

AGENDA
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
April 5, 2021
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

"An opportunity for members of the public to address the Park Advisory Commission on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Park Advisory Commission action maybe deferred to staff for research and future Wyoming Park Advisory Commission Agendas if appropriate."

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

Items under the "Consent Agenda" will be adopted with one motion; however, members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Angie Plante Schilling
2. Consider application for Park Advisory Commission seat
3. Resilient Communities Project Introduction
4. Comp Plan Update with comments

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. Public Works Tree Inventory Update

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING:
April 5, 2021
7:00PM



Date:
4/2/2021

To: Park Advisory Commission Members

Re: Staff Report

AGENDA

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The Resilient Communities Project is a partnership between local government organizations and the University of Minnesota which connects communities and community projects with students studying relevant coursework. Projects can address a wide range of local issues, opportunities and needs but specifically encourages projects that address racial inequities and disparities in Minnesota. A resilient communities Project partnership could be a way to explore emerging opportunities or needs in the Wyoming community, generate new ideas and perspectives on a challenging problem or issue, bring community voices and knowledge to the conversation or launch new initiatives.

In 2021, the Wyoming City Council identified several priorities that pertain to parks within the City including:

- the implementation of the Swenson ADA Grant
- the Veterans Memorial plan at Railroad Park
- further development of fireside park
- further utilizing sunrise trail to draw more people to the community
- improve snowshoe and cross country ski trails at Hawk meadows Park
- supporting Eagle Scout Projects
- Advertising the farmers market and
- more partnerships with youth groups.

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In order to accomplish this, staff is researching the feasibility and utility of partnering with the University of Minnesota through the resilient communities project. If accepted, the City of Wyoming would partner with graduate students at the University of Minnesota to complete a scoped project as designed by the initial proposal. An example of a project is included in the packet.

There are multiple projects that staff think have potential within the City of Wyoming. The first is potentially looking into the scope of a City wide trail master plan. A Citywide Trail Master Plan is in itself a large project that staff would not recommend for this type of partnership. However, the initial engagement of the community around what a trail master plan might entail, priorities that people would be interested in including in a design, goals pertaining to connections between community nodes or economic development could all be a part of a preliminary goal report completed by the RCP students.

Another proposal would be putting together a draft master plan for an upcoming park project. Several parks are nearing a time to replace old equipment. The Park Advisory Commission has expressed interest in diversifying types of park equipment or park offerings and a partnership with the Resilient Communities project could help to identify promising options for such a project. A deliverable from the project for this type of scope would be a draft master plan that the City could do additional follow up and community feedback on. The completion of a draft master plan would not in and of itself result in the initiation of a project.

The program does have a cost associated with it. It would likely be between \$5,000-\$6,000 depending on the scope of the project. This is not currently budgeted within the City's budget so any potential partnership would be in a future budget year, but the conversation about the value that this type of program could bring should start here.

The questions to consider for tonight's discussion whether or not the Park Advisory Commission is interested in this program and thinks that it has potential for the City and

What projects would you be interested in exploring the feasibility of for applying to the program.

4. Comp Plan Update with comments

The City of Wyoming is currently revising the City's Comprehensive Plan. Included in your packet is the Parks chapter of the plan for your review to provide comments on. Staff is looking for feedback if there are any themes or language that you would like changed or if there are things missing that you would like to be included.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. Public Works Tree Inventory Update

ADJOURN

**NEXT MEETING:
May 3, 2021
7:00PM**

DRAFT MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 1, 2021
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for March 1, 2021 to order at 7:00PM

CALL OF ROLL:

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission were present:
Members Barb Williams, Bruce Spangler, Angie Schilling, and Claire Luger, Council Liaison*

Absent: Heather Vandenheuvel and Amy Buccanero

Also Present: Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

Visitors: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for February 1, 2021.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, Schilling

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Review of Equipment Repair Planning

Assistant City Administrator Dumais explained that there was a question at the last PAC meeting asking for further clarification regarding the City's budgeting for equipment replacement.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld gave a brief overview of the materials included in the packet that explained when the various playground equipment was installed. He stated that they did not use a scientific method but determined that the average cost would be about \$45,000 a year for 22 years in order to get all the

playground equipment replaced.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais clarified that this analysis is only for equipment replacement and is not for expansion projects.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld noted that some of the equipment can just be repaired and there are some bits and pieces throughout the parks of the existing equipment that can be kept and gave the examples of the swing set at Fireside Park.

Mayor Iverson noted that Goodview Park near her home only has a picnic table and not the other pieces of equipment that are listed in the packet.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais noted that they will update the information so it is accurate.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Eagle Scout Projects: Improvements for the Hawk Meadows Park Bridge and Park Stream Clean-Up

Assistant City Administrator Dumais introduced Andrew Frechette and Aidan Head who are working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. She noted that staff has reviewed their proposals for projects in the City and are welcome contributions to the City.

