



**WORK SESSION
RICHFIELD MUNICIPAL CENTER, BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
JUNE 28, 2022
5:30 PM**

Call to order

1. Richfield Bike Park Proposal
2. Richfield Skate Park Expansion Proposal
3. Richfield Community Garden Proposal

Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT NO. 14

WORK SESSION

6/28/2022

REPORT PREPARED BY: Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director
6/21/2022

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
6/22/2022

ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:

Richfield Bike Park Proposal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Recreation Services Department is exploring the feasibility of implementing a bike park in Richfield. Staff has been meeting with a grassroots group of bike enthusiasts called Minneapolis Bike Parks to learn more about this type of facility and the process involved with implementation. They presented to the Community Services Commission in April and we were able to learn a wealth of information and ask questions related to:

- What is a bike park?
- What are the goals of a bike park?
- What are the benefits of this amenity?

Overall, bike parks offer an outdoor space for people of all ages to hone their skills and create community that promotes wellness. They are a cost-effective amenity that benefits and connects multiple generations to the outdoors through the fun of improving bike skills. Bike parks are particularly appealing to youth ages 8-15 years of age and provide an accessible and inclusive fitness activity other than team sports. The numerous wellness benefits of biking are both physical and mental.

The goals of a bike park are to:

- Provide a safe, welcoming amenity for the community to connect with the outdoors and improve bike skills during outdoor months.
- Introduce off-pavement cycling to the community.
- Connect multiple generations of cyclists.
- Create a healthy outlet for wellness.

The implementation of a bike park at Taft Park would connect to bike paths and a robust network of trails in Richfield and surrounding communities. We are fortunate to have such a bike-friendly city and this amenity would provide a safe space for practicing skills that will transfer to both road and off-pavement cycling.

City staff and Council Member Whalen visited Woodbury's Carver Lake Bike Park, a popular new facility. They met with the designer and manager of the park, who answered numerous questions. Staff also met with other partners that have installed bike parks and learned more details about their process.

Staff proposes to use an area on the west side of Taft Park, where there is currently an under-utilized hockey

rink and adjacent field. The area is large enough to construct a park that would include features for all abilities. The site is adjacent to the regional bike trail, bike fix-it station, and is located a quarter mile south of Minneapolis's Solomon Park, where a short, single-track bike loop is being considered. Taft Park also has a great connection to South Minneapolis and the Grand Rounds Bike Trail System.

The existing hockey rink is mainly used for broomball by a small number of visitors, who could easily relocate to Christian Park's hockey rink, one mile south of Taft, which includes a warming house and bathrooms. Also, this hockey rink is one of the most difficult rinks for Public Works staff to access to flood in the winter.

Several project partners have been identified and include Minneapolis Bike Parks, Free Bikes 4 Kidz, Three Rivers Park District and Minnesota Safe Routes to School. These groups have committed to helping in a variety of ways:

- Minneapolis Bike Parks has agreed to help mentor us through the process.
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz has been a partner for years, hosting bike giveaways at Taft Park for hundreds of local youth. Recreation staff intends to continue this partnership and offer a skills component at the bike give-away events.
- Three Rivers Park District has committed to being a financial partner through their Parks to People Plan.
- Safe Routes to School has offered to help connect local youth with the park and lend their bike fleet to the Recreation Department to offer classes and camps for youth.

The proposed timeline of the project would include the following key events:

- **Summer 2022:** Work with designer to develop concept and establish detailed budget
- **Fall 2022:** Secure funding
- **Fall/Winter/Spring 2022-2023:** Community engagement
- **Winter 2023:** Project planning and order materials. Construct simple features in-house.
- **Spring and Summer 2023:** Site prep and planning
- **Summer 2023:** Installation
- **Late Summer/Early Fall 2023:** Bike Park Grand Opening

Overall, staff feels very passionate about this project and the positive outcomes it would have in Richfield. Richfield Public School-Safe Routes to School Coordinator has informed us that as many as one-third of many classes of students have never ridden a bike, resulting in a lack of confidence and frustration. Often, this is because those students have not had access and exposure to biking. The bike park would build on the great work done through the Safe Routes to School Program and offer another free, accessible space to practice skills.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

Staff is seeking Council direction to move forward with the bike park proposal this summer, starting with public engagement and issuing a request for design proposals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

None

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

Any addition or change in recreational amenities at Taft Park would be brought to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance with covenants within grant agreements for Land and Water Conservation grants received for improvements to Taft Park in the past. Staff would also review the plan with the Metropolitan Airports Commission to ensure that it complies with the terms of our land lease with MAC for the park (the north end of the park is airport property).

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

None

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The overall project budget is estimated at \$200,000-\$250,000. Three Rivers Park District has committed to helping fund a large portion of the project (the final amount would be negotiated). The proposed location is similar in size to Woodbury's Carver Lake Bike Park, which was \$200,000 to construct. We will lower project costs with the help of our talented Public Works staff, who can perform site prep work and construction of simpler features that don't require a steel base. Staff is confident all funding will be secured through project partners, fundraising, grant writing and budgeted park funds.

E. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

None

ALTERNATIVE(S):

Reject the bike park proposal and continue further research into alternative ideas to create safe space for people to practice bike skills.

