

Roseville Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
Tuesday June 4, 2013
6:30 P.M.
Roseville City Hall
2660 Civic Center Drive

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment Invited
3. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2013
4. Volunteer Coordinator Position Update
5. Park Board Discussion
6. Prepare for Joint City Council/Commission Meeting
7. Park and Recreation Renewal Program Preliminary Plans
 - a. Evergreen Park
 - b. Oasis Park
 - c. Rosebrook Park
 - d. Sandcastle Park
 - e. Southwest Roseville
 - f. Updates and Discussion
 1. B-2 Sidewalk/Pathway
 2. Other
8. Other
9. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Lonnie Brokke
Date: May 28, 2013
Re: Notes for Commission Meeting on **Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

1. Introductions

Commissioners and staff will be introduced.

2. Public Comment Invited

Public participation and public comment is encouraged.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 2013 Meeting

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of May 7, 2013. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Requested Commission Action: Approve/amend meeting minutes of May 7, 2013.

4. Volunteer Coordinator Position Update

This item is a result of the City Council work plan, your goals for 2013-15, and is anticipated to be an item of discussion at your joint meeting on June 10th. Commissioners M. Holt, Diedrick and staff will facilitate a discussion at your meeting.

Requested Commission Action: Discuss, provide input and guidance.

5. Park Board Discussion

This item is a result of guidance in the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan and the City Council Work Plan. You recently identified an approach and timeline to research, analyze and bring a further discussion to the City Council. Commissioners Simbeck and Wall agreed to be part of a task force with staff to gather and bring back information to the Commission for further discussion and input.

In your packet is the outline from your April and May discussions. This report will be included with materials for the June 10th joint meeting with the City Council. Thanks to Commissioners Simbeck and Wall for their work.

Requested Commission Action: Review, discuss and finalize report for joint meeting with the City Council.

6. Prepare for Joint City Council/Commission Meeting

Your June meeting and the annual joint meeting of the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013 at the City Council regular meeting. It will be the first presentation item on the agenda beginning at around 6:15 or 6:30 p.m. for 40 minutes. It is important that there be full attendance. This is your meeting with the City Council to discuss areas of importance to you and to gather input and guidance from them.

To prepare, included in your packet is: your work goals, a draft memo outlining the highlights of the work of the Commission over the last year and areas the Commission sees working on over the next year. If you are comfortable, these documents are anticipated to be included in the City Council packet.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 10, 2013.

Requested Commission Action: Discuss and finalize memo to City Council and approach for joint meeting.

7. **Park and Recreation Renewal Program Preliminary Plans and General Discussion**

The Renewal Program continues with another set of preliminary plans nearing completion. Following the process outlined, the neighborhood meetings for the following projects are now complete with the next step to receive your input and consideration for a recommendation to the City Council. The summary notes from the neighborhood/community meetings and the preliminary plans in your packet for your review are as follows:

- Evergreen Park
- Oasis Park
- Rosebrook Park
- Sandcastle Park
- Southwest Roseville

The preliminary plans for Rosebrook Park and Southwest Roseville are included in your packet and will be reviewed. Both plans offer quite unique opportunities and it is not clear at this point how to proceed and will require further discussion with you, the City Council and the Community.

Further discussion with the Roseville School District will need to take place regarding Evergreen Park as a portion of the property is a long term lease from the Roseville Area School District.

Michael Schroeder, LHB/lead consultant and staff will be prepared to review the above mentioned plans with you at your meeting.

The process continues for the selection of a final project design, plans and specifications consultant. Seven proposals were received and were scored and interviewed using the Best Value method. A Best Value consultant has been identified with the clarification phase in progress. A recommendation to the City Council is expected to be sometime in June.

Staff will continue to work with the City Attorney, LHB and Arizona State University on the approach for RFP's for actual construction.

Commissioner Doneen and staff will provide any progress information on the Natural Resource and Trails Subcommittee to you at the meeting.

Included in your packet is a list of upcoming park/project specific meetings. You are always welcome to attend any or all of the meetings.

Please continue to review the City website "Park and Recreation Renewal" tab and provide input as you can. We appreciate comments on its use and content, what you like or how you think it could be improved.

Any additional progress on the Renewal Program will be reported at the meeting. Comments, questions and suggestions from the Commission are welcome and encouraged.

