

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	1/05/2026
Local Government Unit (LGU):	City of Minneapolis
County:	Hennepin
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	Michael Jones, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Susan Mayer, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Project Name/Number:	Theodore Wirth Regional Park Trail Improvements
Type of Decision (check all that apply): Note: Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boundary/Type <input type="checkbox"/> Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: <input type="checkbox"/> No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
Decision: Note: All replacement plan approvals are conditional upon confirmation from Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) of withdrawal of specified credits and/or financial assurance received for project-specific replacement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved. Valid for <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 yrs (default); <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved with Conditions List Conditions: Valid for <input type="checkbox"/> 5 yrs (default); <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify:
LGU Representative Name & Signature:	Elizabeth Stout <i>Elizabeth Stout</i>

Decision Timeline

An LGU must approve or deny a request within 60 days of receiving a complete application per MINN. STAT. § 15.99.

Date Complete Application Received:	12/04/2025
Date of Decision:	1/05/2026
If applicable, date of <i>written extension</i> to 60-day decision timeline & number of days extended: Reason for Extension (check one):	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Other process or decision required to occur before WCA decision. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Additional information and/or revision to application submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant request. <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Describe:

Date & number of days extended for any <i>additional written extensions</i> agreed to by the applicant:	Not applicable
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Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) Recommendation (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> No recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval or approval with conditions (TEP involvement and communication described in LGU Findings below) <input type="checkbox"/> Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Findings attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Findings: <p>The wetland evaluation area spans both Minneapolis and Golden Valley. Each LGU is submitting separate notices.</p> <p>The field documentation for this wetland delineation was collected during the growing season in July 2025.</p> <p>A WCA TEP site review was conducted on 11/25/2025 prior to snow fall, with Emma Rakestraw (City of Golden Valley), Shawn Williams (WSB for Golden Valley), (Karen Wold (Barr Engineering for the City of Minneapolis), and Susan Mayer (Kimley-Horn for the applicant). During the site review, TEP members verified that wetland indicators were still present and requested additional data collection and report edits. Susan submitted a revised wetland delineation report with requested TEP edits on 12/04/2025.</p> <p>The City of Minneapolis WCA Notice of Application was provided to TEP members on 12/04/2025.</p> <p>Ten wetlands and one intermittent stream were delineated within the evaluation area with details provided in Table 1 of the wetland delineation report. Delineated areas and HGM classifications are summarized in the attached wetland delineation figures. Note also that Wetland 3 is identified in the Minnesota Biological Survey as a Native Plant Community (FPs63a) Tamarack Swamp (Southern) Forested Rich Peatland System.</p> <p>The comment period ended on 12/30/2025 and no additional comments were received.</p> <p>The wetland boundaries and types were determined to be accurate based on the requirements of the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual, the 2010 Midwest Regional Supplement, and the 2015 Guidance for Submittal of Delineation Reports to the USACE and WCA LGU in Minnesota, Version 2.0.</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other attachments. Specify: Site Location Map, Wetland Delineation Map
For Replacement Plan Decisions Only:	Total wetland impacts requiring replacement (acres): Not applicable Type of wetland replacement (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Project-Specific. Number of Credits: <input type="checkbox"/> Banking. Number of Credits by Bank Account #:

