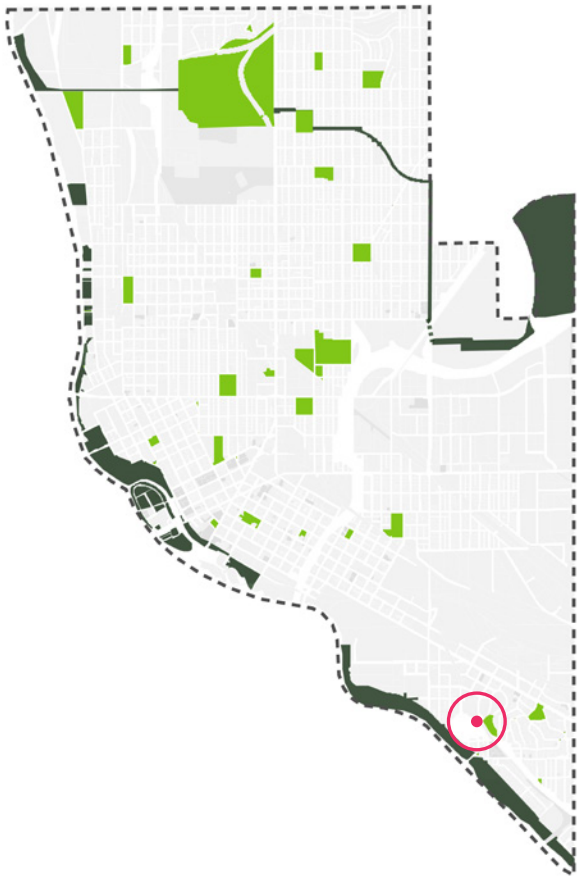
CALEB DORR CIRCLE

*SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PROPERTY



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This 2500-square foot circle at the intersection of East River Road, Franklin Avenue, 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. The name for the circle was chosen by the Park Board in 1915 to honor Mr. Dorr. The name has never been used in the neighborhood, and in accounts of the various planting and rock placement projects, it is referred to only as Franklin.

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.

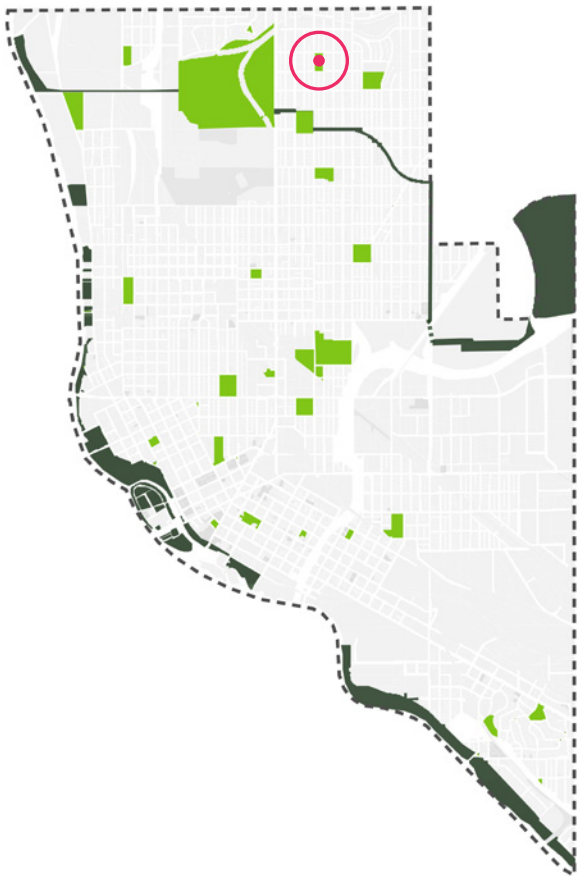
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

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.

CAVELL PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

Cavell is a small neighborhood park in the Waite neighborhood of Minneapolis. The park was named for Edith Cavell School that had previously occupied the site. Edith Cavell was an English nurse working in Belgium at the outbreak of World War I. When the German army occupied Belgium, she helped Allied soldiers escape to the Netherlands. She was executed by Germany in 1915 because of these efforts and became a propaganda symbol in England, the United States, and other Allied countries to generate support for the war against Germany.

The Cavell School site was targeted for joint development by the school board and Park Board in 1948 following a joint resolution of cooperation between the two boards to provide park facilities in under-served sections of the city. However, instead of developing the Cavell site, the two boards opted to work together to build a new school and park, Waite Park, four blocks east.

With the Waite Park development, the Cavell site received no further consideration from the Park Board until the Northeast Lions Club requested the Park Board's cooperation in developing a "cub" baseball field on the site. The Park Board approved expenditures for the improvement and operation of that field and authorized the superintendent to work with the school board to obtain their approval.

The Park Board finally acquired the site from the school board in 1968, using funds from the federal government's Open Space Act and the Minnesota Conservation Department. The site was redeveloped as a park, with ball fields, playground equipment and a recreation shelter in 1977. New courts and paths were installed at Cavell Park in 1999.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Cavell is another park in NE Minneapolis with impressive topography with recreational amenities. With challenging sight lines into the park from the street, nearby residents have expressed a concern with gathering areas that are hidden in the park. There is a small seating and picnic area near the playground. Cavell is part of the 1NE Watershed project, under which MPRB, MWMO, and other project partners are seeking solutions to regional stormwater management. MWMO and the City are considering tree trenches along the northern end of the park.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design for Cavell Park design proposes an adventure play area nestled into the existing topography. The adventure play area will provide a multi-generational play area with both traditional play climbing structures and swings, as well as other more dynamic, natural, or creative spaces. Such spaces will foster a sense of exploration and discovery for older children and adults, in addition to providing diverse play opportunities for younger children. A splash pad is integrated into the adventure play area to maximize the site use when the splash pad is not in season and to allow open play between the splash pad and other play features.

The underused diamond is removed and an additional multiuse field is added to accommodate increased flexibility in use including sports, relaxation, and gathering. Group gathering spaces are expanded

with the addition of a small plaza space and picnic pavilion that could be reservable. As features in the park expand, stormwater features will be integrated to capture all runoff from the park and support the surrounding neighborhood when feasible.

