

**CITY OF RICHFIELD**  
***PARK INVENTORY & RECOMMENDATIONS***

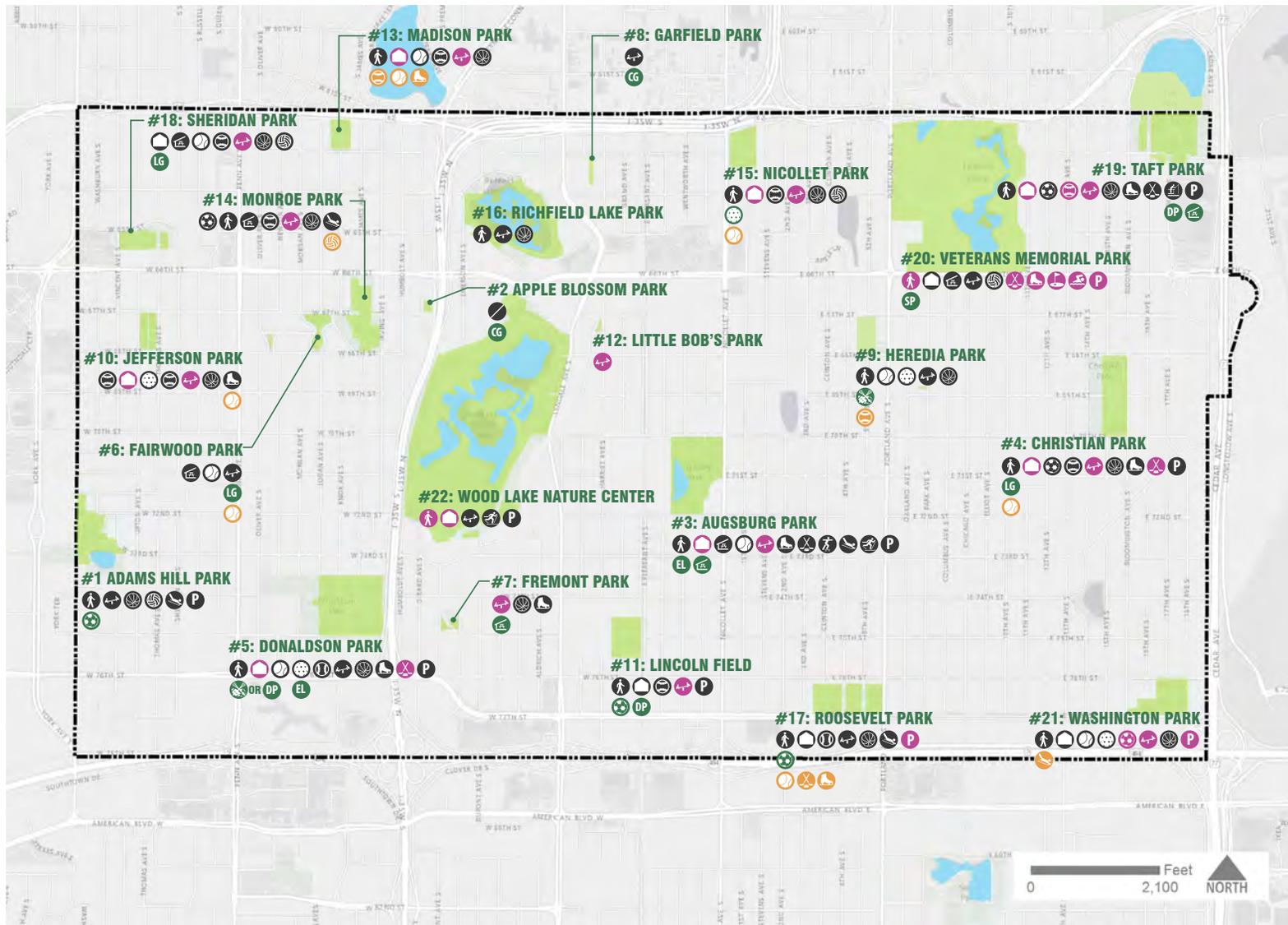
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# PARKS OVERVIEW

