

Cedar-Riverside Recreation Center



Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board



Project Summary:

Approved in 2021, the Cedar-Riverside Recreation Center Predesign was guided by an 18-month community engagement process which included a 17-member community advisory committee. The Predesign Report envisions an accessible and inclusive center that would include a gymnasium, walking track, food shelf, catering kitchen, tech center, child sitting, teen activity center, fitness space, group exercise space, multi-purpose rooms, and a health and wellness suite.

Recreation Center Details

The proposed new building will be over 46,000 SF and will serve over 600 people per day through a combination of recreation, fitness, health and wellness, and community spaces.

Project Funding/Budget

The State has allocated \$3.5M through the 2023 bonding bill and \$5M through the 2024 Human Services omnibus bill (DEED) for a total of \$8.5M. The estimated overall project budget is \$40M+ in 2026 construction dollars. This cost includes the building, site improvements, parking, design fees and all other soft costs necessary for the project.

Community Demographics

According to the 2020 Census, the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood consists of over 9,000 people where over 72% are people of color, the median household income is just over \$30,000, 48% of the population lives below the poverty line and around 55% of the population are under the age of 24 (compared to 33% in the City of Minneapolis). Cedar-Riverside is also considered to be one of the densest residential communities outside of downtown Minneapolis.

Project Site:

Throughout the Predesign process, MPRB reviewed many possible locations for a new recreation and community center and selected Lot A/A1 as the preferred site. This location offers many benefits including the opportunity to demolish the existing Brian Coyle Community Center and expand Currie Park (a very small park serving a very dense residential population). Additionally, building a new center at Lot A/A1 would allow for continuous community and recreation services during construction as the demolition of the Coyle Center would be delayed until after the new center is open to the community. Lot A/A1 is currently owned by the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.



Partnerships:

The Cedar-Riverside Recreation Center Predesign was completed in collaboration with Augsburg University, YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities, M Health Fairview, and Pillsbury United Communities (PUC) due to our shared vision to serve community through programs, activities, and facilities that will be better accomplished through partnerships.

Project Designed to Directly Enable Work:

This new community center will help community members engage in employment through their attendance at job fairs/career-counseling, access to technology, and access to workforce training programs. These offerings are made possible through the partnership organizations involved in this collaborative project.



Project Designed to Directly Enable Education:

This new community center will help community members engage in education through direct connections to Augsburg University for higher education, PUC for adult enrichment, and the MPRB youth programming for social-emotional learning for youth.

Project Designed to Directly Enable Health Monitoring:

This new community center will provide services to monitor an individual's health through dedicated space within the center that would be programmed and managed by our partner, M Health Fairview as a pop-up or mini-clinic.