



NORTH BRANCH

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**PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL, 6408 ELM STREET, NORTH
BRANCH, MN 55056**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. AGENDA APPROVAL
 - a. Approve Agenda ACTION
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. CONSENT AGENDA
7. REPORTS
 - a. Park Fund Balances INFO
 - b. Project Updates INFO
 - c. Fisk Acres Minor Subdivision ACTION
 - d. Chisago County Parks and Trails 2024 Annual Report INFO
 - e. PTOS Strategic Plan INFO
8. NEXT MEETING - April 7, 2025
9. ADJOURNMENT



NORTH BRANCH
City of North Branch
Staff Report

Prepared By:

Presenter:

Date: 02/12/2025

Board & Commission: Parks, Trails and Open Space Commission

Subject: Park Fund Balances

Park Dedication Fund Balance	\$214,930.58
<i>Committed Funds</i>	
Meadows North Park	\$6,459.75
Riverwalk Dome Structure Electric	\$3,000.00
Disc Golf Course	\$3,635.53
CSAH 30 SRTS Trail	\$33,962.00
Northwood Pickleball Court/Site Imp	\$16,782.55
Harder/Tower Ballfield Fencing	\$970.00
Tower Fields Drainage	\$6,654.88
<i>Total Committed Funds</i>	<i>\$71,464.71</i>
Adjusted Balance	\$143,465.87

Community Center Fund (475)	\$177,822.31
Park Improvement Fund (403)	\$105,212.40
<i>Committed Funds</i>	
Fox Run PUD	\$60,000.00
Lions Park Benches	\$600.00
ECRAC Summer Concerts 2023	\$650.00
MERC Foundation HP Field 1 Dugouts	\$6,000.00
<i>Total Committed Funds</i>	<i>\$67,250.00</i>
Park Improvement Fund Adjusted Balance	\$37,962.40

Voting Requirements:

Voting Options Simple Majority

Parks, Trails & Open Space Commission Project Updates

Current Projects	Progress and Next Steps	Approval Date	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Cost
Northwood Park Pickleball Court and Site Improvements	The City received a grant of \$140,000 from the Outdoor Recreation grant program from the DNR. The bids were awarded for the pickleball courts to Winberg Companies LLC. The playground surfacing has been replaced by public works and the base grading for the trail is completed. The pickleball courts complete. Site amenities including benches trash receptacles,etc and pathways are in the process of being installed. Improvements will be completed in Spring 2025	3/23	Spring 2025	Total \$280,000 City Match \$140,000
Skating Rinks	The warming houses have been closed for the season.			
Clayton Anderson Park	<p>The PTOS Commission recommended approval of up to \$2,500 to acquire and place the limestone rock in the park. The City Council approved this at their April 9, 2024. The limestone has been moved to the park.</p> <p>The CCMG are looking to establish an Oak Savanna at the park. . They will be continuing the buckthorn removal from the park and are looking to remove the knapweed.</p> <p>North Woods and Waters have obtained a \$23,000 grant to support the pollinator planting and 2 year maintenance plan at the park. A huge thank you to Tom Anderson for securing the grant funding.</p>			
Harder Park Dense Forest	Dawn White and the CCMG are looking to remove the fencing and drip irrigation at the dense forest at HP and are looking for reusing the materials at another location.			
Riverwalk Park	<p>Natural Space Domes donated the dome structure at the park. They would like to add a plaque at the dome structure. Below is proposed language:</p> <p><i>This Park Dome was donated by Natural Spaces Domes of North Branch in memory and honor of MN State Senator Janet Johnson and Kids for Saving Earth founder 11 year old Clinton Hill. Both were defenders of the Planet (R) and would want you to work to protect our beautiful Earth.</i></p>			
Park Signage	The City Council approved the purchase of new	3/23	Summer	

	monument signage at 7 parks. The signs have been installed at all parks except Tower Fields and Central Park. These will be installed after construction at each location.		2024	
Harder Park Disc Golf Course	The NBDGA is in the process of designing signage for the course. The PTOS commission approved moving forward with the concept kiosk and to bring the final design back for approval. The City Council approved the NBDGA funding request of \$5,000 for alternate short tees and an alternate basket location for full build out of the course. The tee pads and kiosk sign will be installed in the spring. Trees have been planted around the course. A draft kiosk sign has been created. Public Works will be working with the NBDGC on site/landscaping improvements at the park for the kiosk. New concrete tee pads were installed on the course	6/23	Spring 2024	
Ballfield Improvements	The fencing improvements at Harder and Tower Park have been completed. Future improvements to be addressed are aglime, dugout roofs; drainage, base/bench replacement and fence toprail covers;	Dec 2022	Fall 2023/Spring 24	\$125,000
MERC Grant	The City received grant funding for new dugout roofs for Field 1 at Harder Park. These will be installed in Spring 2025		Spring 2025	
RJMP	The Commission recommend city staff work with the Football association to identify improvements to fields, lighting and storage at the park.			
Veterans Memorial	The City Council approved the site plan and MOU with the North Branch Veterans Memorial Group at the July 25, 2023 meeting and are working on their marketing and fundraising efforts. The coming soon sign has been installed in the park. The City Council approved the fiscal agreement.		2025/2026	
Tower Fields Drainage Improvements	The City was notified that it received a \$7,000 grant from the MN Twins – Field for Kids Grant for drainage improvements to Tower Fields. The City Council approved up to \$13,000 to complete the drainage improvements in fall 2023. The City has been notified that it will be provided an additional \$8,000 of funding thanks to player donations for the full grant request amount of \$15,000!		Spring 2024	
Flink Ave Trail Sunrise Bluff 2 Phase II	City Staff submitted a grant to MNDOT AT program received funding of \$574,332 to complete the trail section. The City Council approved the		June 2025	\$99,901

(Co Mkt – 392)	final engineering for the project with construction planned to start in June 2025.															
Safe Route to Schools CSAH 30 Trail	The City Council recommended approval of submitting the grant application to construct a trail along the east side of CSAH 30 from 379 th St to Maple St and on Maple St from CSAH 30 to Oak St at the 12.7.21 meeting. The estimated engineering City Cost is \$55,004.90. The City has been notified that the project was selected for funding in the amount of \$366,700. The Council approved the plans and specs and the project is out for bid. The bids came in below budget and project is expected to begin Spring 2025. Tree clearing will start mid-March.		June 30, 2025													
SRTS Plan	The SRTS Plan is over 12 years old and is need of an update. Will look to apply for grant funding to update this. Grants notifications will be July 2025.		2025													
Arts Grant	The Council approved the summer concert grant application and staff were notified the grant was awarded. Keith Secola has been added and a Hard Days Night will be rescheduling to another Tuesday. <table border="1" data-bbox="337 1003 1008 1285"> <tr> <td>Minnesota State Band</td> <td>6/17/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Native American Dance and Drum Exhibit/Keith Secola</td> <td>6/24/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monroe Crossing</td> <td>7/8/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whitesidewalls</td> <td>7/15/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hard Days Night</td> <td>7/22/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Church of Cash</td> <td>7/29/2025</td> </tr> </table>	Minnesota State Band	6/17/2025	Native American Dance and Drum Exhibit/Keith Secola	6/24/2025	Monroe Crossing	7/8/2025	Whitesidewalls	7/15/2025	Hard Days Night	7/22/2025	Church of Cash	7/29/2025			
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Pollinator Friendly City/Monarch Community	The legislature approved language allowing property owners to maintain native prairies on all properties. The city will need to amend its existing ordinances to align with this.															
Tree City	The CCMG planted 8 trees in Clayton Anderson park despite the rained out Arbor Day event. City staff are working on tree ordinance and will bring it to the December meeting for review/discussion.		Spring 2025													
Skateboard Park	The Commission and Council approved the replacement of the surfacing at the skateboard park. Public Works has installed the new ramp surfaces and the park is getting a lot of use. 3 rd Lair has held provided a concept of a tiered quarter pipe. The PTOS Commission discussed providing up to \$4,000 in funding match for a tiered quarter pipe.	5/3/21														
Williams Park	The community gardens have been tilled up for the															

Community Garden	season and are accepting applications for garden plots for 2025.			
Malmquist Property	The PTOS Commission recommended to strongly support Mr. Malmquist's proposal for his property to be entrusted to the city at the appropriate time and to care and that the city would care best for it and properly use it at the 1/9/23 meeting. City Staff is working with Mr. Malmquist on next steps. An appraisal (\$3,500 - \$5,000) would be required for DNR grant acquisitions. City staff met with the MN Trust for Public Lands to explore options to help protect the site until grant funding could be acquired.			
North Branch Beautification Association	The NBBA is continuing to work on the Vet Memorial, Flower Baskets, Banners and Memorial Benches.			
Splash Pad	The Commission and City Council have identified a splash pad as top priority improvement and has discussed Williams Park as the location for the splash pad to be tied to a community center location. The Commission discussed hosting a community input meeting on the desired amenities and type of facility the community would desire in in winter 2024. The City is conducting a facility assessment and will help guide the location for a future community center. The Commission would like to hold a joint meeting with other commissions and council through this process.			
Strategic Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan	The City Council approved the Comprehensive Plan at the Oct 23, 2018 meeting. The next steps will be to develop a strategic plan and implementation. Including a bicycle/pedestrian plan and development of a bike friendly community initiatives and to accommodate site amenities within the design i.e. benches at various locations. This is an agenda item. A facility assessment is in the process of conducted and is estimated to be completed in mid-July 2024.		Spring 2025	
Subdivision Review				
Westside Commons	The PTOS Commission recommended the acceptance of cash and to work with the developer on the construction of the extension of the trail from 386 th St to TH95. The developer has agreed to construct the trail from 386 th St to TH95 and will receive a credit for park dedication fees.	3/6/23		

