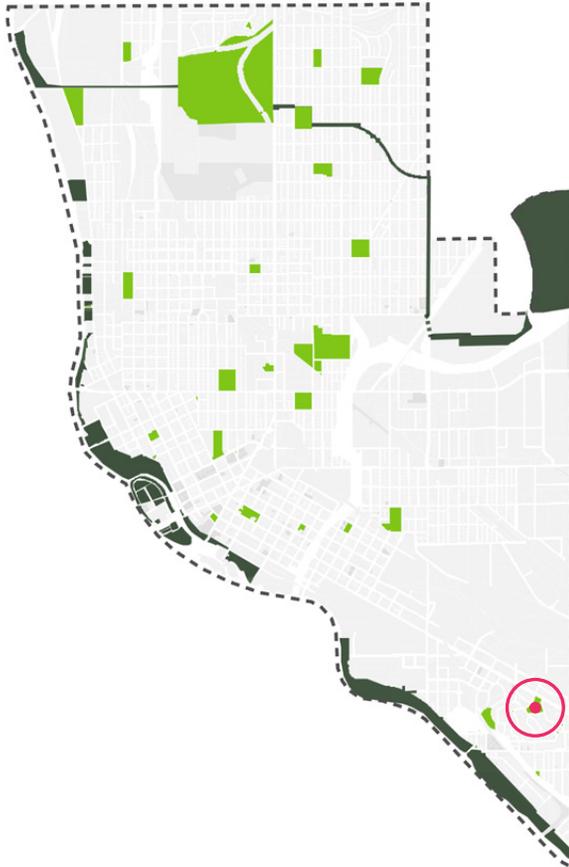


VAN CLEVE PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

Located in the Southeast Como neighborhood near the University of Minnesota campus along one of the busiest bike corridors in the city, Van Cleve Park was one of several important park acquisitions in 1890. This same year saw the acquisition of Powderhorn Park, William Berry Park (then Interlachen), and Lyndale Park, along with the expansion of Minnehaha Parkway and the enlargement of Loring Park. The purchase of nine acres in southeast Minneapolis was in response to repeated petitions from area residents. The name was adopted in 1893 to honor Charlotte Ouisconsin Van Cleve and her husband, Major General Horatio P. Van Cleve. Charlotte Van Cleve was known as “Infant Pioneer,” having resided with her parents at Camp Coldwater, the predecessor to Fort Snelling, in 1819.

The first plan for the new park was created by Horace Cleveland in the spring of 1890. Cleveland’s design was remarkable in that it included land designated for a playground for children — a first for Minneapolis parks. The notion was sufficiently ahead of its time that the park board did not approve the creation of the playground, opting for a pond in its place. The pond of about 1½ acres was created immediately in the southwest corner of the park and the material excavated from the pond was used to grade the remainder of the park.

Following the successful introduction of playground equipment in 1906 at Riverside and Logan parks, Van Cleve was one of three more parks to get playground apparatus in 1907. After new park superintendent Theodore Wirth arrived in 1906, he recommended in his first annual report that Van Cleve should be a priority

because it was on the trolley line between Minneapolis and St. Paul and the neighborhood was densely populated. Wirth called Van Cleve “half playground, half show park.” Wirth noted in his commentary on the plan that Van Cleve was “one of the neighborhood parks where playground activity and attractive park scenery can be maintained in close proximity without interfering with each other.”

Improvements to Van Cleve were made in 1945 and included a new concrete wading pool, concrete tennis courts, paved play area, and athletic fields for softball, baseball, and football. A new community center with a gymnasium was built and the other park facilities were also renovated in 1970. Van Cleve’s recreation center was remodeled in 2000.

In 2010-2011 the playing fields at the park were upgraded, especially the baseball field. A premier diamond was installed on the NW corner of the park, on land owned by Minneapolis Public Schools. An irrigation system was installed and the outfield was graded and seeded. The improvements, along with new fencing, were installed through a Hennepin County Youth Sports grant. The wading pool was rebuilt in 2015-16.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

This 9-acre park includes sports facilities, recreation center, wading pool, and play spaces. The site is adjacent to railroad lines and highly trafficked streets. 15th Avenue SE is one of the most used bike corridors in the City of Minneapolis, second only to the Midtown Greenway. Students from the U of M pass by the park in droves on a daily basis, but the park also accommodates an incredibly diverse set of users from the nearby public

housing development and residential areas surrounding the park.

There is a small native garden by the Accord Sculpture maintained by the community through a Park Stewardship Agreement. The public art piece is one of many that represent a partnership between the City of Minneapolis and MPRB. It lays a foundation for an urban plaza at the NE corner of the park that is also a highly used bus stop and shelter. Circulation throughout the park could benefit from a reconfiguration to accommodate people passing through the park and accessing the variety of amenities in this large neighborhood asset. Increasing residential development on the western edge of the park calls for clearer entrances to the park from 13th Avenue SE.

The winter ice rink is popular, and in the summer activities include soccer, basketball, softball and baseball, volleyball, kickball, and even a quidditch league, inspired by the famous Harry Potter book series.

While Van Cleve is one of the oldest parks in the city and is a great example of the vision of the Minneapolis system, it also sits on the edge of a neighborhood that is considered underserved in terms of park land. Ninety-seven percent of Minneapolis residents have access to parks within six blocks of their home, but much of SE Como is the exception to the rule, and residents farther east in SE Como make up much of the 3% of the population that is underserved.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design envisions Van Cleve park as a major community gathering, play, and recreation destination for all age groups. The proposed design represents an exciting array of current Van Cleve park amenities and several new park elements including a refrigerated ice trail, a skate park, a transit plaza, and a nature play area. The existing courts--including basketball, tennis/multi-sport and volleyball--are all improved and expanded in the new vision for Van Cleve. The park is activated along 15th Avenue SE and 13th Avenue SE to encourage passersby and use of the park by the housing residents on 13th. Removal of the tennis courts was considered, but the community advocated for the current tennis program at Van Cleve, so the courts will be expanded to include multi-use courts. An additional sand volleyball court is added as there is an expressed need for sand volleyball in the service area. Two diamonds remain with two multi-use fields sharing turf areas. The wooded landscape around the recreation center offers small refuges of mature greenspace, coupled with a new nature play area tucked behind the center. The indoor/outdoor connections to the recreation center are strengthened with additional seating and event space. New amenities at the corner of 15th and Como, draw a wide array of new users, with a refrigerated ice track in winter doubling as a roller track in the summer months. The track circumnavigates a new skatepark and improved court sports. The skatepark is one of three skate/bike parks in the service area, including the expanded features at Bottineau and the new park at Luxton. The design includes the existing premier diamond owned by Minneapolis Public Schools. The East of the River CAC and the community have

expressed strong support for MPRB assuming the MPS diamond so that it can once again be integrated into the neighborhood park in line with other programs open to the public at Van Cleve.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Land use coordination with the City of Minneapolis is needed to resolve the vacation status of the historic City ROW that passes through the park.

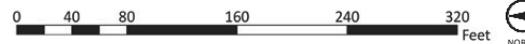
The ERPMP Community Advisory Committee approved the master plan contingent on MPRB working toward a solution that would re-establish the premier baseball diamond, owned and used by Minneapolis Public Schools, as neighborhood park land. MPRB is open to future coordination with MPS as opportunities arise once the lifecycle of the Hennepin County Youth Grant that funded the baseball diamond is complete. The grant was for a 15-year period and was granted in 2010. MPS owns the land where the diamond is located.

Coordination with Metro Transit on a new bus shelter near the Van Cleve Rec Center with the potential for an artist designed shelter.



- WADING POOL
- RECREATION CENTER
- PLAYGROUND
- PICNIC AREA
- TENNIS
- BASKETBALL
- MULTIUSE DIAMONDS
- MULTIUSE FIELD
- PREMIER DIAMOND

