2021 Mission Statement

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: Nature programming and environmental education were a key part of new and innovative youth programs introduced in 2021 (front); the three-acre Water Works Park and Pavilion opened, with a design acknowledging the spiritual significance of its downtown site for Indigenous people (back).
A Note From Superintendent Alfred Bangoura

This was an important year for the Minneapolis park system. We opened beautiful new facilities and amenities across the city, continued to offer great programs and activities for all ages and abilities, and maintained thousands of acres of natural areas for everyone in our city to enjoy. Most of all, I’m proud of our organization’s adaptability as we continued serving the public throughout the difficult, ever-changing conditions of a sustained pandemic.

There was a collective energy and focus on new opportunities for youth in our parks. We debuted innovative programs, skills trainings and jobs for young people. New summer day camps were launched, exciting summer cycling programs offered and free access to North Commons Waterpark provided. A new program within Teen Teamworks trained youth for green careers working in the trades or outdoors.

The first Spark’d Studio space opened at Powderhorn Park, with state-of-the-art multimedia equipment for people to learn music production, sound engineering and videography – and planning began for three more Spark’d Studios to open in 2022. I’m excited that we’re going to continue to build on this work with a historic $2.6 million investment in youth next year, thanks to a collaborative agreement with the City of Minneapolis.

It was a big year for riverfront parks! Water Works opened with a new park pavilion and Indigenous restaurant next to the Stone Arch Bridge. The 26th Avenue North Overlook was completed, the first northside riverfront project in more than 15 years. And speaking of the Northside, the concept design for a new 20-acre regional park at the Upper Harbor Terminal site was approved, with work scheduled to begin on that new park in 2022.

The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan brought upgrades to neighborhood parks and recreation centers across the city, along with numerous repairs to trails, courts, and critical public infrastructure.

New efforts continued our work to improve water quality, add to our tree canopy, and protect natural areas. Research projects deepened our knowledge as climate change continues to threaten the health our ecosystem. We continued working to reduce our carbon footprint with new investments in energy efficiency at park buildings, and new electric vehicles and tools.

Yes, it was another challenging year, but as you read through the coming pages, I hope you see the amazing resiliency of Minneapolis and its park system. This annual report is the last to track the visions, goals and accomplishments of the MPRB’s 2007-2021 Comprehensive Plan. After nearly three years of work, we have a new comprehensive plan called Parks for All that takes effect in 2022! The vision, values and goals identified in the plan will guide our work over the next 15 years. Read more about Parks for All over the next two pages.

I wish to extend a sincere thank-you to all employees, volunteers and partners for your flexibility and dedication throughout the year. It’s an honor to work with such a talented and dedicated group. I also would like to thank you, our supporters and everyday park users. This is your park system. We’re here to serve you and continue to offer world-class parks and experiences for everyone to enjoy.

Alfred Bangoura
On October 20, 2021, a new Comprehensive Plan was approved! Called Parks for All, it went into effect Jan. 1, 2022, and will guide Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) policy and priorities through the year 2036.

Parks for All is based on the shared values of communities the MPRB serves, organizations and agencies the MPRB works with, and MPRB Commissioners and staff. It was created, revised and finalized through three years of research and feedback.

In addition to guiding policy and priorities, Parks for All will provide guidance in developing policy, establishing or modifying programs and services, setting the annual MPRB budget and creating park improvements over the next decade and a half. It builds from the 2007 MRPB Comprehensive Plan other MPRB master plans, activity plans, policies and strategic directions.

Plan Overview

Updated 2022 Mission Statement

Why the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board exists

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board permanently preserves, protects, maintains, improves, and enhances its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations of our region including people, plants, and wildlife. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board dismantles historic inequities in the provision of park and recreation opportunities for all people to gather, celebrate, contemplate, and engage in activities that promote health, wellbeing, community, and the environment.

Vision

What is the future MPRB is trying to achieve?

In 2030, the Minneapolis park and recreation system embodies equitable park and recreation access balanced with ecological health. It is a premier destination that welcomes and brings joy to people that live, play, work, study in and visit Minneapolis.

Natural, cultural, artistic, historical, athletic, and recreational resources cultivate outstanding experiences that break down barriers to health, enjoyment, fun and learning for all people. The park system meets the needs of individuals, families and communities across culture, class, race/ethnicity, language, ability, geography, generation and gender.

A robust and vibrant tree canopy and system of natural areas extends its health, economic, and environmental benefits to every home. The focus on preserving land continues, with a strong emphasis on connecting people to the land and each other.

Through storytelling and experience, MPRB fosters pride in park users and staff and cultivates a new generation of proud stewards and supporters of an extraordinary park and recreation system.
Values

The ways the MPRB approaches its work and delivers services

Equitable: An equitable park system is one that provides just and fair inclusion for all people across age, race, culture, economic status, ability, and gender, and acknowledges that racial equity needs to be the priority in our work to dismantle systemic racism in our city.

Sustainable: A sustainable park and recreation system is one that cares for its resources, both natural and financial, across generations.

Connected: A connected park and recreation system operates with contextual awareness of the larger community, economic, political, and natural systems.

Independent: Independence allows the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to focus on obtaining, retaining, and providing the resources necessary to accomplish its mission.

Accountable: An accountable park and recreation system is one that stewards community visions toward implementation.

Innovative: An innovative park and recreation system continually seeks ways to better deliver park and recreation services. Innovation supports responsiveness to changes in community, globally and locally.

Goals

Nine goals will guide future development, operations and maintenance of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation system.

Numerous strategies are outlined to achieve each goal within the plan.

