



Regional Parks Policy P Update

Community Development Co
August



Parks Policy Plan Update Process

- Park Policy Plan Update
- Review of local comprehensive plans
- Meetings with park implementing agencies
- Review by MPOSC – Jan. - June



Parks Policy Plan Structure

- Introduction
- Policies and Strategies
- System Plan Changes
- Implementation



Parks Policy Plan Update Time

- Today's meeting:
 - Introduction: Ann Beckman
 - Policies & Strategies: Ann Beckman
 - Proposed System Changes: Jan Young



Parks Policy Plan Update Timeline

- Community Development Committee
 - Information item: August 2
 - Action item: August 16
- Metropolitan Council
 - Public Hearing: October 13
 - Adoption: October 27
- 2010-2011: Issue system statements to affected communities regarding regional system changes

Introduction

- The Twin Cities Regional Parks System
- Outdoor recreation now and for the future
- Summary of current park system and funding
- Regional Parks System growth
- Planning for 2030

2030 Forecasts

	1970	2000	2030	1970- 2000 increase	p i
Households	573,634	1,021,454	1,492,000	448,000	
Population	1,874,612	2,642,056	3,608,000	767,000	
Jobs	779,000	1,563,245	2,126,000	784,000	



2030 Regional Development Framework

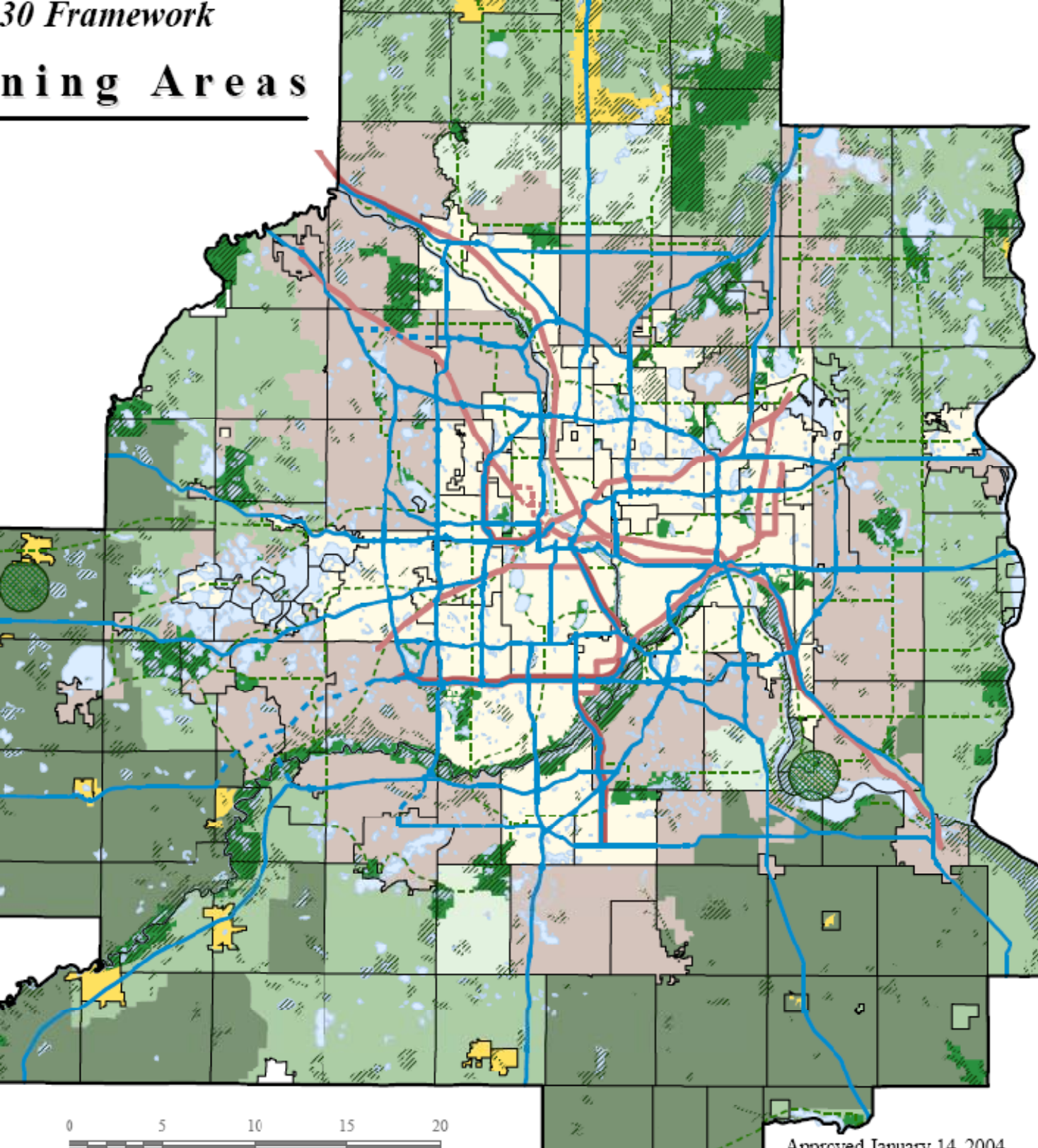
- Work with local communities to accommodate growth in a flexible, connected and efficient manner
- Plan and invest in multi-modal transportation choices based on the full ranges of costs & benefits, to reduce the growth of congestion & serve the region's economic needs
- Encourage expanded choices in housing location, housing types, and improved access to jobs and opportunities



2030 Regional Development Framework

- Work with local & regional partners to reclaim, conserve, protect and enhance the region's vital natural resources:
 - Encouraging the integration of natural resource conservation into all land planning decisions
 - Seeking to protect important natural resources and adding areas to the regional parks system
 - Working to protect the region's water resources

Planning Areas



Geographic Planning

Urban Planning Areas

- Developing Area
- Developed Area

Rural or Agricultural

- Developed Core
- Developing Core
- Rural or Agricultural



2030 Regional Development Framework


- Initial chapter & unifying theme of the Council's Metropolitan Development Framework
- Umbrella statement of regional policies, goals & strategies to inform the Council's system plans for:
 - Transportation and aviation
 - Wastewater services
 - Regional parks



2030 Regional Development Fram

Local comprehensive plans are reviewed for


- Conformance with metropolitan systems plans
- Consistency with Council policies
- Compatibility with adjacent and affected gover
units



Policies & Strategies- Siting and Acquisition

Policy: Identify lands with high-quality resources...and put these lands in a p status.

- Strategy 1: Lands with natural resource features and/or access to water bodies priority.
- Strategy 2: Funding will follow priorities Metropolitan Council approved master



Policies & Strategies- Siting and Acquisition

Policy: Identify lands with high-quality resources...and put these lands in a protected status.

- Strategy 3: New trails, or trail segments that serve a regional audience have priority
- Strategy 4: Special recreation features enhance services and facilities already in place, not compete with or duplicate them.



Policies & Strategies- Finance

Policy: Provide adequate and equitable funding for the acquisition, rehabilitation development ...that provides the greatest possible benefits to the citizens of the

- Strategy 1: Only projects included in the improvement programs will be funded.
- Strategy 2: Funds will be granted only regional park implementing agencies.



Policies & Strategies- Finance

- Strategy 3: Investment should be balanced between acquisition and development.
- Strategy 4: Any development should primarily benefit citizens of the metropolitan area.
- Strategy 5: Some emergency funding requests should be considered.
- Strategy 6: The Council may reimburse implementing agencies for the costs of acquiring some lands if they have been made part of the regional park system.



Policies & Strategies- Finance

- Strategy 7: Trails that may be used for transit in the future should only be acquired if it is clear that they will be used as trails for at least 10 years.
- Strategy 8: The Council will support the activities of its non-profit partner, the Regional Parks Foundation, in the Twin Cities, in order to raise awareness of the regional parks system, fund support of the regional parks system, and raise private funds to help acquire lands.
- Strategy 9: The Council will actively seek funding from the State and other sources.



Policies & Strategies- Planning

Policy: Promote master planning and help provide integrated resource planning across jurisdictions.

- Strategy 1: Acquisition and improvement projects be part of approved master plans or their amendments.
- Strategy 2: Joint-powers agreements for regional projects are encouraged.
- Strategy 3: Projects may share costs, if they are consistent with an approved master plan.



Policies & Strategies- Recreation Activities and Facilities

Policy: Provide a regional system of recreation opportunities for all residents, while maintaining the integrity of the natural resource base of the regional parks system.

- Strategy 1: Activities in regional parks tied to the natural resources of the park will not impact them negatively.



Policies & Strategies- Recreation Activities and Facilities

- Strategy 2: Most heavy recreational facilities should be in the more urban regional parks.
- Strategy 3: Regional park facilities and programs should encourage use by surrounding populations.
- Strategy 4: Bicycle and pedestrian paths and trails must be part of the regional parks.



Policies & Strategies- System Protection

Policy: Protect public investment in acquisition development by assuring that every element system is able to carry out its designated role long as a need for it can be demonstrated.

- Strategy 1: Local comprehensive plans may be changed if planned land uses would have negative impact on current or planned regional lands or facilities.



Policies & Strategies- System Protection

- Strategy 2: Restrictive covenants on regional system lands will only be removed if they are protected as other park land.
- Strategy 3: The Council will only pay for contamination cleanup when there is no real alternative for the trail function and/or funding.
- Strategy 4: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment must be done for land that may be contaminated that may have abandoned wells on it.



