



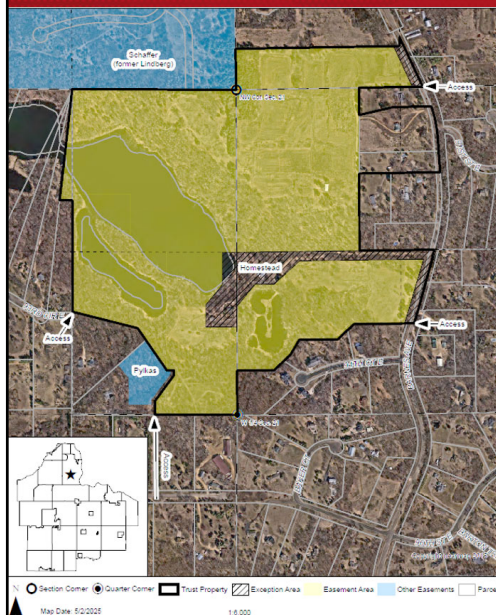
Information And Direction On Existing Acquisition Option On Vance B. Grannis Jr. Trust Property In Inver Grove Heights

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Timeline of Acquisitions



2008

Began working with property owners to restore land

2011

16.8-acre Natural Area (NA) Easement

2016

108.7-acre Natural Area (NA) Easement with an Option for purchasing in fee title

2016

Option to purchase 8.7-acre Easement Exception Area in fee title

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Current Land Restoration Work



2012-Now

Land restoration work cost contribution

Landowner: \$50,000

County: ~\$260,000







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Request From Property Owner

"To make Darvan Preserve happen smoothly and quickly for the good of Dakota County citizens I am asking Dakota County to release its Options to buy the Darvan Preserve parcels of land to allow the donation of the property to Dodge Nature Center and fund raising to proceed unimpeded."





