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Update: Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness August 5, 2020

Al Bangoura, Superintendent



Update Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness

How we got here

- COVID 19 created a health, economic, unemployment and homeless crisis
- Executive Order 55 and Board Resolutions

Implementing Resolution 2020-267

- Directives outlined in resolution
- Permits and parks designated as capable of accommodating encampments
- Powderhorn Park encampments

MPRB work

- Unprecedented role of parks
- Critical need for increased services, shelter and housing within next several months
- Support for the work underway



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Crime & Safety Report

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The public safety demands of encampments continue to challenge Park Police staffing resources.

- Currently scheduling overtime shifts everyday to help offset encampment impacts.
- Powderhorn Park has had a sharp reduction in the number of police incidents since the east encampment was disbanded on July 20; however, incidents at Powderhorn still outpace nearly every other encampment.
- Peavey Park continues to be a concern due to serious assaults. Hope Academy Charter School is resuming in-person classes this fall.
- Loring Park is an emerging trouble spot with encampment spread and increased assaults.



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Offense Reports Since July 15

Powderhorn Park:

MP 2020-187086	Jul-17-2020 17:35	ASSAULT - FEAR OF HARM
MP 2020-187804	Jul-18-2020 10:15	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-187813	Jul-18-2020 11:55	DOMESTIC ASLT - CAUSE HARM
MP 2020-188389	Jul-19-2020 01:31	MISSING PERSON
MP 2020-189355	Jul-20-2020 10:12	ASLT-SGNFCNT BDLY HM
MP 2020-189457	Jul-20-2020 18:23	UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY
MP 2020-190098	Jul-21-2020 01:31	ARSON
MP 2020-191805	Jul-22-2020 23:09	OVERDOSE
MP 2020-194455	Jul-25-2020 22:52	ASSAULT - HARM OR ATTEMPT
MP 2020-195948	Jul-27-2020 17:08	OTHER THEFT
MP 2020-198787	Jul-30-2020 18:42	CSC - RAPE
MP 2020-704518	Jul-31-2020 12:26	BIKE THEFT
MP 2020-199601	Jul-31-2020 17:26	RECOVERED VEHICLE



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Loring Park:

MP 2020-192037	Jul-23-2020 04:15	DOMESTIC ASLT - CAUSE HARM
MP 2020-194392	Jul-25-2020 20:04	DOMESTIC ASLT - CAUSE HARM
MP 2020-194424	Jul-25-2020 20:41	STALKING
MP 2020-195883	Jul-27-2020 18:37	2ND DEG DOMES ASLT
MP 2020-198349	Jul-30-2020 11:12	CRISIS INTERVENTION
MP 2020-198675	Jul-30-2020 17:10	DOMESTIC 5 ENHANCED
MP 2020-201099	Aug-02-2020 11:43	RECOVER PROPERTY



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Peavey Park:

MP 2020-186443	Jul-16-2020 19:19	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-188161	Jul-18-2020 20:28	ASSAULT - HARM OR ATTEMPT

Elliot Park:

MP 2020-186084	Jul-16-2020 11:51	MV ACCID INJURY RPT
MP 2020-186601	Jul-17-2020 01:09	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-187206	Jul-17-2020 19:40	UNDETERMINED FIRE
MP 2020-187203	Jul-17-2020 20:01	THEFT FROM MOTR VEHC
MP 2020-191199	Jul-22-2020 11:00	ROBBERY PER AGG
MP 2020-196620	Jul-28-2020 13:07	BIKE THEFT



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Encampment Permit Process and Open Time Comments

Jennifer Ringold, Deputy Superintendent



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Open Time on 7/15 MPRB received:

- 256 comments about the homeless encampments.
- 72 comments were received by Customer Service.
- 184 comments were received as open time submissions.
- 9 in support of the encampments.
 - Kenwood has become a location of interest
- 226 were opposed to the encampments.
- 23 of the comments were neutral or were sent as observations.

