



# Parks and Recreation Commission

May 05, 2025

7:00 PM

7071 University Avenue NE

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## Agenda

### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

### Approval of Agenda

### Open Forum

The open forum allows the public to address the Commission on subjects that are not on the Regular Agenda. The Commission will accept feedback or questions from the public and asks that comments are limited to five minutes or less.

### New Business

2. Summer Programming Preview
3. Community Gardens Future Planning
4. 2026 Parks Capital Investment Program Recommendation
5. Locke Park Improvement Priorities

### Old Business

### Staff Reports

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

### Adjournment

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# Park Commission Meeting

April 7, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

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## Minutes

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Present**

EB Graham  
Peter Borman  
Melissa Luna  
Tim Kirk  
Ken Schultz  
Don Whalen

### **Also Present**

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director  
Nick Schmidt, City Engineer

### **Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for April 7, 2025**

*Motion by Commissioner Kirk to approve the April 7, 2025, meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for February 3, 2025**

*Motion by Commissioner Whalen to approve the February 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Open Forum**

Jodi Rehlander commented that she will be the newest member of the Commission and introduced herself.

### **New Business**

1. Innsbruck Nature Center Invasive Species Volunteer Check-In

Maija Sedzalarz provided background information on the collaborative effort, which began in 2004, to remove buckthorn and invasive species from the Innsbruck Park and Springbrook Nature Center properties.

Julie Wellman commented that she moved to Fridley four years ago and provided information on the volunteer effort they began in 2023 to clean up buckthorn at Innsbruck using the critical cut method. She estimated that she and Ms. Sedzalarz spent 60 to 80 hours between the two of them during the 2023 season. They gained 17 additional volunteers who assisted in 2024 with buckthorn removal at Innsbruck, noting 280 hours spent on the project. She commented that she was impressed with the social/community element involved with the project.

Ms. Sedzalarz commented on the upcoming training/refresher they will be conducting at Innsbruck to prepare for the upcoming season.

Commissioner Whalen asked the percentage of Innsbruck that they would estimate has been addressed through the volunteer efforts. Ms. Wellman replied that they have done one acre of the 24 acres.

Chair Borman commented that it was his understanding that the only way to remove buckthorn was to pull it up and asked if they are having success with this method. Ms. Wellman commented that this method does take longer, as it can take one or two years for the plant to die, but it is less backbreaking as well. Ms. Sedzalarz commented that the City of Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota are also using the critical cut method.

The Commission commented on what a great effort this is, as well as an opportunity for residents to gain community service hours.

## 2. Fridley Youth Sports Association Baseball Check-In

Taylor Stein, FYSA Baseball President, provided information on the upcoming season, noting that practices begin in one week. He stated that he has been involved with FYSA baseball since 2020. He provided information on the FYSA baseball program and the fields used by the different levels. He noted some locations that would be nice to have a porta-potty added.

Chair Borman asked how the numbers compare to the previous year. Mr. Stein commented that the numbers are similar, with some slight decreases due to Columbia Heights forming their own team, along with some players aging out to high school.

The Commission thanked Mr. Stein for his work and the update.

## 3. Commons Park Bid Approval and Construction Update

Nick Schmidt, City Engineer/Project Manager, explained that the park is split into two projects, which are site improvements and the building. He provided information on the bidding for both

the site work and building projects and included project elements. He stated that staff are currently looking at options for lighting that will help to decrease that cost, as that element bid was higher than anticipated. He stated that the project bids were approved at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, and the goal is to have the park open for the summer of 2026. He reviewed details of the proposed construction phasing for the projects, noting that phase two would begin after the completion of the 2025 baseball season. He provided information on what residents can expect during construction in the park. He confirmed that the contractor has worked with the City on multiple park improvement projects over the past five years.

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, commented on the great job that Mr. Schmidt does.

#### 4. Commission Appreciation Dinner

Chair Borman noted the upcoming Commission Appreciation Dinner. Mr. Maher hoped that everyone on the Commission could join them for the event on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Staff Reports**

#### 5. Staff Reports for Parks and Recreation Team

Mr. Maher provided a brief overview of the staff reports for parks and recreation.

Chair Borman noted the upcoming Spring Spree event, which features a golden ticket contest.

### **Adjournment**

*Commissioner Luna made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher, Staff Liaison



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

## **Background**

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Attached are the meeting minutes of the April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **Financial Impact**

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None.

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends approval of the April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

## **Vision Statement**

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



# AGENDA REPORT

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## **Title**

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Summer Programming Preview

## **Background**

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Parks and Recreation Department staff will present a preview to the Commission of upcoming summer programming. Program areas will be summer day camps, community programming (Safety Camp, summer Concerts, etc.), and adjustments made to program areas such as Fridley 49er Days due to the construction project at Commons Park.

## **Financial Impact**

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None.

## **Recommendation**

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None.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Summer Concert Flyer
- Rec and Roll Flyer
- Safety Camp Flyer

## **Vision Statement**

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# SAFETY CAMP



**GRADES**  
**2-4**  
(2024-25 school year)

**JUNE 24 - 25**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**\$55**

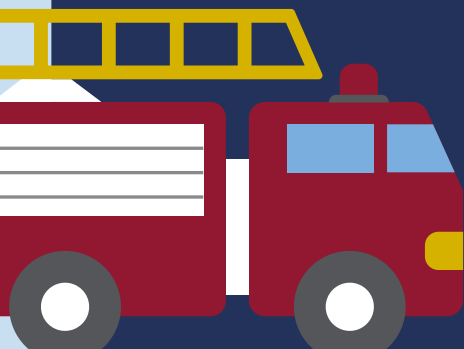
Get a behind-the-scenes look at Fridley's Fire and Police Divisions while learning and experiencing safety! Registration fee includes bike helmet, t-shirt, tote bag, snacks and lunch.

## Topics

- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Seatbelts
- ✓ Animals
- ✓ Electrical
- ✓ First aid
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Weather
- ✓ 911



Learn More and Register: [FridleyMN.gov/Rec](https://www.fridleymn.gov/Rec)



**Parks & Recreation**

# REC 'N ROLL

JUNE 17 - AUGUST 14

CLOSED 6/19



Look for the Rec N Roll truck for:

- Sports
- Games
- Crafts & activities
- Free snacks for ages 18 & under!

Flanery Park

2:30 - 4 p.m.

1487 Onondanga St



Scan for more information!



Parks & Recreation

FREE

# community concerts

- Bring a lawn chair
- Enjoy live music with your neighbors
- All ages are welcome

We hope to see you there!