EXISTING PARK FEATURES AND AMENITIES																						
PARK NAME					SUMMER PROGRAM													WINTER PROGRAM				
	ACRES	PARK BUILDING	PARKING	WALKING PATH (MILES)	BASKETBALL COURT	BASEBALL FIELD	FOOTBALL/ SOCCER FIELD	FISHING PIER	MINI GOLF	OUTDOOR POOL	PICNIC SHELTER	PICKLEBALL COURT	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SKATE FACILITY	SOFTBALL FIELD	TENNIS COURT	VOLLEYBALL COURT	CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS	HOCKEY RINK	ICE ARENA	PLEASURE RINK	SLEDDING HILL
1 - ADAMS HILL PARK	13.0		1	0.6	1								1				1					1
2 - APPLE BLOSSOM PARK	0.6																					
3 - AUGSBURG PARK	21.0	2	1	0.4							2		2	1		6		1	1		1	1
4 - CHRISTIAN PARK	11.0	1	1	0.7	1		1L						1		1	4			1		1	
5 - DONALDSON PARK	23.6	1	1	0.4	2	2L	1L					4	1			4			2		1	
6 - FAIRWOOD PARK	2.5										1		1			2						
7 - FREMONT PARK	0.6				0.5								1								1	
8 - GARFIELD PARK	0.8												1									
9 - HEREDIA PARK	3.6			0.3	0.5							2	1		1	2						
10 - JEFFERSON PARK	4.0	1			0.5							2	1		1	2					1	
11 - LINCOLN FIELDS	7.1	1	1	0.5									1		4							
12 - LITTLE BOB'S PARK	0.3												1									
13 - MADISON PARK	4.5	1		0.3	1								1		1	1					1	
14 - MONROE PARK	9.5			0.7	1						1		1		1		1					1
15 - NICOLLET PARK	6.5	1		0.3	0.5								1		1	1	1					
16 - RICHFIELD LAKE PARK	24.0			1.0	0.5								1									
17 - ROOSEVELT PARK	13.5	1	1	0.3	1	4							1			2			1		1	1
18 - SHERIDAN PARK	6.8	1			0.5						2		1		1	2	1					
19 - TAFT PARK	42.0	2	1	1.0	2		1L	1					1		4L				1		1	
20 - VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	108.0	3	1	2.0					1	1	1		1				1			1		
21 - WASHINGTON PARK	8.0	1	1	0.4	1		1L					8	1			2						0
22 - WOOD LAKE NATURE CENTER	150.0	1	1	3.0														1				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

L=Lighted Field

# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY



## COLOR CODE

- EXISTING FACILITY TO REMAIN
- EXISTING FACILITY TO BE IMPROVED/REPLACED
- NEW FACILITY
- EXISTING FACILITY TO BE REMOVED

## ICON KEY

- Ⓡ BASEBALL FIELD
- Ⓢ BASKETBALL COURT
- CG COMMUNITY GARDEN/ORCHARD
- Ⓢ CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS
- DG DISK GOLF
- DP DOG PARK
- EL EXERCISE LOOP
- Ⓢ FISHING PIER
- Ⓢ SOCCER/FOOTBALL FIELD
- Ⓢ HOCKEY RINK
- LG LAWN GAME
- Ⓢ MINI GOLF
- Ⓢ MULTI-USE FIELD (SOCCER, LACROSSE, FOOTBALL)
- Ⓢ NO AMENITIES
- Ⓢ OUTDOOR POOL
- Ⓢ PARK BUILDING
- P PARKING
- Ⓢ PICKLEBALL
- Ⓢ PICNIC SHELTER
- Ⓢ PLAY EQUIPMENT
- Ⓢ PLEASURE RINK
- Ⓢ SKATE FACILITY
- Ⓢ SLEDDING HILL
- Ⓢ SOFTBALL FIELD
- SP SPLASH PAD
- Ⓢ TENNIS COURT
- Ⓢ VOLLEYBALL COURT
- Ⓢ WALKING PATH

# #1: ADAMS HILL PARK

**LOCATION:** 7200 Washburn Avenue

**ACRES:** 13

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Adams Hill Park is located in the southwest quadrant of the City and is adjacent to the City of Edina. The park's connection to a larger trail/park network located in Edina attracts many walks and runners to Adams Hill Park. The sloped terrain that surrounds the park is well used during the winter for sledding. A few sport courts, a playground, and parking are in the level location of the park. The level central open lawn space provides opportunities for flexible athletic events and open play. Adams Hill Pond, a stormwater facility, is in the southern portion of the park.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.6 MILES)
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  VOLLEYBALL COURT
-  SLEDDING HILL
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ADD YOUTH SOCCER FIELD (U6 TO U10)
- SOLAR TRAIL LIGHTING



None of these are in the cost estimate.

# #2: APPLE BLOSSOM PARK

**LOCATION:** 6645 Girard Avenue  
**ACRES:** 0.6  
**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Mini-Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Apple Blossom Park is adjacent to Highway 62. Roughly the size of two residential parcels, the parkland was acquired with the construction of Highway 62. Currently, open lawn space and a few picnic tables are the only facilities the park offers. Since the park is adjacent to single-family residential, community gardens or a community orchard are a few facilities that would be complimentary to the park while providing a benefit to the neighborhood. Because this park is so isolated and small, another option that could be considered is selling this land to reinvest throughout the park system.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

 NO AMENITIES

## RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- ORCHARDS (APPLE TREES)
- SELL PROPERTY



# #3: AUGSBURG PARK

LOCATION: 7145 Wentworth Avenue S  
ACRES: 21  
PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Centrally located in the City, Augsburg Park is home to the Richfield Community Center which also includes part of the Community Services Department and Recreation Department. The park is adjacent to Richfield High School and the Augsburg Park Library.

