



**City of Newport
Park Board Meeting
September 22, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Anita Perkins; Paul Hansen Heidi Tweeten;

Board Members absent – Emily White; John Graber

Also present –Matt Yokiell, Executive Director; Sherri Buss, TKDA Planner; Dan Lund, Council Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

A. Park Board Minutes of August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion by Tweeten, seconded by Hansen, to approve the August 25, 2016 minutes as presented. With 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, the motion carried.

4. REVIEW PROPOSED OPEN SPACE FOR RED ROCK SQUARE APARTMENTS, 150 RED ROCK CROSSING

Sherri Buss, TKDA Planner, presented on this item as outlined in the September 22, 2016 Park Board packet. The Park Board provided the following comments for the Planning Commission:

- It is unfortunate that the building does not face Red Rock Crossing and is oriented to the interior of the parcel. It also does not have a mix of uses that relate to the street and Transit Station. This does not meet the Design Guidelines and goals for buildings near the Transit Station to contribute to lively, interesting streets and public areas.
- Recommended that the street trees should be large shade trees so that the landscaping identifies the project when viewed from I-494.
- Recommended that the open space area design be modified to take out some of the small seating, “golf” activity, and paved/activity areas and trees to create a larger green space for general play.
- All play equipment should be accessible, and rubber mats should be utilized on the ground surface rather than woodchips to improve accessibility.
- The play equipment should be designed for younger children who cannot easily get to Lions Park.
- Some fencing should be added to separate the play space for small children for safety from the adjacent streets, parking areas, and the railroad track.

5. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LOVELAND PARK

Tom Lewanski, Friends of the Mississippi River, was present to discuss natural resource management plans. A natural resource management plan would provide the City with a plan on how to protect its natural resources. Currently, Mr. Lewanski is working on a natural resource management plan for the Refinery’s bluff land south of Loveland Park. Mr. Lewanski is wondering if the City would be interested in having a natural resource management plan done for Loveland Park. Vice-Chair Perkins asked what he recommends for Loveland Park. Mr. Lewanski recommended cutting down invasive species, fixing the trails with all of the rain, and possibly doing a controlled burn for the open spaces.

Ron Graf, 1902 10th Avenue - I have an idea to bring disc golf into the community. It's an ever growing sport. I went to the City Council a couple weeks ago to utilize the space at the ice rink and upper part of the field. I have talked with Bruce and he's concerned about maintaining it. It wouldn't be any more maintenance than what's involved now. Another

concern he had, when I walked it with Tom Marcus, we walked back in the woods, and he's wondering what it would be for mowing wise. I can have more information for you. It's ever growing and fairly cheap. I think it would be good for the park. I would see if we could get donations for it. The lower part wouldn't be too hard, the higher part would be more for maintenance.

Heidi Tweeten - Could this generate revenue for the City?

Mr. Graf - You can do "pay to play" but those people expect to have well-maintained courses and that would involve more staff. It'd be awesome if we didn't charge anything. I walked out there, there's been nothing up top ever. There would be controlled burns. I'm not sure what the budget is but it could involve more employees.

Vice-Chair Perkins - Are you just informing us of your idea or do you want to be involved in planning?

Mr. Graf - I'd like to be involved in planning.

Heidi Tweeten - I know there was a proposal a couple years ago. Maybe we need to review that again.

Paul Hansen - I think it's worthwhile. We don't have anything going on there right now. It could grow into something. Pay to play, rentals, etc. I think it has great potential.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- Not present to report.

7. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anita Perkins - I would just like to remind people about Buckthorn Removal Day on October 29th at Bailey School Forest. Please call the City to sign up. Winter Family Fun Night is January 28, 2017.

B. Heidi Tweeten - I've been working on the arboretum walk, labeling the trees in Bailey School Forest. I found someone that is going to help us identify the trees. I checked on signs, they'll be about \$7 each and I'll talk with Matt about how we should attach them. There's some erosion by the Mill Pond if Public Works could look at it.

Executive Director Yokiell - We sold that so it's not ours.

