



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

November 01, 2021

7:00 PM

**Fridley Civic Campus - 7071 University Avenue
N.E.**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) October 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

New Business

- [2.](#) Introduction to Recreation Coordinator, Alyssa Trumbower – Commission Q and A
- [3.](#) Park System Improvement Plan Task Force Progress Update and Discussion

Old Business

Staff Reports

- [4.](#) Springbrook Nature Center Report
- [5.](#) Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report
- [6.](#) Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Adjournment



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

October 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the October 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

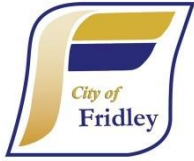
Staff recommend the approval of the October 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- October 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Fridley Municipal Center
7071 University Ave NE, Fridley MN 55432

MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heinz called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Heintz, Eric Evanson, EB Graham, Peter Borman, and Shanna Larson

Members Absent: Ryan Gerhard and Ken Schultz

Others Present: Mike Maher, Community Services Director; Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rogness; Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager for Streets, Parks and Facilities.

2. APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to APPROVE the October 4, 2021 meeting agenda with the addition of an item to New Business for the Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates. SECONDED by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

3. APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to APPROVE the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Introduction to Springbrook Nature Center Manager, Tara Rogness

Community Services Director Mike Maher stated that Tara Rogness has taken on a new roll at Springbrook Nature Center this past year.

Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rogness introduced herself to the Commission. She stated that she has been at Springbrook since 2001 and provided background information on herself and her career experience.

Chair Heintz stated that Ms. Rogness was such a force in the vision for Springbrook and provided a lot of great input.

b. Pumpkin Night in the Park History, 2021 Event Update, and Discussion

Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rogness reviewed a history of the Pumpkin Night in the Park event and how it has evolved over the years. She stated that the event will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 5 to 9 p.m. with a limited number of tickets available. She highlighted some of the activities that are included in the event for a cost of \$10 per ticket. She stated that volunteers are still needed for different activities for the event and interested individuals can sign up online.

Commissioner Evanson asked who is carving the pumpkins.

Ms. Rogness stated that there are a variety of public events available where members of the public assist in carving pumpkins.

Commissioner Larson asked if people could take pumpkins home at the end of the night.

Ms. Rogness stated that they tell people that if they have carved a pumpkin, they can stay until the end of the night to take their pumpkin. She stated that otherwise the pumpkins are not moved until the day after the event when they are piled for deer.

Commissioner Borman recognized that the tickets will be limited because of COVID and asked if there is an idea of how ticket sales are going.

Ms. Rogness replied that about 1,200 tickets have been sold. She estimated that about 2,500 tickets would be sold in total. She provided details on previous attendance numbers, noting that it varies depending on the weather. She stated that parking is not allowed at Springbrook that evening but parking is available across the street on the west side of Evergreen as well as a shuttle to and from the High School to allow parking at that site.

c. Park System Improvement Plan Task Force Progress Update and Discussion

Community Development Director Mike Maher stated that minutes from recent park system improvement task force meetings have been included in the agenda packet. He provided background information noting that several years ago the City began on the path to reimagine its park system. He stated that the City worked with a consultant to develop concept plans to update each of the community parks. Those concept plans were placed online over the spring in order to receive feedback from residents. He stated that the consultant is now refining the park plans to reflect the comments received. He stated that this summer, the City Council provided additional direction to staff to refine the park improvement plan to something that could be accomplished in ten years or less and to reduce the cost of the improvements from \$50,000,000 to \$30,000,000. He stated that in order to accomplish that, two resident task force groups were formed; noting that one is focused on refinement while the other is focused on finance. He reviewed some of the things being considered by each task force in order to make recommendations to the Council.

Commissioner Larson commented that based on the minutes it appears that there is good participation, and this is a fruitful process.

Mr. Maher confirmed that it is a productive process and noted that members of Commissions are also participating.

Commissioner Borman provided an update and noted that he believes the next few minutes will be more focused as the first few meetings were meant to introduce everyone and bring them up to speed.

d. Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates

Community Development Director Mike Maher reviewed the proposed 2022 meeting schedule. He stated that typically the Commission meets on the first Monday evening of each month, with a few variations because of conflicts. He highlighted some of those variations as proposed.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Evanson to accept the 2022 meeting schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Graham.

Further discussion: Chair Heintz noted that Tuesday, September 6th is the first day of school and therefore it could be tough for those with students. He suggested moving the meeting to the following Monday.

Mr. Maher commented that he would be hesitant to confirm that change at this moment without having the schedule of Council meetings and other events with him. He noted that he could review that schedule and a change could be made in the future if necessary.

Chair Heintz confirmed that this schedule could be voted on and a change could be made at a later time if needed.

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Operations Manager for Streets, Parks and Facilities Jeff Jenson provided an update on the park maintenance and construction projects. He commented that they focused on maintenance during the summer because they were short staffed and began on construction projects this fall.

Commissioner Borman stated that the progress at Craig Park looks good. He commented that there have been issues with drainage in the past and asked if the improvements are solving that problem.

Mr. Jenson confirmed that the City was able to obtain a grant from the watershed district in order to solve the stormwater issues. He noted that because the ground was already being torn apart for that project, the City was able to make some other park improvements at the same time. He provided additional details on the stormwater improvements that were completed. He commented that they completed a success outreach effort prior to the project and hoped that could be used as a model that could be replicated on future park improvement projects.

Commissioner Evanson asked for information on the staffing challenges.

Mr. Jenson stated that the seasonal employees have returned to college. He anticipated that they would continue to see the same issue in the spring. He explained that in the past they would have 60 applicants but the past year or two they have run about six to eight seasonal employees less than desired. He noted

that they have made adjustments to age requirements and pay in attempt to attract more applicants.

Chair Heintz asked if the City works to retain those seasonal employees for the next year.

Mr. Jenson confirmed that they have a good rate of retainage. He noted that typically once the seasonal employee is hired, they return each summer until they graduate from college and move on to another job.

Commissioner Larson asked for an update on the park behind the Civic Center.

Mr. Jenson replied that the park is great and getting a lot of use. He noted that the grass does not look great because it was not able to establish during the drought. He stated that they hope to start fresh and reseed in the spring.

b. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Community Development Director Mike Maher provided an overview of the park and recreation division including recreation programing and events, noting that the full report was included in the packet.

c. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rogness provided an overview of her report, noting that classroom activity has returned. She highlighted classroom programing and other activities. She provided details on their partnership with the different schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Larson made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Evanson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

Introduction to Recreation Coordinator, Alyssa Trumbower – Commission Q and A

Background

Alyssa Trumbower was hired as Recreation Coordinator in September of 2021. Ms. Trumbower will be introduced to the Commission and be present to answer questions.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

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Vision Statement

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Director of Community Services

Title

Park System Improvement Plan Task Force Progress Update and Discussion

Background

Discussion and update of the following Park System Improvement Plan Meetings:

1. Public Finance Advisory Committee
 - a. Meeting dates: September 14, 2021, September 28, 2021 and October 12, 2021
2. Refinement Advisory Committee
 - a. Meeting dates: October 14, 2021

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Public Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021
- Public Finance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021
- Refinement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021
- Neighborhood Park Concept Plan Preferred
- Community Park Concept Plans: Commons Park, Moore Lake Park, and Community Park

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**PARK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. by Staff Liaison Daniel Tienter.

Members Present: Scott Brinkhaus, Ron Ackerman, Rachel Schwankl, Alesia Thompson, Walter Smith (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Members Absent: Lee Pao Xiong, Steve Schmit, Warren Stock

Others Present: Daniel Tienter, Staff Liaison; Dave Ostwald, Councilmember-at-Large; Jerry Ratcliff, Resident

Mr. Tienter asked the Committee Members if they would like to proceed with the meeting despite only four of the eight members in attendance. The Committee Members agreed to proceed as planned. Shortly thereafter, Committee Member Smith joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Information Requested by the Public Finance Advisory Committee

Mr. Tienter reviewed the information provided to the Committee in their agenda packet at their request and asked if they had any questions about the materials. He noted that one Committee Member asked five questions at the previous meeting and staff compiled the answers in writing for the benefit of the Committee.

Committee Member Thompson asked Mr. Tienter to review Question No. 4 of the handout in greater detail. Mr. Tienter reviewed the same and described some of the technical terms, including material draws on reserves and credit rating, to the Committee. The Committee did not ask any other questions.

Mr. Ratcliff, 7350 Memory Lane, asked to speak to the Committee about some of his concerns with the park system. He mentioned that he was partially blind and asked the City to install signage about a blind person in his neighborhood and the City refused his request. Mr. Ratcliff also said that he

asked the City to change the speed limit on his street and that his neighborhood lacked sidewalks. He wanted to know when the City would do something about the situation.

Mr. Tienter explained that the Committee was only asked to examine the potential financing strategies for the pending Park System Improvement Plan and not necessarily considering the issues raised by Mr. Ratcliff. Mr. Ratcliff apologized if he was in the wrong place but wanted the City to be aware of his concerns. Mr. Tienter told Mr. Ratcliff he would pass his comments along to the Director of Public Works/City Engineer and someone for the City would reach out to him.

The Committee Members thanked Mr. Ratcliff for attending the meeting and stated they had no other questions about the materials provided by the City.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Proposed 2021–2032 Financial Plan Alternatives and Preliminary Bond Issue Analysis

Mr. Tienter reviewed the information provided to the Committee in their agenda packet. He explained that staff prepared five potential financing alternatives for the Park System Improvement Plan, along with a preliminary bond issue analysis and a map of the potential property tax abatements. Mr. Tienter also mentioned that staff, at the request of the Committee, did not prepare a formal presentation and invited the Committee Members to comment on the proposed alternatives.

Committee Member Schwankl asked Mr. Tienter to walk the Committee through each financing alternative in order and to do so on the screen for the benefit of the Committee. Mr. Tienter agreed, and the group reviewed each scenario in turn.

Committee Member Schwankl asked Mr. Tienter if the Committee could consider different bond terms. Mr. Tienter stated that the Committee could consider different bond structures as part of their deliberations. Committee Member Schwankl requested a 15-year bond term. Mr. Tienter responded that he would ask the municipal advisor for the City to prepare a preliminary bond run as requested.

Committee Member Thompson told the Committee that she had five different recommendations for their consideration. She provided each recommendation in turn and Mr. Tienter asked a series of clarifying questions. He told the Committee that staff would compile the recommendation in writing for the benefit of the group.