Andrew Frechette gave a presentation that outlined his proposed project to refurbish the walking bridge at Hawks Meadows Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY ANDREW FRECHETTE TO REFURBISH THE WALKING BRIDGE AT HAWKS MEADOWS PARK AS PART OF HIS WORK TOWARDS BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Schilling

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Aidan Head gave a presentation on his proposed project for trail improvements and stream clean-up at Hawk Meadows Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY AIDAN HEAD FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND STREAM CLEAN-UP AT HAWKS MEADOWS PARK AS PART OF HIS WORK TOWARDS BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Schilling

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

4. Update on the 2021 Wyoming City Council Priorities

Assistant City Administrator Dumais stated that the Council identified priorities for 2021 at a recent work session and gave brief overview of the priorities that apply to the PAC.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. Open Park Advisory Commission Seat

Assistant City Administrator Dumais reminded the Commission members that there is a current opening on the PAC. She noted that this opportunity will be shared via social media and on the City website and asked the Commission to encourage people that may be a good fit to contact her.

Chair Spangler stated that she does know of someone who is interested and will be submitting a letter of interest sometime in the next week.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 1, 2021 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:26 PM

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Schilling

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 5, 2020
7:00PM

Angie Schilling

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RE: Park Advisory Commission

Kelly,

My new job has changed my hours to make it impossible for me to partake in the PAC meetings. I know my time has been short lived and with a heavy heart I must resign from my position effective immediately.

Best regards,

Angie Schilling

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March 15, 2021

Robb Linwood, City Administrator
City of Wyoming
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RE: Parks Advisory Commission

Dear Robb Linwood,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Wyoming's Parks Advisory Commission. As a proud resident of Wyoming, Minnesota since 2015, I look forward to serving our fellow citizens of Wyoming while working to enhance and grow our community's attractiveness, accessibility, and connectivity among its residents.

As the Director of the Northwood Farmers Club & Biggest Little Farmers Market (formerly the Grange) located right here in Wyoming, Minnesota, I have seen first hand how our community members desire opportunities to gather and connect at safe, family-friendly, community-driven events and spaces. I also recognize that in a community like Wyoming--without a traditional "downtown" area--our parks serve as the physical "face" of the City. Knowing that the City of Wyoming also places a value on our parks system--investing in a pollinator garden at Fireside Park, the forthcoming accessibility project at Swenson Park, and the push to develop Railroad Park into a central memorial park--is one of the reasons I am proud to call Wyoming my home town.

Aside from my interest in parks and recreation and passion to give back to our community, nearly twenty years in educational development and programing with the Minnesota Historical Society, the Grange, and now Northwood Farmers Club, along with an avid interest and practice in Upper Midwest gardening and horticulture make me an ideal candidate to serve on the City of Wyoming's Parks Advisory Commission.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter of interest as well as your consideration in my service to the City in this position. I welcome any questions or further discussion. You may reach out to me at any time.

Respectfully,

T.J. Malaskee

DEVELOPING THE PIONEER PARK MASTER PLAN

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT

About the Partner

The City of Little Canada is located in Ramsey County, roughly 5 miles north of downtown Saint Paul. The City has an area of approximately 4.5 square miles and a population of approximately 10,500 residents.



Little Canada's close proximity to major employment centers, its easy access to the transportation system, its abundance of natural features, and its small-town character are qualities that make it a highly desirable community.

Project Description

The City of Little Canada is looking for unique and innovative ways to engage the community regarding planning for Pioneer Park, one of the City's premier parks. The City is in the process of developing a master plan for Pioneer Park to guide future park design, infrastructure, programming, and facilities and needs to identify new engagement strategies, given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the completion of the Pioneer Park master plan in 2020, the City will be able to make funding decisions, update its capital improvement plan, and identify future design options for the park. It is important for elected officials to make long-term decisions and provide direction to City staff on the future of the park based on a firm understanding of what the community and stakeholders want and are willing to fund.

The City is looking for assistance with the planning process for Pioneer Park, with the goal of providing a vision for the future of the park, conducting an in-depth community engagement process, establishing objectives and strategies that support what the community would like the park to be, and generating park design options with associated costs and proposed implementation phases.

Students will be working in conjunction with City staff in multiple departments (Parks & Recreation, Community Development, Finance, and Administration), a consulting firm, stakeholders, public officials, and youth within the community.

Students will engage with residents and stakeholders, collect and analyze data, provide design concepts, and present information in a format that can be easily understood and distributed to the public, City officials, and staff.

Key Issues, Questions, and Ideas to Explore

1. What unique and innovative community engagement strategies can the City employ virtually or otherwise, to receive feedback from the public, especially given the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic which requires physical distancing?
2. What specific strategies can be used to engage youth in the park planning process, particularly when schools are closed and youth programming is suspended due to the pandemic?
3. What national and local park trends should the City be aware of and integrate into its planning process?
4. Provide some potential park design concepts and visuals that can be incorporated into a visual preference survey or other engagement activities.
5. What are some potential local, state, and national funding sources that can be used for park enhancement projects?
6. After conducting the community engagement and analyzing the results, what priority outcomes and recommendations should be made to decision-making bodies and the City Council and staff?