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ Richfield Bike Park Proposal Presentation	Presentation
▢ Taft Park Lease Agreement with MAC	Backup Material
▢ Bike Park Proposed Site Location	Backup Material

Richfield Bike Park

Pedaling into the Future

Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director



Bike Park 101

- ▶ What is a Bike Park?
- ▶ Why are Bike Parks so AWESOME?
- ▶ Goals of implementing a Bike Park
- ▶ Pedaling towards a new model
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Proposed site
- ▶ Project partners
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Questions



What is a Bike Park?

- ▶ A bike park is a dedicated space purpose built for bike related activities that allow new and experienced bikers to hone their skills. These can be worked into almost any space and often times co-exist with other park amenities. Bike parks usually consist of one or more of the following elements: bicycle playgrounds, pump tracks, jump lines, skills courses, and trails. Bike parks appeal to a wide range of riders and provide family-friendly and multi-generational recreation while helping foster a community atmosphere in a unique outdoor setting.



Why are Bike Parks so AWESOME?

- ▶ Wellness connection to the outdoors and community
- ▶ Affordable non-team sport
- ▶ Attractive to multi-generations, esp. 8–15 year old youth
- ▶ Cost effective amenity



Wellness Benefits of Biking

- Cardiovascular health
- Decreased blood pressure
- Weight management
- Lung health
- Mental health
- Low impact
- Environmentally friendly
- Improve balance and coordination
- Easy activity to pick-up
- Increase overall fitness levels



Goals of Implementing a Bike Park

- ▶ Provide a safe, welcoming amenity for community to connect with the outdoors and hone bike skills
- ▶ Introduce off-pavement cycling to community
- ▶ Connect multi-generations of cyclists
- ▶ Create a healthy outlet for wellness



Pedaling Towards a New Model

Current State

- ▶ Busy streets
- ▶ Questionable alleys
- ▶ Busy parking lots
- ▶ One directional paths
- ▶ Often shared multi-use paths
- ▶ No permanent features

Future State

- ▶ A robust network of interconnected bike parks, off-road trails and paved paths within a bike ride from home for **EVERYONE** in the city to explore and enjoy.



Research into the Practicality of Installing a Bike Park in Richfield

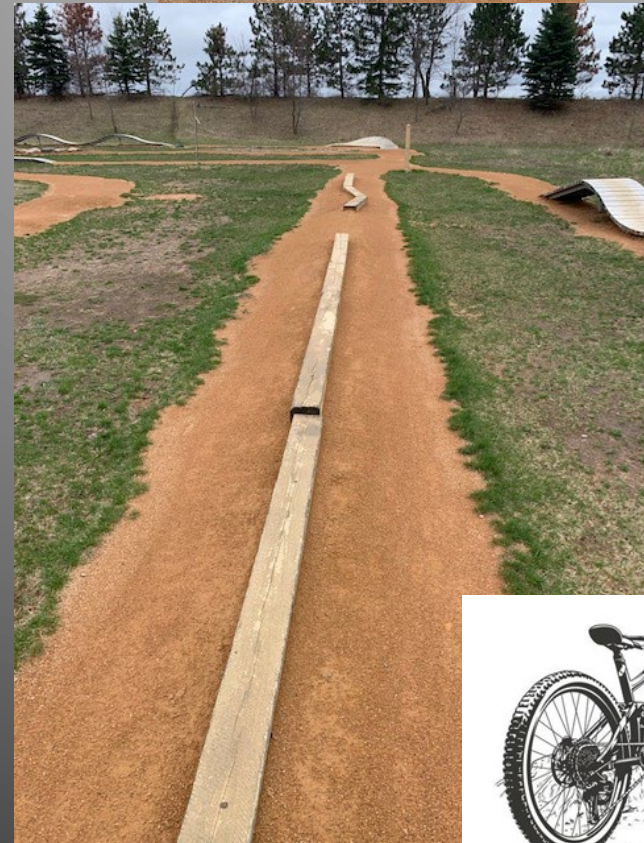
- ▶ Presentation at Community Services Commission meeting from Minneapolis Bike Parks
- ▶ Site Visit to Woodbury's Carver Lake Bike Park
- ▶ Meeting with partners that have installed bike parks
- ▶ Discussion about potential location(s) amongst staff



