

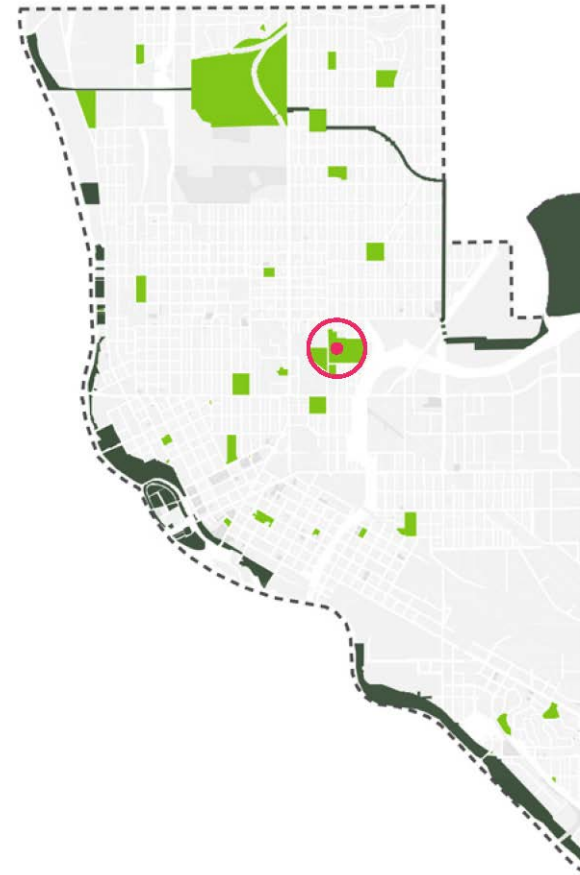


**Minneapolis**  
Park & Recreation Board

**Northeast Athletic Field Park  
Playground Concept Plan  
Public Hearing  
August 18, 2021 – 6:30pm**

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# Location and Existing Features



Northeast Athletic Field Park, also known as Northeast Park, is a 37-acre community park located in Northeast Minneapolis west of Johnson St. and south of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. The park plays an important role for city-wide athletics.

The park includes many softball fields, both fenced and multi-use, the Jim Lupient Water Park, small-sided soccer fields, tennis courts and playgrounds in the northern segment of the park. MPRB Maintenance staff also utilize the western edge of the park for outdoor storage.

Working off the master plan approved in 2014, the Northeast Park Master Plan included in the East of the River Master Plan added one play area, green gathering spaces throughout the site, multi-use fields, and basketball courts to complement the improvements recommended in the original 2014 master plan, which include the relocation and expansion of the tennis courts, the expansion of softball fields west of Fillmore St. and a new skate park in the southeast corner of the park.

