



FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY

Corridor Development Initiative *Summary Report and Final Recommendations*

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GOAL STATEMENT: Fridley's park system will increase the well-being of our community by providing people of all ages and abilities with opportunities for active living, social connections, wellness and nature.

INTRODUCTION

To guide the Fridley Parks and Trails master planning process, the City of Fridley enlisted Twin Cities LISC's Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) to facilitate a series of community workshops from June to August, 2019 to gather community input. The recommendations were presented to the Fridley City Council on September 7, 2019 for their consideration.

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- What will be needed for the parks of tomorrow?
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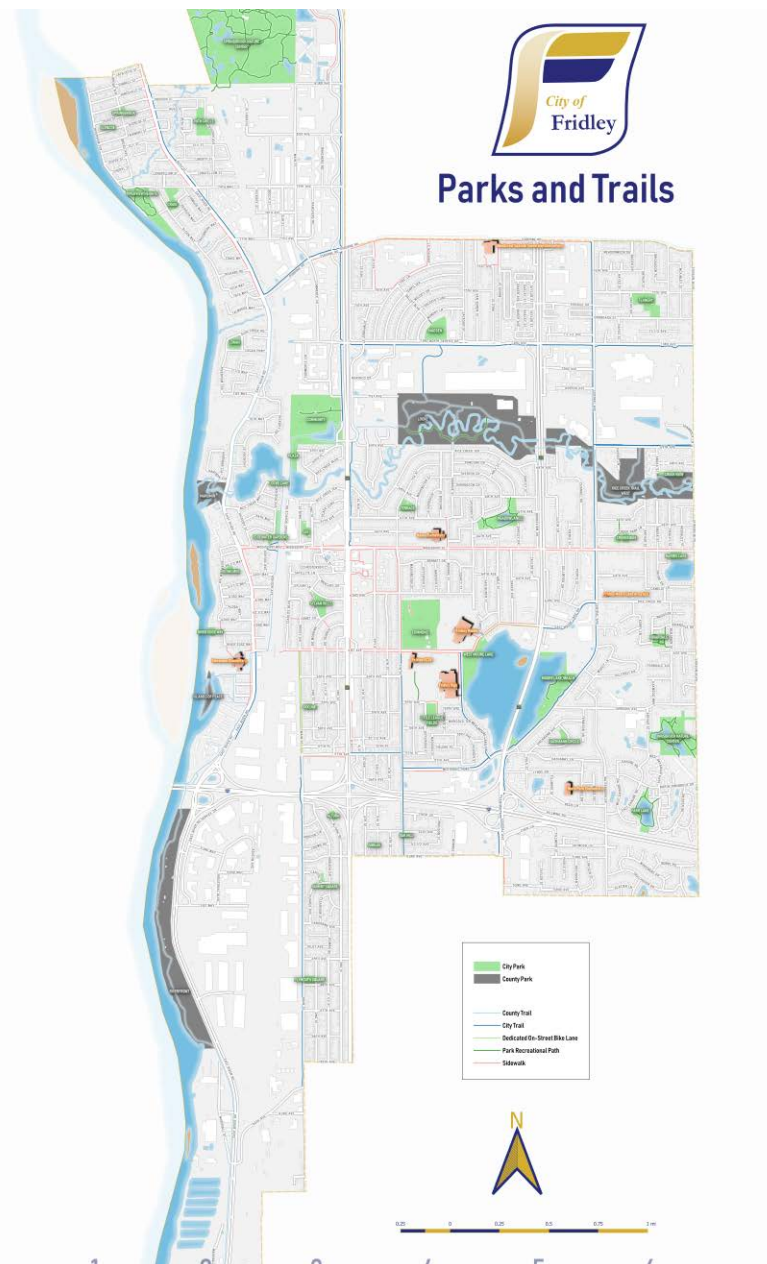


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BACKGROUND: PARK CONDITIONS AND SAFETY

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SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING FRIDLEY'S PARKS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

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- Strengthen eco-spaces for pollinator gardens, wetlands, and blooming natural areas
- Improve access to the Mississippi River and Moore Lake (watercraft usage and fishing)
- Incorporate public art to create a sense of wonder and unique character

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Parks are special places in which people from all walks of life can intermingle. They create memorable moments and a sense of community. Creating a “Central Park” concept would help establish a more vibrant and appealing town center. Land uses along the periphery of the parks are also critical for defining place and purpose.

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- Promote neighborhood groups to complement city government effort, similar to the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center



SUGGESTED USES:

Mini-parks

Located throughout the city, with easy walking access from residential areas.

- Playgrounds
- Benches and picnic tables
- Nature elements and other options (reflecting neighborhood character and size of park)

Neighborhood Parks

Medium size parks and open space.

- Athletic spaces (e.g. courts for basketball, tennis, volleyball, pickleball, etc)
- Walking loops
- Open green spaces and natural areas (e.g. pollinator patches)

Special Use Facilities

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Community Parks:

Each of the community parks may include a multi-use building or facility to be used for park programming (recreational, nature, etc.), events, equipment storage, and should incorporate more winter uses (e.g. skating, cross country skiing, etc.)

PROPOSED THEMES FOR THE THREE COMMUNITY PARKS:

Commons Park: Youth and Play

Great central location and proximity to nearby schools, well used by recreational programs, lots of open space.

Improved play-based equipment and active use amenities, such as:

- Water play features (e.g. splash pad)
- High quality play equipment



Moore Lake Park: Lakeshore activities and all-season rental equipment

Good trail access, lake access, opportunity to improve aesthetics.

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Improved amenities:

- Walking loops of differing lengths
- Signage and wayfinding
- Benches
- Picnic areas and shelters
- Natural areas for fishing and bird watching
- Create off-leash dog park (separated from other uses)

Improved water quality and plantings:

- Restore wetlands
- Stormwater treatment areas
- Low maintenance vegetation

Community Park: Recreation and Events

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Recreational uses:

- Multi-use fields (soccer, softball, etc.)

Improved amenities for passive uses:

- Trail around perimeter of park for all year use
- Incorporate landscaping, botanical gardens, community gardens, and edible orchards

Attachment A: Finding Your FUN in Fridley Recommendations.



OVERVIEW OF THE CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CDI) “FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY” PROCESS:

The Corridor Development Initiative consisted of four community workshops held at Fridley City Hall. Over 50 community members attended the workshops, aimed at gathering input on the strengths and weaknesses of the parks and trails system, identifying options for improvements, and learning from other regional and local park systems. The process involved a technical team composed of facilitators, city staff, and panelists from the city of Brooklyn Park, Three Rivers Park, and Flagship (playground equipment provider) to inform and support participants as they explored ideas. Participants provided input on park amenities, services and programming, connectivity and wayfinding, and natural resources.

Fridley CDI Finding Your FUN in Fridley Advisory Group

An advisory group provided guidance for the CDI process, forming outreach strategies, and supporting the design and content of the community workshops. Thank you to the Advisory Group members, who contributed greatly to the processes’ success:

Advisory Group Members:

- Debbie Dahl, City of Fridley, Community Services & Employee Resources Director
- Mike Maher, Springbrook Nature Center Director
- Jeff Jensen, City of Fridley, Operations Manager
- Rachel Workin, City of Fridley, Environmental Planner
- Luke Cardona, City of Fridley, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Alyssa Kruzal, City of Fridley, Community Engagement Specialist
- Margo Numedahl, City of Fridley, Recreation Program Supervisor
- Barbara Raye, CDI facilitator
- Gretchen Nicholls, CDI coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS!

We encourage you to attend all four events

The City of Fridley invites you to an important conversation to shape the future of the city's parks and trails system. How do you use our parks and trails? How can the park system be improved? What will make Fridley's parks and trails fun for residents and visitors of all ages and interests? Help us plan for our future and current needs for parks and trails. We need you to join in on the fun!

Workshop I: Launch – Finding Your FUN in Fridley! Parks & Trails Plan

Thursday, June 27, 2019; 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Workshop II: Exploring Options Exercise

Thursday, July 11, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Workshop III: Panel Discussion: Learning from other examples

Thursday, July 25, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Workshop IV: Create Final Recommendations

Thursday, August 8, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ARE LOCATED AT:

Fridley City Hall

7071 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432

To request childcare or sign language interpretation contact Gretchen Nicholls at 651-265-2280. To request Spanish or Somali translation contact the City of Fridley at 763-571-3450. Services must be requested at least one week in advance of each workshop.

An online survey and interactive map is also available for your input!

FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun-Updates

For more information, contact:

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Or visit FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun-Updates

Above: Postcard that was mailed out to residents.

Community Outreach

A variety of methods were used to notify the community about the Finding Your FUN in Fridley community workshops. Information about the community workshops was distributed through:

- Postcard mailings
- Fliers, posters, and email notices
- City Web site and on-line survey process
- Facebook and other social media outlets

Child care and translation services were available upon request to limit obstacles for participation. Food and beverages were also provided. All participants that signed in for any of the workshops were notified in advance about upcoming sessions by email.

On-Line Survey (Social Pinpoint)

The City of Fridley further enhanced the community input process by providing opportunities for people to provide feedback through an on-line survey. Information gathered through the survey was provided during the workshop process. However, the survey will be available for continued feedback after the community workshop process is completed.

Input gathered from the on-line survey as of July 8th is provided in Attachment B.



CDI TECHNICAL TEAM

The LISC CDI technical team supported the four community workshops. The CDI team includes:

- **Barbara Raye**, Center for Policy Planning and Performance (facilitator and evaluator)
- **Katie Thering**, interactive exercise – Wksp 2
- **Tom Leighton**, interactive exercise – Wksp 2
- **Dan Marckel**, interactive exercise – Wksp 2
- **Julia Paulsen-Mullin**, interactive exercise – Wksp 2
- **Gretchen Nicholls**, Twin Cities LISC (CDI Coordinator)

The series of CDI community workshops were held at Fridley City Hall. They included:

Workshop I: Gathering Information

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Presentations were provided by:

- Deborah Dahl, City of Fridley – Parks and Trails Overview
- Mike Maher, Springbrook Nature Center Director – National Trends

Participants were asked to respond to four questions:

1. What are the strengths/benefits of Fridley parks to the community?
2. What additional activities/amenities would improve parks for Fridley residents?
3. What are the barriers or challenges for using the parks?
4. What would improve the trails and natural connections in Fridley?
5. What additional information would be helpful to consider options for improving the parks and trail system?



