

Chair: SJ Julius (2027)

Committee Members:

Dan Dietz (2026)
Elizabeth Johnson (2026)
Derek Hilding (2027)
Nikhath Nazir Ahmed (2027)
Lacy Loosbrock (2028)
Kate Olson (2028)

Youth Committee Member:

Ted Chresand (2026)

Council Liaison:

Emily Rousseau

Staff Liaison:

Jess Skalicky



**Arden Hills
Parks, Trails and
Recreation Committee
February 17, 2026
6:30 pm
City Hall**

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City Vision

Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.

Some Committee Members may be participating in this meeting by interactive technology/remotely.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

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A. Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, 6:30 PM
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Committee Chair SJ Julius called the January 20, 2026, meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 6:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: SJ Julius, Kate Olson, Derek Hilding, Lacy Loosbrock and Liz Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Manager Jess Skalicky

ABSENT: Committee Members Dan Dietz, Nikhath Nazir Ahmed, Ted Chresand, and Council Liaison Emily Rousseau

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Committee Member Johnson moved and Committee Member Hilding seconded a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously among members present.

Chair Julius made note of amendments to the agenda. The Council Liaison Update will be removed and she noted there is a typo on the agenda and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 19, 2025 PTRC Minutes

MOTION: Committee Member Olson moved and Committee Member Johnson seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as written. The motion carried unanimously among members present.

Committee Members noted misspelling errors of Committee Member Rogers' and Committee Member Chresand's names.

3. REPORT

A. Council Liaison Update

None.

B. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said she has received some comments for the 2027 parks improvements at Perry, Sampson and Ingerson Parks. If anyone has any additional comments, she asked that they be emailed to her. The scope of the work for the improvements at those three parks will be brought to City Council in February or March.

Committee Member Olson asked if a list could be provided so Committee Members aren't sending redundant ideas.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said she doesn't mind sorting through redundant ideas. She wants to make sure all ideas are represented in what she presents to City Council. There is no guarantee that all of the ideas will be approved, but she will ensure they are on the list.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said the Park System Plan is coming along. The final steering committee meeting is coming up. She is excited to start implementing it.

C. Trails and Parks Projects Update

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky provided the memo from Assistant Public Works Director Miller. The items in bold are new this month. Council directed Staff to include a hard court at Arden Manor Park as part of the 2026 PMP. They would like to see it as an alternate bid item in the 2026 PMP. This means the contractor will bid the full scope of the work that needs to be done and if the results of the bid are not favorable, this item can be removed from the PMP. Staff thinks it could be cost effective for the contractor and the City. When asked what happens if the bids come back and are not favorable, Assistant Director Miller said that is unlikely to happen. However, if it did, this item would be put out for a bid as a separate project. That is true of the Arden Manor Park hard court, as well as, the access trail at Arden Oaks.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said that the parks project for Ingerson, Perry and Sampson could have a cul-de-sac from Fernwood Court to the bottom of the hill at Ingerson.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 PTRC Work Plan Discussion

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said she created a list to begin the conversation. As the Staff Liaison for the group, she is just providing suggestions and the Committee Members should consider and discuss feasible items that this group can support. The work plan can help schedule what is on the schedule throughout the year. In her mind there are two elements to this process. First is identifying core elements that need to be addressed every year. Second is special projects that the PTRC decides they would like to take on. She outlined examples of what was on previous work plans. She said it's important to create specific and measurable goals. Don't just say "manage

invasive species”. What do we want to do? How will we do it? How much? Where? Her suggestion is to decide on 1-5 yearly projects.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky provided a template of what the 2026 annual calendar for the work plan could look like. Committee Members can chose any format they like and this is just an example.

Chair Julius said we can just do the core elements and we have satisfied our responsibility as Committee Members. We don’t have to stop there. We can sign up for projects that we can hold ourselves accountable for. She opened the floor for conversation. The goal is to get a great working draft out of this meeting that can be finalized in February.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said once it’s approved by the City Council, she will provide it to Public Works to include it in the Parks Maintenance Plan, for the year.

Committee Member Olson wanted clarification that it is not too late, at this point. They were told previously that this needed to be approved by October to be included.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said it is not too late.

Committee Member Johnson said the Trails Committee has been learning about the trails that are planned for construction through 2030. She knows there are plans to develop a lot of trails in the coming years and she wants to make sure PTRC has input on those. She thinks it’s important to have a committee and a line item committed to that. We should be working with Ramsey County and the neighboring cities. She said we also have some volunteer coordinators with the Lion’s Club and Rotary. She thinks that partnership is very important for the work the PTRC is doing and that needs to continue to be prioritized.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said as Staff and Council are informed of new trails, she will bring it to the PTRC. She asked what the trails group would be doing in addition to giving their feedback.

Committee Member Johnson had an example. She said if the Hamline Trail could connect to Crepeau, that would mean that bikes could go from Hamline, up to County Road E, through the existing Bethel system. There is currently no plan to connect those areas. She said it is necessary for someone to illuminate the opportunity. She provided a handout how it could work. We will miss these kinds of opportunities, if we don’t get ahead of them. The Trails team will be looking at future projects and identify how they may be improved.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky asked what project would be included in the work plan.

Committee Member Johnson said the Trails team would want to be one step ahead of development so we can inform all entities of certain connections that would benefit the greater good.

Chair Julius said it sounds like this is a trails advocacy group. We want to know how we can use this platform to advocate for the trails.

Committee Member Johnson confirmed. She said there are a lot of different entities including the County and surrounding cities. If we can get our thoughts in, at the front end of design, before anything is decided they may consider our ideas.

Park and Recreation Manager Skalicky said the end goal of her questions is to know how PTRC will identify this, along with knowing the steps we can take, in the Work Plan. She agrees that being ahead of the game can help incorporate these ideas into something real.

Committee Member Johnson noted that knowing the Public Works schedules for maintenance will be effective in helping us make sure our trails are connected. If we are ahead of the game knowing what sections of trail need to be connected, we can help inform that process.

Committee Member Loosbrock said if this trail is happening this year, we may want to put that Hamline trail in there, to see if it's feasible.

Committee Member Johnson said she believes it is Bethel property. We would need to know how to connect with someone at Bethel to discuss creating this trail connection.

Committee Member Hilding thinks we could have an item that supports people volunteering to do garbage pickup for a couple hours on a weekend. That could be a special project. It wouldn't be an ongoing commitment, but we can meet once a year at a certain park and make a little bit of a difference. He thinks the core elements are all similar. He asked if the new Recreation Annual Report will create a lot of work for the Recreation staff. He is hesitant to add a new task, without thinking through what additional work it will create for Staff.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said it may create more work, but it is a basic, best practice task that a Recreation Department should be doing. It will be done, whether or not it's on the PTRC Work Plan.

Committee Member Hilding thinks the parks tour is a good idea.

Committee Member Olson said the parks tour is usually done in July. She thinks it's helpful because we usually visit the parks that are scheduled for improvements the following year. She would like to see it be a parks and trails tour. If we're at a park that has a trail connection, we should take a walk down the trail. We could make note of connections. During the tour we can think about how residents use the trails to get to the parks. She said another item that has been a desire for a while is an Earth Day Event. The first year can be inviting people to pick up trash. It is hard to plan because Earth Day is in April and we often still have snow.

Committee Member Johnson said she signed up to be a Lions Club volunteer. She will be the connection between the Lions and Arden Hills. The Lions hosts an amazing annual community picnic. She said Rotary has done amazing things at Floral Park, however there aren't any Arden Hills residents in the Rotary. She doesn't think she has the time to be a part of both. She would love to figure out a way to have Arden Hills represented with the Rotary. Both of these organizations do a lot of great work here and she wants to make sure they both feel the appreciation.

Chair Julius said we can invite the Lions Club and Rotary to PTRC meetings to explain what they do and advocate for themselves. That's an easy goal and it would inform us on their projects and could inform future work plans. It will help put faces to names and improve the partnerships.

Committee Member Olson said she was invited to a Rotary meeting a while ago so she could hear what they are doing and could discuss the best way to partner. That meeting led to Adopt-A-Park.

Chair Julius summarized she has heard trails advocacy can be fleshed out a little more. She heard a desire to solidify our partnerships with Lions Club and Rotary. She also heard a community event for trash cleanup in the parks.

Committee Member Olson said one of her goals is always a community event. The 75th Anniversary celebration may fulfill that community building aspect. In the past we have talked about smaller, easier things that can build up some free community events. She understands that it falls on us. It feels like too much for our committee to do.

Committee Member Johnson said she is very passionate about The Luminary on Lake Johanna. This year it will be on February 14. She said anyone who wants to help should speak to her.

Committee Member Loosbrock asked if the City advertises it.

Committee Member Johnson said there is no City involvement.

Committee Member Loosbrock asked if there could be.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said she has brought it up.

Committee Member Olson thinks that would be an easy and fun event that the City could become involved in.

Chair Julius said if anyone has other ideas, email them to Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky. She can draft something for the Committee Members to review at the next meeting.

B. PTRC Agenda Template Discussion

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said Unfinished Business will remain as a place holder. The committees list should be updated to include only the active committees and anything that has been completed can be removed. Assistant Director Miller always provides an overview on trails that she shares in the agenda packet. She thinks it would be good to make time for a more thorough update about trails from the surrounding communities so Staff can compile it and provide the information to the PTRC. Then PTRC can provide feedback. She thinks that would still fall under the Trails group update. She asked if there any of the Work Groups that have finished their work and can be removed.

Committee Member Johnson said the rain gardens group can be removed from the list.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky asked if Work Groups should be removed from the agenda if we know there is no update for that agenda item.

Committee Member Johnson said anyone who has a work group update should let Staff know at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Committee Member Hilding asked if there is an active Natural Habitat group right now. A Former Committee Member used to facilitate that work group.

Committee Member Olson said she thinks Committee Member Dietz will continue that work.

Committee Member Johnson said with Great River Greening doing so much good work we should have a Natural Habitat Restoration group update. We need to know what they are doing.

Committee Member Olson said the Special Event Enrichment group was just her and one other Committee Member whose term has ended. Committee Member Olson said she won't be serving the full year. She is staying on the PTRC until the Park System Plan is completed. Unless anyone wants to take that one on, it should probably be removed.

Committee Member Johnson said we need to support what the City is doing 100%. If the City doesn't have the resources to support what we are doing, we need to take that on ourselves.

Committee Member Olson said the original intent when the group was created was to start with the events we already have and help enhance them. Someone needs to be looking for opportunities that are free.

Chair Julius thinks the committees should tie back to the work plan. She would hesitate to have any item on the list that doesn't have a work plan objective. We can remove anything without an objective. It can be added back later if an actionable work plan becomes clear.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky sought clarification that even if a work group is active, does the PTRC want that item removed from the agenda if there is no update.

Chair Julius said she is fine either way as long as there is accountability towards whatever we signed up for. She can see summer projects dropping off the agenda during the winter months. She worries we may lose visibility to it if its not on there.

Committee Member Olson thinks active groups should stay on the agenda, and the members and simply say "no update".

Chair Julius asked if there are any on the list that should be removed.

Discussion ensued about the individual groups. Rain gardens will be removed. The rest of them should remain. If there are no updates over the next couple of meetings, they can be removed at that time. Further discussion ensued regarding the makeup of the 75th Anniversary Committee and the Parks Master Plan steering committee.

C. PTRC Charter Discussion

Park and Recreation Manager Skalicky said Council Liaison Rousseau wanted PTRC to look at the charter and see if there are any updates we want to make. This may not be resolved today, and it may be good to have Council Liaison Rousseau here for the conversation. She said the amount of people on the PTRC is more than other cities have on a committee like this. She asked if everyone thinks the maximum is too high. Currently we are allowed 12 members and up to two

youth members, so it could be a total of 14. She has learned that the Charter was changed to add members as residents came forward, wanting to join. She shared a graphic showing the number of members in surrounding cities.

Committee Member Hilding said if we want to change anything, we need to make a recommendation to City Council and they will approve or deny. He thinks seven is a reasonable amount, however he doesn't see a down side of having more. He does think fourteen is a lot of people.

Committee Member Olson said in the past, the committee has relied on us to do things. She wonders what the other cities in the examples Park and Rec Staff numbers are. If our PTRC is bigger, someone may be passionate about something, they may want to step up and help with Staff's work load. She said if the right people on the committee take some big steps into actionable items, fourteen is fine.

Chair Julius asked if having a large committee obligates us to interview and appoint people.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said we have an obligation to interview but not to appoint them.

Chair Julius said having a committee so large may create an administrative burden. It is better to set a size that we want to stay at. Then we run the risk of turning away passionate residents who may want to be involved, but we can let them. She thinks having an odd number makes sense, from a quorum perspective.

Committee Member Hilding said the first part of the agenda materials outlines that the PTRC is established to review and evaluate the programs. What value do we add? We might want to fine tune the purpose.

Chair Julius said people who sign up for this committee are going to tend to want to be involved in more than just reviewing and evaluating the programs. This committee seems to have more action-oriented volunteers. We have to stay in our lane, too. How can we be passionate and also work with the City in a way that is helpful? She asked if anyone had any other thoughts.

Committee Member Johnson thought committee members should take some time to consider this and it can be an agenda item at February's meeting.

Committee Member Hilding agreed that an odd number is preferable.

Discussion ensued regarding assigning work to volunteers, committees, and commissions. As it is written in the charter, there is no expectation for people to do work. The charter states the commission is to review and evaluate.

D. Adopt-A-Park Draft Presentation

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said the City wants to formalize the process for adopting a park. The city currently has a large group of volunteers from the Rotary who have adopted Floral Park, and the city has a long history of volunteers working in parks and adopting them. She shared the draft brochure for the Adopt A Park program. It covers parks, trails, gardens

and natural areas. She Adopt A Park programs in other cities are simple: groups are asked to commit to picking up trash from a certain park four times a year, for about one hour per visit. There is a Premier Partner option. This would be partnerships like the work we see the Rotary doing at Floral Park. It is meant to be a little more open ended and the work Premier Partners do is above and beyond what most Adopt-A-Park programs consist of. She said the standard Parks and Trails option asks participants to commit to 4-6 visits per year. Gardening and Landscaping asks for a commitment of 2-4 visits per month. Natural Areas asks for a commitment of 2-4 visits per month. She said we will also incorporate other options like Adopt-A-Bench and other smaller things people can do if they can't commit a lot of their time. She is asking PTRC to review the draft and asked if they have any suggestions.

Committee Member Olson asked about the standard option. She asked if they will be recognized with a sign.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said yes but after they fulfill a one-year commitment.

Committee Member Olson said that may be an important piece for some companies.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said creating signs is relatively inexpensive.

Committee Member Hilding asked who the target demographic is. Is it families? Is it companies? Is it civic organizations?

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said it is all of those. She knows the Army approached us to find out what the Adopt-A-Park could look like. She also received an inquiry from Domino's asking for volunteer opportunities.

Committee Member Johnson said the Army is a great partner. She asked if we have a contact to connect with about this.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said she will see if she can get a direct contact regarding this.

Committee Member Olson asked if the final brochures will be delivered to businesses.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said no. We aren't recruiting. We are making it available for residents and businesses who are searching for this type of opportunity.

Committee Member Johnson said our local businesses love to give back to their community.

Discussion ensued that staff doesn't have the time to recruit and Staff is unsure if PTRC would be tasked with that effort. PTRC is being asked to review the draft documents and provide feedback on formalizing the process; staff are not recruiting at this point in the process.

Committee Member Olson noted there is a photo of a garden and it is unclear what it supposed to be. She thought adding some color into the photo would make it easier to see that it's a garden.

Committee Member Loosbrock asked how much crossover maintenance Public Works does. If they're mowing, they may pick up trash that is in the way but they aren't necessarily out there

specifically to pickup trash. Is there list of tasks that they don't do, that would then fall to the participants of this program?

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said there is a plan for each park and part of that plan sometimes is minimum maintenance. All of Arden Hills park spaces have a maintenance plan. They may be doing some of the things, including making time for minimum maintenance. If a group wanted to come in and do something new, upon approval, that group would have to maintain whatever task they presented. If that same group decides to discontinue maintenance, the City will not be responsible for maintaining that. Typically, a group that adopts a park would take over some of that minimum maintenance and possibly enhance it by doing a little bit more.

Chair Julius said she likes the draft document definitions. She suggested segmenting the content into categories to make everything more readable. She thought outlining a “commitment level” with options from low, medium to high commitment. Separating it by commitment level may be helpful when applicants are deciding what they want to commit to. It might also be helpful to list the parks and the key responsibilities needed at each park. Maybe there's a map of parks and the adopters can be shown on the map.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said this program is not intended to create any additional work for Parks and Recreation Staff. It is not intended to remove anything from the Public Works Maintenance Plan. It is not intended for PTRC to take charge, either. It's meant to engage individuals, groups or businesses who want to do something above and beyond what is currently in place.

Committee Member Johnson said when she worked on rain gardens, the City gave people opportunity to do amazing things with the rain gardens. The ownership was on the homeowner. If they decided to stop maintaining it, that rain garden received no further attention. She said the work being done at Floral Park is amazing. The park looks gorgeous. If those volunteers stop doing that, it would be horrific. Residents are used to going through that park and seeing that beauty. We have to have contingency plans. How do we do that? If that group stopped the work in Floral Park tomorrow, what do we do?

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said due to staffing levels at the City, we would not be taking on those additional projects.

Committee Member Johnson said the next step would be recruitment. Hopefully the groups will want to sign up for 5 years. Her other comment is she believes Boston Scientific paid for the picnic shelter at Cummings Park. She said adding an option for larger entities to donate money towards larger features like that may be helpful.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said the City is aiming to raise a lot of sponsorships for the 75th Anniversary. Monetary donations for parks assets would probably fall under the sponsorship program. She summarized that she heard PTRC say add a list of parks and identify different commitment levels.

Committee Member Johnson thought we could request an exit plan.

Parks and Recreation Manager Skalicky said that is a good idea for the groups that are doing big projects.

Chair Julius said in thinking about the work groups, does Adopt-A-Park fit with the Volunteer Coordinating Work Group. Maybe PTRC is the continuity to be alerted if someone is removing themselves from the program and we can decide how to react to that. She thinks the brochure should be as user friendly as possible. She thinks the draft is a great start but isn't sure if participants can learn what they are signing up for, just by reading what is here. She thought it might be easier to list three tasks a participant must do if they sign up for a certain level. That will help PTRC see that the minimum is being done. Most groups will go above and beyond.

Committee Member Loosbrock agrees it needs to outline the bare minimum. Also, the ongoing big projects being sustained by larger groups. We can direct volunteers toward the larger projects. The other parks should have the bare minimum outlined and if there are things the PTRC want to do, those participants can help us complete them.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Rain Gardens Work Group Updates

None. This work group has completed its work and will be removed from future agendas.

B. Natural Habitat Restoration Work Group Update

None.

C. Special Event Enrichment Work Group Update

None.

D. Volunteer Coordinating Work Group Update

None.

E. Trails Work Group Update

Committee Member Johnson said this group has met a couple of times. They are working on educating themselves about the Lake Johanna Boulevard Trail project, Rice Creek Commons and the Crepeau Park. They are trying to learn what is coming up and decide how we can advocate for our city to have connecting trails. If we have a contact at Bethel, it would be helpful to know for the Crepeau connection.

6. NEXT MEETING

A. Tuesday, February 17, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Julius adjourned at 7:56 pm.



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

FROM: Lucas J. Miller, Assistant Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Trail and Parks Projects Update

Previously Discussed Items:

- Hamline Avenue Trail connection with Roseville – Lake Josephine
 - Arden Hills staff is coordinating trail improvements with the City of Roseville for a trail connection along the west side of Lake Josephine with anticipated construction in 2026.
 - An open house event took place on May 1, 2025 & February 10, 2026, at Autumn Grove Park hosted by the City of Roseville. It was well attended and provided great feedback from the community.
- County Rd D Trail connection
 - The City of Roseville is coordinating with Ramsey County to construct a new trail segment along the south side of County Rd D from Cleveland Ave to Lake Johanna Blvd with anticipated construction in 2027.
- County Rd E Trail connection
 - City staff is coordinating with Ramsey County to construct a new trail segment along the south side of County Rd E from the Elmer Anderson Trail to Lake Johanna. This project is postponed and no longer going to be completed in 2026 per Ramsey County. It is being proposed to be combined with the LJB Trail in 2028.
- Proposed Lake Johanna Blvd Trail
 - Lake Johanna Blvd Trail Preliminary Design Report was completed by Ramsey County in October 2022.
 - City Council adopted resolution 2023-023 which is the local match commitment of \$2 million for the project (Total project cost estimated \$9.5 million).
 - Ramsey County presented in November 2023 about the project corridor with City Council.
 - Ramsey County applied for the Met Council Regional Solicitation “Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities” grant for \$5,500,000 in 2023/2024. The project did not score well in its category but funding is still being pursued.
 - Within Ramsey County’s Transportation Improvement Plan they have scheduled the following timeline:
 - Ramsey County presented information to Council in September 2025 which stated they are budgeting for the project to be completed in three

different sections of the trail along Lake Johanna Blvd. over three separate years.

- RFP for Planning/Design contract: 2026
 - Planning/Design Phase: staggered 2026, 2027 and 2028
 - Construction: 2029 for the west segment, 2030 for the east segment and 2031 for the middle segment.
- MN-51 Trail Improvements
 - City staff is coordinating with MnDOT to construct a new trail segment along the west side MN-51 (Snelling Ave.) from Lydia Ave in Roseville to connect to the existing trail on Old Snelling Ave with anticipated construction in 2026.
 - There was an in-person open house that hopefully most of PTRC Members attended: Thu, Oct. 23, 2025 at Centennial United Methodist Church
 - Old Highway 10 Trail, City staff is working with a consultant to pursue grants and state bonding funds. Estimated project cost is now projected to be \$4.5 million.
 - Met Council Regional Solicitation – SRTS: \$1,000,000 (City was awarded this grant)
 - MnDOT – SRTS: \$1,000,000 (City was awarded this grant)
 - State GO Bond funds: \$1,650,000 (pursuing but stuck at the state level)
 - Ramsey County contribution: \$1,227,500
 - Remainder to be paid through Municipal State Aid and PIR Funds

Council has directed Staff to have the Consultant finish the design documents over this summer and then bidding the project next winter for construction in 2027 (pushed back from 2026 to 2027 due to potential cost share policies being updated for trail project that would benefit the City).
 - Council has negotiated with a private developer as part of the PUD for the site for a trail to be added along the west side of Snelling Ave from Highway 96 all the way down to Royal Hills Park. This work is likely to take place in 2026 if everything falls into place. This trail will be owned and maintained by the City once completed. Currently, the Developer is going through the Permitting Phase, and after that is completed, the City will start the Design phase for the trail with a consulting firm.
 - Staff will be working with a consultant to implement Hardcourt Improvements within Hazelnut Park.
 - Hazelnut Parking Lot Status Update: Cost-share and maintenance responsibility negotiations continue with the Church representatives. The City has the parking lot resurfacing project budgeted for construction in 2026. Actual timing is dependent on Agreement renewal.
 - Arden Manor Park Hardcourt Construction – City staff has applied for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to pursue funding for this project. The project was not awarded any funding. Council direction is to continue to pursue grant funding to fund the project. Staff reached out to CDBG representatives requesting the status of the program for 2025 which they responded that the CDBG Solicitation is postponed until a federal budget is passed. Still no news regarding this County program.
 - Council has directed staff to include this work as an Alternate in the bid with the 2026 PMP. The bid results will be reviewed once received and likely constructed with that project.

- The 2025 Parks Project (Arden Oaks Park & Freeway Park), are substantially completed except:
 - Final restoration at both parks in green space will need final approval in the spring 2026 for warranty work and seed establishment.
 - The City has requested the contractor add some extra draintile to the scope at Freeway Park in some low spots to promote drainage. This work has been completed and will be assessed in the spring of 2026.
 - Council has directed staff to include the ADA access trail for Arden Oaks Park as an Alternate in the bid with the 2026 PMP. The bid results will be reviewed once received and likely constructed with that project.
- The 2027 Parks Project (Ingerson, Perry and Sampson):
 - This may include a potential trail connection at the cul-de-sac of Fernwood Ct to the bottom of hill at Ingerson Park, if budget allows
 - Preliminary site conditions have been assessed and brought to PTRC at the last monthly meeting in November.
 - The items are being compiled by Staff and will be brought to a Council Work Session in March to get direction.

New/Updated Items:

There are no changes from last PTRC Meeting for project updates.

NEW BUSINESS – 4A



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

FROM: Jess Skalicky, Parks and Recreation Manager
Anna Springer, Landscape Architect Project Manager – Bolton & Menk

SUBJECT: Parks System Plan Draft

Background

On April 14, 2025, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Bolton & Menk to complete the Park System Master Plan. The project began in May 2025 and has since included three Steering Committee meetings, two community engagement events, one community open house, and one online community survey. Anna Springer from Bolton & Menk will present the first draft of the Park System Plan.

Attachment

Attachment A: Park System Plan Draft



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City of Arden Hills

January 2026

Park System Plan

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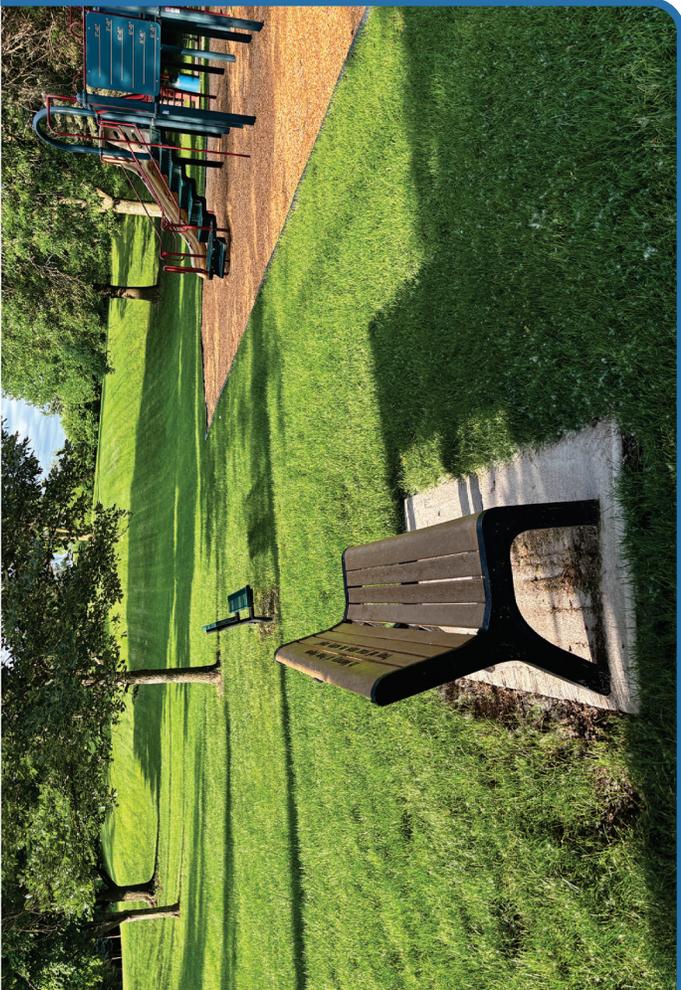


Chapter 1:

Introduction

Arden Hills Park System Plan

Basketball court in Floral Park



Playground area at Royal Hills Park

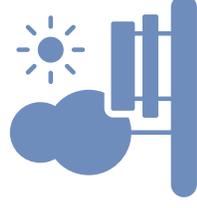
About the Plan

The city recognizes that its parks, trails, and natural areas are essential places for community gathering, recreation, and connection with nature. Although the 2002 Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan established a vision for the future of the city's outdoor recreational system, it is now 24 years old and no longer adequately reflects the recreational needs of Arden Hills residents. To better align today's needs with tomorrow's aspirations, the City of Arden Hills decided to undergo the development of this new Park System Plan—an ambitious, community-driven vision designed to shape the future of the city's parks, trails, and open spaces.

Rooted in the values of inclusivity, sustainability, and shared stewardship, this plan reflects the voices of Arden Hills' residents and aims to ensure that every member of the community can enjoy safe, welcoming, and vibrant public spaces. At the heart of this plan is a commitment to community-wide engagement. Through surveys, pop-up events, open house events, public forums, collaborative workshops, steering committee involvement, and PTRC and city council engagement, we've listened closely to the needs and aspirations of Arden Hills residents. This inclusive process has guided the plan's priorities and will continue to shape implementation moving forward.

Why are parks, trails + recreation systems so important?

Parks + Green Spaces Increase Physical Activity



Increased physical activity is associated with reduced obesity, reduced osteoporosis, lower blood pressure, enhanced child development, and improved mental health.

Contact with Nature Promotes Mental + Physical Health



Contact with the natural environment has a number of benefits, including lower blood pressure, improved birth outcomes, reduced cardiovascular risk, less anxiety and depression, and more.

Parks Strengthen Social Connective that are Positive for Health



Park access bolsters social connections and brings people together. Even informal encounters in a playground or on paths can lead to positive social outcomes. People commonly have social gatherings in parks and make new friends there.

Parks Improve Environmental Health + Climate Resilience



Parks provide cooling benefits to neighborhoods within a 10-minute walk, can reduce flooding of streets and homes, and can even filter air pollutants.

The Pillars

This plan focuses on four key pillars. Along with input from the community, city officials, and local stakeholders, each of the following pillars has greatly influenced the content and development of this document.

Accessibility

This plan is dedicated to removing physical, social, and economic barriers so that all residents—regardless of age, ability, or background—can access and enjoy Arden Hills' parks and recreational facilities.

Connectivity

Expanding and enhancing trails is a top priority. This plan moves toward a connected community where residents can safely walk, bike, and roll between parks, neighborhoods, and regional destinations.

Equity

This plan aims to distribute resources fairly, invest in underserved areas, and ensure that every neighborhood has access to high-quality green spaces and recreational opportunities.

Maintenance

It is important to care for what the community already has. This plan outlines a strategic approach to addressing deferred maintenance, ensuring that our existing parks and facilities are safe for years to come.

In addition to these priorities, the plan will outline:

- A **comprehensive assessment of community needs** to guide future investments and programming
- **Funding strategies** that explore a mix of public, private, and grant-based resources to support sustainable growth and maintenance
- A **detailed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** that prioritizes projects based on community input, equity, and long-term impact

This Park System Plan is more than a roadmap—it is a shared commitment to a healthier, more connected, and more equitable Arden Hills.

Together, we will build a park system that reflects the spirit of our community and enhances the quality of life for all.

The Purpose + Process

This plan is meant to provide guidance to the Public Works Department, the PTRC (Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee), the city council, and the community on how to make decisions regarding the management and development of the park and trail system over the next ten years.

The planning process began with an inventory and analysis phase that allowed the planning team to develop a thorough understanding of the qualitative and quantitative condition of the park system's existing amenities. To ensure the plan reflected the needs and desires of the stakeholders that will fund, use, and maintain these facilities in the future, a robust public engagement process followed, which included in-person pop-up events, an online community survey, an in-person open house event, and more.

In-person and online engagement findings were evaluated and summarized to better understand the community's needs and desires for the park and trail system. During this needs assessment phase, the project team used collected park data and resident feedback to evaluate what would best meet the needs of the community. Implementation budgets are included with the plan's improvement recommendations. These will help seamlessly incorporate park system improvements into the city's CIP process.