Heidi Tweeten - Also, someone said that the horseshoes are bouncing off of the cement instead of the sand.

C. Paul Hansen - Nothing to report.

D. John Graber - Not present to report.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Yokiell - Nothing to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Tweeten, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. With 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Emily White, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

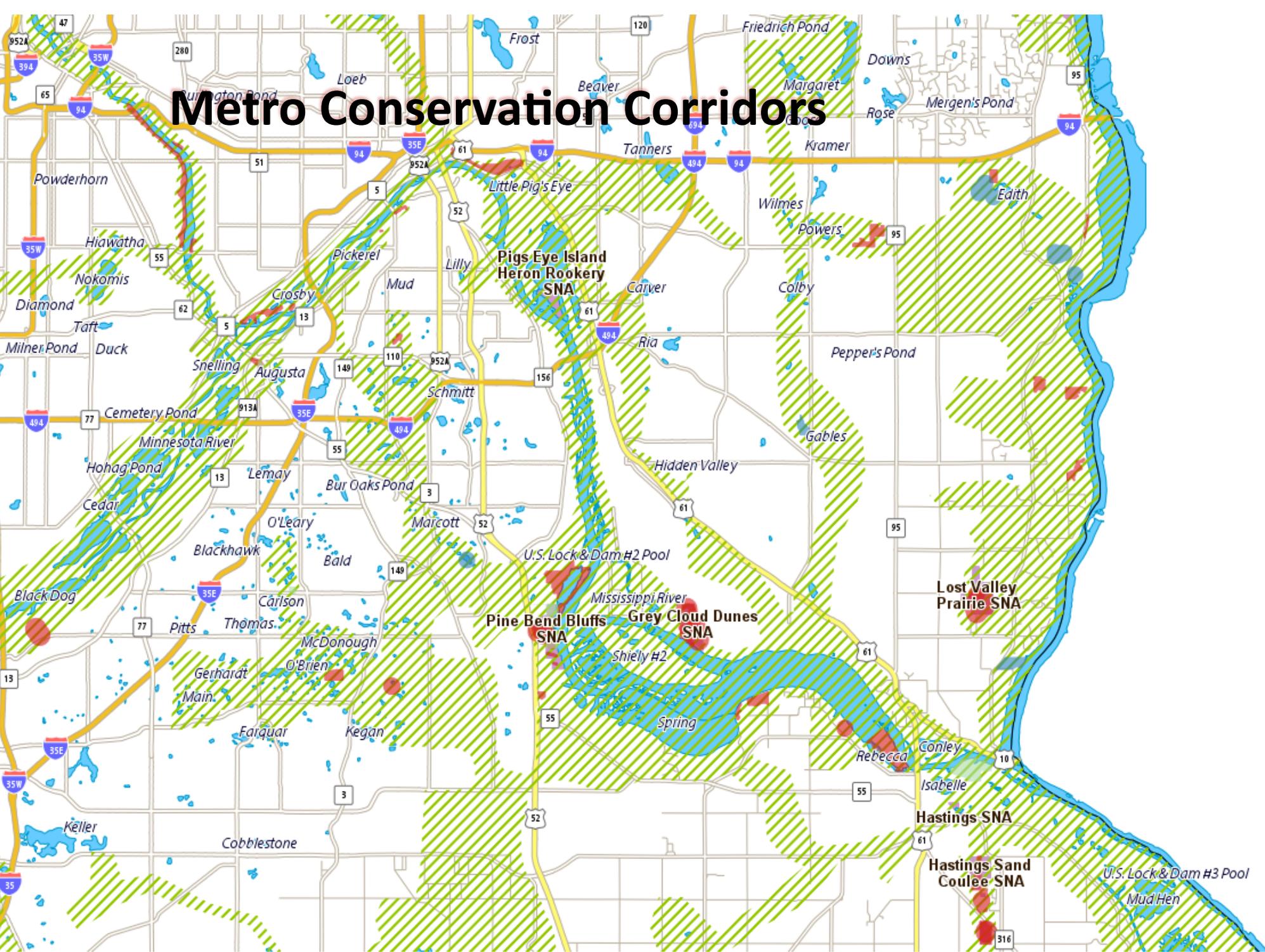
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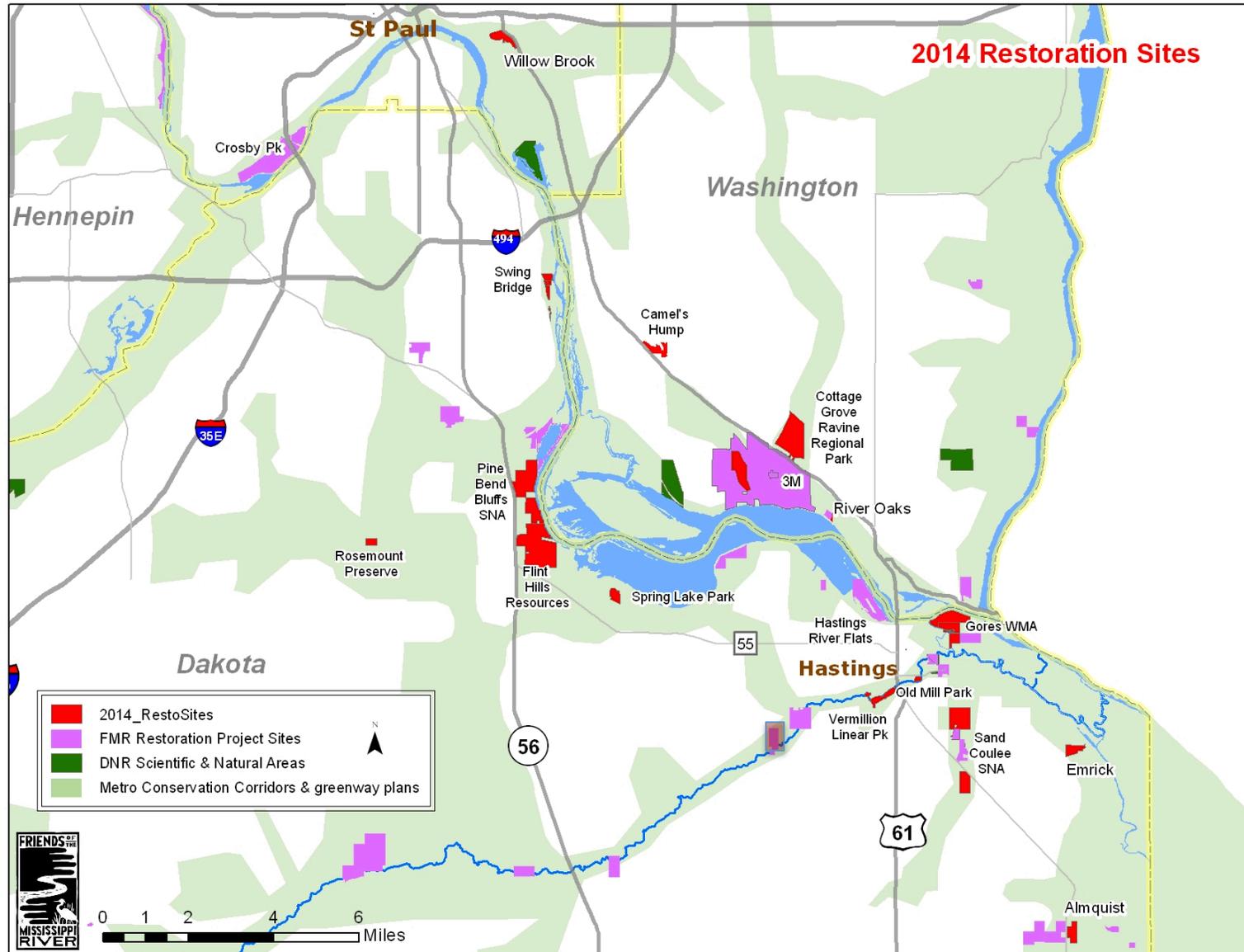
Land Conservation

