

WATER ACCESS

Lynnhurst Park has the westernmost ADA-accessible launch in the project area. Located just downstream of the tributary's confluence with the creek, the launch will have sidewalk access from nearby ADA parking spaces along Minnehaha Parkway.

RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES

The new community center will function as a recreation and activity hub along Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail. The facility is proposed to have an environmental learning focus, which leverages its location next to the tributary as an educational tool that will enable visitors to learn about the challenges and wonders of urban ecology. A patio overlook will provide views of the restored channel and a nature play area where kids can safely interact with the water. Additional neighborhood park amenities can be seen in the plan, and are further detailed in the Southwest Service Area Master Plan.

A new shelter along the daylighted tributary will function as an outdoor classroom space for Burroughs Elementary students, who will also benefit from direct pedestrian access beneath 50th to the park and new community center. An accessible fishing pier is located near the new paddle launch.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

In many ways, the Lynnhurst Focus Area is a microcosm for the Minnehaha Parkway corridor as a whole. The driving force behind its transformation is water, and the ways in which we can celebrate, accommodate, enhance, and showcase this vital resource. The daylighted tributary and restored creek re-meanders will dramatically improve the hydrologic function of this area. Flood storage is expanded both above ground and below, as flexible field spaces and recreation areas are designed to work with flooding rather than fight against it. Implementation of these features will reduce the frequency

and intensity of flooding experienced by nearby homes. Aquatic and riparian habitat connectivity from Lake Harriet to Minnehaha Creek will be restored, and pollinator habitat will be expanded through the integration of bee lawns that layer ecological function and recreation. The vision for Lynnhurst shifts the paradigm of neighborhood park design beyond recreation to achieve harmonious integration of both land and water. The ecosystem services that result from this approach will profoundly benefit the health and well-being of all who interact with the Minnehaha Parkway corridor.



Rendering of the proposed daylighted tributary from Lake Harriet, people using trails under the raised 50th Street bridge, and nature play outside of the new, environmentally-focused Lynnhurst Community Center (looking south)