1. Foster belonging and equity
2. Steward a continuum of nature and recreation
3. Provide core services with care
4. Work from our strengths and determine our role in partnerships
5. Expand focus on health equity
6. Strengthen ecological connections
7. Connect through communications and technology
8. Cultivate a thriving workforce
9. Operate a financially sustainable enterprise

Visit www.minneapolisparks.org/parksforall for details.
**Goal:** Sound management techniques provide healthy, diverse and sustainable natural resources

**Boat Inspections: Another Banner Year.** Staff logged 9,893 inspections to help keep the zebra mussel and other aquatic invasive species from establishing in Bde Maka Ska, Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis: the second time in two years that inspections at boat launches topped 9,000. Staff also interacted with 15,571 non-boating park visitors, helping to spread the word about water quality.

**Aquatic Plant Harvesting.** Low water levels, warm temperatures and an early ice-off led to “nuisance” amounts of aquatic plants affecting fishing, swimming and boating in the lakes. In all, 1.1 million pounds of plants were composted after contracted SCUBA divers removed them from Wirth Lake and Lake Nokomis, and MPRB’s mechanical harvesters, from the Chain of Lakes (Cedar, Isles, Bde Maka Ska, Harriet).

**Weeding Out Invasive Plants.** MPRB staff began managing non-native Phragmites, a reed grass that can overtake shoreline areas, at three locations around the Chain of Lakes. The University of Minnesota-recommended management strategy will continue in 2022 and 2023, with plans to establish native shoreline plant species in 2024.

**Monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms.** MPRB launched a successful pilot surveillance project for algae toxins at five beaches and arranged for faster water quality test results from a local lab, especially important for summer lake recreation. The interactive minneapolisparks.org/beaches map also features updates in closure notices due to elevated bacteria levels and warnings when visual monitoring indicates the possibility of harmful algal blooms.

**Savannas, Woodlands, Prairies and More.** MPRB completed a long-term plan for managing 1,200 acres of parkland designated as natural areas – about 15% of the park system’s total acreage. (It has actively managed key portions of this land since the 1980s.) With a detailed inventory of 10 types of natural areas, GIS mapping and quality rankings, the plan provides recommendations and estimated costs for restoration and ongoing management.

**Wood Duck Nesting Study.** MPRB’s efforts to support the local Wood Duck population got a technological boost as the 39 nesting boxes were mapped and five years of information digitized. During those years, MPRB staff tracked evidence of 120 successful nests in the boxes and at least 405 hatchlings: Valuable findings that will guide placement of future boxes and nest inspections.

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

**Planting a Resilient Urban Forest.** With 8,000 trees removed in 2021, MPRB’s eight-year Ash Canopy Replacement Plan will be completed with the replacement planting of 8,000 trees in spring 2022. Beginning in 2014, MPRB’s response to the nationwide emerald ash borer infestation was to replace 40,000 ash trees in parks and on boulevards, with trees of more than 150 types. This deliberate diversity maximizes the benefits of each tree – and the resilience of the entire urban forest to future pests and other conditions.

**Teamwork for Thirsty Trees.** As drought conditions developed in June, Equipment Shop and Forestry staff collaborated to ramp up watering capacity and help save newly planted trees. The Shop set up six 450-gallon water tanks on trailers to supplement MPRB’s five 1,000-gallon water trucks and smaller tanks for pickups. The added capacity allowed staff to water 3,500 trees weekly through September.

**Alternative Arbor Day.** With a public tree celebration once again cancelled due to COVID, Forestry staff instead partnered with University of Minnesota students to bring 50 new trees to Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery in South Minneapolis. Staff demonstrated socially distant planting techniques, with students planting the remaining trees – which replaced those lost since the last major planting in 2003.

**Pin Oak Partnership.** Forestry is conducting a research project on pin oak trees with the University of Minnesota to investigate the potential treatment for stressed and declining pin oaks on city boulevards.

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

**Conservation Corps Shows Up for Minneapolis Parks!** From April through early November, young adults from the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa and teenagers with the Corps’ Youth Outdoors program worked to control invasive species across the park system. A notable success cut back buckthorn and other invasive shrubs near Theodore Wirth Park’s tamarack bog. In the fall, Corps members tackled native plant restoration and erosion control projects, and provided assistance to MPRB’s Community Gardening program; a crew of young adults even worked into mid-December.
Mississippi River Green Team. A video and article from the Nature Conservancy’s Minnesota chapter profiled the Mississippi River Green Team, a youth employment partnership of the MPRB and Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Team members from North and Northeast Minneapolis learned environmental field work skills on the job and explored avenues to develop future green careers. Their focus dovetailed with the Nature Conservancy’s campaign to build broad awareness of nature’s power in capturing carbon and helping communities brace for climate impacts.

**Goal:** Residents and visitors enjoy and understand the natural environment

New Exhibit Leads Outdoors. “Nature in the City” opened at the Kroening Interpretive Center just as the facility re-opened to the public. A series of compelling, interactive exhibits spark curiosity about the wilder side of life outdoors – plants and pollinators, crows and coyotes, stormwater and macroinvertebrates – and enticed humans to exit the building and connect with and explore the natural world.

Wildflower Garden Abuzz! From May through October, Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary enjoyed a terrific season with abundant and enthusiastic visitors. Public programs like storytimes, birdwatching, and evening adventures resumed, each drawing 20 participants on average and on occasion, 40- and 50-plus. Meanwhile, 2,371 youth and adults explored nature focused activities at the Garden’s “outpost” station set up at Wirth Beach.

