WHAT IS TOWERSIDE PARK?

Minneapolis’s **NEWEST** park

1 acre park located at the intersection 4th Street and 29th Ave SE in the prospect park neighborhood. Currently home to Prospect Park Community Garden.

This new park will be part of the proposed **Towerside Innovation District.**

370 acres of development opportunity extending from the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis east into Saint Paul. The intent of this new community is to bring together entrepreneurs, residents, researchers, developers, and businesses within a new, equitable, restorative, healthy, and arts-inspired community.

Park was included in the **East of the River Master Plan**

Initial design concept developed by the Minneapolis community and MPRB as part of the the ERMP from 2017-2019. Plan was approved by the MPRB Board March 2019.
ADJACENT TO
GREEN LINE LIGHT RAIL
REGIONAL STORMWATER FACILITY
UMN TRANSIT WAY

CURRENT HOME TO
PROSPECT PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN
TIMELINE

MARCH 2019: MPRB APPROVES EAST OF THE RIVER MASTER PLAN

APRIL 2019: MPRB APPROVAL FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN WORK

APRIL-MAY 2019: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 2019: PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

MID SUMMER 2019: PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

MPRB PURCHASES PARK LAND
CONTINGENCIES

Land is not currently owned by the MPRB
  Purchase will be made after park design and development.
  Purchase contingent upon resolution of environmental, easements, and other legal considerations

CIP funding amendment to allocate funds to the design and purchase of the park

Community engagement process to include naming of the park

Park design and construction must follow MPRB specifications

Park must be consistent with current operation and maintenance procedures
MASTER PLAN APPROVED PARK ELEMENTS

TRAIL ROUTE + SEATING + SHADE STRUCTURE + SOCIAL LAWN + URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONE + FRUITING TREES

TOWERSIDE PARK (NEW)
WHAT WE (THE COMMUNITY) NEED TO DECIDE...

What proportion of the overall park space should each planned element take up? (urban ag to lawn to trail to seating)

What should be the general character of the park?

What materials should be used?

What name should the park be given?
THANK YOU ALL!