## Civic Campus – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Come early for food trucks and games on the plaza at 5:45 p.m.! *In case of rain, concerts may be moved to the large shelter at nearby Locke Park.*

**JUNE 24: MR. WINKY BAND, CLASSIC ROCK** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus

**JULY 8: INNOCENT REGGAE BAND, REGGAE** Food - Rustic Chef

**JULY 22: DARLENE AND THE BOYS, COUNTRY** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus

**AUGUST 19: JACK BRASS BAND, NEW ORLEANS BAND** Food- Rustic Chef

& Brick Oven Pizza Bus Pre-Concert: Touch A Truck & Popsicles with Public Safety 4 - 7 p.m.

## Springbrook Nature Center – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

*Springbrook concerts are supported by a generous donation from the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.* In case of rain, SNC concerts will be held in the covered area of the Pavilion.

**JULY 15: JULIET AND THE MONTAGUES, JAZZ**

**AUGUST 12: BLUEGROOVE BLUEGRASS BAND, BLUEGRASS**

## Locke Park – Friday at 10:30 a.m.

**AUGUST 8: THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.**

Let's go to the theater—but this time at Locke Park! We will watch ETC Production's The Little Mermaid Jr. Fridley Fire will have a fire engine on display.

## Mondays at Moore – Mondays at 7 p.m.

*In case of rain, concerts may be held inside the Moore Lake Community Building at limited capacity.*

**JUNE 2: FRIDLEY CITY BAND**

**JUNE 30: JEFF LOVEN, ROCK N ROLL**

Pre-Concert Event: Bike Rodeo, 5 - 7 p.m.

**JULY 28: DUO CORDA, JAZZ/CLASSICAL/INTERNATIONAL  
NORTHEAST ORCHESTRA—CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC**

JUNE 16: STRING QUARTET

AUGUST 11: FLUTE DUO

AUGUST 25: HORN QUINTET

## Music in Our Parks – Mondays at 7 p.m.

**FRIDLEY CITY BAND**

JUNE 2: MOORE LAKE PARK

JUNE 9: BRIARDALE PARK

JUNE 30: EDGEWATER PARK

JULY 7: LOGAN PARK

JULY 21: SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Community Gardens Future Planning

## **Background**

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Community gardens were identified as a component of the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP). Several locations were identified for possible development but none were formalized as definitive components of any one park site. Locations identified as possible sites include Edgewater Gardens, Madsen Park, Flanery Park and Locke Park.

## **Financial Impact**

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Funding for future community gardens would be included in park development funded through the approved Park System Improvement Plan or grants.

## **Recommendation**

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Staff requests that the Commission develop a list of priority sites for development of community gardens.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- PSIP concept plan for Edgewater Gardens Park
- PSIP concept plan for Madsen Park
- PSIP concept plan for Flanery Park
- Exhibit showing layout option for Locke Park community gardens

## **Vision Statement**

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Locke Park Community Garden Option Exhibit



Imagery ©2025 Airbus, CNES / Airbus, Maxar Technologies, Map data ©2025 Google 50 ft

**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 pollinator-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

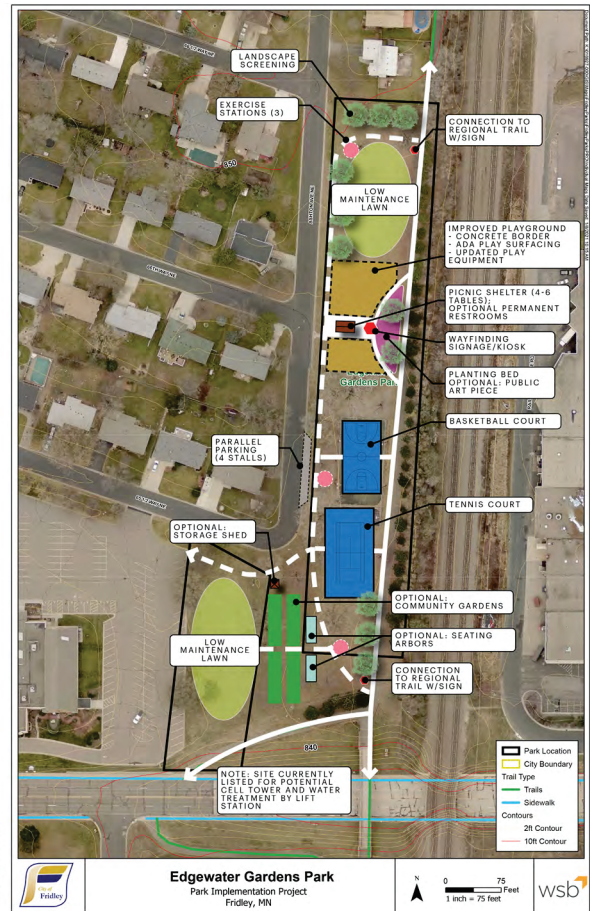
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$550,000 to \$773,000 for base preferred improvements and an additional \$512,000 to \$718,000 for deferred or alternate improvements.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

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



This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities for multiple neighborhood service areas, 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:**

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**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:** LOW MEDIUM HIGH

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



# Flanery Park

1505 ONONDAGA STREET NE

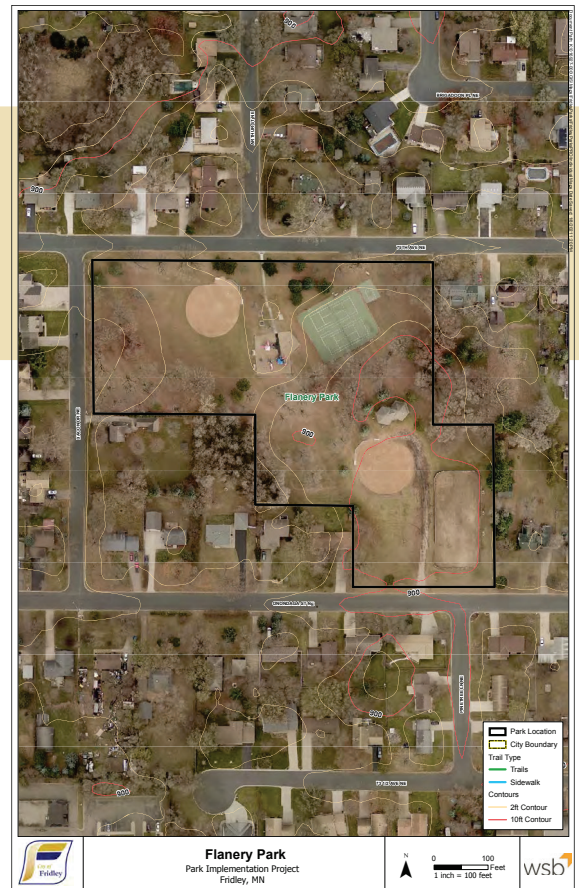
**PARK TYPE:** NEIGHBORHOOD PARK  
**SIZE:** 7.9-ACRES  
**RESIDENTS SERVED:** 1777  
**SPECIAL USES:** HOCKEY RINK