Preventing Harmful Hammocks. Repeatedly attaching a hammock to a tree can harm the tree, so Forestry staff created a set of hammocking guidelines for park users and Hammock Exclusion Areas where hammocks are not allowed for visitor safety or protection of historic, environmental or cultural resources.

The Wildest Place in the City. Staff at Kroening Interpretive Center and North Mississippi Regional Park made the most of summer. Besides the new exhibit, 100+ youth attended weekly full-day outdoor camps, and people of all ages explored and enjoyed outdoors through bird watching, nature art, hikes, nature playtime, family fun-days, campfire evenings and more. Meanwhile, Naturalist staff worked with more than 150 third- to fifth graders at eight sites and close to 300 fifth- to seventh-graders at two sites.

Monarch Festival Returns. The 13th annual Minneapolis Monarch Festival welcomed an estimated 6,000 to 7,000 people who celebrated monarch butterflies with a memorable mix of visual artists, musicians and dancers; naturalists, scientists and gardeners; vendors, volunteers and others. MPRB staff were thrilled at the turnout, considering normal pre-COVID festival attendance averaged 8,000 to 10,000.

Drawn to the Water. Environmental Education staff provided paddling for all ages during the summer, bringing canoes to Diamond and Powderhorn Lakes, Lake Nokomis, and Loring Pond. They offered free drop-in canoe nights and served youth attending Rec Plus Child Care and Youthline programs.

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

DIY Earth Day Cleanup. More than 550 volunteers came out to collect trash and help beautify Minneapolis parks, neighborhoods and watersheds, with 28 park sites offering clean-up kits and support. MPRB’s partnership with the City of Minneapolis and Tree Trust included a robust social media campaign throughout April.

**Abundant Volunteers.** More and more park visitors committed to consistently care for specific park spaces through Park Stewardship Agreements. At 85 sites – up from 74 in 2020 – a total of 2,397 volunteers contributed 15,843 hours of their time.
Goal: People play, learn and develop a greater capacity to enjoy life

Exploring Creativity. Powderhorn Recreation Center received new state-of-the-art multimedia equipment for people to learn music production, sound engineering and videography. This is the first of five unique, innovative destinations planned at recreation centers to provide opportunities and experiences for young people to explore opportunities in creative careers.

Neighborhood Summer Camps. A total of 50 themed, all-day, weeklong youth camps traveled throughout neighborhood parks over the summer. Ten themes included art and science, bikes, wheels, camping, theater, water, sports, Olympics, imagination and Survivor. Nearly 1,000 youth and teens participated in these low-cost camps.

Discovering Big Nature. Youth explored the woods, prairies, riverfront and other natural wonders of Minneapolis’ regional parks through 12-week nature summer camps.

Outdoor Adventures. Adventure Hubs offered free seasonal outdoor equipment and supplies to rent for outdoor exploration at 15 parks across Minneapolis.

Fun on the Run. Fun on the Run expanded to winter activities in its second year! Park staff brought a host of free, fun and engaging activities for youth and teens to different parks over the summer and winter.

Rec Plus Pilot. More than a dozen parks hosted Rec Plus School-Age Childcare for both Summer and School-Year sessions. For the first time the program was offered for free out of Harrison and Webber Parks via scholarships.

Lifelong Learning. Several new programs out of Southwest Minneapolis recreation centers got adults ages 55 and up involved in building and programming robots. One of the programs paired older adults with a grandchild or younger family member.

Opportunities for All. Adaptive programs helped people with disabilities participate in fun park activities, like yoga, ceramics, sports and nature camps.

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

Youth Sports. Youth sports resumed year-round operation with precautions in place to help prevent spreading COVID-19. Thousands of youth participated in ten sports: baseball, softball and track and field in the summer, flag football, tackle football and volleyball in the fall, and basketball, gymnastics, hockey and wrestling over the winter.

Adult Sports. There were plenty of opportunities to compete and have fun in adult leagues, with 12 different sports offered over the year, including new grass volleyball and indoor broomball leagues.

Another Great Year for Golf. Golf rounds increased again in 2021, after a resurgence in 2020. The third-annual Play Golf Minneapolis Summit teed up the year at Columbia Golf Club in February.

Nice Ice. Rinks enjoyed above average conditions for making and maintaining ice during the 2020-21 skating season as people flocked to the rinks while indoor activities were limited during the pandemic. Forty new picnic tables were assembled and placed near ice rinks while warming rooms were closed due to pandemic restrictions.

Arena Innovations. Northeast Arena and Parade Ice Garden performed skate sharpening by appointment when indoor facilities were closed due to the pandemic. In the spring, arenas began offering live and on-demand video of youth hockey games so more people could watch from a distance.

Youth Carpentry. A new youth employment team helped design and build park structures like raised planters and small shelters that will be placed
throughout the park system.

Swim Lessons. More than 1,000 swim lessons were given in 2021, and 30% of participants received assistance from scholarship opportunities.

Swimming the Distance. Open Swim Club membership increased yet again to more than 1,300 people who swam across Lake Nokomis or Cedar Lake supervised by lifeguards up to six days per week. Two events – the Lake Monster 1-2-3 at Nokomis in June and the Chain of Lakes Open Swim Classic at Bde Maka Ska in August – returned this year.

Goal: People connect through parks and recreation

In-Person Events. Many beloved annual events returned to in-person gatherings with precautions taken and modifications made to reduce COVID-19 virus transmission.

• Music and Movies in the Park returned to a full schedule offering free concerts and movies nearly every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Drive-in movies bookended the season, offering a more comfortable experience during cooler weather.