VAN CLEVE PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS

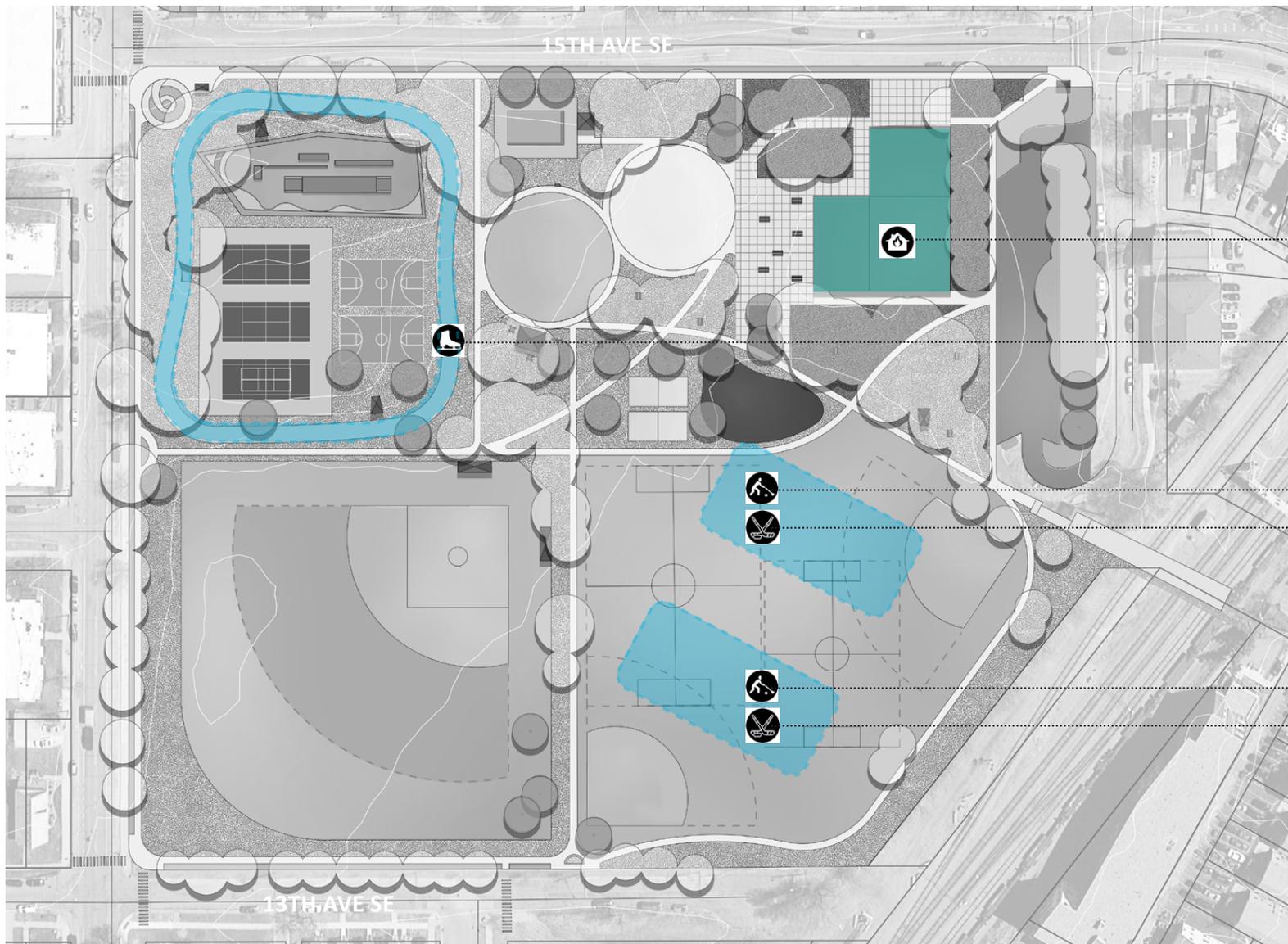




- NATURAL AREA: WOODLAND
- ENHANCED ENTRANCE & TRANSIT PLAZAS
- WADING POOL
- REDESIGNED RECREATION CENTER
- SKATE PARK
- PLAYGROUND
- ROLLER AND ICE TRACK
- ENHANCED PLAZA
- BASKETBALL
- PICNIC SHELTER
- TENNIS COURT
- VOLLEYBALL
- NATURE PLAY
- SHELTER NOOK
- IMPROVED PATHS
- MULTI-SPORT COURT
- MULTIUSE DIAMONDS
- REORGANIZED MULTIUSE FIELDS
- PREMIER DIAMOND
- *The premier diamond is owned and operated by Minneapolis Public Schools
- NATURAL AREA: BEE LAWN
- ENTRY PLAZA

VAN CLEVE PARK





WINTER PROGRAMS

WARMING HOUSE

REFRIGERATED ICE TRACK

BROOMBALL
HOCKEY RINK

BROOMBALL
HOCKEY RINK

VAN CLEVE PARK



	General Input August 2017-May 2018	Design Responses (May 2018)	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018)	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Request to expand natural areas in the park.	Included natural areas throughout the park.	Support for natural areas.	Proposed understory and bee lawn plantings throughout the park.
Play	Request to expand play opportunities for users of all ages.	Existing playground is maintained but proposed a large adventure play area.	Request to improve playground surfacing. Adventure play area was strongly supported but area it is proposed is not under MPRB jurisdiction.	Proposed resurfacing to current playground and new location of adventure play features (skate park and refrigerated ice track)
Wayfinding and Circulation	Improve walking paths and entrances.	Pathways are improved throughout the park.	Support for improved transit plazas	Improved transit plazas included in the preferred concept.
Gathering	Improve gathering spaces.	Proposed expanded plaza spaces.	Support for increased seating and plaza area.	Improved plaza spaces included in the preferred concept.
Aquatic	Maintain existing wading pool.	Maintained existing wading pool.	Support to maintain wading pool in its current location.	Wading pool maintained in its current location.
Fields	Maintain the multiuse fields but try to reduce their overall footprint.	Maintained multiuse fields.	Support for maintaining multi-use fields	Maintained multiuse fields.
Courts	Basketball courts are highly used.	Maintained basketball and expanded tennis for maintenance reasons.	Support for maintaining basketball courts.	Proposed 2 basketball courts but removed the tennis court bank in favor of adventure play features.
Diamonds	Maintain the multiuse diamonds but try to reduce their overall footprint. Remove the premier diamond, limited use to the large space.	Reduced the number of multiuse diamonds to two from three.	Neutral response to diamonds. Opposition to keeping premier diamond.	Maintained two multiuse diamonds.
Winter	Park is a winter destination.	Maintained existing rink area and included a refrigerated ice track in adventure play area.	Support for refrigerated skating track.	Skate rinks and refrigerated ice track are included in the preferred concept.
Other	Include amenities targeted at the youth community.	Developed a large adventure play area.	Strong support for bike and adventure park but are where it is proposed is not under MPRB jurisdiction.	Preferred concept proposed new location of adventure play features (skate park and refrigerated ice track)

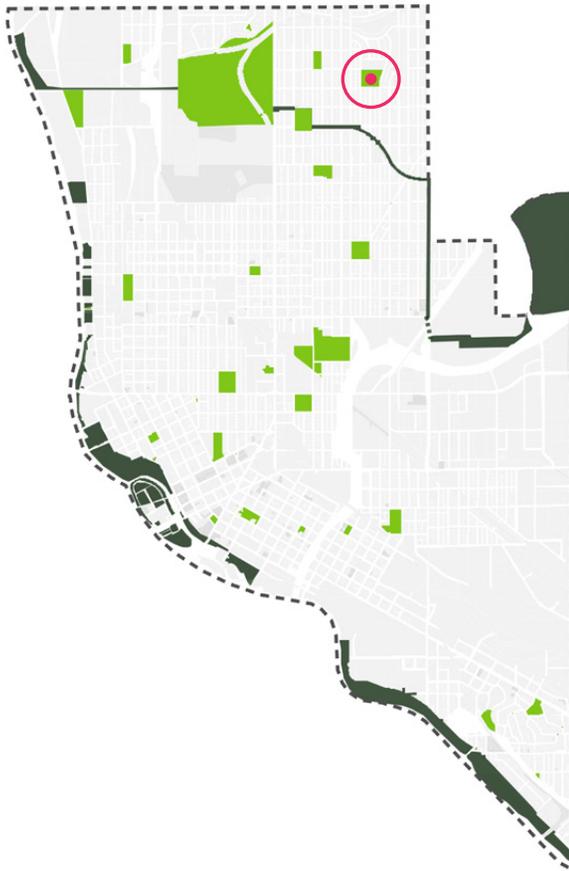
PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Aquatics	Wading Pool, incl. demolition of existing wading pool	\$ 854,268
Play	Traditional Play Structure in existing container	\$ 806,809
Play	Small Nature Play	\$ 379,675
Athletics	Athletic Field renovation, bowl: 2 multi-use diamonds and multi-use field space	\$ 1,433,272
Courts	Skatepark	\$ 1,063,089
Courts	Tennis Court	\$ 370,183
Courts	Basketball Court	\$ 246,789
Courts	Volleyball Court	\$ 12,150
Landscape	Naturalized areas	\$ 123,394
Landscape	Existing parking lot renovation	\$ 319,647
Other	Group picnic shelters	\$ 417,642
Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 835,285
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 137,244
TOTAL		\$ 6,999,447

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Multit-use-Diamond	\$ 20,000.00	-1	\$ (20,000.00)
Skate Park	\$ 7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Volleyball	\$ 1,500.00	2	\$ 3,000.00
Bike Track	\$ 7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Group Shelter	\$ 4,000.00	1	\$ 4,000.00
Full Court Basketball	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
Refridgerated Ice Track	\$ 80,000.00	1	\$ 80,000.00
Plaza	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Small Nature Play	\$ 3,750.00	1	\$ 3,750.00
Tennis Court	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
Small group shelters	\$ 2,000.00	3	\$ 6,000.00
Difference			\$ 104,750.00

WAITE PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 9-acre park in the residential Waite Park neighborhood is directly adjacent to the Waite Park Community School (serving the elementary age group). Leading up to the development of the park, a 1944 survey of park and playground needs identified the rapidly growing northeast corner of the city as one that needed more park amenities. The nearest parks were Columbia Park to the west and Audubon Park to the southwest. The solution to that shortage was found in cooperation between the park board and school board in the first joint development of a park and school from the ground up.

