In 2019 The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) adopted the North Service Area Master Plan, including a conceptual master plan for Folwell Park. This master plan was created to:

- set goals for long-term development and improvements at the park, and
- provide a guidebook for general concept-level elements slated as future improvements.

After the adoption of the master plan, Phase I improvements were done in Folwell Park that included:

- new multi-use field lighting
- a new ADA pathway from Knox Ave to the playground area
- playground improvements, and
- tennis court improvements.

We are now in Phase II of improvements ("Current Phase") to Folwell Park, and have held several engagement events with the community, including surveys and an open house. Based on feedback from the community, improvements under consideration included:

- a new all-wheel park
- community gathering space and amenity improvements
- stormwater management improvements
- pathway improvements
- other park comfort elements such as lighting & benches.

Please visit the various boards and stations here today to discuss the project with the team and provide your valuable input!
A Community Open House was held at Folwell Park on May 25th, 2023 to gain input from the community regarding park improvements. At this event, around 60 participants provided feedback on the preliminary design concept options and all-wheel park design.

**SUMMARY: OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

**PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT**

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Community members discussing the two design concepts for the next phases of Folwell Park improvements.

**Engagement outcomes example:** What other features can be added to Folwell Park to improve how it serves the community? (Choose your top 3)

**Concept 1** was the preferred concept. Community members requested more comfort elements in the park, minor improvements to the plaza space, and an additional gathering space near the all-wheel park.

- Amenities like the mountain bike skills course and a shade structure at the wading pool received community support.
- Improved Pathway System
- Improved Plaza Space
- Improved Pedestrian Access

**Concept 2** is similar to concept 1, but proposed variations in style and variety of community gathering areas. The community voiced no desire in altering the parking lot entrances and did not have a strong desire to renovate the existing plaza beyond minor updates to tables, grills, improved connections, and resurfacing.

- Improved Path System
- Improved Plaza Space
- Improved Pedestrian Access

Engagement outcomes example: Budgeting with marbles; allocating funds for park amenities (Beyond the all-wheel park)

Cost: 1 marbles
- Art in the park
- Improved lighting
- Natural plantings and landscaping
- Benches or places to rest
- Trash receptacles
- Drinking fountains
- Small gathering spaces (0-4)
- Large gathering spaces (5+)
- Study spots in the park
- Better pathways connections through the park

Cost: 2 marbles
- Outdoor grills

Cost: 3 marbles
- Improved Bathroom (and associated pathways)

Cost: 4 marbles
- New Shade Trees
- Existing Multi-use Fields
- Existing Tennis Courts
- Existing Rec Center and Bball Court

Cost: 5 marbles
- Improved Pathway System
- Improved Plaza Space
- Improved Pedestrian Access
- Improved Path System
- Improved Plaza Space
- Improved Pedestrian Access

Cost: 6 marbles
- Community Gathering Space
- Stormwater Features and Improved Pathway System
- Community Gathering Space
- Stormwater Features and Improved Pathway System

Cost: 7 marbles
- Additional Basketball Court with seating and shade
- Additional Basketball Court
- Additional Parking Lot
- New Parking Lot
- New Parking Lot

Cost: 8 marbles
- New General Park Gathering Space
- New General Park Gathering Space

Cost: 9 marbles
- Tot Exploration Area
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Cost: 10 marbles
- Additional Parking Lot
- Additional Parking Lot

Cost: 11 marbles
- Improved Barn
- Improved Barn

Cost: 12 marbles
- Improved Barn
- Improved Barn

Cost: 13 marbles
- Additional tennis court
- Additional tennis court

Cost: 14 marbles
- Additional Parks
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Cost: 15 marbles
- Improved Plaza
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PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY: ONLINE SURVEY & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

An online community-wide survey was available from April 17th to May 9th, and provided insight into where community preferences were trending for park improvements being considered for this phase of Folwell Park improvements implementation. 216 community members participated in the survey. Below is a glimpse of input gathered from the survey:

Results related to the all-wheel park:

- 76.9% (115 individuals) are in support of the all-wheel park.
- 56.4% of respondents (44) ride bikes, 30.8% (22) skateboard, 3.3% (2) rollerblades or roller-skate, and 3.9% (3) ride scooters.
- 41% (57) of respondents ranked the most important features needed.
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- 4.8% (7) would like to see improvements regarding accessibility. 6% (8) would like to see significant accessible upgrades.
- 61% (47) of respondents prefer a spaced-out design that segregates zones, rather than a multi-directional design with a mixed layout.
- The top 5 desired street features were: banks, skatable/bikeable art, quarter-pipes, mini ramps, and rail manual pad/edge combinations.

More comfort elements, art, naturalized plantings, and better path connectivity were ranked the most important features needed.