• Cycle the Summer is a new series of bike-focused events and programs that replaced the Minneapolis Bike Tour. It included Biking Without Barriers, which created auto-free weekend rides on parkways, youth-focused bike rodeos, BMX demos, and a Passport Program for touring the Grand Rounds bikeway. The series finale was a festival at Boom Island Park in August.

• Juneteenth was celebrated in a weeklong series of in-person and virtual events, including panel discussions, virtual and in-person performances, Juneteenth Family Night at Creekview Park, Music in the Park at Bethune Park, and Story Strolls, where people could read a book while walking a park path.

• Fourth of July was celebrated through multiple smaller celebrations at parks across the city, instead of the massive riverfront Red, White and Boom festival held in years past.

• Owámni Falling Water Festival stretched across the river in its 8th year, with fall activities celebrating Indigenous culture centered around its usual spot in Father Hennepin Bluff Park and at the newly completed Water Works.

Virtual Events and Takeaway Programs. Early in the year events were still restricted as new COVID-19 vaccines began to roll out.

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day aired live as a virtual program on the MPRB YouTube page and local government TV. Jamal Guy and Stephen Slater, two local businessmen and volunteers, were honored with the Living the Dream Award.

• Lake Harriet Winter Kite Festival did not take place on the frozen lake; instead, take-home festival kite kits were sold to families.

• Minneapolis International Festival went virtual with an interactive online map created that linked to music, art, food and dance from 17 locations across the globe.

• Earth Day was celebrated as a do-it-yourself activity. Park staff handed out prepackaged cleanup kits to help beautify 20 parks.

Teen Power. Teen Teamworks youth crews, ages 14-18, contributed to the park system throughout the summer completing a variety of jobs. They performed park maintenance tasks, helped with invasive species removal, aided park planning efforts and assisted recreation programs.

Youthline. The Youthline program led middle-school-age youth in an array of enriching activities, like stargazing and STEM activities, college and career exploration, cooking classes and archery.

Growing Food and Community. Eight community gardens hosted plots for 130 people, with priority given to Minneapolis residents without land access outside the parks and who planned to grow food.

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

Making a Difference. One-time environmental volunteer groups returned to pre-pandemic numbers, with 130 groups assisting with ongoing projects in our parks, gardens, and natural areas. In total 2,170 environmental volunteers gave 4,945 hours of service.

Coaches. More than 500 adults volunteered to coach youth sports in 2021, an especially impressive achievement with pandemic guidelines and precautions in place.

Volunteers of the Year. Members of the Luxton Book Exchange were recognized as Volunteers of the Year. The program operates a free program at Luxton Recreation Center where people can choose from hundreds of books, and in turn donate more to the collection.

Goal: Parks provide a center for community living

Reopening Recreation Centers. Recreation centers reopened incrementally throughout the year. Approximately 25 recreation centers offered pre-registered and ActivePass activities in late 2020, with additional sites opening in July and all sites in September.
Goal: Parks shape an evolving city

Upper Harbor Terminal Envisioned. A concept for a new 20-acre regional park at the Upper Harbor Terminal site along the North Mississippi riverfront was approved. The concept features a mile-long riverfront path, stormwater treatment areas, an entry plaza and space for youth employment and job training opportunities. The park is tentatively scheduled to open in 2024.

Bde Maka Ska Pavilion Rebuild. The concept plan for rebuilding the Bde Maka Ska Pavilion, which burned down in 2019, was approved in May. Construction is anticipated in 2022 with concessions resuming for the 2023 season.

Graco Park. Plans for a new riverfront park on the Northeast Minneapolis riverfront called Graco Park progressed throughout the year. Three initial park plans were published for feedback in August, and a single, refined concept was shared for more feedback in December. The park is tentatively scheduled to open in 2024.

Cedar-Isles Master Plan. Two initial concepts outlining possibilities for the Cedar-Isles Master Plan debuted in December after two years of work. Staff will continue to collect feedback and in 2022 hone the plan for Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, Dean Parkway and surrounding parkland.

Cedar-Riverside Recreation Center. A Predesign Report exploring options for a new recreation center in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood was completed and approved in July. The report and its concept illustrations will help efforts to secure project funding.

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

Northside Overlook. The 26th Avenue North Overlook also opened in May. The oval-shaped Overlook platform centers around a 35-foot-tall riverfront beacon that is lit at night in various colors.

Partnership Appreciation. Water Works and the 26th Avenue Overlook would not have been possible without a partnership with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation and its capital campaign that raised $18.1 million for these riverfront projects.

Elliot Skate Park. The largest skate park in the Minneapolis park system opened at Elliot Park. The new street-style skate features were designed by the same firm that created the skate park for the Tokyo Olympics.

Seven Pools. The Seven Pools at Thomas Lowry Park was rebuilt and reopened in September. This feature has water cascading through seven basins, surrounded by brick walkways and landscaping. Neighborhood group Friends of Seven Pools raised nearly $350,000 to help fund the project.

Meadowbrook Clubhouse. Construction began on a new 1,500-square-foot clubhouse at Meadowbrook Golf Course. The clubhouse will open in 2022 or 2023, replacing a temporary trailer in place since the previous clubhouse suffered irreparable damage due to a pipe break during the 2015-16 winter.

Rehabilitation at Ard Godfrey. The historic Ard Godfrey House at Chute Square was refurbished this fall through a partnership with the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation. Participants earned a livable wage and a general carpentry skills certificate and were eligible for union jobs upon completion of the program.

Tennis Love. Two new sets of tennis courts debuted in Southwest Minneapolis over the summer. Two new clay courts at Waveland Triangle became the only free, public clay courts in the metro area when they were completed in September. Earlier in the summer, four completely rebuilt tennis courts opened near Minnehaha Creek and Morgan Avenue S.

