Roseville Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
Tuesday August 6, 2013
8:00 P.M. (NOTE: later start due to Night to Unite)
Roseville City Hall
2660 Civic Center Drive

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment Invited
3. Approval of Minutes of June 4, 2013
4. Art Mueller Park Dedication Review and Recommendation
5. Park and Recreation Renewal Program
    a. Preliminary Plans
        1. Acorn Park
        2. B-2/Victoria Sidewalk/Pathway Project
        3. Central Park Foundation & FOR Parks Shelters
        4. Central Park Lexington
        5. Langton Lake Park
        6. Mapleview Park
        7. Pocahontas Park
    b. Natural Resources Approach Discussion
    c. Other
6. Follow Up Discussion to Joint Meeting with City Council
7. Other
8. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Lonnie Brokke
Date: July 30, 2013
Re: Notes for Commission Meeting on **Tuesday, August 6, 2013**

1. **Introductions**
   Commissioners and staff will be introduced.

2. **Public Comment Invited**
   Public participation and public comment is encouraged.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the June 4, 2013 Meeting**
   Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of June 4, 2013. Please be prepared to approve or amend.
   Requested Commission Action: Approve/amend meeting minutes of June 4, 2013.

4. **ART MUELLER PARK DEDICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**
   This Park Dedication item was reviewed by a previous Commission makeup in November of 2006. Enclosed are the minutes of that meeting. Due to a number of circumstances, the development never took place. This is coming back to you for review and recommendation because of renewed interest in the property owner and the time that has lapsed.

   Included in your packet is the planning staff report dated 11/1/2006 for the Art Mueller site at 2201 Acorn Road that outlines the proposed project in detail. The current proposal is the same.

   The role of the Commission is to discuss and make a recommendation from a Park Dedication perspective, specifically recommending either land or cash in lieu. The Park Dedication Ordinance is in your packet.

   Specifically, this is a subdivision proposal where Art Mueller is seeking to subdivide his 1.9 acre parcel into four single family residential lots. The cash amount is 4 units x $3500 = $14,000 vs. the land amount is 10% of 1.9 acres = .19 acre.

   Art Mueller has indicated if land was recommended that he would not be able to do the development so he is requesting that cash be accepted in lieu of the land dedication.

   This area is located in constellation J. There are no specific plans for a parcel of this size. However, it is in the SW area of Roseville where several strategies in the updated Master Plan have been identified to improve park like amenities in the area, i.e. connectivity, small parcel or large parcel. For reference and guidance, included in your packet is specific information from the Master Plan including the: constellation map, large and small parcel strategies and the goals and policies related to Parks and Open Space Acquisition.
   Requested Commission Action: To make a recommendation to accept land or cash in lieu of land dedication to satisfy the Park Dedication requirements

5. **Park and Recreation Renewal Program Preliminary Plans and General Discussion**
   The Parks and Recreation Renewal Program Preliminary Plans for all parks are nearly complete, with the exception of Rosebrook Park, Southwest Roseville and Tamarack Park which will require additional community/neighborhood discussions.

   The community/neighborhood meetings for the following parks/projects are now complete with the next step to receive your input and consideration for a recommendation to the City Council. The preliminary plans and summary notes from the meetings in your packet are as follows:

- Acorn Park
- B-2/Victoria Sidewalk/Pathway Project
- Central Park Foundation and FOR Parks Shelters
- Central Park Lexington
- Langton Lake Park
- Mapleview Park
- Pocahontas Park

Michael Schroeder, LHB/Lead Consultant and staff will be prepared to review the above mentioned plans with you at your meeting.

On July 22, 2013, the City Council authorized an agreement with LHB, Inc. to bring projects to construction through final design and detailed plans and specifications.

Staff will continue to work with the City Attorney, LHB and Arizona State University on the Request for Proposals for actual construction.

Staff will plan to review possible approaches for the Natural Resource area of the Renewal Program and gather your input.

Community/neighborhood meetings are winding down with only 2 more playground meeting scheduled.

Any additional progress on the Renewal Program will be reported at the meeting. Comments, questions and suggestions from the Commission are welcome and encouraged.
Requested Commission Action: Discuss progress, plans, provide input, and consider a recommendation on the preliminary plans.

6. **Follow up to the Joint Meeting with the City Council**
   Included in your packet are the minutes of your joint meeting with the City Council that occurred on June 10, 2013. Please review the minutes and be prepared to discuss future direction.
   Requested Commission Action: Review and discuss results of joint meeting

7. **Other**

8. **Adjournment**

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2013
ROSEVILLE CITY HALL ~ 6:30PM

PRESENT:	Azer, Boehm, Diedrick, Doneen, Gelbach, D. Holt, M. Holt, Stoner
ABSENT:	Simbeck & Wall notified staff ahead of time about being unable to attend
STAFF:	Anfang, Brokke, Evenson
OTHERS:	Michael Schroeder

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

2. **ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**
   No one in attendance for public comment

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 7, 2013 MEETING**
   Commission Recommendation:
   Minutes for the May 7, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

   - ❖ Agenda adjusted to move presentation involving Michael Schroeder from LHB to earlier in the meeting.

4. **PARK & RECREATION RENEWAL PROGRAM PRELIMINARY PLANS**
   Jeff Evenson & Michael Schroeder updated the Commission on Renewal Program preliminary plans.
   - Evergreen Park
     - Plans include field and court improvements with the possibility of additional stormwater work contributing toward the field plans.
     - Neighborhood discussions have suggested that staff look at replacing the hockey rink with more social spaces.
   - Oasis Park
     - Plans include replacement of the existing building along with turf improvements.
   - Rosebrook Park
     - Plans include replacing the wading pool and the existing building.
     - The Master Plan directs the department to attempt to acquire the Press Gym property.
       - Staff and Commission discussed the possibilities for the future of this site along with the potential of reusing the building.
   - Sandcastle Park
     - Plans were discussed that included replacing the existing building and possibly reworking the layout for the courts and park entrance.

   Lonnie Brokke spoke with the Commission about the need for additional community meetings along with added work by all involved with the renewal program to finalize projects in Southwest Roseville and at Rosebrook Park.

   Jeff Evenson updated the Commission on the County Road B-2 Sidewalk process. A community meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2013.

   Brokke and Evenson talked about bringing these preliminary plans to the June 17, 2013 Council meeting for updates and comments.

5. **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION UPDATE**
   Mary Holt and Lee Diedrick shared with the Commission a draft memo they are suggesting be used to discuss the need for a volunteer coordinator during the joint Council/Commission meeting in June.

Commission members discussed the information gathered by Diedrick and M. Holt and made suggestions on how the memo might be edited to outline the benefits, opportunities and logistics for the addition of a volunteer coordinator within the Parks and Recreation division.

Commissioners around the table recognized the time and effort put in by Mary and Lee to tap into the knowledge of established parks and recreation volunteer programs, research findings and readings on the benefits and outcomes of supporting a volunteer coordinator, and the potential for financial savings and increased community engagement.

Phil Gelbach volunteered to work with the summary written by M. Holt and Diedrick and will compile a memo to be presented to the Council at their June joint meeting.

6. **PARK BOARD DISCUSSION**

Commission discussed the draft document provided by Wall and Simbeck. All were in agreement that the document was very thorough and provided good information for the Council and the Commission.

Commissioners once again recognized the added work done by Wall and Simbeck in collecting information and summarizing the findings for the group and Council in an effort to facilitate discussions at the upcoming joint Council/Commission meeting.

7. **PREPARE FOR JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETING**

Commission Chair D. Holt reviewed draft agenda for the Joint meeting with Commissioners. Commissioners agreed that the topics listed were timely and needing further discussion and direction from the Council. All Commissioners agreed to take part in the discussion and lead various agenda items to insure a group voice and commission-wide participation.

8. **OTHER**

- Brokke updated Commission on spring and early summer department activities and shared information on upcoming department events and opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Anfang, Assistant Director

ORDINANCE 1278
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE THREE, SECTION 1103.07
PARK DEDICATION

THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE ORDAINS:

Section 1103.07 of the Roseville City Code is amended to read as follows:

1103.07: PARK DEDICATION:

A. Condition To Approval: As a condition to the approval of any subdivision of land in any zone, including the granting of a variance pursuant to Section 1104.04 of this Title, when a new building site is created in excess of one acre, by either platting or minor subdivision, and including redevelopment and approval of planned unit developments, the subdivision shall be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission. The commission shall recommend either a portion of land to be dedicated to the public for use as a park as provided by Minnesota Statutes 462.358, subdivision (2)(b), or in lieu thereof, a cash deposit given to the City to be used for park purposes; or a combination of land and cash deposit, all as hereafter set forth.

B. Amount To Be Dedicated: The portion to be dedicated in all residentially zoned areas shall be ten percent (10%) and five percent (5%) in all other areas.

C. Utility Dedications Not Qualified: Land dedicated for required street right of way or utilities', including drainage, does not qualify as park dedication.

D. Payment in lieu of dedication in all zones in the city where park dedication is deemed inappropriate by the City, the owner and the City shall agree to have the owner deposit a sum of money in lieu of a dedication. The sum shall be reviewed and determined annually by the City Council by resolution. (Ord. 1061, 6-26-1989)

E. Park Dedication Fees may, in the City Councils sole discretion, be reduced for affordable housing units as recommended by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the City of Roseville.

Ordinance 1278 Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication

Passed by the City Council of the City of Roseville this 24th day of February, 2003.

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2006
ROSEVILLE CITY HALL ~ 7:00PM

PRESENT:	Brodt Lenz, Jacobson, Johnson, Kamrath, Pederson, Ristow, Stark, Willmus
ABSENT:	Kruzel notified Commission and staff prior that she would not be able to attend
STAFF:	Brokke, Evenson
GUEST:	Tim Himmer

1. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2006 MEETING

Minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting were approved with one amendment under item #5, tour discussion, to include the following statement: The Commission discussed the tour specifics and indicated that there was very good discussion between staff and Commissioner members. The Commission also expressed appreciation to staff for their presence and helpfulness during the tour.

3. TWIN LAKES UPDATE

Staff introduced the Twin Lakes item including the background and the details of the new proposal. Tim Himmer of Rottlund Homes was present. Staff emphasized that this is a new proposal and one that has not yet been presented to the City Council. The Commission packet included details and architectural drawings of the proposal. The previous proposal included 80 acres and was referred to as Twin Lakes Development Phase 1. The new proposal is 58 acres and is being referred to as Twin Lakes West. The new proposal adds open space around Langton Lake Park and situates the Twin Lakes Parkway further away from the park. Twin Lakes Parkway has been situated per City Public Works Department official mapping. The road does nip the southeast corner of the park.

The Commission made a recommendation to the City Council regarding park dedication in January 2006. The new plan and the previous recommendation were discussed. Overall the Commission felt that this new rendition is much closer to the original recommendation that allowed an additional buffer between the Twin Lakes Parkway and Langton Lake Park. Discussion included: ponding, pathway connection, roadway design, etc. There was further discussion on the possibility of including a parking lot on the south end of the park but after much discussion the overall feeling was that it was suggested the park was not necessarily a destination park and the neighborhood feel should be maintained. The Commission reemphasized the desire for the Park to remain as natural as possible.

Commission Recommendation: Motion by Ristow, second by Kamrath to support the new concept plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ART MUELLER PARK DEDICATION REVIEW

Staff reviewed the details of the Art Mueller subdivision proposal. The parcel is 1.9 acres with one house. The proposal is to subdivide the property, move the existing house within the 1.9 acres and add 3 additional homes. It seems that Roseville has been experiencing an increase in these types of projects in the past couple of years. Discussion included the lack of public parkland in this area making the land acceptance tempting but the Commission felt the parcel was so small and impractical to consider. This area is located in planning district #11 and there is no specific parcels identified for acquisition. The Parks and Recreation System Plan states that changing circumstances in this area may dictate future land acquisition.

Commission Recommendation: Motion by Brodt-Lenz, second by Ristow to accept cash in lieu of land for the Art Mueller subdivision project. Motion passed unanimously.

5. DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Staff shared a variety of upcoming events and programs. Several that involves our Friends for the benefit of Parks and Recreation: FOR Parks Holiday Home Tour, The Friends of the OVAL Foundation 2nd Annual Chill Gala, FORHANC Holiday Craft Fair and Judge the Fudge competition. The OVAL is scheduled to open November 10th, program registration for figure skating lessons and the annual ice show and various other program registration are occurring at this time. Staff and Commission encouraged participation. Roseville Parks and Recreation is providing a wide range of services to a broad scope of the community

6. PARK DEDICATION FEE DISCUSSION

Staff introduced the topic and stated that this is an item that the Parks and Recreation Commission requested to include on the agenda as a result of a park dedication research project conducted by Heather Kilgore, a student at the Humphrey Institute. The purpose was to discuss the existing park dedication fees and the need to potentially adjust. Staff reviewed the existing park dedication ordinance, the fees and the purpose of park dedication. The Commission discussed existing land values, comparable city rates, current infrastructure investment, the need to improve the overall Park and Recreation system and the request by the City Council to identify reasonable ways to raise additional funds to improve and enhance the overall Parks and Recreation System.

Commission Recommendation: After much discussion a motion was made by Ristow, second by Jacobson to increase the residential Park Dedication rate from $1000 per unit to $2000 per unit based on the following rational:

- The increased use of the Park and Recreation System that is created
- The surrounding and similar community comparisons
- The need to preserve our parks and facilities
- The City Council request to the Parks and Recreation Commission to identify ways to raise reasonable funds
- The existing investment in the Parks and Recreation System and the need to preserve/enhance that investment
- The existing land values
- The quality and the extent of the existing parks and facilities with the need to replace/upgrade/enhance

Motion passed with one dissenting vote. Commissioner Stark voted no due to his comfort level of the direct neighboring community data. An amendment to the motion was offered by Stark to revisit the fee on an annual basis and include additional data for directly neighboring community rates. The amendment was accepted. Motion passed 7-1 with Stark voting no.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

- The Imagine Roseville 2025 Open Space and Recreation Subcommittee continue to look for input.
- The Imagine Roseville 2025 Community Life and Civic Engagement Subcommittee are holding a community input meeting October 18.
- Imagine Roseville 2025 update:
    - November 8th – meeting with the Council and Steering Committee to review rough compilation, clarify next steps and answer questions.

- November 15th – goals and strategies workshop with the steering committee, subcommittee, co-chairs and department heads to review content, organization and editing in an effort to offer clear direction over the next 20 years.
- December 7th – open house scheduled from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Willow Room at City Hall, everyone invited.

- Department Projects
  - The Skating Center south entryway and restroom improvements are being planned. An open meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 8th. All commissioners and community members are invited. It is anticipated that plans will be brought to the Commission at the December meeting.
  - 2007 Budget – no further update other than the truth and taxation meeting will be held on December 4th.
- Remind folks to vote on November 7.

8. OTHER

- Willmus:
  - Stressed importance that the City Council receives the entire Imagine Roseville 2025 subcommittees report including comments made at the public input sessions. It was suggested that committee members, committee co-chairs and steering committee members follow up to see that this is the case.
- Johnson:
  - Asked about the Youth Commissioner status and stated the importance of having such a voice on the Commission. Staff indicated that there was a youth from Roseville Area High School interested and was given an application but it has not yet been received. Advertisements have been in the newspaper as well as through the High School.
  - Congratulations to the Roseville Raiders Football Team for making it to the State Tournament. They defeated White Bear Lake to get there and will be playing Eden Prairie in the opener scheduled Friday night at the Roseville Area High School Field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lonnie Brokke, Director

REQUEST FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

DATE: 11/01/06
ITEM NO: **5b**

Department Approval:	Agenda Section
TP/JS	**PUBLIC HEARING**

Item Description: A request by Art Mueller for consideration of a **PRELIMINARY PLAT** at 2201 Acorn Road **(PF3791).**

1.0 REQUESTED ACTION:

1.1 Art Mueller seeks to subdivide his 1.9 acre parcel into 4 single-family residential lots served by a public street and public utilities. The proposal complies with all Code requirements and DOES NOT require Comprehensive Land Use Map designation amendment or a rezoning.

PROJECT REVIEW HISTORY

- Application Submitted: October 9, 2006.
- Determined Complete: October 13, 2006.
- 60 Day Review Deadline: December 12, 2006.
- Project Report Recommendation: November 1, 2006.
- Anticipated Planning Commission Action: November 1, 2006.
- Anticipated City Council Action: November 13, 2006

2.0 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 The Community Development Department recommends approval of the PRELIMINARY PLAT for Art Mueller.

3.0 SUGGESTED ACTION:

3.1 By motion, recommend approval of the PRELIMINARY PLAT for Art Mueller creating 4 legal, conforming residential lots and a public cul-de-sac street on the 1.9 acre parcel at 2201 Acorn Road.

4.0 REVIEW of REQUEST:

4.1 Art Mueller seeks to subdivide his 1.9 acre parcel at 2201 Acorn Road into four legal, conforming, single-family residential lots with a publicly dedicated cul-de-sac street.

4.2 The property has a Comprehensive Land Use designation of "LR", Low Density Residential, is located within Planning District 8, and has a zoning designation of "R-1", Single Family Residence District.

4.3 Each of the proposed lots meets or exceeds the dimension and area requirements of the City Code.

	WIDTH	DEPTH	SIZE	REQUIRED SETBACKS
Interior lot	85 feet	110 feet	11,000 sq. ft.	30 ft. front/rear 10 ft. interior side
Corner lot	100 feet	100 feet	12,500 sq. ft.	30 ft. front/corner side/rear 10 ft. interior side
Lot 1 (corner)	108 feet	138 feet	13,910 sq. ft.	30 ft./30 ft./30 ft. 10 ft.
Lot 2	73 feet	117/152 feet	19,314 sq. ft.	30 ft./30 ft. 10 ft.
Lot 3	72 feet	117/148 feet	19,308 sq. ft.	30 ft./30 ft. 10 ft.
Lot 4 (corner)	145 feet	110 feet	17,663 sq. ft.	30 ft./30 ft./30 ft. 10 ft.

4.4 Setbacks on the lots must conform to Code requirements and will depend on a determination of which property lines will be the legal front and rear of the lots as each site is developed.

4.5 City Staff has reviewed the submitted plans (i.e., utility, grading, and drainage) and supports the size and location of all utilities proposed, supports the preliminary street design, and supports the preliminary grading/drainage plan. Additional grading/drainage design work still required and must be approved by the Rice Creek Watershed and the City Engineer.

5.0 RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

The following are staff-recommended conditions for approval of Oak Acres:

5.1 The applicant must work with City Staff on the preservation of mature, high-quality trees at or near the periphery of the property. The applicant must submit a tree preservation plan, based on a tree inventory survey, indicating which trees are to be preserved or relocated during grading and home construction; this plan must be reviewed and approved by the Roseville Development Review Committee prior to issuing permits.

5.2 The design of the proposed street and cul-de-sac must be consistent with the City Code as a requirement for acceptance by the City. The necessary right-of-way for the cul-de-sac and street must be dedicated as a component of the FINAL PLAT.

5.3 The proposed project must receive approval by the Rice Creek Watershed and the Roseville Public Works/Engineering Department regarding grading, drainage, and storm water management plans.

5.4 The applicant must receive approval form the Public Works/Engineering Department for the location and sizing of utilities to serve the project and for the design of the proposed cul-de-sac roadway.

5.5 Oak Acres is responsible for park dedication, which must be determined by the Parks & Recreation Commission; their recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council.

6.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

6.1 Based on the information in Section 4 and the conditions of Section 5 of the project report dated November 1, 2006, the Community Development staff recommends approval of the **PRELIMINARY PLAT** for the 1.9 acre parcel located at 2201 Acorn Road.

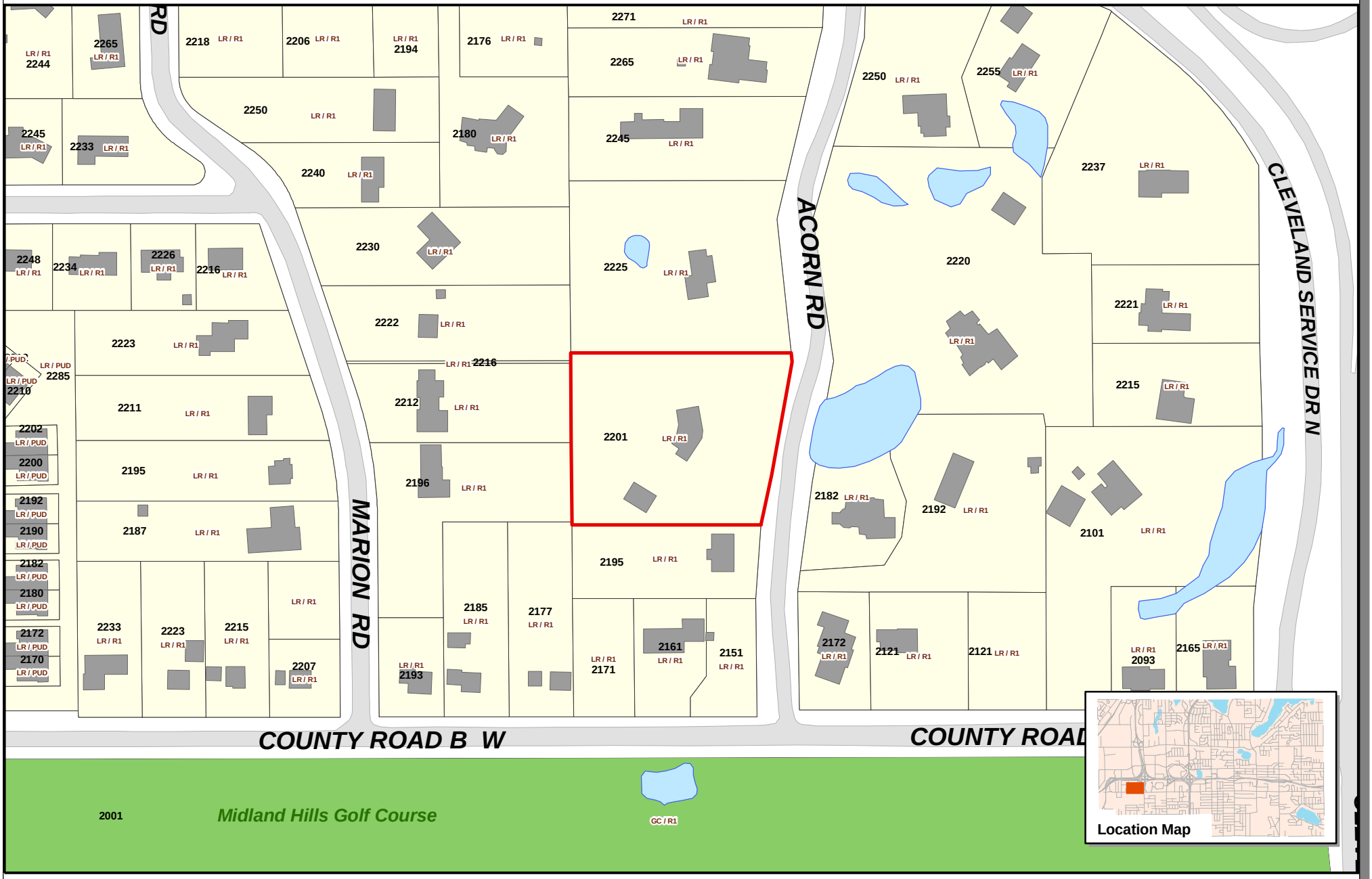
7.0 SUGGESTED PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

7.1 **BY MOTION RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the PRELIMINARY PLAT**, named Oak Acres, allowing the creation of four single-family residential lots from the 1.9 acre parcel at 2201 Acorn Road.

Prepared by: City Planner Thomas Paschke (651-792-7074)

Attachments:
- A: Area map
- B: Aerial photo
- C: Proposed plans
  - C1: Preliminary Plat
  - C2: Utility Plan
  - C3: Grading Plan “Option A”
  - C4: Grading Plan “Option B”

Attachment A: Location Map for Planning File 3791



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Prepared by:
Community Development Department
Printed: October 13, 2006

Site Location
LR / R1 Comp Plan / Zoning Designations

Data Sources & Contacts:
* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (10/6/2006)
For further information regarding the contents of this map contact:
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Attachment B: Aerial Map of Planning File 3791

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Prepared by:
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Printed: October 10, 2006

Site Location

Data Sources & Contacts:
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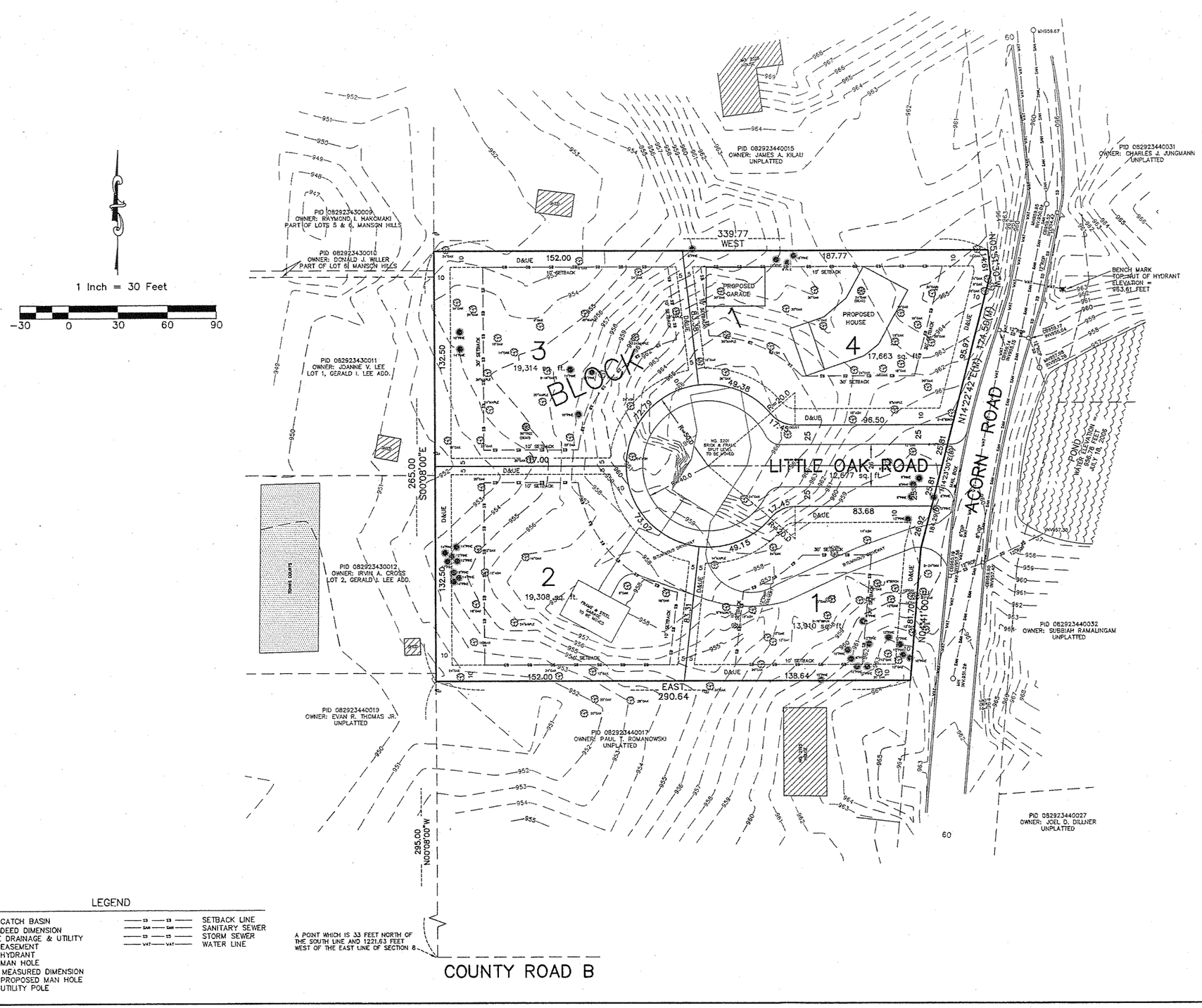

Preliminary Plat of OAK ACRES for Art Mueller

OWNER & DEVELOPER:
ARTHUR G. MUELLER
2201 ACORN ROAD
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113
TEL: 651-295-1284

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 29, Range 23, according to government survey, described as follows (all bearings in this description being based on the South line of said Southeast Quarter as an East and West line):

Commencing at a point 33 feet North of the South line and 1221.63 feet West of the East line of said Section 8; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes West 295 feet to the point of beginning of the tract being described; thence East 290.64 feet; thence North 4 degrees 41 minutes East 81.70 feet; thence North 14 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East 184.29 feet; thence North 5 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds West 14.61 feet; thence West 339.77 feet; thence South 0 degrees 08 minutes East 265 feet to point of beginning, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

NOTES

1. All bearings shown are based on an assumed datum.
2. All elevations shown are City of Roseville datum.
3. Subject property contains 82,879 square feet or 1.903 acres.
4. Utility data shown was taken from plans and field locations by various utility companies and are shown in on approximate way only. Gopher State One Call (651-454-0002) must be contacted for field locations prior to any excavation or demolition.
5. Sewer and water main data shown is per plans by the City of Roseville and field verified where possible.
6. The site is currently zoned R-1 Single Family Residential.
7. Items certified to are limited to those items which are visible or made know to the surveyor.
8. This survey is subject to easements or conditions disclosed by a current title commitment or title opinion.

