



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Agenda

Wayzata City Hall, Community Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota

Monday, November 19, 2018
4:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2018 Board Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2018 Board Meeting
4. Public Comments
5. Old Business
 - i. Draft Master Plan Review
6. New Business
7. Other Business
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. Adjourn

Members of the Parks & Trails Board may meet after the board meeting for a social event.

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Board Chair Dan Baasen at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen, Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Ty Purdy, Mary Bader, Sarah Showalter, Jim McWethy, and City liaison Mike Kelly

Absent: Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham

Three additions to the agenda were proposed:

- Policy on City park usage for special events

- Pickle Ball

- Review of Lake Effect plans for Lake Street modifications and lakeshore park space

The modified agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Purdy and second by Borg Babcock.

Minutes from the September 19 Board meeting were approved, unanimously, as presented on a motion by Baasen, second by McWethy.

Public Comments: none

Old Business

Minnetonka Community Education (MCE)

Kelly reviewed the 2018 contract terms between the City and MCE. Participation numbers, quality of programs, instruction, marketing, and general performance were discussed at length. The Board concluded that although participation numbers were overstated and some other specific areas of performance could still be improved, the overall true participation improvement over 2017 and the other contract goals for 2018 exceeded the contract bonus requirements. A motion by Purdy and second by McWethy to award the contract bonus to MCE passed on a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Action items going forward will be: earlier and better two-way communication of Board programming expectations; drafting of a new 2019 contract for presentation to the full Board by Purdy and Kelly; better monitoring of class participation and instruction quality on-site by Board members; obtaining a listing of all program participants including email addresses; follow-up by Board members on a sample of

participants regarding satisfaction with programming and instruction; revisiting the format of the Board's spring kick-off picnic for residents.

Master Plan

Kelly and Chair Baasen updated the Board on the status of the Parks Master Plan and the expectation receiving a completed draft from Confluence, including written supporting dialog and justification for proposed projects, in advance of the November Board meeting. This will enable to Board to review, discuss, and vote on the Master Plan proposal prior to a December presentation to the City Council.

Other Business

Use of Parks for Special Events

Bader expressed concern over access to the Wayzata Beach being closed during part of JJ Hill weekend. Kelly stated that these concerns have been passed on the City Manager and will be taken into account for future permit applications. The Board discussed City policy regarding use of park facilities for private events, and requested review of the policy for a future Board meeting agenda.

Pickle Ball

A number of future pickle ball court options for Wayzata parks were discussed; the subject was tabled pending upcoming Master Plan discussions.

Lake Effect: Lake Street and Lake Street Park

The Board discussed and agreed on the following resolution to be transmitted to the City Manager and City Council:

The Wayzata Parks and Trails Board emphatically recommends that all changes to Lake Street and the Lake Street waterfront park should prioritize and accommodate use by pedestrians and recreational bikers, and enhance viewing, appreciation and access of the waterfront park space.

The resolution passed unanimously.

City Council CIP Workshop: Chair Baasen reported that the only parks CIP item discussed at the workshop was the 2020 Klapprich Park playground renovation, being the only parks CIP project in excess of \$150,000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm, moved by Borg Babcock and seconded by Showalter. Passed unanimously.



WAYZATA PARKS & TRAILS MASTER PLAN



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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

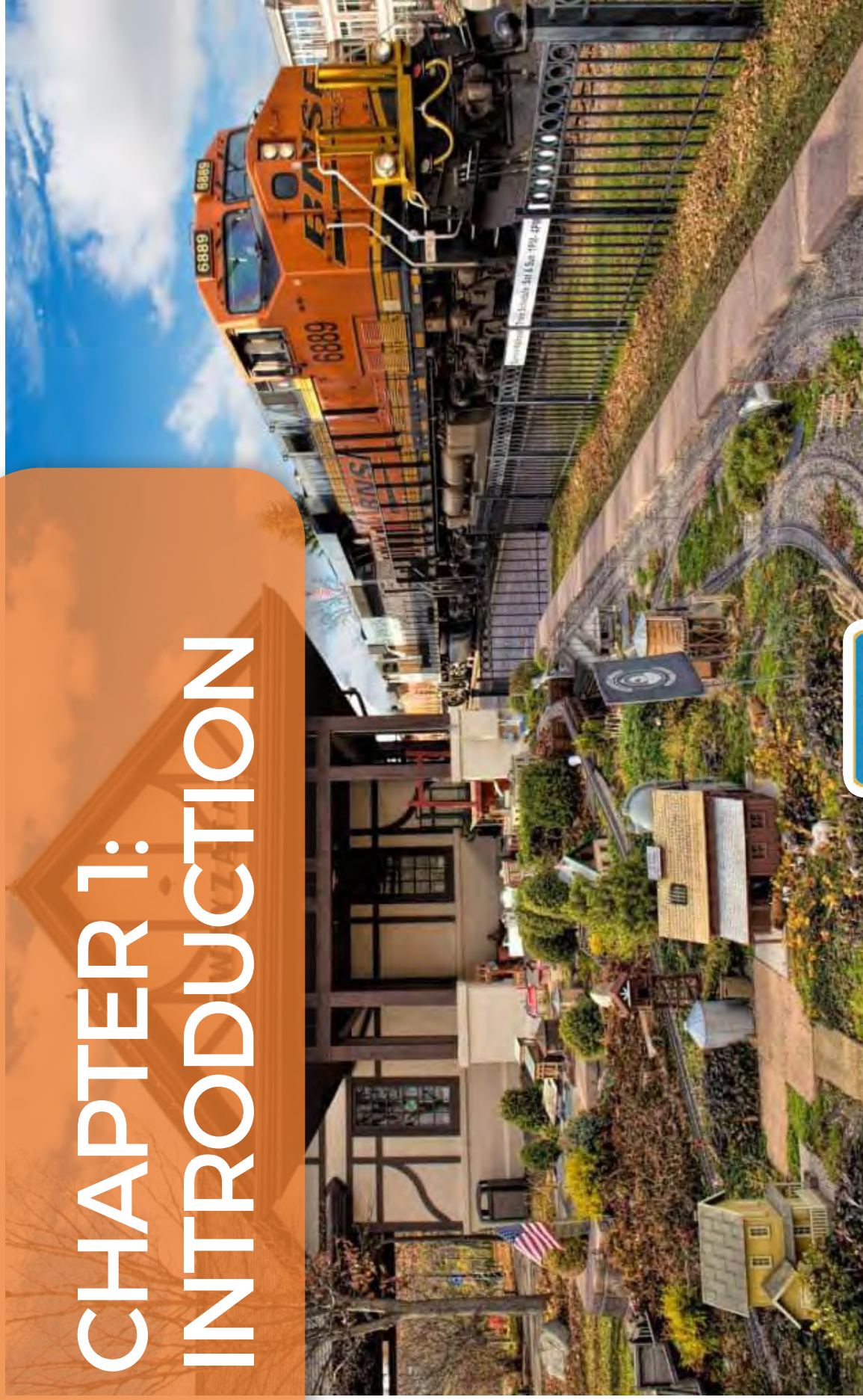


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PLANNING FRAMEWORK

HISTORY AND CONTEXT

Wayzata's name originates from the Sioux word meaning Northern Shore. In the 1850's, Wayzata was first settled and cut for agricultural purposes. Slowly cabins populations grew around Lake Minnetonka until an extension of the Pacific Railroad was completed between the city and St. Paul in the late 1860's. Wayzata was transformed into a transportation center. Hotels and cabins became popular along the quaint shoreline. In 1881, Wayzata officially split from the Minnetonka Township. Recreational activities such as motor-boating became popular in the city in the 1920's that encouraged residential growth and attracted weekend visitors. Later on in the 1900's, the city transitioned back to its roots as a charming residential town while demand for lake view continued to increase.

This same character defines Wayzata today, and the City has maintained its quaint atmosphere, even as large scale homes replace original cottages and smaller scale homes. Connections to the past are evident in Wayzata's public buildings such as the depot. Wayzata's outdoor public spaces and parks have greatly helped the city preserve this character by providing access to Lake Minnetonka for all, even those not living on the lake. Downtown Lake Street

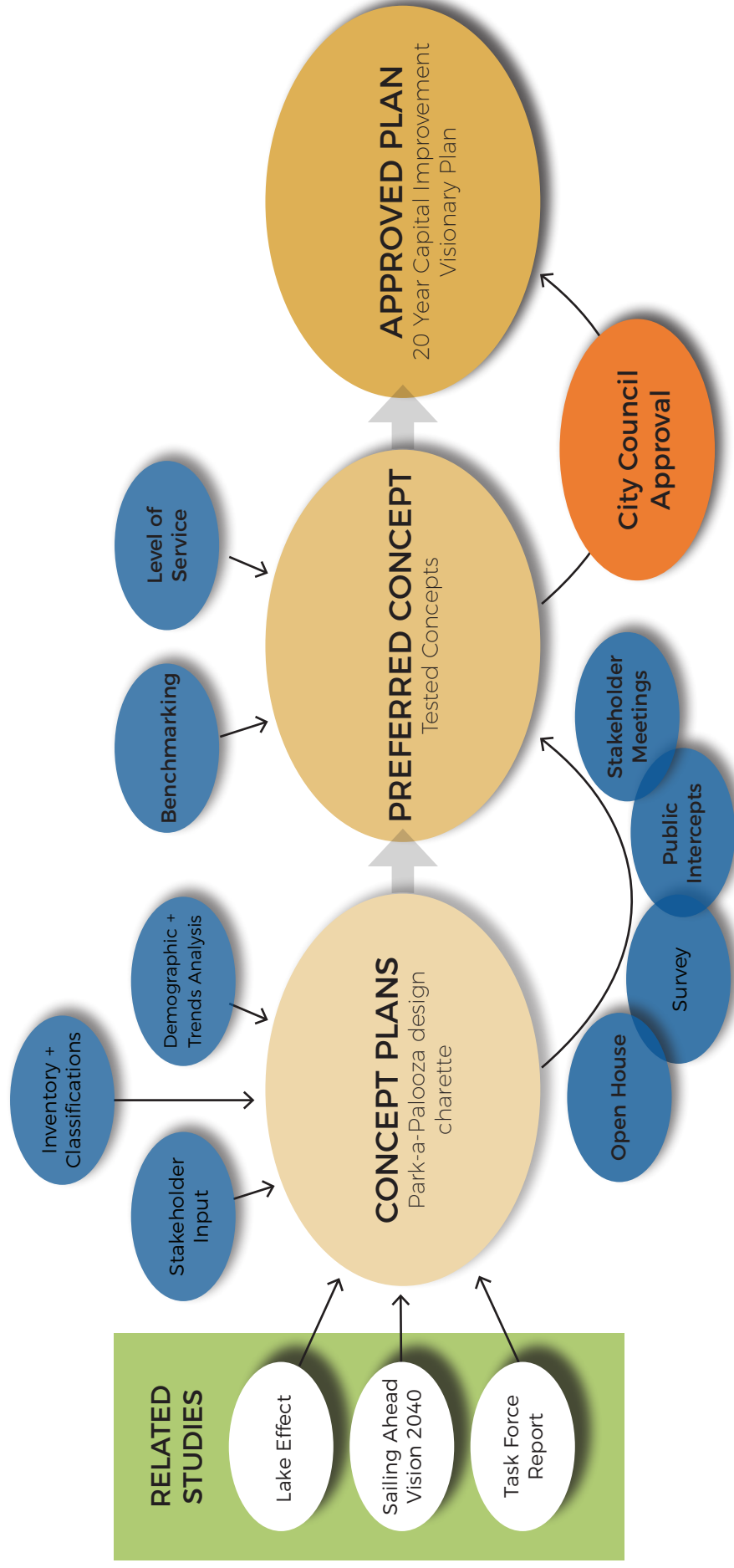
RELATIONSHIP TO THE REGION

Wayzata is a part of the Minnetonka region that provides numerous recreation and programming opportunities, especially in youth athletics. Minnetonka Community Education provides educational programming for Wayzata residents, a relationship that allows Wayzata residents the opportunity to participate in a much larger offering of activities than the park system could otherwise provide. Wayzata's facilities informally support some of these programs by hosting practices and overflow field and court space for several athletic programs. This new relationship should be evaluated yearly to determine progress and fit with the mission and guiding principles of Wayzata Parks and Trails.

and trail connections throughout the city center encourage active recreation and energy, reflecting Wayzata's historical atmosphere and connection to the Lake.

Additionally, the parks and trails of the park system provide the community with opportunities for healthy recreation and connections to nature. Recreational facilities in the parks are focused on activities that have historically been very popular in the City and area, including tennis, Bocce, hockey/ skating, and traditional playground structures. Trails throughout the system are well used and an important part of the city's park system, including the Dakota Rail and Luce Line Trails. Both Trails have created an important east-west pedestrian/ bike connection through the city and to adjacent suburbs. These pedestrian/ bicycle connections have positively added to the quality of life in Wayzata. Increasing these pedestrian connections, where they make sense, is a recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan and an opportunity the following plan explores.

