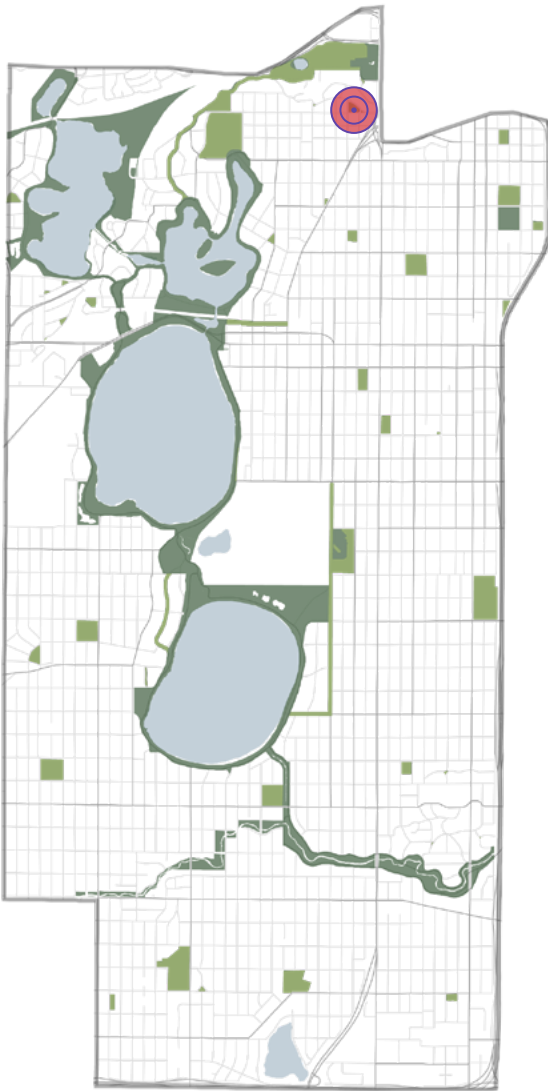


# THOMAS LOWRY PARK

## LOCATION AND HISTORY



Thomas Lowry Park, located at the intersections of Douglas Avenue, Mount Curve Avenue, and Colfax Avenue South, was originally named Douglas Triangle. The first mention of this land in Park Board documents was in 1899 when Thomas Lowry and other area land owners petitioned to improve and maintain the triangle as a park. The petition was denied because the Park Board didn't own the land. The residents in the neighborhood again petitioned the Park Board to acquire the land in 1908, but it was again denied. Residents petitioned a third time 1922 when there were rumors of plans to build a hotel on the site. Residents of the neighborhood, who would be assessed the cost of acquiring and improving the park, were divided on whether or not they wanted to pay for the park. The Park Board Committee on Designation and Acquisition sent the proposal to the full Board without any recommendation, and in 1923 the full Board voted to purchase the land for a park.

The annual report of 1922 includes a design created for the park by park commissioner and landscape architect Phelps Wyman. The plan featured a distinctive pergola and an artfully designed cascade of water running through the park, named "Seven Pools". Wirth noted that Wyman had prepared the plan at his invitation, clarifying why the design was included in the annual report as it was one of only two designs that were not produced by Park Board staff. The plan was also printed in color, one of the very few color plates printed in annual reports before the 1990s. Wyman's plan for the park was mostly executed in 1924, although the pergola wasn't constructed until the spring of 1925.

Wirth called the park one of the "most expensive undertakings" in the history of the Park Board, but also called it a "gem" of a park, one of the most attractive and satisfactory park improvements ever received. The total cost of the acquisition and developed was assessed on area property owners over ten years. In 1925 the park went through a name change to Mt. Curve Triangles (plural) when the previous Mt. Curve Triangle was renamed Fremont Triangle.

In 1953 the artful cascade with seven pools was repaired and in 1997 brick paths, new benches, and fresh landscaping were added. The park was officially named in honor of Thomas Lowry in 1984. In 2010 in conjunction with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park the Park Board made additional improvements, including enhanced garden beds and an irrigation system.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

## EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Thomas Lowry Park sits atop a triangle of land at the apex of Lowry Hill. Although somewhat small, the park is artfully designed, fits in with well with the grand nature of the surrounding homes, and sometimes plays host to small wedding celebrations. It is considered a passive, restful park and a gem for the neighborhood.

The park contains a balance of open grass areas, trees, and shrubs and plantings. The park's signature elements are a vine-adorned pergola, cascading

“Seven Pools” fountain, red brick pathways, and beautiful garden plantings. The neighborhood has also added a planter urn near the southwest corner, containing a plaque memorial to community member Barbara Fogel.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Much of Thomas Lowry Park will remain in its current configuration as part of this master plan design. Several key features remain or are upgraded in-place including the pergola, naturalized plantings, red brick pathways, sign wall, open lawn areas, and unique planter urn.

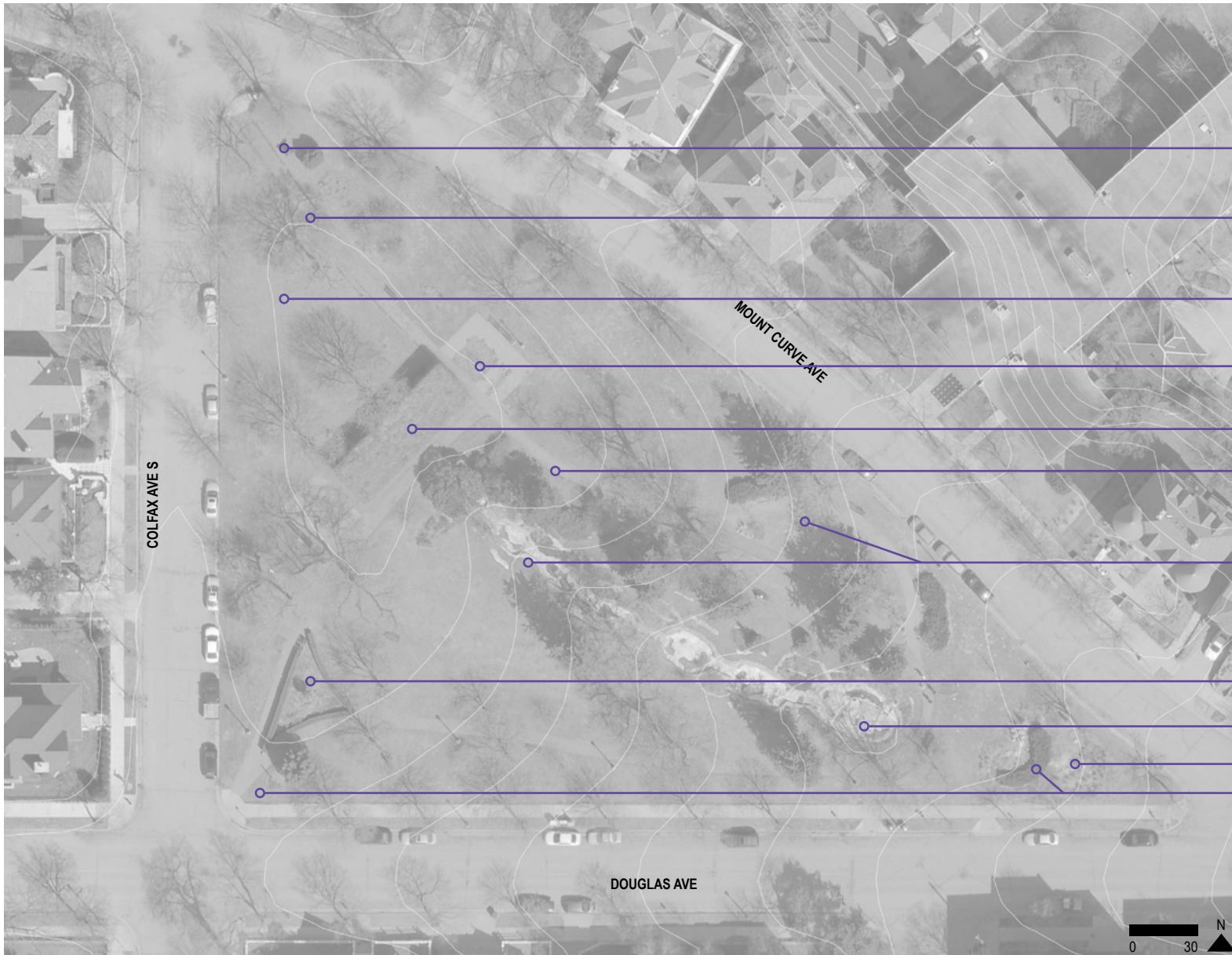
There are no completely new amenities proposed for Thomas Lowry Park, however, two elements are proposed for restoration and enhancement. The first is the “Seven Pools” fountain in the center of the park, proposed for restoration including the return of running water. The second is entry signage at both corners on Colfax Avenue South which will be enhanced.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Thomas Lowry Park is only a few blocks away from the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Loring Park, The Parade Park, Kenwood Parkway, and Fremont Triangle. Kenwood Park and Bryn Mawr Meadows Parks are under a mile to the west. Lake of the Isles and the Grand Rounds are a mile to the southwest.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

There are no known land use and coordination issues with Thomas Lowry Park.



