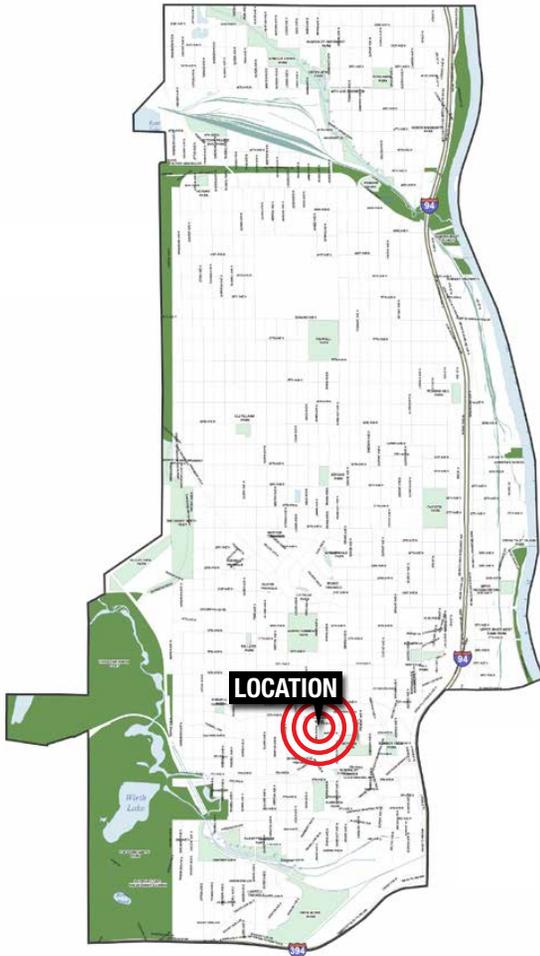


# LOVELL

# SQUARE PARK



## LOCATION AND HISTORY

The land for Lovell Square, a unusually shaped, long-and-skinny park near Bethune Park between Plymouth Avenue and Olson Highway was tendered to the park board by Elwood Corser, William Barnes and C.P. Lovell in 1887. It was officially named for Lovell in 1890. In 1889. At the park was listed as 3.67 acres, but in the 1893 inventory the size of the park was reduced to 1.35 acres without any mention of the disposition of any land. A request to dig a well in the park was approved in 1916 after earlier attempts to have a well placed there were denied.

Active recreation in the park was discouraged when the park board agreed with requests from neighbors who objected to “big, rough boys” playing football and baseball in the park and endangering small children. In 1917 the Park Board posted signs prohibiting baseball and football games in the park.

A concrete tennis court was built at Lovell Square in 1938 by a federal work relief crew, one of 43 built around the city that year. WHEN WERE THE PLAYGROUNDS BUILT?

## EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Lovell Square is surrounded by streets that break the regular street grid of north Minneapolis. Knox and 11th Avenues are straight, while Oak Park and Irving Avenues create curving southern and eastern park edges. The park features a slight hill in the middle with play areas on the flat ground in the northern and southern ends of the park. Pathways wind throughout amongst

large trees of various types—both deciduous and evergreen. Lovell is a relatively quiet green space with good shade and nice topography.

