



# Awarding Neighborhood Parks Improvements Project No. 23-70123

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Public Works Department  
August 14, 2023



# Background

- Park System Improvement Plan and Capital Investment Plan identify sequence of improvements for neighborhood parks

Recommendations include:

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

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

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

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

PRIORITY LEVEL:

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

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





# Park Locations

## 2023 Construction Parks / Neighborhoods:

- Creek View /  
Rice Creek  
Townhomes
- Ed Wilmes /  
River's Edge Way
- Skyline /  
Hyde Park





# Creek View Park

## EXISTING CONDITIONS





# Ed Wilmes Park

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# Skyline Park

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# Outreach

- Residents were engaged during development of the Park System Improvement Planning process
- Surveys for these specific parks were continued in 2022.
- Engagement meetings at each park was held in August of 2022.
- Feedback was incorporated into playground selection and site designs





# Playground Improvements

## CREEK VIEW PARK





# Playground Improvements

## ED WILMES PARK



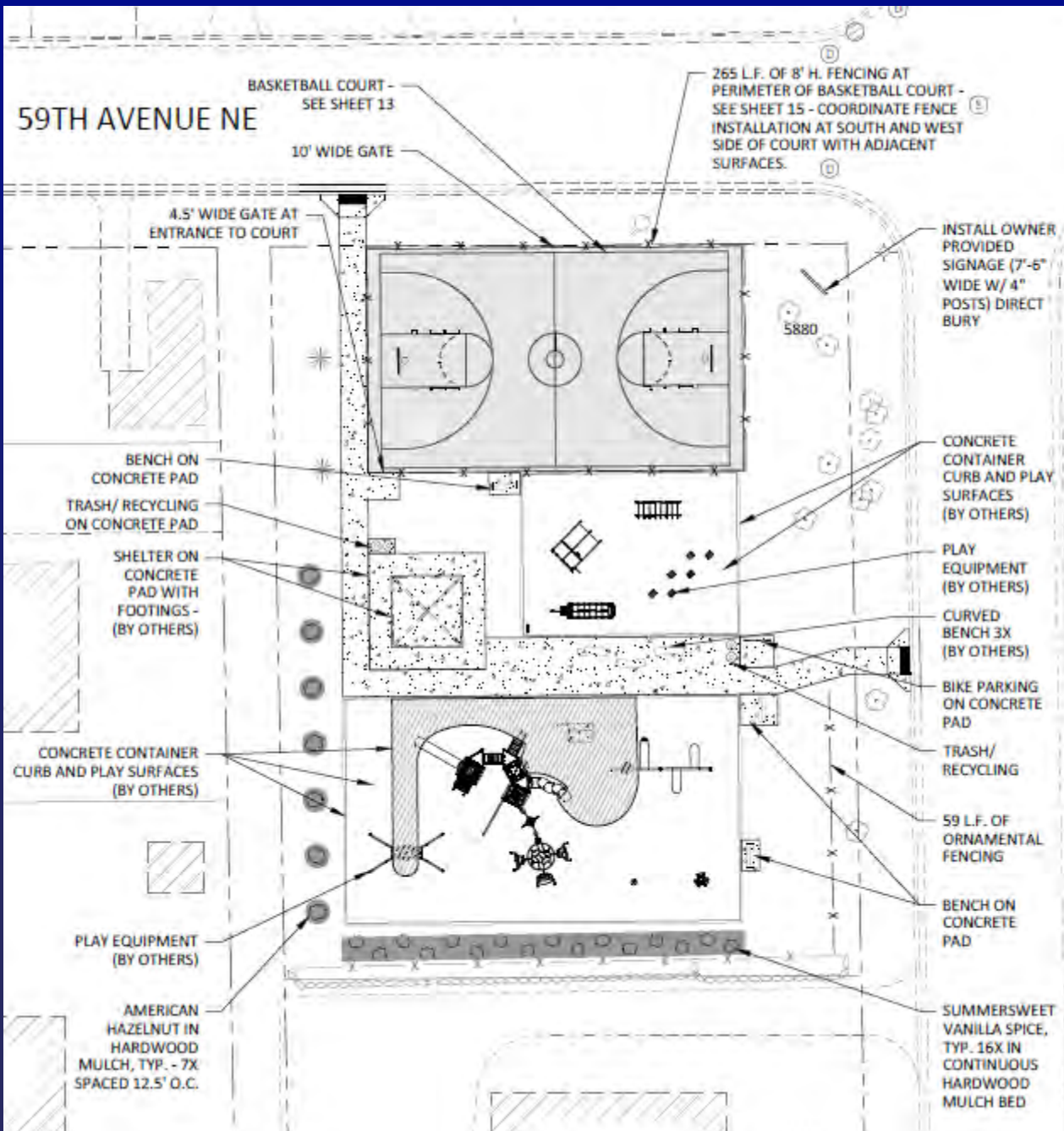


# Playground Improvements

## SKYLINE PARK







# Design

- Performed by Engineering Division staff
- Design reviewed by team including Parks & Recreation, Public Works Parks/Facilities, and Planning staff
- Savings by self-performing design and construction engineering totals well over \$100,000



# Project Bidding

- Advertised for bid July 19, 2023
- Bid letting held August 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
- Received five responsive bids
- Low bid by Sunram Construction, Inc. of Corcoran, MN



# In-kind Services of Operations Staff

- Demolition
- Court Removal
- Sign Installations
- Hardware Installations
- Anticipates added savings of over \$40,000





# Cost of Bids Received and Funding Source

- Bids Received

- Sunram Construction's bid total of \$399,695
- Bid is 18.5% below the final engineer's estimate of \$490,745
- Cost analysis shows generally reasonable bids received.

