Our Mission
The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board exists to provide places and recreation opportunities for all people to gather, celebrate, contemplate, and engage in activities that promote health, well-being, community, and environment.

On the Cover A new playground was part of Peavey Park’s two-year, two-phase overhaul, a project that included $1.73 million in funding from the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20). This long-term initiative continues to transform neighborhood parks through capital investments, rehabilitation projects and increased maintenance. 2019 highlights for NPP20 are on page 3’s sidebar; for additional information, visit www.minneapolisparks.org/NPP20.
A Note From Superintendent Alfred Bangoura

It was a tremendous honor to return to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as Superintendent. I previously spent nearly two decades at the MPRB and in that time I grew to love this city and its incredible park system. It was a busy year of tremendous accomplishments and progress that I’m excited to share in the coming pages. Our work centered on four Strategic Directions: Invest in Youth, Be Financially Sustainable, Protect the Environment, and Engage Communities’ Power.

**Invest in Youth:** Our work impacts the lives of countless youth in Minneapolis each year. From Tiny Tots and Preschool programs through thousands of teens’ first summer jobs, our organization is uniquely positioned to support the city’s children, teens and young adults.

I’m excited by the innovation happening around supporting youth in our parks. This year we focused on assessing the needs of the city’s youth and began reimagining and realigning how we deliver recreation services to better serve them. After analyzing hard data and hearing from the community, we identified a critical need for sustainable funding for youth programs, services and spaces. We will continue to advocate for this funding and make smart, tough budget choices to support the city’s youth.

**Be Financially Responsible:** Data is essential in evaluating how we spend our precious resources. We use an equity matrix that evaluates park conditions and neighborhood demographics to rank the order in which both regional and neighborhood parks receive investments. Now we’re beginning to use data to uncover programming opportunities in our neighborhood parks and recreation centers.

Partnerships are also essential to carry out our mission. Grants and philanthropy supplement or drive many of the projects and programs highlighted in this report.

**Protect the Environment:** Record-setting precipitation in 2019 caused problems across the park system. Trails flooded, beaches closed and waterways swelled. I’m proud of our staff’s work dealing with the deluge of rain and snow throughout the year. We’re planning for an environment that is going to continue to get warmer and wetter with climate change. We worked with the University of Minnesota to complete a carbon audit of the entire park system and with that data in hand, we are committed to reducing carbon emissions by 10% by 2022.

**Engage Communities’ Power:** Our work is supported by an army of passionate volunteers and advocates. Whether it’s coaching youth sports, removing invasive species, serving on a Community Advisory Committee, or taking time to fill out a survey or attend an open house, I’m honored, grateful and humbled by the grassroots support for Minneapolis parks.

Soon every park in Minneapolis will have a long-term master plan and the MPRB will have its next comprehensive plan. In 2019, master plans for neighborhood parks in North and Northeast/Southeast Minneapolis were completed, and the plan for Southwest — the final neighborhood parks master plan — was nearly finished. For regional parks, the master plan for Mississippi Gorge was completed and Minnehaha Trail was nearly finished. Extensive community engagement in 2019 will guide the development of the 2021 MPRB Comprehensive Plan, “Parks for All,” which collected more than 6,000 community comments in 2019. More information about Parks for All is on the next page.

Giant, well-loved park systems will always experience triumphs and setbacks. Throughout it all, I’m most grateful for you — the residents, park users, employees, volunteers and community partners who make our system so special.

Alfred Bangoura
What is Parks for All?
In 2019 the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) launched “Parks for All,” an extensive community engagement process to create the next organizational comprehensive plan.

The MPRB Comprehensive Plan guides everything done by the MPRB. It articulates why the MPRB exists, identifies how the MPRB performs its work and describes what the MPRB hopes to become.

The last MPRB Comprehensive Plan was approved in 2007 and set a vision through 2020. Parks for All is the 2021 MPRB Comprehensive Plan, which will guide the Minneapolis park and recreation system for the next decade.

Youth Design Team
The Parks for All Youth Design Team is comprised of teenagers and young adults who share passion for parks and recreation, environmental issues, public policy, community engagement, communications and participatory research. They met regularly in 2019 and are assisting with community engagement and policy recommendations for the plan.

Community Collaborators
Local grassroots, neighborhood and cultural organizations proposed ideas to convene their own conversations about the future of Minneapolis parks and recreation through the Community Collaborator program. A variety of creative ideas were funded through this program, broadening the range of input received on the Comprehensive Plan.

Online, Onscreen, In Rec Centers
Parks for All has its own Facebook page, a special phone number that takes input via text message and Park Dream Boxes are in every recreation center. The boxes collect thoughts, drawings and ideas about the future of Minneapolis parks and recreation.

Advisory Committees
Parks for All has several important advisory committees. The Project Advisory Committee is comprised of MPRB staff from across the organization. It met eight times in 2019 and its members staffed numerous community events to spread awareness about Parks for All.

The Community Advisory Committee is filled with community members who were selected to share insight and resources to build and sustain relationships between the community and the MPRB. It met for the first time in December.

Technical Advisory Committees, also called Workgroups, kicked off in December 2019 and will meet through summer 2020. They are comprised of MPRB staff, agency partners and experts in the various fields. Each will meet five times to frame policy recommendations to MPRB around the following topic areas: Public Safety, Public Health, Climate Resilience, Arts, Culture, and History, Gentrification and Displacement, Multigenerational, Water Resources.

Next Steps
Almost 6,000 community comments were collected through 2019. Those ideas will shape development of the comprehensive plan, which will be drafted and shared with the public in 2020.
CLOSING THE GAP

Investing in Youth
Serving youth has long been fundamental to the MPRB’s mission. In 2019, it expanded on that mission in response to a Board priority. Closing the Gap: Investing in Youth is a strategic initiative for developing and providing innovative, quality programs, regardless of ability to pay.

