

Regional Trail Plan Amendment Work Plan (Draft)

- I. Project Goal and Schedule
 - a. Overall Goal: To partner with Three Rivers Park District and other stakeholders to acquire and construct a regional trail connection linking Carver Park Reserve/Lake Minnetonka Regional Park to Dakota Rail Trail and eventually to Luce Line Trail. There are three essential steps to this endeavor:
 - i. Securing participation by Three Rivers by amending our Parks, Trails, and Open Space plan to include the trail route, which allows them to move forward with a plan amendment at the Met Council;
 - ii. Securing the funding/partnerships to complete the trail land acquisitions, by phase;
 - iii. Construction and completion of the trail, including obtaining grant dollars to do so.
 - b. Goal of this Work Plan: To amend the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan to identify a Regional Trail Corridor that connects Carver Park Reserve/Lake Minnetonka Regional Park to Dakota Rail Trail and eventually to Luce Line Trail, and to secure Three Rivers' Park District participation in such a trail by approving this plan amendment.
 - c. Schedule for this Work Plan:
 - i. Park Commission Approve Work Plan (March 8th)
 - ii. City Council Approve Work Plan (March 21st)
 - iii. Meeting with Stakeholders to establish a Working Group (some of this work has been done to date-finalized in April/May)
 - iv. Kick-off meeting with residents to introduce the regional trail concept and gather information about criteria for evaluating routes (May/June)
 - v. Establish preferred route and draft amendment document (July)
 - vi. Open House to go over draft amendment and preferred route (July)
 - vii. Park Commission approves final plan amendment and holds public hearing (August)
 - viii. City Council approves final plan amendment (August)
 - ix. Three Rivers Park District board approves trail route and enters into agreement with City for project implementation (September)
 - x. Three Rivers Park District moves forward with amendment to Met Council, upon approval by their board (September)
 - xi. Proceed with funding sources, for example grants from Legacy Trail Program (upon final approval)

- II. Stakeholders and Existing Plans (April/May)
 - a. Identify what existing plans say about the trail
 - b. Identify stakeholders roles and input, based on the stakeholder meeting, including:
 - i. Three Rivers Park District
 - ii. Landowners
 - iii. Residents near the corridor
 - iv. Trail users and advocates
 - v. City staff and policymakers
 - vi. MCWD (permitting for Six Mile)
 - vii. DNR (permitting for Six Mile)

- III. Criteria for Evaluating Preferred Routes (June/July)
 - a. What is the overarching criteria when evaluating the best trail route, based on stakeholder meeting and residents

- IV. Identify Potential Routes and Phasing Plan (July/August)
 - a. This will include best route, based on criteria, and alternative routes based on ability to acquire land and other opportunities that may arise.
 - b. This includes discussion about the phasing for various segments of the trail (Woodland Cove segment, Dakota Rail segment, and Luce Line extension)

- V. Public/Political Review Process (throughout)
 - a. This includes two public meetings (one at beginning and one when draft is available) and meetings with individuals
 - b. Outline results of public and political process