Construction of the park began in 1949, but hit a snag shortly after when the nation entered the Korean War. In 1950 the National Production Authority prohibited construction of recreation and amusement projects in order to save material for the war effort. The ban included park construction. Park superintendent Charles Doell and Mayor Eric Hoyer rushed off to Washington to meet with federal officials to gain an exemption for Waite Park. The project they were most concerned about was the new Parade Stadium that was also under construction at the time. They returned home with exemptions for both projects because they had been started before the order was issued. The park was named in 1949 for Edward Foote Waite, a Hennepin County juvenile court judge.

Construction of the park began in 1949 with the construction of the Waite School. The school opened in September of 1950 and the Park Board completed construction of the park in 1953 with the addition of hard-surfaced play areas and the seeding

and sodding of lawns. Attendance at Waite Park school grew through the 1950s and early 1960s and in 1963 the Park Board for the first time began to offer after-school recreation programs at the park in addition to the traditional summer programs. In 1977 the Park Board approved construction of a new 6,000-square-foot recreation center attached to the school and approved a lease agreement with the school board for joint use of the new space. Construction was completed in 1979. The tennis courts in the park were replaced in 2008. Waite Park was the site of the city's annual Arbor Day celebration in 2009 with the planting of over 100 trees. A new wading pool opened in 2015. In recent years, there has been a growing indoor court sports program and pressures on the shared gym that is also undersized for some court sports.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

The park land is composed of open turf lawn, a playground, sports facilities, a wading pool and mature tree canopy. The park uses are focused on recreational sports and play areas. Waite School, a daycare program, and Waite Recreation Center's out of school program are all heavy users of the play areas and blacktop areas. The park offers outdoor two basketball courts, four well used diamonds, a volleyball court and, and two tennis courts. While the sports fields are popular, they could benefit from an improved layout. Each warm weather day, throngs of neighborhood children enjoy the wading pool and playground. The play areas could accommodate a wider range of age groups. Access to the park, and especially the recreation center, need improvement through wayfinding or reworking of the

site layout. The site could benefit from larger group gathering spaces. Despite the recreational focus of this park, the large greenspace could incorporate ecological function and a more diverse plant community to create pockets of habitat for urban wildlife.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design for Waite Park highlights the play and recreation opportunities in the park while creating some separation from the school property. Volleyball is removed in this concept as it is incorporated into other parks in the service area. The diamonds and multi-use field remain.

The recently upgraded playgrounds will be expanded to include play spaces for toddlers through elementary school age children. The wading pool remains as part of this plan. A nature play area is also proposed to enhance the already popular playgrounds.

In the wooded area on the eastern edge of the park, improved walking paths are incorporated along with a relocated picnic area and a ropes course. The ropes course would be staffed and be available for reservations or at specific times of the week for use. It will be designed to preserve the existing tree canopy. The southeastern corner will be restored to a woodland understory to enhance the ecology of the park.

While recreation centers are not the focus of this master planning effort, the idea of a relocated center for Waite reached a resounding consensus during the planning process, and does impact the overall layout of the park master plan. A possible new location and layout is shown here, though the final decision on center changes will

come from the RecQuest project. Under this scenario, the parking lot for the school would remain in place, and a new recreation center with a full sized gym would be located on the western edge of the park. Parking for the park would remain in the small lot to the north of the school, or there could be some coordination with the school on afterschool hours parking in the lot to the north of the proposed rec center.

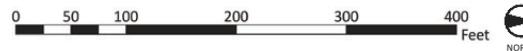
KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Prior to implementation, coordination with Waite School and the Waite Park booster club is needed, especially if a new recreation center is implemented.



- TENNIS
- DIAMOND
- MULTIUSE FIELD
- BASKETBALL
- MULTIUSE DIAMONDS
- PLAYGROUND
- BATHROOM/WARMING HUT
- WADING POOL
- PICNIC AREA
- RECREATION CENTER
- WALKING TRAIL

WAITE PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS





NEW RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR GYM

DIAMOND

BASKETBALL

MULTIUSE FIELDS

EXPANDED PLAYGROUND

MULTIUSE DIAMONDS

NATURE PLAY

BATHROOM/WARMING HUT

WADING POOL

PICNIC PLAZA

NATURAL AREA: WOODLAND

ROPES COURSE

IMPROVED WALKING PATHS

RELOCATED PICNIC AREA

NATURAL AREA: BEE LAWN

WAITE PARK



	General Input August 2017-May 2018	Design Responses (May 2018)	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018)	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Natural areas in the park are highly valued.	Proposed maintaining the existing mature canopy and adding additional natural planting areas.	No comments.	Preferred canopy includes natural
Play	New play equipment is well liked, issues with flooding in play area, and no equipment for younger children.	Proposed interactive nature play area as well as relocated expanded playground. Proposed zip line	Support for nature play and separate play areas. Opposition to zip line.	Preferred concept includes smaller nature play area, separate play spaces for younger and older children, and ropes course.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Difficult to locate the recreation center. Enhance entrances.	Proposed new recreation center separate from the school building.	Support for new recreation center and increased separation from school.	Preferred concept includes improved entrances, crossings, and new recreation center.
Gathering	Request for improved gathering spaces and picnic areas near play areas.	Proposed new picnic areas near the center of the park.	No comments.	Preferred concept includes new picnic areas and plaza adjacent to the new recreation center.
Aquatic	Wading pool is new - maintain in current location.	Maintains existing wading pool.	Support for maintaining wading pool as is.	Maintains existing wading pool.
Fields	Diamonds interfere with field space.	Removed on diamond and expanded multiuse field space.	No comments.	Preferred design includes one dedicated multiuse field area.
Courts	Basketball is highly used. Tennis courts have surfacing issues.	Removed tennis because of excess number in service area.	Request to keep tennis courts.	Preferred design includes two full court basketball behind new recreation center.
Diamonds	Currently outfield conflict with 4 diamonds.	Reduced the number of multiuse diamonds from 4 to 3 to allow for multiuse field expansion.	Support for maintaining multiuse diamonds.	Reduced the number of multiuse diamonds from 4 to 3 to allow for multiuse field expansion.
Winter	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.
Other		Proposed new community gardens.	No support for community gardens.	Removed community garden space from preferred concept.

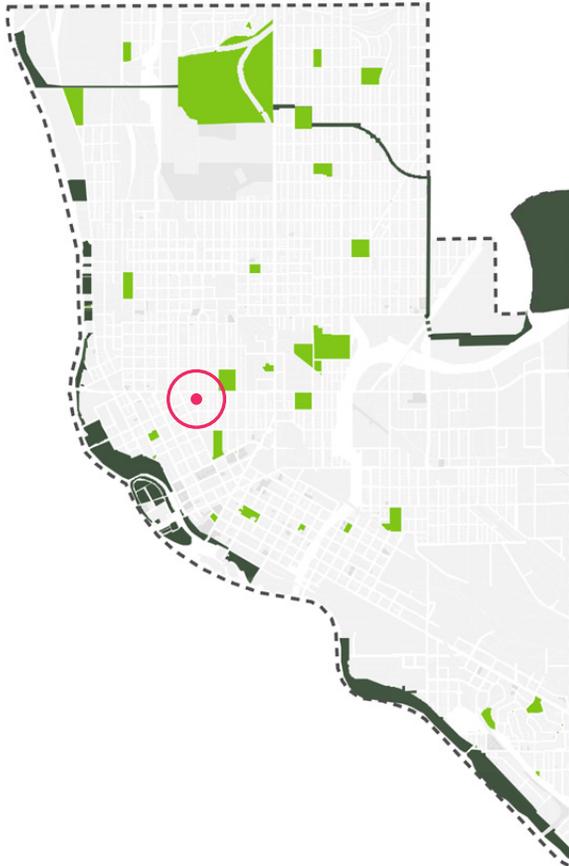
PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Aquatics	Wading Pool, incl. demolition of existing wading pool	\$ 854,268
Play	Expanded Traditional Play Structures	\$ 949,187
Play	Ropes Course	\$ 1,613,618
Play	Nature Play Area	\$ 569,512
Athletics	Athletic Field renovation, bowl: 2 multi-use diamonds and multi-use field space	\$ 1,613,618
Athletics	Premier Athletic Field, 10th Avenue side	\$ 1,328,862
Courts	Basketball Court (2)	\$ 246,789
Landscape	Naturalized areas	\$ 74,037
Other	Plaza Space	\$ 273,366
Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 789,724
Other	Warming hut renovation	\$ 783,079
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 181,921
TOTAL		\$ 9,277,981