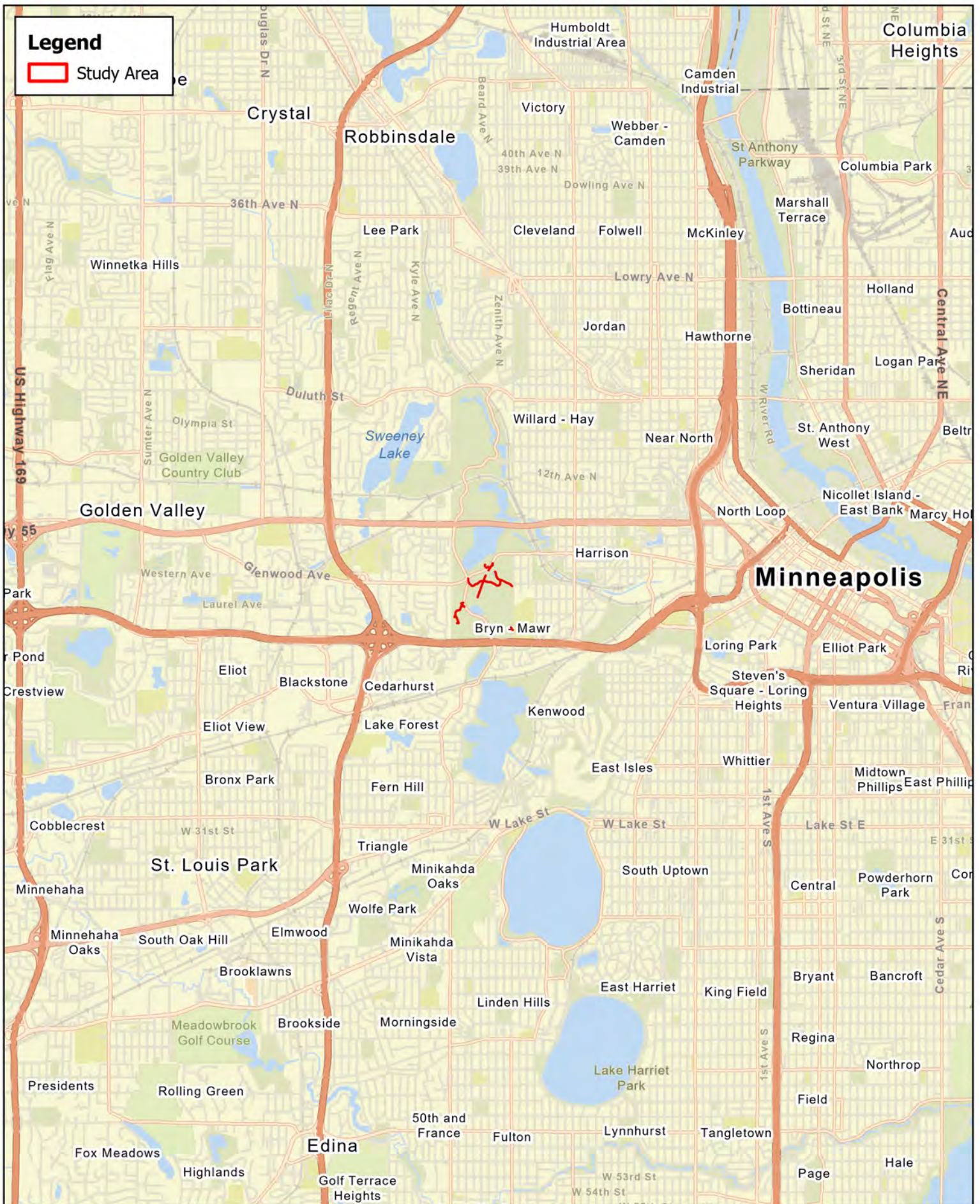
Notice Distribution

Notice Recipients (check all that apply):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWCD TEP Member (if different from LGU): Stacey Lijewski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BWSR TEP Member: Jed Chesnut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR Representative: Ryan Toot
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Minneapolis LGU TEP Member: Karen Wold (Barr Engineering) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Golden Valley: Emma Rakestraw; Shawn Williams (WSB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed District or WMO (if applicable): Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission; Administrator Laura Jester and Engineer Stephanie Johnson (Barr Engineering Co.) <input type="checkbox"/> bank.administrator.bwsr@state.mn.us (Bank Plan Decisions Only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant: Michael Jones, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Representative (if applicable): Susan Mayer, Kimley-Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Members of the Public Requesting Notices (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Others:
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Appeal Process

Appeal Process (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Appeal Process (if established). Specify How to Appeal: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Water & Soil Resources (see instructions below)
<p>If there is no established Local Appeal Process indicated above, an appeal of this decision may be made to BWSR per the instructions to the right.</p> <p>Note: Decisions are not final until the 30-day appeal window ends.</p>	<p>Mail or email written request to appeal sent to BWSR within 30 days of date this notice was sent. Include copy of this notice, name and contact information of appellant(s) and their representative(s) (if applicable), a statement clarifying intent to appeal, and supporting information as to why the decision is in error.</p> <p>Mail check payable to MN Board of Water & Soil Resources for \$500.</p> <p>Send to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Appeals & Regulatory Compliance Coordinator Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155 travis.germundson@state.mn.us. </p>



Legend

- Study Area
- City Boundary
- Sample Point

Wetland Delineation

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- Desktop Delineated Wetland Boundary
- HGM Class - Depression
- Delineated Stream