Magnificent Murals. New murals were painted on park buildings at three Northeast parks – Beltrami, Logan and Northeast – as part of project sponsored by Northeast neighborhood associations. Another mural was painted at Luxton Recreation Center in June.
Community Building. A new wood performance pavilion was built next to Logan Recreation Center by volunteers through a partnership with the Logan Park Neighborhood Association and local non-profit Spark-Y. The structure employed the timber framing method of construction like the picnic shelter built at nearby Beltrami Park in 2016.

Playgrounds. Grand Opening celebrations were held for new playgrounds at Armatage and Bassett’s Creek parks, and new playgrounds are nearly complete at Loring and Kenny parks.

Pools. A Grand Opening celebration was held for the new splash pad at Currie Park; construction began on another splash pad at Phelps Park.

Revised Court for New Sport. The tennis court at Central Gym Park was converted to Minneapolis’ first bike polo venue. Bike polo is like field hockey or broomball, but the two teams ride bicycles.

Smooth Surfaces. Sections of eight regional trails were resurfaced in the fall, totaling eight-plus miles of bike and bike/walk trails repaired.

- Court Report. Basketball, tennis and other hard surface courts were rehabilitated in the fall at 11 different parks. Work included sealing cracks and applying color coating and new striping.
- Rec Center Rehab. A variety of recreation center and park building rehabilitation projects took place at Audubon, Bryant Square, Cavell, Farview, Folwell and Logan parks.
- Funded by the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20). See page 11 for details on park renewal accomplishments through five years of NPP20 funding.

Goal: Focused land management supports current and future generations

New in North Loop. Land was acquired for a new neighborhood park in North Loop neighborhood. The MPRB purchased a 25,000-square-foot surface parking lot located on 3rd Street N between 7th and 8th Avenues in June and the asphalt surface was torn up and replaced with grass.

Columbia Overhaul. A major water management project at Columbia Park and Golf Course led by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization made great progress in 2021. A new storm sewer was installed along with a series of basins and ponds. The project will reduce pollutants entering the Mississippi River and flooding at the golf course and improve habitat and recreation opportunities.

Prettier Paddle. The old wood walls were removed in Kenilworth Channel and replaced with a naturalized shoreline featuring stone, soil and plants. The channel connecting Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles closed for construction in September and reopened in December.

Goal: Financially independent and sustainable parks prosper

Youth Sports Grants. Hennepin County provided $150,000 for a new playground at Keewaydin Park and $80,000 toward the new clay courts at Waveland Triangle, as well as 14 grants for new sports equipment at parks across Minneapolis totaling nearly $90,000.

Equity Grants. The Metropolitan Council awarded three equity grants: $200,000 to improve accessibility at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, $150,000 to increase youth employment in regional parks, and $40,000 to increase awareness of regional parks and programs by BIPOC, Latino and Somali people.

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

Turtle Protection. The MPRB is working with an ecologist to better understand turtle locations, habitat and conflicts with park users to create best practices to protect turtles in the Minneapolis park system.

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

Easy Search. A new search mapping tool was created for the MPRB website that enables people to easily locate places and interests based on their location, keywords, and/or categories.

Email Translation. A new feature was added to the header of all GovDelivery email messages that offers subscribers the option to translate the message into Spanish, Somali or Hmong.
Five-year milestone for the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan: 2017-2021

In 2017, MPRB began implementing the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20): its long-term initiative to reverse the effects of underfunding for Minneapolis’ neighborhood parks. After half a decade and more than $11 million in additional annual NPP20 funding, the organization has completed a host of capital investments and critical repairs in parks and recreation centers where they were needed the most. Read on for highlights of key investments supported fully or partially with NPP20 funding.

NPP20-Funded Capital Projects

15 Completed

- 2021: Currie Park – basketball court, improved play area, splash pad, restroom building; Bassett’s Creek Park – east side play area, picnic facilities, landscaping improvements
- 2020: Folwell Park – play area, renovated tennis courts, athletic field lighting, paths, lighting; Cleveland, Farview and Lovell Square parks – play areas, flexible-use and community garden spaces
- 2019: Painter Recreation Center – building-wide repairs, upgrades; Peavey Field Park – three-court basketball complex, play areas, multi-purpose field, central promenade, site grading, stormwater management, lighting; Central Gym Park – athletic field, basketball court, playground, paths, expanded gathering space; North Commons Water Park – replacement of major equipment replaced (for re-use in rebuild project)
- 2018: Northeast Recreation Center – new building; Phillips Aquatics Center and Phillips Community Center – new and renovated pools, building addition, reconfigured parking, range of rehabilitation and building upgrades

- 2017: Bossen Field Park – play area, basketball court, additional parking and paths, new and renovated athletic fields; Powderhorn Park – wading pool renovation and new amenities, renovations for three play areas

9 In-Progress

- Victory Park – splash pad with seating, landscaping, other improvements; McRae Park – new play area; Corcoran, Farwell and Hall parks – improvements based on approved park master plans and additional community engagement; Painter Park – skate park, gathering spaces, paths, landscaping; reconstruction of tennis and basketball courts; Sibley Park – playground, wading pool; Jordan Park – wading pool, restroom/mechanical building; North Commons Park – new community center with expanded gym space, water park expansion/reconstruction

5 Opening in 2022 (Under Construction)

- Perkins Hill Park – all-wheel pump track; Phelps Park – splash pad (play area, landscaping, lighting, path/parking lot accessibility improvements opened in 2020); Stewart Park – 6,000 square-foot multiuse field, paths, fencing, storm sewer improvements; Kenny Park – renovation and expansion of play areas; Keewaydin Park – new areas for bouldering/climbing, nature and adventure play