Committee Member Ackerman asked Mr. Tienter to clarify the potential property tax increases associated with each financing alternative. He stated that, depending upon the scenario, property taxes would increase about 10% to 15% for a median-valued residential homestead. Committee Member Ackerman commented on the relatively large tax increase and that it would be quite an impact on property taxpayers. Mr. Tienter mentioned that even with such an increase the City would be about average in terms of property tax rate compared to peer communities.

Committee Member Brinkhaus asked Mr. Tienter if the City ever considered franchise fees or a sales tax to fund the Park System Improvement Plan. Mr. Tienter responded that staff did not consider

either financing method. He said that the City Council were not generally supportive of franchise fees and their use was a contentious issue several years ago. Committee Member Brinkhaus asked about the issues surrounding them.

Mr. Tienter invited Councilmember Ostwald to discuss the issue. Councilmember Ostwald explained that the Charter Commission amended the City Charter to prevent the City Council from creating a franchise fee without a ballot question as they considered it a direct tax on residents, since franchise fees are generally passed along to the property owners. He also opined that the City Council would likely not support franchise fees but encouraged the Committee to make their own recommendation.

Committee Member Brinkhaus stated that the Committee should consider franchise fees and asked Mr. Tienter to prepare a potential franchise for review by the Committee. Mr. Tienter agreed to discuss the issue with the City Manager and prepare the information as requested.

In response to the question of a sales taxes, Mr. Tienter explained the process for instituting a sales tax to the Committee. He stated that most of the projects included in the Park System Improvement Plan would likely not meet the statutory criteria for a sales tax. The Committee requested more information on a sales tax. Mr. Tienter agreed to provide more information at a future meeting.

Mr. Tienter asked if the Committee had any other questions. The Committee indicated they did not and thanked Mr. Tienter for the information.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Tienter stated that he had no administrative matters and asked if the Committee had any comments. Committee Member Thompson told the group that she would not be able to attend the next meeting. Since she could not attend the next meeting, she informed the Committee that she would be opposed to the use of franchise fees.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Tienter, Staff Liaison



PARK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Staff Liaison Daniel Tienter.

Members Present: Ron Ackerman, Rachel Schwankl, Walter Smith, Lee Pao Xiong, and Steve Schmit

Members Absent: Alesia Thompson, Scott Brinkhaus, and Warren Stock

Others Present: Daniel Tienter, Staff Liaison

OLD BUSINESS

1. Information Requested by the Public Finance Advisory Committee

Mr. Tienter reviewed the information provided to the Committee in their packets. He briefly reviewed the items requested from Committee members previously at the September 14, 2021 meeting. Specifically, they reviewed a revised, preliminary bond run with several options providing different term lengths and its corresponding data.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed 2021-2032 Financial Plan Alternatives and Potential Franchise Fee Analysis

The Committee reviewed the funding option plans provided by Mr. Tienter. There was discussion regarding the ways the City could raise funding. Mr. Tienter stated a Community Engagement Coordinator was hired a couple of years ago, noting some of the fundraising and community engagement programs may just be getting off the ground but there are some options they can explore.

Regarding the amenities the Committee wants to put funds into, Mr. Smith stated it should be taken into consideration how the shelters in the parks are only used a few months out of the year and because they are outside and they endure the weather, it might not be the best idea to put a ton of money into the budget for those items.

Ms. Schwankl stated she proposes they move forward with the \$18 million with a 15-year term plan. She also stated the community said they wanted environmentally sustainable parks and equipment and noted in 15 years they can always bring the park system back to the drawing board.

Mr. Xiong stated his background is in the non-profit sector and other cities have organizations like Friends of Brooklyn Center that help do fundraising for projects the City wants and needs; he suggests Fridley create a "Friends of Fridley" organization that could do the same and help bridge any gaps for projects the City wants to do but funds are not in the plan. The Committee expressed that they like that idea as well.

Mr. Smith stated when considering the amount people will need to pay in taxes, they need to look at people on a fixed income because they may not have a few extra dollars to contribute towards these fees, but there may be people who would want to cover that extra portion for them. He stated he thinks they need to reach back out to the community maybe do a survey to find out how this might affect people.

Mr. Tienter stated they do have some programs within the City that could help, and they have programs such as where people can round up on their utility bills and that extra amount could be put towards the parks fund. Mr. Smith stated if it's a community issue that they should be able to ask the community to be involved and they might be happy to help.

Mr. Tienter stated he thinks there is a consensus for \$18 million bond and asked if anyone disagrees. Ms. Schwankl stated that is correct. She noted they want to keep the impact as small as possible for residents while achieving what needs to be done immediately and \$18 million would accomplish that. The rest of the Committee echoed her sentiments.

Mr. Tienter mentioned that staff would be more supportive of a \$20 million bond issue, which would give the City more flexibility when it comes to project implementation. He stated that one of the financial plans allows the City to deliver the Plan in seven rather than 10 years, but it would require a \$20 million bond issue to avoid financial pressure on the City.

Mr. Schmit asked what impact these will have on business taxes. Mr. Tienter stated essentially, they will be double the resident amounts. Mr. Schmit stated Fridley is very business friendly and he would have no problem investing back into the City after they have given him and others businesses the opportunities they have.

There was a consensus to have Mr. Tienter draft a report to include the non-profit organization, a donation program, agreement to spend \$30M, hire a Project Manager, and a soft consensus to move forward with a \$18 or \$20 million bond issue with a 15-Year Term.

Mr. Tienter stated the next meeting will be in two weeks on October 12th, 2021 and thanked everyone for their time this evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None.

OPEN FORUM

None.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michaela Daniels-Kujawa, Recording Secretary



PARK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN REFINEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

Present: Kim Ferraro, Mike Heintz, Dan Gourde, Trace Wuchter, Maija Sedzielarz, Ken Schultz, Don Whalen, E.B. Graham, Malcolm Mitchell, Jordan Hurst, Liz Novotny

Absent: Jim Stangler, Jeremy Powers, Peter Borman

Others Present: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager for Streets, Parks and Facilities, Candace Amberg, WSB Landscape Architect, Mike Maher, Community Services Director, Melissa Moore, City Clerk

Mike Maher, Community Services Director, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021 Refinement Advisory Committee Meeting

There were no revisions to the minutes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. Neighborhood Park Concept Plan Review and Discussion

Ms. Amberg reviewed the feedback and process the committee engaged in at the September 9 meeting. She worked to take the Committee's feedback to alter certain park plan proposals. There was no recalculation of prices based on the group's last meeting. Itemized cost lists will be provided after priorities are established. At this time the Committee is working to refine concept plans for the City - a vision of where the City will go. At a later date the City would check back in with residents through targeted outreach events on particular park plans.

Mr. Maher reminded the Committee they have been asked to come up with a plan that can be implemented over a 10-year period. As the years go on and the City is ready to work on certain parks, the City will check in with surrounding neighborhoods by doing targeted outreach. At that time specific plans for parks will occur, such as what kind of play equipment would be put in a park or changing a tennis court to a pickleball court.

Ms. Amberg led the group through altered proposed plans for each park. The changes included are:

- Altura Park: improved ADA accessibility, concrete surround of the playground;
- Briardale Park: picnic shelter is large enough for 4-6 tables, and could add a permanent bathroom at a later date, moved the pollinator garden;
- Creek View Park: expanded parking was removed;
- Creekridge Park: ballfield area was kept, modified the plan to expand the playground, removed parking space, bring existing trail out to Mississippi Street;
- Ed Wilmes Park: pollinator garden changed to an ornamental garden; readjusted border of the playground to accommodate half-court basketball space;
- Edgewater Gardens Park: two open lawns at ends of the park, expanded playground, picnic shelter with permanent restroom, added tennis court and moved community garden, fewer parallel parking spaces;
- Locke Lake Park: the committee recommended the removal of the kayak/canoe storage;
- Farr Lake Park: the committee recommended the removal of the dock due to continuous low water levels and playground was removed;
- Flannery Park: smaller parking lot, new playground to connect with existing shelter, added teen challenge area, moved the basketball court;
- Glencoe Park: improved full-size basketball court; added teen challenge area;
- Hackman Circle: put basketball court back into the plan, moved playground, removed trail loop and small picnic shelter;
- Harris Lake Park: downsize parking lot, added bike rack and kiosk;
- Innsbruck Nature Center: no changes;
- Jay Park: stretch out half-court basketball court;
- Jubilee Park: basketball court will have shortened-height hoop;
- Little League: added playground;
- Logan Park: ballfield improvements; expanded playground, reconstructed tennis court, optional trail loop with fitness challenge zones;
- Madsen Park: trail crossing changed, moved parking lot;
- Meadowlands Park: reduced parking, more wayfinding;
- Oak Hill Park: no changes;
- Plaza Park: removed parking stalls;
- Plymouth Square Park: no changes;
- River Edge Way Park: no changes;
- Riverview Heights: modifying one loop trail, widen configuration of parking lot, group picnic shelter with permanent restrooms, possible fishing area;
- Ruth Circle Park: no changes;
- Skyline Park: reconfigured layout;
- Springbrook Park: added improved existing playground and a small shelter;
- Summit Square Park: low maintenance lawn instead of pollinator garden;
- Sylvan Hills Park: remove tennis court and put in full size basketball court;
- Terrace Park: no changes; and
- West Moore Lake Park; no changes.

3. Community Park Concept Plan Review and Discussion

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Community Park. Concept 1 includes three ball fields that were kept, but reoriented, championship field would be multi-purpose, parking lot was removed to accommodate multi-use attractions, improved concessions plaza. Concept 2 changes include expanded playground, multi-purpose athletic field, expanded parking lot.

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Commons Park. Concept 1 expands parking, keeps primary shelter and splashpad, keeps baseball field, removes the softball field, moves the ice rink to the east, removes tennis courts. Concept 2 moves the softball field, ice rink stays where it is, expanded parking and volleyball court, removing tennis court. Concept 3 keeps the baseball field, removes the softball field, moves the ice rink, removes the tennis courts and changes to the volleyball court.

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Moore Lake Park. Concept 1 removes the dog park and boardwalk, and adds a multi-use court space. Concept 2 moves the paddle sport rental space, enlarges beach space, and adds natural playground on the north end. Mr. Mitchell asked about consideration of a Splash Pad at Moore Lake park and Ms. Amberg indicated that the option was evaluated by WSB and City staff and that maintenance concerns from beach sand clogging pipes and filters led the planners to exclude a splash pad at Moore Lake and keep that feature at the centrally-located Commons Park.

4. Review Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

Mr. Maher reminded the Committee of the next meeting dates of November 10 and December 9, 2021.