The Closing the Gap: Investing in Youth report gathered and analyzed information, including gradual reductions in recreation center staffing and service hours dating back to 2001, as funding levels did not keep pace with needs. The reductions have led to a “survival-based” approach to programming that stretches thin resources and focuses on youth already frequenting recreation centers. The report also showed increasing ethnic and racial diversity and poverty rates among the city’s youth compared with the population as a whole: According to 2017 estimates, 57.8% of children and youth under 18 were people of color, vs. 36.1% among the total population; and 28.1% of residents experiencing poverty were under 18 years old, vs. 18.3% of the total population.

The Closing the Gap initiative acknowledges these changes in Minneapolis’s youth and identifies a $2 million funding gap in recreation programming and services. It replaces a “survival-and-service” status-quo with the expansion of select programs and by innovating other quality programs for and with youth. Programs maximize benefits for participants and for the broader community; they’re based on current demographics and the needs and desires of neighborhood communities, as well as research and experience grounded in particular activities, skills and opportunities.

Funding for Youth Investments
Through service reductions in every MPRB division and careful, thoughtful increases to a variety of service fees, MPRB’s 2020 budget begins to address the funding gap. Recreation funding includes programming and implementation for Creation Spaces; additional youth employment opportunities; a pilot program that provides free Rec Plus school-age child care at no cost to families at a Near North Minneapolis recreation center and a new Youth Council. The MPRB is working to establish long-term sustainable funding to address the funding gap.

Six Pillars of Critical Programming
To scope programming and other investments, the Closing the Gap report gathered and analyzed information dating back to 2013, including citywide surveys in 2015 and 2019. It defines six pillars of critical programming, to be introduced or expanded across the park system in 2020 and beyond.

Creation Spaces — Convert outdated computer labs at two recreation centers into technology- and art-focused spaces for active learning, collaboration and exposure to professional and other opportunities.

Community-Focused Youth Employment — Expand the Teen Teamworks program, Youth Design Team, participation in the Conservation Corps and Urban Scholars programs; and develop trades apprenticeships.

Nature Programming — Leverage the benefits of spending time in nature: Increase participation in nature-based programs and awareness of the park system’s natural resources and nature-based recreation opportunities.

Cycling — Foster cycling among all ages and build communities through youth bike camps and field trips; earn-a-bike programs; safety, repair and skill-building classes; nature-based neighborhood and community rides; and adult mentorship.

Community Gardening — Leverage various garden options in neighborhood parks, introducing youth to gardening skills, entrepreneurial agriculture opportunities and other community garden benefits.

Intergenerational Centers of Excellence — Provide opportunities for youth and older adults to collaborate through art, music, games, exercise, storytelling and the “pillar” programs above; encourage older adults in sharing history and life lessons.

2019 Citywide Survey Highlights
A survey of Minneapolis residents confirmed broad support for the MPRB and its pivotal role in the city’s quality of life. Among the results:

91% favorably rated MPRB’s overall impression
81% favorably rated MPRB’s quality, overall appearance and maintenance
89% excellent or good quality rating for recreation centers, among those who visited for recreation purposes in the past two years
98% excellent or good rating for programs inside recreation centers, among program participants
93% excellent or good rating for programs outside recreation centers, among program participants
97% support more financial investment from MPRB for elementary and middle school children

Details at bit.ly/MPRB2019Survey
Goal: Sound management techniques provide healthy, diverse and sustainable natural resources

Carp Control. Invasive carp were removed from Lake Nokomis as part of a three-year project to improve the lake’s water quality. Carp disturb lake beds, diminish water quality and eat and uproot native vegetation. Project research will guide the development of an Integrated Pest Management plan for carp. The goal is to keep the carp population low enough so that they don’t negatively affect water quality, and large-scale removals are infrequent or no longer necessary.

Inspection and Education. Aquatic invasive species inspectors performed more than 5,000 watercraft inspections and interacted with more than 17,500 park users between May 1 and December 1 at public boat launches at Bde Make Ska, Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis.

eDNA. A Hennepin County grant funded environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling for zebra mussels in six Minneapolis lakes this summer. This cutting-edge technique can detect very small amounts of zebra mussel DNA in lake water. An established zebra mussel population was not discovered through eDNA sampling, but staff will continue to use eDNA and several other techniques to look for zebra mussels in 2020 and beyond.

Bladderwort in Wirth. For the first time in recorded history, a plant named bladderwort was observed in Wirth Lake. Bladderwort is an indicator of high water quality and one of a few rare carnivorous plant species in Minnesota. It uses small bladders or stomachs along its branches to trap and digest microscopic prey.

Work at Wirth. Crews cut down large mature buckthorn and used a forestry mower on less dense areas to control invasive species at Theodore Wirth Regional Park as part of work funded by a Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage grant. Much of the felled buckthorn was chipped onsite and areas were reseeded with native plants. Conservation Corps Youth Outdoors contributed to the effort, which also included removing oriental bittersweet, another invasive species.

Goats Return. Goats returned to Wirth for the third straight year to help control seeding of woody invasive species, browsing at two locations in the park over the summer.

Goal: Healthy boulevard trees connect all city residents to their park system

9,100 Trees. Forestry crews successfully planted more than 9,100 new trees in the spring despite a weather delay due to April snow. More than 25 different tree types were part of the citywide planting. The location and species of new trees are carefully chosen each year so that no more than 10% of a neighborhood’s trees are the same.

Ash Canopy Replacement Plan. Year six of the eight-year Ash Canopy Replacement Plan saw another 4,908 ash trees removed from city parks and streets. Since being discovered in Prospect Park neighborhood in 2010, the Emerald Ash Borer has spread to nearly every neighborhood in the city – 76 of 83 Minneapolis neighborhoods. By the time work wraps up in 2021, 40,000 ash trees will have been removed from public boulevards and parks in Minneapolis and replaced by a varied mix of species more resistant to devastation by disease or invasive pests.

Goal: People and the environment benefit from the expansion and protection of natural resources

Restored Shore at Nokomis. About 4,800 linear feet of eroded shoreline is being restored along the north and northeastern shore of Lake Nokomis thanks to a Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage grant. When the project is complete, the shoreline will be regraded and replanted with a mix of native vegetation that will extend from the water to within four feet of the walking path.