Since 7/15 MPRB received:

- 141 comments about the homeless encampments.
- 86 comments were received by Customer Service.
- 1,344 comments were received as open time submissions.
- 5 in support of the encampments.
- 123 were opposed to the encampments.
- 27 of the comments were neutral or were sent as observations.
- 2 Customer Service calls and 1,311 forms in opposition of the arrests made upon removal of the Powderhorn site.



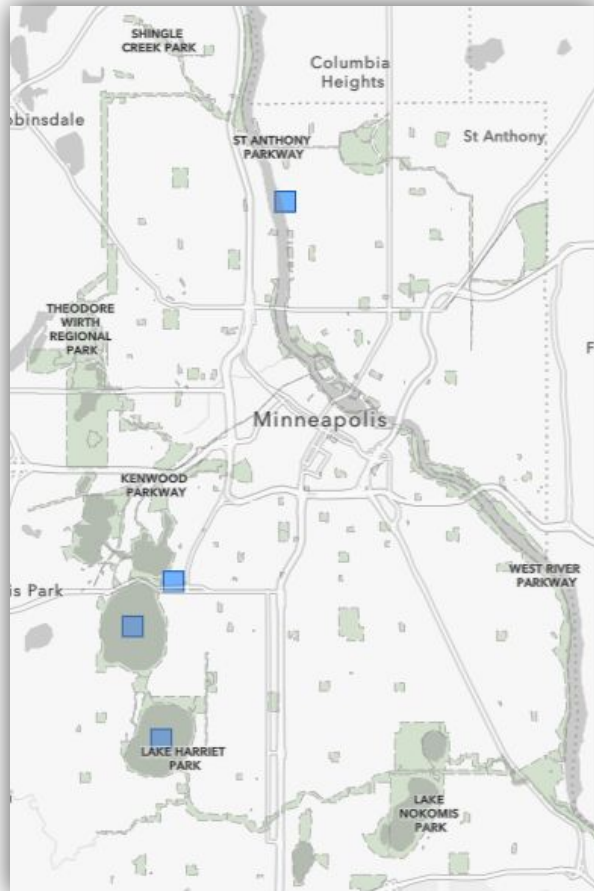
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Encampment Permit Update

- Outreach to Encampment – Community Outreach + StreetReach
 - Providing information about application
 - Collecting applications
 - Delivering permits, will also provide permit follow-up
 - Application FAQ
- 8 Applications Received
 - 4 Permits Issued, 1 variance requested, 3 under review
- Current Temporary Encampment Permits
 - Lake Harriet
 - William Berry (Richfield Road)
 - The Mall
 - Marshall Terrace



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Permitted Encampments

1. Lake Harriet (SW)
2. Bde Maka Ska/William Berry (SW)
3. Marshall Terrace (NE/SE)
4. The Mall (SW)



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Overview of Current Encampments

