



COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING

March 28, 2022

5:30 PM

Fridley Civic Center, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Olivia Raun, Communications & Engagement Specialist
2. Introduction of Alisa Brakic, Firefighter/Community Health Worker
3. Introduction of Joe Starks, Finance Director
4. Review of First Draft of Park System Improvement Plan Final Report

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Submitted By: Roberta Collins, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

Title

Introduction of Olivia Raun, Communications & Engagement Specialist

Background

Staff will be introducing Olivia Raun, Communications & Engagement Specialist, to the City Council.

Financial Impact

None

Discussion

None

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

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| ☐ Vibrant Neighborhoods & Places | ☒ Community Identity & Relationship Building |
| ☐ Financial Stability & Commercial Prosperity | ☐ Public Safety & Environmental Stewardship |
| ☒ Organizational Excellence | |

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

Vision Statement

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Introduction of Alisa Brakic, Firefighter/Community Health Worker

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Financial Impact

None

Discussion

None

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Financial Impact

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Discussion

None

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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

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Review of First Draft of Park System Improvement Plan Final Report

Background

City staff have been working with consultants WSB to summarize and report on the methodology and recommendations of the Park System Improvement Plan process that has been undertaken since 2019. The final report document provides a detailed explanation of Fridley's community engagement process to hold stakeholder meetings, draft park concept plans, receive feedback on concept plans and develop a final listing of refinements and priorities for our park system.

Financial Impact

The Park System Improvement Plan Final Report details priorities for park system improvements that include priorities for a \$30 million budget. Up to \$50 million in potential park improvements have been identified with \$20 million being deferred. Projects in the deferred category are prioritized so that projects can be completed if grants are received, or cost-savings are achieved.

Recommendation

No specific recommendation is given at this time. Staff and consultants will present the report to Council and provide clarification where requested.

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

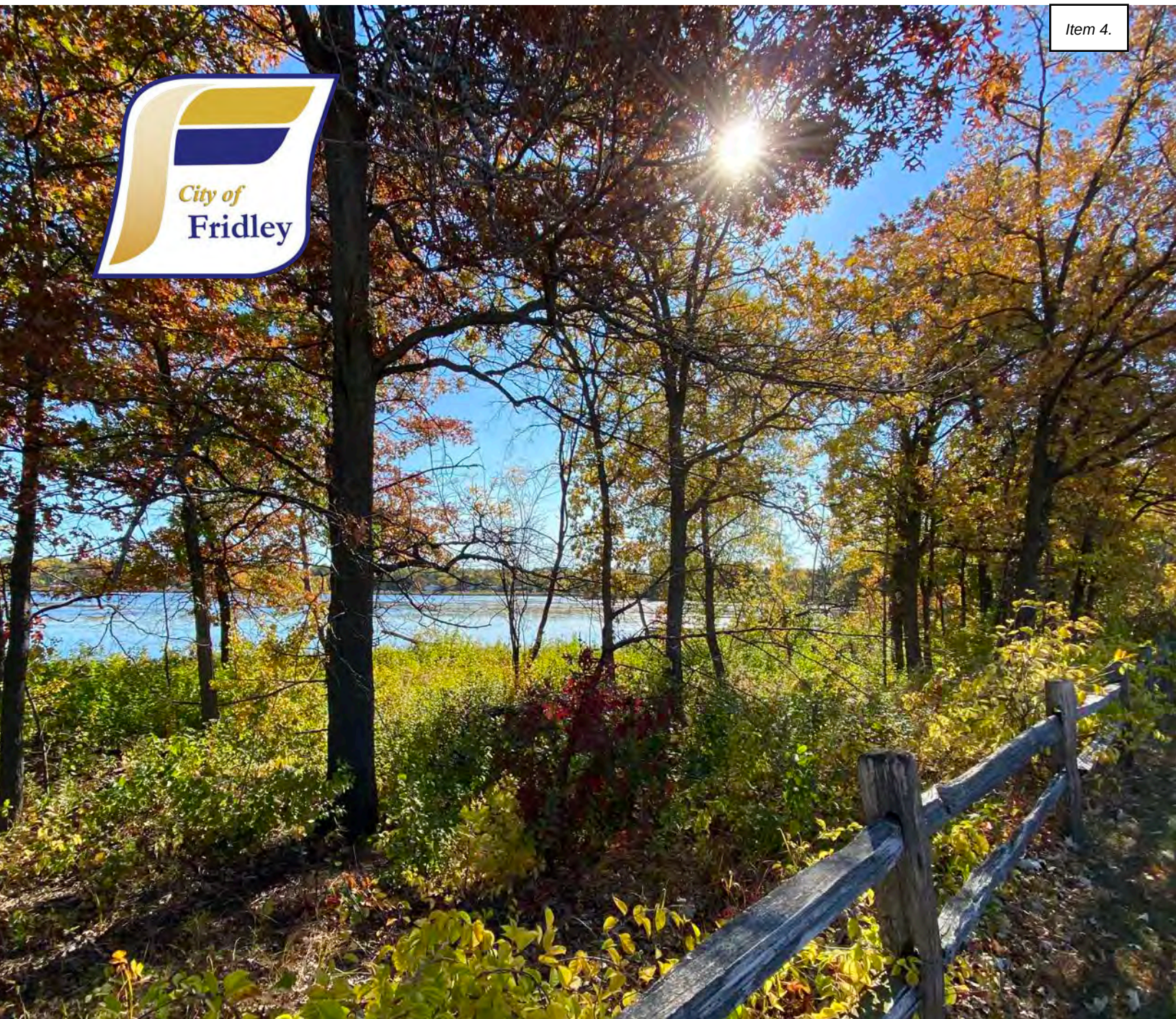
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Attachments and Other Resources

- Park System Master Plan Draft
- Fridley Parks Estimate Table Preferred

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Parks Master Plan

Fridley, Minnesota

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A special thank you to the many project stakeholders, School Districts, Anoka County, athletic associations, and various community members who engaged in the planning process at events, meetings and online. The ideas and feedback collected were crucial in making important planning decisions for a future park system that the community will value.



Chapter 1 Introduction

Parks Master Plan Purpose

The City of Fridley's parks system has shaped the community's identity as a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for residents and businesses. Comprised of 37 parks and over 295 acres of city-owned parkland, Fridley's park system provides:

- Opportunities for wellness and recreation;
- Interaction with and protection of the natural environment; and
- Community place-making and relationship building.

The City is fortunate to have a well-developed core system of parkland: a survey conducted as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan rated Fridley's parks as residents' "favorite thing about Fridley". However, the majority of the Fridley's parks have not been updated since their initial construction in the 1970s. As a result, our park equipment is reaching the end of its useful life and is due for replacement, which requires an investment beyond is necessary to maintain the community benefits that our parks provide.

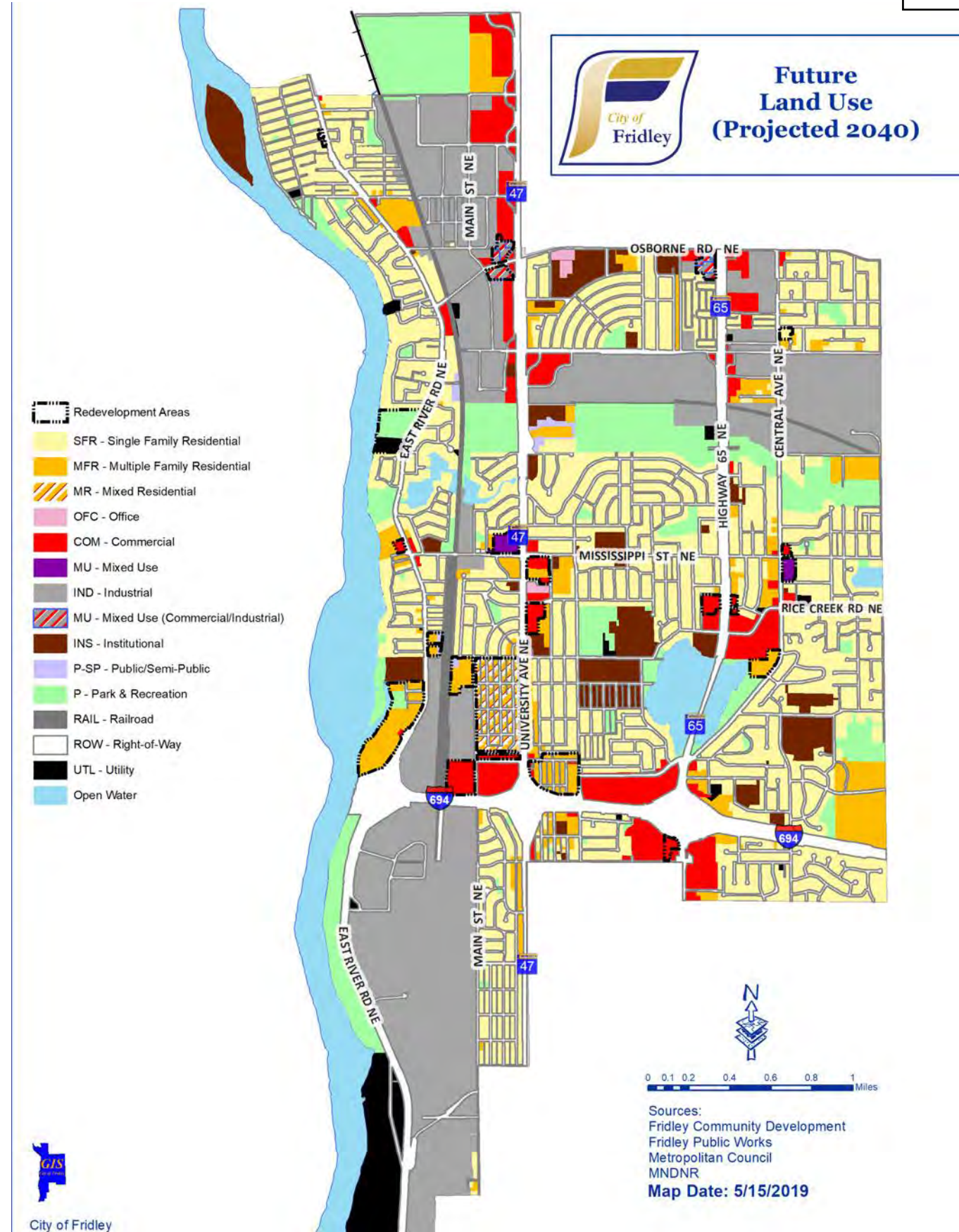
Concurrently, as with many other communities of a similar age, Fridley is experiencing population changes resulting in a city that is younger and more diverse than in the past. Trends in recreation have also shifted the way that people use and interact with their

parks. By responding to these changing demands at the time of needed park updates, the City can continue to provide its expected level of service and ensure the relevancy of its parks in a sustainable, cost-efficient manner.

The Fridley Park and Recreation Commission and City Council identified that a Master Plan was needed to guide the long-term management and revitalization of Fridley's parks system. This Master Plan (the Plan) identifies existing components within the City's overall park system as well as the specific park categories (mini, neighborhood, community, special-use, and conservation areas). The Plan then outlines the initiatives that are necessary to address park needs and the associated costs. The resulting roadmap will be used to guide redevelopment of park infrastructure and capital investment planning.

Community Background

The City of Fridley is a fully developed community located within the inner-ring suburbs of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. As with most urban areas, Fridley's history ties back to access to water, which is evident in the community's original name, Manomin, which means Wild River. In Fridley, these key water features are the Mississippi River and Rice Creek. The Mississippi River was used for logging and fur trading. The fur trading route along the River became known as the Red River Ox Cart Trail, which later became a military road between Point Douglas in St. Paul and Fort Ripley.



Then, Fridley became a key way to cross the Mississippi, establishing a ferry crossing in 1854. In 1879, the township was named Fridley after one of its early settlers, Abram Fridley. The military road became what is now East River Road, and commerce developed along this route, particularly at the confluence of Rice Creek into the Mississippi River, because these waterways were a power source.

Fridley Township was incorporated as a village in 1949. This is where the annual summer celebration name “49ers Days” comes from. The Village of Fridley became a home rule charter city in 1957. In 1965, Fridley was ranked as the 14th largest community in Minnesota, due to rapid post-war construction. Despite an April 1965 flood of the Mississippi River banks, which flooded out many homes, and a series of tornadoes destroying 1 out of 4 homes in Fridley on May 6, 1965, the City continued to grow with a strong commercial/industrial base.



Besides water, the other key factor in Fridley's physical development has always been access to transportation. The building of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (now BNSF) provides freight transportation. Two street car lines allowed people to conveniently work in Minneapolis and live in Fridley, where there was less noise and air pollution. Development of the Country's interstate system resulted in Highway 100 becoming Interstate 694. Highway 65 was eventually built through the middle of Moore Lake, creating an East and West Moore Lake. The new highway became a faster route for weekend cabin seekers than Central Avenue had previously served.

Also constructed, was University Avenue, which is Highway 47. Between East River Road, University Avenue, and Highway 65, the City was now dissected by three major north/south roadways and dissected east/west by Interstate 694. These roadways, combined with a major rail line and many public transportation options, make Fridley a transportation powerhouse, but the physical divisions created by these features create many neighborhood planning challenges.

Single family residential occupies the largest proportion of land use in the city (29.9%) followed by right of way (19.6%) and industrial (19%). Ten percent of the City is currently zoned as park, recreational or preserved land use.

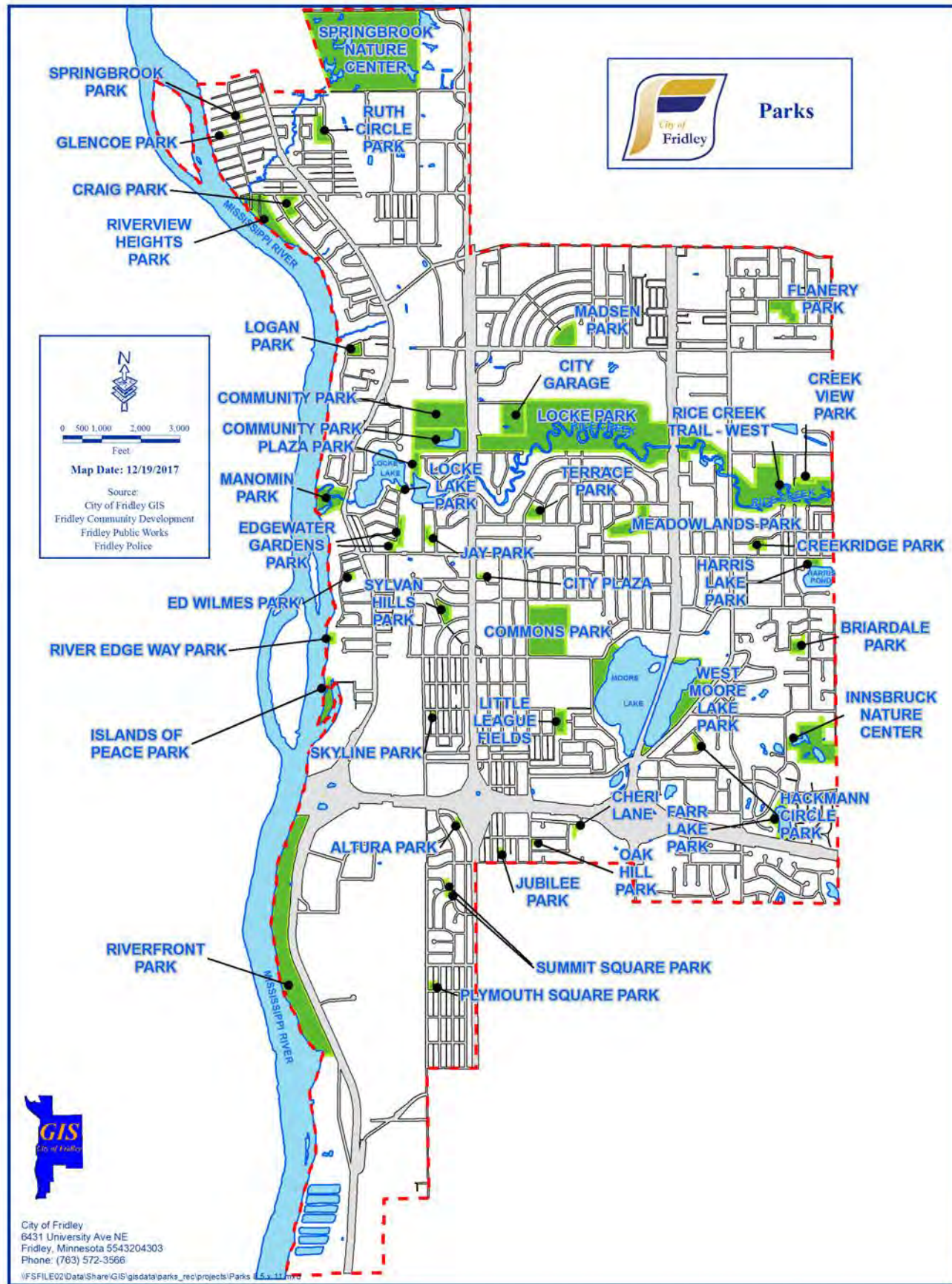


Fridley's Park System City Park System

The City of Fridley's existing park system is comprised of over 295 acres of City-owned park land that provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation.

According to the 2040 Comprehensive plan, the goals of the City's parks and trail system are:

1. Provide park and recreation opportunities for all ages who live in, work in, and visit our community.
2. Provide a park and recreation system that meets the needs and interests of local residents by maintaining quality facilities and being responsive by keeping pace with changing facility/program trends.
3. Provide more bike/walk opportunities and keep them maintained for year-round community use.
4. Protect our natural resources in the City's park system by implementing careful park design, sound use policies and proven maintenance practices. Use educational programs and demonstration projects to further the protection efforts.
5. Promote Fridley as a river community by providing park and recreation opportunities that connect people to the Mississippi River resource.

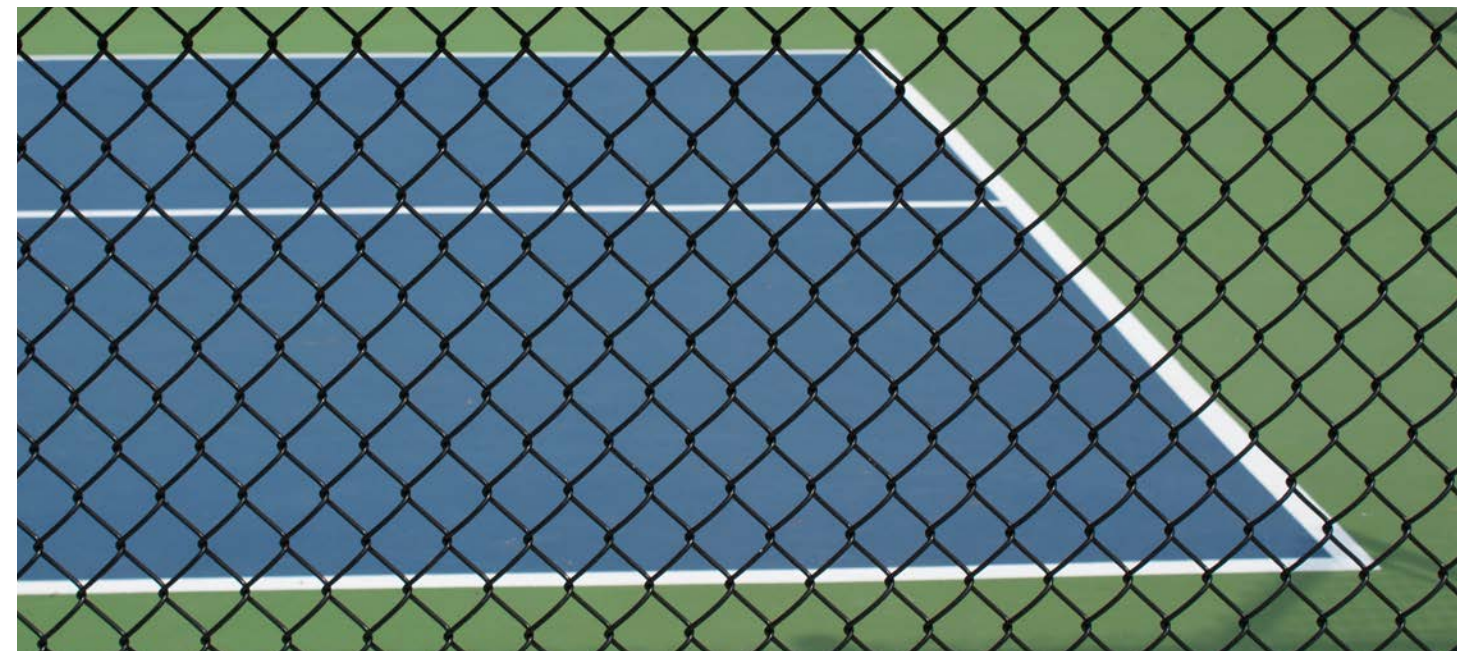


The City's 2017 Park Service Area Study and the 2040 Comprehensive Plan divide Fridley's park system into the following categories based on a uniform system of classification developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA):

Mini-Parks are facilities that are intended to serve concentrated populations residing generally within ¼ mile of park sites and provide a limited array of recreational opportunities for short stays.

Neighborhood Parks are recreational facilities that are intended to meet the day-to-day recreational needs of populations residing within a ½ mile radius of the site.

Community Parks provide recreational facilities that appeal to a broad spectrum of users within one park site. Amenities tend to be more specialized or higher-quality and provide opportunities for extended (multi-hour) stays. The location of community parks is usually established on the basis of topography and other natural features as well as accessibility.



Special Use Facilities are areas that preserve, maintain and provide specialized or single purpose recreational activities such as nature centers, mountain bike trails, sports facilities, or civic purposes.

Conservation Areas/Nature Preserve are parcels of natural quality such as wetlands and watercourses focused on passive recreation that are preserved for environmental or aesthetic benefits to the community and/or because of the negative environmental or economic effects of development in them.

Undeveloped Parks are park land held for future recreation development or future nature preserve.

As part of the Plan, changes to the classification of certain parks have been made to better align with the parks’ character and use, as noted on the following page.



Parks & Recreation Areas

	Previous Classification	New Classification	Acres	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Park Building	Playground Equip.	Walking/Biking Trail	Ball Diamonds	Basketball	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Hockey Rinks	Skating Rinks	Sand Volleyball	Tennis Courts	Other
PARKS - CITY OF FRIDLEY																	
Commons, 6249 - 7th Street	C	C	23	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	2-L	Sliding Hill
Community, 7000 University Avenue	C	C	21	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Locke, 7071 University Avenue	C	C		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Moore Lake, 5890 Central Avenue	C	C	14	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	2-L	Beach & Fishing Pier
West Moore Lake, 6091 West Moore Lake Drive	CA	CA	7.6				◆										
Altura, 5445 Altura Road	Mini	Mini	0.7			◆			◆								
Creek View, 6801 Anoka Street	Mini	Mini	0.8			◆			◆								
Ed Wilmes, 150 - 64-1/2 Avenue	Mini	Mini	0.6	◆		◆											
Glencoe, 661 Glencoe Street	Mini	Mini	0.4						◆								
Jubilee, 5334 - 5th Street	Mini	Mini	0.4	◆		◆											
Oak Hill, 5391 - 7th Street	Mini	Mini	0.5	◆		◆											
Plymouth Square, 4801 Main Street	Mini	Mini	1.1			◆			◆					◆			
Skyline, 5880 - 2nd Street	Mini	Mini	0.9			◆			◆								
Springbrook, 8155 Broad Avenue	Mini	Mini	0.6			◆											
Summit Square, 5201 Capitol Street	Mini	Mini	1			◆			◆							1	
Briardale, 6171 Rice Creek Drive	N	N	2.8	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆							1-L	
Craig, 410 - 79th Way	N	N	2.8	◆		◆		◆	◆							2-L	
Creekridge, 1380 Creek Park Lane	N	N	2.2	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆							1-L	
Edgewater Gardens, 6700 Ashton Avenue	N	N	4.4			◆	◆		◆							1-L	
Flanery, 1505 Onondaga Street	N	N	7.9	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆			2-L	
Hackmann, 1071 Hackmann Circle	N	N	1.9	◆		◆			◆								
Harris Lake, 1620 Mississippi Street	N	N	1.7	◆	◆	◆											
Jay, 6540 - 2nd Street	N	N	1.8			◆	◆		◆								
Logan, 155 Logan Parkway	N	N	2	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆							1	
Madsen, 725 - 73rd Avenue	N	N	6.2	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	◆			1-L	
Meadowlands, 6641 Kennaston Street	N	N	9.9	◆	◆	◆	◆										
Plaza, 170 - 69th Avenue	N	N	3	◆		◆			◆								
Ruth Circle, 8160 Ashton	N	N	3.6	◆		◆		◆	◆				◆	◆		1-L	
Sylvan Hills, 6205 Jupiter Drive	N	N	2.6	◆		◆		◆	◆					◆		1	
Terrace, 6735 - 7th Street	N	N	3.5			◆		◆								1	
Farr Lake, 1510 North Innsbruck	N	SU	6.6				◆										
Innsbruck, 5815 Arthur Street	SU	SU	24				◆										
Riverview Heights, 500 - 79th Avenue	N	SU	7.4	◆	◆		◆										
Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue	SU	SU	0.9														
Locke Lake, 6725 Ashton Avenue	Mini	SU	0.5				◆										
Ray Thompson Little League, 5875 Jefferson	SU	SU	3.5		◆			◆									
Springbrook Nature Center, 100 - 85th Avenue	SU	SU	127	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆									Interpretive Center
River Edge Way, 154 River Edge Way	CA	UP	1.3														
PARKS - ANOKA COUNTY																	
Islands of Peace, 200 Charles Street	R		79	◆	◆	◆		◆									
Locke, 450 - 71st Avenue	R		95.3	◆	◆		◆										Dog Park
Manomin, 6666 East River Road	R		15	◆	◆			◆									
Rice Creek Trail West, 1410 - 69th Avenue	R		32.5					◆	◆								
Riverfront, 5100 East River Road	R		60	◆	◆		◆	◆									Boat Launch
SCHOOL FACILITIES																	
Community Center, 6085 - 7th Street	ISD 14		10	◆					◆								Senior & Teen Center
Fridley Middle School, 6100 West Moore Lake Drive	ISD 14		46.7					◆		◆	◆					6-L	Indoor Pool
Fridley Senior High, 6000 West Moore Lake Drive	ISD 14		32.9					◆		◆	◆					7	Auditorium
Hayes Elementary, 615 Mississippi Street	ISD 14		10.5			◆		◆	◆			◆	◆				
North Park Elementary, 5575 Fillmore Street	ISD 13		7			◆			◆								
Stevenson Elementary, 6080 East River Road	ISD 14		13.7			◆		◆	◆		◆					2	
Woodcrest Elementary, 880 Osborne Road	ISD 16		8.5			◆		◆									

Parks in red are not included in the Local Parks Program

Athletic Facilities

The Fridley park system has a variety of different sized athletic facilities distributed amongst neighborhood parks, community parks, and special use facilities.

These athletic facilities serve a range of users including:

- Informal users
- Recreation Leagues (i.e.: Fridley Youth Sports Association)
- Fridley Parks and Recreation



Field Type	Locations	Total
Dedicated football field	• Commons Park (1) • Fridley High School (1)	2
Combined football field/soccer field	• Fridley Middle School (1)	1
Soccer field (U11 or larger)	• Commons Park (3) • Fridley Middle School (2)	
Tennis court	• Commons Park (2) • Moore Lake (2) • Briardale Park (1) • Craig Park (1) • Creekridge Park (1) • Edgewater Gardens Park (1) • Flanery Park (2) • Logan Park (1) • Madsen Park (1) • Ruth Circle Park (1) • Sylvan Hills Park (1) • Summit Square Park (1) • Terrace park (1) • Fridley Middle School (6) • Fridley High School (7)	29
Pickleball court*	• Commons Park • Flanery Park	4
Regulation softball field	• Commons Park (1) • Community Park (4)	5
Regulation baseball field	• Commons Park (1)	1
Little League field	• Ray Thompson Little League (3)	3
Sand volleyball court	• Commons Park (2) • Moore Lake Park (2)	4
Hockey rink	• Commons Park (2) • Flanery Park (1) • Madsen Park (1) • Ruth Circle Park (1) • Hayes Elementary School (1)	6

*courts may be striped on with paint rather than having a dedicated location

Anoka County Park System

In addition to City owned parkland, over 300 acres of parkland are operated by Anoka County. Highlights of the County Park System in Fridley include:

Locke County Park

- Rice Creek West Regional Trail
- Playground
- Rentable shelters with fire pits
- Dog park

Community Park

While the northern portion of the Community Park is owned by the City of Fridley, the southern part is owned by Anoka County.