Westside Commons Sr Housing	The PTOS Commission recommended the acceptance of cash on 10/7/24			
Preserve at Spring Hill 2	The PTOS Commission recommend the acceptance of cash on 9/9/24			
Sneep Acres	The PTOS Commission recommended the acceptance of cash on 11/04/2024.			
Sunrise Bluff 3	The PTOS Commission recommended the acceptance of the construction of the trail from Everett Ave to Flink Ave along 392nd St and to accept the dedication of the land along the Sunrise River and to provide an easement across the west outlot to extend the access to the west of the development.	4/1/24		
Meadows Ridge (LGI)	The PTOS Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the open space in the preliminary plat and recommend the acceptance of cash for units above the park credit utilization area. A park credit utilization area was approved and has been paid for up to 591 total units to be constructed. 308 units have been platted to date.	9/11/23		
Chain Lake Shores	The PTOS Commission reviewed the concept plan and provided feedback of a combination of cash and land for park dedication with a more detailed review with a preliminary/final plat submittal.	9/11/23		
Townsendge Master Plan	The PTOS Commission to recommend an acceptance a combo of land and cash for park dedication funds with the land not to exceed 4 acres.	5/2/22		
Casselberry Outlot	The PTOS Commission requested the City Council to reserve the parcel of land located at the northeast corner of Lincoln Trail and Hemingway Ave as park/open space. The City Council discussed this at their November 10, 2022 meeting and noted that the parcel is being reserved as right-of-way for a future intersection improvement (2027) and that any additional space would be preserved as park/open space.		2027	
Long-term Planning and Goals	Progress and Next Steps			
CIP 2024-2035	The Commission discussed focusing on Williams Park and to add the Malmquist Property, Luchts Trail Connection and park expansions to the CIP. The City Council will be reviewing in May/June 2023. – Additional resident support has been			

	provided for the Luchts Crossing trail connection.			
Council Commission	The PTOS Commission appointed Lynn Wilson to serve on the planning committee			

Northwood Park	Pickleball Court, Playground Resurfacing, Walkways	DNR Grant/	2024	\$240,000
Splash Pad	Location to be determined		2024	\$300,000
Park Signage	Install uniform signage in all parks		2024	\$20,000
Central Park	Basketball Court resurfacing		2025	\$25,000
Northwood Park	Parking Lot Resurfacing		2025	\$20,000
Northwood Park	Basketball Court resurfacing		2025	\$25,000
Co Rd 30 Trail	379 th St to Maple St (East side)	<i>Final Design</i>	2025	\$500,000
Co Rd 30 Crosswalk	Pedestrian crossing near the library to Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail	<i>Final Design</i>	2025	\$600,000
Flink Ave Trail Phase II	Trail connection from existing trail to 392 nd St to NB Marketplace.	<i>Grant ?</i>	2025	\$600,000
Harder Park	Parking Lot microsurfacing		2025	\$65,000
Falcon Ave Trail	385 th – 386 th St		2025	\$55,000
RJMP	Parking Lot Microsurfacing		2025	\$20,000
Outdoor Archery Range	Location to be determined		2025	\$42,000
Malmquist Property	Acquisition and Development		2025	\$600,000
Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail	Maintenance		2026	\$6,000
Wildridge Park	Park Development – parking lot, soccer fields		2026	\$545,000
Williams Park	Park Development		2026	\$1,850,000

Clayton Anderson	Parking lot surfacing		2026	\$200,000
Harder Park Trail Connection			2026	\$1,000,000
Northwood Park Playground Equipment	Replace existing playground equipment		2026	\$100,000
Luchts Crossing	Park Development		2027	\$100,000
Wildridge Park	Basketball Court Resurfacing		2027	\$20,000
Luchts Crossing Trail Connection	Trail Connection from Luchts Crossing to Casselberry		2027	\$100,000
Northwood Park	Irrigation System		2028	\$70,000
Tower Fields	Irrigation System		2028	\$70,000
Townsedge Park	Park Development		2028	\$200,000
Harder Park Playground Equipment	Replace existing playground equipment		2028	\$100,000
North Branch Oaks Playground Equipment	Replace existing playground equipment		2028	\$100,000
Tower Fields	Parking Lot Paving		2029	\$70,000
Meadows North Park	Expansion to west		2029	\$50,000
Dog Park	Dog Park Development - Location TBD		2030	\$30,000
Roger Johnson Playground Equipment	Replace existing playground equipment		2030	\$
Roger Johnson Park	Expansion to east		2031	\$80,000
Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail	Maintenance		2032	\$6,000
Wildridge Park Playgrund Equipment	Replace existing playground equipment		2032	\$100,000
Grand Ave Trail	Pedestrian bridge across Sunrise River		2033	\$515,000



Prepared By: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Presenter: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Date: 01/27/2025

Board & Commission: Parks, Trails and Open Space Commission

Subject: Fisk Acres Minor Subdivision

Background Information:

Cory Fisk has provided plans for a subdivision named Fisk Acres. The site is located on the north side of St Croix Trail/Hwy 95 near Jewel and July Ave(see the attached map). The subdivision consists of 3 lots including 1 existing home. The site has a total of 40 acres. The site is located within the open space/wildlife corridor and is predominately relatively flat, but does contain a portion of the old St Croix River Bluffline on the north side of the development. The land above the bluff contains soils consisting of loamy fine sand and the landcover consisting of an existing homesite and open land. The area below the bluff consists predominately hydric soils and a mixed hardwood swamp. There are no existing trails located in the area.

Discussion/Analysis:

State Statute allows cities the ability to require that a reasonable portion of the buildable land of any proposed subdivision to be dedicated to the public to address infrastructure needs created by the development; including, parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, sidewalks, wetlands and open space.

In lieu of land dedication for parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, wetlands or open space, cities may require a developer to pay cash or “park dedication fees.” Park dedication fees excuse the developer from a local land dedication for park and recreation purposes, but still allow the city to purchase and acquire new, off-site facilities to serve the recreation needs created by the subdivision.

Sec. 54-465. Conditions for contributions.

It shall be deemed to be in the public interest to require land dedication, cash contribution, or any combination thereof when the city council after review and recommendation makes one or more of the following findings of fact:

- (1) All or part of the proposed subdivision has been designated as park, playground, public open space, storm sewer holding areas or ponds on an adopted city plan;
- (2) Such contribution is necessary in order to protect adjacent land uses from potential conflicting land uses which could exist on the land subdivided;
- (3) The increased number of residents to reside or be employed within the subdivision will increase the recreational demands upon the city;
- (4) The land proposed to be subdivided contains or borders upon existing unique topographical features including but not limited to ponds, lakes, streams, timber stands, water holding areas, hills, steep slopes, drainage areas, or bluffs which should be preserved to prevent foreseeable safety, pollution, or erosion hazards or to provide unique recreational and aesthetic qualities and enjoyment to the city; Such contribution is necessary to comply with or fulfill the goals, policies, and programs of the city.

Based on North Branch City Code and the current fee schedule, the following options are available for park dedication for the proposed development.

Cash Option	2 Lots @ \$1,800 per lot = \$3,600
Land Option	40 acres @ 10% = 4 acres
Cash/Land Option	Various Combinations of the above

The property is served by the Checkerboard Park service area.

Deadline: March 3, 2025

Requested Action & Recommendation:

The requested action is for the Commission to make a recommendation on deeming if there is a public interest to require a land dedication, cash contribution or any combination of thereof for parks, trails and open space of the proposed plat. Staff recommends acceptance of cash-in-lieu of land for the parks, trails and open space as the increased number of residents within the subdivision will increase the demands upon the city parks, trails and open space system

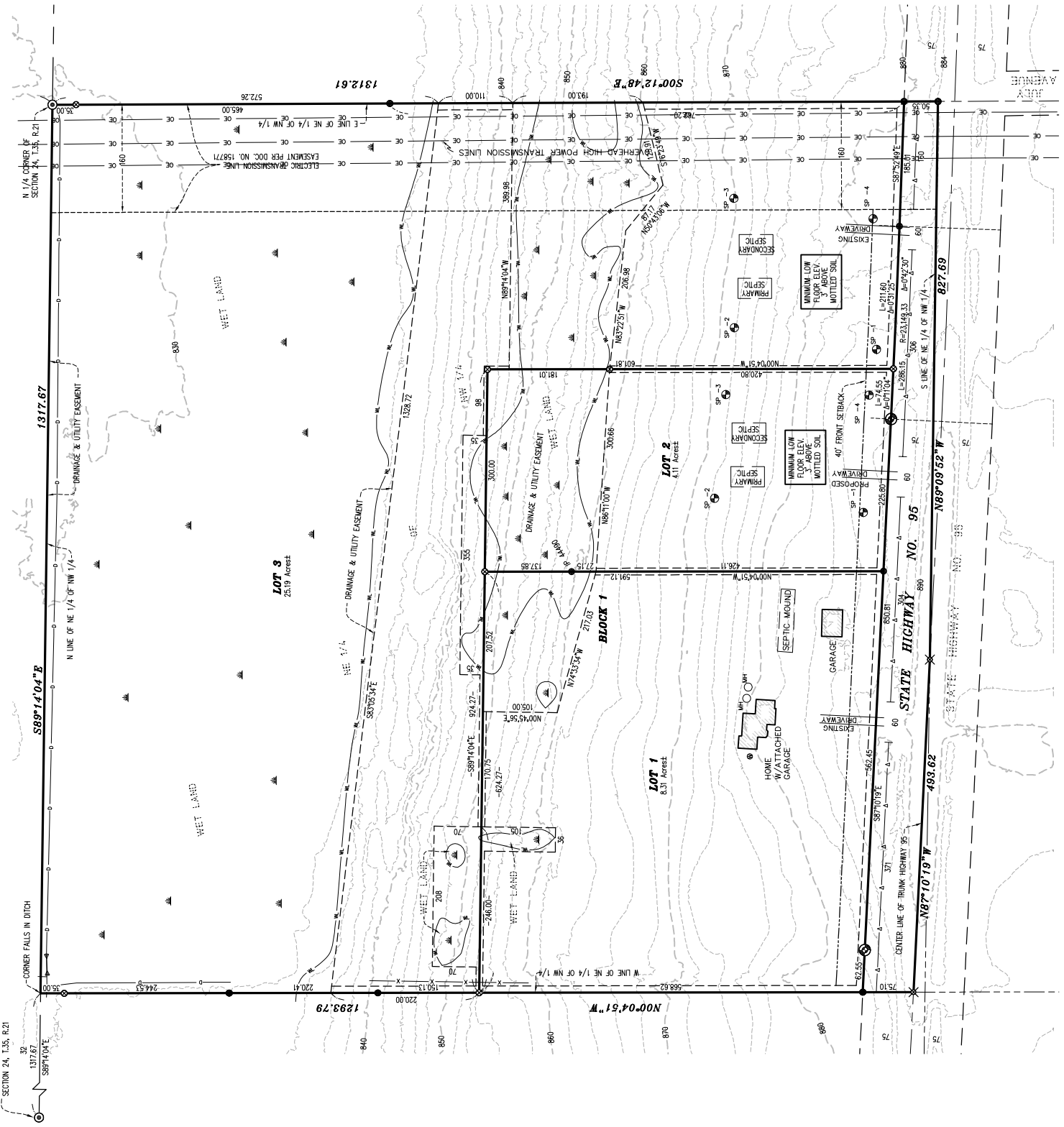
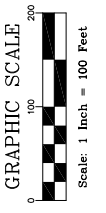
Voting Requirements:

Voting Options Simple Majority

GRADING PLAN OF FISK ACRES

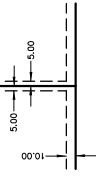
PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

- LEGEND**
- DENOTES RECORDED CHISAGO COUNTY MONUMENT
 - DENOTES "4" REBAR SET, MARKED KROSCHER 44490
 - DENOTES MAG NAIL FOUND
 - DENOTES MAG SPIKE SET IN BLACKTOP
 - DENOTES DELINEATED WET LAND BOUNDARY
 - DENOTES CONTROLLED ACCESS
 - DENOTES SOIL PIT
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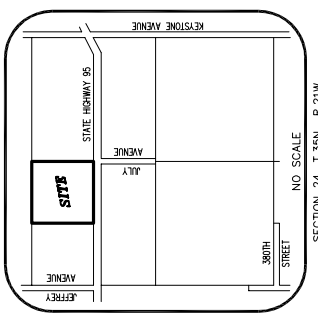


LOT #	50 FT	BLD 50 FT	WIDTH AT SETBACK	DEPTH	FRONTAGE
1	36,563 SFT±	302,745 SFT±	665'	566'	625'
2	178,934 SFT±	113,967 SFT±	280'	591'	300'
3	1,097,196 SFT±	268,696 SFT±	376'	1262'	396'

DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ARE SHOWN THUS:



BEING 10 FEET IN WIDTH AND ADJOINING
SIDE LOT LINES, AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT.
BEING 5 FEET IN WIDTH AND ADJOINING
SIDE LOT LINES, AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT.



Notes to Survey:

1. Existing contours shown are taken from 2011 Chisago County LIDAR flights (NAVD 1986).
2. Rock entrances shall be installed at the start of grading. 1 1/2 inch - 2 inch washed rock shall be used. Drive must be at least 35 feet in length. Replace rock as needed to maintain a 6 inch depth. A geotextile fabric may be used under the rock to prevent the migration of the underlying soil into the rock.
3. Soil stockpiles must not be placed near waterbodies or on streets.
4. Streets must be cleared of debris at the end of each day or as directed by the City, to remove all accumulated materials. Failure to perform any street sweeping within 6 hours of notice by the City will result in the work being performed by the City and all associated costs billed. The City also requires removal of accumulated materials on streets during winter.
5. Permanent seeding recommended. MnDOT 25-131 Low Maintenance Turf Mix, 220 lb/acre. Fertilizer Type 3 @ 350 lbs/acre. Seeding and restoration to be completed within 48 hours of final grading.
6. No underground utilities have been marked in connection with this plan. Contact Gopher State One Call Center prior to any excavations.
7. Note: The building pads and driveway locations are shown for graphic purposes only. The final grades and floor elevations are subject to soil borings and approval by the owner, builder, and local governing body, at the time of permitting. It is the responsibility of the builder to comply with State Laws and local ordinances regarding construction site erosion and sediment control.

Owner & Developer:

Cory Fisk
9626 St. Croix Trail
North Branch, MN 55056
651-247-9568

Land Surveyor:

Kroschel Land Surveyors, Inc.
1639 Main Street N, Suite 6
Pine City, MN 55063
320-629-3267

Soil Tester:

Ramberg Soil Consulting
55535 Fairfield Avenue
Pine City, MN 55063
320-438-9318

Existing Legal Description:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 35, Range 21, Tying North of State Highway No. 95, Chisago County, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2025
By: Tyler J. Kroschel, Land Surveyor
Minnesota License No. 44490



Prepared By: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Presenter: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Date: 02/12/2025

Board & Commission: Parks, Trails and Open Space Commission

Subject: Chisago County Parks and Trails 2024 Annual Report

Chisago County Parks and Trails completed its 2024 annual report. The report include on local improvements, including over \$60k in preventive maintenance activities, additional benches and kiosks within North Branch.

Voting Requirements:

Voting Options Simple Majority



Chisago County Parks and Trails

Annual Report 2024

Our Vision:

“A park and trail system focusing on diverse natural resources and the recreational needs of Chisago County residents and visitors.”

5 COUNTY
PARKS

2 REGIONAL
TRAILS

1 PARK
RESERVE



CHISAGO COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS DIVISION

Mission Statement:

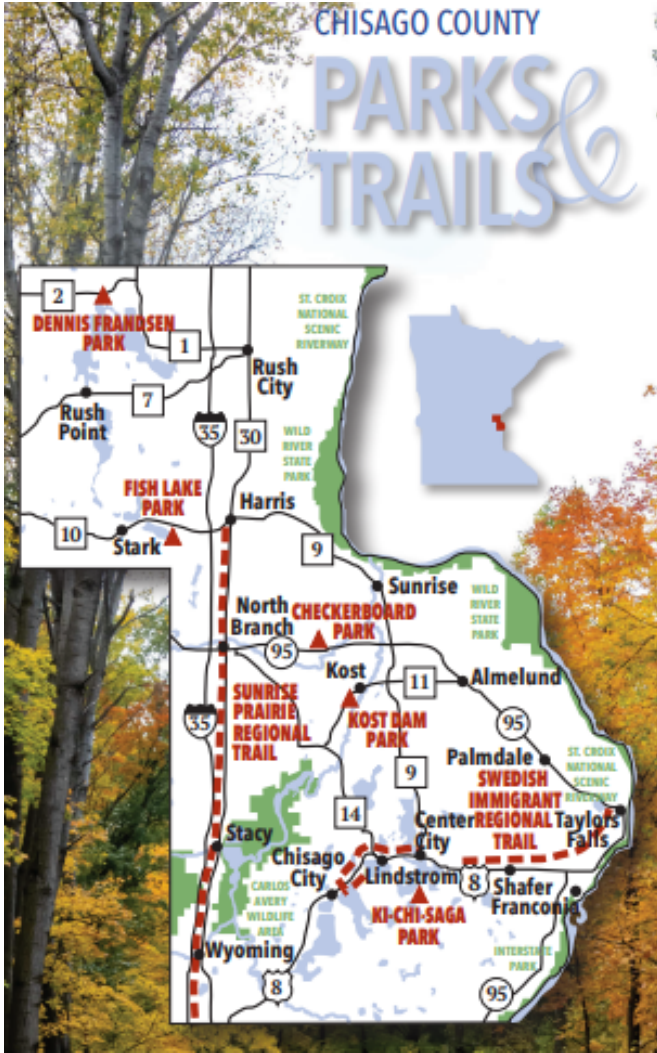
“Protect the natural resources, balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation, offer recreation opportunities that encourage healthy lifestyles and provide clean, safe and accessible places for leisure time activities.”

Chisago County Board of Commissioners

Commissioners	District	Term
Jim Swenson	1	1/3/2023-12/31/2026
Rick Greene	2	1/3/2023-12/31/2026
Marlys Dunne (Chair)	3	1/3/2023- 12/31/2026
Ben Montzka	4	1/3/2023-12/31/2024
Dan Dahlberg (Vice Chair)	5	12/7/2022- 12/31/2024

Chisago County Parks Advisory Commission

Commissioners	District	Term
John Pantelis (Vice Chair)	1	01/03/2023-12/31/2025
Jolene Willie (Chair)	2	01/05/2022-01/04/2025
Gregg Carlson	3	01/01/2024-01/01/2027
Jessica Bergan	4	01/01/2024-01/01/2027
Allen Siedow	5	01/04/2022-01/04/2025
Dan Dahlberg (Liaison)	5	12/7/2022- 12/31/2024



Chisago County Parks and Trails

Chisago County Parks system includes 5 parks, 2 regional trails and a park reserve that provide access to area rivers, Lakes and natural areas. Enhancement, improvement and continued expansion of the parks and trail systems will continue to be our main focus for residents and visitors.

Chisago County Parks and Recreation Staff

Name	Position
Joseph Tart	Parks Director
Jackson McDowell	Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
David Johnson	Parks Maintenance Lead
Nicole Hawley	Office Support Specialist

Chisago County Park Acreage Distribution

Fish Lake Park, total acres-----152
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----25

Checkerboard Park, total acres-----120
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----7

Kost Dam Park, total acres-----27
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----5.4

Ki-Chi-Saga Park, total acres-----97
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----24

Dennis Frandsen Park, total acres-----117
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----7

Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail, total acres-----180
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----45
 Total miles of maintained trails (Approximate)-----18.5
 Total Trailhead Rest Area acres (Approximate)-----5.5

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, total acres-----42
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----24
 Total miles of maintained trails (Approximate)-----6.7
 Total Trailhead Rest Area acres (Approximate)-----.5

North Sunrise Park Reserve-----154
 Area developed for active use (Approximate)-----0
 Total area (square feet) of land rented to others (Approximate)-----576,000