## THE PROPOSED DESIGN

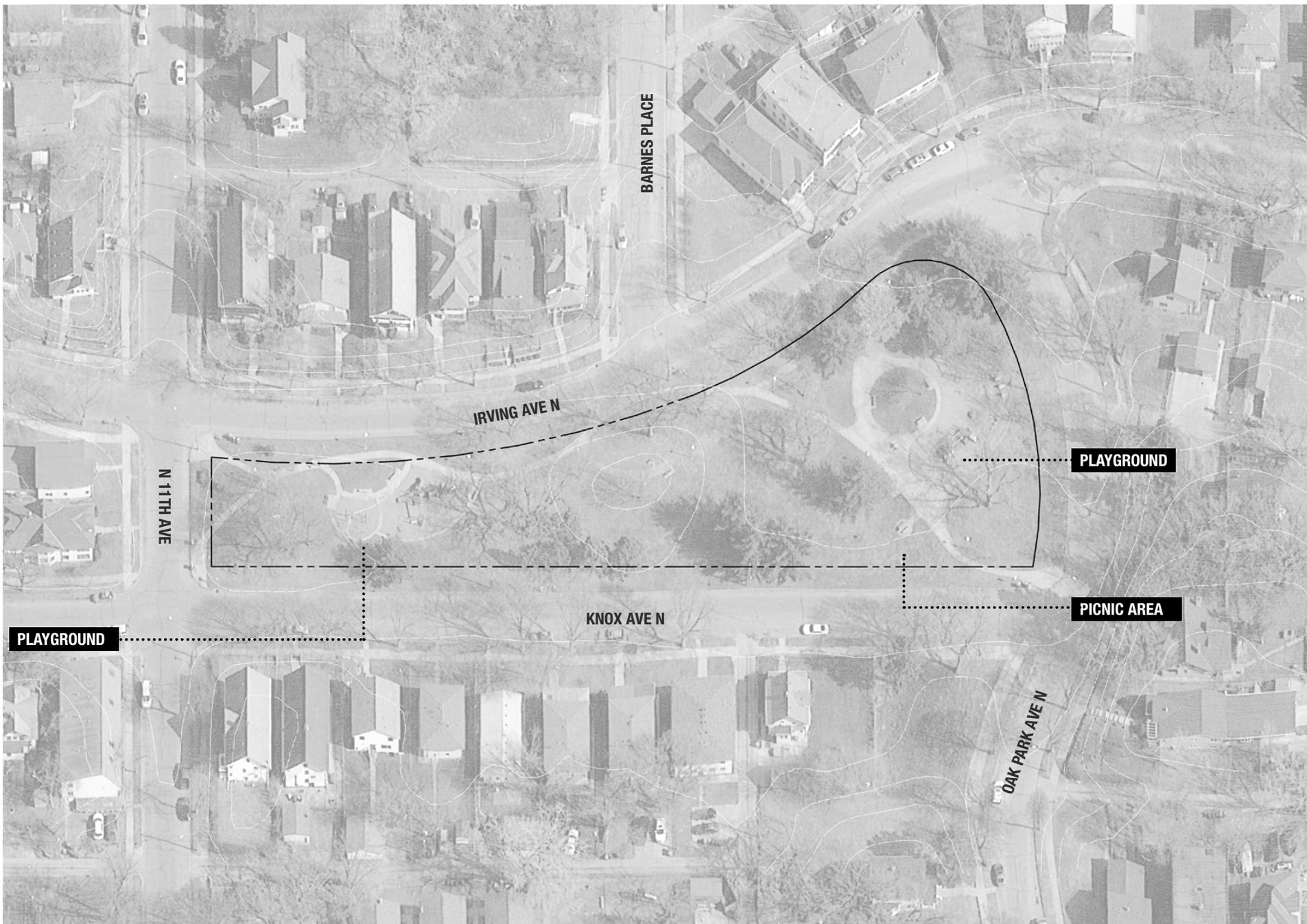
The design for Lovell Square strives to bring additional nature-based amenities to this small and narrow park. The play areas are consolidated at the southern end of the park, where there is more land. The northern play area is replaced with an urban agriculture area surrounded by naturalized plantings. The agriculture area could include community garden plots, a community orchard, a gathering space with an open air shelter, and pathways that welcome everyone into the lush and verdant growing area. The high promontory in the middle of the park is retained, with seating, and connects to the play area and gardens with winding pathways. Overall, the new Lovell Square will still offer important play opportunities in the neighborhood, while also becoming a draw for its exceptional natural areas, growing beds, and fruit trees.

## CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Barnes Place, provides a direct connection from the center of Lovell Square to Bethune Park, which is home to athletic facilities and a wading pool.