NPP20-Funded Rehabilitation Projects

6 Recreation centers with ADA/all-gender restroom renovations
10 Roof replacements (1 in progress)
11 Parks with renovated basketball and/or tennis courts
11 Recreation centers with multiple or major repairs and updates: Audubon, Bryant, Farview, Fuller, Kenwood, Logan, Lyndale Farmstead, Luxton, Matthews, Painter, Phillips
15 Parks/recreation centers with electrical repairs or upgrades
26 Parks/recreation centers with improved access at parking lots, paths and entries
53 Parks with NPP20-funded playground repairs, equipment replacements
66 Parks with path replacements for deteriorated concrete

100% Playgrounds inspected monthly or more often, based on age and usage

Visit minneapolisparks.org/npp20 for more on NPP20, its equity-based funding and the revitalization of neighborhood parks.
Goal: Positive recreation experiences and welcoming parks prevent crime

Welcoming Visitors. The Park Ambassador program continued during the summer. Ambassadors greeted visitors at popular parks with trail maps and knowledge to enhance experiences at iconic park attractions.

Support, Mentorship, Mediation. StreetReach staff used their skills and talents to support community, staff and park visitors in challenging situations and help mediate complex problems. They developed mentoring relationships with youth and provided culturally competent direct service to high energy community events, occurrences, and prolonged issues within the parks.

Pop-Up Parks. This year the Pop-Up Park program focused on inclusivity with diverse activities for everyone. The staffed traveling trailer of activities and entertainment focused on seven parks in North and Northeast Minneapolis.

Saddle Up. Bike rodeos were a fun way for youth to learn bike safety skills. They included a short safety presentation and an obstacle course for bikers to practice their skills. Park Police hosted many bike rodeos across the city in the summer, usually during community events.

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

Unsheltered Outreach. Overnight camping was not permitted and staff from the MPRB Community Connections and Violence Prevention Department conducted outreach to unsheltered people in parks, providing them with resources to find indoor shelter.

Goal: Intervention and communication reduces safety concerns

Officer of the Year. Tong Xiong was named Park Police Officer of the Year. Xiong, a member of the Park Police for 15 years, worked nightshift patrol duties and volunteered to serve as a field training officer in 2021. He was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to aid a person sleeping outside in subzero temperatures. Most notably, Officer Xiong demonstrated consistent informal leadership with a positive and professional demeanor during a challenging year.

Medal of Commendation. Officer Caleb Koecher, Officer Peyton Lauber and Sergeant Andrew Klein were awarded Medals of Commendation for separate incidents in which they apprehended armed suspects and recovered the suspects’ guns.

Lifesaving Awards. Officers Lynette Unke (twice), Karl Zabinski (twice), Scott Rethwill, Caleb Koecher, James Cannon, Brian Woodfill, Zebariah Hursh, Allie Simonett, and Sergeant Rick Doll received Lifesaving Awards for their efforts across numerous incidents to preserve someone’s life. Awards were given for providing a range of critical medical assistance to injured people or preventing people from harming themselves.

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

Bike Training. Park Police officers attended International Police Mountain Bike Association certification training in September. The 40-hour training helped officers develop expert riding skills and apply police tactics from a bicycle.

Goal: Parks are safe and welcoming by design

20 is Plenty. The MPRB Code of Ordinances was amended in November to reduce the parkway speed limit to 20 miles per hour. The MPRB is working with City of Minneapolis Public Works to swap in new speed limit signs throughout the winter and spring.

Welcoming Renovations. Front desks were repositioned for better sight lines and a more welcoming entry at five recreation centers that underwent renovations in 2021. In addition, all recreation center bathroom renovations now include family friendly and all gender restrooms.
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

Historic Investments for Youth. MPRB worked with the Minneapolis Mayor, City Council and Board of Estimates and Taxation to include a $2.6 million increase in youth investments, beginning with the 2022 MPRB’s budget, approved in December. Funding will come through a combination of gradual increases in property taxes and American Rescue Plan Act funding allocations, with an ongoing commitment from the Mayor through 2027. The 2022 budget eliminated fees for youth for programming and sports at locations within census-designated Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACP), including areas where 50% or more of residents are people of color (ACP50).

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

The Incredibles of 2020. Once again presented online, the third employee honors event featured live and prerecorded presentations. A one-year-only “Incredibles” honor shone a spotlight on employees who rose to challenges, tackled problems, devised creative solutions, remained poised and professional, extended empathy, and worked tirelessly to serve their community – including all Parkkeepers, Arborists and their Crewleaders for their efforts throughout the year. Powderhorn Park’s Recreation Facility Specialist, Liz Krause, received the Horace Cleveland Award for advancing MPRB’s values; and the Superintendent’s Award of Commendation went to Ahmed Yussuf, a Recreation Specialist at East Phillips Park, for his swift, professional, caring and calculated responses to crisis incidents at the park that had incredible impact – including saving a park visitor’s life.

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

More Parkways for Pedestrians. After 2020’s success in temporarily shifting parkway access from cars to walkers, bikers and rollers, MPRB renewed the measure in spring 2021, until the pandemic’s first wave subsided. West River Parkway in Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park was closed to motor vehicle traffic in April and May, as were portions of Lake Harriet Parkway.

