## North Commons Park Master Plan Guiding Principles + Reimagining the Civic Commons

The master plan for North Commons Park envisions a significant new community, cultural, recreation, and arts center serving as the hub of the north side. Reimagining the Civic Commons works to counter the trends of increasing economic segregation, social isolation and distrust, and is a collaboration of national foundations and local civic leaders reimagining civic assets as a solution. Reimagining the Civic Commons works to build a sense of community that brings people of all backgrounds back into public life as stewards and advocates, shaping their city’s future. Reimagining the Civic Commons is centered on four outcomes, civic engagement, socioeconomic mixing, value creation, and environmental sustainability. Alignment between North Commons Park Master Plan Guiding Principles and Reimagining the Civic Commons four outcomes is described here.

### Civic Engagement

Building a sense of community that brings people of all backgrounds back into public life as stewards and advocates, shaping their city’s future.

1. Seek partnerships in all aspects of implementation, including funding, operations, and programming.
2. Ensure that agreements with partners do not unduly limit community access to the facility.
3. Design of all facilities should be welcoming to the north side community and create the feeling that local neighbors are welcome in these spaces. Local artists, designers, and craftspeople could contribute to making the design welcoming.
4. Consult with the north side community and residents around the park on schematic and detailed design of park elements.
5. Design of all facilities should reflect the north side community, in all its cultural diversity.
6. Decision around access, hours, and fees should be made through a community-engaged process, in consultation with park users and potential park users.
7. Programming should be tailored to what people want to do in the park.

### Socioeconomic Mixing

Creating places where everyone belongs, and that generate opportunities for shared experience among people of all incomes and backgrounds.

1. Coordinate with City of Minneapolis on redevelopment of the block east of the YMCA as a mixed-use development that could include district parking available to park users.
2. Design of all facilities should be welcoming to the north side community and create the feeling that local neighbors are welcome in these spaces. Local artists, designers, and craftspeople could contribute to making the design welcoming.
3. Facilities should prioritize access by the north side community.
4. Access to facilities should be affordable to north side residents.
5. Facility leadership and staff should reflect the north side community, in all its racial and cultural diversity.

### Value Creation

Encouraging additional investments in neighborhoods so that they are better places to thrive.

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2. Protect trees during construction, to ensure they are not negatively impacted by construction activities, in consultation with MPRB’s Forestry Department.
3. Replace any trees removed as a result of construction with an equivalent or greater caliper inch total of trees, in coordination with MPRB’s Forestry Department.
4. Seek to minimize visual impact of facilities on nearby homes through vegetation, depressing facilities down into the earth, and/or high quality façade design.

### Environmental Sustainability

Increasing access to nature and creating environmentally friendly places, easily reached by walking, biking or transit.

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NORTH COMMONS PARK EXISTING SITE / APPROVED MASTERPLAN

EXISTING SITE

- Golden Valley Rd
- YMCA
- N Morgan Ave
- James Ave
- N 16th Ave
- North High

NEW NORTH COMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER
NEW TRAIL
NEW AMPHITHEATER
NEW PICNIC SHELTERS
NEW NATURAL AREAS
TENNIS COURT

MASTER PLAN

- Premier Field, Walking Loop, Event Space, Youth Baseball
- New Trail
- Updated Waterpark

SC SCHEDULE

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<th>JUNE</th>
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Learn more about the project
Provide additional comments anywhere on the board
When you think about transforming North Commons Park into a community, athletics, arts, and recreation hub for the northside, what activities do you see yourself, family, and friends doing there?

Place up to 4 dots on this box.

- Playing or watching sports and sports tournament
- Indoor fitness
- Attending community events
- Working on school work
- Learning new skills - arts/craft/fabrication
- Cooking/taking cooking classes
- Meeting new people/hanging out
- Business development - office coworking
What activities are most important to you at the future North Commons Park Water Park?
Place up to 2 dots on the images

**EXERCISE/TRAINING/ThERAPY**
- [Image of adults swimming]
- [Image of individuals exercising]

**LEARN TO SWIM ACTIVITIES**
- [Image of children swimming]
- [Image of children learning to swim]

**SMALL CHILD RECREATION (SHALLOW WATER AND SPLASH FEATURES)**
- [Image of children splashing]
- [Image of shallow pool]

**OLDER CHILD AND ADOLESCENT RECREATION (DEEPER WATER, SLIDES, DIVING)**
- [Image of children sliding]
- [Image of children diving]

What age group are you most interested in providing water features for at the future North Commons Water Park?
Place a dot in the appropriate box

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What features are most important that the future North Commons Park Water Park provide?

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What spaces are most important that the future North Commons Park Community Center provide? Place up to 5 dots on this board.
What kind of equipment do you want to see in the renovated playground area?
Place up to 4 dots on this board

**NETS / ROPE**
- Place a dot on this image

**SLIDES**
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**SPINNERS**
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**MONKEY BARS**
- Place a dot on this image

**ZIP LINE**
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**BALANCE EQUIPMENT**
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**SPRING RIDERS**
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**CLIMBERS**
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**SWINGS**
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**ROLLER & BUMPY SLIDES**
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**GEARS**
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**SCULPTURE & ART**
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**SAND PLAY**
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**LEARNING WALLS**
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**HILLS & MOUNDS**
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**COZY SPACES**
- Place a dot on this image

**WHIMSICAL**
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