- Regional stormwater system
- Native plantings
- Rice Creek Trail system

Manomin Park

- Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, a non-profit community art center, located in the historic Banfill tavern
- Rentable shelter
- Trails
- Shoreline fishing
- Unimproved canoe launch

Riverfront Regional Park

- Trails
- Shoreline fishing
- Disc golf course
- Islands
- Boat launch
- Riedel House
- Rentable shelters
- Observation areas

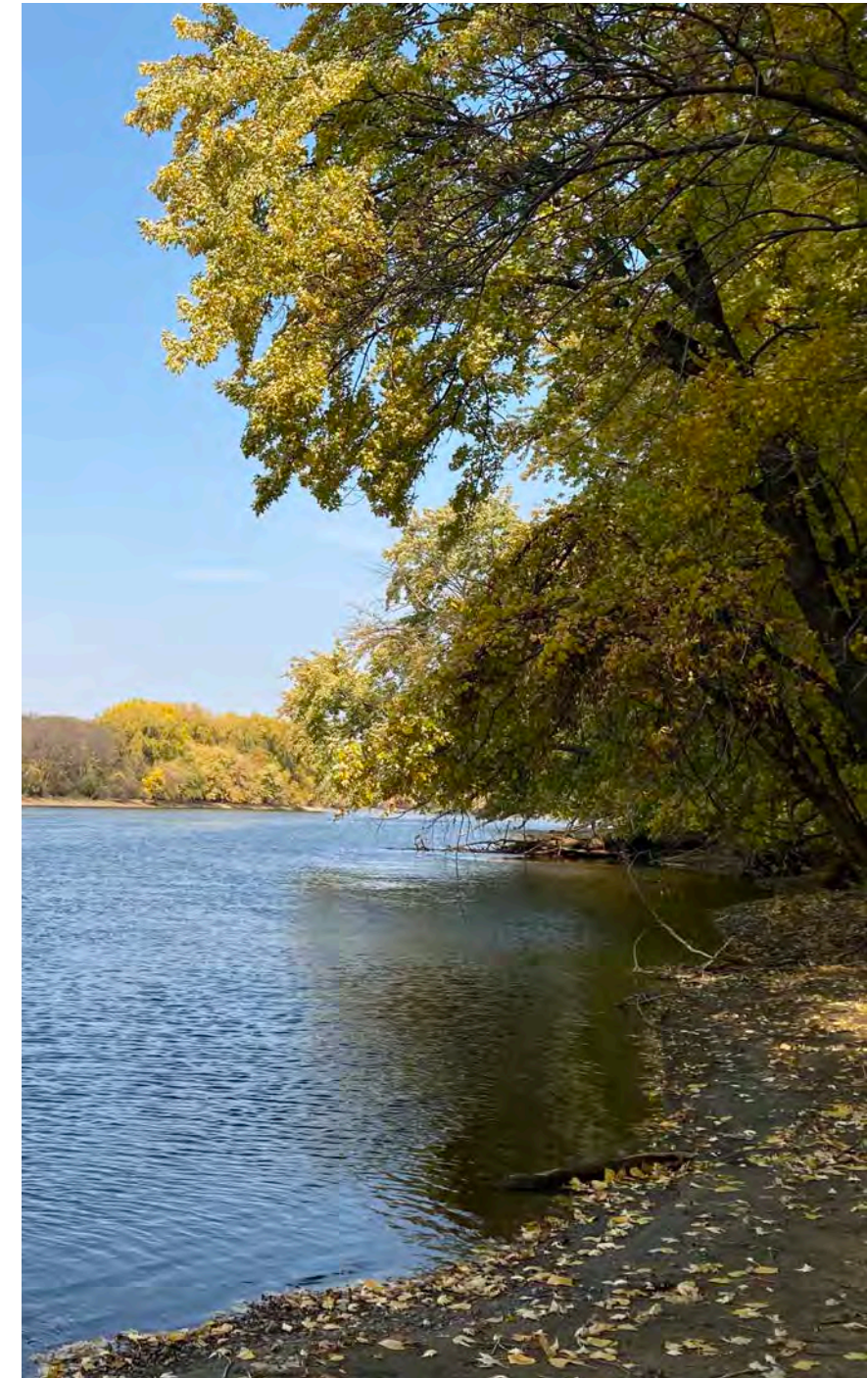
Islands of Peace Regional Park

- Trails
- Shoreline fishing
- Islands
- Canoe launch
- MRPA

School Districts

Fridley ISD #13, Columbia Heights ISD, Spring Lake Park Schools, and a number of private schools including Al-Amal School and Totino Grace own recreation facilities associated with their buildings in the Fridley. Many of these facilities, such as playgrounds, are open and well-used by the public. For example, the playgrounds at Stevenson Elementary School, North Park Elementary School, and Woodcrest Elementary School serve as the neighborhood park for the surrounding areas. ISD #13 also allows open play within their indoor basketball gym afterhours.

Similarly, the City provides practice space or field rentals to the schools to supplement field space, including at Commons Park and Moore Lake Park. Some of the City of Fridley's parks also serve as the playground for nearby private or charter schools. The City has also expanded its programming offerings, particularly through Springbrook Nature Center, into the classrooms of local schools which provides unique educational experiences and field trips.



Fridley Community Center

Fridley ISD #13 owns and operates the Fridley Community Center, which also includes the Fridley Senior Center. The Community Center includes rentable community rooms and banquet space, a multi-purpose room, and community and early education classes and activities. The Senior Center hosts a variety of staff-led social, recreational, and educational opportunities and serves as a hub for additional volunteer-led activities.

Related Plans

The intention of the Parks Master Plan is to integrate existing Fridley planning documents, best practices and trends within recreation, and community feedback into one plan to guide the revitalization of the City's parks in a sustainable, relevant manner.

Master Plan Scope

This plan is a 10-year planning document to guide park investment between 2021-2031. This Plan will be updated every 10 years in coordination with the Comprehensive Planning Process. The Master Plan does not cover Springbrook Nature Center or the Fridley Civic Campus which are guided by their own approved master plans.

The Parks Master Planning Process is informed by related planning efforts including:

2040 Comprehensive Plan

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the City Council and guides long-term goals and development for the City.

City of Fridley Park Service Area Study-2017

The Park Service Area Study established the 40 park service areas in the City. These areas were determined by natural and man-made barriers or divisions such as lakes, creek, major roads, etc. The Study then evaluates the service level provided to each area and establishes action plans for each park. These action plans have been incorporated into this Parks Master Plan document.

Active Transportation Plan

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was originally approved in 2013 and then updated by the City Council on February 10, 2020. The ATP is used to guide the City's installation and maintenance of trails and sidewalks. As trails and sidewalks are used for recreation, in addition to mobility, the ATP and Parks Master Plan should be viewed as complementary documents. Generally, the scope of the ATP includes trails and sidewalks on roadways, while the Parks Master Plan serves as the guiding document on internal park trails, sidewalks, and paths.

Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

The City of Fridley has prepared an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to ensure that the City's pedestrian facilities meet the accessibility needs of all residents. Within the City's park system, the City must meet ADA standards and where feasible should provide accessibility that goes beyond ADA requirements to promote inclusivity.

NorthStar Transit Overlay District Master Plan

The NorthStar Transit Overlay District Master Plan (TOD) guides land use change within one mile of the NorthStar light rail station to create a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development area. The TOD Plan is characterized by expanded park access along the River near Islands of Peace Regional Park and River Edge Way Park.



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Chapter 2

Community Feedback & Recreation Trends

Public Engagement Process

Overview

The City undertook a comprehensive public engagement process through a variety of methods during the numerous planning efforts, allowing for a better understanding of the current views, desires and trends related to parks, trails and recreation.

The City utilized focused engagement methods that included the following:

1. Online outreach through the Social Pinpoint and Polco platforms
2. A four part in-person visioning series conducted by the Twin Cities LISC's Corridor Development Initiative
3. Targeted outreach to specific project stakeholders including Fridley athletic associations, the senior center, and Fridley ISD 13. (Appendix _)
4. An interactive GIS-based Storymap project website to raise awareness and to gather concept plan feedback.
5. Targeted community outreach through park pop-up events. (Appendix _)
6. A statistically valid community survey conducted by The Morris Leatheman Company.

Social Pinpoint and Polco

The City utilized the online platforms Social Pinpoint and Polco to gather resident feedback via survey and online mapping. The surveys were open April 31 through July 8, 2019. In total, more than 471 unique users visited the sites, completed 76 full-length surveys, and left 197 site-specific comments on Social Pinpoint's interactive map. The respondents represented a range of ages and park users, although the majority were residents who visited the park frequently.



Chart of Social Pinpoint Users Ages

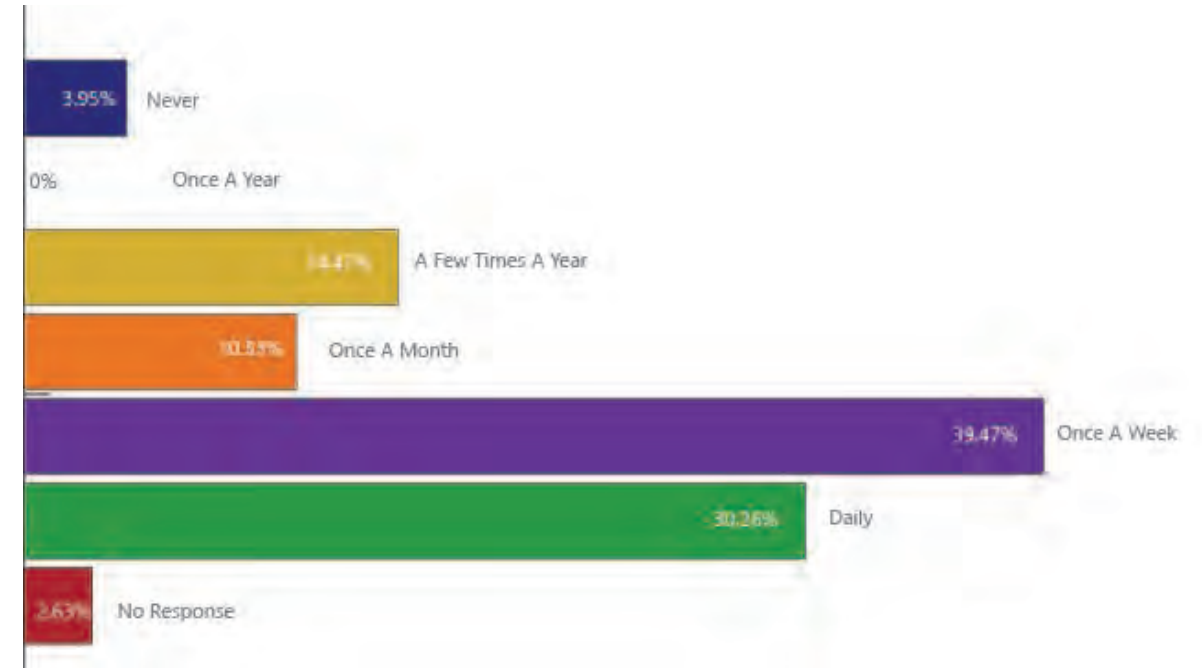


Chart of Social Pinpoint Users Frequency of Park Visits



Social Pinpoint Word Cloud

LISC Corridor Development Initiative

The City coordinated with the LISC Corridor Development Initiative to facilitate a series of community workshops from June to August 2019. Over 50 residents attended the workshops. Based on these workshops, LISC developed a community engagement report. The summary report with community engagement methods and outcomes can be found in Appendix –

2020 Park Implementation Plan

The 2020 park implementation planning process was a continuation of prior planning efforts. It focused on the development of system-wide park recommendations for improvements with strategic priorities for implementation in line with community values.

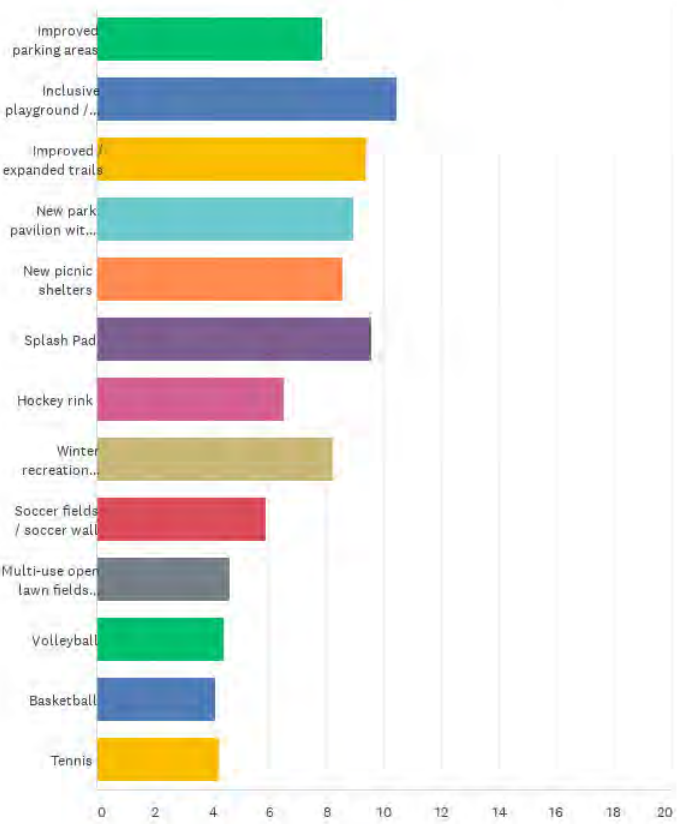
An online GIS-based Storymap was developed that raised awareness of the project effort and encouraged involvement in the planning process. The map provided information to the community with the existing park developments and locations followed by concept plans with a survey for feedback on preferences. Over 700 surveys were collected that helped to aid in more targeted engagement efforts and to determine priorities for implementation.



Storymap Park Tab Example

It is the intent of the Storymap to continue to provide community project awareness with updated park concept plans, park improvement projects that have been completed and schedules for upcoming park improvements.

Q3 How would you rank the conceptual improvements for Commons Park in order of importance with 1 being most important?



Commons Park priority preference results

Targeted Outreach

The surveys that were collected from the 2020 park planning effort provided insight into locations within the city that were not responding as well as others through the Storymap. This allowed the City to select park sites to conduct pop-up activities with City staff and block captains to better reach populations that were not responding.

The City used their social media accounts to help promote the pop-up events and to gather additional information. A total of 7 park pop-up events were held. A summary of comments can found in the Appendix.

Additional outreach was held with specific project stakeholders as applicable to park concept plans to ensure the system was balanced and fair for citizens, athletic associations and other stakeholders.



Town Hall

Upon completion of the development of park concept plans and related estimates of probable costs, a Town Hall meeting was held to present the findings.

Task Force Groups

Upon completion of the development of park concept plans, recommendation and cost estimates, the Fridley City Council directed staff to form two Task Force groups.

One group was responsible for providing guidance on select park sites that had less clear objectives for plan refinement as well as to develop priorities for park improvements that were to fit within an established budget.

The second group was responsible for providing guidance on an approved budget for park improvements and preferred methods for funding the improvements.

Recreation Trends

Parks provide intrinsic value as places where people can come together, recreate, and be outdoors. However, shifting preferences, trends, and technologies can impact the way people prefer to use their parks and their associated relevancy to community life. The following trends have been identified as key influences in recreation and should be considered when updating parks.

Community Gathering Spaces

There is increased use of parks by large groups that are looking for rentable buildings, shelters, and field space. Residents are looking for locations to host their events as well as for amenities that allow for extended use of the parks such as bathrooms, water fountains, and parking. There is ongoing appeal to parks that have events or activities that bring the community together through activities, programs or celebrations.



Unique & Customizable Experiences

Today's park is used for a much wider range of activities than before; however, households are busier and have more demanding schedules. Many people prefer to engage in activities or recreate on their own time rather than through a formalized class. Residents are looking for spaces that can be customized to a variety of experiences such as parks that have defining features and unique equipment and that can be used at their convenience.



Open to All Users, Through All Seasons

As the benefits of parks are better understood, people want their parks to be inclusive to all users and usable year-round. While many park components are legally mandated to meet accessibility standards, there is demand to further develop parks into facilities that are inclusive to all and provide a positive, sensory-rich experience. Residents are interested in equipment that can be used across age ranges and physical abilities, including more all-play areas and equipment that is appealing to seniors. Residents also want the option to be able to recreate during the winter.



Photo Credit: Wanderthemap.com Paddle Share



Protection and Interaction with Natural Resources

Parks provide an opportunity for residents of urban and suburban communities to interact with nature. Residents are increasingly valuing these experiences and looking for opportunities to get out on the trails or on the water. Similarly, residents are more environmentally aware and are interested in seeing the natural resource values of their parks protected and enhanced.



Active Living & Healthy Communities

Parks and trails can promote active living through programmed sports and activities, to social interaction and activities that contribute to the sense of community. Trails continue to remain highly desired for community connectivity, as well as exercise. Pickleball courts are in high demand across the nation and across multiple generations. Communities also want more resilient and sustainable communities with clean air and water as well as access to food opportunities, such as community gardens, grocery stores and restaurants.

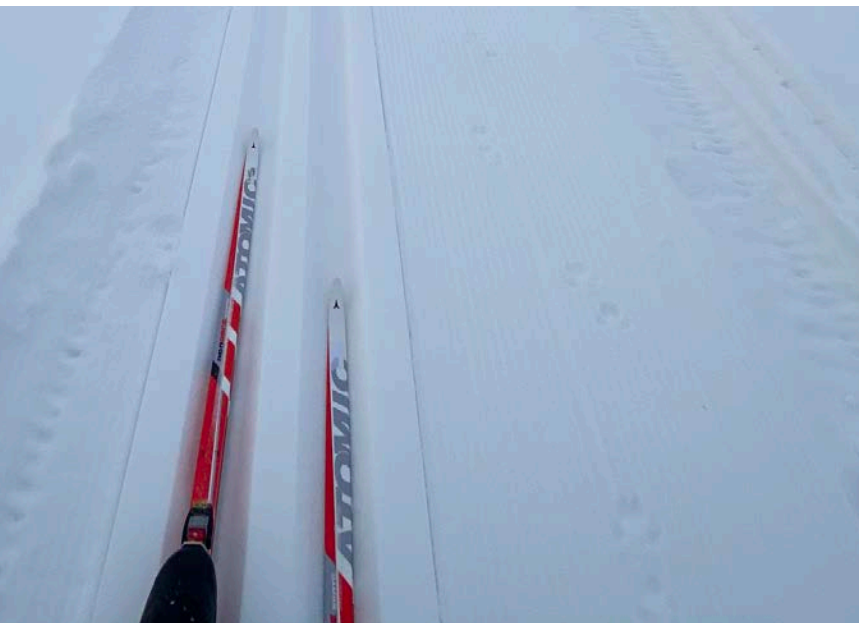


Fridley Community Findings

These national trends in recreation were reflected in the community outreach conducted in Fridley as part of the Parks Master Plan and Implementation Plan through Social Pinpoint, Polco, Storymap, and targeted outreach.

The top 5 most requested amenities in the Social Pinpoint and Polco surveys were:

- Expanded and improved walking loops
- Improved playgrounds
- Water feature
- Park buildings with community gathering rooms
- Improved picnic shelters



The top winter activities that people loved doing were:

- Sledding
- Snowshoeing/hiking
- Ice skating
- Warming Houses

In 10-15 years, people would like:

- To stay active and involved in the community
- To have more interactive things to do
- To be able to visit improved playgrounds and destination parks
- More accessible parks
- More trails
- Clean, well-lit parks
- Conservation of natural resources
- More access to the Mississippi River
- More connectivity to trails

These trends were also consistent with the LISC report. Through LISC's guided workshop series, participants crafted the following recommendations for Fridley's parks system:

Better Communication and Access (Informed Users)

Participants said that they were unaware that the Fridley parks and trail system offered so much. Their eyes were opened to the broad network of park experiences and options. To increase park usage, it would be beneficial to incorporate better mechanisms to share information about what's available through interactive maps, social media, and other communications strategies. Wayfinding (signage or visual ways to guide people) will help connect people to various parks and destinations.

The wayfinding systems adopted by the Three Rivers Park District provide ideas for consideration; signage would help people anticipate distances and directions; color-coded symbols help ease navigation. Greater coordination with Anoka County Parks and Department of Transportation would provide improved maintenance and snow removal of pedestrian and bike trails.

- Develop a communications plan and wayfinding system
- Provide an ongoing method for input

Updated Amenities and Experiences (Active Living)

Today people desire more recreational options, such as splash-pads, pickleball courts, soccer and multi-purpose fields, and improved playgrounds. Finding the right balance between unique uses and flexible spaces will be required. The ability to access rental equipment (e.g. paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, ice skates, bikes, cross-country skis, etc.) provides more people the opportunity to experience outdoor activities.

- Identify key locations to offer rental equipment
- Diversify park infrastructure by adding new elements that will provide year-round interest for users of all ages and abilities.
- Update parks to provide unique opportunities based on park characteristics.
- Shift from defined infrastructure and spaces to more flexible and customizable options (i.e. multiuse fields)
- Increase connectivity within and between parks

Something for Everyone (Wellness and Nature)

Parks and trails are important for connecting to the beauty of nature and add to community well-being. Parks provide a place to relax, have fun, improve mental health, and inspire imagination. Parks provide ecological benefits that improve our air and water quality and provide pollinator habitat. These elements can be enriched through park programming and services, natural resource management and partnerships with existing and new community groups (such as creation of Adopt-a-Park groups).

- Strengthen eco-spaces for pollinator gardens, wetlands, and blooming natural areas
- Improve access to the Mississippi River and Moore Lake (watercraft usage and fishing)
- Incorporate public art to create a sense of wonder and unique character



Building Community and Shared Experiences

(Social Connections)

Parks are special places in which people from all walks of life can intermingle. They create memorable moments and a sense of community. Creating a “Central Park” concept would help establish a more vibrant and appealing town center. Land uses along the periphery of the parks are also critical for defining place and purpose.

- Reinforce a sense of Town Center by connecting the Civic Plaza and Community Park through design and complementary uses
- Create exciting community gathering places (e.g. picnic and barbeque areas, community gardens, flexible spaces for events and concerts, etc.)
- Construct multi-use buildings at community parks to be utilized for recreation programs and as hubs for community events.
- Consider how complimentary land uses along the edges of community parks could add more vibrancy and sense of destination, linking commercial uses (e.g. food, rental equipment, etc.) with public amenities)
- Promote neighborhood groups to complement city government effort, similar to the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center



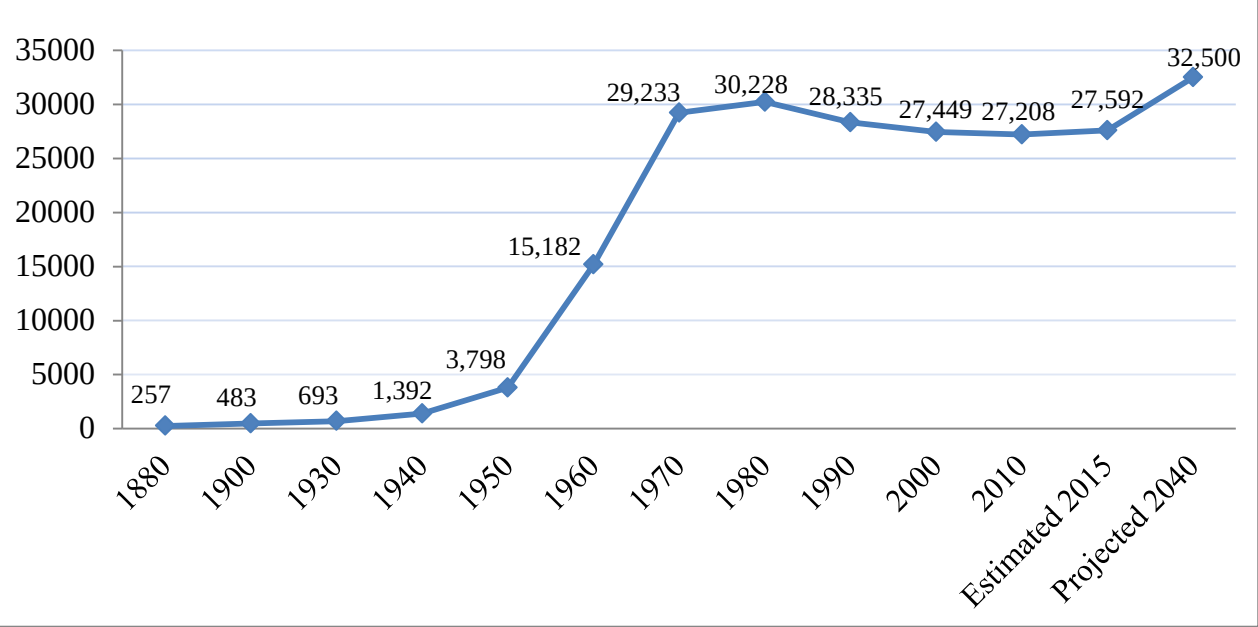
Chapter 3 Needs Assessment

Demographics

It is critical to understand how park and trail planning corresponds to the specific demographics of a community. A key goal is to ensure that all populations, ages, abilities, and incomes have access to high quality outdoor recreation for a balanced and equitable system.

Fridley’s first wave of growth occurred between 1940-1970 before leveling off and eventually declining. However, a new surge of construction of multi-family housing has contributed to a population increase from a low of 27,208 in 2010 to an expected population of 32,500 by 2040.

Historical Population Growth



Source: Information for historical population growth was extracted from an article titled “Fridley from the Beginning” printed in a 1974 Fridley Silver Anniversary newspaper; author unknown. Data for recent years obtained from www.census.gov and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey data and the Metropolitan Council.

Demographic Changes

Fridley’s demographics are changing, particularly on the extreme ends of the age spectrum. As Fridley’s original homeowners grow older, seniors represent a larger share of the population. As a result, the City is seeing higher demand for passive recreational facilities such as walking trails, strategic bench placements and a desire for more opportunities to socialize.

Housing stock is also turning over, resulting in more families with young children moving into the city and

increased high density housing dwelling units. The most noticeable percentage shift has been in the number of residents under the age of 5. This has resulted in a higher demand for active play equipment for young children in neighborhood parks within walking distance of places of residence.

Park amenities are needed that cater to a wider range of users, including playground equipment that is stimulating to both young and older children. Teens in particular need outlets for exercise as well as socializing.

Age Trends

Age	2000		2010		2015 estimate	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Under 5 yrs	1,828	6.7%	1,951	7.2%	2,230	8.1%
5-9 yrs	1,754	6.4%	1,757	6.5%	1,748	6.3%
10-14 yrs	1,625	5.9%	1,645	6.0%	1,454	5.3%
15-24 yrs	3,770	13.7%	3,414	12.5%	3,508	12.7%
25-34 yrs	4,217	15.4%	4,106	15.1%	4,698	17.0%
35-44 yrs	4,289	15.6%	3,485	12.8%	3,205	11.6%
45-54 yrs	3,674	13.4%	3,882	14.3%	3,728	13.5%
55-64 yrs	3,011	11.0%	3,098	11.4%	3,193	11.6%
65-74 yrs	2,127	7.7%	2,144	7.9%	2,230	8.1%
75-84 yrs	910	3.3%	1,400	5.1%	1,119	4.1%
85 & over	244	0.9%	326	1.2%	479	1.7%
Total Pop	27,449	100%	27,208	100%	27,592	100%
Median Age	36.3		37.1		35.4	
Persons/HH	2.40		2.44			

Racial diversity of Fridley has also continued to increase over the past decade: Fridley was 96% white in 1990 and 67% white in 2015. Larger percentages of Fridley’s population now identify as Black or African American, Asian, and Hispanic or Latino.

Park spaces should retain the flexibility needed to accommodate changing trends in recreation, as well as changing demographics with more diverse populations.

Diversity Trends

Race	2000 Percent	2010 Percent	2015 ACS Data
White	88.7	72.2	67.2
Black or African American	3.4	11.1	14.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8	1.2	1.1
Asian	3.0	4.9	7.1
Some other race	1.2	0.3	0.0
Two or more races	2.9	3.6	3.4
Hispanic or Latino	2.6	7.3	7.2

Source: Census.gov and 2011-2015 American Community Survey

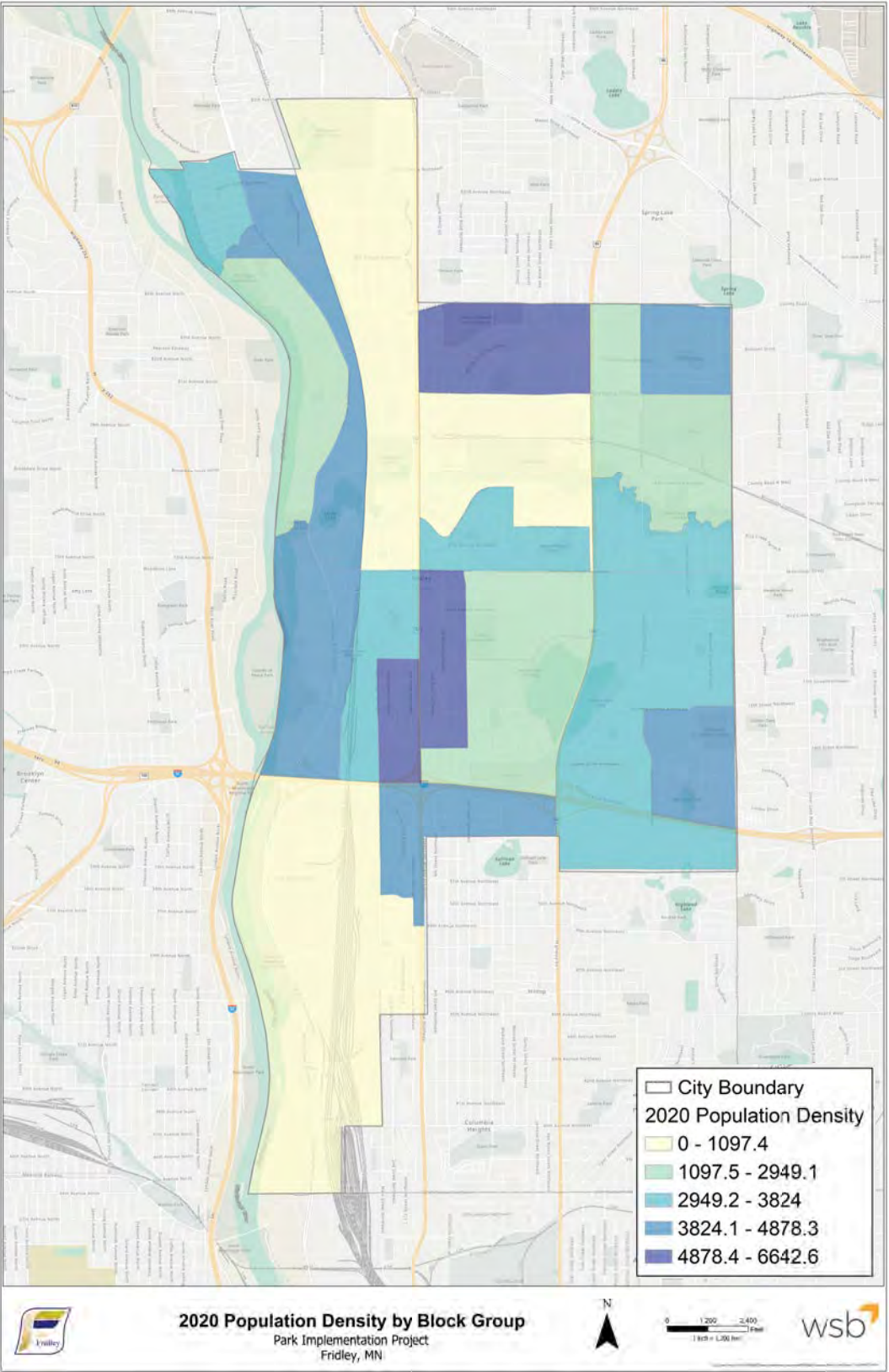
Demographic Findings

The existing demographics of Fridley were identified and evaluated in terms of locations of higher density populations, lower income populations and percentage of minority populations. This allows a better understanding of potential locations for underserved populations compared against the existing park distribution and quality. The following maps identify some key demographic findings.

