



# Resolution 2023-33

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Approving a Minnesota DNR Grant  
Application for Springbrook Nature  
Center Nature Play Area Improvements



# Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grants

- Program goal is to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the State of Minnesota
- Provides matching grants for up to 50% of project costs
- Grant program that partially funded the Springbrook Nature Center Pavilion Activity Center
- Maximum grant match amount is \$350,000
- Grant application is due on March 31<sup>st</sup> and awards will be announced in the summer





# Project Goals

- Enhance and expand the popular nature-based play area at Springbrook Nature Center
- Expand play options for children ages 7-12
- Create multigenerational play opportunities
- Add value to existing nature center programs such as summer camps, shelter reservations and family programs
- Create a destination-quality play space



# Project Funding

## *Existing Project Sponsors:*

Made Possible by Jerome and Patricia Hartlaub

Additional Support from  
US Bank/ Minnesota  
Vikings Places to Play  
Grant Program



## *Current Grant Opportunity:*

- \$300,000 expansion
- \$125,000 pledged by Springbrook Nature Center Foundation
- \$25,000 budgeted in current year capital investment program
- \$150,000 grant request to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources





# Project Concept

*Based on Survey Results and Stakeholder Input:*

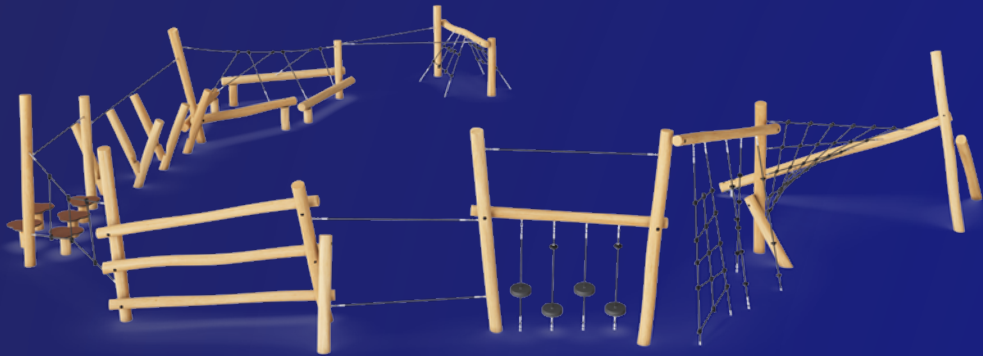


*Signature Animal Sculpture:*



# Project Concept

*Robinia Wood Play Structures:*



*Expanded Play for Ages 7+:*



# Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council approve Resolution 2023-33, Approving a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Application for Springbrook Nature Center Play Area Improvements.



# Questions?