SIGNAGE

BRICK PATHWAYS

OPEN LAWN AREAS

GARDENS

PLANTED PERGOLA

WALKING LOOP

GARDENS

PLANTER URN

PUBLIC ART / FOUNTAIN

GARDENS

SIGNAGE

## THOMAS LOWRY PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

- 1. ENHANCED ENTRY SIGNAGE
- 2. RESTORED "SEVEN POOLS" PUBLIC ART/FOUNTAIN

EXISTING FEATURES

- A. PLANTED PERGOLA
- B. NATURALIZED PLANTINGS  
*(ornamental/stewardship gardens)*
- C. WALKING LOOP
- D. OPEN LAWN AREAS
- E. PLANTER URN
- F. SIGN WALL
- G. SIDEWALK

THOMAS LOWRY PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

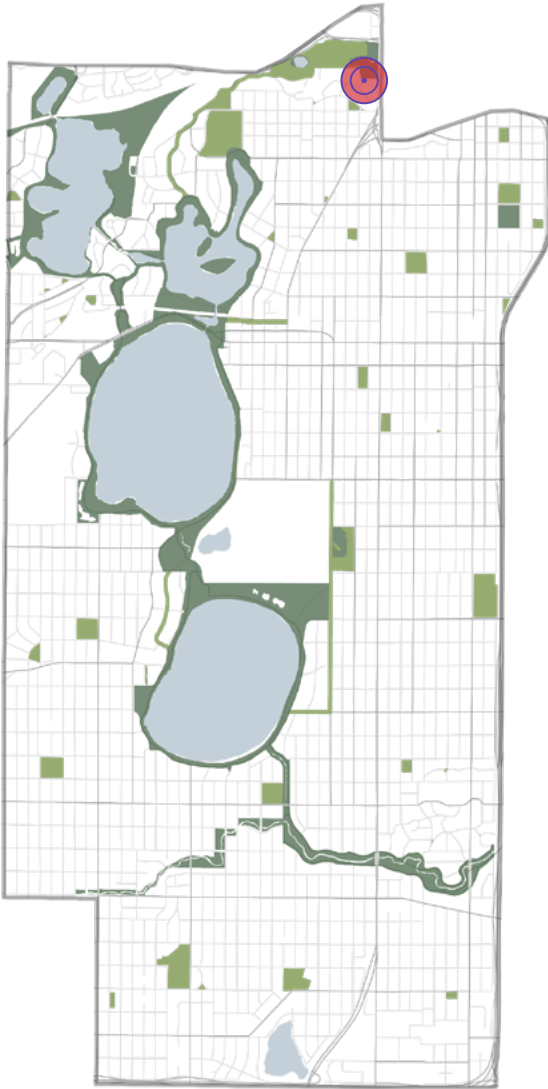
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<b>aquatics</b>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned for this park
<b>play</b>	Nothing for kids to do here	Split support for adding a play area Add some small naturalized play features, like climbing boulders Kids already play in Seven Pools fountain Keep open lawn area for multiple uses – unstructured play, weddings	No formal play areas planned for this park
<b>athletics</b>	No comments	No comments	No athletics planned for this park
<b>courts</b>	No comments	No comments	No courts planned for this park
<b>winter</b>	No comments	No comments	No formal winter amenities planned for this park
<b>landscape</b>	Like peaceful nature  Unusual trees planted here	Support for existing garden, plantings Don't want to care for additional gardens Support relaxed, natural feel Keep planter/urns Is good now, don't overdo it	No additional landscape elements planned for this park
<b>other</b>	Like Seven Pools public art, keep park historic Paver walkways need rehab	Support fixing Seven Pools Support for keeping paver walkways Additional paths not necessary Retain pergola Keep and enhance signage Split support for moving Thomas Lowry statue here from Smith Triangle	Seven Pools retained and restoration recommended Walkways retained, no new paths added  Pergola remains in existing location Signage remains in current location, entry sign enhanced Thomas Lowry statue to remain in Smith Triangle

# THOMAS LOWRY PARK PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Thomas Lowry Park	Landscape	Naturalized Areas: includes ornamental/stewardship gardens	\$ 6,148	
Thomas Lowry Park	Other	Renovate Walking Paths	\$ 240,384	
Thomas Lowry Park	Other	Restore "Seven Pools" Public Artwork	\$ -	Implemented in collaboration with City and non-profit groups
Thomas Lowry Park	Other	Renovate Existing Pergola	\$ 61,223	
Thomas Lowry Park	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 15,000	
<b>Thomas Lowry Park TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 322,755</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

## VINELAND TRIANGLE



### LOCATION AND HISTORY

Vineland Triangle is located at the intersection of Bryant Avenue South and Vineland Place. The small park was transferred to the Park Board from the Minneapolis City Council in May 1912. When the Guthrie Theater and Walker Art Center reconfigured their entrances adjacent to Vineland Place roadway in 1973, part of the triangle was paved which reduced its size. What small amount remains is covered in turf grass and there are no park amenities.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

One side of this 0.05 acre triangle is bordered by the entrance to an underground municipal parking ramp used by Walker Art Center and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden patrons. Sidewalks border the remaining two sides. The triangle is a simple expanse of turf grass and can easily be mistaken as a continuation of the Walker Art Center's side lawn.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

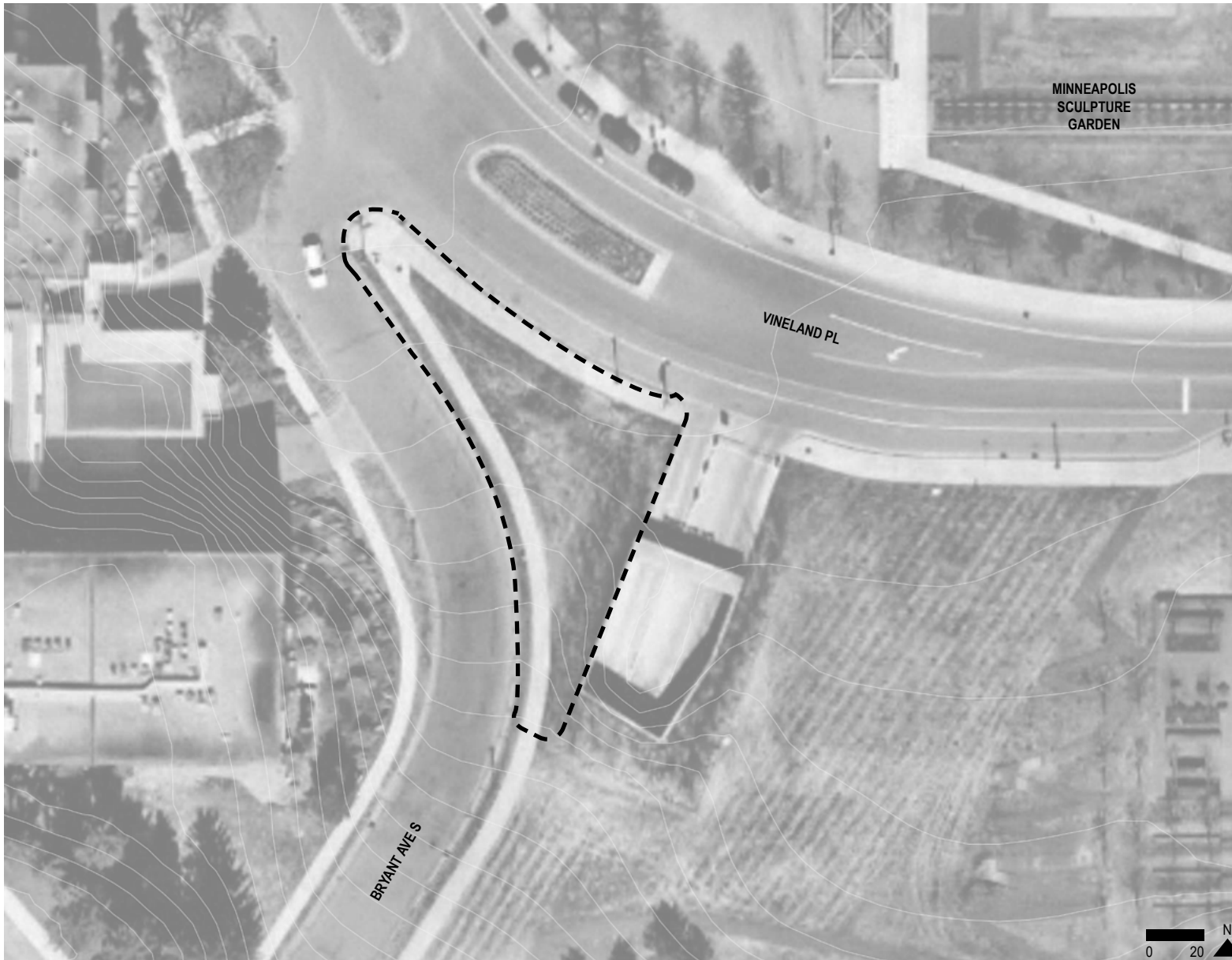
Vineland Triangle is proposed for eventual divestment from the park system due to its small size and lack of space for recreational amenities. Until divestment occurs, this plan recommends the park land remain grass turf as it is today.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Vineland Triangle is situated next to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and within walking distance of The Parade Park, Loring Park, Thomas Lowry Park, and Kenwood Parkway.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Divestment will require cooperative discussions with willing buyers. The area is currently maintained by the adjacent Walker Art Center.