The sledding hill, cross country ski trails, and skate facility are perhaps the most popular facilities the park offers. The groomed cross country ski trails are well used by the high school cross country ski team. Other facilities that distinguish Augsburg Park are the rolling topography, a mature oak tree canopy, ice rinks, a large tennis complex, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and a stormwater pond. To maintain an urban healthy forest within the park, the city has a plan to plant a diverse range of tree species to replace the aging oak trees.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.4 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  PARK SHELTER
-  TENNIS COURT
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  PLEASURE RINK
-  HOCKEY RINK
-  SKATE FACILITY
-  SLEDDING HILL
-  CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- NEW COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING
  - Meet ADA requirements
  - Add outdoor rental facility
  - Indoor workout facility & Dance studio
  - Meeting space
- NEW LARGE PICNIC SHELTER
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT
  - Consolidate playgrounds
  - Add more swings
  - Consider location closer to picnic shelter
  - Move further away from pond
- ADD ADULT FITNESS TRAIL LOOP
- IMPLEMENT TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN
- ADD SECURITY CAMERAS

Cost estimate says location TBD. Remove this bullet??

Not in cost estimate



Progressive Rail Railroad

RICHFIELD

SPARTANS

70th St W

70th St E

Nicollet Ave S

1st Ave S

71st St E

Unnamed Pond

72nd St W



# #4: CHRISTIAN PARK

LOCATION: 6900 Bloomington Avenue

ACRES: 11

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park/Athletic Complex

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Christian Park features tennis courts, soccer/football fields, a softball field, a full basketball court, a pleasure rink, a hockey rink, playgrounds, and a stormwater pond. The park building at Christian Park is one of the oldest buildings in the Richfield Park system and the bathrooms in the building do not meet current ADA standards. The park building currently has no programming and is underutilized. Partnering with Richfield STEM school should be considered to better utilize the park building. Reconfiguring or relocating a few amenities in the park, such as the playground locations, or tennis courts, would better utilize space within the park.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.7 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  FOOTBALL/S
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  PLEASURE RINK
-  HOCKEY RINK
-  PARKING

Not in cost estimate

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- RENOVATE OR REPLACE BUILDING
  - Meet ADA requirements
  - Consider rental use
  - Add programming activities
- IMPROVE EXISTING HOCKEY RINK
- COMBINE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN CENTRAL LOCATION NEAR BUILDING
- ADD LAWN GAMES
- IMPROVE ECOLOGY OF POND
- REMOVE TENNIS COURTS



# #5: DONALDSON PARK

**LOCATION:** 7434 Humbolt Avenue

**ACRES:** 23.6

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Athletic Complex/Community Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Donaldson Park is a well-used park located adjacent to Richfield Middle School. The existing building at Donaldson Park is one of the oldest and most used buildings in the park system. A new or remodeled park building is recommended to meet ADA standards and better serve the park users and its programs overall. Community athletic groups commonly use the athletic facilities in Donaldson Park. The athletic facilities located in Donaldson Park include a large concentration of tennis and basketball courts, two baseball fields, a soccer/football field, two hockey rinks, a pleasure rink, and a pickleball court. During the summer, the pleasure rink is utilized for cricket. The northeast corner of the park is the only area that is not fully developed and has been considered for additional soccer or multi-use field in the past.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.4 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  PICKLEBALL COURT
-  FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELD
-  BASEBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  PLEASURE RINK
-  HOCKEY RINK
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- RENOVATE OR REPLACE MULTI-USE BUILDING
  - Meet ADA requirements
  - Concessions
  - Maintain programming
  - Storage
- IMPROVE EXISTING HOCKEY RINKS
- DEVELOP NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARK
  - Potential for one multi-use field or
  - Potential for dog park
- ADD SECURITY LIGHTING
- ADD ADULT FITNESS TRAIL LOOP



# #6: FAIRWOOD PARK

LOCATION: 6700 Logan Avenue

ACRES: 2.5

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Fairwood Park is a small neighborhood park. The park features a nice open picnic shelter with tennis courts and play equipment. Most the park is dedicated to flexible lawn space.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  PARK SHELTER
-  TENNIS COURT
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT

Not in cost estimate

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REMOVE TENNIS COURTS AT END OF LIFE CYCLE AND REPLACE WITH OPEN FLEXIBLE FIELD
- ADD LAWN GAME SPACE
- REMOVE HORSESHOE PIT



67th St W

Logan Ave S

Knox Ave S

Morgan Ave S

Forest Dr W

Oakland Ter

Lakeview Ave

68th St W



# #7: FREMONT PARK

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**LOCATION:** 7445 Fremont Avenue

**ACRES:** 0.6

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Mini-Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Fremont Park is well-used by the surrounding neighborhood. The park features play equipment, a basketball court, and a pleasure rink. The city park staff utilize the building in the park as a maintenance storage shed.