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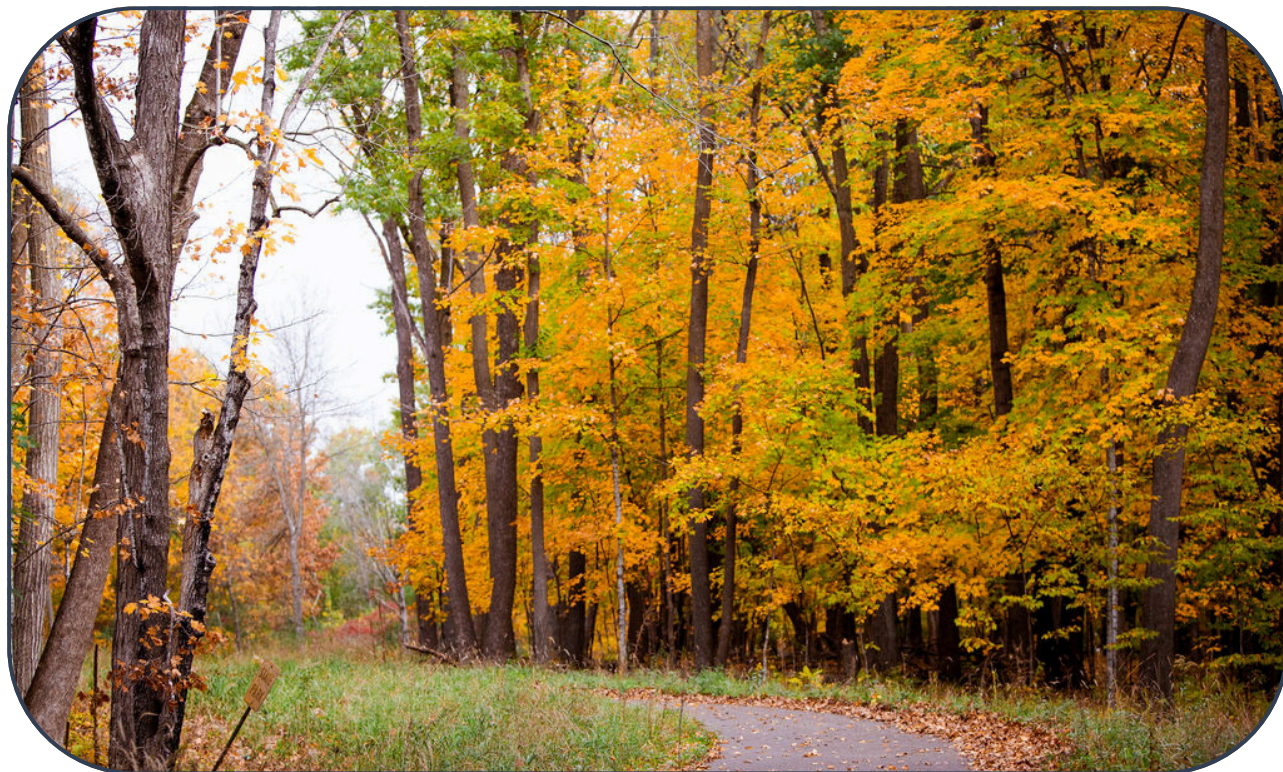
In 2024 Chisago County Parks season staff include several new hires along with returning employees for the Parks Maintenance and Collection Attendant positions. Five of the ten seasonal staff positions were filled with returning employees.

Chisago County Sheriff Department helped assist and inform parks division as a point of contact for disturbances and incidents at Fish Lake Park throughout the 2024 season.

Chisago County Shelter Reservations

(3-year comparison)

Chisago County Park Shelters	2022	2023	2024
Checkerboard Park	4	2	1
Kost Park	1	5	2
Dennis Frandsen Park	7	11	17
Ki-Chi-Saga Park #1	9	12	10
Ki-Chi-Saga Park #2	0	1	3
Fish Lake Park #1	23	19	23
Fish Lake Park #2	23	26	22
Totals	67	76	78



Chisago County Fish Lake Parking Permits Sold

2024 Parking Permits	2022	2023	2024
Daily Parking Permits	2,349	2,675	2,584
Season Parking Permits	179	283	248
1/2 Price Season Parking Permits	86	53	2

Programs- Special Events

Purpose

Chisago County Parks and Trails encourages environmental, educational and recreational programs throughout the Parks and Trails system. Many organizational groups, schools and associations play an active role to provide these services and opportunities to residents.

Notable Special Events

Chisago County Parks and Trails hold several special events throughout each year. Below is a list of calendar events scheduled in 2024.

Ribbon Cutting Events: Ki-Chi-Saga Mountain Bike Course & SPRT Harris Segment

- Date: 6/7/2024
- Location: Ki-Chi-Saga County Park & Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail
- Comments: Grand opening of Mountain Bike Course and Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail-Segment G.



MS 150 Bike Race

- Date: 6/8/2024
- Location: Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail
- Comments: The MS 150 is a two-day bike events covering 150 miles, approximately 75 miles each day.

Cross Country Meet: Ki-Chi-Saga County Park

- Dates: 9/17/24
- Location: Ki-Chi-Saga County Park
- Comments: High School Cross Country Meet



Cross Country Meet: Dennis Frandsen County Park

- Dates: 9/19/24
- Location: Dennis Frandsen County Park
- Comments: High School Cross Country Meet

LARA Soccer: Jamboree

- Dates: 8/17/24
- Location: Ki-Chi-Saga County Park
- Comments: LARA Tournament

Sporting Events

Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA)- **Lacrosse**

- Dates: April- July 2024
- Participants: 71 Players
- Comments: Lacrosse Season- 5 field requested for all teams

Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA)- **Summer Baseball Season**

- Dates: May- July 2024
- Participants: 155 Players
- Comments: Baseball Season- Field #1 & #3 requested for user groups 9U, 10U and 11U teams

Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA)- **In-House Soccer**

- Dates: July- August 2024
- Participants: 537 Players
- Comments: Lacrosse Season- Soccer Season- 4 fields requested for all teams

Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA)- **Flag Football Season**

- Dates: September- October 2024
- Participants: 175 Players
- Comments: Lacrosse Season- Youth Flag Football Season- Fields requested for 14 teams

Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA)- **Fall Baseball Season**

- Dates: September- October 2024
- Participants: 12 Players
- Comments: Traveling Baseball Season- Field #2 requested for 11U team



County Parks 2024 Goals

The goal of Chisago County Parks was to continue to strive, achieve and accomplish goals set forth within the Parks and Trails Comprehensive Plan. The 2024 season was an exciting year for the Parks Division with many unique and challenging projects initiated on the horizon. Staff worked extensively to prepare and finalize projects for which turned out to be a highly productive year. Funding received by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Capital Improvement Plan allowed us to actively invest in and enhance our great parks system.



2024 Accomplishments

Outside of our structured facility maintenance practices and administrative duties, the following are a few accomplishments:

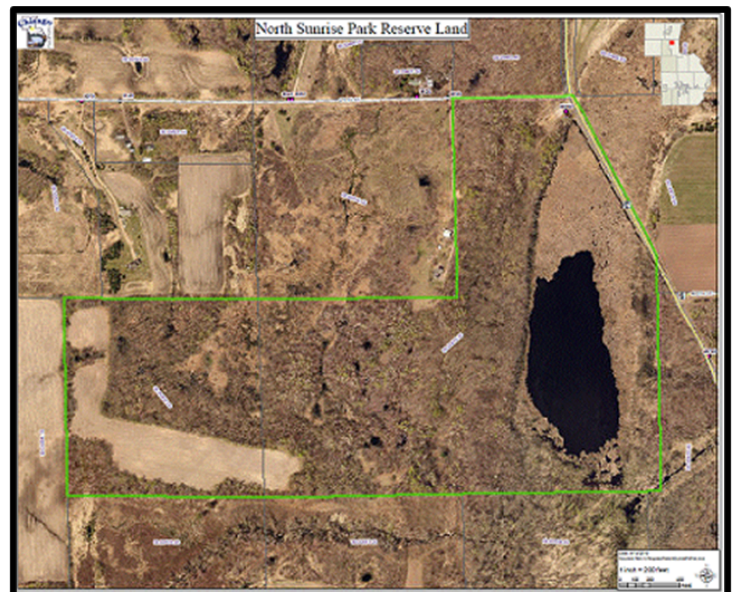
Ki-Chi-Saga County Park

- Mountain Bike Course was completed.
- Progress was made on the Concession Building.
- Installed Mountain Bike Kiosk with all necessary signage
- Storage shed was added to park to house tools to maintain Mountain Bike Course.
- Concrete bleacher pads were poured.
- WiFi was added to the park.
- Added Bike Repair Station and Bike Corral



North Sunrise Park Reserve

- In 2024, 15 hunters applied for either archery, shotgun or muzzleloader seasons for a variety species which included: small game, deer, waterfowl, or turkey. Hunting packets were created and sent to approved hunters that included: applications, approval letters, maps, and hunting passes at the 154-acre County owned Park Reserve that functions as a wildlife management area.



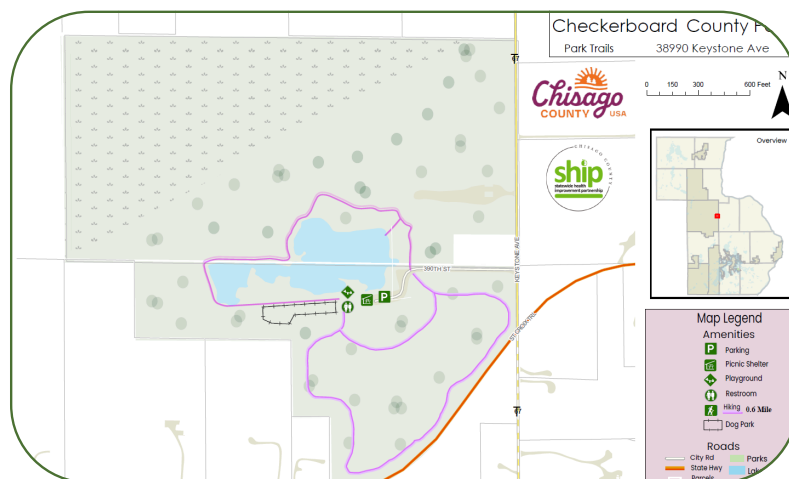
Kost Dam County Park

- Pressure washed and painted vault bathroom structure.
- Refilled playground with wood chips.
- Cut trees below damn and around playground.
- Painted table and benches.



Checkerboard County Park

- Installed new playground swing set with boarder and mulch at Checkerboard Park.
- Wi-Fi was installed.
- Incorporated additional primitive hiking trail routes. (1.5-miles).



Fish Lake County Park

- Updated/rebuilt the Collection Hut.
- Upgraded restroom facility with epoxy floors and paint.
- Replaced boat launch decking.



Dennis Frandsen County Park

- Trimmed and removed trees.
- Pressure washed pavilion and vault bathroom.



Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail

- Cleared brush and visibility on tight corners.
- Fixed and repaired Tern Ave sign from bird damage.



Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail

- Culverts and regrading were added to fix issues with Segment G.
- 17 Benches were added to the trail.
- Seal Coated and Fog Sealed the trail.
- Trail was crack filled.
- Cleared and brushed vegetation along entire Sunrise Prairie Trail Corridor
- Added Bike Fix-It station at Harris Trailhead.
- Installed 3 kiosks along Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail (Wyoming, North Branch, and Harris)



2024 Administrative Accomplishments

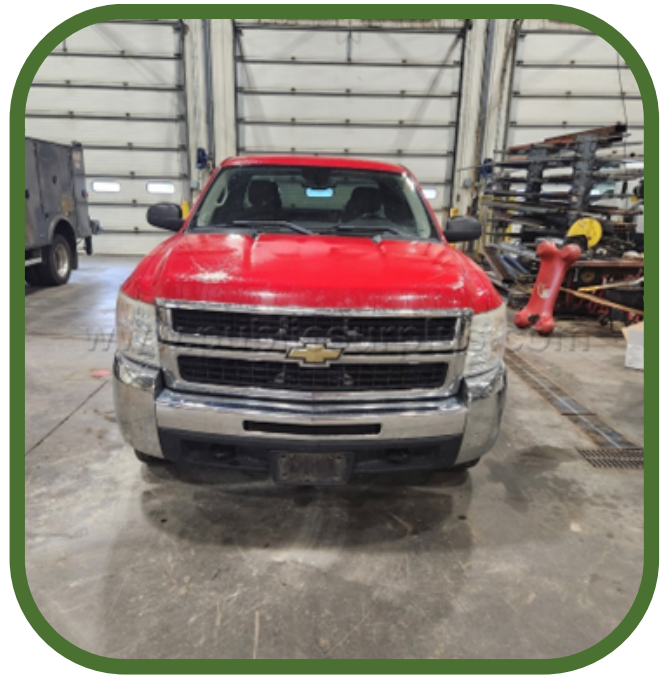


- Added Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Position.
- Kiosks were completed and installed at trailheads.
- Awarded Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grants for 2 bike repair stations and bike corral at Ki-Chi-Saga Park and Sunrise Prairie Regional Trailhead in the City of Harris.
- Completed and submitted two Legacy Grant Applications; received Greater MN Parks and Trails Commission recommendation for approval and funding of Segment D of the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail at \$2,414,549. State Legislative approval and award steps remain and are anticipated in Spring 2025.
- Facilitated Agreement with Minnesota Off-Road Cyclist (MORC) for volunteer maintenance of Ki-Chi Saga Mountain Bike Course.
- Park and Trails Inventory.



Government Surplus Auction- 2024

- 2-86 Gallon Pressure Tanks
- 2008 Chevy 2500 4 Door
- 185 Millermatic Wire Feeder
- ARC Welder



Financial and Usage Summaries

Credit Card Transactions 3 Year Comparison

Month	2022	2023	2024
January	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$370
February	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$1150
March	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$195
April	\$425.00	\$350.00	\$860
May	\$860.00	\$395.00	\$990
June	\$570.00	\$1,165.00	\$1,050
July	\$570.00	\$445.00	\$360
August	\$595.00	\$660.00	\$670
September	\$375.00	\$120.00	\$510
October	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$50
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300
December	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,880.00	\$3,210.00	\$6,505
Total # of Transactions	59	58	84

2024 Parks and Trails- Capital Items

Account	Description	Spent	Completed
ENVS- 0121	SPRT Crack Fill & Fog Seal	\$56,467.36	8/22/2024
ENVS-0123	3/4 Ton Truck Replacement	\$60,912.60	10/23/2024
ENVS-0129	SIRT Land Acquisition to Center City	\$17,756.00	8/1/2024
ENVS-0376	Checkerboard Park Swing Set Replacement	\$10,106.80	9/1/2024
ENVS-0381	SPRT Benches	\$24,392.53	7/28/2024
ENVS-0382	Milleromatic 252, Wire Feed Welder	\$4,299.00	5/23/2024
ENVS-0383	Ki-Chi-Saga Shelter Picnic Tables	\$9,753.76	5/23/2024
ENVS-0384	Combo Trash and Recycling Containers	\$19,821.60	4/15/2024

2024 Parks and Trails- Year End Budget

Account Name	2024 Budget (With Amendments)	Budget Spent
Per Diem In Lieu of Salaries	\$2,750.00	\$2,990.00
Postage	\$100.00	0
Services and Charges	\$11,300.00	\$9,228.73
Publicity Subscriptions and Dues	\$1,200.00	\$1,205.00
Conferences, Training and Dues	\$1,700.00	\$1,210.00
Contract Services	\$39,000.00	\$38,997.68
Equipment Maintenance and Repair/Machinery & Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$9,954.49
Ground Maintenance	\$27,000.00	\$26,997.64
Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$617.86
Rental and Service Agreements	\$12,000.00	\$9,759.41
Machinery and Equipment Rental	\$3,500.00	\$2,089.29
Office Supplies	\$2,050.00	\$1,754.59
Repairs and Maintenance Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$10,693.33
Gas and Oil	\$23,100.00	\$14,162.42
Furniture and Equipment	\$900.00	\$120.28



2024 Parks and Trails- Year End Parks Revenue

Shelter	\$4,565
Athletic Fees	\$9,800
Special Use Permits	\$1,535
Property Lessees	\$370
Concession Agreements	\$140
Fish Lake Collections	\$12,763.69
Camping	\$45.00
Adopt-A-Trail	\$1,000.00
Actual Park Revenue	\$30,218.69

Parks Township Dedication Fund

Chisago County Zoning Ordinance allows for a per lot cash fee as provided under Statute #394.25 Subd. 7. Starting in 2004 county policy has provided 75% of the funds collected to townships upon request to provide for park land acquisition and capital improvements within the parameters set forth by this statute. The remaining 25% is used by Chisago County Parks for trail connectivity. Several townships have used designated park funds over the past seventeen years for a variety of park improvements in their respective townships.

Chisago County Townships	Balance Available
Amador Township	\$9,600.95
Chisago Lakes Township	\$41,042.18
Fish Lake Township	\$13,383.40
Franconia Township	\$94,600.00
Lent Township	\$.50
Nessel Township	\$31,200.00
Rusheba Township	\$31,200.00
Shafer Township	\$13,993.19
Sunrise Township	\$36,000.00
TOTAL	\$271,020.22

Chisago County Township Requests

No Township Request were submitted during the 2024 calendar year.



Prepared By: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Presenter: Nathan Sondrol, Community Development Director

Date: 02/12/2025

Board & Commission: Parks, Trails and Open Space Commission

Subject: PTOS Strategic Plan

Background Information:

The PTOS Commission has been working on reviewing the city's existing parks, trails and open space inventory and conducting a needs analysis. The Commission has reviewed each of the sites and has compiled and ranked priorities for each of the park sites based on community input and provided input on the City's 10 Year CIP. The commission identified the development of Williams Park and a splash pad as the top priorities.

Splash Pad Sample <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYBTiTHy9-I>

The Commission has discussed hosting a public input meeting to get feedback from the community about the type of features and amenities that they would like to see as part of a splash pad.

The Commission conducted a survey of Wildridge Park for existing and future improvements in 2024. Attached are the results of the survey. City staff is looking for discussion from the commission on the existing master plan and looking for any modifications to the plan with the understanding that the overall plan would be brought forward public comments/input..

City staff is also looking for input on the city's website as part of increase outreach and promotion of city parks, trails and open space facilities.

City Website

<http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/>

City Parks, Trails and Open Space

<http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/residents/parks/index.php>

The City Council held a work session on Feb 18, 2025 to begin the process for review of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. The Council will be looking for the commission to review the plan and provide input on updates to the plan.

Comprehensive Plan
https://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/departments/planning_and_zoning/compplan.php

Requested Action

To begin review of the Comprehensive Plan

Voting Requirements:

INFO

Wildridge Park Survey

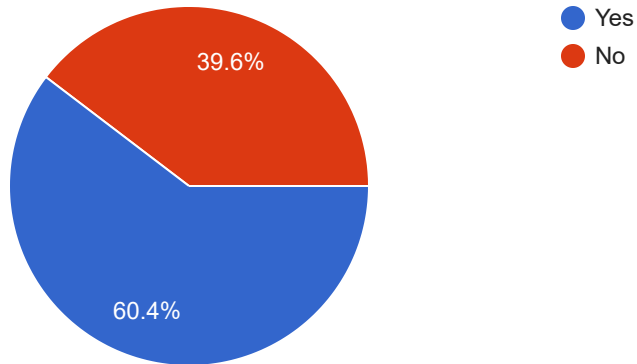
280 responses

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Do you live within a 10 minute walk of the park?

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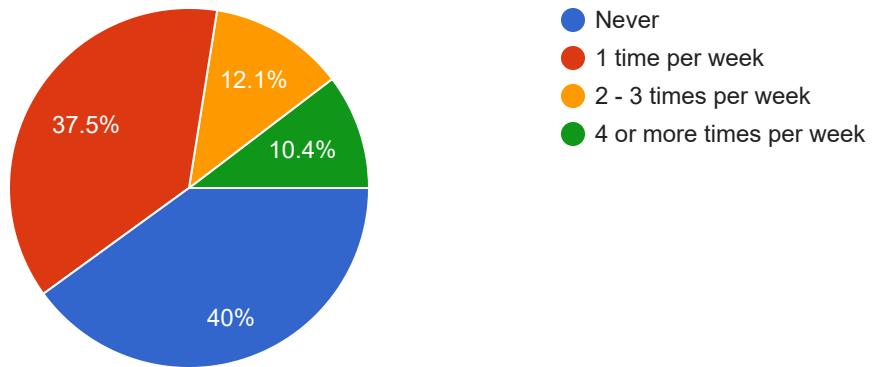
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How many times per month on average do you visit the Wildridge Park?