Jeremy Barrick, Assistant Superintendent of Environmental Stewardship



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UPDATES

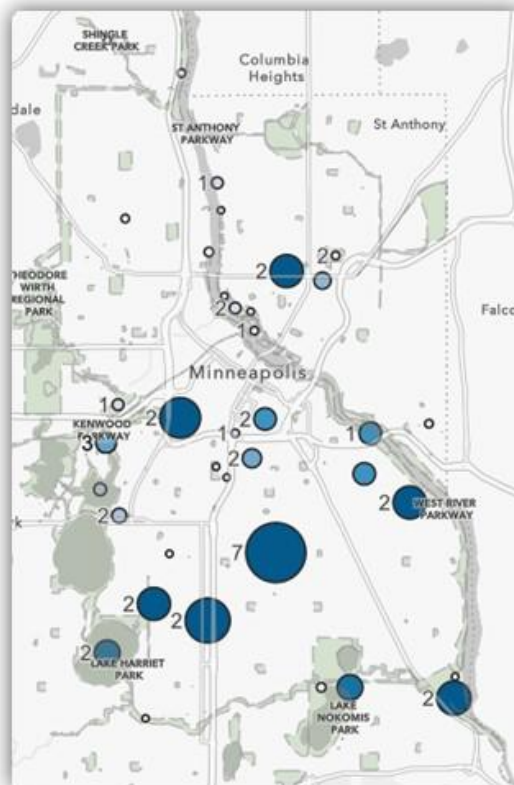
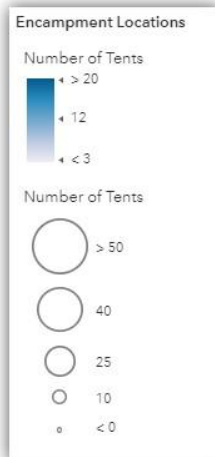
- It has been approximately 57 days since the start of the encampment at Powderhorn Park which began about June 9th.
- Currently, there are approximately 38 known encampments on MPRB Property with an estimated 413 tents – Though encampments have been observed at more than 55 parks.
- **New locations to note: Loring, Logan, Lk Nokomis, Elliot, Matthews, Beltrami, Boom Island**
- The largest encampment remains at Powderhorn Park with approximately 55 tents as of this morning.
 - East Side was deconcentrated and remains tent-free
 - West Side received notice to transition (Monday 8/3) and there has been a slight reduction in the number of tents
- There are 4 parks that have permitted encampments
- There are 12 parks that have been designated to be capable of accommodating encampments
- MPRB staff continue to communicate with site volunteers in getting basic amenities on site as new encampments are identified. (Biff, Trash, handwashing stations as available) and coordination with the City of Minneapolis.
- Staff concerns:
 - Physical safety-** One employee has been physically assaulted at Logan Park. Several incidents of people attempting to take over equipment and refusing to get off. Staff have been verbally harassed and have had items thrown at them, threatened with objects.