How Student Work Will Be Used to Build Community Resilience

- By helping to ensure that Pioneer Park reflects the needs and wishes of the community for the foreseeable future.

Potential Community Partners or Stakeholders

- Community and neighborhood groups
- Youth, including local schools
- City staff and officials
- Outside user groups (i.e. softball, baseball, and soccer leagues, tournament directors, and the Little Canada Recreation Association)

Existing Plans & Reports

- Park System Master Plan

UofM RCP Contact

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Resilient Communities Project

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

12. PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION

Enhance *Recreation Opportunities: Develop, maintain and improve public parks that provide diverse opportunities for active sports and passive recreation. Identify, establish and develop trail corridors that connect the neighborhoods to the park system and to regional trail corridors. Plan for changes in recreational activities that accommodate changing demands. Integrate park and trail systems with significant natural resources.*

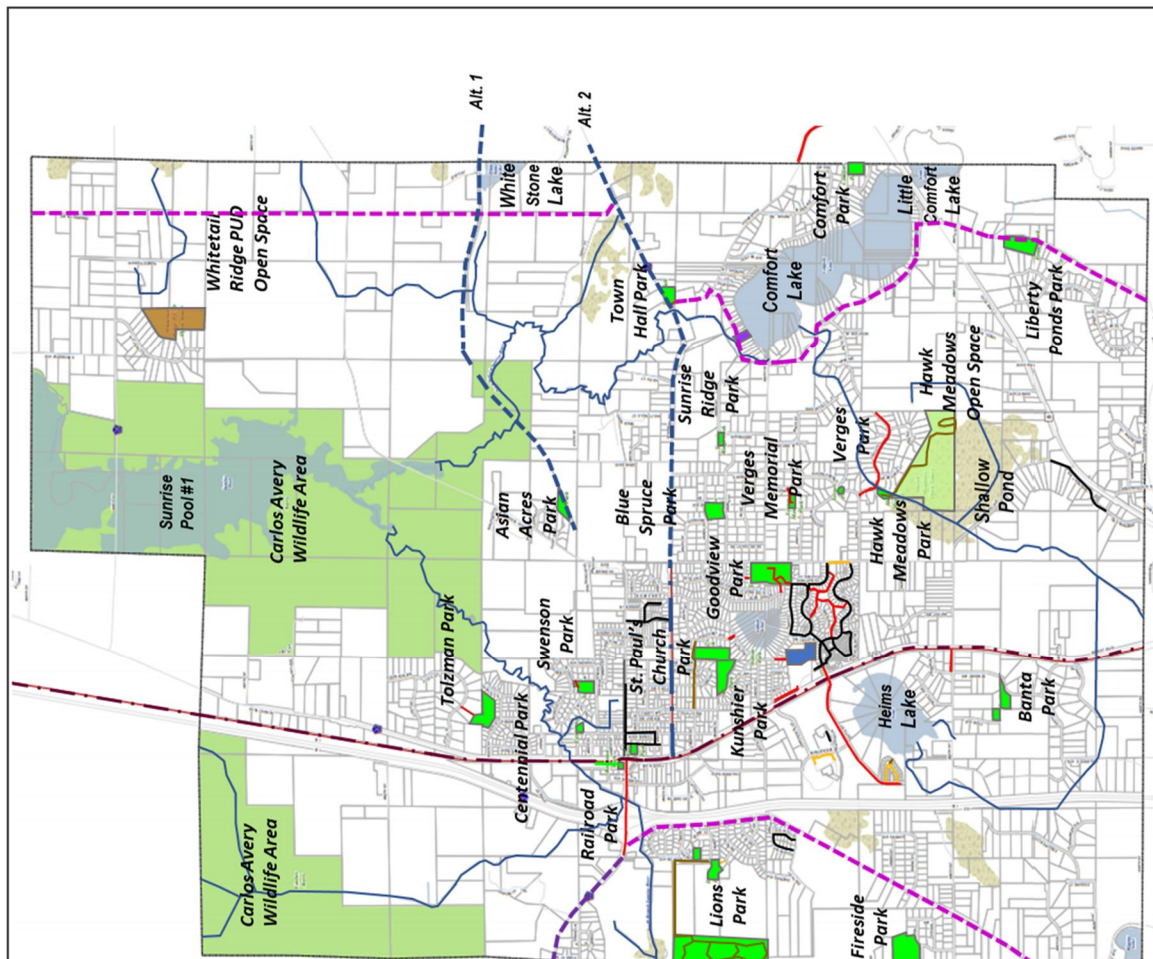
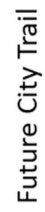
Wyoming is blessed with an extensive system of formal parks, local and regional trails, open space and conservation lands. Parks are a major and highly visible public investment that can have a significant positive effect on the appearance of a community and its quality of life. The City is committed to the implementation of a comprehensive park program and greenway system as visual assets that enhance the level of private investment in nearby housing and create lasting value in neighborhoods. At the same time, the City should strive to ensure that development that occurs next to parks is compatible with these open space areas.

