

# NPP20

*The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan*

**2023 Annual Report**



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## About the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20)

NPP20 is a historic, long-term initiative based on a 2016 agreement between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis (City). Affirmed by concurrent ordinances passed by both agencies, the agreement incorporates the following measures:

- Helps address racial and economic equity across 160 neighborhood parks
- Protects existing levels of local MPRB funding
- Dedicates a minimum of \$11 million in additional funding to Minneapolis neighborhood parks annually, through 2036
- Directs the additional funding to three program areas: operations, maintenance and repairs, as well as rehabilitation projects and capital investments

### **Every neighborhood deserves a great park.**

Printed report copies and Reference List documents (page 18) are available on request and are filed in archives maintained by the MPRB. Park Board Commissioners and City of Minneapolis Council members receive printed copies at the beginning of their respective terms.

Cover image: A bouldering structure, the park system's first, is featured at Keewaydin Park's expanded playgrounds (page 14).

# Executive Summary

## NPP20 in 2023: Year Seven of a Legacy Initiative

The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) is a key component of MPRB’s ongoing efforts to transform Minneapolis’ neighborhood park system to better serve current and future park communities. NPP20 funding for the restoration, repair and replacement of obsolete and deteriorating park assets is based on two ordinances passed in 2016. The NPP20 ordinance protected existing levels of local MPRB funding and reversed years of underfunding for neighborhood parks; it provides guaranteed annual funds for capital investments and rehabilitation projects, plus funding for increased maintenance service levels.

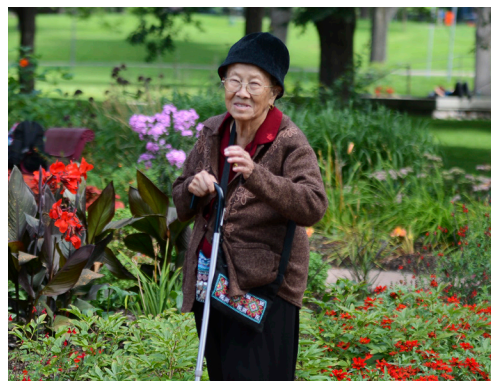
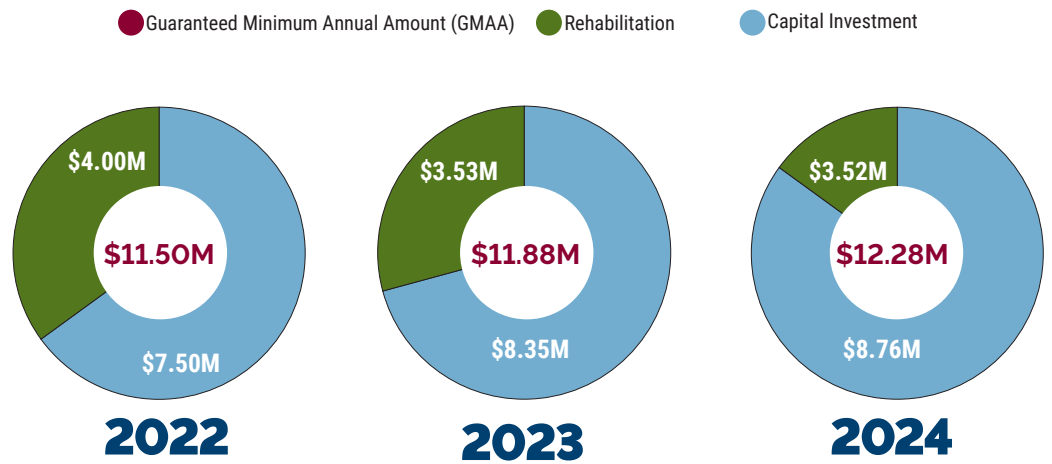
The “equity ordinance,” as the other is known, established a new system to target funding for capital investments first in the parks and communities where it is most needed. The system calculates annually updated “equity rankings” for neighborhood parks using data-driven criteria based on racial and economic equity; both the rankings and the system are reviewed and updated annually.

## Current NPP20 Funding

The NPP20 ordinance specifies a “Guaranteed Minimum Annual Amount” (GMAA) in funds MPRB receives from the City for capital investments and rehabilitation projects, including the \$2.5 million appropriated prior to NPP20. It also specifies the City and MPRB review and adjust the GMAA at several points during NPP20’s 20-year term. The original GMAA for 2017 to 2021 was \$10.5 million; the graphic shows GMAAs for the three years covered in this report.

For operations, maintenance and repairs funding, \$3.73 million was allocated in 2022 and \$3.88 million in 2023 and \$4.03 million in 2024. For details on NPP20 funding and adjustments to the GMAA, see “History and Background,” page 7-8.