ADJOURN 9:05 p.m.



Community Park | Site Concept 1

Fridley, Minnesota

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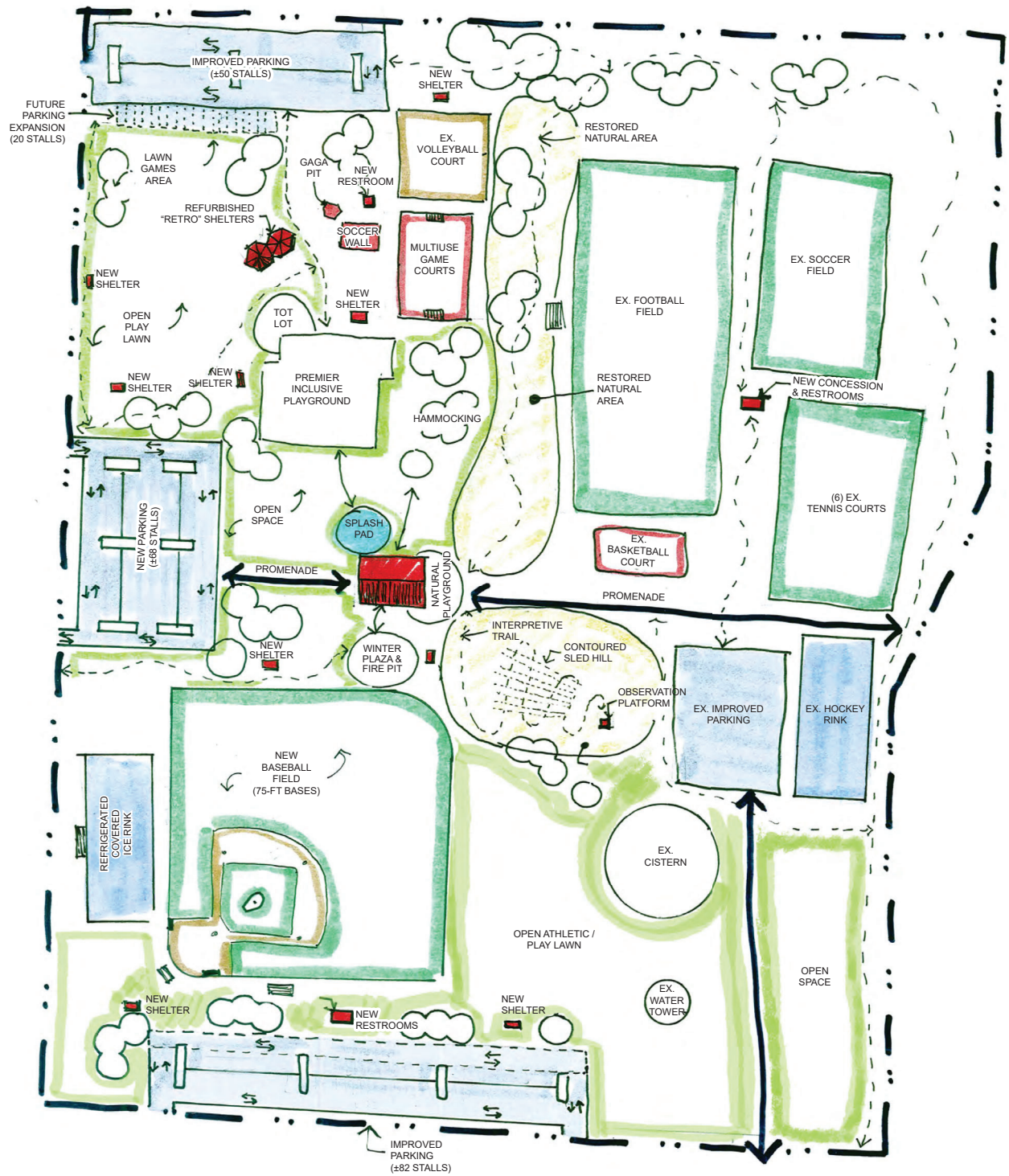


Community Park | Site Concept 2

Fridley, Minnesota
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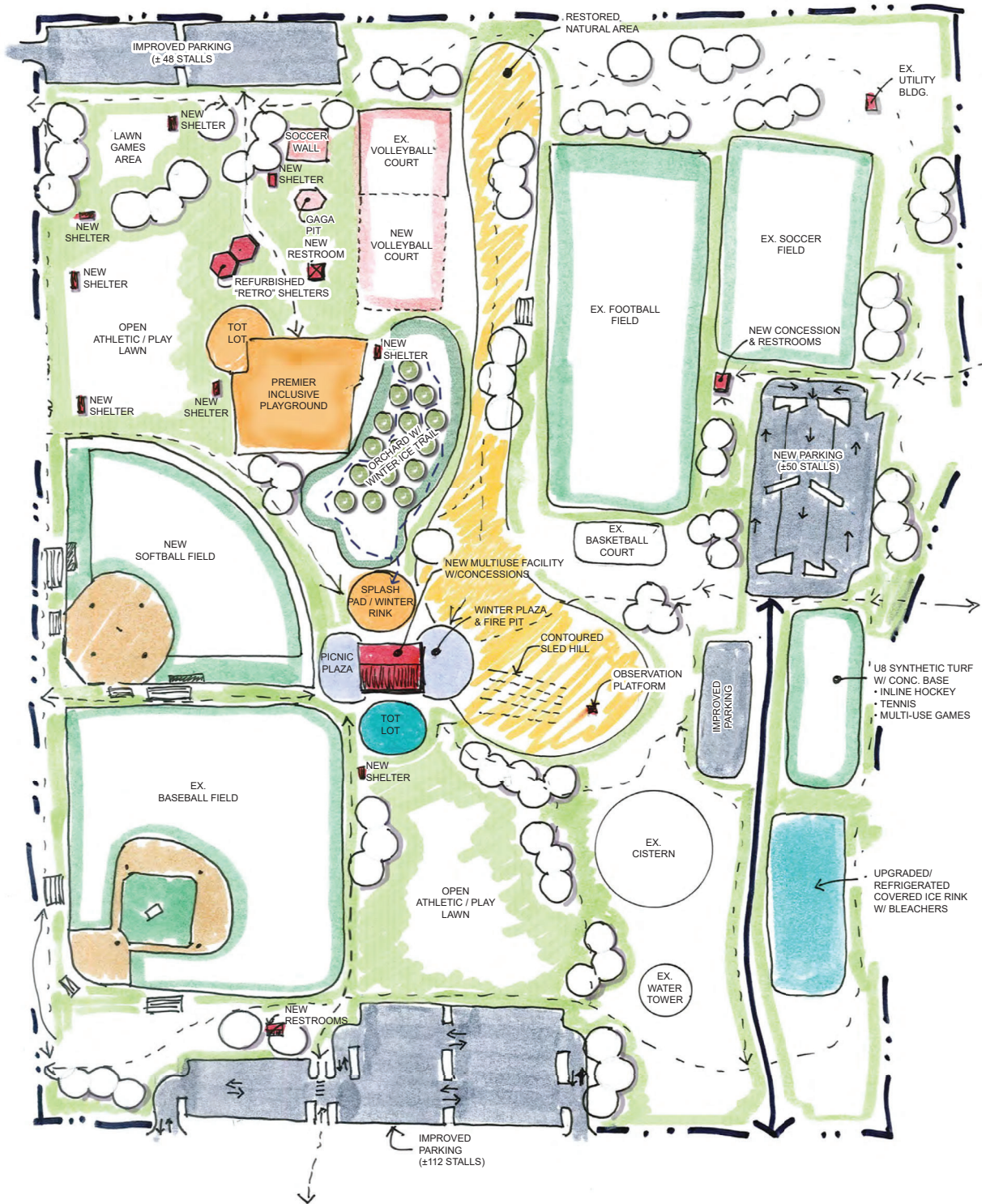


Commons Park | Site Concept 1

Fridley, Minnesota

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Commons Park | Site Concept 2

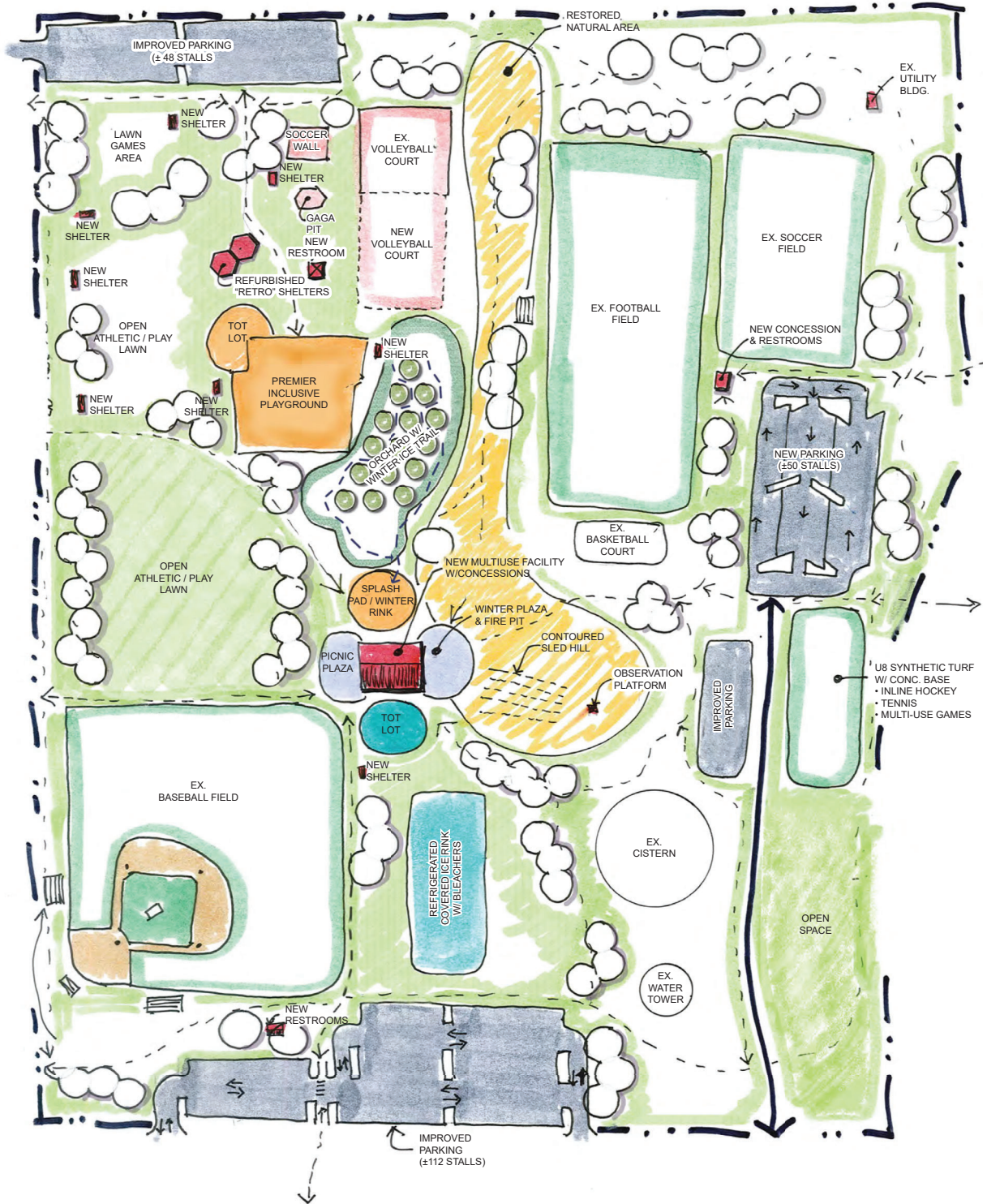
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Commons Park | Site Concept 3

