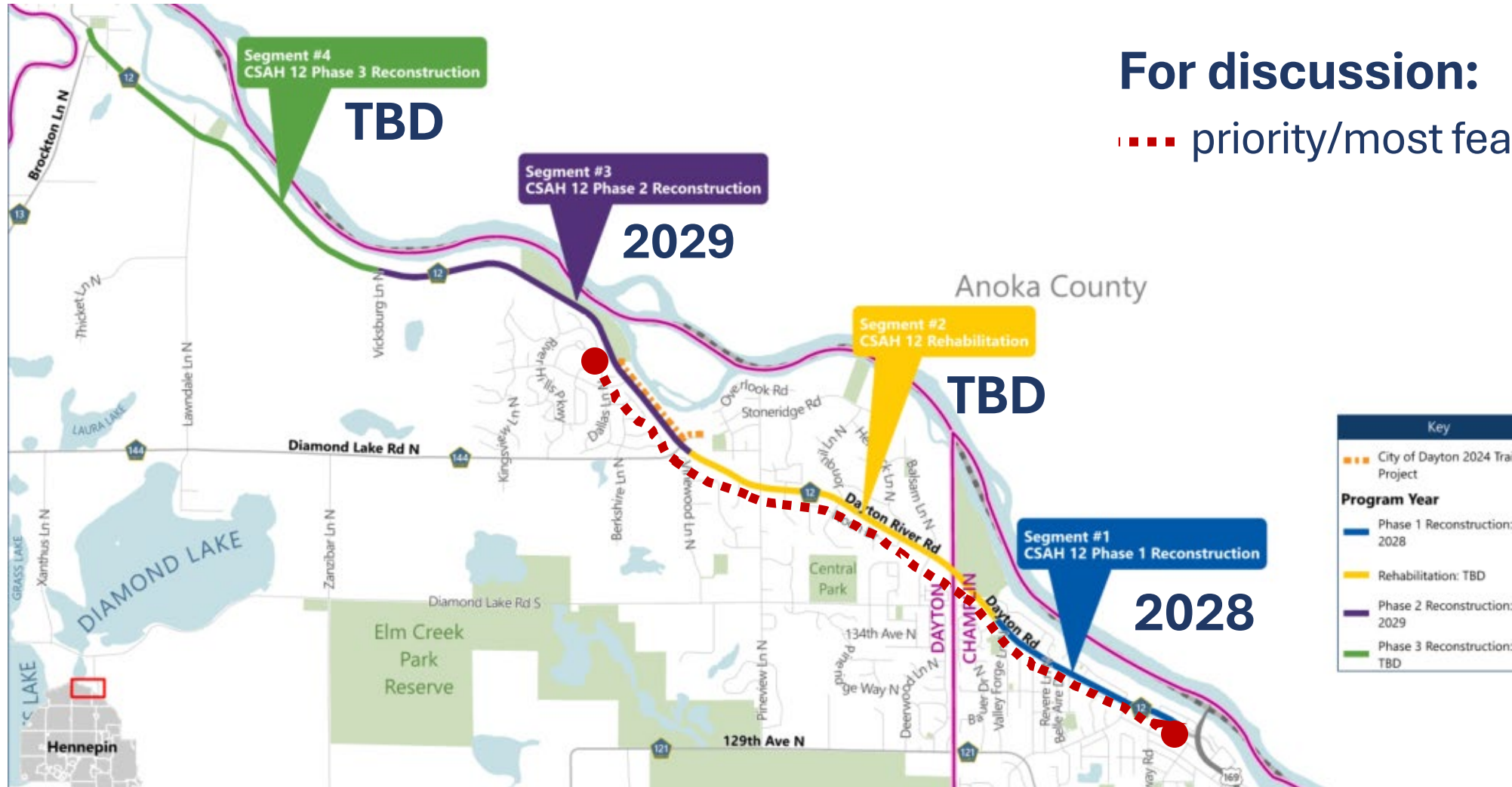
acquisition priorities

West Mississippi River Regional Trail



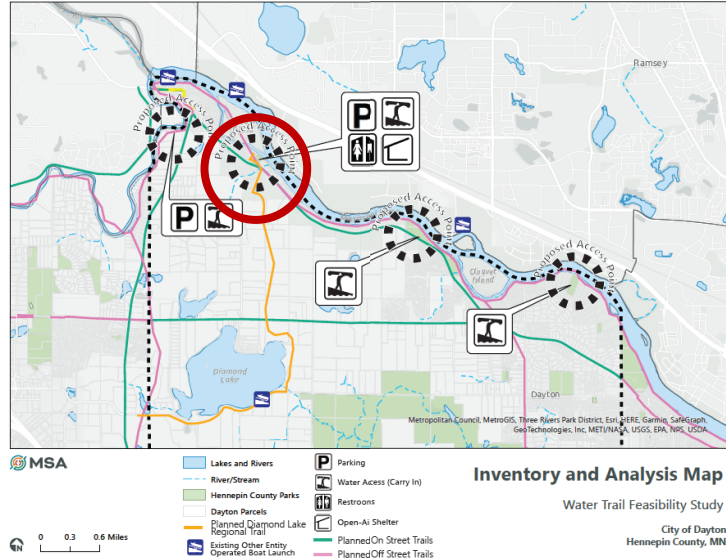
future trail construction coordination

Dayton River Road Work



other partnership opportunities along the corridor

Dayton Water Trail



LCCMR Grant Proposal

- Gravel parking lot, paved trail to the river, non-motorized boat access and staging area
- \$850,000: \$500K grant, \$150K/land/restoration TPRD, \$200K Dayton
- Construction 2026+