The popular tennis and basketball courts remain. Due to the limited size of the park, and the high number of tennis and multiuse courts in the area, a single tennis court will be retained here, in contrast to MPRB's efforts to otherwise bank courts across the service area. The removal of the court from Cavell should be re-considered as courts are balanced across the service area. The hill that is currently used for sledding that is proposed for adventure play could be designed to accommodate a more moderate sledding hill. Along the steep northern edge of the park is a native prairie/ savannah. This area is too steep for most recreational activities and access and is a valuable opportunity to integrate habitat into the park.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

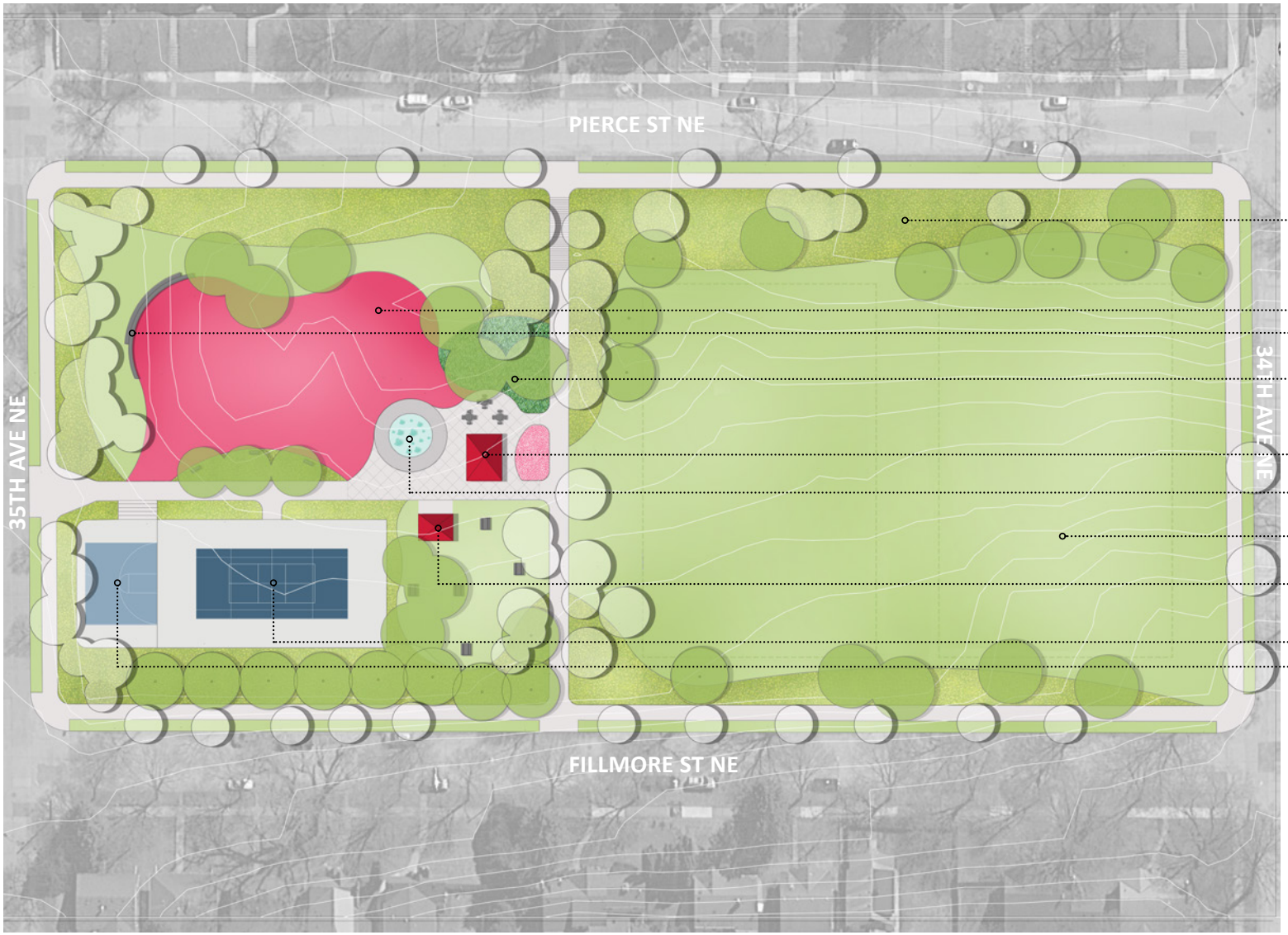
Improved bike and pedestrian connections to nearby Columbia Park and Waite Park are important considerations to the park system.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

There are no known land coordination issues at Cavell Park.