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Moore Park | Site Concept 1

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Moore Park | Site Concept 2

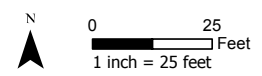
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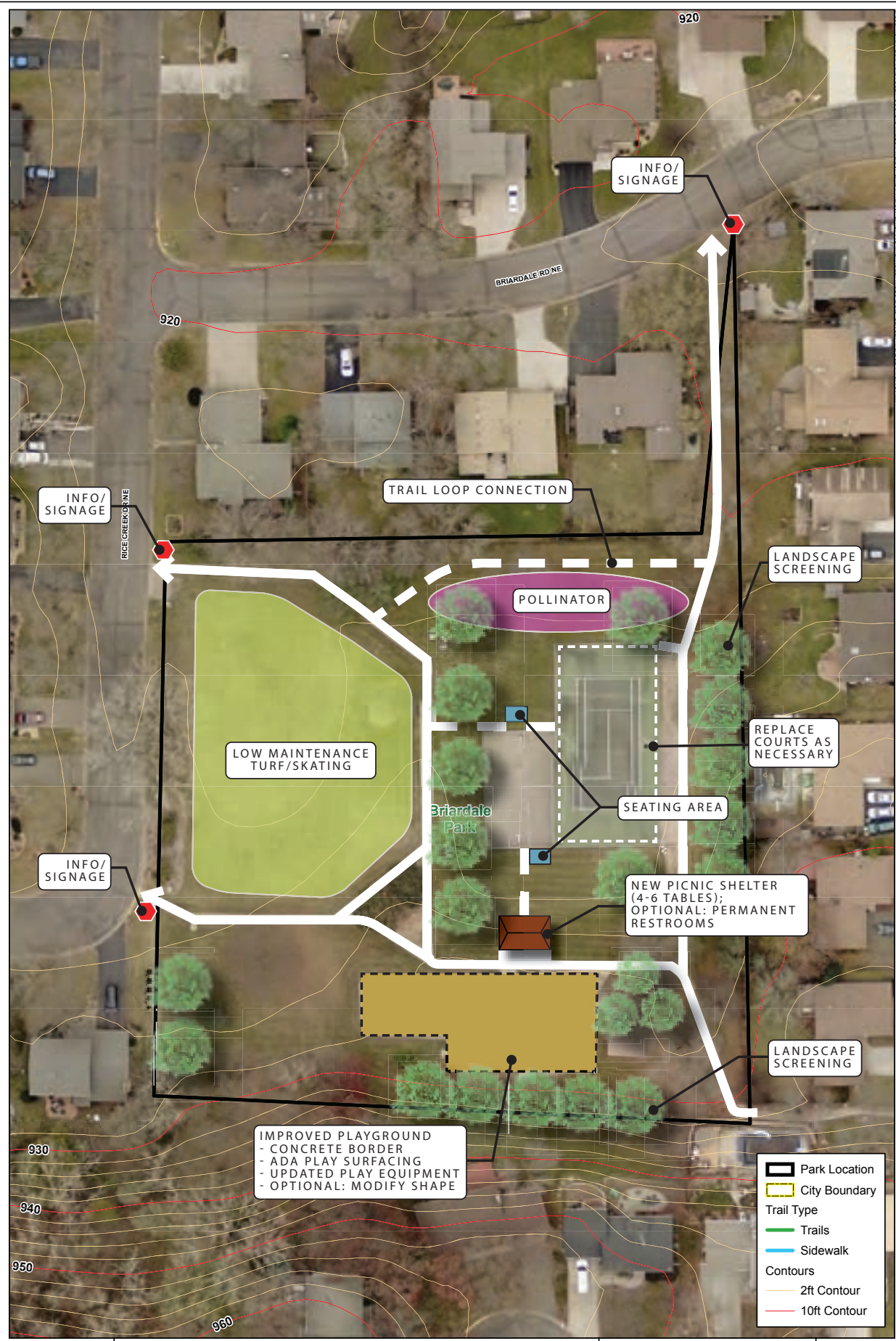
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Park Implementation Project
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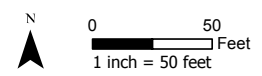
Fridley Park System | Concept

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Briardale Park
Park Implementation Project
Fridley, MN



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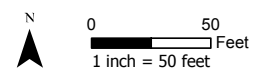
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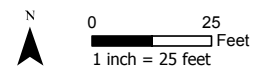


Creekridge Park
Park Implementation Project
Fridley, MN





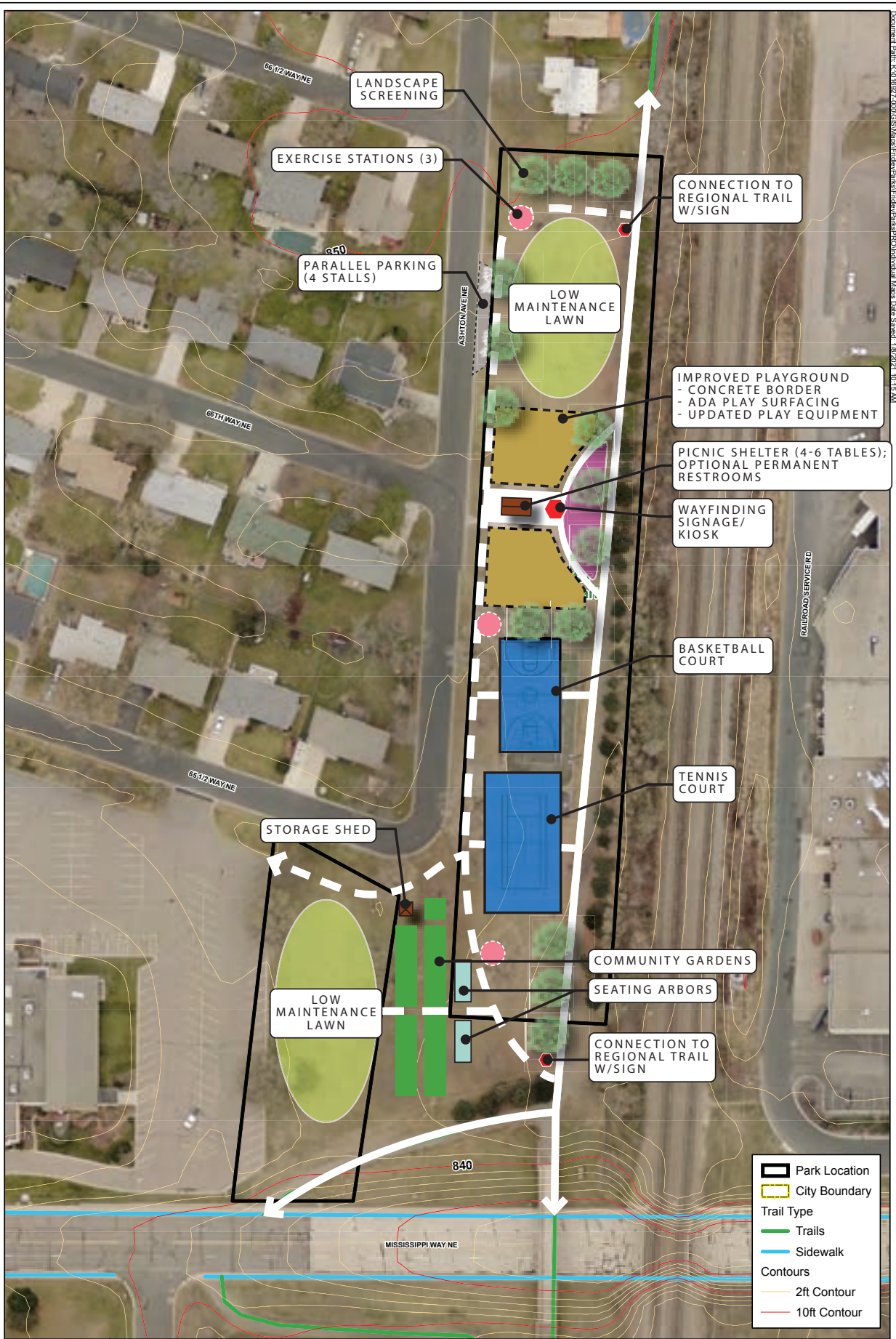
Ed Wilmes Park
Park Implementation Project
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Edgewater Gardens Park
Park Implementation Project
Fridley, MN



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Locke Lake Park
Park Implementation Project
Fridley, MN