Throughout the planning process, the Park System Plan steering committee, the PTRC, city staff, and other stakeholders held meetings to further inform the plan.



Residents at the Open House event

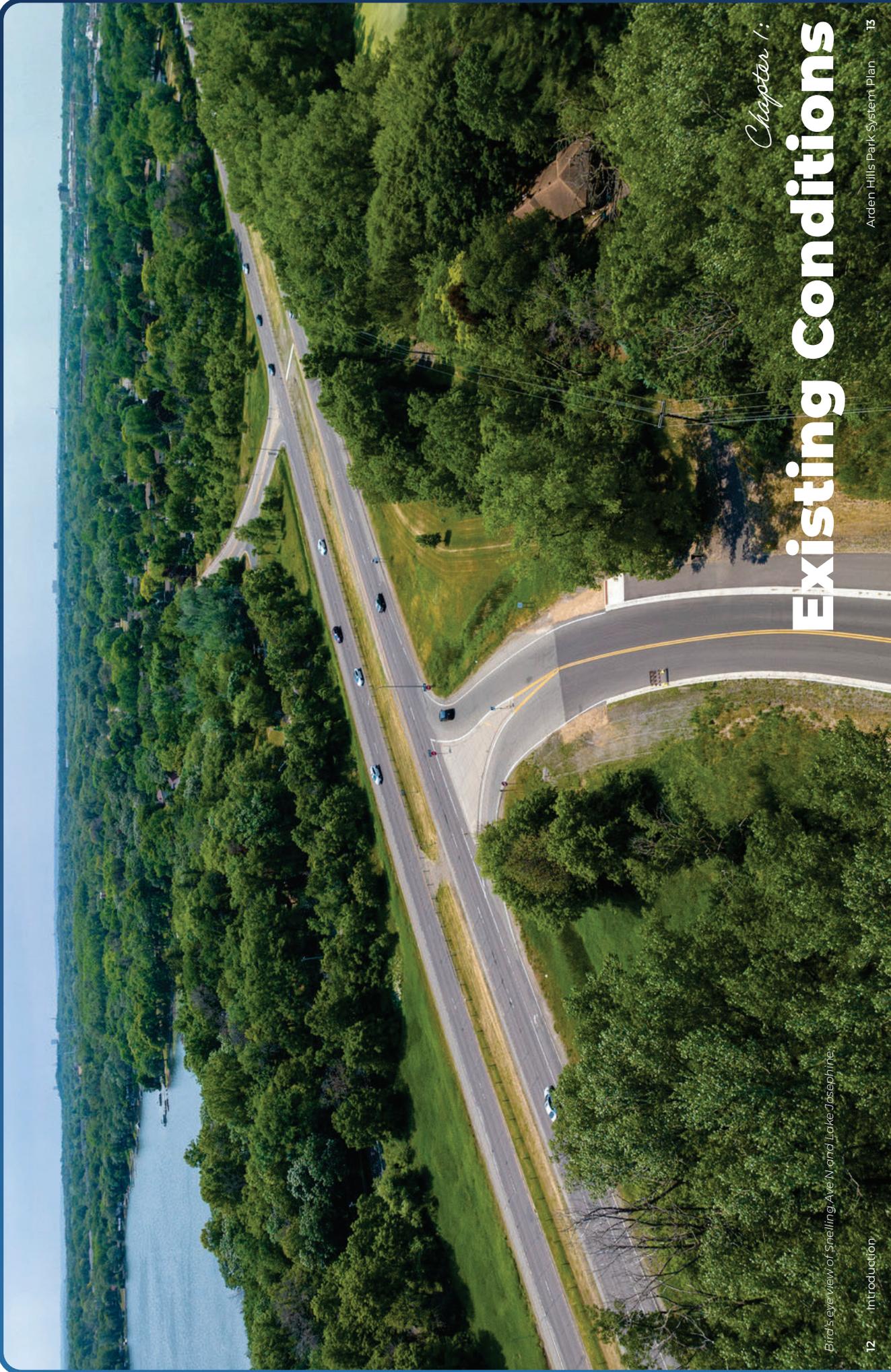
The Schedule

Creating a detailed project schedule is critical to the success of any park system plan. It not only provides a useful roadmap for each phase of the process, but also supports meaningful community engagement by strategically timing outreach efforts and allowing residents a number of opportunities to participate.

In total, five main project phases guided the development of this plan. Ranging from inventory and analysis to final plan development, each project phase uncovered something new and unique about Arden Hills.

- City Staff Coordination Meeting (14)
- Steering Committee Meeting (4)
- + PTRC Meeting (2)
- △ City Council Meeting (2)
- Public Engagement Event (3)





Bird's eye view of Snelling Ave N and Lake Josephine.

Chapter 1:

Existing Conditions



Floral Park

Community Background

Arden Hills is a vibrant suburban community located in Ramsey County, just north of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. It is bordered by a number of other cities, including Shoreview, Mounds View, New Brighton, and Roseville. Known for its scenic natural areas, strong educational institutions, and high quality of life, Arden Hills blends small-town charm with easy access to urban amenities.

Arden Hills was originally a part of Mounds View Township. To prevent annexation by the neighboring community of New Brighton, Arden Hills officially became a city in 1951. Since the city was founded,

parks, trails, and open spaces have always been central to the community's character and sense of wellbeing.

With over 110 acres of city parkland (not including Tony Schmidt Regional Park), 16 city parks, and over 50 miles of existing trails, sidewalks, and on-road bike infrastructure, Arden Hills has consistently prioritized access to nature. The city's natural areas—shaped by glacial activity—even include seven lakes and the highest point in Ramsey County, which is located within the former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) site.

Demographic Overview

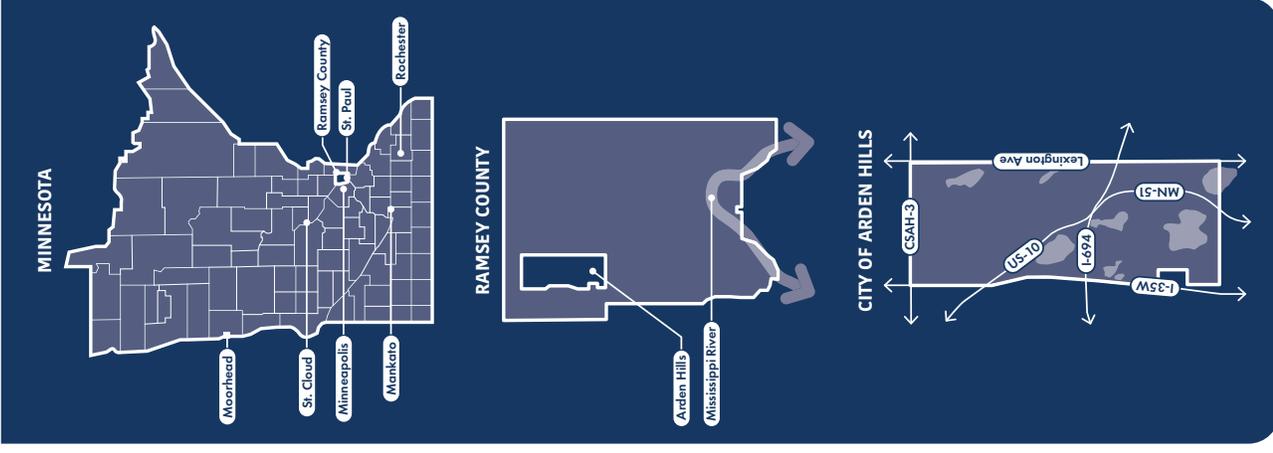
According to data collected from the 2020 Decennial Census, Arden Hills has a population of about 9,939 people.

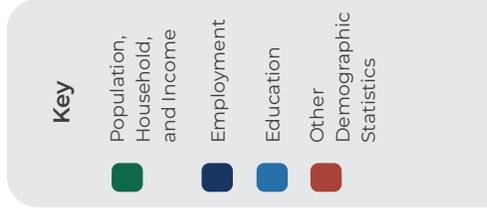
Compared to its neighboring communities of Mounds View, New Brighton, Roseville, and Shoreview, Arden Hills has a slightly smaller population; this is due to the presence of the former TCAAP site (a large United States Army ammunition plant that has been closed since 2005) in the northern third of the city and other contributing factors (e.g., major bisecting highways, etc.). According to the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the population is expected to grow to 13,500 by 2040—an estimated 26.4% increase.

Arden Hills has a majority white population at 83.4%. Other populations in the community include Asian (5.2%), Black or African American (2.6%), Two or More Races (4.1%), and Other Races (4.7%).

Arden Hills has a slightly more expensive cost of living compared to both Ramsey County and the state of Minnesota, especially when it comes to median home value. Arden Hills' median home value is \$447,474, which is 25.1% higher than Ramsey County's median home value of \$335,000 and 23.4% higher than the state of Minnesota's median home value of \$342,900. Rent costs are also slightly higher in Arden Hills; the median contract rent is \$1,679 compared to Minnesota's median rent cost of \$1,505.

The median household income in Arden Hills is around \$119,737, which is higher than the national median household income of \$80,610. With only 5% of households below the poverty level (compared to the national poverty level percentage of 11.1%), Arden Hills can be described as an affluent community with low poverty and high income levels.



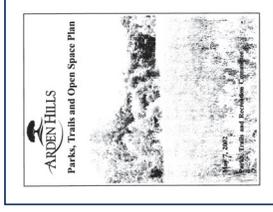


Past Planning Efforts

To obtain background information on the city, understand the goals and strategies that have been previously developed for the city's park and trail system, and inform the development of the recommendations and implementation strategies included in this plan, the planning team thoroughly reviewed the following documents:

- 2002 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan
- 2040 Arden Hills Comprehensive Plan
- TCAAP Redevelopment Code
- 2050 Metropolitan Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Arden Hills Capital Improvement Plan (related to parks, trails, and open space improvements)

Summaries of each of the above-mentioned planning documents are outlined to the right and on the following pages.



2002 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan

Date: 2002

Prepared By: Ingraham & Associates Inc.

Summary: The 2002 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan was the most recently created park plan for the city. The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee updated the original vision and goals in this document, which City Council then adopted in 2006.

The 2002 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan focused on:

- **Preserving natural landscapes** and ecological features
- **Expanding recreational opportunities** for residents of all ages and abilities
- **Creating a connected trail system** that links neighborhoods, parks, and regional destinations
- **Improving access to open spaces** for passive and active recreation

The 2002 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan not only laid the groundwork for future projects, including the redevelopment of the TCAAP site, it also influenced later planning efforts and updates to the city's comprehensive plan.

2026 Adopted Budget + CIP Key Findings

The city has budgeted a total of \$1,144,583 to cover personnel services, commodities, and contractual services related to park recreation, park maintenance, and park/trail acquisition and development in 2026. Some objectives include providing additional recreational activities to all residents of Arden Hills, continuing pathway maintenance, replacing playground structures, and performing hard court maintenance.



2040 Arden Hills Comprehensive Plan

Date: 2019
Prepared By: WSB

Summary: The “Parks and Recreation” chapter of the 2040 Arden Hills Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the city’s commitment to maintaining and enhancing its parks, trails, and open spaces while also building on the city’s legacy of outdoor recreation. It highlights Arden Hills’ local park and recreation system as well as its connection to the regional park and recreation system.

The plan sets forth several guiding principles and goals, which include:

- **Connectivity:** Create a seamless trail network linking parks, schools, neighborhoods, and regional systems
- **Sustainability:** Protect natural resources and promote environmentally responsible park design
- **Equity:** Ensure all residents have access to quality parks and recreational opportunities
- **Community Engagement:** Involve residents in planning and stewardship of public spaces



TCAAP Redevelopment Code

Date: 2015
Prepared By: Alatus, LLC, City of Arden Hills

Summary: The TCAAP Redevelopment Code is a foundational planning document that guides the redevelopment of the 427-acre TCAAP site. The goal of this document is to “develop TCAAP in a way that accommodates a mix of land uses that is sensitive to the natural environment, economically sustainable, and a benefit to the community.”

The key planning elements outlined in this document include:

- **Neighborhood Design**
 - » Four distinct neighborhoods
- **Open Space and Green Infrastructure**
 - » Integrated parks and trails
 - » Stormwater management
- **Mobility and Connectivity**
 - » Complete streets design
 - » Transit-ready planning
- **Form-Based Code**
 - » Building form standards
 - » Public realm design
- **Sustainability and Resilience**
 - » Energy efficient/green building
 - » Environmental remediation
- **Implementation Tools**
 - » Regulating Plan
 - » Development review process



2050 Metropolitan Council Regional Parks + Trails Policy

Date: 2025
Prepared By: Metropolitan Council

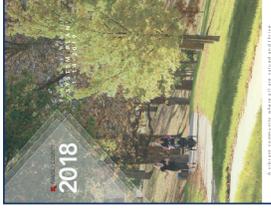
Summary: The 2050 Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Policy plan aims to ensure the Twin Cities’ 66 regional parks and over 487 miles of trails remain prosperous, equitable, and resilient far into the future.

The core focus areas identified in the plan include:

- **Fostering Equity**
- **Taking Care of What We Have**
- **Protecting and Restoring Natural Systems**
- **Adapting and Mitigating Climate Change**
- **Meeting Future Needs**

The plan also outlines nine major policy sections, each with specific actions, including “System Planning,” “Natural Systems,” “Climate Resilience,” “Planning,” “System Protection,” “Recreation and Programming,” “Finance,” and “Work Plan (2025-2028).”

All 188 local governments must align their comprehensive plans with the regional policy.



Ramsey County Parks & Recreation System Plan

Date: 2019
Prepared By: Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department

Summary: The 2019 Ramsey County Parks & Recreation System Plan envisions a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable parks system that supports community health, environmental stewardship, and equitable access for all Ramsey County residents.

Some of the key goals and priorities outlined in the document include:

- **Equity and Inclusion**
 - » Address disparities in park access and quality
 - » Engage underrepresented communities in planning
- **Environmental Stewardship**
 - » Protect and restore natural habitats
 - » Promote biodiversity and climate resilience
- **Health and Wellness**
 - » Expand opportunities for physical activity
 - » Support mental health through access to quiet natural spaces
- **Connectivity and Access**
 - » Improve trail connections between parks, neighborhoods, and regional destinations



New playground equipment at Arden Oaks Park

Inventory of the System

Arden Hills is full of unique parks with a variety of park amenities and features. However, some park assets are reaching the end of their useful lifecycles and need to be repaired, replaced, or removed entirely. To establish a clear understanding of the city's park assets and their conditions, a comprehensive assessment of the city's parks, trails, and open spaces was conducted. Each of the city's public parks was visited and evaluated in detail. The assessment included an inventory of recreational amenities, infrastructure, natural features, accessibility elements and more.

In addition, the city's trail network and open space corridors were reviewed for connectivity, accessibility, condition, and potential expansion opportunities. All asset information was systematically documented and integrated into the city's Geographic Information System (GIS) database, providing a centralized, data-driven foundation for future planning, maintenance, and investment decisions. This process helped ensure that the plan remained grounded in accurate, up-to-date information that reflected the real condition of the city's park and trail system.

The Park System

- City Parks
- Regional Parks
- Open Spaces/Trails



Cummings Park



Ingerson Park



Royal Hills Park



Valentine Park



Arden Manor Park



Floral Park



Johanna Marsh Park



Sampson Park



Community Gardens



Arden Oaks Park



Freeway Park



Lindsey's Park



South Point Park



Chatham Trails



Crepeau Nature Preserve



Hazelnut Park



Perry Park



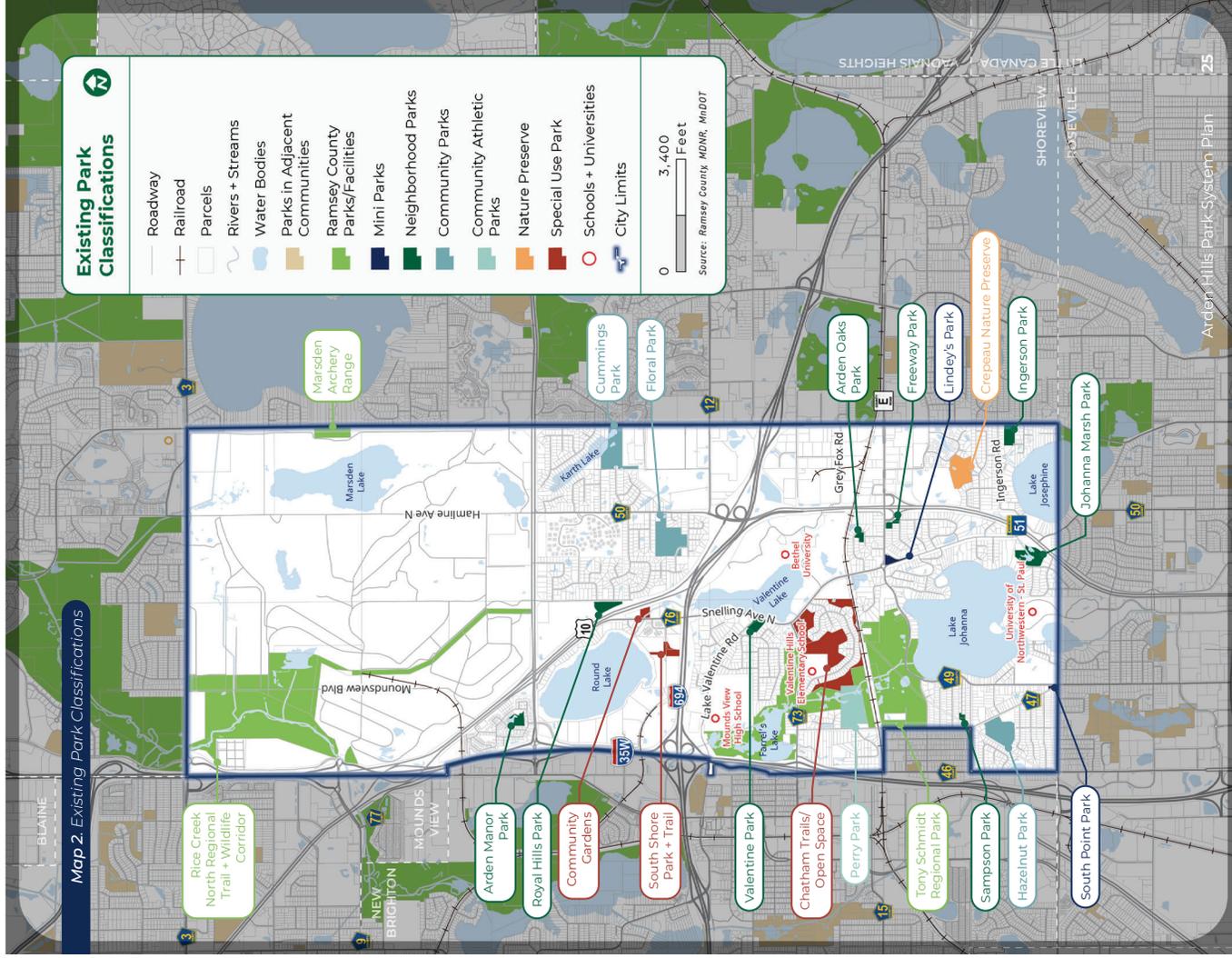
South Shore Park + Trail



Tony Schmidt Regional Park

Table 1. NRPA Park Classifications

Classification	Size	Service Area	Access	Purpose/Function	Name
Mini Park	2,500 sq ft to 1 acre	1/4 mile radius	Easily accessible to neighborhood residents; can be found in urban settings, usually in or near downtown areas	Provides opportunities for recreation close to home, especially where access to larger parks is not possible; often comprised of large areas of hard surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindley's Park South Point Park
Neighborhood Park	>1 to 15 acres	1/4 to 1/2 mile radius; within a walkable distance to surrounding residents without any major barriers	Easily accessible to neighborhood populations with safe walking and bicycle access	Provides both active and passive recreation and information gathering spaces; responds to the need for basic recreational amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden Manor Park Arden Oaks Park Freeway Park Floral Park Ingerson Park Johanna Marsh Park Royal Hills Park Sampson Park Valentine Park
Community Park	>15 acres	1 to 2 miles; community-wide	Accessible by foot, bike, car, and public transit; often located near natural amenities and regional trail systems	Provides a strategic location for community-wide activities that serve a broad purpose; balances active and passive recreational needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cummings Park Hazelnut Park
Community Athletic Park	10 to 25+ acres	Community-wide	Generally connected to trails and sidewalks; ample parking	Provides a strategic location for organized athletic recreation with regulation-sized fields and their associated facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perry Park
Regional Park	Up to several hundred acres; varies	Community-wide, regional, and tourist use	Can vary; often placed around natural environments	Uses vary but are focused primarily on outdoor and natural resource-based recreation and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony Schmidt Regional Park
Special Use Park	Varies	Community-wide	Site-specific	Serves a specific community need (e.g., golf, fitness, nature education, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Shore Park + Trail
Nature Preserve	Varies	Community-wide	Situated near/around natural resources and amenities	Typically used for passive recreation; designed to protect environmentally-sensitive features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crepeau Nature Preserve



Map 2. Existing Park Classifications

The Trails

Arden Hills maintains an expansive and interconnected network of trails—ranging from traditional paved trails and shared-use paths to on-road bike infrastructure and striped shoulders—that provides everyday infrastructure for recreation and mobility. Year-round, residents use the city's trails for walking, running, and bicycling. With more than 50 miles of existing trail-related infrastructure that connects to neighborhoods, parks, schools, lakes, and other regional facilities, the city's trail system provides residents with both local access and broader regional connectivity.

Arden Hills' trails support a four-season trail culture, allowing residents to traverse the system at any time in the year. In warmer months, paved and soft-surface trails support walking, running, inline skating, and biking; in colder months, snow removal practices keep key segments usable when and where possible. Although wayfinding amenities are fairly sparse throughout the city, maps and guides can be found on the city's website. Chatham Trails/Open Space is also an important asset to the city's trail system. Although it is not considered a city park, residents use this greenway space daily for biking, walking, and running.

Arden Hills' trails do more than provide scenic routes throughout the community—they shape daily life. As the future unfolds and the TCAAP development takes off, the city should prioritize filling key gaps in the trail network to further improve connectivity and provide more residents with opportunities to access its wide network of parks and trails.

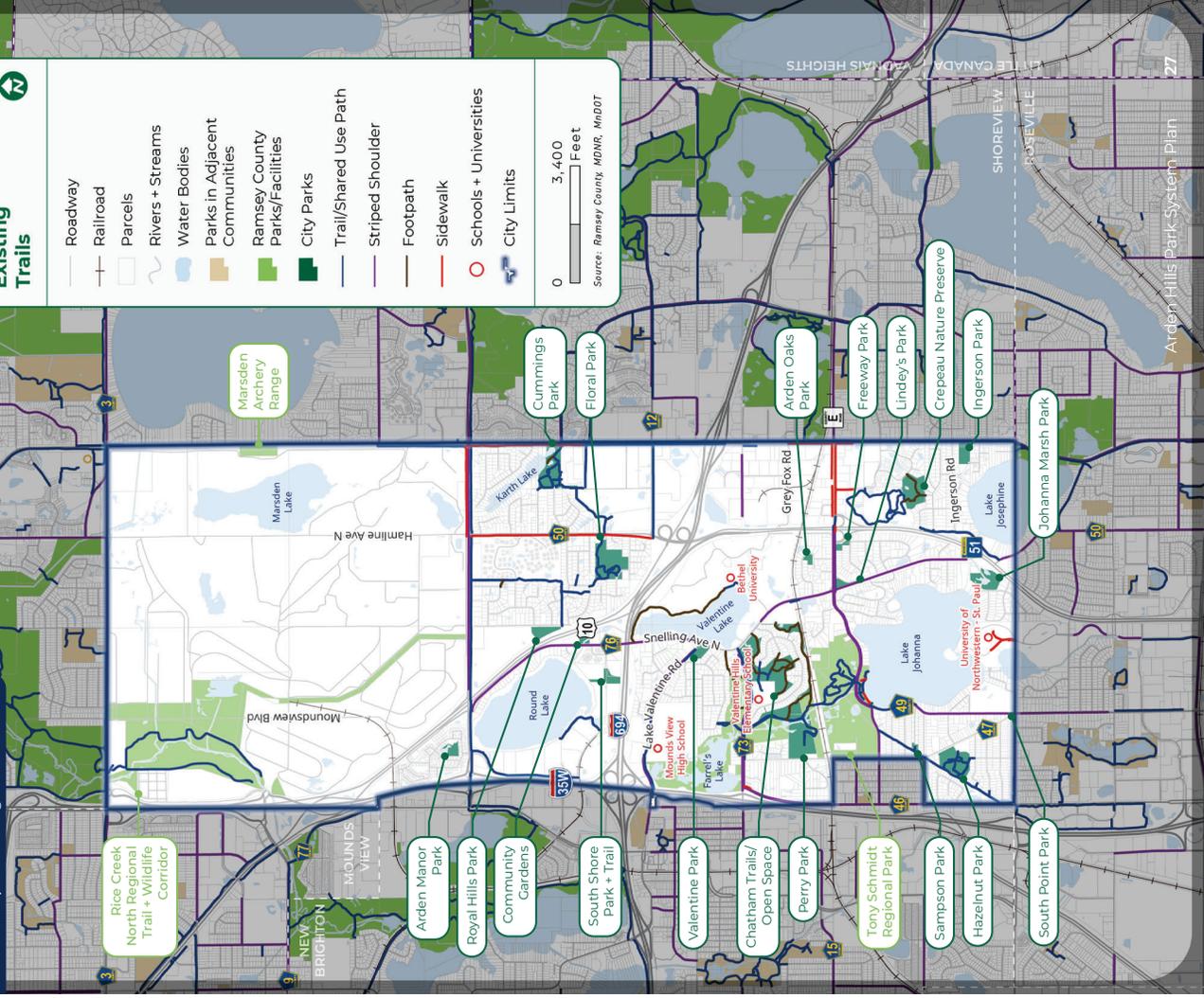
Table 2. Trail Type and Mileage Calculations

Trail Type	Amount (in mi)
Existing Trails	
Trails/Shared-Use Paths	31.45
On-Road Bike Infrastructure + Striped Shoulders	15.38
Sidewalk	3.86
Total:	50.69

Paved trails at South Shore Park + Trail



Map 3. Existing Paths + Trails



The Amenities + Facilities

After inventorying the park and trail system, park data was consolidated into an existing amenities and facilities chart.

City Parks	Address	Acres	Active/Recreational Facilities	Passive/Supporting Facilities	City Parks						
Mini Parks											
Lindey's Park	County Rd E + North Snelling	1.5			Lindey's Park						
South Point Park	3151 Lake Johanna Blvd	0.3			South Point Park						
Neighborhood Parks											
Arden Manor Park	4601 Prior Ave	2.5	1		Arden Manor Park						
Arden Oaks Park	1413 Arden Oaks Dr	1.5	1		Arden Oaks Park						
Freeway Park	1370 West County Road E	1.0	1		Freeway Park						
Floral Park	1423 West Floral Dr	20.0	1	4	Floral Park						
Ingerson Park	3255 North Lexington Ave	5.0	1		Ingerson Park						
Johanna Marsh Park	3168 Ridgewood Rd	8.5			Johanna Marsh Park						
Royal Hills Park	4375 Snelling Ave	4.5	2	1	Royal Hills Park						
Sampson Park	1900 Lake Ln	1.0	1		Sampson Park						
Valentine Park	1650 Lake Valentine Rd	3.0	1		Valentine Park						
Community Parks											
Cummings Park	1219 Cummings Park Dr	17.5	1	2	Cummings Park						
Hazelnut Park	3301 New Brighton Rd	12.0	1	1	Hazelnut Park						
Community Athletic Parks											
Perry Park	3700 New Brighton Rd	20.0	3	1	Perry Park						
Special Use Park											
South Shore Park + Trail	1750 Parkshore Dr	0.3		5	South Shore Park + Trail						
Nature Preserve											
Crepeau Nature Preserve	1224 Harriet Ave	12.5			Crepeau Nature Preserve						
Totals:		114.5	7	5	6	2	5	0	5	0	2

Table 3. Existing Amenities + Facilities

School Facilities	Address	Regional Trails	Community Gardens	Address
Mounds View High School	1900 Lake Valentine Rd	Rice Creek North Regional Trail	Arden Hills' Community Gardens	Brueberry Ln + Old Hwy 10 N
Valentine Hills Elementary School	3151 Lake Johanna Blvd			

Regional Parks	Address
Tony Schmidt Regional Park	3500 Lake Johanna Blvd

The Recreation + Programming Opportunities

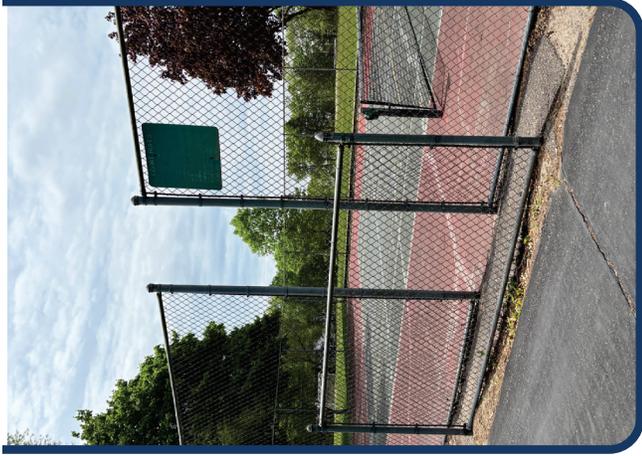
Recreational Offerings

Arden Hills offers a diverse mix of recreational programming for residents of all ages. Coordinated mainly through the Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Department, the city's recreation system delivers year-round active and passive programming designed to promote health and community connection. Arden Hills publishes its recreational offerings three times per year in the Parks & Recreation Guide, ensuring residents have easy access to up-to-date information about upcoming events and programs. A full list of existing recreation programs offered in Arden Hills is included in the following two pages.

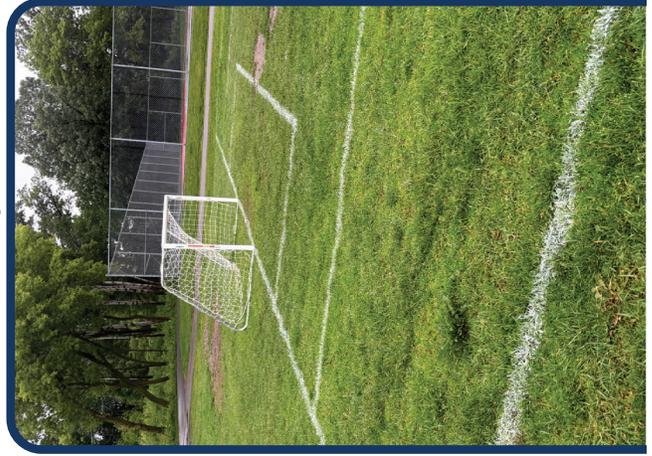
Sports Associations + Clubs

Sports and athletic development opportunities are especially present in Arden Hills. Programs include basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, hockey, disc golf, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, golf, pickleball, and more.

Beyond traditional sports, Arden Hills partners with surrounding cities' recreation departments (e.g., Mounds View, Shoreview, etc.) offers numerous club-style and specialized activities including before- and after school programs, teen leadership opportunities, and clinics (such as foot-care clinics) for seniors.