LEGEND

- CB CATCH BASIN
- (D) DEED DIMENSION
- D&UE DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT
- HYDRANT
- MH MAN HOLE
- (M) MEASURED DIMENSION
- PMH PROPOSED MAN HOLE
- UTILITY POLE
- SETBACK LINE
- SANITARY SEWER
- STORM SEWER
- WATER LINE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY, PLAN, PLAT OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

COMSTOCK & DAVIS, INC.

BY _____ REVISED: OCT. 10, 2006
DATE: AUG. 10, 2006

MINNESOTA REGISTRATION NO. 10832

COMSTOCK & DAVIS, INC.
1446 COUNTY ROAD J
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55432
PHONE: 763-784-9346
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CONSULTING ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS

BOOK 41D/22 FILE NO. 20-4-206551

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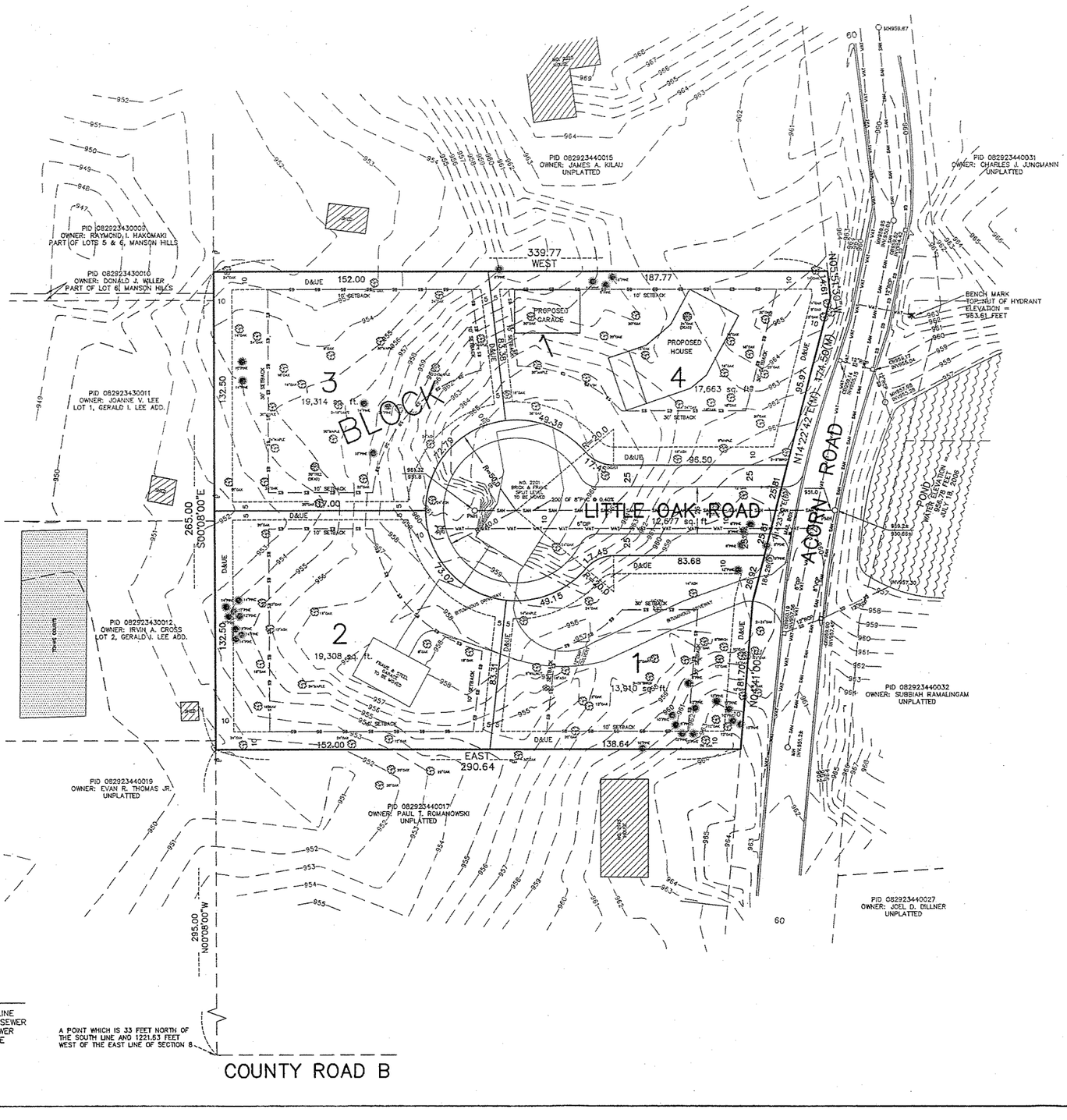

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4. Utility data shown was taken from plans and field locations by various utility companies and are shown in an approximate way only. Gopher State One Call (651-454-0002) must be contacted for field locations prior to any excavation or demolition.
5. Sewer and water main data shown is per plans by the City of Roseville and field verified where possible.
6. The site is currently zoned R-1 Single Family Residential.
7. Items certified to are limited to those items which are visible or made know to the surveyor.
8. This survey is subject to easements or conditions disclosed by a current title commitment or title opinion.

UTILITY PLAN

NOTE: SEE GRADING PLANS FOR DRAINAGE UTILITIES

LEGEND

- CB CATCH BASIN
- (D) DEED DIMENSION
- D&UE DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT
- HYDRANT
- MH MAN HOLE
- (M) MEASURED DIMENSION
- PMH PROPOSED MAN HOLE
- UTILITY POLE
- SETBACK LINE
- SANITARY SEWER
- STORM SEWER
- WATER LINE

A POINT WHICH IS 33 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE AND 1221.63 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 8

COUNTY ROAD B

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Southwest Roseville

It's not only through the master planning process that a lack of parks serving the southwest Roseville has been noted. The recent Comprehensive Plan update noted the need for a park in this part of the community, although a possible site was not identified. The master plan recognizes the need to actively pursue a location for a park, even if a large park cannot be achieved. Several strategies were conceived to lead to opportunities that would satisfy the needs of southwest Roseville :

Connectivity strategy

- use existing Roseville parks and parks and open spaces in neighboring communities by extending trails or sidewalks to better link residents to recreation opportunities;
- enhance street crossings to ease pedestrian movement;
- explore options to define beneficial (not expeditious) connections;
- create a connection at the west end of Midland Hills Country Club in the narrow conditions along the noise barrier; and
- cooperate with neighboring communities to expand program opportunities and recreation facilities to serve all residents.

Small parcel strategy

- identify small "vacant" parcels, typically less than 0.5 acre, to provide recreation opportunities; "vacant" parcels are currently in private ownership (typically owned by an adjacent property owner); as such, some or all of these parcels may not be available;
- seek parcels further from existing parks (note the walking distance radii in the diagram), and parcels that lie along existing, planned, or proposed trails or sidewalks; and
- many parcels will be required to serve southwest Roseville's recreation needs.

Large parcel strategy

- identify larger parcels, typically more than 1.0 acre, to provide recreation opportunities; in southwest Roseville, these parcels are currently developed or associated with a developed parcel, and may not be available;
- explore opportunities to create a park in combination with public parcels, notably the Fairview Community Center;
- seek parcels further from existing parks, and parcels that lie along existing, planned, or proposed trails or sidewalks;
- a single parcel might help balance recreation needs relative to other areas Roseville; and
- parcels may have conditions (beyond ownership) that limit their use for park purposes; site configuration, topography, current function, and existing development (on and adjacent to the parcel) may suggest the need for a different kind of park.

Parks need to serve a variety of purposes in the constellations and sectors pattern; some parks will serve the active recreation needs of the community with fields that accommodate sports programs.

Goal 2
Parks Development, Redevelopment, and Rehabilitation

Provide a high-quality, financially sound system of parks, open spaces, trails, and waterways that meets the recreation needs of all city residents, offers a visual/physical diversion from the hard surfacing of urban development, enhances our quality of life, and forms an essential part of our community's identity and character.

Policy 2.1: Evaluate and refurbish parks, as needed, to reflect changes in population, age, and diversity of residents, recreational activities preferred, amount of leisure time available, and best practice designs and technologies, and asset management strategies.

Policy 2.2: Orient parks and programs equally to youth activities that focus on community building activities teaching them life-long skills, and exposing them to a variety of recreation experiences, and to adult activities which accommodate adults' needs for wellness and provide a range of social interaction opportunities.

Policy 2.3: Focus parks on passive and active recreational activities and activities that take advantage of the unique natural features. Pursue opportunities for incorporating art and cultural programs, which enrich citizens' mental and emotional well-being, as a complement to primary physical focus of parks and recreation programs.

Policy 2.4: Organize all parks and facilities so that a component is provided for informal, non-programmed activities—those open to anyone in the community, at any time.

Policy 2.5: Maintain parks and open space according to the standards outlined in the Park Maintenance Manual which recognizes that levels of service must be provided based on the intensity of use and purpose of the site.

Policy 2.6: Use innovative methods for park and facility improvements that offer lower lifecycle costs, even if the initial cost is higher. Develop park and recreation facilities that minimize the maintenance demands on the City by emphasizing the development of well-planned parks, high-quality materials and labor-saving maintenance devices and practices.

Policy 2.7: Promote and support volunteerism to encourage people to actively support Roseville's parks and open spaces.

Policy 2.8: Encourage the preservation of features in parks considered to be of historic or cultural value, especially those features that do not conflict with other park uses and activities. Consider the potential of historic landscapes in parks, including agricultural landscapes or features. Work to perpetuate those landscapes and other features of historic or cultural significance when they are identified through recognized investigations.

Goal 3
Parks and Open Space Acquisition

Add new parks and facilities to achieve equitable access in all neighborhoods, accommodate the needs of redeveloping areas, and meet residents' desires for a range of recreation opportunities serving all ages, abilities, and cultures.

Policy 3.1: Ensure that no net loss of parkland or open space occurs during alterations or displacement of existing parkland and open space. If adverse impacts to parkland or open space take place, ensure that mitigation measures include the acquisition of replacement parkland of equal or greater size and value.

Policy 3.2: As areas of Roseville evolve, and properties undergo a change of use and/or density, land should be dedicated to the community for park purposes to ensure adequate park facilities for those new uses.

Policy 3.3: Determine potential locations and acquire additional park land in neighborhoods and constellations that are lacking adequate parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 3.4: Determine locations for new park and recreation facilities in redevelopment areas as part of the redevelopment process and use the park dedication process to acquire appropriate land.

Policy 3.5: Make continued effective use of the Park Dedication Ordinance. Park land dedication will be required when land is developed or redeveloped for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes. Review annually park dedication requirements in order to ensure that dedication regulations meet statutory requirements and the needs of Roseville.

Policy 3.6: Use park dedication funds to acquire and develop new land in addition to other funding sources.

Policy 3.7: Acquire properties necessary to implement adopted park concept plans and in Roseville's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and consider other additions based on needs identified in the sector or constellation concept. Acquire land on a "willing seller" basis unless otherwise determined by the City Council.

Goal 4
Trails, Pathways, and Community Connections

Create a well-connected and easily accessible system of parks, open spaces, trails, pathways, community connections, and facilities that links neighborhoods and provides opportunities for residents and others to gather and interact.

Policy 4.1: Develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive and integrated trails, pathways, and community connections system plan for recreation and transportation uses, including separate facilities for pedestrians, and bicyclists (including off-road unpaved trails for bikers and hikers that offer new challenges while protecting resources).

Policy 4.2: Develop, adopt, and implement a Trails Management Program (TMP).

Policy 4.3: Advocate the implementation of community parkways on the County Road C and Lexington Avenue corridors to accommodate pedestrian and bicyclist movement and inclusion of community character and identity features.

Policy 4.4: Maintain the trail and pathway system through all seasons.

Policy 4.5: Make the park system accessible to people of all abilities.

Policy 4.6: Align development and expansion of non-motorized trails, pathways, community parkways, and other routes with the need to provide connections to and within parks, to open spaces, recreation facilities, and key destinations, as well as between neighborhoods, constellations, and sectors.

Policy 4.7: Educate the public on the advantages and safe use of non-motorized trails, pathways, and community parkway connections.

Policy 4.8: Develop clear and communicative signage and kiosks for wayfinding.

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2. seek parcels further from existing parks (note the walking distance radii in the diagram), and parcels that lie along an existing, planned, or proposed trails or sidewalks
3. note that a single such parcel might help balance recreation needs in the southwest neighborhoods relative other areas of the community
4. parcels identified may have conditions (beyond ownership) that limit their utility for park purposes; site configuration, topography, current function, and existing development may suggest the need for a different kind of park should this strategy be pursued

Existing Park
Larger parcels
Vacant parcels, typ. less than 1/2 ac.
1/4 mile walk radius
1/2 mile walk radius
Existing/planned trail or sidewalk
Proposed trail or sidewalk
Crossings

Connectivity strategy

1. use existing parks in Roseville and parks and open spaces in neighboring communities by extending trails or sidewalks to link residents to recreation opportunities
2. enhance crossings of major streets to facilitate pedestrian movement
3. explore routing options to define beneficial (not expeditious) connections
4. create a connection at the west end of Midland Hills Country Club in the narrow conditions along the noise barrier
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3. note that many such parcels will be required to fulfill southwest Roseville's anticipated recreation needs

NORTH
0 300 600 1,200 Feet

ROSEVILLE
Parks & Recreation Department

Southwest Roseville approach

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NORTHWEST SECTOR

NORTHEAST SECTOR

SOUTHWEST SECTOR

SOUTHEAST SECTOR

Hazelnut Park

Ingerson Park

School

Valley Park

Sandcastle Park

Saint Anthony Central Park

Autumn Grove Park

Lake Josephine County Park

Ladyslipper Park

Langton Lake Park

Cottontail Park

Mapleview Park

Owasso Hills Park

OasisPark

Applewood Park

Veteran's Park

Applewood Overlook

Howard Johnson Park

Woodhill Park

Central Park North

School

Memorial Park

Owasso Ballfields

Silver Point Park

Rosebrook Park

Acorn Park

Pocahontas Park

Central Park

Willow Pond Park

Golf Course

Concordia Park

School

Cedarholm Golf Course

School

Materion Park

Cemetery

Evergreen Park

School

Lexington Park

Midland Hills Golf Course

School

Keller Mayflower Park

Villa Park

School

Pioneer Park

Reservoir Woods

Bruce Russell Park

Reservoir Woods

Lauderdale Community Park

Golf Course

Falcon Heights Community Park

Trail to be built in 2010

School

Cemetery

Lake McCarron County Park

Tamarack Park

County Park

Cemetery

Como Park

North Dale Recreation Area

- Primary Pedestrian Corridor / Parkway
- Constellation service area
- 1/2 mi walk radius
- Significant barrier
- Link within constellations (park, trail, or sidewalk)
- Link not currently planned or existing
- Link between constellations
- Existing sidewalk
- Existing striped shoulder
- Existing trail
- Proposed striped shoulder
- Proposed Trail

Trails and Parks Constellation Concept

19 May 2010

ROSEVILLE Parks & Recreation Department

Proposal for
Invasives Management and Natural Areas Restoration Program
2012-2016 Roseville Parks and Recreation Renewal Program

DRAFT 30 July 2013

As a part of the PRRP, staff is exploring opportunities to expand the concepts initially considered for the natural resource enhancements anticipated as a part of the community's investment in the parks and recreation system. Management of invasive plants and restoration of natural resource systems and areas remain at the core of the program. However, staff believes there is a unique opportunity to more directly engage Roseville residents as a part of this effort.

Natural resource enhancements was one of the highest priorities identified in the 2010 Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. Residents consistently noted the degradation of the community's natural areas and as improvements were conceived for the more active portions of parks, they noted the need to take action related to restoration of those areas. As a result, the PRRP includes $1.5 million for invasives management and natural areas restoration. Through the PRRP, the city engaged Stantec to develop a natural resources program aligned with the PRRP and their work has identified a significant number of potential natural resource enhancement projects in parks through the community.

Because residents are so committed to the community's natural resources and because the list of potential projects is significant and comprehensive, staff believes aligning volunteers with contracted services may better accomplish the broader goals of the System Master Plan. Most important, as a part of implementation of an invasives management and natural areas restoration program, staff would seek a consultant/contractor team that could:

- organize education and outreach efforts aligned with the program;
- activate and orchestrate volunteer efforts to assist in managing invasives and restoring natural areas through the guidance of the consultant/contractor; and
- manage expectations to ensure the community's understanding of the goals of an invasives management and natural resources restoration program.

To accomplish this, staff recommends that the allotted funds be apportioned with the majority of available funding directed to a contract that would address invasives management and natural areas restoration as well as education, outreach, and organizational efforts. Remaining dollars would be directed to "stand alone" projects related to other park improvements and developing a fund that could be aligned with grants to allow the dedicated dollars for invasives management and natural resources restoration to accomplish a greater proportion of the currently defined list of potential projects.

At this point, staff has not determined funding levels for the various components of the program. However, staff is interested in exploring with the Natural Resources and Trails Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission opportunities to formulate a truly unique approach to this part of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program. Once a more definitive approach is defined, staff will offer a recommendation for budgeting to the committee and commission.

ROSEVILLE PARKS RENEWAL PROGRAM - NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS											
Park	**Location within park**	**Type**	**Size**	**Est. Priority**	**Type**		**Project cost estimate**		**Funding**		**Comments**
			AC, SF or LF		*Habitat*	*Water quality*		*PRRP*	*Grant*	*Other*	
ACORN	Woodland/Forest AC-U1, AC-U2, AC-U3	Woodland/Forest Restoration	25 AC	High	X		$150,000	X			Cut/treat invasives, native seeding, Rx burn, follow-up treat invasive brush. Approximately 24.7 acres.
ACORN	AC-W2	Wetland Restoration	0.25 AC est.	High to medium	X	X	$15,000	X	X		Hydrologic (ditch block), vegetation management. Could qualify as a water quality project (increase storage/treatment). Construction cost estimate requires to be combined with Langton Wetland Restoration Project.
ACORN	SW Parking Lot	Rain garden – Parking Lot	300	Medium-low		X	$6,600	X	X		Rain garden to take Parks parking lot runoff. Somewhat marginal site. Assumes not tile or tie into stormsewer.
ACORN	County Road C – bus stop	Rain garden – Street runoff	450	Medium		X	$17,100	?	X		Rain garden to take street runoff
ACORN	NW of ball fields	Turf-to-native conversion	~0.1 AC	Medium-low	X	X	$2,000	X	X		Convert turf to mid-height native grass/flower mix
ACORN	NE side of east ballfield	Infiltration area	0.25	Medium-low		X	$3,500				This would be a turf-to-native conversion in a low area that currently takes runoff
ACORN	AC-W5	Wetland Restoration	5 AC	Low	X		$25,000				Manage purple loosestrife with biocontrol, invasive vegetation management (RCG & glossy buckthorn) in areas mapped as wet meadow and willow swamp (MLCCS): total estimated 5 acres
ACORN	AC-W1	Wetland Restoration	4 AC est	Low	X		$2,500	X			Purple loosestrife biocontrol release
ACORN	Between disc golf fairways	Prairie Reconstruction	2 AC	Medium	X		$4,000	X	X		Treat nonnatives, burn, interseed natives
ACORN	Various	Interpretive signs	5	Medium			$10,000	X			Install interpretive signage at five locations around park, including interpretation of features such as rain gardens, wetland restoration, forest restoration, invasive wetland plants, biocontrol, etc.
ACORN		CHECK NRMP FOR ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL PROJECTS									
AUTUMN GROVE	SE Park sign	Native landscaping	250SF	Low			$1,000	X			Convert plantings around sign to formal native landscaping
AUTUMN GROVE	Hamline Ave. east side of tennis courts	Infiltration area	0.25 AC	High		X	$5,000	X	X		Turf-to-native conversion in road ditch, no soil amendment necessary
AUTUMN GROVE	Along Hamline Ave., north of tennis courts	Woodland/Forest Restoration	1.1 AC	Medium	X		$6,500	X			Cut/treat invasives, native seeding, follow-up treatment of invaisives for two growing season
AUTUMN GROVE	Along Albert Street	Rain garden – Street runoff	350SF	Medium		X	$7,700	X	X		Rain garden to treat Street Runoff, no underdrain necessary, sandy soil to 26"+. Rain garden size should be further analyzed.
AUTUMN GROVE	Rain Garden/ Infiltration feature	Interpretive sign	NA	Medium			$2,000	X			Interpretive sign design, manufacture, install
CENTRAL PARK DALE EAST	CP-U4	Woodland/Forest Restoration	7.5	Medium	X		$45,000	X	X		Cut/treat invasives, native seeding, Rx burn, follow-up treat invasive brush

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CENTRAL PARK DALE EAST	CP-U5	Prairie Reconstruction	0.3 AC	High	X		$4,000	X			Educational/interpretive prairie at HANC. Area needs supplemental seeding, plug planting, Rx burns for 2 years in a row and spot invasive weed treatment for 2 years.
CENTRAL PARK DALE EAST	HANC Prairie/ Woodland plantings	Interpretive Signage	5??	???			$25,000				New interpretive signs for prairie and woodland gardens? Is this covered in other areas???
CENTRAL PARK DALE EAST	CP-W1	Wetland Restoration	35.5	High	X	X	$125,000 - $200,000	X	X		Cost varies, depending on the level of study necessary for study/implementation of hydrologic (water level) restoration. Hydrologic restoration should occur before/simultaneously with vegetative restoration and management of excessive nutrients from the City compost facility. Bioreleases for purple loosestrife, fall spray for Reed Canary Grass by aerial application (helicopter w/ microfoil boom?). This is a high priority site because it is part of the HANC interpretive programming/facility.
CENTRAL PARK DALE EAST	Compost Facility	Water quality improvements	675 LF, 2 RWG	HIGH		X	$70,000	??			Construction of BMPs to stop/mitigate nutrient-rich runoff from compost piles to HANC wetland. Proposed approach include diversion/treatment swale and 2 RWG and site clean-up. Additional analysis and design to determine if feasible - $17,000.
CENTRAL PARK VICTORIA EAST	CP-U3	Woodland/Forest Restoration	13.8 AC	Medium	X		$82,800	X	X		Includes some smaller, narrow areas outside of the original area mapped as CP-U3 in the Parks NRMP. Cut/treat invasives, native seeding, follow-up treat invasives
CENTRAL PARK VICTORIA EAST	CP-W2, W3, W4, W5	Wetland Restoration	24.3	Low	X		$50,000	X	X		These areas could potentially be reviewed (further study) for hydrologic restoration, as well as vegetative restoration. However, these wetland areas may have minimal opportunity for significant improvement given constraints of existing recreational features in park, and with neighboring yards/residences. Need to determine feasiblity of work - requires some survey - $12,500.
CENTRAL PARK NORTH	CP-W8, W9, W10, W11	Wetland Restoration	9.5 AC	Low	X		$38,000	X	X		This is a large wetland complex between CR C and Lake Owasso. Management of invasives would be the highest priority, although there would likely be limited return on investment for restoration effort (unlikely to significantly reduce purple loosestrife or reed canary grass). Best opportunity is likely through additional biocontrol release for purple loosestrife.
CENTRAL PARK NORTH	Upland on east/west of large wetland	Woodland/Forest Restoration	5.6 AC	Low	X		$33,600	X			Potential management activities could include cut/treat of invasive woody plants, treat invasive herbaceous plants, supplement enrichment of native grasses and forbs.
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	CP-U1	Woodland/Forest Restoration	2.75 AC	Medium-high	X		$20,000	X	X		Cut/treat invasive, nonnative shrubs (and select nonnative/invasive trees), prescribed burn of select areas, supplemental native seeding, follow-up treatment of invasives for two years. Includes restoration of areas between trails on north side of Bennett Lake.