Map 3.1
Population Density
Lower density populations in yellow identify locations of single family housing but also indicate locations of non-residential zones.

Higher density populations are shown in purple and include multi-family and single family housing developments along the University Ave corridor as well as the mobile home communities and apartments near Madsen Park.

Dark blue are the next higher density areas and include a mixture of housing types.

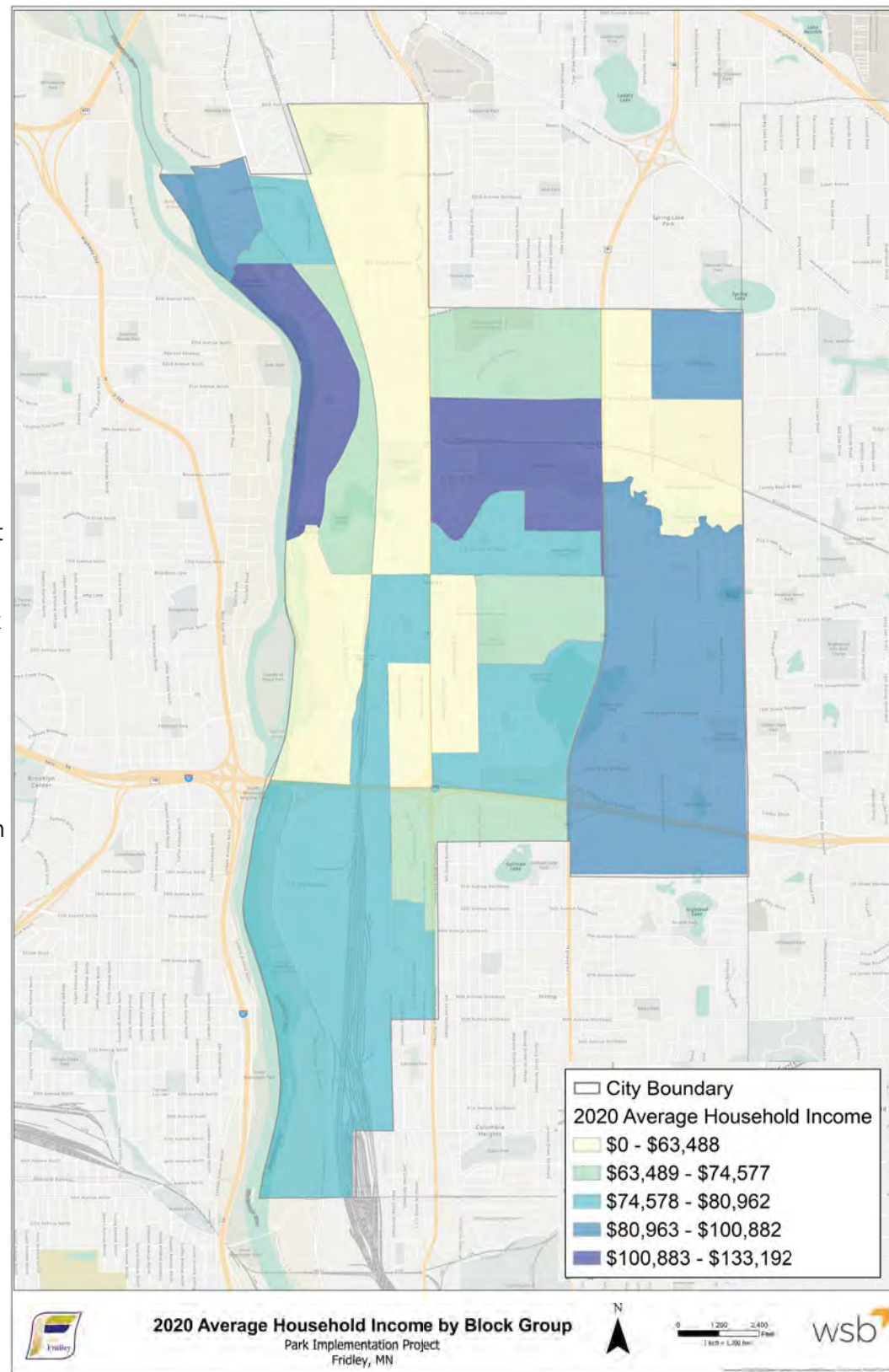


Map 3.2 Household Income

Lowest income levels are shown in yellow and include some high density populations along the Mississippi River, the University Ave corridor and the Rice Creek Regional Trail corridor on the north-eastern side of Fridley.

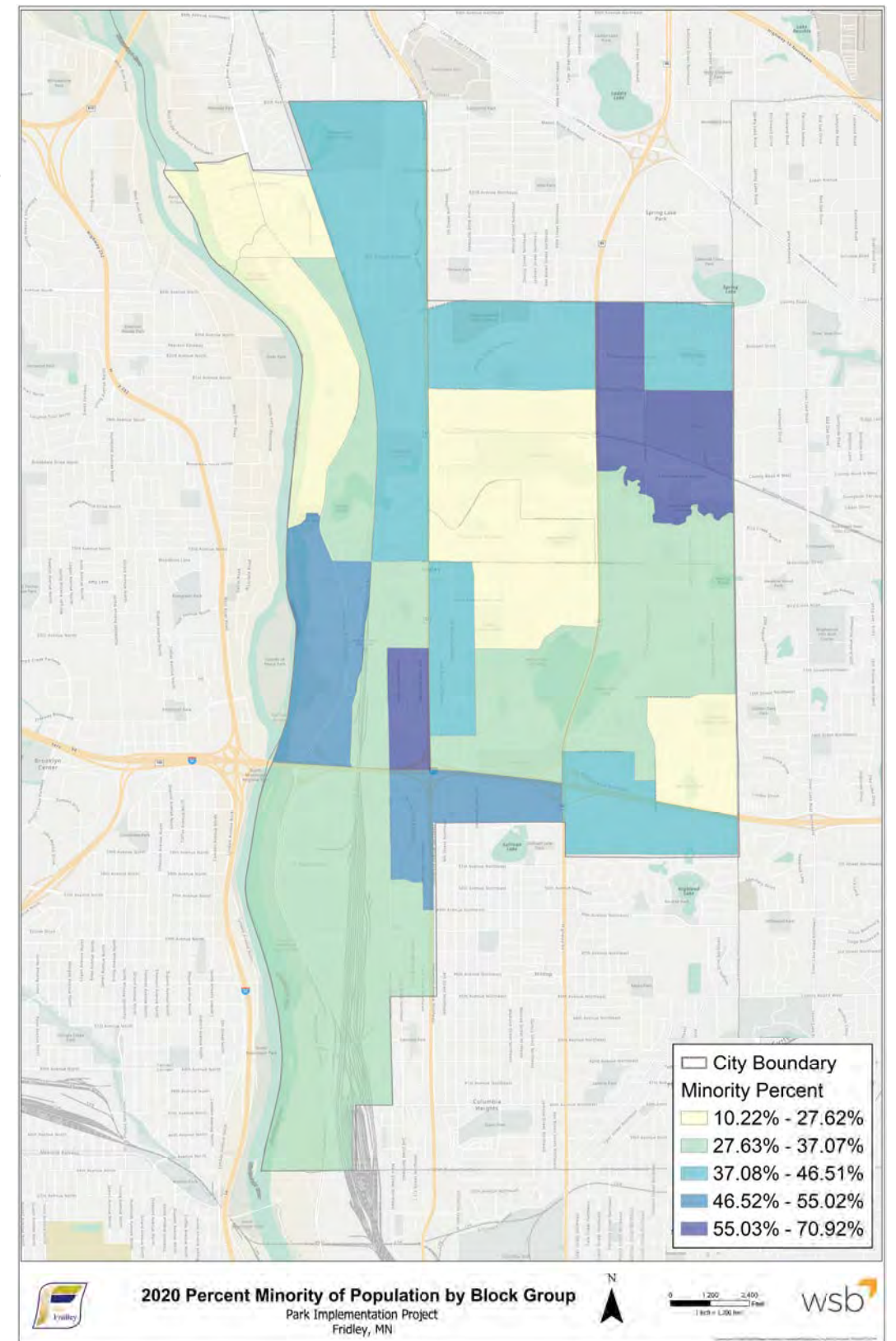
The linear area northwest along University Ave is affected by the industrial districts and Springbrook Nature Center and are primarily non-residential.

Light green indicates the next lower income areas and includes some populations near Madsen Park and locations along East River Road and University Ave.



Map 3.3 Minority Populations

Higher minority populations are shown in purple followed by dark blue. Many of these locations overlap with the high density and lower income locations and identify potential underserved populations.



Park Metrics

As part of the Parks Master Plan, the amount of parkland was evaluated to ensure appropriate distribution of parkland. Fridley has 24 acres of City and County park land per 1,000 residents, which far exceeds the Metropolitan Council guide of 7 to 14 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. The National Recreation and Park Association recommends a neighborhood park service area of ½ mile or less. However, it is important to consider crossing barriers such as roads or creeks that may isolate neighborhoods from their parks in this analysis.

The 2017 Park Service Area study divided the city into 40 separate park service areas as determined by natural and man-made barriers of divisions, such as lakes, creeks, freeways, major road, railroad tracks, and the river, and is shown on the following page.

The 2017 planning study indicated that thirty-three of Fridley’s forty park service areas fully met the NRPA Standard of residents served by at least one park within ½ mile or less accessible without any significant crossings of transportation routes.

The following Park Service areas were identified as under-serviced by NRPA standards:

Service Area	Grade	Service Deficit
7	C	Flanery Park is between 1/2 mile and 3/4 miles away and requires crossing Central Avenue
9	C	Flanery Park is between 1/2 mile and 3/4 miles away and requires crossing Central Avenue
11	B/C	Edgewater Gardens Park is between 1/2 mile and 1 mile and requires no crossing of significant transportation routes
20	B/C/D	Creekridge Park is between 1/2 mile and 1 mile and requires crossing Central Avenue
23	B	Edgewater Gardens Park is within 1/2 mile but requires crossing Mississippi Street, although a pedestrian bridge is available
25	B/C	Moore Lake Park is between 1/2-1 miles
29	A/B	Moore Lake Park is between 1/2-3/4 miles

Park Service Areas

Park/Service Area	Address	Area
Altura	5445 Altura Road	35
Briardale	6171 Rice Creek Drive	30
Commons	6249 - 7th Street	28
Community	7000 University Avenue	13
Craig	410 - 79th Way	4
Creekridge	1380 Creek Park Lane	21
Creek View	6801 Anoka Street	15
Ed Wilmes	150 - 64-1/2 Avenue	22
Edgewater Gardens	6700 Ashton Avenue	16
Farr Lake	1510 North Innsbruck	34
Flanery	1505 Onondaga Street	8
Glencoe	661 Glencoe Street	2
Hackmann	1071 Hackmann Circle	32
Harris Lake	1620 Mississippi Street	26
Innsbruck	5815 Arthur Street	34
Jay	6540 - 2nd Street	17
Jubilee	5334 - 5th Street	36
Locke	6911 University Avenue	14
Locke Lake	6725 Ashton Avenue	16
Logan	155 Logan Parkway	10
Madsen	725 - 73rd Avenue	5
Meadowland	6641 Kennaston Street	19
Moore Lake	5890 Central Avenue	29
Oak Hill	5391 - 7th Street	37
Plaza	170 - 69th Avenue	13
Plymouth Square	4801 Main Street	40
Ray Thompson Little League	5875 Jefferson	28
River Edge Way	154 River Edge Way	27
Riverview Heights	500 - 79th Avenue	4
Ruth Circle	8160 Ashton	3
Skyline	5880 - 2nd Street	31
Springbrook	8155 Broad Avenue	2
Springbrook Nature Center	100 - 85th Avenue	1
Summit Square	5201 Capitol Street	39
Sylvan Hills	6205 Jupiter Drive	24
Terrace	6735 - 7th Street	18
West Moore Lake/Sand Dunes		

Based on the 2017 Park Service Area Study, 87% of Fridley residents are served at a Grade A level for the distance to park standard. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan’s policy is that the City should consider acquiring park land or appropriate access in under-served park areas, with caution against development of additional mini parks because of the concerns for maintenance. Since the City is fully built out, it is unlikely that the City will acquire additional parkland in these under-served areas during this plan cycle, but this should be kept in mind during redevelopment opportunities.

While the overall park distribution analysis indicates the majority of the community residents are located within a half-mile distance to a city park, the level of development of specific parks in relation to the populations being served vary by neighborhood service area. It is important to ensure that all populations, ages, abilities and incomes have adequate access to parks with quality outdoor recreation and natural resources.



The 2020 planning process further analyzed the neighborhood park service areas by overlaying the demographics and major barriers to identify potential underserved populations. The analysis also took into consideration the level of park development and types of recreation available within the identified neighborhood service areas when making determinations for priorities for improvements.

The following Park Service Area Analysis plan identifies neighborhood service areas (NSA) numbered per the 2017 Park Service Area Study.

Green areas indicate an NSA that is adequately meeting the needs of its residents. Yellow indicates an NSA that is meeting the basic needs of its residents, though improvements may be warranted. Red indicates an NSA that is currently identified as an underserved neighborhood. This may be attributed to by a lack of a park within the proper distance or a major barrier that makes access difficult or prohibitive. It may also include areas that have poor park conditions or lack appropriate recreational amenities to meet the needs of the populations within that particular NSA.



Park Service Area Analysis

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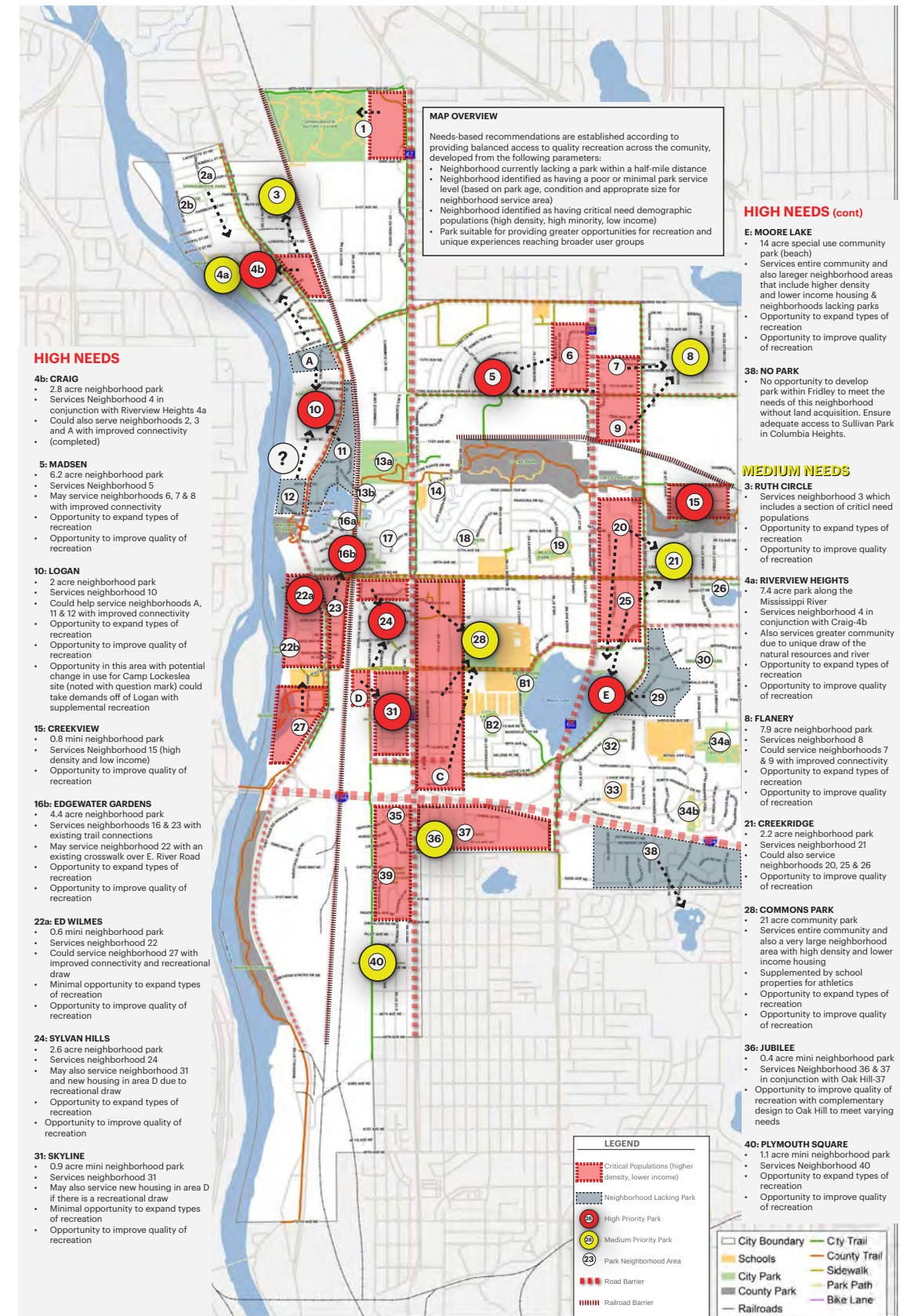
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An additional analysis was completed that evaluated the city demographics by identifying locations with higher housing densities, lower incomes and higher percentages of minority groups to determine if they overlapped with the NSA's that ranked poorly. Neighborhoods that fell into these demographics and within a lower rated NSA were evaluated for options to improve access to recreation for those populations. The results of the evaluations informed the planning process by identifying higher priority projects for park improvements.

The findings are shown on the Park Priorities - Underserved Neighborhoods plan on the following page and indicate the following parks as High or Medium for priority in order to help meet the needs of underserved populations within identified NSA's.

- Service Area 3 (Ruth Circle Park)
- Service Area 4 (Craig Park and Riverview Heights Park)

- Service Areas 5-6 (Madsen Park)
- Service Areas 7-9 (Flanery Park)
- Service Areas 10-12 (Logan Park)
- Service Area 15 (Creekview Park)
- Service Areas 16 & 23 (Edgewater Gardens Park)
- Service Areas 20-21 (Creekridge Park)
- Service Areas 22 & 27 (Ed Wilmes Park)
- Service Area 24 (Sylvan Hills Park)
- Service Area 28 (Commons Park)
- Service Areas 25, 29-30, & 32-34 (Moore Lake Park)
- Service Area 31 (Skyline Park)
- Service Area 36 & 37 (Jubilee and Oak Hill Parks)
- Service Area 38 (No Park) relies on Silver Lake Park in Columbia Heights
- Service Area 40 (Plymouth Square Park)



As part of the 2017 master planning process, the City evaluated whether the City's system was oversized or contained redundant park land. Service areas with more than one park facility were evaluated for the possibility of sale of parkland. Service areas with only one park facility were not evaluated as sale of the park would result in an under-serviced area that did not meet NRPA recommendations. The following Service Areas contain more than one park:

- Service Area 2 (Springbrook Park and Glencoe Park)
- Service Area 4 (Craig Park and Riverview Heights Park)
- Service Area 13 (Plaza Park and Community Park)
- Service Area 18 (Terrace Park and Hayes Elementary)
- Service Area 36 (Jubilee and Oak Hill Park)

Records have been found that all of these parks, except for Glencoe Park, Jubilee Park, and Springbrook were deeded to the City for use as parkland, making them ineligible for sale. Property records indicate that Glencoe Park was acquired through a variety of sources including forfeited land conveyed to the City for exclusive use as a park, forfeited land

conveyed to the City for an unspecified use, and parkland conveyed to the City by residents for an unspecified use. Jubilee Park, and Springbrook Park were also forfeited land conveyed to the City for use as parkland.

Additional investigation is needed as to the legal and financial implications of re-selling parkland that was conveyed to the City for use as parkland. At this time, there is no park land that the City would recommend for sale; however, the City would recommend ensuring that parks located in the same park service area provide unique user experiences, complementary types of recreation to meet broader demographics, or are serving as another use such as natural resource management.

Comparable Communities

An analysis was performed to determine how Fridley's spending on parks compared to similar Cities. Where possible, spending on maintenance was separated from the general parks and recreation budget. It is important to note that Cities offer a range of different amenities that can have significant impacts on budgeting. Notes of this were made when possible.

Based on this comparison, Fridley spending on parks spending is lower than all comparable communities. (Refer to table in Appendix _).

Focus Initiatives

Based on the trends, community engagement feedback and an analysis of the existing park system as it relates to meeting the needs of the community, five focus initiative are identified to address existing needs within Fridley's park system:

1. Enhance the Unique Identity of Community Parks

Each of Fridley's community parks has unique characteristics based on location, topography, and use. Since each park is intended to have a community-wide function, park design should focus on creating a specific identity and purpose.

Strategies:

- Establish a unique identity at Moore Lake Park, Commons Park and Community Park
- Select signature amenities in line with each Parks' unique identity
- Provide amenities to meet a wide range of users and year-round interest



2. Update Amenities Throughout the Park System

While Fridley's park system provides a strong core of parkland, the equipment in Fridley's parks is reaching the end of the useful life and due for updates. Many of Fridley's parks are currently targeted at a limited user range and do not provide opportunities for year-round use or cross-generational interest. Updating amenities throughout the park system will enhance the appeal and benefits provided by Fridley's parks.

Strategies:

- Update park amenities based on service level
- Prioritize improvements based on condition rating
- Select playground equipment that provides opportunity for increased range of movement, learning through play, and inclusivity and accessibility appropriate to each service level
- Provide recreational opportunities that appeal across generations including walking loops, dog parks, and improved access to water-oriented recreation such as docks and fishing opportunities
- Install amenities that enhance community connection and gathering including park buildings, picnic areas and shelters, community gardens, and public art
- Install necessary supporting infrastructure such as shade structures, parking lots, bathrooms and lighting to create comfortable and safe spaces.



Updated Playgrounds

The majority of Fridley's playgrounds were installed within a five-year time period and look very similar across the park system. New advances in playground technology allow for increased range of motion, opportunities for inter-generational play, and the ability for neighborhoods to customize their equipment to reflect their preferences and identity.

Splash Pad

A splash pad was identified as the number one recreational amenity desired in Fridley parks. A splash pad provides the opportunity for water-based play with less maintenance and staffing costs than a traditional pool.

Park Buildings

Park buildings provide a gathering space for community groups, residents, and recreation programs. They also provide co-benefits such as bathrooms, warming houses, storage, and water fountains and can be designed to include technology like Wi-Fi, automatically locking doors, and security systems.

Public Art

Public Art provides an opportunity to represent the values and history of Fridley. Public art can also provide community placemaking or be integrated into the play structure to stimulate creativity. As part of this Plan, the City will collaborate with community groups to install public art in strategic locations around the City.

3. Increase Connectivity Within Fridley's Park System

During the LISC sessions, participants frequently commented that they were surprised at the park options available beyond their neighborhood park. As part of the Master Plan, a concerted effort will be made to increase the overall connectivity and awareness of Fridley's parks.

Strategies:

- Update park signage to emphasize park character and place making
- Develop a wayfinding plan for the City
- Improve park visibility and connection to trails & walks
- Improve safety across major barriers (roads, railroad, etc.) barriers

4. Environmental Stewardship

In addition to providing opportunities for recreation, parks are an important part of the urban ecosystem. With the right landscaping, parks offer wildlife habitat, stormwater management, and air quality improvements. Additionally, exposure to nature has proven physical and mental health benefits including boosted immune system, decreased stress, increased energy, and improved attention, particularly in children. By focusing on environmental stewardship in parks, these benefits can be amplified.

Strategies:

- Incorporate native plantings, bee lawns, and tree plantings within park open space where appropriate
- Control invasive species in priority parks
- Design for reduced environmental impact by incorporating energy saving measures and water quality treatment
- Install amenities and nature-based play areas to increase interaction with nature including improved trails within conservation areas



Wayfinding

Wayfinding signage can be used to draw attention to parks and help connect the park system. Wayfinding can be particularly useful to help residents visit new parks, determine the overall city and regional trail systems, or find specific park amenities. City wayfinding should have clear branding and guiding themes to enhance the sense of place, as well as to provide direction.



Bee Friendly Lawns

Bee friendly lawns can include specialty seed mixtures for mowable areas that appeal to pollinators, such as dutch white clover and creeping thyme. Additional bee friendly lawn options include turf maintenance procedures that use natural methods and discourage the use of harmful chemicals for fertilizer and pesticides.



Connectivity

Connectivity is essential to provide safe and equitable access to parks, open spaces, schools, and other points of destination. This is especially important for populations that may rely less on vehicles for their mode of transportation. A quality network of trails, sidewalks and other transit options are addressed in the Transportation chapter of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.



Nature-Based Play

Nature-based play areas also known as natural play spaces or a natural playground integrates ground-based enhanced features to recreate the types of types of play found in more natural settings. Nature-based play can often provide a wider range of sensory experiences, more creative play, and lower levels of risk, at a reduced cost.

5. Maintenance

Park maintenance is recognized as a high priority to protect the investment that is made within our park system as well as ensure park cleanliness and safety. The City of Fridley employs year-round and seasonal staff to care for Fridley's park system. As parks are redeveloped, it will be important to consider the impact of any changes to routine park maintenance resulting from new initiatives.

Strategies:

- Identify opportunities to decrease park maintenance where possible during park redevelopment (i.e. choosing more durable materials, reducing mowable areas, installing trash cans)
- Place amenities such as parking lots, sports courts, and playground equipment on a routine maintenance schedule
- Adjust park staffing where needed to account for additional maintenance requirements
- Integrate volunteerism into park programming



Adopt-A-Park

The City of Fridley began an Adopt-a-Park program in 2020 which allows residents to adopt their neighborhood park. These residents can volunteer to pick up litter, weed playgrounds, maintain landscaping and more. Visit the following for more information:
<https://www.fridleymn.gov/1497/Adopt-A-Park>



Chapter 4

Park System Plan & Recommendations

Overview

The park system plan and recommendations are a direct result of the community-involved planning processes which took the following into consideration to ensure the city has a balanced and equitable system:

- 2040 Comprehensive Plan goals
- Needs assessment findings
- Park System Plan Focus Initiatives
- Priorities

The recommendations may contain supplementary imagery, descriptions, or schematic concept plans to illustrate a particular appearance or general design ideas but is not considered to be a final design approach. When it comes to final decision-making regarding proposed improvements, developments, or

planning, it is highly recommended to approach each project with continued input from stakeholders. Stakeholder buy-in is essential for a successful project to ensure the project is meeting the current needs of those it is intended to serve, especially if funded by local tax dollars.

It is equally important to approach projects and recommendations in line with overall city goals and priorities and not just according to the latest demand or trend in recreation. The city should conduct ongoing evaluation of priorities on a routine basis to account for any changes, trends and opportunities that may arise and adjust priorities as necessary.

As noted in the Needs Analysis, the City of Fridley has adequate distribution of parks in relation to the neighborhood service areas, however, there are some underserved neighborhood service areas that need improved access to recreation.



Park Standards

Park improvements must balance focus initiatives alongside park demand, park condition, and equitable spending. Establishing standards for each park category helps guide the allocation of resources across Fridley's large system. For example, while a mini-park may be a resident's closest recreational facility, the characteristics of a mini-park necessitate a different level of spending than a neighborhood or community park.

The following standards have been developed for different park categories as part of this Master Plan:

Mini-Parks

Mini-parks are facilities that are intended to serve concentrated populations residing generally within ¼ mile of park sites and provide a limited array of recreational opportunities for short stays. Mini-park standard is 0.5 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

They may contain:

- Single age playground
- Bench
- Trash can
- Lighting
- Landscaped park sign

Optional

- Half basketball court

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks are recreational facilities that are intended to meet the day-to-day recreational needs of populations residing within a ½ mile radius of the site. Neighborhood park standard is 2 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

They may contain:

- Multi-age playground
- Picnic area or shelter
- Shade structures and/or benches by playground
- Trash and recycling containers
- Native landscaping, tree plantings, or bee-friendly lawn
- Landscaped park sign
- Lighting
- Open space

Optional

- Athletic facilities
- Walking Loop
- Nature-based play
- Community gardens
- Skating rink (varies from hockey rink to pleasure rink)
- Parking (typically on-street; off-street may be necessary for highly programmed spaces)
- Public art, particularly public art that functions as recreational equipment

Special-Use Facilities

Special-use facilities serve a designated purpose which often cannot be found in a typical park. Often, special-use facilities are centered around one activity which purpose which often cannot be found in a typical park. Often, special-use facilities are centered around one activity which dictates the amenities available. The amenities found with Special-Use facility can include:

- River access
- Hiking trails
- Athletic amenities

Community Parks

One of the main initiatives of this Plan is to enhance the unique identity of the Fridley’s community parks (Moore Lake Park, Commons Park, and Community). These parks will be updated to include amenities that appeal to a wide range of users as well as facilities necessary for extended stays including a rentable shelter,adequate parking,and bathrooms. Rentable shelters in community parks will also provide secondary functionality by serving as warming houses, meeting spaces, and/or programmable spaces.

The themes identified for Fridley’s community parks are identified as follows:

Commons Park

- Youth and Play

Community Park

- Recreation and Events

Moore Lake Park

- Lakeshore Activities



Park Plan & Recommendations

The recommendations of this plan are meant to address the needs of the existing park system in alignment with the park system focus initiatives and goals of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

While the parks have been well maintained and many are in fair condition, many amenities were initially installed within the same timeframe and are now all nearing, or are past, the end of their useful life. Primary recommendations relate to replacement of outdated amenities meeting broader user groups for improved user satisfaction, as well as safety. Recommendations also address improved accessibility meeting current ADA guidelines such as proper access routes, improved amenities, and playgrounds with proper resilient surfacing.

Each Fridley park is identified with existing amenities followed by a concept plan based on recommendations for improvements. The larger Community Parks are listed first, followed by Neighborhood Parks and Special-Use Facilities, in alphabetical order.

KEY TO PARK FEATURE SYMBOLS

 Basketball court	 Water Access	 Restrooms
 Ballfield	 Trails / walks	 Site furnishings
 Concessions	 Park Building	 Soccer field
 Hockey Rink	 Playground	 Tennis court
 Ice skating	 Picnic shelter	

Commons Park

6249 - 7TH STREET NE

PARK TYPE: COMMUNITY PARK
SIZE: 23-ACRES
SPECIAL USES: SLEDDING HILL

DESCRIPTION:
Commons Park is the City's most popular park and includes a rentable shelter, hockey rinks, warming house, playground, volleyball courts, tennis courts, basketball court, sledding hill, ballfields, and turf fields used for football and soccer. Commons Park is well-used for recreation programming, athletic groups, and active play and adjoins the Fridley Middle School with combined recreational spaces.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



PLANNING BACKGROUND:

A Concept Plan for Commons Park was initially created that removed the existing baseball and softball fields (shown below) and included more flexible turf space with a central winter recreation area and splash pad. During the community engagement it was determined that it was highly desired to keep the baseball field due to the current athletic needs and its relation to the school sites for joint programming.