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Adventure Play	\$ 7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Multit-use-Diamond	\$ 20,000.00	-1	\$ (20,000.00)
Full Court Basketball	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
Plaza	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Small Nature Play	\$ 3,750.00	1	\$ 3,750.00
Tennis Court	\$ 1,500.00	-2	\$ (3,000.00)
Half Court Basketball	\$ 1,000.00	-2	\$ (2,000.00)
		Difference	\$ (2,250.00)

WASHINGTON TRIANGLE



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 6000- square foot island at the intersection of 6th Street NE and Washington Street NE in the St. Anthony West neighborhood was transferred to the park board from the city council in 1894. Park commissioner Patrick Ryan asked that the triangle be designated for park purposes in 1893. The Committee on Designation of Grounds recommended that the park board await petitions from residents of the area expressing their willingness to be assessed for the value of the property before proceeding. That action apparently never materialized, but the city council nonetheless conveyed the parcel to the park board the following year without any recorded further action by the Park Board. The triangle had been condemned by the city and a deed conveyed to the city by Samuel Chute and his wife in 1886. The property was named in January 1899 for Washington Street.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Washington Triangle occupies a triangular city block shared with a church. The park is composed of grass, trees, and a 5-foot sidewalk along the eastern edge. An informal “desire” path crosses the northern edge of the park. There are new trees throughout.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The proposed design envisions this triangle as a pocket park and improves connectivity to surrounding neighborhood circulation patterns. A small shade structure and seating area accompany improved walkways and an open turf area. The grass will be maintained as a bee lawn to maintain a consistent look with the current aesthetic, but to provide some pollinator habitat.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

The proposed design formalizes the circulation across the triangle to integrate with neighborhood circulation patterns.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

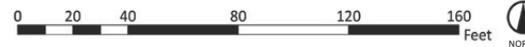
Continued coordination with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and the City of Minneapolis on the potential for stormwater management in the triangle. If done in combination with a street project, there could be opportunity to capture water from Washington and/or 6th and infiltrate it.

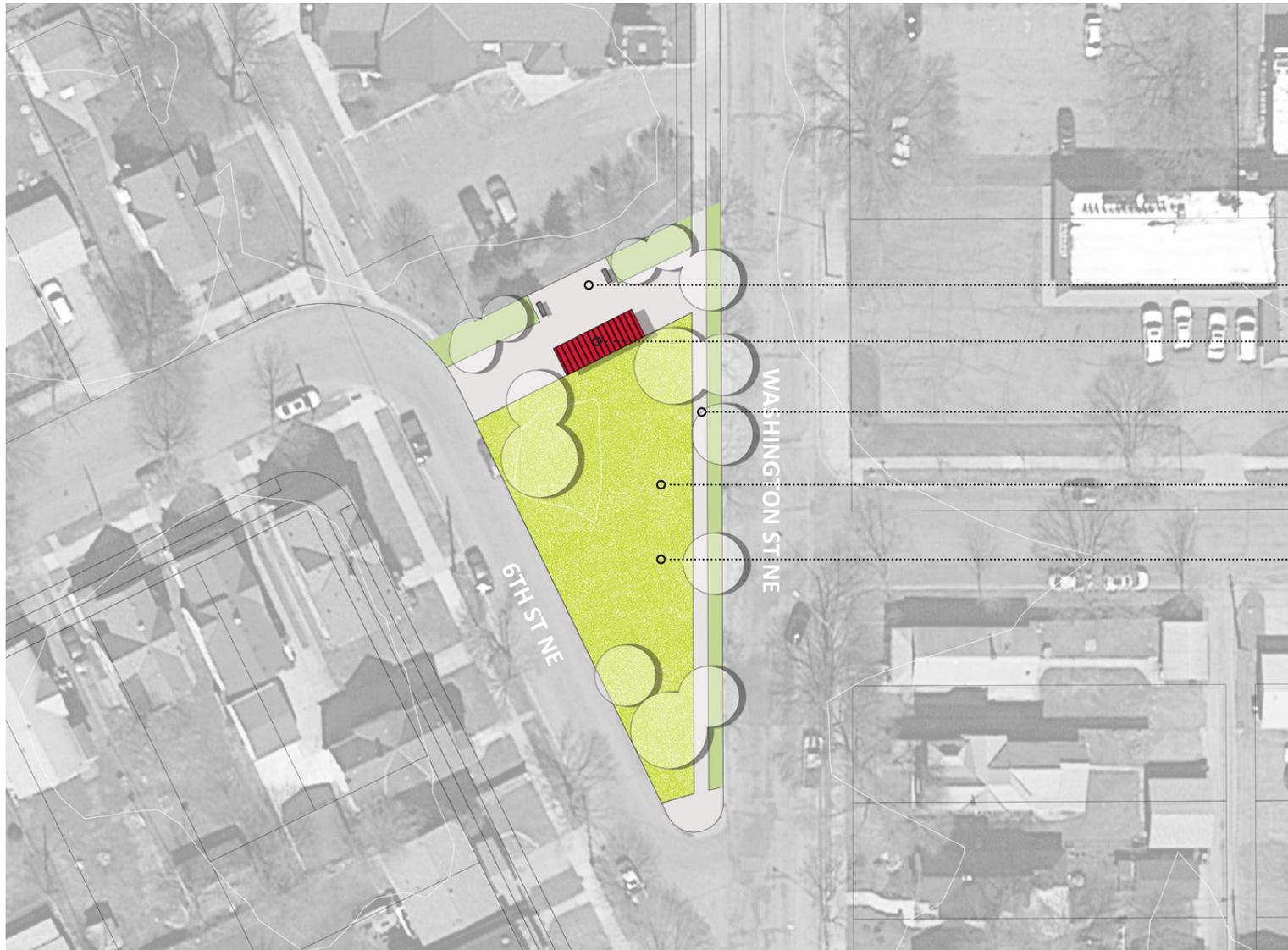


TURF LAWN

TREE CANOPY

WASHINGTON TRIANGLE
EXISTING CONDITIONS





PLAZA WITH SEATING

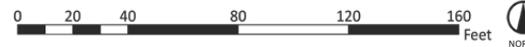
PERGOLA

IMPROVED WALKWAYS

NATURAL AREA: STORMWATER FEATURE

NATURAL AREA: BEE LAWN

WASHINGTON TRIANGLE



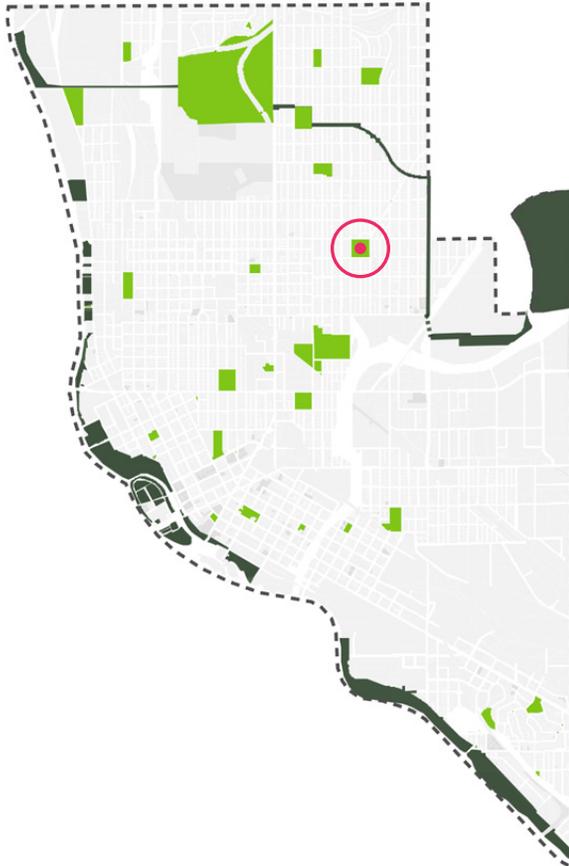
PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Landscape	Naturalized areas	\$ 6,644
Other	Pergola	\$ 17,465
Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 18,224
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 847
TOTAL		\$ 43,180

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Group Shelter	\$ 4,000.00	1	\$ 4,000.00
Sidewalk Additions	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
Difference			\$ 9,000.00

WINDOM PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 8-acre open space in the residential Windom Park neighborhood was an early park for Northeast Minneapolis residents. The first mention of what became Windom Park was a request from the Northeast Improvement Association in 1887 that the park board purchase the Moulton Tract. The park was officially named Windom Park in 1893. William Windom, a lawyer from Winona, Minnesota, had served in both the United States House of Representatives and Senate from Minnesota and was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Garfield. In the park board's 1921 annual report, on the heels of the board turning down petitions for both more tennis courts and a skating rink for the park, superintendent Theodore Wirth included a plan for the improvement of the park. Wirth's report noted that "there is no good reason why the eight-acre tract cannot be made use of for a fully equipped playground for that district." But Wirth also noted why the park had not been adapted to more active recreational use up until then. "The topographical formation of the grounds," he wrote, "is such as to involve radical changes in order to adjust them to such intended use." In other words, the park was located on a steep hill. He recommended using the east and south portions of the park for active use while preserving the northern and western sections of the park in their "present natural attractive condition."