CAVELL PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

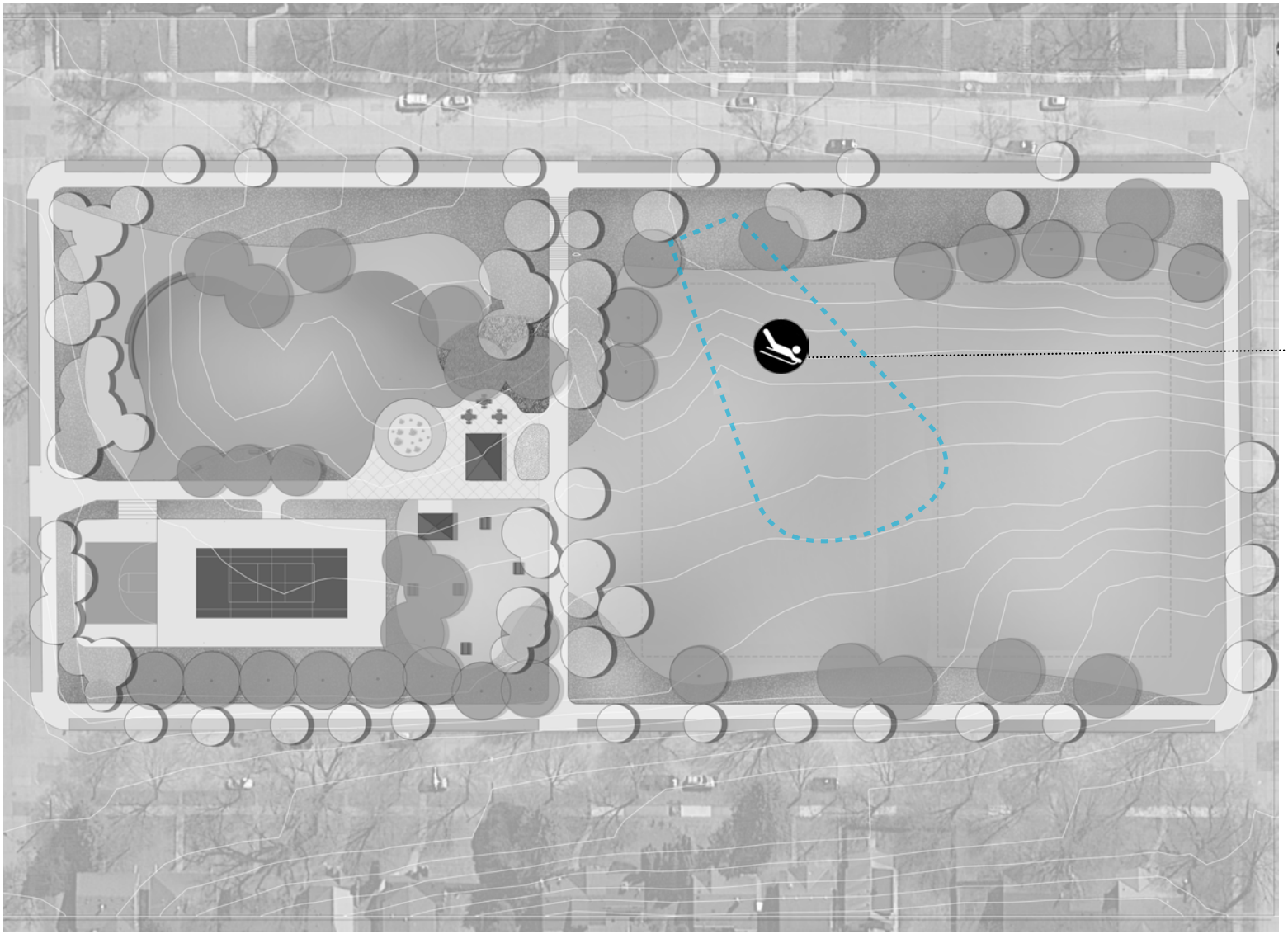


CAVELL PARK

New or significantly changed amenity

Existing amenity to remain

WINTER PROGRAMS



CAVELL PARK

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

East of the River Park Master Plan

CAVELL DESIGN MATRIX

	General Input (August 2017-May 2018)	Design Responses (May 2018)	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018)	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Request for increase habitat areas.	Proposed adding natural plantings around the park.	Support for the addition of prairie plantings. Suggestion for stormwater catchment.	Natural areas including a stormwater feature, prairie plantings, and bee lawn included in preferred concept.
Play	Request for an updated playground.	Proposed adveture play area and skate park.	Strong support for adventure park. Opposition to the skate park.	Preferred concept include adventure play area.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Request for improved crossings and park entrances.	Prospoes improve entrances to park.	No comments.	Preferred concept includes new entrances and improved corssings.
Gathering	Request for improved picnic area.	Proposed picnic area and plaza areas.	No comments.	Preferred concept includes picnic pavilion and plaza space.
Aquatic	Request for water base amenity.	Posposed adding wading pool or splash pad.	Strong support for splash pad.	Preferred conept includes splash pad near adventure play area.
Fields	Multiuse field is currently used regularly.	Expanded multiuse fields.	Support for multiuse fields.	Expanded multiuse fields.
Courts	Tennis is highly used.	Tennis	Support to maintain tennis.	Existing courts are maintained.
Diamonds	Daimonds are not used.	Proposed removing diamonds and replacing with multiuse field.	No comments.	Preferred concept does not include diamonds.
Winter	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.
Other				

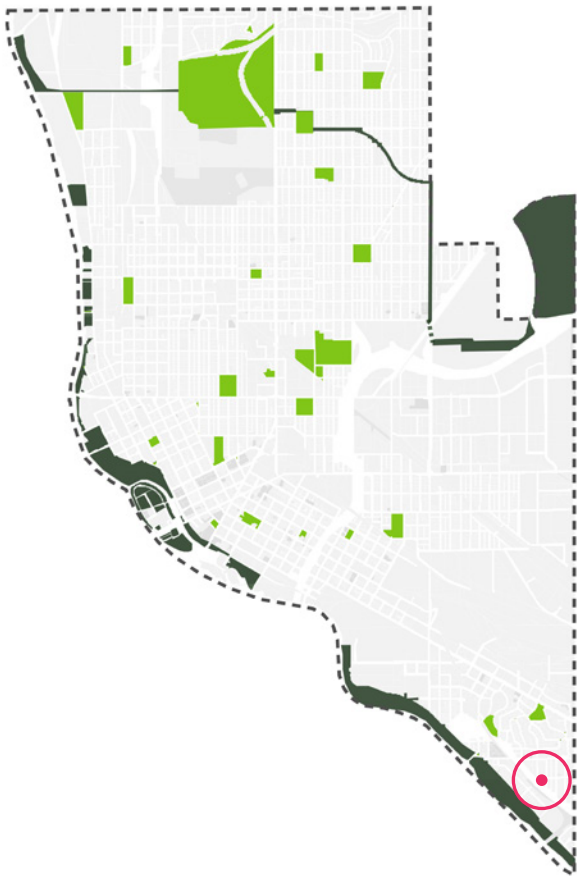
PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Aquatics	**Splash Pad**	**$ 854,268**
Other	**New Changing Room and pumphouse**	**$ 266,722**
Play	**Adventure Park**	**$ 1,233,943**
Athletics	**Athletic Field renovation:** Multi-use field space	**$ 557,647**
Courts	**Tennis Court**	**$ 123,394**
Courts	**Basketball Court (.5)**	**$ 61,697**
Landscape	**Naturalized areas**	**$ 39,315**
Other	**Group picnic shelters:** new shelter	**$ 104,411**
Other	**Renovate walking paths**	**$ 106,309**
Other	**Miscl. signs, trees, furniture**	**$ 92,487**
	TOTAL	**$ 4,716,851**

PROPOSED OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
New pumphouse and bathroom	$ 20,000.00	1	$ 20,000.00
Expanded Adventure Play	$ 7,500.00	1	$ 7,500.00
Mulit-use-Diamond	$ 20,000.00	-2	$ (40,000.00)
Group Shelter	$ 4,000.00	1	$ 4,000.00
Splash Pad	$ 35,000.00	1	$ 35,000.00
		Difference	$ 26,500.00

CHERGOSKY PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

This .4 acre green space and playground sits directly adjacent to I-94 at the edge of the Prospect Park neighborhood and is separated from the interstate by a sound wall. The park pathways connect to a pedestrian highway overpass. The park was referred to in the neighborhood as Chergosky Park long before the Park Board acquired the land in 1992. Chergosky was the name of a grocer in the neighborhood. The Park Board has continued using the name although it has never been formally adopted.