Conservation near Wirth. The MPRB entered a conservation agreement with an adjacent property owner to protect about 27,000 square feet of largely undisturbed mature tree canopy along the eastern border of Theodore Wirth Regional Park, near Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.
Goal: Residents and visitors enjoy and understand the natural environment

Monarch Festival ~ Festival de la Monarca. The 11th annual Minneapolis Monarch Festival ~ Festival de la Monarca attracted an estimated 12,000 people to Lake Nokomis on September 7 to celebrate the amazing migration of monarch butterflies. Festivities featured four musical groups, two dance troupes, printmaking, papermaking, collage, painting and more!

Pollination Education. The 9th annual Pollinator Party: A Celebration of Bees was held at Lyndale Park Gardens on July 25. Hundreds of people came out to forage for knowledge about wild bees and honeybees from 20+ exhibitors. Participants also helped catch, identify and release bees as part of ongoing survey work.

Bee Lawn Field Day. MPRB and University of Minnesota staff presented findings from a four-year research project on flowering bee lawns in Minneapolis parks during a Bee Lawn Field Day event at Audubon Park. Participants from more than 30 land management entities learned about bee lawn benefits and high public support for them. A tool kit explaining how to install a bee lawn was also provided to attendees.

Powderhorn Outdoors. Powderhorn Park hosted various natural resources agencies and conservation-oriented organizations to grow interest in healthy and fun outdoor activities in the city during the annual Get Outdoors Day in June. New this year was bilingual Aquatic Invasive Species education. Participants were also reminded of free drop-in canoeing and fishing opportunities hosted at Powderhorn throughout the summer.

Mobile Nature Education Station. A new mobile nature education station debuted this summer at Wirth Beach. The portable cart offered fun and engaging nature-based art activities for kids visiting the beach, while also spreading awareness about the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, just a five-minute walk away within Theodore Wirth Regional Park. The new program provided more than 1,600 people hands-on opportunities to connect with and learn about nature.

Nature Romps. More than 200 youth joined Kroening Interpretive Center naturalist staff for Nature Romp field trips in North Mississippi Regional Park throughout July. Kids got to explore the woods and sample a variety of activities designed to encourage curiosity and excitement for the natural world. They built forts in the woods, hiked a scavenger hunt on the prairie and designed river channels on the riverfront.

Storytime at EBWG. Families traveled to Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden on Wednesday and Saturday mornings all summer long to hear different nature-themed stories each week in a different spot within the garden.

Goal: Knowledgeable stewards and partners generously support the system’s natural resources

Party for Tree. The annual Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration was held at Theodore Wirth Regional Park on April 26. Festivities were centered between JD Rivers’ Children’s Garden and Wirth Beach. In addition to helping plant 200 new trees, the nearly 1,000 visitors enjoyed bucket truck rides, tree climbing, food trucks, a beer garden, educational exhibits, nature play and the Arborator Band playing a set of polka music while perched high up in a tree. A popular addition to this year’s party was an “Ask an Arborist” booth where people could ask Forestry professionals about tree issues.

25 Years of Earth Day. The 25th annual Earth Day Cleanup drew a record 46 participating sites and more than 1,500 volunteers who collected more than 7,750 pounds of garbage and 1,200 pounds of metal. Cleanup teams also removed four tires, three mattresses and a television from Minneapolis parks.

Park Stewardship Agreements. Park Stewardship Agreements increased by 10 in 2019, to an all-time high of 66. These arrangements use community volunteers to care for gardens and natural areas in parks.

Bat Monitoring and Research. Federal and state natural resource agencies partnered to conduct urban bat surveys in Minneapolis parks this summer through the North American Bat Monitoring Program. Acoustic monitoring devices were monitored for five weeks at four parks. These surveys help identify bat species and population in urban habitat.
vision 2: RECREATION that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles and a sense of community

Goal: People play, learn and develop a greater capacity to enjoy life

Borrow a Bike, Bum a Board. A new skate park equipment check-out program at Morris Park allowed kids ages 10 and up to borrow BMX bikes, skateboards, scooters and safety equipment to use at the Morris Skate Park. The program was funded by a Hennepin Youth Sports grant.

Girls’ Bike Adventure Club. A new program out of Lake Nokomis Community Center provided girls an opportunity to learn bike skills and explore natural spaces. Riders with the Girls’ Bike Adventure Club participated in drills, games and group rides that improved their confidence on two wheels.

Bike Skills Course. The first bike skills course in the Minneapolis park system was installed on tennis courts that had fallen into disrepair near Lake Nokomis Community Center. The course provides ramps and obstacles for bikers of all ages.

Lifelong Leisure. Middle school-age girls from Northeast Minneapolis were taught a host of lifelong leisure sports and activities at a free summer camp. Certified professionals introduced activities like golf, sand volleyball, curling, bocce ball, log rolling and sailing.

Mia Exhibit. Artwork produced during the summer in Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) park programs at five recreation centers was displayed at Mia’s Community Commons Gallery in the fall. The exhibit was centered around Mia’s 2019 theme, “Trees.”

Goal: Residents, visitors and workers enjoy opportunities to improve health and fitness

Women’s Golf Week. More than 500 women enjoyed activities at every MPRB golf course during Women’s Golf Week. Participants received a free lesson or round and complimentary food and beverages.

50 Years. The MPRB participated in the 50th annual Citywide Wrestling Meet in March, with 159 wrestlers competing in the milestone event.

Awesome Aquatics. There were ample opportunities to enjoy aquatic activities at city lakes over the summer. More than 2,100 kids and teens participated in outdoor water activities like sailing, rowing, log rolling and junior swim club.

Swim Stats. A total of 2,232 people participated in MPRB swim lessons in 2019; 90% were Minneapolis residents and 46% received scholarships.

Nokomis Outbreak. A lab-confirmed E. coli outbreak at Lake Nokomis caused a three-week closure of the lake’s beaches at the end of summer. It was the only known illness outbreak from swimming in a Minneapolis lake in more than 25 years. A Minnesota Department of Health investigation concluded the outbreak was likely caused by an ill swimmer.