The City of Wyoming Parks, Open Space and Trails System Plan will guide acquisition of land or fees in lieu of land for municipal parks, protection of public and private open space and reserving corridors for multiple-use paths.

Table ____ identifies the existing City parks. Figure ____ illustrates parks, open space and trails in the community.

Table ____ Existing City Parks

Park Name	Park Location
Ashton Park	Corner of Galen, 261st Street, & Flint Trail
Banta Park	On Fondant Avenue, South of 250th Street
Blue Spruce Park	End of 262nd Street
Centennial Park	Corner of Fenwick Avenue & 270th Street
Comfort Lake Access	On 260th Street, Follow Lake Access
Comfort Park	25578 Iris Avenue
Fireside Park	On Elk Trail
Goodview Park	On Goodview Avenue, South of 262nd Street
Hawk Meadows Trail	Near 255th Street & Granada Avenue
Lion's Park	End of 263rd Street
Railroad Park	Corner of Viking Blvd & Highway 61
Sunrise Prairie Trail	Between Highway 35 and Highway 61
Sunrise Ridge Park	Corner of 263rd Street & Greene Avenue
Swenson Park	26929 Flintwood Avenue
Tolzmann Park	Corner of 274th & Finland Avenue
Town Hall Park	7665 Wyoming Trail
Verges Memorial Park & Playground	Corner of 258th Street & Goodwin Road