The acquisition and development of this small park and playground for children was rapid. In response to requests from the neighborhood to take over and develop the land as a park in February 1992, the Park Board expressed its support in April for efforts to revitalize the park. In July of that year the Park Board applied to the state for acquisition of the land, which was originally acquired by the state for non-payment of taxes. In its application to the state for the land, the Park Board called it “vacant and unused” and “suitable for park purposes.” The development of the small park was aided by a donation from the Weyerhauser Foundation in August and initial improvements to the park were completed by September.

What makes the speed of development especially noteworthy was that at the beginning of 1992, the City of Minneapolis, not the state, owned the land. The city had acquired the land from the state in 1942 to be used exclusively for street purposes. At that time the land was on the state’s list of property forfeited for failure to pay taxes. Due to that restriction, using the land for a park required that the city return the land to the state, and then that the state give it to the Park Board.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Although the presence of the interstate is pronounced at this small pocket park, the park does offer a critical space for play, beauty, and refuge in the neighborhood. It also acts as a node to the pedestrian bridge over the freeway. The park is maintained by a local gardener who tends to the ornamental plantings and other seasonal maintenance as needed. The alley and sidewalk that pass along the park offer some access into Chergosky, but overall park circulation, especially tying into the path along the sound wall, needs improvement. There is a significant grade change from the beginning of the pedestrian bridge to the walkway by the sound wall that could be simplified in order to ease movement throughout the park. Picnic tables and benches offer popular seating areas that need updates for ADA accessibility. As a relatively tucked away space, gathering spaces should be closer to the street for maximum visibility and safety.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

This design maintains the existing amenities of the park while proposing improvements to the overall park circulation. The play structures remain but should be resurfaced to improve ADA accessibility. A picnic area is formalized and improved for accessibility near the street edge. The park is currently stewarded by a community member, and all the existing flower and garden beds under their care remain. The design improves the entry point of freeway bridge and pedestrian ramp into the park. The grade in the park is raised to meet the path network at the pedestrian ramp to improve circulation and remove the hiding space under the ramp. The buffer of tree canopy along the sound wall at I-94 is maximized to decrease sound and buffer against traffic related

pollutants without compromising the path circulation in the park. This small pocket park offers an important refuge for young children to play and for people to relax under the trees and picnic.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Other parks in the area include Luxton and the future Weyerhauser development park on the border of the City of Minneapolis and the City of St. Paul. With the development, there will be additional park space in the area, but also increased traffic. Improved connections and crossings of Sharon Avenue to the pedestrian ramp are recommended.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Establish a Park Stewardship Agreement with the neighbor that maintains areas in the park or with the Prospect Park Garden Club.

Coordinate with the MnDOT Rethinking 94 Project to improve the pedestrian bridge access point and remove unsafe elements from the bridge entry point.

CHERGOSKY PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS

IMPROVED CROSSING

IMPROVED ENTRANCE

STEWARDSHIP GARDENS
(boundaries are representative)

PICNIC AREA

HILL SLOPED TO MEET WALKWAY

IMPROVED SEATING

PLAYGROUND
(with resurfacing)

NATURAL AREA : BEE LAWN

ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH

INCREASED TREE CANOPY

NATURAL AREA : PRAIRIE

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

CHERGOSKY PARK

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New or significantly changed amenity

Existing amenity to remain

	General Input August 2017-May 2018 →	Design Responses (May 2018) →	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018) →	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Concern about noise and pollution from adjacent highway	Additional trees added throughout park	Support for additional tree canopy to buffer adjacent highway sound and pollution	Additional Trees included in final design
Play	Play equipment well liked but issues with ADA accessibility	Two playground configurations proposed, both with improved pathways and adjacent seating.	Interest in maintaining the existing playground.	Interest in maintaining the existing playground in current location with updated pathways
Wayfinding and Circulation	Only one ADA accessible route at the back of the park. Park has poor visibility from street. Space under adjacent pedestrian bridge is a safety concern.	Main entrance included in both concepts. Regraded park to get rid of the pedestrian path under the park. Pathways added for accessible routes.	Support for removal of pedestrian walk under the bridge. Request for improved crossings adjacent to the park.	Regraded park area
Gathering	Limited gathering space for adult park users. Picnic area in need of repair.	Expanded picnic area in both concepts and maintained flexible green space.	Support for updated picnic areas near entrances and open space for gathering.	Support continued for updated picnic areas near entrances and open space for gathering.
Aquatic	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Fields	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Courts	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Diamonds	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Winter	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Other	Stewardship Gardens	Stewardship gardens were not included in initial concepts.	Request for stewardship gardens should be maintained in current location	Stewardship garden plots in their current location were included in the final design.

PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Play	Traditional Play Structure in existing containers	$ 806,809
Landscape	Naturalized areas	$ 4,347
Other	Renovate walking paths	$ 63,026
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	$ 17,484
	TOTAL	$ 891,666

PROPOSED OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

No changes.

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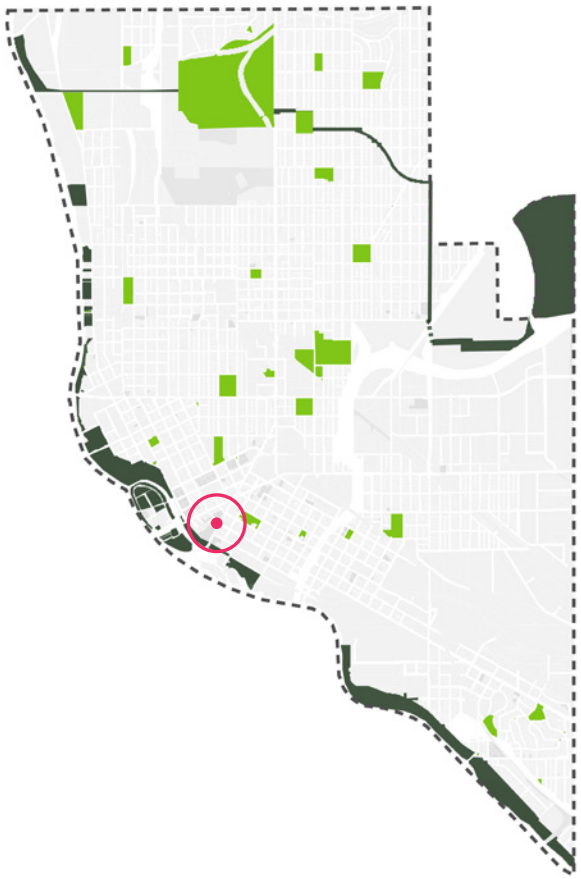


LOCATION AND HISTORY

Chute Square sits in the heart of the Nicollet Island East Bank neighborhood surrounded by dense, mixed use development near the University of Minnesota, the river, and a growing commercial district that includes dozens of restaurants, bars, shops, and schools. The park was named for Richard Chute in October of 1904. Chute was an early settler of St. Anthony who owned a considerable amount of land there and is credited with devising the street naming and house numbering systems of the city. The board first decided to purchase the park on November 2, 1903, but only after park commissioners asked representatives of property owners in the neighborhood to provide assurances that they were willing to pay assessments to cover the cost of the purchase. Not only did residents of the neighborhood agree to pay assessments for the acquisition, but the East Side Improvement Association provided funds to grade the lot and plant grass and trees.