## EXISTING FACILITIES



PLAY EQUIPMENT



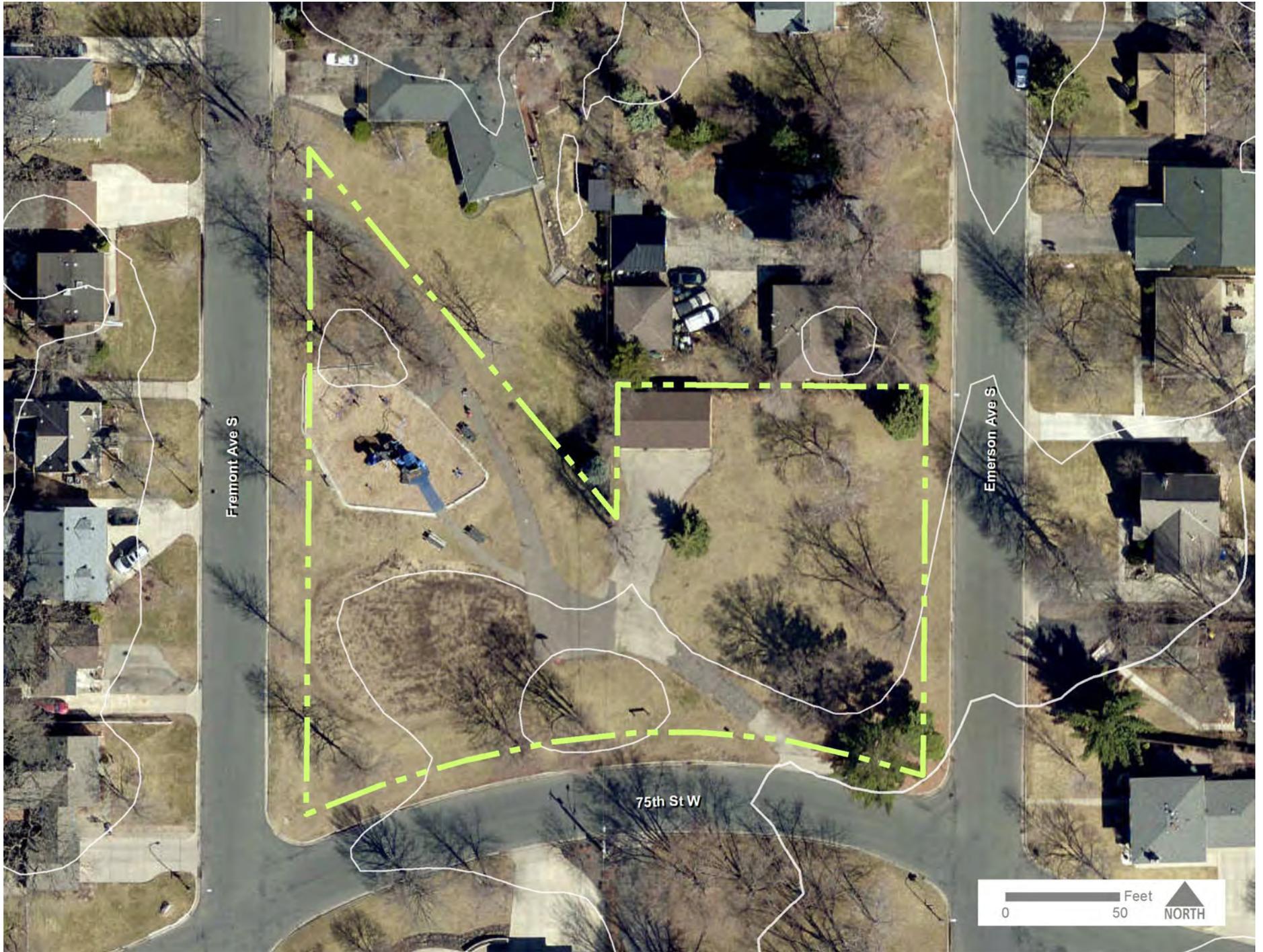
BASKETBALL COURT



PLEASURE RINK

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ADD PORTABLE TOILETS
- UPGRADE STORAGE BUILDING
- ADD PICNIC SHELTER
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT END OF LIFE CYCLE