At the time, Windom Park, like many other city parks, had carriage drives running through it. With his plans for Windom Park not approved, Wirth recommended in 1924 that his earlier plans be abandoned, but that the park be converted to only pedestrian use. Windom Park

was the site of considerable landscaping work during the Depression by federal work-relief crews, and owing to the persistence of neighborhood petitioners, a warming house for the small skating rink at the park was built in 1939.

Windom Park was finally upgraded for more active use in 1963. The eastern half of the park was regraded to provide lighted athletic fields, and a two-story field house and wading pool were constructed. In addition, one of the old tennis courts was converted into a basketball and volleyball court. A totlot was added to the park in 1975, and a broomball rink in 2010 to accommodate the increasing popularity of that winter game.

A new playground opened in 2015. It features a 50-foot-long zip line paid for with Neighborhood Revitalization Funds allocated by Windom Park Citizens in Action. In 2016, outdoor pickleball striping was added to the tennis courts.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Windom Park is favorite park for Northeast and Southeast residents with its rolling landscape, walking paths, play spaces, and wading pool. The recreation center offers indoor sports programs, but is rather secluded as it is adjacent to Pillsbury School and lacks a good wayfinding system.

The new playground is popular and the zipline always has a long line. During the playground design project, the community and design team developed a concept for a nature play area that was not constructed due to

funding constraints, but there was great support for the idea. The underused picnic area and pergola in the northwest corner of the park has great potential as a natural area or enhanced gathering space. The northern edge of the park along Lowry does require some traffic calming and should buffer the park from the busy arterial street. Improved crossings for park users and for safe routes to school to nearby Pillsbury are a priority for the intersections on the northwest and northeast corners. Circulation throughout the park could use some refinement as there are several desire lines cutting through from corners and across slopes. The tree canopy across the park is light, and the slopes of the park are experiencing erosion in some places. Two small ball diamonds are used for overflow for practices from programs at nearby Waite Park, but are not conducive to actual games.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design envisions Windom Park as a major community gathering, play, and recreation destination for all age groups in celebration of the unique topography. The park will continue as a winter destination for skating and sledding with an improved warming hut in the old recreation center building. The building, which currently acts as storage and restrooms as well as a makeshift warming hut, is updated to include a wrap around deck for park viewing. ADA accessibility to the second story is achieved via the park path network. Adjacent to and integrated with the walkout warming hut will be a rock climbing wall with a safe surface below.

For improved access to and from the rec center, the

entry plaza is formalized with better wayfinding, seating, and welcoming connections to the neighborhood, street, and adjacent assisted living facility. Connections to the neighborhood with improved entry points and accessible paths throughout are also part of the plan for improvement.

The basketball and tennis courts were considered for removal during the planning process, but the community advocated to keep them, and one of the courts has been upgraded to a multi-sport court, including tennis and pickleball.

The rolling topography includes pockets of woodland understory and areas of beelawn to encourage pollinators. The tree canopy is enhanced, especially along the edges of the park, but avoids conflict with the sledding hill.

A nature play area is added near the existing playground, along with a picnic pavilion and picnic area. The western edge of the park will remain a gentle woodland environment.

Overlooking the two diamonds and multiuse field, a set of spectator seats is integrated into the hillside and doubles as seating for community events, such as movies in the park. Seating is also added to a small plaza area near the sport courts.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Improved crossings for park users and for safe routes to school to nearby Pillsbury are a priority for the intersections on the northwest and northeast corners.

The transit connections on Lowry to and from the park are an important resource for park users.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Ongoing coordination with Pillsbury School is needed prior to implementation, specifically around play areas and safe routes to school coordination.



- PICNIC AREA
- WADING POOL
- PLAYGROUND
- PERGOLA
- PARK BUILDING
- MULTIUSE DIAMOND
- MULTIUSE FIELD
- BETHANY RESIDENCE
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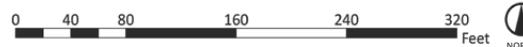
WINDOM PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS

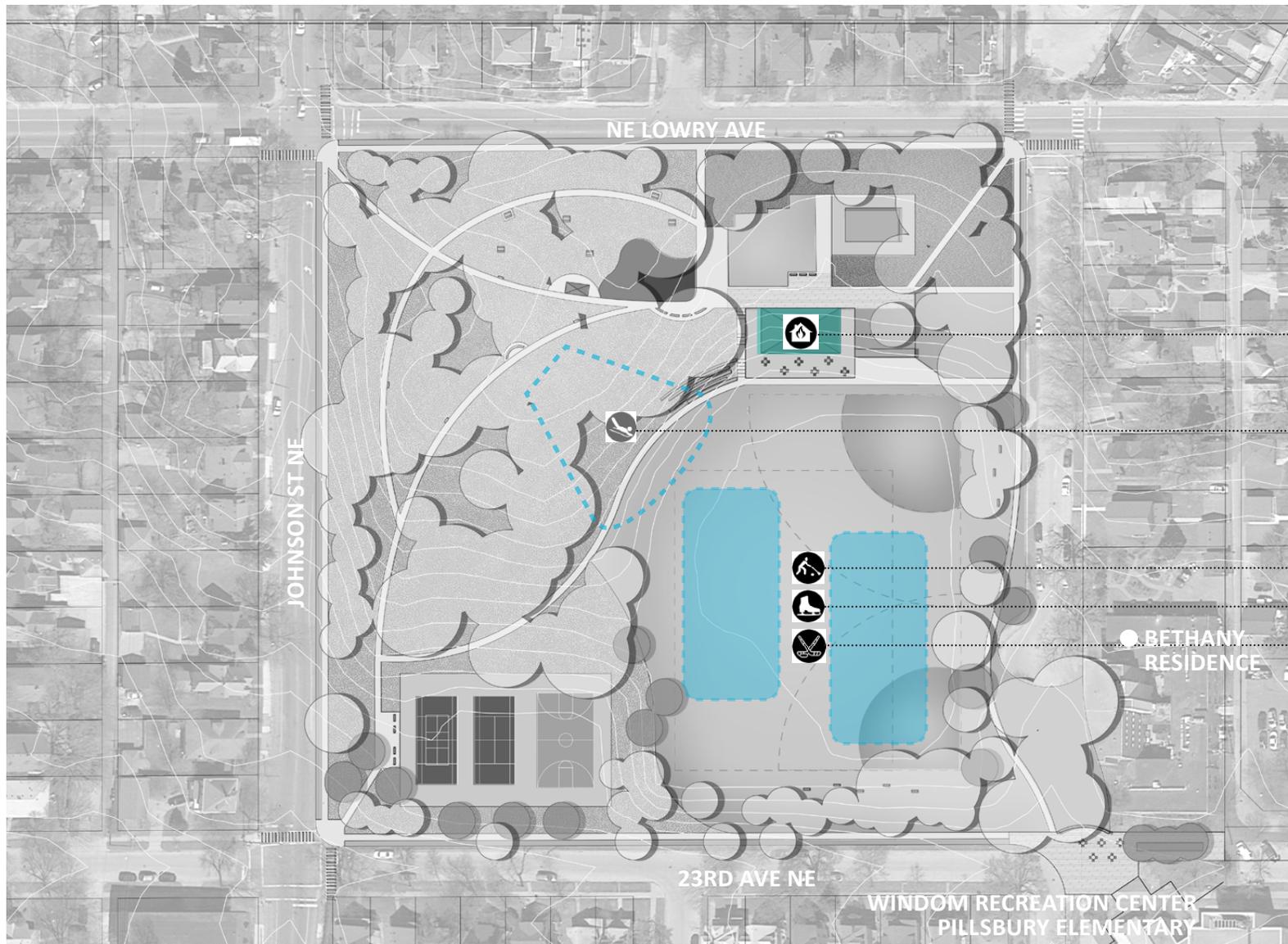




- PROTECTED CROSSING
- NATURAL AREA: BEE LAWN
- PICNIC AREA
- NATURAL AREA: WOODLAND
- WADING POOL
- PLAYGROUND
- PICNIC SHELTER
- NATURE PLAY
- COMMUNITY ROOM/WARMING HUT
- WRAP AROUND DECK
- CLIMBING WALL WITH FALL PROTECTION
- TERRACED SEATING
- BALL DIAMOND
- ADA ACCESSIBLE WALKING TRAIL
- MULTIUSE FIELD
- UPGRADED BASKETBALL
- YOUTH BALL DIAMOND
- UPGRADED TENNIS AND PICKLE BALL
- PLAZA
- PLAZA : IMPROVED CONNECTION TO RECREATION CENTER

