

East Phillips Open Spaces Planning Project

Creating a 20-30 year vision for Cedar Avenue Field Park and East Phillips Park

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The East Phillips Open Spaces Park Plan will create a 20-30 year vision for East Phillips Park and Cedar Avenue Field Park in the East Phillips neighborhood. A 'vision' includes an updated design for each park and policy recommendations that MPRB would work to implement over the next 20-30 years.

The project officially launched in September 2023 and staff attended a number of events at the parks and in the community to begin gathering input from residents before winter. MPRB will continue to engage with residents throughout 2024 about what they want to see at both parks.

WHY IS MPRB PLANNING BOTH PARKS IN EAST PHILLIPS NOW?

There is funding available to pay for some updates at both parks as soon as the park plans are completed and approved by the MPRB Board of Commissioners. To be able to spend money at each park, a park plan first needs to be developed. East Phillips Park currently does not have a park plan and Cedar Avenue Field Park has a park plan that was approved in 2017.

Funding available:

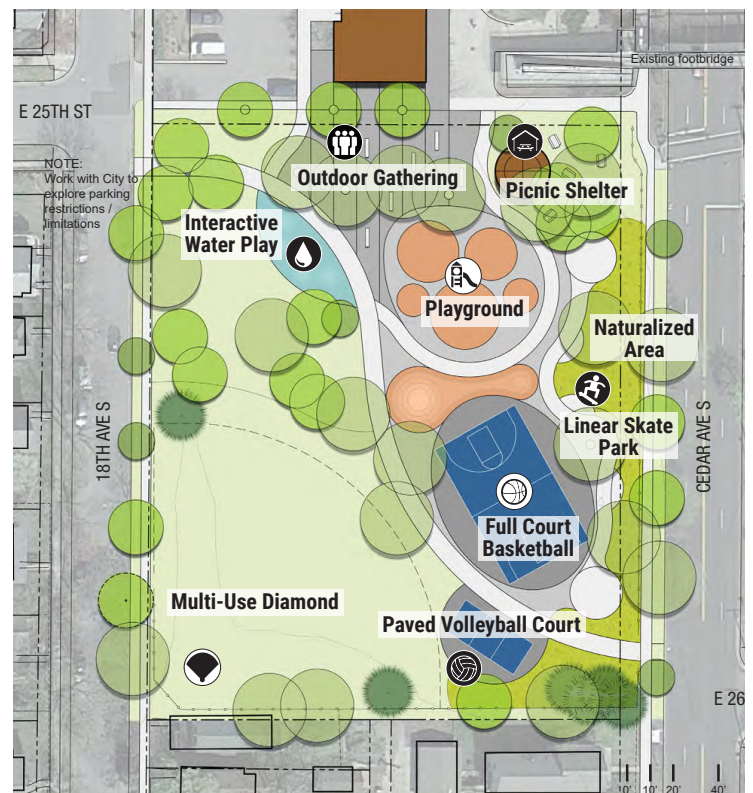
East Phillips Park: \$2,071,000

Cedar Avenue Field Park: \$1,040,000

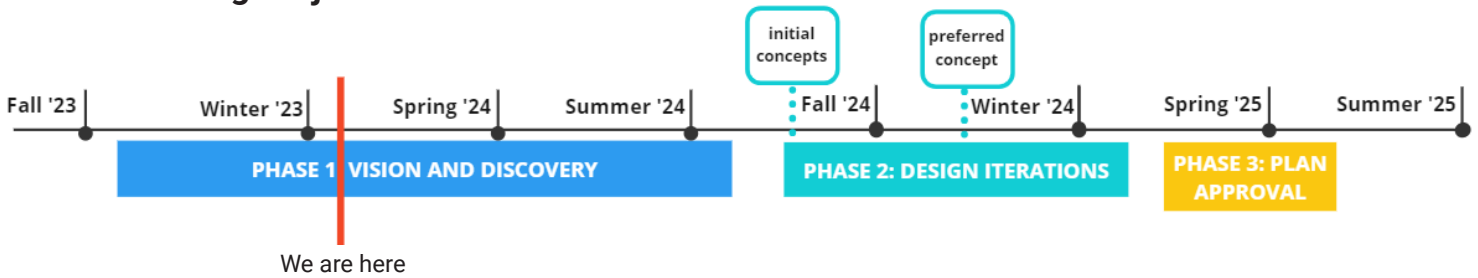
WHY IS MPRB PLANNING CEDAR AVENUE FIELD PARK AGAIN WHEN IT WENT THROUGH A PARK PLANNING PROCESS IN 2017?

MPRB went through a community engagement process with residents in 2017 and Cedar Avenue Field Park received a park plan at that time. However, since 2017, staff have received feedback that the plan may not be representative of all voices in the neighborhood, therefore, we have opened up this park planning process to include both parks. It's possible that the plan for Cedar Avenue Field Park may be the same as the 2017 plan, similar to it, or the plan may be very different: it will depend on what we hear from residents in 2024.

Cedar Avenue Field Park 2017 Adopted Park Plan



East Phillips Open Spaces Park Planning Project Timeline



Phase 1 is called the Vision and Discovery Phase, which began in fall 2023 and will continue through late summer 2024. This is the time where staff gathers and shares information about both parks, works to build relationships in the community, and asks for input about what folks want to see in the parks. Overall, we're learning and listening, and reporting back to community about what we're hearing. **Final decisions are not made about the parks during this phase of the project.**

Phase 2, called Design Iterations, is planned for fall/winter 2024-25 and is the part in the project where staff reviews all of the input gathered from the community during Phase 1 and creates initial designs for the parks. This is an iterative process where MPRB will bring design ideas to the public, ask for feedback, make changes, and share updated plans to get more feedback. MPRB anticipates hosting skateholder meetings or events to identify solutions with the public. **Final decisions are often made towards the end of this phase of the project with the community at public meetings.**

Phase 3 is the Approval Process. Once staff believe the park plans are representative of as many residents' input as possible, we create final designs and recommendations to bring to the MPRB Board of Commissioners to approve as policy. Once the plans are approved, MPRB will begin working on the improvements!

How can I get involved and share my ideas?

There will be a lot of ways to get involved in 2024! Watch for upcoming newsletters with more information about meetings and events as we finalize our calendar.

Sign up for email updates under the Get Involved tab: www.minneapolisparcs.org/epparks

Share your feedback by scanning the QR code ----->

Apply to be a Community Collaborator to receive funding to engage residents in East Phillips. Application will open March 15.

Invite us to table at your event or meet up with Emma to discuss the project: **Contact Emma: 612-499-3711 or epachuta@minneapolisparcs.org**



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ideas!
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