# #8: GARFIELD PARK

LOCATION: 6301 Garfield Avenue

ACRES: 0.8

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Mini-Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Garfield Park, located adjacent to an apartment complex, is classified as a mini-park. Most of the park is open lawn space with overstory trees. A playground was recently constructed in the north end of the park near 63rd Street West. The park's long narrow shape, along with its size, constrains potential park development options. Pollinator gardens could be considered to provide a larger visual buffer between the park and apartment parking lot.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

 PLAY EQUIPMENT

## RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

- POTENTIAL FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS
- POTENTIAL FOR POLLINATOR GARDEN
- POTENTIAL FOR MINI-DOG PARK/DOG RUN
- ADD PORTABLE TOILETS

Not in cost estimate





# #9: HEREDIA PARK

**LOCATION:** 6710 Portland Avenue

**ACRES:** 3.6

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Heredia Park is a neighborhood park adjacent to the Richfield Municipal Center. The building was completed in 2011 and so the park amenities are relatively new and in good condition. The building and park are connected by a landscaped plaza which features public art. Amenities in Heredia Park include tennis courts, pickleball courts, play equipment, and a softball field with a paved trail loop around it. The softball field drains poorly and requires considerable maintenance. This area should be considered for a different use, like a multi-use field.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.3 MILES)
-  TENNIS COURT
-  PICKLEBALL COURT
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE SOFTBALL FIELD WITH MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD



# #10: JEFFERSON PARK

LOCATION: 6700 Thomas Avenue

ACRES: 4

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Jefferson Park features several athletic facilities and a nice park building. Park amenities include a playground, sport courts, a pleasure rink and a softball field. The fields at Jefferson Park are used for softball practices and informal soccer games. The existing building, which is rarely used, is ADA accessible and has modern features such as LED lighting. Reprogramming the existing park building and allowing rentals would likely increase building usage.

## EXISTING FACILITIES



PARK BUILDING



TENNIS COURT



PICKLEBALL COURT



SOFTBALL FIELD



PLAY EQUIPMENT



BASKETBALL COURT



PLEASURE RINK

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REMOVE TENNIS COURT
- REMOVE BOARDWALKS
- REPROGRAM BUILDING TO IMPROVE USAGE
  - Consider rentals
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT



# #11: LINCOLN FIELD

LOCATION: 7500 Pleasant Avenue

ACRES: 7.1

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Lincoln Field's distinguishing characteristic are the four softball fields constructed in 2008. While designed for softball, baseball is commonly played at Lincoln Field. A park building and play features are in the center of the park. The play area is covered with shade fabric which requires frequent maintenance.

There is potential for Lincoln Field to expand. The parcel to the north of the park, which currently is a manufactured home neighborhood, is being rezoned to commercial land. If the land is acquired, future development of a dog park or soccer fields and more parking could be possible.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.5 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE FABRIC PLAYGROUND ROOF WITH SOLID ROOF
- IF LAND TO THE NORTH IS ACQUIRED, PARK EXPANSION COULD ACCOMMODATE:
  - A Dog Park or Soccer Fields
  - Additional Parking

Not included in cost estimate. Is this park maintenance?

Not included in cost estimate.



# #12: LITTLE BOB'S PARK

LOCATION: 6700 Harriet Avenue

ACRES: 0.3

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Mini-Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Little Bob's Park is mini-park which primarily consists of lawn space scattered with trees and picnic tables. In addition to the lawn, well used play equipment is in the southern half of the park.

## EXISTING FACILITIES



PLAY EQUIPMENT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- UPGRADE PLAY EQUIPMENT WITH ACCESSIBLE FEATURES AND SURFACING AT END OF LIFE CYCLE
- ADD PORTABLE TOILETS

Not in included in cost estimate. Is this considered park maintenance?



67th St W

Garfield Ave S

Harriet Ave S

Bob Pl



# #13: MADISON PARK

LOCATION: 6244 Knox Avenue

ACRES: 4.5

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Madison Park is a neighborhood park in the northwest quadrant of the city adjacent to the Highway 62 noise wall. The park contains athletic fields, sport courts, and play facilities. The park has a well-defined loop trail and is well connected to the surrounding neighborhood by a trail along the north side of the park. The current park building, in good condition, is rarely used. The building pad and surrounding patio has consistent drainage issues which also effect the playground. When the play equipment is replaced, it should be relocated to help resolve the drainage issues.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.3 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  PLEASURE RINK

