



# Cedar-Riverside Recreation Centers Predesign Study

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is working together on short- and long-term strategies to improve recreation facilities and increase programming in the Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood. Below are responses to some of the frequently asked questions about these efforts.

### **What is a predesign study? Why is it necessary?**

This type of study identifies the cost, scope, programming and schedule for a future design and construction project. The State of Minnesota requires a predesign study before a design and construction project can apply for additional State of Minnesota funding.

The predesign study for the Cedar-Riverside Recreation Centers project will help MPRB explore options for one or more facilities to meet long-term recreation needs in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. These options are:

- Renovation/rebuilding of Brian Coyle Community Center in Currie Park
- Rebuilding Brian Coyle Community Center nearby
- A new recreation center integrated into a larger development to be built on the east end of the Augsburg University campus

### **Who owns the Brian Coyle Community Center? Who manages its programming?**

MPRB owns the building and Pillsbury United Communities operates it through a 99-year lease.

### **How is MPRB learning the needs of the community?**

- 2018 Market Analysis Survey: This statistically valid survey gathered key information using a random residential mail survey and follow-up survey assistance to ensure the accurate representation of area demographics.
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC): This committee will be formed during the predesign study and be involved in additional community engagement, including open-houses, pop-up events, focus groups and stakeholder meetings.

### **How can I provide my input on this study?**

Interested community members are encouraged to attend CAC meetings. They can find out about other engagement opportunities and subscribe to project updates at [bit.ly/cr-rec](https://bit.ly/cr-rec).

### **This study focuses on the long-term, but what is happening now to improve recreation programming for Cedar-Riverside residents?**

Both MPRB and Pillsbury United Communities recognize that current programming falls short of the needs in this densely populated neighborhood. Both organizations are engaging with the community to find ways to improve services within existing facilities and budgets. These efforts are intended to provide short-term solutions while the study explores long-term solutions.

### **When will a new recreation facility or Brian Coyle Community Center be built?**

MPRB's current funding is limited to the predesign study. There is no guarantee that a project will move forward to construct a new facility or to renovate or relocate the Brian Coyle Community Center; nor is there a specific timetable. However, if state and/or private funds could be secured in 2020-2021, then construction, renovation or reconstruction could begin as early as 2023 with an opening in 2024, but this is the best case scenario if either of these projects are funded in the upcoming State bonding cycle.

### **What are the next steps?**

After the predesign study, additional funding in the form of state bond funds or private funding will be requested for either one or two of the predesign options to meet the long-term recreation needs in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

### **How does this study relate to the current improvements project in Currie Park?**

The study is unrelated to the Currie Park improvements project. The new splashpad, restroom building and other improvements in Currie Park are funded by the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20), which prioritizes capital investments in parks and neighborhoods where they're needed the most.

### **How do I stay up-to-date on the study?**

For more information and to sign up for email project updates, visit [bit.ly/cr-rec](https://bit.ly/cr-rec).