COMMONS PARK PLANNING FRAMEWORK A DRAFT January 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS - YOUTH AND PLAY:

General recommendations include improving and replacing existing amenities with some reorganization to improve overall function, accessibility and user satisfaction while still meeting the needs of programmed athletics by keeping the primary baseball field. New amenities are identified to meet current demands and trends, as well as to expand upon four-season recreation. Coordination and partnership with the school district will be necessary for some of the recommendations shown on school property and necessary for a balance of recreational amenities.

Recommendations include:

- Integration of winter activities within a central location with an improved sledding hill and relocated paved hockey rink for multi-season use with optimal N-S orientation
- Community pavilion building with meeting room, outdoor fire pit, gathering spaces and restrooms
- Inclusive playground with a focus on unique and challenging equipment meeting a broad range of ages and abilities
- Loop trails for improved connectivity within the park
- Reorganization and improved athletic fields for greater function and flexibility
- Addition of splash pad with adjoining seating plaza with shade
- Expansion of picnic spaces and picnic shelters
- Addition of dedicated pickleball court complex (includes removal of two existing tennis courts)
- Improved and expanded parking
- Expanded volleyball courts
- Replace existing basketball court

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This is a popular destination park that also serves a large neighborhood service area containing high density and low income populations and provides a broad range of outdoor recreational amenities for varying user groups and therefore is ranked high.

Estimate of Probable Costs is a range of \$8.5 to \$12 million for base preferred improvements and an additional \$1.8 to \$2.6 million for deferred or alternate improvements.



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Community Park

7000 UNIVERSITY AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: COMMUNITY PARK
SIZE: 21-ACRES
SPECIAL USES: ATHLETIC COMPLEX

DESCRIPTION:
Community Park has a primary focus on organized athletics and is comprised of 4 softball fields in a central wheel configuration with concessions and restroom facilities plus an additional 2 ballfields on the western edge of the site. There is also a small playground facility and direct trail connections to the Rice Creek West Regional Trail and Mississippi River Regional Trail on lands owned by Anoka County Parks.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



PLANNING BACKGROUND:

Due to an ongoing decline in participation in the City's recreational softball leagues, Community Park is currently under-used. However, it is important to allow for current athletic leagues and associations to have adequate field space and allow flexibility in field redevelopment if future trends change. A Concept Plan for Community Park was initially created that removed three existing ball fields and downsized a fourth for youth play in order to add in two full size soccer turf fields. During the community engagement it was determined that the overall loss of full sized softball fields was too great and keeping a minimum of three fields with optimal orientations for play was highly desired.



COMMUNITY PARK PLANNING FRAMEWORK DRAFT January 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS - RECREATION AND EVENTS:

The new Civic Campus across from Community Park presents an opportunity to create a town center between the two locations. Enhancing Community Park as a community gathering space was recognized as a top priority in the LISC report. Other strategies to solidify Community Park's identity and increase the Parks' use include providing a broader range of recreation types and adding in flexible turf fields to account for fields that were lost during a housing redevelopment project.

Recommendations include:

- Improved softball fields for greater function and flexibility, ensuring the two fields with the optimal home plate along the SW to NE alignment are retained
- Adding multi-use turf fields
- Creating visual and physical connections between Community Park and the Civic Campus
- Installing a loop trail around the perimeter connected to the regional trail system
- Developing expanded recreational opportunities meeting broader user groups
- Reorganized parking brought to a more central location within the park
- Central playground located within visibility of ballfield spectators and meeting a broader range of ages and abilities
- Incorporating landscaping and public art
- Expansion of picnic plaza spaces with shade
- Added basketball court
- Challenge or exercise area or optional consideration for a skate park

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This is currently ranked lowest for overall priority among all the community parks in order to place a focus on Commons and Moore Lake, and therefore is ranked low.

Estimate of Probable Costs is a range of \$3.3 to \$4.7 million for base preferred improvements and an additional \$640,000 to \$900,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.



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Moore Lake Park

5890 NE CENTRAL AVENUE

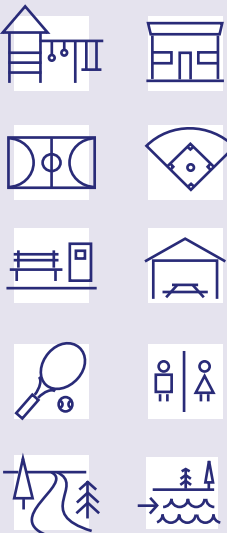
PARK TYPE: COMMUNITY PARK
SIZE: 143-ACRES
SPECIAL USES: LAKESHORE RECREATION

DESCRIPTION:
Historically, the beach at Moore Lake provided families a convenient location to swim and recreate. Over the years, attendance at Moore Lake Beach significantly declined, resulting in the closure of the beach and concession stand. Water quality has also declined and the amenities are outdated and in poor condition.

Feedback gathered as part of the Master Plan process indicated that residents wanted to see Moore Lake Park transition from an active recreational space to a passive recreational space and lakeshore destination with more trails, picnic areas, natural landscaping, fishing, and the opportunity to rent kayaks and stand up paddle boards.



EXISTING PARK FEATURES:



PLANNING BACKGROUND:

Due to the current downgraded condition of the park, community feedback resulted in a strong desire to make improvements to this park site that many consider a gateway to the Fridley community due to its highly visible location from Central Ave / Hwy 65. A Concept Plan for Moore Lake Park was initially created that removed courts in order to provide improved passive and lake related improvements. Community feedback included a desire to keep a basketball court to meet the demographic needs of the surrounding neighborhoods, and the removal of the dog park due to its small size as well as the perceived impression it would contribute negatively to water quality. During the 2020 planning stage, modified flood elevations put the majority of the park land within affected flood zones and directly impacted the feasibility of the proposed building.



RECOMMENDATIONS - LAKESHORE ACTIVITIES:

A refined concept plan for Moore Lake was developed focusing on the initial design intent for passive recreation for picnics and gatherings, as well as lakeshore activities. Enhancing Moore Lake Park as an iconic community gateway was recognized as a top priority. Other strategies to improve the park were related to improved water quality in order for water related recreation to be successful.

Recommendations include:

- Improved and expanded picnic opportunities
- Water related activities to include paddle rental kiosk and storage with boarding dock
- Park pavilion (location and size to be determined based on flood zones) with rental meeting room, restrooms and potential vending area
- Improved parking areas
- Basketball court
- Flexible open lawn spaces
- Naturalized spaces suitable for occasional flooding and stormwater storage
- New playground meeting a broader range of ages and abilities
- Optional natural play space
- Lakeside seating and viewing areas
- Improved trail connections and internal loops
- Incorporating landscaping and public art

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This is currently a highly visible park in a very poor condition which ranked as the highest in overall priority among all the community parks from the community, and therefore is ranked high.

Estimate of Probable Costs is a range of \$4.5 to \$6.4 million for base preferred improvements which currently includes a new pavilion building and an additional \$1.3 to \$2 million for deferred or alternate improvements.



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Altura Park

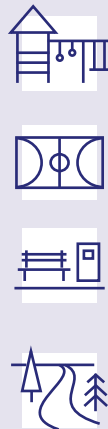
5445 ALTURA ROAD

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.7-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 310
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Mini park servicing the northern portion of neighborhood #35 which is also serviced by Summit Square. The park has nice character but a lot of traffic noise from the nearby highway interchange.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate with improvements to overall accessibility and sustainability with a consistent character.

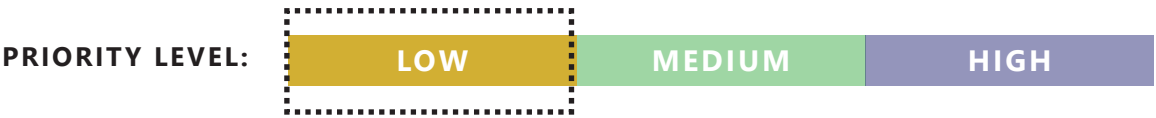
Recommendations include:

- Add plantings along playground for screening
- Convert turf to shade tolerant low-grow turf mixture
- Natural resource management of rain garden
- Replace playground equipment as necessary, include play features for toddlers
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
- Ensure existing walk is ADA compliant
- Connect basketball court and bench pads with new concrete walk
- Replace basketball court pavement & goals as necessary
- Security light

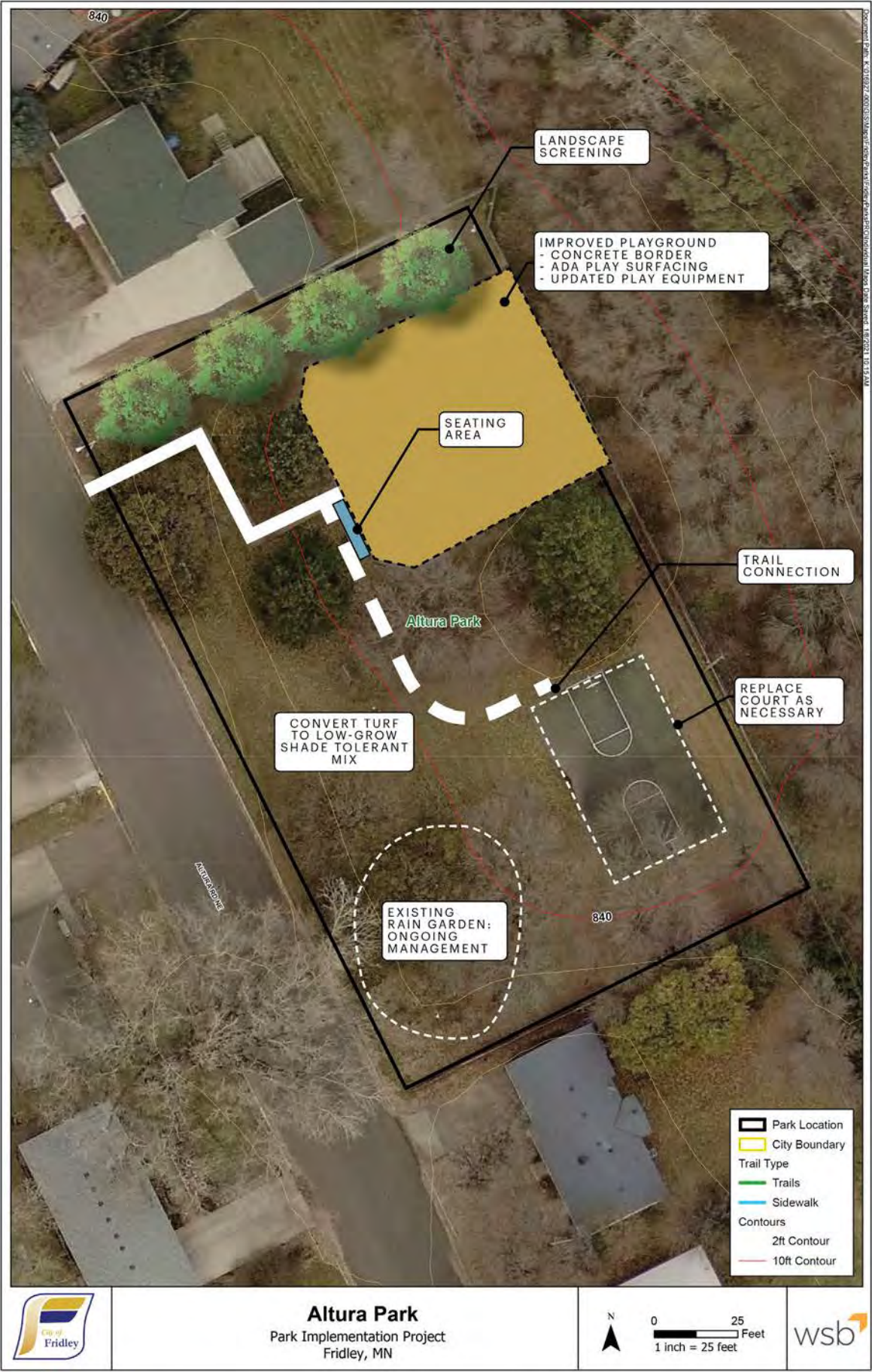
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$116,000 to \$130,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not include professional design, engineering or permit fees



This mini-park serves a small neighborhood service area that is also serviced by Summit Hills Park which offers broader recreational amenities, and is ranked low.



Briardale Park

6171 RICE CREEK DRIVE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 2.8-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 721
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park with broad range of recreational amenities servicing neighborhood #30. Has on-street parking, a large playground (1998), single tennis court, small shelter, drinking fountain, undersized basketball court and a large lawn space used for winter skating. There are known water issues at the SE trail connection and the majority of the amenities are at or beyond their useful life.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include minor layout modifications for an improved experience with a focus on improved sustainability and accessibility. Replace all outdated amenities as needs dictate.

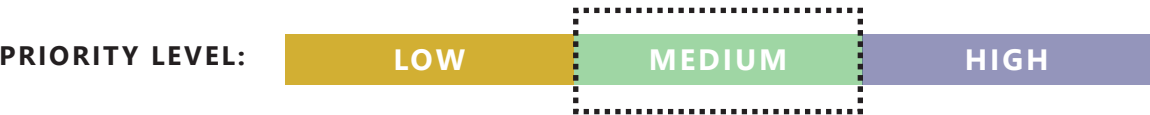
Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - Convert turf to low-grow and/or bee-friendly mixture with optional native pollinator areas in select locations
 - Replace playground equipment meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups (consider some inclusive features) with ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber) and rubber surfacing or tiles at primary access points and high-wear areas
 - Concrete playground border
- Replace basketball court and tennis court when necessary (no pickleball) with adjacent seating and viewing areas
 - New picnic shelter with 2-4 tables (permanent restrooms optional)
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Loop walk system and added walk connections for improved accessibility
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$340,000 to \$442,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Assumes general budget for restroom utilities



This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities, and is ranked medium.



Craig Park

410 - 79TH WAY

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 2.8-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 1481
SPECIAL USES: STORMWATER STORAGE

DESCRIPTION:

This neighborhood park was recently reconstructed with park improvements and an added stormwater storage area, due to ongoing issues with flooding within the park.

Redevelopment included grading in a stormwater storage area to protect the active recreation amenities. Additional improvements included removal of the formal ballfield and replacement with a flexible open lawn space, a new single tennis court to replace the previous double court, resurfacing of the basketball half court, and new trails to provide a more direct connection to the adjacent Riverview Heights Park which is more focused on passive recreation providing complementary types of recreation.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

Further recommendations include:

- New playground equipment, border and surfacing with optional picnic shelter

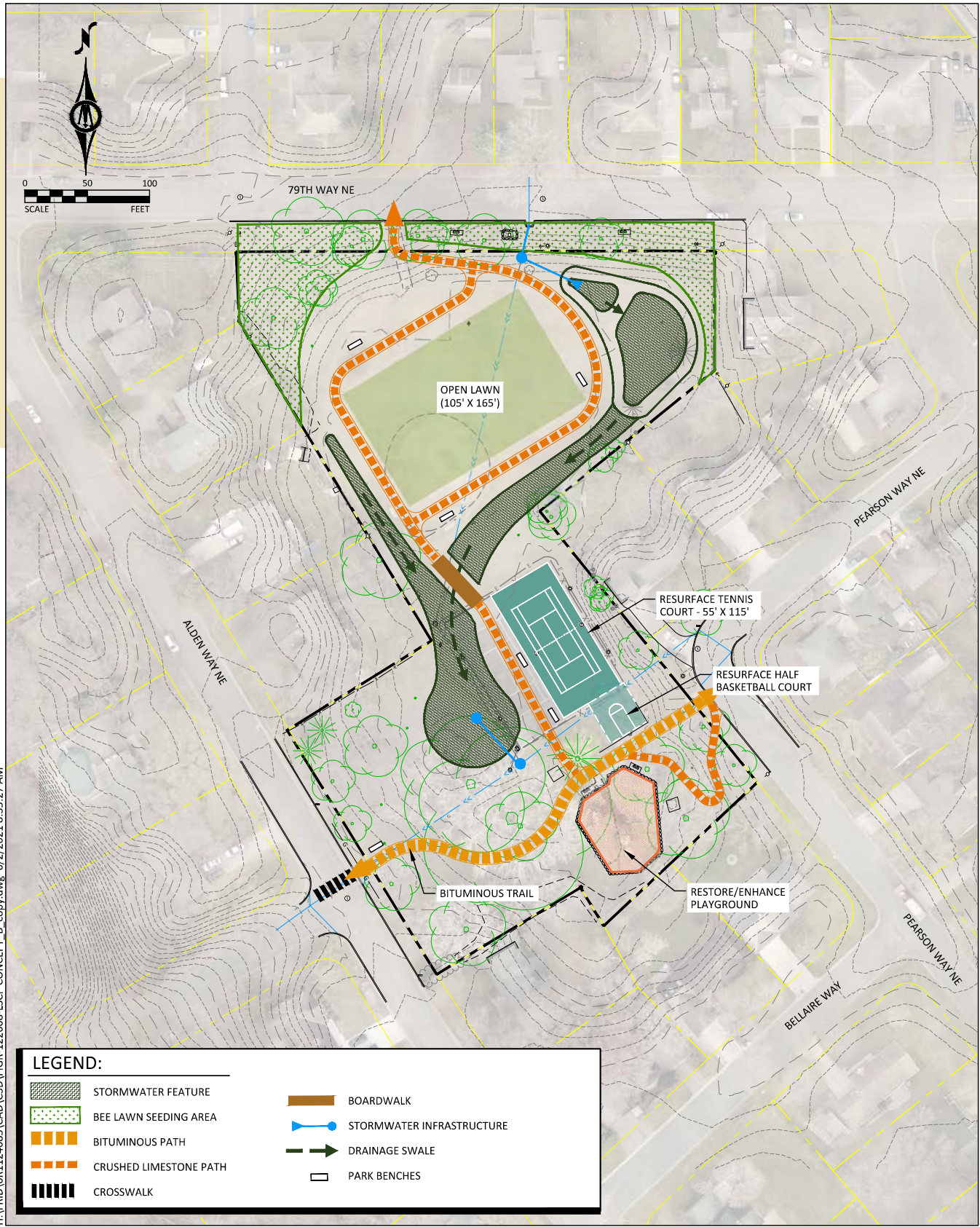
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations range from approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000 with a high priority in order to finalize the park.

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

EXISTING PARK FEATURES:



Creekridge Park

1380 CREEK PARK LANE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 2.2-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 963
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park with a functional design and nice character. The park directly services neighborhood #21 but can also help serve underserved neighborhoods #20 and #25. It has a single tennis court with undersized basketball tucked behind it, a formal ballfield, playground, small shelter and rain garden. There is a trail within an easement to the north of the park and a dead-end trail south that connect to the Mississippi Street sidewalk through a 15-foot easement.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate with improvements to overall accessibility and sustainability with a consistent character.

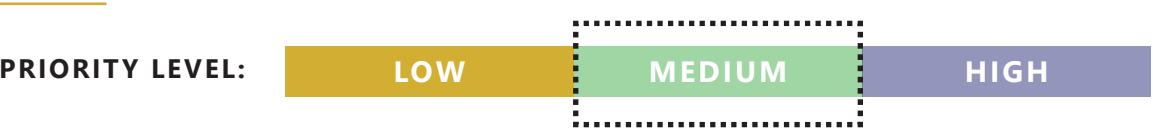
Recommendations include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add plantings along playground for shade and screening for utility boxes• Convert turf to low-grow turf mixture• Natural resource management of rain garden• Replace playground equipment with potential to expand playground area• ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)• Concrete playground border• Added walks and trail connections, | <ul style="list-style-type: none">ensure ADA compliant• Replace basketball and tennis courts as necessary• New picnic shelter with 2 tables and outlet• Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, etc.)• Replace backstop and players benches• Wayfinding signs• Security light and adjust timing for tennis court light |
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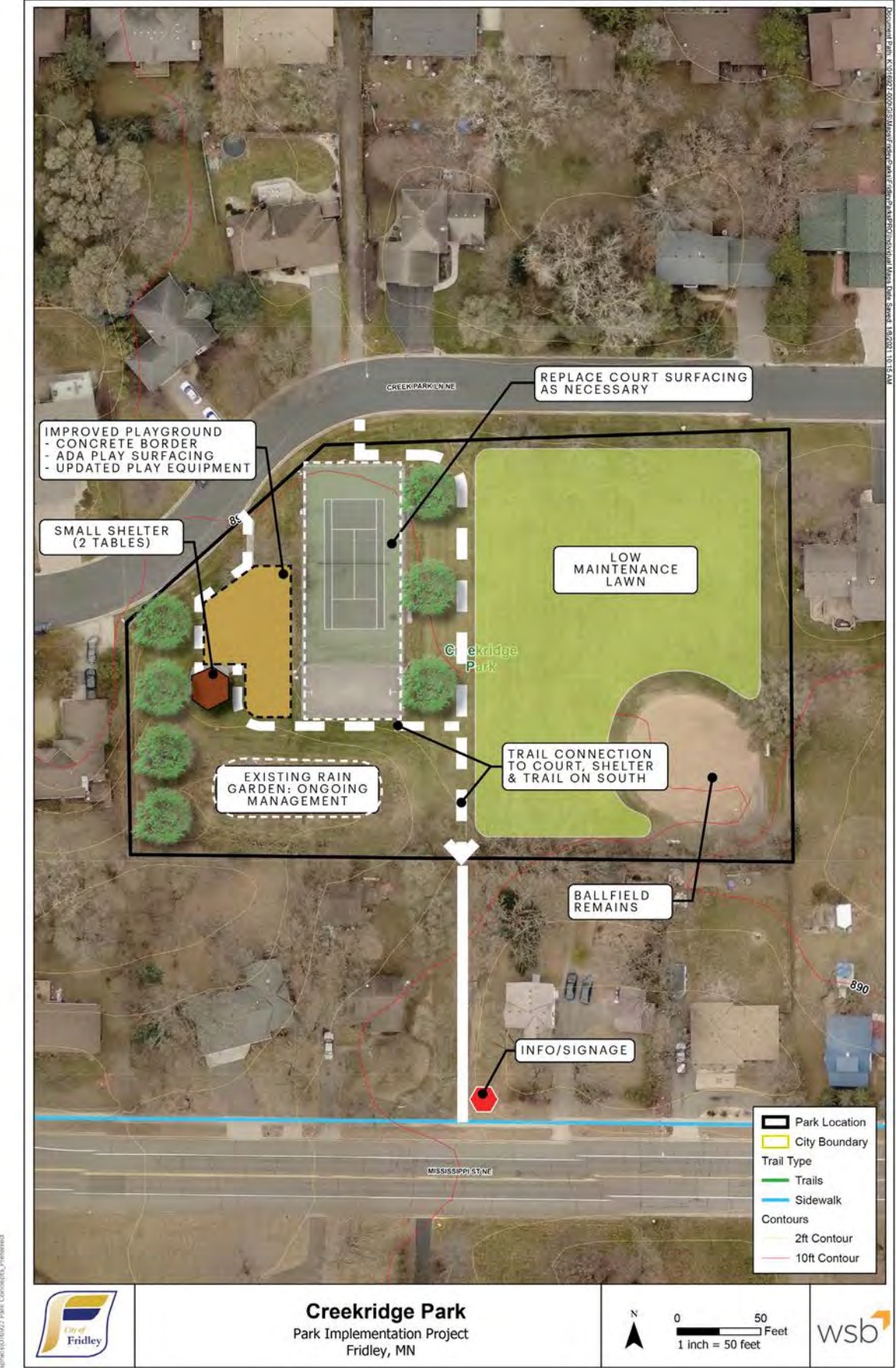
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$250,000 to \$325,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities



This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities that are currently sufficient, though it services multiple neighborhoods, including underserved populations, and is ranked medium.



Creekview Park

6801 ANOKA STREET

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.8-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 603
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Mini park that services neighborhood #15 containing underserved populations. It is located along the scenic Rice Creek West Regional Trail corridor but only have foot paths down steep slopes to access the trail. It has a hidden location and contains a small parking lot with parking conflicts, a basketball court and playground. The site is very sandy and there are areas of erosion taking place.



**EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:**



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications to incorporate new amenities, replace existing amenities and create an improved access to the Rice Creek West Regional Trail.

Recommendations include:

- Replace playground equipment with potential more unique pieces for a broader range of challenge levels
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Added internal concrete loop walks
 - Work with Anoka County for regional trail connection
 - Replace basketball court as necessary with smaller court overlays (hopscotch, 4-square)
- Small arbor or picnic shelter with 2 tables and outlet
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, etc.)
 - Retaining seat wall
 - Stormwater runoff capture to reduce erosion and treat stormwater
 - Wayfinding signs & No Parking signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

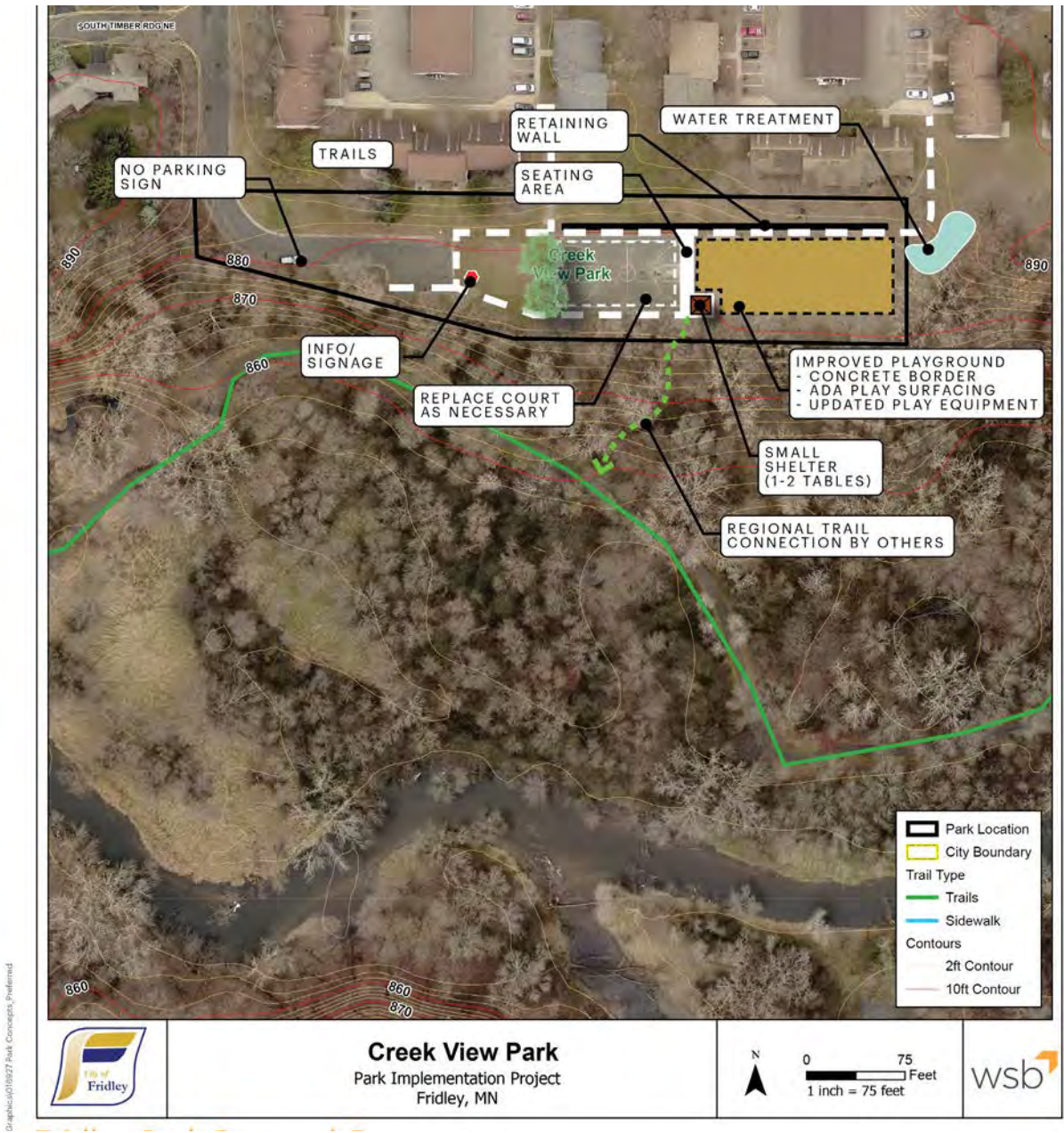
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park services an isolated neighborhood with underserved populations, and is ranked high.



Ed Wilmes Park

150 - 64 1/2 WAY NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.6-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 619
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Mini park servicing neighborhood #22 with playground, some site furnishings and nice mature trees.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications and replace existing amenities as needs dictate.

Recommendations include:

- Replace playground equipment as necessary with modified container
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - New concrete walks
 - Potentially add a half basketball court with smaller court overlays (hopscotch, 4-square)
 - Small arbor or picnic shelter with 2 tables and outlet
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, etc.)
 - Optional ornamental planting area with signage identifying park namesake
 - Potential water management area
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$218,000 to \$225,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park services an isolated neighborhood with underserved populations, and is ranked high.

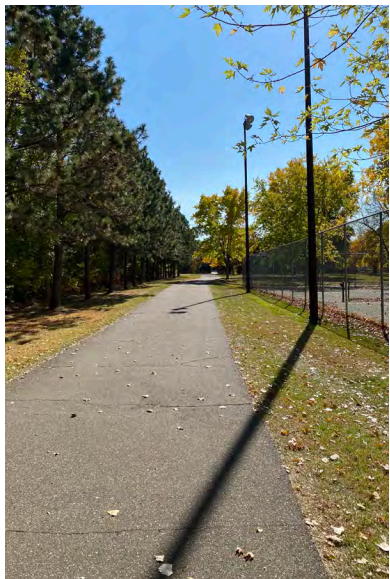


Edgewater Gardens Park

6700 ASHTON AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 4.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 749
SPECIAL USES: MISSISSIPPI RIVER REG TRAIL

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park with a very linear shape that adjoins the Mississippi River Regional Trail and services neighborhoods #23 and #16. A pedestrian bridge provides a safe connection to neighborhood #23. A cell tower and stormwater management areas are also planned in or near the park. Open lawn spaces are shared with the adjacent church.



**EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:**



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include confirming an updated site layout with the neighborhood for an improved experience meeting a broad range of user groups and making use of the regional trail connection.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements with optional ornamental garden
 - Convert turf to low-grow and/or bee-friendly mixture for open lawn spaces
 - New expanded playground meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups with ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber) and rubber surfacing or tiles at primary access points and high-wear areas
 - Concrete playground border
 - Relocated single tennis court (optional pickleball overlay)
 - Relocated larger basketball court
 - Exercise stations
- Picnic shelter with 4-6 tables (permanent restrooms optional)
 - Four parallel parking stalls to allow for safety and accessibility due to larger service area
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Trailhead amenities (bike fix-it station, drinking fountain, kiosk, etc.)
 - Expanded walks / trails for improved accessibility and loop route
 - Optional community gardens with arbor seating and storage shed
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$550,000 to \$773,000 for base preferred improvements and an additional \$512,000 to \$718,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Assumes general budget for optional restroom utilities

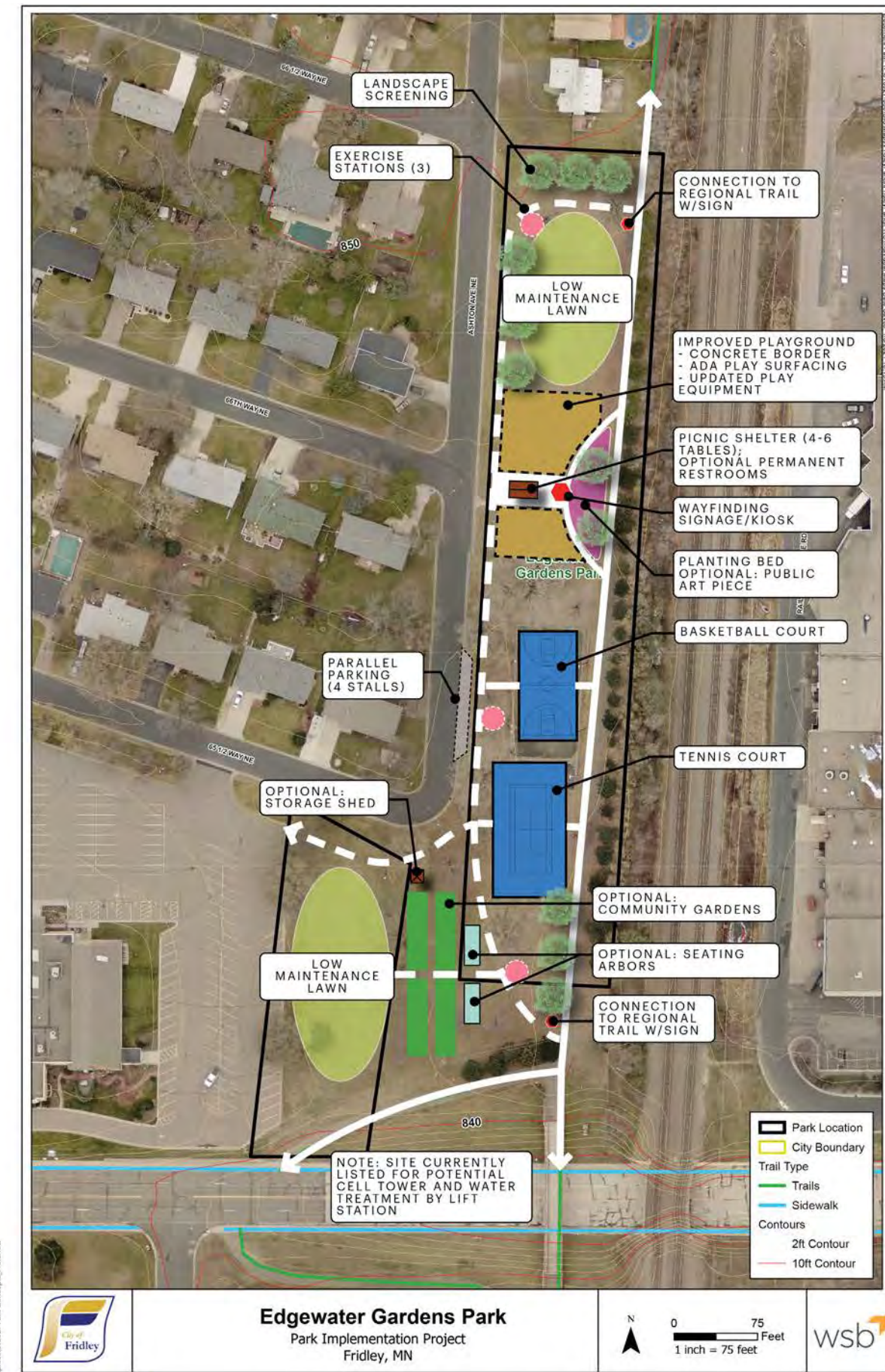
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities for multiple neighborhood service areas, and is ranked high.



Farr Lake Park

1510 NORTH INNSBRUCK DRIVE

PARK TYPE: OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AREA
SIZE: 6.6-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: STORMWATER STORAGE

DESCRIPTION:
Natural open space area within neighborhood #34 with a stormwater storage pond surrounded by natural surfaced trails. Portions of the trail corridor are privately owned by the townhome association. There is a portion of a paved trail for access from the north at Innsbruck Drive which is very steep and leads to a small lawn space along the pond with an old swinging bench.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include natural resource management and some general improvements for passive use recreation.

Recommendations include:

- Natural resource management
- Open up a few select views / thin vegetation within the park for improved feeling of safety
- Trail improvements (stabilized aggregate trail recommended)
- Potential trail easement acquisition for privately owned trail portions
- Couple of benches for seating and viewing
- Wayfinding signs / maps
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$100,000 to \$126,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include easement or acquisition costs

PRIORITY LEVEL:



This neighborhood park would not be able to meet accessibility requirements for developed recreation and is focused on stormwater management, and is ranked low.



Flanery Park

1505 ONONDAGA STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 7.9-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 1777
SPECIAL USES: HOCKEY RINK

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park with nice character, mature trees and a broad range of recreation amenities. Services neighborhood #8 with additional service areas of #7 and #9 with improved connections. Currently it has on-street parking, double tennis courts (poor orientation), half basketball court, two ballfields, park building with restrooms, hockey rink and pleasure skating area. Open access to skating area invites improper vehicular use of this space.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include confirming an updated site layout with the neighborhood for an improved experience meeting a broad range of user groups.

Recommendations include:

- Removal of hockey rink (rink to remain at Madsen to service community)
 - Off-street parking lot with curb and gutter for improved safety and accessibility due to larger service area (this will also help deter existing vehicular uses)
 - Landscape enhancements
 - Open lawn with low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture
 - New expanded playground meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups with ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber) and rubber surfacing or tiles at primary access points and high-wear areas
- Concrete playground border
 - Optional: Realign double tennis courts for N-S orientaiton
 - Full size basketball court
 - Park building improvements
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Expanded walks / trails for improved accessibility and internal loop route
 - Challenge or fitness area
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$765,000 to \$1.1 million.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Assumes general budget for building improvements

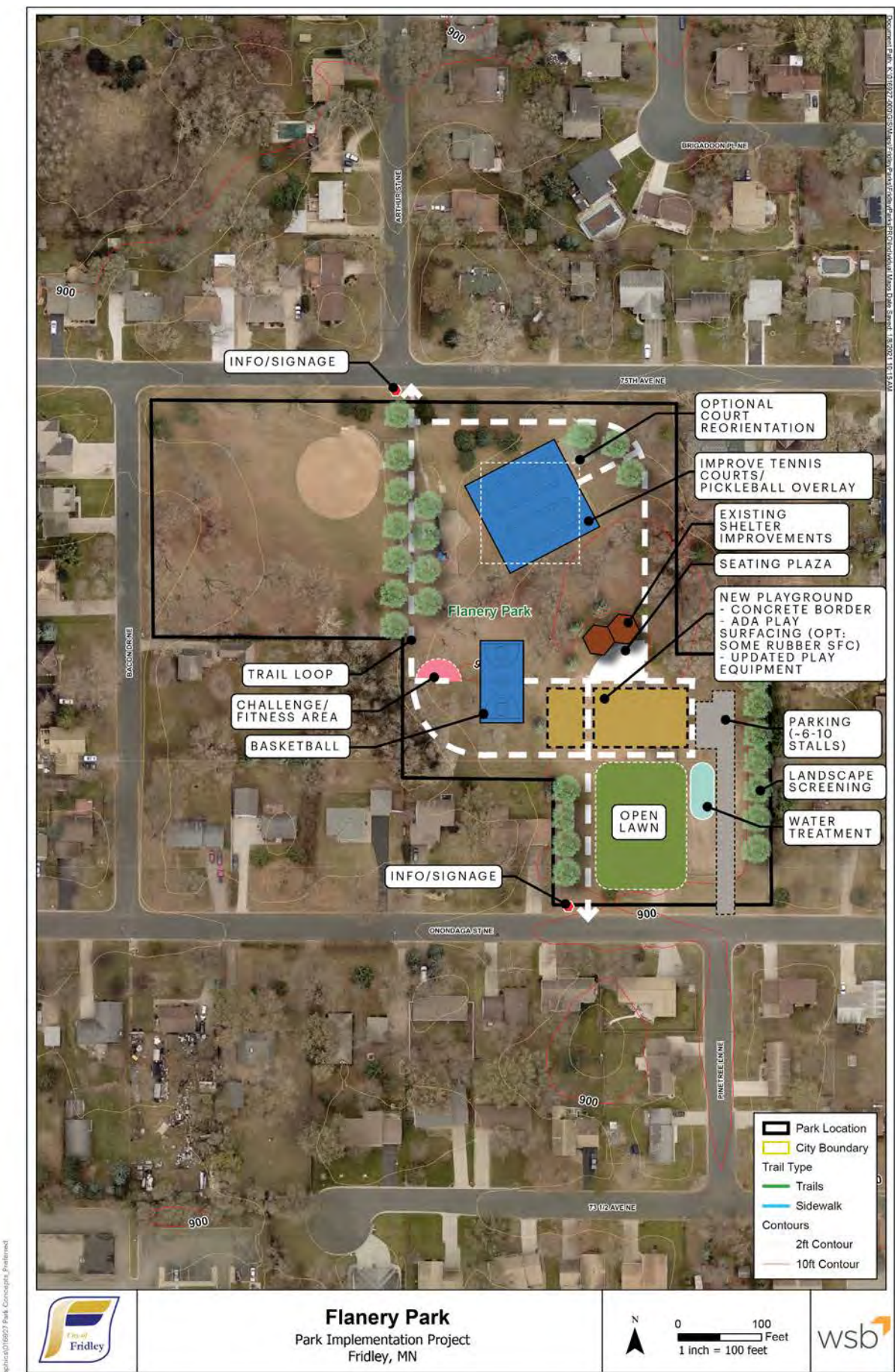
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities for multiple neighborhood service areas, and is ranked medium (Madsen is to be higher priority).



Glencoe Park (Glennbrook)

661 GLENCOE STREET NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 714 (SHARED WITH SPRINGBROOK)
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
This mini park services neighborhood #2 in conjunction with Springbrook Park, with complementary amenities. These neighborhoods are also within the service area for Riverview Heights and Craig Park. Glencoe has a full size basketball court, is fairly hidden, and in close proximity to the Mississippi River, which is a natural draw.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include replacement of the existing amenities as needed with expansion of amenities geared more for teens to adults to remain more complementary to Springbrook Park which has a stronger focus on youth.

Recommendations include:

- Replace basketball court when necessary
- New walk connections for improved accessibility
- Challenge or fitness piece
- Seating plaza
- Landscape enhancements
- Wayfinding signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$82,000 to \$103,0000

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)

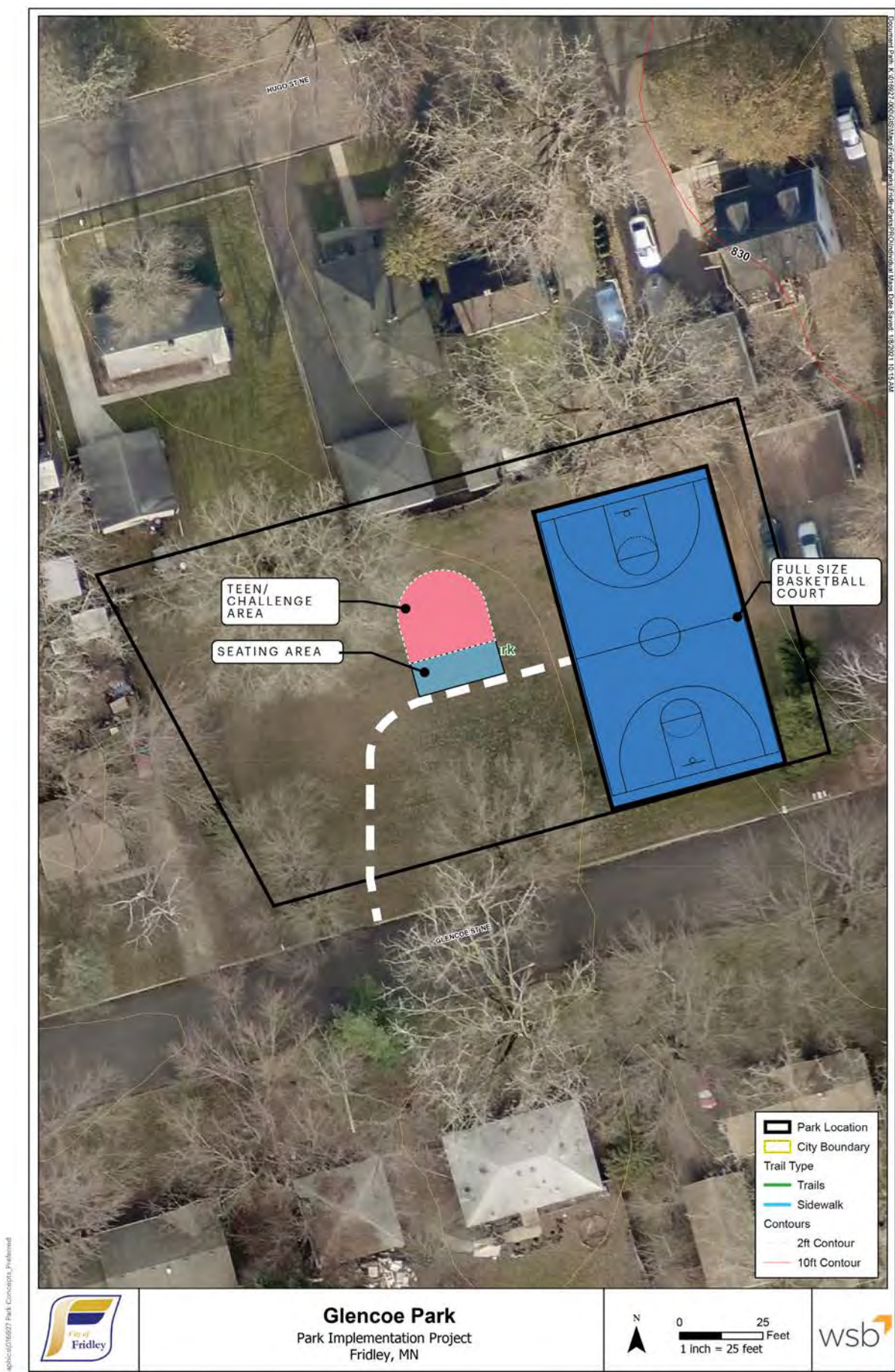
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park offers a recreational amenities for specific ages and demographics, and is ranked medium.



Hackmann Circle Park

1071 HACKMANN CIRCLE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 4.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 385
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park that services neighborhoods #32 and #33 with some possibility of neighborhood #29 that is currently lacking a park. All of these neighborhoods are also supported by Moore Lake Park. Hackmann Circle has a playground and full size (undersized) basketball court up right on the northern property lines with a large open green space.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General redevelopment with some minor layout modifications to incorporate new amenities and replace existing amenities for an improved recreational experience.

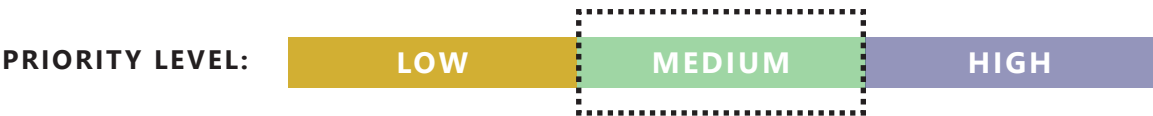
Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements and screening
 - Open lawn with low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture
 - New playground (moved further away from property line) meeting varying age groups
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
- Relocated full size basketball court
 - Picnic shelter with 2 tables
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Walk connections
 - Optional water treatment area
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$270,000 to \$340,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities



This neighborhood park has limited opportunities for added types of recreation but it services multiple neighborhood service areas, and is ranked medium.



Harris Lake Park

1620 MISSISSIPPI STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 1.7-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 321
SPECIAL USES: STORMWATER STORAGE; WATER FRONTAGE

DESCRIPTION:
This neighborhood park services neighborhood #26 and is situated on Harris Lake with very scenic views. Its location along Mississippi Street, which is a busy route, is currently not conducive to pedestrian connectivity to the park. It has a playground, shelter and picnic areas overlooking the lake.



EXISTING PARK FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications to incorporate new amenities and replace existing amenities for an improved recreational experience with strengthened connection to Harris Lake and improved pedestrian access. There are existing plans to modify Mississippi Street with a pedestrian route along the south side of the street that will help improve overall access to the park.

Recommendations include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landscape enhancements and screening• Open lawn with low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture• New playground meeting varying age groups• ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)• Concrete playground border• Picnic shelter with 2 tables• Small parking area for improved access and safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)• Trail amenities (bike rack, kiosk)• Walk and trail connections to create an internal loop• Lake seating areas• Dock on lake• Potential water treatment area• Security light |
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The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$314,000 to \$425,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

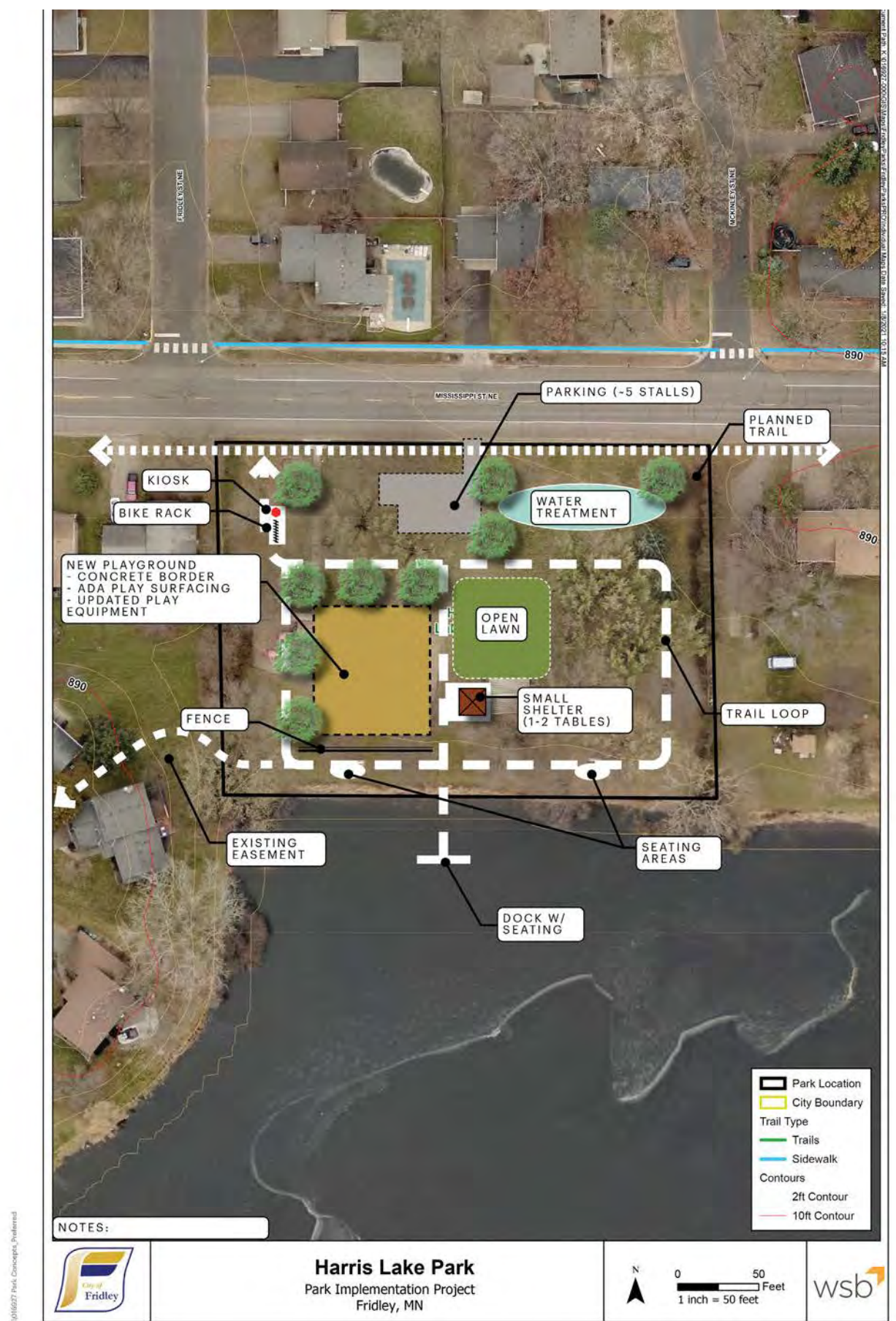
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This neighborhood park has limited opportunities for added types of recreation and services a small population / service area, and is ranked low.

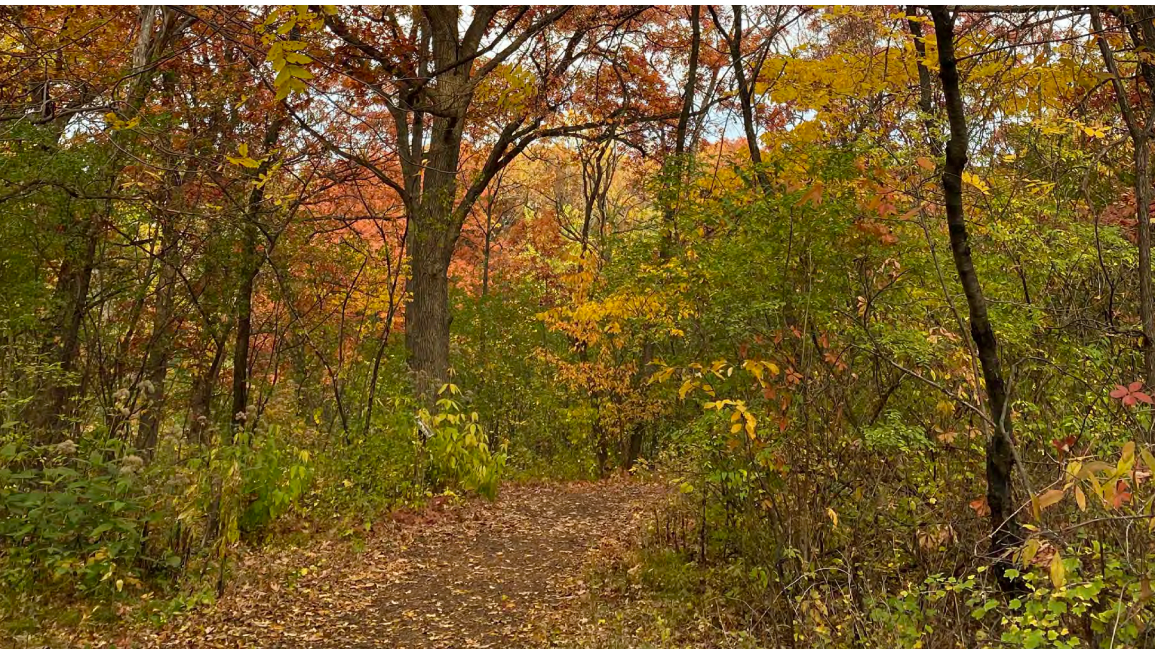


Innsbruck Nature Center

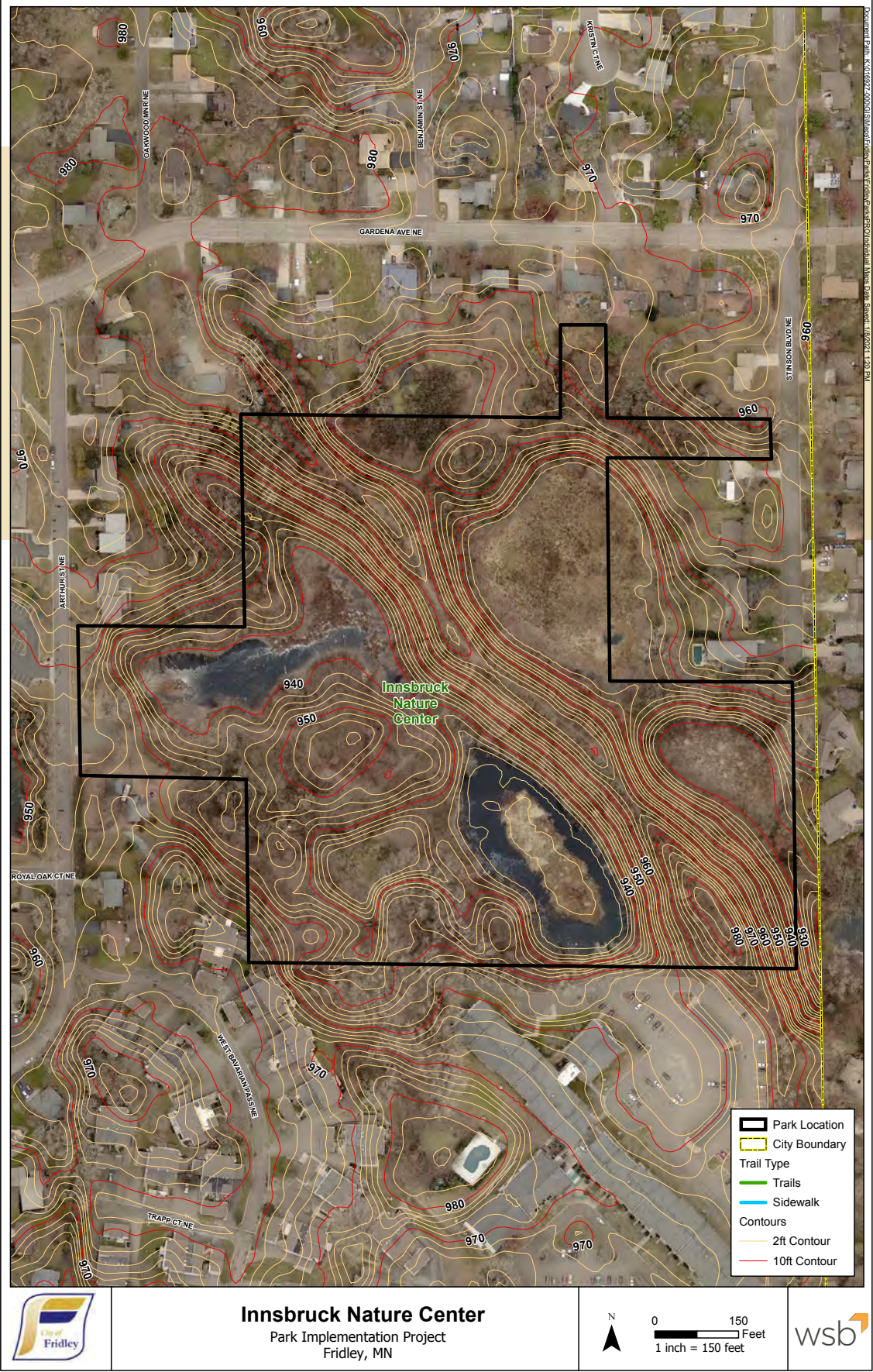
5815 ARTHUR STREET NE

PARK TYPE: OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AREA
SIZE: 24-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: STORMWATER STORAGE / NATURAL RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION:
This natural resource based conservation park contains a mixture of ecological areas from wetlands to woodlands. It is located in neighborhood #34 though is considered to serve the broader community. The site contains natural surfaced trails and older interpretive / educational signs. There is a small parking area and bike racks off of Arthur Street and several neighborhood trail access points.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include ongoing natural resource management for improved resiliency and habitat. General improvements to focus on infrastructure to support appropriate site use and programming opportunities for passive use recreation. There may be opportunities to expand upon the park land and trail system through acquisition of an uninhabited lot by the park entrance and an additional trail connection to Gardena Avenue, as feasible.

Recommendations include:

- Natural resource management with a focus on improved water quality and natural systems with reduced invasive species
 - Enhance entrance by parking lot with improved signage and amenities
 - Improve trail surfacing with aggregate and stabilization where needed with admixture
 - Drinking fountain with pet bowl
 - Dog waste stations
 - New interpretive and wayfinding signage throughout the park
- Seating and viewing areas (consider overlook shelter at west pond near parking lot)
 - Optional trail expansion to Gardena Ave (dependent on site conditions)
 - Optional land acquisition for small nature center building for programming and restrooms
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$300,000 to \$385,000 for base preferred improvements and an additional \$200,000 to \$290,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities
- Does not include land acquisition costs

PRIORITY LEVEL:



This park is focused on passive use recreation and and is ranked low.



Jay Park

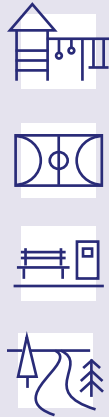
6540 - 2ND STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 1.8-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 228
SPECIAL USES: LARGE RAIN GARDEN

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park with a nice character and services neighborhood #17, which is a smaller neighborhood. Includes a playground, very small half basketball court, a large rain garden and some open lawn with trail connections to opposing streets.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements and screening
 - Open lawn with low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture
 - Enhanced rain garden (function and aesthetics)
 - New playground meeting varying age groups
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Picnic shelter with 2 tables
 - Improve basketball half court with option to expand on size
 - Walk connections to court
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$160,000 to \$180,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities



This park services an isolated service area, and is ranked medium.



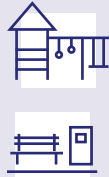
Jubilee Park

5334 - 5TH STREET NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 486+253
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
This park services neighborhoods #36 and #37 in conjunction with Oak Hill Park, which has redundant types of recreation. It has more of an alley on one side with a chain link fence that detracts from the overall character and contains a playground with a bench, a walk connection and a picnic table.

EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment of the site with a focus on providing complementary types of recreation from Oak Hill for expanded recreation opportunities within these neighborhoods to meet broader needs and demographics.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
- Basketball half court with striping overlay for hopscotch and 4-square (consider keeping height at 8 feet to deter adult use)
- Unique shelter or shade structure with seating beneath it
- Unique or challenge equipment that feels more artistic
- Public art / gateway features
- Trail / walk connections
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$207,000 to \$260,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

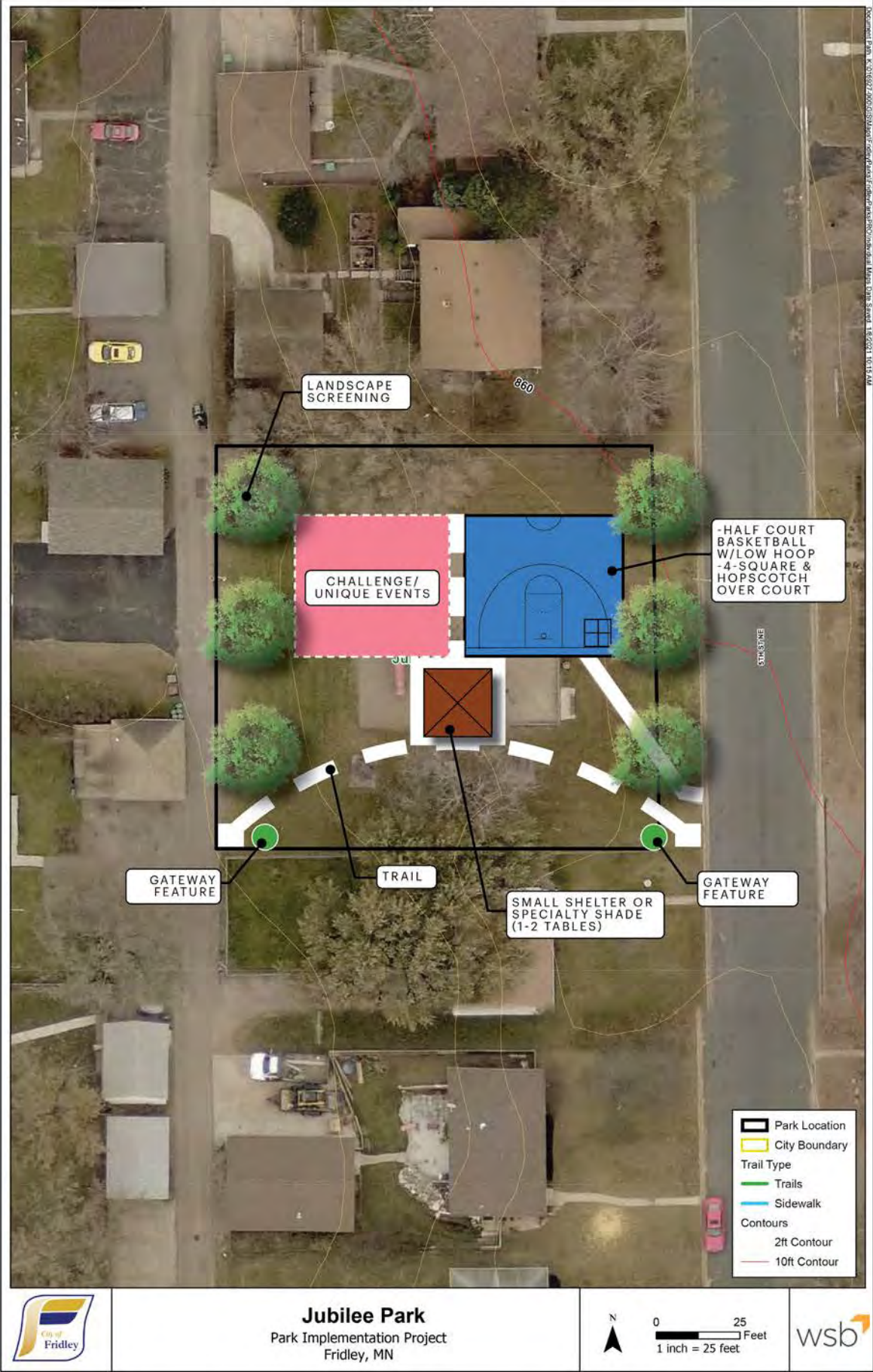
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park, in conjunction with Oak Hill, helps to serve multiple neighborhoods that contain underserved populations, and is ranked high.



Locke Civic Campus Playground

LOCKE PARKWAY NE

PARK TYPE: PLAYGROUND
SIZE: 1.3-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED:
SPECIAL USES: NONE

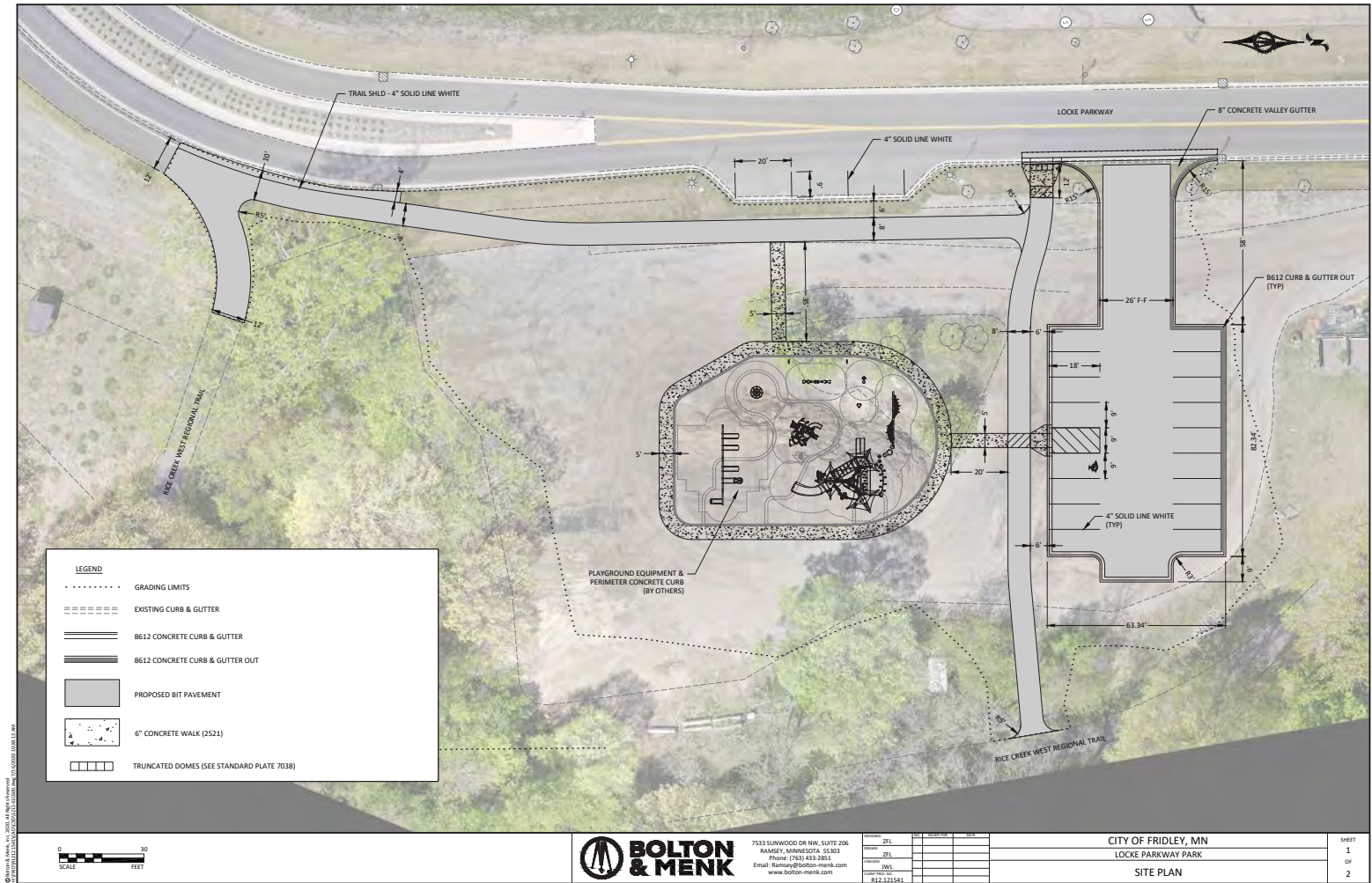
DESCRIPTION:
Playground with trails and a small parking area within the Locke County Park developed through a joint partnership between the City and County. The location is an extension of the new Fridley Civic Campus plaza east of City Hall and no further improvements are recommended.



**EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:**







Locke Lake Park

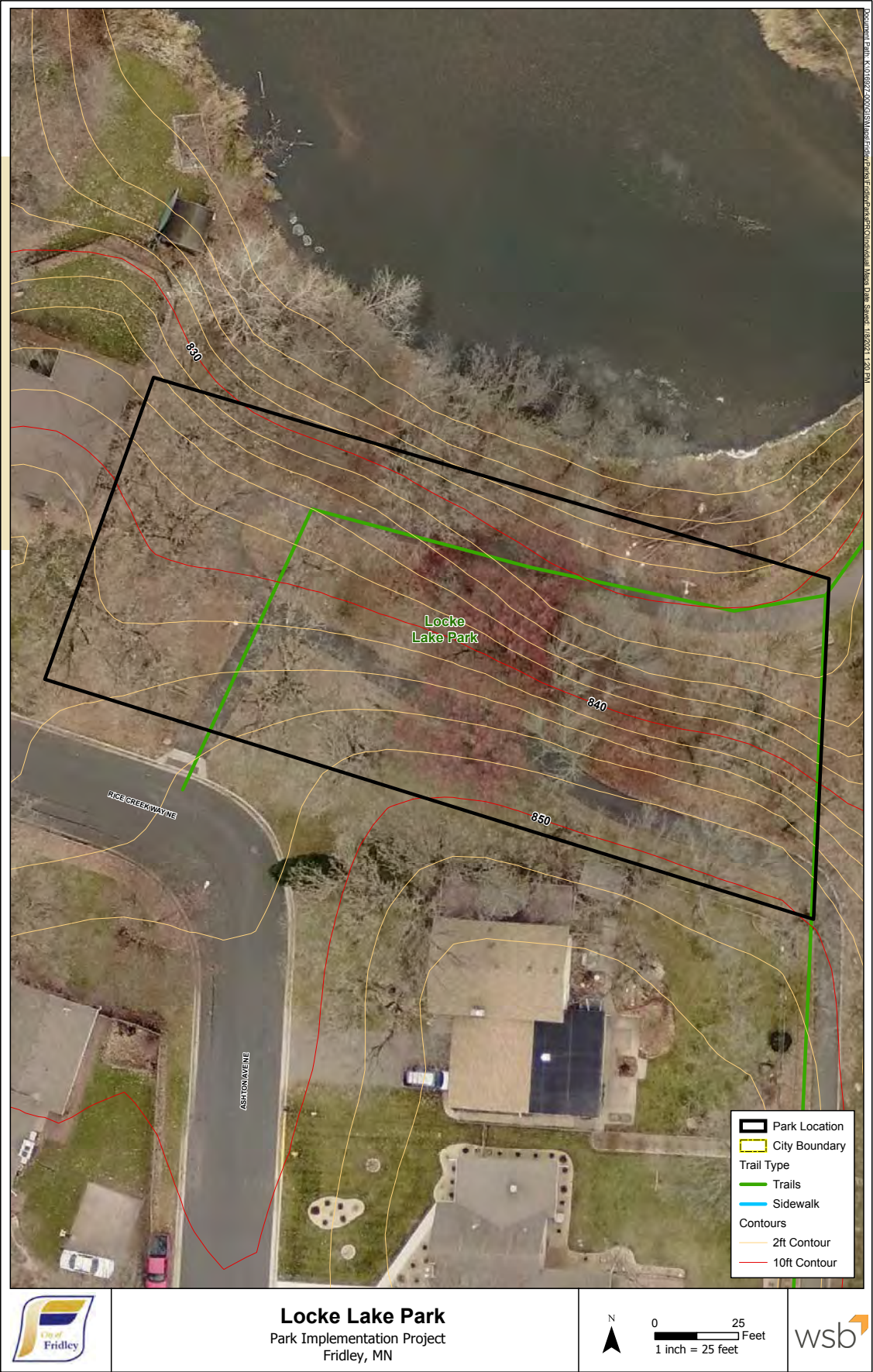
RICE CREEK WAY NE & ASHTON AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AREA
SIZE: 2.0-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: WATERFRONT ACCESS / MISSISSIPPI RIVER REG TRAIL
AND RICE CREEK WEST REG TRAIL

DESCRIPTION:
Open space location with access to the eastern section of Locke Lake where the Mississippi River Regional Trail meets the Rice Creek West Regional Trail. The site is heavily wooded with a small boarding dock.



EXISTING
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FEATURES:

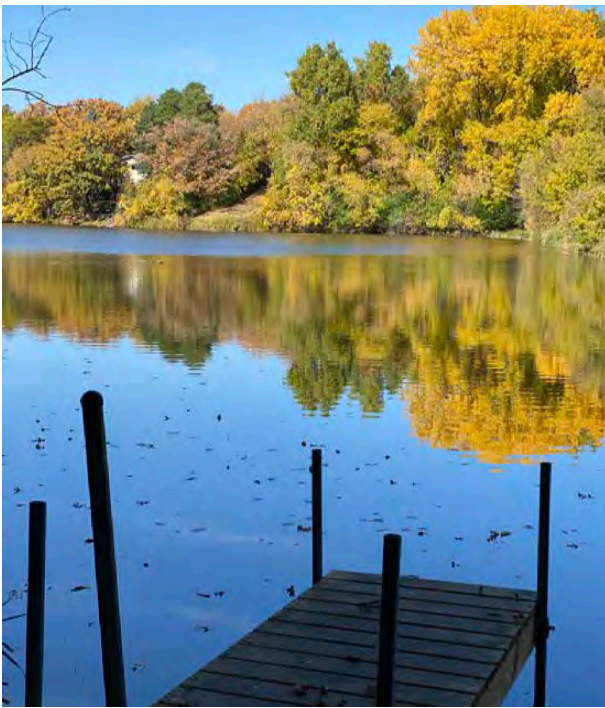


RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include potential trail redevelopment for less steep grades to improve safety and accessibility with a continued focus of lake access. The site is primarily used as a location for exiting the water with Locke Dam being the primary load-in location.

Recommendations include:

- Natural resource management
- Realigned trails
- Wayfinding signs and kiosk with map
- Security light



The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$245,000 to \$345,000 which will be dependent on the extent of earthwork, removals and potential retaining walls necessary.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities
- Extent of retaining wall is currently unknown

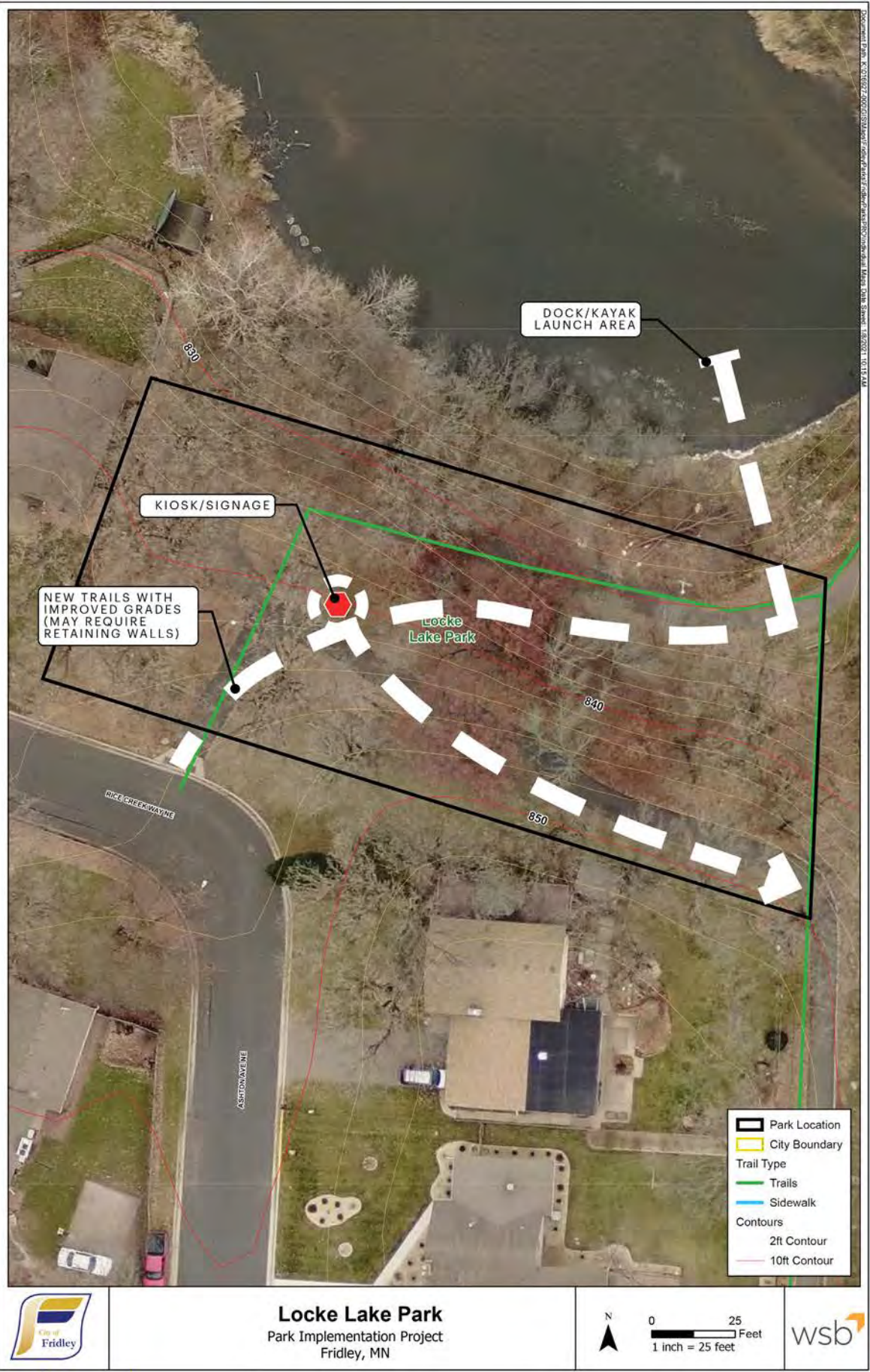
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

Due to many unknowns of the feasibility of the improvements, this site is ranked low.



Logan Park

155 LOGAN PARKWAY NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 2.0-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 287
SPECIAL USES: WINTER SKATING

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park servicing neighborhood #10 with potential to also service neighborhood #11 and Area A as noted on the Service Area Analysis Map with improved connections. The park contains a ballfield with poor orientation for play, a single tennis court and half basketball court that are both in poor condition, an older picnic shelter, and playground. An area of mature trees is located on the northern section of the site.



**EXISTING
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FEATURES:**

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RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications to incorporate new amenities and replace existing amenities for an improved recreational experience.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - Low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture
 - New playground meeting varying age groups with new container
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Walk and trail connections with optional internal loop
 - Picnic shelter with 2 tables
 - Ballfield improvements
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Reconstructed tennis court
 - Reconstructed half court moved further south to allow for slight playground expansion
 - Park sign on Pearson Way
 - Wayfinding signs (to Riverview Heights)
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$370,000 to \$520,000 for base preferred improvements and an additional \$65,000 to \$90,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This neighborhood park has opportunities to service numerous neighborhood areas with improved connectivity, and is ranked high.



Madsen Park

725 - 73RD AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 6.2-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 2578
SPECIAL USES: HOCKEY RINK / SPECIALTY BASKETBALL COURT

DESCRIPTION:
One of the larger neighborhood parks in a highly visible location along the frontage road to 73rd Ave that services neighborhood #5 and potential to better service neighborhoods #6, #7 and #9 with improved pedestrian connectivity. The park has a broad range of amenities that includes an off-street parking lot, hockey rink, pleasure rink, single tennis court, specialty basketball court, playground and open lawn that was once a ballfield. The site has areas with drainage issues.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:

- Icon of a house with a chimney (Playground)
- Icon of a tennis court (Tennis Court)
- Icon of a basketball hoop (Basketball Court)
- Icon of a hockey stick and puck (Hockey Rink)
- Icon of a person ice skating (Ice Skating)



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment of the site with a focus on expanding on the recreation to accommodate the large service area and to improve the recreational experience for a broader range of users.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements to include an edible orchard
 - Multi-use lawn field space
 - Improved parking lot, potentially moved with expanded capacity
 - New playground meeting varying age groups with unique elements and connected seating plaza with shade structures
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber) with rubber surfacing or tiles in high wear areas
 - Concrete playground border
 - New park trails with internal loops and improved connection to external trails with crosswalks
- Exercise or challenge pieces along trails
 - Park pavilion building with wifi, restrooms, open air picnic area, and potentially an internal meeting room
 - Paved hockey rink for multi-season use including basketball overlay
 - Ballfield improvements
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Reconstructed tennis court
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Stormwater improvements
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$2.1 to \$3 million.

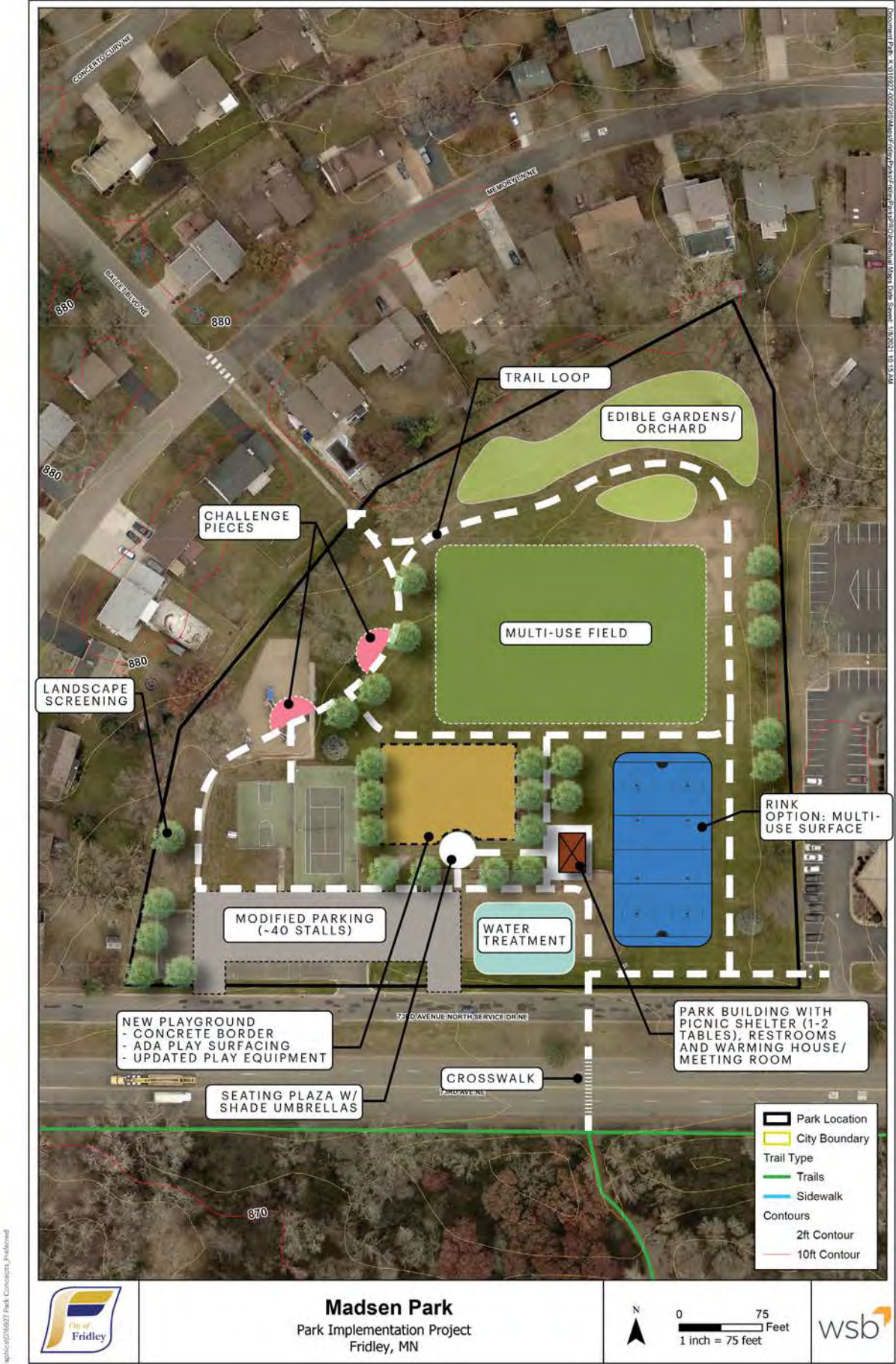
Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Extent of stormwater improvements currently unknown

PRIORITY LEVEL:



This neighborhood park has a broad range of amenities and services numerous neighborhood areas, and is ranked high.



Meadowlands Park

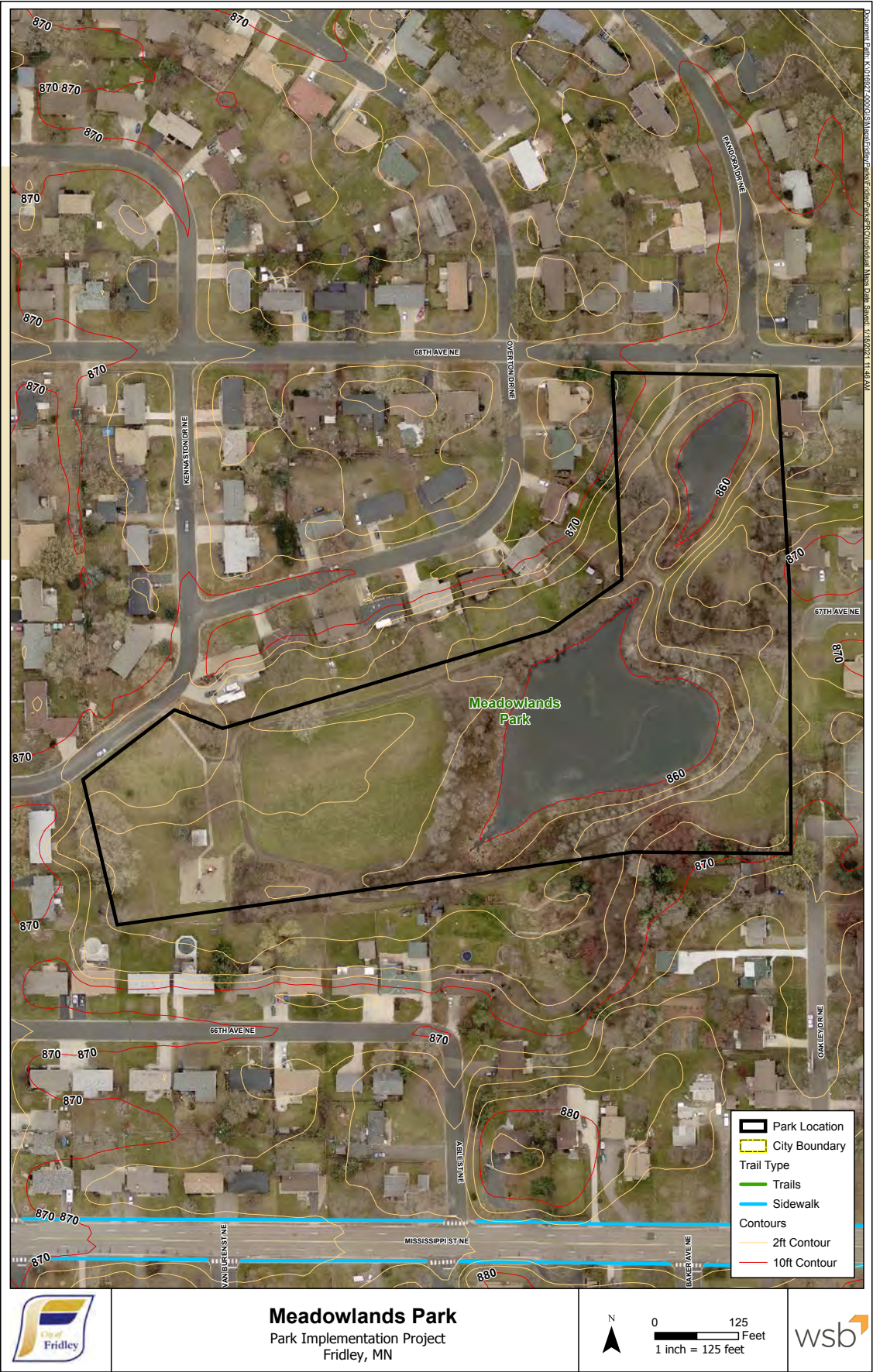
6641 KENNASTON DRIVE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 9.9-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 938
SPECIAL USES: STORMWATER STORAGE / CROSS-COUNTRY SKI

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park that encompasses a stormwater storage pond that contribes to a pleasing character. The park services neighborhood #19 and has a large open lawn, playground and older picnic shelter with trails that connect to the neighborhood and are also used for cross-country skiing.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications to incorporate new amenities and replace existing amenities for an improved recreational experience for a broader range of users.

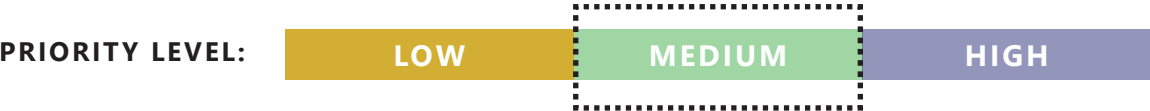
Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - Improved / expanded trail system with a mixture of bituminous trails in the primary developed areas and stabilized aggregate around pond
 - Exercise or challenge pieces along the trails
 - Low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture for open lawn
 - New playground meeting varying age groups with new container
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
 - Half or full basketball court
 - Picnic shelter with 2 tables
 - Small parking lot for improved accessibility and safety
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Stormwater pond improvements
 - Potential dock on pond
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$640,000 to \$900,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities



This neighborhood park has a broad range of amenities for a larger neighborhood service area, and is currently ranked medium.