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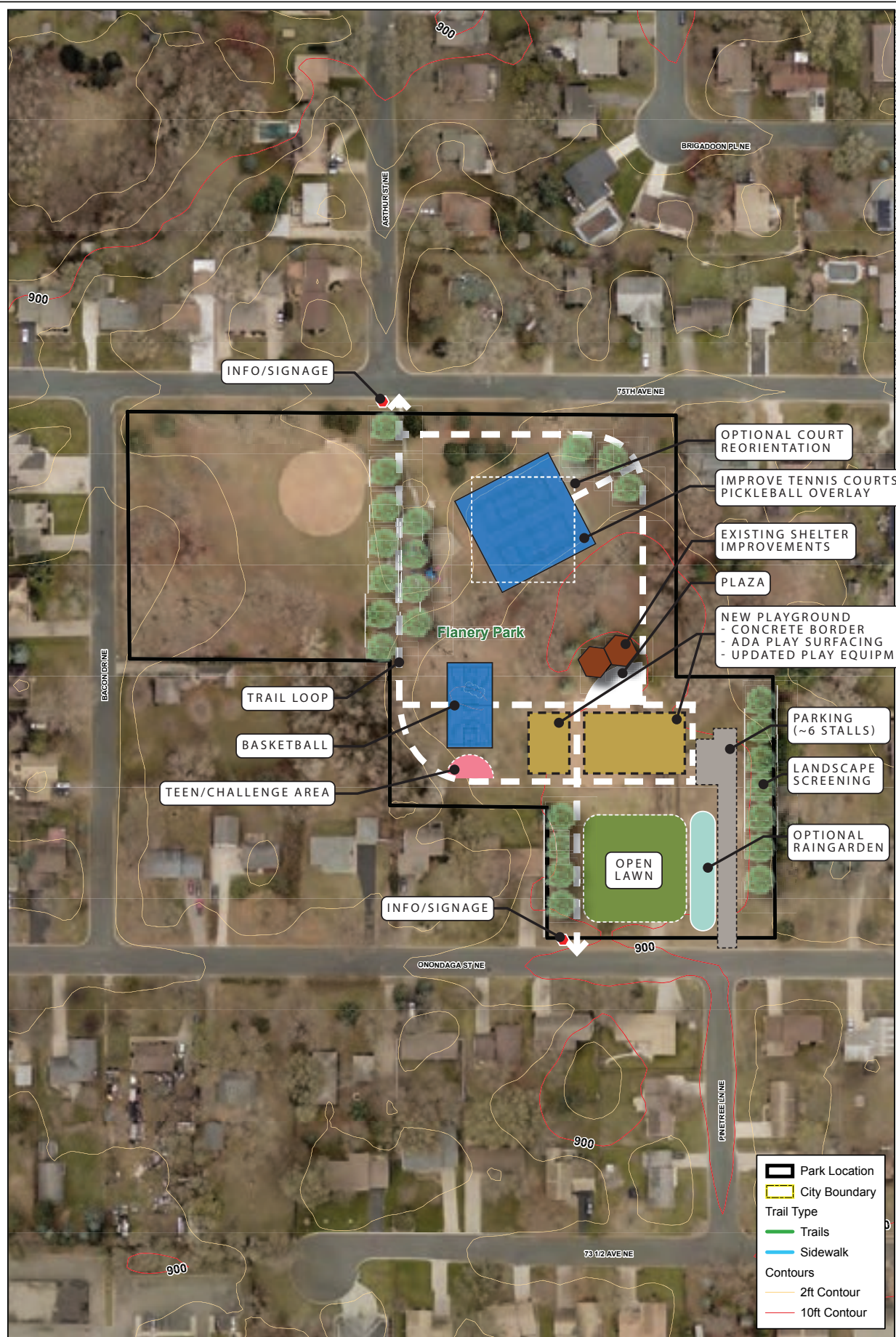


Fridley Park System | Concept

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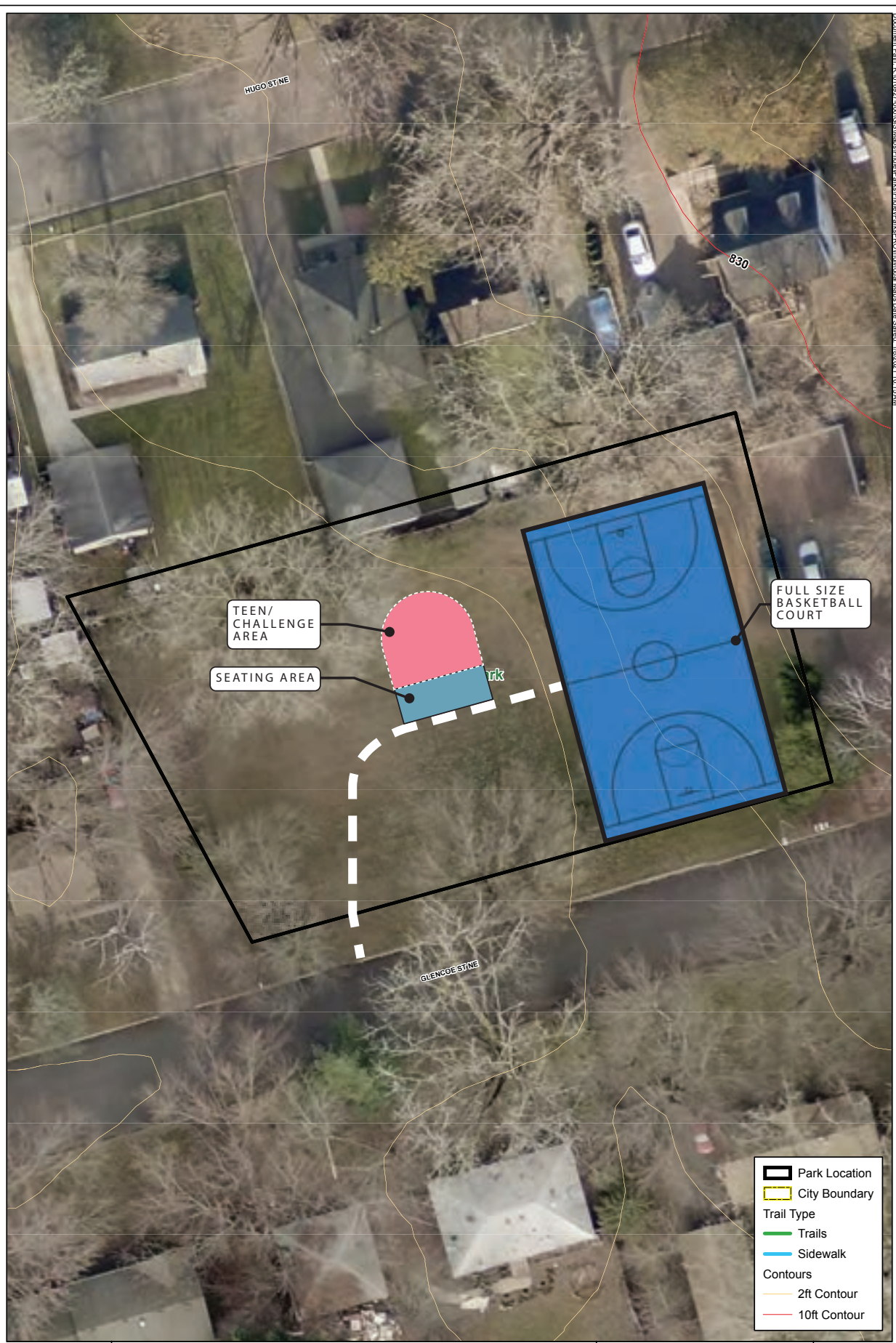
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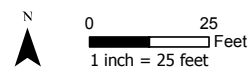


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Glencoe Park
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Springbrook Park Park Implementation Project Fridley, MN



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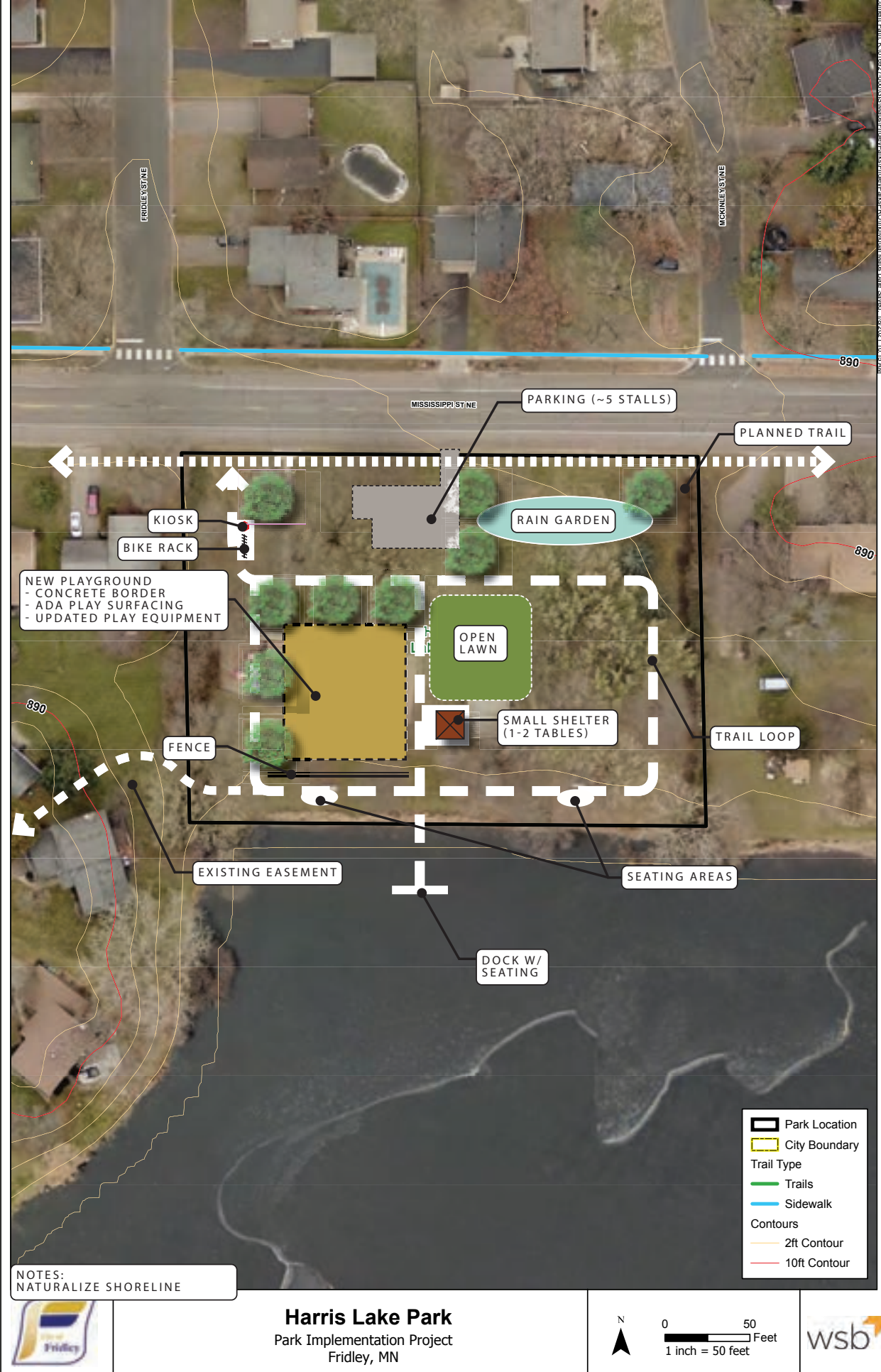
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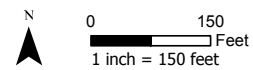