Tennis courts at Hazelnut Park



Multi-use fields at Cummings Park

Table 4. Existing Recreation Programs in Arden Hills

Age Group	Program Type	Program Name
All Ages	Special Events	Community Picnic
All Ages	Special Events	Penny Carnival
All Ages	Special Events	Spring Egg Hunt
All Ages	Special Events	Touch-a-Truck
All Ages	Special Events	Bark Bash
All Ages	Special Events	Fall Pumpkin Hunt
All Ages	Special Events	Passport to Summer
All Ages	Special Events	Bowling League
Youth + Preschool	Playground Programs	Rec on the Go
Youth + Preschool	Playground Programs	Playground Tyke Time
Youth + Preschool	Playground Programs	Kids Club Playground
Youth + Preschool	Dance	Creative Dance with Tap
Youth + Preschool	Dance	Hop n' Tots Creative Dance with Tap
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Leagues	Co-Rec Youth League - Softball
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Leagues	Co-Rec Youth League - Soccer
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Leagues	Co-Rec Youth League - T-ball
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	Music Together (Preschool)
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	School Release Day Programming
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	Leaders in Training
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	Babysitter Training Classes
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	CPR Training Classes
Youth + Preschool	Youth Enrichment	Parents Night Out
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	Flag Football
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	Sport Sampler
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	Basketball
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	Soccer
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	T-Ball
Youth + Preschool	Pre-School Sports Programs/Workshops	Tennis
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Outdoor Basketball
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Flag Football
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Ultimate Frisbee - MN Windchill
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Sport Sampler

Table 4. Existing Recreation Programs in Arden Hills

Age Group	Program Type	Program Name
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Soccer
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Fencing
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	T-Ball
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Indoor Volleyball Camp
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Indoor Basketball Camp
Youth + Preschool	Youth Sports Lessons/Workshops	Tennis
Adults	Adult Sports Lessons/Workshops	Tennis Lessons
Adults	Adult Sports Lessons/Workshops	Yoga
Adults	Adult Sports Leagues	Bag Toss League
Adults	Adult Sports Leagues	Indoor Volleyball League
Adults	Adult Sports Leagues	Outdoor Sand Volleyball
Adults	Adult Sports Tournaments	Bag Toss Tournament
Adults	Adult Sports Tournaments	Sand Volleyball Tournament
Seniors	Senior Programs	AARP Safety Classes
Seniors	Senior Programs	Foot Care Clinic
Seniors	Senior Programs	Senior Day Trips
Seniors	Senior Programs	Coffee, Camaraderie, and Bowling

Distribution of Park Assets

The following pages contain a series of maps that can be used to better understand existing and future land use, land surface temperatures across the city, and the distribution of park, recreation, and open space amenities in the community. These maps, heavily informed by community input and stakeholder feedback, were helpful in identifying missing links and community needs in the city's park and trail system.

The maps on the following pages include:

- Existing Land Use Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Land Surface Temperatures Map
- Fields Distribution Map
- Sports Court Distribution Map
- Playgrounds Distribution Map
- Water Access Distribution Map
- Winter Activities Distribution Map
- Park Amenities Distribution Map
- Park Structures Distribution Map

Arden Hills may provide residents with a wide range of park amenities and facilities to utilize, but it is important to consider the distribution of these park assets across the community to identify areas where they may be missing. A well-balanced mix of amenities allows each park in the system to offer its own distinct experience—whether focused on nature, athletics, or community gathering—while minimizing unnecessary overlap.

Key takeaways about the distribution of fields, sports courts, playgrounds, water access locations, winter activity opportunities, park amenities, and park structures are included to the right.

Fields

- Missing town ballfield facility
- Need for additional competitive facilities

Sports Courts

- Distributed well south of Hwy 96
- City lacks dedicated pickleball and volleyball courts

Playgrounds

- Distributed well south of Hwy 96
- Need for inclusive play features and play features for a variety of ages

Water Access

- Limited to only Valentine Lake, Lake Johanna, and Lake Josephine
- Lacking north of Hwy 96

Winter Activities

- Distributed fairly well south of Hwy 96
- Lacking between the railroad and Hwy 96, as well as north of Hwy 96

Park Amenities

- Distributed very well south of Hwy 96
- Lacking in the northern portion of the community

Park Structures

- Distributed well south of Hwy 96
- City has few permanent restroom buildings
- Lacking in north of Hwy 96

Existing Land Use

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Park, Recreational, or Preserve
- Manufactured Housing
- Parks
- Single Family Detached
- Single Family Attached
- Multifamily
- Mixed Use Residential
- Retail + Other Commercial
- Office
- Institutional
- Industrial + Utility
- Mixed Use Industrial
- Undeveloped
- Major Highway/Railway
- City Limits

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 Source: Ramsey County, MNR, MnDOT

Future Land Use

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Gateway Overlay District
- Park, Open Space, or Preserve
- Very Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- NR-1 Neighborhood Residential
- NR-2 Neighborhood Residential
- NR-3 Neighborhood Residential
- NR-4 Neighborhood Residential
- Neighborhood Business
- Community Mixed Use
- Mixed Business
- Retail Mixed Use
- Town Center
- Commercial/Campus Commercial
- Public + Institutional
- Light Industrial + Office
- Office Mix Use or Flex Office
- Right of Way, Railroad + Utility
- City Limits

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 Source: Ramsey County, MNR, MnDOT

Map 5. Future Land Use

Land Surface Temperatures

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Wetlands
- 100-Year Floodplain
- 500-Year Floodplain
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks + Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- City Limits

- Land Surface Temperatures
- Cooler Temperatures
- Warmer Temperatures

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Source: Ramsey County, MDNR, MNDOT

Fields Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Recreational Ballfields
- Competitive Ballfields
- Rectangular Fields (Multi-Purpose)
- Open Space

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Source: Ramsey County, MDNR, MNDOT

Recreational Facilities



Map 7. Fields Distribution

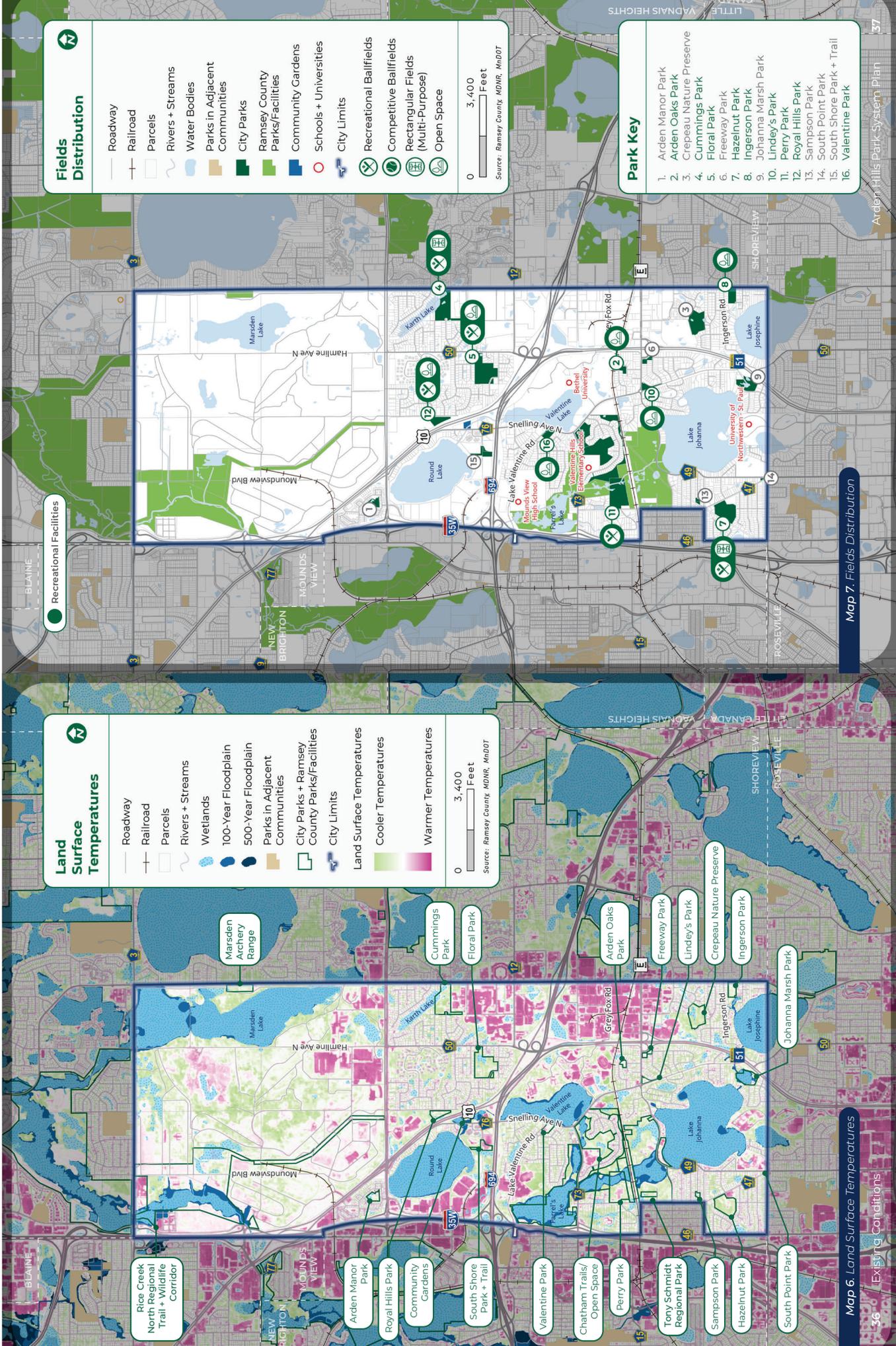
Map 6. Land Surface Temperatures

36 Existing Conditions

37 Arden Hills Park System Plan

- Rice Creek North Regional Trail + Wildlife Corridor
- Marsden Archery Range
- Arden Manor Park
- Royal Hills Park
- Community Gardens
- South Shore Park + Trail
- Valentine Park
- Chatham Trails/ Open Space
- Perry Park
- Tony Schmidt Regional Park
- Sampson Park
- Hazeinut Park
- South Point Park
- Cummings Park
- Floral Park
- Arden Oaks Park
- Freeway Park
- Lindey's Park
- Crepeau Nature Preserve
- Ingerson Park
- Johanna Marsh Park

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 - Arden Oaks Park
 - Crepeau Nature Preserve
 - Cummings Park
 - Floral Park
 - Freeway Park
 - Hazeinut Park
 - Ingerson Park
 - Johanna Marsh Park
 - Lindey's Park
 - Perry Park
 - Royal Hills Park
 - Sampson Park
 - South Shore Park + Trail
 - Valentine Park



Recreational Facilities

Sports Court Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Basketball Court (Half)
- Basketball Court (Full)
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court

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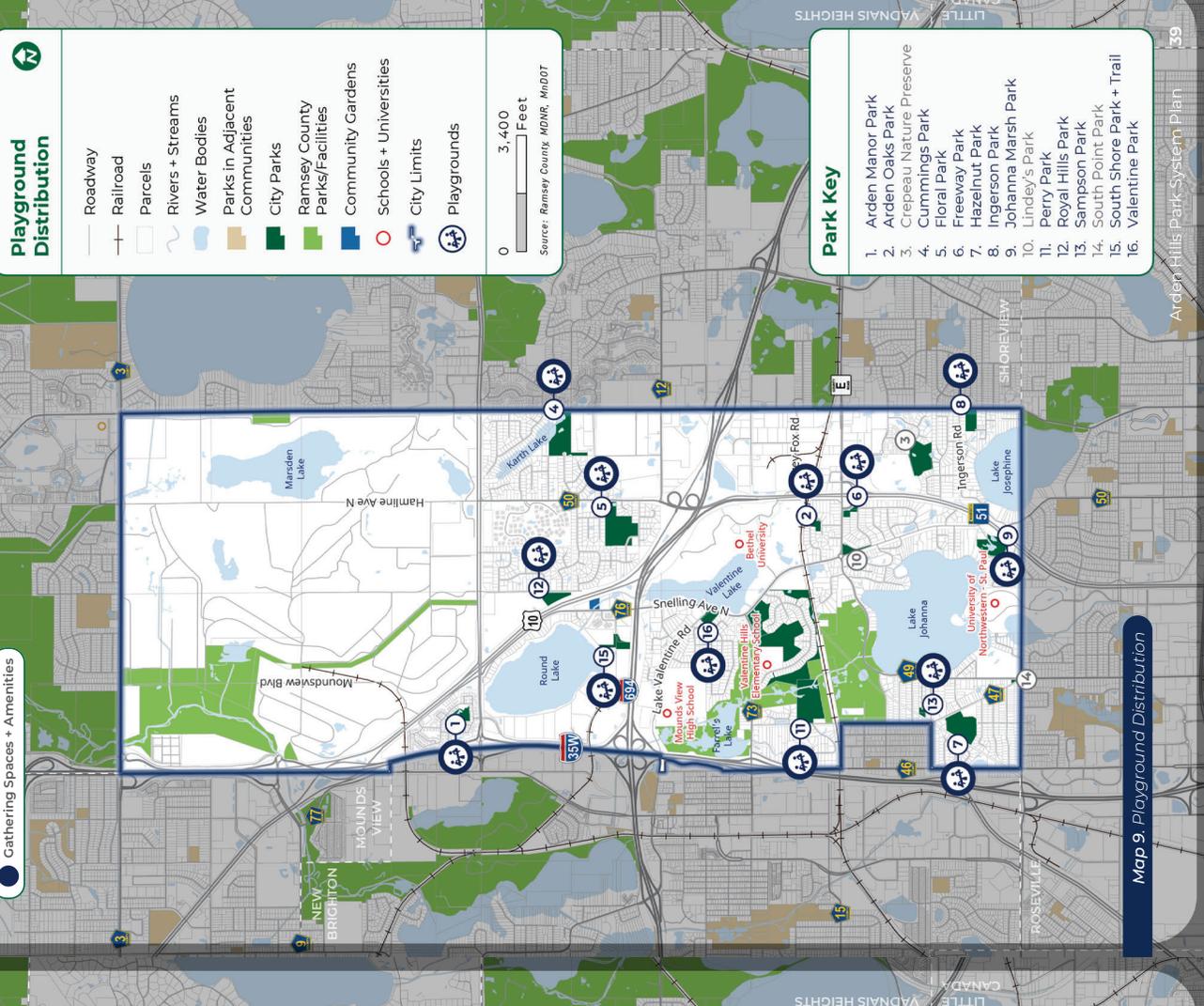
Gathering Spaces + Amenities

Playground Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Playgrounds

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Source: Ramsey County, MNR, MNDOT



Map 8. Sports Court Distribution

Recreational Facilities

Sports Court Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Basketball Court (Half)
- Basketball Court (Full)
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court

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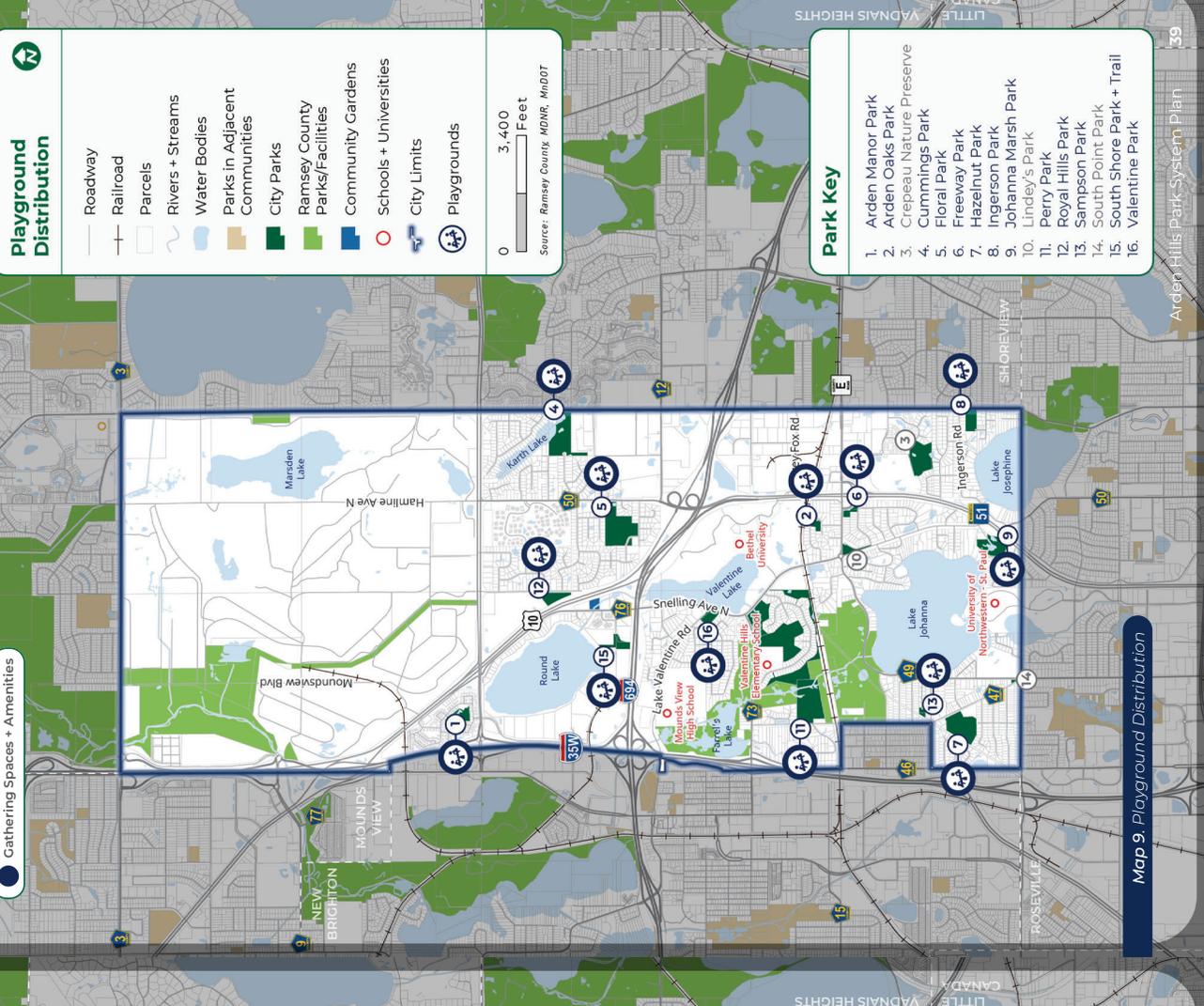
Gathering Spaces + Amenities

Playground Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Playgrounds

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Source: Ramsey County, MNR, MNDOT



Map 9. Playground Distribution

Water Access Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Public Boat Launch
- Public Fishing Pier
- Public Beach
- Shore Fishing

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Source: Ramsey County MDNR, MNDOT

Recreational Facilities

Winter Activities Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Park Building/Warming House
- Sledding Hill
- Outdoor Ice/Skating Rink

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Park Key

1. Arden Manor Park
2. Arden Oaks Park
3. Crepeau Nature Preserve
4. Cummings Park
5. Floral Park
6. Freeway Park
7. Hazelnut Park
8. Ingerson Park
9. Johanna Marsh Park
10. Lindey's Park
11. Perry Park
12. Royal Hills Park
13. Sampson Park
14. South Point Park
15. South Shore Park + Trail
16. Valentine Park

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16. Valentine Park

Map 10. Water Access Distribution

Map 11. Winter Activities Distribution

Map 12. Park Amenities Distribution

Gathering Spaces + Amenities

Park Amenities Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Bike Racks
- Off-Street Parking
- Trails
- Park Entry Signage
- Litter Receptacles
- Portable Restrooms
- Picnic Tables

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 Source: Ramsey County, MDNR, MNDOT

Park Key

- Arden Manor Park
- Arden Oaks Park
- Crepesau Nature Preserve
- Cummings Park
- Floral Park
- Freeway Park
- Hazelnut Park
- Ingerson Park
- Johanna Marsh Park
- Lindey's Park
- Perry Park
- Royal Hills Park
- Sampson Park
- South Shore Park + Trail
- Valentine Park

Map 13. Park Structures Distribution

Structures + Buildings

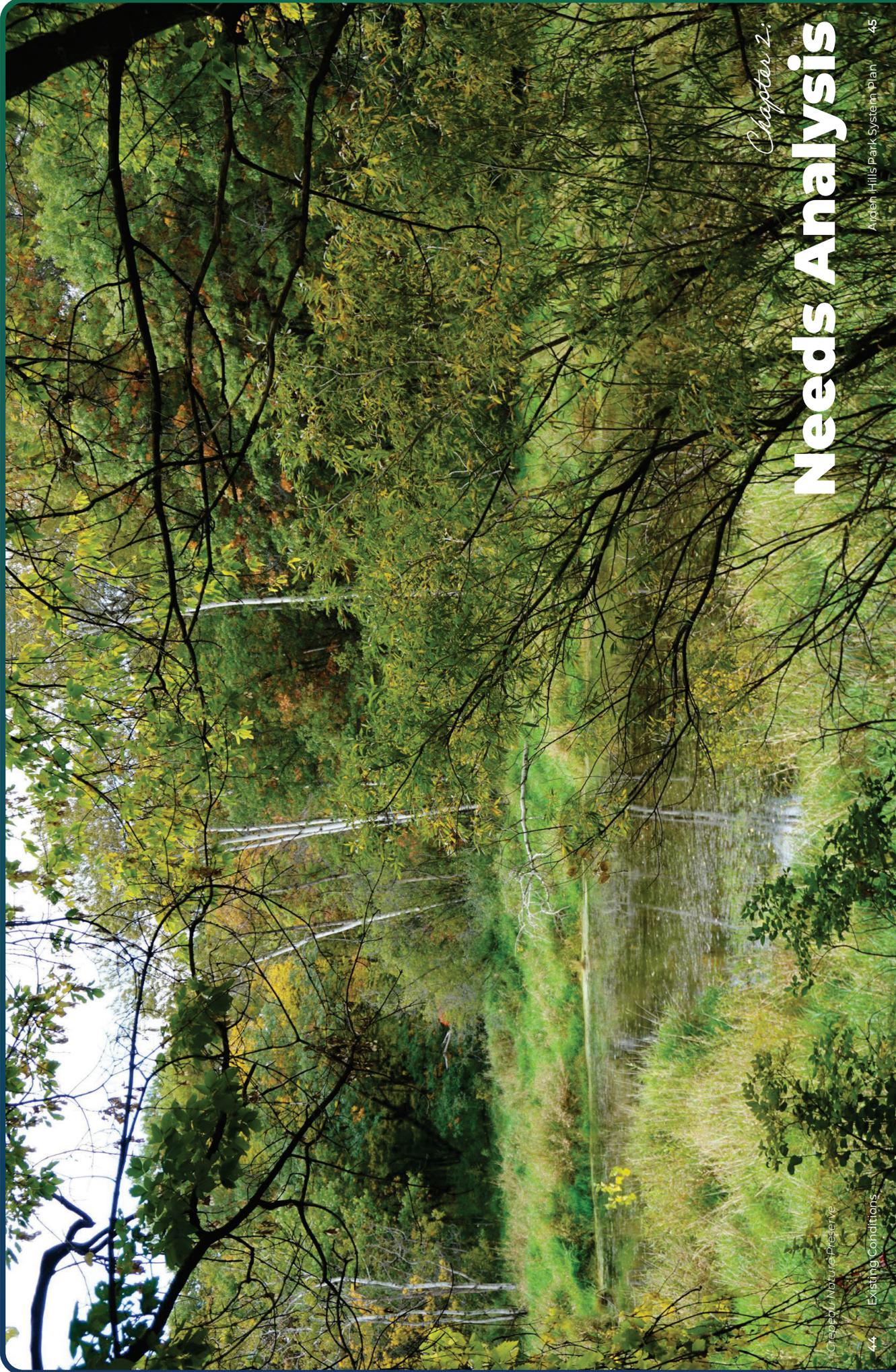
Park Structures Distribution

- Roadway
- Railroad
- Parcels
- Rivers + Streams
- Water Bodies
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Parks
- Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
- Community Gardens
- Schools + Universities
- City Limits
- Permanent Restrooms
- Picnic Shelters
- Permanent Park Building

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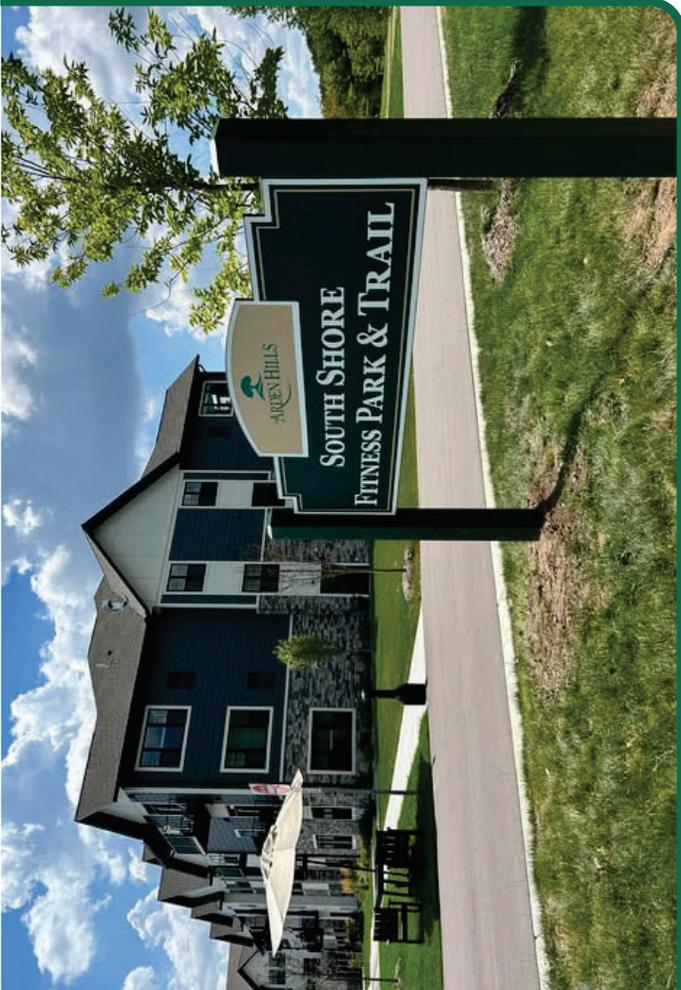
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Chapter 2:

Needs Analysis



South Shore Fitness Park + Trail Signage

Overview

In addition to a thorough inventory and analysis process, the planning team conducted a needs analysis to better understand who lives in Arden Hills, how demographics are changing, and what residents value most in their parks, trails, and outdoor programming. A needs analysis not only helps the city make more informed decisions, prioritize investments, and improve equity, but also helps the city build trust with the community. Because the needs analysis process provides a data-driven understanding of what a community needs (both in the present and future), a few key insights were revealed

about Arden Hills’ park and trail system, including:

- Over or underutilized facilities
- Misaligned investments
- Gaps in current amenities
- Shifts in age, lifestyle, and culture that influence recreation preferences

Throughout this section of Chapter 2, a variety of key findings from NRPA agency benchmarks, standards, and facility guidelines, as well as public engagement efforts, are highlighted and discussed.

NRPA Benchmarks

NRPA Agency Benchmarks

The NRPA collects nationwide data from park and recreation agencies across the county every year to help communities evaluate their services and better support the diverse needs and interests of their residents. The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review compiles this information—drawn from more than 900 agencies—into benchmarks related to park facilities, programming, staffing, budgets, and overall funding. The tables on pages 50 and 51 describe how Arden Hills’ park and recreation benchmarks compare to other communities with populations under 20,000; they also include key takeaways and notes for the city to consider as they maintain, develop, and improve the park and trail system in the future.

Key takeaways about access to indoor and outdoor recreation facilities in Arden Hills include:

- Arden Hills lacks indoor recreation facilities; although many of these facilities can be found in adjacent communities, the city should consider adding an indoor ice arena and senior center if future demand warrants
- Arden Hills has a diverse mix of outdoor recreation facilities but is lacking specialized facilities like outdoor swimming pools, skate parks, and splash pads
- There is an excess of some outdoor recreation facilities—namely playgrounds, half-basketball courts, and recreational ballfields
- There is a deficit of competitive ballfields and outdoor volleyball courts in Arden Hills

Recreation Facility Service Standards

The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review also provides benchmarks for indoor and outdoor recreation facility service levels. These facilities play an important role in park and trail systems by supporting community health, fostering social connection, and offering comfortable places to gather during extreme weather. Because no single set of standards can capture the unique character and needs of every community, the facility service guidelines presented on pages 52 through 55 are meant to give Arden Hills a general understanding of the basic level of access recommended for indoor and outdoor recreational spaces.

Because every community’s park and recreation system is unique, the NRPA metrics provided in the following pages are not intended as standards to be met.

Instead, they serve as one set of comparative tools Arden Hills can use to understand how their offerings align with those of similarly-sized communities.

Table 5. NRPA Agency Benchmarks

NRPA Benchmark	All Agencies (Median)	Agencies <20,000 (Median)	Arden Hills	Takeaways/Notes
Park Facilities				
Residents per Park	2,411 residents	1,001 residents	621 residents	Arden Hills provides more parks per resident than the typical agency.
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents	10.2 acres/1,000 residents	12.9 acres/1,000 residents	11.5 acres/1,000 residents	The acreage of parkland per capita in Arden Hills is comparable to the typical agency.
Miles of Trails	17 miles	4 miles	31.45 miles*	Arden Hills has more miles of trails than the typical agency.
Staffing				
Park and Recreation Full-Time Employees per 10,000 Residents	8.6 employees	13.7 employees	6.3 employees	Arden Hills has fewer staff than the typical agency.
Budget				
Annual Operating Expenditures	\$7,225,000	\$1,452,000	\$751,837	Arden Hills' annual operating expenses are half of the median annual operating expenditures for agencies in communities with less than 20,000 residents.
Annual Operating Expenditures per Resident	\$103	\$140	\$76	Arden Hills spends less than the median agency in communities with less than 20,000 residents.
Operating Expenditures per Acre of Parkland	\$8,577	\$9,512	\$6,568	Arden Hills spends less than the median agency in communities with less than 20,000 residents.
Annual Operating Expenditures per Full-Time Employee	\$118,150	\$107,982	\$119,339	Arden Hills has higher operating expenditures per FTE than the median agency in communities with less than 20,000.
Typical Percentage of Operating Expenditures for Staffing	55%	N/A	71.93%	Arden Hills spends a higher proportion of its operating expenses on staff than the median park and recreation agency.