1.) What are the strengths/benefits of Fridley parks to the community?

Themes: The number of parks available, seasonal uses, importance that the parks serve everyone, access to natural areas, condition of playground equipment, and park shelters.

2.) What additional activities/amenities would improve parks for Fridley residents?

Themes: More stuff for teens, More uses for Moore Park, rental equipment and food sales, programs and events, amenities (recreational and natural), better signage and access to interactive maps, better maintenance of trails for access year-round, and special purpose parks.

3.) What are the barriers or challenges for using the parks?

Themes: Lighting along the trails, parking, lack of information, more input from residents, improvements to Moore Lake, having a community vision.

4.) What would improve the trails and natural connections in Fridley?

Themes: Better maintenance (plowing, resurfacing), more lighting, dedicated bike lanes, partnerships with Anoka County and other cities.

(See Attachments D and E.)

Workshop II: Exploring Options

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Participants rotated to four stations:

- 1: Park Amenities**
- 2: Services and Programming**
- 3: Connectivity and Wayfinding**
- 4: Natural Resources**

Input was listed and mapped out in a summary sheet (See Attachment F).



Workshop III: Panel Discussion

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Panelists include:

- **Jeff Jensen**, City of Fridley
- **Jaqui Zamora & Jordan Hedlund**, Flagship Recreation
- **Jody Yungers**, City of Brooklyn Park
- **Jonathan Vlaming**, Three Rivers Park District

Panelists shared information on new concepts in playground equipment design, how Brooklyn Park engaged community members to build support for a referendum for park improvements, and how Fridley Parks fit into a larger ecosystem of local and regional parks.

Focus was then placed on what to do with Community Park. How can Community Park be better utilized, and further complement the new Civic Plaza and City Center? What other uses would further enhance this key city amenity? For a full overview of the Panel Discussion, presentations, and input on Community Park see Attachment G and H.

Workshop IV: Framing Recommendations

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Draft recommendations were reviewed and edited by participants to reach consensus for the final recommendations (Attachment A).

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The four community workshops were well attended, averaging about 30 participants per session. City officials, city staff, and an Anoka County Commissioner also attended. Over 70% of attendees participated in 2 or more of the four workshops, and over 35% attended three or more sessions. A detailed list of attendees is provided in Attachment I.

EVALUATION SUMMARY OF THE CDI PROCESS

Feedback forms were provided at the end of each of the four sessions. Not all participants completed an evaluation form and not all those that did return a form answered all of the questions. A total of thirty-four forms were returned.

Overall, people were:

- Satisfied to very satisfied with the project
- Felt that each session was either excellent or good in meeting its goals
- Would recommend the process to other cities, and
- Supported the final recommendations.

People reported gaining better understanding of the Fridley, other cities, and regional park systems; new information and hope for the future; and great ideas from residents.

Participants indicated that the following things worked well throughout the four sessions:

- Getting input from all the participants
- Table/small group discussions
- Open discussion and exchange of information/ideas
- Pacing of the meetings – nothing dragged
- Facilitators
- Speakers
- Each session was organized
- Variety of topics

Recommendations for improvement included:

- More attendance + more young people
- More time for small group feedback
- Less text on PPT
- More time to talk to speakers

Final comments included:

- Keep up this process and engage those that were not here at the table.
- Keep working!

CONCLUSION

The Corridor Development Initiative submits the attached “Finding Your FUN in Fridley” recommendations to the Fridley City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission for your consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Finding Your FUN in Fridley CDI recommendations
- B. On-line survey responses as of July 8, 2019
- C. Map of Fridley Parks and Trails
- D. Workshop I presentations
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- J. Announcement/publicity flyer for the Finding Your FUN in Fridley CDI workshops



FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY Recommendations

August 2019



INTRODUCTION

The Fridley Park system is a critical asset for the community. With thirty-eight (38) city parks, there's much to work with. Through the City of Fridley's comprehensive plan, measures are in play to improve upon the city's existing park and trail system. To better align city parks with community priorities and changing trends in recreation, the city embarked on a series of "Finding Your FUN in Fridley" community workshops from June to August, 2019. Also included was an on-line survey to gather community input on what the priorities should be. The process was designed to reflect on the following questions:

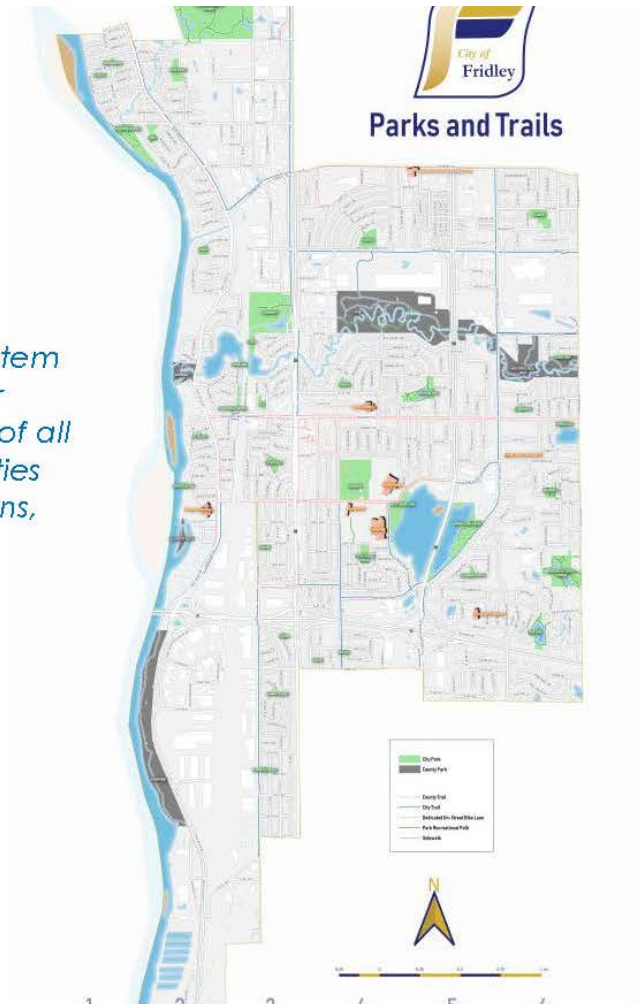
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Source: City Parks Alliance

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MOVING FORWARD IN THE PLANNING PROCESS:

These community workshops have been important for framing priorities and key opportunities that provide input for a detailed parks and trail master plan.

Anticipated next steps are as follows:

- Identify and prioritize strategies for implementation using the City Council, Park and Recreation Commission, the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission, community groups such as the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation, and additional community input
- Use these recommendations to develop park specific action plans
- Align with other public and private partners to coordinate broader systems
- Compile into a master plan:
 - preliminary engineering,
 - priorities for capital investments and physical improvements, and
 - visualization tools that support communication efforts
- Engage the community in the design process for specific park amenities and improvements. Promote community engagement in the implementation of the Plan through programs like Park Ambassadors and Adopt-A-Park
- Define resources needed to implement park improvements and upgrades

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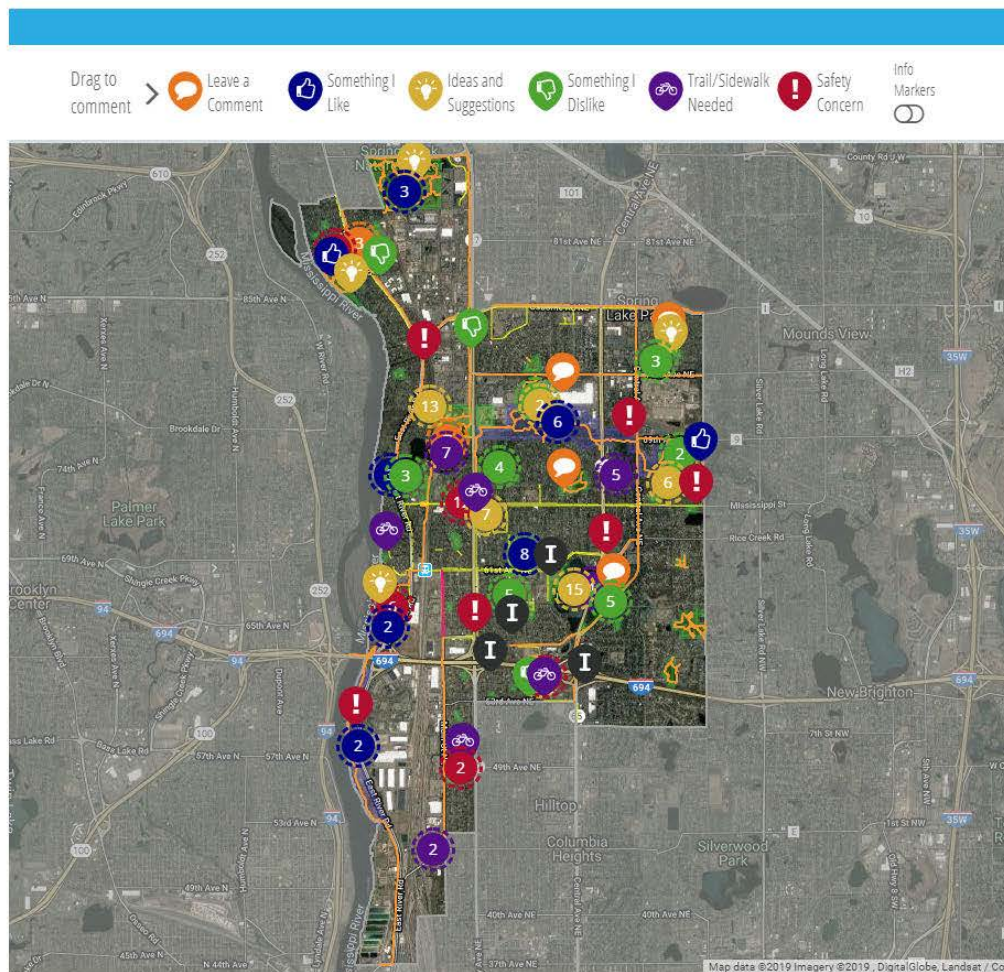


**Finding Your Fun in
Fridley
Social Pinpoint Feedback
Summary
July 8, 2019**

Background

As part of the Finding Your Fun in Fridley campaign, the City collected feedback from interested citizens on the city's parks and trails system through the program Social Pinpoint. This program provided two formats for providing feedback:

- 1) A city-designed survey that could be completed once per individual. The survey utilized used selection-based and open-ended questions (see Attachment A).
- 2) An interactive map where citizens could "drop" pins onto locations to leave site-specific feedback. Residents could also vote on other residents' feedback to show support.