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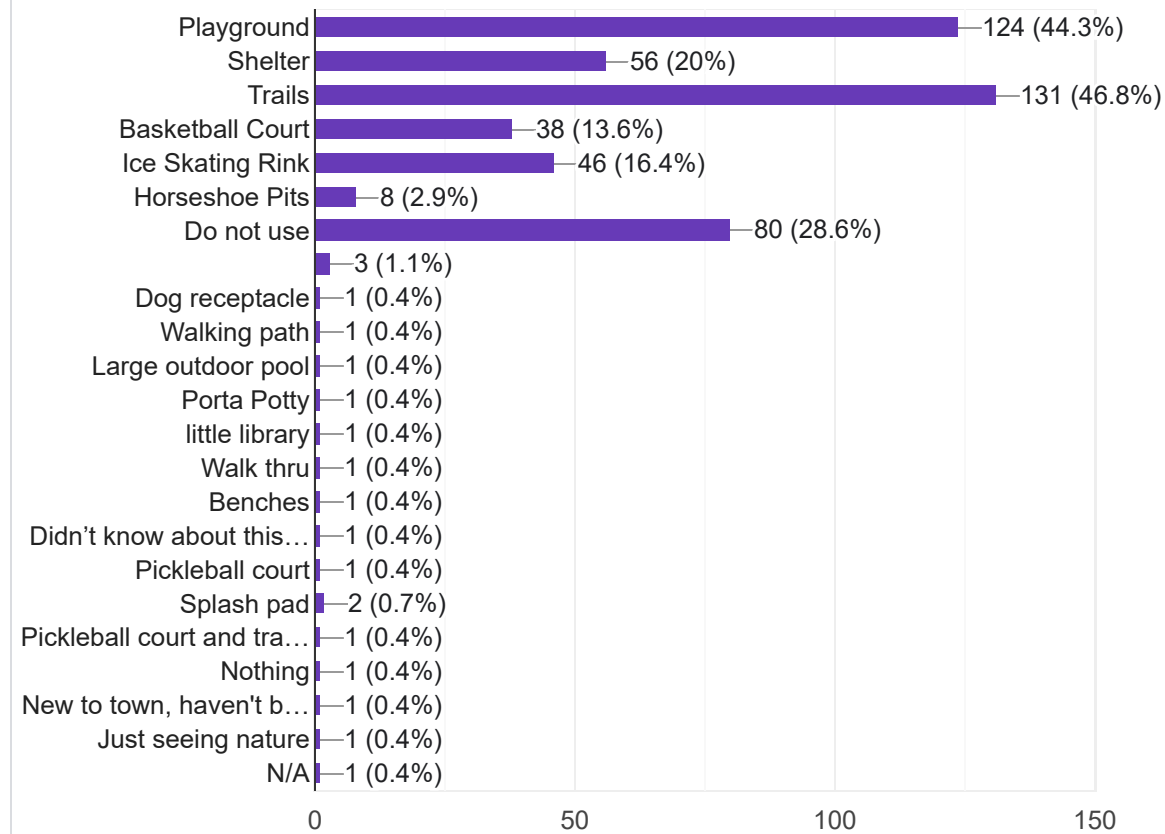
280 responses



What amenities do you use when vising Wildridge Park?



280 responses



If other, please describe

17 responses

meetings

Feel the park is a waste , being the neighborhood around is older people

We walk the sidewalks and path through the park daily

Large out door pool (like Rush City). North branch has nothing like that.

Porta Potty

Have not been to park but plan on in future

viewing the beautiful untouched landscape between houses

Enjoy the natural surroundings it presents!

Walk thru

No more parks splash pads etc

Free track for running/walking and pickleball court.amd fitness equipment

Splash pad

Only when my daughter lived there 10 years ago. She has since moved.

New to town, haven't been there yet.

I like to get away from things and be able to appreciate the outdoors.

Little free library

Took grandsons there when they were younger



Are there any additional amenities that you feel are needed at Wildridge Park?



(Please select all that apply)

280 responses





If other, please describe

29 responses

"Age-friendly parks prioritize features that support physical and mental well-being, such as walking paths, outdoor exercise equipment, accessible gardens, and areas for quiet reflection or meditation."

None

I would love to see an area with a pond and walking paths around the pond. Plant wildflowers and plants to promote butterfly and bee population growth. It would provide for the wildlife in our area. Wildridge has a good population of gardeners that would likely help.

Skate park, more outdoor activities for kids

Leave as is for the beauty of grassy field and untouched landscape between houses

off street parking, attendant to keep the warming house open, keep lights on at skating rink, next to skating rink could a sliding hill be created by the pit, more benches for sitting

It should remain a green space. Free from concrete and asphalt.5(())

A pool in addition to the the spray/splash pad

fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, grapes, blueberries, raspberries, some deer resistant annual vegetables (rhubarb, squash, tomatoes etc) - free healthy food for all

Would like to see a larger playground

Open field for other outdoor activities (volleyball nets, corn hole, football etc.)

More for families and kids

Baseball/softball field

Pool!

Maybe only do one soccer field and a swimming pool

A place for community members of all ages to swim and recreate around water related activities preferably year round. NB offers little in terms of aquatic recreation, either through the parks system or the schools. It's unconscionable that a community this size does not have an indoor pool for public use somewhere in town besides in a hotel.



Sport court for those in the area who play para sports such as power soccer.

Nothing

Signage on Falcon Ave

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Not interested in promoting more non resident traffic in our somewhat quiet neighborhood

Complete the master plan as designed.

Nothing else needes

Plant trees and/or a wildflower prairie and a winding walking/bike path through it. Build natural beauty that will stand the test of time as North Branch continues to grow and lose our natural beauty.

Update playground. Handicap swing

I am handicapped and it is hard to find trails made to facilitate people with walkers.

Nothing

I would like park area left as an open space used for wildlife and pollinators, much like it is today .

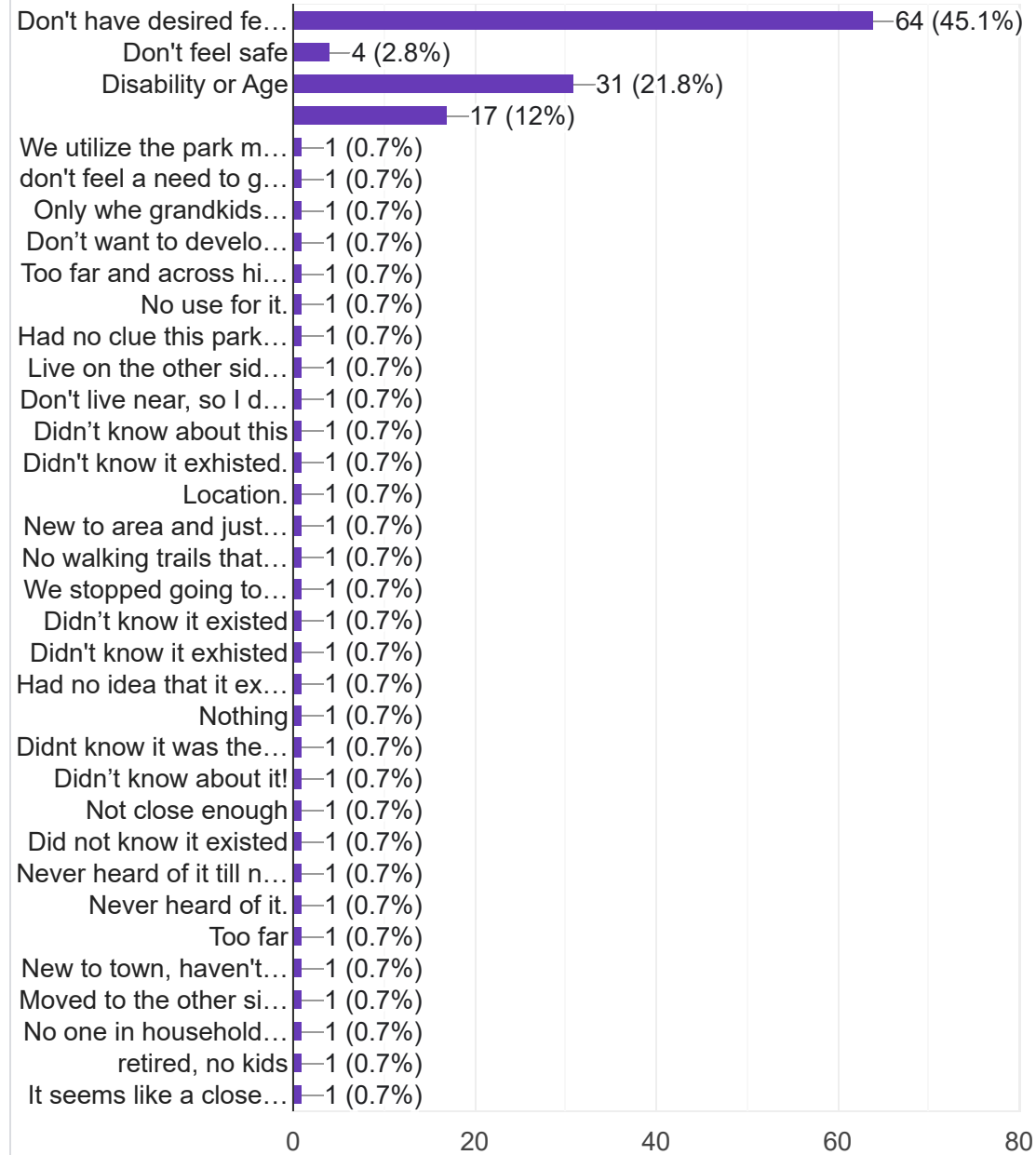
no one uses existing basketball court. eliminate court & put in dog park





If members of your family do not use Wildridge Park, what are the reasons?

142 responses



If other, please describe

32 responses

Our development, Wildridge, is great for walking. This includes the park.

Don't use

A lot of the homes around park do not have children

Like the park as is.

Used it more when grandkids were younger.

We enjoy open space trails, with trees or field. Nice to be on a trail not looking at homes.

They drive for more specific parks.

New resident

Have no need to

Kids have grown too old to play at the park. Would need pickleball courts or something to appeal to adults to use park more now

too many parks in North Branch-too expensive to maintain-use the money to start bringing some business to town instead of concentrating on parks in every development.

Regardless of the "free" money thrown at us, we should reject the offer and begin a trend in reducing frivolous spending.

No use for the park area. Another reason I need to move out if this damn neighborhood!