**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:**

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**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 pollinator-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 orientation
- 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

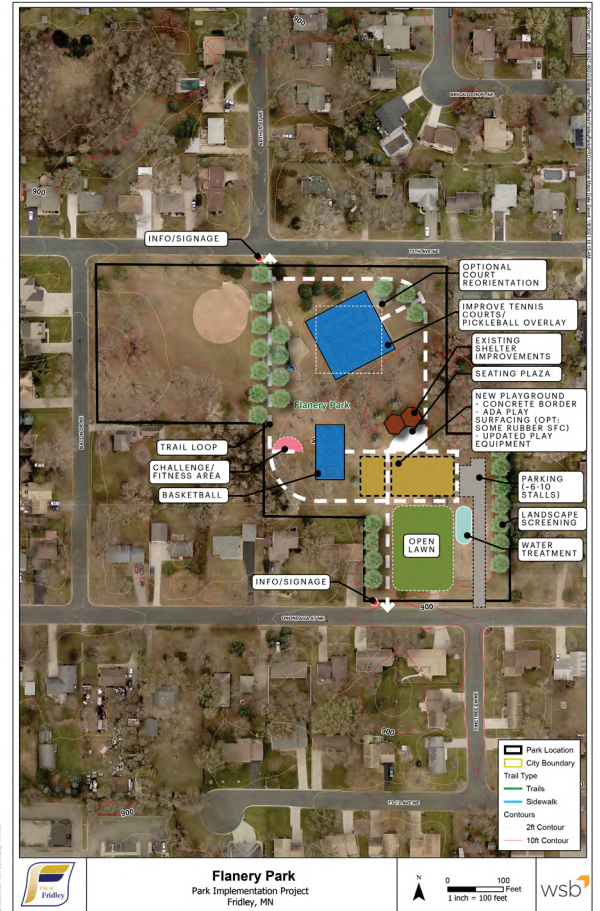
The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$765,000 to \$1.1 million.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

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



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).





# AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## Title

2026 Parks Capital Investment Program Recommendation

## Background

The City of Fridley uses a five-year Capital Investment Program as a planning and budgeting tool for major expenses, including such items as vehicles, technology upgrades and park infrastructure. Per City Code, the Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to review and recommend a Capital Investment Program for the park system for the coming year before June 1 of each year.

## Financial Impact

Items detailed in the proposed 2026 Parks Capital Investment Program are all accounted for in the proposed 2026 city budget. Significant proposed infrastructure improvements are all part of the approved park system improvement plan implementation schedule.

One exception to this is proposed upgrades to Community Park to redevelop fields 5 and 6 into soccer fields. This project was part of a proposal approved by the City Council in July of 2024 to account for field needs of the Fridley Youth Sports Association (FYSA). Staff will be refining this project budget but do expect the cost to be several hundred thousand dollars.

Additional items under consideration include:

- Community Park Soccer Field Development - \$300,000 (estimated)
- Moore Lake Park Improvements including fishing pier and shelter refurbishment - \$30,000 (estimated)

## Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission review the proposed 2026 Parks Capital Investment Program items with the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. A recommendation to endorse the proposed 2026 Capital Investment Program is requested.

## Attachments and Other Resources

### Vision Statement

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

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- Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Investment Program chart and detail sheets for 2026 projects
  - Exhibit showing field expansion area at Community Park

**Vision Statement**

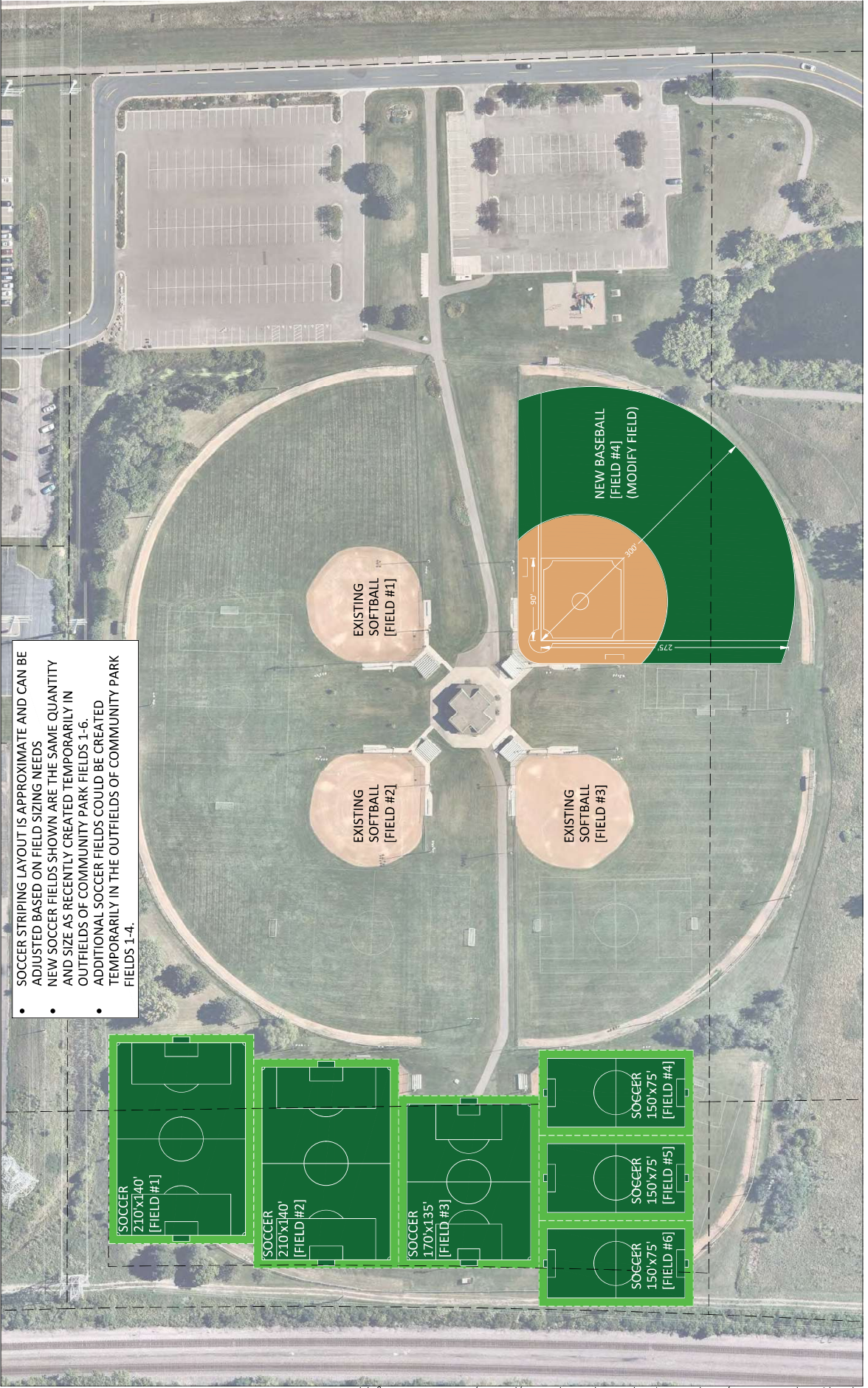
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**COMMUNITY PARK**