The idea of locating the house of Ard Godfrey in the square was first proposed—and rejected—in 1905. But in October 1908 the Park Board changed its decision, over the objections of some members of the St. Anthony Commercial Club and gave permission to move the house to the square. The house, originally built in 1848, was moved by the Hennepin County Territorial Pioneers Association, which also refurbished the exterior of the house to make it "presentable." The association was given permission to improve the house and convert it into a public museum in 1914. The Godfrey House was extensively restored by the Women's Club of Minneapolis in 1975 and was opened to public tours in 1979. A replica of the house's kitchen wing, which had collapsed in 1908, was opened in 1985. The Women's Club continues to steward the Ard Godfrey House in collaboration with MPRB.

Park enhancements, including improved pathways, lighting, and seating areas, were completed in 2012 by Friends of Chute Square.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Chute Square is home to the Ard Godfrey House which is identified as a contributing resource in the St. Anthony Falls Historic District. The district was originally listed on the National Register on 3/11/1971, and additional documentation was supplied in 1992. While the house has been maintained as a historic landmark in the city, the larger park has gone through a modernization in recent years. The paths, lights, geometry of the park, and park furnishings were updated in 2012 and have a vibrant, urban plaza character. The park is bordered by two heavily traveled corridors with some tree canopy as a buffer. There is a heavily used transit stop, the park is a popular outdoor lunch spot, and its paths and lawns welcome dog walkers at all times of day. The Women's Club offers tours and events at the Ard Godfrey House throughout the year, making this neighborhood park unique as a destination site for historic tourism.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The Friends of Chute Square led a heroic effort to improve the beloved urban plaza and green oasis in 2012. The proposed design includes minor modifications to this recently renovated park but stays true to the design intent of the Friends' effort. The geometry, historic spaces, and materiality expressed in benches and lighting all remain. The plan proposes adding a picnic shelter in an underutilized area of the park to accommodate larger groups that are visiting the Ard Godfrey House or as an outdoor picnic space for people on their lunch break from nearby businesses or schools like DeLaSalle High School and the Aveda Institute. The existing plaza space, historic building, and associated pathways are maintained with the addition of tree canopy along the edges of the park. The new tree varieties should be selected to tolerate potential partial or full shade conditions with the new highrise building that is being constructed adjacent to the park. The popular existing bus stop along the eastern edge of the park is enhanced to provide a larger gathering space for transit riders to safely wait for buses.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

As an important stop on a metro bus route, the southeast corner of the park doubles as a transit plaza.

Safe crossings and pedestrian prioritization across Central and University are important to park users to connect to nearby Holmes Park, the Central Riverfront, and St. Anthony Park.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

The Friends of Chute Square was instrumental in the recent park updates through informing design and doing fundraising. MPRB is committed to honoring the work of the Friends group.

The Women's Club of Minneapolis is also a key partner at Chute Square as they manage the Ard Godfrey House and give tours and host events in the space. MPRB is committed to working with the Women's Club on ongoing maintenance and updates to the Ard Godfrey House and the park space directly adjacent to the house.

If the Women's Club or another local group are interested in establishing demonstration gardens or ornamental plantings in the park of historical significance adjacent to the Ard Godfrey House, MPRB requests that a Park Stewardship Agreement be developed.

CHUTE SQUARE PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

CHUTE SQUARE PARK

New or significantly changed amenity

Existing amenity to remain

CHUTE SQUARE DESIGN MATRIX

	General Input August 2017-May 2018 →	Design Responses (May 2018) →	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018) →	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Mature tree canopy in excellent health.	Adds some additional tree canopy.	Adds some additional tree canopy.	Adds some additional tree canopy.
Play	Request for some recreation options in park.	Proposed a demonstration garden.	No interest in garden	Proposed pop-up lawn games removed following Master Plan draft public review.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Request for public art and improvement to transit plaza.	Proposed new alignment for public plaza and adjacent pathways.	No support for new pathway alignment or changes to central plaza.	Maintains existing pathways and plaza configuration.
Gathering	Request for more community gathering space.	Proposed picnic shelter be added to existing picnic area.	Interest in picnic pavilion for larger groups.	Picnic pavilion proposed in preferred concept removed following public comment of the Master Plan document.
Aquatic	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Fields	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Courts	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Diamonds	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Winter	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Other	Highlight the historic structure.	Remove existing fence, add central tree allee, and realign pathways.	No support for fence removal, tree allee or changes to the pathways.	Maintained the existing pathways and current fence location.

PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

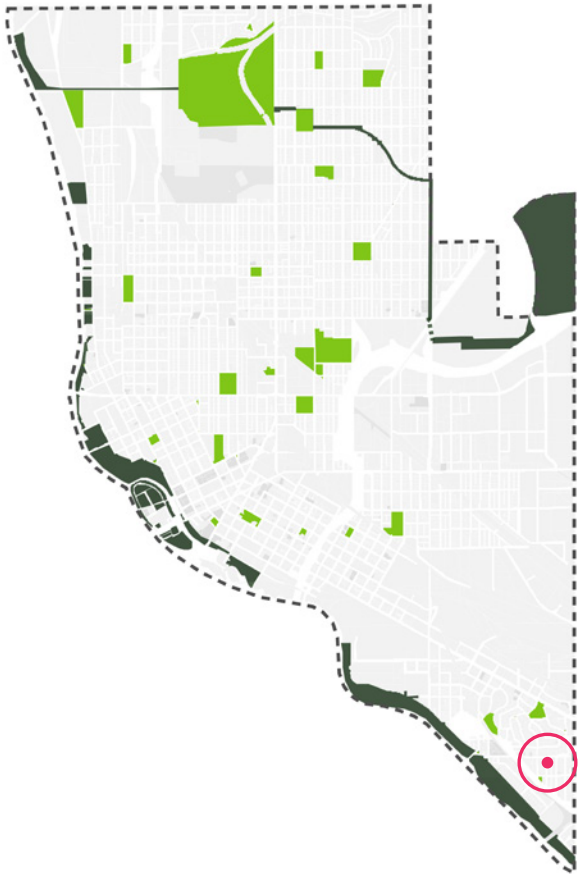
Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT
Other	Renovate walking paths (specialty)	$ 116,078
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	$ 4,152
	TOTAL	$ 120,230

OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Group Shelter	$ 4,000.00	1	$ 4,000.00
		Difference	$ 4,000.00

CLARENCE TRIANGLE

*SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

Clarence Triangle is a small triangle adjacent to 74 Bedford at the corner of Bedford and Clarence. While it appears to be part of the adjacent residential property, it is owned and operated by MPRB. This triangle was not master planned during the East of the River Park Master Plan, and should continue to be owned and operated by MPRB.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

The triangle is composed of turf lawn and trees with surrounding sidewalks. The soils are not amenable to stormwater management, so the potential for a raingarden or other stormwater feature is limited.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The triangle is to be maintained in its current state.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

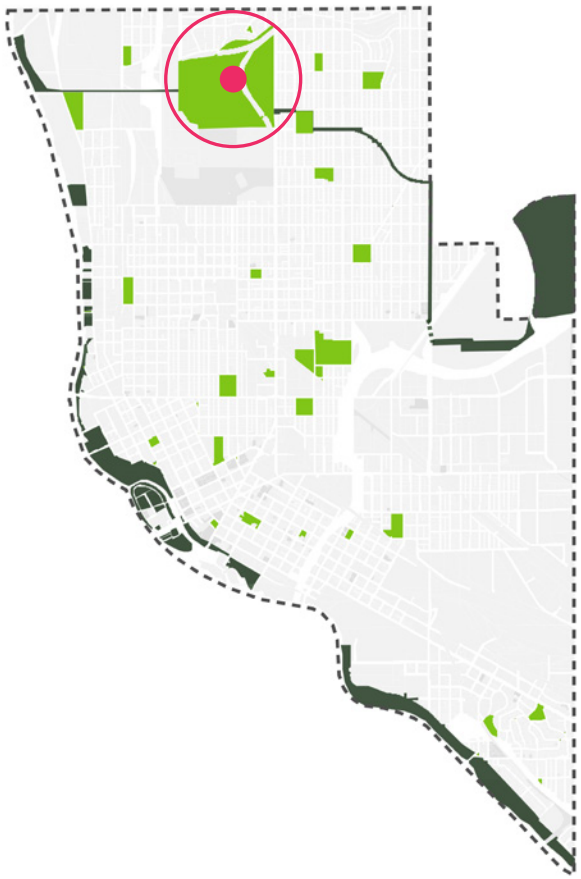
Safe street crossings are critical to access for park users.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

This triangle could be a future site for a Park Stewardship Agreement in coordination with the adjacent landowner.

CLARENCE TRIANGLE

COLUMBIA PARK



LOCATION AND HISTORY

Located in the Columbia Park neighborhood on the edge of Waite and Audubon Park neighborhoods, Columbia Park is a significant public open space for NE and SE Minneapolis. The first 144 acres of Columbia Park, including most of the 40-acre Sandy Lake, were acquired in December 1892. The park was expanded by 18 acres in 1893. A bandstand was the first development on the parkland. The Columbia Golf Manor was built in 1925 in the Colonial Revival style. In 1930, Theodore Wirth presented a plan for the creation of athletic fields, a picnic shelter, and a swimming pool at Columbia Park. In response to calls for swimming facilities east of the river, Wirth proposed an indoor swimming pool along Central Avenue. With the Great Depression taking hold, however, his plans were not acted on. In 1940, the Park Board engaged in "an exchange of land to mutual advantage" at Columbia Park with the Soo Line railroad. In 1955, the Northeast Lions Club paid for a picnic shelter in the park. The Park Board began to experiment with metering of electricity at Columbia. Picnic shelter users could buy electricity by the minute. In 2015 the picnic shelter was renovated. The coin operated electrical outlets and hot plates are gone, but the shelter's 1950s design was preserved while making numerous accessibility upgrades. Recreational facilities in Columbia Park received a major upgrade in 1997 with new playground equipment, paths, volleyball and basketball courts, and a soccer/rugby field. By that time, cross country ski trails had also been laid out over the golf course. Metropolis, the Rugby League, entered into a formal agreement with MPRB for near exclusive use of the Rugby field after investing funding to improve the field in 2009.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Second to the parkland along the Mississippi River, Columbia Park--including the golf course, neighborhood park and regional park elements--is the largest public open space in the service area. In addition to the neighborhood park, Columbia Manor, the golf course, Columbia Parkway dog park, and the archery range are also key elements in this regional/neighborhood park ensemble. There are recommendations in this plan outside of the neighborhood park boundaries, including visions for the golf course and regional parkway system.

Columbia Golf Course is one of six golf courses in the MPRB system, and one of two in the NE/SE Service area, including Gross Golf Course. Columbia Golf Course includes the Columbia Learning Center and Driving Range, Family Tees, FootGolf, a practice green, and an 18-hole golf course. Constructed around a historic lake bed, the golf course does experience flooding issues.

The interior of the Manor retains a great deal of historic integrity, especially on the main floor Foyer and in the Great Room. The Great Room shows influences of the Post-Medieval English style, characterized by exposed heavy timber framing and high peaked ceilings common in Colonial Revival architecture. The manor hosts a variety of events from neighborhood meetings to weddings. It is open to the public and for golfers using the course. There is a café open all year round at Columbia Manor along with a new ornamental garden in front of the manor established by the local Iris Society.

The Northeast Maintenance Facility is adjacent to the neighborhood park and requires unobstructed access 7-days a week for maintenance crews, equipment, and

staging of materials.

The elements along the parkway, including the regional trail, the dog park and the archery range, are all popular park amenities. The land to the south of these amenities is railroad land that has been the subject of many conversations in the community for decades focused around reimagining the space. The land does have contamination issues and would require clean up for any use, including parkland.

The neighborhood park is comprised of tennis, rugby, picnic areas, and a play area. The rugby league has significant parking needs in the area, so the parking lot has been sized for a significant capacity of users.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

This unique regional and local park vision includes several design features that work to integrate the golf course, neighborhood park, and regional parkway amenities including improved year-round trail access linking the park features. A walking trail will allow park users to move across the park from the Golf Learning Center to a re-established Lake Sandy to the new and existing neighborhood park features.