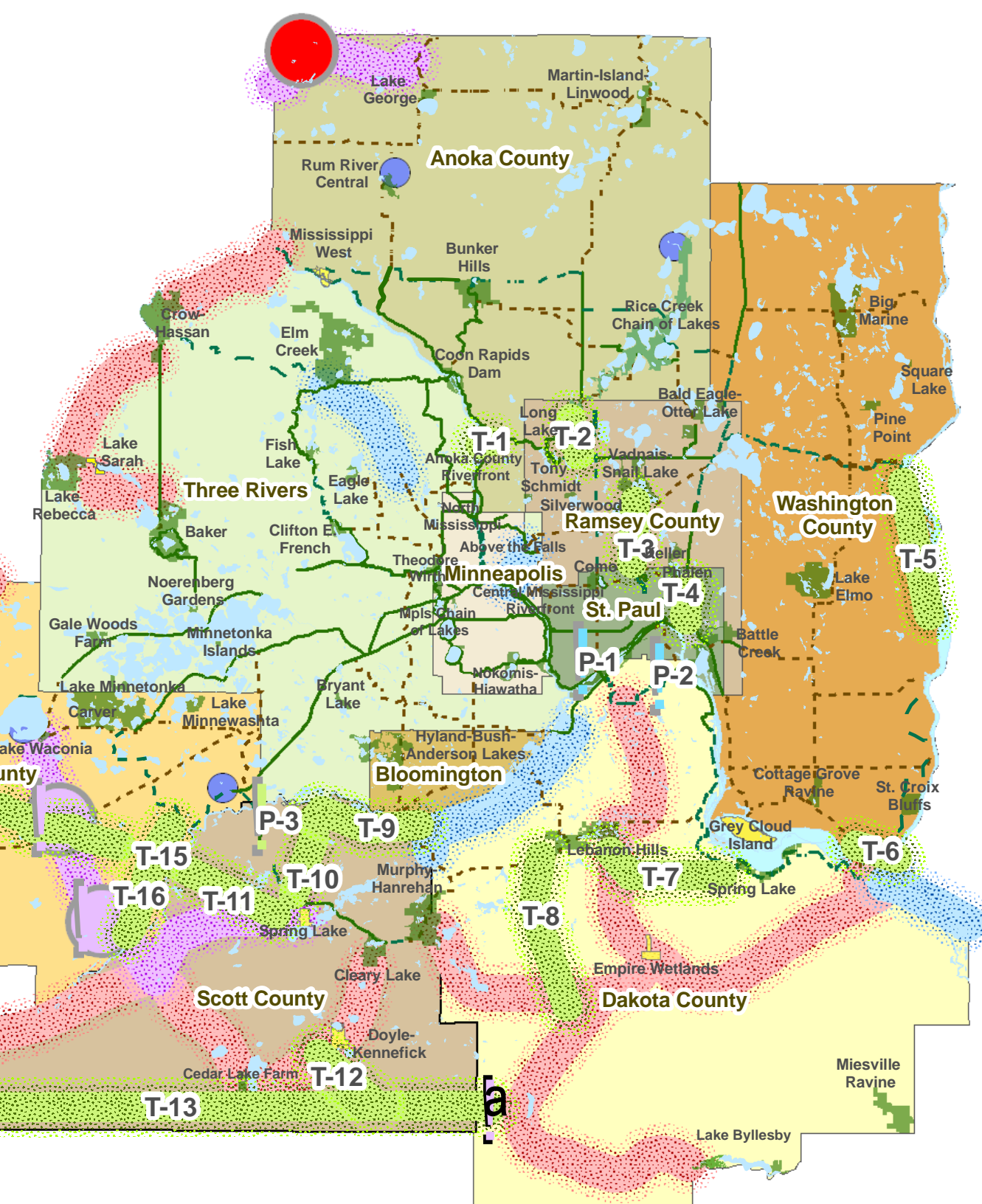
Policies & Strategies- System Protection

- Strategy 5: Telecommunications towers will not be allowed in regional parks or park reserves if there is no alternative site and if mitigation efforts are required to minimize the impact on park lands and users.
- Strategy 6: Regional wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities and other utilities on park lands should be placed in ways that minimize negative impacts on the park, its facilities and its users.



Parks Policy Plan Update Proposed System Change

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Regional Parks

- Existing, Open to the Public
- Planned

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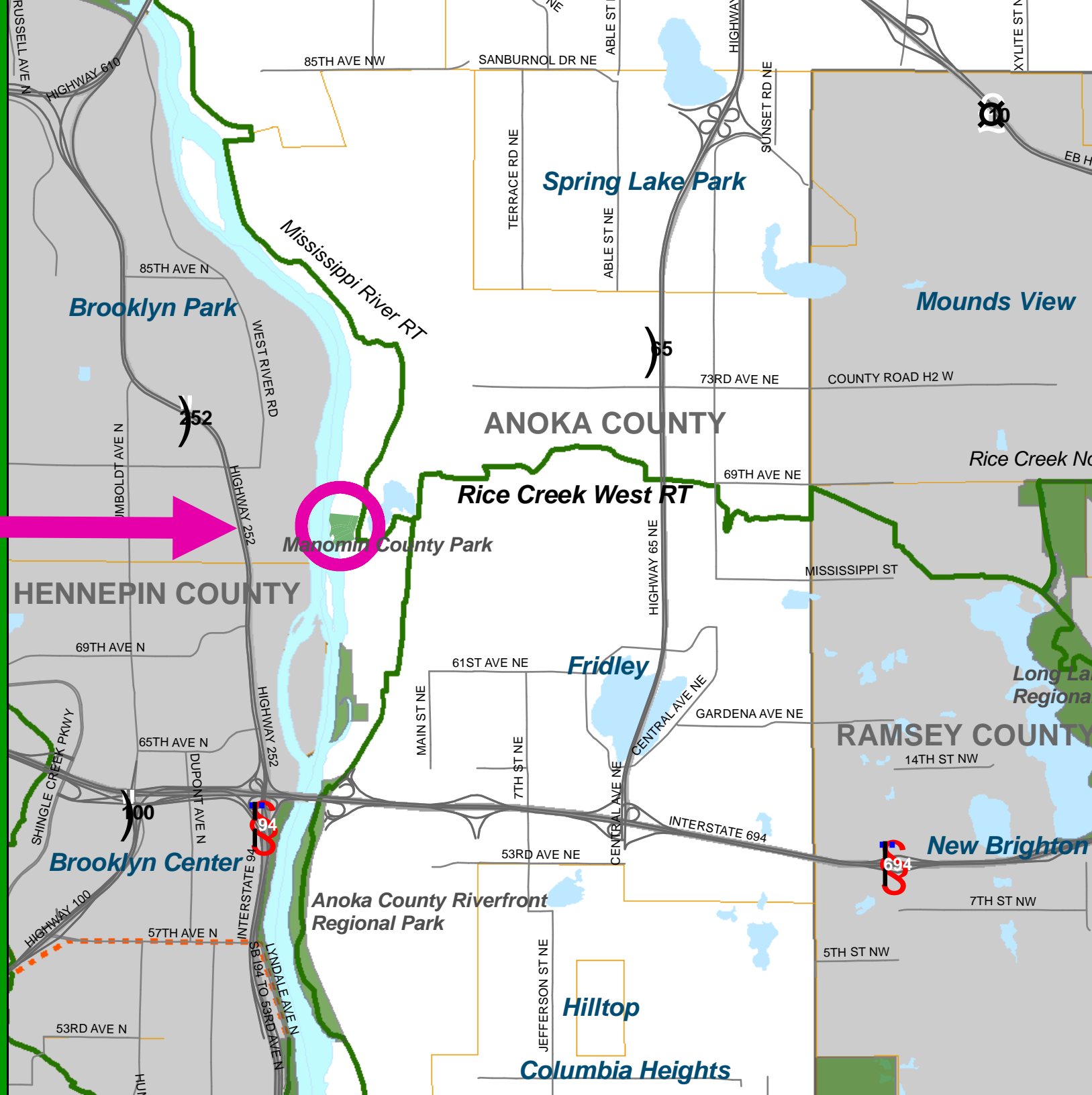
- Existing
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Regional Park Search Areas (2005)

- Boundary Adjustment
- New Unit
- Completing the System

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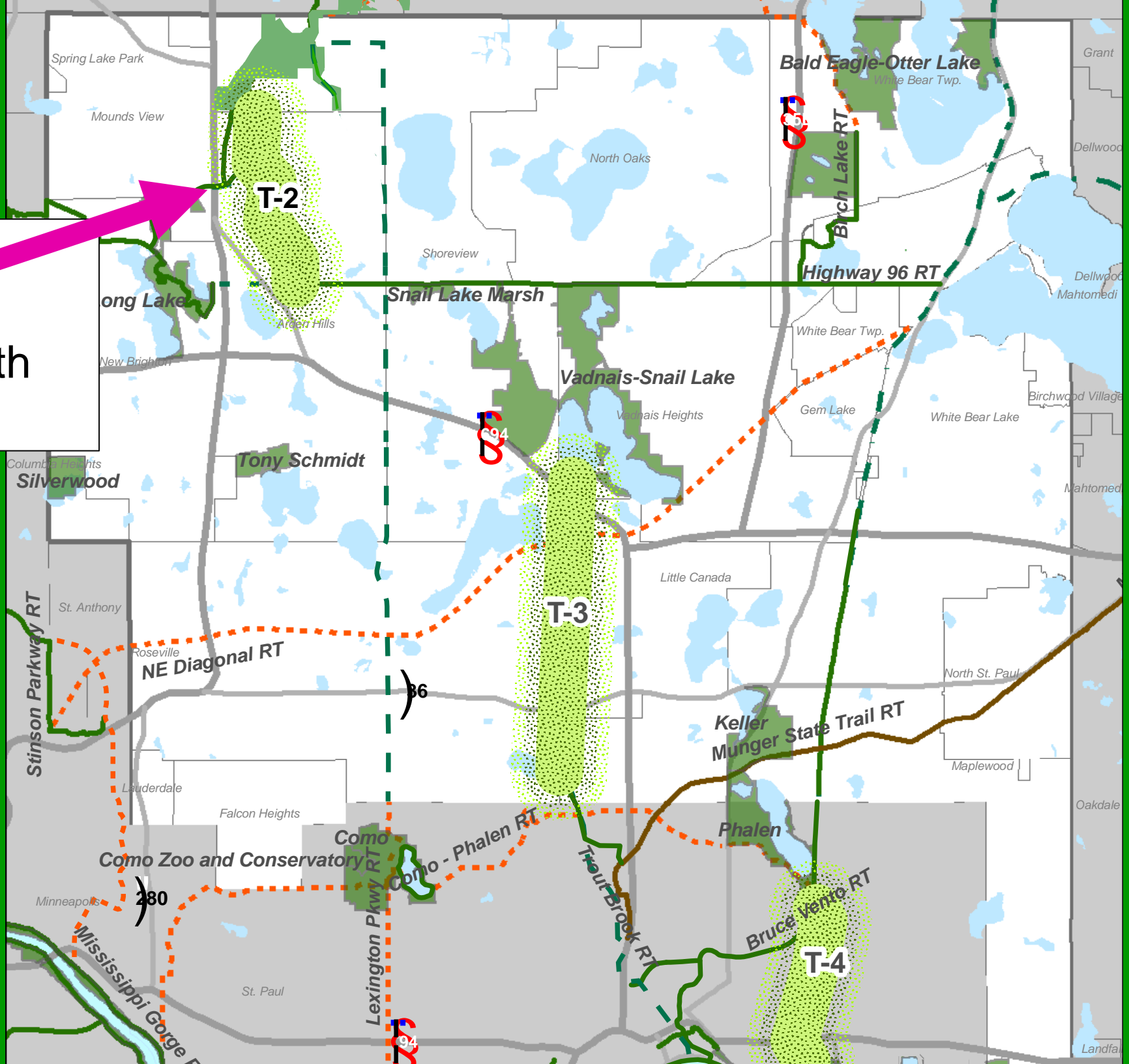
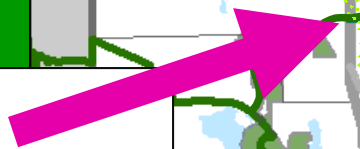
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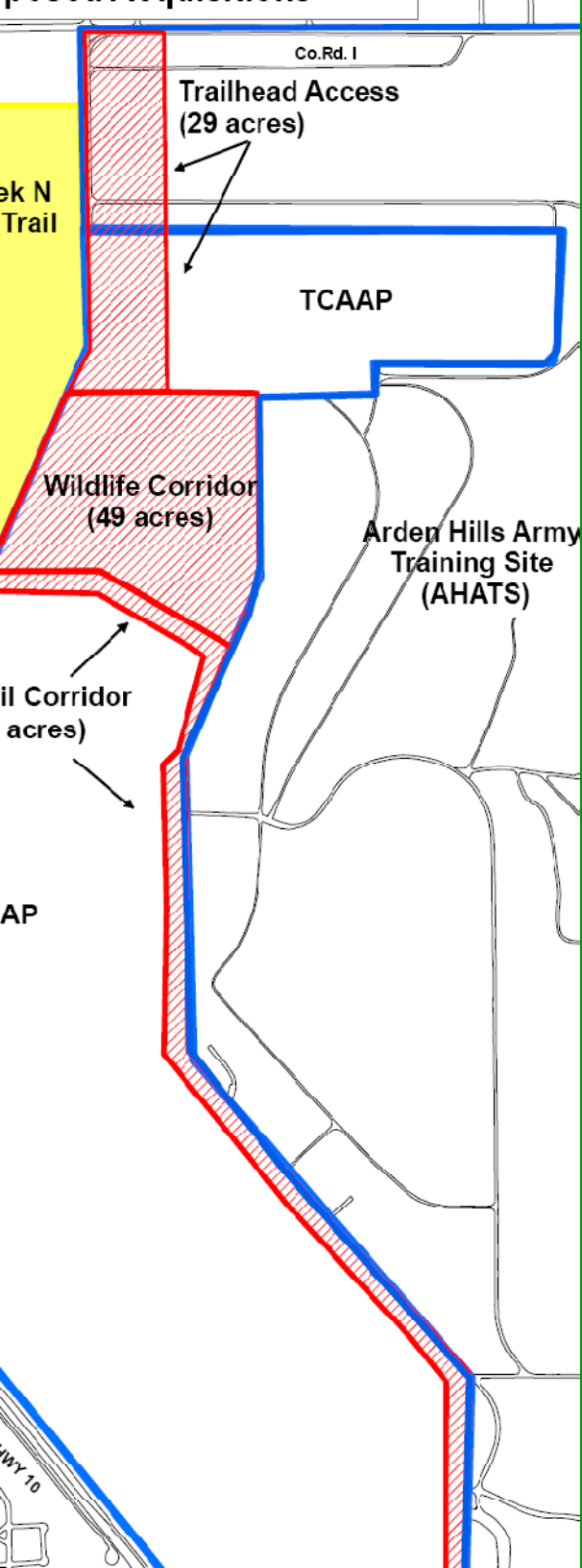