Oak Hill Park

5391 - 7TH STREET NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.5-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 253 + 486
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Mini park with a playground and picnic areas set on a hill of mature oak trees and servicing neighborhoods #37 and #36 in conjunction with Jubilee Park, which currently has redundant amenities. Due to the traffic on 7th Street, there is a chainlink fence along the park boundary.



**EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:**



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include redevelopment with some minor layout modifications for an improved recreational experience to be complementary to Jubilee Park.

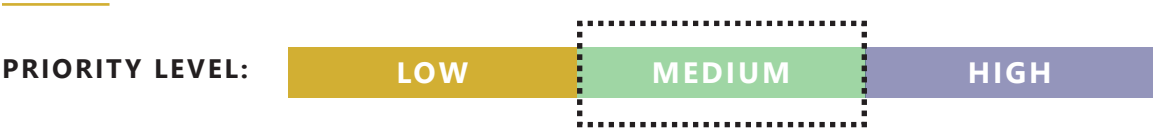
Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements, potentially naturalize groundcover among the oaks
 - New playground equipment potentially with a natural theme to blend with surroundings
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - New realigned concrete walks to potentially remove retaining wall and to meet ADA guidelines (match up to proposed crosswalk locations)
- New seating and picnic areas
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - New ornamental or black vinyl clad chain link fencing
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

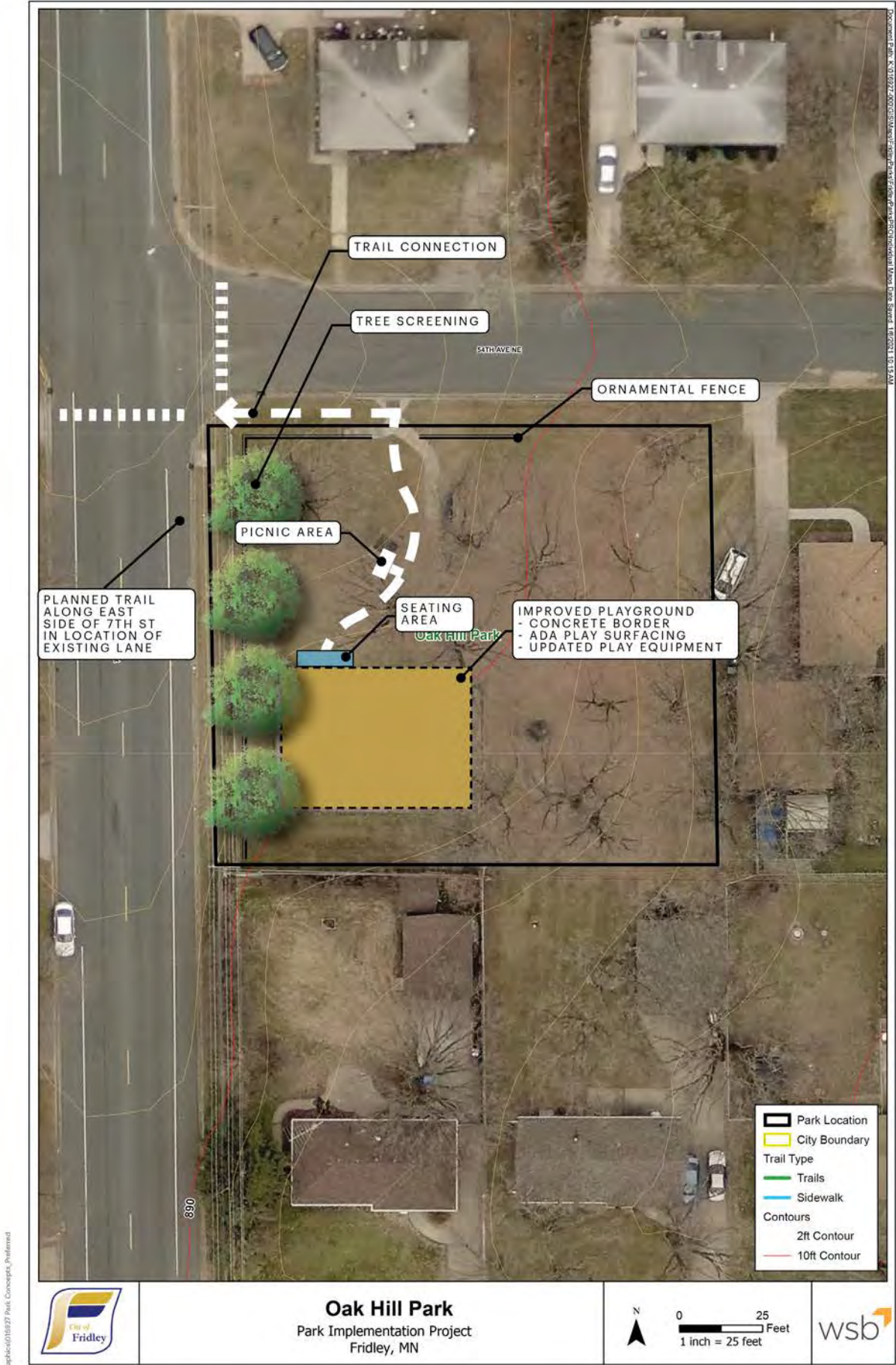
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$130,000 to \$165,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities



This park, in conjunction with Jubilee, helps to serve multiple neighborhoods that contain underserved populations and is ranked medium with Jubilee being a higher priority in order to provide new recreation for broader user groups.



Plaza Park

170 - 69TH AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 3.0-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 144
SPECIAL USES: RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL

DESCRIPTION:
Though designated as a neighborhood park, the actual park development is more consistent with a mini park with approximately 0.5 acres containing a playground and basketball half court with the remainder containing mature oaks. The park helps to service neighborhood #13 in conjunction with the adjoining Community Park and sits along the Rice Creek West Regional trail, though the park has chain link fence primarily prohibiting access from the trail to the park.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include replacement of existing amenities as needed with some minor layout modifications for an improved recreational experience and to provide broader amenities in conjunction with Community Park, while making use of its location along a regional trail corridor.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements, natural resource management for oaks
 - New playground equipment primarily focused on younger age groups
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - New walks to enhance access between neighborhood and the regional trail
- New seating and picnic areas
 - Improve basketball half court and connect with trail
 - New ornamental or black vinyl clad chain link fencing along playground and basketball court only, the remainder of the fence to be removed
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$145,000 to \$180,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides limited recreational value in comparison to amenities at Community Park and is ranked low.



Plymouth Square Park

4801 MAIN STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 1.1-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 543
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
This small neighborhood park services neighborhood #40 in the southernmost portion of Fridley with a playground and full basketball court. There is a large open lawn that once had a ballfield and only the players benches remain with a chain link fence around the majority of the park. The park feels very old and outdated.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes full redevelopment with a new layout to make the most of the park land available with a broader range of amenities for an improved recreational experience.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - New playground equipment meeting a broader range of ages in a new location
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Basketball half court (confirm option of full or half court with neighborhood)
 - Single tennis court (if only a half basketball court is installed)
- Picnic shelter with 2 tables and outlet on a central plaza
 - Open lawn
 - Trail connections
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - New ornamental or black vinyl clad chain link fencing where necessary
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$345,000 to \$445,000.

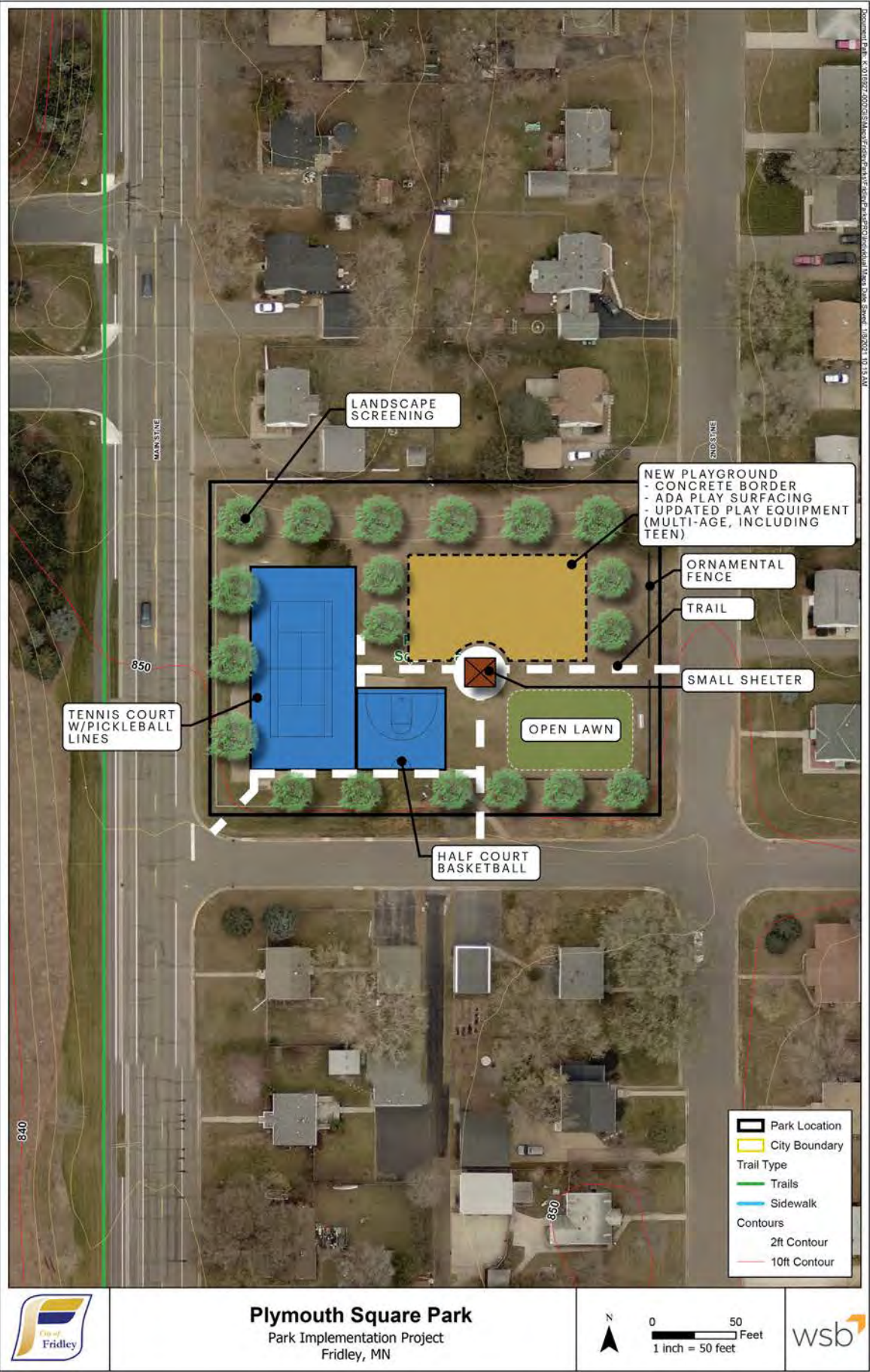
Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:



This park would provide a broader range of recreation for the neighborhood service area and is ranked medium.



Ray Thompson Little League

5875 JEFFERSON STREET NE

PARK TYPE: SPECIAL USE
SIZE: 3.5-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: LITTLE LEAGUE ATHLETIC FIELDS

DESCRIPTION:
This special use site is dedicated to three Little League fields located adjacent to the Fridley High School, tucked among residential homes. The fields are very crowded and are adjoining the vehicular drives and parking areas, which are inadequate for the number of fields provided. There is a concessions stand with restrooms along the middle field and no proper accessibility.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

As a highly programmed site, general recommendations include coordination with the baseball association and school district for any modifications or improvements to meet current needs and improve accessibility. While a primary recommendation would include full redevelopment with adequate parking, accessibility and field buffer space, this could likely only be accomplished with additional land acquisition.

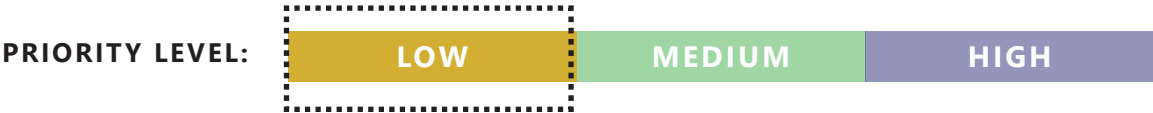
Short term recommendations include:

- Add small playground with trail access geared towards younger kids to include ADA compliant surfacing and concrete border

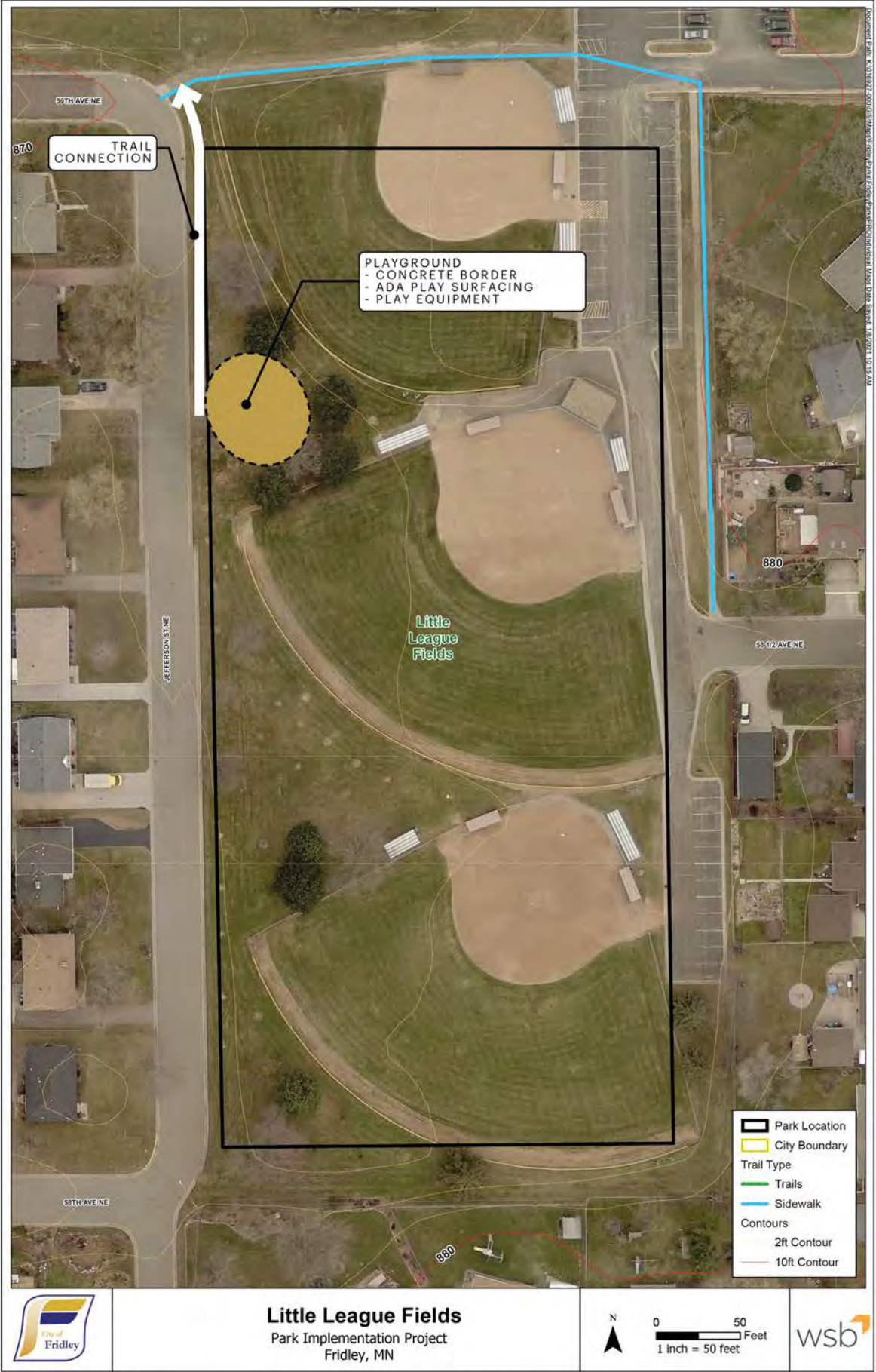
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range are estimated at \$102,000.

Additional recommendations and requests not included in the estimate include:

- Improvements to ballfield fencing, field improvements and dugouts
- Canopy over concessions stand
- Light one field (this would have to be determined in the event it may cause conflicts with the neighborhood)
- Wireless scoreboards
- Redo mounds on fields #1 and #2



The improvements are ranked as low.



River Edge Way

154 RIVER EDGE WAY

PARK TYPE: OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AREA

SIZE: 1.3-ACRES

RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A

SPECIAL USES: RIVER ACCESS

DESCRIPTION:

This open space lot sits along the Mississippi River with no delineated easement or trail access from the neighborhood, though many residents will access the site from the north at Riverview Terrace.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the current lack of access to the site, no recommendations are made.

EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



Riverview Heights Park

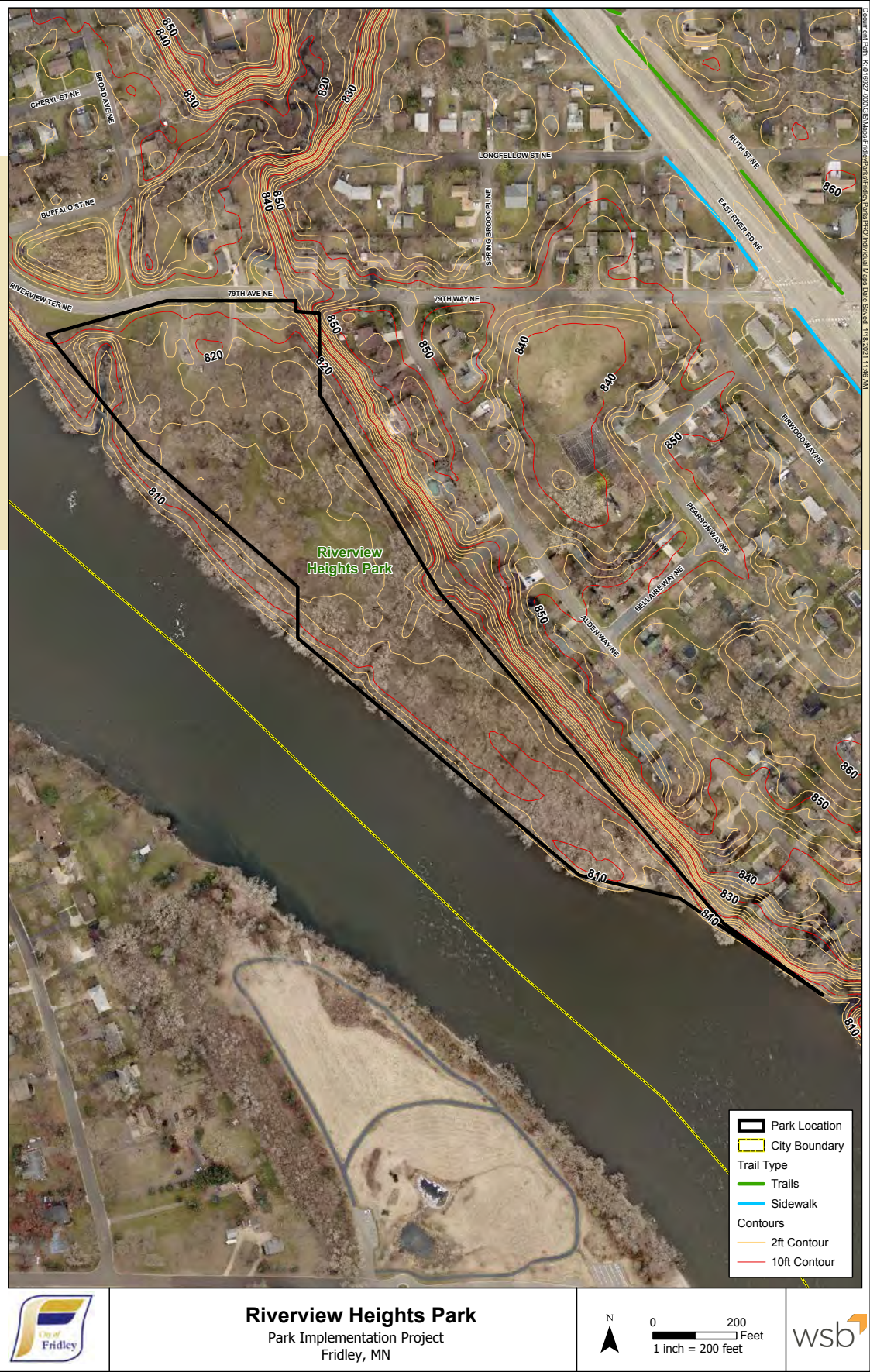
500 - 79TH WAY NE

PARK TYPE: OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AREA
SIZE: 7.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: RIVER ACCESS / MISSISSIPPI RIVER
REG TRAIL

DESCRIPTION:
This open space conservation area provides a unique opportunity to allow the community to connect with nature and the Mississippi River. It contains the Mississippi River Regional Trail and a parking area that acts as a trailhead, pedestrian access to the river, and scenic views of the river, birds and natural resources.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include ongoing natural resource management for improved resiliency and habitat. General improvements to focus on infrastructure to support appropriate site use and programming opportunities for passive use recreation and river access.

Recommendations include:

- Natural resource management
 - Bike trailhead amenities (fix-it station, drinking fountain with pet bowl, kiosk, etc.)
 - Realign and add to internal trails, ensuring a full internal loop
 - Dog waste stations
 - Waterfront access and shoreline fishing opportunities (stabilized rocks at shoreline to potential fishing platform)
 - Watercraft storage and/or paddle-share amenities
 - Seating and viewing areas
- New interpretive and wayfinding signage throughout the park
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Park picnic shelter with 4-6 table capacity and restrooms
 - Optional: consider a small internal room for rentals and programming
 - Optional: reconstruct the parking lot to account for 2-way traffic
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$900,000 to \$1.3 million for base preferred improvements and an additional \$1.1 to \$1.6 million for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

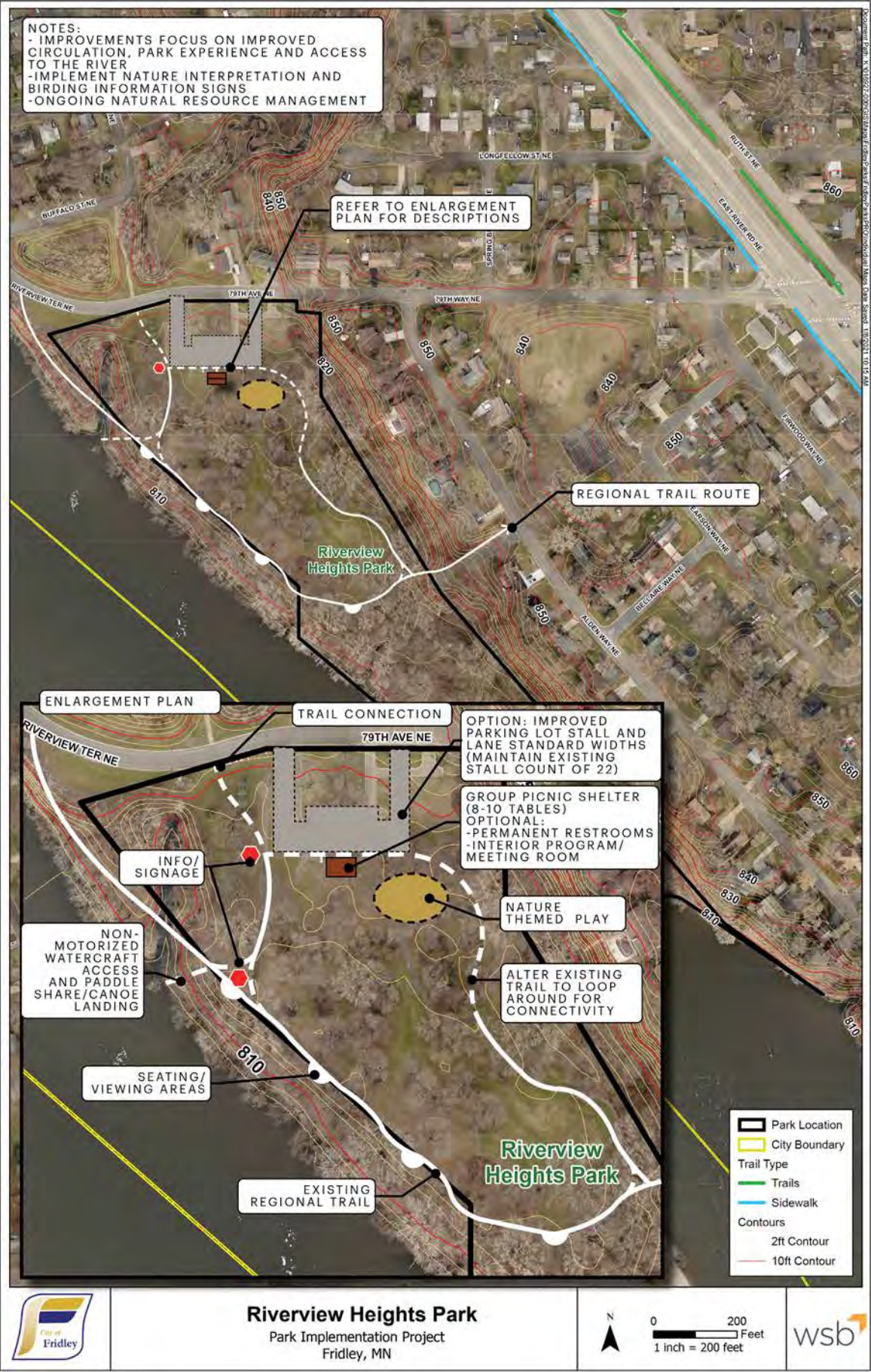
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park is focused on passive use recreation with a strong importance to providing pedestrian access to the river and the regional trail, and is ranked medium.



Ruth Circle Park

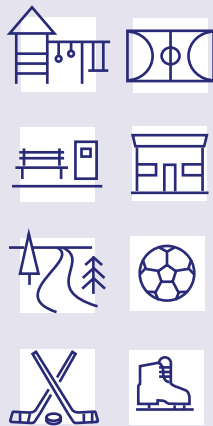
8160 ASHTON AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 3.6-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 1340
SPECIAL USES: HOCKEY RINK W/WARMING HOUSE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park servicing neighborhood #3 that includes an underserved population. The park contains a broad range of amenities including a playground, basketball court, hockey rink and pleasure skating area, warming house, and open lawn. The site has on-street parking only.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes full redevelopment with some modifications to the layout to make the most of the park land available for an improved recreational experience.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - Low-grow lawn in select locations
 - Replace playground equipment meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Improve basketball half court
 - Optional: paved rink for multi-season use (remove existing half court with this option)
 - New picnic shelter with 4-6 tables and permanent restrooms
- Optional: include an indoor room for rentals and warming house
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Loop trail system and added walk connections for improved accessibility
 - Optional: four parallel parking stalls along building for improved accessibility
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$900,000 to \$1.25 million for base preferred improvements and an additional \$275,000 to \$385,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides a broad range of recreation for a large neighborhood service area and is ranked medium.



Skyline Park

5880 - 2ND STREET NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.9-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 853
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
This mini park services neighborhood #31 with a high amount of underserved populations. It contains a popular full basketball court and playground with fencing around the perimeter and utilizes much of the park property.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes redevelopment with some modifications to the layout to make the most of the park land available for an improved recreational experience. It is recommended to potentially identify opportunities for property acquisition if land becomes available that would expand the park property. It is also important to work with the neighborhood to determine recommendations in line with their needs.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements
 - Replace playground equipment meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
 - Concrete playground border
 - Add in specialty unique challenge or fitness area
 - Drinking fountain
 - New ornamental perimeter fencing
- New picnic shelter or unique shade structure on central plaza with tables
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Reconstruct full basketball court pulled further away from the playground and include ornamental or artistic elements to backstop fencing to contain balls
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$476,000 to \$596,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

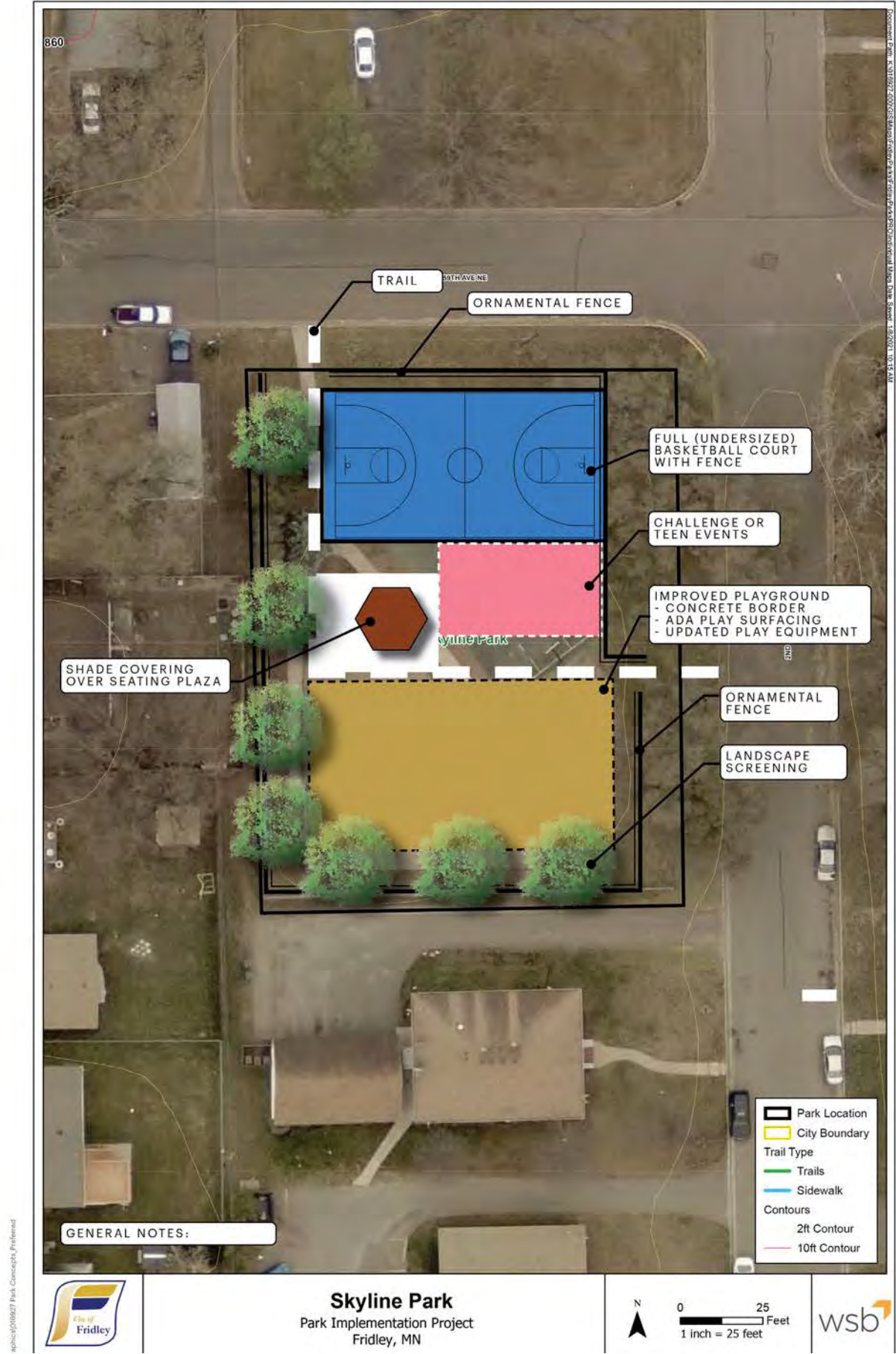
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides necessary recreation for an underserved neighborhood service area and is ranked high.