Design and Features

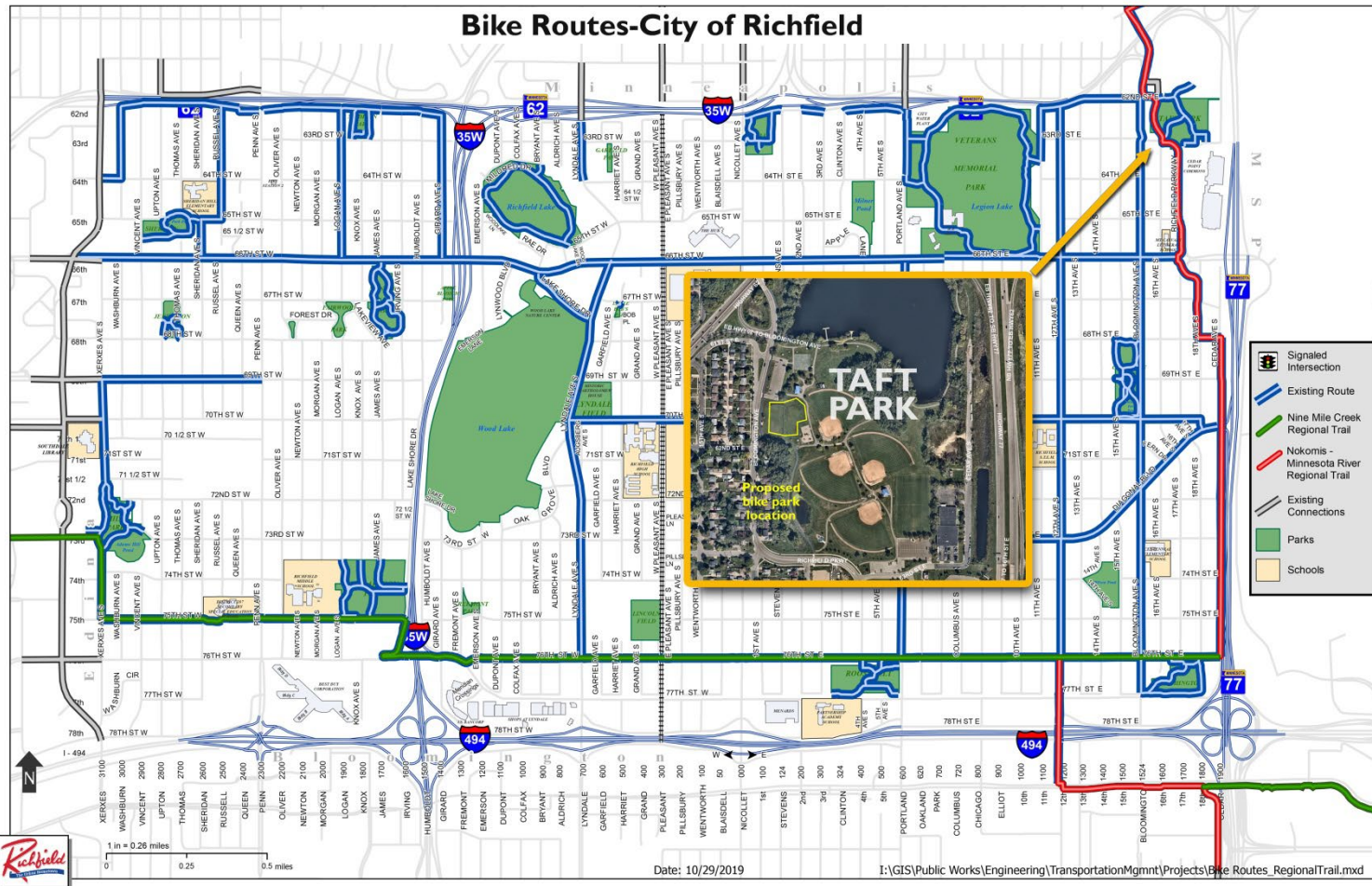


Design and Features



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Proposed Site



Project Partners



Timeline

- ▶ Summer 2022– Work with designer to develop concept and establish detailed budget
- ▶ Fall 2022– Secure funding
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- ▶ Summer 2023– Installation
- ▶ Late Summer/Early Fall 2023– **Open Bike Park**



Budget

- ▶ Carver Lake Bike Park Playground \$200,000
- ▶ The proposed location is similar in size
- ▶ In-house work will save money
- ▶ Committed financial partner
- ▶ Total project estimate approximately \$200,000–\$250,000



Discussion and Questions



"Your bike is a discovery; your bike is freedom. It doesn't matter where you are when you're on the saddle, you're taken away."

Doug Donaldson, author of 'Bicycling Magazine's Guide To Bike Touring'



JAN 1971
EXHIBIT A

PARK AND RECREATION
FACILITIES LEASE

AGREEMENT, Made this 14th day of JUNE, 1971, by and between
MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION, a public
corporation and agency of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter called
"Commission" and the CITY OF RICHFIELD, municipal corporation and
political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter called
"City",

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, The City, having need for a municipal park and recreation
facility for use by the public, has sought from the Commission lease
of some 30.02 acres of land of the Commission in the northwesterly
portion of Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport - Wold-
Chamberlain Field, which lands constitute an airport buffer zone at
the northwesterly end of said airport;

WHEREAS, After study of the request for such lease, the Commission
has determined (a) that ownership by the Commission of the lands in
question is essential to secure for the airport safe aircraft approaches
from and departures to the northwest, but (b) that the use of such land
for park and recreation purposes is compatible with the present Master
Plan development and use of said airport and fulfills the clearance
and approach requirements for the airport's runway system, and that
development of said lands for park and recreation purposes will relieve
the Commission of maintenance operations in respect thereto and will
improve the overall airport appearance, provided, however, that (c)
lease of said land to the City must be made subject to highway materials
disposal permit granted by the Commission in aid of interchange recon-
struction between TH #36 and Hennepin County Road #62, and work to be
performed thereunder, and (d) that any lease for the use of said lands
for park and recreation purposes must include provisions for the

recovery of said lands or portions thereof as may be required for airport purposes by reason of changes in the Master Plans for said airport or in the land use requirements under the present or future Master Plans for the airport, or as required by changes in the clearance and approach requirements for the airport;

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Agency and the Department of Aeronautics of the State of Minnesota have each concluded that the development and use of such lands for park and recreation purposes would not conflict with aircraft operations to and from the airport and would comply with the clearance and approach requirements presently applicable at said airport; and the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities has reviewed and approved of park and recreation use of said lands to augment the open space needs of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, including the mutual undertakings of the parties hereto, the Commission hereby leases to the City and the City hereby takes from the Commission the following described lands in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, a part of Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport - Wold-Chamberlain Field, a public airport under the management, direction and control of the Commission, the demised premises being more particularly described as follows:

That portion of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 23, T. 28 N, R. 24 W, bounded by 62nd Street on the South, Bloomington Avenue on the West, the Crosstown Highway (Hennepin County Road #62) on the North and Trunk Highway #36 (Cedar Avenue) on the East, all in the City of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, as designated on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The same to the City subject to the grant of the highway materials permit, copy of which is hereto attached as Exhibit B and made a part hereof, for a term and subject to rents, covenants and conditions to which the City jointly and severally is obligated, to-wit:

(1) Term and Right of Renewal. This Lease shall commence on the 1st day of October, 1971, subject to Commission's rights under Paragraph (6) below, shall continue thereafter for a term of twenty-five years and from year to year thereafter subject to termination at the end of the initial term or any annual renewal thereof by notice in writing by either party to the other, given at least ninety (90) days prior to the termination date of such initial term or renewal period, and further subject to termination by the City as provided in Paragraph (2).

(2) Use of Premises. The City enters into this Lease for the construction and thereafter for maintenance thereon of a park and recreation area for the residents of the Lessee City, provided, however, in view of the fact that the Commission was created as a public corporation in and for the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota, and is an agency of the State of Minnesota,* there shall be no discrimination against the public in use of said facilities. Notice in form as set out in Exhibit C attached will be posted where readily readable by the using public.

In construction and development of facilities thereon in conjunction with concurrent construction and development of such facilities on Taft Park, adjacent property owned or in process of acquisition by the City, those facilities which through recreational use are most likely to result in concentration of the using or spectator public shall to the extent possible be concentrated on City property. Any lights to be used for night use of recreational facilities and the physical location of facilities to be constructed on the leased premises shall require specific approval of the Airport Director at Wold-Chamberlain Field, not only as to method and place of installation and/or construction, but also as to use so that such lights or facilities shall not through construction, maintenance or use constitute a hazard to flights of aircraft to and from the airport.

Any use of the demised premises or any part thereof other than for park or recreational purposes shall require the consent in writing of the

Commission. Sale of non-intoxicating malt liquors or intoxicating liquors incident to operation of the park and recreation facilities shall require consent in writing of the Commission and such consent being procured shall be subject to licensing requirements as by law provided. At any time during the initial term of this Lease, the City may relinquish to the Commission its leasehold interest by giving at least ninety (90) days notice in writing to the Commission with such notice to be effective on September 30 of the appropriate year.

(3) Rent. In consideration of the public purposes for which the City is taking the leased premises hereunder and of its continuing obligation to improve, maintain and operate the same for park and recreation purposes, all at its expense and at no cost or expense to the Commission, no dollar rent shall be charged to the City by the Commission in addition to City's undertakings hereunder.

(4) Construction, Maintenance and Repair. Subject to such review of plans and construction by authorized Commission personnel as are herein required, City, at its own cost and expense, through municipal revenues at their disposal or through bonded indebtedness of said City, shall design, construct and thereafter maintain and operate, repair and replace as necessary the park and recreation facilities to be constructed on the demised premises, including landscaping, seeding or sodding as required and construction of physical improvements thereto and thereon, including, without limiting the foregoing, watering facilities, ancillary building, if any, and parking facilities. In addition, all construction, repair and replacement plans must meet the requirements of Federal and State regulatory agencies for clearance and for protection of approaches, in respect to the airport. All work shall be carried on at such time or times and under such control as

the Airport Director may require to coordinate the same with the necessary continuous operation of the airport.

(5) Recovery by Commission. Commission at any time during the lease term or renewal term shall have the right to retake possession of all or portions of the premises then under lease to the City pursuant hereto for airport purposes based upon a real and present need for use of such land by Commission for aeronautical or other purposes directly relating to the development and use of the airport, or relating to the elimination of hazard to flight of aircraft to or from the airport, or hazard to persons from flight of aircraft to or from the airport. In the event of Commission's exercise of its right to retake possession, it shall give at least ninety (90) days notice in writing of its intention so do to, with notice being effective on September 30 of the appropriate year. In the event recovery is only of a portion of the leased premises, Commission may, but shall not be required, to give the City the right to relocate the facilities to other lands as the Commission may designate, which lands shall be of similar acreage and usability and of equal or relatively equal accessibility to the remainder of the park and recreation facilities remaining, including those on City lands constituting Taft Park, in which event the City shall have at least ninety (90) days within which to relocate the facilities, grade and seed the alternative area. Thereupon the lease shall continue for its full term upon such alternative area. Should Commission retake possession of the entire leased premises or should it not provide alternative space and replace or relocate the park and recreation facilities as required to continue their operation for park and recreation purposes, then this lease shall terminate sixty (60) days after Commission mails to the City notice in writing of its intention to retake possession.

(6) Maintenance and Operation. The City, at all times and at no cost or expense to Commission, shall maintain the lands under lease and all

improvements thereon in a neat and clean condition and in good repair and shall keep the premises free from debris, weeds and erosion. The City shall not suffer or permit any waste or nuisance on the demised premises and shall permit no illegal acts or conduct thereon or such as will constitute a nuisance. * City shall be responsible for control and policing of the leased premises and of park and recreational activities conducted thereon.

(7) Applicable Laws. The City shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Minnesota, or of agencies, departments or divisions of either, or of the Commission relating to the lands under lease and the use thereof or relating to control of ground and air traffic, aircraft operations and the general use and operation of the airport; and the City shall see to the payment of any and all taxes, assessments, license fees or other charges that may be legally levied, assessed or made during the term of this lease or any extension thereof by reason of the uses hereby permitted of the lands under lease.