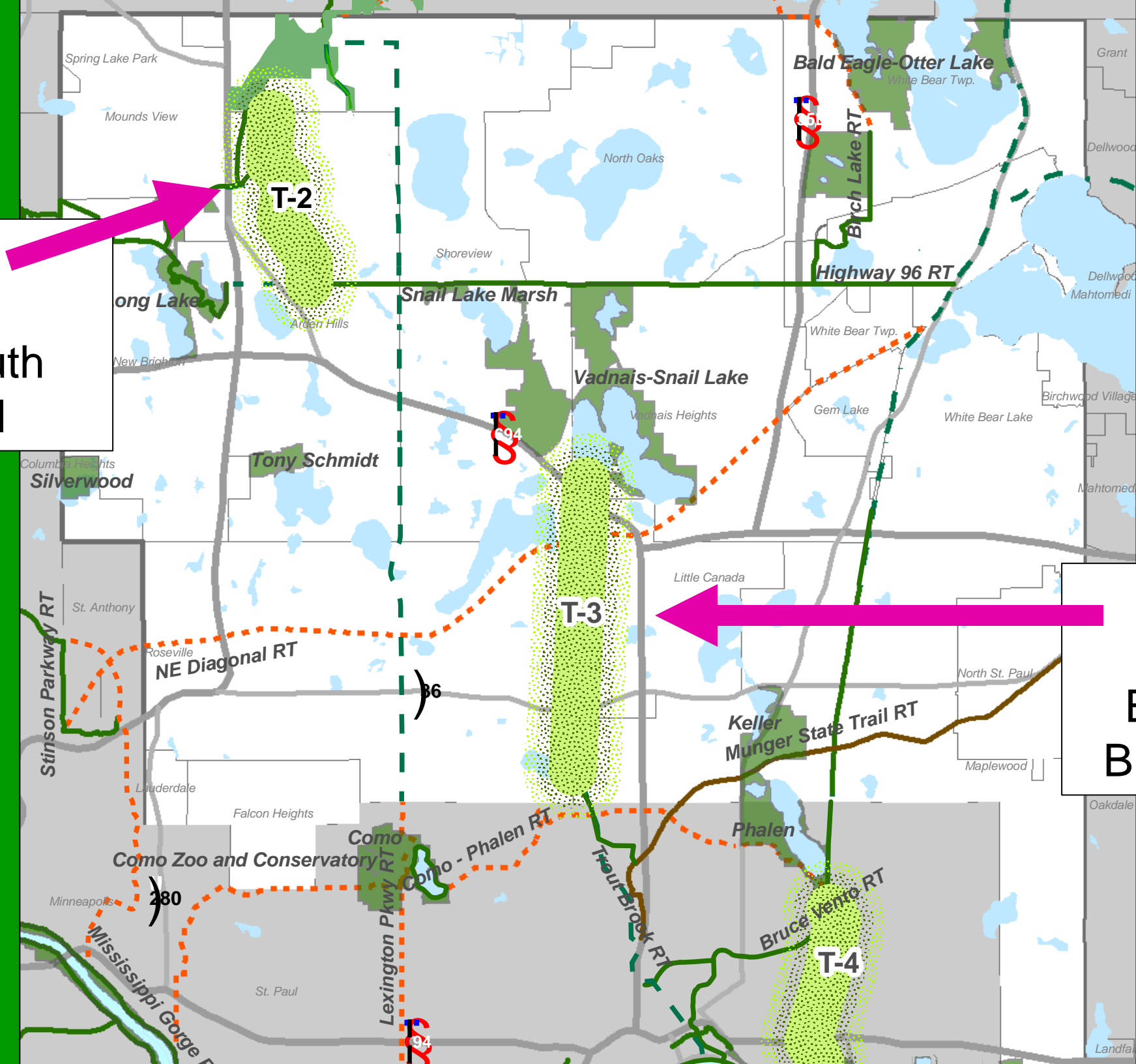
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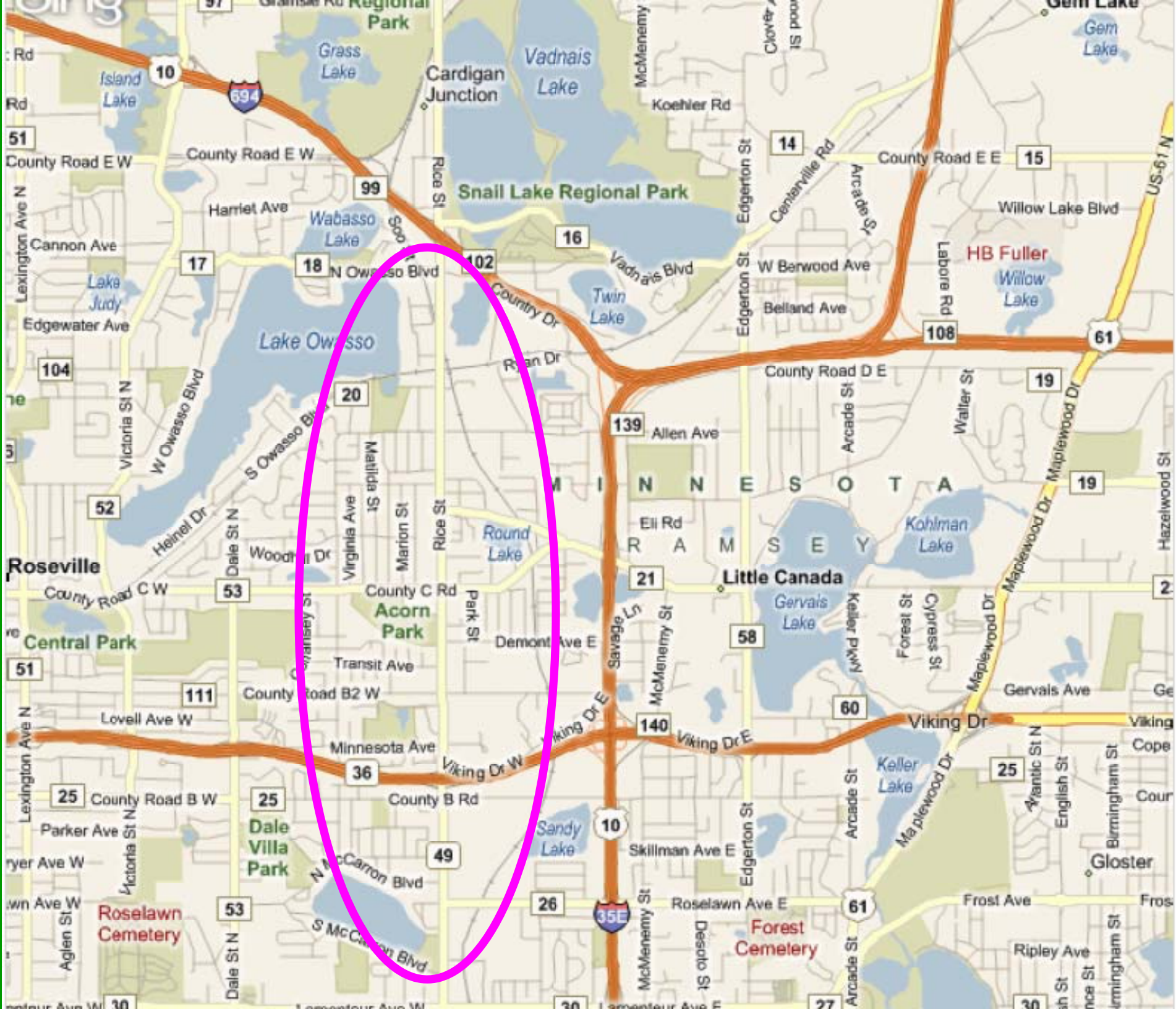