Springbrook Nature Center

800 - 85TH AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: SPECIAL USE
SIZE: 127-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: NATURE CENTER / NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREA

DESCRIPTION:
The Springbrook Nature Center contains a wide variety of natural resources with three miles of pedestrian trails through forests, prairies and across wetlands on boardwalks. The state-of-the-art nature center offers internal rooms for programming, education, and meeting space with restrooms and educational displays. There is a large group picnic shelter with internal room, a natural playground, outdoor amphitheater, and incredible natural scenery throughout the site. The site has free access with ample parking and trail connections to surrounding neighborhoods, ensuring equitable access.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:

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Springbrook Park

8155 BROAD AVENUE NE

PARK TYPE: MINI PARK
SIZE: 0.6-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 714 (SHARED WITH GLENCOE PARK)
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Mini park servicing neighborhood #2 in conjunction with Glencoe Park with a playground, adjacent seating and an open lawn.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes improvements that remain in line for complementary amenities as Glencoe Park for an improved recreational experience meeting diverse user groups.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements / screening
- Low-grow lawn turf mixture
- Replace playground equipment as needed meeting broader range of age groups
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
- Picnic shelter with two tables and outlet
- New walks and seating
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
- Wayfinding signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$200,000 to \$260,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides complementary recreation to the neighborhood service area as Glencoe and is also served by Craig and Riverview Heights parks, and is ranked medium.



Summit Square Park

5201 CAPITOL STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 1.0-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 1329
SPECIAL USES: UNDERGROUND INFILTRATION BASIN

DESCRIPTION:
This neighborhood park services neighborhood #39 but also helps to service neighborhood #35. It is somewhat hidden in the neighborhood and is split onto two separate lots with an undersized full basketball court and playground on the north lot and a single tennis court and lawn on the south lot. The south lot also contains an underground infiltration basin structure that prohibits improvements above it.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes replacement of existing amenities as needed for an improved recreational experience with a stronger visual connection to tie the separate parcels together.

Recommendations include:

- Park sign at corner of Hughes and Horizon
 - Landscape enhancements & screening
 - Low-grow lawns in select areas
 - New trail connections between the two park parcels (remove some hedge plants)
 - Replace playground equipment meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups
 - ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
 - Repave basketball court (potentially enlarge)
 - Improve tennis court when necessary
 - Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$280,000 to \$340,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides a broad range of recreation for multiple neighborhood service areas and is ranked medium.



Sylvan Hills Park

6204 JUPITER ROAD NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 2.6-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 824
SPECIAL USES: FLOOD STORAGE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park servicing neighborhood #24 but with improved pedestrian access can also help alleviate recreational needs for neighborhoods #31 and housing development area D as noted on the Service Area Analysis Map. This park contains a parking lot that is easily overlooked, a ballfield, single tennis court, full basketball court and a playground at the northern road intersection. The park has water storage that sits in the southern portion of the park.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes replacement of existing amenities with layout modifications for an improved recreational experience and improved safety.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements & screening
- Remove ballfield and convert to low-grow lawn
- New trails to create internal loop, connect to amenities and connect to crosswalks
- New playground in more central location for improved safety and access from the parking lot to meet varying age groups
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
- Add unique or challenge equipment piece as focal point of park on the north
- Add gateway feature (public art, small garden or or architectural element)
- New full basketball court (replaces tennis court which is removed in entirety)
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
- Wayfinding signs
- Additional park signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$400,000 to \$532,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

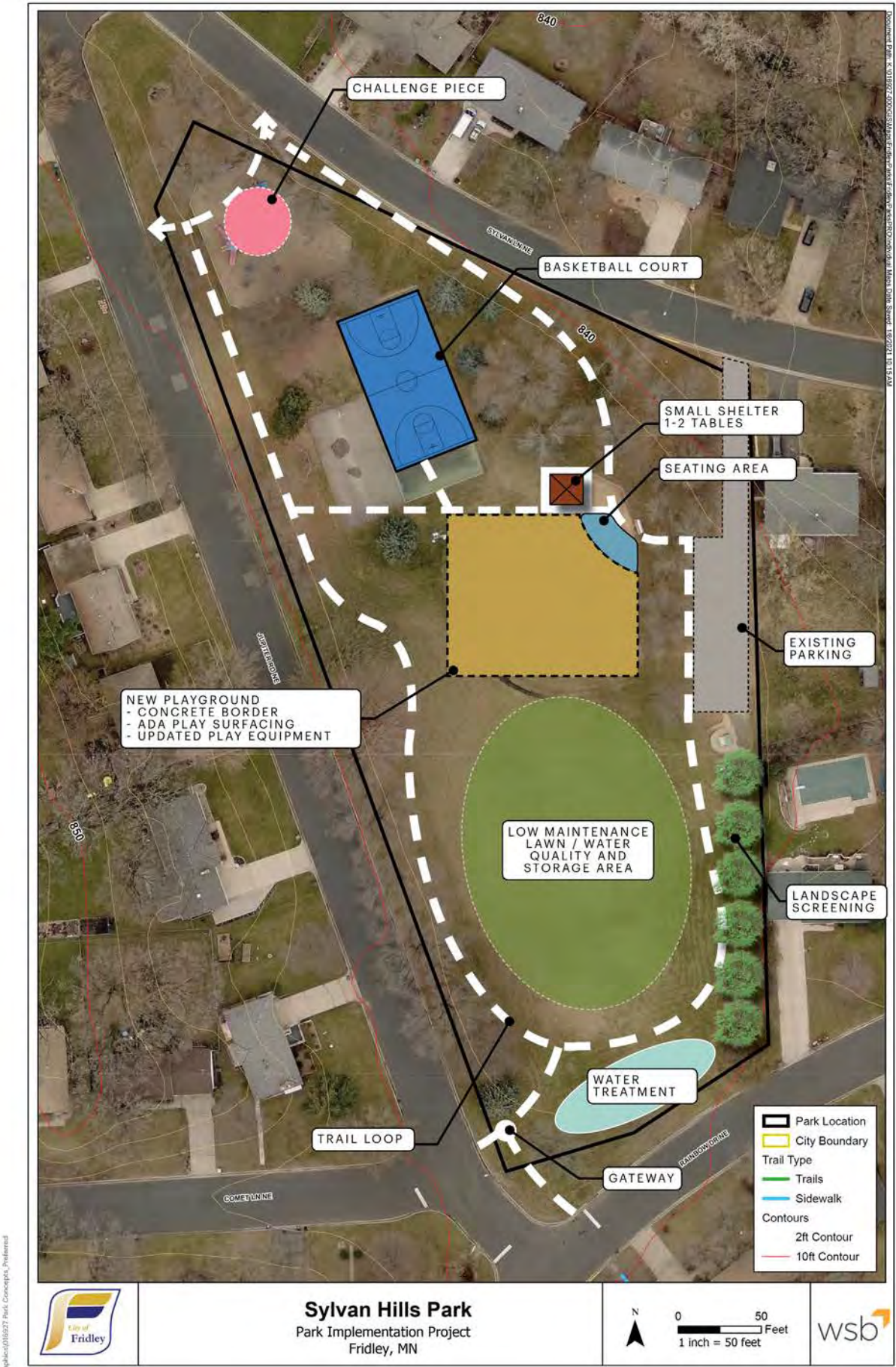
PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides a broad range of recreation for multiple neighborhood service areas, some of which are underserved, and is ranked high.



Terrace Park

6735 - 7TH STREET NE

PARK TYPE: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
SIZE: 3.5-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: 701
SPECIAL USES: NONE

DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood park servicing neighborhood #18 and contains a single tennis court, ballfield and playground. This neighborhood also has access to Civic Center Campus and Playground, Locke County Park, the Rice Creek West Regional Trail and Meadowlands Park.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations includes replacement of existing amenities was necessary for an improved recreational experience.

Recommendations include:

- Landscape enhancements & screening
- General ballfield improvements (infield, fencing, benches)
- Low-grow ballfield lawn
- New trails to create internal loop to connect to amenities
- Replace playground equipment meeting varying age groups
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
- Picnic shelter with two tables
- Improve tennis court as necessary
- Wayfinding signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$330,000 to 415,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

This park provides a broad range of recreation for the neighborhood service area, which also has access to other recreational opportunities, and is ranked low.



West Moore Lake Sand Dunes

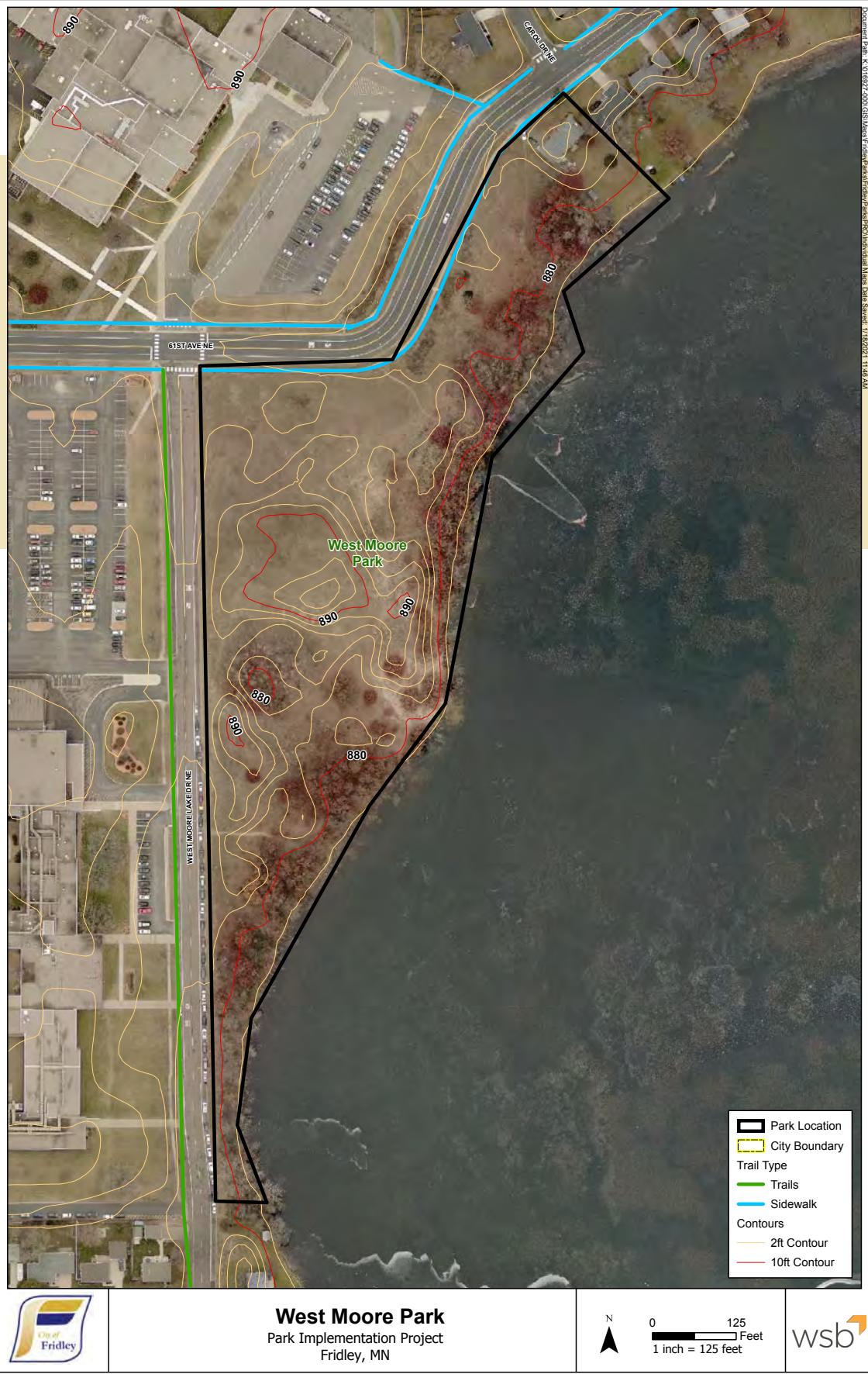
WEST MOORE LAKE DRIVE

PARK TYPE: CONSERVATION AREA
SIZE: 4.4-ACRES
RESIDENTS SERVED: N/A
SPECIAL USES: SAND DUNES / WATERFRONT

DESCRIPTION:
Special land forms and high quality natural resources containing sand dunes with native vegetation along the shores of Moore Lake. The site is in close proximity to the Fridley High School and Middle School but pedestrian access to the site is generally lacking or unclear.



EXISTING
PARK
FEATURES:

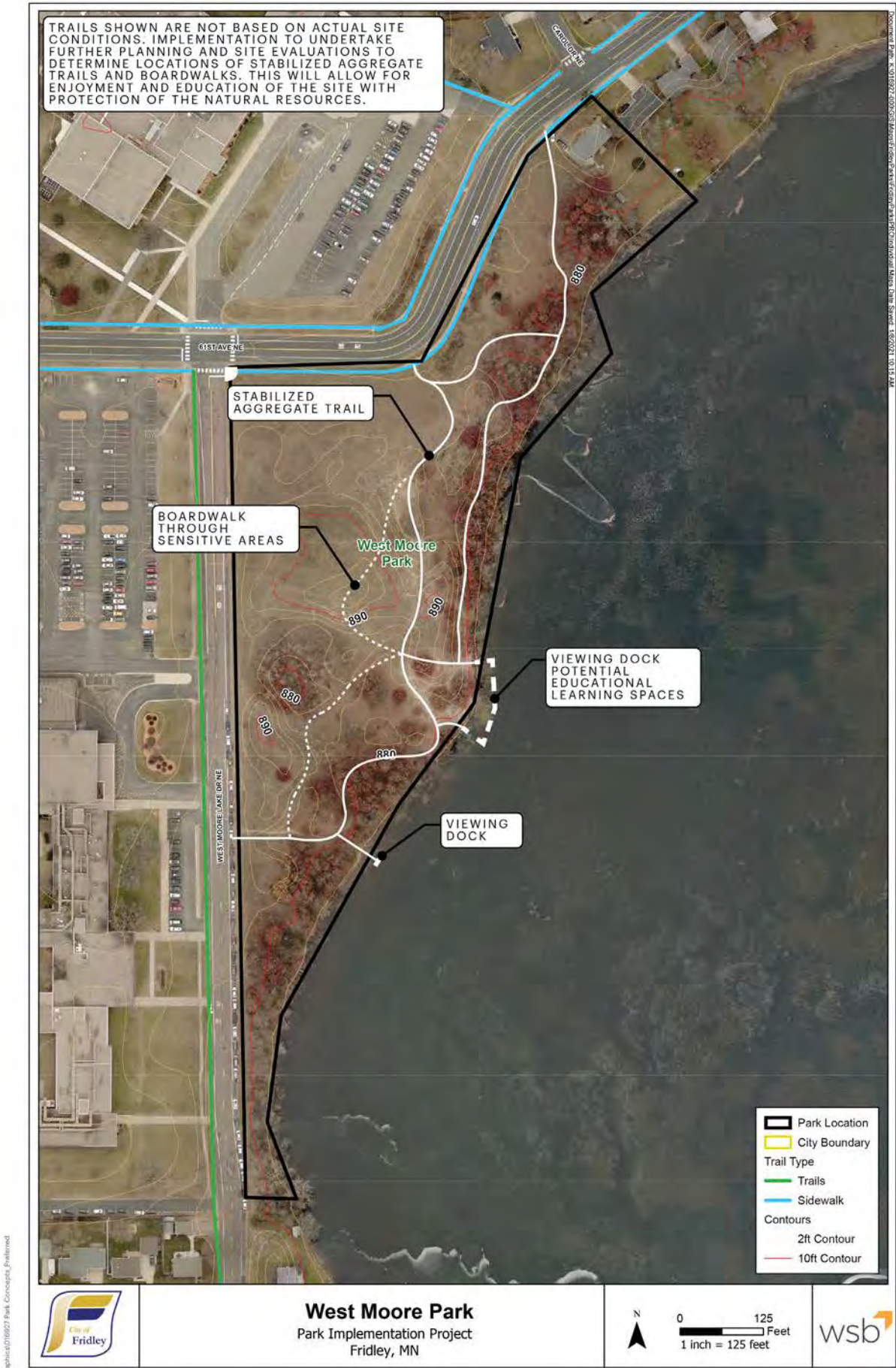


RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:

General recommendations include protection and management of the unique natural resources while allowing for pedestrian interaction, education and water access that can tie into programming.



Highlighting the unique sand dune ecosystem of Moore Lake Park, a wooden boardwalk trail will invite visitors to explore, learn and enjoy the park with trail connectivity around Moore Lake. Further trail connections with nearby schools and parks will allow for many opportunities for educational use of the park and trail as students discover the geology and ecology of the sand dune environment.



RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS: (CONTINUED)

Recommendations include:

- Natural resource management
- Identify pedestrian access points with safe crossings
- Identify HC parking locations
- Use of boardwalks and stabilized aggregate trails in select locations for access and education
- Wildlife & bird viewing areas
- Lake docks and piers
- Educational and interpretive signs
- Wayfinding signs

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$730,000 to \$1.1 million.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Extent of boardwalk currently unknown

PRIORITY LEVEL:



This park provides a unique setting and natural resource amenity but due to current unknowns and budgetary constraints, is ranked low.



Chapter 5

Implementation Plan

Implementation Plan Factors

Initiatives and standards for Fridley's park system were identified based on existing planning documents, trends in recreation, and community feedback. Implementation will occur across the park system based on strategic priorities. Factors affecting priorities may be based on the condition of existing park, meeting underserved populations and available funding.

Upon completion of park concept plans and recommendations, the City established two task force groups that dedicated their time to help guide implementation measures.

Task Force Group One: This task force focused on providing feedback related to potential funding measures to implement the plan and to determine a working budget for improvements. Task Force Group One ultimately provided Task Force Group Two with a desired overall budget for park improvements.

Task Force Group Two: This task force focused on providing feedback to guide refinements to the park concept plans based on community feedback to ensure the plans were aligned with community values. Some plans were modified in order to make refinements to the types of recreation to better align with community needs and demands. Where applicable, other plans were modified to break out lower priority improvements for optional or deferred implementation. For instance, some concept plans received feedback that while a group picnic shelter was desired, leaving out permanent restrooms would be acceptable in order to reduce overall costs. Task Force Group Two also focuses on overall priorities for an implementation plan that within the budget established by Task Force Group One.



Priorities

The recommendations for the implementation plan have been thoughtfully selected based upon city goals and objectives, community feedback and park planning expertise. However, the implementation strategy shall remain dynamic as priorities will continue to evolve over time due to changes in community needs, demographics, trends, funding opportunities, or general constraints.

The City shall review the implementation plan and estimates on an annual basis, make updates as applicable, and use it as a guide for future priorities so that it remains in alignment with community needs and values.

Priorities of need identified in the park system plan recommendations were based upon many factors with a goal to quality parks in a balanced and equitable manner across the community.

Community Parks

The community parks were ranked as follows:

- **Moore Lake Park:** Identified as the top priority with a high need. It is considered the gem of the community parks and is highly visible on a major corridor, acting like a gateway to the City of Fridley. It also provides needed recreation to numerous neighborhoods that include underserved populations.

- **Commons Park:** Identified as the second priority with a medium need. It is considered a true example of a community park due to the broad types of recreation available to the community. It also provides needed recreation to numerous neighborhoods that include underserved populations.
- **Community Park:** Identified last for priorities due to the fact it is currently meeting a specific need for athletics, therefore only resonates with a certain percentage of the population. It is noted as having a medium need. It has great potential for meeting broader recreational needs and can provide a stronger connection to the Civic Campus.

Neighborhood, Mini and Special Use Parks

The neighborhood, mini and special use parks were also ranked by low, medium or high need based upon their current condition, number of residents and neighborhoods served, ability to meet underserved populations, and location within the community.

Two implementation strategies were brought to Task Force Two for consideration:

Approach #1

Primary focus on improving the three community parks and neighborhood parks with high needs.

Strategies:

- Improve or add amenities meeting the highest needs and demands within the three community parks
- Defer amenities within community parks that are lower in need or demand, have current limitations for implementation, or would require partnerships to implement
- Focus on neighborhood parks ranked as a high need only; remaining parks would be deferred



Approach #2

Primary focus on improving the top two community parks and the vast majority of neighborhood parks with high, medium and some low needs.

Strategies:

- Improve or add amenities meeting the highest needs and demands within Moore Lake Park and Commons Park
- Defer Community Park as it is currently meeting athletic needs
- Improve the majority of the neighborhood parks to provide benefit across the city
- Defer amenities within the parks that are lower in need or demand, have current limitations for implementation, or would require partnerships to implement



Recommendations by the Task Force were unanimous to proceed with Approach #2 in order to make more meaningful and noticeable improvements across the community while still incorporating the greatest needs and desires expressed by the community.

Outreach

Ongoing community engagement will be necessary to ensure the public is aware of any upcoming projects and to allow the community to provide additional feedback as plans are refined for implementation. This is to be done not only for larger community or special use parks, but also for neighborhood and mini-parks. Community involvement in the planning process is crucial for a successful project to ensure the recreation meets actual needs while also contributing to neighborhood identity, placemaking, inclusion and sense of community. Onsite meetings are to be hosted with each neighborhood prior to beginning non-routine updates to their parks.

Budget

The budget for the 8 to 10 year implementation plan was set at \$30 million. Approximately 60% of this budget is allocated toward two of Fridley’s community parks with the remainder allocated toward neighborhood, mini, and special-use parks and facilities, as guided by the Task Force recommendations.

The estimates of probable costs developed are based on high-level concept plans with additional percentages for general construction costs, contingencies and professional design and engineering. As final designs progress, these estimates will continue to be refined and budgets adjusted accordingly. Additional costs may be inherent to the implementation of the plan and are not included within these numbers. These costs include:

- Staffing costs to oversee the rentable and programmable spaces
- Operational costs for new facilities including electricity and water
- Maintenance costs including supplies and labor
- Routine capital investments such as parts replacement and accessory items

Opportunities for cost-savings and new revenue streams may also be realized. These savings include:

- Decreased maintenance costs as aging equipment is replaced
- Increased rental and permit revenue from new park buildings
- Grants and donations

It should be noted that rental revenue will not fully cover operational costs.

The following outlines an initial approach for implementation based upon a budget of \$30 million. The general approach, timeline and order of priority will continue to be updated to stay in alignment with current budgets due to ongoing fluctuations in the economy, inflation factors, and product availability, as well as opportunities, such as grants and partnerships.

Year	Community Park	Special Use Facility/ Conservation Area	Neighborhood/ Mini Park
2023			Creekview Ed Wilmes Skyline
2024	Moore Lake		Edgewater Garden Plymouth Square Sylvan Hills
2025			Logan Madsen Oak Hill
2026	Commons - Phase 1		Flanery Jubilee
2027	Commons - Phase 2		Summit Square
2028			Briardale Creekridge Hackmann Circle Ruth Circle
2029		Innsbruck Nature Center	Jay
2030			Harris Lake Terrace
> 2030 / Deferred	Community	Farr Lake Locke Lake Ray Thompson L.L. Fields West Moore Lake	Altura Glencoe Meadowlands Plaza Springbrook

The parks listed under the Deferred category should continue to be revisited for any potential inclusion or modification to the existing strategy. For instance, if grant opportunities free up some of the established budgets or potential partnership opportunities arise, the strategy can be modified accordingly.

Meadowlands Park is a site listed with a medium priority for overall need and therefore is worth trying to fit into the initial implementation plan, though due to its overall cost estimate, some more significant savings within the initial budget will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

Funding Sources

In order to fund the identified improvements within Fridley's park system, the City will need to draw from multiple funding sources. When identifying funding sources, it should be considered whether it is a sustainable source, which is a consistent, long-term and active source for funds or an intermittent funding source, which is a one-time, often unpredictable funding source that may also require matching funds. Examples of funding sources that are used include:

Sustainable funding sources

- Special Parks Master Plan Fund
- Capital Investment Fund
- Storm water Utility fund

Intermittent funding sources

- DNR Grants
 - » Clean Water Land and Legacy Fund
 - » Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund
 - » The Outdoor Heritage Fund
 - » Clean Water Fund
 - » Parks and Trails Fund
- Watershed District grants
- Liquor Store proceeds
- Donations
- Utility bill round-up program
- User Fees
- Volunteers

Plan Updates

This plan establishes the main initiatives for Fridley's park system, guiding visions for Fridley's community parks, standards for Fridley's neighborhood and mini-parks and a general plan budget for the next 8 to 10 years. Proposed updates that are inconsistent with these measures will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council for approval. Residents may petition to the Parks and Recreation Commission to review proposals deemed by staff to be inconsistent with the plan.

Measuring Success

The City will gauge the success of this plan by a variety of metrics, including the number of parks updated each year, the number of participants attending events and programming, and through regular city-wide surveys. City staff will also continue to provide regular updates and gather feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the success of this plan.



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Appendix

Draft Implementation Strategy - Approach

The following park improvement costs are categorized based on the needs analysis of the community for recommended improvements focused on balanced access to quality recreation. This provides a strategic guideline to address the highest needs of the community, as determined by priority, but does not identify actual phasing for implementation. Actual implementation and phasing will be established based on potential funding opportunities, available budgets and community

Draft park priorities to meet community needs were made according to the following:

- Aging, poor or unsafe condition of park that needs to be addressed
- Park serves high number of residents or underserved populations
- Park is able to provide unique or destination experience
- Park is able to meet community-wide needs
- Park improvements would help balance recreation across the community

Park Service Area Priority

L = Low; general neighborhood; needs adequately met; good condition

M = Medium; serves one or more neighborhoods; needs basically met; fair condition

H = High; serves multiple neighborhoods; needs not met; poor condition

Park Priority	Park Name	Neighborhood #	High Priority 1-5 yrs	Medium Priority 5-10 yrs	Deferred Priority / Alt 10+ yrs	Comments
	Community Parks					
	Civic Center / Locke Play	14				Yearly O&M costs
M	Commons	28		\$11,958,730.00	\$2,592,030.00	
M	Community	13a			\$5,560,310.00	Focus on more neighborhood parks first
H	Moore Lake	E	\$6,405,000.00		\$1,852,900.00	
	Springbrook NC	1				
	Neighborhood / Special Use Parks					
L	Altura	35			\$128,420.60	5 Mini-park currently being served by Summit Square
M	Briardale	30		\$442,195.00	\$698,586.00	
	Craig	4b				
M	Creekridge	21		\$324,642.50		
H	Creekview	15	\$395,265.00			
H	Ed Wilmes	22a	\$284,212.50			
H	Edgewater Gardens	16b	\$772,380.00		\$717,500.00	
L	Farr Lake	34b			\$125,968.75	Natural resource area not suitable for active park

Park Priority	Park Name	Neighborhood #	High Priority 1-5 yrs	Medium Priority 5-10 yrs	Deferred Priority / Alt 10+ yrs	Comments
M	Flanery	8	\$1,070,790.00			
M	Glencoe	2b			\$103,125.00	4 Currently can also be served by Craig Park
M	Hackmann Circle	32		\$338,750.00		
L	Harris Lake	26		\$424,102.50		
M	Innsbruck NC	34a		\$385,190.00	\$289,100.00	
M	Jay	17		\$179,630.00		
M	Jubilee	36	\$258,343.75			
L	Locke Lake	16a			\$344,302.00	Trail improvements lower priority
H	Logan	10	\$520,366.00		\$90,020.00	
H	Madsen	5	\$2,947,350.00			
L	Meadowlands	19			\$897,610.00	1 Add into improvement plan if funds become available
M	Oak Hill	37		\$163,687.50		
L	Plaza	13b			\$180,281.25	Mini-park adjacent to Community Park
M	Plymouth Square	40	\$444,600.00			
L	Ray Thompson LL	B2			\$101,970.00	2 Small item - add in as funds allow
	Rivers Edge Way	22b				
M	Riverview Heights	4a			\$2,978,991.40	Focus on more neighborhood parks first
M	Ruth Circle	3	\$1,252,020.00		\$385,000.00	
H	Skyline	31	\$595,687.50			
L	Springbrook/Glennbrook	2a			\$259,437.50	3 Currently can also be served by Craig Park
M	Summit Square	39		\$337,860.00		
H	Sylvan Hills	24	\$531,180.00			
L	Terrace	18		\$413,875.00		
L	W Moore Lake Sand Dunes	B1			\$1,031,170.00	Focus on more neighborhood parks first

Park Priority	Park Name	Neighborhood #	High Priority 1-5 yrs	Medium Priority 5-10 yrs	Deferred Priority / Alt 10+ yrs	Comments
SubTotals:			\$15,477,194.75	\$14,968,662.50	\$18,336,722.50	

10-Year Priorities: \$30,445,857.25
 Deferred / Future Options: \$18,336,722.50

 * Grand Total: \$48,782,579.75

NOTE: Estimates are based on a high-level planning process and assume all work would be completed by a contractor through a public bid process. Estimates do not account for actual site conditions and other factors such as final design and programming, poor soil conditions, methods of construction, locations of utility connections, etc. but are intended to provide a budgetary figure for development that can be updated yearly. Estimates do not account for inflation, anticipated to range from 2-3% yearly.