**NOTE**

*This small land parcel was created as a result of the reconfiguration of Vineland Place Road several years ago. The land currently serves no recreation purpose and is being maintained by the adjacent land owner.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Divestment of the land from the MPRB system.*

**VINELAND TRIANGLE - PROPOSED PLAN**

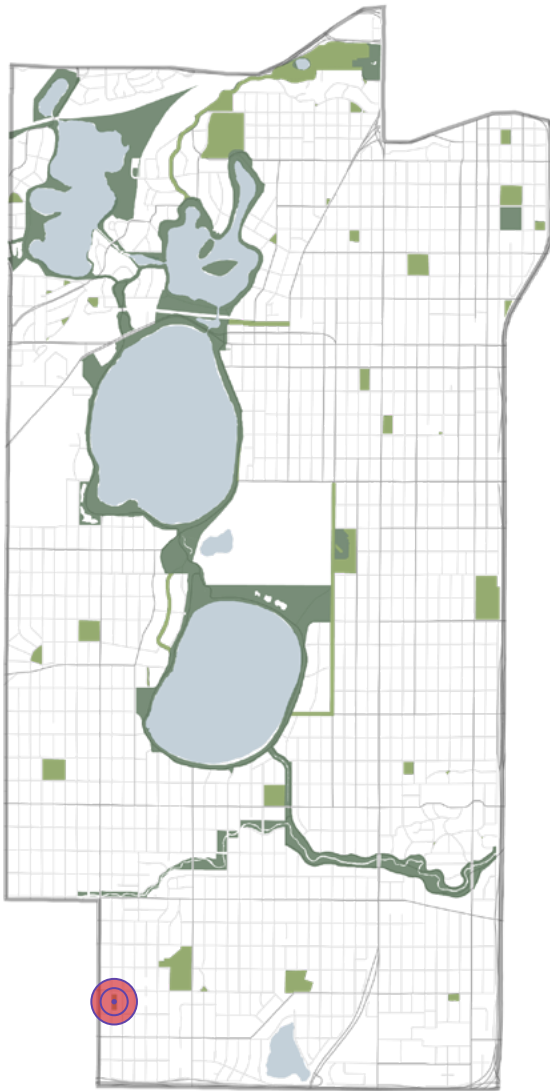
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<i>aquatics</i>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned for this park.
<i>play</i>	No comments	No comments	No play areas planned for this park
<i>athletics</i>	No comments	No comments	No athletics areas planned for this park
<i>courts</i>	No comments	No comments	No courts planned for this park
<i>winter</i>	No comments	No comments	No winter recreation planned for this park
<i>landscape</i>	Needs plantings	Support pollinator garden	No landscape improvements planned for this park Recommend divestment of this land from the MPRB system
<i>other</i>	Nothing happening here. Is not a "place" Needs terracing to feel safer		No improvements planned for this park Recommend divestment of this land from the MPRB system

# VINELAND TRIANGLE PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Vineland Triangle			\$ -	No funds allocated due to the recommendation for divest from MPRB system
<b>Vineland Triangle</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

## WASHBURN AVE TOT LOT



### LOCATION AND HISTORY

Washburn Avenue Tot Lot is a small park located in the Armatage neighborhood on Washburn Avenue between West 58th and 59th streets. The land was first designated for acquisition as a playground in 1970. What had then been tax delinquent property was acquired from the state of Minnesota in 1972. The park was improved and dedicated in 1993. The play areas were updated in 2019, including replacing the old play structures and resurfacing both playground areas to meet safety and accessibility standards.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Tucked between homes on Washburn Avenue, this pocket park provides a place to gather and play for the families in the neighborhood. Aptly named, this park's central features are two play areas in the center of the park. Benches and picnic tables are situated nearby. South of the play area is a heavily shaded half-court basketball next to a sunny, open, grass play space. The eastern edge of the park is primarily grass, as it borders directly on an alleyway. Due to the proximity of this alleyway and of Washburn Avenue running along the west side, traffic-related safety is a concern here.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

This concept plan makes a few long-term adjustments to this park, which contains a recently renovated play area. The play areas remain, and a shade structure

with picnic area is added between them with views of both. A new walking loop through native plantings on the eastern side of the park passes through several nodes of a boulder climbing course. The half-court basketball remains. To expand the space available for play and gathering, it is suggested that the adjacent street close on occasion through a permitted process with the City in order to serve as safe play space. A new enhanced pedestrian crossing with bump outs located mid-block will support safe crossings from the neighborhood into the park.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Armatage Park is located a half mile to the east of Washburn Avenue Tot Lot, while Minnehaha Creek is the same distance away to the north.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

There are no known land use or coordination issues with Washburn Avenue Tot Lot.



PLAY AREAS

HALF COURT BASKETBALL

**WASHBURN AVE TOT LOT - EXISTING CONDITIONS**



PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. BOULDER CLIMBING COURSE
2. NATURALIZED AREAS
3. STREET AS PLAY (*work with City permitting to periodically close this block of Washburn Ave to allow for activities to happen in the street*)
4. WALKING LOOP
5. ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH BUMPOUTS
6. SHADE STRUCTURE & PICNIC AREA
7. NATURALIZED PLANTING WITH BOARDWALK (*raingarden*)

EXISTING FEATURES

- A. PLAY AREAS
- B. HALF COURT BASKETBALL (1)

WASHBURN AVE TOT LOT - PROPOSED PLAN

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<b>aquatics</b>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned for this park
<b>play</b>	Well-used playground	Like new playground Interest in climbable features	Play are retained Boulder climbing course added
<b>athletics</b>	No comments	Keep open space for informal play	Open space retained throughout park
<b>courts</b>	Interest in full-court basketball	Keep half court basketball	Half-court basketball remains
<b>winter</b>	No comments	No comments	No winter amenities planned for this park
<b>landscape</b>	Nice shade here	Support raingarden, prairie plantings	Native plantings added Raingarden with boardwalk added
<b>other</b>	Needs better wheelchair accessibility	Support for improved crosswalks  Split support on periodic street closure Support more shade	Enhanced pedestrian crossing with bump outs added Additional walking paths added Text added for 'street as play' supporting periodic street closures for expansion of play and events Shade structure added

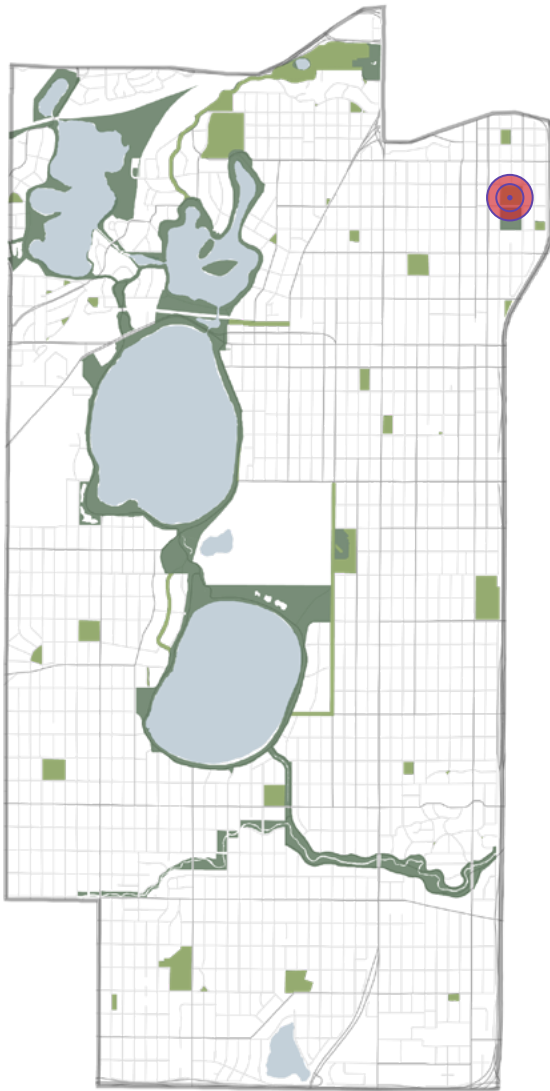
# WASHBURN AVE TOT LOT PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Play	Traditional Play Structure in Existing Containers	\$ 867,320	Play recently replaced: cost included to reflect total park renovation, including recent costs
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Play	Boulder Climbing Course	\$ 867,320	
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Courts	Basketball Court - Half (1)	\$ 81,630	
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Landscape	Naturalized Areas: boardwalk and raingarden	\$ 19,200	
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Other	Shade Structure and Picnic Area	\$ 30,611	
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Other	Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing with Bumpouts	\$ 102,038	Implemented in collaboration with City
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Other	Renovate Walking Paths: includes walking loop	\$ 176,223	
Washburn Avenue Tot Lot	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 42,887	
<b>Washburn Avenue Tot Lot</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,187,229</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

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# WASHBURN FAIR OAKS PARK



## LOCATION AND HISTORY

Washburn Fair Oaks Park is located across East 24th Street from the Minneapolis Institute of Art, on a site that was considered for a city park long before the Park Board was created. In 1869 Richard Mendenhall offered to sell forty acres to the City to create a park. The Council declined that offer and eventually two of the City's wealthiest men at the time, Dorilus Morrison and William Washburn, built homes on that land. William Washburn was a representative in Congress from Minneapolis and then a United States Senator from 1889-1895. He was an advocate of creating parks in Minneapolis when the Park Board was formed in 1883.