WINDOM PARK





WINTER PROGRAMS

WARMING HOUSE

UNOFFICIAL SLEDDING HILL

BROOMBALL

ICE SKATING RINK

HOCKEY RINK

BETHANY RESIDENCE

WINDOM PARK



	General Input August 2017-May 2018	Design Responses (May 2018)	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018)	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Request to expand the tree canopy.	Proposed natural areas throughout the park and additional tree plantings.	Support for natural areas.	Preferred concept includes natural areas throughout the park including bee lawn and woodland plantings.
Play	Request for all ages play areas.	Proposed expanded nature play area and zipline.	Support for nature play. Opposition to proposed zip-line.	Preferred concept includes nature play but excludes zipline. Also proposes a new climbing wall.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Request to improve public entrances and street legibility.	Proposed new pathway routes.	Requested improved crossings at adjacent intersections.	Preferred concept includes new pathways and improved crossings.
Gathering	Request for improved site amenities for group gathering.	Proposed expanding plaza spaces and new picnic pavilion.	Strong support for wrap around deck.	Preferred concept includes the wrap around deck, expanded picnic areas, and picnic pavilion.
Aquatic	Request to maintain the wading pool.	Maintained existing wading pool.	No comments.	Maintained existing wading pool.
Fields	Request to maintain the multiuse field.	Maintained existing multiuse field.	No comments.	Maintained existing multiuse field.
Courts	Initial input suggested that the courts are underused.	Proposed removing courts and installing a pond or skate park.	Strong support to maintain tennis courts. Opposition to skate and pond ideas.	Preferred concept maintains the courts in their current location.
Diamonds	Request to maintain diamond.	Concept maintained diamond.	Strong support to maintain diamond.	Preferred concept includes a diamond.
Winter	Request to maintain ice rinks.	Maintained existing rinks and warming house.	Request to develop park as a winter destination. Support for warming house.	Preferred concept includes renovation to the warming house and maintaining ice rinks.
Other				

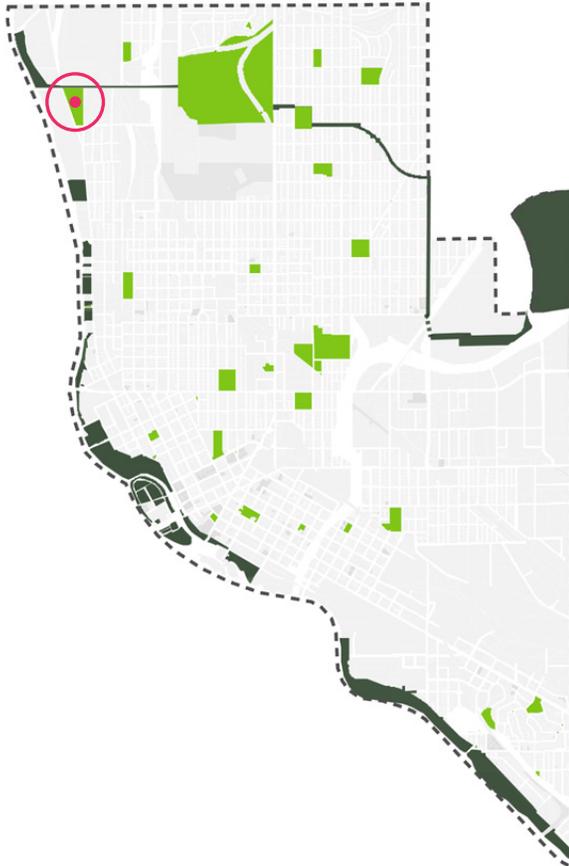
PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Aquatics	Wading Pool, incl. demolition of existing wading pool	\$ 854,268
Play	Traditional Play Structure in existing container	\$ 806,809
Play	Nature Play	\$ 806,809
Athletics	Athletic Field renovation, bowl: 2 multi-use diamonds and multi-use field space	\$ 1,325,065
Courts	Tennis Court	\$ 246,789
Courts	Basketball Court	\$ 123,394
Landscape	Naturalized areas	\$ 180,346
Other	Building expansion	\$ 1,566,159
Other	Observation Deck	\$ 212,618
Other	Climbing wall	\$ 474,594
Other	Terraced Seating	\$ 47,459
Other	Group picnic shelters: new shelter near sports fields	\$ 104,411
Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 850,472
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 151,984
TOTAL		\$ 7,751,175

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Climbing Wall	\$ 7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Multit-use-Diamond	\$ 20,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00
Nature Play	\$ 7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Plaza space	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Difference			\$ 45,000.00

XCEL PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 13-acre open space in the Marshall Terrace neighborhood sits in a heavily industrial area. The Park Board has leased the triangular parcel of land east of Marshall Street NE and south of St. Anthony Parkway since the 1990s. Originally the park was called NSP Fields, but its name changed after Northern States Power merged with two other utility companies to form Xcel Energy in 1998.

The site served as a coal storage area for the Riverside power plant before ball fields were built. The ball fields were torn up when contamination was discovered onsite and Xcel Energy completed a soil remediation project in fall 2013.

The Park Board signed a new 20-year lease with Xcel Energy in March 2014. Four months later Rod Carew All Star Field officially opened during a ceremony commemorating the completion of the new synthetic turf field built in the northwest corner of the park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

The park is leased from Xcel Energy and is home to the Rod Carew All Star Baseball Field. The remaining site is a large turf open space with picnic pavilion and grill space. The park could benefit from improved connections to the regional trail system, additional play areas, and additional recreational amenities. The park has great potential as a destination park with ample parking and relatively undeveloped parkland. During the 1NE Watershed Study, this park was also identified as a potential site for district stormwater capture, given its proximity to the river at the bottom of the subwatershed. There is a currently a stormwater feature at the northwestern corner of the park.

The current parking lot sits in the middle of the park and fragments the uses of the park, but could be an asset to events or league sports at the park.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design envisions this park as a sports and recreation destination. It also improves circulation along Marshall Ave. The park will be a unique destination park with a sports dome and bike park. Group gathering areas, including two picnic pavilions, are enhanced, along with a new nature play area to bring a range of multi-generational activities to the park. The sports dome includes artificial turf and a removable roof structure to provide year-round opportunities for field sports including soccer, rugby, football, lacrosse, and other field sports.

The design also features a bike skills park for BMX riders and mountain bikers across all abilities. Improved walking paths and natural landscape features are integrated throughout the park.

The parking lot is reoriented along Marshall so that it does not interrupt the circulation of the park. The existing ornamental garden to the south is owned and maintained by Xcel and provides a scenic addition to the site. The existing premier diamond remains, but there are no plans to add more diamonds to the site as outlined in the previous 2014 plan. The service area has an abundance of ball diamonds, and a year-round multiuse field and bike park would better address current recreational trends in the city.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

The trail along Marshall is a key connection within Above the Falls Regional Park and coordination between the ATF/Riverfirst plans and the trail along Marshall are important to connecting the park to the city-wide trail network. The park also sits on the edge of the Grand Rounds where St. Anthony meets the river.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

MPRB has a long-term lease with Xcel Energy, which owns the park. The land was capped due to soil contamination issues, and the accepted land uses on the parkland are in line with the environmental standards put forth by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. MPRB will seek approval of the master plan with the owner prior to implementation of the plan. As outlined in the agreement with Xcel, the premises shall be used by MPRB for recreational and athletic purposes consistent with MPRB practices. Urban agriculture, however, is not permitted in the park according to the lease agreement with the owner.