Water Woes. Bde Maka Ska, Lake Hiawatha and Wirth Lake also had elevated bacteria levels following heavy rain that caused beach closures. The Lake Monster 1-2-3 and Chain of Lakes Open Swim Classic were canceled due to water quality concerns.

Community Gardens Take Root. The MPRB launched its Community Gardens program in 2019, which established designated spaces in parks where anyone can apply for a plot to plant, tend and harvest. In the next few years, up to 24 parks will host community gardens.

Garden Market. Teen Teamworks operated a farmer’s market over the summer. The teens grew produce at JD Rivers’ Children’s Garden, then packaged and sold it at weekly pop-up markets. New this year, the Teen Teamworks crew also spent one day a week working in Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.

Goal: People connect through parks and recreation

Seasonal Celebrations. The Lake Harriet Kite Festival brightened winter with kites of all shapes, sizes and colors, along with a new heated tent with local youth performers; spring brought dozens of Egg Hunts and Bunny Brunches to parks across Minneapolis; the Red, White and Boom attracted an estimated 70,000 people to both sides of the riverfront on Fourth of July; and nearly 2,000 bikers enjoyed another year of perfect autumn weather during the Minneapolis Bike Tour.

Golf Summit. The first-ever “Play Golf Minneapolis Summit” was held at Columbia Golf Club on February 16. More than 300 golfers attended to sign up for leagues, purchase Players Cards and season passes, and get information on lessons.
Cultural Connections. The Minneapolis International Festival was held at Central Gym in December, bringing together more than 1,500 people to celebrate the abundance of cultures that make the city such a wonderful place; The Juneteenth – Celebrating Freedom Day event returned to Bethune Park for an all-day event featuring a parade and entertainment; and at Father Hennepin Bluff Park, the Owamni Falling Water Festival brought delicious Indigenous food, art and demonstrations, while a new Hmong Music and Movies Night spotlighted local Hmong performers.

Target Field Takeover. The Twins brought their PA announcer, organ player, mascot and sideline reporter to Farview Park for a youth baseball game in July. A video board in left field played a live feed of the game and lots of interactive activities happened between innings.

Stronger Together. Franklin Steele Park hosted a special event series over the summer to bring neighborhoods together and hear from underserved and transitioning local communities. The kickoff event in May featured six local chefs preparing a sit-down, family-style, five-course dinner.

Goal: Volunteers make a vital difference to people, parks and community

Staggering Support. The MPRB benefited from the work of nearly 10,000 total volunteers in 2019! There were more than 3,300 youth sports coaches and recreation center volunteers, and more than 7,000 volunteers for environmental stewardship causes. Overall, volunteers contributed an estimated 45,000 hours of time toward improving Minneapolis parks.

Volunteer Appreciation. The MPRB revamped how it recognizes volunteers in 2019, shifting from one-time ceremonies to year-round activities that acknowledge volunteers in ways that align with their preferences. Activities include handwritten notes, volunteer t-shirts or other tokens of appreciation, social or learning opportunities and recognition on social media.

Citizen Pruners. MPRB Forestry and the University of Minnesota partnered on the Citizen Pruner program, which enlists Minneapolis residents to prune public trees. This year the program grew to 80 trained volunteers who pruned more than 600 trees.

Goal: Parks provide a center for community living

Mural Heroes. Glendale and Prospect Park teens completed a beautiful mural at the new Luxton Lightning Teen Center at Luxton Park. They celebrated the mural and new teen center in an event on July 10.

Final Four Legacy. The 2019 NCAA Final Four came to Minneapolis, and the Local Organizing Committee selected North Commons Park for its Legacy Project. The recreation center received a set of upgrades that included a completely renovated gym and new teen room.
Goal: Parks shape an evolving city

Park Plans. It was another busy year for park master plans, with three plans approved by the Board of Commissioners and two more plans scheduled to roll out proposed final designs in early 2020. MPRB Master Plans are sorted into two categories: Service Area Master Plans that cover all neighborhood park properties in an area of the city, and Regional Park Master Plans, which cover one regional park or part of a regional park.

- The North Service Area Master Plan covers all North Minneapolis neighborhood park properties and three regional trails. It was adopted in February and some of the new amenities included in the plan break ground on construction next year.

- The East of the River Park Master Plan covers all Minneapolis neighborhood park properties east of the Mississippi River and new potential park connections, like the Grand Rounds Missing Link. It was adopted in March.

- The Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan covers parkland along Minnehaha Creek between Minnehaha Regional Park and the western Minneapolis border. Updated designs were published in June, then the project paused to allow time for a traffic study. Meetings resumed in November and the final designs will be published in early 2020.

- The Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan covers 132 acres of riverfront parkland on both sides of the river between Bridge No. 9 (Dinkytown Greenway Bridge) and Minnehaha Regional Park. It was adopted in July.

- The Southwest Service Area Master Plan covers all Minneapolis neighborhood park properties west of I-35W and south of I-394. After several iterations of design concepts and feedback, the final designs will be published in early 2020. Once the plan is adopted, all of Minneapolis’ neighborhood parks will have master plans in place.

Parkways Too. The MRPB Code of Ordinances was amended in August to rename four parkways and park roads containing the name “Calhoun” to “Bde Maka Ska.” This action followed the Dakota name Bde Maka Ska being restored to the lake in 2018. The brown MPRB signs were changed immediately following Board approval of the ordinance amendment and the City of Minneapolis replaced its green parkway signs in October.

Upper Harbor Terminal. Redevelopment of the Upper Harbor Terminal site, which contains 50 acres of formerly industrial North Minneapolis riverfront, made strides in planning and community engagement over the year. About 40% of the site is dedicated to a future regional park. The park’s Community Advisory Committee met five times in 2019 and initial park designs will be published for public review in 2020.

Engagement Evolved. An update to the MPRB Community Engagement Policy was adopted in April. The revised policy is based on the principles of broad and diverse representation, transparency, inclusiveness, consistency and open-minded learning.

Goal: Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility and beauty

Bde Maka Ska Fire. The pavilion building that served seasonal concessions at the north end of Bde Maka Ska caught fire on May 16. Damage to the building, originally built in 1930, was so extensive it had to be torn down two weeks later. Pavilion vendor Lola’s at the Lake served food and beverages out of a food truck onsite over the summer while a process for replacing the structure was planned. The new pavilion will be replaced in the same general area as its original location and offer quality experiences for Bde Maka Ska visitors.