* Only includes paved trails and shared-use paths; not included in this calculation is on-road bike infrastructure + striped shoulders (15.36 miles) and sidewalks (3.66 miles)

Table 5. NRPA Agency Benchmarks

NRPA Benchmark	All Agencies (Median)	Agencies <20,000 (Median)	Arden Hills	Takeaways/Notes
Agency Funding				
Operating Expenditures Derived from General Fund Tax Support	63%	N/A	89%	Arden Hills funds more of its operations from the general fund than the typical agency
Annual Revenue Generated from each Resident	\$28.63	\$49.67	\$9.16	Arden Hills generates less than 1/5 of the annual revenue generated from residents than the typical agency with less than 20,000 residents
Five-Year Capital Budget Spending	\$12,650,000	\$2,212,000	\$1,830,707	Arden Hills spends approximately 17% less on capital improvements in five years than the typical agency with less than 20,000 residents
Targets for Capital Expenditures	88% for improvements 9% for acquisition 3% for other endeavors	N/A	None set	
Policies				
Park and Recreation Agencies that Ban Tobacco Products at their Parks and Facilities	4 in 5 (80%)	N/A	Tobacco products banned	
Agencies with a Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Expressed in their Foundational Documents	77%	N/A	No/Not applicable	

Table 6. Indoor + Outdoor Recreation Facility Service Standards

Facility	Min. # per Pop.	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Indoor Recreation Facilities							
Aquatic Centers	1 per 14,000	Entire city	1	0	0	Nearby facilities utilized by residents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoreview Community Center/Bamboo Bay Water Park Shoreview YMCA Great River Water Park in St. Paul 	Arden Hills residents have several nearby pools/aquatics. There is not a current need for a facility in Arden Hills.
Community Centers	1 per 10,000	Entire city	1	0	0	There are community centers utilized by residents in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoreview New Brighton Mounds View 	Arden Hills residents have several nearby resources for community centers. There is not a current need for a facility in Arden Hills.
Indoor Ice Arenas	1 per 8,000	Entire city	1	0	0	There are indoor ice arenas for residents to use in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoreview Roseville Vadnais Heights Blaine (which has 8+ indoor rinks run by non-profits) 	Arden Hills residents have several nearby resources for indoor ice arenas; however, the city should consider the development of an indoor ice arena if demand from residents indicates a need.
Permanent/Semi-Permanent Restrooms	1 per 2,500	20-25 minutes	3 to 4	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perry Park (1) Cummings Park (2) 	Unless future demand warrants additional permanent/restrooms in the city, there is not a current need for more.
Recreation Centers (including gyms)	1 per 10,000	Entire city	1	0	0	There are recreation centers for residents to use in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoreview New Brighton Mounds View 	Arden Hills residents have several nearby resources for recreation centers. There is not a current need for a facility in Arden Hills.

* Semi-permanent restrooms are described as "temporary modular buildings or restroom trailers used for extended periods, especially in parks, recreation areas, or during construction/renovation projects," whereas permanent restrooms are "fixed, built facilities designed for long-term use and maintenance"

Table 6. Indoor + Outdoor Recreation Facility Service Standards

Facility	Min. # per Pop.	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Indoor Recreation Facilities							
Senior Centers	1 per 14,000	Entire city	1	0	0	There are senior centers for residents to use in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blaine Coon Rapids 	Arden Hills residents have a few nearby resources for senior centers. There is not a current need for a facility in Arden Hills, although a senior center would benefit older adults in the community.
Outdoor Recreation Facilities							
Ballfields (Competitive)	1 per city + 1 per 7,500	10-15 minutes	2	0	-2	Competitive ballfield facilities are located in adjacent communities like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoreview New Brighton 	Although there are competitive ballfields in nearby communities, there is a need for these facilities in Arden Hills.
Ballfields (Recreational)	1 per city + 1 per 3,750	10-15 minutes	3 to 4	7	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cummings Park (1) Floral Park (1) Hazelnut Park (1) Royal Hills Park (1) Perry Park (3)** 	Because there is an excess of recreational ballfields in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Basketball Courts (Half)	1 per 3,000	10-15 minutes	3	8	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden Oaks Park (2) Freeway Park (1) Ingersoll Park (1) Royal Hills Park (2) Sampson Park (1) Valentine Park (1) 	Because there is an excess of half basketball courts in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Basketball Courts (Full)	1 per 4,500	10-15 minutes	2	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden Manor Park (1) Cummings Park (1) Floral Park (1) Hazelnut Park (1) 	Because there is an excess of full basketball courts in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Community Gardens	1 per 9,000	Entire city	1	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4250 Old Hwy 10, Arden Hills, MN 5512 Church community garden in NW AH (no formal agreement) 	There is not a current need for more community gardens in Arden Hills.

** One of the ballfields in Perry Park is considered "semi-competitive" and is used sometimes for games

Table 6. Indoor + Outdoor Recreation Facility Service Standards

Facility	Min. # per Pop.	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities							
Disc Golf Courses	1 per 9,500	Entire city	1	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located at Bethel University (no formal agreement) New Brighton Roseville 	Unless future demand warrants additional disc golf courses in the city, there is not a current need for more in the system.
Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations	1 per 8,000	Entire city	1	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor fitness course (5 machines) at South Shore Park & Trail Mounds View 	Unless future demand warrants additional fitness zones/exercise stations in the city, there is not a current need for more in the system.
18-Hole Golf Course	1 per 12,000	Entire city	1	0	-1	Nearby facilities utilized by residents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brightwood Hills Golf Course in New Brighton Como Park Golf Course in St. Paul Roseville Cedarholm Golf Course 	This is not a facility the city of Arden Hills needs to improve.
Rectangular Fields/Open Green Space (multi-purpose)	1 per 2,500	10-15 minutes	3 to 4	8	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden Oaks Park (open space) Cummings Park (2 rect. fields) Floral Park (open space) Hazelnut Park (2 rect. fields) Ingrison Park (open space) Lindey's Park (open space) Royal Hills Park (open space) Valentine Park (open space) 	Although there is an excess of rectangular fields and open space (used for or not for recreation) in Arden Hills, there is demand for an artificial turf field or a full-sized competitive field (as the fields at Hazelnut and Cummings Parks are only large enough for U-12).
Off-Leash Dog Parks	1 per 10,000	10-15 minutes	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazelnut Park (summer only) Perry Park (year-round) 	Because there is an excess of off-leash dog parks in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.

Table 6. Indoor + Outdoor Recreation Facility Service Standards

Facility	Min. # per Pop.	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities							
Outdoor Ice Rinks	1 per 8,500	10-15 minutes	1	4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cummings Park Freeway Park Hazelnut Park Perry Park 	Because there is an excess of outdoor ice rinks in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Outdoor Swimming Pools	1 per 10,000	Entire city	1	0	-1	Nearby facilities utilized by residents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Como Regional Park Pool Hi-View Park wading pool Rosebrook Park wading pool 	Unless future demand warrants, there is not a current need for an outdoor swimming pool in Arden Hills.
Pickleball Courts	1 per 3,500	10-15 minutes	3	11	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cummings Park Floral Park (5) Freeway Park (1) Hazelnut Park (2) Royal Hills Park (1) 	Although there are many tennis court facilities with pickleball court striping, the city should consider developing dedicated courts at some point in the near future.
Playgrounds	1 per 2,000	10-15 minutes	4 to 5	13	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arden Manor Park (1) Arden Oaks Park (1) Cummings Park (1) Floral Park (1) Freeway Park (1) Hazelnut Park (1) Ingrison Park (1) Johanna Marsh Park (1) Perry Park (1) Royal Hills Park (1) Sampson Park (1) Valentine Park (1) South Shore Park & Trail (1) 	Although there are many playground facilities in Arden Hills, the city should consider developing an inclusive playground for children of all abilities in the near future.

Table 6. Indoor + Outdoor Recreation Facility Service Standards

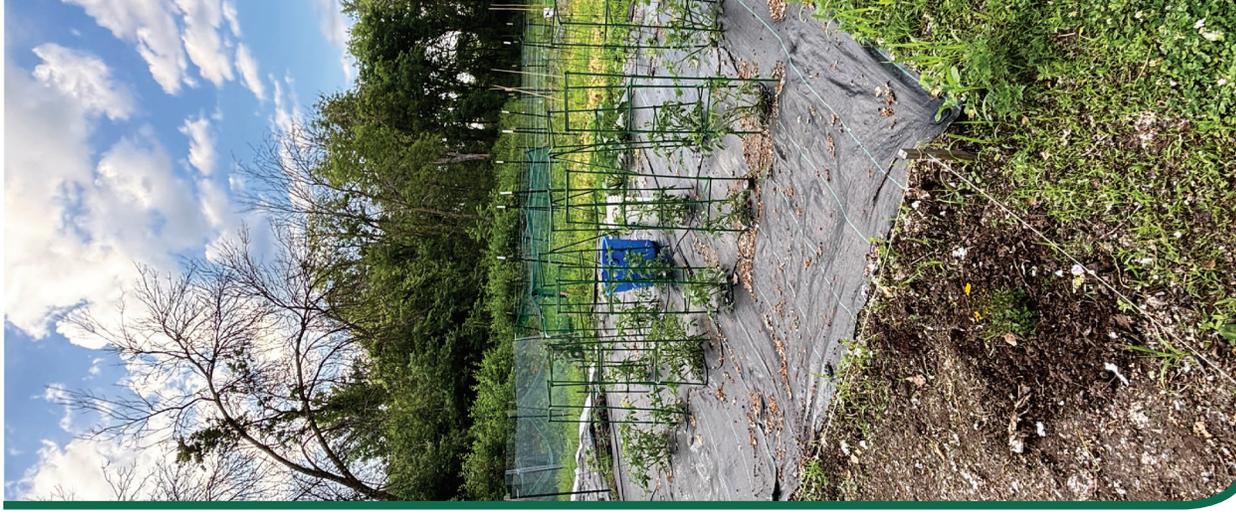
Facility	Min. # per Pop.	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities							
Skate Park	1 per 11,000	Entire city	1	0	-1	Nearby facilities utilized by residents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreview Commons Skateboard Plaza • Oval Skate Park in Roseville • Saint Anthony Village Skatepark 	Unless future demand warrants, this is not a facility the city of Arden Hills needs to provide.
Sledding Hills	N/A	Entire city	1	5	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingerson Park (1) • Royal Hills Park (1) • Cummings Park (1) • Hazelnut Park (1) • Floral Park (1) 	Because there is an excess of sledding hills in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Splash Pad/Water Plaza	1 per 13,500	Entire city	1	0	-1	Nearby facilities utilized by residents include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mounds View Splash Down • Splash Pad • The Lion's Park Splash Pad in New Brighton 	According to results from the community survey, a splash pad/water plaza is a highly desired amenity among residents; in the future, the city should consider establishing one in an existing or proposed park.
Tennis Courts	1 per 3,500	10-15 minutes	2 to 3	5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cummings Park (2) • Floral Park (1) • Hazelnut Park (1) • Royal Hills Park (1) 	Because there is an excess of tennis courts in Arden Hills, there is not a current need for more of this facility.
Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	1 per 7,000	20-25 minutes	1	0	-1	There are volleyball courts utilized by residents in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreview • New Brighton 	Unless future demand warrants, there is not a current need for volleyball courts in Arden Hills.

Gap Analysis

Proximity plays the biggest role in whether residents use parks. Individuals are much more likely to visit parks located near their homes or workplaces, while those who live farther away often choose other options or forgo outdoor recreation entirely. To better assess how well the community can reach its parks, the planning team created gap analysis maps comparing current residential areas throughout the community with locations that fall within a 15-minute, 10-minute, or 5-minute walk of a city park. This analysis helped highlight where the need for additional recreational spaces, facilities, and amenities is greatest. Still, simply being close to a park does not guarantee access—missing sidewalks, unsafe intersections, or poor trail connections can all serve as barriers.

Overall, Arden Hills has adequate park access. Most of the residential areas south of Hwy 96 are within a 15-minute walk to a park, with the exception of some areas just south of Hwy 96 and east of Snelling Ave N. Additional areas are depicted as being outside of a 15-minute walk to a park because of other barriers, like busy roadways and the railroad, which directly impact access to city parks.

As the TCAAP redevelopment takes off and additional residential areas are incorporated north of Hwy 96, the city will need to identify new park locations that will provide the best park and playground access for its residents.

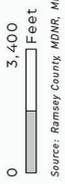


Arden Hills community gardens

Map 14, Park Walksheds

Park Walkshed

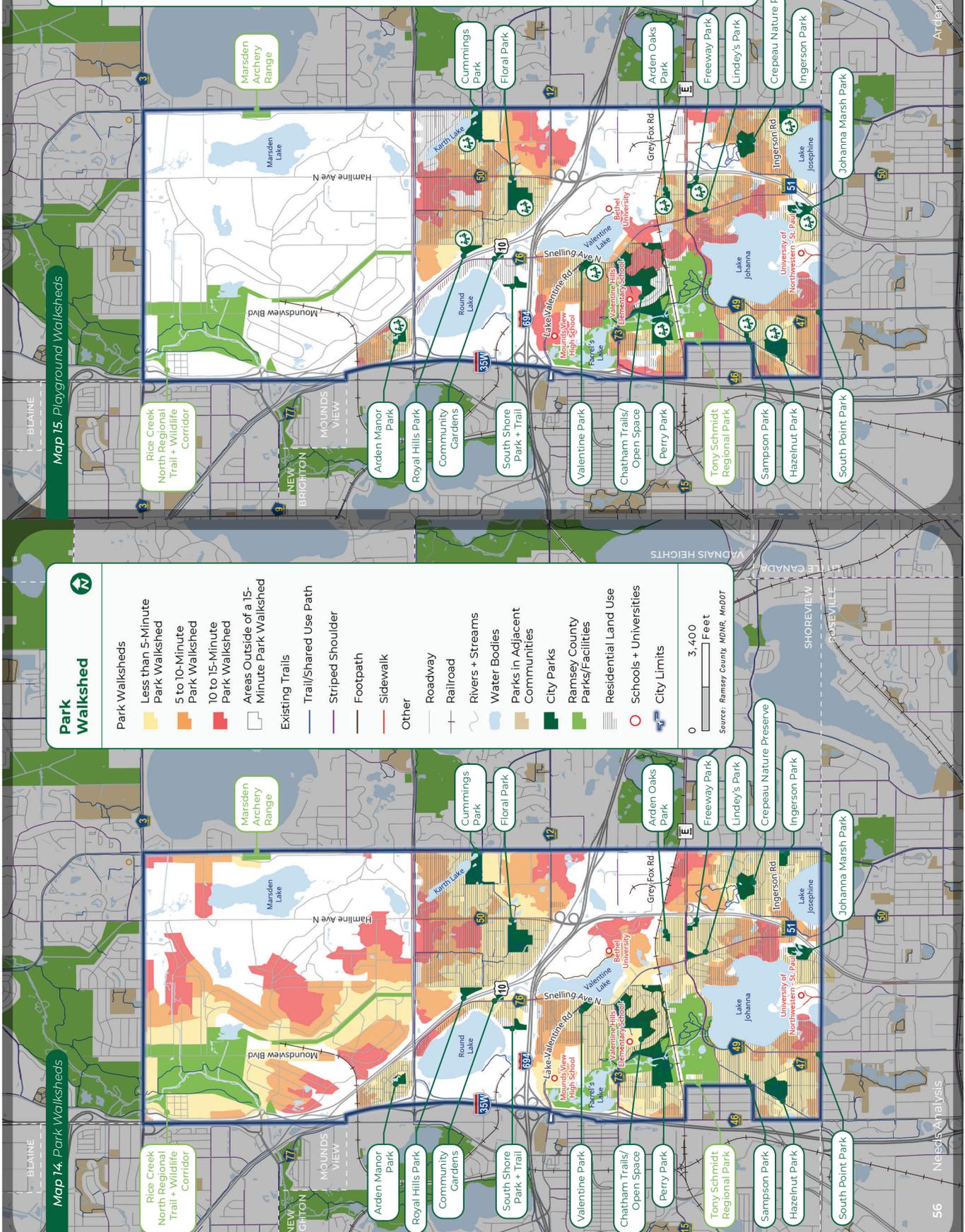
- Playground Walksheds
 - Less than 5-Minute Park Walkshed
 - 5 to 10-Minute Park Walkshed
 - 10 to 15-Minute Park Walkshed
 - Areas Outside of a 15-Minute Park Walkshed
- Existing Trails
 - Trail/Shared Use Path
 - Striped Shoulder
 - Footpath
 - Sidewalk
 - Other
- Playgrounds
 - Roadway
 - Railroad
 - Rivers + Streams
 - Water Bodies
 - Parks in Adjacent Communities
 - City Parks
 - Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
 - Residential Land Use
 - Schools + Universities
 - City Limits



Map 15, Playground Walksheds

Playground Walkshed

- Park Walksheds
 - Less than 5-Minute Park Walkshed
 - 5 to 10-Minute Park Walkshed
 - 10 to 15-Minute Park Walkshed
 - Areas Outside of a 15-Minute Park Walkshed
- Existing Trails
 - Trail/Shared Use Path
 - Striped Shoulder
 - Footpath
 - Sidewalk
 - Other
- Playgrounds
 - Roadway
 - Railroad
 - Rivers + Streams
 - Water Bodies
 - Parks in Adjacent Communities
 - City Parks
 - Ramsey County Parks/Facilities
 - Residential Land Use
 - Schools + Universities
 - City Limits





Comment card responses at the Lion's Community Picnic pop-up event

Public Engagement Summary

Community engagement played a central role in shaping the plan, ensuring that the voices, values, and visions of residents were reflected throughout the planning process. Recognizing that parks and open spaces are vital to community well-being, the city prioritized inclusive and transparent outreach to gather meaningful input from a broad cross-section of stakeholders.

Engagement efforts included two in-person pop-up events, a public open house, an online community survey,

coordination with the city, the steering committee, and the PTRC, and interactive workshops, all designed to capture diverse perspectives on park access, amenities, programming, and future priorities. This feedback not only informed the plan's goals and strategies but also fostered a sense of shared ownership and civic pride. By grounding the plan in community input, Arden Hills is better positioned to create and maintain a park system that is equitable, responsive, and aligned with the evolving needs of its residents.

The Process

Coordination with the City, Steering Committee, and PTRC

Throughout the planning process, the planning team collaborated closely with city staff, the steering committee, and the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee. Their insights were invaluable—they shared in-depth knowledge of individual parks, identified existing challenges within the park system, and contributed ideas that helped shape the overall vision and desired outcomes of the plan. Regular coordination included monthly progress meetings with city staff, four formal meetings with the steering committee, and two city council meetings. During these meetings, the team reviewed existing conditions, discussed known issues, and explored opportunities for future improvements. The city's ongoing involvement and thoughtful feedback played a crucial role in the successful development of this plan.

In-Person Engagement Events

Three in-person engagement events were also facilitated throughout the planning process, including a pop-up event at Perry Park during the city's Touch-a-Truck event, a pop-up event at Cummings Park during the Lion's Community Picnic event, and a community open house event at Arden Hills City Hall.

More information about each of these events, including key takeaways, top comments, and results from engagement activities, can be found on the following three pages. Complete engagement event summaries and event boards are also included in the appendix.



Residents at the Open House event

The Online Community Survey

The online community survey went live on June 16th, 2025, and closed about two months later on August 18th, 2025. The city spread the word through social media posts, engagement events, and mailed letters. They also worked with the planning team to develop custom yard signs and trail decals, encouraging park visitors to provide their feedback and get involved.

In the end, the online community survey received 875 total responses (indicating an 8.8% response rate) and nearly 3,000 comment responses to survey questions. A graphic survey summary can be found on pages 65 to 68, and the complete survey results can be found in the appendix of this document.

Engagement Event Summaries

Touch-a-Truck Pop-Up Event May 17th, 2025

During the Touch-a-Truck pop-up event, the planning team interacted with about 50 residents. Small flyers were shared with adults to provide a link to the project website, and boards depicting the park system planning process and the current park system were also on display to inform and inspire conversation. A sticker voting activity asked participants (of varying age ranges) to choose up to three different park amenities they'd like to see added to the park and trail system. Results from that voting exercise are included below.



Pop-up event table and voting activity set-up

Table 7. Results from the voting activity

	Kids	Teens	Adults	Seniors	Totals
Basketball Courts	1	-	-	-	1
Dual Pickleball/Tennis Courts	-	-	2	2	4
Multi-Use Sports Fields	-	-	3	-	3
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	1	-	4	-	5
Softball + Baseball Fields	4	-	3	1	8
Trails	5	-	14	5	24
Gathering/Hang-Out Spots	6	1	2	1	10
Natural Spaces to Explore	2	-	10	2	14
Nature Playground Areas	9	1	13	2	25
Picnic Shelters	1	-	4	-	5
Playful Public Art	6	1	-	-	7
Water Features	13	1	14	5	33
Accessible Playground Areas	3	1	6	4	14
Benches/Seating Options	1	-	3	1	5
Crosswalks	3	-	5	-	8
Educational Signage	-	1	1	-	2
Pedestrian Lighting	-	-	6	2	8
Shade Structures	9	1	1	2	13

Lion's Community Picnic August 15th, 2025

During the Lion's Community Picnic pop-up event, the planning team interacted with 40 to 50 residents, who provided important feedback on a variety of topics. Half-page informational handouts highlighting the project and community survey, as well as quarter-page prompts for residents to fill out regarding the park and trail system were shared with residents. A voting activity was also conducted, which allowed participants to choose up to three themed jars to place fuzzy balls in to pertaining to their preferences on how future spending on parks and trails should be prioritized. Results from that activity are included below.



Llama at the Lion's Community Picnic event

Table 8. Results from the voting activity

	Totals
Better Connectivity + Accessibility	12
Flex/Multi-Use Fields + Sports Courts	5
Enhanced Playground + Play Features	17
Preservation of + Access to the Natural Environment	9
Additional Programs, Events + Activities for All Ages	11
Other:	3
• Additional biking trails	
• Natural resource management (giving more resources for native species, diseased trees, etc.)	

Top 3 Desired
Amenity

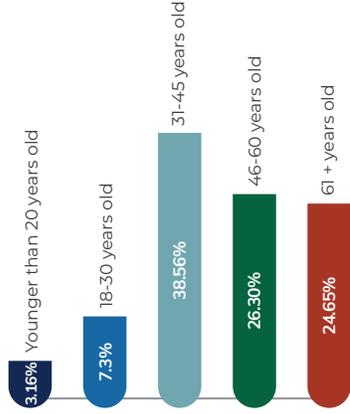
Community Open House Event November 4th, 2025

During the Community Open House event, the planning team interacted about 50 residents, who discussed the park and trail system's existing conditions and distribution of amenities, key community survey takeaways, and preliminary recommendations for several key park and trail elements (including park amenities, recreation facilities, playgrounds, water access, connectivity, and operations and maintenance). Voting activities for the preliminary recommendations were conducted, which allowed visitors to prioritize recommendations as high, medium, or low according to their individual needs. Results from the voting activities are included in the appendix.



Residents interacting with boards at the Open House

Age Range of Respondents



The Survey Summary



Key Engagement Comments

"Add wayfinding signage with distances to park system destinations!"

"All (future) pickleball courts should be fenced!"

"Please preserve our amazing urban forests near parks and playgrounds."

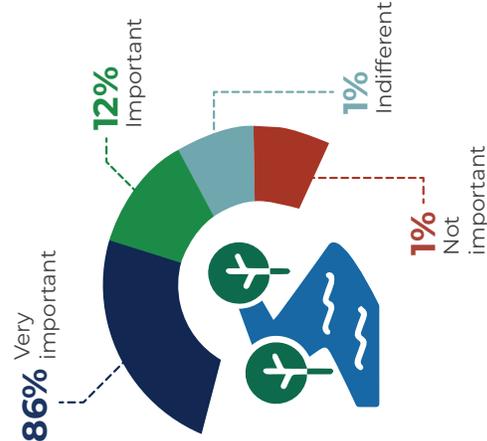
"Please add inclusive playground equipment in Arden Hills."

"More park programming for teenagers is needed."

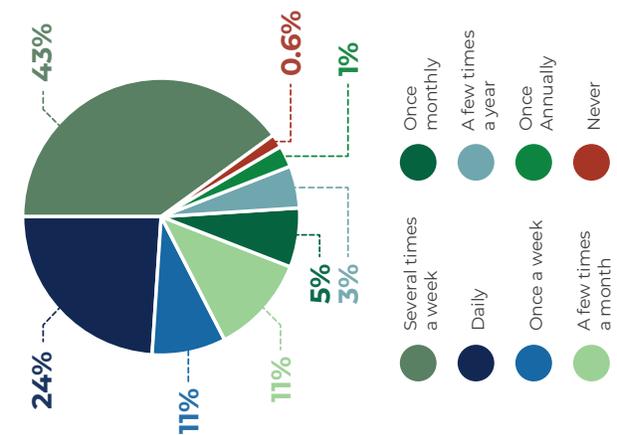
"Better mark trails to assist visitors in finding their way throughout the city."

"Please plant more trees in parks to replace those lost due to EAB."

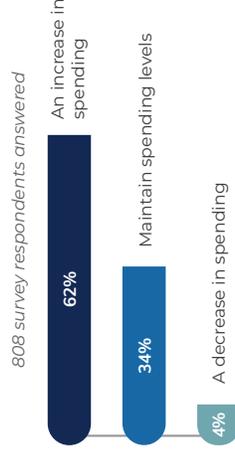
How Important Are Arden Hills' Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces to You and Your Family?



How Often Do You Spend Time in Arden Hills' Parks?



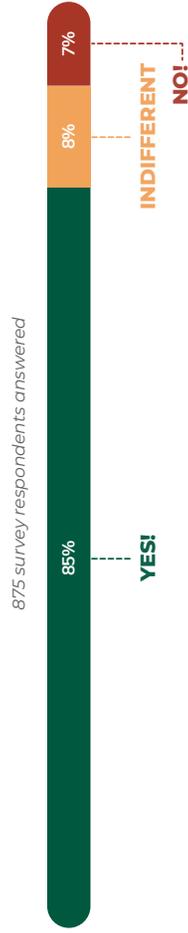
When It Comes to the City Investing in Arden Hills' Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces, Which of the Following Do You Support?



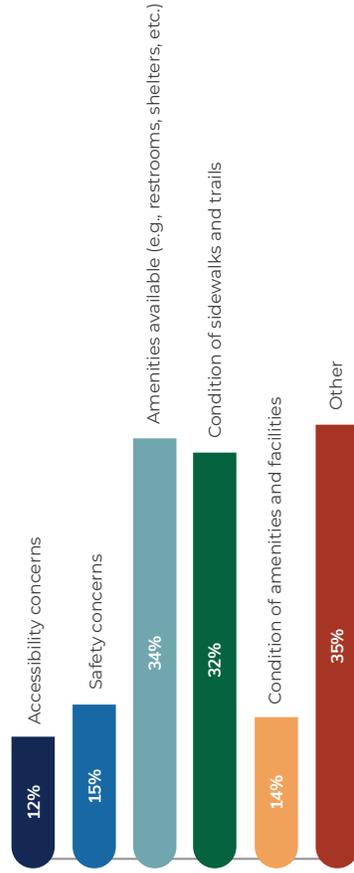
Would You Support Additional Spending to Improve Trail Connections Between Neighborhoods and Parks?



Do You Feel Like Parks and Trails in Arden Hills are Safe and Accessible?



Is There Anything That Discourages You From Using Arden Hills' Parks and Trails? (Select all that apply)



Most Desired Amenities to Add

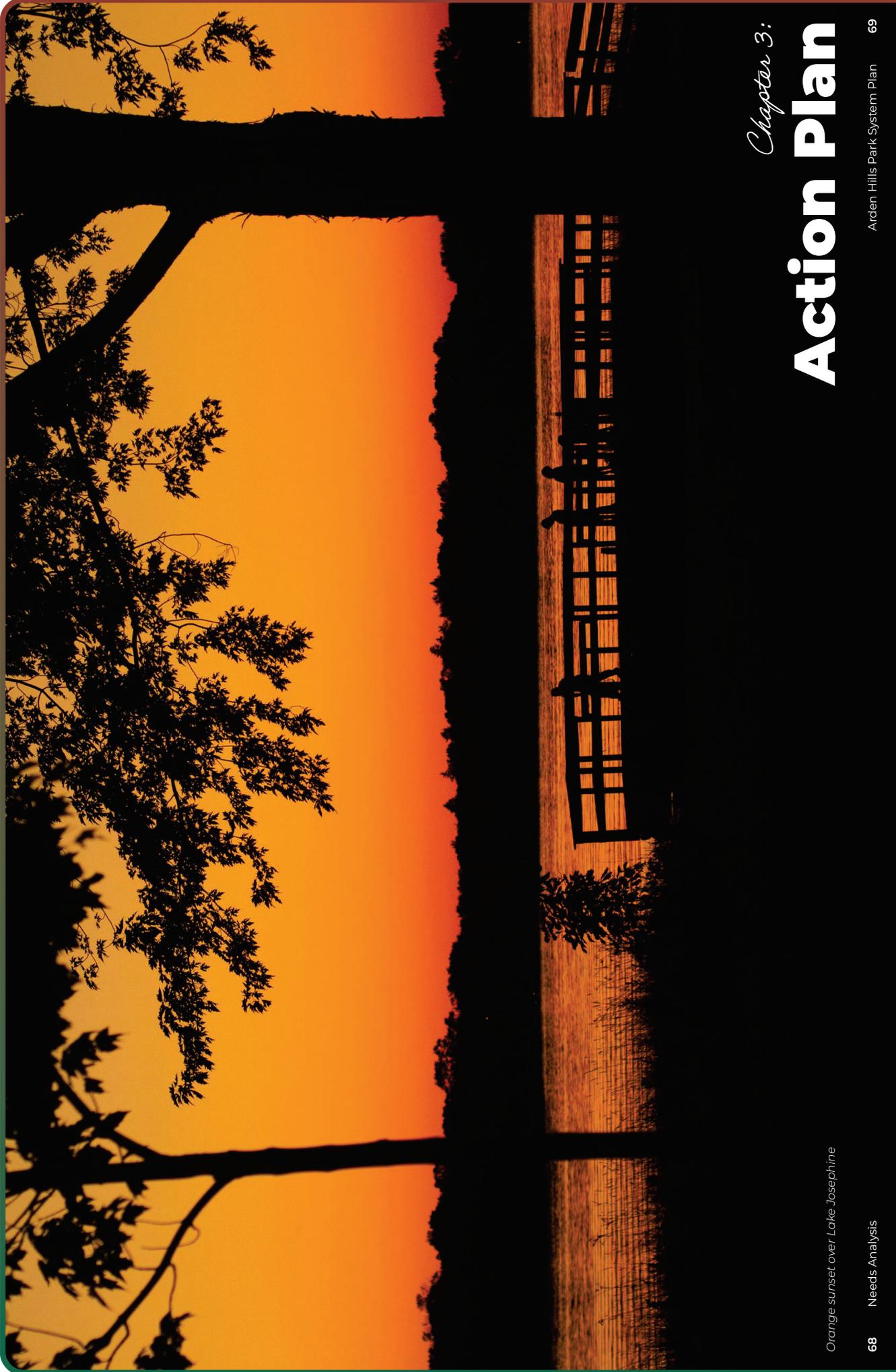


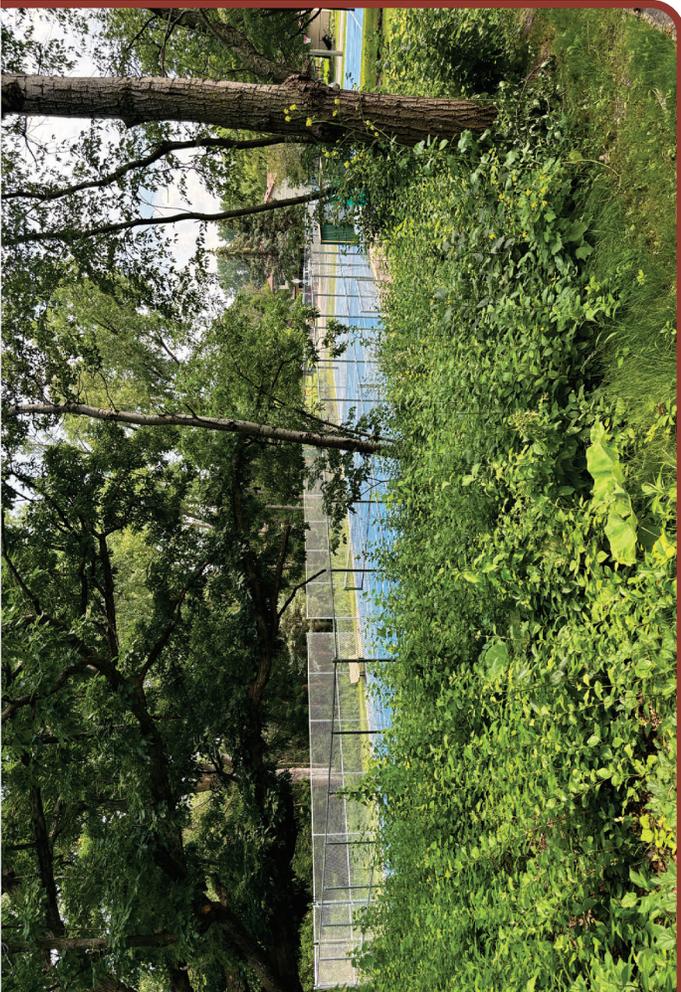
Top 10 Most Used Parks in Arden Hills



Top Winter Activities to Add, Improve, or Expand On







Tennis courts in Floral Park

Overview

The recommendations in this chapter were shaped by extensive feedback gathered from community members, city staff, the steering committee, the PTRC, and other key park stakeholders. Together, their input informed the Park Investment Plan and the Ongoing Initiatives that aim to protect enhance, and enrich Arden Hill's parks, trails, and open spaces well into the future.