Want to find out more about the history of Wayzata? Visit Wayzata Historical Society at: www.wayzatahistoricalsociety.org



PLAN AND PROCESS

The following Master Plan is based on input from the community, stakeholders, city staff, and park commission input that was collected in the summer of 2018. This plan represents the direction received through surveys, open house workshops, focus groups, general idea brainstorming and the consultants input and evaluation of the system. Additionally, a community survey was completed earlier in 2018 and the results were factored into the overall system analysis, though not weighed as heavily as more recent input.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Parks and Trails Master Plan provides a framework for the City to continue refining their park system to meet the needs of current and future residents. Having a strong vision for the park system, based in strong community input, will allow the park commission to set a course that will maximize the cost/ benefit of park infrastructure for the city. Responding to changing recreation needs, infrastructure and technology updates, and modern lifestyles are important considerations for the Plan. Equally important is the balance between maintaining the unique character, while still providing amenities and services that will help attract new families to the city. The park system can play an important role in balancing progress and tradition as the city and its housing stock modernize. Natural resources, and the connection to Lake Minnetonka will continue to be a critical element in defining the character of Wayzata in the future.

RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

CONNECTION TO WAYZATA 2040

The Wayzata Parks and Trails Master Plan builds on the recommendations made in the City's Comprehensive Plan which was adopted March, 2018. Wayzata 2040, Community Vision encapsulates the broad stakeholder engagement process and draws analysis of community issues and emergent trends to provide a comprehensive city-wide vision.

Wayzata 2040 became the backbone for the guiding principles, initial designs and system wide-visions for Wayzata's parks, trails, and open spaces.

WAYZATA VISION:

Wayzata is a forward-thinking lakeside community that is socially connected, charming, walkable, and pedestrian friendly. A multi-generational community with healthy, engaged, and active residents. A community that is in the forefront of sustainability, with a healthy environment, vibrant parks and enticing City spaces. It is a proud steward of its premier natural asset; Lake Minnetonka.

GOALS FOR THE PARK SYSTEM AS IDENTIFIED IN WAYZATA 2040:

Establish a park, recreation and open space system that conserves natural resources, protects environmentally sensitive areas, and fulfills the recreational needs of the citizens of Wayzata.

WAYZATA 2040 COMMUNITY VISION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

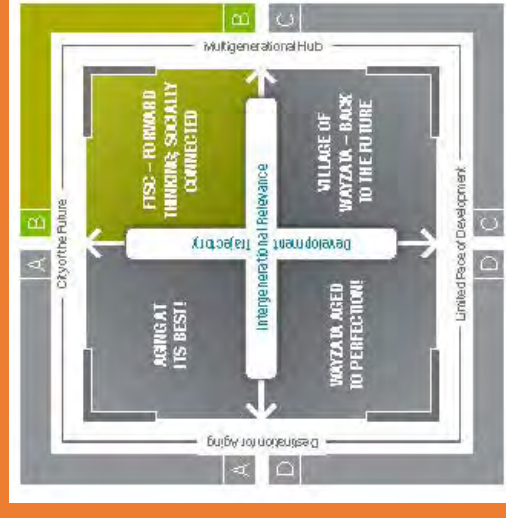
- 1 Charming
- 2 Walkable and Pedestrian Friendly
- 3 Healthy, Engaged and Active
- 4 Vibrant Parks and City Spaces
- 5 Environmental Sustainability
- 6 Multi-Generational
- 7 Connected
- 8 City Nodes with Greater Housing Diversity

TOP FACTORS AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF WAYZATA

1. City-wide walkability and Bike-ability
2. Neighborhood / Businesses / Parks / Trails / Lakefront / Connectivity
3. Protection of ecosystem and enhanced environmental Sustainability
4. Quality of lakeshore life
5. Vibrant City Parks
6. Traffic congestion association with high season
7. Family friendly amenities
8. Traffic issues associated with daily commute patterns to and from Wayzata
9. Health and Wellness
10. Distinctive Retail Experience
11. Preservation of historical buildings
12. Reputation as premier suburb of the Twin Cities
13. Historical preservation
14. Urban resiliency / adaptability to change
15. Loss of younger adult generations from Wayzata

FORWARD-THINKING, SOCIALLY CONNECTED FUTURE

Looking into the future the vast majority of citizens see Wayzata's preferred future as 'FTSC – Forward Thinking Socially Connected'.



Wayzata was described by Think Tank Participants as:

- engaging multiple generations and embracing progress - reduced median age, wide ethnic and generational mix
- housing diversity and affordability
- an evolved Lake Street - live, work, and play
- strong focus on environmental sustainability



WAYZATA LAKE EFFECT



CONNECTION TO LAKE EFFECT

Lake Minnetonka is one-of-a-kind asset and a historical backbone for the City's establishment and success. The Lake Effect project, a strategic initiative by the City of Wayzata which has been developed through several years of engagement collaboration with the community, to improve public access along the shoreline of Lake Minnetonka---extending from the Section Foreman House to the historic Depot Park. This proposed parkland will be a part of the larger City Park System and will be maintained and managed by the City. The proposed project has proven to be the very essence of Wayzata's preferred future of 'FTSC Forward Thinking, Socially Connected.'

The Lake Effect plan was approved to move forward with the design implementation and construction documents on March 6th, 2018. However the City is now looking at possible alterations to the planned improvements. It is still intended for these alterations to continue to better connect residents and downtown Wayzata to the Lake Minnetonka Waterfront. **The Wayzata Parks and Trails Board emphatically recommends that all changes to Lake Street and the Lake Street waterfront should prioritize and accommodate safe use by pedestrians and recreational bikers, and enhance the viewing of, appreciation of, and access to the waterfront park space.** The Lake Effect plan has been a parallel, yet integral part of this Master Plan effort and will continue to effect future modifications of this document.

LAKE EFFECT IMPROVEMENTS

BOARDWALK TO DEPOT PARK



A new meandering, continuous boardwalk from the Eco Park, past the Broadway community docks, to the historic Depot Park area, which will also be renovated

ECO PARK



On the east side, an Eco Park with a restored shoreline marsh, will also serve to improve the water quality.

A pier will extend into Lake Minnetonka and an interpretive center is planned within the historic

Section Foreman House.

LAKE STREET / LAKE STREET PLAZA

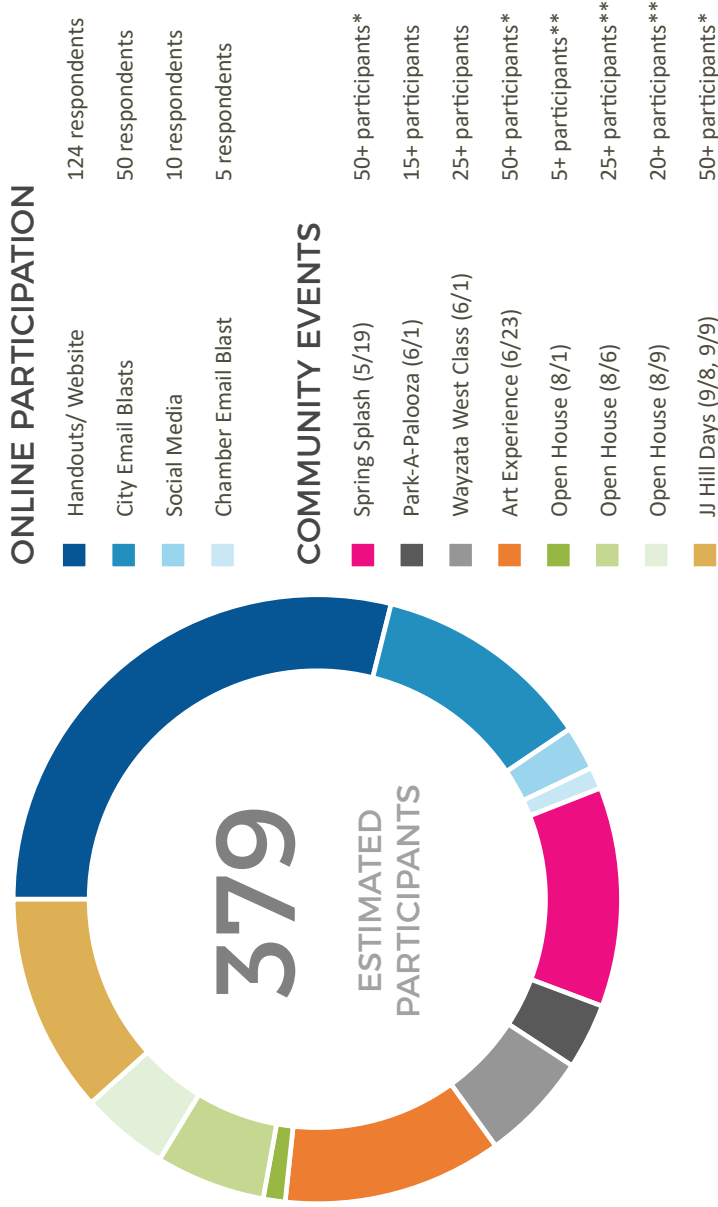


Lake Street will be redesigned to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly with a multi-use plaza, replacing the Broadway Municipal parking lot.

When asked what the biggest opportunities for wayzata would be in the next five years, community survey respondents overwhelming stated that the lakeshore and the lake effect were the biggest opportunities for the city.

Source: Wayzata 2040 Community Vision

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



* The community engagement team qualified participants at larger events by asking if they were residents of Wayzata before proceeding to engage further and provide tools for comments. The consultants estimate approximately 90-95% of respondents were from residents and less than 10% were from close neighbors or people who worked in Wayzata and were highly familiar with the parks.

** The largest demographic at the open houses were 50+ and Wayzata residents, most had little access or desire for online commenting.

PROCESS + SUMMARY

The previous plans, especially Wayzata 2040 laid the groundwork for the general vision for Wayzata's Park and Trails. The Parks and Trails Master Plan focused engagement sought to get more detailed feedback in regard to specific park plans and future capital improvements. The community was invited to be a part of the design process with a kick-off Park-a-Palooza. This format allowed for residents to be a part of the initial design of the concept plans. Following Park-a-Palooza, were a series of community intercepts and open houses that allowed residents to give input throughout the process. The community engagement focuses on engaging a broad cross section of residents, specifically young families. All community engagement can be found in Appendix A.



CHAPTER 2: SYSTEM-WIDE ANALYSIS



THE CURRENT PARK SYSTEM

PARK CLASSIFICATION + INVENTORY

The City of Wayzata has a varied park system with over ### acres of parkland, ## miles of trails, a thriving public beach, extensive natural areas and quaint mini parks. Additional parkland are expected to be included in the system with the adoption of Lake Effect.

MINI PARKS

Mini parks are specialized facilities that serve high density neighborhoods where there may be a concentrated population and/or where private yards do not exist. These parks are generally under five acres in size.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks are parks that serve approximately a half-mile radius, and are intended to be parks that the surrounding population can easily walk to. They provide basic recreation, such as a playground and possibly a small practice field, picnic shelter, or similar. They may sometimes be large enough to accommodate several fields and a signature amenity, such as a small skate park or splash pad area.

COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks serve a large population and are often areas of intensive recreation use. They often provide several different areas of recreation.

SPECIAL USE PARKS

A special use facility is an area providing specialized or single purpose recreational activities. Typically this type of facility requires a specific resource base or location with restrictive controls or management programs that are not generally consistent with other park facilities. Whenever possible, special use areas should be located in close proximity to population concentrations and areas of high demand. They should also be visually and functionally compatible with the adjacent land use.