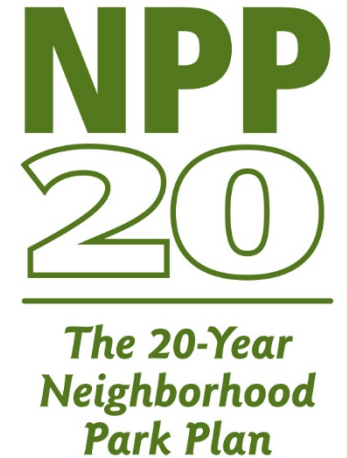


**NORTHEAST PARK**

Amendments to Current Master Plan

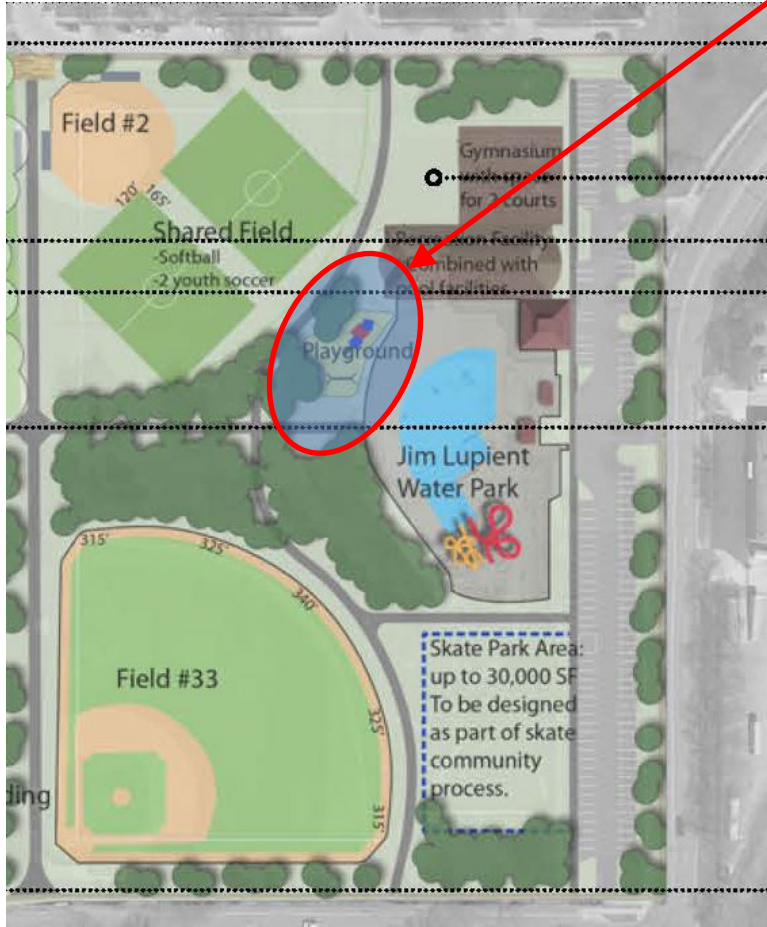
# Overall Project Funding

Sources		\$ 1,331,323.81
2018 Neighborhood Capital Levy	\$ 80,000.00	
2014 Neighborhood Capital Levy From 910AP611	\$ 57,731.81	
Amended 2020 Covid From NPP20	\$ 426,000.00	
Amended 2020 Covid From NPP20	\$ 400,000.00	
Amended 2020 Covid From Capital levy	\$ 90,258.00	
Park Dedication Fees	\$ 3,135.00	
Hennepin County ERF Grant	\$ 274,199.00	



\*Playground improvements are one part of this project which includes the cleanup of contaminated soils and softball field improvements west of Fillmore St.