Feedback Summary

This summary includes feedback provided between April 31, 2019 and July 8, 2019. In total, 471 unique users visited the site and 99 stakeholders left 197 comments and completed 76 surveys.

Desired/improved amenities and services include:

- Expanded/improved walking loops
- Improved playgrounds
- Splashpad
- Picnic benches
- More shelters and pavilions
- Park buildings with community gathering rooms for low cost rental
- Year-round bathrooms
- Opportunities for dogs
- Frisbee golf
- Wading pool
- Improvements at Moore Lake Beach, open the beach
- Equipment and item rental and sharing stations
- Convert under-used ball fields
- Increased maintenance of playgrounds and basketball courts
- Alternative views (ex: labyrinths and aerial towers)

Desired recreation and programming opportunities include

- Classes in the parks (yoga, art, meditation, ice skating, dance)
- Increased volunteer opportunities
- Performance events (concerts, movies)
- Community fitness and tournament events (cornhole, 5Ks)
- Themed community events

In the winter, people love the following activities:

- Sledding
- Snowshoeing/hiking
- Ice skating
- Warming Houses

The following feedback was shared about natural areas:

- People love walking paths through natural areas:
- Support of native landscaping, low maintenance grass, and raingardens
- Desire for reduced chemicals
- Concerns about mosquitos
- Increase access to water through canoe and kayak rentals
- Reduce invasive species, such as buckthorn
- Increase nature programs and guided hikes
- Utilize underused parks for gardens and pollinator areas

People would like to walk and bike more, but:

- Need better maintenance of trails
- Need more lighting, especially within the underpasses
- Get lost throughout the Rice Creek trail system
- Need more connections (ex: 7th St, 53rd Ave, 57th Ave, to Springbrook Nature Center, from trails, across the railroads, Main St, 44th Ave bridge, 61st Ave, along the River, Locke Lake neighborhood, through Community Park, bridges along Rice Creek Trail)
- Need more walking loops (ex: Moore Lake, Ruth Circle Park, Flanery Park)
- Want ability to share areas of safety concern

People don't feel safe on trails and in the parks in/on:

- Rice Creek Trail
- Busy roads (ex: 7th St south of where the sidewalk ends, University Avenue, 49th Avenue, 53rd Avenue, Mississippi St)
- Parks (ex: Moore Lake Park, Flanery Park, Ruth Circle Park, Islands of Peace, Riverfront)
- Trail underpasses
- Large shopping areas (ex: Cub Foods, Target)
- Areas with perceived crime or that feel secluded

In 10-15 years, people would like:

- To stay active and involved in the community
- To have more interactive things to do
- To be able to visit improved playgrounds destination parks
- More accessible parks
- More trails
- Clean, well lit parks
- Conservation of natural resources
- More access to the River
- More connectivity to trails

ATTACHMENT C. MAP OF FRIDLEY PARKS AND TRAILS





FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY!

PARKS MASTER PLANNING – COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 1

JUNE 27, 2019



HOW WE GOT HERE

“We believe in a Fridley that is safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.”

(Community’s vision adopted in 2014)



GREAT THINGS ARE UNDERWAY!

Creating a vibrant city has been at the forefront of our work

Residents have seen that revitalization take place:

- Business and retail redevelopment
- Housing additions and redevelopment
- Civic Campus Project
- MNDOT Highway Study
- Springbrook Nature Center
- Northstar Rail site and surrounding development
- Great media and social media presence

Residents and community leadership saw the need for a civic campus which included gathering spaces for events, programs and connections – [adding additional nature and recreational resources to our city](#)

This year the city council established new goals and identified a number of priorities; one of which being [creating a Parks Master Plan](#)



INTERNAL CHANGES

In 2018, the Community Services Department was formed to improve services and strengthen many efforts across the organization.

This included merging marketing, human resources, parks and recreation and Springbrook Nature Center into one department.

This department adopted the mission of “[We cultivate connections through inviting programs spaces and interactions.](#)”

[Introduce Parks Master Plan Leadership Team](#)

This team, along with other team members within the city, have lead the first phases of the parks master plan. They will stay with the development of this plan from this workshop through final proposals.



WHY DO PARKS AND TRAILS MATTER?

Most everyone genuinely understands the value parks and trails bring to communities. People love parks and trails!

They are an essential part of life for individuals but also an essential part of planning and infrastructure for years to come.



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VALUE OF PARKS AND TRAILS

Health Value

People living near parks have greater opportunities to be physically healthy by running, walking, biking and participating in things that makes them happy.

We can all agree an active lifestyle improves overall health.

There is a true value of “play.” Most importantly for children and teens, but also for adults.

Being outside and using spaces for recreations is good sound body and sound mind.

PARKS HELP TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF HEALTHCARE



Maintaining a **healthy weight** saves

\$1,500 per person in healthcare costs a year.¹¹

Source: cityparkalliance.org

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VALUE OF PARKS AND TRAILS

Environmental Value

There's a value in preserving and supporting healthy environments by protecting wildlife and natural spaces. Nurtured parks and trails provide healthy ecosystems such as clean air, clean water, controlling damaging pollution, and minimizing carbon footprint, etc.

In Fridley, we have been establishing healthy practices, priorities and education programs (organics, recycling, pollinator-friendly gardens, rain gardens, Environmental Fun Fair, etc.)

Fridley will continue to set positive examples for others with achievements like Tree City USA status.

PARKS CLEAN THE WATER

Parks and green space filter rain which reduces water pollution, protects drinking water and decreases rates of waterborne illness.

Parks improve environmental health and save communities money.



VALUE OF PARKS AND TRAILS CONT'D

PARKS INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES



Houses near parks or trails have **5-20% higher property values** than those in the surrounding community.^{13,14}

Economic Value

The economic value a healthy parks, trails and open spaces system has on a city is endless. Parks and open spaces attracts new residents and visitors to cities.

For residents, it can increase property values by as much as 20 percent. It can bring in businesses, increases revenues, and builds wealth by creating jobs.

Parks and trails can also reduce costs for public services such as police and protections and public works.

PARKS INCREASE REVENUE FOR CITIES

Property tax is one of the most important revenue streams for cities. Cities receive an increase in property tax revenue from people moving back to the cities.



Since 2000, the number of young, educated adults moving to livable, walkable urban neighborhoods has increased

37%.¹⁵



VALUE OF PARKS AND TRAILS CONT'D

Educational Value

It goes without saying that there is a ton of educational value for children and adults who have regular exposure to the outdoors and recreation programs that builds skills. It can improve analytical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and develop an appreciation for science and math.

There's value in children that grow into adults and have an appreciation for and the preservation of nature, history, culture and civic pride.



VALUE OF PARKS AND TRAILS

Community Value

Having an established, well-maintained parks and trail system creates a sense of pride.

They beautify areas and creates a vibrancy throughout the city.

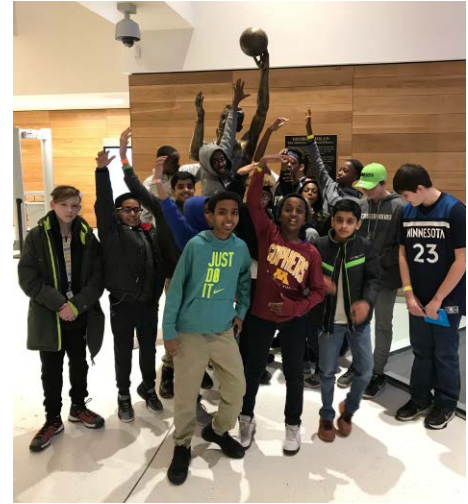
Trails and spaces lead us around, get us from place to place and fulfill a sense of wonder.

Having places to gather, reflect, enjoy outdoors and recreate builds stronger connections between people and define neighborhoods.

It gives residents a sense of pride and ownership in their neighborhoods. They have the power to create long-lasting friendships, families and networks.



FRIDLEY LOVES OUR PARKS!



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FRIDLEY LOVES OUR PARKS!

- Large park system with **38 parks** owned and operated/maintained by the City
- **681.3 acres** of park land (**24.69** per 1,000 people), which includes the Anoka County Park system and school properties
- **Roughly 10%** of the City's overall acreage is dedicated to park land
- National Recreation and Parks Association recommends 6.25-10.5 acres per 1,000
- Metropolitan Council recommends 7-14 acres per 1,000 people
- Fridley has **2-3 times more** park land than some of the recommendations
- **87%** of all residents are within 1/2 mile (**10 min**) walking distance to a park (2017 survey)
- **15** miles sidewalks, **12.6** miles of trails, **6.8** miles of paths and **10.4** miles of County trails

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HISTORY OF FRIDLEY PARKS

Many of our parks areas were formed in the 1950's. Councilmember Bob Barnette recalls he and a number of friends and teachers helped to build parks and playgrounds throughout the city, including the Moore Lake swimming beach.



The Fridley park system was more formally established in the 1970's following the 1965 tornado outbreaks. To assist in the recovery, the City received federal funding to install playgrounds and amenities.



The City has made updates, regular maintenance and replaced equipment, it has still been over fifty years for many areas.

We have never had a system-wide Master Parks Plan or identified a comprehensive maintenance and development plan



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MOORE LAKE

Moore Lake is an important park in the City and in in need of improvements.

In 2015-16 a study was conducted to develop a plan for Moore Lake.