*Feature extends beyond delineated boundary

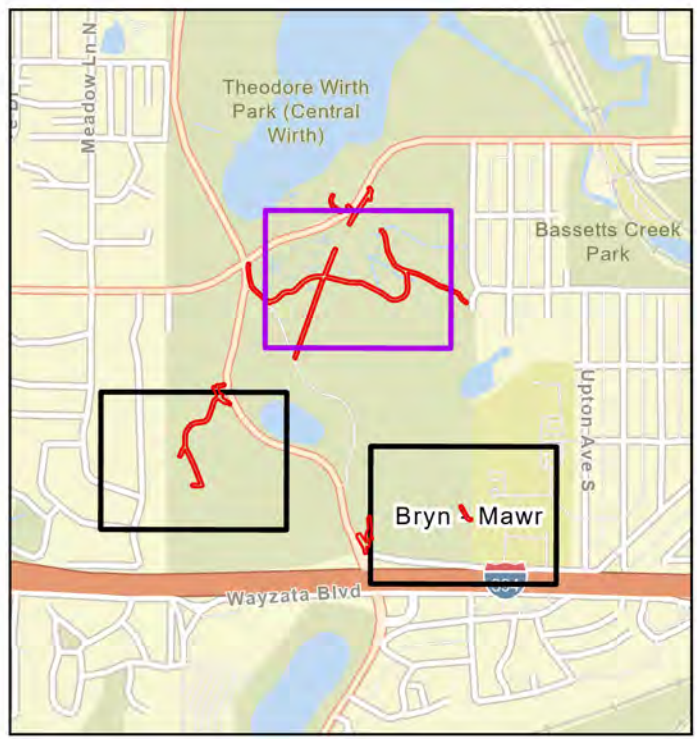
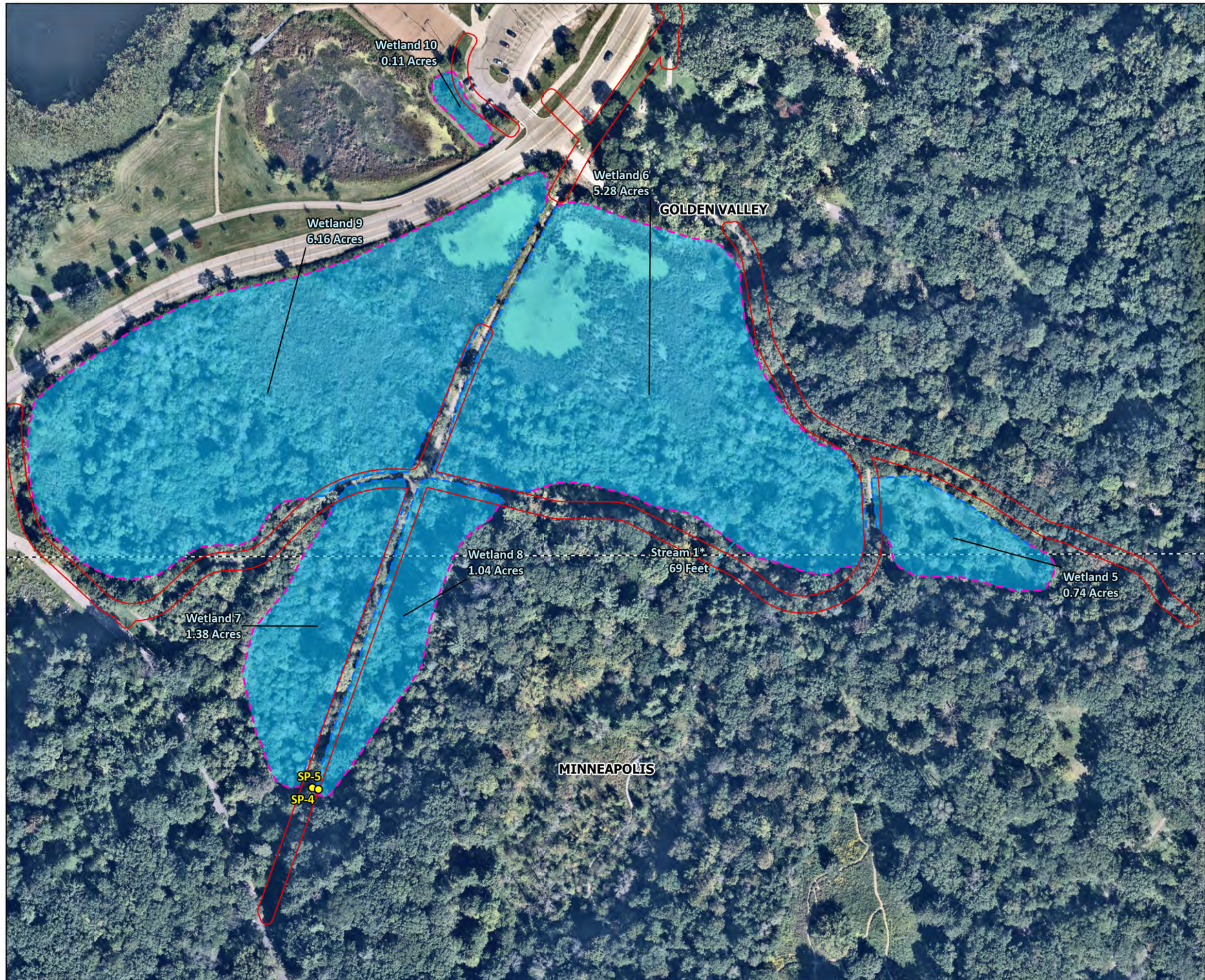