When you visit Folwell Park, what do you do when you are there? (Select all that apply) (Answered: 145)
- Use the basketball court
- Use the tennis courts
- Use the trail system for walking, jogging, or biking
- Enjoy the paved picnic area next to the park building
- Enjoy the natural open park space
- Use the basketball court
- Use the kid-oriented features like the playground and wading pool
- Enjoy the paved picnic area next to the park building
- Use indoor sport recreation features in the park building
- Use indoor spaces within the park building for activities and events
- I don’t visit this park
- Other

What community-based improvement opportunities do you see for this phase of implementation?
- Useful
- Nature
- Fun
- Accessible
- Gathering
- Safety
- Beautiful

What challenges do you see within the park that you would like improvements to address?
- More nature elements
- Lack of art
- Lighting along paths
- More naturalized plantings and landscaping
- More benches or places to rest
- More shady spots in the park
- Better pathway connections through the park
- The park no longer serves the community well and needs no other features
- I don’t use the park
- Other

How would you rank these park improvement improvements ($200,000) costs?
- 1st - Outdoor picnic area/community gathering improvements ($200,000)
- 2nd - Additional outdoor basketball court ($150,000)
- 3rd - Another idea
- 4th - Parking lot improvements ($150,000)

What types of community gathering is needed in this park, if any?
- Open space gathering
- Flexible, for various groups

What features can be improved in the park to better serve the community? (Top 3)
- Art in the park
- Improved lighting
- Improved pathways/circulation

A project stakeholder workshop took place on May 16th and included representatives from the Loppet Foundation, the Folwell Neighborhood Association, Camden Cycles, and MPRB staff. Below is input on the project gathered during that meeting:

In which zip code do you live?
- 55407
- 55418
- 55412
- 55417

Which of the following best describe you? (Select all that apply)
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- Hispanic
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- Another option not listed here

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**PROJECT FUNDING & BUDGETING**
Funding is the primary factor in deciding which amenities are able to be included in this phase of implementation at Folwell Park. Out of the overall project budget* of $1 million, here is how the funding is being allocated based on community input and construction costs:

- **COMMUNITY-BASED AMENITIES**
  - Benches
  - Picnic tables & Grill
  - Safety lighting
  - Pathway improvements

- **STORMWATER AND PLANTINGS**
  The stormwater features are not only a regulatory requirement as part of the hardscape improvements proposed in the park, but will add to the planted areas that feature native and naturalized plantings to the park space.

- **ALL-WHEEL PARK**
  The all-wheel park is a priority in this phase of improvements and is being partially funded by a grant. The all-wheel park will feature skill areas that cater to all types of wheeled ways to have fun - skateboards, scooters, skates, wheelchairs, etc. and will be implemented to this design as budget allows.

*The total budget for this project phase of Folwell Park Improvements is $1.34 million. This funds staff and consultant time, community engagement, design and engineering phases, and construction.
ALL-WHEEL PARK DESIGN CONCEPT-DRAFT

Perspective view from above, showing snake run and bowls from the southeast.

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As Budget Allows (Potential Future Phase)

1. Quarter Pipe
2. Ledges/Manual Pads
3. Flat Rail & Manual Pad
4. A-Frame Banks
5. Down Rail & Step Up
6. Hubba & Bump to Ledge
7. Curved Bank to Ledge
8. Banked Hip
9. Bank to Curb

Current Phase Priority Portion

10. Clamshell Pocket
11. Rolled Volcano Hip
12. Mini Ramp
13. Snake Run
14. Pump Bump
15. Seat Ledges
16. Quarter Pipes
17. Flow Bowl (6.5’ Deep, 4’ Shallow)
18. Love Seat Hip
19. Seat Ledges

Current Phase Priority

As Budget Allows (Potential Future Phase)

As Budget Allows (Future AWP Expansion)

Existing Wading Pool

Current Phase Priority Portion

Plan View Rendering of the All-wheel Park

Perspective view of the snake run from the northeast.

Perspective view of the bowl, featuring the quarter pipe and pump bump, with the rest of the all-wheel park beyond.

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PREFERRED CONCEPT PLAN - DRAFT

- Evergreen Glade
- Community Picnic Area with Tables, Grill, and Charcoal Bin
- Mill & Overlay Paths Surrounding All-Wheel Park Area
- Relocated Park Seating and ADA access to All-Wheel Park
- All-Wheel Park Lower Deck “Bowl Features”
- Stormwater Management
- Existing Multi-Use Field
- Existing Restroom
- Existing Picnic Table and Trash Receptacle Area
- Existing Multi-Use Field
- Existing Playground
- Existing Wading Pool
- All-Wheel Park Upper Deck “Street Skating”
- Park Seating
- Plant Beds
- Existing Trees
- Existing Area Lighting in improvements area (relocated as necessary for new design)
- New Area Lighting (as budget allows)
- T Contours
- Existing Trees
- New Park Improvements
- Existing Park Features

Note: All distances are approximate and may require adjustments.
FUTURE DESIGN PHASES

This plan represents other amenities and improvement opportunities that were explored as potential scope for this Phase II improvements during this scoping process throughout the spring and summer 2023. These improvements will be implemented in a future phase as funding allows. This plan however does not reflect the full design as part of the North Service Area Master Plan for the Park approved in 2019.
HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?
Share any feedback below using a post-it note. Thank you!

INPUT HERE!