Wonderful Webber Water. New measures to improve water quality helped keep the Webber Natural Swimming Pool open for the most days in its five-year history. A new UV filter highlighted the adjustments staff made to maintain consistent water quality at the first public natural swimming pool in North America.

Peavey Park Transformed. A two-year overhaul of Peavey Park was celebrated in May. The project brought three full basketball courts, playgrounds, a picnic shelter, paths, lighting, rain gardens and a new athletic field to the popular South Minneapolis park. This was the first completed major project funded primarily by the 20 Year Neighborhood Park Plan!
Currie Park Groundbreaking. Construction on another South Minneapolis park overhaul started in the fall. Currie Park is in the middle of a project that will build a new restroom building, splash pad, basketball court, playground safety fencing and trail and lighting improvements. During construction the park is closed except for the athletic fields.

Sheridan Success. Sheridan Memorial Park received a new playground, paths, public art, picnic shelter, rain gardens and basketball court. Construction was completed in the fall, wrapping up work on the Northeast riverfront park that has been in the works since the first parcel of land was purchased in 1986. A Grand Opening event was rained out in October and rescheduled for spring 2020.

Water Works Groundbreaking. Full-scale construction on Water Works began in July. The downtown riverfront park project within Mill Ruins Park is scheduled to open by the end of 2020, with a new year-round restaurant run by The Sioux Chef beginning service out of a new pavilion in spring 2021. In addition to the restaurant pavilion, Water Works will feature expanded outdoor gathering spaces and expanded, safer trail connections at the popular site along West River Parkway.

Survivors Memorial. A new memorial honoring survivors of sexual violence is under construction at Boom Island Park. The memorial is designed as a circular gathering space with three large mosaic artworks. It will be the first permanent memorial to survivors of sexual violence in the United States.

More Than Paint. Painter Recreation Center reopened in April after a six-month closure for a range of repairs, rehabilitation work and improvements. Upgrades to accessibility, heating, cooling, restrooms, meeting and lobby spaces, and yes, new paint were included in the project.

Pool Parties. A Grand Opening was held for the new wading pool at Logan Park and the North Commons Water Park opened in late July following extensive repairs. The shallow spray pool at North Commons remained closed for the season, so slip-and-slides were brought in for young children to enjoy.

Big Year for Boardwalks. Phase II of the wetland boardwalk at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden was completed and celebrated in the spring; the boardwalk under Lyndale Avenue along Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail was expanded and reopened in the summer; and approximately 100 feet of Plank Road Trail on West River Parkway was refurbished in the fall.

Trail Trouble. Record-setting precipitation wreaked havoc on trails. A section of trail that runs below the Camden Bridge closed in July due to pavement failure; part of the Luce Line Trail in Theodore Wirth Regional Park flooded in the spring and after heavy rainfall in the summer; a slope failure closed East River Parkway for three weeks in July; and swaths of walking paths around Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis flooded periodically.

Golf Repairs. The Wirth Chalet kitchen addressed water damage with repairs to the interior and exterior of the building and the clubhouse at Gross National Golf Course received a new roof and windows.

Field Repairs. Stan Cyson Field at Northeast Park and the ballfields at Pearl Park underwent big upgrades in the fall. MPRB staff performed the overhaul at Northeast, while volunteers from the Twins and Toro joined MPRB staff during a day-long event at Pearl.

Loring Bridge Repair. The pedestrian bridge between the north and south bays of Loring Pond was repaired in the fall. A new concrete base and reconstructed bearings made the bridge safe for public use and extended the lifespan of the historic steel truss structure.

Transition at Northeast. The mini golf course next to Lupient Water Park was removed in the fall. The area will become green space with picnic tables while funding is sought for a skate park outlined in the Northeast Park Master Plan.
Parade Parking. The large, crumbling pay parking lot at Parade Park was reconstructed with more accessible parking spaces and better stormwater management.

Goal: Focused land management supports current and future generations

Hiawatha Reimagined. A new Master Plan is being developed for Hiawatha Golf Course after the MPRB discovered it was in violation of a state groundwater pumping permit in the wake of a 2014 flood. The Community Advisory Committee guiding master plan recommendations completed its work in 2019 after ranking 26 plan priorities. In early 2020 the MPRB will share designs that reconfigure the property as a more flood-resilient, ecologically-driven, 9-hole course that recognizes the history of black golfers in Minneapolis.

New Park on the Midtown Greenway. A new park was added to the Minneapolis neighborhood park system when Hennepin County transferred ownership of the Cepro site to the MPRB in March. The Cepro site is a 1.65-acre green space next to the Midtown Greenway bike trail between 10th and 11th Avenues S. Currently it contains a Y-shaped trail connection to the Greenway, an urban agriculture zone and pathways and seating. Ideas for naming the park were collected throughout the year via online survey.

New Park in Prospect Park. The MPRB added another neighborhood park near the intersection of 29th Avenue SE and SE Fourth Street, next to the Prospect Park Light Rail Transit Station. The yet-to-be-named, half-acre park contains a community garden and stormwater system that captures and cleans polluted stormwater onsite. Park dedication fees funded the purchase, making it the first major land acquisition funded by the fees since the MPRB began collecting them on new developments in Minneapolis in 2014.

Goal: Financially independent and sustainable parks prosper

County Contributions. Hennepin County awarded the MPRB $487,911 for new play equipment, sports equipment, bleachers and playgrounds at more than a dozen parks across the city through its Youth Sports Program.

Trailhead Turnover. In the fall, Boulder Nordic Sport took over as the bike/ski shop vendor at The Trailhead, and Trailhead food vendor Cajun Twist departed to open a restaurant in South Minneapolis.