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPROGRAM PARK BUILDING TO IMPROVE USAGE
  - Consider rentals
- REMOVE BASEBALL FIELD
- REMOVE TENNIS COURT AT END OF LIFE CYCLE
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND CHANGE LOCATION OF PLAYGROUND TO REMEDY DRAINAGE ISSUES
- REMOVE WOODEN WALKS
- REMOVE PLEASURE RINK



# #14: MONROE PARK

LOCATION: 6710 Irving Avenue

ACRES: 9.5

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Monroe Park is a large neighborhood park. The park contains several distinguishing topographic features. The perimeter of the park is surrounded by a hill. The ridge located in the middle of the park spatially separates the park into two halves and provides a popular sledding hill. Looping trails circle each half of the park providing good pedestrian access. A variety of well-used athletic fields, sport courts, and play facilities are in the level area of the park. A small picnic shelter provides the only gathering space at the center of the park. Because of the park's location and topography vehicular access is limited.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.7 MILES)
-  PICNIC SHELTER
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  VOLLEYBALL COURT
-  SLEDDING HILL
-  INFORMAL SOCCER FIELD

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT END OF LIFE CYCLE
- REMOVE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT



# #15: NICOLLET PARK

**LOCATION:** 6300 First Avenue

**ACRES:** 6.5

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Nicollet Park is a neighborhood park located along Nicollet Avenue just south of Highway 62. Mature oak trees and a steep slope provide a visual buffer from Nicollet Avenue on the western edge of the park. The park is well-connected to adjacent sidewalks by trail connections but can only be accessed by vehicle through a cul-de-sac on the south side. Nicollet Park contains sport courts, a large patio and building, play facilities, and a softball field. The existing softball field is often used informally for other sports. The existing park building is not programmed for community activities and is currently being used to store recreation supplies.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.3 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  VOLLEYBALL COURT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- REPLACE TENNIS COURT WITH PICKLEBALL
- ADD TRAIL LIGHTING
- REPROGRAM BUILDING TO INCREASE USE
  - Consider rentals



# #16: RICHFIELD LAKE PARK

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**LOCATION:** 6400 Dupont Avenue

**ACRES:** 24

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Neighborhood Park/Stormwater Pond

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Richfield Lake Park's distinctive feature is the Richfield Lake and surrounding wetlands. The lake and wetlands collect excess rainwater from Highway 62. The park features a 1 mile walking path around the lake making Richfield Lake Park a popular location for pedestrian activities. In addition, the park has a small playground and basketball court located in the northwest corner. An amphitheater, part of a new residential development, has been constructed just outside the park boundary on the east side of Richfield Lake near the Lakewinds Co-op.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (1.0 MILES)
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- CREATE AND IMPLEMENT INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN.
- ADD PORTABLE TOILETS



# #17: ROOSEVELT PARK

LOCATION: 7644 Fourth Avenue

ACRES: 13.5

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Roosevelt Park is a neighborhood park located in the southern half of the city adjacent to Portland Avenue and 77th Street. The park features four well organized baseball fields located on the west side of the park. The east side features a park building, sport courts, hockey and pleasure rinks, play facilities, and parking. With the demand for soccer, there is interest in reorganizing the eastern portion of the park to include soccer fields. This change would most likely need to include removing the hockey and pleasure rinks, as well as the tennis courts.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.3 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  BASEBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  PLEASURE RINK
-  HOCKEY RINK
-  SLEDDING HILL
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REMOVE TENNIS COURT AT END OF LIFE CYCLE
- REMOVE HOCKEY RINK
- REMOVE PLEASURE RINK
- ADD TWO SOCCER FIELDS
- EXPAND PARKING LOT
  - Improve sight lines out of parking lot



# #18: SHERIDAN PARK

LOCATION: 6500 S Upton Ave

ACRES: 6.8

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Sheridan Park is a neighborhood park located in the northwest quadrant of the city. This park features the largest picnic shelter in the parks system with a capacity of 50. On its east side, the park contains a playground, tennis courts, a volleyball court, and a softball field. On its west side, the park features a stormwater pond with a loop trail.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  PARK BUILDING
-  PICNIC SHELTER
-  TENNIS COURT
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  VOLLEYBALL COURT

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- ADD LAWN GAME SPACE

Not in cost estimate



# #19: TAFT PARK

LOCATION: 1800 E 63rd Street

ACRES: 42

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park/Athletic Complex

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Taft Park is a well-used community park located in the northeast corner of the city. The southern half of the park is within city limits and the north half of the park is leased from the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The park features a soccer/football field, softball fields, a hockey rink, a pleasure rink, a park building, a playground, sport courts, and Taft Lake. The Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trail follows the western edge of the park.

Taft Lake has a looping walking trail and is part of the DNR's Fishing in the Neighborhood program. A new fishing pier and canoe/kayak landing are planned for Taft Park as part of a partnership with Three Rivers Park District.