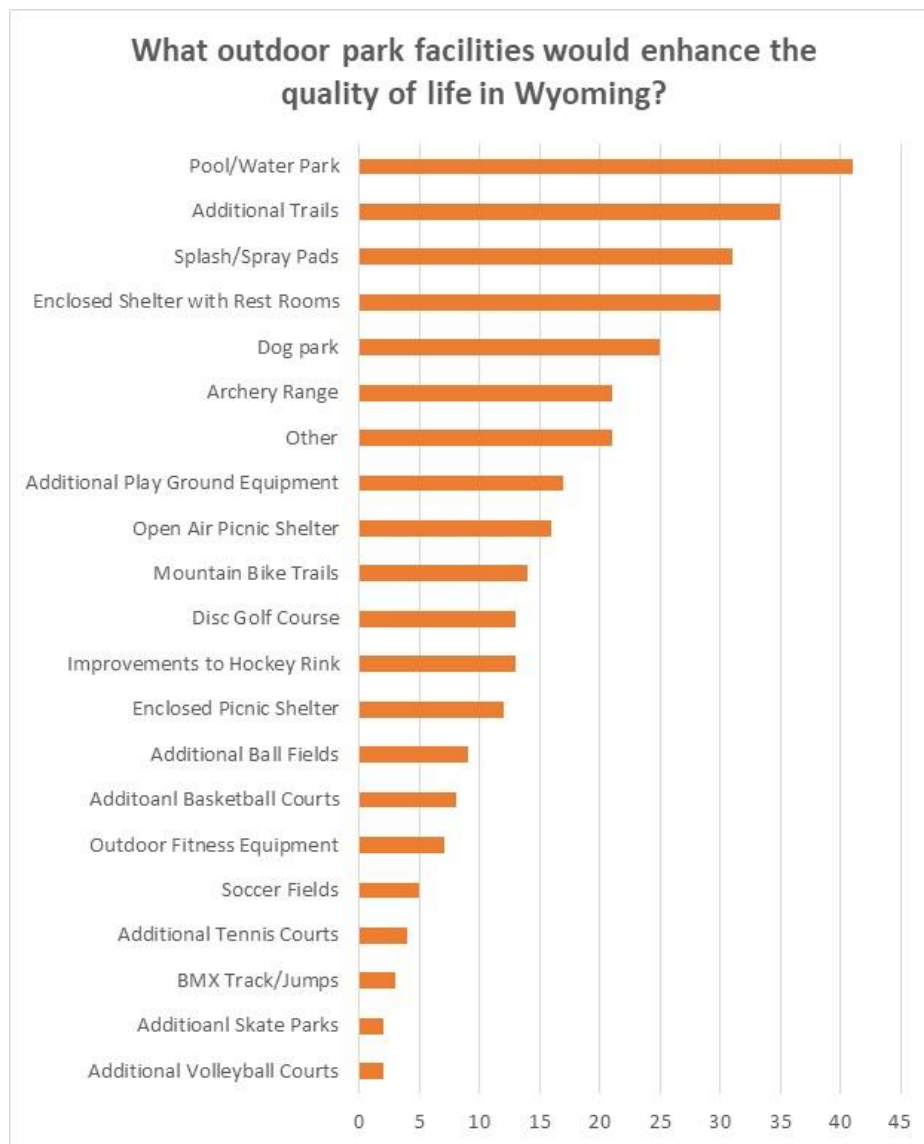


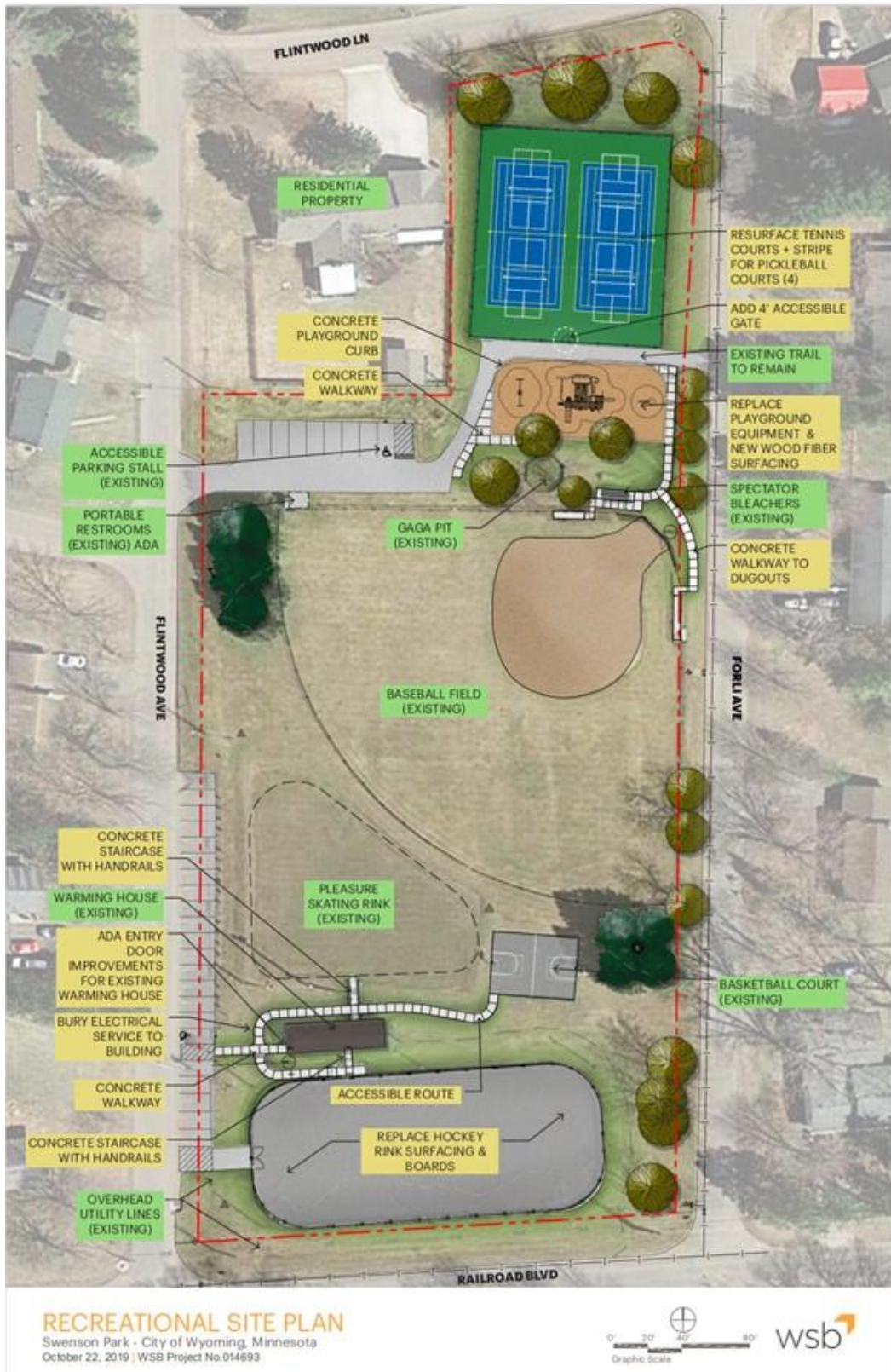
Comprehensive Park Plan

The City of Wyoming will prepare and maintain a Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan that is more detailed than the preliminary guidance in this chapter of the comprehensive plan. The last update to the Comprehensive Park Plan was approved in 2017. The plan also identify specific recreation needs, consult with leaders of organized athletic leagues in the community, assess the quality and quantity of existing facilities, and include a capital improvements program for improving facilities to meet identified needs over time. The Plan will seek to recognize and accommodate the diverse recreational needs of the community when preparing the parks and recreation system plan.