As part of the 1NE study, a collaborative initiative between the City of Minneapolis, MPRB and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to explore possibilities for flood mitigation and stormwater management in NE Minneapolis, Columbia Park was identified as an area in the subwatershed that could help mitigate flooding and stormwater issues in the area. There are three features of significance within the park boundaries. The first is a suite of stormwater features integrated into the 18-hole golf course, including the re-establishment of historic Lake Sandy on the southern part of the golf course. A feasibility analysis is currently being conducted to understand the soil and infiltration potential of the course and the feasibility of a restored Lake Sandy. The MPRB is working in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to determine the next steps that would both improve playability of the course and improve stormwater quality and function in the area. A second key stormwater area of potential is a subsurface storage feature under the parking lot in the neighborhood park. The parking lot was recently redone, and the size is necessary to accommodate the large crowds that gather for rugby events. The third significant stormwater feature is along the edge of the rugby field. This feature would be designed to balance the playability of the rugby field and enhance the ecological and stormwater function of the park. Each of the stormwater ponds will have enhanced vegetative buffers to maximize ecological benefits.

In addition to stormwater function and recreational space, Columbia Park and its surrounds have the potential to increase the ecological health of the area by providing habitat for urban wildlife. There are a few areas throughout the park that are recommended for native plant restoration efforts to this end.

With many families in the surrounding neighborhoods and the park also being a popular event space for the rugby league, it is important to maintain a park that is friendly to all ages. The neighborhood park design proposes several improved play features including a retrofit of the current playground, a nature play circuit in the bowl near the rugby field, and seating for spectators on the slope above the field.

The plan also takes into account the ongoing needs of the rugby league and other field sports. The design did consider the expansion of the current multi-use field, but space is too constrained for a second field. Instead, a sports dome is recommended at Xcel Field as a year-round facility that can be shared by multiple sports, including rugby for preseason practice or for inclement weather.

The most significant new feature in Columbia is the proposed covered rink. In the winter it will serve as a refrigerated ice rink and in the warm weather months can be used by local roller derby and roller skating leagues and teams, but also for neighborhood events. With the additional uses at Columbia, restrooms, storage, a warming hut, and locker rooms are proposed near the rink. The storage and locker room could also accommodate some of the rugby league needs. The other recreational addition will be a new basketball court.

Another vision for the park is to activate the Central Avenue edge of the park and create more access to Columbia for neighbors to the east and for non-golfers. Inspired by the City's vision for an Art Walk along Central Avenue, several points along the eastern edge of the park could be future sites for public art as opportunities arise.

The manor will be updated to honor its historic character and to maximize its potential as a community gathering space, event venue, golf club, and

neighborhood eatery. The outdoor spaces near the Manor will build off the vision of the Iris Garden that has recently been introduced into an island in front of the Manor by realizing an ornamental garden behind the manor that will serve as an outdoor venue for wedding photographs and other inspired moments. The indoor-outdoor connections with the Manor will be maximized in the design of the ornamental garden. This could be done in collaboration with flower or horticultural clubs and leagues in the area, including but not limited to the Minnesota Iris Society who installed and stewards the Iris Garden at Columbia. The design of the ornamental garden will take preferred golf configuration, integration with the Art Walk, and connections to the indoor event space.

The popular dog park remains on the southern edge of the park with the potential of adding on-street parking. It will be slightly expanded and separated so that there are large dog and small dog areas. The archery range will remain in its current location and configuration. The parking lot next to the Golf Learning Center will be restriped to maxmize the amount of spots in the existing parking lot.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

The regional trail wayfinding will be strengthened along the western and southern edges of the park keeping trail users on the eastern and northern side of St. Anthony Parkway.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Ongoing coordination on the stormwater management potential with the City of Minneapolis, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and other partners is needed for the implementation of any stormwater management features at Columbia Park and Golf Course.

This site is unique in that it is part regional park as a parkway, part Enterprise Fund as a golf course, and part neighborhood park. Ongoing coordination with planning, design, and funding of the park amenities will require ongoing coordination.

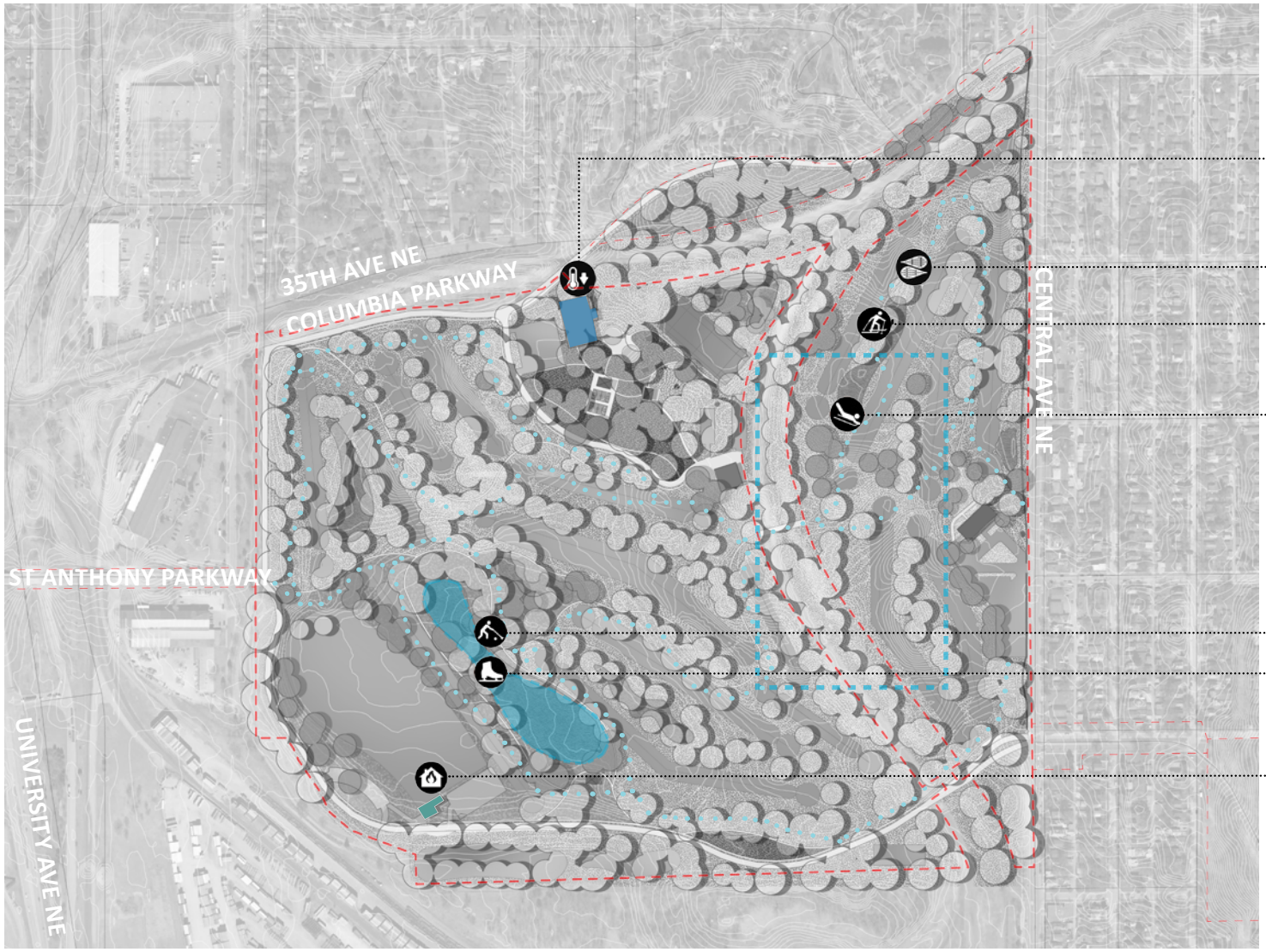
Metropolis Rugby League has an agreement with MPRB around the use of the field in the neighborhood park that requires an update by 2020. The agreement and any subsequent fundraising or updates to the rugby facilities should take into account the recommendations put forth in the master plan.