Had no clue this park existed.

lack of parking

Our whole family loves pickleball

More for families and kids

I did not know it existed. I live east of hwy 35 and would not visit as other parks closer to me have similar facilities



We tried skating there once last winter and the ice was horrible. Full of ridges and bumps.

Would love to have a place for outdoor fitness that free lile a track, pickleball courts, outdoor fitness equipment

Didn't even know it was there

Need more for all ages , splash pad would be amazing to have along with more basketball courts

Not close enough but would consider with the right additions

It feels like we're invading that neighborhood. Can't bike on Falcon Ave.

Not needed

No splash pads

Never heard of it until the surgery was posted on fb

To far.

I am a grandparent who is handicapped and I like parks that allow for my access and fun for the grandchildren.

No need to go to the neighborhood

We are hoping that a splash area will be created in north Branch

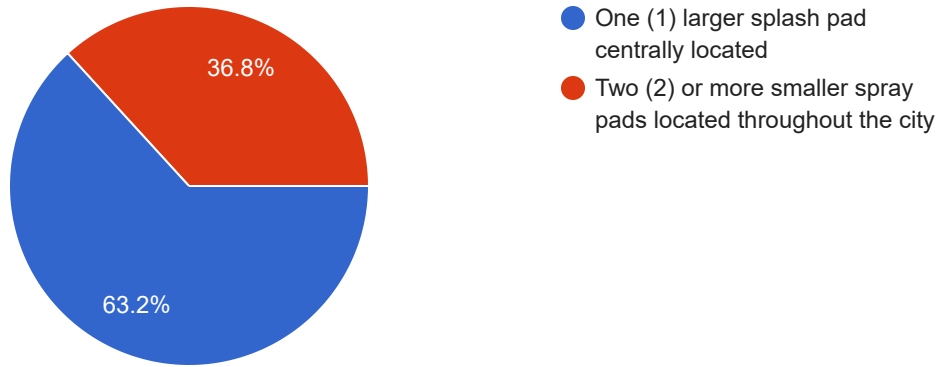
Needs lighting for safety





The City has identified a splash pad as one of the top priorities for a future park improvement within the city. Would you rather have the city have 2 or more smaller spray pad features located throughout the city, or 1 larger splash pad more centrally located?

280 responses



Please provide any additional comments or suggestions for Wildridge Park.

59 responses

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My concern with splash pads would be the long-range costs and potential health issues.

So you update park so we have people from other neighborhoods using our park?

Noise barrier between the senior townhouses on 384th Trail and the park

I don't want any. Look at the history and maintenance of these splash pads. I would like to see that study before committing. What you just did is force an answer to skew your predetermined decision. Interesting

I am very concerned about the traffic and safety of bringing additional traffic to the neighborhood. If the park were on the outskirts of the neighborhood it wouldn't create the same safety issues. I also have a concern that current resident are cutting the grass that belongs to the city in the park. Does this not open up the city for liability? Can signs be put up or residents be sent a letter to restrict them from cutting the grass/weeds/wildflowers on the city land? They are cutting milkweeds and flowers that help the butterfly and bee population.

Make a lope walking trail around the park.

Walking, biking, snowshoe, cross country skiing trails

With a splash pad, a large pool is needed

I would prefer Zero splash pads. I don't feel we would get true value as residents

382nd street is getting busier with the continued Wildridge development. Given the age of the residents of Wildridge, I do not think soccer fields would be used by Wildridge residents and would create a traffic issue for those who live by the park. In my opinion, additional walking trails with a park bench or two would be great.

leave the said "park" as is. The noise, additional parking and obstruction of a multiple play and court center would lower the property values of our homes. Destroy the peacefulness of the community we chose to moved into in the first place. The community of Wildridge North Point has no children, I believe the youngest is 59 years old, most are high 60's to 80's.

Leave it the way it is , no room for parking on the streets.

2 soccer fields is too many, and traffic and parking could be a real hassle.



keeping the park nicely mowed and trimmed

Pickleball courts would be very popular and having more in the city would be welcomed.

no splash pad needed

no splash pads

We only need one soccer field, but would use a pickleball court if we had one. Thank you.

Remove one soccer field add a pickleball court.

Leave it undeveloped. More important to preserve the natural beauty than provide a small group with play space.

Don't want 'outsiders' importing crime or drug use in these spaces.

There is just not enough parking to accommodate soccer fields. People would walk across yards and the traffic would not be good. It is a nice nature area that could accommodate outside exercise, walking, biking and maybe a dog park being this area cannot have fencing. The only other dog park is on the east side of town. One on the west would be fantastic..

Leave the park as it is

We don't want the traffic through WildRidge neighborhoods , no splash pads, no Soccer needed in this development!

Whatever is done there has to be parking. On the street will not be good for those who live around the park.

Would like to see the money for splash pads used for a larger playground system, splash pads are very seasonal and cost to upkeep.

Keep hockey rink, just update it, maybe smaller basketball hoops for littler kids. Only 1 soccer field is needed. More sports activity areas for kids/people of all ages.

The traffic in this area is going to become crazy! I didn't move into this area expecting additional traffic. Putting that parking lot in next to house - shame on the city!! Kids ride their bikes - wait until someone gets hit by cars. One more reason to move - high taxes, stupid cost of water & now this. Unbelievable!!

Keep wildridge as it is and add paved trails along the perimeter for the many older and working families and children in the area

Tree trimming around the playground is also long overdue



Please consider the splash pad project somewhere lots of eyes will be able to see it.
Northwoods park is falling apart

If you build a playground please look into Burke playgrounds. I went to one in Lacrosse WI. Had 5 big slides and a zip line swing my kids would play all day

eliminate the small soccer field and basketball court and use the space for parking lot.

We live in one of the houses that will back up to the new soccer fields. This development seems like it will add a LOT of traffic and be noisy for those of us who live right next to it. There should be a tree line to define our yards so people are not just walking in our yard.

Parking seems lacking.

What is a splash pad?

If this park goes through, I'd love to see a MASSIVE improvement in Falcon and 382nd. I live in Foxglove Ct and cars fly by our house often. This would only make matters worse. Better speed monitoring or more signs reminding people of children present.. its a neighborhood, not a race track.

A bathroom connected to city water/sewer would be nice addition. I would also like to see a parking lot because there is limited street parking due to the surrounding housing development.

N/a

Bathrooms and drinking fountain near recreation actives would be amazing

A parking area is needed if you are expanding the park size and amenities, but please keep the ice rink and warming house somewhere in the space.

Stop spending our tax dollars, people live up here to get away from the cities and don't need to be entertained.

I hope the ice rink stays! It was a big reason we love this neighborhood when we moved here. It would be even better if it had hockey boards even if it's a smaller rink, and a smaller non boarded ice rink for figure skaters and little tykes .

Toilet facilities vs portapotty would be best

Why that neighborhood? Buried that far back in there, it's only for them. There is a small park off Falcon, south of 68. We went there.

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No splash pads

No splash pads they are unsanitary, money can be better used. There needs to be a third option for the question regarding splash pads above the third option should be no splash pads. The survey is assuming we want splash pads based on that question. Add the third option of no splash pads and re-do the survey so it can be accurate.

I think one large splash pad and one small splash pad would be nice.

Not needed at all

Lack of parking and traffic will be an issue for neighborhood residence. Keep that in mind.

Thank you for being open to ideas.

Do not want Soccer fields, etc due to noise, traffic congestion. We have a very nice quiet neighborhood community & park....do not want that to change!!

Harder Park and Checkerboard Park

No splash pad not enough kids in neighborhood

Don't see any reason to add anything else to park. NorthPointe is a private street so we don't want people trying to drive through. Our gat is only at one end

There is not enough parking area needed for soccer fields players and spectators would be parking up and down our side streets and 384 th trail and 384 th court are privately owned .

No soccer fields

more screens/buffers needed (landscape or fixed) at west side of basketball court, north side of large soccer field, east side of small soccer field



Please provide any additional comments or suggestions for other North Branch Park, Trail and Open Space Improvements/Suggestions

67 responses

test

Trail system that connects the west end housing to the bike trail.

Don't want the fields in Wildridge. Don't need the extra traffic and noise. Build somewhere else

Why do we need 2 soccer fields? I would think that 1 would do.

Keep it mowed and get rid of the poison oak

This will be a traffic nightmare and safety issue if soccer fields or splash pads are installed. I can't even imagine in a neighborhood filled with elderly. Seems a little short sighted without the safety issues being addressed.

Please plan a fence between the new park features and the homeowners on 384th trail.

Thank you for asking opinions of residents of north branch.

Continue to maintain and care for what we have. Currently I feel we have a lot and it is underutilized by residents.

I do not want things such as soccer fields, pickleball courts, splash pad, etc at Wildridge Park as it will significantly increase the amount of traffic coming in and out of the neighborhood, which then becomes an increase safety risk for accidents, vandalism, etc.

No changes to North Branch Park. Leave as "Open Space" Add walking paths only.

I don't care for the soccer fields idea. I would think that would increase traffic on a residential street. Parking would be a problem. I'd prefer to have a walking/bike path.

Would like to see the bike trail go from North Branch to Pine City

We don't need the heavy traffic in our development.

appreciate the new sign on 382nd. Thankyou

a safe way to cross over the exists over the overpass on 35 by bike or walking:a bike trail going south of falcon avenue hooking up to county rd 17 so we could cross over to the Sunrise Bike Trail east of Falcon Ave.



Do not want soccer fields in wildridge park!

Leave it as is. Don't want more traffic in our quiet neighborhood. More people from outside the development will have a negative impact on the quality of life in Wildridge.

Vehemently opposed to this.

Walking/ running trails would be perfect for this development

Address weed problems and maintain properly

1)Need to connect Branch Ave with Sunrise trail with sidewalk. Side walk currently on a side rarely used and causes crossing a busy street twice. 2) Need to connect Sunrise trail on south side of St Croix Trail with trail on north side. It just dead ends into busy road.

If not in Wildridge somewhere in North Branch there needs to be a large playground. Multi age. Examples are in Hugo or Shoreview. These large parks are an attraction for many ages.

Please consider improving the playground at north wood parks and the splash being centralized.

Don't do soccer field, thru won't get used, do more tennis/pickleball/basketball

Community pool, splash pad and a fitness center!