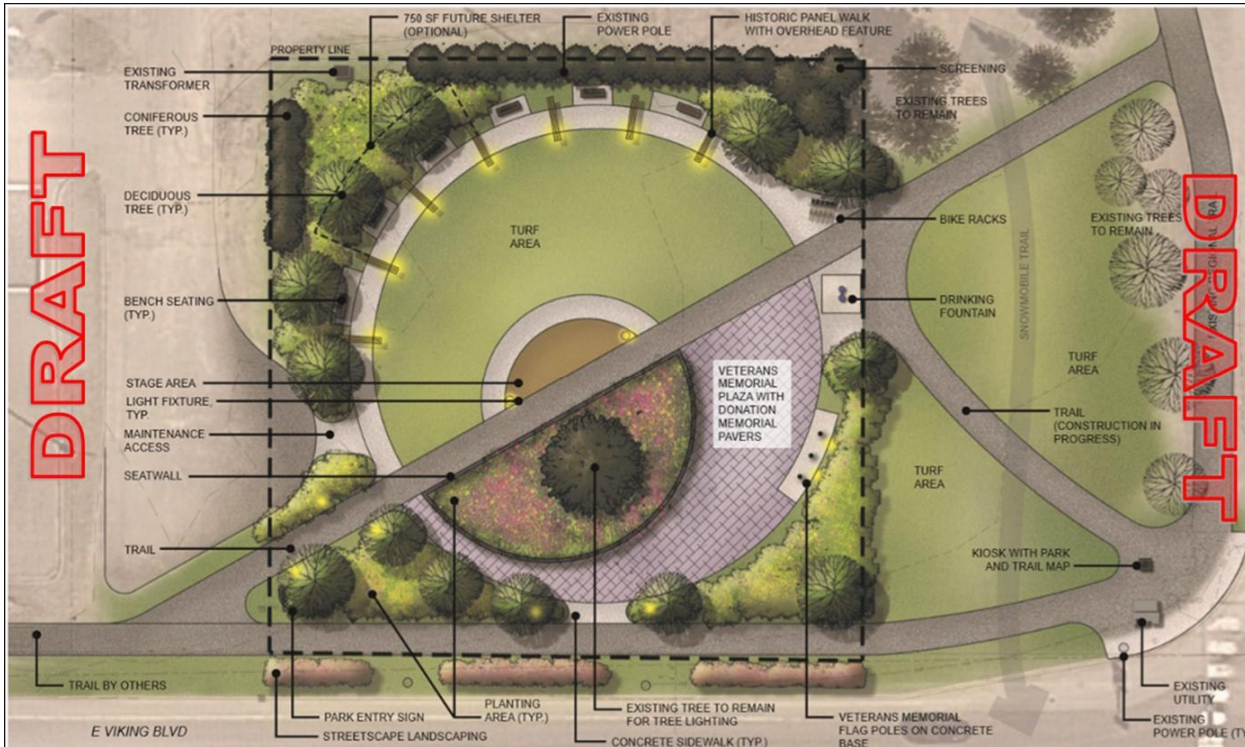
Community Feedback

During the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan, the City conducted a community survey (2019). Figure ____ summarizes feedback regarding the future park program.





Concept Plan for future enhancements to Swenson Park



Concept Plan for future enhancements to Railroad Park

Park Acquisition

The City of Wyoming, at its discretion, can acquire land by dedication during the platting process in order to assemble parks of sufficient size. Alternatively, cash may be required instead of (or in combination with) land to either buy park land in appropriate locations and/or to improve a park in that neighborhood. At present, the City is not seeking to develop any new park property.

Park Classification

- Neighborhood playground: Approximately five to ten acres in size and serving a ½- to ¾-mile radius. Facilities may include play apparatus, multi-purpose athletic field, outdoor hockey or skating rink, picnic shelter, and quiet or passive areas.
- Community athletic field: Ten to twenty-five acres in size and serving the entire community. Oriented toward organized athletics with lighted fields and off-street parking. This site would have to be acquired through purchase.
- Special area: Potentially oriented toward preserving and providing public access to a significant natural resource such as a major woods area.
- Open Space:
- **Public Water Access: Comfort Lake Boat Launch – Fishing, Swimming. Heims Lake?**

Park Design Guidelines

Each park should:

- Be open to the neighborhood on at least half of its perimeter
- Include generous landscaping to soften and direct views
- Provide both active spaces and quiet, natural areas
- Use civic buildings such as a gazebo or picnic shelter as a focal point
- In a school-park situation, be designed in coordination with the facilities provided by the school.
- Include off-street parking designed in careful relation to the topography, plantings and views so as to minimize its visual effect.
- Incorporate neighborhood detention ponds into parks for the sake of park aesthetics, water quality and land efficiency.
- Minimize the amount of park area devoted to mowed turf and introduce in its place plant species that require less maintenance, provide habitat for birds, small animals and insects, and that improve the quality of water runoff.
- Reduce or eliminate invasive, non-native plant species should be controlled.

Parks can and should provide benefits in addition to outdoor recreation such as protecting environmentally sensitive areas and connecting people to nature on a daily basis. The City will identify, preserve and enhance existing valuable natural areas such as wetlands, major wooded areas, hilltops, and native prairies (if any) and provide for appropriate public use. Identify such lands prior to the neighborhood development process.

Drainage swales and creeks are important for their ability to provide wildlife habitat and movement paths, cost-effectively manage stormwater, reduce flooding and serve as visual amenities. Drainageways in parks should be identified and maintained in a natural state. Mowing should be discouraged, and environmentally sensitive methods of bank protection should be used rather than engineering approaches.