In 1911 Morrison's son, Clinton, offered to donate the entirety of his family's estate to the Park Board to create an art museum. The Park Board accepted that offer and the former Morrison estate is where the Minneapolis Institute of Art sits now. The donation of the Morrison estate generated interest in the Washburn property to the north, and in the same year William Washburn made an offer to the Park Board. He would sell for the appraised price of the land not counting the buildings on the site. The Park Board purchased the land in 1911 on the condition that Washburn and his wife could retain possession of their grand home on the property until they died. The land passed to the Park Board upon the death of Mrs. Washburn in 1915. The park was named for the Washburn enormous family estate "Fair Oaks" which stood for another nine years after it was acquired. The Park Board considered at one time making the

estate its headquarters. It was used for meeting space by civic groups during World War I, especially the Women's Welfare League.

In 1916 Theodore Wirth first wrote that he believed the grounds could be developed to include a children's playground without disturbing the natural features of the park that were appreciated by the residents. In 1917 he released a drawing which included an amphitheater. But ultimately none of his recommendations were pursued. The grounds were used by neighborhood children as an informal playground for ball games, an activity that was not appreciated by the neighborhood residents. In 1923 the Washburn home was in such a state of disrepair that residents offered to give the Park Board money if it would demolish the mansion. The Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, the operators of the Institute of Arts, supported the demolition so that a suitable setting and approach to the Institute could be created.

The Park Board accepted the offer and the mansion was demolished in 1924. The informal playground use was transferred to nearby Clinton Field Park in 1926. Phelps Wyman, a landscape architect, and Superintendent Wirth collaborated on the design of a plaza for Washburn Fair Oaks Park with the hope that the entire park could be transformed into a landscaped plaza in front of the Institute. The design was published in the Park Board's 1923 annual report but was never built. In 1926 Wirth proposed that the park plaza could be the start of increased connectivity from the Institute of Arts to the Minneapolis Auditorium a mile to the north.

In 1931, the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a statue of George Washington in the park across from the entrance to the Institute. In 2012 the Park Board created plans for both Washburn Fair Oaks Park and Clinton Field Park in response to interest in establishing an historical China Garden, but those plans were never instituted at either location. Washburn Fair Oaks has remained a beautiful open green space in the center of the city.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

At one block long and two-blocks wide this park is larger than most in the area. The surrounding neighborhood contains high density housing and large repurposed mansions, making the park a nice reprieve from the busy urban environment. Immediate neighbors also include the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Hennepin History Museum, the Gale mansion, St. Stephen's, and the Minneapolis College of Art and Design's MFA studios and Gallery.

With relatively little constructed in it, the most notable features in the park are a strong mature tree canopy, a classic "X" shaped circulation pattern of pedestrian paths, numerous benches, and the George Washington statue in the southwestern corner of the park. The other features of this park include many hills throughout and a bowl-like space in the southeast corner used for sledding in the winter.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

This design maintains the historic path layout in the park – the long, crossing walkways intersecting in the center, while also updating the recreation

opportunities and responding to neighborhood needs and current uses. The park is divided into three symbolic "biomes" which can all be found in Minnesota. A Forest biome in the northwest of the park, and Urban biome in the southwest, and a Prairie biome in the east. A natural surface trail loops through all three. The western half of the park remains primarily tree canopy with grass underneath, while the eastern half will have much of the grass replaced with naturalized areas and native plantings. A new unobtrusive and open nature play area and a picnic area in the Urban biome supports increased use of the park center, and where the formal paths intersect in the middle of the park there is a new gathering plaza. New public art which includes lighting features are placed along pathways to increase visibility and safety. At the south end an art plaza provides a welcoming pedestrian connection across 24th Street, linking this park to Morrison Park on the south, which hosts the Minneapolis Institute of Art and several outdoor public works of art. To accommodate occasional street closures for events and public use, 24th Street will be transformed into a shared-use woonerf with mountable curbs where vehicles are accommodated but use is guided by urban design principles focused on pedestrians. The existing sledding hill and natural "amphitheater" space remain in the southeast corner.

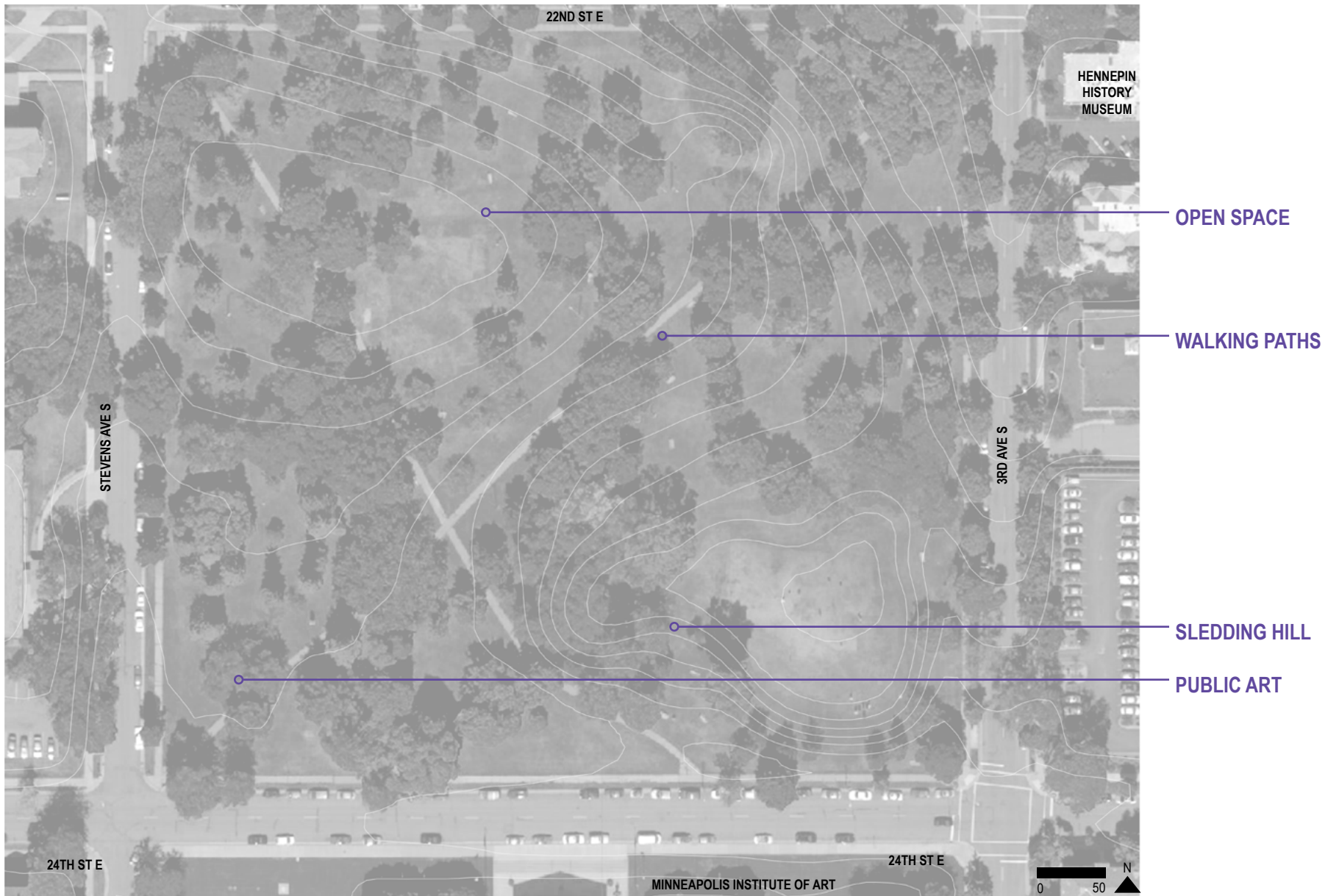
### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

A key connection for Washburn Fair Oaks Park is across 24th Street East to Morrison Park and the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Clinton Field Park and Steven Square Park are each only a few blocks away. Whittier Park is under a mile to the southwest.