Professional architects and engineers were hired to conduct a study and formalize plans with recommendations presented to the Fridley Parks Commission.

The estimated cost was \$4.3 million.

Still, some planning and environmental work needs to be done for Moore Lake.

Funding sources still need to be identified.

The costs and priorities of Moore Lake prompted a larger review of the entire parks and trails system.

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NATIONAL TRENDS IN PARKS AND RECREATION

FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY!



MULTI-USE TRAILS

Demand for paved multi-use trails is increasing for activities such as cycling, walking, running, and in-line skating.

Trail loops and connections between parks and amenities are being developed by many communities to promote wellness and active transportation.

Local examples include the Rice Creek and Mississippi Regional Trails.



PRESERVING OPEN SPACE

Demand for outdoor recreation and open natural spaces is increasing. Since 2003, visits to Minnesota State Parks has increased by 25%. Local examples include Springbrook Nature Center, Locke Park, Innsbruck Nature Center and Moore Lake Park.



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YEAR-ROUND FACILITIES

Many communities are developing facilities that allow year round access to activities such as golf, swimming, soccer, walking and running.

Communities such as Maple Grove, Plymouth and West St. Paul feature sports domes allowing year-round access to "summer" sports.



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SPECIALIZED SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

People are seeking out unique experiences and there is demand for specialized trails, courts and equipment to allow for activities such as mountain biking, pickle ball, in line skating, bird watching, paddle sports, sand volleyball, and rock climbing.



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FLEXIBLE OUTDOOR PLAY SPACES

Open play fields that can be used for a variety of sports such as soccer, cricket, ultimate Frisbee, football, lacrosse and rugby are becoming more favored over park space designed and designated for a single sport.

This allows for flexibility as demographics and recreation trends change.



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WINTER RECREATION

Winter sports such as fat tire cycling and skate skiing are growing and require special trails and equipment.

As demand for multi-use trails grows, so does demand for winter access through grooming or plowing.

Park and Recreation professionals are closely monitoring the impacts of climate change on cold and snow dependent activities.



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EQUIPMENT SHARE/RENTAL PROGRAMS

Considering the high cost and storage needs of recreational equipment, there is a great deal of growth in programs where equipment such as bikes, snowshoes, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks can be borrowed or rented for limited use.

There is a Mississippi River paddle share program where kayaks can be picked up and dropped off at different parks along the river.



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DOG PARKS AND PET-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Many park agencies are adding or expanding off-leash dog areas and are hosting events that are pet-friendly.

The number of dog parks in the US has nearly doubled since 2007 and one local example is the city of Arden Hills "Bark and Rec" day event.



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INCLUSIVE PARKS

Park agencies are making strides in creating new facilities that are inclusive to all and provide a positive and sensory-rich experience to people with disabilities.

Perceptions are changing and parks are being designed for people with sensory needs, Down Syndrome and the visual and hearing impaired.



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COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACES

More and more people are looking to parks as community gathering spaces for events, meetings, celebrations and classes.

The city of Roseville built a number of community buildings in their parks which have been well received by their staff and residents alike.

Springbrook Nature Center now serves 5,000 people per year through facility rental events such as birthday parties, showers and receptions.



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THEMED PLAY AREAS

To create unique destination play spaces, many park systems are incorporating themed play areas such as nature-based play, water play (splash pads) or challenge course themed parks.



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE FUTURE OF OUR PARKS.

FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY!



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Finding Your FUN in Fridley

CDI Workshop 1

June 27, 2019

Small Group Discussion Notes

(Transcribed from small group discussion sheets.)

1. What are the **strengths/benefits** of Fridley parks to the community?

<p>Number of Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have more parks than most • Number of parks • Springbrook, Innsbruck, Moore Lake • There are a lot of parks • Locke Park • Great selection of parks • More parks than average • Everyone within walking distance to a park <p>Seasonal Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commons Park is open to lots of different uses even in the winter <p>Special Purpose Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog parks • Nature Center “love it” • Dog parks <p>Nature/Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mississippi River • Space • Natural environment – resources • Green space • Explore nature • Quiet open space • Natural areas (emotional benefit, property value increases, etc.) 	<p>Services/Events/Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being able to rent shelter at Commons Park • Rental shelter <p>Users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of all ages to enjoy parks • Great help from the city folks • Sense of community – social connections • Getting kids out of the house away from TV, electronics • All-age recreation <p>Amenities/Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment for parks are good for kids • Safe play area • Tennis courts with lights • Dog walking • Biking • Canoeing • Kayaking <p>Trails/Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails where you can walk dog • Rice Creek Way • Trails are available <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean • Free • Value of home near good parks
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2. What additional activities/amenities would improve parks for Fridley residents?

<p><u>Amenities/Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arboretum of edibles – Fruit trees, edible botanicals (a local version of the MN Landscape Arboretum) • Splash pads • More tennis courts • Community gardens • Skate board parks • Pickle Ball courts • Splash pads • Music pieces • Art sculpture • Community gardens • Pickle ball • Tennis courts • Community garden • Splash pad • Splash pad • Pickle ball • Sports dome (cost?) • Water features (splash pads) • X-country skiing <p><u>Special Purpose Parks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space parks • Art parks • Music parks • Open use parks for less utilized sports • Teen park areas (12 – 18 year olds) • Skateboard park • Loop trails for walking and biking, with exercise stations • Flexible spaces – multi-use • Multi-use trails – geo-caching • Interpreter natural areas (pollinator/butterfly garden) • Themed parks: Obstacle park, ninja warrior, soft and safe surfaces, fishing docks/piers • Turfed soccer field 	<p><u>Services/Events/Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More stuff for teens • More uses for Moor Lake (the building there) • Food sales – water sport rental • Concerts in the park • Bike rentals • Yoga sunrise and sunset • Nice ride (rental bikes) • Rent kayaks • Outdoor exercise fitness • Water activities – facility on Mississippi • Frisbee golf • Concerts • Sunrise/sunset yoga • Rental facilities • Bike maintenance stations on trails • Winter active life <p><u>Signage and Navigation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better signage • Better signage • Map interactive app (layered map to show where each activity is) • Improved signage (kiosks, interpretive, way-finding) <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central maintenance • Maintain tennis courts (Craig Park) • Cleaning them up <p><u>Miscellaneous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranding for city
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3. What are the barriers or challenges for using the parks?

<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locke Park trails do not get plowed – used for running • Flooding at Moore Lake – needs upgrades to the picnic areas, increase the grade where it floods • Biking, hiking trails need help • Water quality of Moore Lake <p><u>Planning and costs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More community talks • Cost of improvements • Planning now and future • Knowing what residents want • Master plan – community vision • Communication with community • \$\$\$ • Funding to maintain conditions of parks <p><u>Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping safe from vandalism/trouble • Safety/security 	<p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough lighting for runners, walkers, bikers <p><u>Access</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Connectivity • Three freeways separate city • Parking and getting from some parks to others safely with kids • Connection to park and other activities • Water access to west Moore Lake • Lack of parking <p><u>Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough knowledge about where they are <p><u>Miscellaneous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working parents – time • Mosquitos • Highway problem for improving Moore Lake Park
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4. What would improve the trails and natural connections in Fridley?

<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insure plowing • Plowed year around • Maintained trails • Maintain the trail to use all season • Groomed trails • Resurfacing <p><u>Partnerships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection with resident and employees from companies • County-City trails • Partnering • Partnerships with county, other cities 	<p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More lighting • How can we add our community space for walking – lights • Lighting <p><u>Separate Uses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate from motor vehicles • Dedicated bike lanes on streets <p><u>Specific locations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overpass at 73rd and (?) central to Madsen Park • Island of peace – better building – connection
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5. How do you envision the desired appearance of these corridors?

<p><u>Landscaping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reputation of Fridley is negative by the poor appearance of intersections and corridors. Needs to be significantly updated. • Unique • Look at Hwy 96! • No more chain link fences – catch garbage • Aesthetically pleasing • Matching fancy (black iron) fences would be nice • Nicer trees/pretty blooming/type of landscape • Improved landscaping • Distinctive cosmetic styles, aesthetics, etc. • Cleaner – landscaping • More thoughtful about tree maintenance • Landscaping, trees • Low maintenance landscaping (good visibility) • Continuity of fencing and landscaping • Better landscaping along Hwy 47 • Median landscaping and traffic calming • Chain link fence (city initiated, state said city would be responsible for any accidents or injuries) • State mow the median regularly and pick up trash • Fix eye sore of Black Desert parking lots and associated eye sore of parked cars by planting trees in parking lots that will beautify and provide summer shade and cooling for customers while beautifying the drive by viewing. Use earth friendly water/air breathing pavers around trees to allow them to survive and thrive. <p><u>Moore Lake</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Fridley and Hwy 65 drive thru/crossing of Moore Lake a destination much enjoy drive • Line Hwy crossing of Moore Lake with planting of cotton less cottonwood trees and enjoy as it canopies, frames, and accents the lake crossing un-doing the damage of putting a major road thru a lake (require that every 	<p><u>Pedestrian and Bike Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA compatible • Bike lane accessible • Walkways/pathways • Better access to bike/walking trails and routes for those that live between 47 and 65 • No overpass on University Ave and Mississippi • Visual cues for multi-modal lanes • Continuity of bike lanes • Separation between pedestrians/bike and highways <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting • Lighting is needed – modernized • Well lit • 49er’s too old lighting styles, etc. • Better lighting • Lights down center median <p><u>Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety – school • Larger safe zones – consider large families (with bikes or strollers) • More traffic calming effects – “boulevard” <p><u>Transit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean bus stops – make safe, back away from the road • Good, aesthetically pleasing transit options and stops (shelters) <p><u>Speeds and Traffic Flow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide enough • Islands are close to intersections – need to be cleaner • Smarter cycles/timing on signals (more efficient) • Safe adequate sidewalks • Not raise speed limits • Not lower speed • Effect of driving apps on traffic flow (example: 73rd is picked up by apps because no stops and becomes busier)
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ATTACHMENT F. EXPLORING OPTIONS EXERCISE SUMMARY SHEETS (WORKSHOP II)

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: PARK AMENITIES

Table Facilitator: Dan Marckel

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Define parks - what Qualifies?
- Farr Lake Park - Revert to natural.
- Moore Lake - Maintenance, multi-generational, food trucks. Why not more bare bones playgrounds?
- Moore Lake was popular in the 1960's, where did the people go?
- How is City budgeting nature play/
- Commons Park - Indoor Shelter
- More shade trees are desired
- System wide activities for seniors
- Wading Pool / but worried about maintenance
- Many people want a splash pad (Commons or Community Park)
- There is currently nothing for teens to do
- Is there a public pool on the table?
- Remove some amenities to modernize the parks and incorporate things like: Disc golf, skate parks, long boarding, pickle bar, soccer, convert to half basketball courts rather than full.
- Add multi-generational activities in the same park.
- Ice skating tracks on lakes
- Ice Fishing
- Madsen park needs a new basketball court
- Create a signature park with a water feature.
- Create connections to other communities / add signage
- Community wide - Ninja Warrior training
- Zip Line by Blaine Senior Center
- Music-making equipment (especially along walking path)
- Flanery Park - Tennis Court maintenance, softball field is rarely used, Need soccer & new bathrooms)
- More parties at Springbrook (Pumpkin carving, Halloween)
- Need more soccer fields
- At Edgewater Gardens - tennis out? more basketball courts? Handicap swing?
- Measured walking paths and space at Commons Park around playground for: bike lanes, bike training facility, an exercise in imagination, horseshoe pits, nature trails, and more trees!