The proposed **Park Investment Plan** and **Ongoing Initiatives** target improvements for the city to pursue over the next decade and beyond. Investments recommended to occur beyond the next ten years were included to reflect the ongoing nature of investment needed to avoid deferred maintenance across the system.

Implementation of these recommendations will occur gradually—often in coordination with other public infrastructure projects—and will depend on funding and opportunities for partnerships.

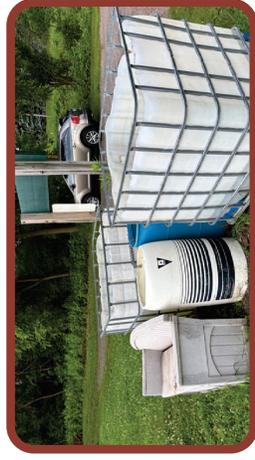
It is important to note that costs provided in this chapter are planning-level, budgetary estimates that reflect 2026 dollars and are not adjusted for future inflation. These numbers do not include design and engineering fees, and are provided as a basis for planning.

Park Investment Plan

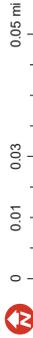
Arden Hills Community Garden

Table 9. Park investment plan for Arden Hills Community Gardens

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement/ Installation Year	Replacement/ Installatin Cost
Bench - Storage	Fair	5 - 10 Years	2031	\$3,000
Sign - Park Entrance	Fair - does not match city standard	5 - 10 Years	2031	\$3,500
Fence - Proposed	N/A	N/A	2036	\$40,000
Picnic Shelter - Small - Proposed	N/A	N/A	2036	\$80,000
Picnic Table - Proposed	N/A	N/A	2036	\$3,500
Water Source	N/A	N/A	2036	\$15,000
2031 COSTS				\$6,500
2036 COSTS				\$143,500



Map 16. GIS Park Collections Map for Arden Manor Park

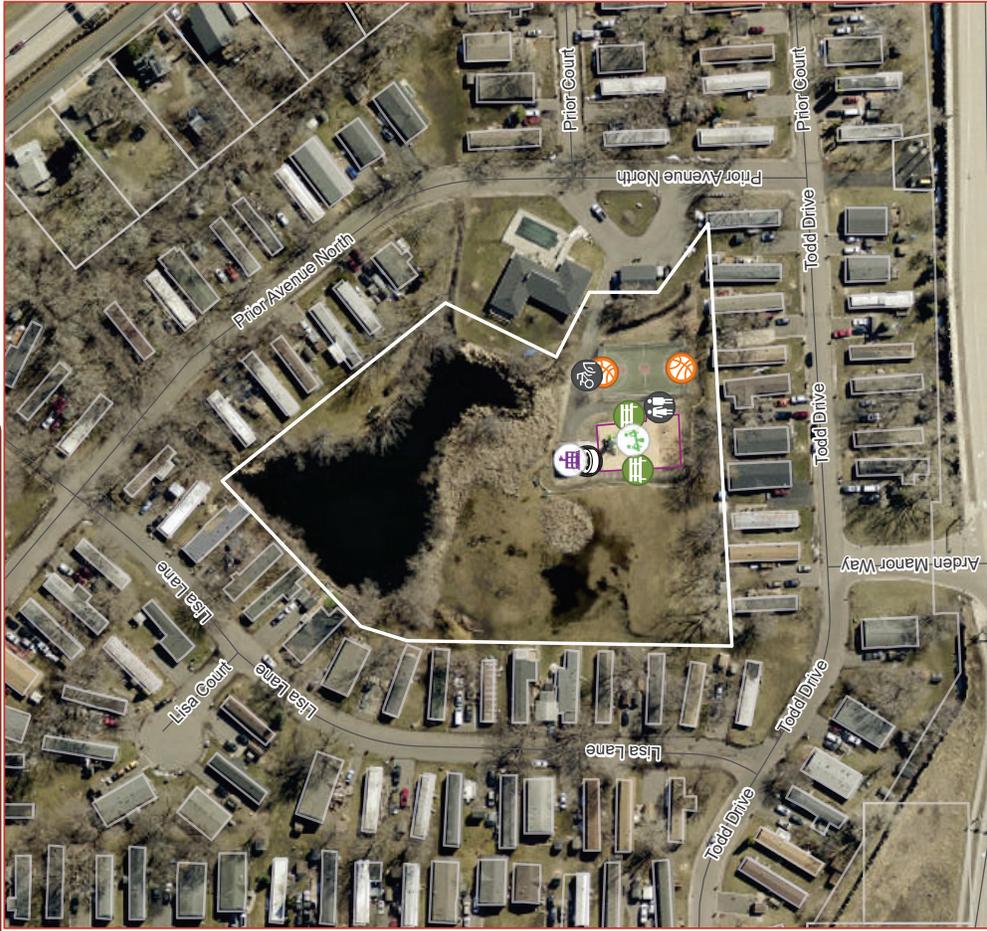
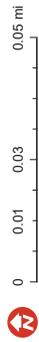


Arden Manor Park

Table 10. Park investment plan for Arden Manor Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement/ Installation Year	Replacement/ Installation Cost
Bike Rack	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$1,500
Bench (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$4,000
Picnic Shelter - Medium	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$120,000
Gaga Pit	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,000
Playground (Ages 2-5 and Ages 5-12, timber container)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$350,000
Basketball Court (Full)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2026	\$200,000 (full reconstruction / area renovation)
Stormwater Infrastructure/ Drainage	Fair - drainage issues impacting field use	5-7 Years	2032	\$20,000 (grading + drainage improvements)
Fence - Proposed	N/A	5-7 Years	2032	\$30,000 (fencing around pond)
2026 COSTS				\$200,000
2032 COSTS				\$50,000
2040+ COSTS				\$478,500

Map 17. GIS Park Collections Map for Arden Manor Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Bike Rack
 - Park Bench
- Play Equipment
- Structures
- Bathroom
- Gaga Pit
- Playgrounds

Arden Manor Park

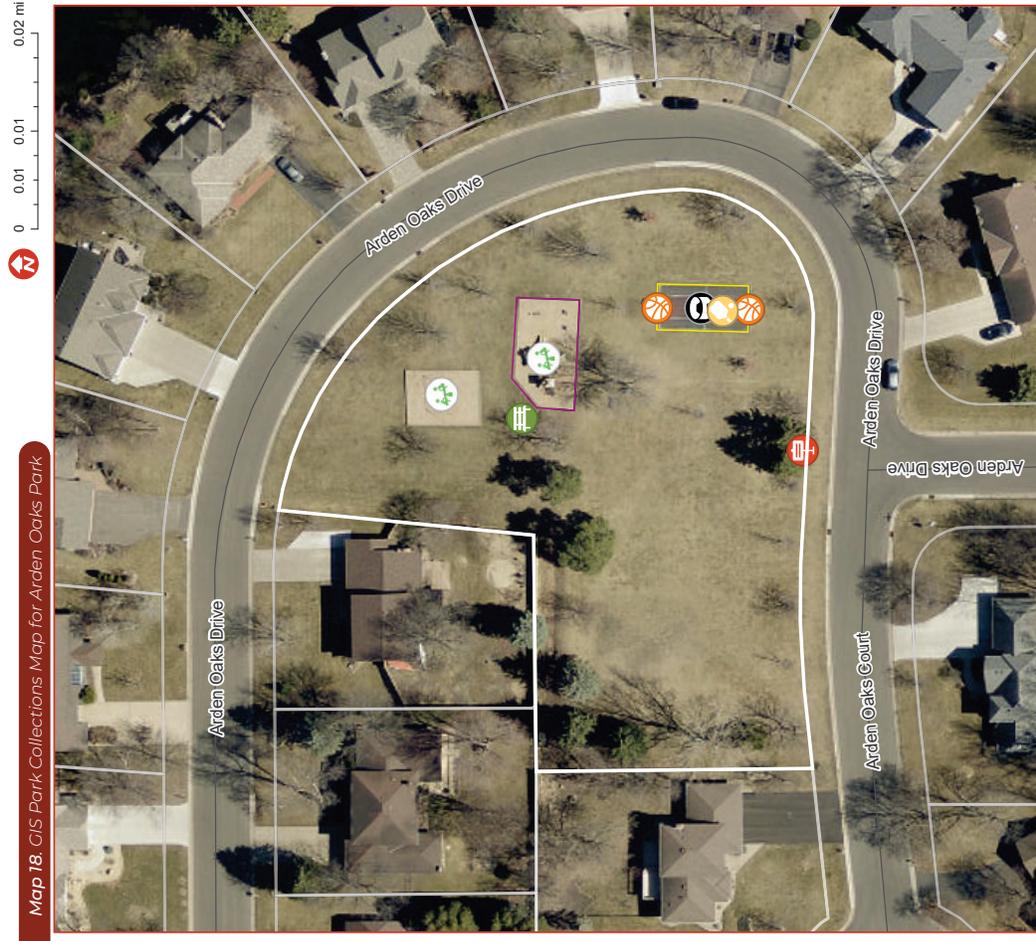


Arden Oaks Park

Table T1. Park Investment Plan for Arden Oaks Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Bench	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2031	\$2,000
Combined Basketball/Pickleball Court	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$110,000
Basketball Hoop (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$14,000
Playground (Timber Containers)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2031	\$12,000 (concrete container)
Playground (Swings)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$65,000
Playground (Tower)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$350,000
Sign (Park Entrance)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	1-3 Years	2031	\$3,500
2031 COSTS				\$17,500
2040+ COSTS				\$539,000

Map 18. GIS Park Collections Map for Arden Oaks Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Park Bench
 - Basketball Court
- Pickleball Court
- Park Entrance Sign
- Playground Equipment
- Recreation Courts
- Playgrounds

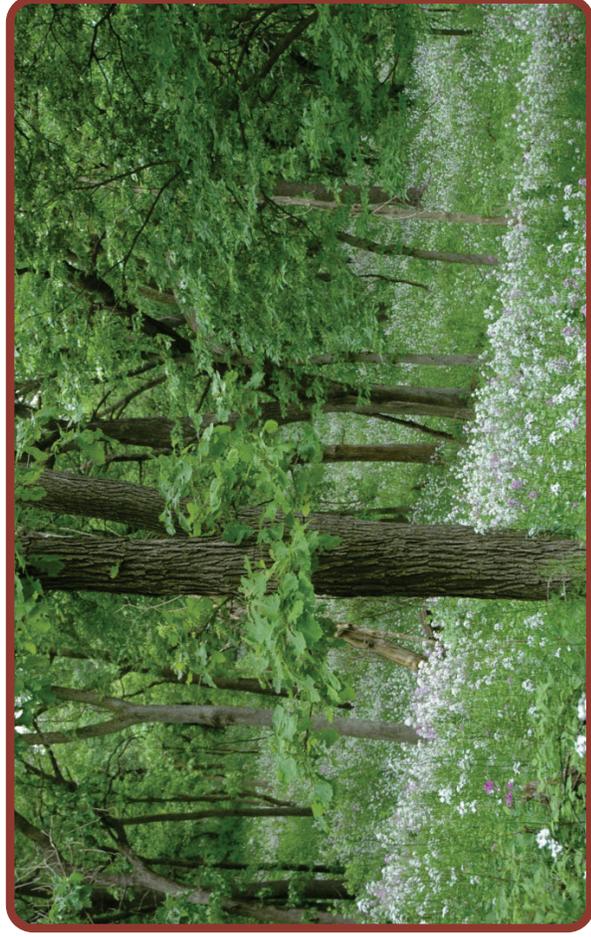
Arden Oaks Park



Chatham Trails

Table 12. Park investment plan for Chatham Trails

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Natural Areas (31.4 acres)	Fair: Invasive species and forest management needed	N/A	2030 - 2036	\$25,000/year for 6 years
			2030 COSTS	\$25,000
			2031 COSTS	\$25,000
			2032 COSTS	\$25,000
			2033 COSTS	\$25,000
			2035 COSTS	\$25,000
			2036 COSTS	\$25,000



Map 19. GIS Park Collections Map for Chatham Trails



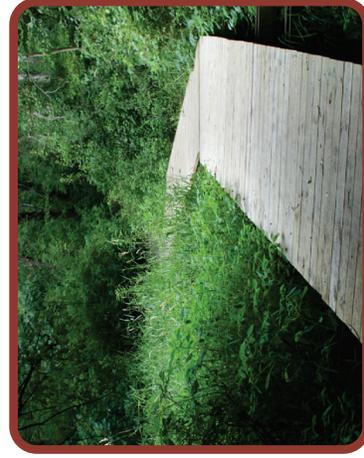
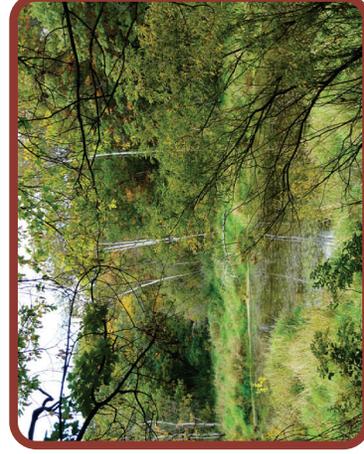
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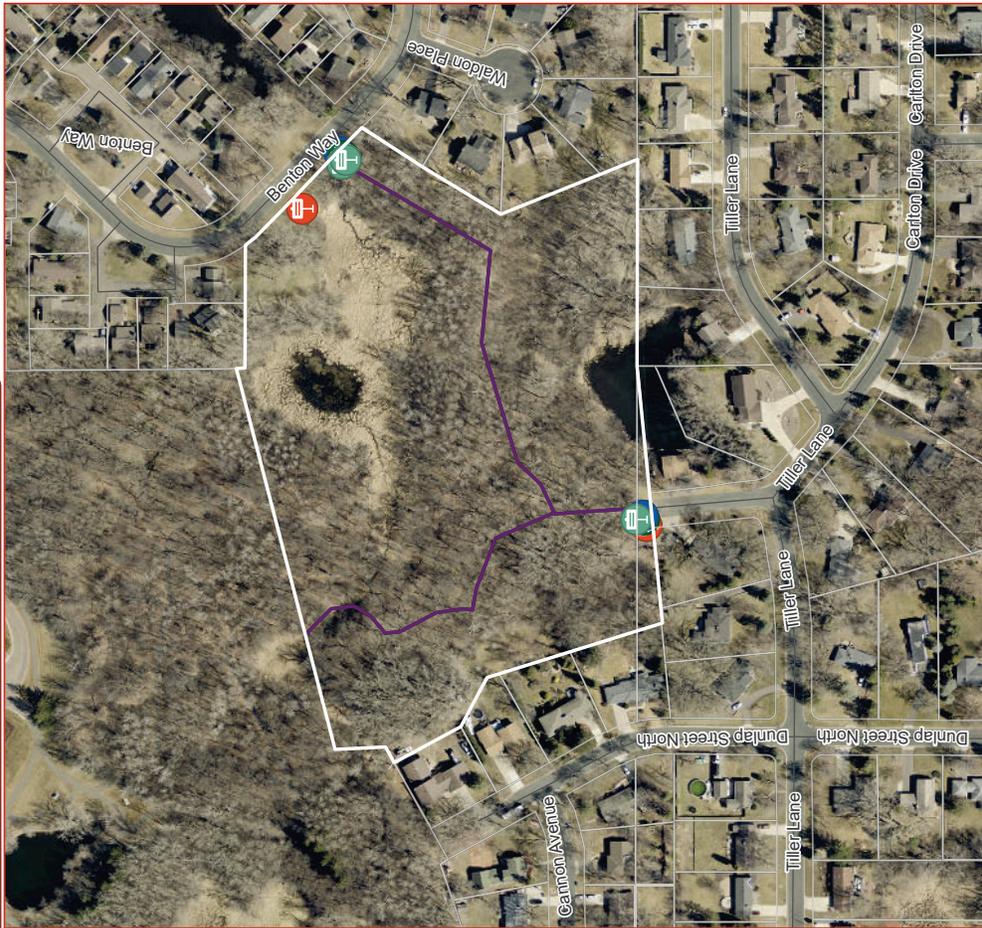
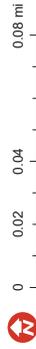
- Amenities
- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Pathway

Crepeau Nature Preserve

Table 12. Park investment plan for Crepeau Nature Preserve

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Receptacle (Recycling) [2]	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2034	\$2,400
Receptacle (Trash) [2]	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2034	\$2,400
Sign (Park Entrance) [2]	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$7,000
Natural Areas (12.5 acres)	Fair: Invasive species and forest management needed	N/A	2028 - 2031	\$24,000/year for 4 years
				2028 COSTS \$24,000
				2029 COSTS \$24,000
				2030 COSTS \$24,000
				2031 COSTS \$24,000
				2034 COSTS \$4,800
				2040+ COSTS \$7,000





Legend

- Streets**: Solid line
- Parcels**: Dashed line
- City Limits**: Dotted line
- Amenities**:
 - Trash Can: Blue trash can icon
 - Sign: Green sign icon
 - Recycling Container: Green recycling bin icon
- Park Entrance**: Red sign icon
- Sign**: Red sign icon
- Pathways**: Purple line

Cummings Park

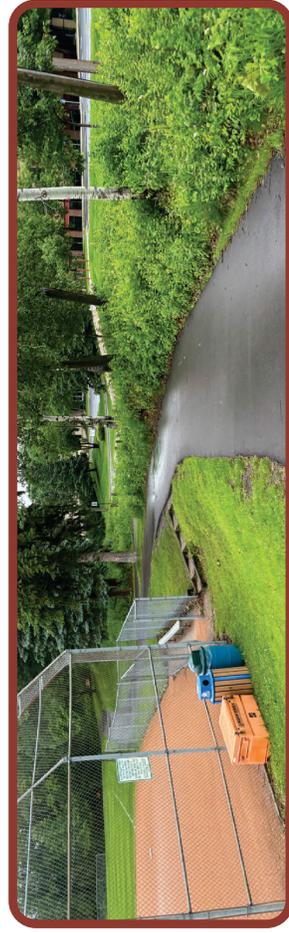
Table 13. Park investment plan for Cummings Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Ballfield	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$75,000
Basketball Court (Full)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2029	\$110,000
Basketball Hoop (2)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2029	\$14,000
Bench (6)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$12,000
Bench (5)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2032	\$10,000
Bleachers	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$10,000
Field Lights (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2032	\$30,000
Gaga Pit	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2032	\$3,000
Receptacle (Trash) [2]	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2029	\$2,400
Receptacle (Recycling)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2029	\$1,200
Sign (Park Entrance) [2]	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$7,000

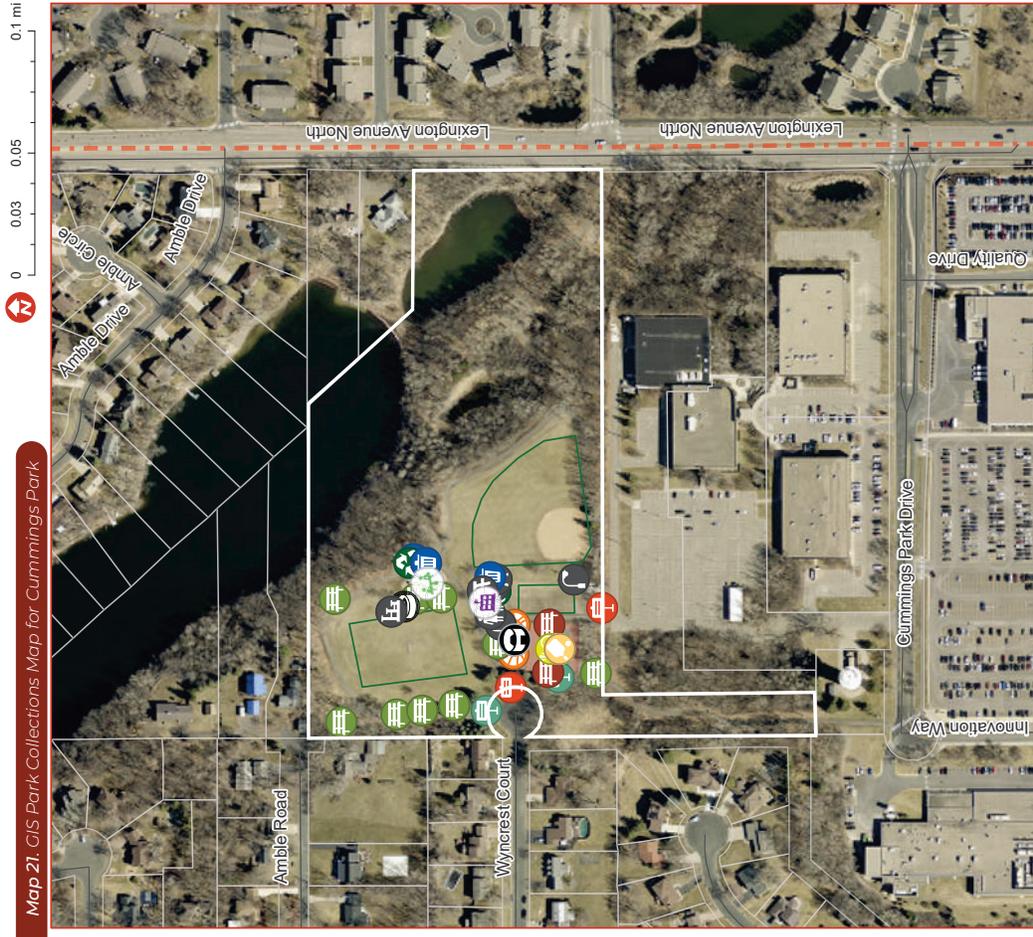
Cummings Park

Table 13. Park investment plan for Cummings Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Sign (Gateway)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$45,000
Playground (ages 2 - 12)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$500,000 (include additional swings)
Tennis Court (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2032	\$250,000
Sport Courts	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2032	\$60,000
2029 COSTS				\$125,200
2032 COSTS				\$353,000
2040+ COSTS				\$649,000



Map 21. GIS Park Collections Map for Cummings Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits

Amenities

- Basketball Hoop
- Bench
- Gaga Pit
- Bike Rack

Park Entrance

- Sign
- Sign
- Park Bench
- Grill
- Picnic Table

Play

- Equipment
- Structures
- Other
- Pickleball Court
- Tennis Court

Bleachers

- Trash Can
- Recycling Container
- Field Light
- Bathroom

Basketball Court

- Recreation Field

Floral Park

Table 14. Park investment plan for Floral Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Ballfield	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	Decommission (Convert to open lawn)		Do not replace
Combined Basketball / Pickleball Court	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$150,000
Basketball Hoop (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$14,000
Bench (8)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$16,000
Bench (4)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2034	\$8,000
Bench (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2029	\$4,000
Bike Rack (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	20+ Years	2040+	\$3,000
Gaga Pit	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,000
Grill	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,000
Tennis Court	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$150,000
Picnic Shelter (Small)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$85,000
Playground	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$325,000

Floral Park

Table 14. Park investment plan for Floral Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Receptacle - Trash (3)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2034	\$1,000
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	10-20 Years	2037	\$2,500
Sign (Gateway)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	20+ Years	2040+	\$45,000
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	20+ Years	2040+	\$3,500
2029 COSTS				\$4,000
2034 COSTS				\$9,000
2037 COSTS				\$3,500
2040+ COSTS				\$796,500

Freeway Park

Table 15. Park investment plan for Freeway Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Combined Basketball Court (Half) / Pickleball Court	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$150,000
Basketball Hoop	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$7,000
Hockey Rink	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	5-10 Years	2033	\$175,000
Hockey Rink Lights (4)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2033	\$80,000
Parking Lot	Expand pavement and add ADA parking	3-5 Years	2029	\$40,000
Playground	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$325,000
Receptacle (Recycling)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	10-20 Years	2040+	\$1,200
Receptacle (Trash)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	20+ Years	2040+	\$1,200
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,500
Sign (Park Entrance)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	20+ Years	2040+	\$3,500
Warming House	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	3-5 Years	2033	\$175,000

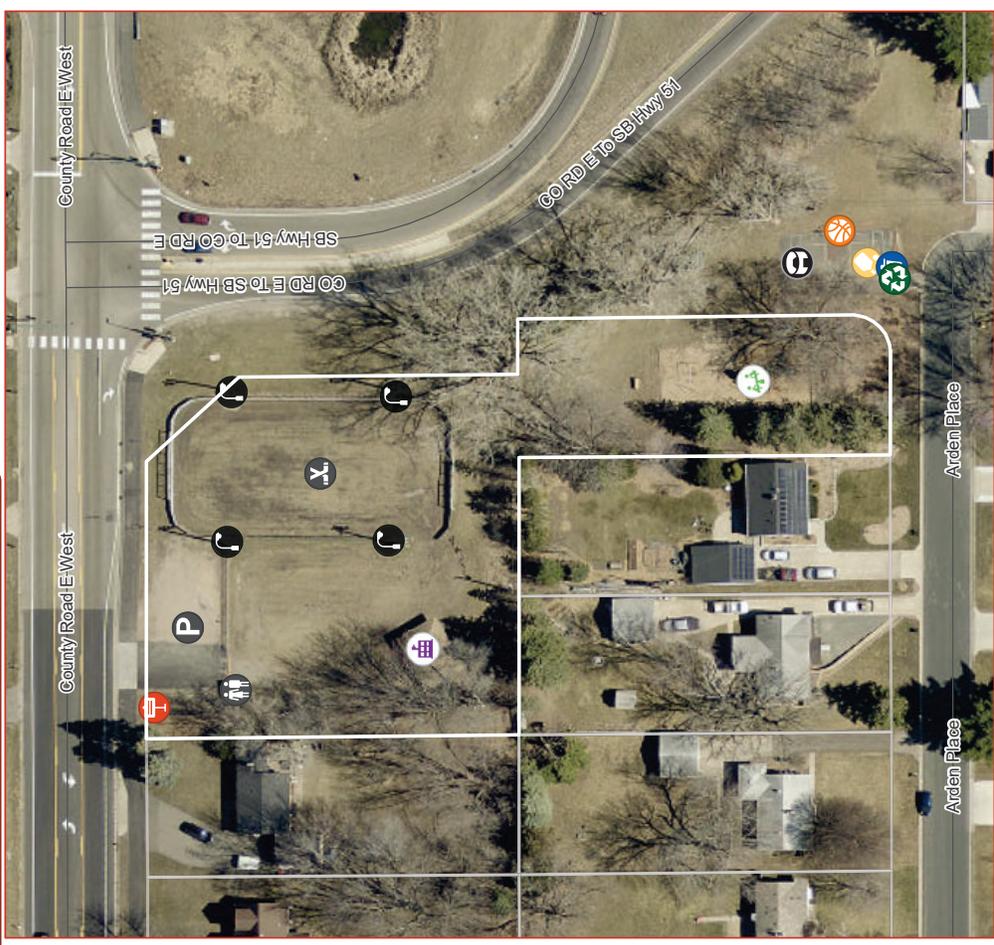
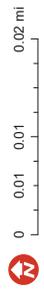
Freeway Park

Table 15. Park investment plan for Freeway Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
		2029 REPLACEMENT COSTS		\$40,000
		2033 REPLACEMENT COSTS		\$430,000
		2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS		\$489,200



Map 23: GIS Park Collections Map for Freeway Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Hockey Rink
 - Trash Can
 - Parking Lot
 - Park Entrance Sign
 - Structures
 - Playground Equipment
 - Parking Lot
 - Basketball Court
 - Bathroom
 - Recycling Container
 - Rink Light
 - Rink

Hazelnut Park

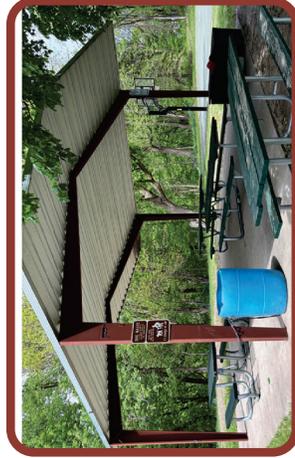
Table 16. Park investment plan for Hazelnut Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Basketball Court (Full)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2037	\$110,000
Basketball Hoop (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2037	\$14,000
Bench (3)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2037	\$6,000
Bench - Ballfield (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$4,000
Bleachers	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$10,000
Field Lights (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	10-20 Years	2037	\$40,000
Gaga Pit	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2037	\$3,000
Hockey Rink / Dog Park	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	3-5 Years	2037	\$175,000
Playground	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$350,000 (includes new concrete container)
Combined Pickleball / Tennis Courts	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	3-5 Years	2028	\$150,000