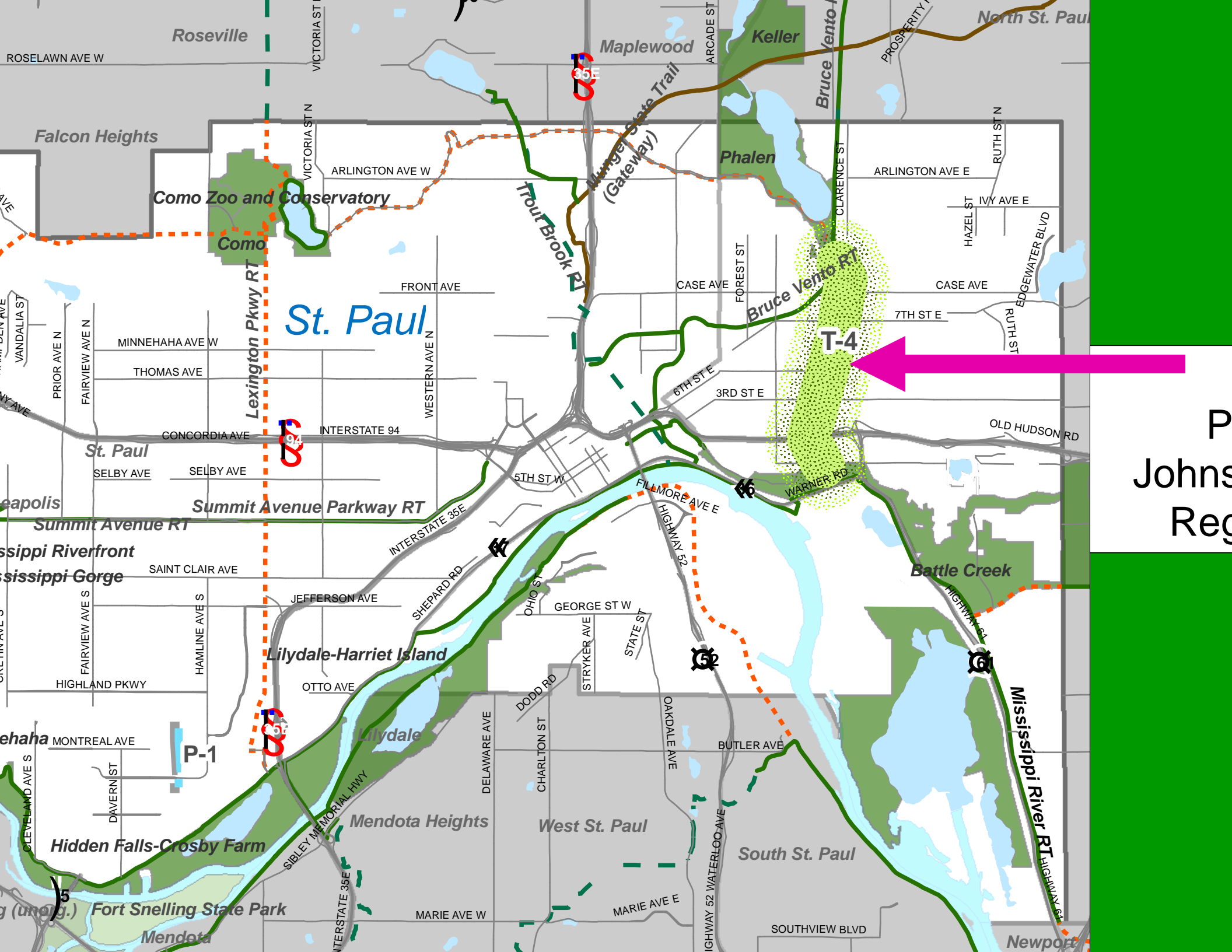


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Summit Avenue Parkway RT

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Mississippi River RT

Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm

Mendota Heights

West St. Paul

South St. Paul

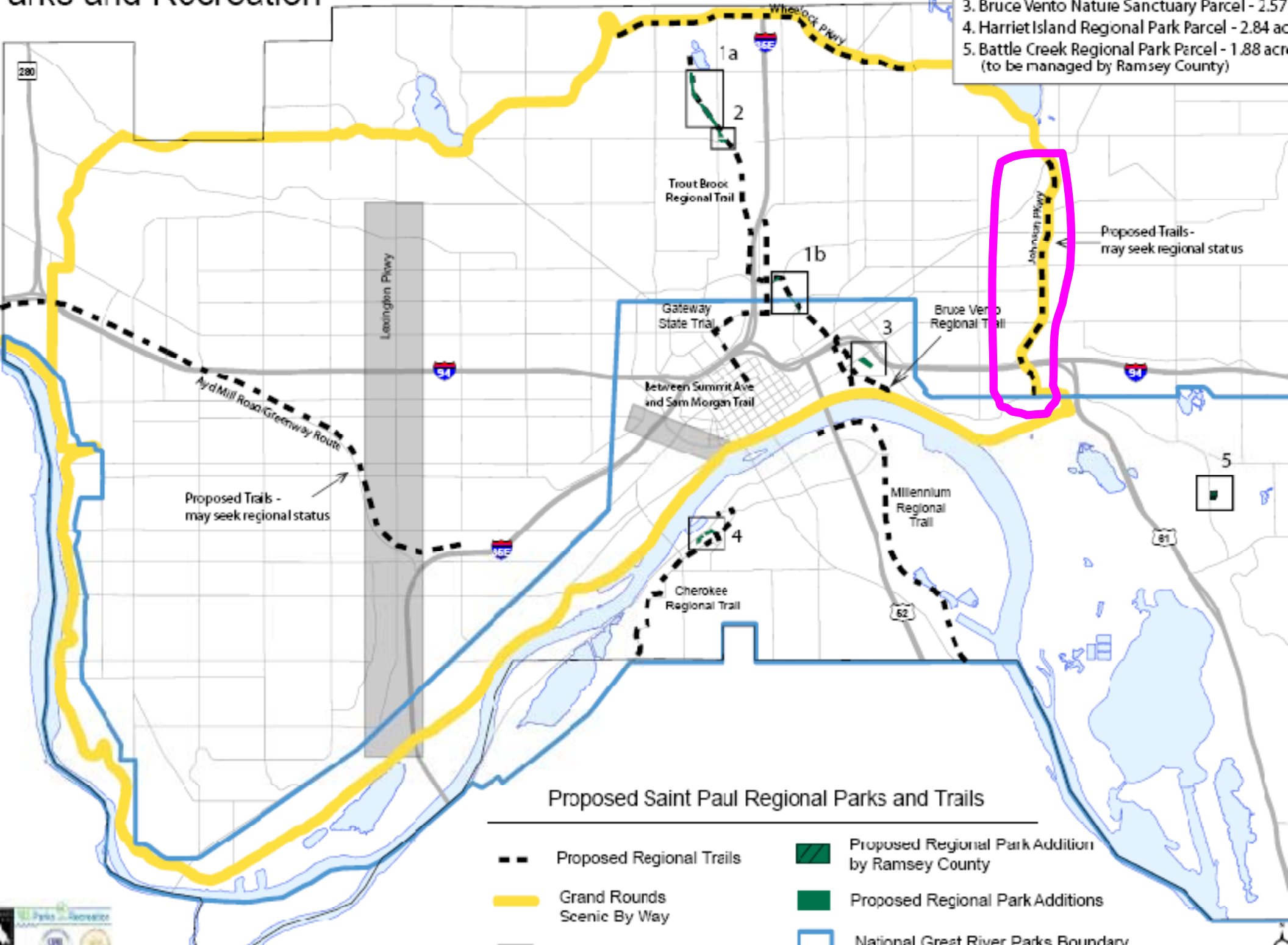
Fort Snelling State Park

Mendota

Newport

Parks and Recreation

- 1b. Trout Brook Regional Trail Parcel - 0.50 ac
- 2. Trillium Nature Sanctuary Parcel - 1.92 ac
- 3. Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Parcel - 2.57 ac
- 4. Harriet Island Regional Park Parcel - 2.84 ac
- 5. Battle Creek Regional Park Parcel - 1.88 ac (to be managed by Ramsey County)



Proposed Trails - may seek regional status

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Proposed Saint Paul Regional Parks and Trails