## NPP20 Funding: Guaranteed Minimum Annual Amount, 2022-2024



## Tracking and reporting annual outcomes: 2022 to 2024

MPRB produces this report in accordance with requirements specified in the 2016 NPP20 ordinance:

“In each subsequent year for the duration of the Neighborhood Park Plan, the MPRB will update the five-year<sup>1</sup> project schedule and make a public presentation to the City Council in a report that contains (i) the current status of all projects in the five-year<sup>1</sup> plan, including the plan’s utilization of a criteria-based system with a focus on racial and economic equity to determine equitable distribution of funding (on a rolling basis with the end point of 2036); and (ii) a summary of projects undertaken during the preceding year and those projects that will commence in the following year and the impact to the overall operating costs for the projects undertaken by the MPRB under this ordinance.”

Among NPP20-funded accomplishments in 2023, Keewaydin Park’s new and expansive playgrounds opened and feature a climbing/bouldering structure - another first in the Minneapolis park system. Corcoran, Farwell<sup>2</sup> and Hall Parks also got new playgrounds, with the latter featuring a youth-designed and -built sculpture as part of a bike skills course. Concept plans were approved for major renovation and expansion of North Commons Park facilities and extensive improvements at Riverside Park. Work progressed on additional capital investment projects, with construction underway or nearly complete at Bryn Mawr Meadows, Jordan, Painter, Sibley and Hall parks and the playground at North Commons Park.

Rehabilitation projects included drinking fountain replacements at 10 neighborhood parks; air conditioning installed at Central Gym’s lobby; a series of replacements for lights at athletic fields and along park paths; and painting at 17 wading pools.

Currently, MPRB has allocated NPP20 funding for capital investment projects at eight neighborhood parks in 2021; 11 parks in 2022 (including a project that launched earlier); and seven additional parks in 2023 and six additional parks in 2024. (Details on pages 12-14.) Through 2029, parks with current equity rankings up to 101 have NPP20 funding allocations (using park equity rankings on a rolling basis, with the end point at NPP20’s conclusion in 2036). If the current rate of park improvements continues, all neighborhood parks with major amenities will benefit from a first round of improvements prior to the conclusion of NPP20.

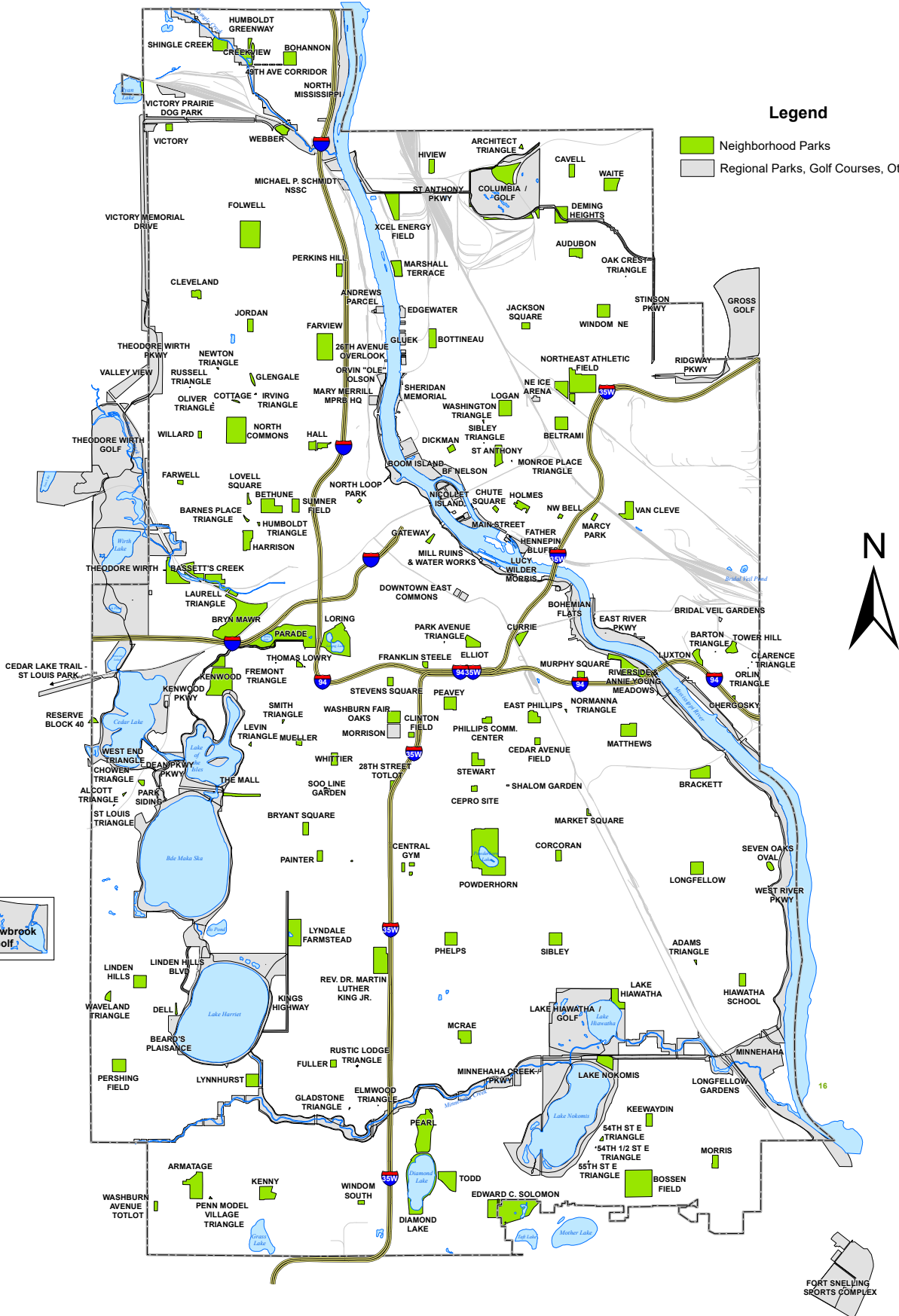
Regarding the report requirement about the impact of the NPP20 ordinance on MPRB’s overall operating costs: Along with implementing NPP20, MPRB is also developing tactics and strategies and implementing technologies that will continuously improve its maintenance and operations as well as the management and delivery of projects. With NPP20, improved efficiency and operating costs have begun to be experienced on these related fronts:

- Increased maintenance maximizes the service life of park assets and, over time, reduces the backlog for repairs and rehabilitation projects.
- A reduced backlog results in larger numbers of park assets that are consistently available to the public.
- Some cost savings resulting from energy-efficient investments that, for example, reduce water and electricity usage.

<sup>1</sup> MPRB currently uses a six-year project schedule.

<sup>2</sup> Farwell Park’s name changed to Lorraine B. Smaller Park in April, 2024.





# History & Background

## “Closing the Gap” and the NPP20 Ordinances

In large part, NPP20 is the outcome of “Closing the Gap: Investing in Neighborhood Parks.” This ambitious 2015 initiative assessed 160 neighborhood parks and quantified the dual impacts of the system’s age and of deferred maintenance. This data provided a comprehensive picture of needed restoration and maintenance for aging neighborhood parks throughout the city – and the gaps in funding to pay for those needs. It also noted a level of support from city residents to address the funding gaps through a property tax increase.

Rather than pursue a ballot referendum for this funding during the 2016 election, the City and the MPRB began negotiations on providing additional City funding for neighborhood parks and for street repairs (the subject of another possible funding referendum).

By May 2016, the City of Minneapolis and MPRB had developed the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan: a historic agreement to ensure additional annual funding dedicated to neighborhood parks. Both government agencies passed concurrent NPP20 ordinances; the City’s included provisions to protect existing financial arrangements between the City and MPRB, and increased funding for street repairs. MPRB Commissioners passed two ordinances: The NPP20 ordinance and the “Equity Ordinance.”

**The NPP20 Ordinance** lays out the terms of the plan and notes its considerable advantages as a 20-year financial agreement: It is “consistent with existing annual levy and capital budget processes” and “avoids the uncertainty and inflexibility of various potential ballot measures.” It protects existing financial arrangements between the City and MPRB, who “achieve a shared goal of closing a neighborhood parks funding gap utilizing racial and economic equity criteria.”

**The “Equity Ordinance”** (officially the “Criteria Based System for MPRB Capital and Rehabilitation Project Scheduling”) was the first of its kind among U.S. park systems. A result of the City’s and MPRB’s commitment to addressing racial and economic equity, it details MPRB’s annual “equity ranking” process. Seven specific, quantifiable criteria were developed with feedback from representatives of local, racial equity-focused organizations, and are used to evaluate and score neighborhood parks. The resulting park equity rankings are incorporated into the Capital Improvement Program and used to allocate NPP20 funds for park projects. The criteria receive an annual review to address unintended consequences of the ordinances and adapt to changes in neighborhoods and parks due to shifting demographics and economics.

### 7 Criteria for Neighborhood Park Equity Rankings

#### Community Characteristics

#### Park Characteristics

- 1 Areas of concentrated poverty and racially concentrated areas of poverty
- 2 Population density
- 3 Youth population
- 4 Neighborhood safety
- 5 Condition of park assets
- 6 Age of park assets
- 7 Ratio of past 15 years of investments to the replacement cost of all major assets in a park



## Six-year project schedule: the Capital Improvement Program

MPRB develops and adopts its six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of its annual budget process. Per the NPP20 ordinance, the CIP includes NPP20 funding allocations for capital investment and rehabilitation projects in neighborhood parks. The allocations are based on updated neighborhood park equity rankings (noted on previous page) and draw on the Guaranteed Minimum Annual Amount for NPP20 funds (noted on following page).