(8) Indemnity by City. The City agrees to hold and save harmless the Commission from any and all claims, liens or liability which may arise from City's construction, maintenance, repair or replacement aforesaid or from claims of labor or materialmen involved in or arising out of the same.

The City shall indemnify and hold harmless Commission from liability or claim of liability for loss, damage or injury to persons or property on or about the lands under lease from whatever cause, and Commission shall not be liable to the City to any extent, nor will the City make any claim against Commission for or on account of damage to the lands under lease or loss damage to or destruction of improvements, facilities and structures thereon.

(9) Commission Right of Entry. Commission shall at all times and through its agents and employees or contractors have a right of entry

upon the lands under lease, as may be necessary in the development, maintenance, operation and control of the airport, with the further right reserved to Commission to install and maintain upon or under the lands under lease such utility lines, conduits, pipes and facilities as may be necessary to the development of said airport, provided Commission shall at its cost and expense repair any damages and restore any portion of the leased premises damaged by reason of such installation and maintenance.

(10) Assignment and Subleasing. Subject to the provisions hereof the City shall have the right to determine the basis, and based thereon, control the use of the lands under lease and the facilities therein for park, recreation and related uses, but except for the foregoing the City shall have no right to assign this lease or sublet the lands under lease and improvements thereon unless the consent of Commission is first obtained thereto in writing.

(11) Damage to Premises. Title to improvements on the leased premises shall remain in the City. In the event of damage to the leased premises which, however, does not result in the premises being untenable for the purposes hereunder the City will repair or replace as required. If damage is such that the City determines that the premises are unusable for the purposes hereunder, the City may repair or replace as required or, if the City elects not to repair or replace then this lease shall thereupon terminate and the City shall dismantle and remove destroyed or damaged facilities thereon and improvements thereto so as to restore the premises to a condition similar to that prevailing elsewhere on adjacent airport property.

(12) Lease Binds Successors and Assigns. Except as herein otherwise provided, all of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns

of the Commission and the City, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have executed this Lease in duplicate the day and year first above written.

In Presence Of:

MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL METROPOLITAN
AIRPORTS COMMISSION

James J. [unclear]
Eleanor Gabler

By *Lawrence M. Hall* Chairman
Henry [unclear] Secretary
Pro Tem

CITY OF RICHFIELD

Robert S. [unclear]
Edwin [unclear]

By *Loren L. [unclear]* Mayor
Wayne S. Burgenath City Manager

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF Henn.) ss

On this 14 day of June, 1971, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared Lawrence M. Hall and Henry Rosacker, to me personally known, who, being each by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively the Chairman and Secretary of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Governing Body, and said Lawrence M. Hall and Henry Rosacker acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Eleanor Gabler

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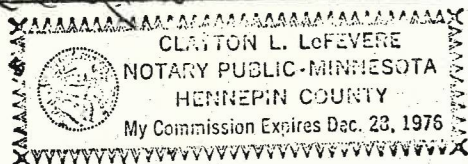
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Aug. 3, 1972.

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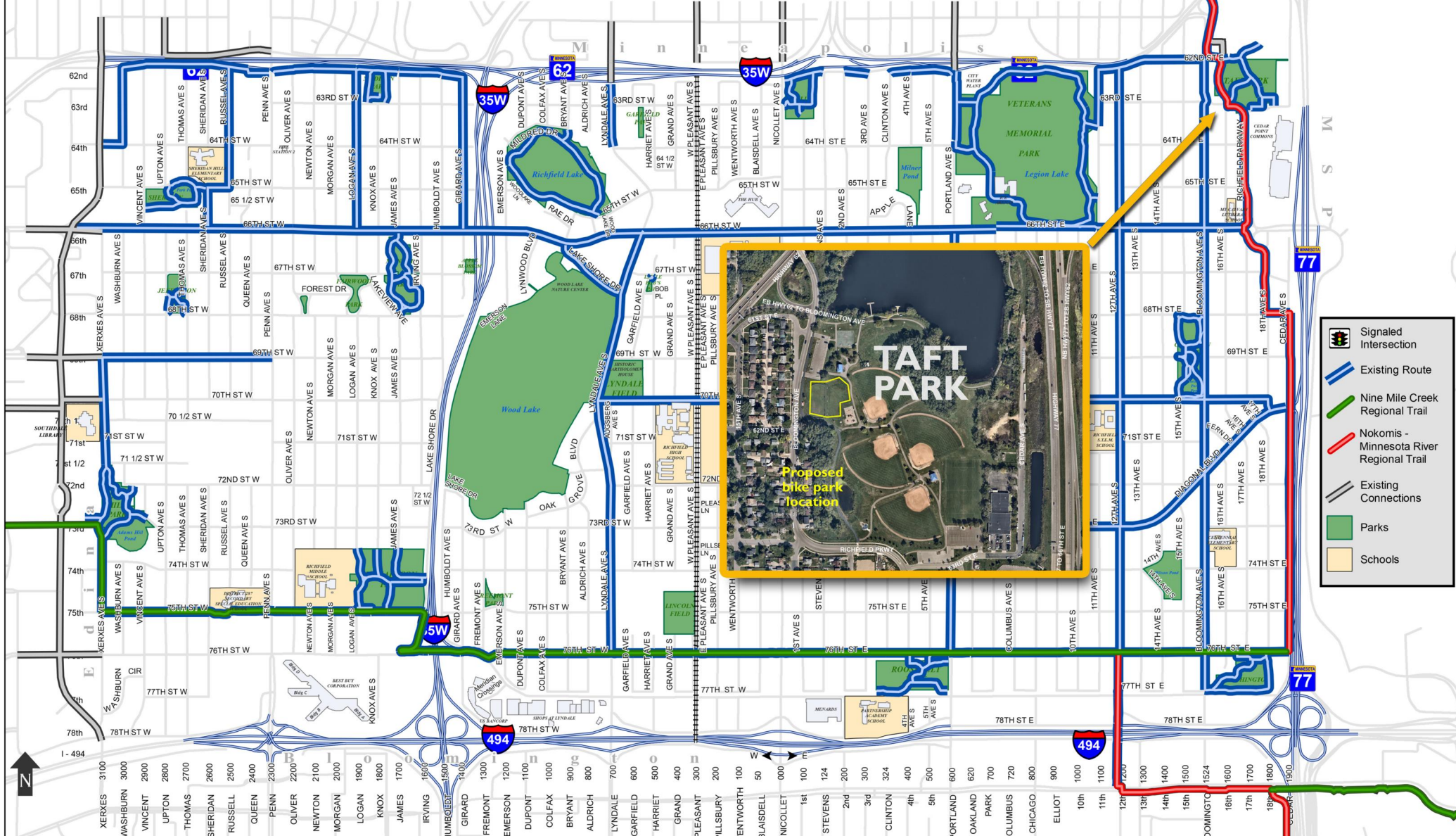
On this 27th day of July, 1971, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared Loren L. Law and Wayne S. Bueggroff, to me personally known, who being each by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Richfield, the municipal corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said municipal corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said municipal corporation by authority of its City Council and said Loren L. Law and Wayne S. Bueggroff acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Clayton L. LeFevere