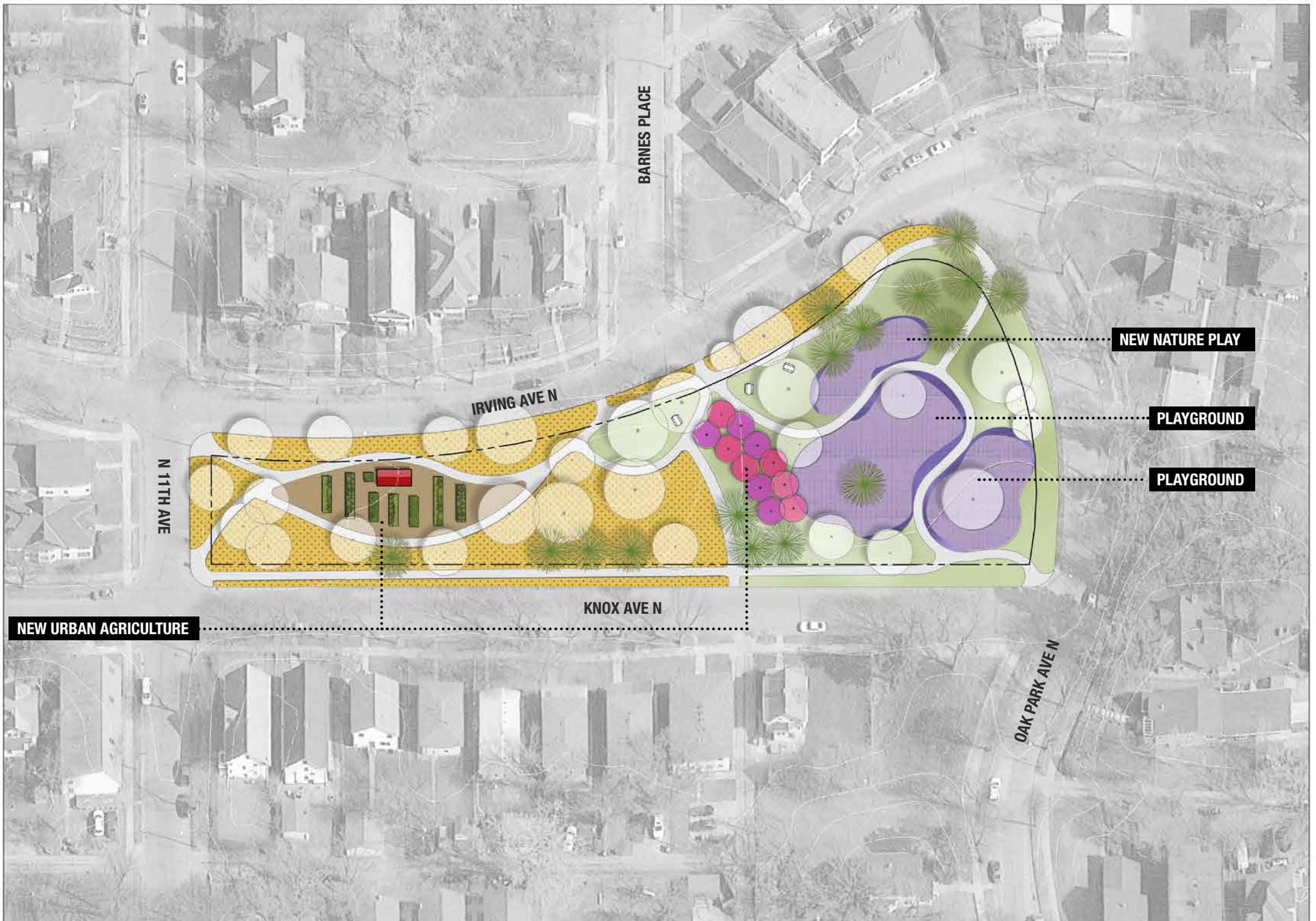
## KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

No known land use or coordination issues exist at Lovell Square.



**EXISTING CONDITIONS: LOVELL SQUARE PARK**





**PROPOSED PLAN: LOVELL SQUARE PARK**

## PROCESSES

|           | <b>1: General Input<br/>Spring-Fall 2017</b><br><i>Input themes prior to initial concepts</i> | <b>2: Initial Concepts<br/>Winter 2018</b><br><i>Input themes on initial concepts</i> | <b>3: The Preferred Concept<br/>Now</b><br><i>Key elements of the concept</i>   |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| aquatics  | no comments →   | no comments →   | No aquatic facilities planned for this park; park too small for this amenity    |
| play      | General satisfaction with playgrounds →   | no comments →   | New playgrounds consolidated at south end of park                               |
| athletics | no comments →   | no comments →   | No athletic facilities planned for this park                                    |
| courts    | no comments →   | no comments →   | No courts planned for this park   |
| winter    | no comments →   | no comments →   | No winter activities planned for this park                                      |
| landscape | no comments →   | Support for urban agriculture here →  | Natural areas included around edges of park<br>New community garden and orchard |
| other     | Suggest adult workout equipment →   | Love the walking loop around the urban ag area →                                      | Revised walking paths   |

## COST ESTIMATE

| Park Name                  | Asset Type | Project                                     | 2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT | NOTES   |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Lovell Square              | Play       | Traditional Play Structure in new container | \$ 806,809                  |   |
| Lovell Square              | Landscape  | Naturalized areas                           | \$ 24,679                   |   |
| Lovell Square              | Landscape  | Urban Agriculture Area                      | \$ 122,873                  | Urban Agriculture Areas will be implemented in partnership with specific programs or community members. Estimate includes water service and gathering shelter |
| Lovell Square              | Other      | Renovate walking paths                      | \$ 107,828                  |   |
| Lovell Square              | Other      | Miscl. signs, trees, furniture              | \$ 21,244                   |   |
| <b>Lovell Square TOTAL</b> |            |   | <b>\$ 1,083,432</b>         |   |

## OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

| LOVELL SQUARE     |                                |       |           |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|--|
| FACILITIES        | Total Per Unit Operations Cost | △ Qty | △ Cost    |  |
| Nature Play       | \$ 7,500                       | 1     | \$ 7,500  |  |
| Urban Agriculture | \$ 15,000                      | 1     | \$ 15,000 |  |
| Difference        |                                |       | \$ 22,500 |  |

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