The CIP describes nearly all park projects as “master plan implementation,” rather than specifics such as a wading pool or play area. This is because, once capital investment funding is available, the community has a say in how it is used. Community members engage with MPRB staff in a “participatory project scoping” process to select the aspects of a park’s master plan to be implemented. Regardless of the project scope, funding allocations for a park remain with that park.

## Capital Investment projects: 2017 - 2021 transition period

From 2017 to 2021, MPRB honored neighborhood park projects from its 2016-2021 CIP, which had funding allocated prior to the 2016 adoption of the NPP20 ordinance. These projects were implemented regardless of a park’s equity ranking. Parks with high equity rankings received additional NPP20 allocations.

Meanwhile, the new NPP20 funding allowed MPRB to add capital investment allocations each year for parks with high equity rankings: for example, Bassett’s Creek, Currie and Farwell<sup>1</sup> in 2019. As of 2022, NPP20 equity criteria drive all allocations and scheduling for capital investments in neighborhood parks. For current park equity rankings and funding allocations, see References 4, 5, 6, pages 19-20. For current Capital Investment projects, see pages 12-17.

## NPP20 funding and expansion of MPRB’s rehabilitation program

NPP20 allowed the MPRB to expand its capacity to address a wide range of major repairs, replacements and restoration projects that fall outside both routine maintenance and capital investment projects. With NPP20 funding, the six-year rehabilitation budget of \$25 million (2019 – 2024) is six times higher than the \$3.97 million budget prior to NPP20.

NPP20’s rehabilitation program encompasses nine work categories: accessibility improvements related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); buildings and recreation centers; roofs; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; park amenities (also known as the “neighborhood amenity fund”), park lighting; below-grade infrastructure; sidewalks and pavement; and operations facilities.

A 2018 amendment reallocated funds among these categories to align with and account for work performed by staff and contractors from MPRB’s Asset Management department and coded to the buildings and recreation centers and park amenities categories. Projects in all work categories are identified, prioritized and scheduled using a range of factors, including project distribution under equity criteria. For details and current information, see pages 9-11 and References, pages 19-20.

<sup>1</sup>Farwell Park’s name changed to Lorraine B. Smaller Park in April, 2024.



## NPP20 funding for operations, maintenance and repairs: service level enhancements, 2027-2021

Referred to in the ordinance as “Operating Funds,” this funding comes from an increase in property taxes that equated to approximately 1% of all City tax levies the year the NPP20 ordinance was adopted and remains in effect for the duration of the plan. The increase yielded \$3 million in 2017, an amount that increases annually through the Board-approved annual property-tax levy. This funding cannot supplant other operations funding for neighborhood parks. It is dedicated to operations and implementation of NPP20.

NPP20 implementation in this program area included development of a program to enhance service levels for critical operations, maintenance and repairs in work categories that include mowing; tree pruning; gardens and planted areas; play area equipment; outdoor park furniture; plumbing start-up/shutdown and electrical systems.

The program set initial targets for service levels in 2017 and 2018, laid out a five-step approach to achieving them, and set a timeline for each work category. From 2017 to 2021, the NPP20 annual report included information on this program area; by 2019, service level targets were achieved in all work categories but one. Since 2023, data on that category, seasonal plumbing start-up/shutdown, is tracked through a publicly available GIS map. This system is also used for other operations work and allows MPRB staff to analyze and adjust workflows for efficiency and improved service levels. Service levels across all work categories are reviewed annually to ensure the NPP20 targeted levels are maintained.

## Periodic reviews and adjustments to NPP20 Funding

The NPP20 agreement allows for adjustments to the “Guaranteed Minimum Annual Amount” (GMAA) of NPP20 funding for capital and rehabilitation projects “with considerations of inflation and other salient factors” at five-year points of the 20-year program: in 2020, 2025 and 2030. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the 2020 review and adjustment to 2021. That year, the City and MPRB agreed to GMAA amounts for years 2022 through 2026.

They also moved through resolution a technical correction to their concurrent NPP20 ordinances: The date of the first adjustment was changed to December 15, 2021 (rather than December 15, 2020). On October 6, the Park Board adopted its resolutions (see page 18, Reference 2) amending the NPP20 ordinance and adopting the adjusted GMAAs as follows:

| NPP20 Funds: Guaranteed Minimum Annual Amount (GMAA) |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Year   | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    |
| Millions   | \$11.88 | \$12.28 | \$12.69 | \$13.12 | \$13.12 | \$13.12 |



# NPP20 Rehabilitation

MPRB’s rehabilitation program repairs, restores or replaces park facilities and amenities that are not part of capital investment projects. New NPP20 funding increased the six-year (2019 to 2024) rehabilitation budget to \$25 million, which is six times greater than the previous six-year budget of about \$3.97 million.