Phalen RP

Johnson Parkway



Phalen Beach House

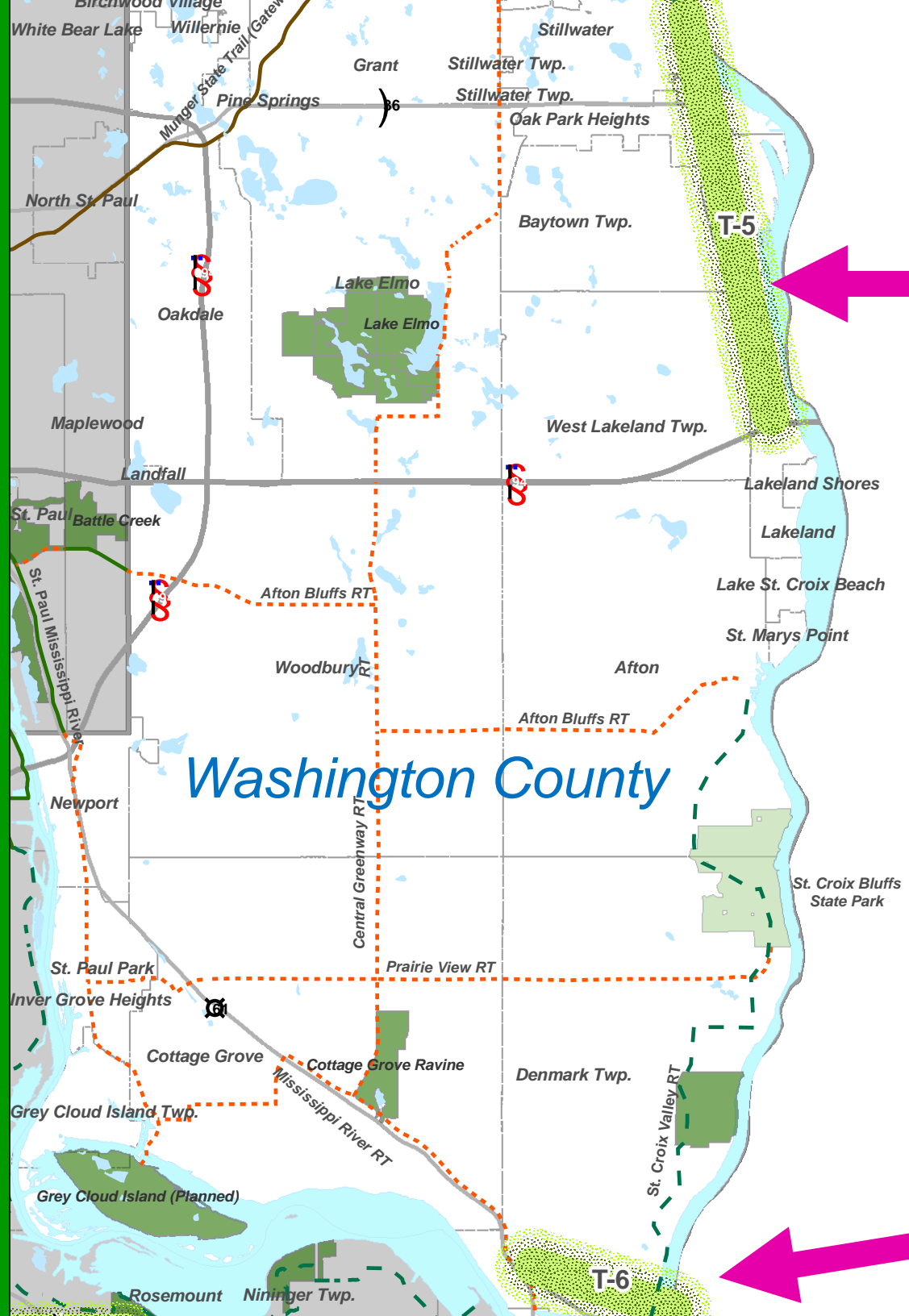
Hudson Parkway →





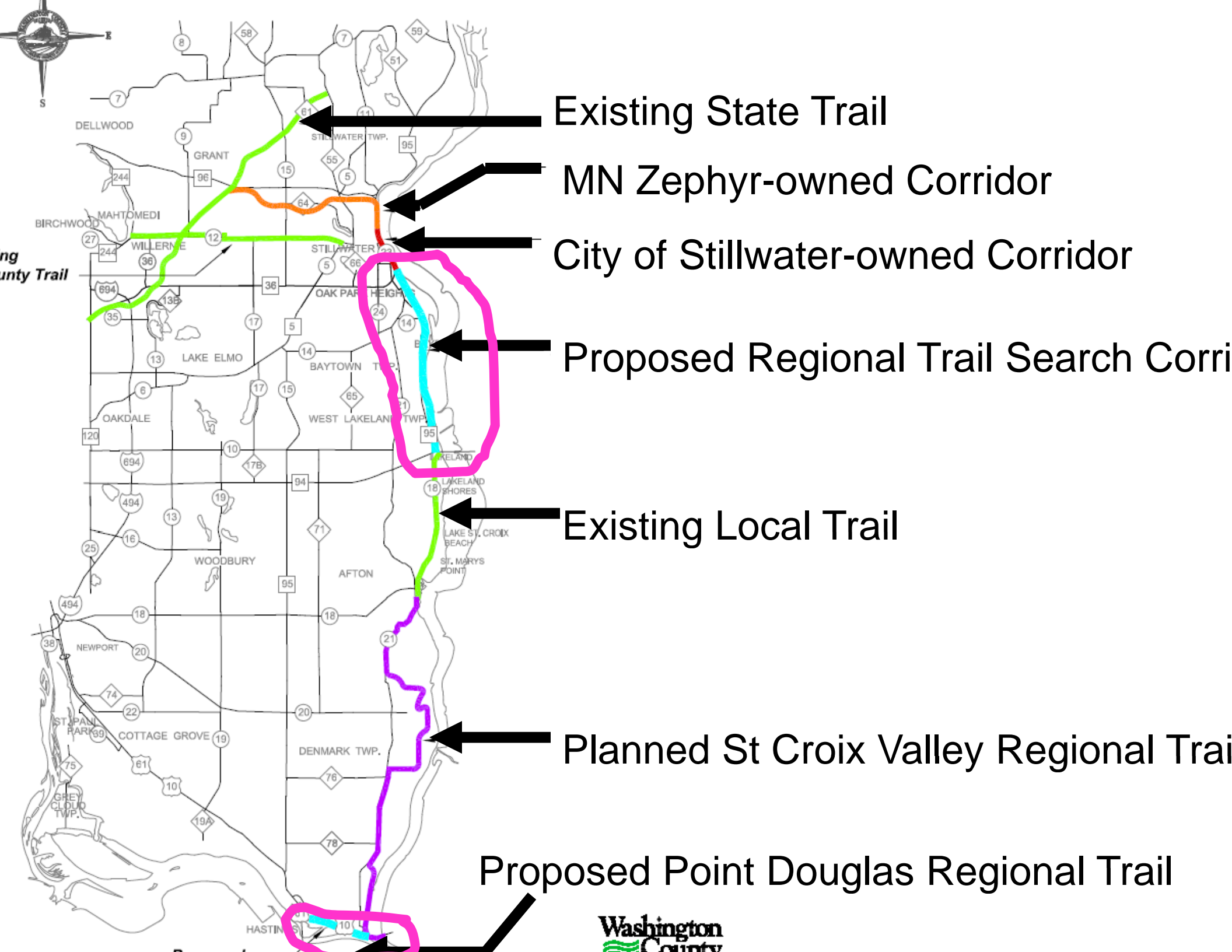
Johnson Parkway →

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Middle St.
Region

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Existing State Trail

MN Zephyr-owned Corridor

City of Stillwater-owned Corridor

Proposed Regional Trail Search Corridor

Existing Local Trail

Planned St Croix Valley Regional Trail

Proposed Point Douglas Regional Trail



Washington County

St Croix Valley RT

Mississippi River RT

St Croix River

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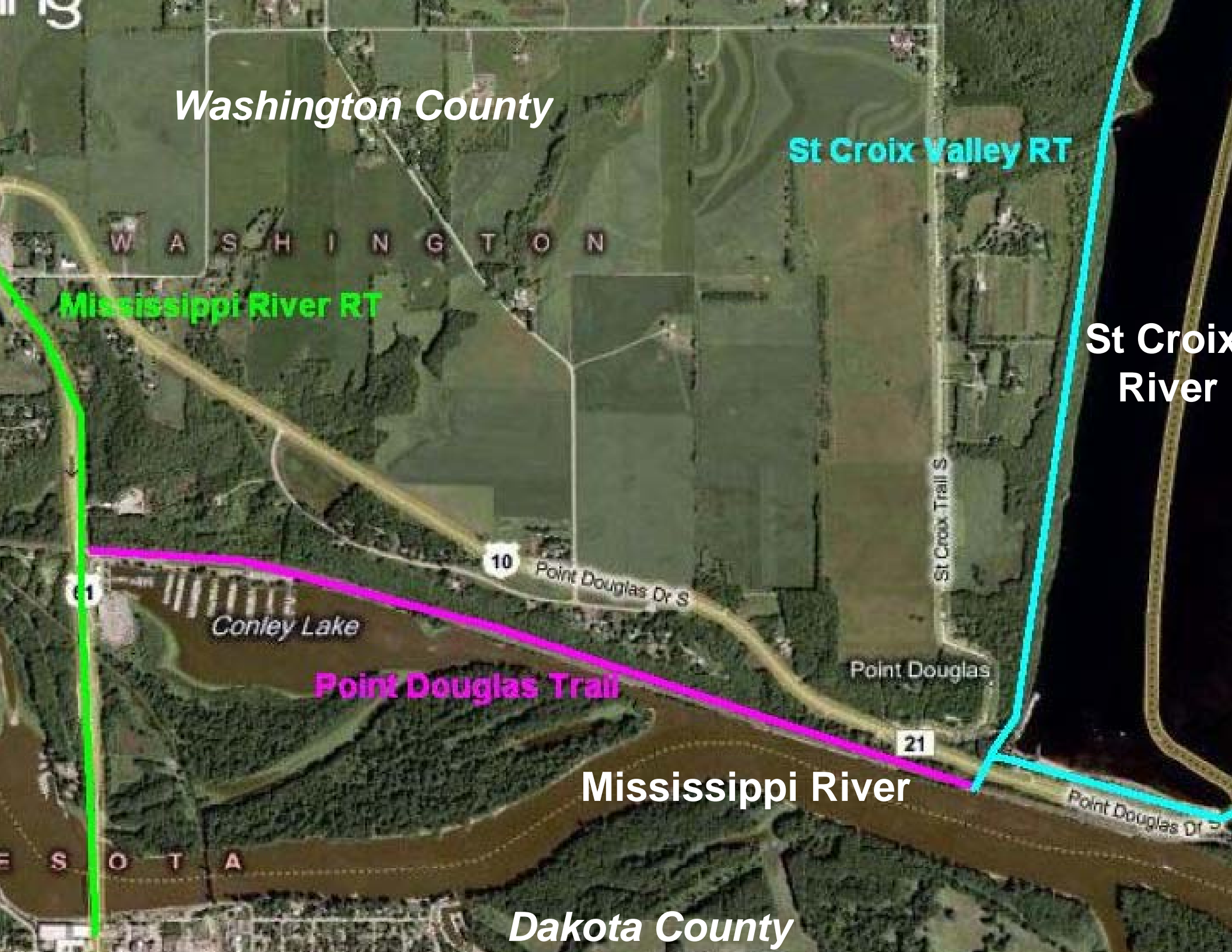
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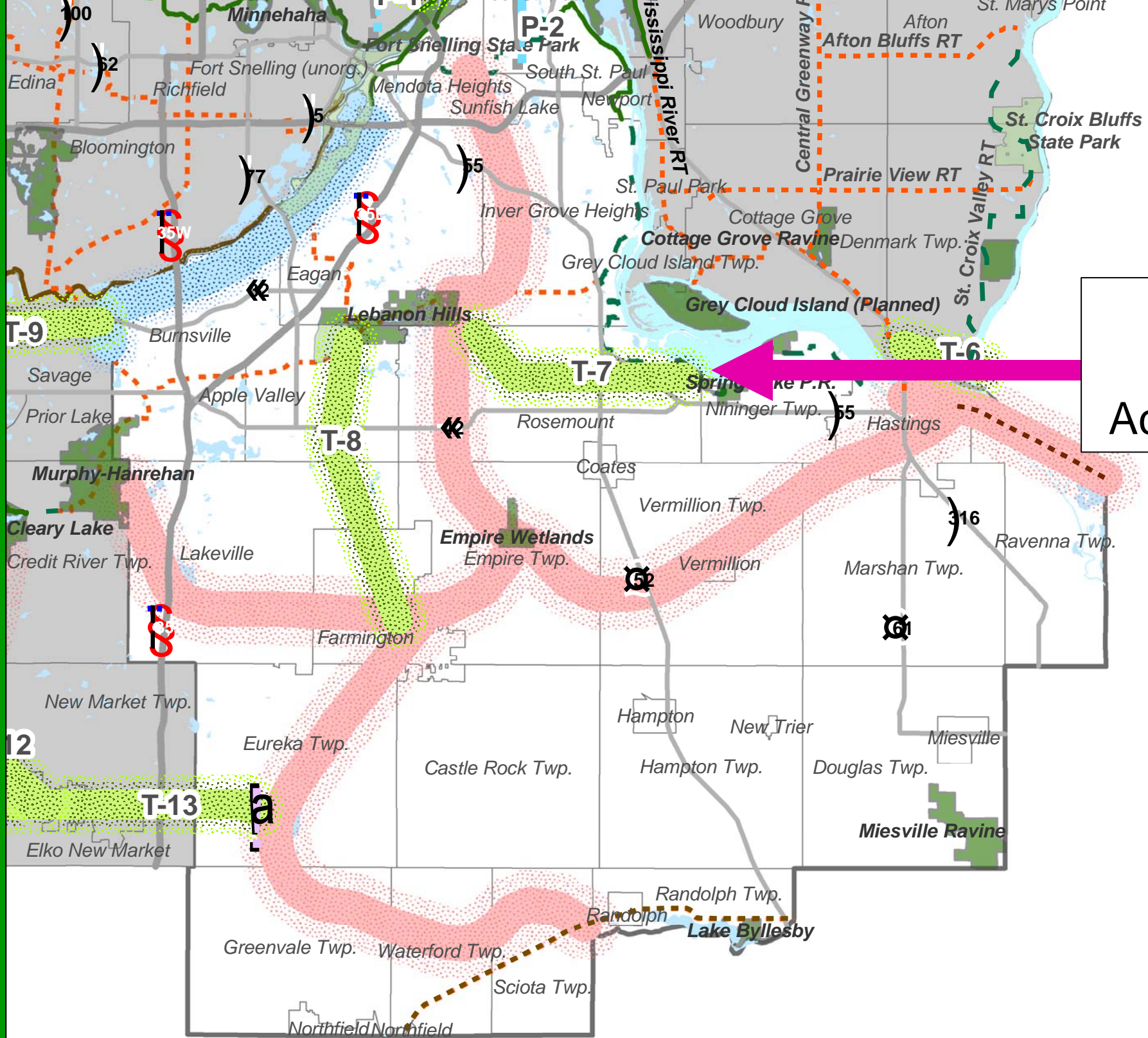
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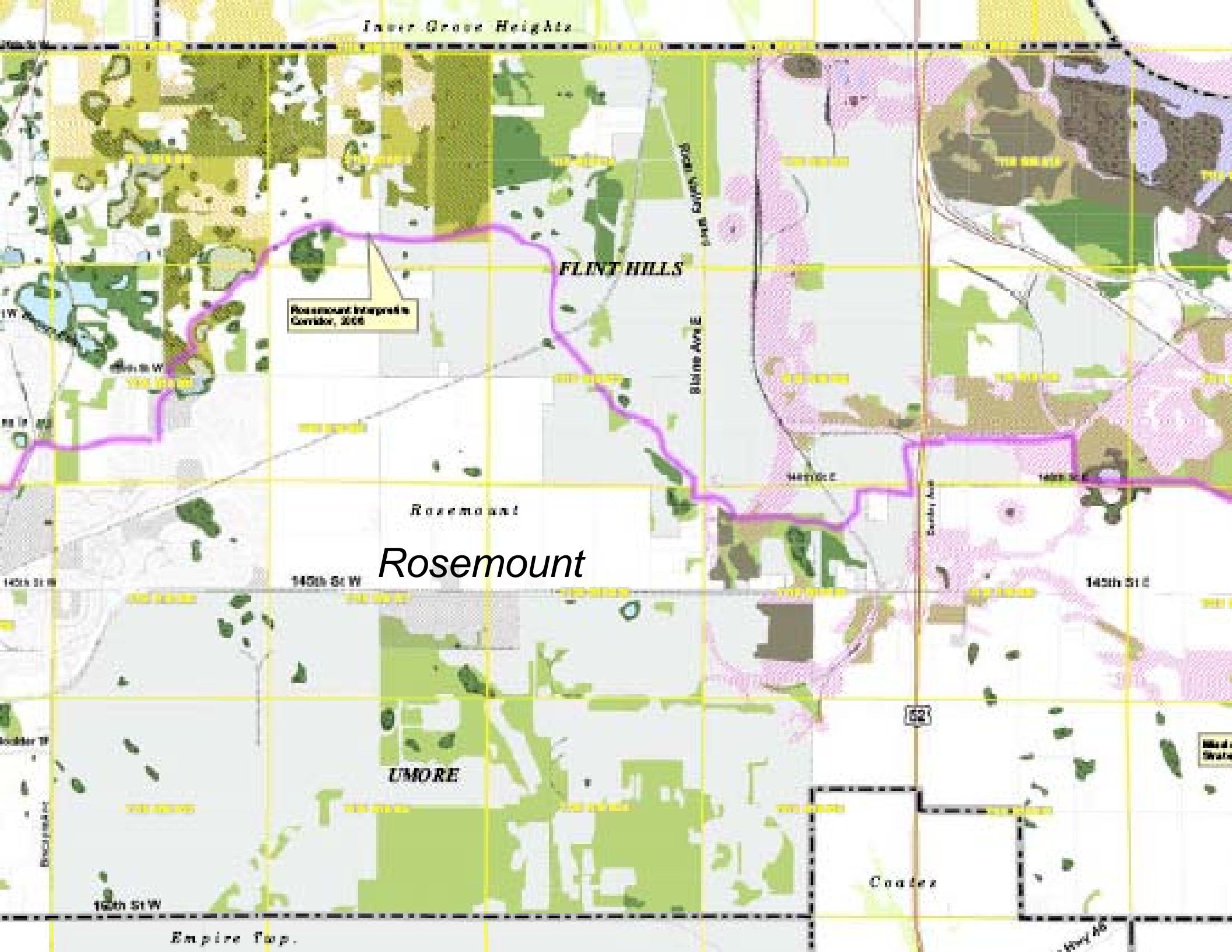
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Inner Grove Heights