Dakota County & Dodge & Darvan

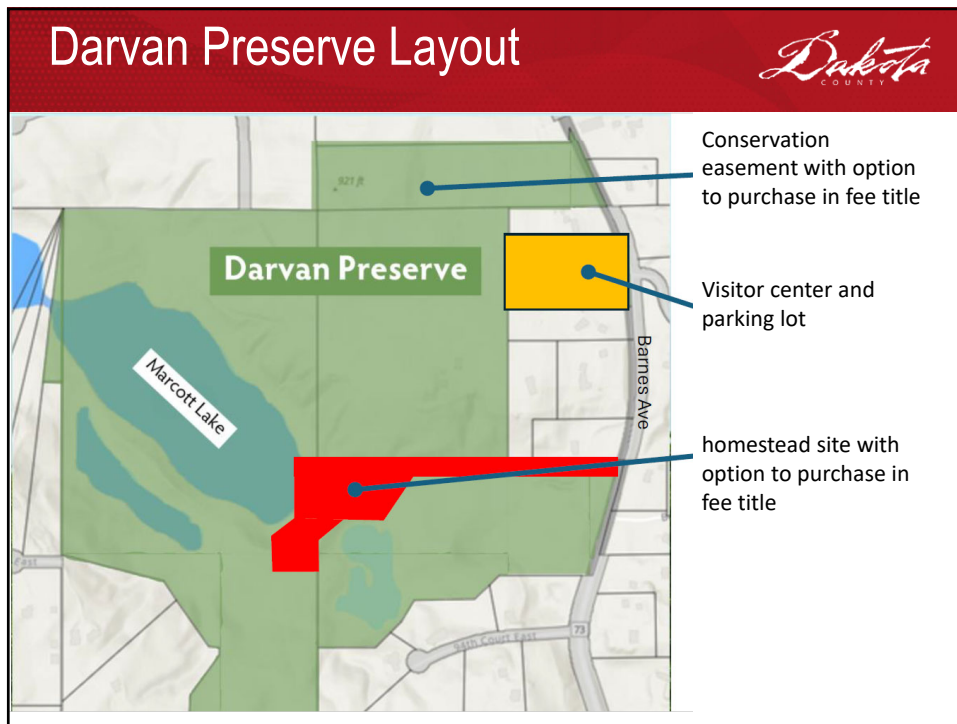
Preserving Nature & Enriching Community

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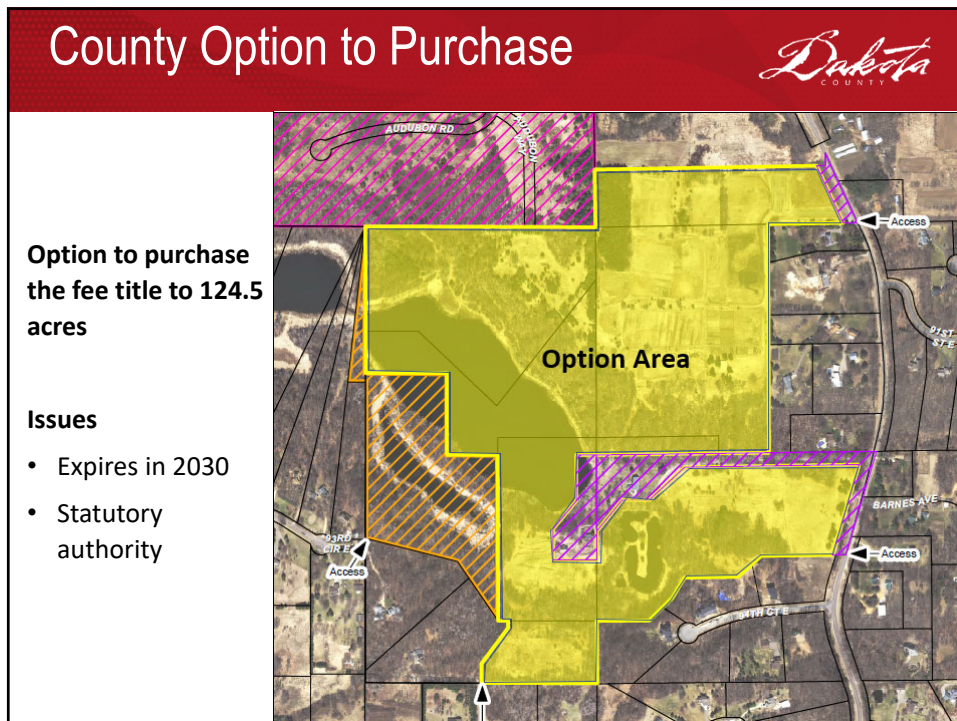
Protect and maintain pristine property while thoughtfully welcoming the community to experience its natural beauty.

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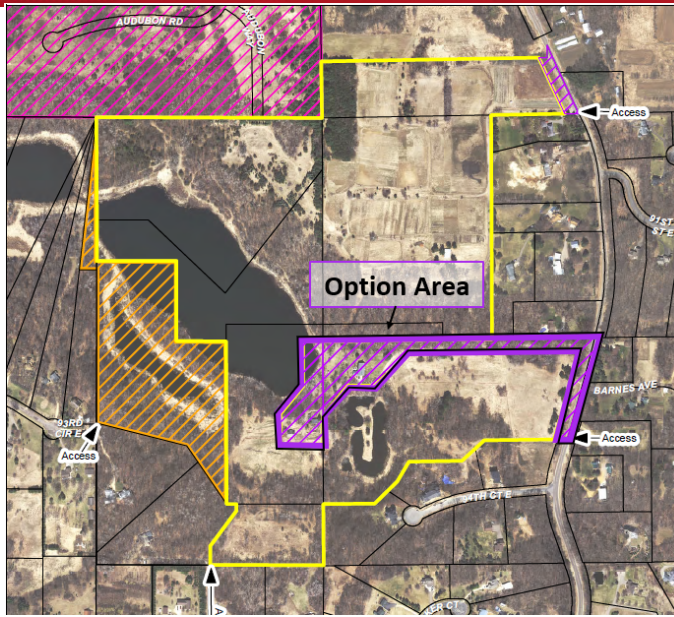
County Option to Purchase



Option to purchase the fee title to 8.71-acre homestead property

Issues

- Not available until 2077 (52 years)
- Statutory authority



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Benefits of Accepting Proposal



Benefits for Dakota County

- The nature center would allow public access for the citizens of Dakota County for hiking and education
- Gaining public access without having to pay the value of the donated land
- Dodge and the Trust will be leading a fundraising effort to support a full-time onsite conservationist for the restoration and protection of the property, which should allow the County to provide funds for restoration to other projects across the County
- Trust willing provide two new options agreements for the needed right-of-way from 9047 & 9075 Barnes Ave associated with the future roadway and trail improvements along CSAH 73

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County Board Direction



Staff is seeking direction on how to work with the Trust regarding the existing Options and the proposed land transfer to Dodge

Questions?