Rehabilitation program goals include:

- Enhance park safety
- Meet critical codes and regulations
- Implement MPRB’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
- Address critical failures and make necessary replacements from a maintenance backlog
- Improve or restore functionality, efficiency and long-term performance
- Focus on park features most in need of repair or replacement
- Retain flexibility, given the program’s wide range of projects that vary in terms of scale and complexity; and the changing conditions of park assets requiring work

## Process for identifying and scheduling rehabilitation projects

1. Establish and maintain inventories of all park assets requiring maintenance, repair or eventual replacement
2. Assess condition of assets using qualified industry professionals
3. Rank assets’ need for rehabilitation: critical, high, medium or low
4. Prioritize rehabilitation projects considering more than a dozen factors, including condition, seasonality, cost estimates and efficiencies in project delivery, as well as a park’s equity ranking

| 2022 Rehabilitation Allocations                | NPP20 Budget       | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | # of Projects in Process as of 12/31/2023 | # of Projects Completed as of 12/31/2023 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Accessibility Improvements                     | \$800,000          | 100%               | \$800,000           |   | 3  |
| Buildings and Recreation Centers               | \$612,000          | 100%               | \$612,000           |   | 2  |
| Roofs  | \$775,000          | 100%               | \$775,000           |   | 3  |
| Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) | 350,000            | 84%                | \$292,421           | 1   | 1  |
| Park Lighting                                  | \$200,000          | 100%               | \$200,000           |   | 2  |
| Below-Grade Infrastructure                     | \$50,000           | 100%               | \$50,000            |   | 1  |
| Sidewalk and Pavement                          | \$350,000          | 100%               | \$350,000           |   | 2  |
| Operations Facilities                          | \$150,000          | 33%                | \$49,331            | 1   |  |
| Park Amenities                                 | \$713,000          | 100%               | \$713,000           |   | 12                                       |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>                         | <b>\$4,000,000</b> | <b>96%</b>         | <b>\$3,841,752</b>  |   |  |

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|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Accessibility Improvements                     | \$800,000          | 100%               | \$800,000           | 1   | 1  |
| Buildings and Recreation Centers               | \$454,000          | 100%               | \$454,000           |   | 4  |
| Roofs  | \$600,000          | 100%               | \$600,000           | 1   | 1  |
| Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) | \$350,000          | 100%               | \$350,000           |   | 1  |
| Park Lighting                                  | \$200,000          | 100%               | \$200,000           |   | 1  |
| Below-Grade Infrastructure                     | \$50,000           | 100%               | \$50,000            |   | 1  |
| Sidewalk and Pavement                          | \$375,000          | 63%                | \$235,000           |   | 2  |
| Operations Facilities                          | \$150,000          | 6%                 | \$9,112             |   |  |
| Park Amenities                                 | \$553,000          | 100%               | \$553,000           |   | 4  |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>                         | <b>\$3,532,000</b> | <b>92%</b>         | <b>\$3,251,112</b>  |   |  |

| 2024 Rehabilitation Allocations                | NPP20 Budget       | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | # of Projects in Process as of 12/31/2023 | # of Projects Completed as of 12/31/2023 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Accessibility Improvements                     | \$750,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Buildings and Recreation Centers               | \$500,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Roofs  | \$510,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) | \$300,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Park Lighting                                  | \$140,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Below-Grade Infrastructure                     | \$50,000           | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Sidewalk and Pavement                          | \$350,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Operations Facilities                          | \$100,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 |   |  |
| Park Amenities                                 | \$620,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 | 2   |  |
| Athletic Field / Diamonds Rehab                | \$200,000          | 0%                 | \$0                 | 2   |  |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>                         | <b>\$3,520,000</b> | <b>0%</b>          |                     |   |  |



Rehabilitation project highlights included replacing freestanding drinking fountains – some around 50 years old – at **Folwell Park** (pictured) and **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Lynnhurst, Longfellow, Waite, Whittier, Shingle Creek, Pershing, Windom NE** and **Columbia** parks.



For wading pools at **Bottineau** (pictured), **Windom NE, Hall, North Commons, Brackett, Peavey, Central Gym, Hiawatha School, Bossen, Keewaydin, McRae** and **Loring** parks: interiors were grinded, sandblasted and painted to improve surface durability, help prevent leaks and even keep aging pools in operation.



Recreation center paint projects included **Pearl's** exterior (pictured) and interior; gyms at **Bottineau, Farview** (pictured), **Powderhorn** and **Bryan Coyle**; and exteriors at **Morris, Pearl, Phelps** and **Powderhorn** locations.