 - Increased exposure to biohazards** - staff are working daily/routine in the environment moving trash carts out, cleaning bathrooms, picking litter and have expressed concern for increased exposure. Staff has needed to wear additional PPE (Tyvek suits) in the hot humid weather to do some of the bigger clean ups, leading to heat exhaustion.
 - Mental safety/Trauma-** Can't erase this from staff's memory, they go home with, they sleep with it. Staff have expressed concern for the stress this work has induced



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Locations of Encampments



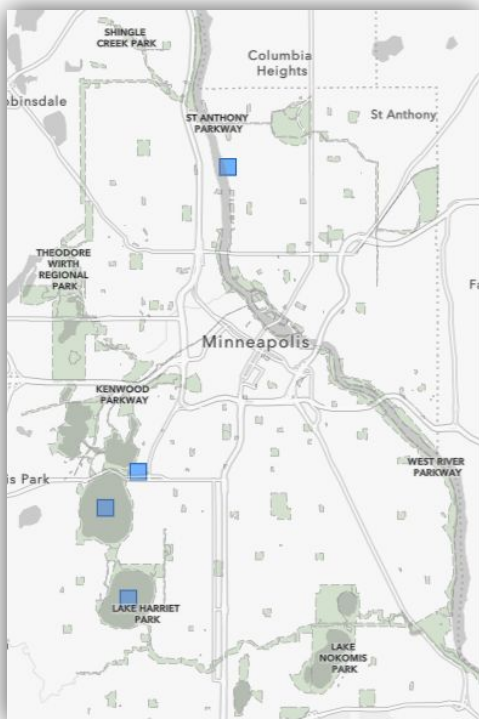
Encampment Location	# Tents	# Biffs	# Handwash
Annie Young	15	1	0
Bassett's Creek Park	0	0	0
Beltrami	10	0	0
BF Nelson	1	0	0
Boom Island	5	2	0
Brackets	25	2	2
Bryn Mawr Meadows	5	1	HYG
Cedar Lake	0	0	0
Clinton Field	1	0	0
E Minnehaha Creek	3	0	0
Edgewater	1	0	0
Elliott	15	2	1
Folwell	0		
Franklin Steele	2	1	0
Hall Park	0		
Hall's Island/Scherer site	1	0	0
Jordan	2	1	
Kenwood	13	3	1
Lk Harriet	18	2	1
Lk Hiawatha	0		
Lk Nokomis	18	0	0
Lk of the Isles	6	0	0
Logan	25	2	1
Loring	32	2	1
Lyndale Farmstead	25	2	1
Lyndale Park	1	2	0
Marshall Terrace	5	1	1
Matthews	15	0	0
Minnehaha Creek near 35th S	1		
Minnehaha Falls	26	2	1
Minnehaha Parkway	0	0	0
MLK	36	2	1
Mueller	0	0	0
N Mississippi	2		
Northeast Park	2	2	0
Operations Center (SSOC)	0	0	0
Painter	0	0	0
Peavey	12	2	1
Perkins Hill	0		
Powderhorn East	0		
Powderhorn West	55	7	2
Riverside	25	2	1
Sheridan Memorial	1	0	0
Shingle Creek/ Olson Middle School	1		
Stewart	0		
The Commons	0	3	1
The Mall	8	2	1
Theo Wirth	1	0	0
Tower Hill	2	0	0
W. River at Ole Olson	3		
W. River Parkway at Broadway	0		
W. River at Plymouth Ave N.	0		
Wabun	1	0	0
Washburn Fair Oaks	1	0	0
Webber	0		
Xcel	0	0	0