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			AC, SF or LF		*Habitat*	*Water quality*		*PRRP*	*Grant*	*Other*	
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	CP-U2	Woodland/Forest Restoration	2.5 AC	Medium-high	X		$6,000/ AC	X	X		Cut/treat invasive, nonnative shrubs (and select nonnative/invasive trees), prescribed burn of select areas, supplemental native seeding, follow-up treatment of invasives for two years.
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Bennett Lake Shoreline	Shoreline restoration	.25 AC	Medium-high	X	X	$10,000	X	X		Treat reed canary grass 2X in select buffer areas accessible by equipment, prescribed burn, native seeding, plug planting, goose protection fencing two years of grow-in maintenance. Estimated average 20' width X ~600 LF
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Frog pond buffer management/ expansion	Shoreline restoration	1 AC	Medium-high	X	X	$10,000	X	X		Manage existing buffer restoration (cut woody spp., spot treat, prescribed burn, supplemental seeding, and maintenance. Expand native plantings to the east, convert ~.75 ac. of turf-to-natives (spray, spray, seed, 2 years grow-in maintenance)
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Bennett Lake	Lake Restoration	28 ac	Medium-high	X	X	$42,000	X	X		Map and treat curly leaf pondweed for 3 years, apply for MN DNR AIS treatment grant. THIS EFFORT SHOULD OCCUR IN CONCERT WITH MANAGING WATER QUANTITY/QUALITY WITHIN THE BROADER WATERSHED. Total lake area ~ 28 AC
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Bennett Lake	Stock piscivorous fish	Lake	Medium-high			$0				Coordinate potential stocking with/by MN DNR to reduce number of small fish that feed on zooplankton. Fish may also be purchased and released from private hatchery with permit.
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Bennett Lake	Alum treatment	Lake	Medium-low			$40,000				Alum treatmeent should only be considered after other water quantity/quality projects are implemented in the watershed. Estimate from NRMP
CENTRAL PARK LEXINGTON	Bennett Lake	Shoreline restoration	300 LF	Medium	X	X	$54,300				Assume 300 LF X 20 FT wide (average) w/toe protection.
CENTRAL PARK NORTH	SW side of Lake Owasso	Woodland/Forest Restoration	2 AC, est	Low	X		$12,000	X			Area includes semi-open woodland/grassland dominated by nonnatives. This site is a relatively low priority, from an ecological perspective.
CENTRAL PARK NORTH	SW side of Lake Owasso	Wetland Restoration	5-15 AC, Est.	Low	X		$45,000	X			Area includes narrowleaf cattail and purple loosestrife, as well as reed canary grass. Restoration of native vegetation through active management likely difficult and may not be effective.
COTTONTAIL PARK	Entire park	Woodland/Forest Restoration	7.75 AC	Medium-low	X		$62,000	X			This nonnative, invasive-dominated woodland is in severely degraded condtion and will require extensive management to improve in native species composition, habitat value and overall structure/function. Cut/treat invsive shrubs and select nonnative trees to release desirable native trees (it is not practical to consider cutting all Siberian elm here), Rx fire, native seeding, plant native hardwood bare root seedlings, 2 years follow-up management/maintenance. Est. $8,000/ac.
EVERGREEN PARK	Southwest, along Fairview Ave.	Rain garden	1500	Medium		X	$42,000	X	X		Rain garden would capture and treat runoff from swale along south border of park. Requires Tile.
EVERGREEN PARK	SW and SE, outside of ball fields	Turf-to-native conversion	0.5 AC	Low			$2,500				Convert turf to native plantings, estimated 0.5 acres, total. Spray 2X, native seeding, two years of grow-in maintenance.

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EVERGREEN PARK	South border	Woodland/Forest Restoration	0.1 AC	Low	X		$1,500	X			Cut/treat invasive brush. This is a small area with limited benefit, ecologically.
HOWARD JOHNSON	Pond Buffer	Pond Buffer Restoration	2.8 AC	Medium	X	X	$16,800	X			Manage pond buffer (cut/treat invasives, restore native vegetation) and management/plant wetland edge/emergent wetland vegetation. Two years of ongoing management. Estimated cost $6,000/ac.
HOWARD JOHNSON	Rain Garden, NE side of north parking lot.	Rain garden - Parking lot	450	Medium-high		X	$17,100	X	X		Rain garden would likely require a tile underdrain.
KELLER MAYFLOWER	Along Fernwood	Rain garden - Street runoff	900	Medium		X	$25,200	X	X		Rain gardens (up to 3) could be developed along Fernwood Ave. These could be integrated into park signage. Cost assumes 2 RWG.
KELLER MAYFLOWER	on east/SE side of current pond buffer	Turf-to-native conversion	0.25	Medium			$2,000				Plant Buffer around existing natural area
KELLER MAYFLOWER	Pond Buffer	Pond Buffer Restoration	.6 AC	Medium			$6,000				Cut/treat invasive brush and invasive weeds, remove SOME coarse woody debris, seed/plant natives in woodland edge and in seasonal wetland itself. This is a small area with limited benefit, ecologically.
LADYSLIPPER	along south side of trail, south of Owasso Blvd	Turf-to-native conversion	0.75 AC	Medium	X	X	$3,000	X	X		Estimated total of .75 acres
LADYSLIPPER	East side of wetland, north of Owasoso Blvd	Woodland/Forest Restoration	1 AC	Low	X		$6,000	X			Cut/treat invasive, nonnative shrubs. This is relative low priority due to proximity to residential lots, poor accessibility.
LADYSLIPPER	Wetland	Wetland Restoration	~10 AC	Very low	X			X			Manage narrow-leaf cattail and other potential invasives.
LANGTON LAKE	Previously managed woodland areas. LL-U1, LL-U3	Woodland/Forest Restoration	???	High	X		$20,000	X	X		Inlcudes current project, partially funded by MN DNR CPL grant. Budget amount does not includEstimated 20 acres. Estimated $1,000/ac for two years
LANGTON LAKE	LL-U2, LL-U3	Woodland/Forest Restoration	10 AC est.	Medium	X		$60,000	X	X		Management of new woodland areas. Estimated 10 acres. Estimated $6,000/ac for two years.
LANGTON LAKE	LL-W1	Wetland Restoration	0.1 AC	High	X	X	$15,000	X			Hydrologic and vegetative restoration of drained wetland. Spray reed canary grass, restore original outlet elevation. Construction cost may require combining with Acorn Wetland Restoration to meet cost.
LANGTON LAKE	Shoreline restoration	Shoreline restoration	~50LF	High	X	X	$20,000	X	X		Includes area already funded by CPL. No additional shoreline restoration areas are noted at this time.
LANGTON LAKE	County Road C2, as well as north side of Lydia Avenue	Rain garden – Street runoff	2900	Medium		X	$81,200	??	X		Anticipated to include one large rain garden at the south side of the circle where Arthur and CR C2 meet, as well as at least one (potentially two) rain gardens on the north side of Lydia. ANTICIPATED TO ALL REQUIRE UNDER DRAIN/TILE. Cost Assumes 3 RWG.
LANGTON LAKE	South side of the intersection of Arthur and CR C2, east of paved park trail	Turf-to-native conversion	0.5 AC	Medium	X		$2,500	X			Convert turf area to savanna grasses, sedges and flowers. Treat turf with herbicide 2X, native grass, sedge, and flower seed, plus two years of grow-in maintenance.

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			AC, SF or LF		*Habitat*	*Water quality*		*PRRP*	*Grant*	*Other*	
LANGTON LAKE	Various	Interpretive signage	5 signs	Medium			$7,500	X			Includes design, manufacture and installation. Signs may address natural history topics such as woodland ecology, woodland wildlife, wetlands, shallow lakes, urban natural areas, plant identification, etc.
LEXINGTON	Four potential locations in park	Turf-to-native conversion	1 AC		X	X	$5,000	X	X		Estimated total acres. Includes basic turf-to-native conversion, as well as expansion of a pre-existing landscape feature, the latter of which will be incorporated into a park redevelopment project Plan & Spec.
LEXINGTON	Rain garden renovation	Rain garden	1 AC	Medium	X	X	$5,000	X	X		East of parking lot, renovate existing rain garden to improve aesthetics (functionality appears to be reasonable?). To be taken care of as part of park redevelopment (non-NR related)
LEXINGTON	Five potential locations within park. Four along Lexington Ave., and one on SW side	Rain garden - Street runoff	1800	Medium		X	$50,400.00	X	X		Potential CWP grant opportunity. Budget for four rain garden locations within park
MATERION	All woodland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	10 AC	Medium	X		$75,000	X			Work to include cut/treat of invasive, nonnative shrubs and select nonnative trees (release cuts for desirable native trees), native seeding. Lack of pre-existing quality native plant communities makes this site a relatively poor candidate for outside habitat restoration funding. Due to the prevalence of invasive, nonnative species at all structural layers, natural areas restoration of this park will require a significant effort.
OASIS	Multiple locations around park	Woodland/Forest Restoration	3.8 AC	Medium	X		$22,800	X			Invasive cut/treat, reintroduce native woodland grasses and flowers where possible, two years of follow-up treatments.
OASIS	NE side of park, CR C2 cul de sac	Shoreline restoration	225 LF	Medium-high	X	X	$29,925	X	X		Between proposed boardwalk/trail and lake shore. Potential CWP and/or watershed project. Approximately 225 LF of shoreline
OASIS	Outlet channel, East side	Stream restoration	0.3 AC. 320 LF est.	Medium-high		X	$15,000	X			Improvments to stream outlet infrastructure/riffles and vegetative restoration to improve both stability and water quality. Requirs hyrologic anaysis and additional analysis to determine if feasible - $8,000
OWASSO HILLS	Throughout upland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	3.5 AC	Medium-high	X		$21,000	X			Includes some areas of remnant prairie/savanna, as well as disturbed woodland restoration. Cut/treat invasive trees/shrubs, treat invasive nonnative herbaceous vegetation, Rx burn of area between trail and RR tracks, native seeding, two years of maintenance
OWASSO HILLS	Wetland area to NW of play structures	Wetland Restoration	0.25 AC	Medium-high	X		$4,500	X			This project primarily involves management of invasive, nonnative reed canary grass with supplemental native seeding/plantings of native sedges, grasses, flowers.
OWASSO HILLS	Storm pond buffers	Wetland Restoration	1 AC	Medium-low	X	X	$9,000.00	X			Relatively low priority project to manage invasive, nonnative reed canary grass and seed/plant native grasses, sedges and flowers.

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			AC, SF or LF		*Habitat*	*Water quality*		*PRRP*	*Grant*	*Other*	
PIONEER	Woodland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	2.3 AC	Medium	X		$13,800	X			Invasive cut/treat, reintroduce native woodland grasses and flowers where possible, two years of follow-up treatments. This site was significantly disturbed in the past, but is an important extension of the natural areas in Reservoir Woods.
PIONEER	Under open-grown bur oaks, slope on back side of Zuettel Memorial flower gardens	Turf-to-native conversion	0.25 AC	Medium-low	X		$3,500	X			Treat turf 2x, native seeding, native flower/grass plugs, mulch/ESC, two years of grow-in maintenance.
PIONEER	SW side of park, along Chatsworth Avenue	Rain garden - Street runoff	250 SF	Medium-low		X	$9,500.00	X	X		Requires tile.
POCAHONTAS	unmaintained areas on east side of park	Woodland/Forest Restoration	1.5	Medium-low	X		$10,000	X			This forest restoration would be a little different than other parks. The area is relatively open with a herbaceous layer dominated by nonnative grasses and invasive weeds. This area would be difficult to restore to prairie. Preferred route would be to cut/treat select invasive trees and shrubs, and then heavily stock area with desirable native hardwood bare root tree seedlings. Includes 2 years of grow-in spot treatment of invasives,. Assumes 12-18" bare root stock planted at ~600 tree seedling per acre (also assumes ~50% loss). Planting 40 - #5 pot trees/ac. with mulch and watering would cost approximately the same amount. Converting herbaceous layer to all natives not recommended due to high cost and low chance for success
POCAHONTAS	SE side	Wetland Restoration	.25 AC	Low	X		$7,500	X			This project would primarily be managing reed canary grass and attempting to convert to natives. Wetland appears to have significant water level bounce. This project would have a low probabillity of success and is therefore not recommended.
RESERVOIR WOODS	RW-U1, RW-U5, RW-U7	Woodland/Forest Restoration	34	High	X		$204,000	X	X		NATIVE FOREST: Invasive brush management, invasive herbaceous vegetation management, supplemental native seeding of 10 acres, two years of ongoing invasive/nonnative treatment. With exception of RW-U5, these areas have not been previously managed. These areas will require intense management.Includes area west of Victoria.
RESERVOIR WOODS	RW-U3, RW-U4, RW-U6	Woodland/Forest Restoration	41 AC	Medium-high	X		$123,000	X	??		ADVENTIVE/PLANTED FORESTS: Invasive brush management, invasive herbaceous vegetation management, supplemental native seeding of 10 acres, two years of ongoing invasive/nonnative treatment.Avg estimated cost, $3,000/ac., including previously managed areas.
RESERVOIR WOODS	RW-U2	Prairie/Savanna Restoration	10.5 AC	High	X		$68,250	X	X		This area is the last, best remaining prairie/ savanna remnant in Roseville. It has become significantly overgrown in the last 50 years and will require extensive work to restore, including: invasive brush/tree cut/treat, prescribed burning, supplemental native seeding and 2 years of grow-in maintenance. Estimated $6,500/ac.

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RESERVOIR WOODS	RW-W2	Wetland Restoration	8.1 AC	High	X		$32,400	X	X		This wetland is among the top quality wetlands in Roseville's park system. Management work should inlcude cut/treat of invasive brush during winter time, spot treatment of reed canary grass in early summer and fall for two years, as well as biocontrol release for purple loosestrife. Recommended that work occurs for 2-3 years. May be a candidate for grant funding.
RESERVOIR WOODS	RW-W1	Shoreline restoration	0.25 AC	Medium	X	X	$25,000	X			Manage reed canary grass/invasive on shoreline buffer, seed/plant native buffer and emergent plants, install/maintain goose protection fencing, two years grow-in maintenance. Estimated 1,950 feet of total buffer length X an estimated average 50 foot width of shore buffer.
RESERVOIR WOODS	West side of new SPWW tank	Native plant community reconstruction	2 AC	Low	X		$10,000	X	X		Currently, the St. Paul WaterWorks has crushed concrete aggregate piles west of their new storage tank. The distrubed area could be reshaped after aggregate is removed, topsoiled and seeded to a native grass and flower seed mix with the long-term goal of prairie, savanna, or native hardwood forest.
RESERVOIR WOODS	Various	Interpretive Signage	5??	???			$25,000				Potential for interpretive signs that could address forest ecology, urban green space, wetland ecology, prairie ecology, forest ecology or similar. Cost would include design, manufacture and installation.
RESERVOIR WOODS	SW corner of parking lot at Alta Vista and Stuber Dr.	Rain garden - Parking lot	300SF	Medium		X	$11,400	X	X		A rain garden just off the SW side of the parking area would treat runoff from the parking lot and SPWW access road.
TAMARACK	All woodland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	4.2 AC	Medium	X		$25,200	X			Plant communities at this site are adventive and relatively degraded, but provide valuable continuity with the Ramsey
TAMARACK	SE side of park	Rain garden	200 SF	Low		X	$11,400	X			Currently, this area ponds water and would be suited to conversion to rain garden. There is a pre-existing plastic tile line that empties out to the south along the slope down to the wetland. This project may be best tied to other park redevelopment.
VALLEY	All woodland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	4.5 AC	Medium	X		$27,000	X			For the most part, this forest is significantly disturbed and included recently developed forest as well as remnant oak forest that has been disturbed by past filling and/or encroachment. Activities include cut/treat of invasive species, native seeding, reforestation of west side of south storm pond.
VALLEY	Dowonstream Storm Pond	Wetland Restoration	1 AC	Medium		X	$9,000	X	X		Install and maintain native emergent and shoreline buffer vegetation, including protective fencing and grow-in maintenance.
VILLA	VL-U1, VL-U2, VL-U3, and adventive woodland areas elswhere in the park	Woodland/Forest Restoration	22 AC	Medium-high	X		$132,000	X	X		Woodland has historically supported breeding pair of red-shouldered hawks, a stat-listed species. Woodland restoration would benefit natural areas quality and wildlife. Cut/treat invasive trees and shrubs, treat invasive/nonnative herbaceous species, potentially native seed, two years of maintenance activities. Est. $6,000/ac.

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VILLA	VL-W1	Wetland Restoration	~ 3 AC	Medium-high	X	X	$25,000	X	X		This project is being included in the event that the hydrologic/vegetative restoration of this wetland basin is not included in the work being conducted with the Capital Region Watershed District. Work may include tile location/disablement and management of invasive, nonnative herbaceous vegetation (i.e. purple loosestrife and reed canary grass)
VILLA	Parking lot near ice sheets along Cohansey Avenue	Rain garden - Parking lot	900	Medium		X	$19,800	X	X		Potentially part of park redevelopment. Some spots in park have sandy soil. Assumed no tile needed.
VILLA	Street runoff from Cohansey Avenue	Rain garden - Street runoff	1000	Medium-low		X	$28,000	X	X		Adjacent to woodland area, take street runoff, treat and overflow into wetland to west. Tile discharge to wetland.
WILLOW POND	All woodland areas	Woodland/Forest Restoration	7 AC	Medium	X		$52,500	X			Cut/treat invasives (very thick), native woodland seeding, potential planting of native bare root tree stock, 2 years grow-in maintenance. Est. $7,500/ac. Not likely a good candidate for grant funding due to lack of pre-existing native habitats.
WILLOW POND	Wetland in north arm of park	Wetland Restoration	0.9 AC	Medium-low	X		$7,500	X			This wetland is dominated by the nonnative reed canary grass, as well as the native river bulrush. Treatment of reed canary grass may or may not result in significant improvement in the quality of the vegetative community at this site.
WILLOW POND	Northeast shoreline area	Shoreline restoration	0.5 AC	Medium-high	X	X	$35,000	X	X		Shoreline restoration in this area would provide a high profile restoration with reasonably high opportunity for success. Cost also includes design, manufacture and install of interpretive sign ($5K). Cost includes native vegetative restoration along shoreline with primarily seeding . Installation of plant plugs would require additional cost.
WOODHILL	East side of	Woodland/Forest Restoration	1.6 AC	Medium	X		$10,000	X			East side of road is 1.6 acres, west side of road is 1.3 acres. Woodland restoration needed on east side of road. Cost assumes work to occur only on east side of Western Ave.
						TOTAL	**$2,393,275**				

Acorn Park

Implementation Planning Session One

30 May 2013
13 Attendees Signed In

Meeting summary

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and the key directions of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, meeting participants were asked to respond to questions about potential improvements.

Exercise One **Issues**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to identify issues related to the playground area or the park in general:

Group One

- Signage on disc golf course
- Recycle bins along the trail
- Culling dead/damaged trees
- Clearing brush/line of sight on trail curves
- Erosion on course hills/clean up of trails after storm
- Playground equipment for older kids (8-12)
- Warming house needs updating and better maintenance
- Dog litter dispenser at entrances
- Trash, etc. at Wiewers entrance
- Additional parking
- Lights on ice rink
- Winter maintenance of all trails

Group Two

- More focused basketball court lights
- Improve course or remove
- Enforce park rules

Group Three

- Hole #12 tee on trail interferes with trail use
- Too much underbrush
- Basketball court too close to residential structures. Move it!
- More opening/natural picnic/playground areas
- No access to Western
- Better and more permanent restrooms
- All trails should be 8’ to 10’ wide
- More parking

Exercise Two **Perfect day**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what would make for a perfect day at the playground and park:

> Weather be good for walking my dogs. Not too many golf players. Weeds and grass cut along trails. Trails cleared and plowed in winter months.
> Walk in park seeing wildlife, plants, and trees; not hearing basketball.
> A bike ride with family to/through park; watching kids play on equipment; "nature hikes/adventure walks" with kids; winter ice skating; playing tennis; shooting baskets; watching neighbors kids play baseball.
> Walking the trails without seeing cigarette butts at every step; relaxing on benches along trails; watching/listening to wildlife; a water fountain; enjoying wooded area (not too "groomed"); perhaps playing horseshoes (if a pit were added).
> Park easily; course not packed; trash not overflowing; don't lose a disc right of fairway; benches in good condition; better bridge on 18; new tee pads; signage and designated paths.
> A nice walk for myself; a nice walk for our daycare children; a nice time in the playground for our daycare children.
> Meet friends in lot and be able to get right on the disc golf course for two rounds; after lunch, another round of golf; leisurely stroll through park on pathways with family.
> Quiet trails to walk and bike with kids (at least less people standing on trails); larger playground—swings, other kid equipment, "kid friendly;" more nature and animals (more flowers and ornamental plants; more attractions for birds and animals—feed, habitat).
> I am a walker; my husband is a rollerblader; I would walk in nature, seeing birds, rabbits, wildlife; I would see wildflowers; my husband would like to rollerblade, winding through the park away from cars and streets, all on the way to our house; Perfect!
> Biking in park without having to worry about running into people; playing on playground equipment for ages 8-12; walking in the park without having to worry about stepping into dog waste.

Exercise Three **Ideas**

Participants were asked to share their thoughts about ideas that would make a better park, even beyond those elements that are included in the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program:

> Dog bag
> Signs for mileage on trails
> Hire a course designer—reimagine course
> Redesign disc golf course to nine holes and then maintain it
> The disc golf course is one of the most popular in the state, and many peoples'

only interaction with the City of Roseville. The course should be completely redesigned and rebuilt to last at least 20 years. The technology and competition in disc golf far exceeds where the game was when the course was built. A good example is Lakewoods' (White Bear Lake) recent renovation. If differently configured, 18 holes can fit in the course's current area. To be done properly, a course designer should be brought in and the course would probably be closed for a full year.
Keep disc golf an 18-hole facility; improve course with refined design to maximize safety and reduce maintenance; keep it as a free course; make the course an example of a sustainable neighborhood course to be copied by other cities; it (Acorn) is visited by more people than almost every other park in Roseville; keep it that way. [the response sheet included a sketch of Hole 9 and Tee 10 and waterfall between the two locations]
Keep the course 18 holes just maintain it; Roseville is widely known for Acorn's disc golf course, so we should treat it with care; The sport is growing faster than any other sport right now in the U.S.; I feel like it would be moving backwards to remove it or make is less technical; other than that, just make it more safe and pedestrian/disc golfer compatible.
[the response sheet include a sketch of a "neighborhood centered park;" the drawing showed parking near a baseball field, combined basketball and tennis courts; an ice rink with a warming house, a playground with swings, a nature area, and the disc golf course with nine holes]
[the response sheet included a sketch of a "pick up after your pet" sign and trash receptacle with a title for the drawing reading "doggy bag sign and trash can"]
Signs indicating mileage around the trails.
More in park parking for vehicles; see my other list of ideas; move basketball court further into park.

Exercise Four **Playground specifics**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what specific playground improvements would be desired:

Park improvements

Through culling trees, trimming brush, maintaining natural land… keep the park land healthy; protect from erosion.
Better snow removal to provide access to trails and boardwalk in winter; recycle bins throughout the park; sidewalk connecting Acorn to Materion; sidewalk connecting to Western; information sign about wildlife found in the park; side note: I'm surprised to learn how many people talk as if Acorn has so many problems; I think it's a pretty nice park that needs only minor improvements.
Parking; trash and recycling; mowing/maintenance.
Keep the park as healthy and natural as we can.
More plants—ornamental, flowers; attract more birds and wildlife—bird

houses, bat houses, improve habitat; open picnic areas away from crowded areas; lights focused on courts, not flooding into houses (at night, especially).
Path into wood (off set) with benches; 10 foot wide trails; more and permanent bathrooms; move basketball court in park; monitor trails for low areas that flood and raise them or install culverts; kill dandelions.
Move basketball court; improve basketball courts; make sure rims are even on at least one of the courts.
Permanent access to bathrooms; more picnic benches; more police/park ranger patrols.
Keep the park land clean

Playground improvements

Allow kids to grow with park; ages 8-12 much like Central Park near Legion ballfield.
Perhaps a bench swing adults can use while supervising kids (like the ones in Materion Park); better focused lights; I don't want the playground, as another put it, throughout the park—I like the peacefulness of the park.
Smaller playgrounds scattered throughout the park; combine with gardens and natural settings; keep as natural as possible.
Larger playground and activities for older children; separated from other busier areas (and parking lot); room to run; levels for climbing.
Put all facilities at the same level (no terrace); low maintenance equipment that can be used during all four seasons.
More rubber edges (padding); less height to equipment (reduce falling/injury).
Better maintained equipment
Climbing wall; obstacle course; [the response sheet included a drawing of a play component where you would "hang on and you would spin; it is made at an angle so it will spin; steps so you can grab on."

Disc golf improvements

I like the idea of closing the course for a year, changing it to a nine hole, and perhaps separating course traffic from trail traffic; but… I am in favor of keeping it free to all.
Signs at each hole; course map (with web address of where they can download it); better line of site so golfers can see trail users and vice versa).
Signage/maps (throughout); tee pads/tee areas (all need it); erosion control—hills, high traffic areas; new trees/obstacles; new bridges/steps; path throughout course; second tees are unusable; holes off path (2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18).
Maintain the course! Redesign to nine holes; enforce park rules.
Off trails; out of way.
Move all tees and waiting areas off trail; do not start any pay for activities (parks are to be free to use).
Tee pads (wider/longer); lights throughout the park; recycling/trash cans accessible throughout the course; if concerns about path space is significant enough then make it a 12-hole course; maintain the course.
All tee pads replaced; any substandard targets replaced; erosion control;

signage, benches, trash and recycling cans on all tees; common pathways highlighted; wrap critical trees with protective wrapping; kiosk on hole 1; brush removed 10’ on each fairway; retaining walls; waterfall on 9 to 10 path.