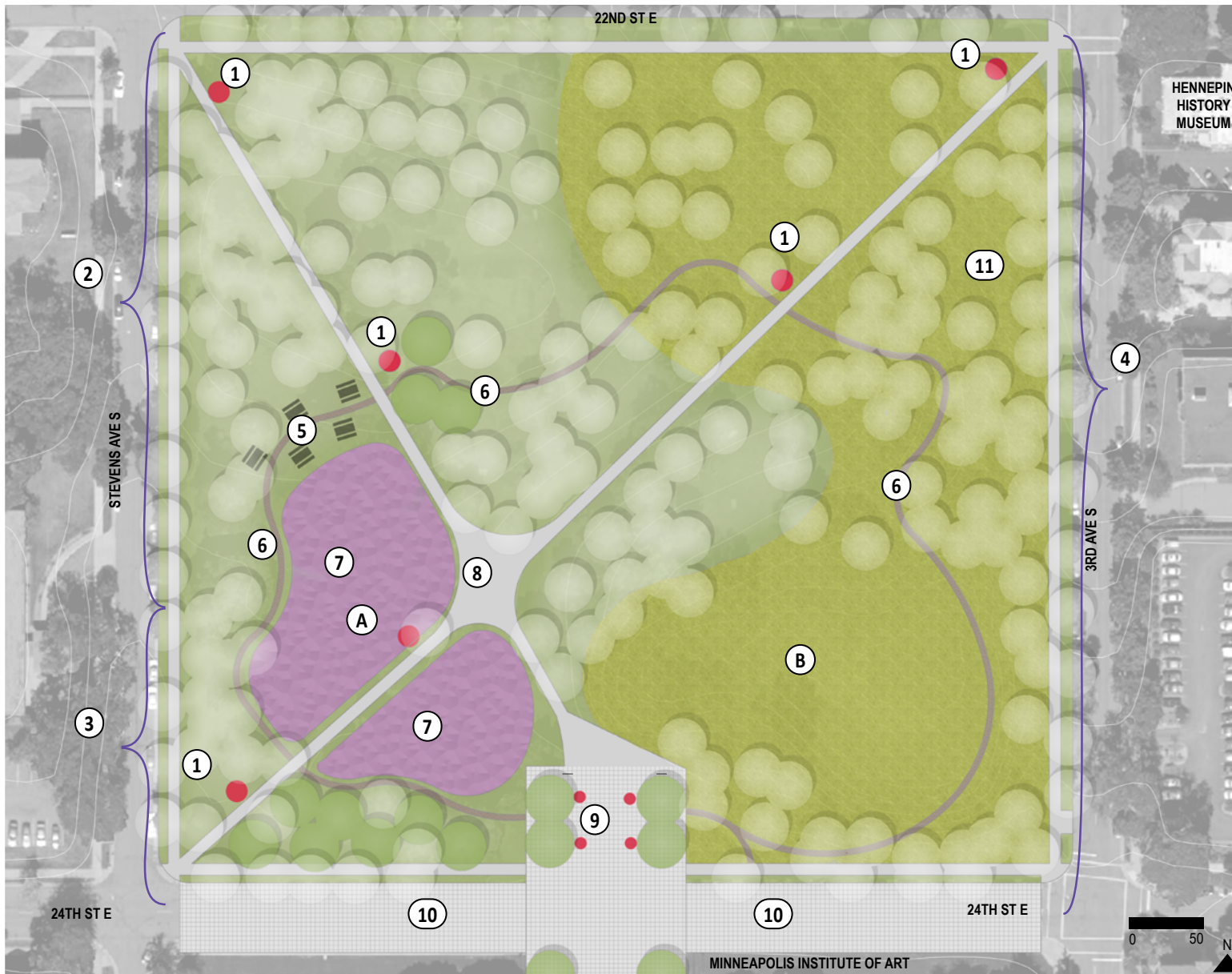
Peavey Field Park is less than a mile to the east but Interstate 35W runs between them making access challenging.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Any improvements or potential temporary closures of East 24th Street should be explored in partnership with City Public Works and neighboring institutions.



## WASHBURN FAIR OAKS PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. PUBLIC ART (*lighting feature*)
2. FOREST BIOME
3. URBAN BIOME
4. PRAIRIE BIOME
5. PICNIC AREA WITH GRILLS
6. NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL
7. NATURE PLAY AREAS
8. GATHERING PLAZA
9. ART PLAZA
10. SHARED USE WOONERF (*vehicles accommodated but guided by urban design features focused on pedestrians*)
11. NATURALIZED AREA

EXISTING FEATURES

- A. PUBLIC ART (*George Washington Statue*)
- B. SLEDDING HILL AND NATURAL AMPHITHEATER SPACE

WASHBURN FAIR OAKS PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

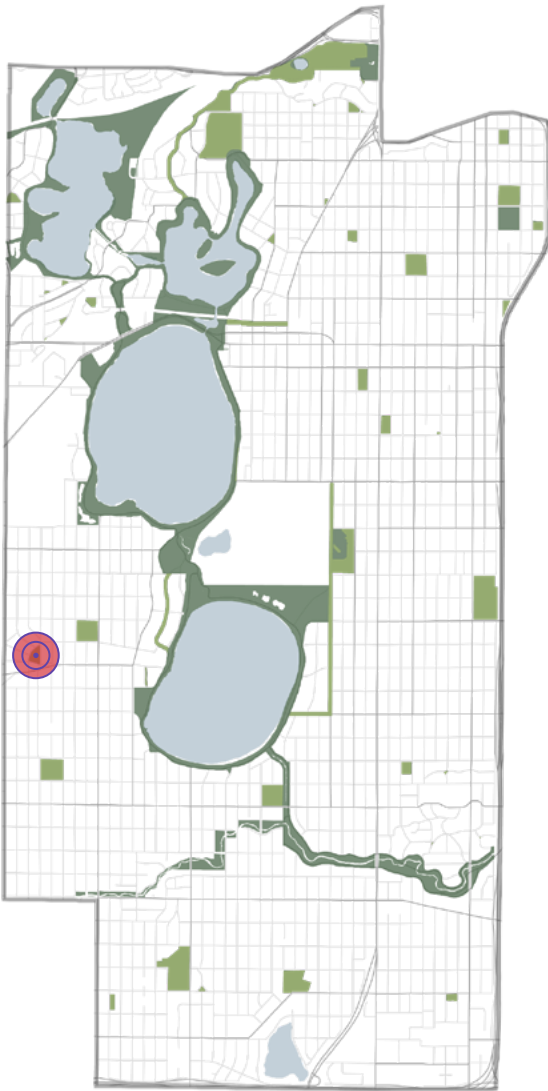
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<b>aquatics</b>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned for this park
<b>play</b>	Needs playground activities Interest in game tables General interest in nature play Needs more active uses	Split support for adding play areas	Nature play areas added
<b>athletics</b>	Good space for frisbee Not a good space for a formal field – keep it simple	No comments	No athletics planned for this park
<b>courts</b>	No comments	No comments	No courts planned for this park
<b>winter</b>	Like existing sledding hill Needs ice skating	Keep sledding area	Sledding hill retained
<b>landscape</b>	Interest in urban agriculture Needs educational eco-diversity Interest in pollinator gardens, flowers, botanical areas Want trees, landscaped areas Good space for hammocking, relaxing Want quiet spaces, open green spaces Want rocky trails Like existing formal layout, paths, and topography Don't pave over too much Keep simple, see 2013 plan Want running water Interest in improved water quality & stormwater BMPs Interest in gathering/performance area Interest in skatable sculpture plaza Needs tables	Concern this isn't right place for urban ag Support biomes, environmental education Support natural look/feel Support natural surfaces, trails  Support adding more paths  Split support for wetland restoration  Support central performance area Support event space  Support adding picnic area	No urban agriculture planned for this park Three biome areas delineated: forest, urban, and prairie Natural surface trail added that circulates through all biomes Naturalized area added  Formal layout and simple path structure remain  No water feature planned for this park  Gathering plaza and art plaza added  Picnic area with grills added
<b>other</b>	Park does not feel safe at night, needs better lighting Interest in public art Interest in dog park More room for dog park than Stevens Square Interest in sustainable mountain bike trails, disc golf Needs better connection to MIA Works well to close 24th St for events Potential for underground parking	Support increased lighting Support art Split support for dog park  Split support for adding too many amenities Support for woonerf and enhanced connection to MIA  Not supportive of underground parking	Public art (lighting features) added  No off-leash dog park planned for this park, instead CAC recommends dog park search area for the wider neighborhood  No mountain bike trails or disc golf planned for this park 24th St converted to shared-use woonerf Art plaza added  No underground parking planned for this park

# WASHBURN FAIR OAKS PARK PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Play	Nature Play in New Containers	\$ 867,320	
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Landscape	Naturalized Areas	\$ 148,561	
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Art Plaza	\$ 134,273	Implemented in collaboration with City and other groups
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Gathering Plaza	\$ 48,586	
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Natural Surface Trail	\$ 15,275	
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Public Art (lighting feature)	\$ -	Implemented in collaboration with City and other groups
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Renovate Walking Paths	\$ 359,499	
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Shared Use Woonerf	\$ -	Implemented in collaboration with City
Washburn Fair Oaks Park	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 31,470	
<b>Washburn Fair Oaks Park TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,604,984</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

## WAVELAND TRIANGLE



### LOCATION AND HISTORY

Located at the intersections of Drew and Chowen Avenues South and Glendale Terrace, this triangular park is named for the Waveland Park Addition, in which the triangle was located. The land was dedicated as a park in the plat in 1885, however it wasn't until 1917 following petitions from the Lake Harriet Commercial Club and other residents that the Park Board officially designated the land as a park and assumed control. No improvements were made to the land at this time, until the offer of the Street Railway Company to sell two lots between its tracks and 43½ Street south of the triangle. The 1921 annual report published by Theodore Wirth planned to move 43½ Street slightly south and incorporate the former street and two new lots into the park. The plan also included two tennis courts be added to the center of the triangle, which was received favorably by the Street Railway Company. The additional lots were acquired in 1923, increasing the total size of the triangle to 1.87 acres. The amount for acquisition and improvement was assessed against properties in the neighborhood.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Overall, the park has a quiet feel and can be a great place to sit and enjoy being outside. Benches around the triangle provide spaces to do this.

The main built features are two tennis courts in the center of the triangle, surrounded by significant amounts of open-space with no other amenities

besides benches, a picnic table, and a small ornamental garden. Many trees are found throughout the park. Several paths cut through the park. Most of the triangle is flat except for the southeast corner which gradually slopes down.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Proposed improvements to Waveland Triangle will activate the space and introduce new recreational uses. Two clay tennis courts, reintroduced into the Minneapolis Park System for the first time since they were built at The Parade Park in the 1930s, are proposed where the two existing asphalt tennis courts are now. A reconfiguration of paths adds a walking loop to the circulation network through the western half of the park. Children's play is supported with informal nature play areas that bump out from this new path. An orchard of fruit and nut trees is incorporated into the existing tree canopy at the northern end of the park, and pollinator plantings now enliven the southwestern corner. A community gathering and seating area on the eastern edge provides a place to rest or watch tennis under leafy tree canopy. Additional tree plantings north of the courts shade new picnic tables and open play areas.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Waveland Triangle is located less than one mile to the west of Linden Hills Park, The Dell Park, Beard's Plaisance, Lake Harriet, and the Grand Rounds. Just under a mile to the south is Pershing Park. If the proposed Linden Hills Trolley Path park outlined in chapter 4 of this master plan is acquired in the future, it can create a direct park connection between Waveland Triangle and Lake Harriet.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

There are no known land use and coordination issues at Waveland Triangle.



