

## Combating Health and Wealth Disparities

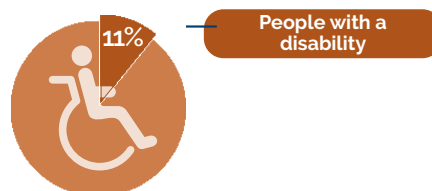
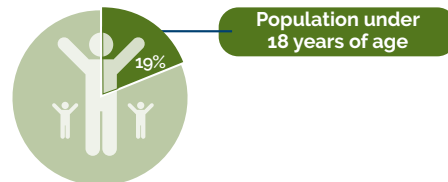
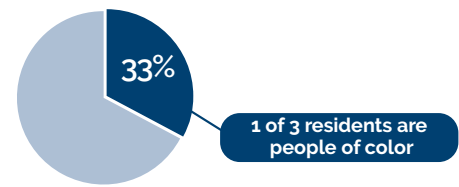
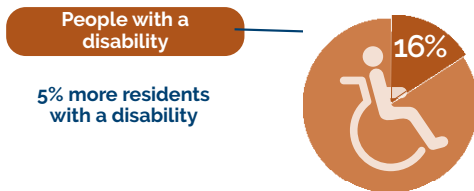
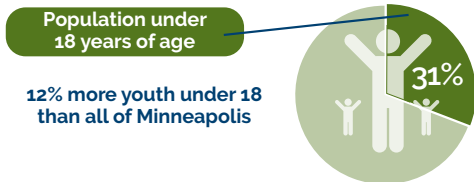
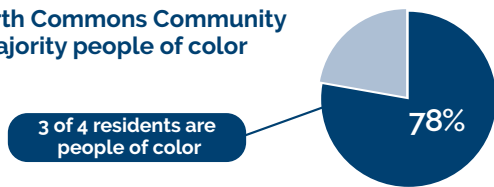
A major project is underway in North Commons Park, which will expand the community center to include the park system's first field house and completely rebuild the aging water park. MPRB aims to reduce historic disparities in health and wealth in the surrounding community through these once-in-a-generation investments, as well as working with the community to expand programming.

### North Commons Community\*

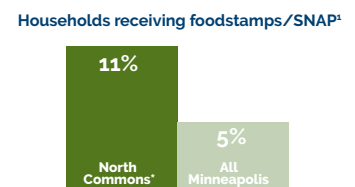
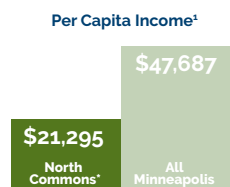
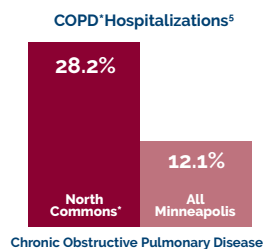
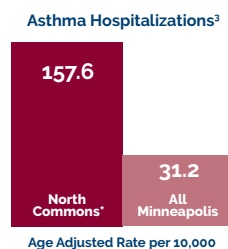
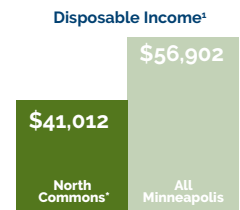
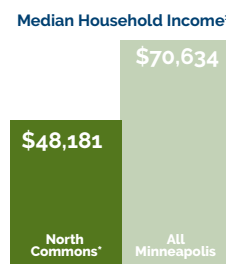
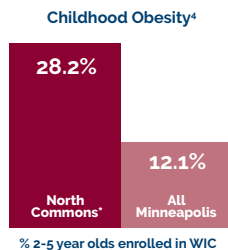
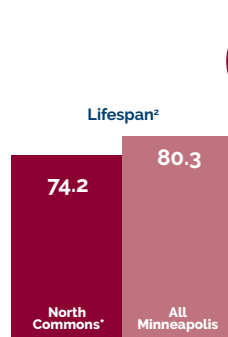


### All Minneapolis Residents

The North Commons Community is majority people of color



On average, residents in the North Commons area<sup>1</sup> have **less income** and **more health issues** than all Minneapolis residents<sup>1</sup>.



\*North Commons Community = residents within a 10-minute walk from North Commons Park (parts of 55411, 55412 zip codes)  
<sup>1-5</sup> See reverse for data sources



## Building Wealth

Maximize dollars invested in North Minneapolis businesses and residents

- **Constructing and operating** North Commons facilities with local businesses and residents
- **Job opportunities** at completed facilities, through ongoing outreach at North Commons and MPRB's youth employment initiative
- **Concessions business** to serve food/drink at the community center and water park
- **Public art opportunities** outside and inside North Commons facilities - \$200K from Minneapolis Art in Public Places program; additional funds from project budget
- **Job & career programming** in improved facilities: fairs, training, youth focus, multi-generational

## Improving Health

Residents of all ages access opportunities to improve health through increased activity and fitness opportunities, classes, and information

- **Field house** expands facilities from one to four independent gyms to increase health/fitness programming
- **Walking Track** for year-round low impact fitness
- **Fitness Center** based on community desires, with limited barriers to access
- **Health/Wellness Suite** dedicated to meditation, counseling, and intervention
- **Teaching Kitchen** for new/expanded cooking classes and culinary basics
- **Water Park** includes lap pool, water play for all ages, swimming lessons

### Proposed Architectural Renderings

New Field House



New Wellness Suite



New Water Park Activity Area



[www.minneapolisparcs.org/northcommons](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/northcommons)

Data Sources

<sup>1</sup> Esri, ACS, U.S. Census, Esri-Data Axle, Esri-MRI-Simmons; Esri forecasts for 2023, 2017-2021, 2010 | <sup>2</sup> CDC 2010-2015  
Minnesota Department of Health | <sup>4</sup> Minnesota WIC Program | <sup>5</sup> US Census, American Community Survey, Minnesota Hospital Association