Taft Park has many park infrastructure issues which cause consistent maintenance needs and disrupt the park user experience. Old landfill material is often pushed to the surface from the freeze thaw cycle. The athletic field drainage is very poor due to the naturally saturated soils and commonly flood after rain events. Is it recommended that a study is conducted to better assess drainage issues before any further investment in athletic fields at Taft Park occurs.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (1.0 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  FOOTBALL/
-  SOFTBALL FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  PLEASURE RINK
-  HOCKEY RINK
-  FISHING PIER
-  PARKING

Not in cost estimate

Not in cost estimate

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE OR RENOVATE SOUTH BUILDING
- ADD OPEN PICNIC SHELTER
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- IMPROVE FIELD DRAINAGE
  - Conduct study on how to address groundwater/drainage issues
- UPDATE SOFTBALL FIELDS - ORIENT IN A WHEEL
- UPGRADE FENCE AND DUG OUTS
- POTENTIAL AREA FOR DOG PARK
- CREATE AND IMPLEMENT INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN



# #20: VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

LOCATION: 6335 Portland Avenue

ACRES: 108

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park/Stormwater Pond

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Veterans Memorial Park is one of the most popular parks in Richfield and functions as a destination park drawing in people from the surrounding metro area. The park is programed with a variety of facilities that provide space for large community gatherings and events. A few of the popular destinations at Veterans Memorial Park include the farmers market, an outdoor pool, a mini golf course, a refrigerated ice arena, the Veterans memorial, the band shell, and the walking paths and boardwalks around Legion Lake and its surrounding wetland complex.

Several plans are already in place for the park. A future bandshell is planned to be built on the southwestern edge of Legion Lake. The mini-golf course, privately-owned, is looking to reinvest and expand soon. Also, there are currently plans to replace the refrigeration system in the ice arena that would ensure the success of the ice arena for the future.

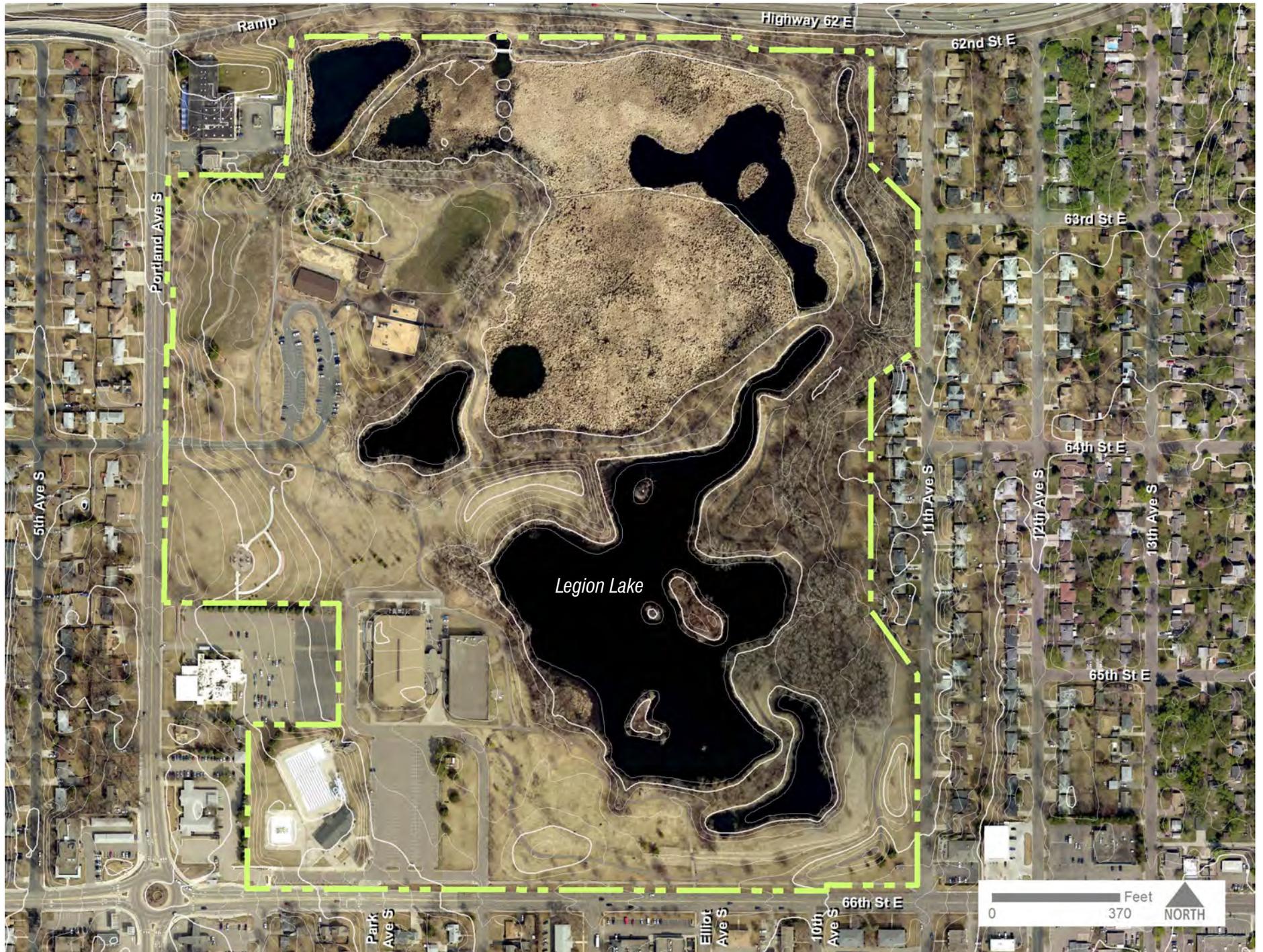
## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH & BOARDWALK (2.0 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  PICNIC SHELTER
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  VOLLEYBALL COURT
-  ICE ARENA
-  MINI GOLF
-  OUTDOOR POOL
-  PARKING