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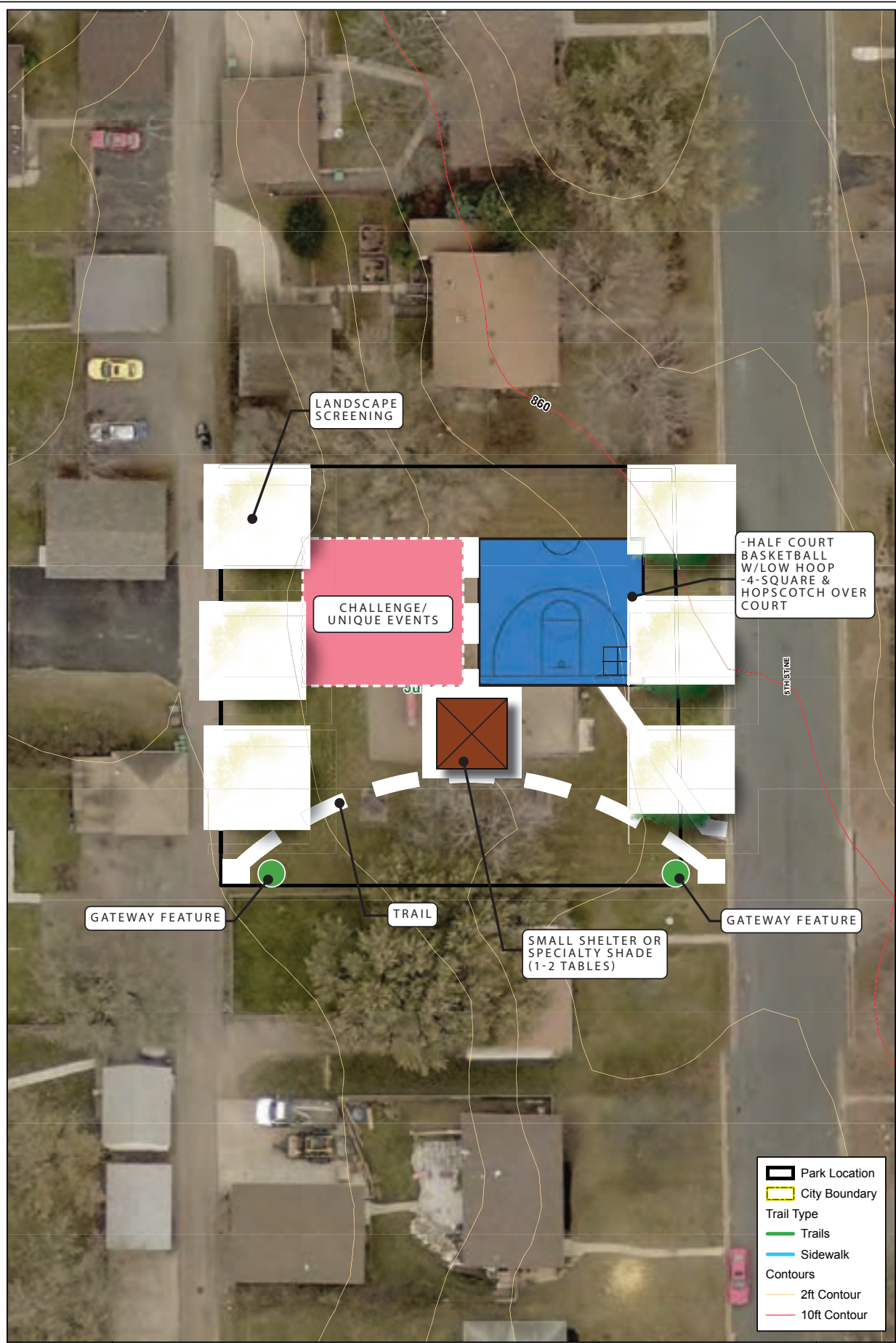
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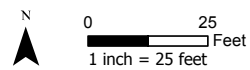


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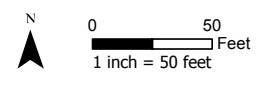
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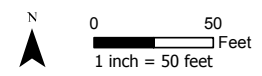


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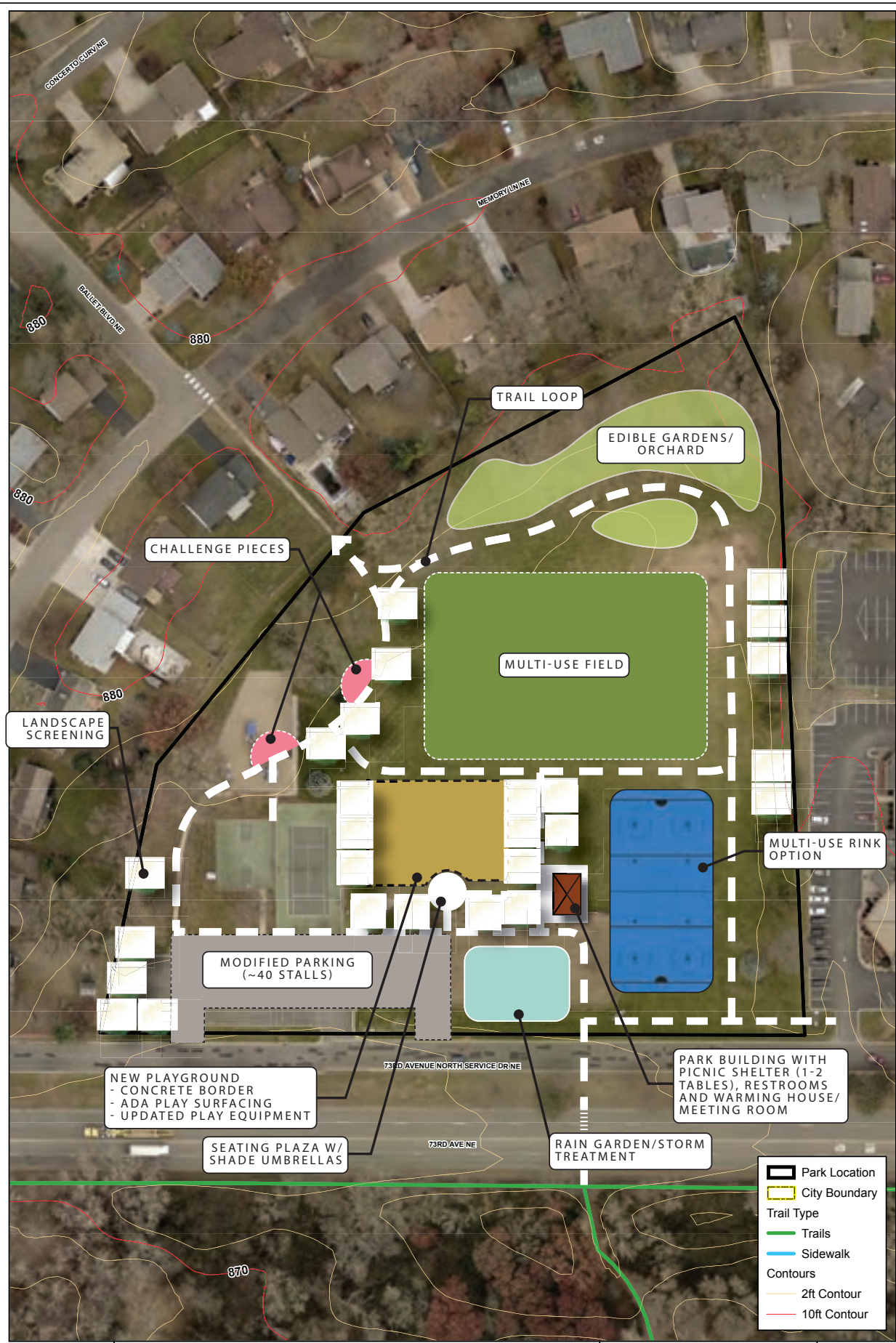
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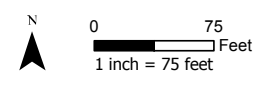
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Park Implementation Project
Fridley, MN



- Park Location
- City Boundary
- Trail Type
 - Trails
 - Sidewalk
- Contours
 - 2ft Contour
 - 10ft Contour