07.08.2024

**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

- SOCCER STRIPING LAYOUT IS APPROXIMATE AND CAN BE ADJUSTED BASED ON FIELD SIZING NEEDS
- NEW SOCCER FIELDS SHOWN ARE THE SAME QUANTITY AND SIZE AS RECENTLY CREATED TEMPORARILY IN OUTFIELDS OF COMMUNITY PARK FIELDS 1-6.
- ADDITIONAL SOCCER FIELDS COULD BE CREATED TEMPORARILY IN THE OUTFIELDS OF COMMUNITY PARK FIELDS 1-4.



Item 4.

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2025 through 2029  
**Projects and Sources by Department (Parks)**  
 Fridley, MN

Item 4.

Department	Project #	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
<b>Parks Capital Project</b>							
Moore Lake Park Improvements	407-31-22700	50,000					50,000
SNC Parking Lot Maintenance	407-31-24464	25,000					25,000
Edgewater Garden Park Improvements	407-31-24704	30,000					30,000
Plymouth Square Park Improvements	407-31-24705	20,000					20,000
Sylvan Hills Park Improvements	407-31-24706	331,000					331,000
Logan Park Improvements	407-31-24707	20,000					20,000
Commons Park Improvements	407-31-24710	6,300,000	4,500,000	200,000			11,000,000
SNC Trail Resurfacing	407-31-25100	100,000	100,000	100,000			300,000
SNC Boardwalk Trail Replacement (New)	407-31-25443	600,000	100,000	100,000			800,000
Park Improvement Grant Matching	407-31-25600	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000
Locke Park Upgrades - (New)	407-31-25601	150,000	50,000		250,000		450,000
Moore Lake Park Building Solar Installation	407-31-25602	135,000					135,000
General Park System Maintenance	407-31-25604	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
Oak Hill Park Improvements	407-31-25709	144,000					144,000
Jubilee Park Improvements	407-31-25712	250,000					250,000
Summit Square Park Improvements	407-31-25713	29,000	271,000	28,000			328,000
Flanery Park Improvements	407-31-26711	16,000	963,000	90,000			1,069,000
Commons Park Vehicle & Equip. Storage (New)	407-31-27002		30,000	500,000			530,000
Madsen Park Improvements	407-31-27708			211,000	2,406,000	300,000	2,917,000
Harris Park Improvements	407-31-28714			35,000	350,000	40,000	425,000
Briardale Park Improvements	407-31-28715			30,000	360,000	50,000	440,000
Creekridge Park Improvements	407-31-28716			15,000	280,000	30,000	325,000
Hackmann Circle Park Improvements	407-31-28717			20,000	290,000	30,000	340,000
Ruth Circle Park Improvements	407-31-28718			90,000	1,100,000	60,000	1,250,000
<b>Bond Proceeds</b>		6,690,000	3,764,000				10,454,000
<b>Community Investment Fund Reserves</b>			2,000,000	939,000	4,786,000	510,000	8,235,000
<b>Grant - Federal</b>		40,000					40,000
<b>Grant - State</b>		622,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	822,000
<b>Parks Capital Impr. Fund Reserves</b>		928,000	280,000	230,000	280,000	30,000	1,748,000
<b>Water Utility Fees</b>				280,000			280,000
<b>Source Grand Total</b>		<b>8,280,000</b>	<b>6,094,000</b>	<b>1,499,000</b>	<b>5,116,000</b>	<b>590,000</b>	<b>21,579,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>8,280,000</b>	<b>6,094,000</b>	<b>1,499,000</b>	<b>5,116,000</b>	<b>590,000</b>	<b>21,579,000</b>

# Detail Capital Project Sheets

## Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-24710  
**Project Name** Commons Park Improvements

**Contact** Public Works Director **Department** Parks Capital Project  
**Type** Park Improvements **Category** PW - Parks  
**Status** Active **Useful Life** 25 years  
**Account No.:** 407-3160-702100

### Description

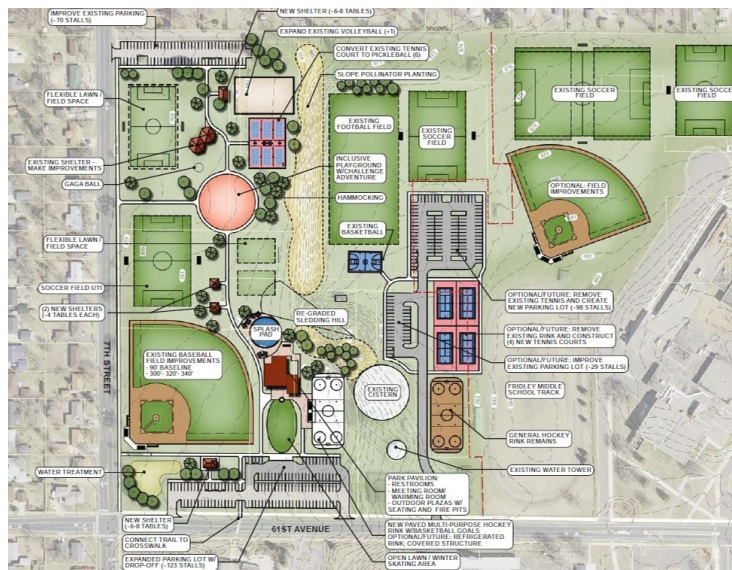
This project is part of the Parks Master Plan implementation and includes general park upgrades in accordance with that plan. The project will include such elements as sitework, new courts, a new parking lot, landscaping, lighting, trails, shelters, fencing, and piers. The project also includes a new building. The building will provide a usable space for the public, and an area to reserve for meetings, community education, and gathering. The project includes equipment replacement and upgrades to such elements as playground equipment and fixtures.