Inaugural Year for Community Connections and Violence Prevention (CCVP). Borne out of the challenges of 2020, the new CCVP department helps solve park safety problems and complements MPRB’s unique approach to community policing of parks. The CCVP team hit the ground running in 2021, with strategies to prevent violence and mitigate perceptions of safety in the park system. They cultivate long-term relationships with community members, leaders, and community and cultural organizations. They provide outreach, support, intervention and de-escalation to community and staff in parks.

Productive Repairs. More than 3,500 work orders were completed by the Equipment Shop in 2021.

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

Employee Budget Workshops. Ensuring employee input became a part of MPRB’s annual budget development process. Staff submitted 200-plus ideas for budget savings, additions, goals and study items through brainstorming workshops and by email and online survey. Responses from every MPRB Division ranged across work roles and field/office settings, from employees with MPRB for less than two up to more than 20 years. In all, 75 ideas – and responses – were shared online and via physical copies, with 21 ideas included in the budget process.

Organizational Changes Focus on Service Delivery. In January, a variety of organizational changes took effect that focused on youth, including creating a program advancement position, bringing youth development and recreation centers together in one department, and moving Teen Teamworks to Environmental Management to focus on green skills and careers. Revenue producing services including golf, athletics, ice and aquatics were also brought together into one department.
Data Insights Team. This new team focuses on providing information to help inform decision-making and changes organization-wide. Team members work to understand and advance data needs and in response, develop reliable, insightful, and replicable tools and visualizations. Early projects include a tracking system park master plan implementation; a data dashboard for Park Police; analysis tools for facility closures; and standardizing the collection of demographic information.

Recreation for All Abilities. Building on its commitment to inclusion, MPRB staffed Inclusion Facilitators at multiple Rec Plus Child Care and preschool sites; Kroening Interpretive Center staff ensured inclusion of children with disabilities in programs and summer camps, without the support of Inclusion Facilitators; and Neighborhood Day Camp staff received training on inclusion.

North Commons Waterpark: Free Admission! In June, commissioners eliminated the water park’s $5/$3 admission fees, as well as fees for swim lessons at this location. Rules regarding capacity, swim attire and supervision/companions for children 12 and under still apply. Over time, it’s expected that these measures will help address the historic local disparities in drownings among African-American youth, which mirror those nationwide.

Golfing Great Honored at Hiawatha. Park Commissioners voted to name the Hiawatha Golf Course clubhouse after Solomon Hughes Sr. (1908-1987). There was a time when Hughes was not permitted in the Hiawatha clubhouse or other public and private clubhouses due to his skin color, despite being a champion golfer in the United Golfers Association (UGA), a national association for Black golfers. Hughes was a leader in integrating golf clubhouses and golf courses in the Twin Cities. Hughes’s life and his quiet dedication to integrating golf courses and ending discrimination within the sport will be featured in a display at the clubhouse in 2022.

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.

Mark of Distinction, Affirmed. The National Recreation and Park Association’s Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) approved reaccreditation for MPRB. The only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, CAPRA measures an agency’s quality of operation, management and community service. Accredited agencies meet rigorous standards for management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services; demonstrate compliance with 154 recognized standards; and document their policies and procedures.

Finalist x Five. In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration named MPRB a finalist for its National Gold Medal Award. Founded in 1965, the awards program honors excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development and more. Competing in the class for agencies serving populations over 400,000, MPRB has been a finalist five times (1988-89, 2016-18) and won the award in 1989.

Naval Artifacts Return. MPRB and American Legion Minneapolis Post 1 agreed on the return of two naval artifacts – the Wheel from USS Minneapolis and Bell from USS Minnesota – to the Minneapolis park system.

Comcast Donation Supports Digital Equity. MPRB gratefully accepted 250 laptop computers worth $50,000 from Comcast and partnered with the company to install free Wi-Fi in 45 MPRB facilities, including recreation centers and two ice arenas. Reflecting Comcast’s commitment to creating digital equity in communities, the computers and Wi-Fi service will support MPRB facilities in providing online learning, work readiness, enrichment and career development for youth, families and all community members.
**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 MPRB. The Superintendent provides leadership, vision, and direction to MPRB’s service areas, implements Board policy, and works with the Board and leadership staff to craft strategic and financial planning objectives. The Superintendent serves in a highly visible capacity as an ambassador to the community and to other governmental agencies. The Superintendent provides expertise and leadership in general MPRB administration, organizational development, community relations, intergovernmental relations, grant and donation administration, Board support/relations, MPRB budget and financial strategic planning, communications and marketing, community connections and violence prevention, and park safety and security.

**Deputy Superintendent’s Office**  
*Supporting organization service delivery*

The Deputy Superintendent is responsible for the coordination of the day-to-day operations of the support services group of the MPRB. The Superintendent provides leadership and direction for the entire MPRB, while the Deputy is responsible for cross-departmental coordination and leadership. The Deputy Superintendent provides oversight of MPRB’s information technology, finance, customer service, and human resources departments as well as records management, archives, data practices, and safety and risk management.

**Environmental Stewardship**  
*Caring for the system*

The Environmental Stewardship Division provides expertise for the care and maintenance of the Minneapolis Park system. The division oversees 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.

**Planning Services**  
*Developing the system*

The Planning Division 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.
Recreation Services

Providing visitor activities

The Recreation Division 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; recreation and education programming; and youth development.

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. The City of Minneapolis demographics show approximately 42% of Minneapolis residents are people of color and an estimated 26% of all residents are of people color and of working ages 18-64 based on available 2020 Census data. Below is a summary of the MPRB workforce as of December 31, 2021. The MPRB still has work to do and remains committed to this effort.