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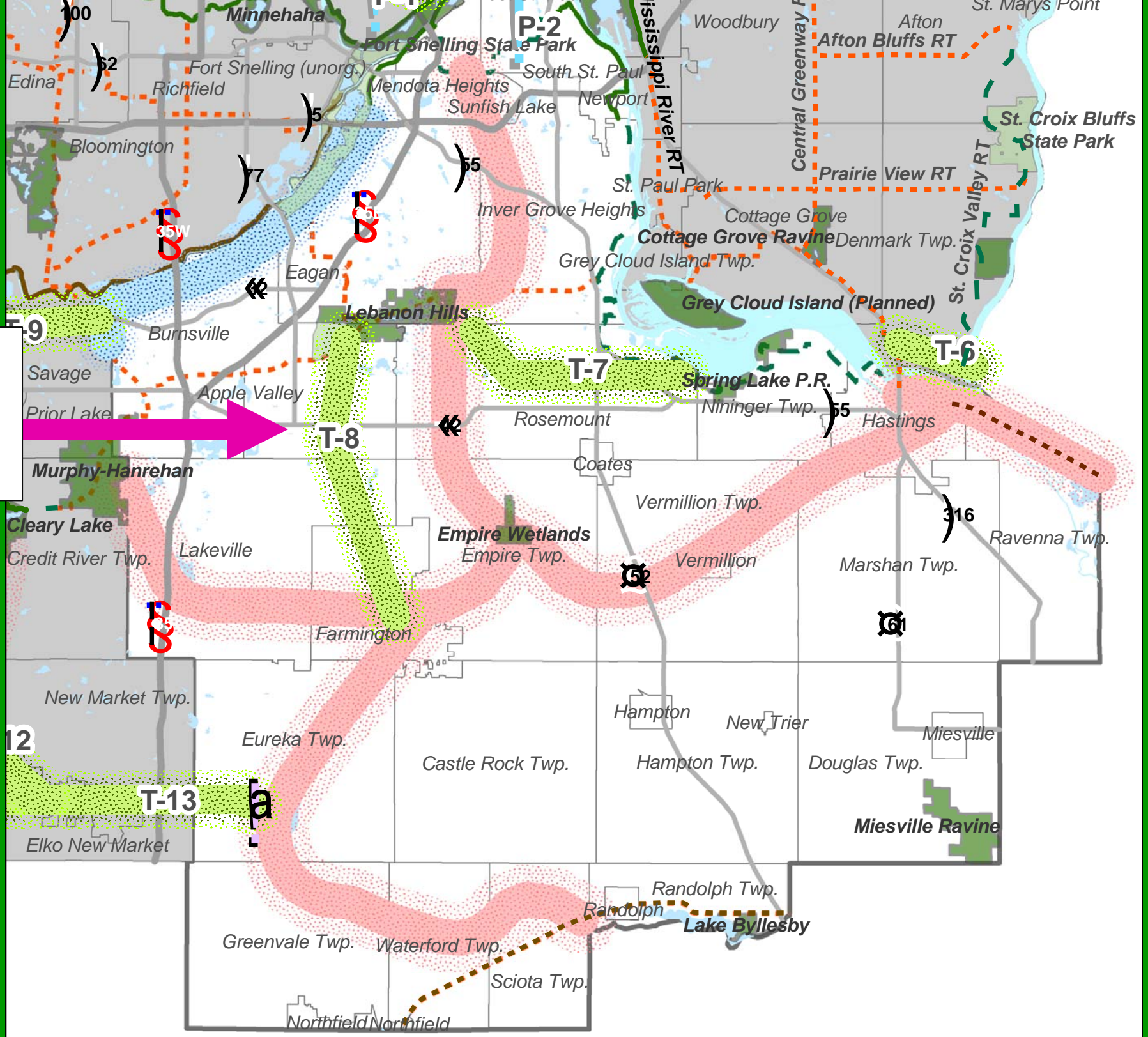
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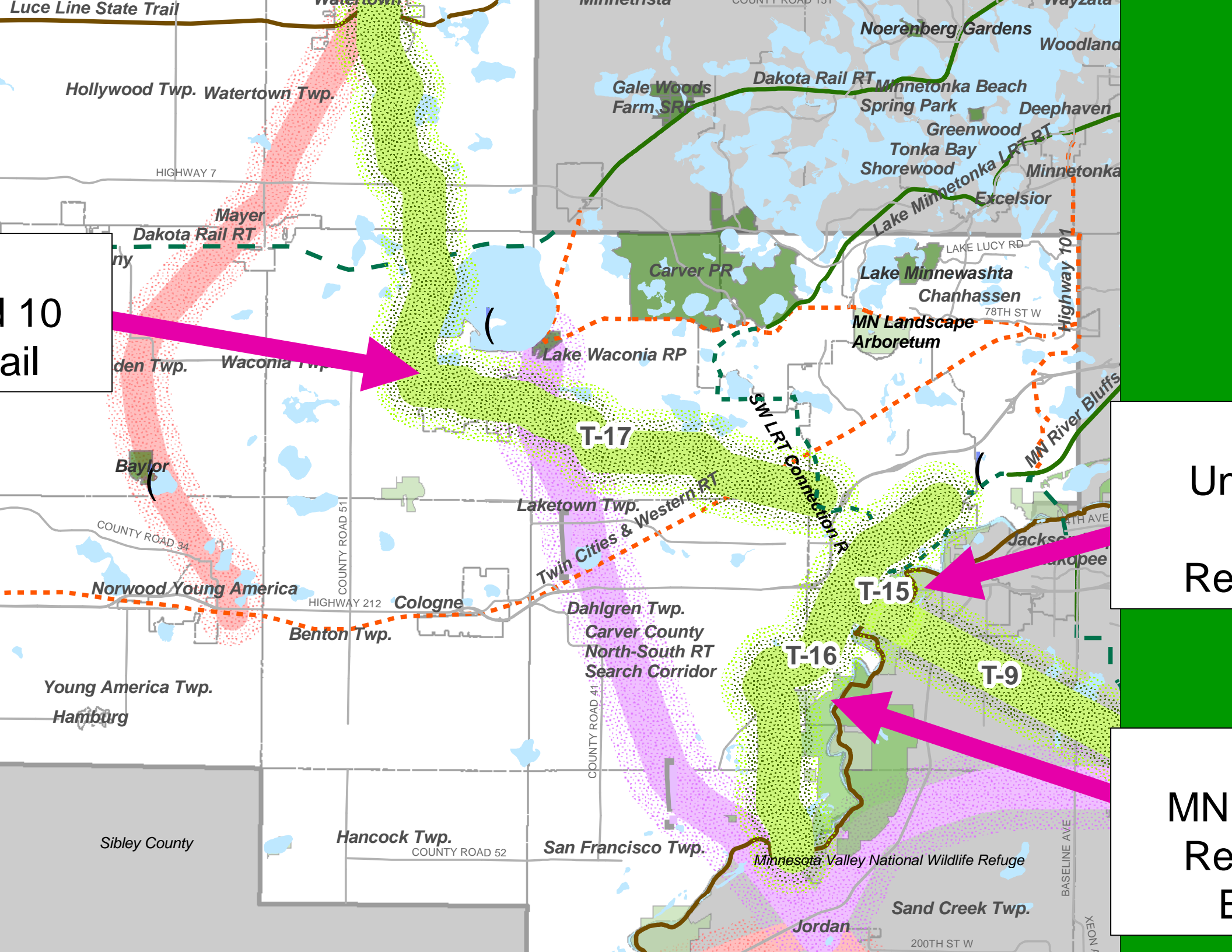
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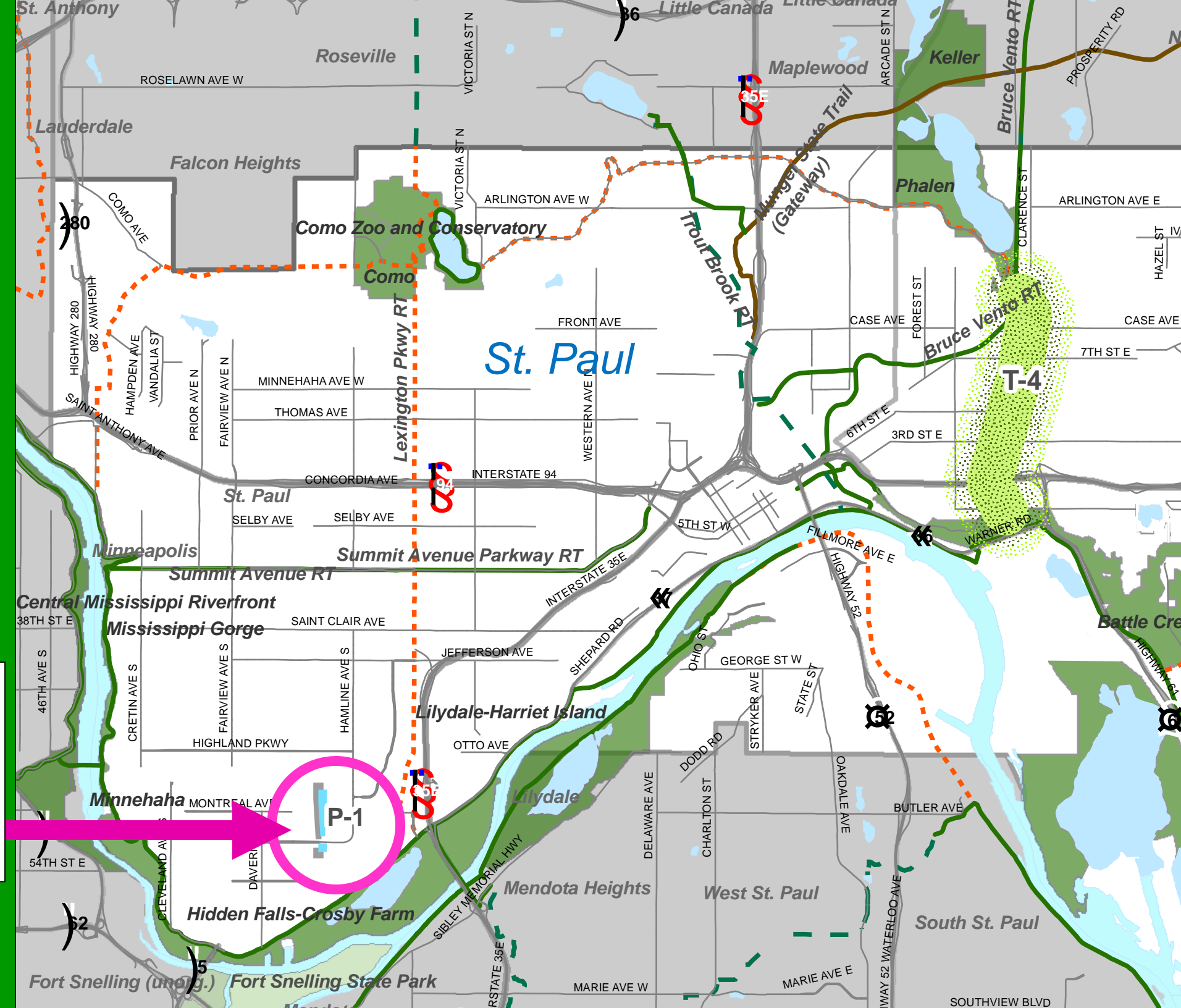
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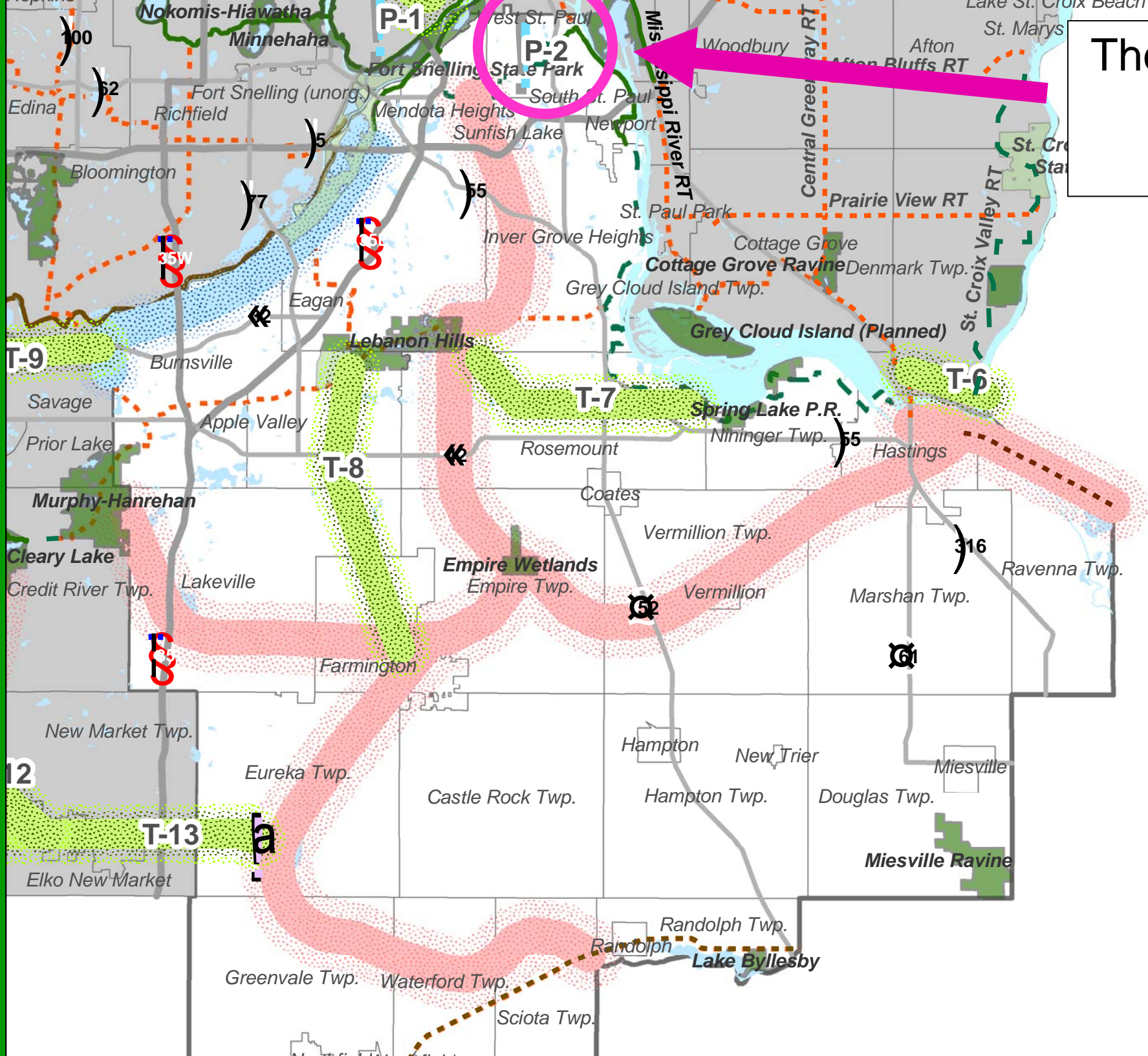
Picnic area