### Justification

The project is intended to implement the Parks Master Plan approved by the City Council in 2022.

Expenditures	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Land Improvements	6,300,000	4,500,000	200,000	0	0	11,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,300,000</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>

Funding Sources	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bond Proceeds	5,800,000	2,600,000	0	0	0	8,400,000
Community Investment Fund Reserves	0	1,900,000	200,000	0	0	2,100,000
Grant - State	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,300,000</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>



# Detail Capital Project Sheets

## Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25100  
**Project Name** SNC Trail Resurfacing

<b>Contact</b>	Parks and Recreation Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	Rec & Park - SNC
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	20 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

### Description

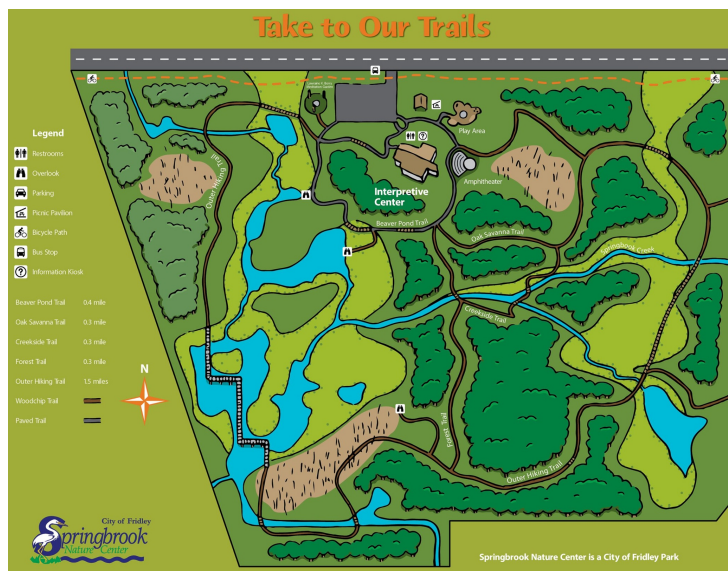
Resurfacing the Outer Loop, Oak Savanna and Creekside Trails, transitioning from woodchip trails to crushed stone.

### Justification

Resurfacing trails using a product that has a longer life span than wood chips, which biodegrade, will help reduce the supplies and frequency of regular maintenance needed to keep trails in good condition. Crushed stone will provide a safer and more stable surface for all users.

Expenditures	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Land Improvements	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300,000</b>

Funding Sources	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Parks Capital Impr. Fund Reserves	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300,000</b>



# Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25443  
**Project Name** SNC Boardwalk Trail Replacement (New)

<b>Contact</b>	Parks and Recreation Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	Rec & Park - SNC
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	15 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

**Description**

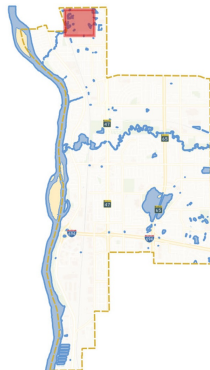
The trail decking has exceeded its useful service life. The regular repairs required to keep the existing decking hazard-free warrants full replacement. This project is to replace the entire 85th Avenue wood deck trail.

**Justification**

Trail decking has reached the end of its service life and requires full replacement. Staff is performing much too regular repairs to keep this decking hazard-free.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Land Improvements	600,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parks Capital Impr. Fund Reserves	600,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>



# Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25600  
**Project Name** Park Improvement Grant Matching

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	10 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

**Description**

This project provides funds to support matching requirements of the various grants identified by the City to support improvements and other changes throughout the park system.

**Justification**

Throughout the year, the City identifies various grant program and funding opportunities to support the park system. This project provides monies to meet such requirements on an as needed basis.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Other	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grant - State	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>



## Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25601  
**Project Name** Locke Park Upgrades - (New)

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	25 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

### Description

The project will provide the beginning set of upgrades to Locke Park that have been identified since the City began management of the park at the end of last year. In 2025, plans are to provide access and security upgrades for the park, 2026 funding is for dog park upgrades, and 2028 improvements are related to improving access to Rice Creek within the park.

### Justification

This project was a result of staff review of initial park needs. Future needs may include a roadway connection to 73rd Avenue or Trunk Highway 65.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Land Improvements	150,000	50,000	0	250,000	0	450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parks Capital Impr. Fund Reserves	150,000	50,000	0	250,000	0	450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450,000</b>

# Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25604  
**Project Name** General Park System Maintenance

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	10 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-635100		

**Description**

This project provides funds to support deferred park and trail system maintenance.

**Justification**

Throughout the year, the City identifies miscellaneous improvements or needs throughout the park system. Generally, this project will provide an identified source of funds to support costs associated with these improvements and modifications.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Contractual Services	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parks Capital Impr. Fund Reserves	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>



# Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-25713  
**Project Name** Summit Square Park Improvements

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	25 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

**Description**

This project is part of the Parks Master Plan implementation and includes general park upgrades in accordance with that plan. The project will include such elements as sitework, new courts, a new parking lot, landscaping, lighting, trails, shelters, fencing, and piers. The project also includes equipment replacement and upgrades to such elements as playground equipment and fixtures.

**Justification**

The project is intended to implement the Parks Master Plan approved by the City Council in 2022.

Expenditures	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Land Improvements	29,000	271,000	28,000	0	0	328,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>271,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328,000</b>

Funding Sources	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bond Proceeds	29,000	271,000	0	0	0	300,000
Community Investment Fund Reserves	0	0	28,000	0	0	28,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>271,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328,000</b>



# Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-26711  
**Project Name** Flanery Park Improvements

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	25 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-702100		

### Description

This project is part of the Parks Master Plan implementation and includes general park upgrades in accordance with that plan. The project will include such elements as sitework, new courts, a new parking lot, landscaping, lighting, trails, shelters, fencing, and piers. The project also includes equipment replacement and upgrades to such elements as playground equipment and fixtures.

### Justification

The project is intended to implement the Parks Master Plan approved by the City Council in 2022.

Expenditures	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Land Improvements	16,000	963,000	90,000	0	0	1,069,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>963,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,069,000</b>

Funding Sources	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bond Proceeds	16,000	863,000	0	0	0	879,000
Community Investment Fund Reserves	0	100,000	90,000	0	0	190,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>963,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,069,000</b>



## Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 407-31-27002  
**Project Name** Commons Park Vehicle & Equip. Storage (New)

<b>Contact</b>	Public Works Director	<b>Department</b>	Parks Capital Project
<b>Type</b>	Park Improvements	<b>Category</b>	PW - Parks
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	30 years
<b>Account No.:</b>	407-3160-701100		

### Description

This project will provide for vehicle storage and equipment storage for the Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department - Water Division.