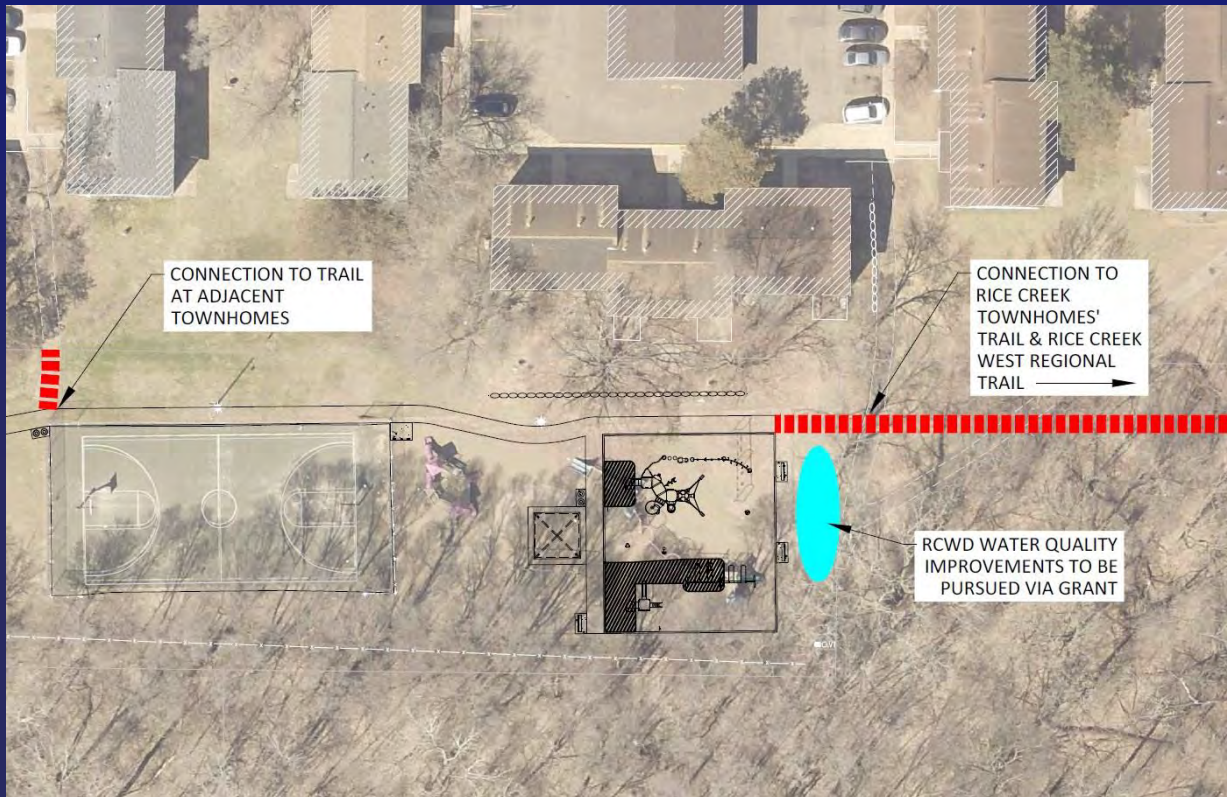


- Funding Sources

- Funded from bond proceeds through the CIP
- Cost savings of \$335,000 since initial plan

# Tentative Schedule

ITEM	DATE
Open Bids & Award	August 2023
Construction	August - October 2023



- Additional Work at Creek View Park

- Stormwater in 2024
- Trail connections
- Lighting changes



# Recommendation

- Staff recommends a motion to **approve Resolution No. 2023-94 found on pages 81 to 83 of the agenda, receiving bids and awarding the bid for the 2023 Neighborhood Parks Improvements Project No. 23-70123 to Sunram Construction, Inc.**

# Next Steps – if Approved

- Staff will secure contracts with Sunram Construction, obtain necessary project documents and set up a pre-construction meeting.
- Staff is beginning preliminary design of 2024 neighborhood projects and reviewing input received at recent outreach meetings.

## Park System Improvement Plan

The City of Fridley operates nearly 40 parks that offer access to nature, athletic fields, play spaces and community gathering places. For several years, City staff have been working with residents and consultants to reimagine our park system. Since 2019, a robust community engagement effort has helped to identify priorities that residents would like to see including a splash pad, improved park buildings, increased trail connectivity and access to water for recreational activities such as fishing, canoeing and kayaking.

Three years of community engagement had led to the creation of a systematic Park System Improvement Plan (Park Plan) for Fridley's parks. This Park Plan provides recommendations to improve every park in the City with a prioritized list of improvements that will provide balanced and equitable access to parks and recreation opportunities for all in Fridley.

- [View the full Park System Improvement Plan \(PDF\)](#)





# Questions or Comments?