WALKING PATH

TENNIS COURTS

GARDEN

PICNIC TABLE

PARK SIGN

WATER SPIGOT

## WAVELAND TRIANGLE - EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

- 1. WALKING LOOP
- 2. OPEN PLAY AREAS
- 3. NATURE PLAY AREAS
- 4. NATURALIZED PLANTING (*pollinator garden*)
- 5. TENNIS BACKBOARD/HITTING WALL
- 6. CLAY TENNIS COURTS (2)
- 7. COMMUNITY GATHERING PLAZA/  
SEATING AREA
- 8. PICNIC AREA
- 9. ORCHARD/URBAN AGRICULTURE  
(*plant fruit and nut trees among existing trees*)

EXISTING FEATURES

- A. PARK SIGN
- B. SIDEWALK
- C. WATER SPIGOT

WAVELAND TRIANGLE - PROPOSED PLAN

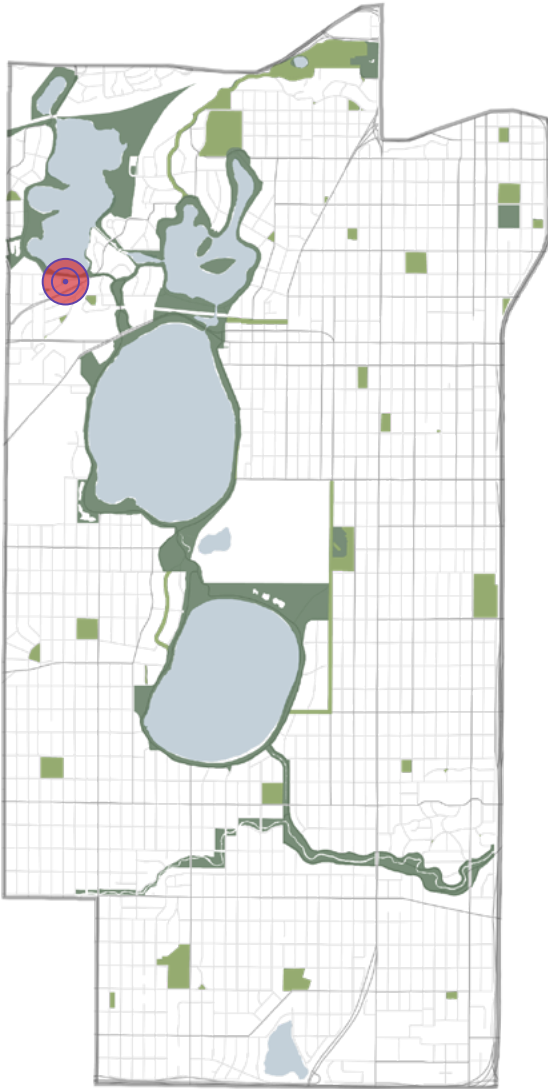
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<b>aquatics</b>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned at this park
<b>play</b>	Needs playground Lots of families in neighborhood	Support play areas	Nature play areas added  Open play areas as added
<b>athletics</b>	No comments	No comments	No athletics planned at this park
<b>courts</b>	Tennis courts need updating Interest in pickleball Not much to do here Needs basketball Interest in multi-sport court	Support for clay tennis courts Split support for pickleball  Don't want extra paving Split support for multi-sport court	Clay tennis courts replace existing tennis courts No pickleball planned for this park  No basketball planned for this park No multi-sport court planned for this park
<b>winter</b>	No comments	No comments	No winter amenities planned at this park
<b>landscape</b>	Interest in pollinator garden, native plantings Green space and trees important	Like open green space, tree canopy Split support for urban agriculture Support for orchard	Pollinator plantings added Open green space nature play areas added Orchard/urban agriculture area added
<b>other</b>	Interest in skate park Nice quiet space Need common gathering space, picnic	Split support for skate park, noise concerns	No skate park planned for this park  Community gathering/seating area added

## WAVELAND TRIANGLE PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Waveland Triangle	Play	Nature Play Areas	\$ 433,660	
Waveland Triangle	Courts	Clay Tennis Courts (2): includes tennis backboard/hitting wall	\$ 79,589	
Waveland Triangle	Landscape	Naturalized Areas: includes pollinator garden	\$ 2,667	
Waveland Triangle	Landscape	Orchard/Urban Agriculture	\$ -	Orchard implemented through annual forestry planting plan.
Waveland Triangle	Other	Community Gathering/Seating Area	\$ 129,571	
Waveland Triangle	Other	Renovate Walking Paths: includes walking loop	\$ 219,128	
Waveland Triangle	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 17,292	
<b>Waveland Triangle</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 881,908</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

## WEST END TRIANGLE



### LOCATION AND HISTORY

Located at the intersection of Cedar Lake Avenue and West 28th Street, this triangular park has undergone little change since its acquisition in 1911. Alfred Dean, whose family had donated most of Dean Parkway and sold most of William Berry Park to the Park Board, offered to sell two triangles to be developed as parks. The Park Board accepted the offer in the same year, paying just \$50 for the two parcels, and became the owner of both West End and Chowen Triangles. The sale agreement stipulated that this land was for “park purposes and for no other purposes whatsoever”. The triangle was named in 1911 for the West End Addition, the platted development where it was located.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

West End is one of four triangles in the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood (Alcott, Chowen, St. Louis, and West End). It is located next to Cedar Lake but at slightly higher elevation, providing opportunities to view the water especially during winter when vegetation does not screen the view.

On the western side of the park a dense grouping of trees and bushes separates the triangle from adjacent homes. Inside the triangle are two benches facing towards the lake, one near the western edge and the other near the bus stop at the eastern point. The remainder of the 0.26 acre triangle is open turf grass with mature trees shading it from above.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Much of this triangle will remain as it is today, with partial views to the lake and a mature tree canopy. A new public art gateway will frame the eastern end near the bus stop. The art should maintain safe pedestrian sightlines of the street crossing. The addition of flexible seating opens the space to use for picnics, play, and small neighborhood gatherings.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

West End Triangle is across the parkway from Cedar Lake, and within walking distance of Chowen, Alcott, and St. Louis Triangles. Park Siding Park is only a few blocks away on the opposite side of the Kenilworth Regional Trail.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

The western boundary line of the park property should be confirmed when any improvements are made.



**WEST END TRIANGLE - EXISTING CONDITIONS**



PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

- 1. FLEXIBLE SEATING (*views to the lake*)
- 2. PUBLIC ART GATEWAY

EXISTING FEATURES

- A. SIDEWALKS
- B. BUS STOP
- C. OPEN PLAY AREA

WEST END TRIANGLE - PROPOSED PLAN

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<i>aquatics</i>	No comments	No comments	No aquatics planned for this park
<i>play</i>	No comments	No comments	The majority of the triangle will be dedicated to open play area with flexible seating
<i>athletics</i>	No comments	No comments	No athletics planned for this park
<i>courts</i>	No comments	No comments	No courts planned for this park
<i>winter</i>	No comments	No comments	No winter amenities planned for this park
<i>landscape</i>	Nice open space View to lake is important  Interest in butterfly garden, wild grasses	Keep it simple, open areas Support views to lake Don't overdevelop Split support for ornamental garden or labyrinth	The majority of the triangle will be dedicated to open play area with flexible seating  No garden planned for this park
<i>other</i>	Needs seating	Support public art	Flexible seating added Public art gateway added

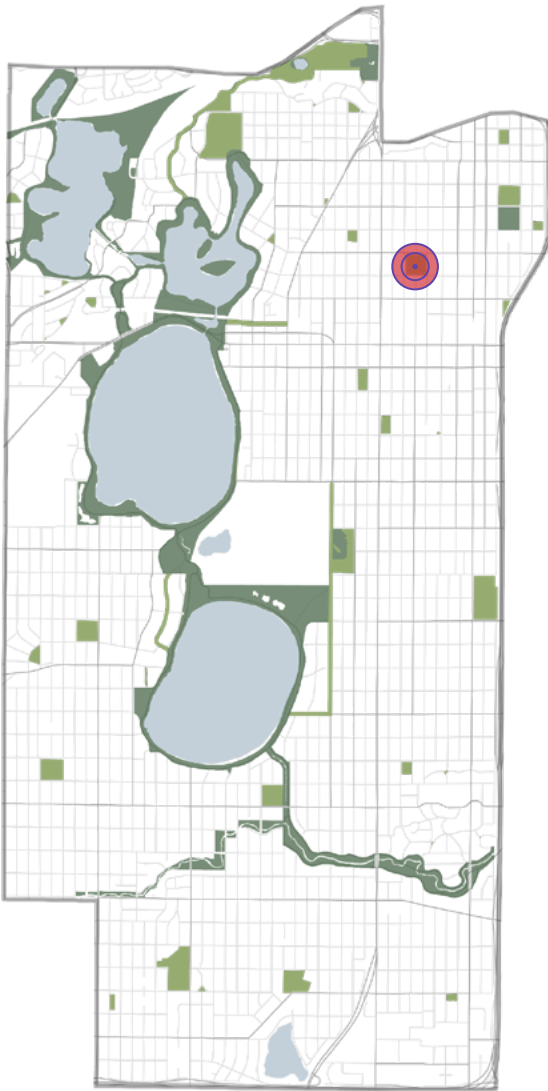
## WEST END TRIANGLE PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
West End Triangle	Other	Public Art Gateway	\$ -	Implemented in collaboration with City and non-profit groups
West End Triangle	Other	Renovate Walking Paths	\$ 34,970	
West End Triangle	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 15,000	
<b>West End Triangle TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 49,970</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

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# WHITTIER PARK



## LOCATION AND HISTORY

Whittier Park is adjacent to Whittier International Elementary School on Harriet Avenue between West 26th and 27th Streets. The park is named for the school, which was named after John Greenleaf Whittier, a poet and advocate for the abolition of slavery.