TRAILS + CONNECTIONS

Trails and sidewalks are vital in parts of the community. They serve as a means of transportation, and are an important recreational component. These facilities:

- Allow people to move safely throughout Wayzata without a car.
- Connect neighborhoods with parks, schools and

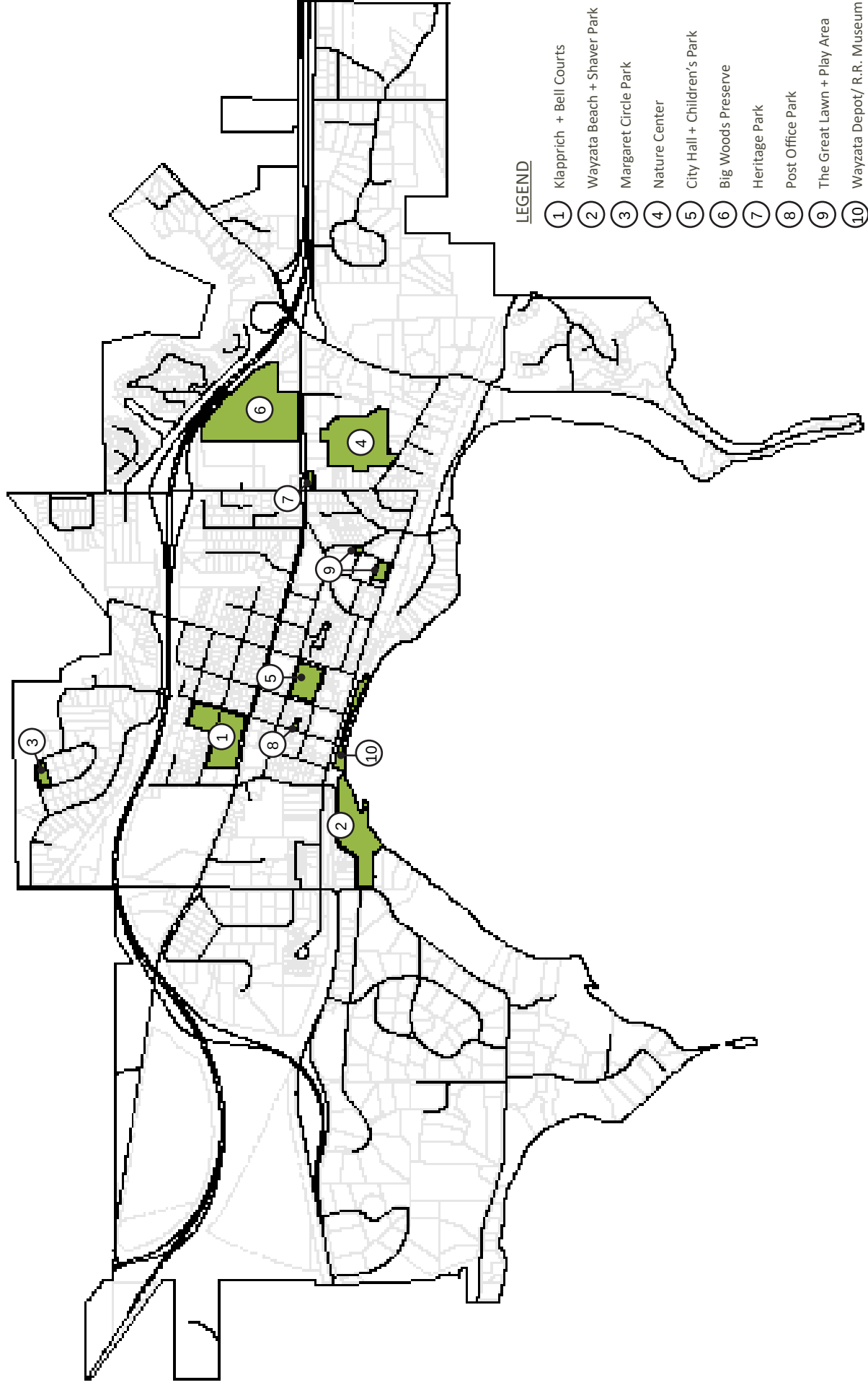
other community facilities.

- Promote healthy and active lifestyles.
- Encourage sustainability by facilitating non-vehicular travel.
- Serve a wide range of individual and household needs.
- Contribute to the social fabric and character of Wayzata.
- Provide youth with the means for independent travel and exploration.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are intended to support pedestrians in residential neighborhoods and commercial districts. Sidewalks allow people to move by foot (walk, jog) within neighborhoods and to other parts of the community – parks, schools, public facilities and shopping. Sidewalks provide a place for children to safely travel by bicycle or scooter. The design of sidewalks (narrower width, individual concrete sections) make them poorly suited to adult bicycle use.

As the population ages, sidewalks may receive greater use by motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs and similar devices. Sidewalks also serve social



EXISTING PARKS

and recreational functions. They promote social interaction in neighborhoods and provide a safe place for young children to play near their home.

PAVED TRAILS

Paved trails can include both asphalt (bituminous) surface, or wide, concrete sidewalks. These trails are often ADA accessible and usually can accommodate a range of activities, from pedestrians and joggers to bicyclists and roller bladers. These trails may be plowed or groomed in winter, depending on the designated use.

FINDINGS

The Park Classification and Inventory is still in progress and findings are forthcoming.



LEVEL OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION + PROCESS

As part of the master planning process, a Level of Service Analysis will be completed. The Level of Service analysis can help support investment decisions related to parks, facilities, and amenities. Levels of service can and will change over time as the demographics of a community change.

Level of Service standards begin with nationally accepted parks and recreation standards, and are refined based on regional and statewide norms, nationwide agency experience, comparison with benchmarking of peer agencies, and local trends that emerge from surveys and focus groups.

A Level of Service analysis begins by taking a full inventory of all of the current amenities and facilities in the Wayzata Park system.

The next step identifies other major providers of public parks, facilities, and amenities that are within the city limits. In doing so, the analysis is accounting for all of the amenities available to the population of Wayzata, not just the amenities provided by the city. For example, trail mileage that is provided and maintained by Three Rivers, but is within the city limits of Wayzata, can be credited toward the standard

FINDINGS

The Level of Service is still in progress and findings are forthcoming.

of total trail mileage that should be provided to the city's population. In other words, Wayzata does not have to provide up to this standard on its own. Other public partners can help reach the level of service standards.

It should be noted that these service levels do not account for private recreational facilities that are not freely available to the general public. For example, indoor gym space at Wayzata West School will not be included because it does not have open hours to the public.

Once the inventory and classification is complete, the consulting team develops standards. The recommended standards were evaluated using a combination of resources including: National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines, recreation activity participation rates reported by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association's (SFIA) 2018 Study of Sports, Fitness, and Leisure Participation as it applies to activities that occur in the United States and in the Wayzata area, community and stakeholder input, findings from the benchmarking report, and regional experience by the consulting team. This information allowed standards to be customized for Wayzata.

BENCHMARK ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION+ PROCESS

The Wayzata Parks and Trails Board identified operating metrics to benchmark against comparable park and recreation systems. The goal of the analysis is to evaluate how the City of Wayzata is positioned among peer agencies as it applies to efficiency and effectiveness practices. The benchmark assessment is organized into specific categories and questions to obtain data that offers an encompassing view of each system's operating metrics in comparison to the City of Wayzata.

FINDINGS

The Benchmark Analysis is still in progress and findings are forthcoming.

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

INTRODUCTION + PROCESS

As part of the master planning process, the consulting team performed a Recreation Program Assessment of the programs and services offered by the City of Wayzata, through Minnetonka Community Education. The assessment offers an in-depth perspective of program and service offerings and helps identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities regarding programming. The assessment also assists in identifying core programs, program gaps within the community, key system-wide issues, areas of improvement, and future programs and services for residents.

FINDINGS

The Program Assessment is still in progress and findings are forthcoming.

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CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM-WIDE VISION



COMMUNITY + RECREATION TRENDS

Wayzata residents have voiced their overall support for the parks and trails of the city, and recognize the benefits they provide to their quality of life. As discovered in the Wayzata 2040 Community Vision, there is a desire for a 'FTSC- Forward Thinking, Socially Connected' future. What does this mean for parks? Wayzata will need to keep up with changing recreation interests, adapt to trends and provide services that the community values. The following provides a glimpse of these changes and possible impacts to the park system.

COMMUNITY TRENDS

- As the population of Wayzata continues to age, the City is looking at ways to support aging in place by addressing ADA accessibility concerns and providing a balance of active and passive park spaces.
- Attracting young families to the area is essential to maintain a multi-generational population. This plan looks at ways in which young families might be drawn to Wayzata through parks by addressing changing recreation interest, and providing family-friendly facilities and programs.
- Trail usage continues to rapidly grow nationally and regionally. The Metropolitan Council

identified trail usage as the top activity in occurring in regional parks. People are desiring trails for recreational purposes, as well as a general transportation option that is safe, efficient, and interesting. Multi-use trails are increasing such as general walking and bicycling, mountain biking, nature trails and hiking, and winter trails.

- Health and fitness trends have started to reverse the obesity epidemic nationally and more people are leading active, healthier lifestyles. This is especially true of the baby boomer generation who continues to seek options for engaging in physical and social activities. This trend continues throughout all four seasons, with platform tennis, snowshoeing, and other winter activities seeing increased usage throughout the state.

- Family dogs are increasingly common in the Metro and are integrated into a number of family and social activities. Dog walking is a very popular activity and a great excuse to get people out of the house and using trails and the parks. However, with the increase of dogs there is a greater need to control off-leash dogs, provide for adequate pet waste disposal, and define areas for people, and for dogs.

- Programs, schedules, and specialized sports are increasingly a part of modern childhood. However, mounting evidence is showing that providing opportunities to engage youth in a un-programmed activities are also healthy for development. This was recognized by many throughout the public input process, and the community would like to maintain a form of this with open fields, playgrounds, natural play and other unstructured forms of play.

- Wayzata's natural areas are highly valued. The general public's increased awareness of environmental issues in Minnesota, such as clean water, air, and energy efficiency have put increased demands on the City of Wayzata to provide more quality natural resources and natural park areas. People associate the natural world with healthy environments and view the parks department as stewards of the natural environment in their city.

- Additionally, the parks department has an opportunity to foster sustainability throughout the community by providing leadership in advancing environmentally sensitive practices. Sustainable development and redevelopment, native landscapes, environmentally friendly

stormwater management, and energy efficiency are all commonly understood aspects of sustainability.

RECREATION TRENDS

There are some key national trends that may have implications locally in Wayzata. The following recreation activities are increasing in popularity, have been identified by the consultant team as having potential in Wayzata Parks, and/or were identified as being desired in the public input sessions:

- Paddle sports are growing in popularity. Tennis continues to be popular with residents while pickleball becomes increasingly popular with aging populations and youth. Platform tennis is a multi-season paddle sport and can be played all-year round. Platform tennis was ranked as a top desired facility by Wayzata residents during the parks planning engagement.
- We live in a new era of sharing, especially with recreational amenities that may only get seasonal or infrequent use. Rentals, including canoes, kayaks, paddle board, bicycles, ice skates, and snowshoes, are great way to get more people using the parks, trails and Lake Minnetonka.

- Outdoor splash pads are becoming increasingly popular as an attractive alternative to outdoor pools and residents of Wayzata have voiced a need and desire for one. With Wayzata beach becoming more and more crowded a splash pad/ interactive water feature can provide an alternate to Residents. This type of feature is being considered as part of the Lake Effect Lake Street Plaza where there is currently no Lake Minnetonka beach access.

- Minnesota continues to reign as the State of Hockey. According to USA Hockey, the 10-year growth rate in Minnesota hockey participation from 2002-2013 was 20.2%. Hockey, especially causal hockey will continue to be a major focus of Wayzata Parks for the foreseeable future.

- Additionally, ice skating offers a winter recreation option for people of all ages and abilities. The skating rink at Klapprich has proven to be a great community asset. Additional support amenities and expansion of this facility will ensure legacy of this facility.
- Bike playgrounds are a fun way for kids to explore the landscape and gain confidence on their bikes. These playgrounds often include mounds, tunnels, and curving trails to meander through.

Shaver park has been identified as a potential location for the unique play option.

- Basketball continues to be a widely played sport throughout the United States. Currently, there are no basketball courts in the Wayzata Park system. Including a basketball court at Klapprich Park would offer an activity for all ages, particularly teens and young adults.
- Sand Volleyball, also known as beach volleyball is a facility that has had a history at Wayzata Beach. This facility has seen less participation in recent years, due to its condition, but would provide an appealing recreation opportunity for the City's teen and young adult population.

PLATFORM TENNIS

Platform tennis is a sport played by thousands of people of various ages and abilities across the country. The sport was developed to be enjoyed in outdoor conditions including the winter and offers healthy, outdoor vigorous exercise combined with friendly interaction. Similar to the growing sport of pickleball, platform tennis's unique appeal attracts individuals craving fresh air, healthy competition and social engagement, with the benefit of being played in the winter.

The game is played on a raised, porous, aluminum deck about 1/3 the size of a tennis court which is surrounded by a 12' high superstructure with a taught, flat screen which allows play off the walls, similar to racquetball and squash.

Platform tennis is growing in municipalities and park districts everywhere. The American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) player levels are currently at an all-time high. Memberships have grown from 300 facilities in 2007 to over 550 facilities in 2016. Most of the growth is associated with municipalities in some fashion and includes a range of demographics including women's leagues and junior play. APTA membership have doubled over the past years.

A group of Wayzata residents has been a vocal proponent of platform tennis in Wayzata's parks and has completed significant background studies including interviews with similar municipalities around the country, a proforma of construction and operations, and a survey of interest from the community. The group has raised significant funding to implement a platform tennis facility that would serve the public through open play, leagues, and membership. Membership would help pay maintenance and operating costs for the facility.

Platform tennis is a racket sport that builds on the community's historical association with tennis and could be a highly popular amenity for Wayzata's public park system for the following reasons:

- Platform tennis is multi-generational and enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities
- It brings vibrancy to parks through affordable, outdoor, fun for residents, families, visitors and businesses
- Platform tennis provides a sense of connection regardless of age or gender, and creates a sense of belonging.
- The sport is conducive to integrating other community building activities such as leagues and teams, fire pits, rental space, and comradery in warming houses.
- Platform tennis is unique in that it is the only racket sport that is played in the winter.
- Courts can be used year round and are similar in size to pickleball courts.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles were derived from Wayzata 2040, and expanded on and modified to best reflect the City's intention for Parks and Trails. The Guiding Principles will guide the Parks and Trails Board as future decisions are made and have been used to inform decisions reflected in this plan.