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<th>EE04 Category</th>
<th>American</th>
<th>Indian</th>
<th>Asian</th>
<th>Black</th>
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<th>Pacific American</th>
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<td>Technicians</td>
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<td>Administrative Support</td>
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<td>Skilled Craft Workers</td>
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<td>Service – Maintenance</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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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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<tr>
<th>Commissioner District</th>
<th>NE/SE District 1</th>
<th>N District 2</th>
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<th>Upper SW District 4</th>
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<td>Population per American Community Survey, 2015–2020</td>
<td>76,102</td>
<td>72,336</td>
<td>69,868</td>
<td>69,116</td>
<td>65,922</td>
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<td>Average annual capital investment per capita — 2015–2020 Slated for 2021–2026</td>
<td>$43/41</td>
<td>$39/68</td>
<td>$45/28</td>
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<td>Youth and Family Recreation investment per capita, 2020</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td>$34</td>
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<td>Maintenance and Operations investments per capita, 2020</td>
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<td>$79</td>
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<td>Parks</td>
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<td>39</td>
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<td>Total Acres – Land</td>
<td>795</td>
<td>1,056</td>
<td>316</td>
<td>728</td>
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<td>Total Acres – Water</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>576</td>
<td>401</td>
<td>568</td>
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<td>Land acquisition 2015–2020</td>
<td>6.09 acres</td>
<td>7.68 acres</td>
<td>3.15 acres</td>
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<td>Recreation Centers (1)</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Play Areas (1)</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Wading Pools (1)</td>
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<td>13</td>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>Basketball and Tennis court</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Parks – funds allocated for capital improvements, 2015–2020 (2)</td>
<td>$8,464,718</td>
<td>$6,679,593</td>
<td>$12,530,085</td>
<td>$3,954,124</td>
<td>$7,803,906</td>
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<td>Regional Parks – funds allocated for capital improvements, 2015–2020</td>
<td>$11,527,813</td>
<td>$10,312,673</td>
<td>$6,512,172</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Parks – funds slated for capital improvements, 2021–2026 (2)</td>
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<td>Maintenance and Operations – funds invested 2020</td>
<td>$4,992,021</td>
<td>$5,707,927</td>
<td>$3,357,848</td>
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<td>$4,973,922</td>
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<td>Key Youth and Family Recreation Services – funds invested in 2020</td>
<td>$1,932,937</td>
<td>$2,461,655</td>
<td>$3,496,690</td>
<td>$1,058,187</td>
<td>$2,085,335</td>
<td>$2,353,429</td>
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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.

Created October 2021 using financial and other information from 2020. Investment figures reflect facility closures, limited programs, and other pandemic-related effects.
## Revenues

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<td>Property Taxes</td>
<td>$ 69,622,740</td>
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<td>Enterprise</td>
<td>$ 13,258,567</td>
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<td>Capital Projects</td>
<td>$ 23,439,004</td>
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<td>Local Government Aid</td>
<td>$ 9,233,125</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
<td>$ 11,821,462</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Revenue Impacts</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 121,550,927</strong></td>
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## Expenditures

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<td>Superintendent’s Office</td>
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<td>Board of Commissioners</td>
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<td>Communications &amp; Marketing</td>
<td>$ 879,459</td>
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<td>Community Connections &amp; Violence Prevention Department</td>
<td>$ 1,415,801</td>
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<td>Park Police</td>
<td>$ 6,302,867</td>
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<td><strong>Deputy Superintendent’s Office</strong></td>
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<td>Finance</td>
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<td>Human Resources</td>
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<td>Asset Management</td>
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<td>Forestry</td>
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<td><strong>Planning Services</strong></td>
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<td>Design &amp; Project Management</td>
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<td>Strategic Planning</td>
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<td><strong>Recreation Services</strong></td>
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<td>Athletic Programs, Aquatics &amp; Ice Arenas</td>
<td>$ 5,000,358</td>
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<td>Youth &amp; Recreation Center Programs</td>
<td>$ 18,203,111</td>
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<td>Golf Operations</td>
<td>$ 6,567,255</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
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<td>Capital Projects</td>
<td>$ 28,364,674</td>
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<td>City Mgmt Fee, Contributions &amp; Other</td>
<td>$ 969,579</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Expense Impacts</td>
<td>($4,823,971)</td>
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<td>Debt Service</td>
<td>$ 1,316,563</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 123,118,070</strong></td>
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The MPRB 2021 budgeted expenditures exceed budgeted revenues due to the programmed use of Enterprise Fund reserves for capital projects. See minneapolisparks.org/budget for more details and 2021 Budget.
2021 Distinctions

Minneapolis: 13th Best City for an Active Lifestyle
– Wallethub, January

Minneapolis Parks: #3 Park System in the Nation
– The Trust for Public Land ParkScore® index, May

Minneapolis Park System: 2021 National Gold Medal Award Finalist
– American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and National Recreation and Park Association, May

Minneapolis: #1 Most Bike Friendly City
– Walk Score®, June

Minneapolis: #2 Most Bike Friendly City
– SmartAsset, June

Minneapolis: 2nd Fittest City
– ACSM American Fitness Index, July

Minneapolis: Big Wheel in Urban Cycling Movement
– National Geographic, September

Owamni by Sioux Chef (at Water Works Pavilion): Named among “50 places in America we’re most excited about right now”
– New York Times, October

Owamni by Sioux Chef (at Water Works Pavilion): Named among “Esquire’s Best New Restaurants in America, 2021”
– Esquire, November

Water Works: A Top 10 “Best New Attraction”
– USA Today’s 2021 Readers’ Choice Award, December

Water Works: New Park - The Best of MN 2021
– Minnesota Monthly, December