The Iris Society of Minnesota has a Park Stewardship Agreement with MPRB for the Iris Demonstration Garden. Ongoing coordination is recommended with them on fundraising and the design and establishment of the proposed ornamental garden behind the Columbia Manor.

COLUMBIA PARK

New or significantly changed amenity

Existing amenity to remain



WINTER PROGRAMS

- REFRIGERATED ICE RINK
- SNOWSHOE* (ILLUSTRATIVE TRAILS)
- CROSS COUNTRY SKI* (ILLUSTRATIVE TRAILS)
- DESIGNATED SLEDDING AREA
- BROOMBALL
- ICE SKATING RINK
- WARMING HOUSE

COLUMBIA PARK

MPRB PROPERTY LINE

0 160 320 640 960 1280 Feet

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COLUMBIA DESIGN MATRIX

	General Input August 2017-May 2018 →	Design Responses (May 2018) →	Initial Concepts Input (July-August 2018) →	Preferred Concept (September 2018)
Ecology	Request to increase habitat space and stormwater capture in park.	Proposed stormwater features throughout the park, including Lake Sandy and BMP under parking lot.	Request to develop more habitat in the park. Support for the additional stormwater features throughout park.	Preferred concept includes multiple stormwater features, natural woodland and prairie plantings, and protected mature tree canopy.
Play	No comments.	Existing play area maintained in current location.	Request to add some play near to Rugby field.	Existing play area maintained in current location with a nature play circuit added under the tree canopy.
Wayfinding and Circulation	Request to increase walking trails and pedestrian/ski connections.	Pathways and trails were added throughout the park.	Support for increased pathways throughout the park. Request to include increased wayfinding.	Preferred concept includes the new winter and summer trails throughout the park as well as improved signage.
Gathering	Request to add spectator area adjacent to rugby field.	Proposed the renovation of the existing clubhouse. Added social seating and new restroom/locker room near the rugby pitch.	Support for renovation of the existing clubhouse. Opposition to second clubhouse adjacent to the rugby pitch.	Preferred plan includes the renovation of the existing clubhouse. Added social seating and new restroom/storage near the rugby pitch.
Aquatic	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.	No comments.
Fields	Request to expand rugby field.	Rugby field maintained in its existing footprint.	Request to add facilities near the rugby field (restroom and locker room)	Rugby field maintained in its existing footprint but additional supports including seating, restrooms, and adjacent playspaces included.
Courts	Request to add basketball courts.	No basketball added.	No comments.	Proposed that tennis be removed to allow for 2 basketball courts to be added.
Diamonds	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Winter	Request to make Columbia a winter destination.	Trails added throughout. Refrigerated ice rink proposed.	Support for the refrigerated ice rink but concerned over placement and parking.	Preferred concept envisions Columbia as a winter destination including ski trails, warming house, and new refrigerated ice rink.
Other	Request to add a small and large dog separated areas to the park.	Added small and large dog park areas.	Strong support for the dog park with large and small dog areas.	Preferred concept keeps the dog park in its current location but prosposes two separate play areas for large and small dogs.
	Adjacent railroad property has the development potential.	Proposed some additional multiuse development to the south of the park.	Strong opposition to development plans.	Development removed from preferred concept.
			Request to keep archery.	Maintains archery.
			Request for more parking near dog park.	Recommend that parking lot adjacent to golf education center is realigned to increase capacity but prevent any additional parking expansion.

PROPOSED AMENITY COST ESTIMATE

Asset Type	Project	2019 ESTIMATED COST/PROJECT	NOTES
Play	Traditional Play Structure in existing container	$ 854,268	
Play	Small Nature Play Circuit	$ 474,594	
Other	Off leash Dog Park	$ 237,297	
Sports	Rugby Field	$ 227,805	
Sports	Golf Course		Golf course is managed by Columbia Golf Club
Courts	Basketball Court (2)	$ 246,789	
Landscape	Naturalized areas	$ 379,675	
Landscape	Existing parking lot renovation	$ 1,420,213	
Other	New bathroom and changing room	$ 1,280,263	
Other	Clubhouse renovation	$ 4,954,756	
Other	Cover Refrigerated Ice Rink and Roller rink	$ 7,118,903	
Other	Renovate walking paths	$ 2,278,049	
Other	Picnic Shelters	$ 208,821	
Other	Terraced Social Seating	$ 37,967	
Other	Stormwater features		Will be implemented in partnership with specific City offices and private organizations.
Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	$ 393,629	
	TOTAL	$ 20,113,029	

PROPOSED OPERATIONS ESTIMATE

Amenity	Total Per Unit Operations Cost	Δ Qty	Δ Cost
Adventure/Climbing Play	$ 7,500.00	2	$ 15,000.00
Tennis Court	$ 1,500.00	-2	$ (3,000.00)
Full Court Basketball	$ 1,500.00	2	$ 3,000.00
Art	$ 1,000.00	3	$ 3,000.00
Picnic Pavilion	$ 4,000.00	1	$ 4,000.00
Refrigerated Ice Dome	$ 80,000.00	1	$ 80,000.00
Trail additions	$ 5,000.00	8	$ 40,000.00
		Difference	$ 142,000.00