The Whittier neighborhood was slated to receive a park in 1939, but because of World War II no parks were acquired or developed for many years. In 1955 the neighborhood petitioned for a playground in the vicinity of the school. It was a contentious project because homes would have to be demolished to create space for a park. In 1959 the Park Board allocated bond funds for the first time to begin buying land for the park, but due to continued opposition and delays, the project was abandoned in 1963 and the bond returned to the city. The desire for a neighborhood park, however, didn't disappear.

The park that exists now was approved in 1973 when the Park Board had the opportunity to access funds from a new federal "Parks in the Cities" program. These funds would cover half the land acquisition costs. The Park Board began construction of the Whittier Park recreation center and the adjoining playground, wading pool and athletic field in 1975. In 1989 the recreation center was named for Roger Imme, a grocer who operated a store across the street from the park who was shot unfortunately and killed in his store during a robbery. The park facilities were renovated in 1995 and upgrades were made to

the recreation center in 2008-2009 to improve the security and energy efficiency of the building.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

## EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

This is a highly active park space shared with Whittier International Elementary School. Many people from the neighborhood also come here to play and relax, enjoying activities both indoors and outside.

In the northwest corner of the park is a small parking lot, and in the northeast is a turn-around and drop off area serving both the recreation center and school building which are joined. The recreation center's main entrance faces the turn-around and the secondary entrance faces the parking lot. There are plazas and garden planters in front of both entrances.

South of the parking lot is a circular wading pool, three play areas, two half basketball courts, and a small grass hill. Each of these amenities sits in a separate circular container surrounded by concrete paving. A few small circles of grass or trees are also included but they are heavily compacted and often contain primarily dusty soil or mud depending on the weather. Grass berms with shade trees separate the play areas from Harriet Avenue to the west. A line of trees also separates the play areas from a multi-use field and diamond to the south. Both the field and diamond are also heavily compacted, experiencing problems with flooding and ice. The park areas are well loved but also heavily used, especially during the school year.

A walking path separates the field and diamond to the west from the school building to the east, and also experiences problems with flooding. Most of the park is relatively level except for the perimeter berms and a small slope between the school and field that serves as a short sledding hill in winter.

### THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design for Whittier recognizes how this small park is heavily used both as a neighborhood and school activity center. The play area and court circles surrounded by concrete and compacted dusty soil are replaced with a durable universally-accessible play surfacing that will allow multiple different uses to flow into one another and adjust in size as needed. Multi-use sport court striping (for futsal and basketball) will be applied to part of this surfacing near basketball hoops. To enhance the flexibility of this space, the fenced wading pool is replaced by a shade structure over a splash pad which can be turned off during school hours to be used as additional play surface.

The recreation center's west side entrance plaza will be upgraded to support a wider variety of more flexible uses. Urban agriculture will be formalized in front of the east side entrance. The parking lot remains however it is planned to be gradually phased out in the future to provide more playable park area.

Where the park meets the school building on the south side, a new climbing wall covers part of the building façade. Nearby compacted and flood-prone areas will be reconstructed to provide an improved connection to the school, seating, and a gathering area.

The existing multi-use field will be updated to create a more resilient soil profile to help resist flooding and erosion. Over time, the diamond's ag lime infield can eventually be removed to provide field space, though the backstop will remain to be used for kickball.

An unstructured open grass play area sits north of the field. Next to it, a new picnic shelter and seating area provide views of both the play areas and the field. Surrounding the south and west edges of the park the existing berm will be naturalized with native plantings, while the sledding hill next to the school will remain.

### CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

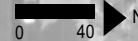
Whittier Park is less than a mile from Mueller Park, Washburn Fair Oaks, Clinton Field, 28th Street Tot Lot, Bryant Square, and The Mall. The Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park and Grand Rounds are just over a mile to the west. Access to the Midtown Greenway is located two blocks south of the park.

### KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Because Whittier Park is a shared school site, improvements will be coordinated with the School Board.



- MULTI-USE DIAMOND
- HALF COURT BASKETBALL (2)
- PLAY AREAS
- PARKING LOT
- WADING POOL
- MULTI-USE FIELD
- SLEDDING HILL



## WHITTIER PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS



**PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES**

1. BERM WITH NATURALIZED PLANTINGS
2. MULTI-USE DIAMOND WITH BACK STOP *(consider removing ag lime)*
3. UPDATED MULTI-USE FIELD
4. PICNIC SHELTER
5. PICNIC SEATING AREA
6. OPEN PLAY AREA
7. IMPROVED CONNECTION TO SCHOOL *(including seating, gathering, and flood mitigation area)*
8. CLIMBING WALL
9. MULTI-USE SPORT COURT *(lined for futsal and two half-court basketball)*
10. UNIVERSAL PLAY AREA WITH ACCESSIBLE SURFACING
11. SHADE STRUCTURE
12. SPLASH PAD
13. URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONE

**EXISTING FEATURES**

- A. PARKING LOT *(to eventually be phased out)*
- B. ENTRY PLAZA TO THE BUILDING
- C. RECREATION CENTER
- D. WALKING PATH
- E. SLEDDING HILL

**WHITTIER PARK - PROPOSED PLAN**

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<b>aquatics</b>	Interest in both splash pad and/or pool Need fun water features Aquatics is big here Need shade	Split support – splash pad versus pool Kids can't use pool space during recess	Wading pool replaced with splash pad and shade structure
<b>play</b>	Interest in a climbing wall  Need "hang out" & calm reading areas Need challenges for older kids Want more kinds of play equipment Need more multi-functional space Want accessible surface, not sand Current surface has trip hazards Need play area redesign so more useful Erosion & compaction problems Two play areas are too separated keep some open play space for variety of activities	Support climbing wall Climbing wall better if against building  Support court surfacing  Keep traditional play equipment Increase play area size Prefer single play area vs. two areas Need safety surfacing	Climbing wall added against building  Berm with native plantings and trees maintained on two sides of park Multi-use sport court lined for futsal and half-court basketball added Universal play area with accessible surfacing added
<b>athletics</b>	Grass here turns to mud, needs help Terrible compaction, erosion on field Interest in artificial turf Need to prevent flooding  Want upgraded, formal field with lighting Prefer field space to diamond here Want soccer field, more soccer space Mostly field sports here, some kickball Like existing multi-use diamond	Please address flooding issues, ice issues Split support for artificial turf  Split support for seasonal dome, restricts sightlines during recess Support for removing diamond ag lime, but keep back stop Prefer field to diamond Support larger field area	Grass multi-use field remains, updated to mitigate flooding, erosion No artificial turf at this park.  Multi use diamond back stop remains, consider removing ag lime
<b>courts</b>	Want futsal court Keep half court basketball Want full court basketball Want 4-square or hopscotch	Support for futsal court, sport court No fence on sport court Support two half courts over a full Not supportive of dome – park too small	Play area and sport court added as one continuous surface for flexible activities Sport court lined for futsal and two half court basketball
<b>winter</b>	Keep existing sledding hill Want ice skating	No comments	Sledding hill remains No ice skating planned for this park to reduce field compaction

## WHITTIER PARK PROCESS

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<i>landscape</i>	Like the existing grass, trees Interest in pollinator gardens Like berm w/trees on Harriet as buffer  Need to prevent flooding Needs better drainage at foot of hill  Want urban agriculture/edible landscape Like existing garden planters  Entry plazas need reworking for events & multi use, to highlight building entrances	Add trees to south berm along 27th St Retain some trees/shade  Support addressing erosion/flooding Support stormwater BMPs  Support for urban agriculture/community garden Support improved school connection  Support expanded plaza entries to recreation center	Berm with native plantings and trees maintained on two sides of park  Improved connection to school and BMPs added in area of frequent flooding  Urban agriculture zone added  Expanded and improved entrance plazas added
<i>other</i>	Need picnic, grills, tables  Want skate park  Need dog park  Keep parking lot – gets used	Don't support skate – park too small Opposition to skate park adjacent to school  Park is small, need more space  Support removing parking lot Retain parking lot, add signage regarding additional parking in school garage	Picnic shelter and picnic area added  No skate park planned for this park  No off-leash dog park planned for this park, instead CAC recommends dog park search area for the wider neighborhood  Parking lot remains, with plans to eventually be phased out