(SEAL)

Bike Routes-City of Richfield



**STAFF REPORT NO. 15****WORK SESSION****6/28/2022**

REPORT PREPARED BY: Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director
6/21/2022

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
6/22/2022**ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:****Richfield Skate Park Expansion Proposal****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Richfield Skate Park at Augsburg Park opened in 2012. It is a busy park facility with youth of all ages. Richfield High School Skate Club has recently inquired with Richfield Recreation about adding an expansion to the park to include entry-level features that would be more accessible to those that are just learning the sport. Staff would like to work collaboratively with the skate club students throughout the expansion project, and use the process as a learning opportunity. We are hopeful that we will ultimately create additional space for people to recreate and provide positive physical and mental health opportunities.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

Staff would like direction to move forward with the skate park expansion proposal this summer, starting with both public engagement and seeking design proposals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

The Richfield Skate Park was opened in 2012 at Augsburg Park. It is a tier one skate park, that is 5300 square feet in size. All features are 40" or less; the park is free and unstaffed. The park is consistently busy throughout the outdoor season.

Richfield High School started the RHS Skate Club with approximately 25 youth, half of whom are female. They have approached the Recreation Department about adding an expansion to the current park that includes entry-level features that are accessible to those just learning how to skate. The students are excited to work with City staff throughout the process of planning and implementing an expansion to the park.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

The Minnesota DNR will be contacted to review the project and make sure it is aligned with grant agreements for Augsburg Park.

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

None

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total budget for the project is \$180,000. There is \$90,000 budgeted from the Recreation Capital Improvement Budget for 2023. We will seek matching funds from the Hennepin County Sports Facilities Grant Program and/or the Tony Hawk Community Skate Park Grant Program. Some simple features can be constructed in-house to help make funding go farther.

E. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

None

ALTERNATIVE(S):

Reject the skate park expansion proposal and continue further research into alternative ideas to create additional entry-level skate features.

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

ATTACHMENTS:

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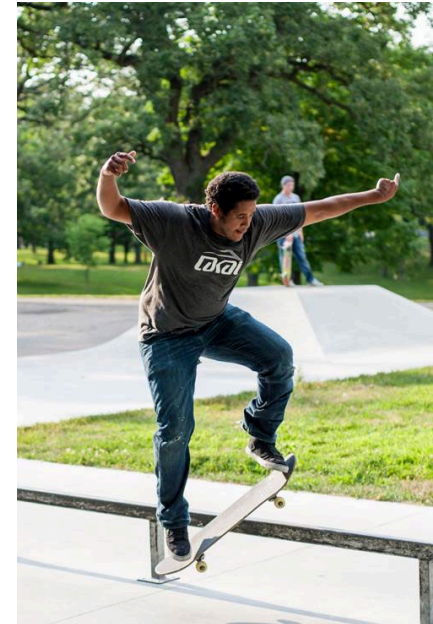


Richfield Skate Park Expansion

Dr. Amy Markle
Recreation Services Director

Skate Park Expansion

- History of Richfield's skate park
- Current trends
- Why is an expansion needed?
- Goals of expansion
- Proposed location of expansion
- Timeline
- Project partners
- Budget
- Discussion and questions



History of Richfield's Skate Park

- The Augsburg Skate Park was built in 2012
- All surfaces meet tier one standards (no surfaces about 40")
- The park is 5300 square feet, and includes features such as stair set, manual pad, hubba ledge, grand ledge, grind rails, banks, and a flat bar



History of Richfield's Skate Park

- Complements Tri-City YMCA Skate Park at the Southdale YMCA, which has more advanced features and an admission price
- Augsburg skate park is free and inclusive to all community members to use
- Neighbors have been supportive of the facility
- Busy skate park that is used heavily by the community
- Hosted skate competitions at the park as recent as 2019 (pre-Covid)
- **Home skate park to the Richfield High School Skate Club**

Current Skate Park Trends



- Thanks to several factors skateboarding is on the rise: social media, covid-19 trends, more women skateboarders, and stigma about who skateboards is quickly changing
- 70% of skateboarders are younger than 18 years old
- Approximately 24% of skateboarders are female

Why is a Skate Park Expansion Needed?