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: SERVICES & PROGRAMMING

Table Facilitator: Katie Thering

GENERAL COMMENTS

- The dog park at Locke Park is currently well used; additional locations may be nice to have throughout the city.
- Sunrise/sunset yoga in parks program would be nice - Edgewater Park good location
- Partner with churches for outdoor services
- Bring back swimming at Moore Lake - it has a bad reputation & water doesn't look appealing even though it is safe for swimming.
- Kayak/Paddle Board rental at Moore Lake - and make it more obvious that you can get to both sides under the road.
- The fence around Moore Lake makes people not use it; and the beach should be more appealing.
- More signage that directs people to neighborhood parks especially near E. River Road.
- The city website needs an updated and more interactive parks map online that allows you to search for features.
- The existing basketball courts are heavily used.
- Add warming houses & skating rinks, with a responsible adult as an attendant at some of the major parks.
- Keep the trails plowed in winter.
- Incorporate more 2-3 mile walking trail loops.
- Add cross country skiing/snowshoeing trails in winter, small trails at local parks for kids and beginners.
- More events that promote the city such as Winterfest
- More places for walking dogs in the winter - set up stations with poop bags for dogs.
- Might consider having fewer parks that are better maintained
- Incorporate a guided interpretive walk through West Moore Lake Park.
- Kids don't go to parks without adults because it's not safe - people drinking/drugs in cars, etc.
- Community Gardens aren't necessarily needed except in areas where people don't have yards.
- More services for seniors & programs through community education (bingo, etc.)
- Have a regular/weekly gathering similar to White Bear Lake's Marketfest.
- Small concerts at the amphitheater near City Hall.
- Regular farmers market's similar to Shoreview/New Brighton.
- Better marketing/promotion of existing city programs and events.
- Create better access to the river area for kayaking.
- More summer activities geared towards kids that parents can get to easily without a car (central areas like Commons Park).
- Have movie nights in the park.
- Have a more centrally located summer concert series similar to Springbrook.
- Thin out trees and add a boardwalk to West Moore Lake Park, have better fishing access.
- Recreation rental such as kayaks, bikes, paddle boards, and ice skates, snowshoes & cross country skis.
- Ice skating around Harris Park.
- Have more activities on Moore Lake that are lit up at night
- Create "bike runs" / themed bike rides, fat tire bike races in the winter.
- Educational programs on native plants with sample display gardens, and edible gardens.

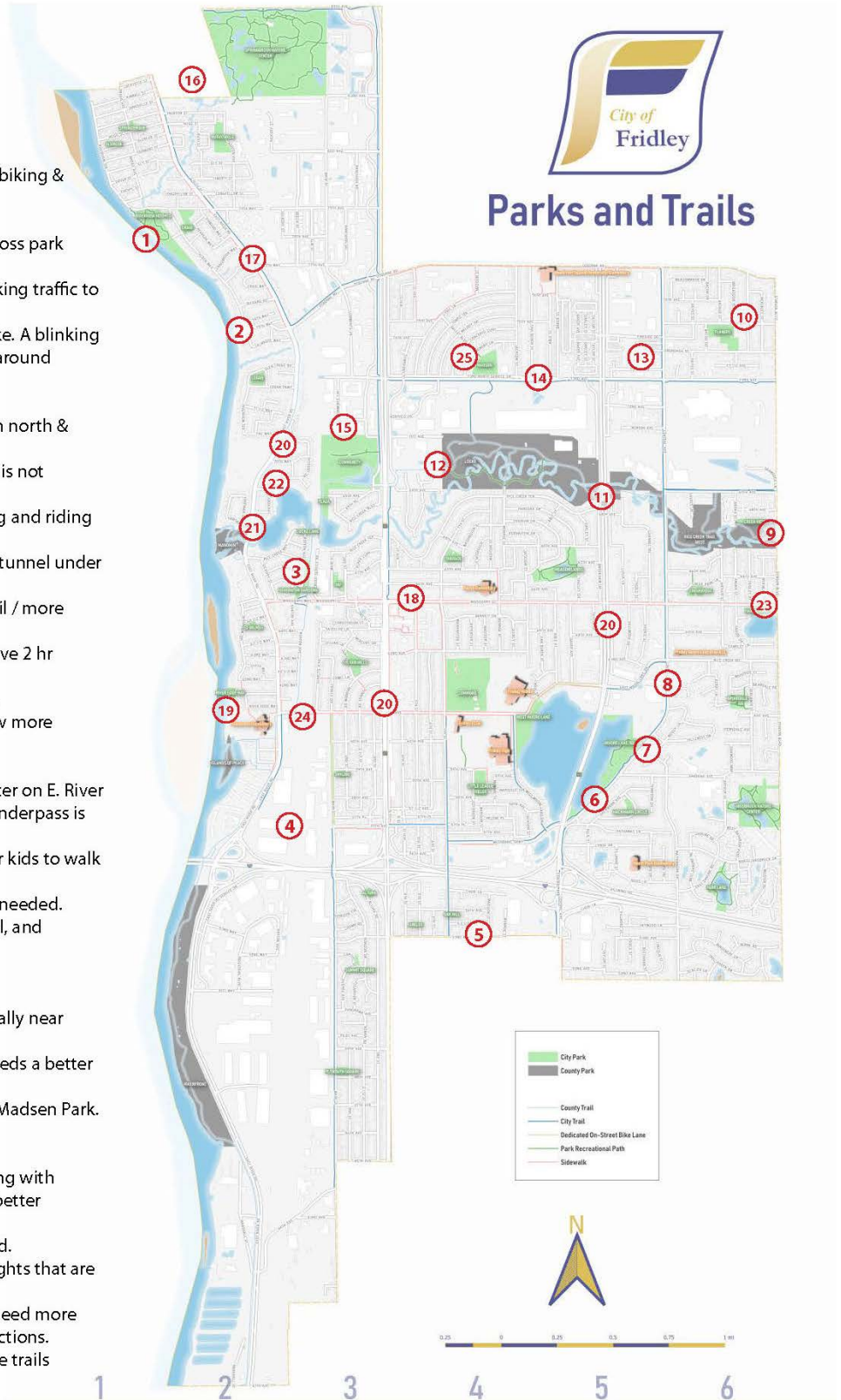


Parks and Trails

1. City of Fridley signs to follow the MRT for biking & walking.
2. Lighting needed along MRT Trail.
3. County trail is not plowed / need path across park
4. Future bridge?
5. No sidewalk on part of 7th & 53rd for walking traffic to Target.
6. Could be attractive to loop around the lake. A blinking light is needed for a pedestrian walkway around Moore Lake.
7. Snow gets plowed into trail.
8. Old Central ave needs more lighting (both north & south) and better city bus coverage.
9. Confusing split where to go. Existing sign is not sufficient.
10. Walking loops in smaller parks for learning and riding bikes.
11. Additional lighting & drainage needed in tunnel under Hwy 65
12. Confusing where to go to continue on trail / more signage is need on trails.
13. Need lights and east/west sidewalk; remove 2 hr parking.
14. 73rd needs more lighting both east/west.
15. Trail signage needs to be updated to show more context.
16. Need signage to Coon Rapids Dam.
17. Winter trail was full of ice & snow last winter on E. River Rd. from 79th to Osborne & the railroad underpass is wet/unsafe in winter.
18. Mississippi Street needs traffic calming for kids to walk across safely.
19. Subway like maps with good signage are needed.
20. Bollards are needed on E. River Rd, Central, and University.
21. Mix of trail conditions & types.
22. No local parks in this neighborhood.
23. Crossing signs to parks/crosswalks especially near Harris Park.
24. Where bikes cross the RR tracks at 61st needs a better crossing.
25. Finish path from the neighborhood near Madsen Park.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- City website needs a link for walking/biking with a wayfinding map. Trails in general need better wayfinding maps.
- The sign by Menards could be modernized.
- The City is responsive to calls regarding lights that are out.
- Wayfinding is needed all over. Generally need more signage to lead the way through tricky sections.
- Wherever city trails meets county trails the trails should be plowed.