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sheet one	**overall park improvements**
sheet two	**park improvement plan**
sheet three	**playground area plan**
sheet four	**playground area plan**
sheet five	**playground details**
sheet six	**playground details**
sheet seven	**playground details**
sheet eight	**[not used]**

Scheduled improvements

Improvements	Description	Budget	Construction timing	
			Start	*Complete*
Rink improvements	permanent base and boards, lighting improvements	$150,000	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Irrigation improvements	upgrade to two-wire system	$25,000	Fall 2015	Fall 2015
Playground improvements	replacement of the existing playground equipments	$125,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Disc gold improvements	maintenance and improvements for the existing course	$100,000	Spring 2015	Spring 2016
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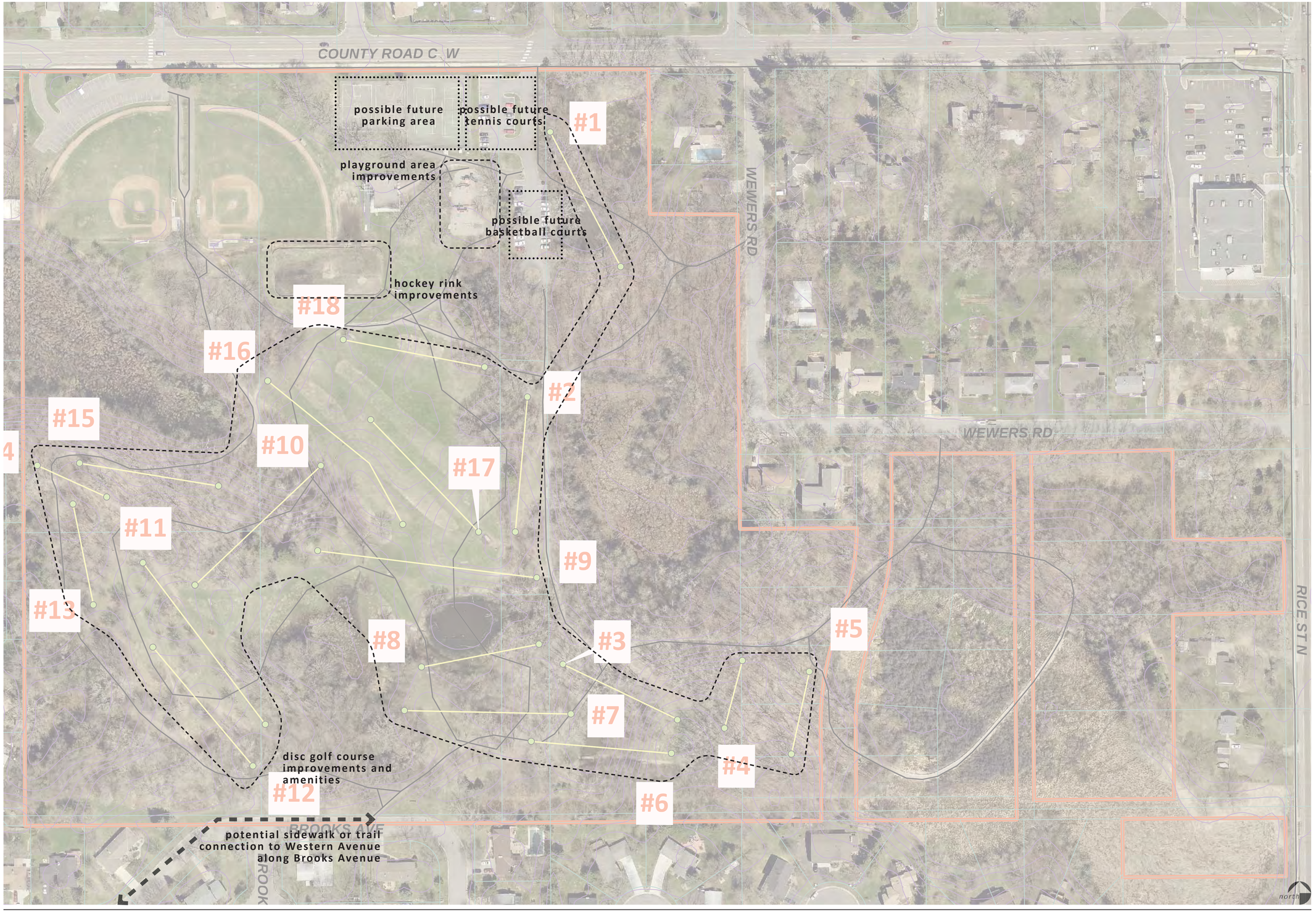

park improvements plan

1 inch = 80 feet

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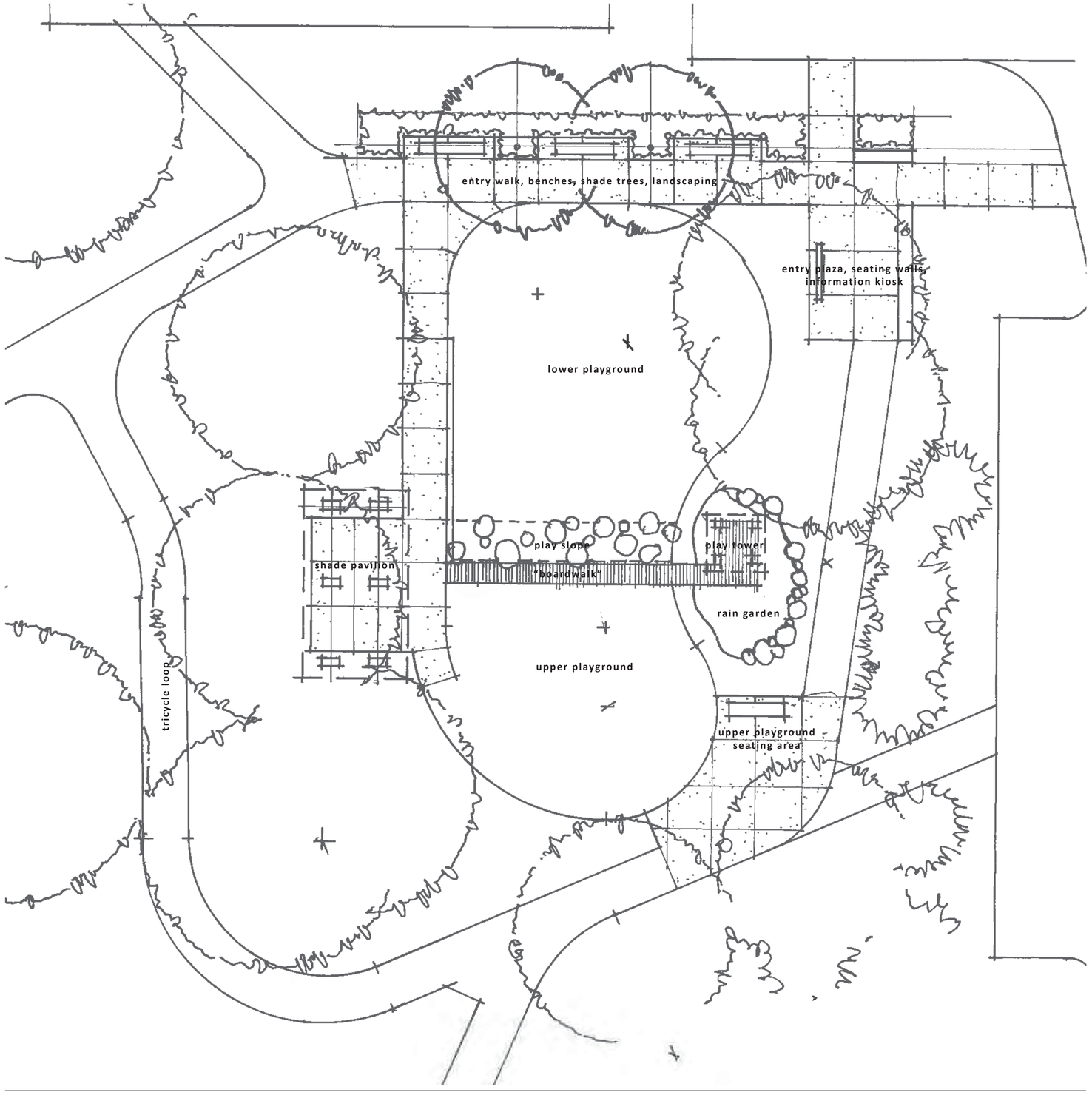

playground area plan

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B-2 Sidewalk

Implementation Planning Session One

28 February 2013
61 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Victoria and B-2 Sidewalks, participants were asked Identify issues and share ideas about the proposed sidewalk addition. Responses are included in this summary.

Ideas and Issues

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved. Responses included:

- Liability for use of the sidewalk.
- Property & right-of-way questions.
- Speed of traffic resulting from changes.
- Fencing along properties.
- Corridor is not well lit.
- Will other neighborhoods also be going through this process?
- Concern for people walking with strollers.
- People on B-2 "really move" kids need to be instructed about how to walk/bike – or get them off the road.
- Traffic speed on Victoria.
- Grotto & B-2 painted crosswalk to get to park. (turned down by county last time requested)
- New residents moved in since the last time street was reconstructed.
- Need to keep kids safe and out of the street. As they go/walk to schools & parks.
- Get tough with the county.
- Why not west of Lexington? (Already a trail there).
- Trash generated along the route.
- Why six feet wide? Why not 4'or 5'?
- Bike rules on sidewalks? (No limits in Roseville).
- Safety for kids going to school? Extensions for roller bladders, etc..
- Concerns for sidewalks that slope too much.
- Can't walk B-2 in the winter.
- Lack of curbs along corridor, safety.
- Snow clearing.

- Catch basins with curbs to get water to.
- Cleaning of catch basins.
- Localized drainage issues – drains to road.
- Removal of trees & front yard space – what is the trade off for the sidewalk?
- Maintenance of utilities.
- Overhead utilities relocated to below ground.
- Loss of driveway space due to boulevard.
- Who will maintain the sidewalk?
- Sidewalk extensions & connections at Victoria to County Road C.
- Conflicts with culverts under existing driveways.

County Road B-2/Victoria Sidewalk Proposal

Comments February 28, 2013

1. Lovell & Victoria
   - Traffic Control -- increase in car accidents, creating safety concern.
   - Field on south side of Lovell at Victoria over grown in summer causing "blind" for pedestrians, bikes & cars that run lights. Need to be mowed in summer.
   - "I don't want a path on any side of the street."

2. Bike Lane on Victoria between County Road B & B2
   - The second lane on Victoria is not needed and leads to bad driving - "drag racing" like behavior. Putting in a bike lane on both sides and reducing to one lane north and one lane south would mitigate this issue and make the neighborhood more bike friendly. (may also provide room for side walk)

3. Long past overdue - concrete good - 6' instead of 8'.

4. Much safer for people to walk. People drive much too fast on B2.

5. I feel strongly that a standard 4' wide sidewalk would be sufficient to meet the current pedestrian traffic c needs.
   - Safety is important and crosswalk issues and 4-way stop signs play a big part in making things unsafe right now.

6. Will this construction help discourage people from parking on our lawn (north side of B2)? We were hoping for a curb.
   - Will Roseville pay/help pay for driveway re-do? After last B2 resurfacing, water pools at the end of our driveway.
   - Heartily welcome sidewalks for students, joggers, ease of getting to the park!

7. I do not want my new drive touched.

8. I am for this - thank you for your hard work!!!
   - On my block all have water at the end of driveways.
   - My house has privacy trees blocking the busy roads, what is going to happen to them?

9. Please give us safe pathways -- just do it!!!

10. I am not opposed to the sidewalk, however I need to have you address the lake in my driveway and eventually it mitigates to the east making a lake in the front yard. I have tried to raise the front yard with loads of black dirt to no avail.

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11. Please contact me personally to discuss: (forwarded original to Kris Giga)
    - My mailbox, during & after construction.
    - My underground sprinkler system.
    - Destruction of roots of my maple tree.
    - Buried wires & cables. (existing)
    - Making the above ground electric wires go below ground like my neighbors to the north on Sandhurst.

12. 300 Block of COUNTY ROAD B-2
    - At Western; sidewalk on Western icy, particularly during spring thaw.
    - Who is responsible for sanding/salting icy walks?
    - Trees (pines); cottonwood- could come down, Parking in driveway with a sidewalk.

13. B-2 & MATILDA
    - Drainage problem at intersection. (south side of B-2)

14. 500-600 Block of COUNTY ROAD B-2
    - Drainage all along this segment.
    - Trees.
    - Are the arbor vitae ok?

15. 800 Block of COUNTY ROAD B-2
    - Raise driveway to address ponding water; driveway flooding at street, sinkhole at sanitary service.
    - Drainage problem.

16. 900 Block of COUNTY ROAD B-2
    - Flooding, Sight distance backing out of driveway.
    - Basement flooding, new driveway; opposed (NO!)
    - Check drainage on driveway, would like concrete driveway, in winter- snow blocks drainage, forcing drainage to driveway, flooding along west property line; 32-year resident.
    - Low point.

17. B-2 & GROTTO
    - Painted crosswalk please.

18. 2400 Block of DALE Street
    - One tree is old/dying- needs to come down (hole in tree); ditch in front of house, concerned about existing landscaping.

19. 2400 Block of COHANSEY
    - Overhead electric over the existing pathway by Central Park… can it be buried?

20. 800 Block of LOVELL
    - Drainage issues; nowhere to store snow with a sidewalk; has a new driveway; lilacs, trees, etc. Strongly opposed.
    - Drainage issues along Victoria ditch.

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21. Victoria & LOVELL
    - Traffic safety issue; lane reduction- causes issues; Lovell traffic does not stop

22. 2400 Block of VICTORIA
    - Hedges in the way of wall, concerned about snow removal.
    - Not in favor of west side, concerned about snow removal.
    - Not in favor of west side, concerned about snow removal; City will need a large retaining wall on the west side of Victoria and north of Transit. East side of Victoria would be much cheaper to maintain the street and connect with the ball park and they have a pathway along here. West side makes NO sense to me. West side of Victoria has the storm sewer, power poles on Transit/Victoria, telephone, electric, etc.

23. VICTORIA & SANDHURST
    - Crosswalk for school kids?

24. 800 Block of SANDHURST
    - Please contact resident (Kris Giga), have design questions.

25. 800 Block of TRANSIT
    - Sinkhole by manhole (backyard by property line); have a steep slope to Victoria- please flatten on top of proposed wall, place fence(?), wide enough to mow.


Co. Rd. B-2
OXFORD STREET
LEXINGTON AVE
CHATSWORTH ST
NANCY PLACE
Walked/biked this street with kids and constantly looked for alternate side streets to avoid B2 traffic- this will be so much better- thank you
A
Between Lexington Avenue
and Victoria Street


Victoria Street
We are concerned about how these trees will be affected. Also, we would like to discuss what to replace the fence with.
1. Why 8' of concrete the whole length of road from Co Rd B to Sandhurst?
2. Existing "curb" along this stretch is almost gone.
As a bicyclist I love the idea of this stretch of sidewalk.
Please replace this tree, if it must be removed.
We love this project for the benefits to pedestrians, bicyclists, and children. :) Thank you.P.S. Please keep us posted on the time line.
B
A
I like the idea of connecting the sidewalk to utilize the park pathway
I like the connection to the park path, but am concerned about the traffic on B2/Victoria 4-way stop- not the safest. Bigger stop signs?
Between Co. Rd. B-2
and Co. Rd. C


Co. Rd. B-2
B
C
VICTORIA ST
GROTTO ST
ST ALBANS ST
Will these trees be taken down?
Glad to see the driveways will be re-graded!
Between Victoria Street
and Dale Street


Co. Rd. B-2
DALE ST
COHANSEY ST
PIERCE ST
WESTERN AVE
C
D
Love the meandering idea.
Stop and smell the roses.
Making the existing cross east of the school is brutal. This sidewalk will be great.
Whatever design is used this walk is NEEDED.
Between Dale Street
and Western Avenue


Co. Rd. B-2
D
The safer the buffer the better- thanks for the pathway!
I bike this route daily (Roseville to St. Paul!) Love this!
MATILDA ST
GALTIER ST
RICE ST
Between Western Avenue
and Rice Street

Park Shelters

Implementation Planning Session One

6 May 2013
3 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to the FORParks Shelter and Central Park Foundation Shelter, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

Exercise One **Issues**

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at the park shelters. Responses included:

- Central Park Foundation Shelter
  - Bituminous paving around the outside is deteriorating
  - Back looks like a bad shed
  - Kids play behind the Jaycees Shelter; skateboarders on the wall; move the rocket
- FORParks Shelter
  - Volleyball—sand courts are used, need more hard surface courts and courts that might be set up for Pickleball
  - The shelter is removed from areas where activities are happening—doesn't seem to be part of the park
  - Is a concessions area needed here?

Exercise Two **Ideas**

Participants were asked about ideas they might suggest as improvements to the shelters and the areas around the shelters, especially ideas that would address issues noted in Exercise One.

- Shelter area improvements
  - Use pavers around the outside of the shelter
- Building and shelter
  - Use a metal roof because it lasts longer
  - Add skylights so it's not so dark
  - Don't let colors get dated

Jaycees Shelter has a distinctive look—we should have something that looks that good

Combine kitchen at FORParks Shelter with concessions

Special features

No ideas offered

Park programs

No ideas offered

Other

Have the next meeting at one of the shelters

FORParks Shelter
Central Park Foundation Shelter
Roseville, Minnesota

Scheduled improvements

Improvements	Description	Budget	Construction timing *Start*	*Complete*
FORParks Shelter	...	$300,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Central Park Foundation Shelter	...	$300,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
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FORParks Shelter area plan

1 inch = 20 feet

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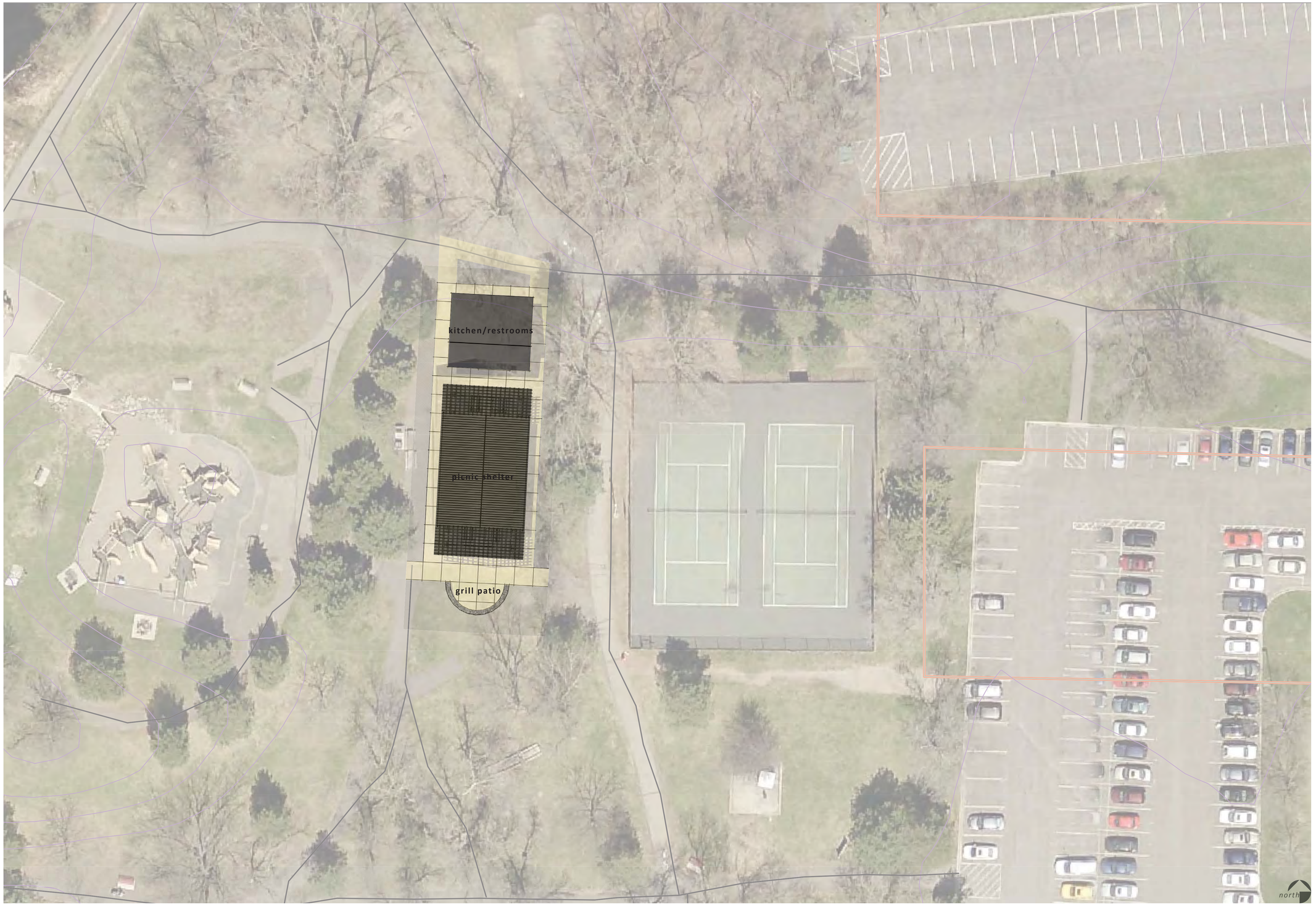

Central Park Foundation Shelter area plan

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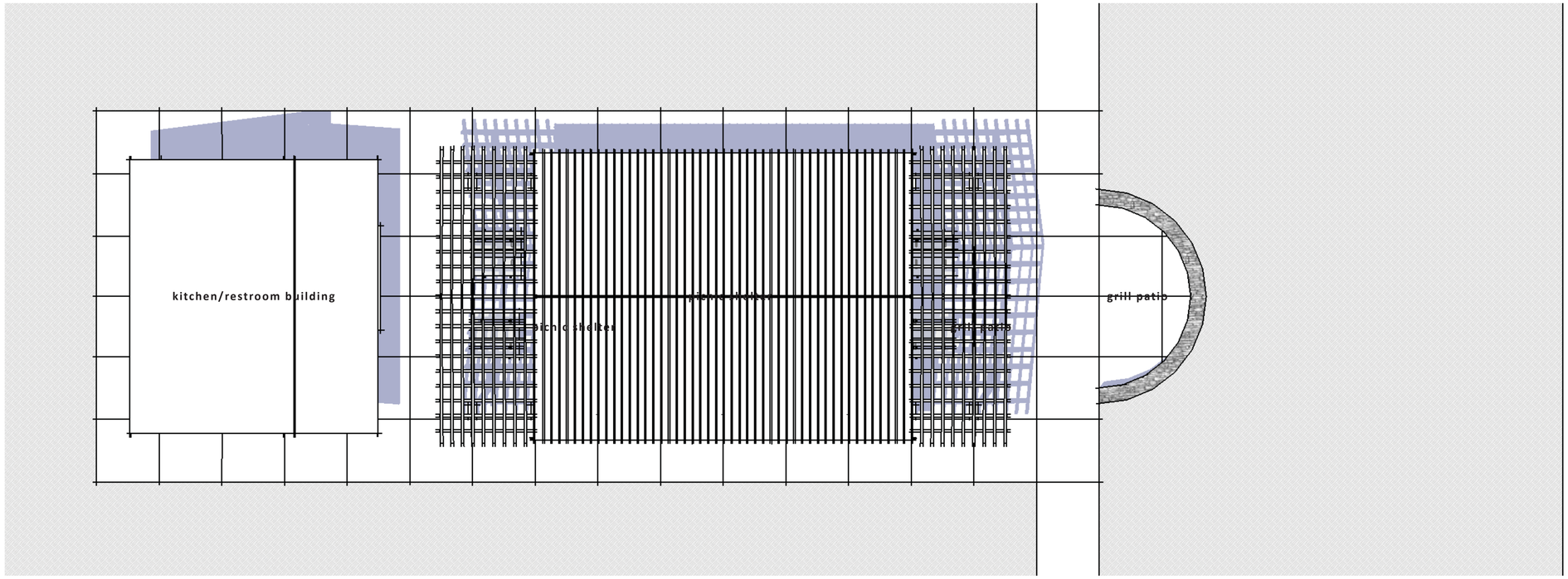
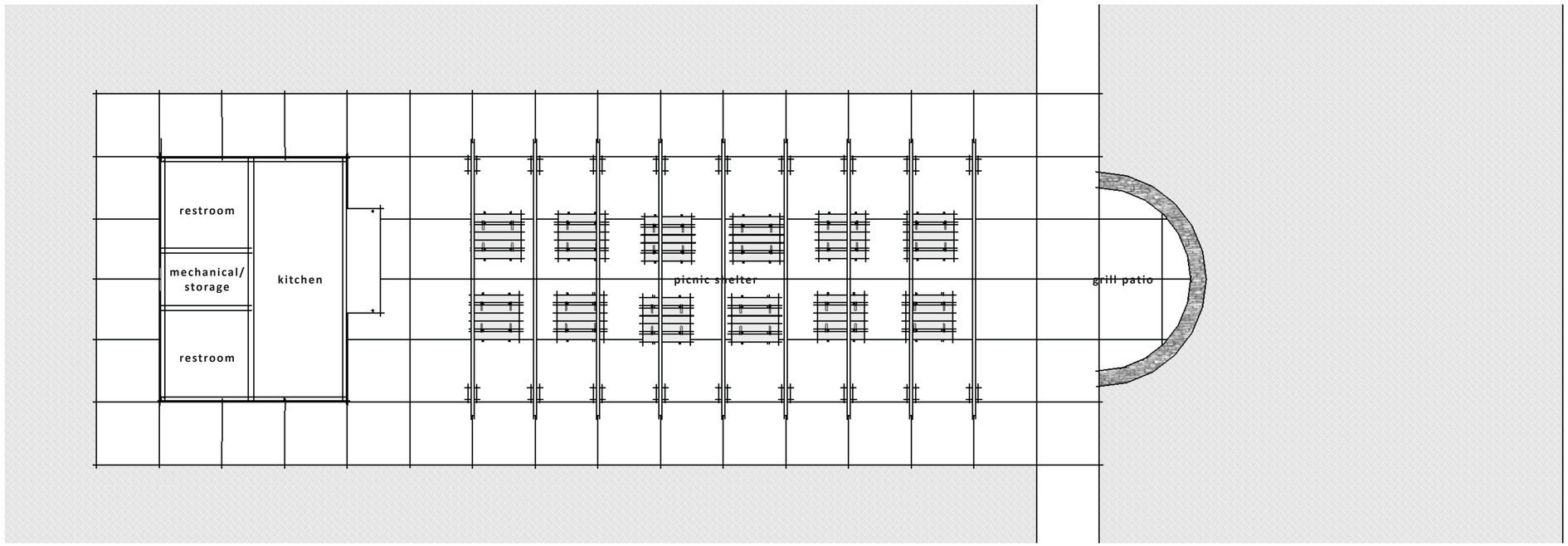


shelter plan (with roof)