Tom Lewanski
Conservation Director

Metro Conservation Corridors



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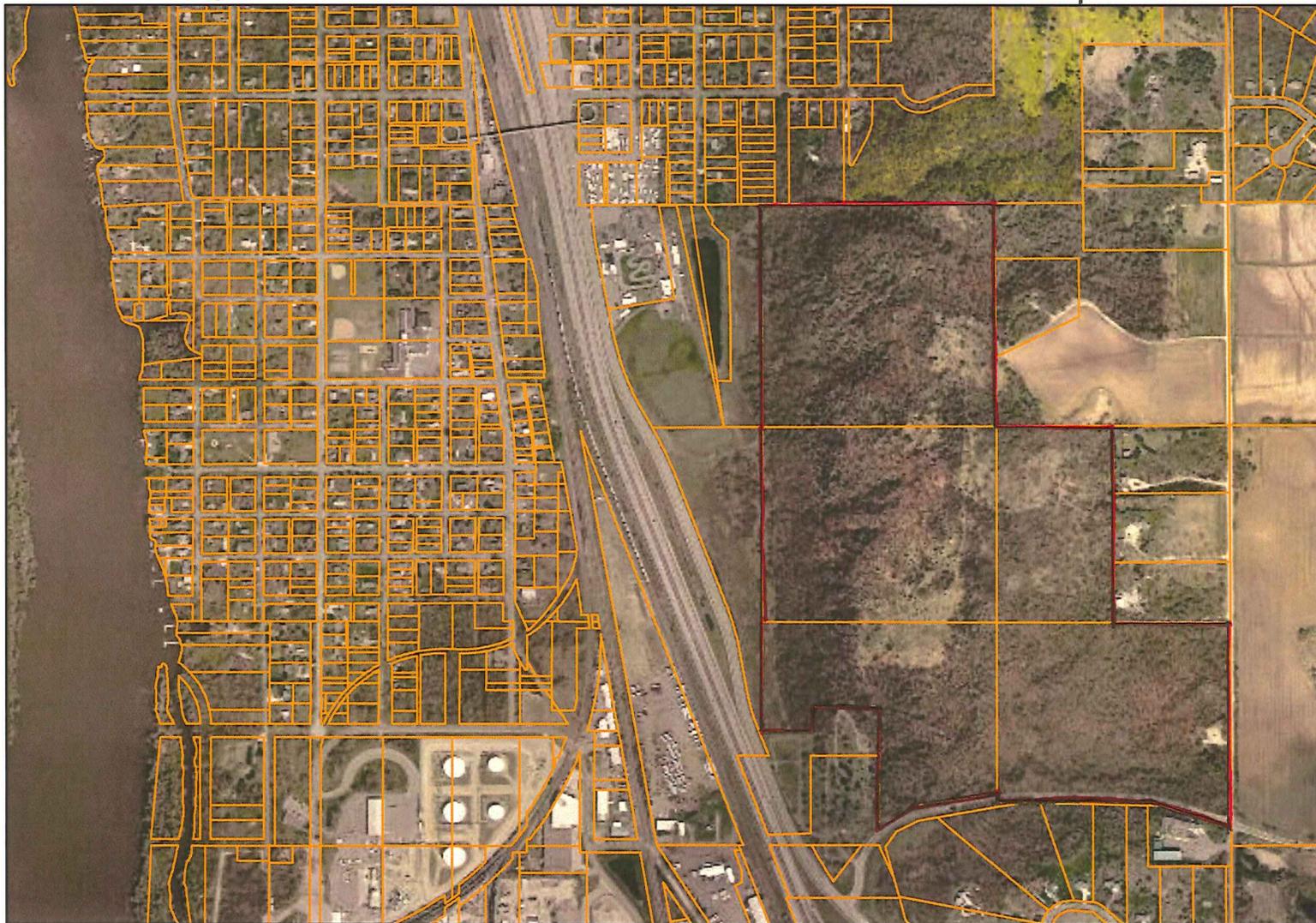


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NTE Refinery – St. Paul Park

NTE ~ 145.5 acres

Newport Park



0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet