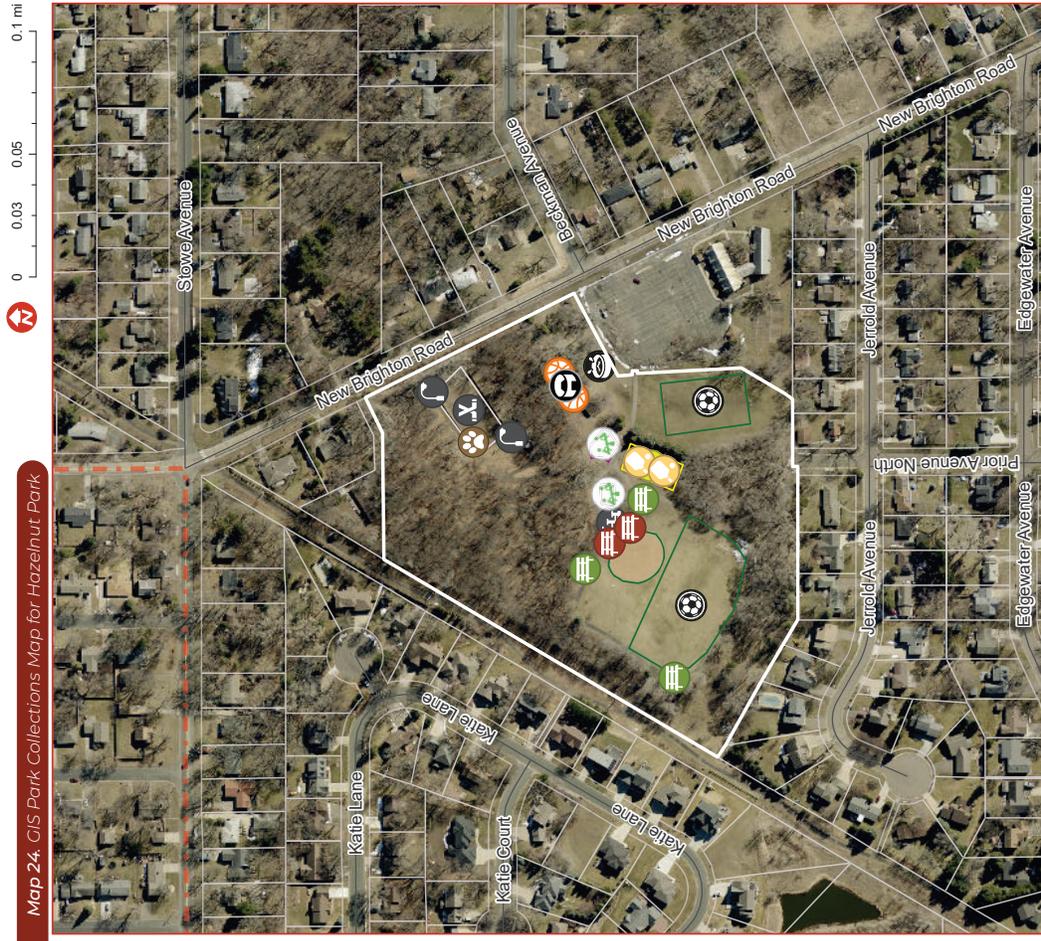
Hazelnut Park

Table 16. Park investment plan for Hazelnut Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Soccer Field (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$60,000
Trails	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$100,000
Picnic Shelter (small)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$85,000
2027 COSTS				\$185,000
2028 COSTS				\$150,000
2037 COSTS				\$334,000
2040+ COSTS				\$424,000



Map 24. GIS Park Collections Map for Hazelnut Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities: Basketball Hoop, Park Bench, Bench, Dog Park
- Bleachers
- Basketball Court
- Hockey Rink
- Soccer Field
- Field Light
- Gaga Pit
- Pickleball Court
- Tennis Court
- Play Equipment
- Misc. Areas
- Recreation Fields
- Recreation Courts
- Playground

Ingerson Park

Table 17. Park investment plan for Ingerson Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Basketball Court (Half)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$80,000
Basketball Hoop	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$7,000
Bench	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,000
Bench	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2027	\$2,000
Bench (Swing)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$3,000
Parking Lot	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues. Expansion recommended.	1-3 Years	2027	\$100,000
Picnic Shelter (Small)	Fair: Average wear for age. No structural issues but outdated	1-3 Years	2027	\$85,000
Picnic Table (3)	Fair: Average wear for age. No structural issues but don't match standard	1-3 Years	2027	\$10,500
Picnic Table (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$7,000
Playground	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$350,000 (includes concrete container)

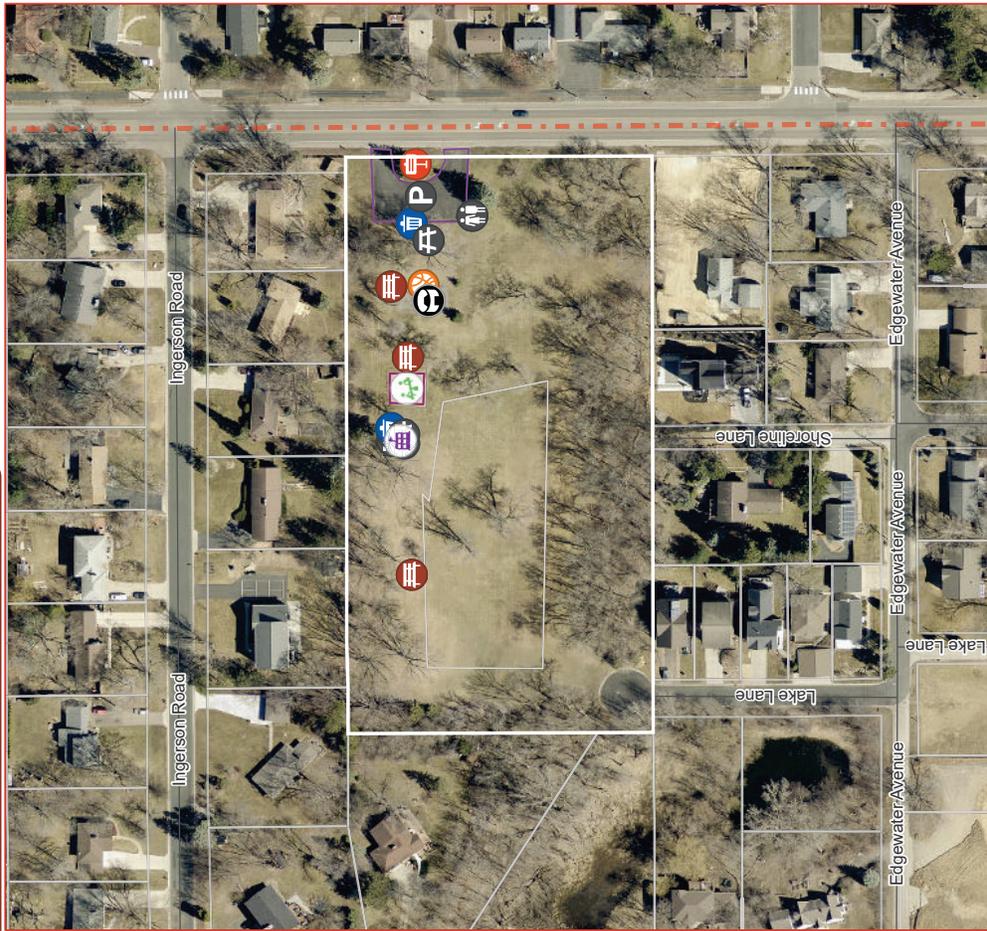
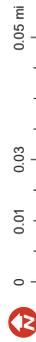
Ingerson Park

Table 17. Park investment plan for Ingerson Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Receptacle - Trash (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$1,200
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,500
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
2027 COSTS				\$550,500
2040+ COSTS				\$103,200



Map 25. GIS Park Collections Map for Ingerson Park



Amenities	
	Streets
	Parcels
	City Limits
	Basketball Hoop
	Bench
	Trash Can
	Parking Lot
	Park Entrance Sign
	Structure Equipment
	Picnic Table
	Basketball Court
	Bathroom
	Misc. Areas
	Structure Footprints
	Playground

Johanna Marsh Park

Table 18. Park investment plan for Johanna Marsh Park

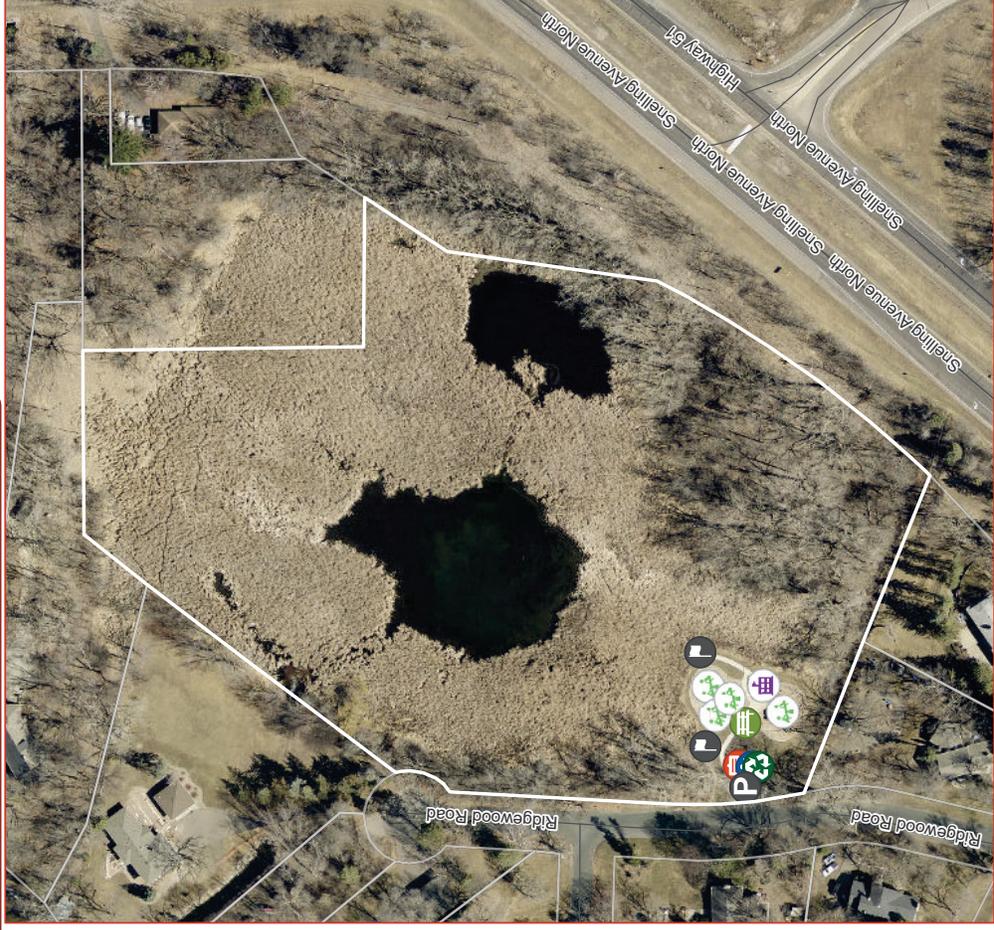
Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Bench (Memorial)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,000
Parking Lot	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$35,000
Picnic Shelter (Small)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$85,000
Playground	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$325,000
Receptacle (Recycling)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2035	\$1,200
Receptacle (Trash)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2035	\$1,200
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
Viewing Platform	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$10,000
2035 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$2,400
2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$460,500

Johanna Marsh Park



Map 26. GIS Park Collections Map for Johanna Marsh Park

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Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Recycling Container
 - Park Bench
 - Trash Can
- Parking Lot
- Park Entrance Sign
- Structures
- Playground Equipment
- Other

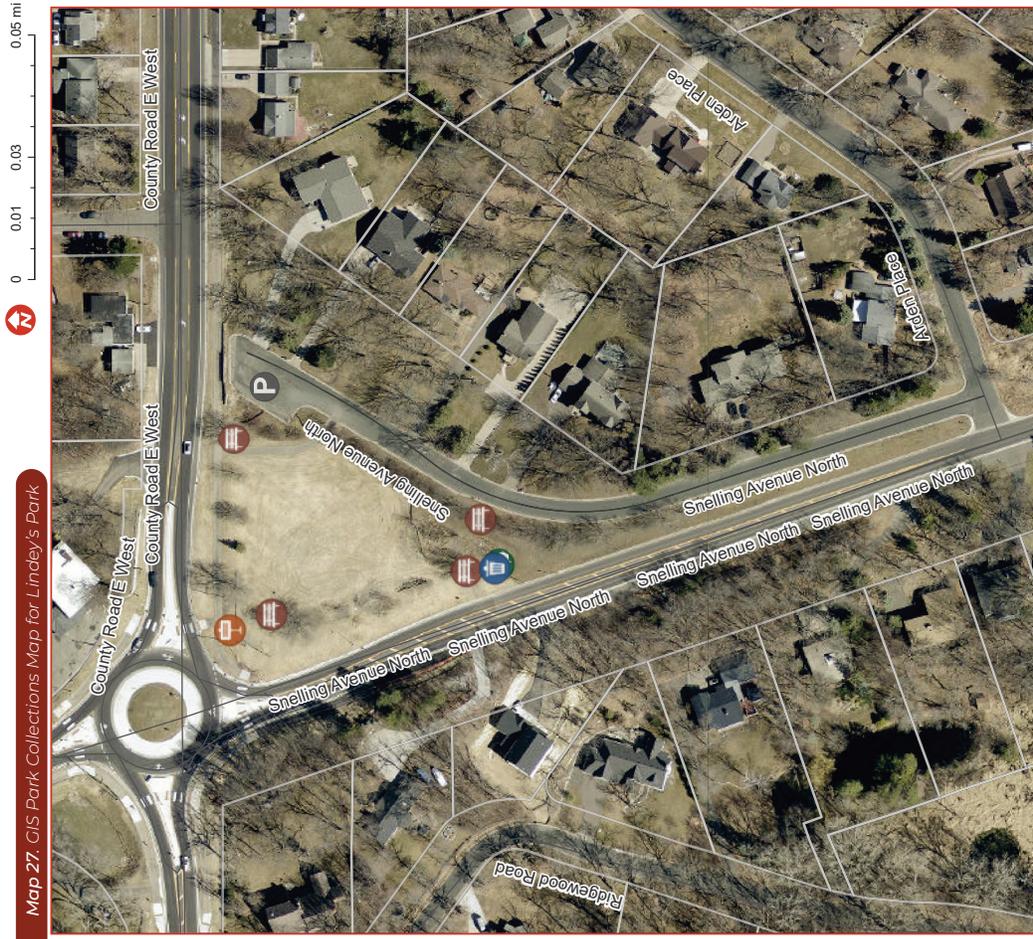
Lindey's Park

Table 19. Park investment plan for Lindey's Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Bench	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,000
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
Trash Can	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$1,200
Recycling Container	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$1,200
2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$7,900



Map 27. GIS Park Collections Map for Lindey's Park



Perry Park

Table 20. Park investment plan for Perry Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Ball Fields (3)	Fair: Grading and drainage issues, fencing issues, concrete maintenance strips needed	1-3 Years	2027	\$90,000
Bench (7)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$14,000
Bench (4)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$8,000
Bench (Shaded)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$5,000
Bike Rack	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$1,500
Bleachers (3)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$30,000
Dog Park	Good: Drinking fountain improvement needed, fence repairs, and reorganization	10-20 Years	2040+	\$35,000
Field Light (3)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$45,000
Hockey Rink	Poor: boards and fencing in disrepair	3-5 Years	2031	\$175,000
Receptacle (Trash)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2034	\$1,000

Perry Park

Table 20. Park investment plan for Perry Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Hockey Rink Lights (4)	Fair: No immediate issues but should be updated to LED and timer	5-10 Years	2031	\$60,000
Picnic Table (Shaded)	Fair: No immediate issues but should be updated to match standards	1-3 Years	2027	\$6,500
Picnic Shelter (Pavilion Building)	Fair: Average wear for age Fiber optics needed for camera installation	10-20 Years	2040+	\$600,000
Playground	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2037	\$350,000 (includes concrete retainer)
Receptacle - Recycling (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2034	\$2,400
Receptacle - Trash (3)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2034	\$3,600
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2034	\$2,500
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500

Perry Park

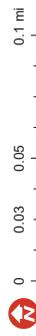
Table 20. Park investment plan for Perry Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Warming House	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	10-20 Years	2040+	\$400,000
	Fiber optics needed for camera installation	1-3 Years	2027	\$2,500
Parking Lot	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$125,000
Grill	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	20+ Years	2040+	\$3,500
2027 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$226,500
2031 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$235,000
2034 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$9,500
2037 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$350,000
2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$710,500

Perry Park



Map 28. C/S Park Collections Map for Perry Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Other
- Amenities
 - Recycling Container
 - Bench
 - Picnic Table
 - Dog Park
- Play Equipment
 - Structures
 - Recreation Fields
 - Structure Footprints
 - Misc. Areas
- Bleachers
- Park Entrance Sign
- Hockey Rink Sign
- Bike Rack
- Field Light
- Grill
- Parking Lot
- Bathroom
- Trash Can

Royal Hills Park

Table 21. Park investment plan for Royal Hills Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Ballfield	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2034	\$30,000
Basketball Court (Full)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$110,000
Basketball Hoop (2)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$14,000
Bench (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$4,000
Bench (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2031	\$4,000
Bench (3)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2034	\$6,000
Combined Pickleball/Tennis Courts	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$150,000
Picnic Shelter (Small)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2029	\$85,000
Picnic Table (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2034	\$7,000
Playground	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	1-3 Years	2029	\$375,000 (includes concrete container)
Receptacle (Recycling)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2031	\$1,200

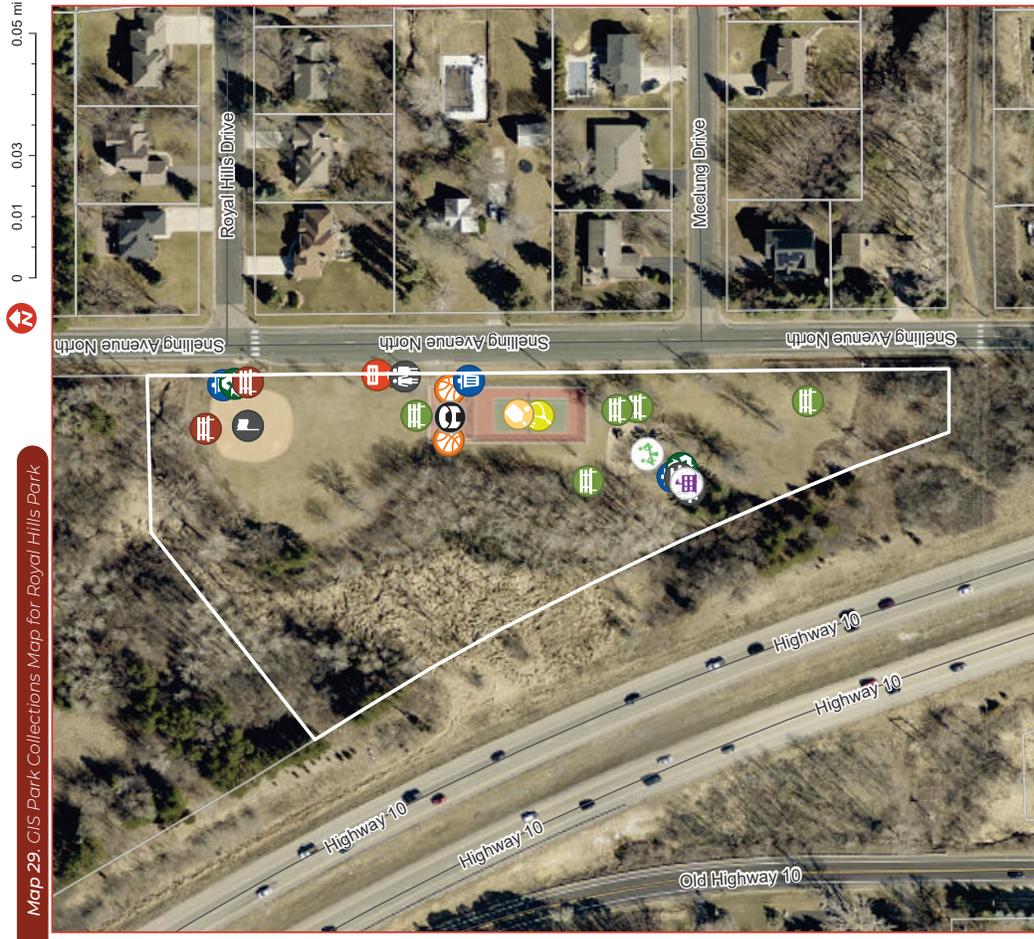
Royal Hills Park

Table 21. Park investment plan for Royal Hills Park (continued)

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost (Each)
Receptacle - Trash (2)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	3-5 Years	2031	\$2,400
Receptacle (Trash)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	5-10 Years	2031	\$1,200
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,500
Sign (Park Entrance)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
2029 COSTS				\$460,000
2031 COSTS				\$6,400
2034 COSTS				\$43,000
2040+ COSTS				\$284,000



Map 29. GIS Park Collections Map for Royal Hills Park



Legend

- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Park Bench
 - Recycling Container
- Bike Rack
- Picnic Table
- Bench
- Basketball Court
- Bathroom
- Trash Can
- Pickleball Court
- Park Entrance
- Sign
- Play Equipment
- Structures
- Tennis Court
- Other

Sampson Park

Table 22. Park investment plan for Sampson Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Basketball Court (Half)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$80,000
Basketball Hoop	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$7,000
Bench	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2026	\$2,000
Picnic Table	Fair: Replace to match standard	1-3 Years	2026	\$3,500
Parking Lot	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$25,000 (bituminous paving replacement)
Playground (Climber)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$250,000 (includes concrete container)
Playground (Swings)	Poor: Worn from use, nearing the end of expected lifecycle	1-3 Years	2027	\$85,000 (includes concrete container)
Sign (Park Entrance)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
Receptacle (Trash)	Missing: Not currently provided	1-3 Years	2026	\$1,200
Sign (Park Entrance)	Missing: Not currently provided	1-3 Years	2027	\$3,500
2026 COSTS				\$6,700
2027 COSTS				\$400,500
2040+ COSTS				\$3,500

Sampson Park



Map 30. GIS Park Collections Map for Sampson Park

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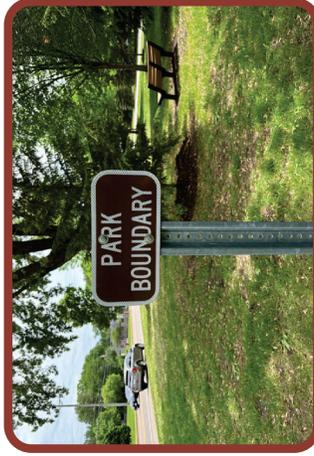
Legend

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- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Trash Can
 - Bench
- Basketball Court
- Parking Lot
- Park Entrance Sign
- Sign
- Play Equipment
- Picnic Table
- Recycling Container

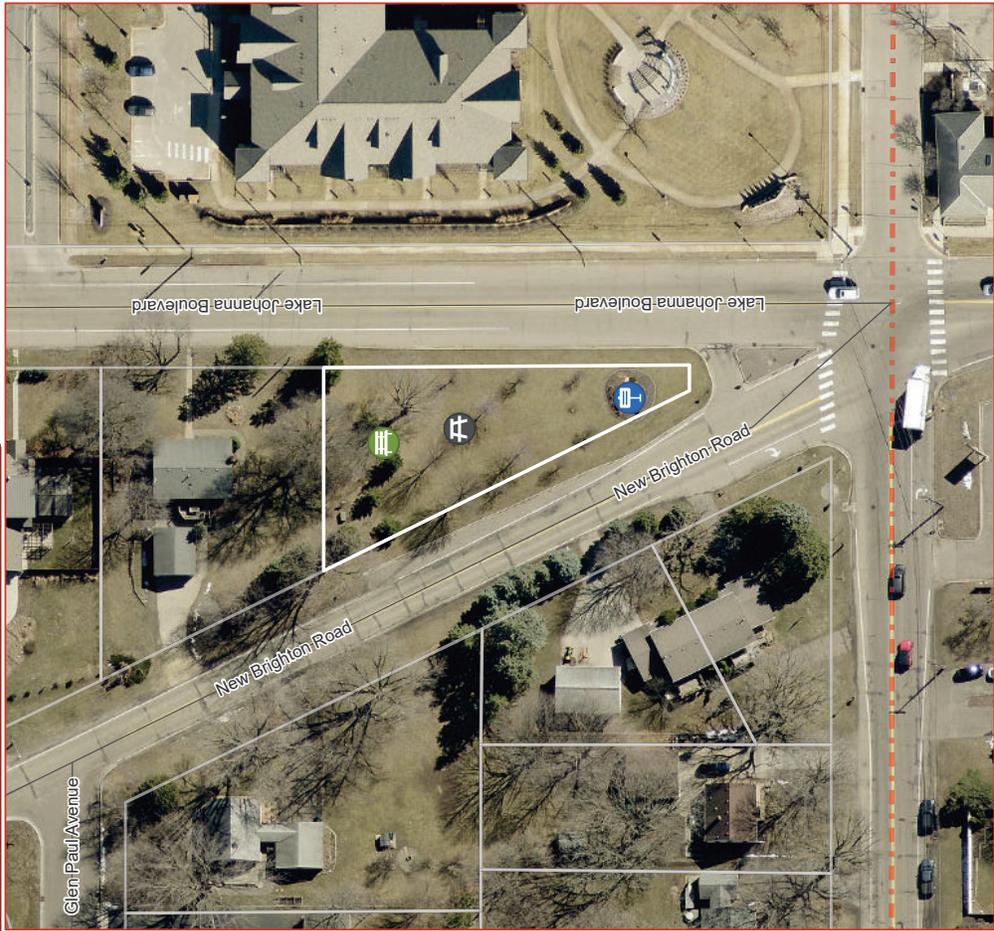
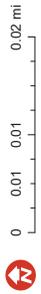
South Point Park

Table 23. Park investment plan for South Point Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Picnic Table	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$3,500
Bench (Memorial)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2035	\$2,000
Sign (Gateway)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$45,000
2035 REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$3,500
2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$47,000



Map 31. GIS Park Collections Map for South Point Park



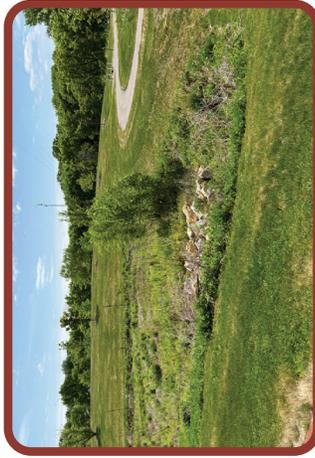
Legend

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- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Gateway Sign
 - Park Bench
 - Picnic Table

South Shore Park + Trail

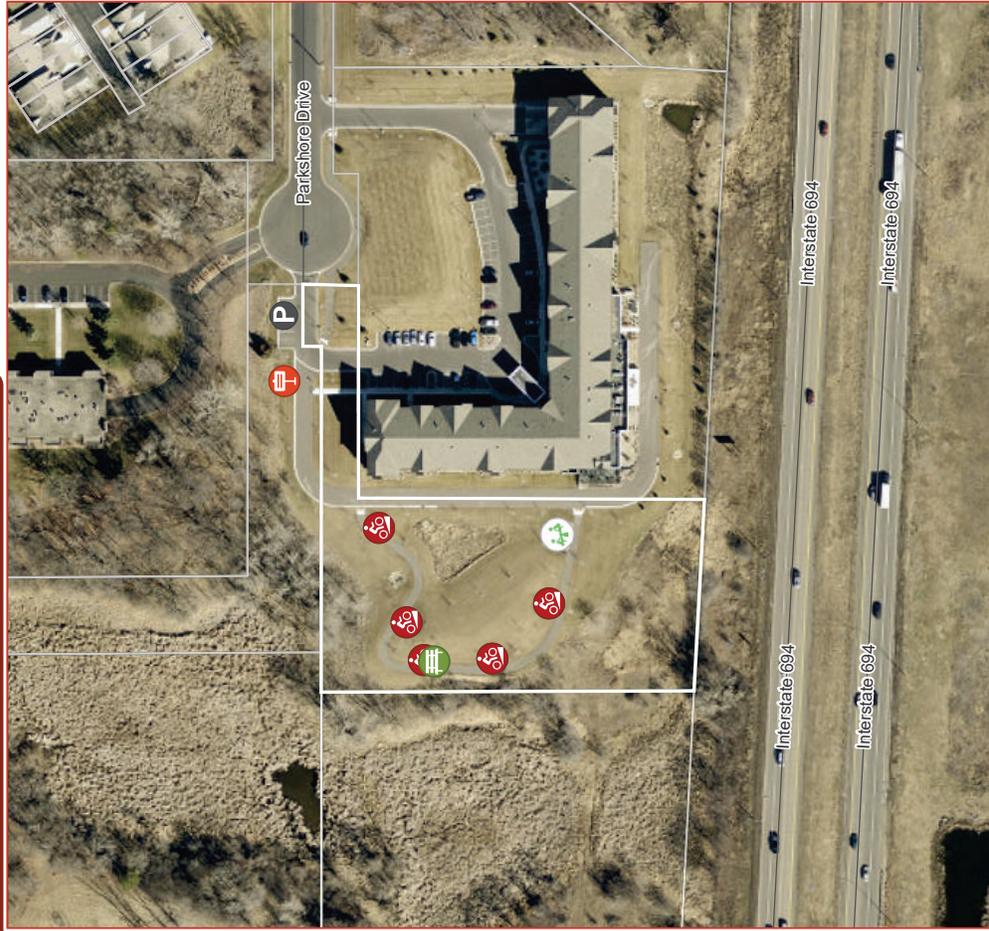
Table 24. Park investment plan for South Shore Park + Trail

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost (Each)
Bench	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,000
Fitness Equipment (5)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$75,500
Sign (Gateway)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$45,000
Sign (Park Entrance)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$3,500
2040+ REPLACEMENT COSTS				\$126,000



Map 32. GIS Park Collections Map for South Shore Park + Trail

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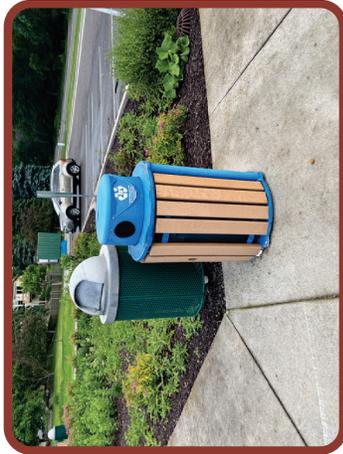
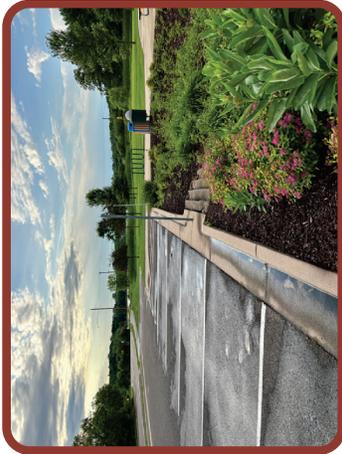
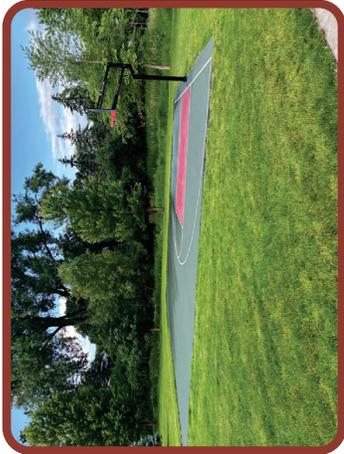


Valentine Park

Table 25. Park investment plan for Valentine Park

Asset	Condition	Replacement Timeline	Replacement Year	Replacement Cost
Basketball Court (Half)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$80,000
Basketball Hoop	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$7,000
Bench (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,000
Bike Rack	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$1,500
Parking Lot	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$125,000
Picnic Shelter (Small)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$85,000
Playground	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2033	\$325,000
Playground (Swings)	Fair: Average wear for age, not new but no immediate issues	5-10 Years	2033	\$25,000
Receptacle - Recycling (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,000
Receptacle - Trash (2)	Excellent: Brand new and no issues to report	20+ Years	2040+	\$2,000
Restrooms (Portable Enclosure)	Good: No immediate issues or concerns	10-20 Years	2040+	\$2,500
2033 COSTS				\$375,000
2040+ COSTS				\$307,000

Valentine Park



Map 33: GIS Park Collections Map for Valentine Park

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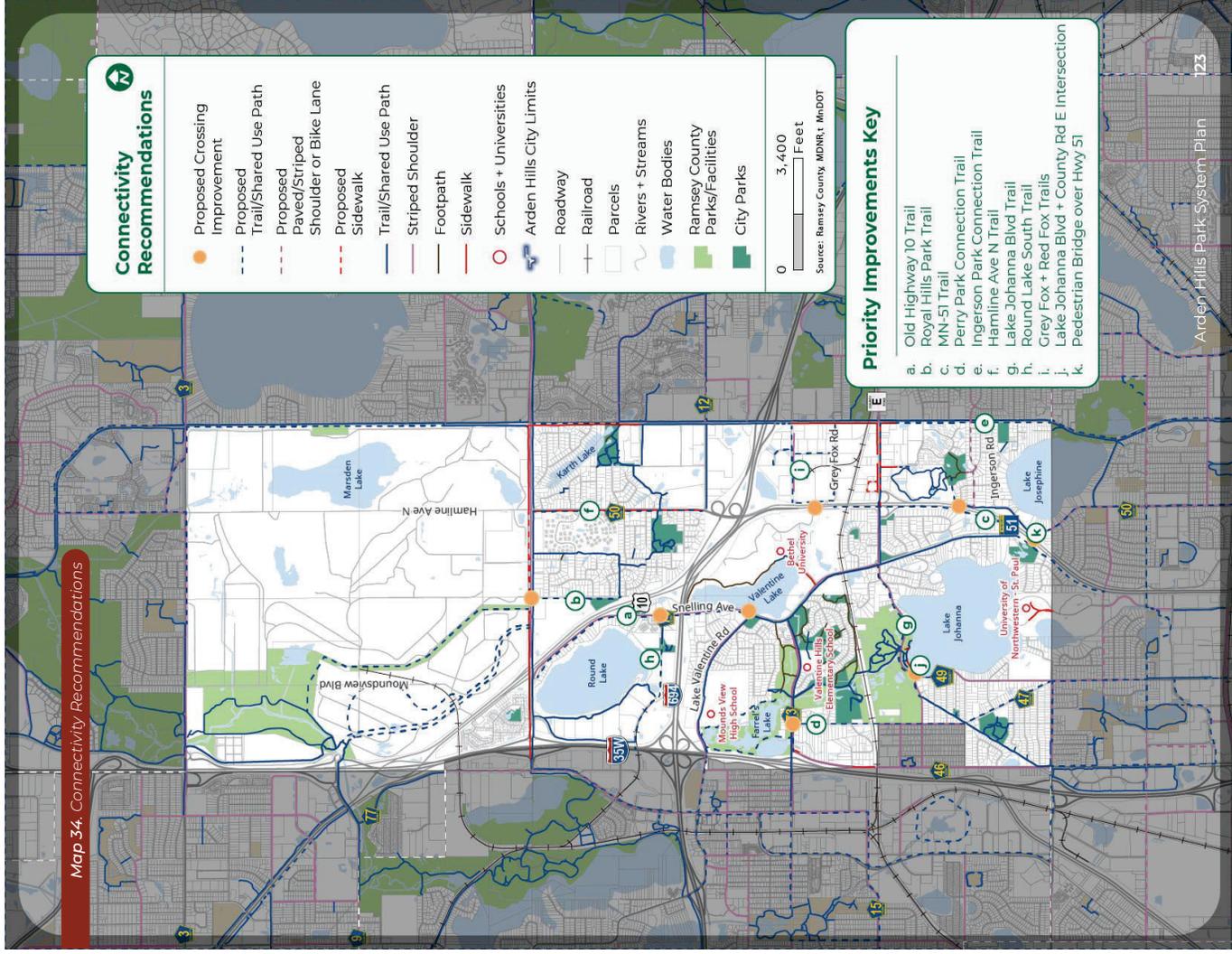
- Streets
- Parcels
- City Limits
- Amenities
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Park Bench
 - Recycling Container
- Bike Rack
- Parking Lot
- Playground Equipment Structures
- Bathroom
- Trash Can

Connectivity Improvements

The following priority improvements have been identified to expand the city's trail system, and are illustrated on the Connectivity Recommendations map. These priorities were developed with feedback from residents and staff, and reflect projects in various stages of planning for implementation in the next 10 years.