**McRae Recreation Center** updates included a new furnace and the addition of air conditioning.



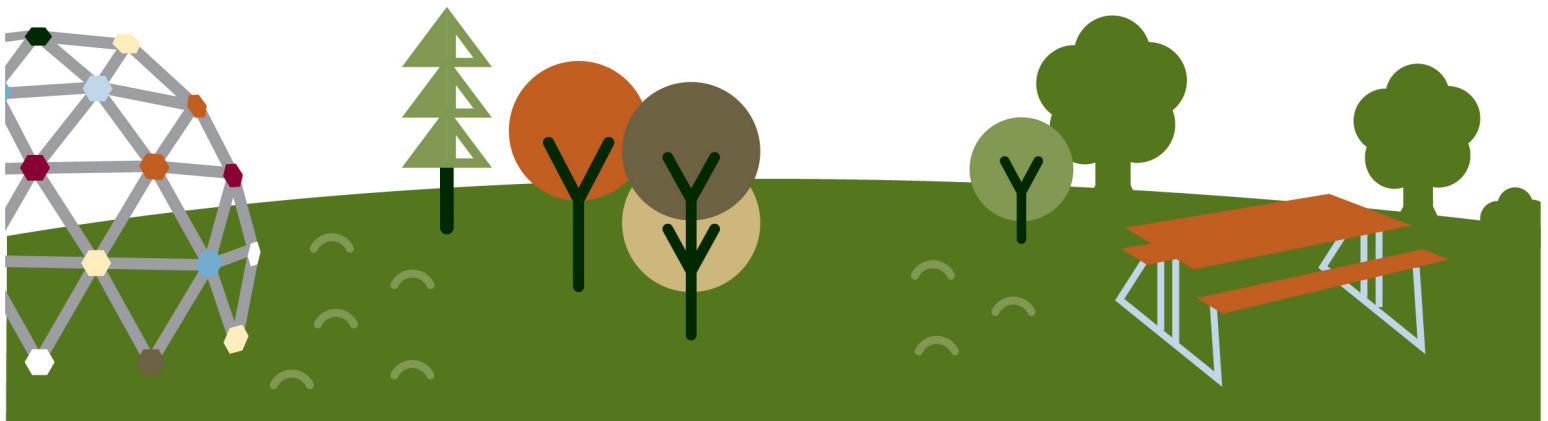
Along with a new roof, **Folwell Recreation Center** got interior updates including ADA/all-gender restrooms plus storage space; and flooring, cabinets, and countertops in its two kitchens and its arts & crafts room.

# NPP20 Capital Investments

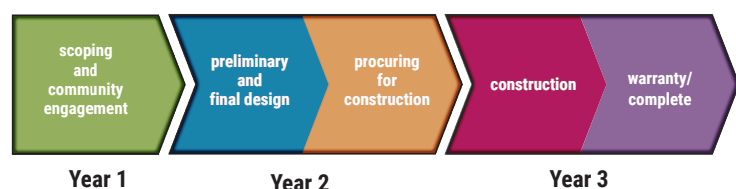
Capital investment projects build, replace or reconstruct park facilities and amenities, for example: recreation centers, athletic fields, playgrounds and pools. Goals for NPP20 capital investments include:

- Implement approved master plans for an individual neighborhood park or a Service Area Master Plan
- Support MPRB's recreation division to ensure that recreation facilities, programs and services align with current and long-term community needs.
- Align with goals from Parks for All, MPRB's 2021 Comprehensive Plan, including racial and health equity and increased accessibility.
- Address the needs of diverse park users and better reflect changing neighborhoods.
- Focus on parks in under-served areas of the city, in accordance with the NPP20 equity criteria ordinance.

| 2022 Projects                       | NPP20 Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | (Expected) Completion <sup>(2)</sup> | Project Phase as of 12/31/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Audubon Park                        | \$229,000                   | 7%                 | \$17,119            | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(2)</sup>               |
| Bryn Mawr Meadows Park <sup>4</sup> | \$1,333,000                 | 100%               | \$1,333,000         | Q4 2023                              | ■                              |
| Central Gym Park                    | \$336,000                   | 58%                | \$193,452           | Q3 2025                              | ■                              |
| Columbia Park                       | \$150,000                   | 96%                | \$144,619           | Q3 2022                              | ■                              |
| East Phillips Park                  | \$453,000                   | 13%                | \$57,170            | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Folwell Park                        | \$910,000                   | 29%                | \$259,521           | Q3 2025                              | ■                              |
| Franklin Steele Square Park         | \$784,000                   | 6%                 | \$50,164            |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Harrison Park                       | \$240,000                   | 34%                | \$81,284            |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Lake Hiawatha Park                  | \$338,000                   | 10%                | \$34,003            | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Murphy Square Park                  | \$214,000                   | 21%                | \$45,694            | Q3 2024                              | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Powderhorn Park                     | \$592,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2024                              | ■                              |
| Riverside Park                      | \$1,462,000                 | 24%                | \$349,744           | Q3 2025                              | ■                              |
| Willard Park                        | \$350,000                   | 28%                | \$98,383            |                                      | Pre-design                     |
| Van Cleve                           | \$109,000                   | 100%               | \$109,000           | Q2 2022                              | ■                              |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>              | <b>\$7,500,000</b>          | <b>37%</b>         | <b>\$2,773,153</b>  |                                      |                                |



## Typical Phases for a Capital Investment Project



## Process for Identifying and Scheduling Capital Investment Projects

1. **Evaluate**, score and rank neighborhood parks annually, using the criteria-based system established in the Equity Ordinance.
2. **Allocate** funds annually to parks with the highest rankings, on a rolling basis so that allocations go to new parks each year.
3. For details, see page 6: “The Equity Ordinance.”