9 hole golf course

**Picnic Pavilion, Circus
Juventas & Aquatic Ctr**



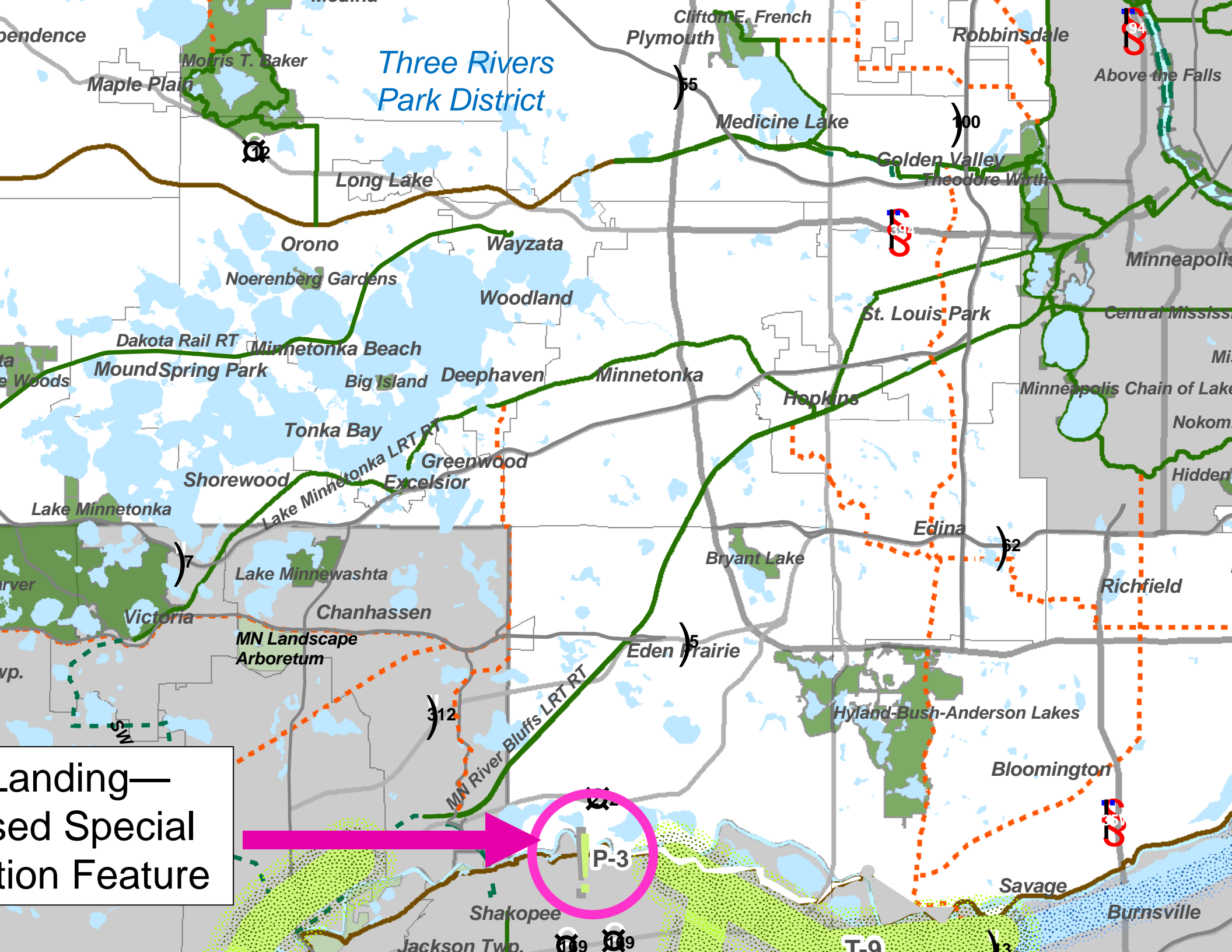
Thompson Region Study



Proposed Regional Park Study Area

- Thompson County
- Kaposia Park
- Kaposia Landing (former Port Crosby)