This entire towns needs more dog park options. Spray for mosquitoes at checkerboard. Thanks!

Keep the druggies out of the parks. We don't feel safe leaving our car in the parking lot at the river walk park.

walking trail along Falcon and Flink

I am not sure if this is posted and if it is, where to find the information. For city parks that have bathrooms connected the the city water/sewer, when are they closed/opened for the season? When are the port-a-potties removed/returned to city parks? As a parent to small children, it would be beneficial to know when planning park visits.

The pickleball court at Northwoods, is fantastic

Please ensure that this is accessible for all people in the community and all abilities. I have yet to see an inclusive playground be added to the city but have been told there would be in meadows north. It is not wheelchair accessible for people with mobility devices or those with difficulty walking.



Is this funded with Grants or tax dollars?

Your optional answers for frequency of use are lacking and will skew your results. We probably use the park 1x per month or less, but this is directly an affect of having few amenities and a small playground. If it were a bigger playground, splash pad or pool and better restrooms, we would visit at least once per week or more.

City needs another Dog Park

We need more industrial development so residents can work and live here instead of commuting, should reduce property taxes as well!

Didn't know park was there. You need to advertise more. I have lived in town 26 years and had no idea this was here.

I would love a splash pad in North Branch, but definitely not in Wildridge. Seems like an odd location, especially for those of us on the east side of NB. I also do not want my property taxes going up anymore. City wastes so much money and our taxes are already. If there's not a tax increase I'm all for it.

Could a splash pad be considered on the open lot off of Main Street where the school used to be?

Better playground equipment and more geared towards babies and toddlers and those with disabilities like the Hugo Lions park or Shoreview Commons park. We need a sandbox at one of these North branch parks too. Also get rid of all the wood chips and rocks at these parks, fake turf or recycled rubber would be much better especially for those new little walkers and those with disabilities. Lastly we need a playground that is fenced in for better safety for our children and those who have elopement rick children. Please update our city parks. I bring my young children down to Hugo or Shoreview to play because their parks are well maintained and are all inclusive for ages and disabilities.

I live in the neighborhoods off 377th and would love for there to be walking paths that connect up to the Wild Ridge area walking path that runs along Falcon Ave.

Make walking/biking paths connect.

A sidewalk on Falcon south from wild ridge would be amazing

Flink ave needs a walking path from the first bridge to at least the new paths put in. The bridge is narrow for bikes and walking people with all the extra traffic from new homes.

Extend the trail from the middle school to Castleberry, make it go to the 2 developments past Castleberry so we don't have to ride bike on 14 anymore to get to it.

I just want a basketball court with new nets and even ground. I play at Central Park almost daily and the court has uneven ground resulting in tripping sometimes and the net is usually



ripped or basically gone. Thank you for listening to my rant!

Indoor or outdoor pool would be great! YMCA would be even better!

Additional seating benches

Make a park where the old school was. Pavilions, basketball, sandboxes, swings and jungle gym

Overall the inclusion of summer areas to cool off would be nice (not checkboard park). We have plenty of winter activity things in the area.

Stop spending money

When can we expect the master plan for Wild Ridge Park to be completed?

Bike trail along falcon needs to go all the way in to town. Falcon also needs a slower speed limit

Do not put soccer fields in the middle of a development.

Please complete a direct trail/walking path from WildRidge Park to 95. You currently have to cross the street many times to be able to walk on a path. It's unsafe crossing the street (Falcon) so many times and if more people will be using Wildridge Park, that safety piece should be provided for to get there.

Thank you for asking, Clara Ries, North Branch

The more outdoor activities, the better.

Please continue to make nature and our environment a priority in your planning. Also please think about how senior citizens use parks as outdoor spaces to get out of their homes and relax. I am sure you know we need a swimming pool somewhere.

Please maintain & repair existing parks under your auspice before undertaking new major projects. All of the old cedar sandblasted signs are weathered & worn out, including the one at my grandfather Roger Johnson's Memorial Park. I've written multiple times about this, and the best they could do is remove chips.

Splash pad not in wild ridge area or neighborhood. Less apartment buildings and townhomes being built

Thank you for asking for input. A dog park is desperately needed - possibly one side for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs.



Splash pads are a great idea. If we add soccer and/or splash pads, we will probably need parking as well.

I think a splash pad would be great for the community!

No comment

Don't think a park would benefit our neighbor hood due to the average age is retired

The whole city block just east of Grandstrand funeral home would be the perfect place for soccer fields, lots of space and centraly located

Please install potable water fountains/bottle filling stations, especially in Central Park. I am also very pleased at the proliferation of comfortable seating in our beautiful city, and the lack of hostile features on our benches designed to prevent our unhoused neighbors from relaxing in our public spaces - please keep up the good work. Thank you!

Continuous (uninterrupted) paved paths to get around would be most helpful and enable biking with kiddos. There are several start/stop trails in the Wildridge neighborhood, making it a challenge to go for longer bike rides without getting on the busier (and more risk) roads.

convert existing city tennis courts into pickleball courts

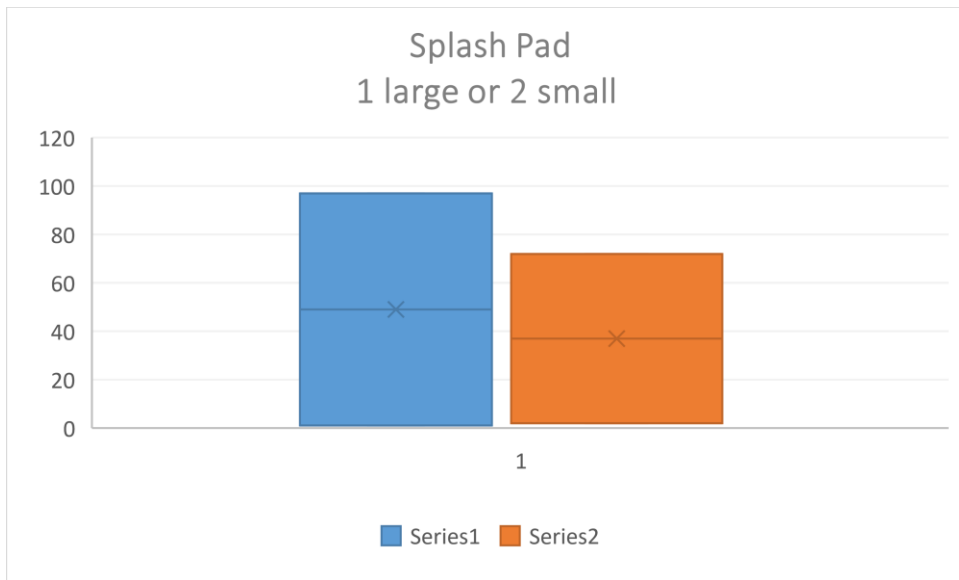
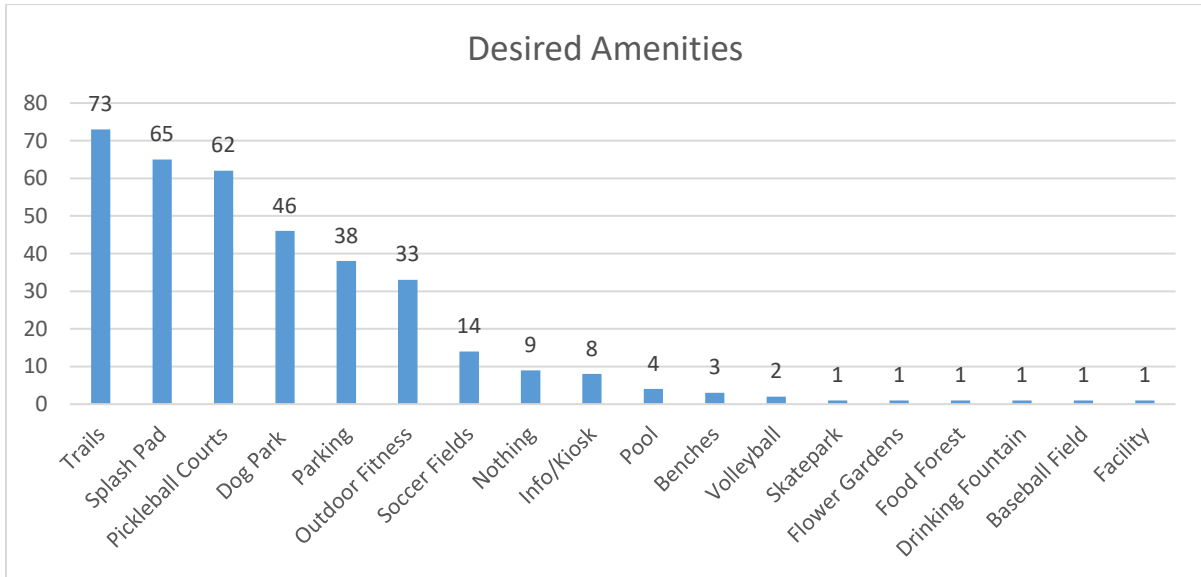
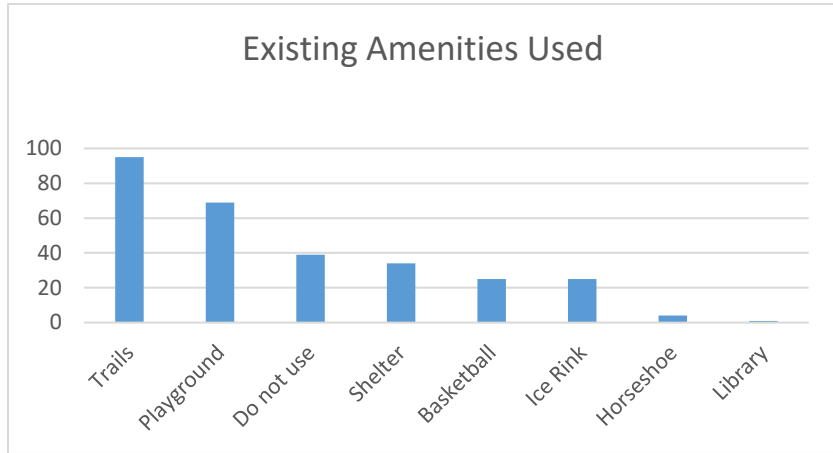
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