Goal: Through outreach and research, park and recreation services are relevant today and tomorrow

Outdoor Career Day. Teen Teamworks’ annual Outdoor Career Day was held at Wirth Pavilion in July. More than 130 young adults ages 14-20 attended two different workshops that introduced them to careers through experiential learning. Staff from the MPRB and numerous other partner organizations hosted workshops and promoted careers as arborists, mobile equipment operators, naturalists, gardeners, aquatics staff, water quality technicians and maintenance workers.

Exploring Options. The MPRB and local partners are working on short- and long-term strategies to improve recreation facilities and increase programming in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. Options include renovating Brian Coyle Community Center, relocating it nearby or building a new recreation center integrated into a larger development on the east end of Augsburg University.

Goal: Easily accessible information supports enjoyment and use of the park and recreation system

@minneapolisparks. The MPRB launched an official Instagram account on January 2. The photo-based social media platform showcases the people, places and events that make the Minneapolis park system special.

Park Ambassadors. A new Park Ambassadors program launched on Memorial Day Weekend. Ambassadors welcomed people at popular park locations and events throughout the summer, answering questions and taking photos. Many MPRB employees also participated in a special assignment as Park Ambassadors during the NCAA Final Four Weekend.

Website Revamp. The MPRB website homepage and events calendar were redesigned for more intuitive navigation and better functionality with tablets and smartphones.

Online Maps. Two interactive online maps – one for all 64 outdoor public pools in Minneapolis, one for all 47 outdoor ice rinks – debuted in 2019 to better inform people about the status of pools and rinks. The maps were updated daily throughout the swimming and skating seasons, with each pool or rink represented by a colored dot: green for open, yellow for closed temporarily, red for closed for the season. Additional information like facility hours, reasons for closure and expected opening dates were also included in the Geographic Information System (GIS) maps.
**Goal: Positive recreation experiences and welcoming parks prevent crime**

**Teen Academy.** The Park Police Department hosted its first Teen Academy over Winter Break. Teens participated in activities like K9 handling, mock crime scene investigations, a visit to the 911 call center and discussing “use of force” scenarios.

**Badge Battle.** The annual Battle of the Badges BBQ brought amazing food, music, games and giveaways to North Commons Park. Park Police competed with local public safety organizations and KMOJ radio station in a rib cookoff.

**Baseball Clinic.** The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation held a Badges for Baseball Clinic at Farview Park June 26. The clinic included multiple sports and interactive stations staffed by Park Police.

**Pop-Up Parks.** Pop-Up Parks are trailers filled with sports equipment, games, books and music. They traveled to 20 parks over the summer, bringing standalone activities or adding to park events while reaching more than 14,000 teens and kids.

**StreetReach.** Outreach workers in the StreetReach program engaged with 11,120 youth at parks, pools, athletic events, and large gatherings to ensure kids and teens were safe and welcomed.

**Goal: Communities, public and private partners, and staff cooperate to promote safety**

**Final Four.** Park Police and Communications staff participated in collaborative, multi-agency efforts to ensure visitors for NCAA Final Four festivities enjoyed a safe and welcoming environment.

**Meet & Greet.** Park Police held a series of Pop-up Meet and Greets at Cedar Field Park over the summer in collaboration with SCOUT, Little Earth residents and Minneapolis Police Department. Residents and officers were encouraged to get to know one another better through games, food and activities.

**Goal: Intervention and communication reduces safety concerns**

**Officer of the Year.** Acting Sgt. Andrew Klein was selected as the 2019 Park Police Officer of the Year, becoming the second officer to receive the award twice. Klein was lauded for consistently demonstrating a superior work ethic, his immense dedication to the Park Police’s mission and a positive attitude.

**Lifesaving Awards.** Klein and Officer Andrew Heinen both received 2019 Lifesaving Awards. Klein was recognized for pulling an injured driver from a crashed vehicle shortly before it was engulfed in flames and Heinen for pulling a man from the Mississippi River at Boom Island Park and successfully performing CPR.

**Power Shift.** Park Police implemented a 12-hour Power Shift that straddles the traditional Day Shift and Night Shift. This bolsters coverage during the busiest period of the day and provides officers more time for engagement and relationship-building.

**Narcan.** Park Police began to carry Narcan, an opioid antidote used to reverse overdoses. It was administered as a life-saving measure on seven occasions.

**Goal: Residents, park visitors and staff make safe choices in parks**

**Safety Camp.** Safety Camp was held at Theodore Wirth Regional Park in July. More than 120 youth participated in the three-day camp, which included safety tips, swimming, fishing and more.

**Park Outreach.** The MPRB continued its collaboration with St. Stephen’s Street Outreach to connect people experiencing homelessness with social services.

**Major Events.** Park Police worked to ensure safe and secure environments at many special and major events held throughout the year in parks, including Pride at Loring Park, the Twin Cities Marathon, Sen. Amy Klobuchar’s presidential campaign kickoff, Red, White and Boom and many more.

**Goal: Parks are safe and welcoming by design**

**Safe Playgrounds.** Playground equipment was inspected at more than 50 parks and hundreds of repairs and replacements were performed, with parts ranging from simple bolts to new slides and seesaws.

**Fresh Look.** Park Police squad car graphics were redesigned, returning to the traditional green stripe to make Park Police vehicles more distinctive and easier to identify.
VALUES guide commissioners, staff and volunteers in their work

**Sustainability. Meet current park and recreation needs without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by balancing environment, economic and equity concerns**

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The MPRB measured its baseline carbon footprint, with the Asset Management Department working in partnership with researchers from the University of Minnesota’s Center for Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy. In response to a Board-approved performance goal, the MPRB will reduce its carbon footprint by 10% by 2022, when goals for further reductions will be set.

Visionary Leadership. Respect the vision and leadership that built the park and recreation system and recognize the need for ongoing leadership in achieving excellence

Welcome Home, Superintendent! After serving four years as the Superintendent of Recreation for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Al Bangoura returned to the MPRB as its 12th superintendent. A 19-year veteran of the MPRB’s Recreation Division, Bangoura now leads a range of initiatives across the organization, including investments in financial and environmental sustainability, youth and recreation programming.