### Justification

The improvement would provide space for approximately 10 vehicles and seasonal recreation equipment storage. The project will be partially funded by the Commons Park Improvement project in the PSIP, and through the Water Utility Fund. Construction of this project will abate the need for expansion of cold storage at the Public Works Facility and remove that project from the CIP.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Buildings	0	0	500,000	0	0	500,000
Planning/Design	0	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>530,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Water Utility Fees	0	0	280,000	0	0	280,000
Community Investment Fund Reserves	0	0	220,000	0	0	220,000
Bond Proceeds	0	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>530,000</b>

## Detail Capital Project Sheets

Fridley, MN

**Project #** 409-13-25199  
**Project Name** Part 2: Audio Visual Upgrades for SNC

<b>Contact</b>	Finance Director	<b>Department</b>	Provisional Projects
<b>Type</b>	Provisional	<b>Category</b>	Finance - Information Tech
<b>Status</b>	Active	<b>Useful Life</b>	10 years

**Description**

Part 2 of a two year project to replace and update the AV equipment at Springbrook Nature Center. The second phase will update the projectors, add in cameras and additional audio equipment for video conferencing and streaming.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Other	71,000	0	0	0	0	71,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
To Be Determined	71,000	0	0	0	0	71,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71,000</b>



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Locke Park Improvement Priorities

## **Background**

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The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the Locke Park site in 2022 and provided input into a list of possible development priorities for the park, which the City of Fridley assumed operational control of that same year. A list (attached) captures the various ideas but does not identify priorities. The City's Capital Investment Program (CIP) includes improvements at Locke Park with \$150,000 in 2025, \$50,000 in 2026 and \$250,000 in 2028.

## **Financial Impact**

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Funds have been identified in the CIP and are not finalized until the current year budget is approved. The budgeted funds for 2025 can be utilized for projects this year.

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends a balanced approach to recommendations to allow for improvements to park safety and recreational value. A combination of a park entry gate and upgraded amenities for casual recreation such as dog park improvements, sand volleyball, gaga ball, bag toss or other similar amenities are recommended.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Locke Park Operations Plan

## **Vision Statement**

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



# Locke Park Improvement Plan **DRAFT**

September 15, 2023



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

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## Locke Park Improvement Plan

### Background

The City of Fridley provided notification to Anoka County of termination of a joint powers agreement for the operation of Locke Park, a City of Fridley property that had been operated and maintained by Anoka County. The City of Fridley will take over operations and maintenance of the park on, or around, November 15, 2023.

### Questions to Clarify Before Transfer of Responsibility for Operations

- City of Fridley to be responsible for maintenance of the Rice Creek West Regional Trail which runs through city property with Anoka County responsible for remainder of trail maintenance.
- Will existing garbage and recycling facilities remain?
- Removal of dumpster
- Future of archery range. Should alternative location be considered?
- How will the status of the City of Fridley's legislation to be recognized as a regional park implementing agency impact the status of the park as a regional park?
- Is the park suitable for use as a police K-9 training area for the City of Fridley?
- Which agency will be responsible for removal of existing signage?
- How will utility billing be transferred – water, electricity.
- Do reports exist for playground inspection?
- Is there a natural resources management plan? Invasive species? Current grants or agreements relating to the park?
- Would the small shelter be impacted as is listed as suggestion in trail master plan?

### Operations

Locke Park will be operated under the policies and standards of the City of Fridley park system. Open hours will be from sunrise to 10 pm. The City of Fridley will manage rental of park shelters and other park conditional uses.

Shelter rental will be coordinated and managed by the City of Fridley.

Large shelter rental – 150 person capacity

Small shelter rental – 50 person capacity

Portable restrooms will need to be on hand at large shelter/playground, small shelter, and dog park.

# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

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## **Maintenance**

Locke Park will be maintained according to the City of Fridley Park Maintenance Standards.

Specific concerns and issues that have been requested include:

- Plowed or packed trails for winter use – walking, fat tire biking, XC skiing, snowshoeing.
- Improved lighting
- Plow road to large shelter
- Consider making indoor restrooms available for daily use – how will rental groups get access to restrooms?
- Management of dead, dying or diseased trees

# Locke Park Improvement Plan

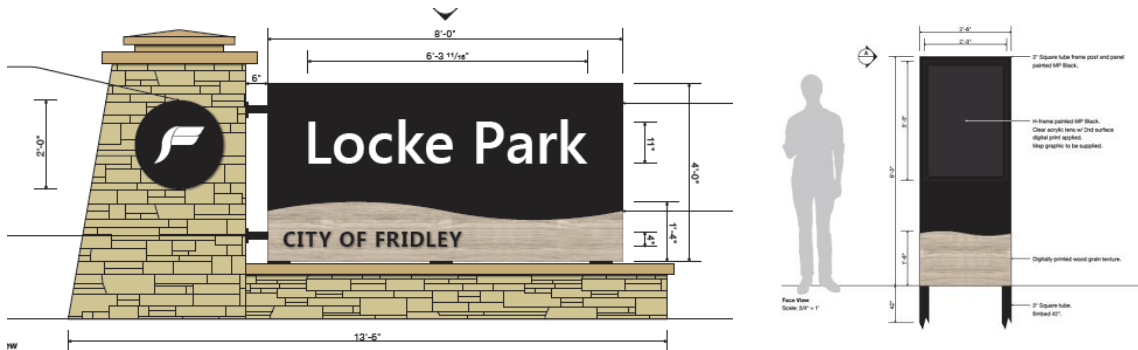
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## Future Improvements Phase 1 – 2023-2025

### 1. Signage and Basic Trail Improvements (\$15,000)

- a. New entrance monument sign
- b. Improve access and views to Rice Creek
- c. Determine Fridley’s role and responsibility in maintaining Rice Creek as a water trail for recreational activities

Park signage to change from Anoka County to City of Fridley and to include a monument sign, park rules signs, dog park sign, maps and wayfinding and interpretive signage



Trail signage to provide wayfinding and distance measurements. Sign or obscure unmaintained trails. Collaborate with Anoka County to provide clear wayfinding for regional trail system.

# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## 2. Dog Park Improvements (\$40,000)

- a. Add designated small dog area
- b. Add play and training elements
- c. Install drinking water and dog bowl filling station



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## 3. Amenities for Picnic and Play

- a. Sand volleyball court (\$5,000)
- b. Ga Ga Ball court (\$5,000)
- c. Commercial-grade yard game installations; horseshoes, bag toss, etc.
- d. Small play court for four square, hopscotch, etc.
- e. Updated playground for picnic area (\$350,000)



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## 4. Lighting and Security Improvements

- a. **Bollard lighting at points of interest and high traffic areas**
- b. **Security cameras added to main pavilion and restroom building**
- c. **Possible park entrance gate to close at 10 pm**
- d. **Increased presence and cooperation from Fridley Public Safety Department**



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## 5. Raise Awareness through Programs and Events

- a. Adventure camps and field trips
- b. Cultural celebrations
- c. After school programs
- d. Summer Friday programs (SNC camps to be M-Th)
- e. Community gardens and gardening education programs; edible orchard
- f. Add Locke Park to Adopt-a-Park program
- g. Activity backpack checkout from Civic Campus
- h. Zumba
- i. "I can" programs – camping, slacklining, campfire cooking, etc.
- j. Slacklining
- k. Snowshoeing
- l. Campfire programs
- m. Fridley employee enrichment and wellness initiatives
- n. Capture the flag, other organized games – nerf war, laser tag
- o. GPS, navigation, orienteering, geocaching, scavenger hunts
- p. Buckthorn removal
- q. Outdoor escape room
- r. Birding and natural history hikes
- s. Solstice program, candlelight hikes
- t. Bark in the Park, Puppy playtime
- u. Kids biathlon or triathlon, run, bike, archery
- v. Bike programming; learn to bike, safety, group rides, intro to MTB
- w. Winter recreation – XC Ski, fat tire bikes, snowshoeing, kick sleds
- x. Environmental fun fair
- y. Arbor day and tree planting programming
- z. Senior summer camp



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## 6. Amenity and Operational Upgrades

- a. Consider screened enclosures for portable restrooms
- b. Consider construction of a dumpster enclosure if dumpster is to remain
- c. Install bike repair station
- d. Dog waste bag stations
- e. Additional benches along hiking trails



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

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- 7. Volunteer Program and Community Engagement**
  - a. Add Locke Park to Adopt-A-Park program**
  - b. Engage volunteers in habitat restoration**
  - c. Explore informal “friends group” establishment for Locke Park or Fridley Parks**



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

## Mid-range Improvements 2025 – 2027

### 1. Pump Track and Skate Park (\$250,000 - \$400,000)



# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

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- 2. Trail Reconfigurations to Meet ADA (Cost Unknown)**
  - a. Improve trail grades to meet ADA standards**
  - b. Evaluate bridges for replacement as needed**



- 3. Consider Singletrack Mountain Bike Trail Network in Partnership with Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists, Anoka County Parks (Cost Unknown)**

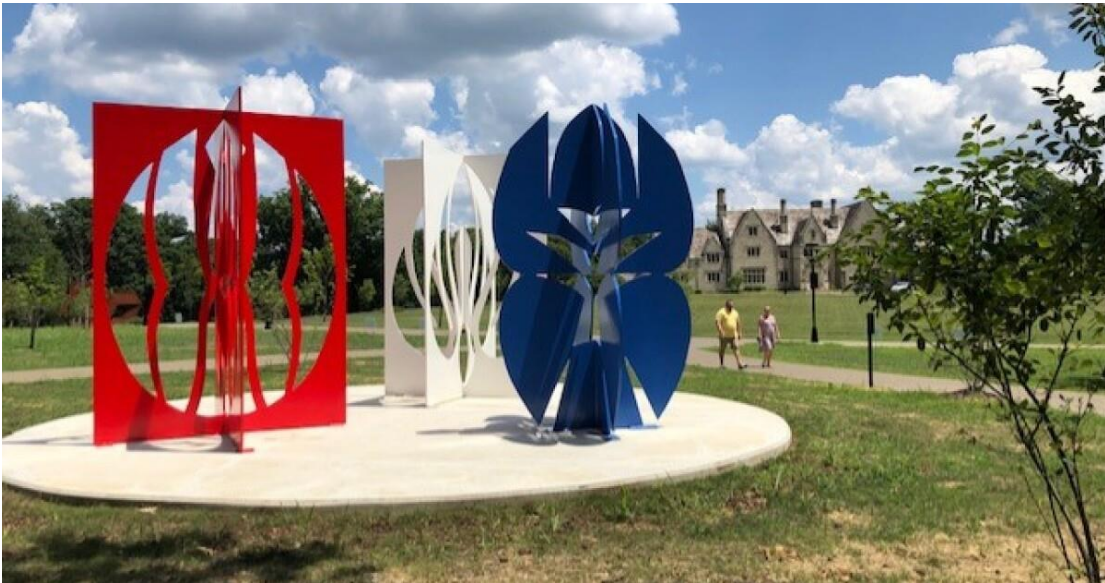


# Locke Park Improvement Plan

City of Fridley

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## 4. Possible Installation of Public Art Piece at Park Entrance



## Appendix

### 1. City of Fridley Park Maintenance Standards



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

## **Background**

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Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the May 5, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. This report includes updates from the Public Works Park Maintenance, Springbrook Nature Center and Fridley Recreation teams.

## **Financial Impact**

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None.

## **Recommendation**

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None.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the May 5, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

## **Vision Statement**

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



# Staff Report: 5/5/2025

## Recreation Team

### Spring Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for those that took place in March.

#### Elementary – Middle School: Grades K-7

Kickball Gr. K-4 (6 sessions): Apr-May	13
Super Sleuths Gr. K-4 (6 sessions): Apr-May	7
Photo & Scrapbooking Gr. K-4 (6 sessions): Apr-May	8

#### Adult Fitness and Athletics

Zumba (2 classes/6 sessions each): Apr-May	17
Pickleball Skills & Drills: Mar-Apr F=6, SLP=6	12
Pickleball Ladder League – All Ages: Mar-May F=22, SLP=14	36
Pickleball Ladder League – Ages 20-40: Mar-May F=20, SLP=1	21
Bag Toss League*: Mar-May F=2, MV=1, NB=2, SLP=4	9 teams

\*North Metro Leagues are offered in cooperation with Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park.

### Parks and Recreation Brochure

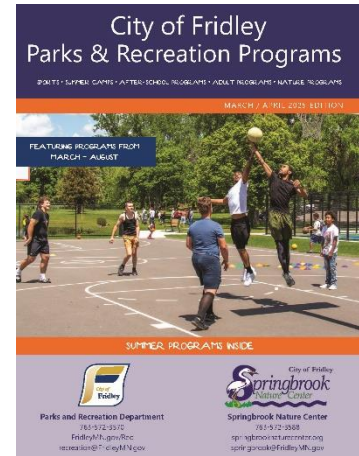
The May/June brochure is complete and was mailed to residents beginning on April 28.