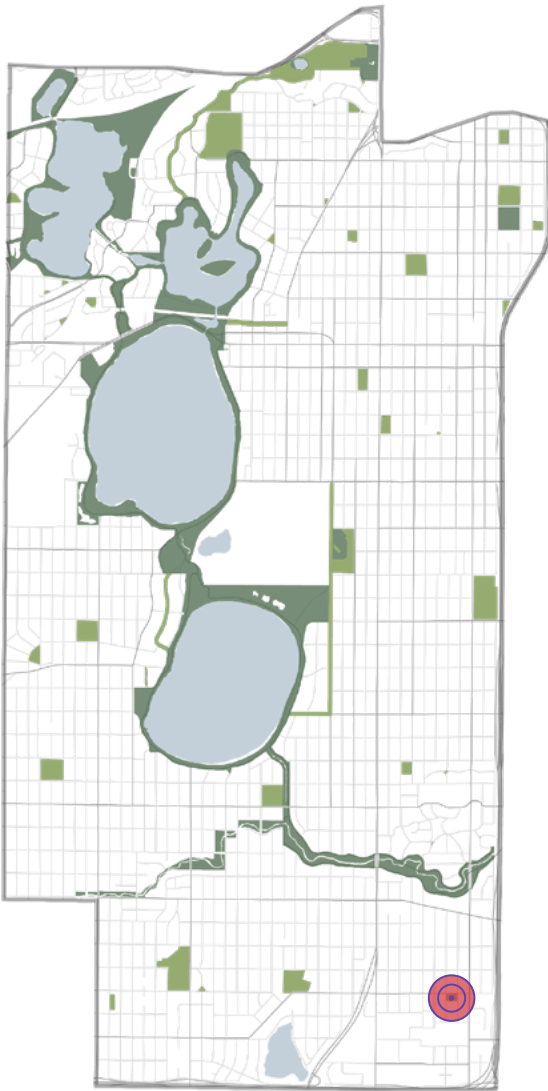
# WHITTIER PARK PROCESS CONTINUED

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Whittier Park	Aquatics	Splash Pad with Shade Structure	\$ 1,693,824	
Whittier Park	Play	Universal Play Area with Accessible Surfacing: includes climbing wall	\$ 1,734,639	
Whittier Park	Athletics	Athletic Field Renovation: includes one multi-use diamond with backstop and multi-use field space	\$ 770,384	
Whittier Park	Courts	Multi-Use Sport Court: includes lines for futsal and two half court basketball courts	\$ 183,668	
Whittier Park	Landscape	Naturalized Areas	\$ 23,389	
Whittier Park	Landscape	Urban Agriculture Zone	\$ 61,223	Urban Agriculture Areas will be implemented in partnership with specific programs or community members. Estimate includes water service
Whittier Park	Other	Picnic Shelter	\$ 112,241	
Whittier Park	Other	Renovate Entry Plaza to the Building	\$ 99,670	
Whittier Park	Other	Renovate Existing Parking Lot	\$ 214,279	Parking will eventually be phased out, so funds should only be used if parking cannot be phased out at time of renovation need.
Whittier Park	Other	Renovate Walking Paths	\$ 156,926	
Whittier Park	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 93,581	
<b>Whittier Park TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 5,143,824</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

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## WINDOM SOUTH



### LOCATION AND HISTORY

A park was proposed for the Windom neighborhood in 1928 shortly after the area had been annexed by Minneapolis from Richfield. But the idea for a park at 58th and Nicollet, two blocks east of the park we know today, was abandoned in 1931 because at the height of the Great Depression, property owners were not willing to have their property assessed for the cost of a park.

In 1986 the Park Board leased land from the School Board at the present park's location to create a small playground for children. That original playground was completed in 1988 and the park was named after the adjacent Windom School. Another Windom Park already existed in northeast Minneapolis, named for William Windom, former U.S. Senator from Minnesota and former Secretary of the Treasury, which is why "south" was added to this park's name.

In 1997 the Park and School Boards worked collaboratively to upgrade their amenities and programs without duplicating facilities or costs. With the help of neighborhood funds a gym was added, along with a media center and park recreation center. The new joint-use facilities were completed in 1999. A tot lot including two accessible play areas was constructed in 2008.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Connected to the Windom Spanish Dual Immersion School, this park appears at first glance more like

a school playground than a public park space. A fence lining the park on three sides reinforces this perception. Unlike most parks, the recreation center is separated some distance from the main outdoor park space. The park is primarily on the north side of the school while the recreation center is connected to the school's southwest corner.

One of the main features in the park is the play area divided by a path connecting to the school and park's western side. There is also a flat, open, grass play space located to the west of the formal play areas. The park contains a few benches for seating, some grills, and child-sized picnic tables. The grass throughout this park experiences tremendous wear and tear from daily recess use. It can quickly become a dustbowl or mud pit if wind or rain come through in the spring and summer months. One dramatic feature of the park is a spot of great elevation change just south of the play areas that slopes down to a blacktop area used for four square and other court games in front of a secondary building entrance. Along the north and east borders of the park the ground also slopes down at a somewhat steep incline to meet street level.

Standing in the main park area, there little indication that a recreation center is located at this park. To reach it you can exit the park area and walk through a parking lot or south on a city sidewalk until you almost reach the end of the school building. Turning down a flight of stairs you arrive at the partially sunken recreation center entrance. A few garden beds, picnic tables, little free library, and two parking spots are located next to the entrance.

## THE PROPOSED DESIGN

To improve the playing surface at Windom South Park and make it more resilient to the intense use that it receives, an artificial turf play field is installed in the northeast corner, shifting the play areas slightly to the south where they can take advantage of the natural topography to provide new adventure play features. A small plaza with multi-use court game striping at the bottom of the hill next to the school also provides building maintenance access. A new half basketball court is added to the northwest corner and south of it a new multi-use sport court is added. The parking lot is slightly reconfigured to accommodate an improved, safe pedestrian park connection that also provides additional green space close to the school building. Terraced plantings near the entrance to the recreation center capture stormwater and create a welcoming entry. Native plantings on the sloped east side of the park reduce the need for mowing and increase plant species diversity.

## CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Windom South Park is located just under a mile from of Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail and the Grand Rounds. Kenny Park is one mile to the west. Because Windom South Park is small and the area is hemmed in by Interstate 35W, the SW Community Advisory Committee recommended a park search area for the Windom neighborhood.

## KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Because the park is on a shared-use site, coordination with the School Board is required for any improvements or updates.



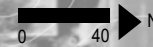
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WINDOM SPANISH DUAL  
IMMERSION SCHOOL

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- PARKING LOT
- RECREATION CENTER
- MULTI-USE FIELD
- ENTRY PLAZA AND  
DROP-OFF AREA
- PLAY AREAS
- PICNIC AREA
- FENCE



## WINDOM SOUTH - EXISTING CONDITIONS



**PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES**

1. BUILDING EXPANSION (*school-funded project*)
2. TERRACED PLANTINGS
3. RECONFIGURED PARKING LOT
4. IMPROVED CONNECTION TO PARK
5. ENTRY PLAZA/SMALL COURT GAMES (*accommodates maintenance access*)
6. PLAY AREAS (*takes advantage of topography for accessibility features and adventure play*)
7. NATURALIZED AREAS
8. MULTI-USE SPORT COURT
9. HALF-COURT BASKETBALL (1)
10. ARTIFICIAL TURF PLAY FIELD

**EXISTING FEATURES**

- A. RECREATION CENTER BUILDING WITH GYM
- B. PARKING LOT
- C. ENTRY PLAZA AND DROP-OFF AREA
- D. SCHOOL

**NOTE:**

*Full concept development contingent on collaboration with Minneapolis Public Schools.*

**WINDOM SOUTH PARK - PROPOSED PLAN**

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<b>aquatics</b>	Interest in water feature	Park space is small	No aquatics planned for this park
<b>play</b>	Like playground but its small, needs update Slopes make current play difficult Interest in climbing wall	Keep large unified play area Support for upgraded play areas	Play areas updated and reconfigured to take advantage of slope for adventure play
<b>athletics</b>	Grass doesn't grow well here, lots of compaction General interest in better field space Soccer field is small, intensely used Request for artificial turf	Split support for artificial turf Support for field upgrades	Artificial turf play field replaces compacted area Open grass play space remains in NW corner of park
<b>courts</b>	Interest in basketball hoops	Interest in basketball	Half court basketball added Entry plaza with small court games added
<b>winter</b>	Need activities for winter	Park space is small	No winter amenities planned for this park
<b>landscape</b>	Needs more trees, shade Like native and pollinator plantings Interest in expanding the park	Support for native, pollinator plantings	Naturalized areas added Terraced plantings added
<b>other</b>	Fence is not welcoming Recreation center feels disconnected from play areas	Concern about fence around park Like improved entrance areas, pick up and drop off	Existing entry plaza and drop off area retained Parking lot reconfigured to support green, improved connection west of school building

# WINDOM SOUTH PARK PROCESS

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
Windom South Park	Play	Artificial Turf Play Field	\$ 1,428,526	
Windom South Park	Play	Adventure and Traditional Play in New Containers: take advantage of topography for accessibility features and adventure play	\$ 867,320	
Windom South Park	Courts	Basketball Court - Half (1)	\$ 81,630	
Windom South Park	Courts	Entry Plaza/ Small Court Games	\$ 107,033	Accommodates maintenance access
Windom South Park	Landscape	Naturalized areas: includes terraced plantings	\$ 13,389	
Windom South Park	Other	Building Expansion	\$ -	School Funded Project
Windom South Park	Other	Reconfigure Parking Lot, along Wentworth Ave.	\$ 326,520	
Windom South Park	Other	Renovate Entry Plaza and Drop-Off Area	\$ 145,097	
Windom South Park	Other	Renovate Walking Paths	\$ 210,116	Includes improved connection to the park
Windom South Park	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 35,022	
<b>Windom South Park TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,786,128</b>	

## COST ESTIMATE

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