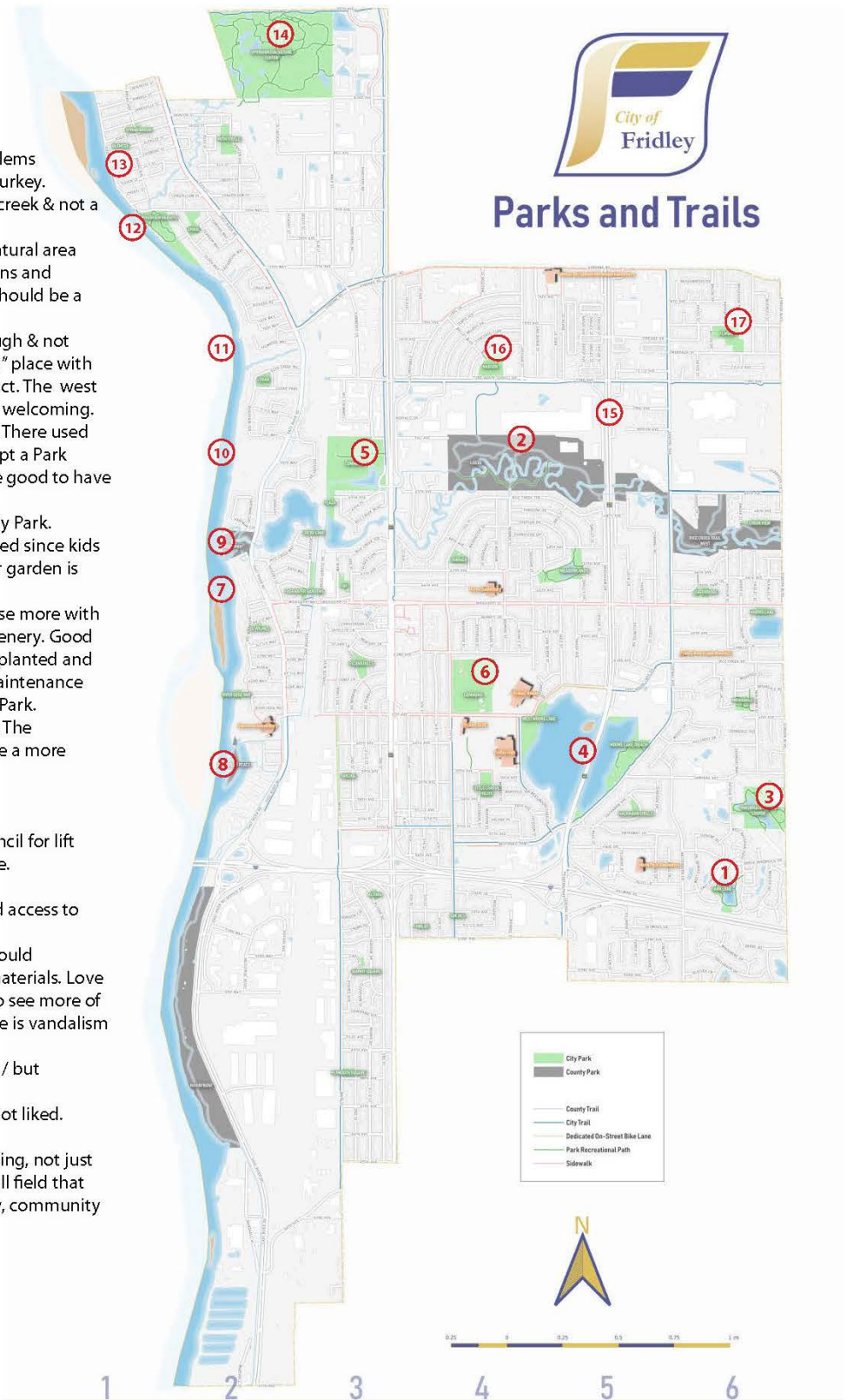
DISCUSSION SUMMARY: NATURAL RESOURCES

Table Facilitator: Julia Paulsen-Mullin



Parks and Trails

1. Farr Lake has Lily pads & Buckthorn Problems
2. Lock Park: Very natural, home to deer & turkey. Beautiful area with bridges crossing the creek & not a lot of people.
3. Innsbruck Nature Center is a peaceful natural area with walking trails. However, Garbage cans and signage is needed, buckthorn removal should be a priority.
4. Moore Lake is in a sad state, the tar is rough & not inviting. Should be a "welcome to Fridley" place with walking paths. Great spot for visual impact. The west side of the lake is all natural but not very welcoming. An opening in the fence would be good. There used to be a boardwalk; could be a great "Adopt a Park Opportunity. E-coli in the lake? Would be good to have multi-generational activities.
5. Add benches around pond at Community Park.
6. Commons Park - don't like that it is sprayed since kids & animals are there. The identified flower garden is good.
7. Mississippi River - People would like to use more with kayaks, canoes, or to sit and enjoy the scenery. Good nature corridor. Native plants should be planted and maintained early on, will become less maintenance over time. A good example is Long Lake Park.
8. Doesn't feel very safe, feels not cared for. The trail along the River near 694 should have a more manicured look.
9. Great enjoyment of nature here.
10. Mitigate the new uses & odors.
11. Girl Scout Camp bought by the Met Council for lift station / opportunity for open space here.
12. Kayak launch in disrepair
13. People bike through here, could be good access to River.
14. Springbrook Nature Center: Neighbors could collaborate with Parks Department for materials. Love the nature-based play here. Would like to see more of this, especially with a water feature. There is vandalism on the bridges along trail.
15. Native plantings in Highway 65 medians / but maintenance is a concern.
16. Pesticide postings only on one side are not liked. Needs another access path.
17. Flanery Park needs more spread out seating, not just at playground. There is an unused softball field that could be converted to nature-based play, community gardens, or a splash pad.



Fridley CDI – Finding Your FUN in Fridley: Panel Discussion (wksp 3)

July 25, 2019

Fridley City Hall

Panelists:

- **Jeff Jensen**, City of Fridley
- **Jaqui Zamora & Jordan Hedlund**, Flagship Recreation
- **Jody Yungers**, City of Brooklyn Park
- **Jonathan Vlaming**, Three Rivers Parks

Panel Presentations:

Jeff Jensen, City of Fridley

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Focus in on defining strategies for Community Parks:

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Options to enhance: **What should we do?**

- Scenario 1 – Maintain as is (softball fields)
- Scenario 2 – Athletic mix + other uses (10 acres available), other potential uses include soccer fields, multi-use fields, playgrounds, building and public use facilities, community gardens and natural areas, etc.

What are the uses we are missing?

Jaqui Zamora & Jordan Hedlund, Flagship Recreation

- Flagship Recreation is a full service park and recreation design, park amenities, and construction company. We mainly work with cities and schools and are proud to represent playgrounds, splash pads, and shade structures
- Our strength as a company is engaging directly with communities to understand what their needs are and what their vision is for a space. We leverage our design experience and product knowledge to make those visions a reality.
- Our main goal is to make sure your community spaces works for you and everyone who will be using them.

Playgrounds – Current Trends

- *Inclusive* – PIP vs EWF, inclusive vs ADA minimum
- *Nature & GFRC* – GFRC, blending into the environment
- *Net-Based* – can fit more kids, create more challenging climbing for all ages
- *Custom* – working directly with LSI engineers to design a one of a kind playground

Splash Pads

- Big water experiences with flashflood and canopy cluster
- Ground level and ground sprayers that are great for all ages
- Re-circ systems vs drain-away

Shelters

- Gazebos, large picnic shelters, small park shelters, wide range of prices and sizes

Shade

- *Playgrounds* – Shade can be integrated directly into a playground structure offering places for kids to cool down while they are still playing
- *Freestanding Shade* – great for pool areas, over picnic tables, can be installed directly over a playground

Site Furnishings

- Picnic tables, benches along pathways and under shelters, bike racks, trash receptacles to keep playgrounds and public spaces clean

Fitness

- *Ninja Courses* – Designed to be similar to American Ninja Warrior course. Designed for ages 5-12 or 13+
- *HealthBeat* – Designed for 13+ age ranges with signs to show users how to use equipment. Great around playgrounds for users to work out on when their kids/grandkids play.

Athletic Equipment

- Artificial turf fields
- Basketball hoops
- Soccer nets
- Baseball dug out shelters

Wayfinding & Signs

- Welcome signs for athletic fields
- Trail maps
- Custom signs for playgrounds

Jody Yungers, City of Brooklyn Park

- The City of Brooklyn Park undertook an extensive community process to gather input from residents on the city's park system plan (for executive summary report go to: https://www.brooklynpark.org/assets/1/25/Park_System_Plan_ExecSummary.pdf)
- Community engagement is key – city undertook a 9 month process
- Brooklyn Park has 60 parks – accessible to every resident within 6 blocks
- Access and connectedness to key destinations was top priority
- City also looked at equity – are resources located for all to enjoy?
- Community expressed desire for an aquatic facility – attempts to create it failed three times
- Desire to invest in natural resources
- Strengthen trail system – fill gaps
- Support facilities for youth programs (e.g. day camps)
- Three neighborhood parks were in poor condition
- Desire for winter access to sports – park center dome with synthetic turf
- Redevelop River Park – create better access to the river
- Community gardens, nature play areas (establish garden-to-food programming)
- Importance of programming staff (strong programs, nature interpreters)
- Worked with school districts, libraries, and assisted living communities
- Gateway Park to bring new people into nature-based parks
- Pocket parks provide bridging facility, programming to grow visitor base
- **Trust for Public Land** (a national nonprofit dedicated to creating parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.) provided assistance for robust community process, and polling/assessment of potential referendum for bonding to implement new elements (e.g. aquatic facility). They offered incredibly exact predictions on potential for bonding referendum results. Helped the city define a successful approach to advance new revenue sources for park system improvements.
- Additional funding sources include state and federal resources for conservation, outdoor recreation grants, and matching grants from the MN Dept of Natural Resources (master planning is needed).

Jonathan Vlaming, Three Rivers Park District

- Three Rivers Park District promotes environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system. It encompasses over 27,000 acres of parks and trails and serves millions of visitors annually.
- How should Fridley approach its park system? The city's comprehensive plan shows strong goals for reinforcing and improving on what is already here.
- **Space** – offers a great combination of recreation and open space, public land along the Mississippi river is a highlight, Springbrook Nature Center is one of the premier nature centers in the country.
- **Connectivity** – Fridley's park score (percentage of geographic areas within ½ mile of a park) is 94%, compared with 96.5% in Minneapolis. No equity disparity was identified for travel distance to parks.
- **Plan** – no evidence of interior network of bike trails, although a good plan is in place.
- **Place** – Mini-parks offer nice playgrounds, Mississippi River and connections to the North Star Commuter Line Station are positive. New apartment buildings indicate that the city is vital and attracting investment. Where is the downtown/city center? What is the city's gathering space? Is there a farmers market? Places that are vibrant, offer events?
- The edge of the parks are key – will impact the future of the park. Consider the Central Park theory. The edges create economic vibrancy.