- Entry-level skate features are needed for those that are learning to skate
- There is a need for more safe spaces for youth to recreate
- Demand for more opportunities for non-team sports that are accessible and inclusive
- Increased need for wellness opportunities for both physical and mental health



Goals of Expansion



- Design an innovative community space with resident input (esp. youth), that is geared for entry-level skaters
- Introduce more youth and community members to skating
- Promote creative expression
- Foster a safe space for youth and people of all ages to recreate and increase physical and mental health
- Use the process as a learning opportunity for the Richfield Skate Club

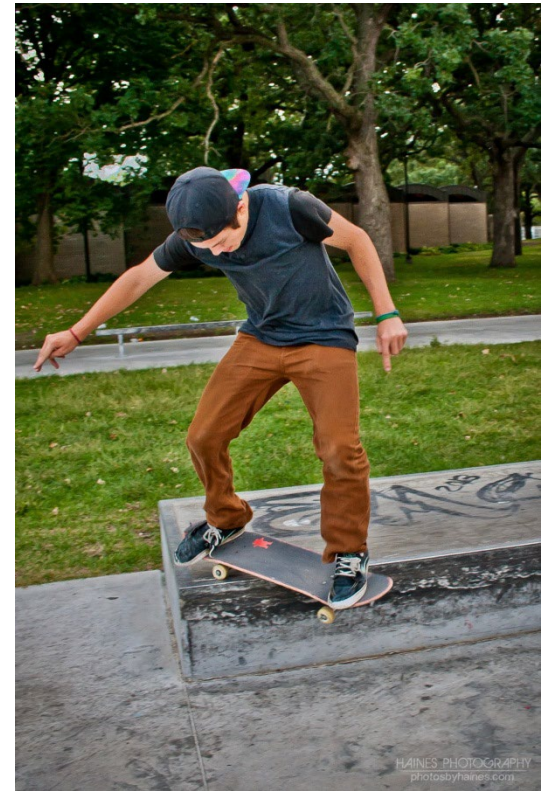
Proposed Location of Skate Park Expansion

- Utilize the vacant basketball court that is adjacent to the west side of the skate park



Timeline of Expansion Project

- Summer 2022-2023 community engagement around project
- Late summer 2022- develop project design
- Fall/Winter 2022/2023- secure grant funds
- Summer 2023- Construct expansion of skate park
- Late Summer 2023- **Open Skate Park Expansion**



Project Partners

- City of Skate
- Richfield Public School Skate Club



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Budget



- Total budget of \$180,000
- \$90,000 budgeted for project in Recreation CIB for 2023
- \$90,000 will be acquired through grants (i.e. Hennepin County Sports Facilities Grant and/or Tony Hawk Community Grant Program)
- Some simple features can be built in-house by our Public Works Department to have funding go farther

Discussion and Questions



An aerial photograph showing a park area. A rectangular concrete structure, identified as the existing skate park, is located in the upper right. To its left is a larger, irregularly shaped area labeled as the expansion area, which was formerly a basketball court. The area is surrounded by trees and grass. A road, Nicollet Ave, runs vertically on the right side of the image, with 71st St E intersecting it. A white truck is visible on Nicollet Ave. The expansion area is outlined with a black line, and a diagonal line separates it from the existing skate park area.

**Existing
Augsburg
Skate Park**

**Expansion
Area**
(formerly a
basketball court)

71ST ST E

NICOLLET AVE



STAFF REPORT NO. 16

WORK SESSION

6/28/2022

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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director
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ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:

Richfield Community Garden Proposal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is a need to bring community gardens back to Richfield. Recreation, Sustainability, and Public Works staff have collaborated on a proposal to have three small to medium sized gardens, one in each ward. This would increase food access and provide needed green-space for residents that don't have space to garden. Also, gardening is an important cultural activity for many of Richfield's residents.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

Staff are looking for feedback on the direction of the project and any comments councilmembers might have.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Annual request from many residents.
- We historically had a large community garden with hundreds of plots on MAC land along HWY 62.
- The large garden had persistent issues that were challenging, and the city did not always have the legal jurisdiction to correct the problems.
- The old garden program ended in 2017 due to road construction and access.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

- Climate Action Plan- Section 5
- Parks Master Plan
- Comp Plan

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

Staff would like to move forward with this project to ensure there is enough time to prep the areas before the ground freezes, as well as time to do community outreach and make sure everything is ready to open the gardens next year.

D. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The materials necessary for these gardens have been itemized in the attached presentation and the funds will come out of existing park maintenance funds.

E. **LEGAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

ALTERNATIVE(S):

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ Richfield Community Garden PPT	Presentation



Community Gardens Work Session



Why Invest in Community Gardens?