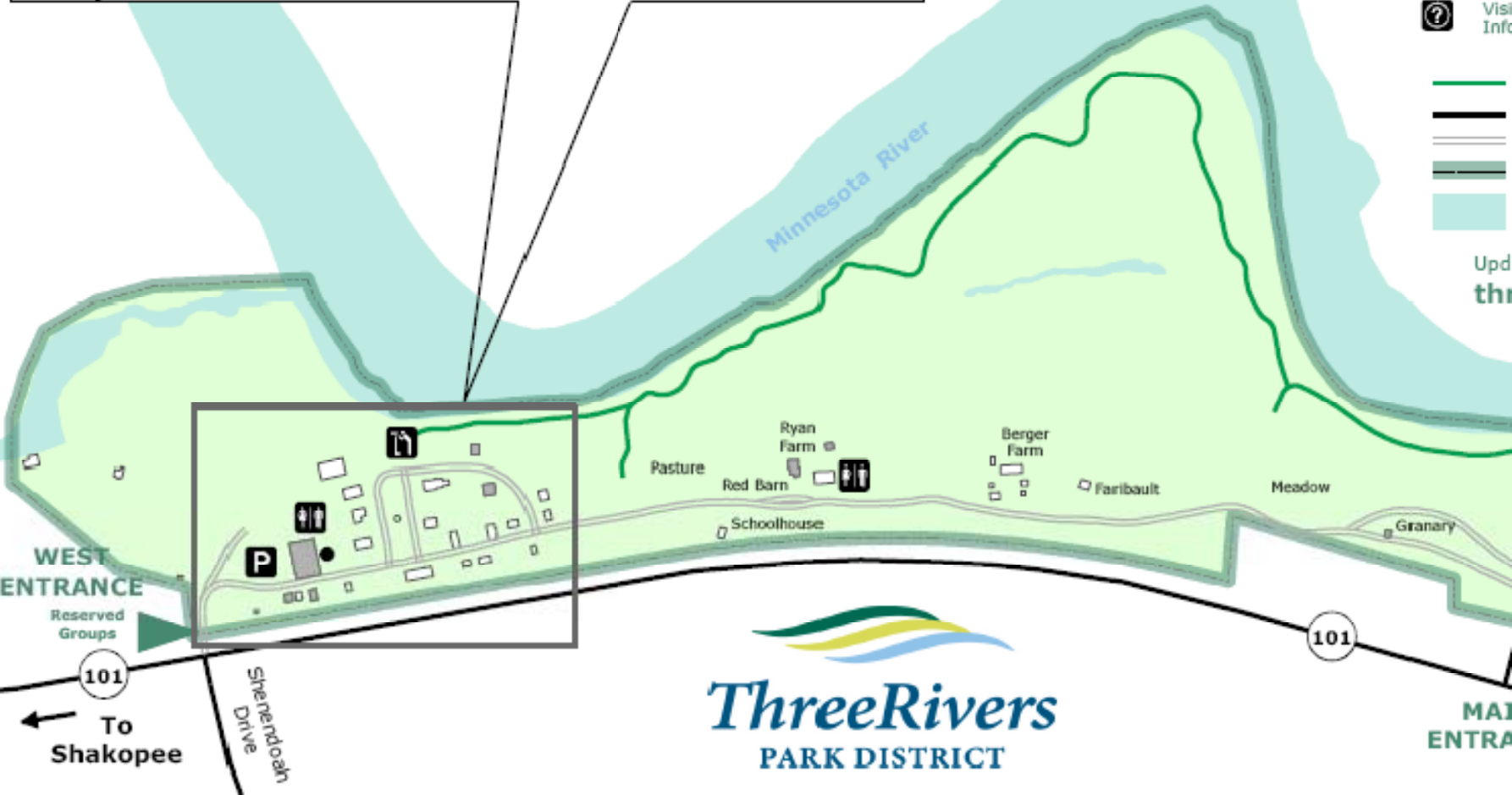
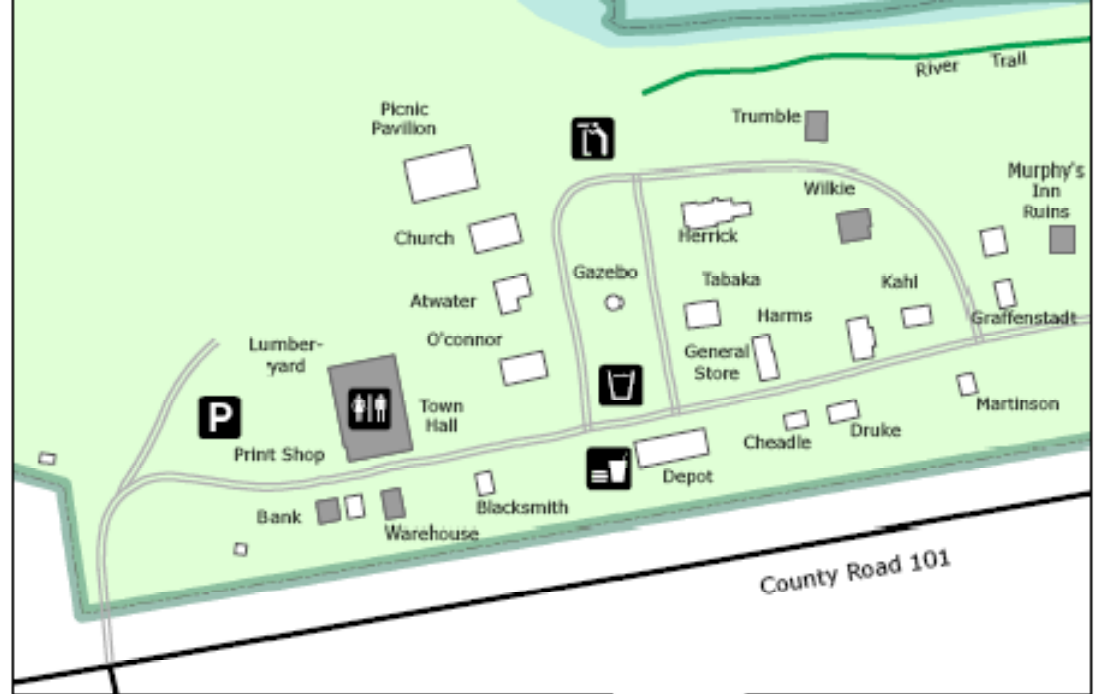




Three Rivers Park District

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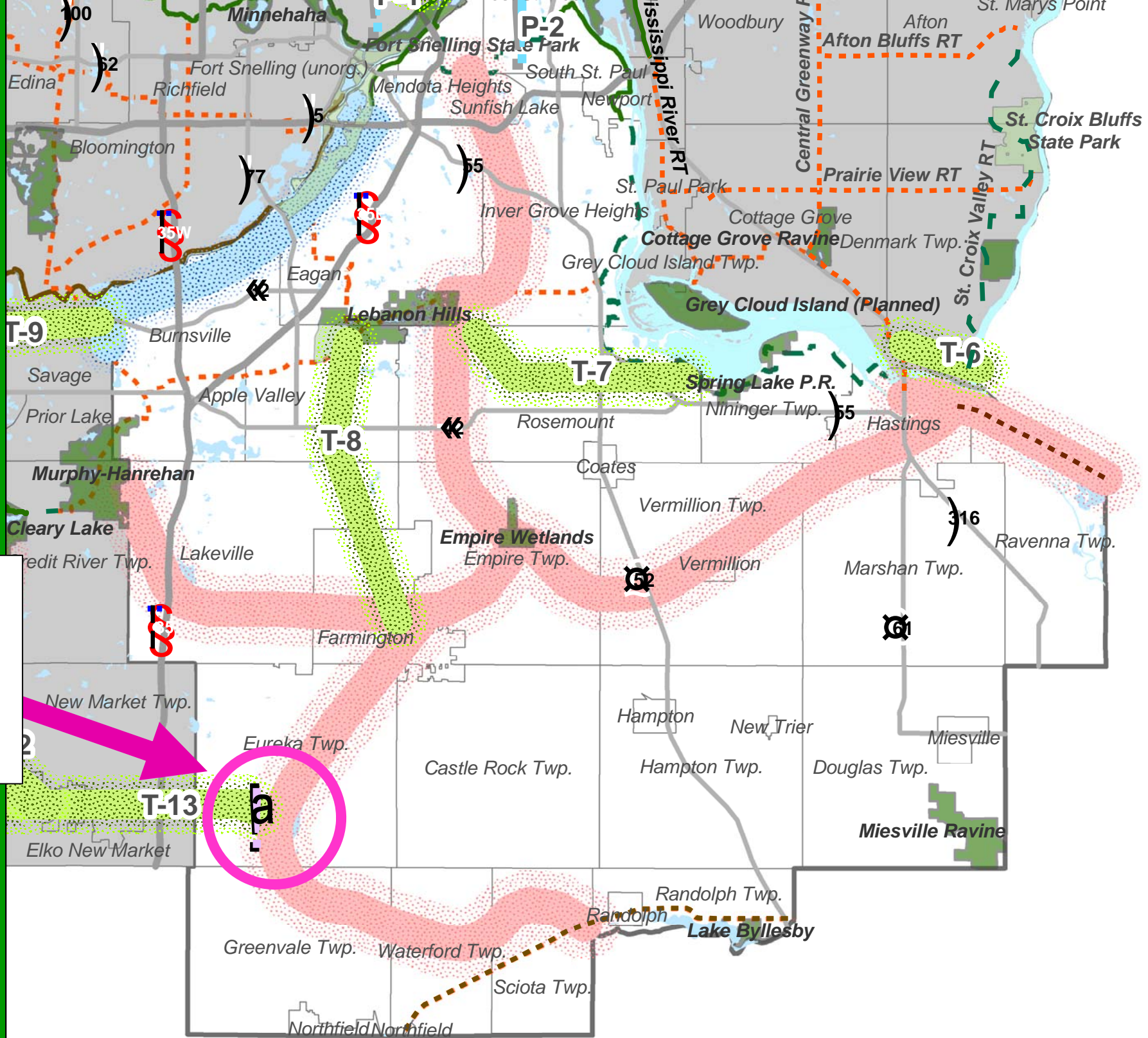
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Estimated Costs for Development of the Regional Parks System

Costs ¹	Acquisition Costs ^{1, 2} (in \$ millions)	Development Costs ² (in \$ millions)	Total Costs (in \$ millions)
3,000	\$37-99	\$245-294	\$282-3

Includes acquisition of inholdings within current park boundaries and proposed parks

10 dollars