NATURAL AREA :
STORMWATER FEATURE

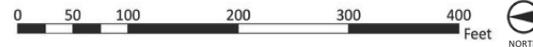
MULTIPURPOSE FIELD

PICNIC SHELTER

EXISTING GARDEN



XCEL PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS



NATURAL AREA : STORMWATER FEATURE

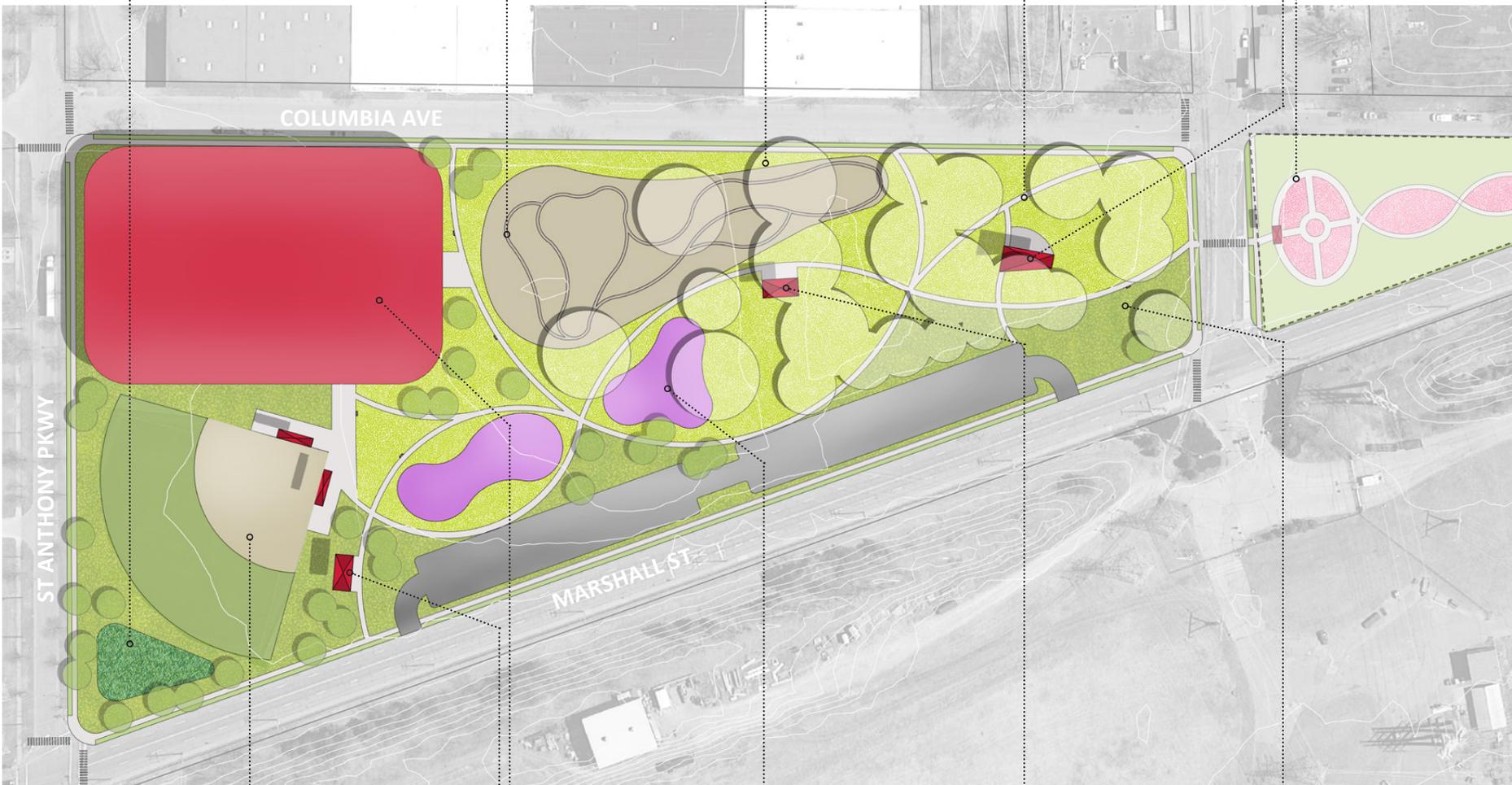
BIKE PARK

NATURAL AREA : BEE LAWN

IMPROVED WALKING TRAILS

PICNIC SHELTER

EXISTING GARDEN



PREMIER DIAMOND

PICNIC SHELTER WITH RESTROOM

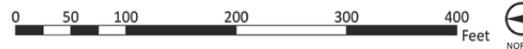
PLAYGROUND

PICNIC SHELTER

NATURAL AREA : PRAIRIE

FLEXIBLE SPORTS DOME : MULTIUSE FIELD

XCEL PARK



	General Input August 2017-May 2018	Design Responses (May 2018)	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018)	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Park is close to the Mississippi river. Request to support the watershed.	Proposed natural areas for stormwater capture and increased habitat.	Strong support for natural area. Request for more shade.	Preferred concept included additional tree canopy as well as natural prairie and bee lawn plantings.
Play	No comments.	Proposed a play area.	Request for an expanded play area.	Expanded the playground area.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Request for additional walking paths.	Walking paths added throughout.	No comments.	Preferred concept includes walking trails and connections to adjacent park land.
Gathering	Request for improved gathering area and making the park a destination location.	Proposed new picnic pavilions and gathering areas.	Support for renovated and expanded picnic areas.	Preferred concept includes additional picnic shelters
Aquatic	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Fields	Request for field space.	Proposed a field be added.	Request for artificial turf field.	Preferred concept includes sports dome with multiuse field.
Courts	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Diamonds	Request to maintain and support existing premier diamond.	Maintained diamond in existing location.	Support for maintaining existing premier diamond.	Preferred concept includes premier diamond.
Winter	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.
Other	Request to include amenities that would make the park a destination.	Proposed a bike park and roller derby track.	Strong support for roller derby track. Strong support for bike park.	Roller derby track was moved to Columbia as a summer program for the refrigerated ice. Preferred concept includes bike park.

PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Play	Traditional Play Structures in new containers	\$ 996,646
Athletics	Premier Athletic Field, 10th Avenue side	\$ 1,328,862
Landscape	Sports Dome	\$ 5,922,927
Courts	Bike park	\$ 1,184,891
Landscape	Naturalized areas	\$ 135,734
Landscape	Existing parking lot renovation	\$ 752,773
Other	Group picnic shelters: new shelter near sports fields	\$ 313,232
Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 607,480
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 224,851
TOTAL		\$ 11,467,395

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit	Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Adventure/Climbing Play	\$	7,500.00	2	\$ 15,000.00
Bike Track	\$	7,500.00	1	\$ 7,500.00
Group Shelter	\$	4,000.00	2	\$ 8,000.00
Sports Dome	\$	80,000.00	1	\$ 80,000.00
Trail additions	\$	5,000.00	2	\$ 10,000.00
Difference				\$ 120,500.00

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PROPERTIES

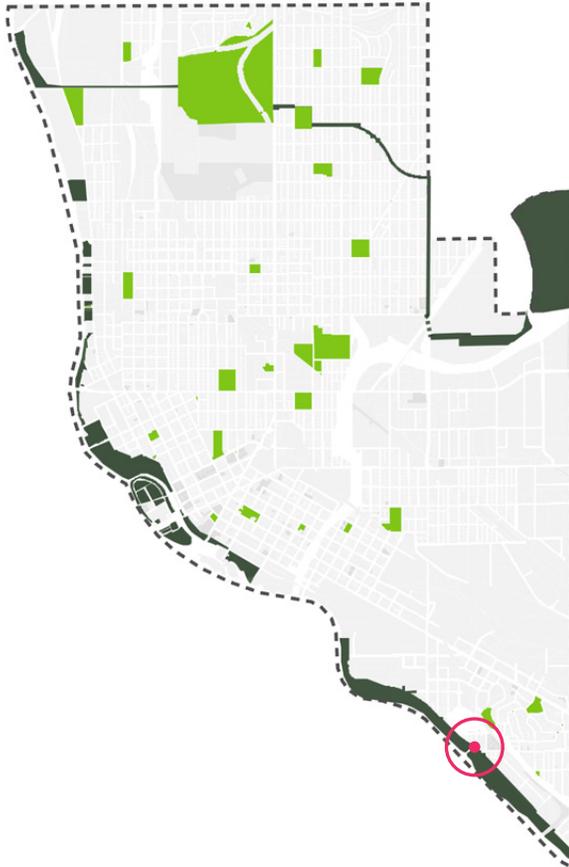
NORTHEAST ICE ARENA (FORMERLY EDISON ICE ARENA)

The facility was built in 1997 by the Edison Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) to promote the development of players for the Edison High School hockey program. The City of Minneapolis provided the land for the building, EYHA and the City of Minneapolis raised funds and grants for the facility.

In 2004 EYHA was in default on its payments on the loan primarily due to a decline in charitable gambling proceeds from pull tab operations. EYHA and the City turned to the park board for a possible solution. The park board was operating the Parade Ice Garden profitably and identified economies of scale in adding another ice arena that could be managed from the Parade arena. At the time demand for ice time was expected to increase due to the closing of the nearest ice arena in Columbia Heights. The useful life of the arena, before major repairs would be needed, was estimated to be another fifteen years.

Ultimately the park board purchased the facility for the amount outstanding on the EYHA loan guaranteed by the city. This MPRB property features primarily the building and a limited site area, therefore it was not master planned within this process.

CALEB DORR CIRCLE



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 2500-square foot circle at the intersection of East River Road, Franklin Ave, and 27th Avenue is a simple turf triangle with trees and boulders surrounded by wide sidewalks. This circle was named for an early settler of Minneapolis and a pioneer lumberman. Caleb Dorr was also elected alderman for the area in the first St. Anthony city elections in 1855. The circle was acquired in 1915 and improved— graded, seeded, planted and curbed— in 1916.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Caleb Dorr Circle acts as an important pedestrian island at a large intersection. It is 300-feet from the Mississippi river edge and sits along a major bicycle route. The community placed boulders at Caleb Dorr which offer a visual interest and potential resting space.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Caleb Dorr has a long history in the neighborhood because it is part of an intersection that brings together several significant travel corridors including East River Road from the University to the residential areas to the south, Franklin Avenue into Prospect Park and the City of St. Paul, and 27th Avenue to Glendale Townhomes and the future route of the Grand Rounds. This small triangle space is currently home to a few boulders and greenery, and MPRB will continue to maintain the island as is, consistent with any planned improvements of the intersection. If the opportunity presents itself through the other agencies with jurisdiction at the intersection including the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, MPRB supports the improvement and reconfiguration of

the intersection to maximize bike and pedestrian safety in balance with all modes of transportation and other park uses. For additional information, see the chapter on Grand Rounds Missing Link.