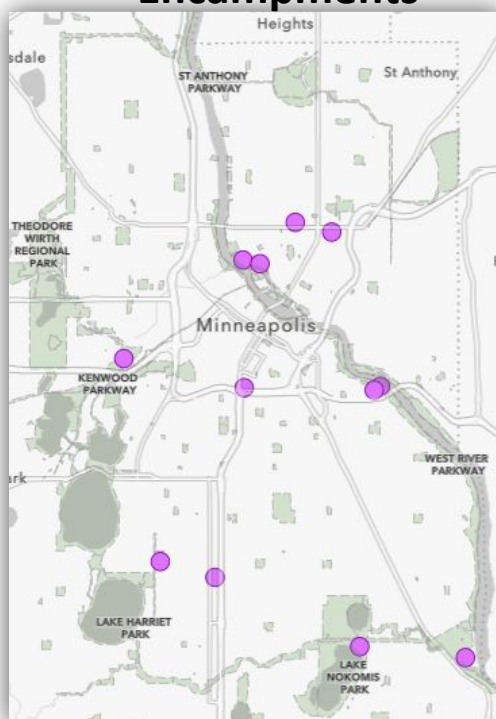
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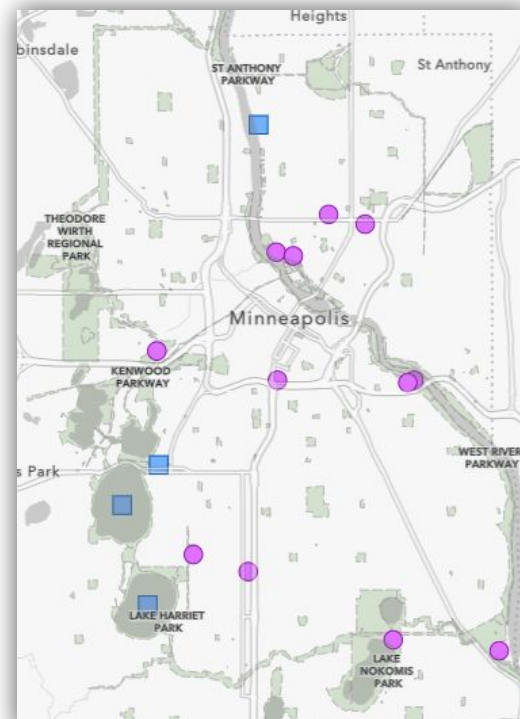
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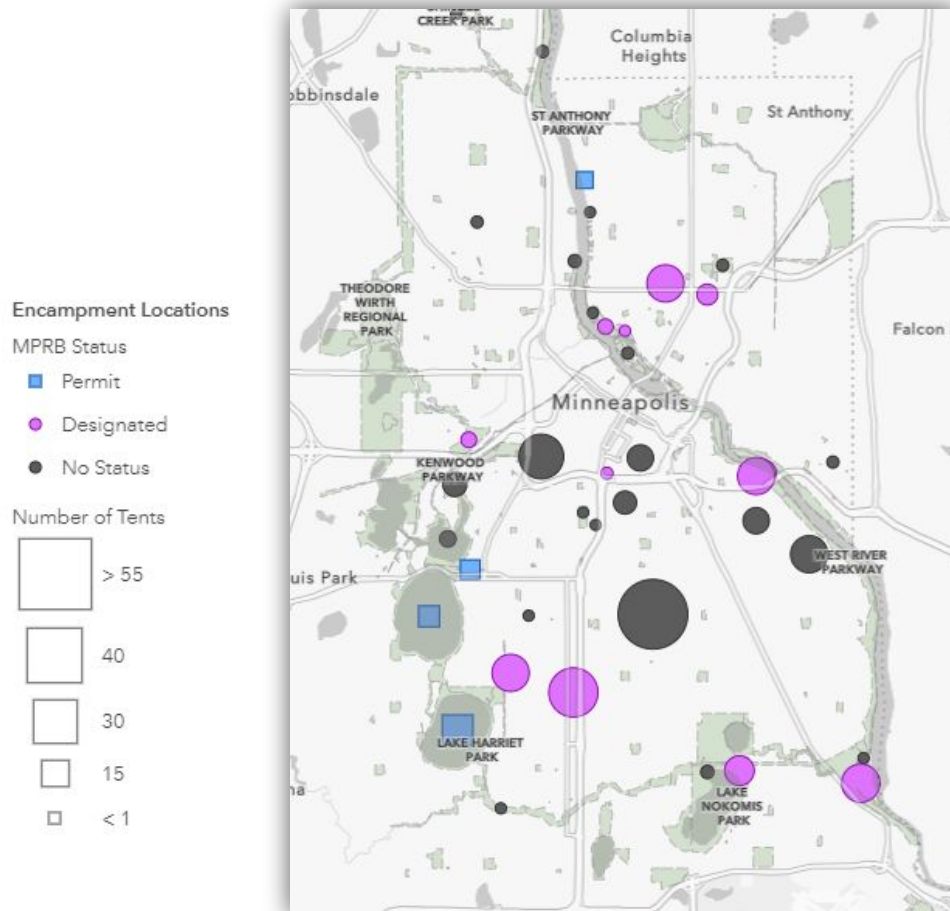