Figure 3. Delineated Resources Map
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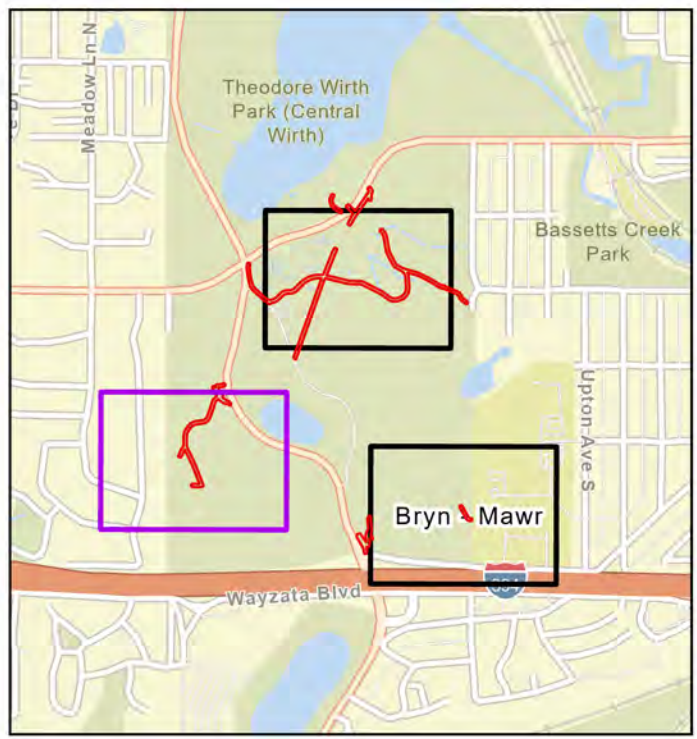


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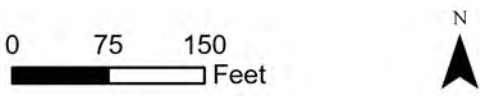
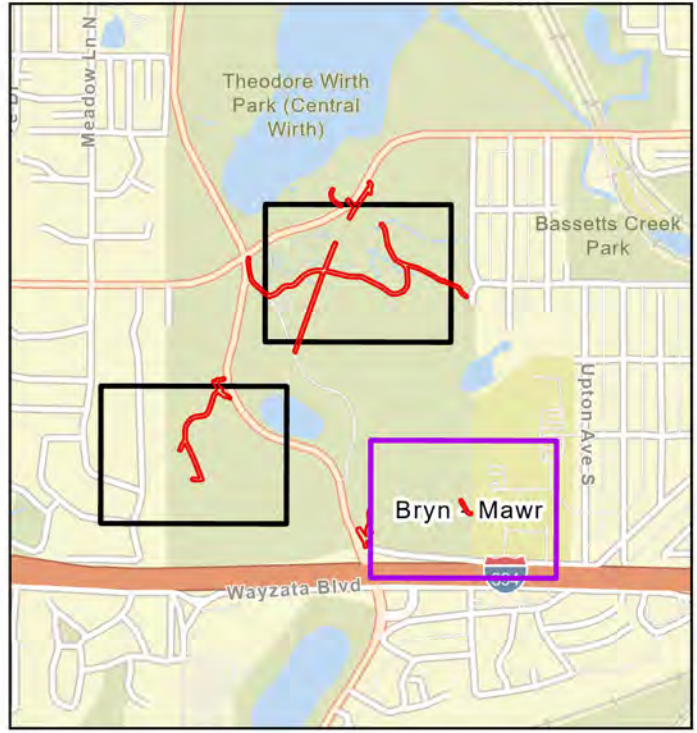


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