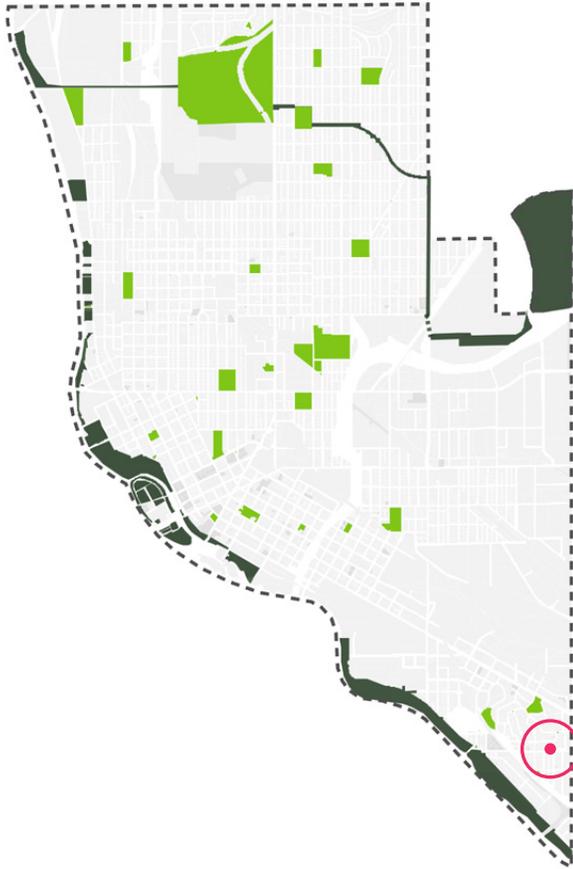
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

As a future intersection of the Grand Rounds Missing Link, this triangle island has the potential of playing a role in an improved intersection linking the Mississippi River Gorge to nearby Luxton Park and the proposed Towerside Park.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Any significant changes to the triangle will require close interagency coordination with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. MPRB is committed to working in collaboration with the City and County to find interim and long-term solutions to improve the intersection for all modes.

FRANKLIN OVAL (POTENTIAL NEW)



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This potential park is located in Prospect Park and would be a gateway to the neighborhood and city as it falls just west of the Minneapolis/St. Paul border. It has functioned as an informal neighborhood greenspace and recently was slightly reduced in size to accommodate an intersection improvement by the City of Minneapolis. The oval is City of Minneapolis property.

MPRB is interested in exploring a formal long-term easement, or agreement with the City to ensure that this generous neighborhood triangle or pocket park is maintained as parkland for future generations. With nearby Tower Hill and the proposed Weyerhauser development and park, the triangle is not located in a search area for new parks. However, the community did bring this forward as one of several Prospect Park neighborhood triangles that include multiple owners and operators which makes it a more challenging site for the community to steward. It is recommended that the triangles of Prospect Park are resolved with a multi-jurisdictional agreement around ownership and operations including, when appropriate, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Hennepin County, and the Prospect Park Garden Club.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

MPRB does not own or maintain the property. Community gardeners maintain the planting beds. The oval includes several mature trees, a large grassy area, and several flowerbeds maintained by the Prospect Park Garden Club. There is a “memorial” grove of trees on the eastern edge and some benches facing into the oval in the grove.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design proposes maintaining the open, central green space and current stewardship gardens while adding some additional seating and improved crossings. An accessible pathway is included so all park users can get to the seating spaces in the park. This, along with a widened sidewalk/plaza on the eastern edge of the oval, also improves pedestrian circulation on Franklin Avenue. Seating remains on the eastern edge for visitors to sit in the memorial grove. The stewardship garden area is situated along Franklin to act as a green buffer and create visual interest along the street edge with all modes of transportation and other park uses. For additional information, see the chapter on Grand Rounds Missing Link.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Safer crossings should be considered for pedestrian access to the neighborhood as well as nearby Tower Hill Park, Luxton and Chergosky. This could mean bump outs, new crosswalks, or other ideas for traffic calming. With the new pathway proposed for ADA accessibility to the oval, there may be additional pedestrian activity on the oval as well.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

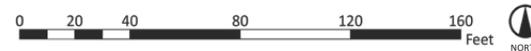
The site is City of Minneapolis Right of Way. Further coordination and exploration of integration of the oval into the MPRB system is needed with the City of Minneapolis before a determination can be made about ownership and operation of the openspace. The Prospect Park Garden Club maintains the planting beds on the triangle, and MPRB has mowed the triangle.

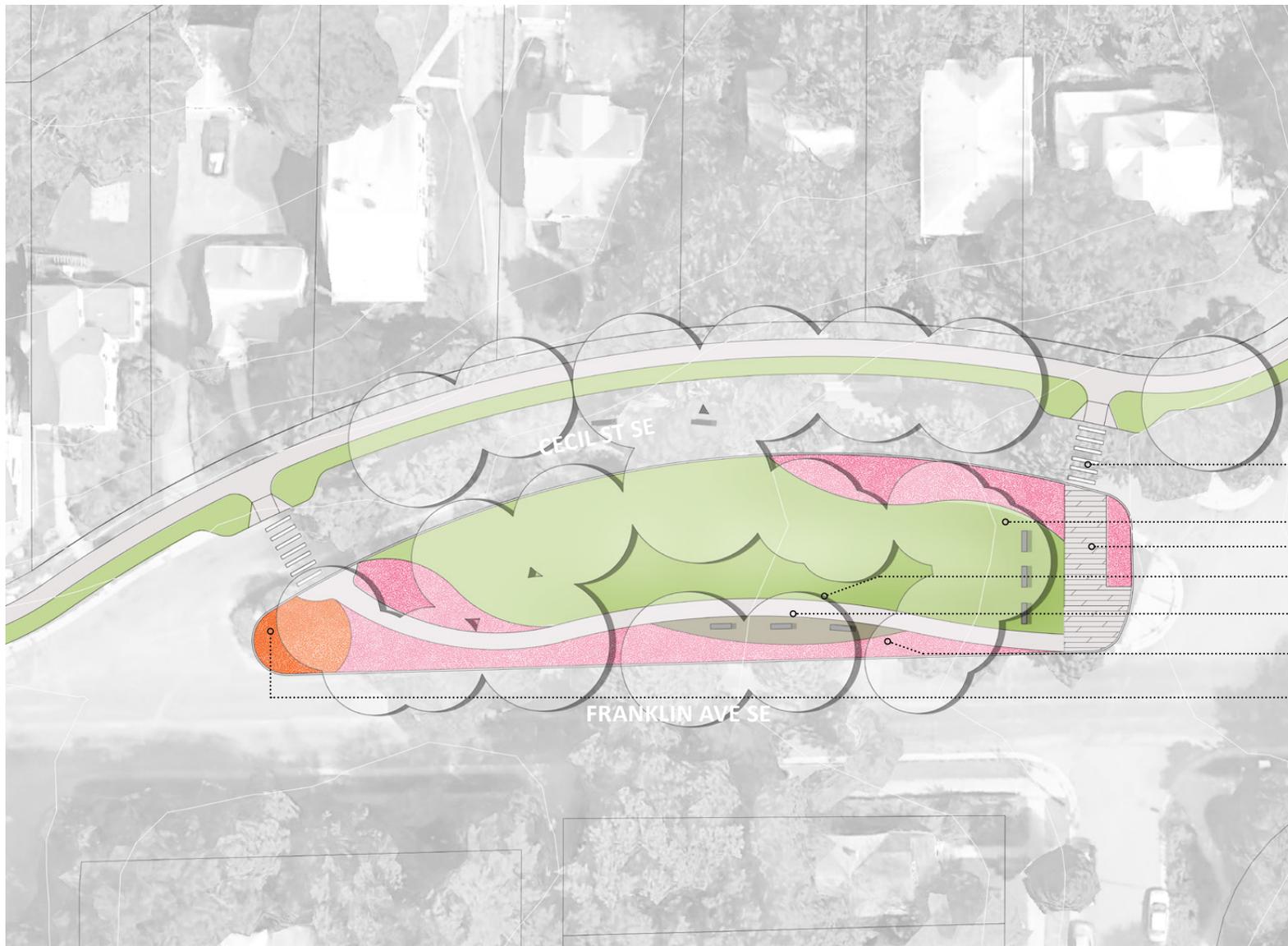


MEMORIAL TREE GROVE

STEWARDSHIP GARDEN

FRANKLIN OVAL
EXISTING CONDITIONS





- IMPROVED CROSSINGS
- MEMORIAL TREE GROVE
- PLAZA
- WALKING PATH
- SWING SOCIAL SEATING
- NATURAL AREA : FLOWER GARDEN
- STEWARDSHIP GARDEN

FRANKLIN OVAL