## Notes for Annual Project Tables

- (1) **NPP20 Budget** - These figures include only NPP20 funding; capital investment projects may include other funding sources.
- (2) **Not Started** - MPRB has dealt with an understaffed Planning Division for many years. One strategy in recent years was to assign Strategic Planning staff to participate in construction projects, but currently those staff have less time for that as work advances in their department. Meanwhile, the Division faces a greater demand for staff, as project funding and the number of complex, multi-jurisdictional projects are expanding. These complex projects require two or more staff for effective performance in meeting increased workloads and demands. While Division staff and leadership continue to look for methods to streamline project delivery, a downward trend in project completion is inevitable.
- (3) **Predesign** - Work is occurring internally and/or with partners, but the project has not yet been publicly announced.
- (4) **Bryn Mawr and Keewaydin parks** – These are the final projects from the 2016-2021 CIP, which was approved prior to NPP20’s 2017 launch; see page 7: “Capital investment projects: 2017-2021 transition period.”

For full details on MPRB’s Capital Improvement Program, see pages 18-19, References 4, 5, 6.

| 2023 Projects                       | NPP20 Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | (Expected) Completion <sup>(2)</sup> | Project Phase as of 12/31/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Audubon Park                        | \$110,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Bethune Park                        | \$823,000                   | 28%                | \$228,344           | Q4 2024                              | ■                              |
| Bohannon Park                       | \$920,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Bryn Mawr Meadows Park <sup>4</sup> | \$180,000                   | 100%               | \$180,000           | Q4 2023                              | ■                              |
| Central Gym Park                    | \$496,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q3 2025                              | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Cottage Park                        | \$560,000                   | 3%                 | \$15,960            | Q4 2025                              | Predesign <sup>(3)</sup>       |
| Farview Park                        | \$252,000                   | 2%                 | \$5,292             | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(2)</sup>               |
| Folwell Park                        | \$150,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | ■                              |
| Glen Gale Park                      | \$672,000                   | 3%                 | \$19,112            |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Harrison Park                       | \$784,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Jordan Park                         | \$350,000                   | 100%               | \$350,000           | Q2 2024                              | ■                              |
| North Commons Playground            | \$156,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q2 2024                              | ■                              |
| Painter Park                        | \$175,000                   | 100%               | \$175,000           | Q2 2024                              | ■                              |
| Sibley Park                         | \$889,000                   | 97%                | \$860,332           | Q2 2024                              | ■                              |
| Smith Triangle                      | \$232,000                   | 5%                 | \$11,372            |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Todd Park                           | \$355,000                   | 6%                 | \$20,655            |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Victory Park                        | \$200,000                   | 47%                | \$93,042            | Q4 2024                              | ■                              |
| Willard Park                        | \$1,048,000                 | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>              | <b>\$8,352,000</b>          | <b>23%</b>         | <b>\$1,959,109</b>  |                                      |                                |



Commissioners approved a **concept design to transform North Commons Park** with new and expanded facilities, including a rebuilt water park, the first fieldhouse in the park system, and a fully renovated community center.



At **Keewaydin Park**, new and expanded play areas feature adventure and nature-themed elements, plus a zip line and the park system's first bouldering structure, shown on the report cover.

| 2024 Projects                     | NPP20 Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | (Expected) Completion <sup>(2)</sup> | Project Phase as of 12/31/2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bohannon Park                     | \$390,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Bottineau Park                    | \$1,575,000                 | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q3 2025                              | ■                              |
| Cleveland Park                    | \$477,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q3 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Elliot Park                       | \$1,493,000                 | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Farview Park                      | \$1,078,000                 | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Franklin Steele Square Park       | \$390,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Fuller Park                       | \$789,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Harrison Park                     | \$390,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Shingle Creek Park                | \$331,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| St. Anthony Park                  | \$1,080,000                 | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Sumner Field Park                 | \$738,000                   | 0%                 | \$0                 | Q4 2025                              | Pre-design <sup>(3)</sup>      |
| Multiple Parks - Shade Structures | \$30,000                    | 0%                 | \$0                 |                                      | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| <b>Total Allocated</b>            | <b>\$8,761,000</b>          | <b>0%</b>          | <b>\$0</b>          |                                      |                                |



By late fall, construction had progressed enough at **Painter Park** to allow use of the skate park during the unusually warm winter. A full opening is planned for spring 2024.