Madsen Park
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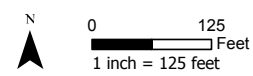
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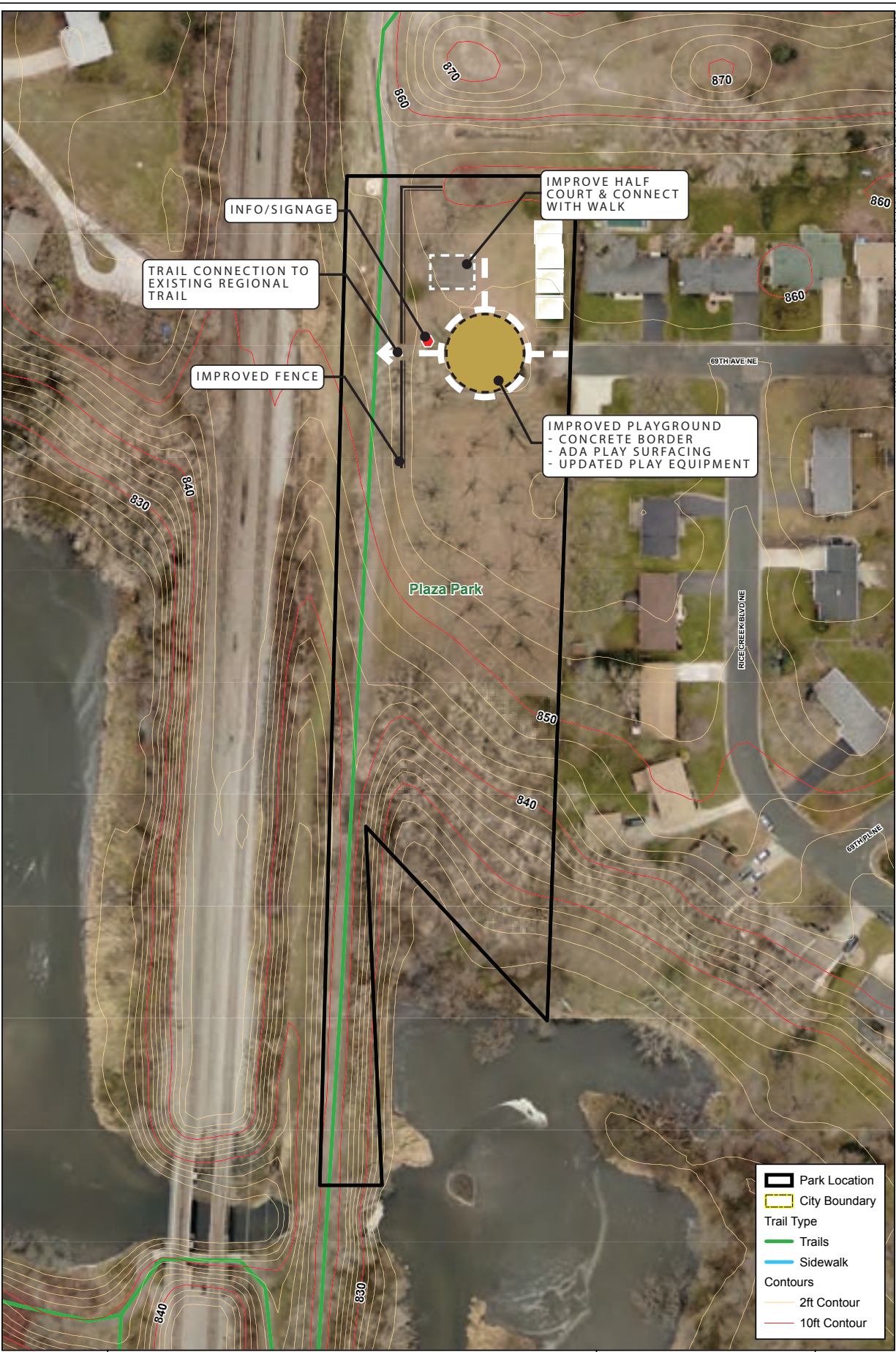
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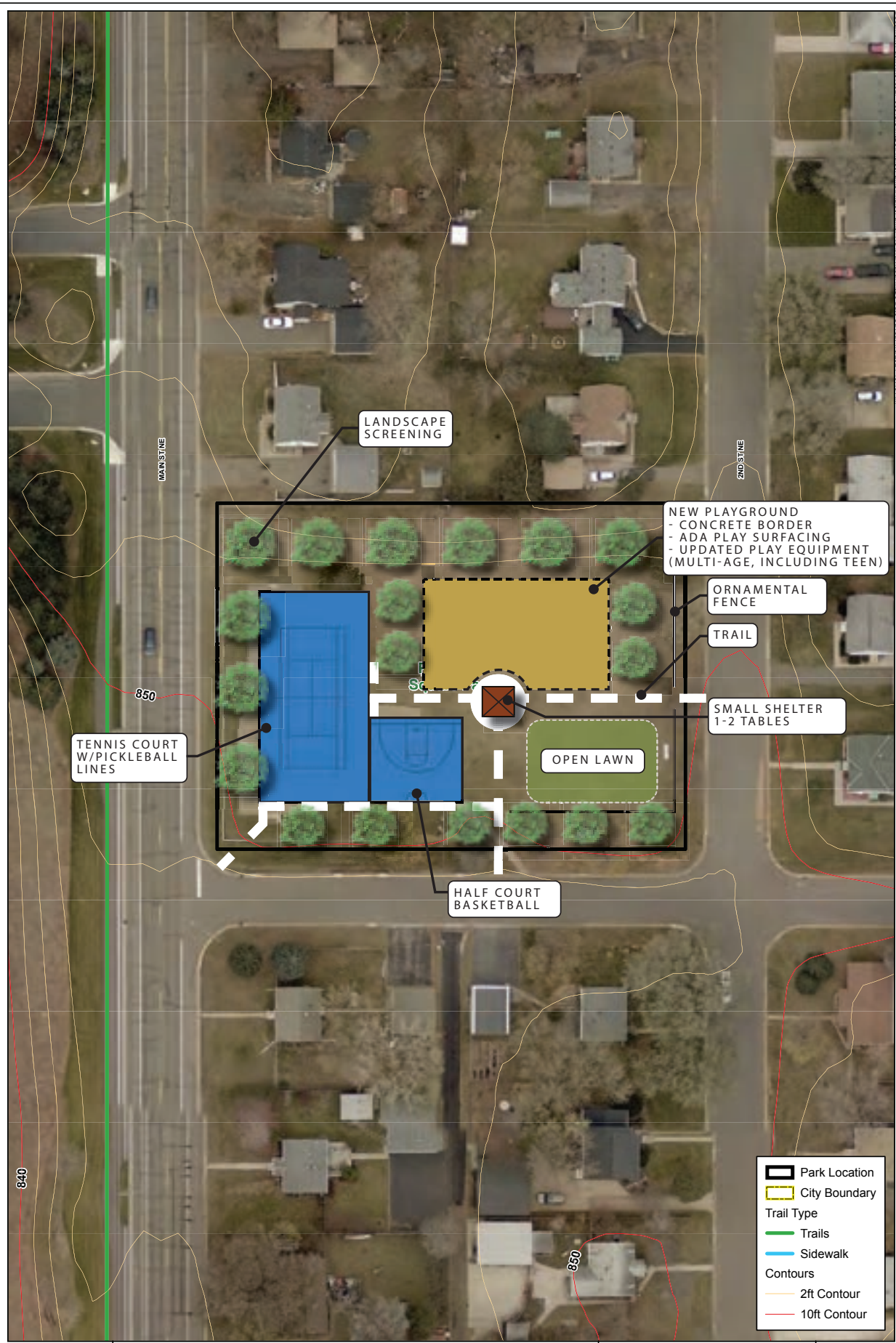


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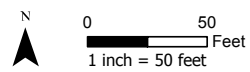
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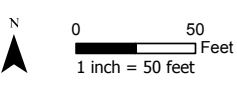
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River Edge Way Park
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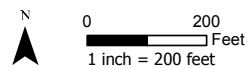
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NOTES:
 -NATURE INTERPRETATION AND BIRDING
 INFORMATION SIGNS
 -ONGOING NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Riverview Heights Park
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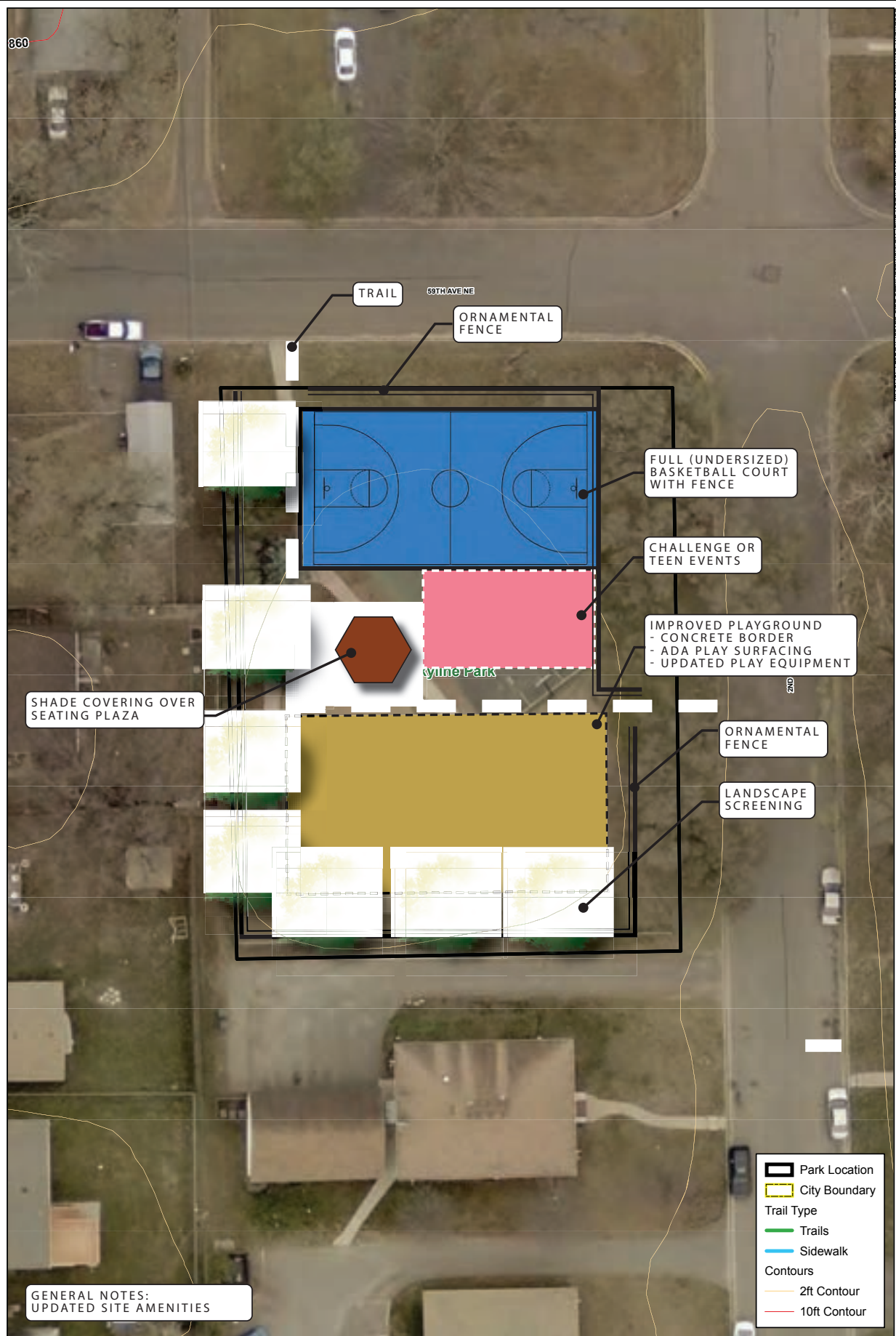


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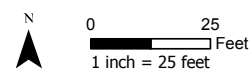