Playing for Life. The MPRB’s building on West River Road was renamed as the Mary Merrill MPRB Headquarters on May 17, 2019; and Mayor Jacob Frey proclaimed it Mary Merrill Day in Minneapolis. Merrill’s dedication to the Minneapolis community, especially its children, was a constant throughout her lifetime MPRB career. It began in 1972 at Powderhorn Recreation Center and culminated with two appointments as Superintendent: from 1999 to 2003, and in 2018 in an interim capacity.

New Ways to Say Thank You. The first annual MPRB Employee Recognition Reception was a fun, festive and memorable affair, thanks to the dedication of the Employee Recognition Committee. Held at Columbia Manor, the event recognized 23 employees for special achievements in 2018 and honored the dedicated service of 14 who retired during same year.

Nice Ice, Baby. With 47 rinks for broomball, hockey, and skating at 24 locations, Minneapolis parks have more outdoor public rinks than any other U.S. city. Creating and maintaining all that ice is a monumental effort: thus, the revival of the MPRB Golden Boot and Golden Nozzle Awards. This year’s awards recognized Asset Management department teams from each service area that exemplified the best in MPRB ice rink safety and service; the team at Bryn Mawr Meadows Park took the Golden Boot for best overall quality.

Kudos for Staff – and a Mascot. Among MPRB’s awards were several from outside organizations. In conjunction with National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the Minnesota Coalition of Women in Athletic Leadership presented a Breaking Barriers Award to Maggie Mercil, part of the Recreation Centers and Programs Department. The annual Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course, a University of Minnesota conference “ensuring tree health since 1963,” honored Forestry Director Ralph Sievert with a Mark Stennes Award for his support of tree research and education in the green industry; and a Community Forestry Lifetime Achievement Award went to the venerable Elmer the Elm Tree, recognizing 40 years of promoting the benefits of trees.

Safety. Work safely to support a thriving work environment and an outstanding park experience for visitors

Law Enforcement Career Exploration. A Park Police Department-coordinated event brought 15 Career Pathways High School students of color to the MPRB, where they toured the headquarters building, the Park Police Department and one of its squad cars. They also learned about the history of the department and career opportunities as a Park Agent or Park Police Officer.

All Access to Enjoy Parks. One result of 2019’s record-setting precipitation was accumulated tree debris that blocked paddlers on Minnehaha Creek. After the high-water levels subsided, MPRB Forestry crews spent a week clearing the debris, opening the creek for uninterrupted water recreation.

New Advisory Council. After receiving applications from 20 Minneapolis citizens to serve on a new Park Police Advisory Council, the Board appointed seven members, two of whom were recommended by MPRB staff. Among other duties, Council members are charged with broadening the Park Police Department’s community engagement by acting as community, neighborhood, and stakeholder advocates; and evaluating broad approaches to community safety, enforcement, and reconciliation.
Responsiveness and Innovation. **Anticipate and thoughtfully respond to the diverse needs of the city’s communities. continually seeking ways to better deliver park and recreation services**

**Everybody Into the Parks!** Bonfire brunches and neighborhood nights. Nature day camps and a new honeybee hive. S’mores and seed bombs. These are all part of new programs at North Mississippi Regional Park that are designed to connect more people with nature – especially those 55 and older and individuals with disabilities seeking inclusive programs. The programs were developed by the MPRB’s environmental education staff, its Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Coordinator, and Minneapolis Public School’s Community Education Access Coordinator.

**Different Strokes.** Women and girls with minimal or no swimming experience gain competency and confidence through culturally sensitive programs at the Phillips Aquatics Center. Swimming, water fitness and water safety lessons take place with all-female staff and are designed adapt to participants’ needs.

**When It’s Time to Change…** Pampers generously donated diaper-changing stations for all MPRB public restrooms. Better still: While the original donation supplied men’s restrooms, in conjunction with Father’s Day – the company agreed to supply any restroom in our facilities without a changing station. Thanks, Pampers, for helping all park visitors who care for little ones!

**Holistic Approach to Homelessness.** For its innovative work around homelessness and opioid overdoses, the MPRB Park Police Department was recognized with a President’s Award by the Park Law Enforcement Association. Late in 2018, Park Police began to carry Narcan, an opioid antidote, as part of a broader partnership with other MPRB, City and County partners to create a holistic approach to homelessness in parks. (More on Narcan on page 12.)

**Restrooms of the Future.** With many buildings slated for repairs, upgrades and renovations, the MPRB’s Planning Division established a design directive to address equitable and gender-inclusive access to restrooms. Featuring design options based on facility size and other criteria, the directive allows the MPRB to accommodate the diverse needs of Minneapolis residents while also incorporating the newest ADA requirements. Equally important, it reflects the organization’s commitment to facilities that are welcoming by design and accessible to everyone.

**Great Grass!** More than two dozen staff from the Asset Management department attended a Minnesota Twins Field Maintenance Clinic at Target Field, led Larry DeVito, the Twins’ Head Groundskeeper. MPRB staff learned tips and techniques at the clinic, part of Baseball Tomorrow Fund’s Field Maintenance Education Program, which they can use in maintaining nearly 400 MPRB athletic fields.

**All Are Welcome Here.** Indicating one’s gender as female or male is no longer required when people register for MPRB programs and activities. Staff who manage gender-specific programs received training to support them in effectively managing this change. In 2019, training focused initially on Recreation Division staff; all staff will benefit from these trainings in 2020.

**Transgender Equity Summit.** MPRB sponsored the summit, where 300-plus attendees honored the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, highlighted silenced histories and envisioned the futures of trans and gender-nonconforming communities. MPRB employees also staffed a table at the event’s resource fair showcasing the Parks for All comprehensive plan initiative and other information.

**Independence and Focus.** Independence allows the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to focus on providing and obtaining the resources necessary to accomplish its mission and form effective, responsible partnerships

**Top Marks for Minneapolis Parks.** A city-wide survey confirmed broad support for the MPRB from residents and highlighted the pivotal role of parks and recreation in Minneapolis’s quality of life. Among respondents, 91 percent favorably rated their overall impression of the MPRB, and 90 percent or more rated the MPRB’s after-school programs, community events and youth programs and sports as important current services. Among respondents using programs inside a recreation center, 98 percent rated them as excellent or good. Additional survey highlights are on page 4.