Construction of the new playground at **Corcoran Park** began in April and was complete by the end of June.



| Projects funded prior to 2022 | NPP20 Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | % Budget Allocated | \$ Amount Allocated | (Expected) Completion <sup>(2)</sup> | Project Phase as of 12/31/2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 28th Street Totlot            | \$200,000                   | 22%                | \$44,054            | Q4 2024                              | ■                              |
| Bottineau Field Park          | \$306,500                   | 51%                | \$156,926           | Q2 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Cavell Park                   | \$333,700                   | 4%                 | \$14,508            | N/A                                  | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| Cedar Avenue Field Park       | \$600,000                   | 31%                | \$188,015           | Q4 2025                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Corcoran Park                 | \$950,000                   | 35%                | \$332,714           | Q4 2024                              | ■ <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| Farwell* Park                 | \$700,000                   | 5%                 | \$700,000           | Q3 2023                              | ■                              |
| Hall Park                     | \$750,000                   | 100%               | \$750,000           | Q3 2023                              | ■                              |
| Keewaydin Park <sup>(4)</sup> | \$1,168,000                 | 100%               | \$1,168,000         | Q2 2023                              | ■                              |
| Lynnhurst Park                | \$307,000                   | 5%                 | \$16,622            | N/A                                  | Not Started <sup>(2)</sup>     |
| North Commons Park            | \$1,600,000                 | 66%                | \$1,061,549         | 2027                                 | ■                              |
| Sumner Field Park             | \$100,000                   | 28%                | \$28,495            | 2024                                 | ■                              |
| Whittier Park                 | \$662,800                   | 16%                | \$106,300           | Q2 2025                              | ■                              |
| Operations Facilities         | \$400,000                   | 49%                | \$195,057           | Q4 2024                              | ■                              |

\* Farwell Park's name changed to Lorraine B. Smaller Park in April, 2024.



Construction of major improvements at **Sibley Park** (above and top) began in spring; a new playground with a zipline opened by the end of the year, while the ADA-accessible wading pool is planned to open by summer 2024.



Construction proceeded throughout the season on **Jordan Park's** accessible wading pool with splash features, along with a restroom building, fencing, various amenities, and lighting upgrades throughout the park. This project will be complete in 2024.



Construction throughout 2023 overhauled the central section of **Bryn Mawr Meadows Park** to balance its athletic fields with an array of attractive, environmentally sustainable features, including stormwater ponds, acres of native plantings for habitat and 100+ new trees. This section of the park will open in 2024.

# Reference List

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[minneapolisparcs.org/npp20](https://minneapolisparcs.org/npp20) | [minneapolisparcs.org/budget-financial](https://minneapolisparcs.org/budget-financial) | [minneapolisparcs.org/code-of-ordinances](https://minneapolisparcs.org/code-of-ordinances)

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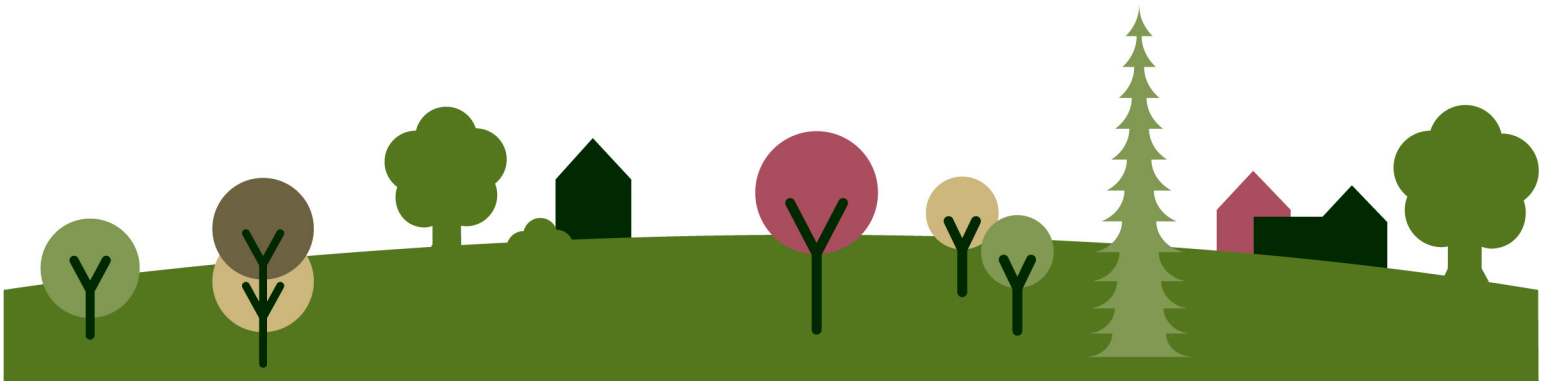
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## 7. Previous NPP20 Annual Reports

[2022](#) | [2021](#) | [2020](#) | [2019](#) | [2018](#) | [2017](#)



A stylized green landscape illustration. It features a green hill with several trees of different shapes and colors (green, pink, brown). A purple pond is on the left, and a picnic table is on the right. The background is white with some faint green shapes.

  
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