

Willard Park Engagement Summary

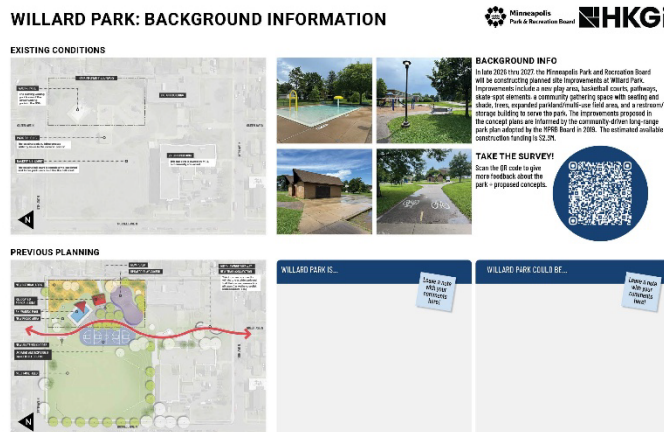
Feedback from 1 Nov 2025 engagement event at Willard Park:

Video from engagement event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfAH8JcIZUo>

Background Information + General Comments

Background Information was shown on this board:

WILLARD PARK: BACKGROUND INFORMATION



EXISTING CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND INFO
In late 2025 thru 2027 the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be constructing planned site improvements at Willard Park. Improvements include a new play area, basketball court, pathways, skate ramp, amenities, a community gathering space with seating and shade, trees, expanded parking/multi-use field area, and a restroom/storage building to serve the park. The improvements proposed in the concept plans are informed by the community driven long-range park plan adopted by the PRB Board in 2018. The estimated available construction funding is \$2.2M.

TAKE THE SURVEY!
Scan the QR code to give more feedback about the park - proposed concepts.

PREVIOUS PLANNING

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General Comments:

- Add Bike Racks. (x2)
- Very interested in the fields – Soccer?
- Add a doggy bag station.

- Can we play volleyball/soccer/badminton on the fields?
- Security Cameras.
- Can courts be striped for pickleball. (x2)
- Grills, Parking, More places.
- Lights for path and courts. (x2)
- Bring back summer staffing (and lunches).
- Winter Activities? Skating? Preserve the hill for sledding!

Playground Comments:

- No metal slides, it gets hot in the summer. (x2)

Basketball Comments:

- Glass backboards.

Concept 1: Traditional

Concept 1 was shown on these 2 boards:

WILLARD PARK: CONCEPT 1 - TRADITIONAL



WILLARD PARK: CONCEPT 1 - TRADITIONAL



Community members were asked to add a sticker to their favorite playground, this playground received **2 Votes**

Design Comments:

- No metal slides, it gets hot in the summer. (x2)
- Add in the zipline.

Playground Comments:

- I like the two half courts.

Concept 2: Natural

Concept 2 was shown on these 2 boards:

WILLARD PARK: CONCEPT 2 - NATURAL



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Community members were asked to add a sticker to their favorite playground, this playground received **8 votes**

Design Comments:

- Turf burns are no fun.
- Seems like the most thought out. I like the basketball area.
- Safest bike lane!
- Artificial turf caught on fire at North Commons.
- Dropshot is a waste of space.
- I prefer a curved trail.
- Good B-Ball and multiuse space.
- I like how everything flows in Concept 1 + 2.
- Shaded Seating. (x2)
- More seating near the pool.
- Add soccer nets!
- Well thought out and safe.
- I like how both the park and trails are separate. There are many different activities. This is the best option for kids.

Playground Comments:

- Kids like to bike in circles around the playground, can you add a loop trail?
- The zipline is cool! (x2)

Concept 3: Modern

Concept 3 was shown on these 2 boards



Community members were asked to add a sticker to their favorite playground, this playground received **5 votes**

Design Comments:

- Can you stripe for pickleball?
- I feel like you should keep the 3rd concept. It's better than the other ones.

Playground Comments:

- I like the playgrounds proximity to Basketball.
- I would like to see circuit play! See the Schaper park ninja course. Also see Phelps Park.
- Schaper Park is a great example of a fun 'course park'. The layout is similar to this.
- The pendulum play feature seems dangerous.