1 inch = 8 feet



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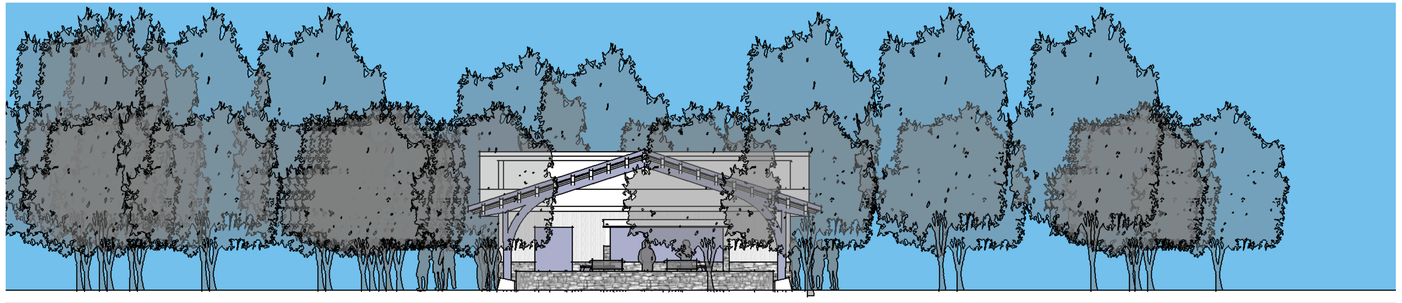

shelter front elevation
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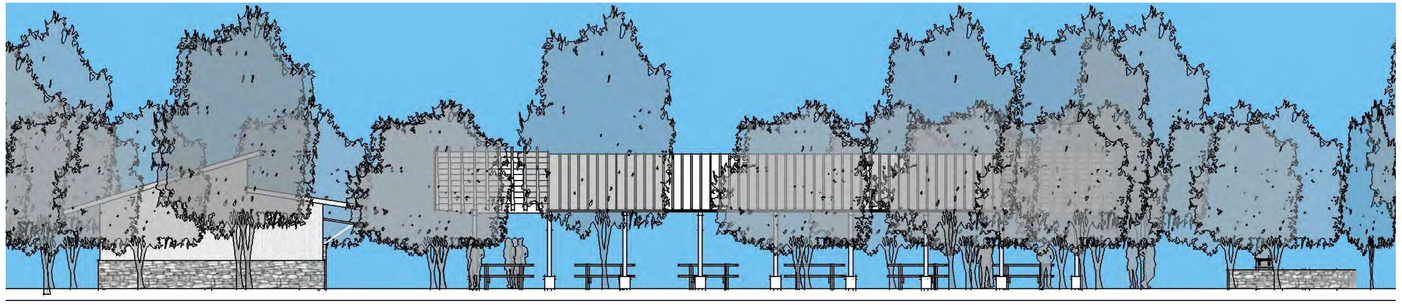

shelter right elevation
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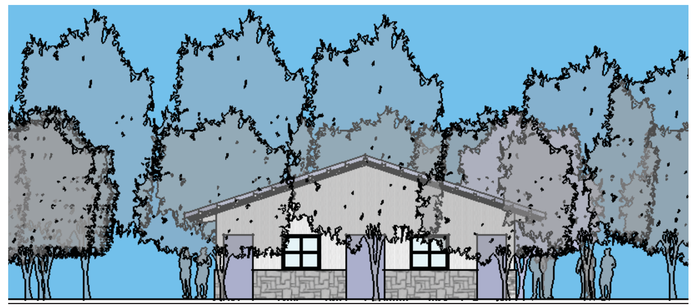
shelter rear elevation
1 inch = 8 feet



shelter rear elevation (extended canopy)
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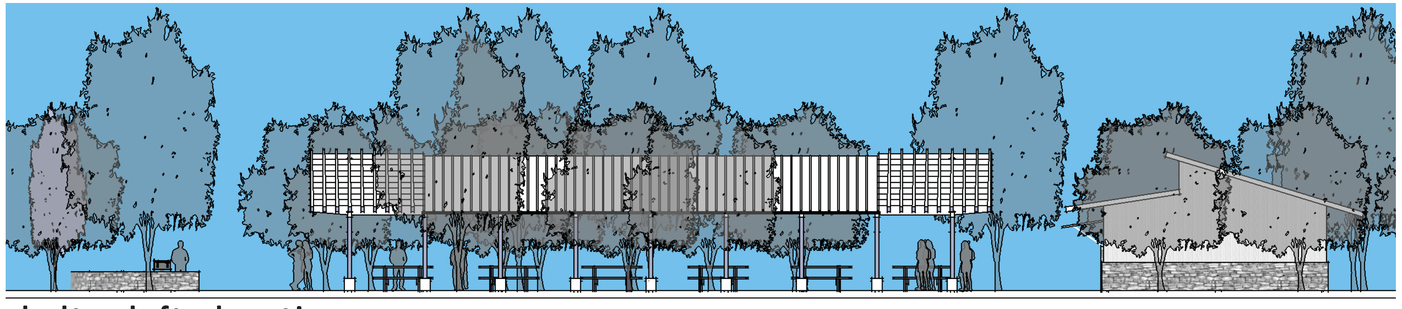

shelter left elevation
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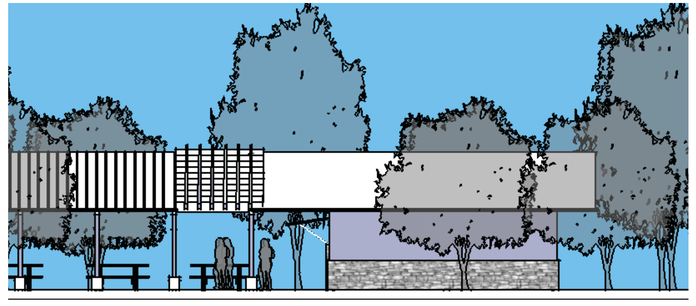

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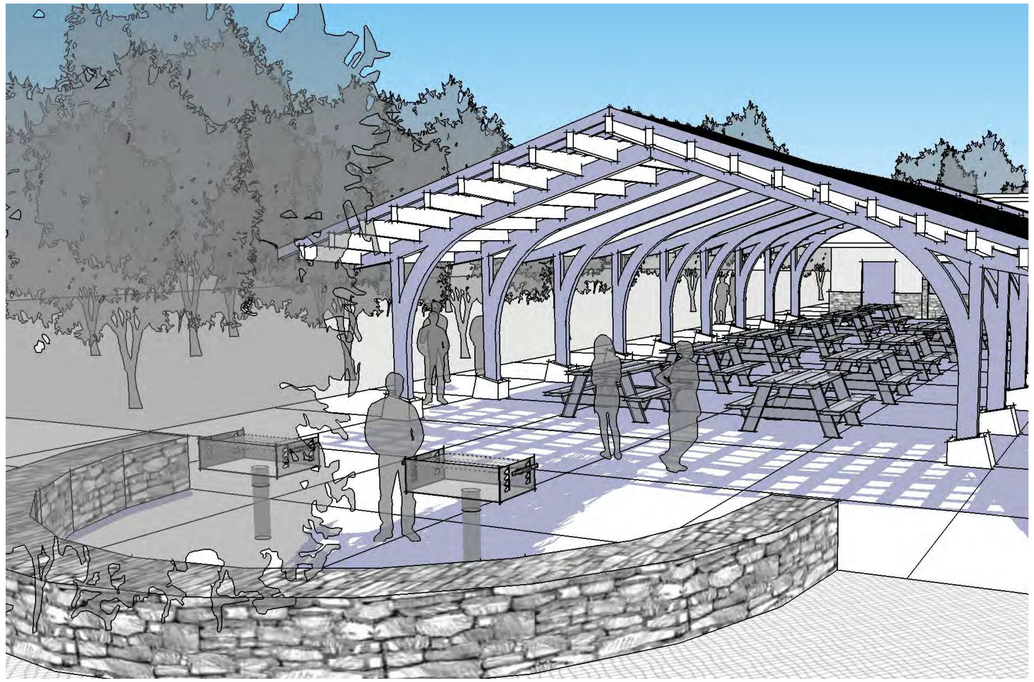

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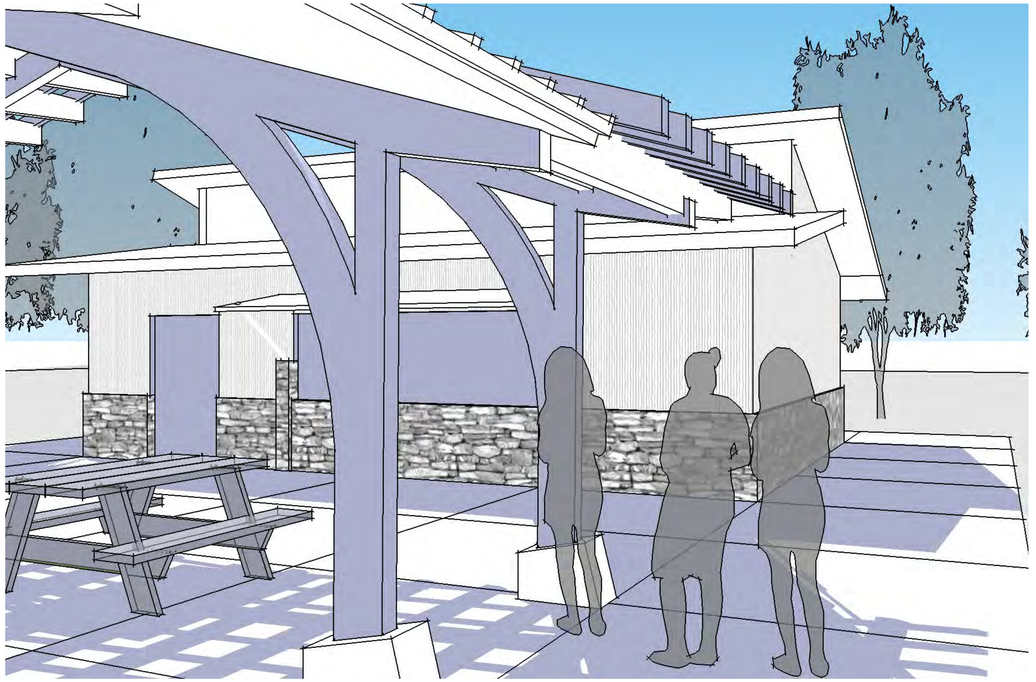

kitchen/restroom building

view to grill patio from picnic shelter

view of kitchen/restroom building and picnic shelter

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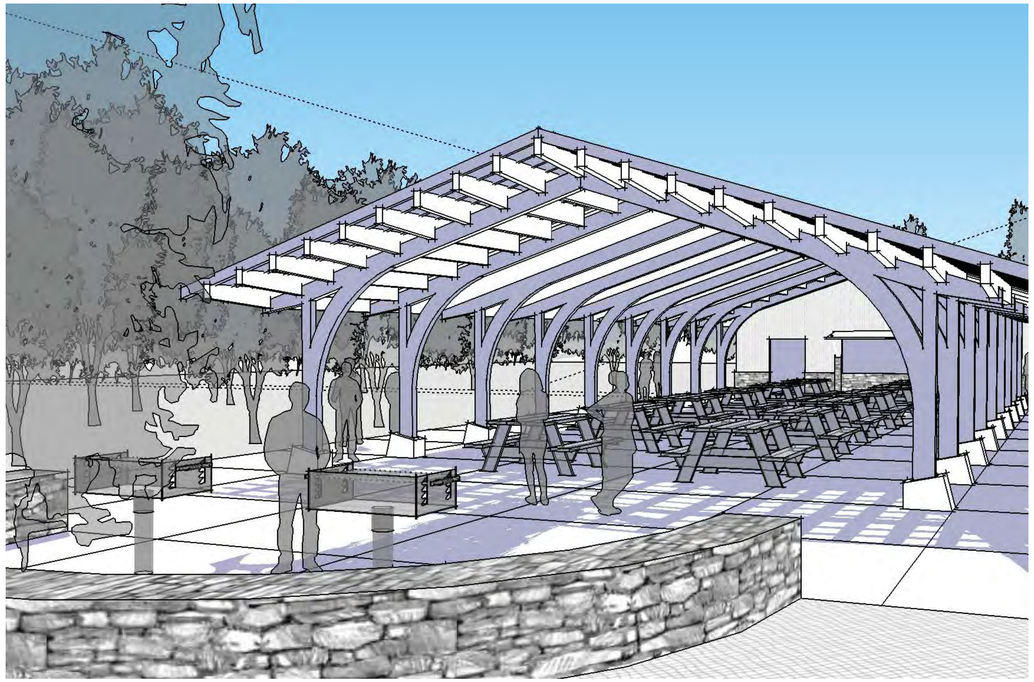
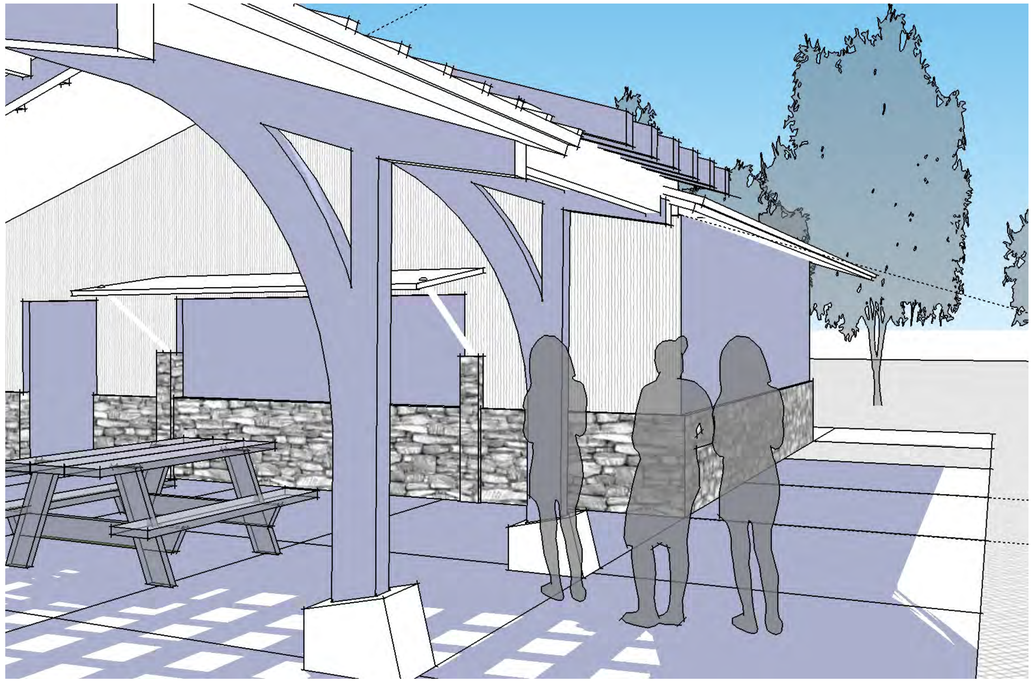


grill patio and picnic shelter (extended canopy)



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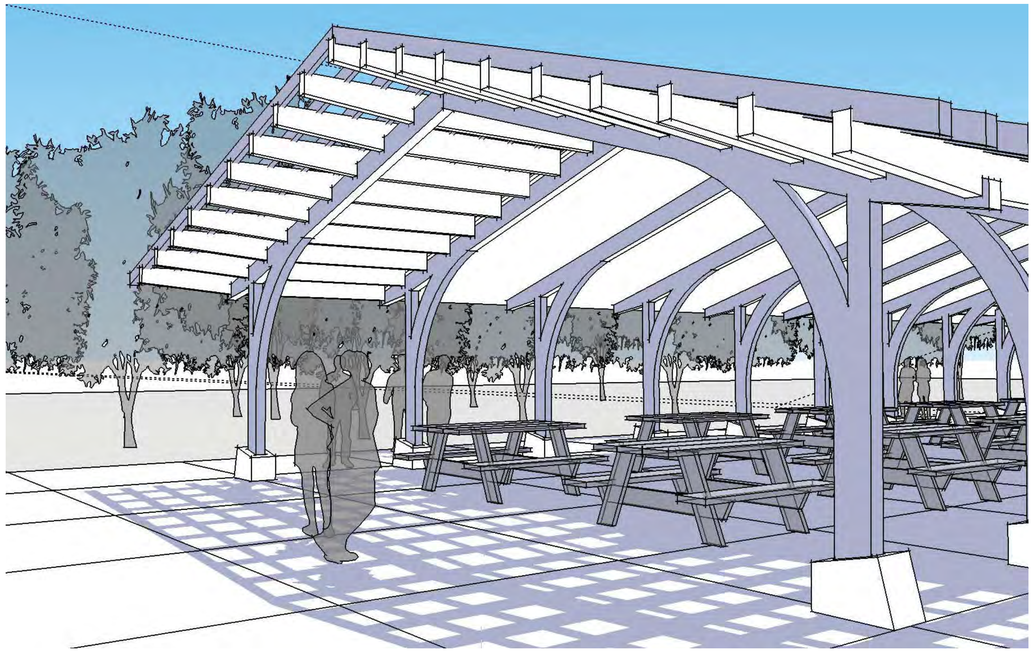
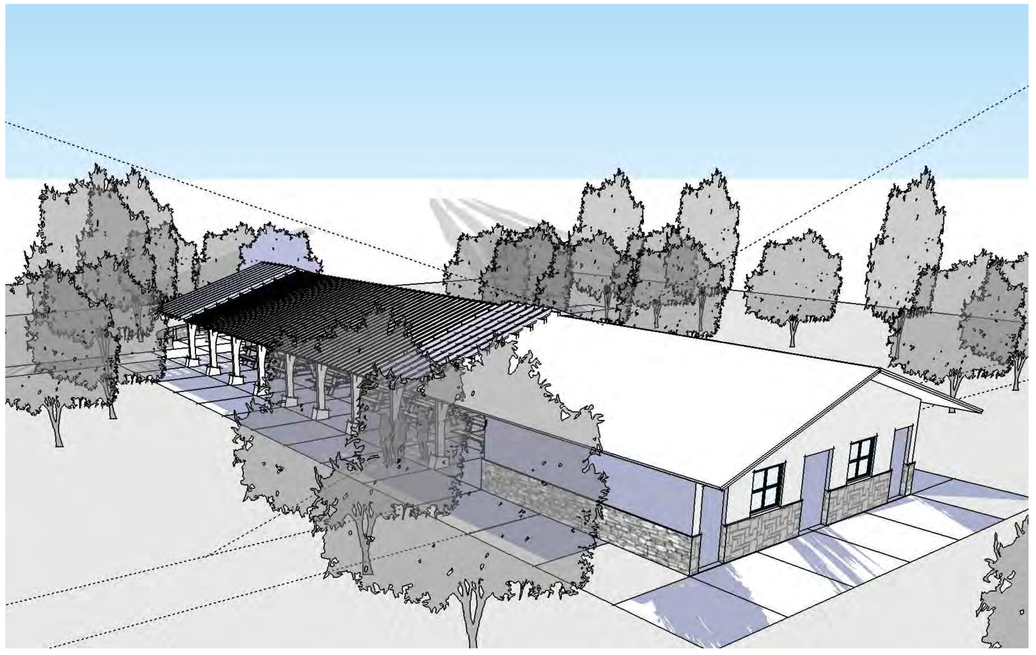


view to grill patio from picnic shelter



view of kitchen/restroom building and picnic shelter (ext. can.)

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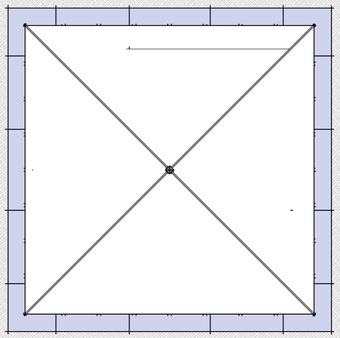
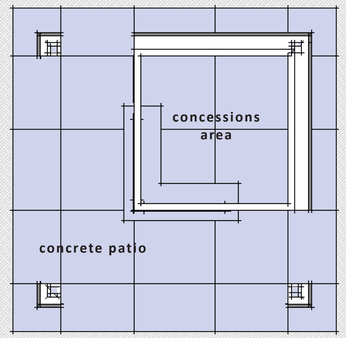


concessions pavilion plan (with roof)

1 inch = 8 feet



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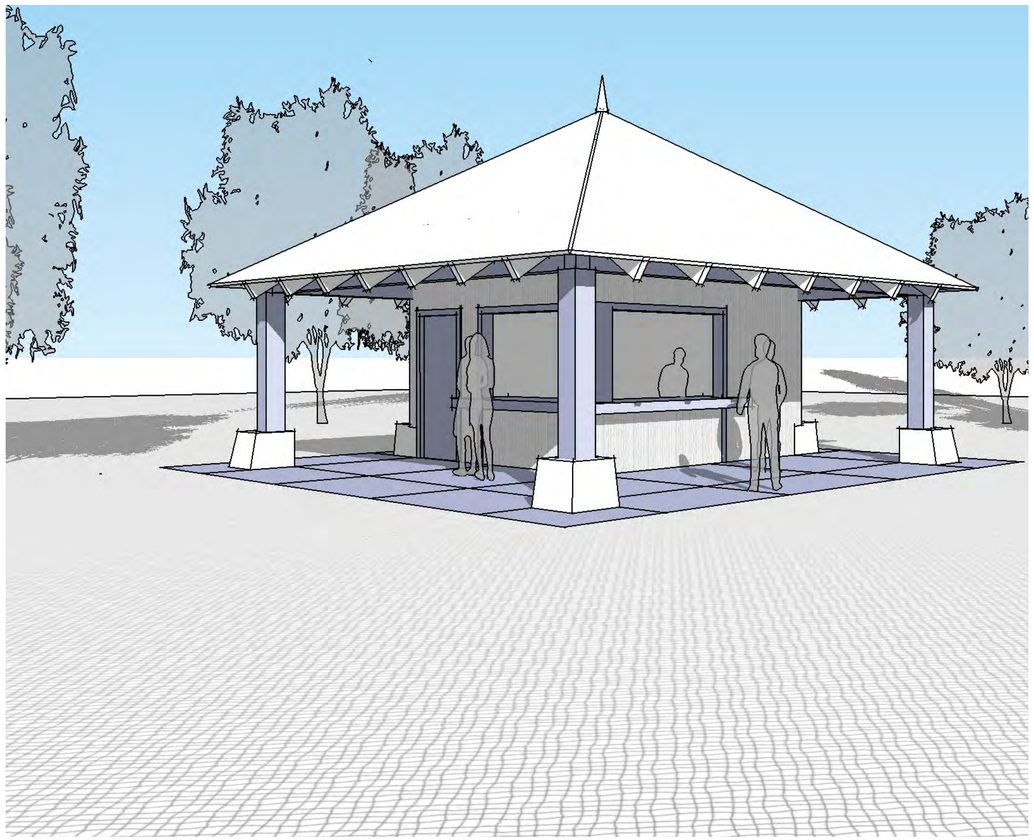

view of concessions pavilion

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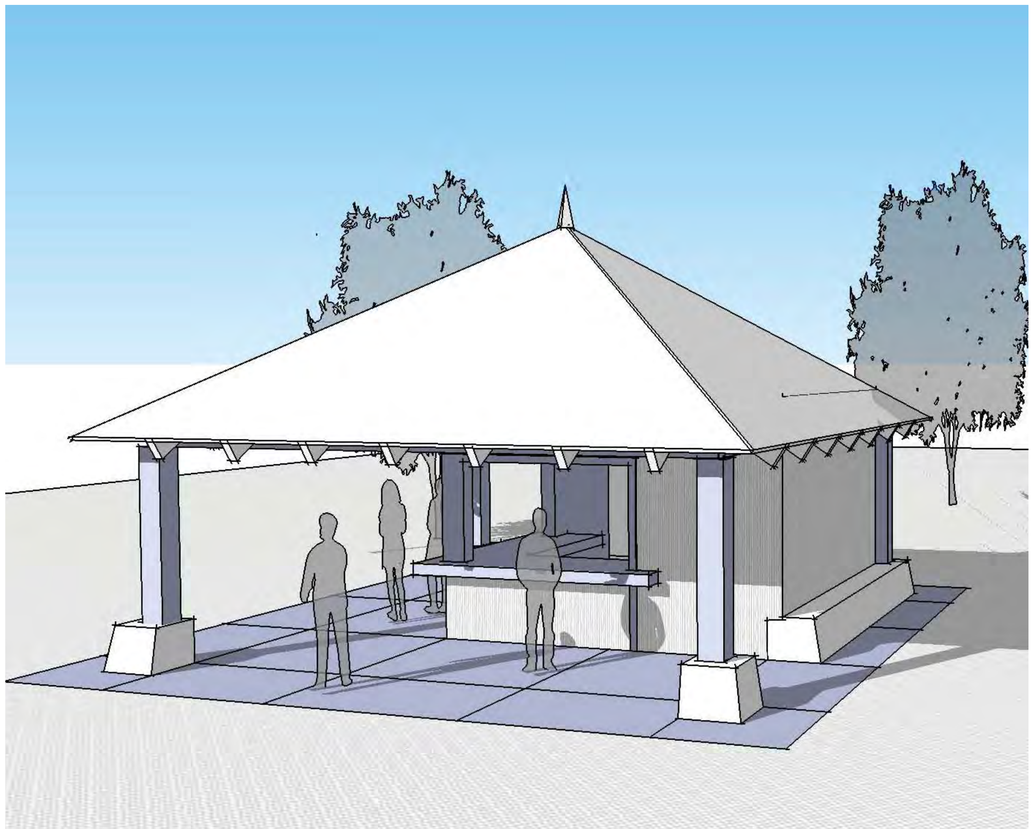

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Central Park Lexington

Implementation Planning Session One

28 May 2013
9 Attendees Signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Central Park Lexington, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. The focus of the second park of the meeting was an assessment of a master plan created for Central Park Lexington in 2000. Responses are included in this summary.

Exercise One **Issues**

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at Central Park Lexington. Responses included:

Maintenance is needed at the south side of the lake between the path and the lake
At the north side of the park along CR C, there is a deep dip where water doesn't drain and there is a lot of undergrowth that attracts bad activities and the potential for a brush fire
How are walkways maintained in the HANC?
Lighting around the lake needs to be on all night, not turned off at midnight; this is a security issue
Not much winter use—lots of walkers, not much programmed activities
The restrooms are remote from activities
At Brooks and Oxford, there are dead trees (willow and oak) on the north side and it's an embarrassment
The south side of the lake needs to be cleared
Dead trees are important to wildlife (woodpeckers were noted); safety and wildlife need to be balanced
The rose at the amphitheater looks bad
There needs to be an accessible viewing area at the amphitheater
There should be shade in the amphitheater but views should be kept open
The path around Bennett Lake is getting bad

Exercise Two **Comparing directions/Ideas**

Work session participants compared and assessed a master plan that was created in 2000 for Central Park Lexington. A list of improvements anticipated by that master plan was extracted for review the participants.