Not in cost estimate

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REFRIGERATION UPDATE AT ICE ARENA
- REPLACE POOL LINER
- ADD POOL AMENITY
  - Splash pad
  - Shading umbrellas
- REPLACE OR MODIFY BOARDWALK
- UPDATE MINI GOLF
- EXPAND FARMER MARKET PARKING
  - Incorporate stormwater BMPs to reduce runoff to playground and pond
- CREATE AND IMPLEMENT INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN
- HONORING ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL EXPANSION



# #21: WASHINGTON PARK

LOCATION: 6700 17th Avenue

ACRES: 8

PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park/Athletic Complex

Not in cost estimate

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Washington Park is a neighborhood park and athletic complex located in the southeast corner of the city. Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail is located along the northern edge of the park.

The signature facilities of Washington Park include a park building, sport courts, a playground and soccer fields. Plans to extend 18th Avenue through the park will impact the existing soccer fields. Park planning to address this impact has already occurred and will include an expansion of the parking lot, removal of the sledding hill, and the reorganization of two soccer fields.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  WALKING PATH (0.4 MILES)
-  PARK BUILDING
-  TENNIS COURT
-  PICKLEBALL COURT
-  FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELD
-  PLAY EQUIPMENT
-  BASKETBALL COURT
-  SLEDDING HILL
-  PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- LEAVE AS PLANNED
  - Remove sledding hill
  - Reconfigure 2 soccer fields
  - Expand parking
- REPLACE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT END OF LIFE CYCLE



# #22: WOOD LAKE NATURE CENTER

**LOCATION:** 6710 Lake Short Drive

**ACRES:** 150

**PARK CLASSIFICATION:** Nature Preserve/Stormwater Pond

## PARK DESCRIPTION

Wood Lake Nature Center is a natural area dedicated to environmental education, wildlife observation, and outdoor recreation. A popular destination in Richfield and in the larger metro area, Wood Lake Nature Center draws in nearly 72,000 visitors yearly. Richfield K-6 public schools also visit Wood Lake three times a year as part of their regular science curriculum. Users enjoy the hiking and cross country ski trails through the quiet, naturalized landscape. The nature center also offers wildlife viewing areas, a 100-seat amphitheater, and a picnic area. Flooding of the trails is a common occurrence given that Wood Lake functions as a holding pond for a large portion of the City's stormwater. Further evaluation is needed to develop a plan that will solve trail flooding.

The nature center building features exhibits, classroom space, and houses nature center staff offices. The building is over 25 years old and has been well used throughout the years. To better meet the needs of the community and enhance the educational program offerings, the building needs repair, ADA updates, and an expansion. A new building versus a remodel should be strongly considered.

## EXISTING FACILITIES



WALKING PATH & BOARDWALK (3.0 MILES)



PARK BUILDING (INTERPRETIVE CENTER)



PLAY EQUIPMENT



CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS



PARKING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- REPLACE OR RENOVATE INTERPRETIVE CENTER BUILDING
  - More meeting space
  - More room for entertainment
  - Catering kitchen
  - Laundry facility
  - ADA accessibility
  - Classroom(s)
  - Expanded storage
- IMPROVE TRAILS
  - Replace boardwalk
  - Evaluate and develop plan to solve trail flooding
- CREATE PLAN FOR FUTURE STORMWATER WATER DISTRIBUTION & MANAGEMENT
- CREATE AND IMPLEMENT INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