Participants worked in small groups to identify what to do with Community Park.

Participants broke out into table discussions. Report out to the large group:

Proposed improvements:

- Create greater access by providing overpass or tunnel to cross University Avenue
- Create a trail loop that is maintained for summer and winter
- Create a way to get to the back side of the park
- Small families and community garden users would not use the area unless there was a parking lot in the back as they don't want to walk all the way to the back with young kids or garden supplies
- More walking loops around the park, connect trails to others in the area
- Make more of a multi-generational park with options for kids, teens, adults, seniors
- Connect Community Park to Civic Campus Park
- Strong desire for more community input from young families and communities of color
- Add soccer fields
- Maintain open space – flexible to meet different needs
- Multi-use park – include soccer for sure (soccer fields were removed for civic campus and townhomes)
- Build in a nature area (perhaps in the Anoka County portion), orchards
- Add a couple smaller lot so people can access different areas
- Walking trail around the perimeter
- Move play area closer to the trail access and road so people can SEE what's in the park
- Shelters near play area for big family gatherings
- Multi-use fields (soccer, etc.)
- Playgrounds with fun stuff for older kids (8 – 12 yrs old, 13 – 18 yrs old)
- Ring trail around parks for all year use

- Possible activities for all ages year round
- Multi-use fields
- Putting nature loop connecting city center, food, amenities
- Soccer fields in the area

Ideas about the softball fields:

- Since the softball fields were recently redone, maintain but remove the back two.
- Four softball fields – how to use in the winter? Cross-country ski loops? Ice rinks?
- Concerned with removing 4 main fields as they were just upgrades/redone not that long ago, seen as a waste of resources to remove and add something else especially if softball makes a comeback and participation increases in the years to come
- Could we turn them into softball fields that are available for older youth to play on instead of just adult softball
- Keep all four fields and turn middle maintenance building into warming house in the winter, put ice rinks on softball dirt or snowshoe or cross country ski trail
- Remove fields in the back, add playground or community garden, some people concerned about the trains/railroad in the back (might affect community garden and deter young families from playing at a playground)

Additional comments and questions:

- The train tracks effect the space (*note: mitigation options to create a secured area and eliminate dangers from railroad tracks are available such as barriers for safety, high fencing, and buffers for noise and visuals.*)
- Community outreach is needed to make sure the plan makes sense
- Access – how do you get people here?
- Is this the community gathering place? Our downtown?
- How fast is this going to move? How will we get ideas out to the community? Listen to both people that use the parks, and people that don't use the parks.
- Maintenance is key
- Make a true community park

Uses identified for Civic Plaza (opportunity to link with Community Park):

- Gathering place for community
- Farmers market
- Community gardens
- Need connectors to be safe for kids
- Possible amphitheater space to make a gathering area

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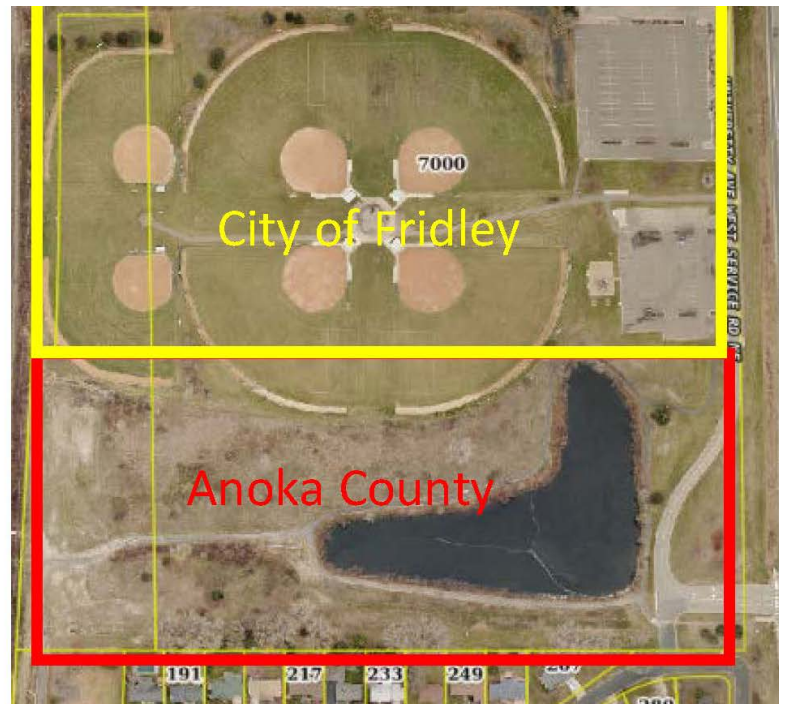
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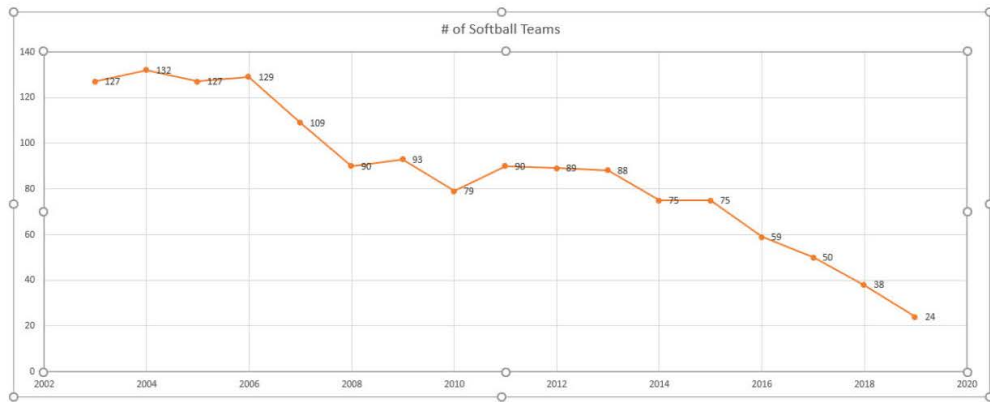
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Community Park- Softball

- Public feedback that fields are underutilized
- Data supports underutilization of fields
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Year	# of Tournaments	Event
2016	4	Softball
2017	6	Softball
2018	4	Softball
2018	3	Cricket
2019	2	Softball

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What to do with Community Park?

Scenario 1

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Scenario 2

- Athletic mix + other uses
- 10 acres available



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Other Potential Uses



Playgrounds and soccer/multi-use fields

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Other Potential Uses



Community gardens / natural areas



Building / public use facility

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PLAYGROUNDS

INCLUSIVE



NATURE & GFRC



NET BASED



CUSTOM



SPLASHPADS

FLASH FLOOD



CANOPY CLUSTER



WHIRLFLEX



GROUND SPRAYS



SHELTERS

Approximately \$57,000



Approximately \$49,000



Approximately \$20,000



Approximately \$100,000



SHADE

12' x 12' shade built into the playground \$3,500



12' x 12' Cantilever Shade \$4,000



40 Ft Diameter shade built into the playground \$33,000



Back-to-Back 40'x36' \$24,000



SITE FURNISHINGS



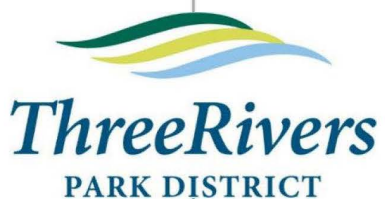
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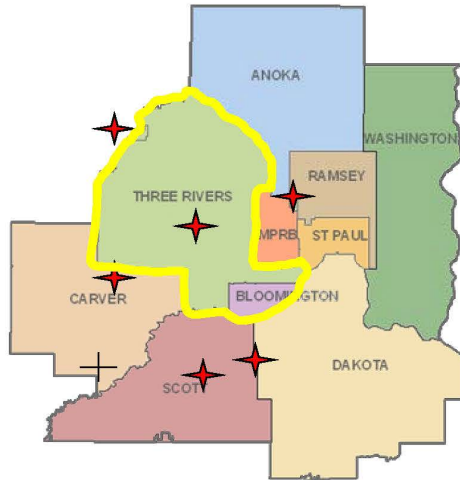
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Three Rivers Park District

An independent Park District created in 1957

Taxing Jurisdiction: Suburban Hennepin County



Own land in 6 counties

Own about half of the land in the Regional Park System



Three Rivers Park District

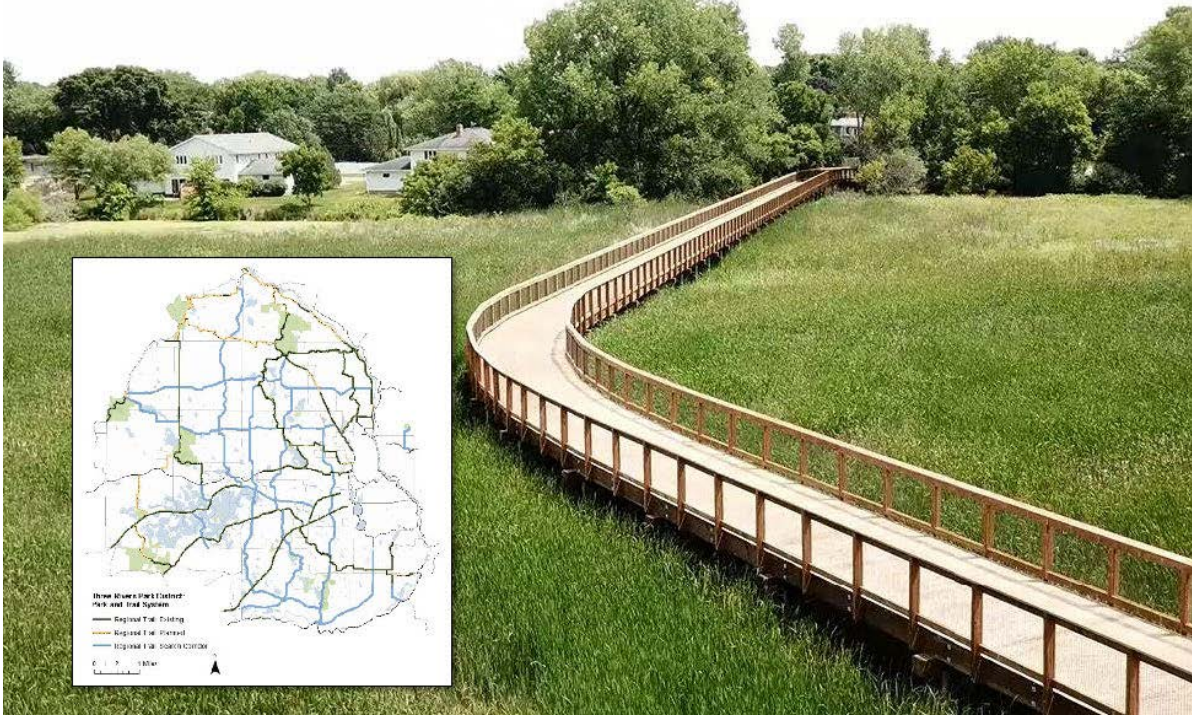
- ❖ 22 Parks
- ❖ 27,000 Acres
- ❖ 7 million visits