Exercise Three was integrated into this exercise as a natural course of the discussion. Responses included:

The sound system was recently redone
The Lexington Avenue entry should be a high priority with an electronic message sign
Parking area improvements should be a high priority; there is not enough parking today
The drop off area should be a high priority and there should be a way to unplug the entry
Fencing at the drop off area is a low priority and was seen as both good and bad
New restrooms should be a high priority
The flag plaza should be a medium priority
Special crosswalk treatments should be a high priority; it makes Roseville look classy
Priority for the entry stairs was not conclusive; the accessible route should be signed
The lake view plaza and arbor should be a medium priority; the lake is already visible from the promenade and there were questions about its constructability
The lake promenade should be a high priority; it make the park more unique; the problem is keeping kids off it
The amphitheater gate should be a medium priority; there should be no gates unless they're really needed; don't overstructure the park—let people walk; they should function to keep people out of the back stage area during performances
Amphitheater paving upgrades should be a medium priority and should be accomplished when the paving is worn out
The information kiosk should be a high priority; it should orient to walkers in the park and help people understand the park system
The gateway to the upper seating area and Jaycee's Shelter should be a low priority
General landscape improvements should be a high priority
Look at events and consider tent placement, concessions vehicles, electrical service
There should be better bands—like the Sousa Band; there is too much of the same thing today
Buses should park remotely, not in these parking lots; there should be shuttles to get people here from other parts of the park or from other locations

Central Park Lexington

Roseville, Minnesota

sheet one	**overall park improvements**
sheet two	**Lexington Avenue and Rog Amphitheather entrance area**
sheet three	**Rog Amphitheater entrance**
sheet five	**Bennett Lake promenade**
sheet four	**Bennett Lake promenade**
sheet four	**[not used]**
sheet six	**[not used]**
sheet seven	**[not used]**
sheet eight	**[not used]**

Scheduled improvements

Improvements	Description	Budget	Construction timing *Start*	*Complete*
restroom building	utility room for electrical, mechanical, irrigation equipment, storage, new mens/womens restroom	$450,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Drop-off area	new parking area and drop-off	$300,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Entry plaza and sign	updated entry plaza and electronic sign	$300,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Bennett Lake lighting	replacement of pathway lighting system	$400,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Tom Curly Playground	playground replacement	$225,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
Irrigation	update ballfield and flower area irrigation	$35,000	Fall 2014	Fall 2014

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Lexington Avenue and Rog Amphitheater entrance improvements plan

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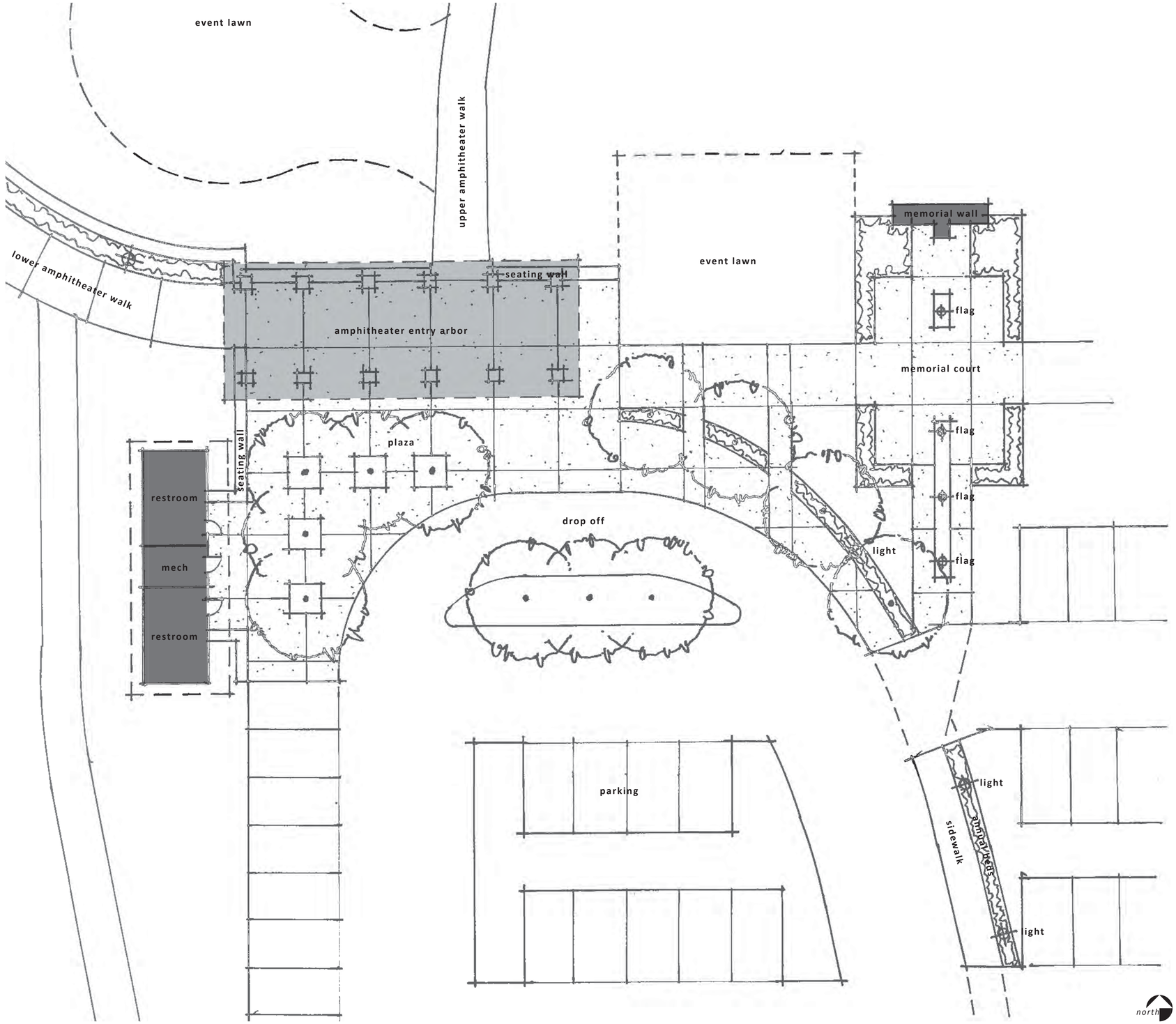

Rog Amphitheater drop-off and entrance area plan

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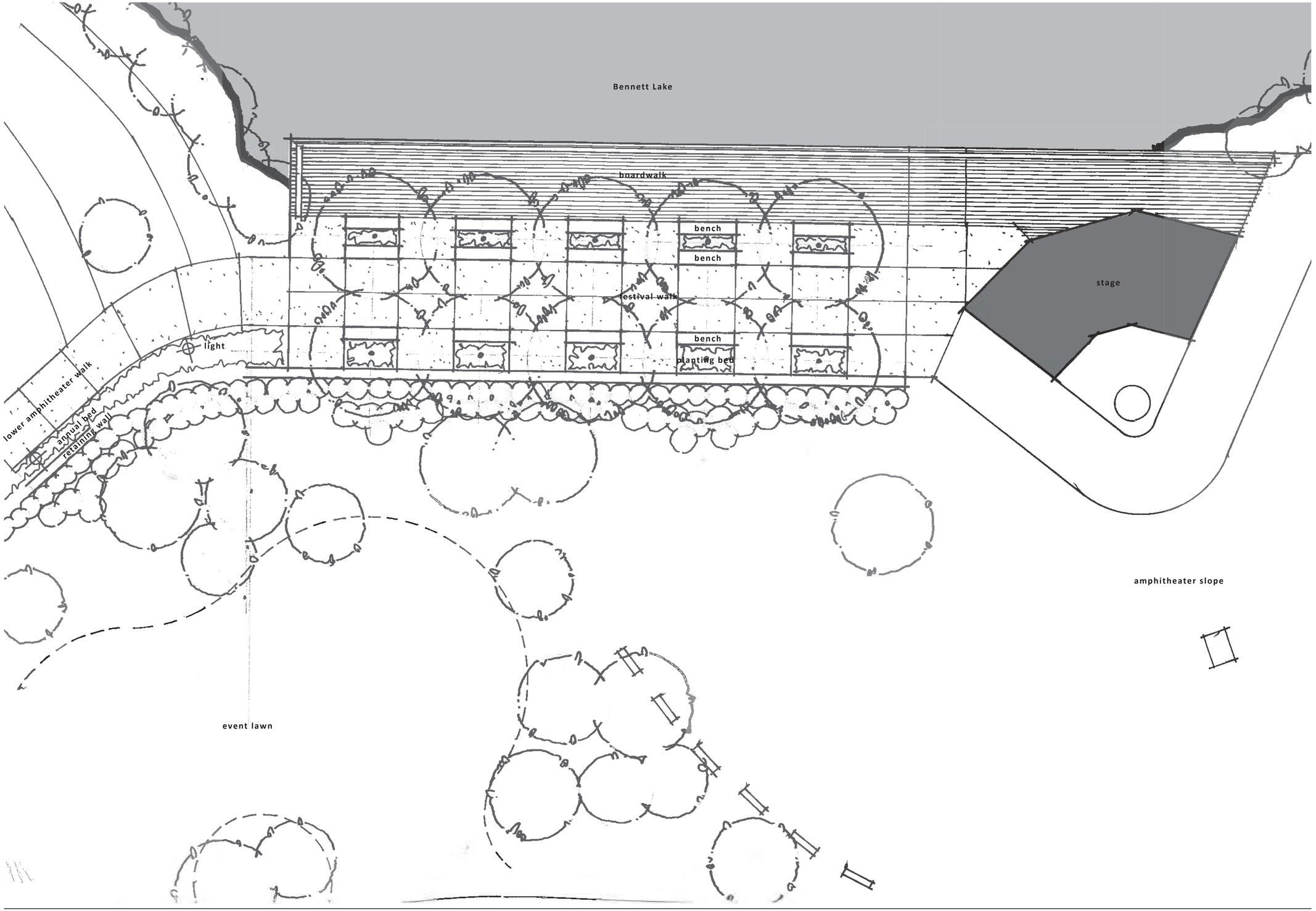

Bennett Lake promenade plan

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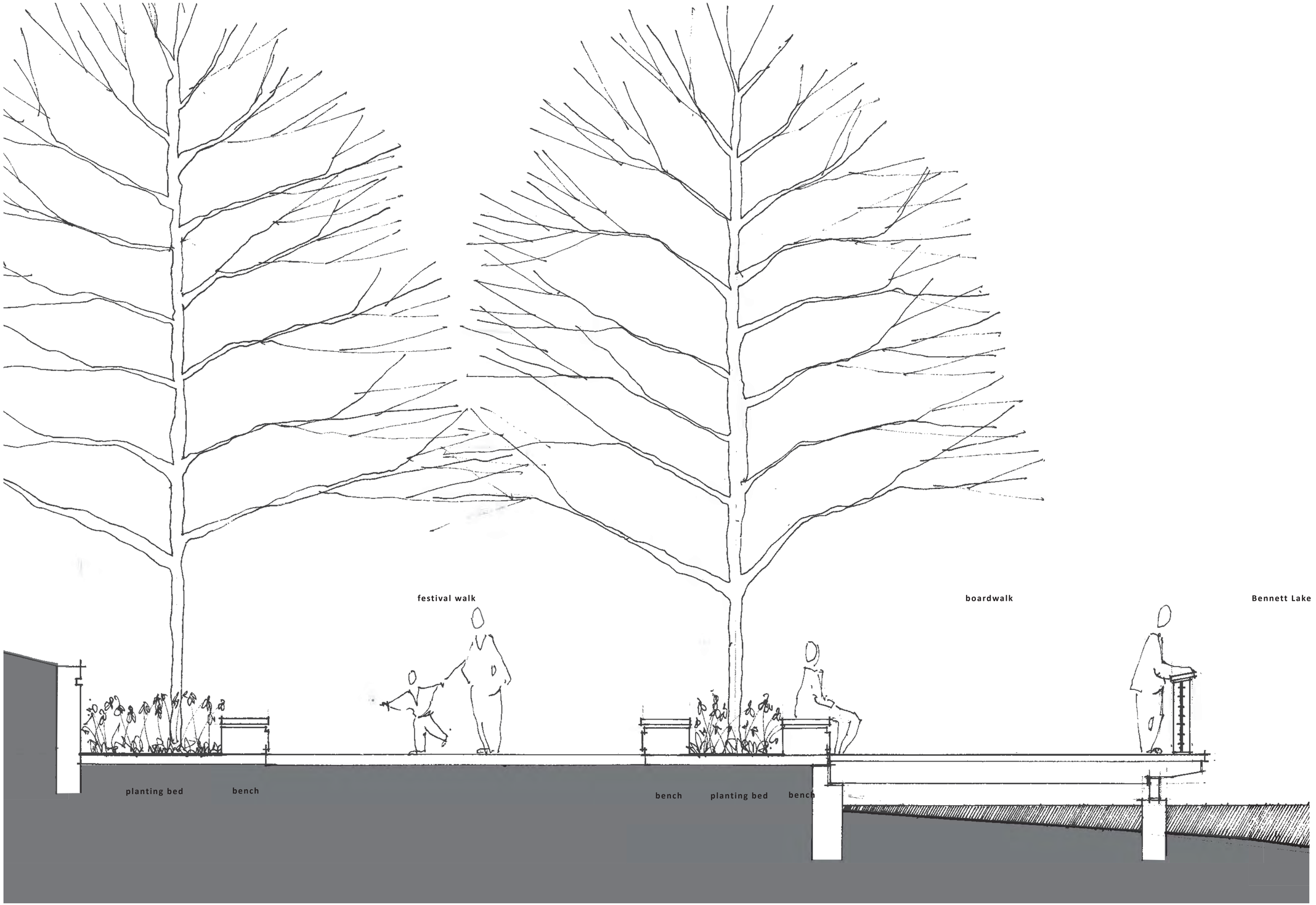

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Langton Lake Park

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Meeting summary

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Exercise One **Issues**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to identify issues related to the playground area or the park in general:

Group A

- Sidewalk dips on far west side near Applewood
- Needs something to shut out the sight of WalMart and the industrial park
- Congested parking lot at soccer fields
- Need better directions to get to parks
- Too many lily pads—everywhere
- No fish—too many geese
- Old soccer frames abandoned
- Buckthorn on eastern side of lake not removed

Group Three

- Presbyterian Homes smoking
- Ice on trails, particularly be east side of ballfields
- Holding ponds are dirty, unmaintained
- Some poison ivy (looks under control now)
- Don't advertise CC ski trail if no one grooms it
- Trail intersection at west end of Lydia would be improved if Lydia section continued toward ballfield (create triangle around trees and garbage can)
- Privacy from industrial area (west border)
- Garbage from industrial area and noise, snow dumping
- Concern about impact of development on south end (privacy)
- Restrooms (lack of)
- Material left by fishing dock (garbage)
- Milfoil, Chinese mystery snails, buckthorn (invasive species), maintaining after removal
- Barb wire/fencing removal

Natural animal habitat
Directions to ball fields (people get to east side)
More parking
West side garbage from industrial-continual
Impact WalMart will have
Remove all barbed wire and fences
Monitoring garbage drop off by fishing dock, by south side (buildings are gone now); hangout for kinds in abandoned warehouses
Maintain buckthorn issue
Reestablish habitat, natural replanting for wildlife habitat (deer, coyote, fox, muskrat, possum, bald eagle)
Portapotty by playground
Playground (sand same problem with) slippery staff, with pebbles on cement
Signage for locations within park so people can find soccer and ball fields
Presbyterian Home "smoking area" by their picnic table, too much garbage
Eastside ball park—ice problem on path, washout areas
Dogs off leash/not picked up after, signage regarding
Inform park users on site because people use it on lunch hours, they drive there, park, and walk more than neighbors use

No group identified

Safety issues, WalMart/retail
Light at Lydia viaduct on west side
Police car making their own roads, tracking mud on trail
For safety can the south end have a locked fence at night
Would be nice to have a shelter area
New playground equipment
Trail only at C2 so cars will not use
C2 bridge boards rotting

Exercise Two **Perfect day**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what would make for a perfect day at the playground and park:

Group A

Need a man-made water fountain, as in Chicago Millennium Park or NYC
Needs a large stone in the circle in the west side of Langton Lake and C2
Fix path so they are in better shape and keep it cleaner
Walk path and not see the industrial area
Being able to kayak and not run into lily pads
Signs saying not to feed the geese
To walk and hear and see signs of nature
To be able to swim in lake
Adequate parking—not in the cul-de-sac or the lawn
Would like picnic area
Would like drinking water area

Would like to place rock on island
Better signs and directions to ballfields

Group 3

No dogs off leash; no dog poop; no garbage
Will be wildlife and birds
Will be beautiful native plant, woodland plants, will not be buckthorn
Clean water
Picnic tables by fishing pier
Portapotty by lacrosse/soccer/ball fields
NO WALMART, not view of WalMart and its parking lot; not heard, no garbage near it
Larger natural barrier encompassing the lake
Protect from public and natural area; buffering zone between parking lots
Security camera at main parking lot
Sunshine
In winter, boardwalk area, snow removed for walkers and stollers
See neighbors and friends
Additional garbage can at south end of trail loop
Signed directions at both C2 cul-de-sac and Lydia/Mildred corner so people can find ballfields
Consider ice rink on lake during winter

No group identified

Encourage natural habitats for wildlife and birds, etc.; the perfect day is spending time along the path watching and listening to the birds
There would be more ducks and less Canadian geese

No group identified

Add picnic tables on a cement base
Adequate litter containers
Adequate benches for parents and small kids

Exercise Three **Park and playground specifics**

As individuals focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what specific park and playground improvements would be desired:

Park improvements

Maintain the path better, lots of clip, west end muddy, could be swept more; more picnic tables in the shade (placed); parking lot seem to be small, people park in the cul-de-sac in "no parking" and on the lawns of Applewood Pointe
Safe footing on paths around the lake
Plant extra trees or build fence to block views of industrial area/WalMart and reduce noise; vigilance re buckthorn removal and maintenance—sloppy job and lots of destruction of other plants; remove/reduce lily pads; create conditions for healthy fish; remove buckthorn on east side of lake
Make buffer between walking path and industry park (west side) and WalMart (south)—plant trees, extend area; put in small beach and swimming area on

lake; try to control lily pads; remove buckthorn on east side of lake; continue stocking sigh and [drainage] for establishing a fishing lake; improve areas on walking path that fill with water and mud and ice
Sidewalks maintained better; lily pads reduced; buckthorn removed from parts that haven't been removed
Restore natural wildlife habitat; buffer from industrial area especially on west side and soon to be WalMart side on south (visual/noise); dead tree removal/cutdown for safety on path; picnic areas by fishing piers
Maintenance of buckthorn, removal long term; reestablish woodland, native species, natural habitat, native habitat, long term maintenance; make park wild animal and bird friendly again; enforce pet leash and poop pickup; clean water in Langton; keep protective barrier of green space around park on all sides especially on south side and west side; establish control over how the south and west abut up against the outside public roads, parking lots, etc.
Privacy from surrounding industrial area; native plantings; clean water; continued work on buckthorn removal; improve washout of path by ballfield and ice in winter
Clean land, no garbage; beautiful—natural plants for wildlife; clean water
Believe it's challenging to control invasive species (buckthorn, milfoil, Chinese mystery snails, so hope monitor effectiveness; encroachment of industrial on west side and development on south side must be managed including reducing visual, noise, and garbage impact; let milkweed and willow group along C2 trail, bridge to reduce loitering geese (reduce droppings on trail)
More lights; stop police from driving over ground since the mud drops on trail; keep the south end of the park trail fenced and locked at night; signs that park closes at night; there will no lake someday due to lily pads and storm sewers draining debris into lake
Additional park land at the south end and west end for a better buffer between the park and WalMart traffic that will come
Maintain security on paved trails; is there a plan for enhanced security once WalMart opens

Ballfields playground improvements

Better signs and directions to find them; dozens of cars find Arthur Place instead of Arthur Street
Adequate parking; parents have good directions for finding fields
Better signs to ballfields; more parking for people
Safety on equipment and on sidewalk; portapotty; better signage for how to get there from other parts of park
Signage; bathrooms, but kept clean; new ground covering
Toilet
Signage at other areas of the park providing directions to ballfields; portapotty, restrooms by ballfield; more picnic tables for games
The playground equipment currently there is wonderful; more swings
Walking path around big park ballfield (for walkers, scooters, trikes within the park)
Access from Applewood Point to Langton trails via a paved walkway; add

lighting where trails meet on west side of Lydia causeway

C2 playground improvements

Make sure the equipment is in safe condition for the children
Tables, benches, shade
Some picnic tables for people to use
Replaced; portapotty
New equipment
Add, but keep limited in size; include swings this time
Park equipment, bench replaced; picnic table at swings
Play equipment! geared to small kids, the old one was great, climbing, slide, house-like area 2 story for “pretend;” three to four tables on concrete
Add picnic table; add a bench each on a cement base

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Scheduled improvements

Improvements	Description	Budget	Construction timing	
			Start	*Complete*
Ballfields playground	new playground equipment, surface, edging	$125,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
C2 playground	new playground equipment, surface, edging	$75,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
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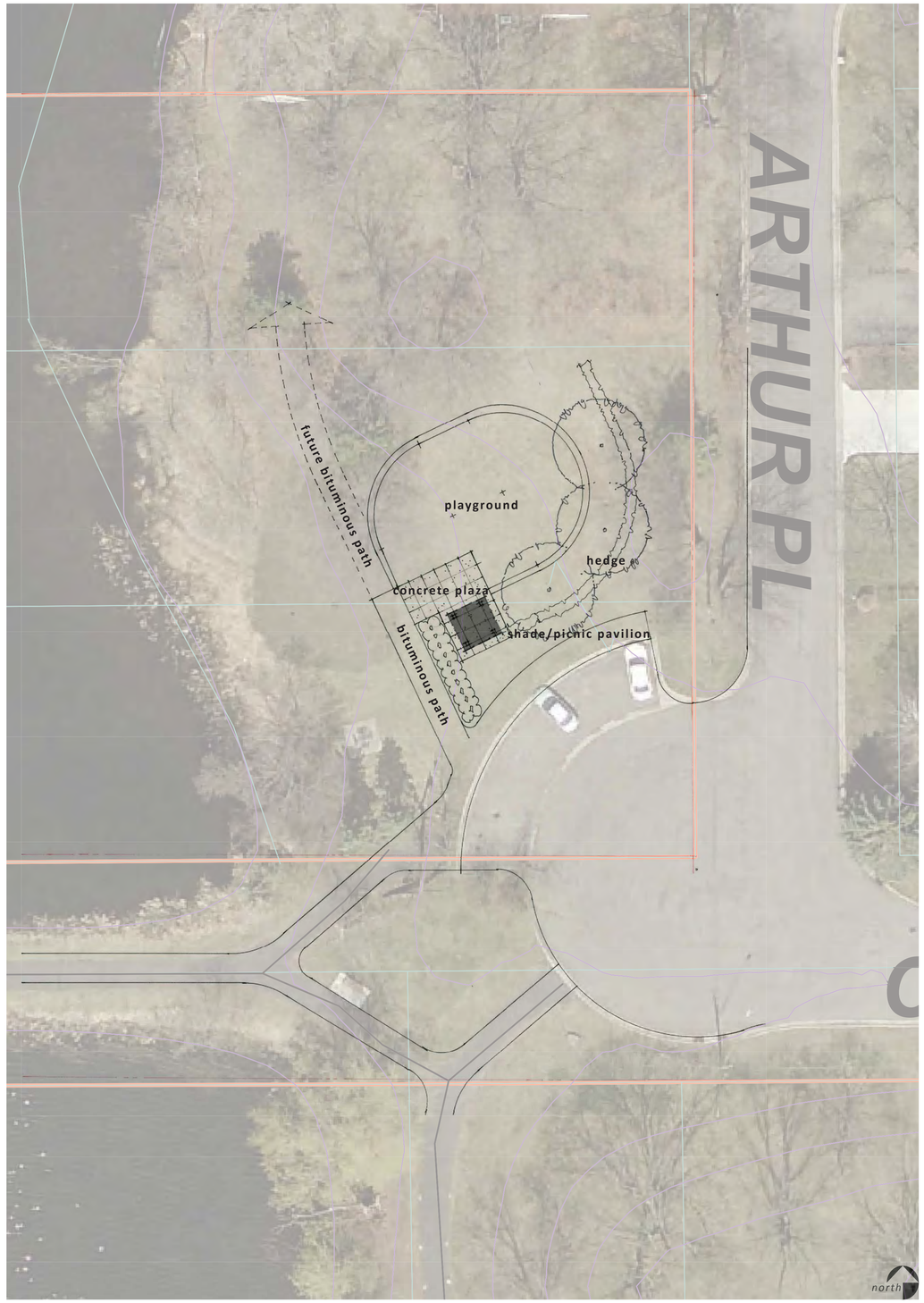

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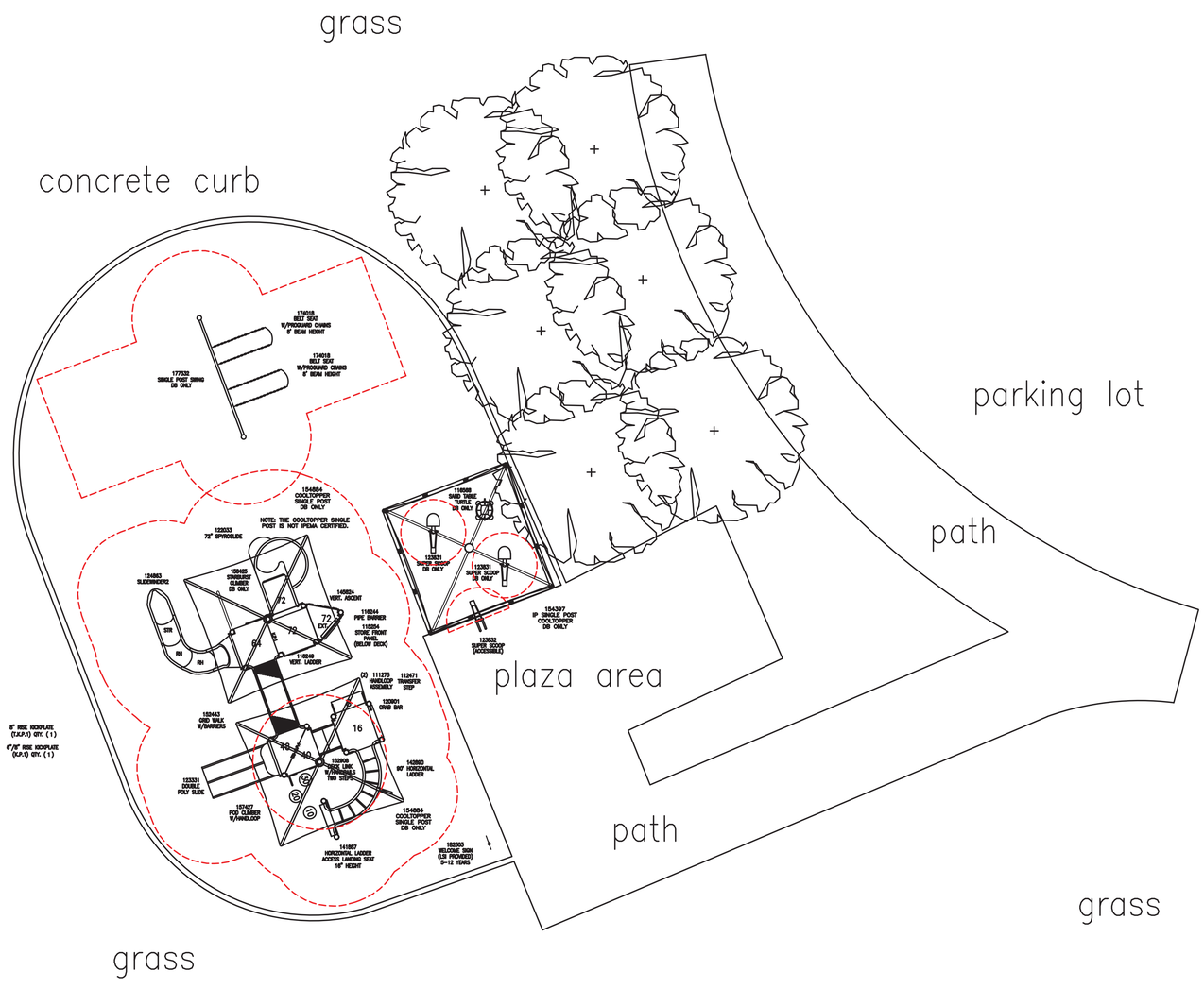