1. DEVELOP A VARIETY OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE PARKS AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL WAYZATA RESIDENTS.
2. ENSURE EACH PARK IS WELL CONNECTED, BIKEABLE AND PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY.
3. SUPPORT RESIDENTS DESIRE AND ABILITY TO STAY HEALTHY, ACTIVE, AND ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY.
4. CREATE VIBRANT PARKS WITH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMING FOR ALL 4 SEASONS.
5. FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY THAT PROTECTS WAYZATA'S WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
5. CREATE A MULTI-GENERATIONAL PARK SYSTEM THAT BUILDS COMMUNITY, ATTRACTS YOUNG FAMILIES, AND SUPPORTS AGING IN PLACE.

1. DEVELOP A VARIETY OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE PARKS AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL WAYZATA RESIDENTS.



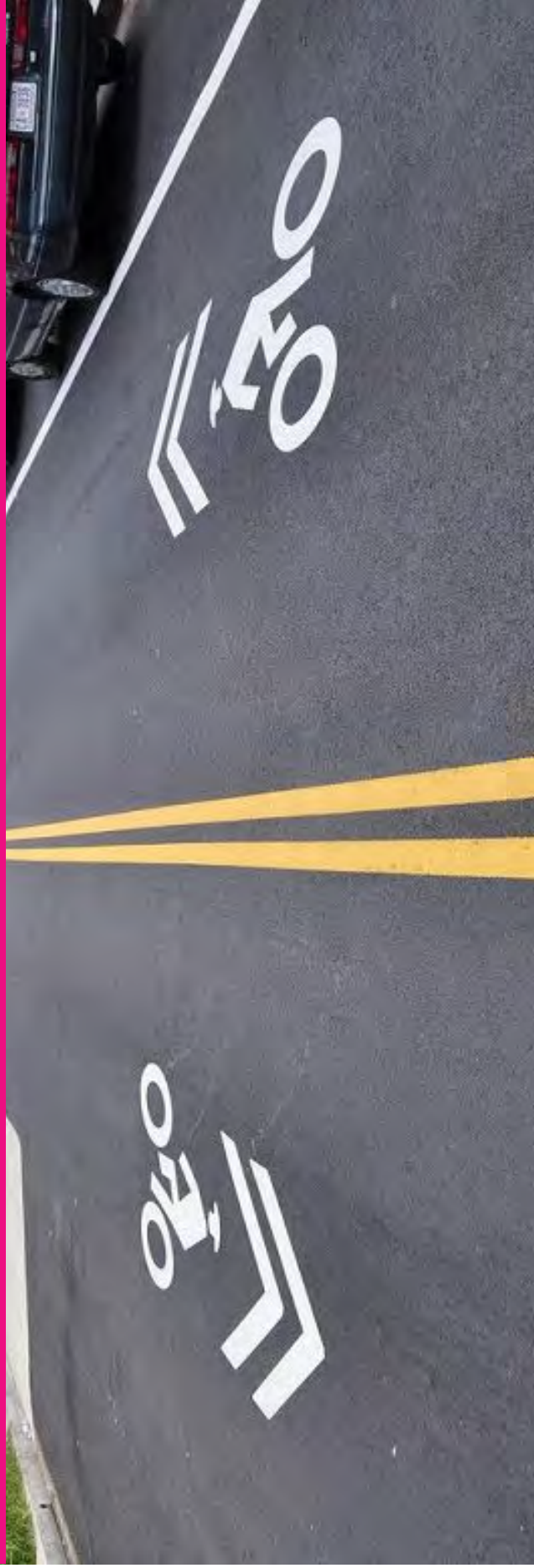
LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Support materialization of the Lake Effect Parks
 - these parks balance the needs of residents, provide variety and access to the Lake, which does not currently exist
- Ensure park facilities are updated to meet or exceed ADA compliance
- Provide a variety of facilities and programs at parks to engage all uses (i.e. basketball, bike playground, platform tennis, etc.)
- Maintain passive parks, and provide signage to inform residents of such areas

BOLD IDEAS:

- Klapprich provides a variety of community-focused facilities and activities

2. ENSURE EACH PARK IS WELL CONNECTED, BIKEABLE AND PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY.



LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Develop pedestrian loops - i.e. Klapprich, Nature Center
- Create a shared bicycle path "sharrow" along Minnetonka Boulevard and a striped bike lane on Broadway Avenue.
- Enhance walkability with improved sidewalk and crossing conditions and additional signage and wayfinding

BOLD IDEAS:

- Adopt a city-wide Complete Streets Program which emphasizes "Safe Routes to Parks"
- Replace the Pedestrian overpass bridge with an accessible/ bike-friendly bridge.
- Add an off-road bicycle path along Ferndale Avenue

3. SUPPORT RESIDENTS DESIRE AND ABILITY TO STAY HEALTHY, ACTIVE, AND ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY.



LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Provide equipment rentals - i.e. canoe, kayak, bicycle, ice skates, snow shoes etc.
- Maintain and expand volunteer programs
- Continue and expand as necessary community recreation leagues

BOLD IDEAS:

- Provide healthy recreational activities within Wayzata - i.e. Pickleball at Klapprich
- Enhance recreational opportunities that allow residents and visitors to engage with nature and exercise.
- Organize park walking tours
- Provide programs that get residents using the lake - i.e. paddleboard yoga, kayak with Mayor, canoe tours, etc

4. CREATE VIBRANT PARKS WITH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMING FOR ALL 4 SEASONS.



LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Develop more winter opportunities at Klapprich - i.e. addition of Platform Tennis, expanded skating/warming, snowshoeing
- Provide lighting for evening use in the Fall/Winter/Spring, when the sun sets early
- Provide fire pits at Wayzata Beach and Klapprich to enjoy in the fall/winter

BOLD IDEAS:

- Host a winter festival at Klapprich or along Lake Street/Lake Street Plaza
- Continue to work with Minnetonka Community Education to provide year-round programming
- Establish a staffed Wayzata Parks and Recreation Department and enhance recreational and educational opportunities
- Expand skating at Lake Effect Plaza and skate trail on Lake Minnetonka

5. FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY THAT PROTECTS WAYZATA'S WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES.



LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Provide access to existing natural resources at Nature Center and Eco Park - implement more
- Use sustainable materials and practices during construction or reconstruction of park facilities
- Host an annual Earth Day event in partnership with the Chamber
- Continue efforts to reduce invasive, encourage more native plantings and build a healthy and diverse tree population
- Pursue grants that focus on natural and water resources
- Grow and encourage the partnerships currently fostered by the Lake Effect Conservancy

BIG IDEAS:

- Explore energy neutrality for all parks and facilities

6. CREATE A MULTI-GENERATIONAL PARK SYSTEM THAT BUILDS COMMUNITY, ATTRACTS YOUNG FAMILIES, AND SUPPORTS AGING IN PLACE.



LOW HANGING FRUIT:

- Focus on Trails - trails are desired by all ages and abilities including families, the elderly, dog-walkers, people in wheelchairs or walkers, teens, and young kids. A walkable community creates more opportunities to socialize and meet neighbors.
- Develop areas for community gathering - i.e. shelter and plaza at Wayzata Beach, new community building/warming house at Klapprich

- Update Playgrounds - playgrounds are essential for young families. Ensure they are accessible.
- Provide park activities that cater to youth - i.e. basketball, bike playgrounds, hammock grove, splash pads, Volleyball, connection with nature
- Expand programming options for families and older adults

BOLD IDEAS:

- Build a “Multi-Generational” Community Center - offering programming for all ages

CONNECTING WAYZATA

The reported benefits of walking are not new; its common knowledge that we benefit physically when we are active. It is also shown that walkable cities support increased economic activity, community pride, and ownership. Connecting Wayzata residents to the parks and trails is of utmost importance. Creating a Wayzata that is walkable and bicycle friendly will support an existing aging population and attract new residents and young families to the City.

During this plan various connections and gaps were identified by stakeholders and residents, that would support a more walkable and bikeable Wayzata, with specific improvements to better connect residents to existing parks and trails.

As shown (right), there are generally four types of cyclists. This plan seeks to provide better connections for those who are currently interested, but may be concerned with some of the options that currently exists. These users typically include those with kids, the elderly, and casual riders.

CONNECTING REGIONAL TRAILS

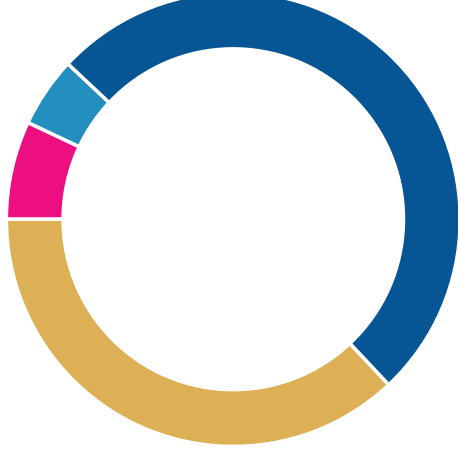
The Luce Line Trail (MN DNR) and the Dakota Rail Trail (Three Rivers Park District) support a more extensive trail network connecting Wayzata to surrounding

communities - as far west as Cosmos and Lester Prairie and east into Minneapolis and surrounding trail networks. These trails provide both recreational and commuter opportunities for residents. It was identified that connections between these two trails were important to residents.

The following regional trail connection improvements were identified:

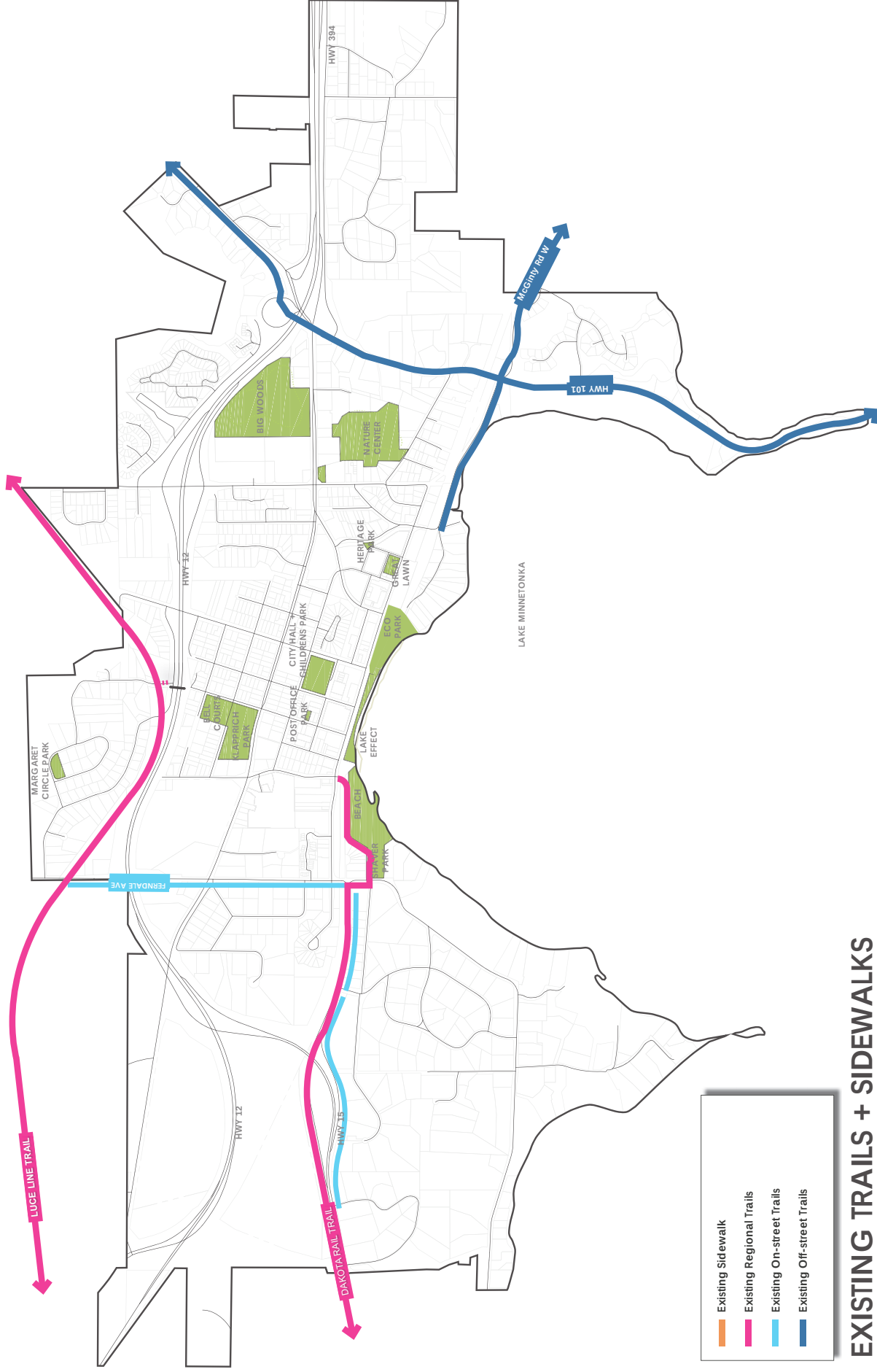
1. Ferndale Avenue - The current on-street bicycle "Sharerow" is perceived as unsafe by most of the population on this busy street. Providing an off-street bike and pedestrian trail is preferred over the existing sharrow. This improvement is identified as a long-term improvement because of the coordination with homeowners.
2. Minnetonka Avenue - Reduced car traffic, minimized slopes and adjacent park properties (Post office Park, Klapprich & Bell Courts), make this connection a preferred choice for "interested, but concerned" user. An existing pedestrian overpass allows for access across 394, however the stairs limits most bicyclist. With the future replacement of the bridge better bicycle accommodations should be considered (i.e. switch back ramp). Additional on-street bicycle

FOUR TYPES OF CYCLIST



- 7% STRONG AND FEARLESS
- 5% ENTHUSIASTIC AND CONFIDENT
- 51% INTERESTED, BUT CONCERNED
- 37% NOT ABLE OR NOT INTERESTED

Jennifer Dill and Nathan McNeil, "Revisiting the Four Types of Cyclists: Findings from a National Survey," Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board, 2587: 90-99, 2016.