Three Rivers Park District

Regional Trail Network

- 160 miles currently open
- 5.5 million annual visits



Park Partners



- New, specialized partnership programs
- Partners include:
 - Hopkins School District
 - Libraries in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center
 - Bloomington School District
 - Brooklyn Center Community Schools
 - Assisted living facilities



Mississippi Gateway Regional Park

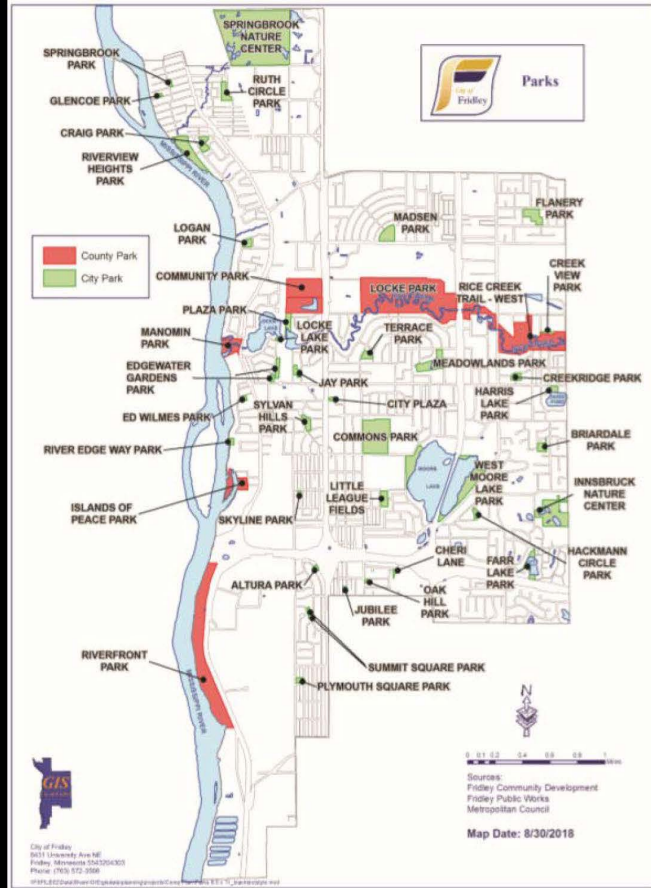
- Partnership with Brooklyn Park
- Master plan developed with much community input
- A gateway for everyone to connect with the Mississippi River and its dynamic environment

Thoughts on City Park Systems

Space

The current and potential public land base

The “canvas”



Thoughts on City Park Systems

Connectivity

Walking

Biking

Driving

tpl.org/parkscore

Everyone deserves a park within a 10-minute walk of home.

Is Fridley meeting that goal?

94% of residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park.

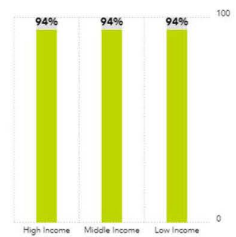


National average 54%

PERCENT OF RESIDENTS WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF A PARK BY AGE



PERCENT OF RESIDENTS WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF A PARK BY INCOME



Thoughts on City Park Systems

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Place

The Value of the Space



Macro: The Mississippi River!

Partnerships
Community Identity
Economic Resilience
Health & Wellness



Micro – local parks

ATTACHMENT I. ATTENDANCE LIST FOR THE FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY CDI WORKSHOPS

Finding Your FUN in Fridley Workshop Attendance

W1	W2	W3	W4	First name	Last name	Organization	Address	City	Zipcode
1	1	1		Bob	Barnette	City Council	541 Rice Creek Blvd	Fridley	
1	1			Tim	Bezdek		1351 76th Ave NE	Fridley	55432
1	1	1	1	Ann	Bolkcom	City Council	6821 Hickory St NE	Fridley	
1			1	Peter	Borman	Parks Commissioner	157 River Edge Way	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Debbie	Dahl	City of Fridley			
	1		1	Megan	De Hoan		7517 4th St NE	Fridley	
	1	1	1	Amy	Dritz		210 Longfellow St NE		
1	1	1		Mary	Eggert		1090 Hathaway Ln	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Stephen	Eggert	City Council	1090 Hathaway Ln	Fridley	55432
	1			Melissa	Fellner		6001 Central Ave NE	Fridley	
	1			Ryan	Gerhard		881 W Moore Lk Dr	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Lisa	Gleason		276 Rice Creek Blvd NE	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	John	Gleason		276 Rice Creek Blvd NE	Fridley	
	1	1		Elizabeth	Graham		1521 Trapp Ct		
	1		1	Diane	Graham	resident	17 NE 67 Way		
1		1	1	Don	Grant		1620 Rice Creek Rd	Fridley	
1				Dan	Hampton				
1	1	1	1	Dana	Harrington				
		1		Jordan	Hedlund	Flagship Recreatio			
1		1		Mike	Heintz	Park & Rec Commission	5704 Jefferson St	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Scott	Hickok	City of Fridley			
1				Bill	Holm		7424 Melody Drive	Fridley	55432
1				Shawn	Howard		1646 Gardena Ave NE	Fridley	55432
1		1		Tad	Jude		286 Rice Creek	Fridley	
	1	1	1	Alan	Knechtel				
1	1		1	Jim	Koslucher	City of Fridley			
	1		1	Alyssa	Kruzel	City of Fridley			
1		1	1	Mike	Maher	Springbrook Nature Center			
1	1		1	Ron	Mattson		6170 Heather Pl NE	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Mandy	Meisner	Anoka County Commissioner			
1	1	1		Holly	Minion		6566 McKinley St NE	Fridley	
1	1			Nick	Olberding	Fridley EQEC	7109 Ashton Ave NE	Fridley	
	1	1	1	Gary	Osterbauer	hairdresser	1417 W Danue Rd	Fridley	
1	1	1	1	Bruce	Pomerentz		5687 W Bavarian Pass	Fridley	
1			1	Ann	Postera		5801 W Moore Lake Dr	Fridley	
	1		1	Jennifer	Prasek				
1				Ron	Prasek				
	1			Brice	Richter	City of Fridley			
1				Terry	Schutt		1643 Gardena Ave	Fridley	
		1		Rachel	Schwanke				
1	1			Natividad	Seefeld	Park Plaza Coop	1260 Onondaga St NE	Fridley	
1				Kaye	Severson		7877 Alden Way	Fridley	55432
		1	1	Jane	Shaw		5854 Stinson Blvd NE		
		1	1	Jeff	Shaw		5854 Stinson Blvd NE		
1			1	Connie	Thompson		7574 Lakeside	Fridley	55432
1	1			Kirk	Thunberg		5851 4th St NE	Fridley	55432
	1			Cathy	Thunberg		70 66th Way	Fridley	
1		1	1	Tom	Tillberry	City Council	700 Mississippi St. NE	Fridley	
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1				Jeanne	Whitehill		1080 Gardena Ave NE	Fridley	
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			1	Becky	Degendorfer		1420 W Danube Rd		
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ATTACHMENT L. ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLICITY FLYER FOR THE FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY CDI WORKSHOPS

Finding Your FUN in Fridley! **HELP DEFINE THE FUTURE OF FRIDLEY'S PARKS AND TRAILS!!**



The City of Fridley invites you to an important conversation to shape the future of the city's parks and trails system. How do you use our parks and trails? How can the park system be improved? What will make Fridley's parks and trails fun for residents and visitors of all ages and interests?

Help us plan for our future and current needs for parks and trails. We need you to join in on the fun!

Mark your calendars for these **COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS!**

We encourage participants to attend all four events. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at:

FRIDLEY CITY HALL

7071 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432



WORKSHOP 1

LAUNCH – FINDING YOUR FUN IN FRIDLEY! PARKS & TRAILS PLAN

Thursday, June 27, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Our professional facilitators will help open the discussion around: When it comes to Fridley's parks and trails, what do we have, and what do we need? From signature parks to mini-parks, what should the Fridley park system include?

WORKSHOP 3

PANEL DISCUSSION: LEARNING FROM OTHER EXAMPLES

Thursday, July 25, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

A panel of experts will reflect on the options produced in workshop 2, and consider what it will take to achieve our ideas. The panel will respond to questions from the community, and share their insights and experience.

WORKSHOP 2

EXPLORING OPTIONS EXERCISE

Thursday, July 11, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Join your neighbors in an interactive workshop to consider options for the different types of parks located throughout the city. How can the parks system best respond to the needs of the community?

WORKSHOP 4

CREATE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Thursday, August 8, 2019; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Help define the recommendations for Fridley's Parks Master Plan, which will be submitted to the Fridley City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission.

An online survey and interactive map is also available for your input!
FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun-Updates

To request childcare or sign language interpretation contact Gretchen Nicholls at 651-265-2280.
To request Spanish or Somali translation contact the City of Fridley at 763-571-3450.
Services must be requested at least one week in advance of each workshop.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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