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Langton Lake– C2

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SYSTEM TYPE: Playbooster

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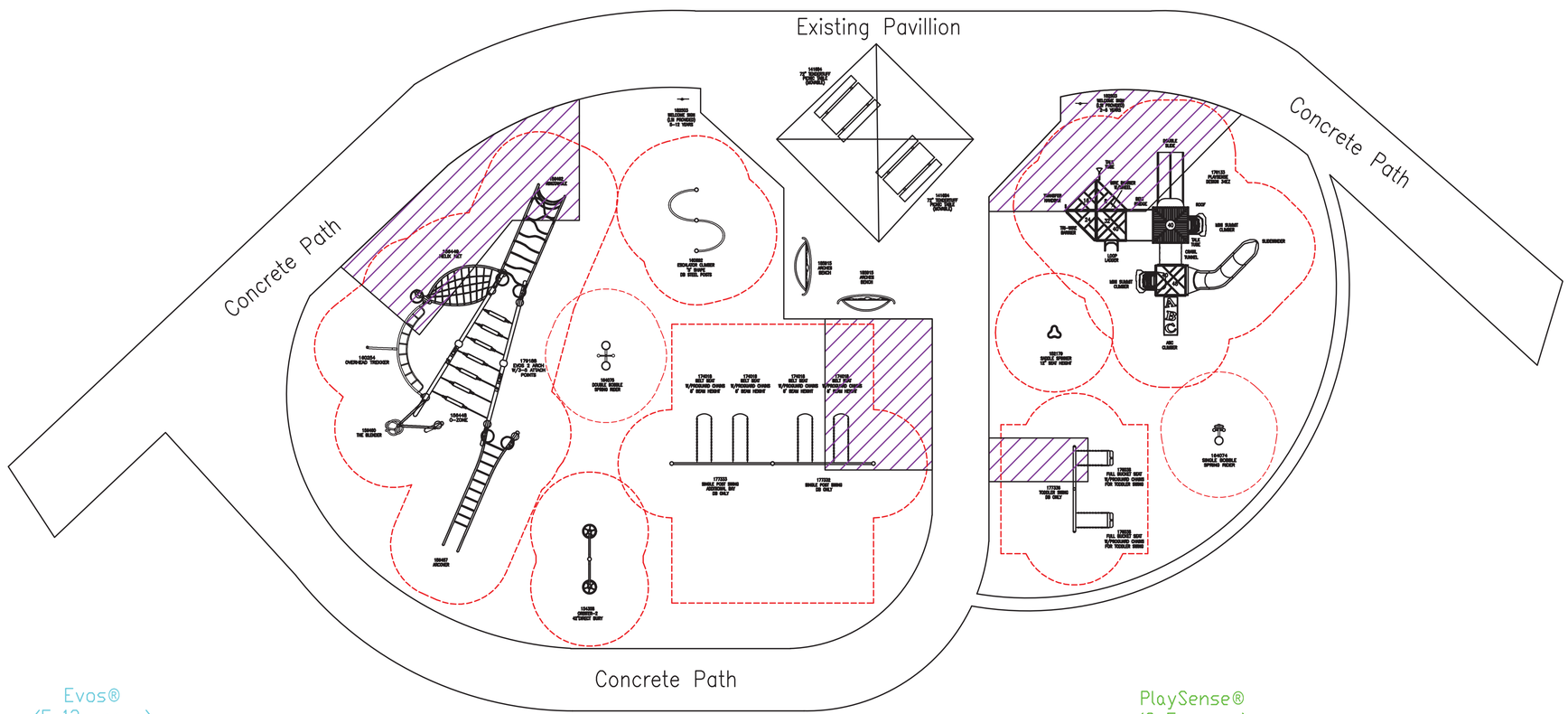

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(2-5 years)

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Langton Lake– Ballfield

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Tree trim/weed control
Survey park boundaries
Parking—bump out on one side only, parking—unsafe on both sides
Passive space is unusable
Shelter is too far from ice rink
Lighting is annoying—light pollution
ADA accessibility/strollers, need a curb cut
Shelter is outdated
Weeds
Outhouse is unsightly/half brick wall, need all summer
Water fountain—none
Adults: lawn swings or horseshoes/bocce ball
There are playgrounds that are for elderly and children—so adults exercise also

Exercise Two **Perfect day**

As a group focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what would make for a perfect day at the playground and park:

Curb cut Farrington and Millwood and near pavilion—handicapped and baby strollers
Used all day—summer puppet wagon, daycare, little league
Dogs on leash
Playing on playground
Cars not parked on both sides
Water fountain

Exercise Three **Park and playground specifics**

As individuals focused on a park, participants were asked to share their thoughts about what specific park and playground improvements would be desired:

Park improvements
- Local use all day
- Adult benches/swings
- Improved greenery
- More trash cans
- Signery for dogs
- Drainage
- Lighting facing park
- Youth programming
- Puppet wagon
- Portapotty
- Wheelchair accessible
- Weed control and treatment
- Handicap/stroller accessibility
- Improved parking options
- Change lighting—shine on park instead of neighbors yards
- Signage regarding city ordinance—dogs on leash, clean up after your pet
- Better weed control
- Better tree trimming
- Improved parking—ramp off Matilda for strollers/wheelchairs
- Lighting shining on the park instead of neighbors yards
- Safe playground equipment/handicap accessible
- Increased garbage receptacles
- Signage regarding city ordinance—dogs on leash, clean up after your pet
- Accessibility
- Parking
- Replace weeds with grass where rink is located (in winter)
- Replace fallen trees
- Pathways—to shelter/playground, to ballfield, could be cinder (inexpensive) such as track at Middle School, really helps with strollers
- On northwest corner, show where to walk; appears to be private property
- Sign addressing leash rules for dogs—more dogs are let loose while owners watch; dogs exit onto private property occasionally
- Even if nothing is done, still a nice park
- Some off street parking for little league or only one side parking
- For adults also—maybe horseshoe pits in sw corner
- Shelter improved—upgraded—same since 1960
- Survey park boundaries

Playground improvements
- Safe equipment
- Water fountain

Move skating rink
Improve shelter
Parking (cut-ins)
Bocce ball
Add horseshoes
Adult swings/benches
Handicap accessible
Accessibility—handicap, all ages, safety
Shelter—upgrade, add water fountain, three season/add wall or partial wall
Handicap accessible
Adult swing
Increased seating around playground
Water fountain in shelter
Accessibility/safety/seating
Use for all ages
Shelter—upgrade, water fountain, three season use
Children enjoyed old bus jungle gym
Adult chairs/swings—make it unique
Attention to slides not being in sun—get very hot—unless there is a material that does not get hot
Need curb cuts so wheelchair/stroller accessible
Outhouse/half brick wall all summer

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Playground	new playground equipment, surface, edging	$75,000	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
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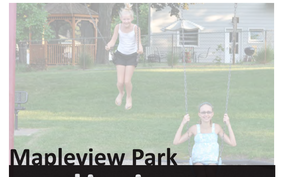

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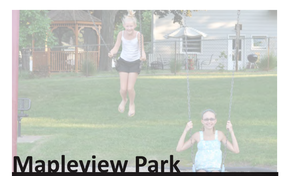

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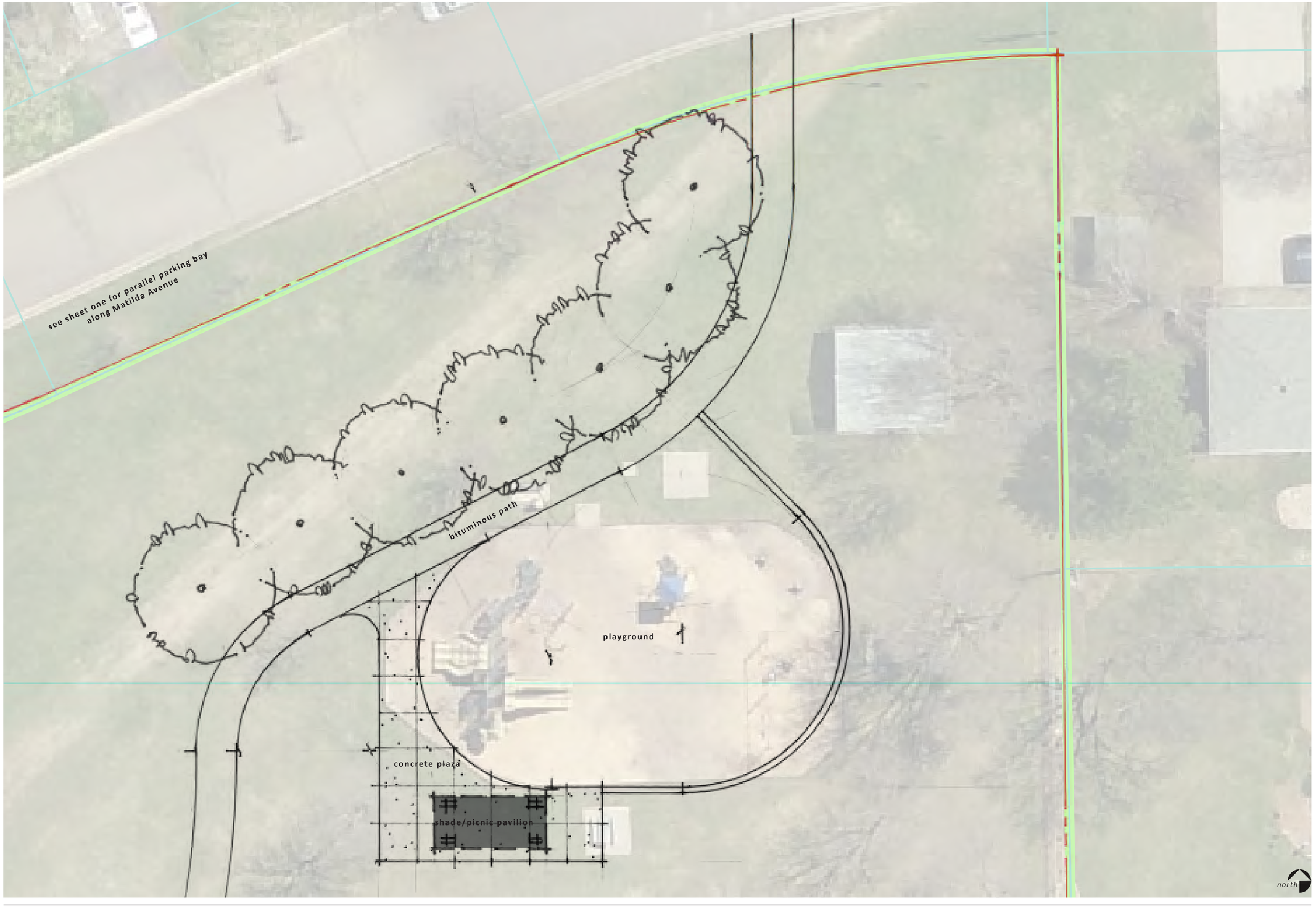

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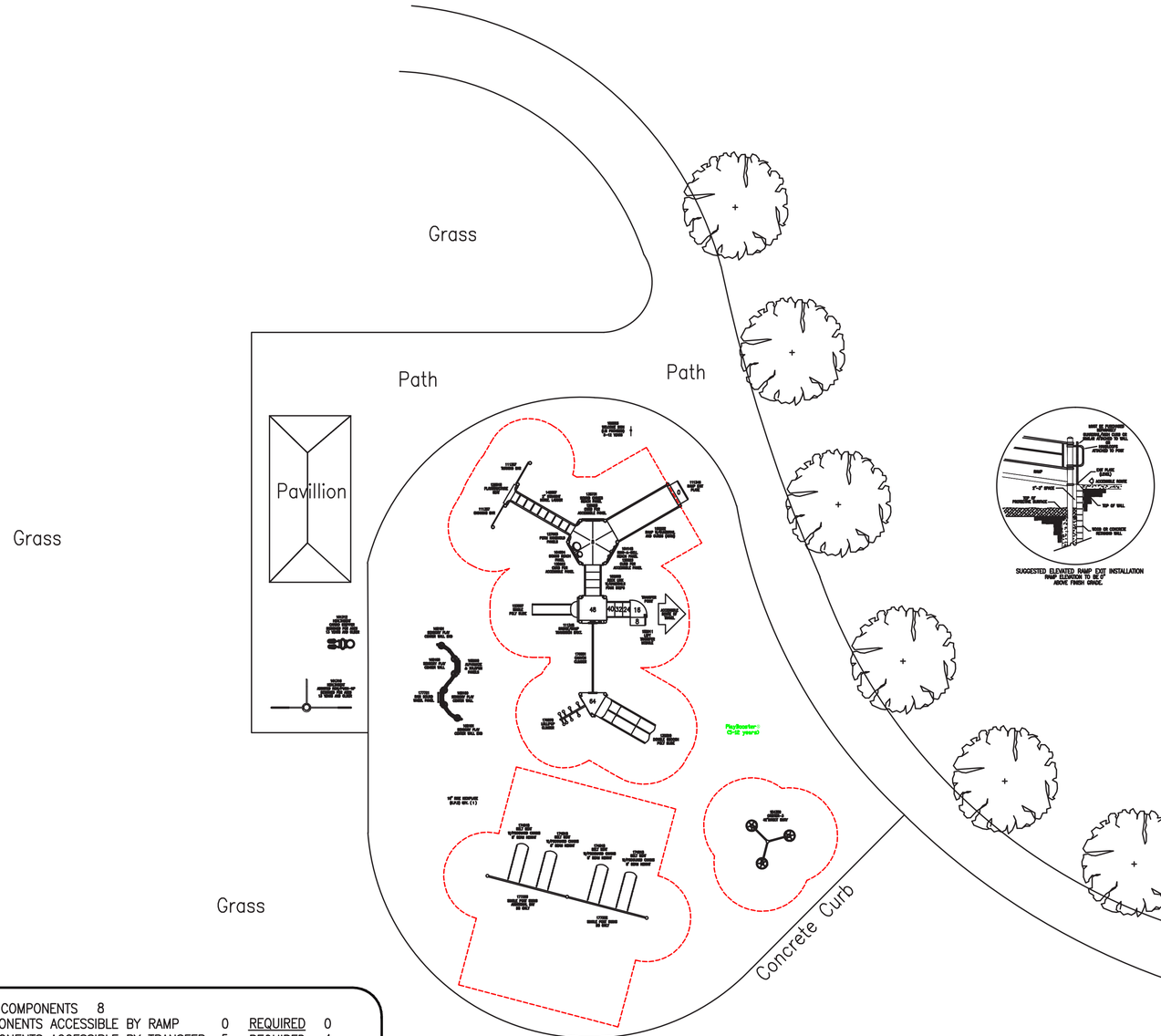

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CHOOSE A PROTECTIVE SURFACING MATERIAL THAT HAS A CRITICAL HEIGHT VALUE TO MEET THE MAXIMUM FALL HEIGHT FOR THE EQUIPMENT (REF. ASTM F1487 STANDARD CONSUMER SAFETY PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC USE, SECTION 8 CURRENT REVISION).

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Date	Previous Drawing #	Initials

TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS	8	
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0	REQUIRED 0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	5	REQUIRED 4
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	11	REQUIRED 3
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	6	REQUIRED 6

SCALE IN FEET: 0' 5' 10' 20' 40'

Mapleview Park

Flagship Recreation
Chris DesRoches

SYSTEM TYPE:
PlayBooster

DRAWING #:
68914–1–1

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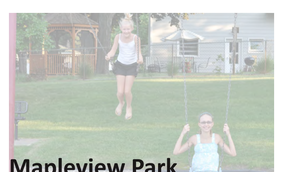

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Pocahontas Park

Implementation Planning Session One

16 May 2013
10 Attendees Signed In

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Pocahontas Park, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

Exercise One Issues

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at Pocahontas Park. Responses included:

No parking; Pascal Street needs no parking signs because it's hard to see parked cars especially in front of playground

Speed of traffic on Pascal Street and ignoring stop signs

No path exists to the playground

It's a neighborhood park—people should be walking to it

The park is hidden—a hidden gem—no one knows about it so it's not getting used

No walkways, no paths, no path from senior housing

Equipment is getting old, but the merry-go-round should be retained

There's no shade

No water bags on new trees; no apparent plan to the planting that has been done

Tennis courts are in good condition; no spalling

There is not enough good seating in the park; what is there is not comfortable; there are not enough picnic tables

What is going to happen to the nursery? (in the neighborhood)

Lighting has to be turned on

Road and sidewalk intersections are dangerous

Pascal Street is the straight street out to County Road B2, so people drive fast on that street

Walking along Pascal Street is dangerous

There are only a few games where parking is an issue

Only a few parking spaces are really needed

There are no center straps on the tennis court nets—they should not be removable

Exercise Two Comparing directions/Ideas

Work session participants compared and assessed concept plans that would orient the park to neighborhood or community use. As a preface to this exercise, it was noted that defining a community focus for the park was difficult for the same reasons of disconnectedness noted by residents.

Exercise Three was integrated into this exercise as a natural course of the discussion. Responses included:

Component, activity, or idea
The park gets lots of walkers from Waters Edge; a crosswalk is needed at County Road B2 and Pascal Street.
Programming and notification of events at the park, perhaps online ("tennis group meeting at 10:00 am at Pocahontas").
Sign with trail map and connections—wayfinding improvements.
Play structure needs more play equipment.
Get rid of wood as fall material in the playground.
The best chairs at the ones at New Brighton City Hall Park.
Make the park more of a picnic spot for the neighborhood, but make sure there are enough trash containers.
Schedule a park clean-up day.
Create a right-sized open play field; kids don't go to the park—there are no kids in the neighborhood—except there are six new families on Brooks and lots of houses that are turning over.
Provide earlier notification of the schedule for the puppet wagon.
Create the path connections to the path and overlook.
Create a walkway around the senior housing (Rose Point).
Keep the courts where they are—too steep to move them to the hill.
Pavilion near the playground would be good; one near the tennis courts would also be a good idea.
Keep the hill open for sliding.
Create walking loop through the park.
City should buy the nursery and turn it into a wetland—development brings too much traffic.
Rose Point has gardens for its residents; don't need community gardens and it's too far to carry tools.

Pocahontas Park

Roseville, Minnesota

sheet one	**overall park improvements**
sheet two	**playground area improvements**
sheet three	**[not used]**
sheet four	**[not used]**
sheet five	**[not used]**
sheet six	**[not used]**
sheet seven	**[not used]**
sheet eight	**[not used]**

Scheduled improvements

Improvements	Description	Budget	Construction timing	
			Start	*Complete*
Court improvements	Surface, fencing, lighting	$150,000	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
General park improvements	Turf improvements, site furnishings	$75,000	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
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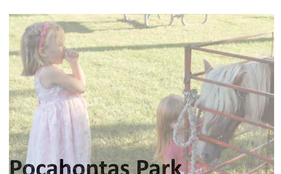

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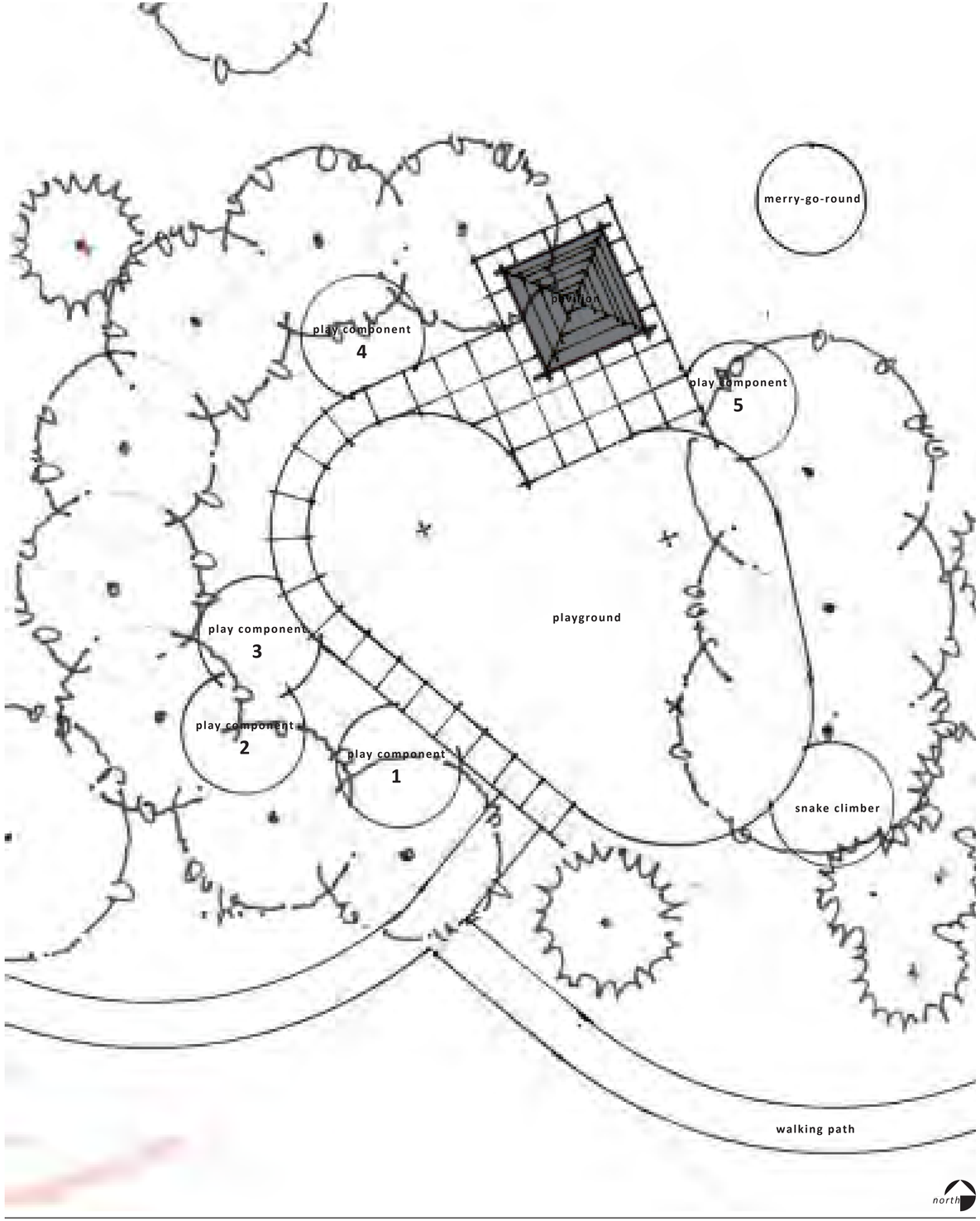

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“retro” play components

no scale

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Howard Johnson Park

Community Build Sign-up

Through the 2013 Roseville Park and Recreation Renewal Program the playground at Howard Johnson Park is planned to be replaced.

As part of this replacement there is an opportunity for the neighbors and friends of Howard Johnson Park to build the new playground as part of a "community build". The build will be lead by trained supervisors but we need you to dig, wrench, drill, lift, organize and BUILD the new playground!

For the community build to occur we will need a commitment, in terms of time, tools and planning. If you are ready to help please provide your information below and we will provide you more details as the day approaches.

If we are able to get enough volunteers and support for the community build the money allocated towards the installation can be re-allocated back into more playground equipment, benches, shade, etc. The average savings of a community build are between 10-15% of the total cost of the playground.

Community Build Date: **Fall of 2014**
Number of Volunteers needed: **6 shifts (over 2 days) of 15-20 people each**
Time Commitment: **One 4 hour shift on a Saturday or Sunday**
Tools needed: **Drills, wheelbarrows, shovels, post hole diggers, ratchets**

Name	***Phone #***	***Email***

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that the commercial railroad does not want to give up any right-of-way at this time; and encouraged the group, with the assistance of Commissioner McGuire, to pursue a broader area for this transportation corridor beyond that of the railroad's rights-of-way. Commissioner McGuire concurred, and advised that she would further research it and attempt to get the group reinvigorated accordingly.

Commissioner McGuire noted her attendance, along with Mayor Roe, at the recent federally-funded FEMA training for Ramsey County and all communities within the county; opining that it had been a great investment of time. Mayor Roe concurred, noting that it put county-wide and community preliminary emergency plans to the test, through a mock disaster enactment with a tornado at the Minnesota State Fair and in Maplewood and White Bear Lake, finding areas that worked well and others needing improvement.

Mayor Roe thanked Commissioner McGuire for her attendance and information; and Commissioner McGuire asked that everyone keep in touch with any issues or concerns for which she could provide assistance.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:44 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 6:49 p.m.

b. Joint Meeting with Parks & Recreation Commission

Those present from the Parks & Recreation Commission included: Chair Dave Holt; Mary Holt; Lee Diedrick; Randall Doneen; Phillip Gelbach; Jerry Stoner; and Erin Azer.

Chair Holt provided an overview of tonight's joint meeting agenda, as detailed in the RCA dated June 10, 2013, and related attachments; with each commissioner reporting on those various components as listed.

Commissioner Gelbach reviewed those seven (7) goals established for 2013, and activities accomplished to-date by the group, with five (5) completed to-date, and the remainder available tonight for discussion and further direction from the City Council. Those two (2) remaining goals included: pursuit of a local option sales tax and pursuit of a community center.

Regarding a community center, Councilmember Willmus advised that Parks & Recreation Director Brokke had a wealth of information over the last 20-25 years on past discussions. Councilmember Willmus noted that the discussions always get started, and end up at the same roadblock related to finances for construction and/or operation. Councilmember Willmus opined that the Commission could play a vital role in the planning and implementation process by seeking input on what level of funding and expectations there were from the community; and then to link those two components together, in addition to the background information he previously referenced.

Councilmember McGehee urged the Commission, if it chose to go forward, to seriously consider the location, noting the lack of any park amenities in the SW portion of Roseville. Councilmember McGehee noted her past support in moving forward with a referendum for a community center that would incorporate the interests of all residents, rather than starting with individual park buildings in specific parks, all of which were located other than in the SW portion of the City. While still supportive of a referendum for a community center, Councilmember McGehee expressed her disappointment in not having offered something for the entire community versus specific parks.

Councilmember Etten opined that he felt it was very important to pursue a local option sales tax, since there were a number of users of the Roseville park system, as well as the City's infrastructure system and businesses, beyond Roseville residents, providing an interconnection and regionality of the park system. Councilmember Etten opined that this helped to make the system and the City of Roseville unique from most other suburbs not serving the regional community, and opined that it was logical for the City to move forward with a request to the State Legislature; and would also serve as obvious way to fund a community center. Councilmember Etten further opined that it would provide a great tool without putting the burden only on local property owners; and encouraged a proactive approach in accomplishing this goal.

Councilmember Laliberte stated that she had yet to make up her mind on either item. On the topic of a community center, Councilmember Laliberte stated that it was reassuring to know there was a history available for review; however, she suggested that there were also lessons to learn from other communities and their community centers, those that had proven successful and those efforts that had not achieved success in funding yearly operations. Councilmember Laliberte requested any future information and discussion include that background information and research as well. Regarding the local option sales tax, Councilmember Laliberte noted that, even though this would broaden the tax burden, it would still put that additional burden on Roseville property owners and residents, which she found not amenable, when looking at the additional burden already placed on them with the Park Renewal Bonds.

Councilmember Etten suggested that the local option sales tax could serve to cover some of the City's CIP items and provide a wonderful tool for the overall community.

Regarding the local option sales tax, Mayor Roe questioned if this was intended to be specific to the Parks & Recreation Department needs, or for broader City issues (e.g. public safety services also taxed by regional traffic). Mayor Roe advised that current State Statute required the tax to be tied to regional, capital needs. Mayor Roe noted that one option would be to lobby the State Legislature to change the statute, which he was supportive of doing, providing greater oppor-

tunities for the City of Roseville and other communities. However, Mayor Roe noted that this was not going to happen overnight, due to state representation and interests from outstate Minnesota. In order to move ahead under current Statute, Mayor Roe noted that the voters should understand what is involved and how it will affect local residents, then possibly tying it into a community center discussion. If a local option sales tax was used to fund a community center in part and requiring voter approval, Mayor Roe noted that it was important that education of Roseville residents was handled well, using an effort similar to the Parks Master Plan and Parks Renewal Program models.