## PLAYGROUND LOCATION

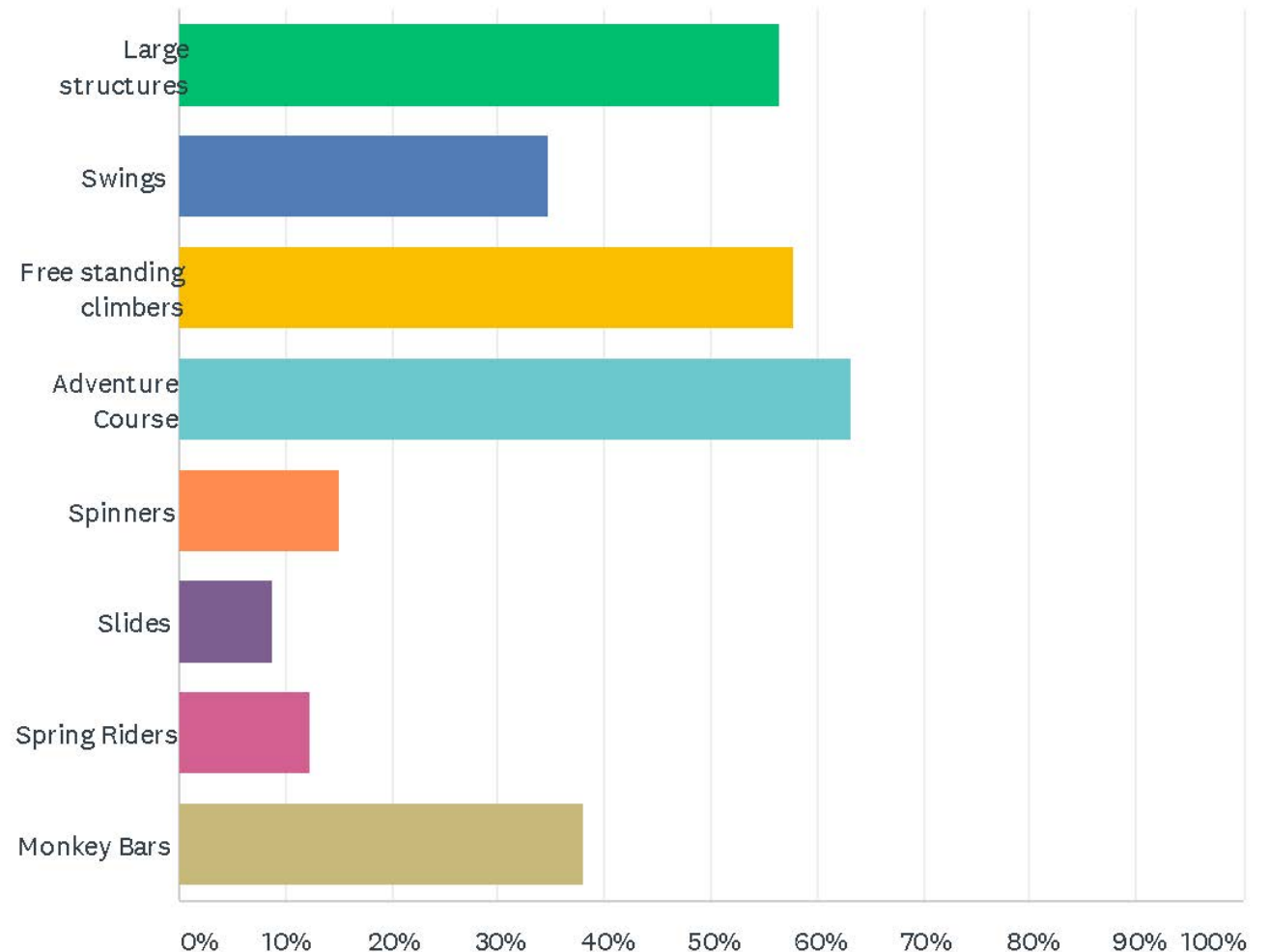


- With two new playgrounds included in the master plan, the focus of this public hearing is the proposed playground just southwest of the new Northeast Recreation Center along the backside of the water park and adjacent to a reconstructed pedestrian trail in 2019.
- The playground container is designed around the mature trees in the area and the surrounding topography.

# Community Engagement To Date

- **Key Stakeholder Meetings**
  - **Northeast Park Neighborhood Association (NEPNA)**
  - **MPRB Project Advisory Committee**
- **One On-Line Survey (147 Engagements)**
- **Public hearing mailings, news releases, gov deliveries and project webpage**

Overall, staff engaged with approximately **175 members** of the public.



# Playground Engagement Results

From the community engagement process, the following themes emerged:

- Suggestion to include adventure course within the playground
  - **Main theme for playground revolves around the idea of an adventure course playground.**
- Suggestion to include shade and shaded seating, concern about loss of mature trees
  - **Playground will include shaded seating and will preserve existing mature trees in the playground area.**
- Suggestion to consider accessibility for the new playground.
  - **All new surfacing will be Engineered Wood Fiber and PIP Rubber Surfacing, both of which are considered an accessible surface.**

# Playground Concept Plan



## Overall Playground Concept

- Build playground into existing topography.
- Preserve surrounding mature trees.
- Align play features with Northeast Rec Center RecPlus programming.

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- Accessible surfacing included with a connection to accessible site arrival point and Rec Center.
- Responsive to community feedback desiring adventure course playground design.
- Design for playground expansion with future funding.

## Remaining Playground Schedule:

<u>Playground Concept Plan Public Hearing/Committee Approval -</u>	<u>August 18, 2021</u>
<u>Playground Concept Plan/Full Board Approval -</u>	<u>September 1, 2021</u>
<u>Playground Equipment State Contract Approval -</u>	<u>September 29, 2021</u>
<u>Playground Improvements Construction Begins -</u>	<u>October 2021</u>
<u>Playground Improvements Construction Completion -</u>	<u>June 2022</u>

\*Softball field improvements planned for fall 2021 were delayed when bids were received significantly over budget due to volatility in the construction industry. Project will be re-bid this winter for 2022 construction.

\*Northeast Park Neighborhood Association provided funding for tennis court rehabilitation project. This work is moving forward in 2021, led by Asset Management.

**Questions?**