

EAGLE LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Location

The site is located on the south side of Eagle Lake in the southeast portion of Maple Grove and the northeast corner of the City of Plymouth. The site is bounded on the south by Bass Lake Road (County Road 10) and lies approximately one-half mile west of State Highway 169. This area is entirely within the Metropolitan Urban Services Area (MUSA) Line.

Acquisition

Approximately 230 acres have been acquired for parkland with one parcel of 0.4 acre remaining to be acquired. This parcel is located on the peninsula south of Eagle Lake, and is designated a priority 1 acquisition as it would be necessary to acquire this parcel prior to developing the Eagle Lake shoreline.

Site Characteristics

Eagle Lake has approximately 270 surface acres and a maximum water depth of 40 feet. The size of Pike Lake is approximately 100 acres with a maximum water depth of 15 feet. Pike Lake has the poorer water quality of the two lakes. The lakes are connected via a small channel.

The north peninsula area near Eagle Lake is an open low area which rises only five feet from the lake surface. The shoreline along the south side of Pike Lake contains wooded slopes which rise approximately 40 feet from the surface of Pike Lake.

Approximately one-quarter of the south half of the park is wooded. A good diversity of plant materials exist in this area.

The south half of the park is gently rolling with slopes rarely exceeding 10 percent.

Recreational Development Plan

Due to the physical separation of the park by Pike Lake, an opportunity exists to develop different types of facilities. The concept should expand upon this idea and provide facilities which are compatible with the natural resources of each area.

The north half of the park will emphasize lake-related activities such as a boat launch, canoe launch and lakeside picnicking. The open, rolling character of the south half will permit large areas for recreation, providing an opportunity for non-lake associated activities including special outdoor recreation activities.

Existing Development

At this time, the only development that has occurred at Eagle Lake Regional Park is the construction of a paved trail connection between Eagle and Pike Lakes including a bridge over the channel connecting these lakes, which has been built by the City of Maple Grove.

Proposed Development

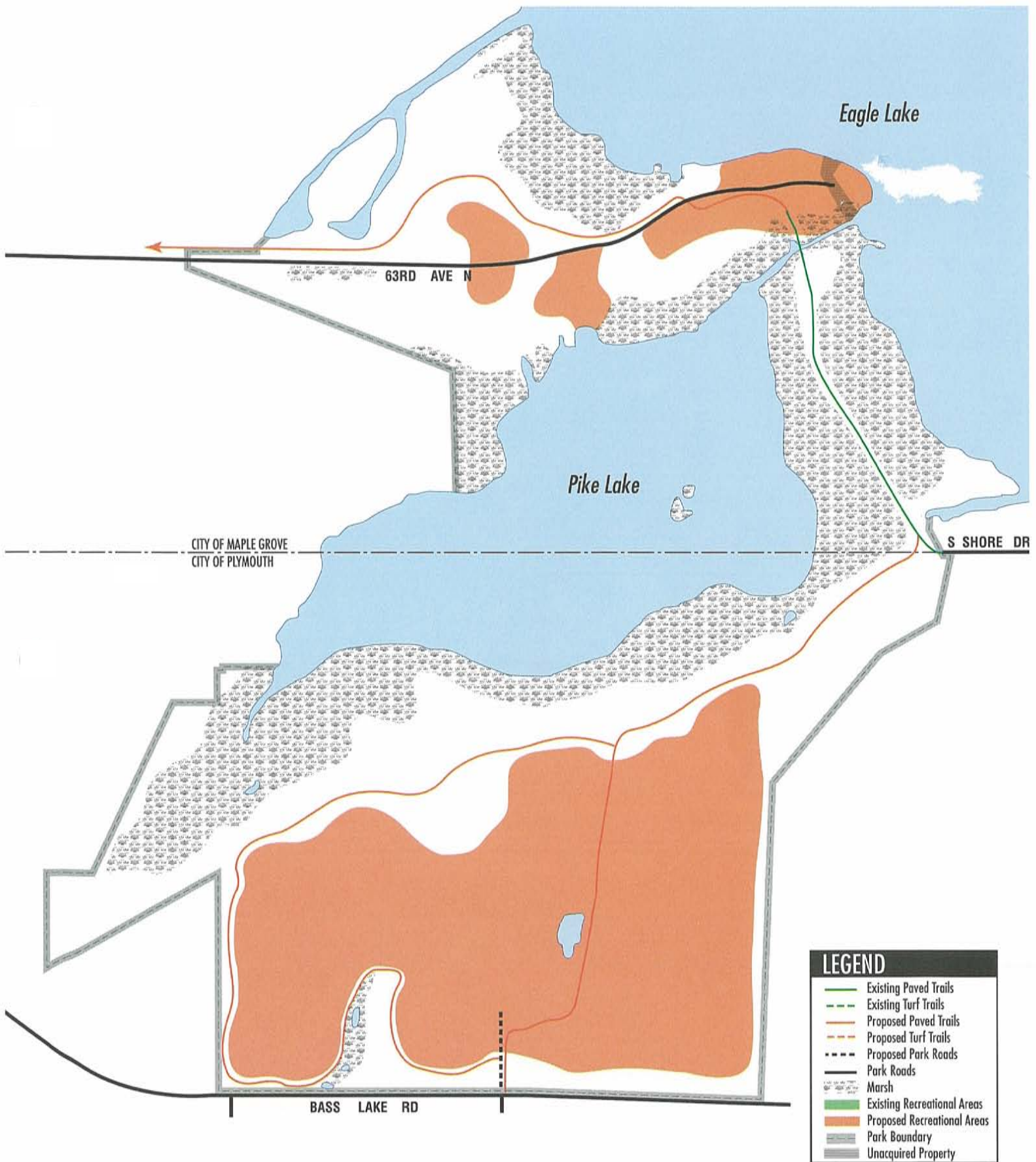
The boating and fishing access to Eagle Lake is a prime consideration and priority for Eagle Lake Regional Park. A boat access with fishing piers and support picnic facilities would be developed. This facility would be connected to the part of the regional park south of Pike Lake by a trail.

The proximity of Eagle Lake Regional Park to Clifton E. French and Fish Lake Regional Parks, both of which have been developed for swimming and picnicking, suggests that this regional park would not be a high priority for similar development. The area south of Pike Lake is conducive to development in a wide range of recreation facilities. This area of the regional park is designated as a Special Outdoor Recreation Activities Area and evaluated for development accordingly. The emphasis here could be to provide an enterprise facility which would be self-supporting and revenue generating. A prime example of this type of facility would be a golf learning center.

Trails would be provided within the regional park to allow access into and through the sites.

Natural Resource Areas

The wooded portions of the park will be preserved and/or enhanced to maintain the diversity of plant materials. The existing woodlots accentuate the hills which rise from Pike Lake. This creates an aesthetically pleasing view from the north portion of the lake and creates the opportunity for directed vistas from the south portion. Also, the wooded portions provide cover for all types of wildlife.



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RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

LEGEND

- Existing Paved Trails
- Existing Turf Trails
- Proposed Paved Trails
- Proposed Turf Trails
- Proposed Park Roads
- Park Roads
- Marsh
- Existing Recreational Areas
- Proposed Recreational Areas
- Park Boundary
- Unacquired Property

NORTH

600'