

2022 Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee (PTRC) Work Plan

PTRC Purpose and Mission

- Parks, trails, recreation and natural resources in Arden Hills increase the desirability of the city as a place to live or work, enhance the health and well-being of citizens and guests, and improve the value of citizens' property. The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee (PTRC) represents the interests of Arden Hills citizens in leading the continuing development, expansion, and improvement of those resources. The PTRC recommends to the City Council actions that support those interests; monitors the use of and the improvements in parks, trails, and recreation; and collaborates with other City committees and commissions in improving parks and trails.

Ongoing and as Needed

1. Recommend actions that advance the vision for parks, trails, and recreation.
2. Assist in identifying ongoing parks and trails maintenance/improvement priorities.
3. Recommend and review grant opportunities, sponsorships, and partnerships for parks and trails.
4. Assist, recommend, and monitor plans for parks, trails and recreation within Arden Hills at the appropriate time.
5. Continue to work with Ramsey County on mutually beneficial trail/park projects and activities.
6. Monitor potential road improvements to encourage inclusion of pedestrian-friendly infrastructure whenever possible.
7. Look to enhance/add recreational opportunities in our parks.
8. Recommend future enhancements for the 5-year Capital Improvement Program each year.
9. Sponsor and organize Community events such as special events, garden clean-up day and other volunteer projects.
10. Prepare semi-regular articles that the Committee would like to see highlighted in the City Newsletter.

Possible Priorities

1. Park Goals
 - a. Park Improvements
 - b. Park Clean U
 - c. Park Maintenance
2. Park Priority List
 - a. Shade and obstacle course at Perry park dog park
 - b. Buckthorn Cleanup
 - c. Earth Day Cleanup
 - d. Floral garden cleanup
 - e. Hazelnut garden cleanup
3. Trail Goals
 - a. Trail Maintenance

- b. Trail improvements/amenities
- 4. Trail Recommendation List (updated April 2021)
 - a. Connection gaps throughout Arden Hills
 - b. From County Road E2 North to Lake Valentine Road (C R “F”) and then West to MVHS (Youth+)
 - c. From County Road “D” Northeast on lake Johanna Blvd, past Tony Schmidt Regional Park – Ramsey County/METC (as trail building partner – 2 segments), See G, G1 & G2 on map) to intersection with Snelling Avenue N (Families)
 - d. From Hwy 51 North to Snelling Avenue N intersection with County Road E/Lake Johanna Blvd
 - e. From County Road E North along Snelling Avenue N/Old Highway 10, under I-694 to Hwy 96 which now has a regional trail on the South side
 - f. Bethel University Land Sale: Trail move/redo with senior housing project
 - g. Trail along South Shore of Round lake
 - h. From County Road E/Lake Johanna Blvd along west side of Hwy 51 to Glenhill Ave
 - i. Crepeau nature Preserve Trails upgrade to improve drainage and to replace old surfaces. Add Hamline Ave trail extension
- 5. Recreation Goals
 - a. Enhance recreation opportunities
- 6. Recreation Priority List
 - a. Winter activities in the parks
 - i. Sledding hill at Hazelnut Park
 - b. Add fitness equipment geared toward adults, especially at Cummings Park
 - i. Six exercise stations will be put in at the senior living facility. The trail will be constructed in 2022 and hopefully the equipment will be in by fall. This may be a good reference for future projects.
 - c. Yoga/Fitness in the park at Cummings
 - d. Pickleball court at Hazelnut Park or Floral Park
 - e. Volleyball/badminton
 - f. Geocaching at the parks
 - g. More active adult recreation classes
- 7. Community Partnership Goals
 - a. Stakeholder engagement, may include newsletter articles
 - b. Reviewing grant opportunities
 - c. Community partnerships
 - d. Sponsoring community events (e.g. Penny Carnival, guest speakers to summer programs, etc.)
- 8. Community Partnership Priority List
 - a. Community engagement
 - b. Fill open spots on the committee
 - c. Work with communications committee to highlight parks on social media, YouTube, the newsletter and the City website
 - d. Reach out to Bethel University to explore possible partnerships for park cleanups, etc.
 - e. Update donation letter business list to include new businesses