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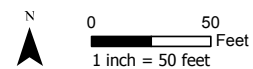
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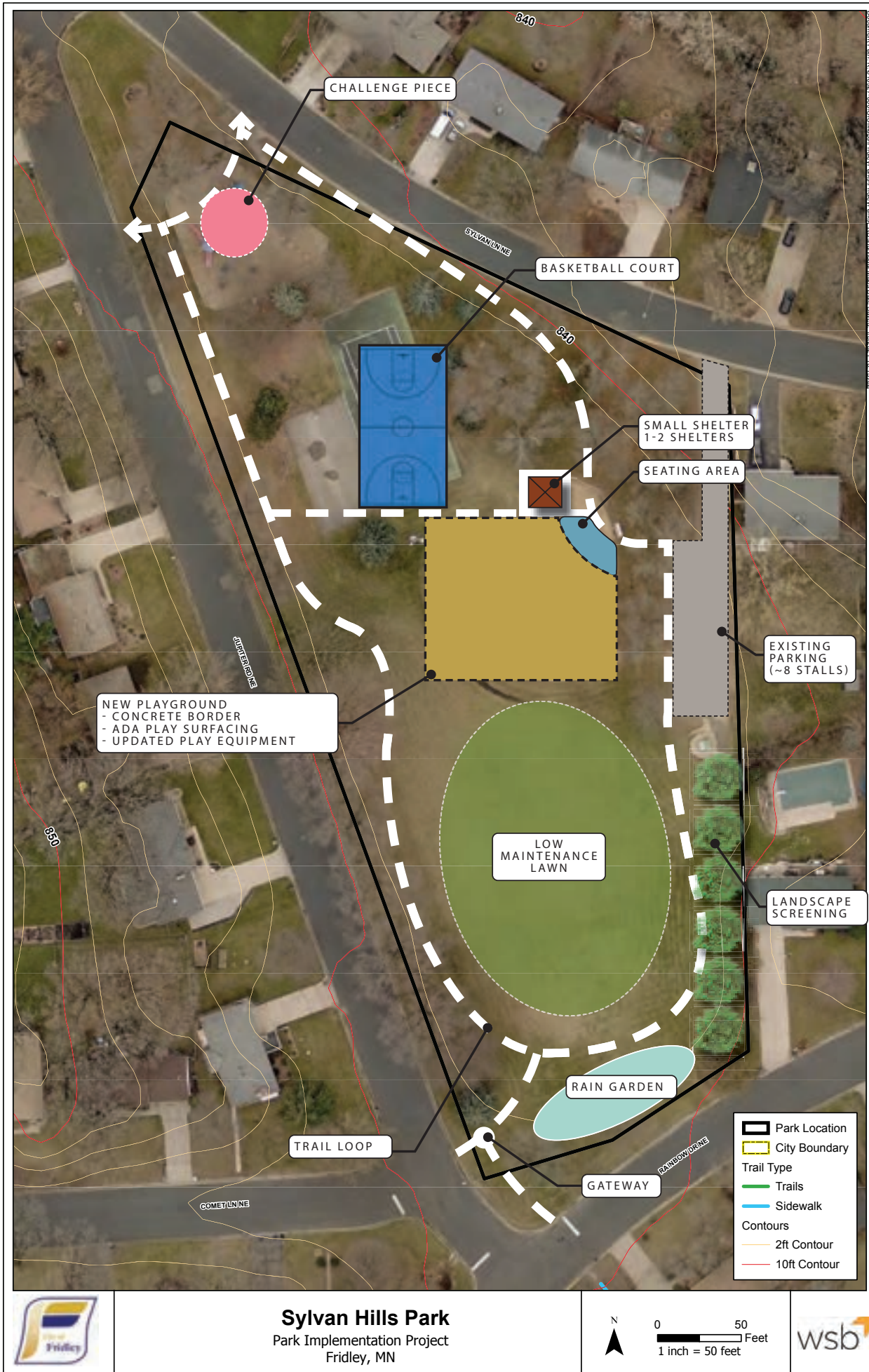
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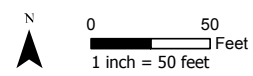
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Terrace Park
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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached is the October update from Springbrook Nature Center

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center October 2021 Update

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

Springbrook Nature Center

Park & Rec Commission Report

Fall Highlights

- The Springbrook Naturalist Staff has been busy teaching students this fall. We have seen 160 5th graders from Fridley Middle School, teaching evolution, adaptations, and food webs. Naturalists have seen each student for 4 hours this fall, both in their classroom and out at Springbrook.
- We've started our 4th grade units with both Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools, where we will see about 200 students. This year's module is all about rocks and water. We've had the chance to visit their schools to teach them about mineral testing and classification. We look forward to teaching them about the water cycle and water scarification later on this month.
- Our Adams Elementary partnership is going strong. Naturalists have seen a total of 416 students this fall on various topics ranging from Observations in Nature to Stream Studies. All classes take place on the nature trail outdoors.
- Our Playful Polliwogs programs are going well. We have had the chance to teach 64 preschoolers. In this parent-child class, we have covered many topics from what's living in the pond to pumpkins.
- The Nature Center staff is ecstatic to be able to plan and implement Pumpkin Night in the Park again after a year off. At the time of this report, we have sold more than 2,500 tickets to the event. We are thankful for the support of multiple departments in the City of Fridley, specifically Public Works, Public Safety, and the Recreation division. This year's event boasts more than 1,200 carved and lit pumpkins, an entertainment stage with Fire Dancers and a Clowntortionist, Food trucks (Rustic Chef, Grey Duck Concessions, KCM egg rolls, and Up North KettleKorn), live owls from the Wildlife Science Center, storyteller Kathleen Johnson, and much more!

Upcoming this Winter

- Once the snow flies, we are ready to start renting out snowshoes to the public.
- Mark your calendars for Winterfest! This year's event will be held at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, January 22nd from 11am – 2 pm.
- Springbrook will host the Minneapolis North Circle of the National Audubon Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 18th.

Grants

- Springbrook was awarded \$4000 by International Paper. We will be installing a brand new exhibit entitled "Becoming a Bird Watcher". The exhibit will include interpretive

displays, binoculars, interactive bird id, and will focus on the bird feeders outside the exhibit room.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 4, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached are highlights from the Recreation Division from October 2021.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Recreation Division Highlights: October 2021

Vision Statement

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HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation Division: October 2021

Fall Programs

Session one of Fall programs has concluded. Below is a list of September - October programs and participation numbers. Session two programs will begin in November.

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Soccer (3 classes)	38
Flag Football (2 classes)	17
Halloween Fun (1 class)	6

ADULT FITNESS & ATHLETICS

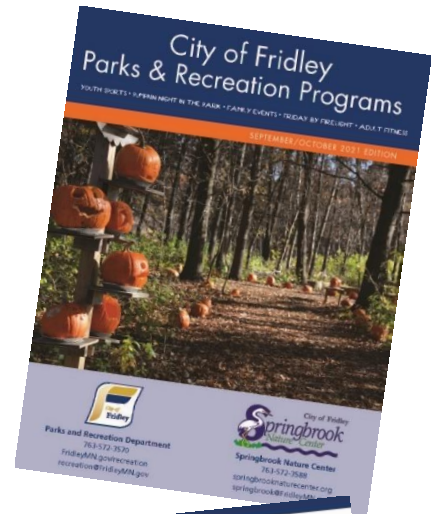
Zumba (2 classes)	20
Pickleball Clinic (3 clinics)	20
Fall Softball	5 (teams)

Parks and Recreation Brochure

The November/December edition of the brochure will be mailed to residents the first week in November. We are currently working on plans for the January/February brochure.

Pickleball Clinics and Courses

We are working with Will Davidson, an additional Pickleball instructor, to offer more programs! We held two beginner clinics during the month of October and will begin a Skills and Drills course in November. The upcoming course will take place weekly in the Hayes gym and focuses on helping players develop their skills through fun drills. We continue to work with the City of Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation Department on these offerings.



Fall Softball

The Fall Adult Softball season ended with an exciting double elimination tournament on September 23rd. Congratulations to this year's champions, BrokeBat Mountain! We would like to thank all teams and umpires for a great season.



DiREctions E-Newsletter

The third edition of the Recreation E-Newsletter was sent out on Tuesday, October 26th.

Photography Contest

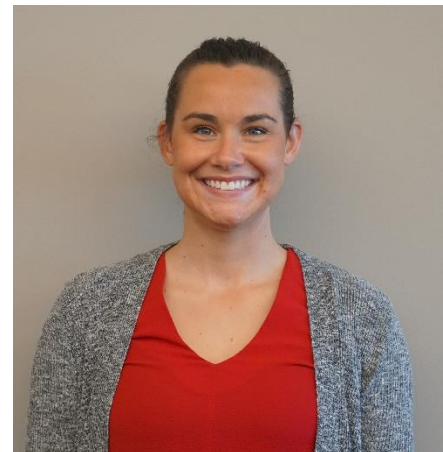
We received over 40 photo submissions for this year's contest! Voting is open now through November 10th on our website.

MRPA Annual Conference

The Minnesota Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference was held October 13 – 15th at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Staff were excited to connect with professionals from across the state and attended a wide variety of educational sessions. The team returned inspired to expand and improve our offerings.

Welcome Alyssa, Recreation Program Coordinator

Alyssa Trumbower joined our team as Program Coordinator on September 27th. Alyssa graduated with a degree in Kinesiology and Health from Iowa State University. She has found success listening to the needs of the community to create and implement effective practices and programs through her work as a Coordinator at the City of Minnetonka and the City of Robbinsdale. Alyssa began her work in the Parks and Recreation field as a lifeguard and swim instructor for Plymouth Parks and Recreation and over the years has worked in Parks and Recreation Departments in Maple Grove, Ames, and Three Rivers. In addition, she worked as the Head Building Coordinator and Lifeguard during her time at Iowa State University. Alyssa is a great addition to our team; she is positive, friendly, organized and innovative. We are excited to begin planning programs for 2022!





AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, and Facilities

Title

Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Background

Attached is the Park Maintenance and Construction report for October 2021.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

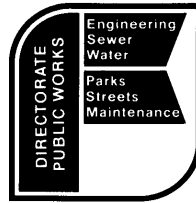
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Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report October 2021

Vision Statement

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager-Streets and Parks

DATE: October, 2021

SUBJECT: October Parks Report

The Park Department has been continuing to prep football and soccer fields on a weekly basis until the seasons are finished for the year. We have been working on planting 60 plus trees for EAB replacement and in parks. We have finished touchup grading and planting at Craig Park and installed 5 trees along the new trail. It looks like contractors might still be able to install new playground structures and the tennis court fence at the park yet this year. We completed irrigation blowouts and some repairs to the system to prepare for winter and will now start working on getting hockey and skating rinks ready for flooding and all equipment changed over to winter plowing and trail maintenance.

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