Councilmember Willmus noted that the Parks Master Plan had included information gathering from the community pertaining to a community center; and should be included with other data. Councilmember Willmus concurred that outreach and getting the public involved at the earliest opportunity was vital.

Mayor Roe expressed concern with proceeding too soon with the local option sales tax or community center proposed for those two (2) projects in 2014, noting that impacts to local taxpayers for CIP increased funding and the bond issue had not been fully realized, but would be coming on line in 2014. Mayor Roe advised that he was concerned with the impacts of doing too many things too fast.. Mayor Roe noted that, while a community center has been under discussion for several decades, the Fairview Community Center was and had been serving the community in a limited capacity for years, through the efforts of the School District and City. While not necessarily the same vision talked about in the Parks Master Plan, Mayor Roe noted that those discussions initiated with the Master Plan process provided a good starting point; however, emphasized the need for community buy-in and the ability to express their points of view as vital.

As a big supporter of sustainability, Councilmember McGehee focused discussion on maintenance issues, noting that if the community wanted to be in a position of sustainability by 2020, it would require $1.4 million annually even before any additional park improvements were put in place. Councilmember McGehee referenced discussions later this evening on levy limits imposed by the legislature for 2014; and even with the $315,000 set aside by the City Council last year for CIP needs, the City would not be able to meet the current annual needs, without any other facilities or structures coming on line. While having historically talked about a community center and recognizing the value the community places on its park system, Councilmember McGehee noted that the City had not historically funded those assets, creating the need for the recent $19 million bond issue to fund them; but having no program in place going forward with any solid based funding for those current or the proposed buildings. While continuing to hear the opinion that a local option sales tax will get the City out of its current “mess,” Councilmember McGehee opined that there were many legislative issues needing to be addressed, and many sides not yet fully researched, including other commu-

nities building up their own retail centers, creating additional competition for Roseville's retail community.

Mayor Roe noted that the Council consensus providing direction to the Commission was to continue looking at the possibility of a community center; however, noting the need for considerable homework yet to be accomplished; and recognizing that moving forward immediately may not be feasible.

Specific to the comments of Councilmember McGehee, Chair Holt recognized the ongoing struggle, specific to the Park Improvement Program (PIP) and lack of funding over the years; and asked that the City Council take that into consideration as they developed future budgets, to reinstate and continue funding of the PIP to prevent any further deferred and more costly maintenance issues.

Commissioner Azer provided a synopsis for the potential of a Park Board (Attachment B) crediting the report researched and prepared by Commissioners Nolan Wall and Gregg Simbeck, who were unfortunately unavailable to attend tonight. Commissioner Azer noted that the report provide the pros and cons between Parks & Recreation Commission and a Park Board, advising that the Commission sought direction from the City Council.

Councilmember Etten expressed appreciation for this report, as well as all materials being presented tonight by the Commission, including providing the negatives and positives of issues. Councilmember Etten advised that he was still undecided about a Commission versus Park Board, including questioning the willingness of people to put in the extra time required, if using the Maple Grove model as an example. Councilmember Etten stated that another concern of his was making sure a Park Board wouldn't get in the way of day-to-day functions and operations of the Parks & Recreation Department and noted the need for clear job definitions and how department served the community.

Councilmember Willmus echoed thanks to the Commission for their reports; and regarding a Commission versus Board, opined that a Board would provide increased fiscal transparency for the community.

Commissioner Azer opined that her main concern was that she thought this Commission of incredibly dedicated and hard working members, already did the work of a Park Board. If additional authority was added with a Board, Commissioner Azer opined that things would change; and suggested that Commissioner Nolan's rationale for more transparency was based on the City Council and Park Board making decisions, allowing for more awareness of activities.

Commissioner Doneen noted that fiscal transparency would include the City Council providing a lump sum with a Park Board allocating those funds. When

funds were mixed with the overall City budget, Commissioner Doneen opined that they were more difficult for the public to track.

At the request of Councilmember Willmus, Councilmember Etten clarified his concerns along legal lines and functions, authority, property acquisition and how much responsibility is held by a Park Board versus the City Council. However, Councilmember Etten stated that he found the information contained in the report had alleviated some of his concerns versus his original concerns when the issue first came up for discussion with three (3) available options.

Councilmember Willmus expressed his interest in continuing to explore the option of Park Board; and suggested that it would be beneficial for Commissioners Nolan and Simbeck present during that continued discussion.

Mayor Roe noted that this discussion was very preliminary and only a portion of items being covered in this meeting.

Further discussion included the City of Minneapolis Park Board model; current State Statute language and any potential legislative revisions beyond City ordinance; how this fit with the Commission Subcommittee work being done by Councilmembers Laliberte and McGehee; clarification (line 110 of the report) that the City Council had apparently at one time directed investigation of a Park Board versus Commission. Additional discussion ensued regarding current shared responsibility, personnel and equipment, for trails and pathways and natural resource management between the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments, and whether separating those areas could lead to additional expenses.

Councilmember Willmus spoke in support of a more detailed future discussion; opining that this had become a large scale community issue based on the City not taking care of its assets; and opined that if there had been Park Board, he didn't think the issue would have been deferred for so long, and would have provided greater oversight and accountability for those assets, proving more beneficial for the community.

Councilmember McGehee opined that she would have an issue with the Mayor making appointments to a Park Board versus selection by the full City Council, since the Board would have taxing authority.

Mayor Roe and Councilmember Willmus clarified that a Park Board functioned similar to the City's HRA, with appointments selected by the Mayor and ratified by the full body; and approval by the body of an annual budget.

Councilmember Laliberte opined that she had not initially been inclined to favor a Park Board; however, the information provided was good and needed her further review.

Mayor Roe opined that he remained skeptical at this point; however, suggested that he could be swayed. Mayor Roe expressed concern with park operations being integral in the City organization, would they become too independent; as well as separating a huge taxing authority losing integration with overall City operations. Mayor Roe noted that, while, similar to the HRA levy, a Park Board levy may not be separate on property tax statements, the current Ramsey County statement lumped all taxing districts together and did not provide that separation. Mayor Roe suggested there may be a way to accomplish that; however, he also recognized that the levy would remain part of the City levy, simply managed outside of the direct control of the City Manager. Mayor Roe suggested that there may be different models that would provide additional information; and opined that he needed to have a better understanding before coming to a clear decision.

At the request of Councilmember Willmus, Mayor Roe confirmed that he was curious enough to bring the issue back for more informal discussion by staff and the City Council.

At the opportunity for further discussion, Councilmember Laliberte suggested further consideration of areas available under the City Council and staff's responsibility and under the current Commission model that would provide the same level of transparency versus creation of a separate organization.

Mayor Roe concurred with that point.
Councilmember McGehee expressed her willingness to have further discussions.

Commissioner Azer referenced interaction and interconnection among departments in lines 153-155 of the report based on the Maple Grove model and clarified that the intent in a Park Board was not in recreating the Commission, but simply retooling and reorganizing current efforts.

Councilmember Laliberte expressed her appreciation of the Commission, opining that they "set the bar" for other advisory commissions.

Mayor Roe noted that Council consensus was to continue this discussion with more details and specifics in the future.

Regarding a volunteer coordinator position, the Commission's research was provided in Attachment C; with the Commission making a strong recommendation for the City Council's wholehearted support, as outlined by Commissioners

Councilmember Willmus concurred with their recommendation.

Councilmember Laliberte noted that the City Council, during budget discussions, had discussed such a position, and whether the position fell into more than one ar-

ea of the City operations. Councilmember Laliberte stated that the ability to combine and share functions across all departments provided a more favorable option in her opinion. Councilmember Laliberte noted that this fell into other reorganization efforts (e.g. communications) to free employees for other roles and find efficiencies within the organization rather than funding an additional position in the overall effort to make things happen.

Councilmember McGehee concurred that a volunteer coordinator was needed; however, she also questioned if the position was specific to the needs of the Parks & Recreation Department. In discussions related to community outreach and civic engagement, Councilmember McGehee expressed interest in having a volunteer coordinator manage the volunteer resources for the City, encouraging the community to volunteer in a variety of ways.

Commission Holt advised that, in their research, the models used all started with a Parks & Recreation-focused group, and then expanded further. Commissioner Holt advised that the Parks & Recreation Commission had projects already defined and outlined, and would be the obvious place to start.

Councilmember McGehee concurred with the comments and proposals outlined by Councilmember Laliberte for city-wide volunteer coordination.

At the request of Councilmember Willmus, Parks & Recreation Director Brokke provided a comparison of FTE's in the Parks & Recreation Department now, at approximately 24.5 compared with several years ago at 27.5 and a total of 29 FTE within the last twenty (20) years, with that reduction occurring while increasing facilities and programs.

In researching with the Ramsey County Library Volunteer Coordinator, Commissioner Diedrick noted their suggestion that one group be started initially to provide a good, sound footing, such as with a pilot program first.

Commissioner Gelbach noted that the Commission did not disagree that everyone needed a volunteer coordinator, he noted that the Parks & Recreation Department had approximately 2,700 volunteers today, and anticipated growth; and further noted that this area was already in place with systems and a process to begin the most effectively. Commissioner Gelbach opined that it provided a starting point, and could be expanded if and when other departments indicated a need, if could be expanded without waiting another year to hash out other needs.

Councilmember Willmus noted his viewing of the presentation at last weeks' Commission meeting; and opined that if it was going to be implemented, it would be prudent to start in parks, given the thousands of people annually utilized by the Department throughout the community. Councilmember Willmus further opined that by having an extra person helping in that area it would save money for the

City in the long-run; and would be worth exploring. Councilmember Willmus noted that the Department had been looking at the possibility for a number of years, and opined that the timing was right and encouraged the City Council to look in that direction.

Councilmember Laliberte agreed with a pilot program to prove it worked before other areas were brought in; and if the Commission already had bodies and projects, it only made sense. However, Councilmember Laliberte expressed her preference that this conversation continue and determine if a current staff person could be freed up from work they're currently doing, such as through reorganization of various departments.

Chair Holt opined that the City's current Parks & Recreation staff was already very short-handed; and they were seeing the need for an additional body.

Councilmember Laliberte reiterated that her intent was to shift some of the work or responsibilities out of an existing position.

Mayor Roe opined that there was no question that volunteer coordination was already taxing existing staff, but if there was an opportunity to gain efficiency and refocus duties, it may still be necessary to add another person. Mayor Roe reiterated that this was part of the ongoing budget discussion and process, to provide volunteer coordination, sustainable maintenance of facilities and equipment, and other components, all entering into the big picture.

Chair Holt expressed the Commission's desire that the City Council also look at the efficiencies to be realized by bringing another person in that would recruit additional volunteers.

Councilmember McGehee concurred with Mayor Roe's comments about sustainability and budget constraints; noting that the City had just found out about the levy limits imposed at the end of the legislative session; with mandates and contractual obligations already in place, and no money available. Councilmember McGehee opined that it only made sense for the City to look at more efficiency and centralize functions to free up its currently overworked staff. While recognizing that the City was certainly not overstaffed, Councilmember McGehee also recognized the need to have the money to pay staff.

Mayor Roe suggested another option, while clarifying that he was not advocating for it, would be for the volunteer coordinator position to be funded by its user groups, and if that required an increase on user fees (e.g. 1%) to accomplish that, it may be worth discussion. Mayor Roe advised that it was not his intent to suggest a huge fee increase on its user groups, but it may be part of the creativity needed.

Councilmember Laliberte again expressed her appreciation of the Commission's very helpful report.

Chair Holt recognized the numerous issues the City Council needed to consider; however, he opined that there came a point where no more further efficiencies could be found. Chair Holt noted that a significant way the City saved money was through utilizing its volunteer pool and their efforts; and a coordinator could provide additional gain for the city beyond the focus of cost of the position. Chair Holt opined that he was of the firm belief that the position would actually be cost-neutral or save the City money in the long-run; and asked that the City Council change their thinking along those lines, and encouraged their efforts for that consideration proving very beneficial overall.

Commissioner Doneen, in the Commission's role as the City's Tree Board, provided a report on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in Roseville, referencing the original Management Plan providing five (5) options, and the one-time set-aside of $100,000 in funding for potential infestation, now being realized. Commissioner Doneen reviewed various options in how aggressive the City chose to be related to removal and replanting, and asked for their consideration during budget deliberations, and how it fit with other natural resource management priorities as well. Commissioner Doneen opined that this infestation would make a huge impact in many areas of the community and its entire eco-system, with funding and proactive measures needing to be reviewed and updated.

At the request of Mayor Roe, Commissioner Doneen clarified that the Commission was currently focused on boulevard and City property, but not targeting forested areas of parks, but those in the city-wide public property tree inventory for those that could be mowed around for diversity planting, with no focus to-date on private property. Commissioner Doneen advised that he was advocating initiating a diverse replanting now by identifying areas through use of the tree inventory.

Discussion included an historical review of other communities having had an infestation and whether there had been a recurrence; 25% of the City's current trees of the Ash species; treatment versus removal; special consideration of the City's Golf Course with substantial Ash trees; treatment strategies being a delaying tactic, not a cure; and the Commission's search for any available grant funding to help lower costs in addressing the infestation(s).

Councilmember McGehee requested more detailed information on treatment types and available historical data for future discussions.

Mayor Roe questioned if there may be some assistance from the State, County or Metropolitan Council to more broadly address the infestation, since it was regional and not city-specific.

Even thought the City will probably not have resources to assist private property owners with infestation, Councilmember Laliberte noted that the infestation would travel across property lines, and the City needed to educate private property owners and make them aware of the issues.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 8:10 p.m.

11. Public Hearings

12. Budget Items

a. Consider Revising the 2014 Budget Process

At the request of Mayor Roe, Interim City Manager Trudgeon provided a brief summary of the RCA dated June 10, 2013; and deferred to Finance Director Chris Miller for more detail on a proposed revised 2014 budget process. Mr. Trudgeon advised that Department Heads had reviewed the current timeline and potential revisions, and were in agreement the RCA prepared by Finance Director Miller; clarifying at the request of Councilmember Laliberte that they agreed with the revisions and were not being pulled along unwillingly.

Finance Director reviewed the RCA, noting that it encapsulated comments heard by staff over the last few weeks, as well as their individual discussions with staff, indicating that there would be more of a comfort level if everyone paused and stepped back. Mr. Miller advised that a recurring theme of those concerns was preference for an annual versus biennial budget process, recently implemented; as well as meeting with each department for more detailed review and input versus emphasizing the prioritization process alone. Another concern was with the information packets provided and whether or not they were helpful or feel short of the information needed. Mr. Miller noted that staff didn't want to prepare information that the City Council did not want; and asked that they reach consensus on the information they needed and how they wanted it presented. Mr. Miller reiterated the comments of Interim City Manager Trudgeon with Department Heads being comfortable with a new approach if and when so directed by the City Council.

At the request of Mayor Roe, Mr. Miller advised that Department Heads universally liked the ability to meet with the City Council to discuss budget challenges and impacts, similar to the opportunity provided during the Strategic Plan process. Regarding Mayor Roe's question regarding whether there was Department Head support for the City Council's program-based budget approach, Interim City Manager Trudgeon advised that there was no universal answer for that. Given the complexities of program-based budgeting and ranking, when having to eliminate or reduce programs, Mr. Trudgeon stated that Department Heads often felt it was hard for the City Council to relate to the negative and positive operational impacts within and across departments. Using a simplistic approach broken down by de-

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

2013 ANNUAL CALENDAR

Day/Month	Time	Location
Thursday, January 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Tuesday, February 5	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, March 5	6:30 p.m	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, April 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Monday, June 10	6:00 p.m.	Joint Commission/City Council Meeting

Monday, June 10 Meet before & after the joint Commission/Council Meeting –Hawthorne Room 6:00 p.m. for Pre meeting. Post meeting determined by the end time of the joint meeting.

July - Schedule as needed

Tuesday, August 6	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.	Meeting and Tour
Tuesday, October 1	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Thursday, November 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Tuesday, December 3	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall

Added 5/8/2013

Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission Roster 2013

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Nolan Wall 2943 Matilda Street Roseville, MN 55113	H: 651-402-0883	Nolanwall11@gmail.com	**4/01/12**	**3/31/15**
Chloe Boehm, Youth			**10/17/11** **8/01/12**	**7/31/12** **7/31/13**
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Best urban bike paths across the USA

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Although they lag behind their European counterparts, American cities are becoming more and more bike friendly. A growing number are launching bike sharing schemes—New York and Chicago being the latest—and bike lanes continue to grow in mileage nationwide.

While bike lanes are nice (when they're not blocked by double-parked cars, that is), nothing quite puts cycling on par with driving like a dedicated bike path. A great path can make city cycling a truly different experience: you can skip traffic, commune with nature and see the city from a new angle. In some cases, paths can even get you out of town as fast as you can pedal.

Some bike paths, naturally, stand out for truly elevating the quality of life in their cities. The 19 we found—some of which we've ridden ourselves—ought to be celebrated and emulated, and even built upon and improved.

A GUIDE'S GUIDE: The world's top bike rides (http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2013/06/22/worlds-top-bike-rides-guide/2447069/)
MORE: Bike-sharing programs make city travel easy (http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2013/06/01/bike-sharing/2359215/)

To determine which ones meet this standard, though, we first had to ask what makes a great bike path.

For starters, many on our list are important commuting arteries that give cyclists direct access to business districts while avoiding city traffic and making few street crossings. A few, like Boston's Minuteman Bikeway or Philadelphia's Schuylkill River Trail, were even designed, in part, to bring commuters in from the suburbs where they'd otherwise be out of reach of mass transit.

Almost all are paved, and those that aren't are well surfaced with finely crushed rock and graded for ease of riding.

Most importantly, though, a great bike path is separate from traffic for all or most of its length. Our selections, for the most part, are rail trails, which are former railway lines that have been paved over and converted for non-motorized use. With one exception that was too good to leave out—San Francisco's Embarcadero, in case you're wondering—these paths are only occasionally broken by segments where cyclists have to share the road with cars. (All but one are multi-use, though, meaning they're open to pedestrians, inline skaters, and, in some cases, horses.)

THE ACTIVE TIMES: The 16 best bikes shares in the world (http://www.theactivetimes.com/worlds-best-bike-shares)
THE ACTIVE TIMES: 28 essentials of commuter-bike gear (http://www.theactivetimes.com/must-have-bike-commuter-gear-28-essentials)

They also happen to be exceptionally beautiful. All but three of these bike paths run alongside a body of water, and almost all are bounded by parkland, giving cyclists a decidedly non-urban respite from the stress of city riding.

We also looked at other factors: Does the path offer exceptional views of, and access to, the city? Is it good for recreational riders and tourists? Does the city take pride in it?

While there's no objective way to say one bike path is the best, we will say these are all strong contenders and there are doubtless many more we missed. Let us know in the comments.

SLIDESHOW: 19 best bike paths in the U.S. (http://www.theactivetimes.com/best-city-bike-paths)
A 474-MILE 'VACATION': Cyclists pedal across Wisconsin (http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2013/07/18/a-474-mile-vacation-cyclists-pedal-across-wisconsin/2567251/)

1. Midtown Greenway—Minneapolis

Exhibit A in why Minneapolis is considered the best bike city in America: the Midtown Greenway, a 5.5-mile bicycle highway through the center of town. Following a sunken rail corridor with no major breaks in traffic, this path is almost entirely separate from pedestrian traffic and is busy with commuters year-round. That's right: it's plowed in the winter. The Greenway is also lit at night, so it's functional 24/7, and has emergency call boxes, police patrolling on bike, and even its own suspension bridge.

2. Boulder Creek Path—Boulder, Colo.

Rising from the plains to the Rockies and bisecting this mountain town from East to West, the paved, 7.5-mile Boulder Creek Path epitomizes what makes Boulder one of the most active, outdoorsy cities in the country. It can be a thigh-blasting mile-high climb (followed by a thrilling descent, of course), a commuting artery through downtown and the university, and a leisurely ride along tranquil, park-buffered Boulder Creek. And everyone in town, it seems, uses it: joggers, hikers, tubers and kayakers, locals and tourists. The path also serves a city where bicycles have pride of place—nearly 10 percent of commuters use bikes. It may not be as long as many of the other paths on this list, but few, if any, are as central to the life of the city as this one.

3. Burke-Gilman Trail—Seattle

This former rail trail is a bike-obsessed city's pride—and as far as urban bike paths go, arguably the nation's. Its paved 27 miles begin on Puget Sound in North Seattle and trace the shoreline along the canal and up Lake Washington all the way to the town of Bothell. (A 1.5-mile gap in the Ballard neighborhood is the "missing link.") One of the most heavily ridden multi-use paths in the country, it's often called the "backbone" of Seattle's cycling infrastructure, and its flat terrain, beautiful views, and plentiful access points invite casual cyclists and alley cat messengers alike.

4. Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade & Springwater Trail Corridor—Portland, Ore.

Named the country's best biking city by *Bicycling Magazine* in 2012, Portland boasts one of the densest networks of dedicated bike paths, greenways, and "bike boulevards" around. For a one-two punch of Portland's best, take the Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade along the Willamette River and switch to the Springwater Trail Corridor. The highlight of the 1.5-mile esplanade is a 1,200 foot "floating walkway"—the longest of its kind in the U.S. according to Portland Parks and Rec. After leaving Portland's heart, the path connects with with the 21-mile converted rail trail that heads all the way to the eastern suburb of Boring. On its way there, the tree-lined path follows the meandering Johnson Creek through wetlands, parks, a wildlife refuge and several of the city's colorful neighborhoods.

5. Cherry Creek Bike Path—Denver

Denver's numerous paved bike paths extend citywide and beyond, earning the Mile High City annual props on *Bicycling Magazine*'s bike-friendly cities list. The standout (among many) is the Cherry Creek Path, which extends from the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River in downtown, all the way to Cherry Creek Reservoir 12 miles to the southeast—you can keep going for dozens of miles in either direction if you want, though, since it connects with other trails. Due to its central location, smooth grading and infrequent intersections, the path is practically a commuter highway from Aurora and points in between. But lest the h-word scare anyone, Cherry Creek is also known for its natural beauty.

6. Minuteman Commuter Bikeway—Greater Boston

As with everything in Boston, function is closely tied to history. This 10-mile rail trail roughly tracks Paul Revere's famous ride (hence the name) and connects the Greater Boston towns of Cambridge, Lexington, Arlington and Bedford. This multi-use path terminates at the Alewife 'T' station where riders can park at the "pedal and park" facility before hopping on mass transit.

7. Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail—Austin, Texas

Although the Lance Armstrong Bikeway may speak in name to the Texas capital's love affair with cycling—and its most famous resident, recent unpleasantness aside—it's the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail that has the city's heart. This 10-mile trail of easy-riding crushed granite loops around Lady Bird Lake (named for the late first lady, Lady Bird Johnson) right in the center of Austin. Popular among joggers as well as cyclists, the trail passes alongside Barton Springs, the aquifer-fed natural pool where Austinites love to cool off in the summer.

8. Lakefront Trail—Chicago

This paved, 18-mile path along scenic Lake Shore Drive is often packed with joggers, bike commuters and tourists alike. With spectacular views of the cityscape, a cyclist can go from one end of the city to the other while avoiding Chicago traffic and taking in beaches, Millennium Park, and other iconic Second City sights.9. Manhattan Waterfront Greenway—New York City

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The busiest bikeway in the U.S. can take you from Inspiration Point, at the northern tip of Manhattan, all the way to the Battery, and back around for a 28-mile, mostly unbroken, tour of the island. Sure, you'll have to hit the city streets for a few miles in Midtown and Harlem—don't worry, there are bike lanes—but that's part of the charm. You can dart back into the city at just about any point, making the path perfect for commuting, or you can marvel at just how much you get to see: the George Washington Bridge, the Palisades, the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, and, well, just about all of Manhattan.

10. Willamette River Trail—Eugene, Ore.

It's no mistake that Nike's hometown has miles upon miles of trails dedicated to running and biking. This outdoors-loving home of the University of Oregon is one of two cities on this list to feature a Willamette River-centric path. Running for a combined 12 miles on both sides of the river (there are four crossings), this paved path has quarter-mile markers and gives access to parks, the university and a mall. It's also within blocks of several of the city's famed breweries.

11. American River Bike Trail—Sacramento

A paved 32-mile route from downtown Sacramento to neighboring Folsom, this wide, multi-use path traces the American River through parks, scenic bends, wildlife areas, and even over a functional small-scale replica of the Golden Gate Bridge. With few road crossings, flat terrain (at least on the Sacramento end), and mile markers, this trail is a favorite for commuters and those looking to escape the city on a weekend ride.

12. Schuylkill River Trail—Philadelphia

Called the best bike path in Philly by *Philadelphia Weekly*, the 23-mile Schuylkill River Trail is a boon to commuters entering the city from Montgomery County, residents looking for a scenic shortcut through parts of downtown, and recreational cyclists making a weekend escape. The path winds unbroken, except for two short segments, all the way to Valley Forge National Historical Park.

THE ACTIVE TIMES: 5 exercises that make you a stronger cyclist (http://www.theactivetimes.com/5-exercises-thatll-make-you-stronger-cyclist)

THE LIST OF LISTS 2013: MINNESOTA

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FAVORITE MINNESOTA CELEBRITIES

Josh Hartnett no longer belongs to Hollywood (chalk that up to seven years of dud roles). The payoff? Minnesotans get to see him at various Twin Cities hot spots with regularity — he's our star now! As long as Prince's heart bleeds purple, he'll rank high. Voters favored hyper-talented filmmaking over hyper-talented baseball playing, putting the Coen brothers at No. 4 and Joe Mauer at No. 7. Our master author (F. Scott Fitzgerald) and cartoonist (Charles Schulz) didn't let the crypt stop them from making the list. Ely-born Jessica Biel gets the hotness nod in an unprecedented landslide (see: Garrison Keillor), while governor-turned-conspiracy-theorist Jesse Ventura probably has a theory on why he didn't edge out caricatured pitchman Fancy Ray McCloney. Jay Boller

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10. Jesse Ventura

BEST DAY TRIPS

1. Duluth

2. Red Wing

3. Stillwater

4. Taylors Falls

5. Lanesboro

6. Afton State Park

7. Rochester

8. Park Rapids

9. New Ulm

10. Lake Minnetonka

WHERE TO TAKE OUT-OF-TOWNERS

1. State Fair

2. St. Anthony Main

3. Minnehaha Falls

4. Stone Arch Bridge

5. Mall of America

6. Minneapolis Institute of Arts

7. Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

8. Target Field

9. Lake Harriet

10. Guthrie Theater

FAVORITE STATE PARKS

1. Gooseberry Falls

2. Fort Snelling

3. Jay Cooke

4. Judge C.R. Magney

5. Split Rock Lighthouse

6. Soudan Underground Mine

7. St. Croix

8. Rice Lake

9. Interstate

10. Afton

BEST TWIN CITIES SUBURBS

1. Roseville

2. Hopkins

3. Robbinsdale

4. Minnetonka

5. Edina

6. Eden Prairie

7. St. Louis Park

8. Plymouth

9. St. Michael

10. Shoreview

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