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1. Lake Harriet (SW) - Permitted
2. Bde Maka Ska/William Berry (SW) - Permitted
3. Marshall Terrace (NE/SE) - Permitted
4. The Mall (SW) - Permitted
5. Boom Island (NE/SE)
6. Riverside (S) (full)
7. Annie Young (S) (full)
8. BF Nelson (NE/SE)
9. Franklin Steele (SW)
10. Minnehaha Falls (S) (full)
11. Lyndale Farmstead (SW) (full)
12. MLK (MPRB Property) (SW) (full)
13. Bryn Mawr (SW)
14. Beltrami (NE/SE) (full)
15. Logan (NE/SE) (full)
16. Lk Nokomis (depending on location) (S)



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Powderhorn Park Transition Plan

Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent of Planning



Goal

Depopulate encampments in Powderhorn Park to align with Resolution 2020-269, including removing encampments with a demonstrated health and safety concern consistent with Executive Order 20-55 and commissioners' direction prohibiting encampments in safe school zones.

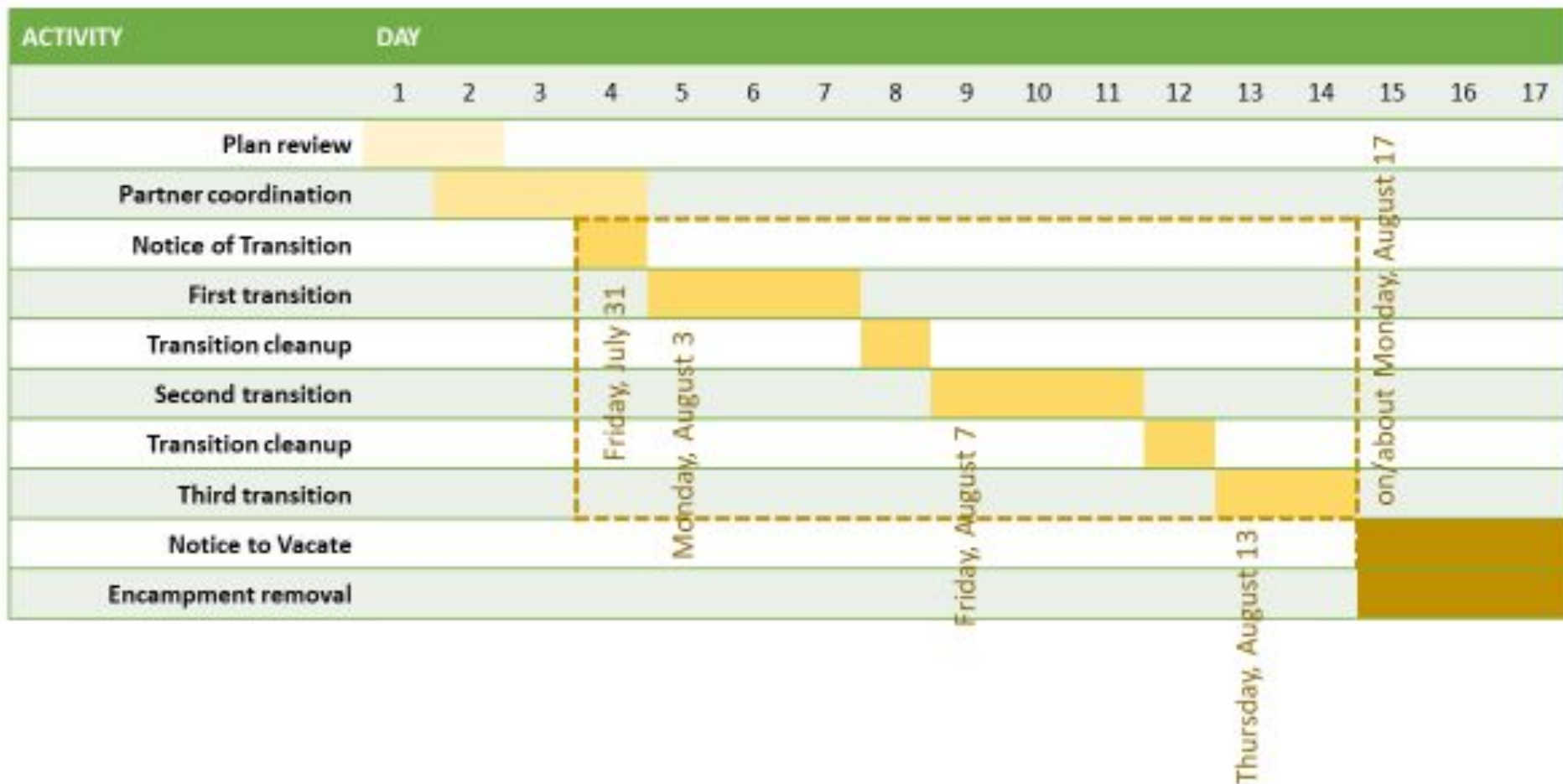
Concept

Encourage, through transition and the use of supportive partners, an incremental removal of the any encampments at Powderhorn Park, and only engage Park Police to support other's work and/or when it has been demonstrated through repeated instances of engagement that other methods of accomplishing the goal have failed.



Powderhorn Park Transition Plan

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Available refuge sites

The MPRB notes the following refuge sites as being available, with infrastructure being in-place as of the first date of the transition period:

BF Nelson Park (25 tents)



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Questions?