EXISTING TRAILS + SIDEWALKS

“Sharrow” designations and traffic calming measures are recommended along Minnetonka Avenue to encourage use of this route.

3. Broadway Avenue - Short-term bicycle lane designation is recommended to provide access to the “Enthusiastic and Confident” rider.
4. Dakota Trail extension - As identified in Lake Effect, the Dakota Trail extension proposed would provide a safe off-road trail through Wayzata’s Lake Street. This would re-shift some of the focus from a car-centric Lake Street to one that better serves pedestrians and cyclists.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY

Wayzata residents desire a better connected Wayzata, with options for residents to walk and bike to their favorite destinations. The following areas were identified as having greater connectivity constraints:

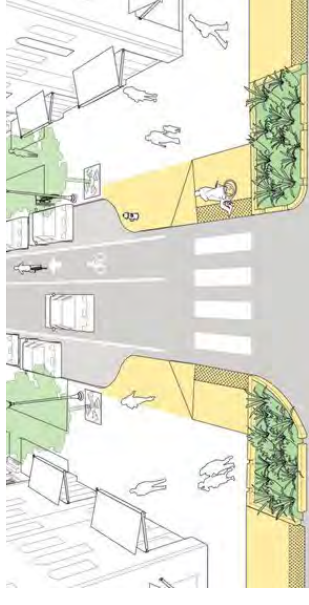
1. Holdridge neighborhood - this existing neighborhood is bounded by 101/Bushaway Rd. and Highway 12 with limited road access. This neighborhood has been identified as one that lacks a greater connectivity to the City. The lack of City right-of-ways here limits available options. The City should continue to explore options to better connect this neighborhood.



Providing an off-road trail along Ferndale Avenue will increase perceived safety for cyclist and pedestrians.



Example of “Sharrow” designation.

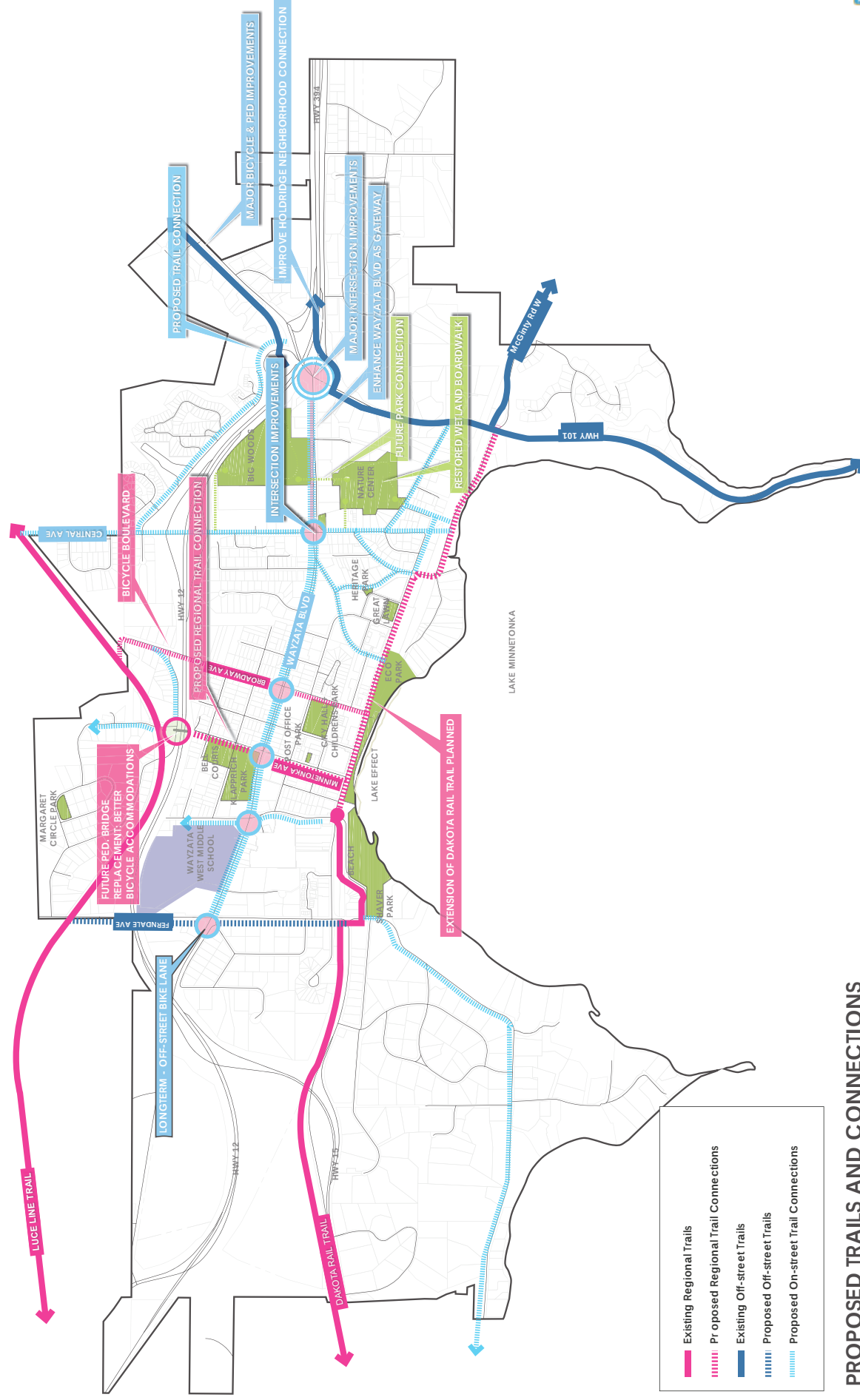


Complete Street ‘Gateway’, NACTO

2. Wayzata Boulevard is the gateway to the City and is the physical point of entry from the East. Improvements along this corridor should go beyond the road to include wider protected sidewalks, dedicated bicycle lanes, boulevards, enhanced crossings/intersection improvements, signage/wayfinding improvements, and various street furniture that will enhance the character.
3. Additionally the parks have been identified as having connectivity issues or barriers. There is a focus in this master plan to enhance connections to parks for pedestrians and bicyclist and maintaining current parking infrastructure. Specific park connectivity issues are identified in the Park Plans chapter.

COMPLETE STREETS

Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and transit riders. The City of Wayzata should adopt a complete streets policy to ensure the City engineers design beyond the curb and address broad concerns of accessibility and access. Complete streets will help create livable communities for various users, especially children, those with restricted access and seniors.



PROPOSED TRAILS AND CONNECTIONS

CITY IDENTITY

The charming, historical nature of Wayzata is identified by the comprehensive plan as one of the Guiding Principles that will also guide the City's parks, trails and open spaces. The City can enhance the identity, especially within City parks, by developing city standards.

The City should develop standards for things like benches, trash receptacles, pedestrian lights, and park signs that will strengthen the Wayzata identity, and make for easier maintenance and management of the public realm.

SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

Of the 9 major park areas, most residents only recognize a few as City parks (Klapprich and Wayzata Beach), while the majority remain unknown. Many of these unknown parks have very few or no public amenities. In addition, none of the parks are identified with signage. The Nature Center is the most significant example of this issue. Throughout Community Engagement efforts, the Nature Center was mainly unknown to community members. Simple signage, along with selective clearing would identify this area to residents.

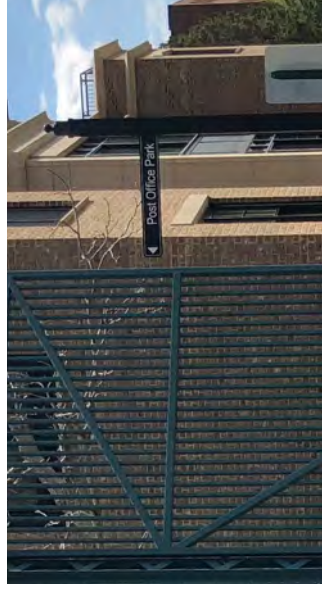
Additional wayfinding throughout the city is

important, particularly around Wayzata Boulevard, the “gateway” into the city. Wayfinding becomes important for visitors. The easier it is for visitors to identify where a city's attractions are, the more likely they are to spend time and money in the community. Wayzata attracts a lot of visitors and efficient wayfinding can also help ease traffic congestion and provide clear routes for pedestrians and motorists.

A hierarchy of signage and wayfinding should be implemented that distinguishes between more of the parks and amenities that function regionally, such as Lake Effect and the Beach, versus the more community focused parks like Klapprich. A consistent visual identity that reinforces Wayzata's brand would help wayfinding but also reinforce the community's “quaintness” that was identified by the public as being important to preserve.



Example standard coordinated site furnishings



An existing wayfinding sign at Post Office Park.



Example signage and wayfinding plan.

CHAPTER 4: PARK PLANS



INTRODUCTION

The Wayzata Park System park plans created unique new designs for 7 main park spaces and reviewed all park areas including proposed park under Lake Effect. The proposed park plans are shown throughout this chapter. The plan for each park includes:

- An aerial photograph of the existing conditions at the park and existing photographs, for reference.
- A description of the existing park conditions, location and history.
- A park plan drawing with labels
- A written description of the proposed plan for the park and example images.

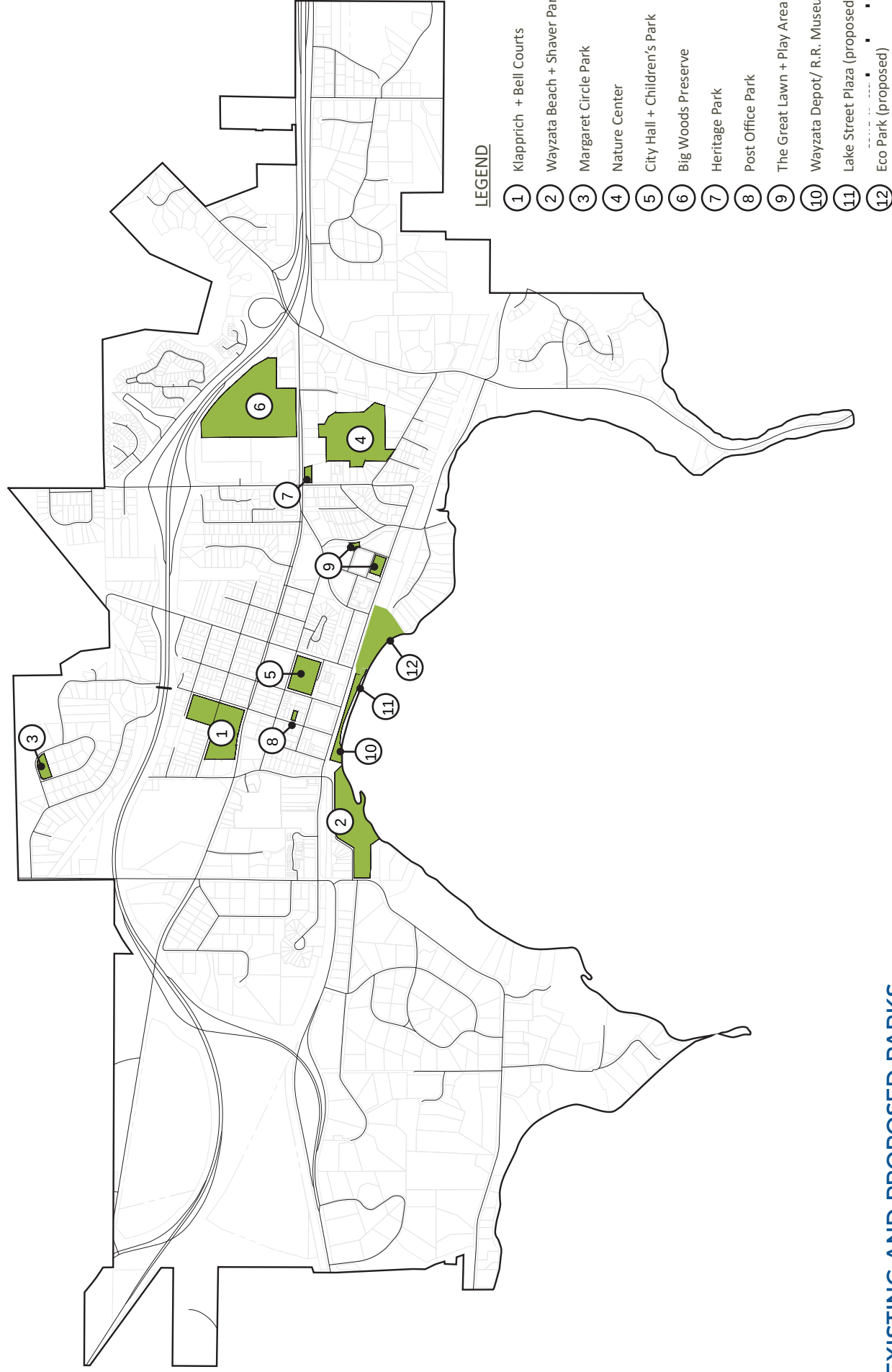
The park plans are **CONCEPTS**, which means they do not finalize every detail in the park. The plans will identify types and locations of facilities and the general location of pathways. They are meant to guided the overall layout of the The plans do not give specific design details or the location of minor amenities such as drinking fountains, benches and signs. These plans will be referenced and further detailed during subsequent capital improvement projects, and additional community engagement and approval from City Council may occur.