**Much Love for Regional Parks.** Estimated annual visits to Minneapolis regional parks grew from almost 16 million to 20.8 million between 2013 and 2018 (the most recent year for which data is available). That’s 30 percent! These estimates from the Metropolitan Council provide important data to help inform the distribution of funds to regional parks throughout the seven-county region. The next most-visited regional park systems for 2018 were Three Rivers Park District (12.2 million) and Saint Paul (11 million).
ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Superintendent’s Office

Leadership, vision, direction The Superintendent’s Office is responsible for the executive management of the highly diverse services and operations of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The Superintendent provides leadership and vision, implements Board policy, and crafts strategic and financial planning objectives. The Superintendent’s Office oversees communications and marketing; community outreach; park police; and intergovernmental relations.

Communications:
- 3.9 million annual website visits
- 94,957 email subscribers
- 13,622 Facebook Likes

Community Outreach:
- 220,708 attended events
- 86,217 listened to concerts
- 13,868 watched movies

Community policing:
- 10,866 calls for service
- 8,926 visits to recreation centers
- 5,718 hours of event security

Environmental Stewardship

Caring for the system Environmental Stewardship encompasses maintenance of the park system’s physical infrastructure; equipment and fleet services; management of natural areas and water resources; care of boulevard trees and wooded areas; environmental education; and volunteer stewardship coordination.

- Miles of city streets where arborists plant and maintain trees: 1,100
- Completed work orders: 15,458
- AIS boat inspections: 5,304
- Participants:
  - 23,320 Neighborhood Naturalist program participants
  - 3,763 Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden program participants
  - 7,002 volunteers gave 26,915 hours of their time caring for parks

Deputy Superintendent’s Office

Supporting organization service delivery The Deputy Superintendent’s Office provides support to the Superintendent and Board of Commissioners, assists with strategic focus and leads performance management efforts. The Deputy Superintendent’s Office oversees customer service; finance; human resources; information technology; safety; data practices; archives; and risk management.

Customer service:
- 6,970 permits issued
- 25,737 calls answered

ITS:
- 1,180,665 emails sent
- 1,554,179 emails received
- 1,565,020 spam emails blocked

Finance:
- 18,879 invoices processed
- 34,886 paychecks processed

Human Resources:
- 1,145 total hires

Planning Services

Developing the system Planning Services provides expertise to lead, advise and guide the development and redevelopment of the Minneapolis park system. The division oversees park system analysis and master planning; capital program development; real estate management; design and engineering; physical development and redevelopment; and construction permitting.

Renovations completed or underway:
- 6 playgrounds
- 2 athletic fields
- 1 wading pool
- 4 recreation buildings
- 1/3 mile of sidewalk removed and replaced
Recreation Services

Providing visitor activities Recreation Services provides expertise to lead, provide and create affordable recreational, cultural, educational, and leisure opportunities to benefit and enhance the lives of all Minneapolis residents. The division oversees recreation facility operations, including recreation centers; golf courses; aquatic facilities and beaches; ice arenas; and recreation, education and interpretive programming.

Sport team participants:
• 7,959 youth
• 24,265 adults

Non-sport recreation center participants:
• 158,881 program and special event participants
• 159,070 active pass check ins

Golf rounds played:
• 163,175

Rec Plus locations:
• 16 school-year; 978 participants
• 15 summer; 655 participants

Athletic facility rental permits issued:
• 177 permits to 170 organizations for 22,140 hours of play

MPRB employees:
• 581 budgeted full-time
• 1,500 approximate temporary

Building an inclusive workforce For several years, the MPRB has worked diligently to put systems in place to build a more inclusive workforce and one that represents the community we serve. Today approximately 25% of our full-time certified and appointed employees are people of color. This compares favorably to city of Minneapolis demographics showing approximately 41% of Minneapolis residents are people of color and 25% of all residents are people of color and of working ages 18-64. Below is a summary of the MPRB workforce as of December 31, 2019. The MPRB still has work to do and remains committed to this effort.

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The MPRB is focused on making capital, recreation and maintenance investments in parks serving racially diverse and low-income neighborhoods. Below is a breakdown of MPRB investments, past, present and future, sorted by Commissioner District.

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Population per American Community Survey, 2013–2017
Youth and Family Recreation investment per capita, 2018
Maintenance and Operations investments per capita, 2018

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Neighborhood Parks – funds allocated for capital improvements, 2013–2018 (2)
Regional Parks – funds allocated for capital improvements, 2013–2018
Neighborhood Parks – funds slated for capital improvements, 2019–2024 (2)
Regional Parks – funds slated for capital improvements, 2019–2024
Maintenance and Operations – funds invested 2018
Key Youth and Family Recreation Services – funds invested in 2018

Numbers below in millions

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1 Examples of park assets available city-wide.
2 Does not include approximately $3.7 million per year for neighborhood park rehabilitation, beginning in 2017.
### Revenues

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#### Other

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2019 Distinctions

Minneapolis: Sixth Best City (of 100) for an Active Lifestyle – WalletHub, January

Park Police Department: President's Award for response to opioid overdoses and homelessness
– Park Law Enforcement Association, March

Minneapolis: Fifth among Top 10 Cities for Runners – SmartAsset, April

Minneapolis: Among 20 Most Dog-Friendly Cities of 2019 – Redfin and Rover, April

Forestry Department: Tree City USA Award and Growth Award – The Arbor Day Foundation, April

Minneapolis Parks: #3 Best Park System in the U.S. – The Trust for Public Land’s ParkScore® index, May

Minneapolis: Third fittest city in the U.S. – USA Today, May

Great River Road National Scenic Byway (includes Minneapolis River Road and Parkway): Best Cultural Trail, Best History Trail and Best State Trail – River Travel Magazine, July

Minnehaha Falls: Best for Outdoor Enthusiasts, 2019 Editor’s Choice Award – TripSavvy, October

Loring Park: Best for Plant Moms, 2019 Editor’s Choice Award – TripSavvy, October

Minneapolis: Most Bikeable City in the U.S. – Redfin (Bike Score® ranking), December