### April Facility Rentals

Facility	Reservations
Moore Lake Community Building	17

### After-school Classes

Our last session of after-school classes began on April 8! Classes include: Kickball, Photography & Scrapbooking and Super Sleuths. On the last day of Super Sleuths, a Fridley Police officer is scheduled to visit - we are excited to surprise the kids!



**Summer Hiring Update**

We are fully staffed for this summer with 20 seasonal staff, 2 seasonal coordinators and 2 interns. We have created a new checklist with Employee Resources to ensure smoother and more efficient onboarding for all. Training will start in May, and we look forward to a great summer!

**Environmental Fun Fair Planning and Toy Drive**

Planning for the 2025 Environmental Fun Fair is underway! We are excited to offer a wide variety of activities thanks to our partnering exhibitors including event passport with prizes, bouncy castle, and live music. This year we will have a community wide free toy store at the event where visitors can take a free donated toy home with them. We are currently accepting donations for the toy store at City Hall and the Springbrook Nature Center.



**FREE EVENT** **ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR**  
Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Springbrook Nature Center

**Mark your calendars!** A variety of outdoor and environmental exhibitors will be present to help us appreciate our wonderful natural world.

Join us for the fun:

- Event Passport and Prizes
- Environmental and Educational Exhibitors
- Games, Crafts and Activities focused around Environmental Stewardship
- Pop-Up Community Toy Store
- Bouncy Castle
- Food Trucks
- And More!



**Golf Meeting**

The annual kick off meeting for our 55+ golf league took place on April 24. League participants met at Fridley City Hall to connect and cover the rules of the coming league. The League will begin on May 1 at the Brightwood Hill Golf course and continue Thursday mornings through August.

### Summer Concert Series

Our community concert lineup is all set for the summer! We have booked a wide variety of performers and will host concerts at four locations this year. We invite all to come out to enjoy the free outdoor performances in Fridley this summer!

**FREE** *community concerts*

- Bring a lawn chair
- Enjoy live music with your neighbors
- All ages are welcome

We hope to see you there!

**Civic Campus – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**  
 Come early for food trucks and games on the plaza at 5:45 p.m.! *In case of rain, concerts may be moved to the large shelter at nearby Locke Park.*

**JUNE 24: MR. WINKY BAND, CLASSIC ROCK** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus  
**JULY 8: INNOCENT REGGAE BAND, REGGAE** Food - Rustic Chef  
**JULY 22: DARLENE AND THE BOYS, COUNTRY** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus  
**AUGUST 19: JACK BRASS BAND, NEW ORLEANS BAND** Food - Rustic Chef & Brick Oven Pizza Bus  
 Pre-Concert: Touch A Truck & Popsicles with Public Safety 4 - 7 p.m.

**Springbrook Nature Center – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**  
*Springbrook concerts are supported by a generous donation from the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.* In case of rain, SNC concerts will be held in the covered area of the Pavilion.

**JULY 15: JULIET AND THE MONTAGUES, JAZZ**  
**AUGUST 12: BLUEGROOVE BLUEGRASS BAND, BLUEGRASS**

**Locke Park – Friday at 10:30 a.m.**  
**AUGUST 8: THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.**  
 Let's go to the theater—but this time at Locke Park! We will watch ETC Production's The Little Mermaid Jr. Fridley Fire will have a fire engine on display.

**Mondays at Moore – Mondays at 7 p.m.**  
*In case of rain, concerts may be held inside the Moore Lake Community Building at limited capacity.*

**JUNE 2: FRIDLEY CITY BAND**  
**JUNE 30: JEFF LOVEN, ROCK N ROLL**  
 Pre-Concert Event: Bike Rodeo, 5 - 7 p.m.  
**JULY 28: DUO CORDA, JAZZ/CLASSICAL/INTERNATIONAL**  
**NORTHEAST ORCHESTRA—CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC**  
 JUNE 16: STRING QUARTET  
 AUGUST 11: FLUTE DUO  
 AUGUST 25: HORN QUINTET

**Music in Our Parks – Mondays at 7 p.m.**  
**FRIDLEY CITY BAND**  
 JUNE 2: MOORE LAKE PARK  
 JUNE 9: BRIARDALE PARK  
 JUNE 30: EDGEWATER PARK  
 JULY 7: LOGAN PARK  
 JULY 21: SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER



**April Youth Education Programs**

April was a busy month of teaching at Springbrook Nature Center. We have more than doubled the number of students taught since last month. We expect that May will be just as busy.

**Number of Program Participants: 1,564**

**Number of Program Participant Hours: 2,356.5**

**April Facility Rentals & Birthday Parties**

April Birthday Parties	7
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**Grants**

- Staff are in development on a project that was funded by a grant from International Paper. The project includes putting together a team-building course along the Creekside and Oak Savanna along with curriculum and staff training for the trail. In addition to using funds from International Paper, we are working with a local Eagle Scout on the built items that will be installed for the team building course. We hope that all phases of the grant will be complete by Fall 2025.

**Park & Building Maintenance**

- We are in the process of working with Twin Cities Acoustics to install additional sound panels in the front vestibule of the Interpretive Center as well as in the classroom at the Pavilion Activity Center (PAC).
- We are waiting on our new Water Pump Water Feature for the Nature Play Area. We hope to have it installed in May 2025.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Environmental Fun Fair Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
A variety of outdoor and environmental exhibitors will be present to help us appreciate our wonderful natural world. This free event will also include food trucks and activities for the whole family.  
This event will be held in conjunction with the annual Migration Celebration.

## Park Maintenance and Construction

### Commons Park

- Park maintenance staff completed the demolition of the warming house at Commons Park and removed both hockey rinks. Some base material was salvaged to save money on the Community Park ball field changeover.
- Commons Park tree removal and earthwork are underway
- The park shelter and playground at Commons Park have been demolished

### General Updates

- The project has started at Community Park and we have measured all distances out, located irrigation and have started with removals. This project should be done around the middle of June with time for the grass to establish for use in 2026.
- We have been busy trying to attract summer seasonal help and have enough crew members to help complete the many projects we have for summer. Staff will be busy for the next month cleaning and prepping all parks and athletic fields for the start of the summer season.
- We are waiting for the results from an engineering firm on the condition of the boardwalk off 85<sup>th</sup> AVE to determine how much replacement is needed to rebuild the failing boardwalk. We are also planning on converting some trails at SNC from woodchips to ag lime rock to create a much better walking experience and lower maintenance.
- Construction is ongoing at Oak Hill and Jubilee Parks
- Construction is set to begin the first week of June at Sylvan Hills Park
- Anoka County Parks has funding to redevelop the Rice Creek West Regional Trail through Locke Park. Planning will take place in 2025 with 2026 construction. The work will address trail slopes that are not compliant with ADA standards.