PARKS INCLUDED:

- Klapprich + Bell Courts
- Wayzata Beach + Shaver Park
- Margaret Circle Park
- Nature Center
- City Hall + Children's Park
- Big Woods Preserve
- Heritage Park

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PARKS:

- Post Office Park
- The Great Lawn + Play Area
- Wayzata Depot/ R.R. Museum
- Lake Street Plaza (new)
- Eco Park (new)



EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARKS

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KLAPPRICH + BELL COURTS EXISTING CONDITIONS

KLAPPRICH PARK + BELL COURT

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Klapprich Park is at the center of the Wayzata park system located off of Wayzata Boulevard and Minnetonka Avenue North. Klapprich is considered an “active park” and includes many facilities including picnic tables; a softball diamond; a multi-use field; a permanent hockey rink that serves as a seasonal off-leash dog park; a warming house; a large hill for sledding and viewing the park; and playground. Being restricted in size, the ball diamond is predominantly used by younger kids. The multi-use field is in good condition but is left un-striped making it available for casual use and pick-up games. This park attracts users all season with the hockey rink, and a popular, but unofficial sledding hill during the winter months. The warming house is open 3-10pm on weekdays and 10am-10pm on weekends and when school is not in session. The warming house is small and fairly distant from the hockey rink. The playground has two traditional structures that are in fair condition, but do not currently meet current ADA accessibility standards. Near the playground are a small handful of picnic tables surrounded by a number of large shade trees.

Bell Courts is adjacent to Klapprich and separated only by Park Street East. Bell Courts Park, originally



Existing playground outdated and inaccessible.



Existing hillside showing erosion on non-accessible route.



Existing tennis facility at Bell Courts

called the Tourist Park by local residents, features three striped tennis courts, one of which is striped to accommodate pickleball; two bocce courts; and a grill and picnic tables. The Bocce courts are popular with local residents and are currently reserved in the summer by the Minnetonka Bocce League Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Louise H. Bell cabana overlooking the courts was a gift to the city in the mid-1960s from the James Ford Bell family when Wheelock Whitney was Mayor of Wayzata. This facility has recently been renovated with restrooms and a drinking fountain.

The City Water tower is located on the site as well as [\(utilities information here\)](#). These utilities have no future plans for relocation and have been planned around.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Klapprich and Bell courts are intended to be utilized in a similar fashion today, but with improvements that will create more opportunities for year-round and multi-generational use. Currently the site is disjointed with steep grades and few walking paths. The new plan will create a centralized community hub with a new park building and accessible paths connecting to the surrounding amenities. The park building



KLAPPRICH + BELL COURTS PROPOSED PLAN

will bridge the difference in elevation with a walkout basement on the lower level and a flexible community room on the main floor. The current maintenance drive will be expanded to allow for drop-off and a few accessible parking spaces. The outdated and inaccessible playground will be replaced and relocated near the dropoff and will provide an accessible route for inclusive play built into the hillside. Play options will be expanded with a new nature play element tucked into the trees near the top of the hill.

Outdoor basketball courts are not currently provided in any of Wayzata's parks or public schools. A new half-court basketball will be added to provide young adults and teens a new recreational opportunity, and will be visible from Wayzata Boulevard.

Adjacent to the new community center is a firepit and small gathering area, as well as some built in hillside seating looking out onto the field. The existing diamond will remain for casual and use by youth teams. The existing hockey/dog park will be reoriented to allow for open access to the new park building and water hookups. The new layout of the Hockey rink will also open up more free skating opportunities. The basement of the new building can accommodate the additional skaters that are not able to fit in the current warming house alone. The new warming facility will



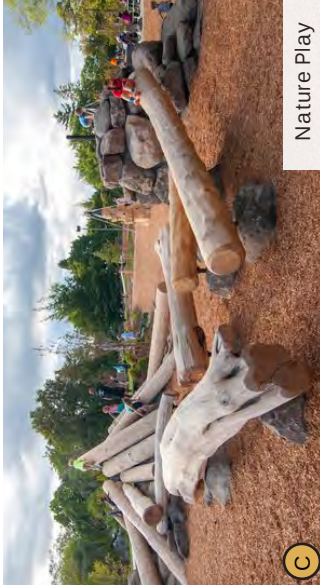
Walkout Park Building

A



Updated Play

B



Nature Play

C



Basketball Court

D



Firepit

E



Dog Park

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KLAPPRICH + BELL COURTS WINTER PLAN

spill on onto a dedicated small kids skating rink, allow access to the rest of the ice.

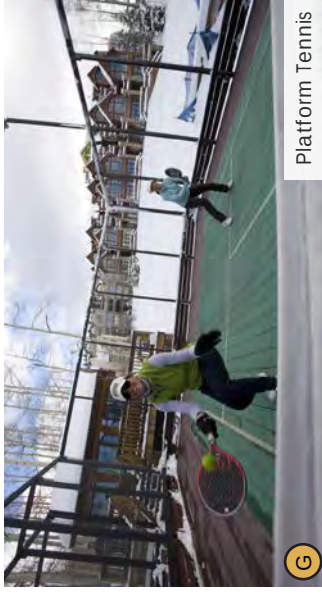
Klapprich Park will go beyond ice skating and provide other winter recreational opportunities. The existing hill will be maintained to allow sledding and a new winter sport is added to the park. Platform Tennis, is a racket sport that can be enjoyed outdoors in cold weather. The game is played on an aluminum deck about 1/3 the size of tennis. This sport has grown in popularity and is highly supported by residents of Wayzata. The new location centralizes this facility with the other park facilities including the new park building. The courts will be built into the hillside and a set of stairs will connect to Bell Courts.

Bell Courts will retain its primary uses, but will expand the Tennis Court and move the bocce courts to accommodate four new pickleball courts while retaining two doubles tennis courts. Minimal improvements to the north side of Bell Courts park include additional screening between adjacent residences and an additional butterfly garden surrounding the existing water tower.

Additional street improvements were made to accommodate more parking, safer crossings and dedicated bike sharrow lanes.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

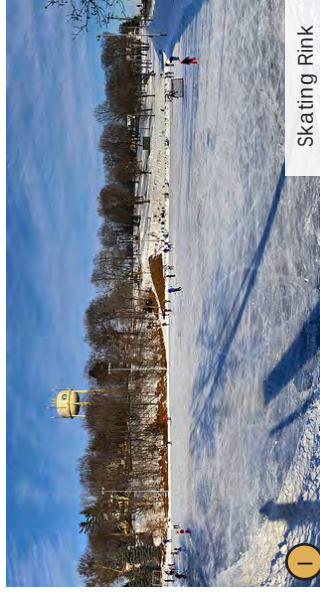
- renovated and relocated ADA accessible playground
- addition of nature play
- addition of platform tennis
- addition of half-court basketball
- addition of (4) pickleball courts
- renovated tennis courts and bocce courts
- renovated existing diamond and field
- addition of new community building
- renovated Bell Courts building
- renovated and relocated hockey/dog park
- addition of new plaza/firepit
- addition/rennovation of new and existing trails
- renovated driveway/dropoff and ADA parking
- street and crossing improvements



Platform Tennis



Sledding Hill



Skating Rink



WAYZATA BEACH + SHAVER PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

WAYZATA BEACH + SHAVER PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Wayzata beach is located on the south side of Lake Street E near the Dakota Trail head. The beach is a desirable location for residents and visitors to sit in either the sun or the shade. A seasonal restaurant gives parks users the opportunity to stay at the beach throughout the day. Picnic tables and Adirondack chairs throughout the park provide places to eat and view the lake. The playground has a central location but its traditional play style and open layout do not provide an exciting experience for kids.

Given to the citizens of Wayzata in 1930 by the first mayor, Rufus Rand, this sandy beach on the north side of Lake Minnetonka is an ideal place during the summer heat. Whether if it shade or sun to relax Wayzata Beach has it with the grassy areas in the shade and then there's picnic tables and Adirondack chairs placed near the waters edge for enjoying the sun. There is a playground centrally located perfect for 3 to 8 year old children.

With its prime location on Lake Minnetonka, Wayzata's swimming beach is a favorite among local families. The beach, located at 220 Grove Lane East, is open to the public from mid-June to mid-August. A lifeguard is on duty from noon until 6 p.m., 7 days

a week. The beach will not be guarded on any day that the air temperature is at or below 65 degrees Fahrenheit and remains so during regular hours. This beach is located just across the walking bridge, east of Shaver Park and close to the Dakota Rail Trail head.

Shaver Park is located on the west side of Wayzata Beach, south of Lake Street. Near the lagoon is a volleyball court in need of updates and drainage improvements. A path leads from the lagoon up a tree-filled hill to a picnic and grilling area as well as the historic Trapper's Cabin.



Existing parking lot dead-end and beach entrance.



Existing showers hidden behind the building.



Existing historic Trapper's Cabin.



WAYZATA BEACH + SHAVER PARK PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN

The design intention is to preserve the character and general feel of the park, while optimizing spaces to provide residents with the best experience. The reconfigured parking is designed to allow for easier access and drop-off. This change would simply close off the mid-access point between the two lots and provide a drop-off and circulation between the lots at the south. This change would eliminate the dead-end parking and create a new sense of entry. A new picnic/dining plaza would provide more eating and gathering space around the existing concessions building at the entrance. The showers would be moved from their currently hidden location behind the concession building to the beach entrance. This will make clean up after a day at the beach easier. A new play structure will open up views to the lake, while providing children with more exciting opportunities to climb and explore. The playground will be placed in the same location. The beach will be retained in virtually the same footprint. It was explored to expand the beach, but many residents felt the green space was valued for lounging, picnicking, and keeping things out of the sand. It is suggested to add some more Adirondack chairs and picnic tables along the grassy areas and in the shade. A new shade structure is suggested to provide more



Updated Play



Shade Structure



Art/Hammock Poles

opportunities for gathering and may include a gas firepit for extended seasonal use. It is to be noted that the shelter is adjacent to a highly-valued natural area that is to be preserved.

The lagoon, boat slips and boat access is to be preserved and maintained as necessary. The small peninsula near the access is an existing gathering area that provides a unique space for relaxation. This area will be enhanced with hammock poles that double as art features. The poles also protect trees in the area, by providing a dedicated space for the popular activity. Hammocks can also be rented down the road to visitors who may not have one themselves.

The west side, Shaver Park will include a new drainage swale to help move water from the flat land near the volleyball to the lake, while improving water quality and providing a buffer between the park and private resident. This will make for improved maintenance and use the volleyball courts and surrounding area. Along the hillside and tucked into the trees, a new children's off-road bike playground will provide a small space for skills training. This location works well because of the existing natural setting, topography and access from the Dakota Trail. This type of facility is relatively unobtrusive and can be built with natural materials.



Children's Bike Playground



Bike Playground Materials

Bike Playgrounds are highly desired by the younger families in Wayzata. There is a need for safe, sustainable riding areas for kids. In 2017, Minnesota was ranked second-most bicycle friendly state in the US. Biking is the most popular outdoor activity for youth ages 6-17. Bike parks get kids outside more in nature. Studies have shown that homes closer to bike paths are more valuable.

mplsbikeparks.org

The addition of rentals are important to the Park and Trails Board, to help fill a need and support the greater community. Rentals have been accommodated in this park because of the prime location and connection to Lake Minnetonka and the Dakota Trail. The canoe/kayak rental racks are proposed west of the lagoon to provide quick access into the lake without taking up valuable beach access. A canoe/kayak access dock at the south end of the lagoons get users directly into the lake. An additional rental building is shown at the far north side of the lagoons near the parking lot and Dakota trailhead. This can provide a space for other non-water rentals such as bicycles, hammocks, beach chairs and umbrellas, etc. The city should explore partnerships for rental services.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- reconfigured parking lot
- drainage improvements
- renovated play area
- renovated volleyball court
- renovated and expanded park building
- relocated showers
- addition of shade structure + firepit
- addition of bike playground
- addition of rental facility, racks + access docks
- addition of picnic/ entry plaza
- addition of hammock/art poles



Rental Rack/Paddle Share

Share programs/rentals are becoming increasingly more common in the Twin Cities with everything from cars, to clothes. Recreational opportunities are available with Nice Rice Bicycles and the Mississippi River Paddle Share. These systems are self-operated and rely on partnership organizations. The City of Wayzata should consider partnerships for rental opportunities.