- The need is clear and requested by the community
- High density housing usually doesn't have much or any greenspace to garden
- Cultural activity
- CAP objective
- Rising food costs
- Positive health and environmental impacts

History

- Previous garden was on MAC land
- Barrage of issues; not our jurisdiction
- When bringing them back to Richfield, there isn't an area large enough to support old model of one large community garden

Different model proposed

- Each ward will have a small/medium size community garden with approximately 30 plots (20' x 30'), compost, raised beds that allow for accessible plots

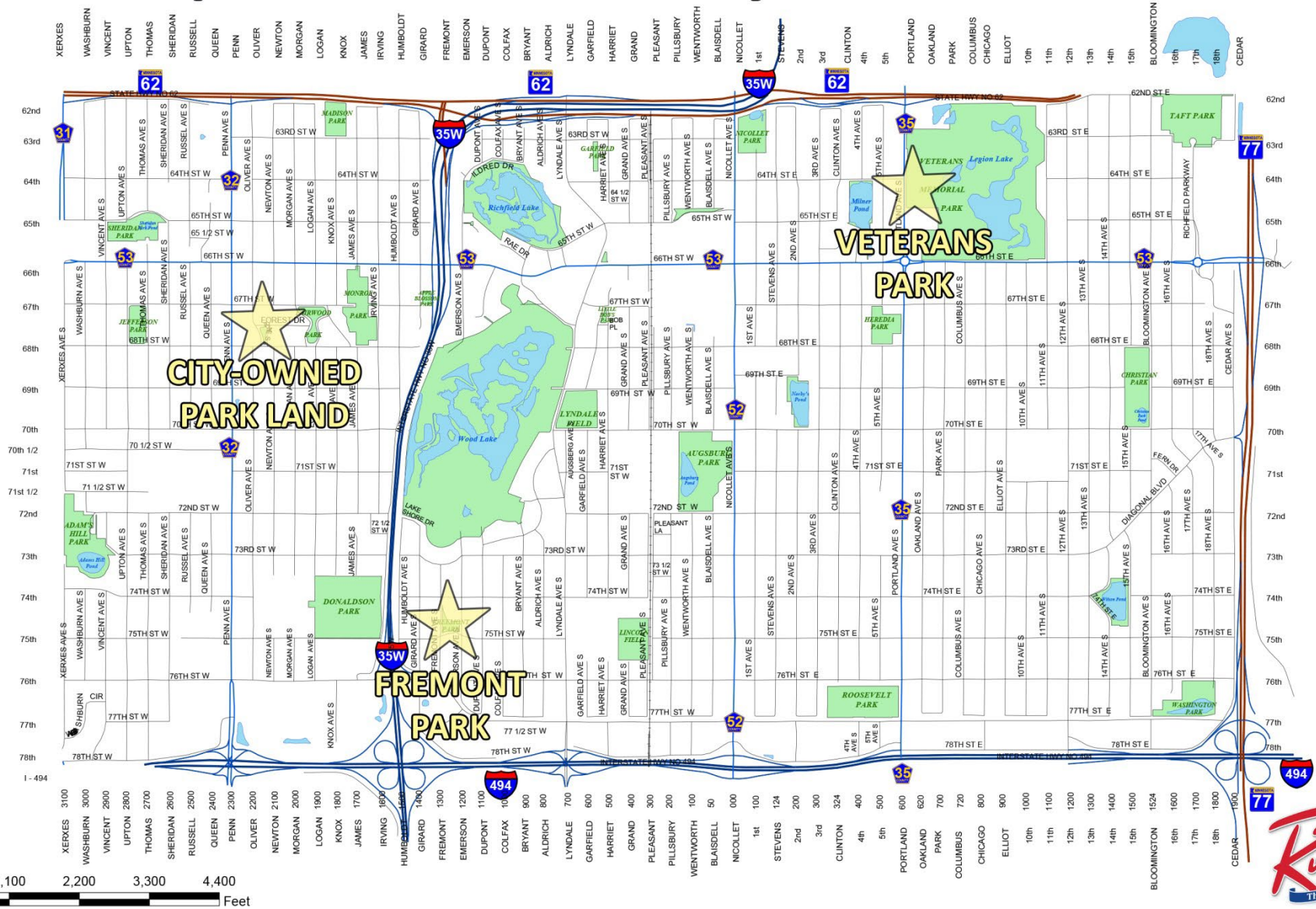


Location Criteria Established

- Staff involved: Chris Link, Rachel Lindholm, Amy Markle
 - Parking
 - Water
 - Enough space
 - Lighting/Sun
 - Soil
 - Accessibility
 - Neighborhood



Proposed Community Garden Sites



What does the model look like?





Sign-up Process

- Residents only - one plot per household
- Bilingual availability (Ellen at Community Center can take registration)
- Preference given to those that live in high density housing
- Accessible garden plots
- Get sticker that goes on plot stake

Budget

- \$10,000/garden, \$30,000 total out of park maintenance budget
- Main materials: Water tank, cinder blocks, spigot and other tank materials, raised accessible garden beds, compost bins, community board, garden signs, crushed limestone for area around accessible gardens, misc. tools and supplies, top soil, marketing, ADA picnic tables



Timeline

- On-site engagement with residents (late summer/early fall)
- Prep site as much as possible (fall)
- Planning and order materials (fall/winter)
- Till/installation (late April 2023)
- Gardens open Mother's Day weekend 2023



Questions or feedback?