Table 26. Priority Connectivity Improvements and CIP Projects

Project	Description	Year	Cost Estimate
Old Hwy 10 Trail	Trail along Old Hwy 10 from Hwy 96 to Valentine Park	2027	\$4,500,000
Royal Hills Park Trail	Trail along Snelling Ave N from Hwy 96 to Royal Hills Park	2026	\$360,000
MN-51 Trail	Trail on west side of TH 51 from Lydia Avenue in Roseville to Grey Fox Road	2026	MnDOT funded
Perry Park Connection Trail	Trail from Co Rd E2 south to Perry Park along New Brighton Road	2029	\$200,000 (City funds to match Ramsey County)
Ingerson Park Connection Trail	Trail along Lexington Avenue from Tiller south to Edgewater Avenue	2028	\$115,000 (City funds to match Ramsey County)
Hamline Ave N	Trail along Hamline Avenue N from Roseville to the existing trail on Hamline Avenue N	2026	\$80,000 (City funds to match Ramsey County)
Lake Johanna Blvd	10-ft wide bituminous trail along Lake Johanna Blvd from County Rd D to Old Snelling Ave.	2028	\$187,500 (City funds to match Ramsey County)
Round Lake South	Trail connection on Round Lake Road to Parkshore Loop	2028	\$260,000 (City funds supplemented by State Aid)
Grey Fox + Red Fox Trails	Trail connection from Hwy 96 to Rice Creek North Trail	2030	\$1,800,000 (to coincide with street and utility project)
Lake Johanna Blvd + CRE	Traffic signal improvements for crossing Lake Johanna Blvd	2032	\$75,000
Pedestrian Bridge over MN-51	Grade-separated crossing at Hamline Ave N	2035	\$4,000,000
TOTAL 10 YEAR COST			\$11,577,500



Map 34. Connectivity Recommendations

10-Year CIP (2026-2035)

Each year the city updates and approves a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to layout a roadmap for projects for the next 10 years. The table below shows spending by park for each year through 2035.

Table 27: 10-Year Parks and Trails CIP

Park	FY-26	FY-27	FY-28	FY-29	FY-30	FY-31	FY-32	FY-33	FY-34	FY-35
Community Garden						\$6,500				
Arden Manor		\$200,000					\$50,000			
Arden Oaks						\$17,500				
Chatham Trails					\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Crepeau Nature Preserve		\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000			\$4,800	
Cummings				\$125,200			\$353,000			
Floral				\$4,000					\$9,000	
Freeway				\$40,000				\$430,000		
Hazelnut		\$185,000	\$150,000							
Ingerson		\$550,500								
Johanna Marsh										\$2,400
Lindley's										
Perry		\$226,500				\$235,000			\$9,500	
Royal Hills				\$460,000		\$6,400			\$43,000	
Sampson	\$6,700	\$400,500								
South Point										\$3,500
South Shore										
Valentine								\$375,000		
Trails	\$440,000	\$4,500,000	\$562,500	\$200,000	\$1,800,000		\$75,000			\$4,000,000
Total Cost/Year	\$446,700	\$6,062,500	\$736,500	\$853,200	\$1,849,000	\$314,400	\$503,000	\$830,000	\$90,500	\$4,030,900

Ongoing Initiatives

While the focus of this plan is on upkeep and maintenance of the current system there are several recommendations that should inform implementation of the Investment Plan and guide decision-making for improvements, maintenance, operations, and the development of future parks.

Recreation Facilities

- ▷ Look to add single track mountain bike trails in a future park
 - » Costs start at \$250,000 for trail development and parking facilities
- ▷ Look to add a bank of 4 to 6 dedicated pickleball courts in a future park
 - » Costs start at \$450,000
- ▷ Look for opportunities to add cross country ski trails in a future park
 - » Consider connectivity to Long Lake Park in New Brighton to access cross-country trails
 - » Coordinate with Ramsey County to provide special facilities such as cross-country ski trails (east of DMV)

- ▷ When play equipment reaches the end of it's useful life, look to replace with a nature play area at Floral, Hazelnut, or Johanna Park
 - » Assume costs starting at \$300,000

Water Access

- ▷ Explore the addition of a splash pad or water plaza to a future community park
 - » \$1.2M minimum for equipment and installation and required supportive amenities
- ▷ Provide a boardwalk experience at Johanna Marsh Park
 - » \$275,000 minimum
- ▷ Provide access to Round Lake by adding a fishing pier and kayak launch at South Shore Park
 - » Costs start at \$125,000

Playgrounds

- ▷ Work to provide a variety of play features and equipment styles when updating play equipment
- ▷ Look for opportunities to provide a destination, universal playground designed for people of all ages and abilities within an existing or future community park
 - » \$2M minimum for equipment, site work, and supportive infrastructure (parking, seating, lighting, etc)

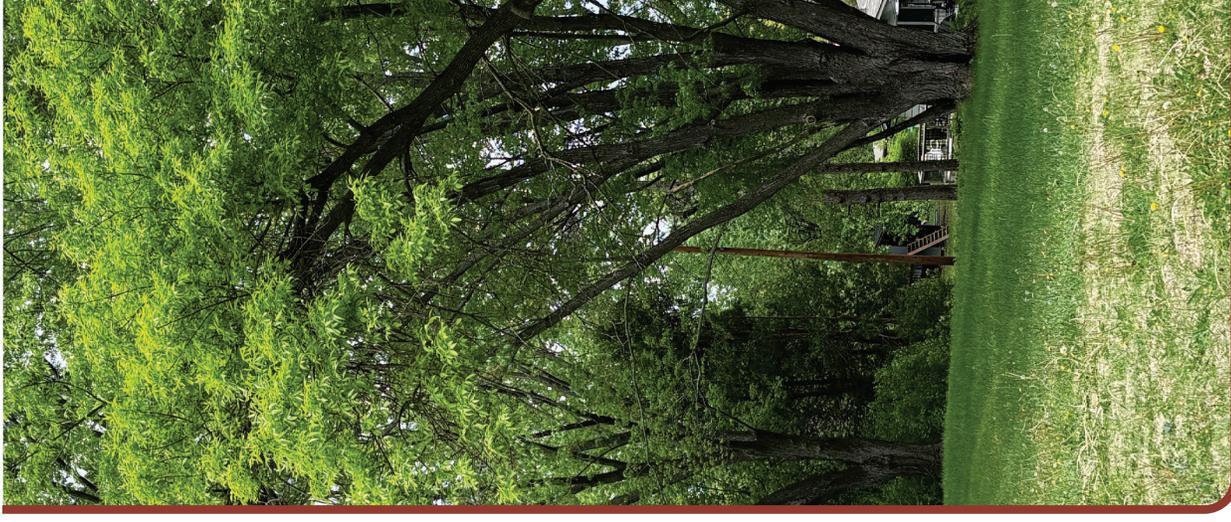
Park Amenities

- ▷ Ensure all community parks have permanent restrooms, drinking fountains, and off- street parking
- » Add permanent restrooms to Floral and Hazelnut Parks (costs start at \$300,000)
- » Add drinking fountains to Floral, Cummings, Perry, and Hazelnut Parks (assume \$15,000 minimum)
- » Add off street parking to Floral Park (assume \$50,000 minimum for up to 15 stalls)

- ▷ Look for opportunities to incorporate public art into parks

Operations + Maintenance

- ▷ Improve access to permanent restrooms by unlocking them during park hours from May to October
- ▷ Continue to plow paved trails in winter
- ▷ Convert hard-to-maintain, underutilized grass areas to areas with native plantings
- ▷ Create a natural resource management plan to identify and manage areas with invasive species. Prioritize management at Crepeau Nature Preserve, Floral Park, Hazelnut Park, and Chatham Trails (typical costs for plan development start at \$50,000)
- ▷ When updating parks, develop mini-master plans and engage the community to get resident input on design. Start with the following parks (assume a cost of \$12,000 minimum for each process)
 - » Hazelnut Park
 - » Ingerson Park
 - » Pery Park
 - » Sampson Park
 - » Cummings Park
 - » Freeway Park
 - » South Shore Park + Trail
 - » Arden Hills Community Garden
 - » Arden Oaks Park
 - » Lindey's Park
 - » South Point Park





South Point Park

Funding Strategies

Securing funding to support improvements to Arden Hill's park and trail system is essential for bringing this plan to life. To help the city advance the recommendations outlined in this document, a range of potential funding sources and grant programs—each with its own eligibility criteria for areas such as trails, natural resource protection, and recreational amenities—have been identified.

This plan anticipates the park and trail improvements will be implemented gradually as funding becomes available and as opportunities for public and

private partnerships emerge. Like many communities, Arden Hills faces ongoing challenges in meeting parks and open space needs, which often exceed the city's budget and must compete with other critical infrastructure priorities. Exploring and pursuing the funding mechanisms, partners, and resources listed here will be essential to successful implementation going forward.

Table 28. Funding Options

Option	Description	Source
General Funds	A city's general fund is the main operating account that covers basic operating costs such as planning, police and fire services, and street and park maintenance	Money collected by the city in taxes, fines, fees, and revenues
Dedicated Tax Levy	Cities can hold a referendum to levy a dedicated tax for a specific purpose. In the case of parks and recreation, the tax can fund operations, maintenance, and capital improvement projects	Property taxes
Bonding	Borrowing obligations that incur interest and require repayment at a specific date. These are typically issues to pay for larger capital projects	Annual appropriation bonds, tax abatement bonds, and revenue bonds
Local Option Sales Tax	Minnesota Statute gives cities the authority to levy a local sales tax, by an election process for specific capital improvements	Sales tax addition
State Aid	Funds available to pedestrian and bicycle improvements on state aid roadways (key county highways); most beneficial during construction or reconstruction projects	State of Minnesota
Park and Trail Dedication	Land or cash in-lieu of land from new subdivision developments that must be used for new equipment or park facilities	Developers
Partnerships	Partnerships with private and/or other public entities can be in many forms, including funding, design, operations and maintenance agreements, etc.	Public or private organizations, clubs, agencies, governments, etc.
Donations	Gifts of cash, equipment, labor, or others from private individuals or groups	Individuals, businesses, groups, etc.

Table 28. Funding Grants Continued

Grants	Description	Source
AARP Community Challenge Grant	Small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages	AARP
America Walks Community Change Grants	Awards stipends to communities for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play	Foundation
American Trails Trail Fund	Assists the trails community with funding to support maintenance, research, and stewardship training needs	Foundation
Bridge Investment Program	Provides funding for communities to replace, rehabilitate, and preserve bridge infrastructure	U.S. Department of Transportation
Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity	Provides funding for projects that seek to eradicate invasive species (part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)	U.S. Department of the Interior/ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Clean Water Funding	Provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults while providing low-cost labor to eligible applicants	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
Community Development Block Grant Program	Provides annual grants to support the development of infrastructure and public facilities in urban communities	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant	Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program	Provides funding to restore, protect, or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game or wildlife in MN	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	Aims to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

Table 28. Funding Grants Continued

Grants	Description	Source
Federal Recreation Trail Program	Provides funding to encourage the maintenance and development of motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Fields for Kids	Provides financial support to improve baseball and/or softball facilities for youth in the Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida	Minnesota Twins Community Fund
Fishing Pier and Shore Fishing Area Program	Joint Power Agreement with the DNR for installation, operations and maintenance	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Local Trail Connections Program	Provides funding to promote short trail connections between where people live and significant public resources	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Minnesota Festival Support Grant Program	Provides arts experiences through festivals celebrating arts, building community, and exposure to diverse art forms	Other - Minnesota
Natural and Scenic Area Grants	Provides funding to increase, protect, and enhance natural and scenic areas	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
No Child Left Inside	Aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Our Town Grant Program	Supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes	National Endowment for the Arts
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	Provides funding to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the state	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program	Provides funding for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven county metropolitan area	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)

Table 28. Funding Grants Continued

Funding Grants	Grants	Description	Source
PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program	Provides funding that supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride	Other - Minnesota	
The Rapid Response Fund	Provides financial resources to assess and support response actions for quick containment or eradication of newly detected species	National Park Service	
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	Supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation	National Park Service	
Rural Initiative Grant Fund Program	Provides funding to encourage collective and involved endeavors among citizens in rural communities	Foundation	
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants/Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance Grants	Provides funding for the development and implementation of infrastructure projects which enable students to walk and bike to and from schools	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)	
State Park Road Account Program	Provides funding to assist local governments in improving access to public recreation facilities	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)	





DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee
FROM: Jess Skalicky, Parks and Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: 2026 Public Works Maintenance Plan Draft

Requested Action

Recommend edits or changes to the Parks section of the 2026 Public Works Maintenance Plan.

Background

The Public Works department creates an annual maintenance plan to guide its work each year. The maintenance plan includes regular work done every year, as well as additional special projects and work the department intends to take on.

The PTRC should discuss the Parks section of the Public Works Maintenance Plan and give recommendations for edits, additions, or changes to the Parks section of 2026 Public Works Maintenance Plan. The Public Works Maintenance Plan will be finalized in March of 2026 and sent to City Council.

Attachment

Attachment A: 2026 Public Works Maintenance Plan Draft – Pages 1-20 (Parks Section)



PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE PLAN

2026

Prepared by:

Jeff Frid, Public Works Superintendent

March XX, 2026

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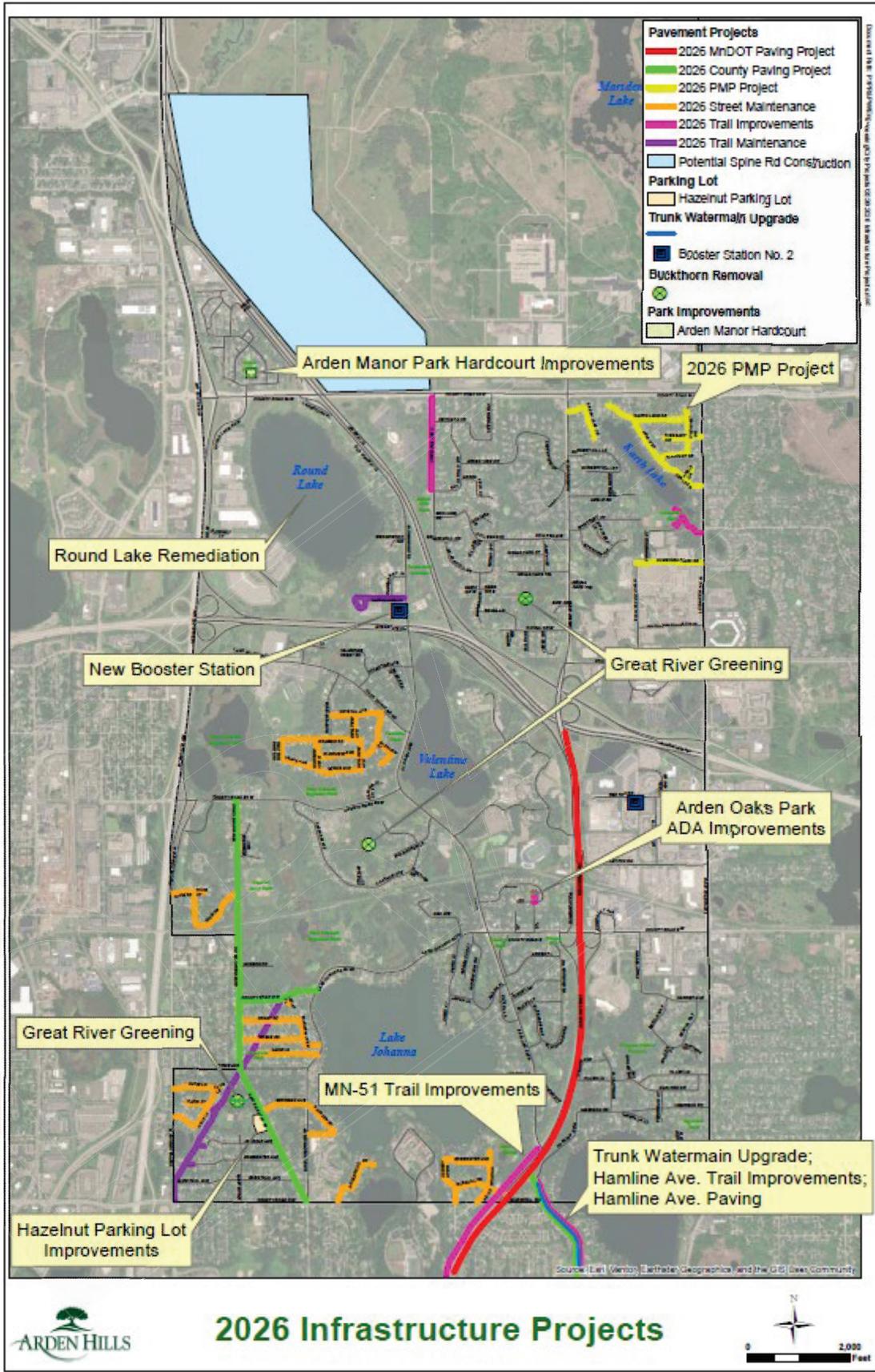
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2026 Citywide Infrastructure Project Map	XX
Parks Maintenance Plan (Parks Estimated FTE Labor Hours= XXX)	XX – XX
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Water Distribution Maintenance Plan (Water Distribution Estimated Labor Hours= XXX) **Does not include Emergency Operations**	XX – XX
Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Plan (Sanitary Sewer Estimated Labor Hours= XXX) **Does not include Emergency Operations**	XX – XX
Miscellaneous PW Tasks/ Projects	XX - XX

Total 2026 PWMP Estimated Labor Hours = XXXX

There are four types of labor resources utilized by the Public Works Department and referenced throughout the 2026 Public Works Maintenance Plan. Listed below are those resource types and the abbreviation for each:

- Full-time Public Works staff (FTE)
- Volunteer organizations, groups and/or individuals (VOL)
- Seasonal part-time staff (SPT)
- Institution Community Work Crews (ICWC)



2026 Parks Maintenance Plan

Maintaining the City parks and City-owned property is outlined in the Parks Maintenance Policy (Parks MP, last revised in 2010) and outlines four levels of service. Some of the maintenance and techniques have changed since the last revision to this policy, to create a more efficient workflow. Examples of those changes include utilization of current PW equipment, staffing, and products on the market. An update to the Parks Maintenance Policy is recommended following the completion of the Parks System Master Plan project.

Routine Park Maintenance 960 FTE labor hours estimated; 3 FTEs required; high priority.

Based on the level of service assigned in the Parks MP, each park will receive routine mowing, trimming, trash pickup, and snow plowing of paved trails (excluding minimum maintenance trails (Arden View Dr to Colleen Ave trail, Cummings Park to Lexington Ave trail, Cummings Park/ North Water Tower to Hamline Ave) and other miscellaneous maintenance, if needed. Roadside sidewalk plowing is completed in conjunction with street plowing; refer to the [City of Arden Hills Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy](#) for details.

Onboarding and Training of Seasonal Staff 80 FTE labor hours estimated; 2 FTEs required; high priority

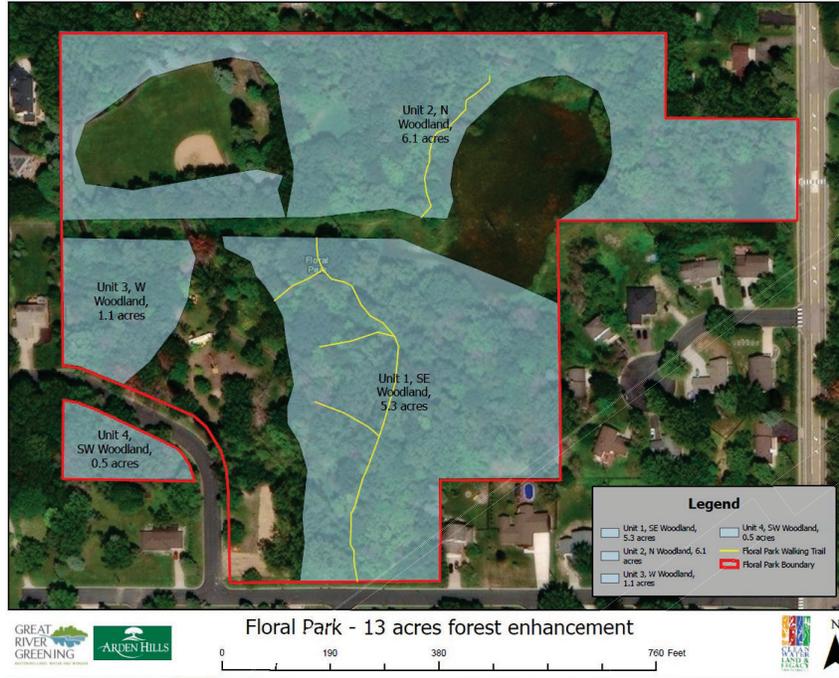
Training Seasonal Maintenance Staff is ongoing with “on the job training” for the first 60 days following initial onboarding. The training and quality control in the field is completed by the Parks Lead Worker.

Great River Greening Forest Rehab Project 80 FTE labor hours estimated; 2 FTEs (potentially); high priority.

Are there updates for Great Rivers in 2026?? Emailed with Becca, she will have updates at a meeting to be scheduled in February.

2025 PWMP text/ maps-

The work for this project will take place at Floral and Hazelnut Parks with a joint effort between the City and Great River Greening to remove invasive plants, such as-buckthorn, from park property. The labor efforts are contracted, and Public Works coordination will be is on an as-needed basis.

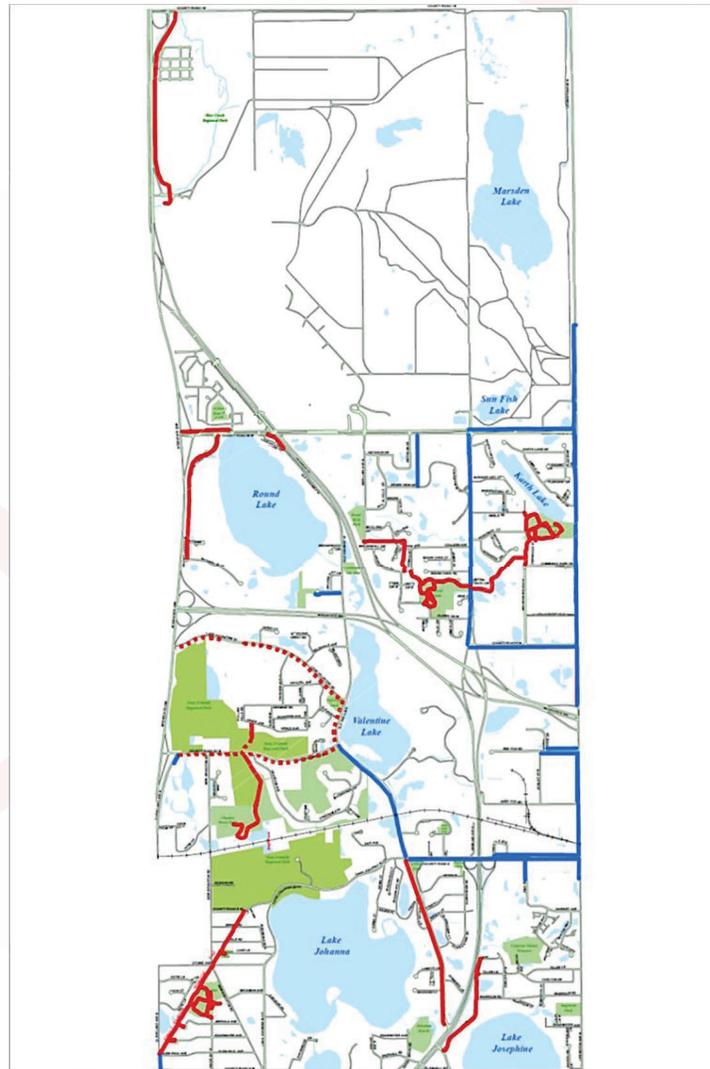


Snow Plowing Operations for Trails 320 FTE labor hours estimated per event; 2 FTEs required; high priority.

The map, shown below, is for snowplow Route 4 which includes park system trails and street-side sidewalks. The operators for this route also plow and salt the City Hall parking lot and sidewalks. When a full citywide plow event takes place, Route 4 is completed alongside the street routes when Public Works is fully staffed.

PW Staff need to plow/ clean-up street side sidewalks 1-3 times following a snow event of 2" or more (during normal working hours). This is primarily due to Ramsey County snow removal operations and their priority to public safety along county roads.

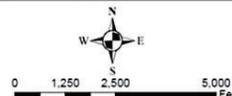
Note – With the addition of new trail segments, the timeframe for trail snow removal may be longer with our current resources.



TRAIL PLOW ROUTES (4)

.....Truck Priority (7:00am) — Truck

— Tool Cat



Add Woodchips to “Natural” Trails 80 VOL/ICWC labor hours estimated; 40 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required low priority.

Carryover from 2025-

Potential projects for volunteers and/or ICWC crews:

- Crepeau Nature Preserve (last completed 2024, more trail to finish)
- RC open space trail north of County Rd E2 (last completed 2023, 20% of the trail to finish on the east end)
- Chatham open space trail specific locations (last completed 2020)
- Trail extension near Old Hwy 10 & County Rd E2 Open Space (last completed 2023)

Trash and Recycle Receptacles 20 FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required Medium Priority.

Carryover from 2025-

Complete an inventory of trash and recycle bins in city parks in 2025. Prepare budget estimates for the recycle bins that are currently failing in the parks by July 1st.

On-Going Maintenance for Perennial Gardens, 160 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority.

This work which will include weeding, spot replanting and mulching will be completed, as needed, at the 22 perennial garden locations shown on the map below. Some of the daylilies will be split from the Highway 96 gardens and replanted to fill gardens around the city as needed. A combination of labor utilized as available. Labor will be completed in the spring, summer and fall seasons. **Apply a preemergent during early spring with 2 applications, 2 weeks apart.**



Arden Hills Community Garden Improvements XXX FTE labor hours required; X FTEs required High Priority.

- Grade a swale from the southeast corner of the garden plots toward the creek to promote drainage.
- Add sand/ organics to the garden plot soil. Preferably this would be completed when the plots are tilled and string lines are laid out in the spring.
- Remove diseased trees leaning toward the garden (winter work).
- Make covers for the water barrels. Fill the barrels twice a week during the rental season if possible.

Irrigation System 320 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required High Priority.

Maintenance for irrigation systems begins in the spring and the systems are winterized in the fall. During spring startup, PW FTE's test each system to ensure proper operation and make any repairs as needed. Throughout the summer months, the irrigation systems need to be periodically checked for efficient watering and adjusted/ repaired as needed. Listed below are the parks and City-owned properties maintained by PW:

- City Hall
- Highway 96 median gardens (between Highway 10 and Lexington Ave)
- Cummings Park
- Perry Park
- Hazelnut Park
- Triangle monument sign property
- Lakeshore Place

Spot Planting Replacement - Lakeshore Place Landscaping. 40 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority.