Canoe/Kayak Launch



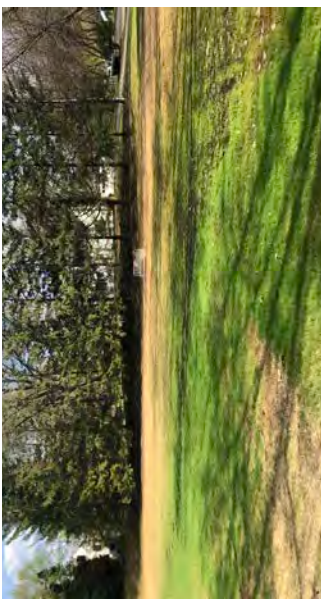
MARGARET CIRCLE PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

MARGARET CIRCLE PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Located on the north side of Wayzata, Margaret Circle Park features a neighborhood field. The field accommodates outdoor skating in the winter, but doesn't get as much use the rest of the year because of drainage issues. Additionally, maintenance and mowing of the field is problematic for City staff because of the soggy soils.

The park was deeded to the City by Roger Fazendin in ____ (more info on this).



The current lack of drainage prevents the field from being used during the spring and during wet conditions.



Winter skating is a beloved community asset at this park.



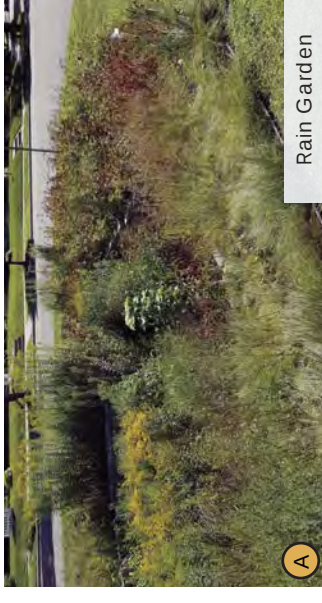
MARGARET CIRCLE PARK PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN

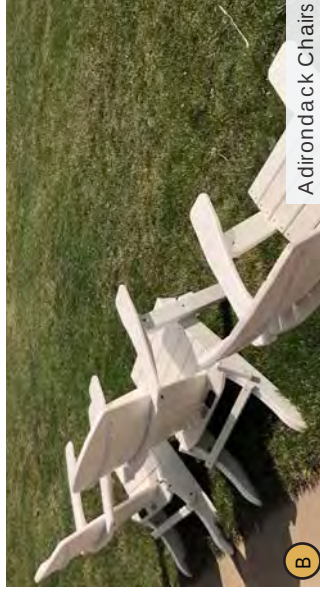
Because of quiet neighborhood location, the park will remain as is, with some minor improvements. The field will be improved with drain-tiles or other drainage improvements to help get water to a new raingarden. The existing trees bordering the field are mostly Ash, and will need to be replaced. Other improvements include adding some Adirondack chairs, a picnic table, and park signage.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- Field drainage improvements
- Addition of raingarden
- Misc. signs, trees, furniture



Rain Garden



Adirondack Chairs



NATURE CENTER EXISTING CONDITIONS

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NATURE CENTER

EXISTING CONDITIONS

This natural park and trail extends throughout the wetlands surrounding Lake Louise. This land is tax fortified property that connect to natural areas surrounding Lake Louise. There are two entries (one on Virginia Avenue and on Hamilton Avenue).

A 13.5 acre wetland, the Nature Center is an important filter for Lake Minnetonka. Currently, it is closed to the public.

History on this?



The old boardwalk remnants still exists.



View of the closed park from La Salle Street.



Access from the Boardwalk apartments easement is restricted with fencing and a collapsed bridge.



NATURE CENTER PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN

The Nature Center is a valuable passive natural park, with a lot of potential to become a jewel of the Wayzata Park System. This proposed design for this park will optimize use with loop walking trails while maintaining conscientious of total investment. Boardwalks re very expensive, but are needed to provide a full loop around this park. The design will use high and dry land to provide natural surface walking paths around most of the park, and provide boardwalk only where needed. A modest observation tower will provide visitors with a place to bird-watch and see a 360 degree view of the park. Interpretive signage will be staggered throughout the park to provide visitors with information about native species, habitats and wildlife. Access to the park will be restored with a main entry and parking at the southern end of the park, off of La Salle Street; West access from the Boardwalk Apartments easement, off of Central Avenue; and a proposed new connection North to the business district, off of Wayzata Boulevard.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- Entry and Parking Improvements
- Renovate strategic sections of Boardwalk
- Addition of natural surface walking trails
- Addition of observation tower
- Misc. signs, furniture, habitat improvements, etc.





CITY HALL PARK + CHILDREN'S GARDEN EXISTING CONDITIONS

CITY HALL PARK + CHILDREN'S GARDEN

EXISTING CONDITIONS

City Hall Park is a small park offering scenic views of Lake Minnetonka. Located on the south side of Hennepin County Library, City Hall Park provides bench and adirondack chair seating to take in the view. The open lawn is a great space for sun bathing or a picnic. One path follows the edge of the park where a beautiful flower garden can be observed.

High on the hill above the downtown business district, the garden and grassy area on the south side of the library offers a spectacular all-season view of Wayzata Bay and beyond. City Hall Park is located between Wayzata City Hall at 600 Rice Street East, and the Wayzata Library. The garden, city hall and the library are located on the original Public Square, the first park planned by Oscar Garrison in 1858. This park offers several benches for relaxing, reading a good book or enjoying the great view of downtown Wayzata and Lake Minnetonka.



Existing lawn and library, which overlooks the Lake.



Existing Stairway leading to Lake Street



Existing Children's Garden



CITY HALL PARK + CHILDREN'S GARDEN PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN

This quaint public space connects

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- Field drainage improvements
- Addition of raingarden
- Misc. signs, trees, furniture





BIG WOODS PRESERVE EXISTING CONDITIONS

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EXISTING CONDITIONS

This natural park and trail extends throughout the wetlands surrounding Lake Louise. This land is tax fortified property that connect to natural areas surrounding Lake Louise. There are two entries (one on Virginia Avenue and on Hamilton Avenue).

This park is located east of the Colonial Square shopping center off of Wayzata Boulevard. A walking trail is located in this woodland preserve.

The 14 acres of the Big Woods Preserve is one of the last metro remnants of a hardwood forest which once covered all of central Minnesota and the east coast. Enjoy native wildflowers in the spring and the spectacular fall beauty in a forest filled with sugar maples and basswood trees. March is a time when the sap becomes active and maple tree tapping is occasionally scheduled. The thick forest provides a buffer for the City from the adjacent Interstate 394. This 1930s Tudor Estate was preserved in 2004 by the citizens of Wayzata in partnership with private donors and The Retreat (a recovery organization that occupies the center of the 23 acre site). A rustic path invites visitors to walk through the 14-acre park. Six parking stalls are located to the left as you enter.



Existing parking lot/entry to the park and retreat center.



Park board member show present species.



The Preserve is public land and a Wayzata City Park.



BIG WOODS PRESERVE PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN

This special wooded area in the heart of Wayzata should be appreciated by more residents. During this process it was made clear that not many residents knew that this was a Wayzata Park. New park signage at the entrance, additional access points and interpretive signage will improve the park for visitors. Additionally, street improvements Wayzata Boulevard should be explored to include a mid-block pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- Addition of entry/park signage
- Renovate natural surface trail
- Misc. signs, benches, and restoration efforts
- Street/crossing improvements





HERITAGE PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

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HERITAGE PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Heritage park is located at the busy corner of Wayzata Boulevard and Central Avenue. The small park honors the Cities heritage as well as those who served in the armed forces. A veterans memorial includes bricks and benches along the south side of the park for those who have served as well as honoring special occasions.

Heritage Park is located at the corner of Wayzata Boulevard and Central Avenue. It is a small corner park celebrating the city's heritage. The park offers several perennial gardens and features a historic public bus shelter, extensive landscaping, a bricked lined walking path, and a number of benches. The park is used for community gatherings and yearly for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day ceremonies.

From 1912 to 2000, this area was known as Batson's corner because the Batson family farmed this southeastern portion of the land. After a number of commercial enterprise found success difficult on this high traffic corner, the city purchased this site in the late 1990's and it soon became the park to honor the men and women who serve in the armed forces.



Existing entry and signage from Central + Wayzata Blvd.



Existing boarder along Wayzata Boulevard.



Old built in seating, leaves little room for flexibility.



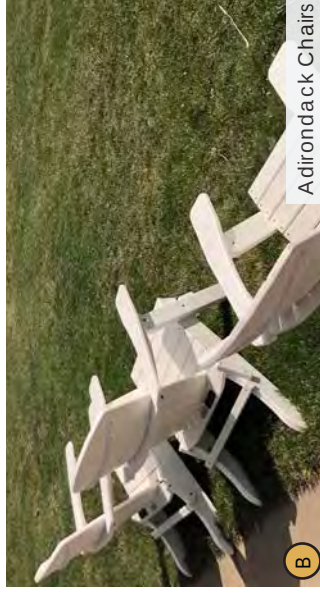
HERITAGE PARK PROPOSED PLAN

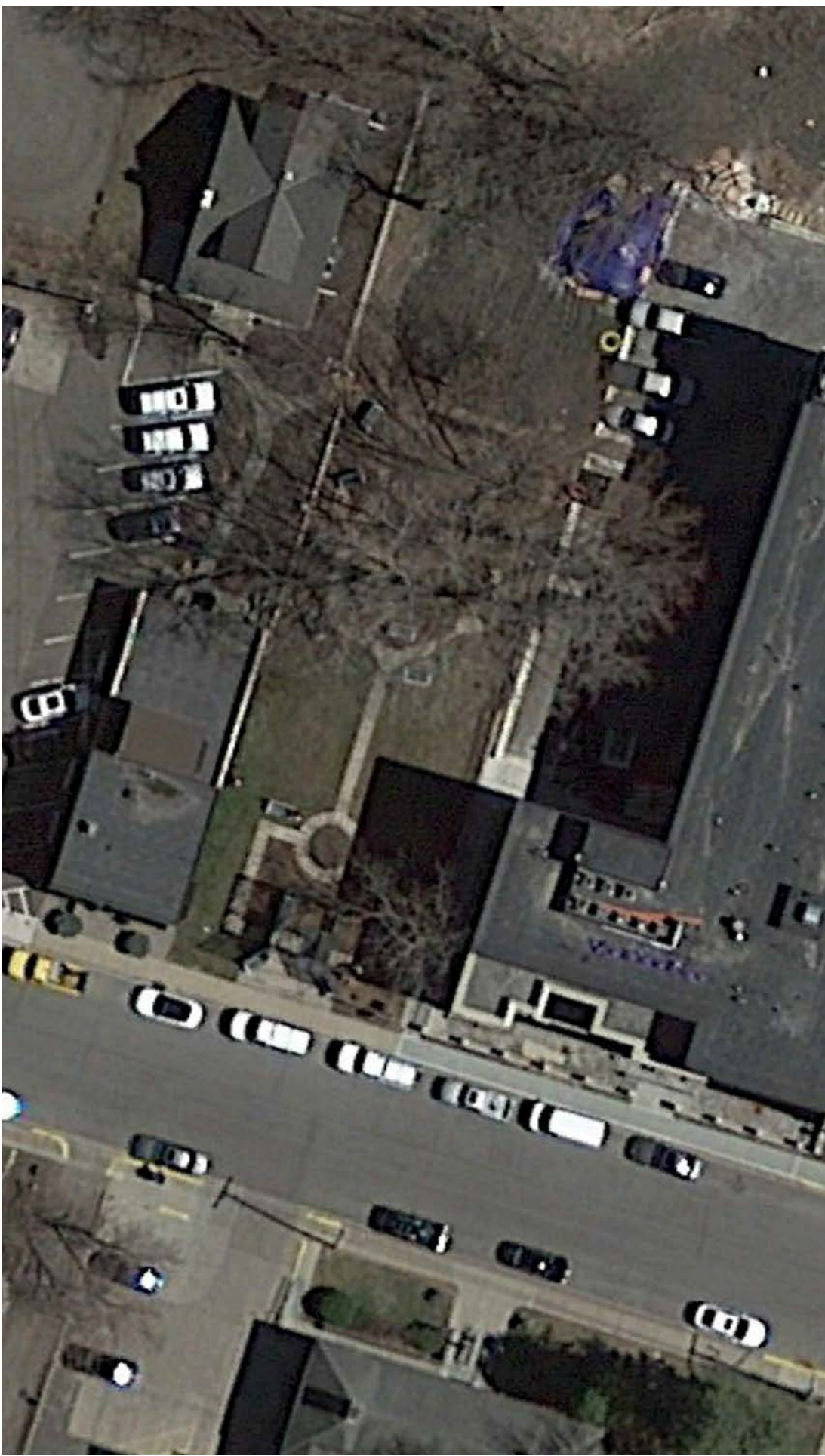
PROPOSED DESIGN

The proposed plan add minor elements to make the park more usable. A new small games/ picnic area is centered toward the entry. Additional movable Adirondack seating will allow for more comfortable seating. Additional connections to the bus stop open up the park to people passing by or waiting for the bus. An additional connection to the adjacent business district to the East should be further explored.

IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW

- Addition of Picnic/Game tables, and various seating
- Connections to business district





POST OFFICE PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

POST OFFICE PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Post office park and its structure was designed by artist Siah Armajani gifted to the City in the 1990's. The pocket park is located on Minnetonka Ave S and has many benches and a loop trail to walk along.

Post Office Pocket Park is on Minnetonka Avenue South across the street from the Wayzata Post Office. This park offers a quiet place to read or meet and chat with friends.

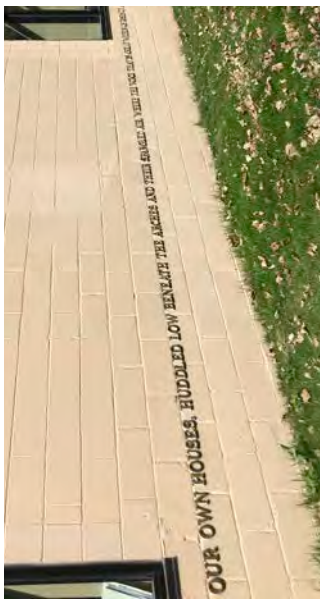
Featuring the design and sculpture by Minneapolis based artist Siah Armajani, this small “pocket park” was a gift to the city from Lucy and Judy Dayton in 1996. It is meant to be a calming place for people to meet and enjoy. It's located across from the historical 1941 WPA Wayzata Post Office. The layout and design of the benches in the park contribute to the areas artistic flavor.

PROPOSED DESIGN

This quaint “old Wayzata” pocket park will remain preserved as is.



Existing entry gateway/sculpture.



An existing quote along the building.



Existing custom benches along the wood-planked path.

POST OFFICE PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

GREAT LAWN PARK + PLAY AREA

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Great Lawn was completed in spring of 2018 to provide a performance/gathering space in the newly renovated Promendae off Lake Street. This land is privately owned and managed by Mid America Group, but there is an agreement that it is open to the public. The space has since been used for concert series and other public events. Within the development there also is a nature themed playground. The playground is also open to the public.

PROPOSED PLAN

The Great Lawn and playground were recently completed and will remain as is.



The existing Great Lawn at the Pavilion.



An existing playground tucked into the development.



An existing small kids play area.



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BOARDWALK TO WAYZATA DEPOT

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Wayzata Depot is a 1906 historic train station and is one of the city's most popular gathering places for residents and visitors. There are perennial gardens planted and maintained by volunteers with the Lake of Minnetonka Garden Club in order to add ambiance to the area. The Depot is located at 402 Lake Street East. There is a train museum located within the Depot building. Some on-site amenities include three picnic tables (no grilling facilities), grassy areas for picnics, short term public docks and flexible space used for summertime music concerts

PROPOSED PLAN

The proposed plan will feature a meandering boardwalk to the Lake Walk. The boardwalk will extend from the Broadway community docks to the historic Depot. The project will feature a series of elevated terraces providing multiple opportunities for residents to interact with the water's edge. Whether it is sitting or dipping their toes in the water individuals will have the freedom to choose what they want to do. The entire shoreline will restore its natural ecological site allowing it to grow in biodiversity by increasing shoreline plantings.



The proposed Boardwalk ending at Depot Park

LAKE STREET



WESTERN LAKE EFFECT



LAKE EFFECT
WAYZATA



CIVITAS

POST OFFICE PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS



LAKE STREET/ LAKE STREET PLAZA

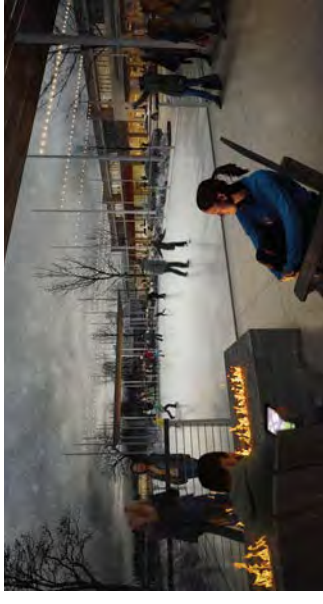
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lake Street is currently a municipal parking lot that has an eight foot buffer meant for plantings and then roadside parking. Alongside roadside parking are two lanes of traffic. With parking along both sides there is little focus on pedestrian and cyclists. Along the left hand of the site are the shops of Wayzata. The shops feature decorative paving that also showcases some existing street trees alongside the road.

PROPOSED PLAN

Lake Street's redesign will allow for the site to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. There will be a dedicated bike lane that will ensure safely bring riders of all ages on to Lake Street to take advantage of the shops and restaurants. The bike facility will feature a visually contrasting pavement treatment from pedestrian walking space as well as a visual and textural material change in the step out zone located between parked cars and bike lane. In addition to this Lake Street includes an expanded 8' sidewalk to better accommodate a higher pedestrian traffic that exists during the summer months. These improvements will allow individuals the opportunity to circulate around the site. Alongside the redesign, there will be an urban park, plaza replacing the Broadway municipal parking lot. The park is meant to be open year round and will include cafe seating, a retail kiosk, landscaping and shade trees in order to create a relaxed urban

experience with various expansive views of Lake Minnetonka. The design has flexible spaces that will allow for the space to support a variety of community events.



A new multi-season plaza in place of the municipal lot



Proposed Lake street looking south east



Proposed Lake street looking west



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ECO PARK PROPOSED PLAN



ECO PARK

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Located along the shore line of Lake Minnetonka is the Broadway docks that house incoming boats. The current uses of the site are primarily bench seating, fishing and short term public docking. The shoreline alongside the site is sparse and lack of vegetation.

PROPOSED PLAN

Eco Park, located on the east side past the Broadway community docks to the historic depot. The site will feature a restored historic shoreline marsh, fishing pier, and environmental center. This park is the main goal is to improve water quality and also increase biodiversity. The site will feature a pier that will extend into Lake Minnetonka and showcase an environmental education center that is housed within the historic Section Foreman House. This will provide a convenient location for various schools around the area to visit and learn about diverse ecosystems and well as an intergenerational community center. This new experience creates, any opportunities for learning about the variety of plants and animal species



Proposed Eco Park

CHAPTER 5: IMPLEMENTATION



COST IMPLICATIONS + PRIORITY RANKING

Over several months of community engagement and coordination with the Parks and Trails Board and City Council, the plans have gained enough support to provide a basis for cost estimates. These estimates are derived using construction estimates in 2018 dollars.

Overall the proposed park plans will require significant dollars to implement. These improvements are intended to be a big picture window on what was heard during the process of creating the master plan. These projects will be implemented over time by city staff, the Parks and Trails Commission, and ultimately the City Council. This master plan, and the following cost estimates are intended to be a living document that will be updated with changing viewpoints, priorities, funds, opportunities, and changing park and trail trends.

The following pages show a park-by-park project cost estimate and priority ranking. This does not include special consideration parks such as those under Lake Effect or the Great Lawn area.

PARTNERSHIPS/FUNDING

Throughout the Community Engagement process residents consistently had questions/ concerns about funding and operations of new facilities. A number of funding sources exist for the recommended improvements in this master plan. Primarily, the redevelopment fund provides money for parks when there is redevelopment within the city. Additionally, grants and partnerships should be explored including the following specific opportunities identified in the individual park plans:

- Not for profit groups/ clubs including platform tennis advocacy group
- Rental space at various parks- notably Klapprich/ Bell and the Beach
- Rental facilities at the beach- potential private partnership opportunity to manage and run
- Like-minded groups such as the DNR, watershed districts, and other entities striving to protect the lake and other natural resources
- Lake Effect Conservancy partnerships

SUCCESS OF THE PLAN

As mentioned in the Wayzata 2040 Community Vision, the preferred future is one that is 'FTSC- Forward Thinking, Socially Connected'. The following will help drive Wayzata to this preferred future:

- Momentum and Community buy-in
- City Staff, Elected Officials and Community Members commitment to implementation of vision
- Robust Comprehensive Plan Update addressing vision items
- Education and communication about the shared vision for Wayzata
- Pursuit of core Vision in Action items, and willingness to pursue bold Vision in Action Items
- Accountability and measurable outcomes throughout the implementation of the vision
- Collaborative strength through effective leadership

KLAPPRICH + BELL COURTS			
RANK	ASSET TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Play	new ADA accessible playground (includes removal of existing play structure and moving containers - wood chip surface)	\$450,000.00
	Play	addition of nature play	\$30,000.00
	Courts	addition of platform tennis (includes stair access)	\$215,000.00
	Courts	addition of half-court basketball	\$35,000.00
	Courts	restriping/ resurfacing of (4) pickleball (includes expansion of courts)	\$10,000.00
	Courts	restripe/ resurface (2) doubles tennis courts	\$16,000.00
	Courts	renovate (1) and addition of (1) bocce courts	\$2,500.00
	Fields	renovate existing diamond and field	\$50,000.00
	Structures	addition of new warming house/ community building (includes retaining wall and utilities)	\$300,000.00
	Structures	renovate Bell Courts building	\$100,000.00
	Other	renovate and relocate of hockey/dog park (includes new water connection, relocated lighting and addition of hillside seating)	\$70,000.00
	Other	addition of new plaza/firepit	\$20,000.00
	Other	addition/rennovation of new and existing trails	\$95,000.00
	Other	renovate driveway/dropoff and ADA parking	\$35,000.00
	Other	street and crossing improvements	\$70,000.00
	Other	addition of park sign	\$7,500.00
	Other	misc. Signs, trees, furniture	\$75,000.00
		TOTAL	\$1,581,000.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$158,100.00
		TOTAL	\$1,739,100.00

WAYZATA BEACH + SHAVER PARK			
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Play	addition of bike playground	\$6,000.00
	Play	renovate play area and playground	\$275,000.00
	Courts	renovate and relocate volleyball court	\$10,000.00
	Structures	renovate and expand park building (includes relocated shower)	\$50,000.00
	Structures	addition of shade structure (includes fire pit , deck and picnic tables)	\$175,000.00
	Other	reconfigured parking lot	\$95,000.00
	Other	drainage improvements	\$30,000.00
	Other	addition of rental facility, racks and access dock	(by others)
	Other	addition of picnic/ entry plaza	\$15,000.00
	Other	addition of hammock/art poles	\$7,500.00
	Other	addition of park sign	\$7,500.00
	Other	miscl. Signs, trees, furniture	\$100,000.00
		TOTAL	\$771,000.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$77,100.00
		TOTAL	\$848,100.00

MARGARET CIRCLE PARK			
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Fields	renovate multi-use (drainage improvements)	\$20,000.00
	Other	addition of raingarden	\$10,000.00
	Other	miscl. Signs, trees, furniture	\$3,000.00
	Other	addition of park sign	\$7,500.00
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$40,500.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$4,050.00
		TOTAL	\$44,550.00

NATURE CENTER		
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
	Structure	addition of observation tower
	Structure	addition of boardwalk
	Other	addition of walking path
	Other	clearing and grubbing
	Other	restoration areas
	Other	addition of interpretive signage
	Other	addition of parking
	Other	addition of park sign
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)
		TOTAL
		COST ESTIMATE
		\$35,000.00
		\$270,000.00
		\$65,000.00
		\$10,000.00
		\$50,000.00
		\$7,500.00
		\$15,000.00
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		\$506,000.00

CITY HALL PARK		
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
	Other	renovation of lighting
	Other	addition of gate and path
	Other	addition of game cart
	Other	addition of park sign
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)
		TOTAL
		COST ESTIMATE
		\$55,000.00
		\$10,000.00
		\$35,000.00
		\$7,500.00
		\$107,500.00
		\$10,750.00
		\$118,250.00

BIG WOODS PRESERVE			
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Other	addition of interpretive signage (6)	\$7,500.00
	Other	addition of natural surface trail	\$2,500.00
	Other	addition of park sign	\$7,500.00
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$17,500.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$1,750.00
		TOTAL	\$19,250.00

HERITAGE PARK			
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Other	addition of picnic/game area	\$5,000.00
	Other	addition of lounge seating	\$2,500.00
	Other	addition of tables and chairs (4)	\$15,000.00
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$7,500.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$750.00
		TOTAL	\$8,250.00

POST OFFICE PARK			
RANK	ASSET	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
	Other	maintain existing	
	Other	addition of park sign	\$7,500.00
		CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$7,500.00
	Design	engineering and design (10% assumed)	\$750.00
		TOTAL	\$8,250.00

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Community Engagement

Appendix B: Previous Design Concepts

Appendix C: Platform Tennis Background Study

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