Open Space

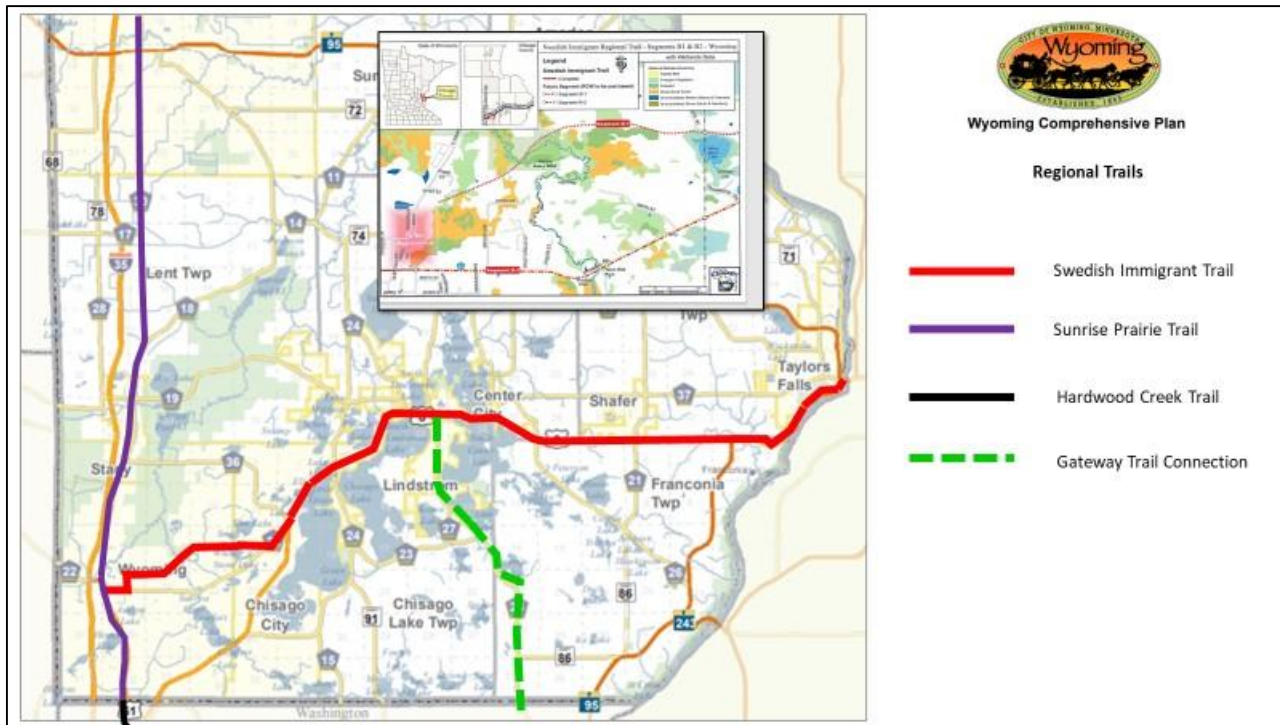
Major intact natural areas should be linked by corridors of native woods and grasses for the sake of wildlife habitat and movement, and urban aesthetics. Landscape elements that can be used for such links include streams and stream edges, fencerows and hedgerows, drainage swales, roadside ditches with natural vegetation, floodplains and wetlands. Keep a few wooded or other natural areas in the park system at a very low level of management in order to provide places for people to explore on their own and experience a rudimentary bit of wildness.

Land owned and managed for its natural features will be an important feature of the future City of Wyoming. It is anticipated that Wyoming will be at least 43 percent public open space when fully developed. There may be additional private property held in a natural condition to supplement the public lands in a conservation state.

Trails System

County Trails:

The City of Wyoming will cooperate with Chisago County to develop and maintain regional paths for bicycling, skating, walking and running.



Sunrise Prairie Trail – Chisago County

Sunrise Prairie Trail was built by Chisago County in coordination with Washington County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Sunrise Prairie Trail follows the former Burlington Northern Railroad right-of way between North Branch and Forest Lake. From Forest Lake south to Hugo, the trail is called the Hardwood Creek trail and is under the jurisdiction of Washington County. trail features a ten-foot-wide paved surface for hikers, bicyclists and inline skaters during spring, summer and fall. The parallel unpaved portion of the trail is open to non-studded snowmobiles when there is sufficient snow and to horseback riders at all other times. Snowmobiles and horses are not allowed on the paved portion of the trail at any time. Parking areas and information kiosks are located adjacent to the trail at Sunrise Prairie Park across from City Hall.

Swedish Immigrant Trail – Chisago County (Swedish Immigrant Trail Master Plan, 2015)

The Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail Corridor is 20 miles long trail system that, when complete, will extend from Wyoming to Taylors Falls. The trail will highlight the historical significance of the Swedish Immigration through Taylors Falls across southern Chisago County. The Taylors Falls and Superior Railroad was completed in 1880, connecting the river town with the main line railroad that ran north/south through the City of Wyoming (now the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail). The railroad was abandoned in 1948 and the tracks were removed. Much of the existing and future trail will follow the former railroad right-of-way.

The Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail will provide an interconnection between several cities and parks. The trail will provide access to diverse natural and cultural communities while expanding multi-modal transportation and recreation access to vital recreation and employment sites in Chisago County.

Swedish Immigrant Trail will connect to the Sunrise Prairie at the intersection of County Road 22 (Wyoming Trail) and US Highway 61 (Forest Boulevard). The Swedish Immigrant will be open to bicyclists and pedestrians, and some portions may be open to horses and snowmobiles.

Two potential alignments of the Swedish Immigrant Trail have been identified in Wyoming (see Figure ____). Alternative 1 would follow former railroad right-of-way that served as the transportation spine of the Wyoming to Taylors Falls corridor. Many segments of that railroad corridor have been turned back to adjacent land owners; therefore, the County is attempting to negotiate easements across private properties that were formerly the route of the railroad in cities to the east. Alternative 2 would follow County Road 22, Wyoming Trail. Wyoming Trail west of Goodview Avenue was reconstructed in 2009 with a physically-separated asphalt bicycling path. There is sufficient right-of-way to continue that path to the east in the future.

[Kettle River Boulevard – Chisago and Anoka Counties](#)

Chisago and Anoka Counties may collaborate to build a bicycling route along Kettle River Boulevard. A feasibility study will have to be conducted to determine whether this facility will be a separate asphalt path or wide, paved road shoulders.

[Comfort Lake Route – City of Wyoming](#)

The Comfort Lake Trail was proposed in the City's 2009 Comprehensive Plan. The Comfort Lake Trail was planned as a municipal route for bicycling between the northern and southern sides of Wyoming with a link to the Swedish Immigrant Trail at County Road 22.

This route could consist of a combination of off-road paths, paved road shoulders and a signed-only route as conditions and funding allow. Along the extension of Innsbrook Avenue (the road planned between County Roads 36 and 22), it would be feasible to build either an off-road path or paved shoulders. Along Comfort Drive, lower traffic volumes may allow use of either a striped shoulder or signs. Along Heath Avenue, paved shoulders or an off-road path may be feasible.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Policies

1. No Additional Public Park Land: Maintain and enhance existing public parks that provide options for active sports and passive recreation. The park system may also be a component of an integrated effort to conserve significant natural resources.
2. Ecology and the Environment: Plan and design parks and greenways to protect environmentally sensitive features, reduce negative environmental effects and serve as models of land stewardship.
3. Bicycling and Walking: Work with Chisago County to build a system consisting of off-road paths, paved shoulders, striped on-street bicycling lanes street and municipal sidewalks.
4. Greenways: Create linear patterns of private and/or public open space that are interconnected, preserve upland and wetland habitat, aid wildlife movement and may include paved paths. Continue to preserve a system of green open spaces for recreation, community beauty and natural protection that are linked by linear parks (greenways), off-road paths and on-street bicycle lanes, and generously landscaped roads. The City will strive to reduce the loss of wooded uplands as residential neighborhoods are created. Woods may be protected by first retaining a professional forester to conduct a city-wide survey of the quality of the community's forests. Later, as neighborhood development sketch plans are brought forward, the City will apply the provisions of its subdivision regulations to encourage or require a design that limits the loss of the best forest and creates a linked network of woods, prairie, wetlands and lakes.
5. Role of Parks in Community Design: Locate and design parks and greenways to enhance the quality of residential neighborhoods and commercial districts, reflect Wyoming's cultural heritage and honor civic life.
6. Coordination with the School District: The City will seek to co-locate City parks with schools and to use existing school fields, gymnasiums or pools to meet City recreational program needs.
7. Open Space Network: Land owned and managed for its natural features will be an important feature of the future City of Wyoming. It is anticipated that Wyoming will be at least 43 percent public open space when fully developed. There may be additional private property held in a natural condition to supplement the public lands in a conservation state.
8. Wetlands and Floodplains: The City will continue to protect wetlands and floodplains through its own zoning regulations and through cooperation with Chisago County and the Comfort Lake–Forest Lake Watershed District.
9. Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area: The City will adopt a land use plan and zoning regulations that respect the natural resource functions of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area.
10. Paths and Sidewalks: The City will adopt subdivision regulations (or reference its public facility design manual) that requires a five-foot concrete sidewalk along at least one side of each future Local or Collector residential street in the areas planned as Suburban Neighborhoods. Those locations are expected to have streets with curb-and-gutter and public utilities. Sidewalks are an important element of any non-motorized circulation network. Off-road paths provide the highest level of comfort and safety for all levels of riders if the intersections at roads are properly designed. Retrofitting an off-road path into the right-of-way of a road that presently has rural ditches would usually involve either land acquisition or using storm sewer pipes for drainage. Striped on-road lanes (five-feet

wide) are usually considered the second level of accommodation and can sometimes be fit into existing streets without disrupting adjacent properties or losing on-street parking. Route signs provide the lowest level of user safety and route recognition but are sometimes acceptable on roads with low traffic volumes and speeds.