Replacement of shrubs due to winter die-off will be assessed in the spring of 2026.

Highway 96 Median and City Hall Perennial Gardens 200 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Medium priority.

Scheduled for spot plant replacement or infill from dead plants. Ongoing weekly weeding is completed throughout the summer months.

Softball Infield Grading and Maintenance 180 FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required high priority.

This work will be completed in the spring, summer, and fall timeframe by FTE's and SPT staff. Field lighting, fencing, dugouts, bases, base boxes, trash/recycling receptacles and field signage will be inspected and repaired as needed. Ongoing maintenance, field preparation, prior to practices and

games, is completed by SPT Staff. The park locations and number of fields are-listed below. Ongoing maintenance and field prep, per the recreations schedule, continues throughout spring, summer, and fall.

- Cummings Park (1 field)
- Royal Park (1 field)
- Floral Park (1 field)
- Perry Park (3 fields)
- Hazelnut Park (1 field)

Soccer Field Leveling and Turf Maintenance. XX FTE labor hours required; X FTEs required high priority.

- As a larger turf maintenance project for 2026 – dethatch, broadcast sand/ organic mix, grade, and seed within the soccer field playing surfaces. This is in addition to aerate and fertilizer applications. The goal of this project is to restore the turf to a healthy state.
- Turf repair and topsoil leveling is needed at Cummings Park and Hazelnut Park soccer fields. Work with the Recreation Programmer to coordinate scheduling.

Athletic Field Striping and Setup 180 FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required high priority.

Field striping and setup is completed for soccer and softball fields at the parks listed below throughout the spring, summer, and fall. This work includes the initial field layout and soccer goal setup completed by FTE's.

- Royal Park (foul lines)- discontinued per the Recreation Coordinator.
- Cummings Park (baseball foul lines, 2 adult soccer fields, 1 youth soccer field)
- Floral Park (foul lines) - discontinued per the Recreation Coordinator.
- Perry Parks (foul lines, 3 fields)
- Hazelnut Park (2 adult soccer fields)
- Valentine Hills Elementary (running track) - discontinued per the Recreation Coordinator.

Floral Park Ball Field Drain Tile Improvements 10 FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required Low priority.

Carryover form 2025

Create a plan for installation and determine budget amount to be considered for the 2026 budget.

Note, this needs to be determined by July 31st.

Perry Dog Park Turf Maintenance. XX FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Low priority.

- Repair the damaged turf and level as needed. During 2025, PW saw damage caused by dogs digging within the dog park. PW will make an effort to repair the damage a minimum of two times per year. This repair will consist of topsoil leveling, seeding, and installing temporary fencing as needed until turf can reestablish.

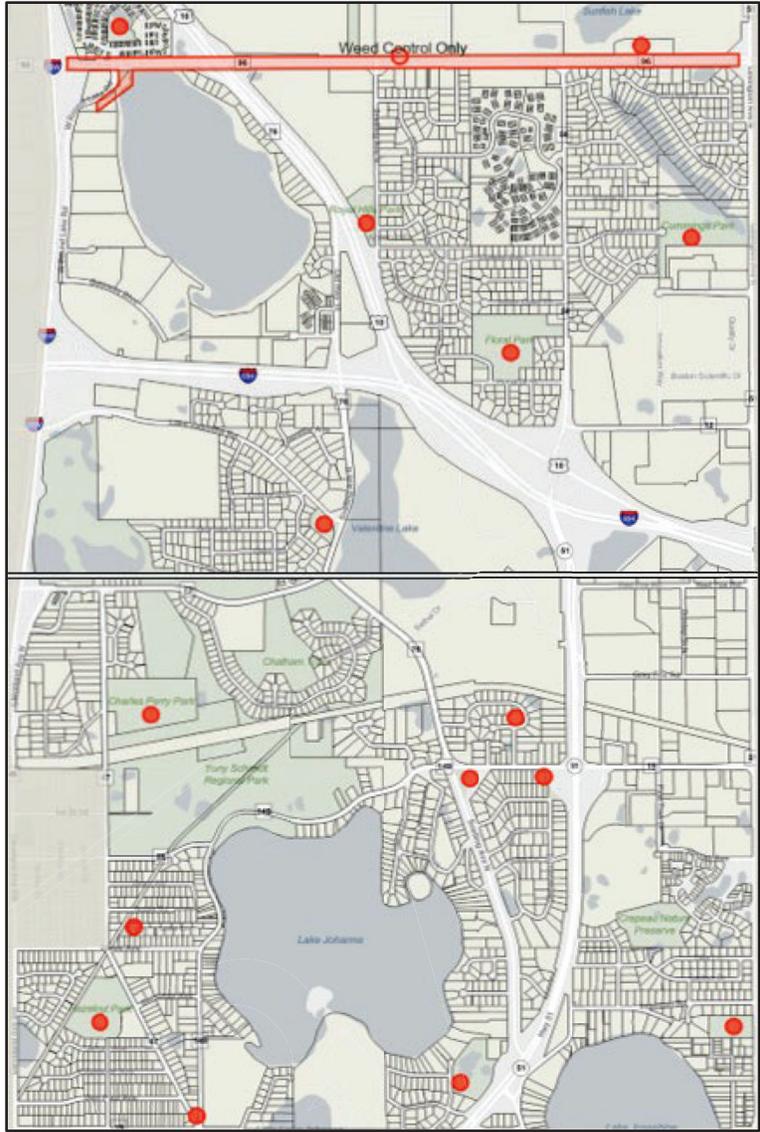
Bench Installation at City Hall 40 FTE Labor Hours required; 2 FTEs required High priority.

There are 3 new benches to be installed on City Hall property. PW will use our standard installation process for 2 of the benches and the third bench will be portable on the lower level patio. Below are general locations for the benches to be installed.



Weed Control, Aeration and Fertilization 180 FTE Labor Hours required; 2 FTEs required High priority.

These types of landscape maintenance are completed at the City-owned property locations shown on the map below. PW staff complete that work throughout the city, annually, using a concentrated liquid herbicide and a slow-release granular fertilizer. This project is typically completed in early summer and again in late summer.



Tree and Miscellaneous Watering 320 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required High priority.

Tree watering is completed with tree bags during the first 2-3 years after planting. New trees that were planted in 2024 and 2025 will receive tree bags and will be fertilized on a routine basis throughout the growing season. The majority of new trees were planted in Cummings and Floral Parks and along Highway 96. The tanker truck will be used in an effort to establish grass within PW project areas where restoration was completed all divisions. Other park plantings may also be watered using the tanker truck depending on seasonal rainfall.

Newly planted trees that were planted in 2025 and are still under warranty will be inspected and replaced as PW staff and the contractor agree as warrantee work.

Tree Mulching 60 FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required Medium priority.

Top dressing will be applied around all trees located along Highway 96 and within the ROW between Highway 10 and Lexington Ave (per direction from the City Council in 2022). The Lakeshore Place trees and shrubs now also includes mulching annually.

Forestry Mowing within Parks and along Trails. XX FTE labor hours required; 1 FTEs required Medium priority.

The Parks Lead will work with the Superintendent to develop a map that divides the park and trail property into three zones. Each year one zone will be evaluated and forestry mowed as needed. This planning will provide organization for the forestry mowing process.

Rough Mowing – Parks, City Owned Boulevards, and Easement Clearing Areas 280 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Medium priority.

This work is generally completed with our rough cut mower (Altoz mower). Develop a citywide map for operator direction and record keeping. Rough mowing is generally completed twice through the growing season.

Mike is working on the map and will be completed by March.

Text from the 2025 PWMP-

Create brush clearing map for easements and City-owned property to be completed, as needed, with the Mini X or Altoz brush mowers. This map will be used by the operator as direction in the field annually. The map should identify mowing frequency, boundaries, and track the last time mowed.

Trail/Park Tree Trimming and Diseased/Hazard Tree Removal 300 FTE labor hours estimated; 3 FTEs required Medium Priority.

- Perry Park near the hockey rink .
- Perry Park behind field 1.

Add specific location for 2026-
Ingerson, Sampson are scheduled for rehab in 2027.

All stumps located in green/mowed spaces will be ground and restored. A tree contractor will remove trees larger than 12" in diameter.

Tree Replanting Plan: 60 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority.

- Design and execute a tree planting plan for the area south of the hockey rink at Freeway Park. Large trees were removed in 2025 as part of the park rehab project.
- Plant 1 tree at Arden Oaks Park. Coordinate the location and tree species to plant with the Parks Manager.

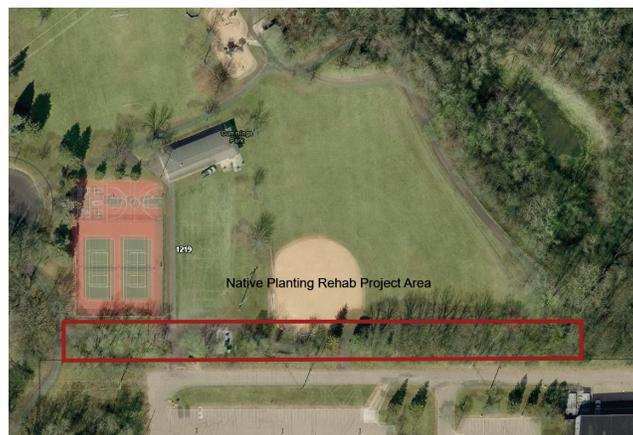
Carryover from 2025. Updates on a planting plan?
Text from 2025 PWMP-

- Hazard trees to be removed in 2025 are substantial. The replanting plan will be developed in 2025 for planting in 2026. Floral and Hazelnut parks are undergoing a large-scale reforestation project removing buckthorn. PW and Great River Greening will need to evaluate locations of new trees, species, and cost to the city. *** Note-a quote and new tree location map will be completed by June 1st for budgeting **and** planning. ***
- A tree planting plan for Arden Oaks and Freeway Parks to be developed in 2025 for planting in the fall of 2025.

Cummings Park south native planting project. XX FTE Labor Hours estimated; X FTEs required Low Priority.

As time allows prep and seed for a native planting project within the area shown below on the map. This project will assist in keeping invasive plants and buckthorn down. This can be completed in 3 phases.

- 1/3 in 2026
- 1/3 in 2027
- 1/3 in 2028



Park Sign Replacement at Freeway (2) and Arden Oaks Parks (1). XX FTE Labor Hours estimated; X FTEs required Medium Priority.

Following the park rehab project at Freeway Park and Arden Oaks Park in 2025. PW plans to order and install new maintenance free decorative park name signs.

Diseased/Hazard Tree Inspections 100 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 1 FTEs required High Priority.

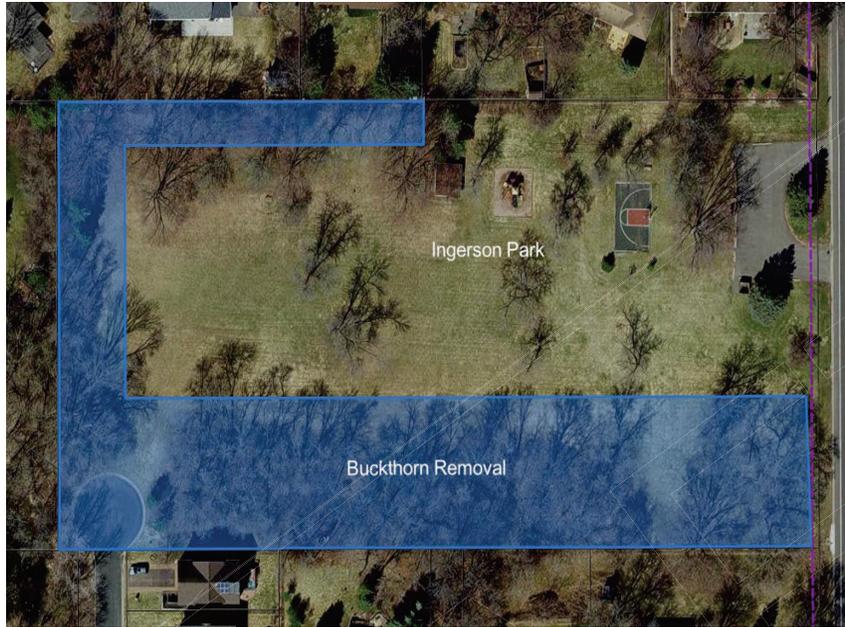
Tree inspections requested by property owners is offered between the end of May 30th through November 6th. A hazard tree concern will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and completed as needed for public safety throughout the year.

The process for tree inspection and the rating system used by our 3 PW certified tree inspectors is the same for both proactive and reactive (resident-requested) tree inspections. Using a mobile GIS application, our inspector uses guidelines and reviews research from the MN Department of Agriculture and personal experience to assess the overall health of each tree on both private and public property. Ultimately, during the inspection we are looking for trees that are a health/safety hazard or trees that are diseased and have the potential of spreading the disease to surrounding trees. PW understands the importance of habitat dead trees provide to wildlife.

**PW will create a phased approach to address diseased tree inspections on city owned property to aid in budgeting for the following year to plan removals. **

Buckthorn and Invasive Species Removal (outside of GRG project) 120 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 3 FTEs required Low Priority. are generally completed by the ICWC and/or VOL's groups, with the assistance of FTE's. The highlighted areas on the maps (shown below) of Ingerson Park and Chatham Open Space indicate where invasive plants can be removed, as time, resources and ICWC availability allow, in 2026.

Note: Chatham Open Space had significant amounts of buckthorn removed by volunteers in 2025. Buckthorn removal continued to be an ongoing effort for volunteers and the Institution Community Work Crews (ICWC) crew as time allowed. There was more progress made in the Chatham Open Space and areas in 2025, but more work will continue as time and resources are available in 2026.



Hockey Board Preventative Maintenance 60 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required Low Priority.

This work will include pressure washing and sealing the boards with a clear sealer at Hazelnut Park. This project can be completed by volunteers with the assistance of FTE's. The Hazelnut Park hockey rink is highlighted below.



Freeway Park and Perry Park Hockey Rink Condition Evaluation 10 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 1 FTEs required Medium Priority.

Where are we at with full replacement of hockey boards? Is Council on board?

Text from 2025 PWMP-

The hockey boards are approaching the end of useful life, evaluate the condition of the hockey rink elements (boards, fencing, posts, gravel, grading, etc.) and prepare recommendations for rehabilitation project. *** NOTE- this evaluation should be complete by June 1 for budgeting.***

Play Structure Inspections and Wood Fiber/Mulch Maintenance 160 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required High Priority.

This work will be completed based on the spring playground inspection measurements of mulch depth. Monthly play structure inspections are completed during the spring, summer, and fall months. During inspections, damaged or vandalized equipment will be replaced, and the structure is checked for overall safety. Arden Oaks and Freeway Parks will have mulch replaced as part of the improvement project in 2025.

- Perry Park playground wood fiber mulch full replacement is scheduled for 2027
- Johanna Marsh Park playground wood fiber mulch full replacement is scheduled for 2028

- Spot replacement of the siding, soffits, fascia and paint exterior.
- Sanitize and deodorize interior rubber flooring.

The list below are parks with rain shelters. Rain shelters will be inspected annually, and inspection results will be tracked for preventative maintenance and annual budgeting/planning.

- Arden Manor Park
- Royal Hills Park
- Floral Park
- Cummings Park
- Hazelnut Park
- Ingerson Park
- Johanna Marsh

Hard Court Maintenance 120 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority.

For each location below:

- **Cummings Park**, double tennis court and attached basketball court. Last resurfaced- 2020
 - Install tennis nets, remove debris, crack fill courts (contractor).
- **Arden Manor Park**, basketball court
 - Reconstruction potentially in 2026
 - Add a “rules and park hours sign” at the Arden Manor Park Basketball Court at the request of the Arden Manor Homes Manager.
 - Finish the ga-ga ball pit by cutting in the angles entrance.
- **Royal Park**, tennis and basketball court. Reconstructed in 2020
 - Install tennis nets, remove debris, crack fill (contractor).
 - Extend the existing court drainage to the west.
- **Floral Park**, tennis and basketball court
 - Install tennis nets, remove debris
- **Hazelnut Park**, tennis and basketball court
 - Install tennis nets, remove debris
 - Scheduled for 2025 pavement rehabilitation
 - Repair a washout along the north side of the court and stabilize.
- **Arden Oaks**, basketball court
 - Resurface/contracted park project in 2025.
- **Freeway Park**, basketball court
 - Resurface/contracted park project in 2025.
- **Ingerson Park**, basketball court (last cracked filled in 2018)
 - Pressure wash and crack fill court (contractor) Assess the condition, this park is scheduled for a rehab project in 2027.

Pleasure and Hockey Rink Maintenance 1,920 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 3 FTEs required High Priority.

This work typically begins in November to build ice, with the goal of having a solid ice base in time for the holiday season. Prior to establishing ice, PW staff completes the below items to prepare for skating season.

- Coordinate temporary warming house delivery and electrical connection to Hazelnut skating rink.
- Inspects, cleans, and delivers needed supplies to the warming houses.
- Inspect and repair rink lighting, damaged hockey boards, back stops, and grade inside the rink if needed.

Once ice is established, PW cleans and floods the ice daily, Monday – Friday. PW coordinates with the Recreation Manager to ensure the warming houses are staffed with attendants during rink hours.

**Purchase replacement hockey goals for Perry and Hazelnut rinks in 2026.

Hockey rink safety fencing maintenance is needed at the below parks. 60 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority

- Freeway Park safety fencing and wood structure to be replaced. The posts are rotted and at the end of useful life.
- Hazelnut Park chain link safety fence needs the chain link replaced.
- Perry Park chain link safety fencing needs the chain link replaced.

Hazelnut Park Sledding Hill 20 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 2 FTEs required Medium Priority.

Added in 2023, Public Works will continue to maintain this space for sledding activities in the winter months. Maintenance includes brush/tall grass cutting and removal of woody vegetation. This maintenance will be completed by October 31st.

Ingerson Park and Sampson Park (scheduled for a rehab project in 2027) 15 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 1 FTEs required High Priority.

Assist with the design phase of the project in 2026.

Install remaining amenities left over from the 2025 Park Improvement Project 80 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Low Priority.

Coordinate with the Assistant PW Director specific amenities and location within Freeway and Arden Oaks Parks.

PTRC-Inspired Projects:

To be added by March

Perry Dog Park Water Source Project (PTRC recommendation from 2022) 80 FTE labor hours required; 2 FTEs required Low Priority.

An improvement to the Perry Dog Park can be made, if time allows, to tap-off of the existing irrigation system to supply a water source for public use while the dog park is open.

Potential Volunteer projects:

- Park bench cleaning
- Buckthorn removal, small plant pulling.
- Install sealer on gaga ball pits. Hazelnut, Cummings, Arden Manor, Floral.
- CNP natural wood chip installation on trails, continued from chips installed in 2024.
- Weed/ replant as needed gardens at Johanna Marsh Park and Perry Park sign.
- Weed play structure mulch
- Fill holes at Perry Dog Park. This should be assessed prior to being assigned to a volunteer group.

Citywide Municipal Trail Inspections 40 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 1 FTEs required Medium Priority. –

Is there an update on this that I'm not aware of from 2025?

In 2024 Public Works completed half of the trail system, in 2025 PW will inspect the remainder of the trails system and update the condition ratings to assist in planning for maintenance repairs and rehabilitation schedule.

Citywide Bench Inspection 60 FTE Labor Hours estimated; 1 FTEs required Low Priority.

Bench inventory and map need to be updated. Once created, determine inspection cycle for each bench. Identify "advertisement type" benches, those should be inspected annually.

Assistance with the Parks Master Plan as needed 40 FTE Labor Hours required; 1 FTEs required Medium Priority.

- Update/revise Parks Maintenance Policy to set standards and expectations of service reflected in the Parks Master Plan
- Are there any additional needs from PW in 2026?

Miscellaneous Carryover Projects from 2025

- A proposal was made in the 2024 PWWP to tap off the irrigation for a water source at the Perry Dog Park. This item will be added to the 2025 PWWP to be completed as time allows.
- Continue efforts to add a drain tile system to the ball field at Floral Park which will discharge water into the newly installed 2024 PMP drainage system.
- Buckthorn removal continued to be an ongoing effort for volunteers and the Institution Community Work Crews (ICWC) crew as time allowed. There was more progress made in the Chatham Open Space and Cummings Park areas in 2024, but more work will continue as time and resources are available.

- Contracting the HVAC duct cleaning at the Cummings Park Pavilion.

Create a Full Park Asset List 60 FTE Labor Hours required; 1 FTEs required Low Priority.

- Include install year, determine useful life and proposed replacement date. Update assets into GIS.

The PW Parks Lead Worker will track items throughout the year that can be added to the 2027 PWMP. If the items are special projects, have budget estimates and quantities to the PW Superintendent by July 1st, 2026.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 5A



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

FROM: Jess Skalicky, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Work Plan Discussion

Requested Action

Finalize the PTRC 2026 Work Plan. This is a continuation of the discussion and plan that started at the January 2026 PTRC meeting.

Background

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee creates an annual work plan to guide its work each year. The work plan includes topics addressed every year, as well as additional special projects the committee may choose to take on. This helps the committee stay organized and focused on its goals and sets the meeting calendar schedule for the entire year.

The PTRC should discuss and identify its work plan goals for this year, including required annual topics and any additional special projects the committee may choose to pursue. The work plan will be finalized at the February meeting.

Attachment

Attachment A: PTRC Work Plan Guidebook

Attachment B: 2026 Work Plan Template

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission

Work Plan Guidebook



Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee (PTRC) represents residents by helping guide the development and improvement of parks, trails, and natural spaces. The PTRC advises the City Council, monitors the use and improvement of parks, trails, and recreation areas, and works with other City committees and commissions to enhance them. As an advisory committee, the PTRC does not have decision-making authority, but rather serves as a resident voice to make recommendations to the City Council.

PTRC Work Plan

The Annual Work Plan serves as the primary roadmap for the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission (PTRC), outlining the committee's focus areas, meeting agendas, and key goals throughout the year. It helps ensure that the Commission's efforts are organized, purposeful, and aligned with the community's needs and the city's broader parks and recreation objectives. By establishing clear priorities and action steps, the Work Plan guides how the Commission advises City Council and engages with the public.

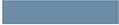
Each year, the PTRC adopts the Annual Work Plan in February after careful discussion and input from members. Following adoption, the Work Plan is formally presented to City Council in March for their review and approval. This process allows the Council to understand the Commission's priorities and planned activities, providing an opportunity to offer feedback or request adjustments. Once approved, the Work Plan becomes the foundation for the PTRC's work for the remainder of the year, supporting transparency and accountability in their advisory role.

Core Elements

The core elements of the PTRC Annual Work Plan list the items that must be included every year and placed on the annual meeting calendar. These items ensure the Commission consistently completes its expected responsibilities and provides timely input to City Council.

Yearly Special PTRC Projects

Each year, the PTRC may also choose 1 to 5 additional special projects to include in the Work Plan, based on member interest and community needs. These projects are optional and allow the Commission to focus on topics or activities beyond the required annual items.



Annual Work Plan – Core Elements

The PTRC should schedule time to review each of the following on the annual work plan's calendar.

Current Year Parks CIP

Review the current Capital Improvement Plan to monitor active projects, budgets, and timelines. Provide feedback to ensure projects align with community needs and Commission priorities.

Public Works Maintenance Plan

Evaluate the annual maintenance schedule and priorities set by Public Works for parks and trails. Offer input on maintenance effectiveness and recommend improvements where needed.

Recreation Annual Report

Assess the yearly report on recreation programs, participation rates, and outcomes. Use this information to advise on program improvements and new opportunities.

Future Year Parks CIP

Review proposed capital projects and budgets planned for upcoming years. Provide recommendations to help prioritize projects that best serve the community.

Park System Plan Updates

Examine updates or revisions to the overall parks system plan. Ensure the plan reflects changing community needs and supports long-term goals.

Parks Tour

Conduct an annual tour of local parks and facilities to observe conditions firsthand. Use this opportunity to identify maintenance needs, potential improvements, and gather ideas for future projects.

Work Plan Review

Conduct an annual review by Quarter 3 to evaluate progress on the Work Plan and present findings and recommended adjustments to City Council.



Annual Work Plan – Yearly Special PTRC Projects

Each year, the PTRC should select 1 to 5 special projects to focus on. For each chosen project, the Commission should develop clear SMART goals—goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. This approach ensures that the projects have well-defined objectives, realistic expectations, and timelines for completion. Establishing SMART goals helps the Commission stay organized, track progress effectively, and provide meaningful updates to City Council and the community.

The list below is not exhaustive but serves as a helpful starting point for identifying potential projects:

Park and Trail Maintenance Support

Assist with general upkeep and improvements to keep a specific park and/or trail safe, clean, and enjoyable for all users. Create volunteer days for the chosen project

Natural Resource Conservation & Invasive Species Removal

Create a short-term project to restore a natural habitat within a specific park or trail.

Recreation Program Development and Support

Help plan, promote, or assist with running a recreational program or event.

Beautification and Enhancement Projects

Lead or support an effort to improve the visual appeal and usability of a park through a planting project, cleanup campaign, or facility enhancement.

Add Yearly Special PTRC Projects to Work Plan Annual Calendar

Once the PTRC has decided on 1-5 yearly special PTRC projects, they should add these projects to the Work Plan calendar for the year. Make sure to add opportunities for research, follow-up, and final reporting on each of these projects throughout the annual Work Plan calendar, too.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission

Sample 2026 Work Plan



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Meetings

Meetings are held monthly:

- Third Tuesday of the month
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- Arden Hills City Hall

PTRC Members

- SJ Julius, Chair - term expires 2027
- Dan Dietz, Vice Chair - term expires 2027
- Elizabeth Johnson - term expires 2026
- Nikhath Nazir Ahmed - term expires 2027
- Derek Hilding - term expires 2027
- Lacy Loosbrock - term expires 2025
- Kate Olson - term expires 2025
- Ted Chesrand - Youth Committee Member, 2025 - 2026

City Council Liaison

- Emily Rousseau

Staff Liaison

- Jess Skalicky, Parks and Recreation Manager



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2026 Yearly Special PTRC Projects

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2026 Annual Calendar

January

Annual Work Plan Draft

Develop a draft of the Annual Work Plan outlining priorities, projects, and goals for the upcoming year.

Adopt-a-Park

Review the updated informational documents about the City's Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Garden, and Adopt-a-Spot program. Give feedback before final presentation to City Council for approval.

February

Recreation Annual Report

Assess the yearly report on recreation programs and participation rates. Use this information to give feedback on new program ideas and opportunities for improvement.

Finalize PTRC Annual Work Plan

Review and refine the PTRC Annual Work Plan draft with the Commission before presenting it for final Council approval.

March

Public Works Maintenance Plan

Evaluate the annual maintenance schedule and priorities set by Public Works for parks and trails. Offer input on maintenance priorities, planting plans, and recommend park improvements to include in the plan.

April

Current Year Parks CIP

Review the current Capital Improvement Plan to monitor active projects, budgets, and timelines. Provide feedback to ensure projects align with community needs and Commission priorities.

May

Park System Plan Updates

Review the new Park System Plan and give final feedback and recommendations before it is accepted and adopted by council. Ensure the plan reflects changing community needs and supports long-term goals.

June

Parks Tour

Conduct an annual tour of local parks and facilities to observe conditions firsthand. Use this opportunity to identify maintenance needs, potential improvements, and gather ideas for future projects.

July

Attend Annual Committees and Commissions Appreciation Picnic

Participate in the yearly appreciation event to connect with other city advisory members, celebrate accomplishments, and strengthen community relationships.

Attend Arden Hills' 75th Anniversary Celebration

Attend the 7th Anniversary Celebration on July 17, 2026. This event will celebrate the city's past, present, and future, and have food trucks, family games, live entertainment, and a drone show.

September

Work Plan Review

Conduct a review by Quarter 3 to evaluate progress on the PTRC Work Plan and present findings and recommended adjustments to City Council.

October

Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt

Recruit volunteers for the annual Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt and serve as volunteers at the event, too.

November

Future Year Parks CIP

Review proposed capital projects and budgets planned for upcoming years. Provide recommendations to help prioritize projects that best serve the community.

December

Annual Work Plan Draft

Develop a first draft of the Annual Work Plan outlining priorities, projects, and goals for the upcoming year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 5B



DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

FROM: Jess Skalicky, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: PTRC Charter Update

Requested Action

Discuss potential changes to the PTRC Charter. This is a continuation of the discussion that started at the January 20, 2026 meeting.

Background

The City of Arden Hills established a Parks and Recreation Committee in or before 1968. In 2000, the committee was renamed the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee. The committee's charter and ordinance have been amended periodically, most recently in 2024.

The current ordinance allows up to 12 members and up to two youth members. Compared to neighboring and peer cities of similar size, the committee is relatively large.

The committee should discuss whether any amendments to the PTRC ordinance are desired.

Attachment

Attachment A: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee Ordinance
Attachment B: Neighboring & Peer City PTRC Committee Sizes

220.05 Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee.

Subd. 1 Establishment of Committee. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee is hereby established to review and evaluate the City's Parks, Trails and Recreation Programs.

Subd. 2 Composition. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee shall consist of up to twelve (12) members appointed by the City Council. The membership is open to any resident, or non-resident affiliated with an Arden Hills business, non-profit, or community organization that is interested in the City's Parks, Trails and Recreation Programs. At all times, a majority of the Committee membership shall be current residents of Arden Hills. Geographical balance may be used as criteria for selecting new members. One additional member may be appointed by the City Council as a Youth Committee Member. The Youth Committee Member will have the same voting rights as other members of the committee. The Youth Committee Member's term will last for one year from September 1st through August 31st. The Youth Committee Member must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior enrolled in a high-school or PSEO program; and be enrolled in a school district that serves Arden Hills or a resident of Arden Hills attending a school outside of the City's typical school districts. At no time shall there be more than two (2) members who meet the criteria of Youth Committee Member serving on the Committee. **(Revised 6/10/2024)**

Subd. 3 Duties and Functions. The duties and functions of the Committee shall be included in the Annual Resolution appointing new members and may be changed by Council Resolution, from time to time, based on the needs of the City.

Parks, Trails, Recreation, Natural Space, Forestry, Environment Commission and Committee Sizes Arden Hills Neighboring and Peer Cities

Arden Hills

Arden Hills

Population: 10,000

Committee Size: **14** - 12 members; 2 youth members

Member to Resident ratio: 1:714

Peer Cities

Mounds View

Population: 13,250

Committee Size: **7** members

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 1,900

Little Canada

Population: 10,500

Committee Size: **8** - 7 members, 1 youth member

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 1,300

White Bear Township

Population: 10,500

Committee Size: **7** members

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 1,500

North Branch

Population: 10,500

Committee Size: **5** members

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 2,100

Neighboring Cities

New Brighton

Population: 23,500

Committee Size: **9** members

Member to Resident ratio: 1:2,600

Shoreview

Population: 27,000

Committee Size: **10** - 9 members; 1 youth member

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 2,700

Roseville

Population: 36,250

Committee Size: **12** - 10 members, 2 youth members

Member to Resident Ratio: 1: 2,600