Requested Commission Action: Discuss progress, plans, provide input and consider a recommendation on the preliminary plans

8. **Other**

9. **Adjournment**

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2013
ROSEVILLE CITY HALL ~ 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Azer, Doneen, Gelbach, D. Holt, M. Holt, Simbeck, Stoner, Wall
ABSENT: Boehm & Diedrick notified staff ahead of time about being unable to attend
STAFF: Anfang, Brokke, Evenson
OTHERS: G. Grefenberg, S. Brown, D. Dallner, C. LoBaido, M. Von de Linde, L. Zibell,
M. Gaughan, M. Schroeder

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Grefenberg attended tonight's meeting to provide the Commission with a brief update on the Civic Engagement Task Force. The possibility of a new Roseville Commission has been suggested for Civic Engagement; to-date, this has been tied up with the Uniform Commission Code.

Grefenberg looked to inform the Commission that a recent committee of Roseville staff and community members had looked into opportunities for civic engagement as part of considerations for an upgrade City website. Components reviewed had the potential for strong & effective 2-way community communications. To date, nothing has been acted upon.

Grefenberg also reminded the Commission and community of the upcoming Community Forum for a Safe and Connected Community on May 14.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2013 MEETING

Commission Recommendation: Minutes for the April 2, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. FOR Parks 2014 FUNDRAISER

Friends of Roseville Parks board members were in attendance at tonight's meeting to update the Commission on a future community fundraising event. Sharon Brown was joined by Deborah Dallner, Corky LoBaido, Mary Kay Von de Linde and Luella Zibell.

FOR Parks is exploring event details and logistics of hosting a Craft Beer Fest at the OVAL on October 14, 2014. Preliminary ideas include inviting micro-breweries to provide product tastings and promote local vendors. FOR Parks members will continue to work with Parks & Recreation staff to explore this unique fundraising event.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW DISCUSSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY

Mark Gaughan, City Attorney was present to discuss Commissioner Rights and obligations in regards to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Key points included;

- The Open Meeting Law insures that meetings are noticed to the public and that work is being done in a way that is accessible to the public.
- A "meeting" was described as anytime a quorum or forum gets together.
- A strong consideration in today's world is the fact that virtual communication triggers the Open Meeting Law. The recommendation from Counsel is that electronic information should be sent through City staff, rather than using the replay all response when corresponding on City business with Commissioners.

52 6. **PARK and RECRETION RENEWAL PROGRAM PRELIMINARY PLANS**

53 ***Preliminary Plan Review:***

54 Jeff Evenson & Michael Schroeder presented preliminary plans for Central Park Victoria West,
55 Central park Victoria Ballfields, Central Park Legion Field, Bruce Russell Park, Howard Johnson
56 Park, Roseville Skating Center, Materion Park and provided updates on Tamarack Park, the B2
57 Sidewalk and the request for proposals for final design, plans and specifications.
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59 Commissioners inquired into;

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 - Agreements with Roseville Lutheran Church for the shared properties and amenities.
 - The possibility of including landscaping with playground improvements and wondered
61 about the possibility of “themes” when planning play areas.
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64 Staff explained that the Tamarack Park project is on hold until future meetings with the neighbors.
65 In recent years Roseville Rotary had made improvements at Tamarack Park to allow for soccer play
66 in the open space. This has led to the need to look at coinciding issues from expanded park use
67 including additional traffic and added noise. As a result of community input in the park planning
68 process it is apparent that additional neighborhood meetings in this area are needed before renewal
69 program plans are finalized.
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71 ***B-2 Sidewalk Update:***

72 Engineering has completed the survey and identified areas with potential issues. Renewal Program
73 staff will be meeting with the Engineering staff to meld engineering processes with design concepts
74 in hopes of creating a project everyone can be pleased with. Renewal Program staff recognize the
75 varying context of conditions along B-2 and see that a series of solutions may be necessary to
76 reflect the character of the neighborhood.
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78 ***Natural Resources Update:***

79 Evenson talked to the Commission about the Langton lake restoration work and shoreline
80 stabilization. We have also begun work on removing Buckthorn in the area. Thanks to a significant
81 donation by a Roseville Resident volunteers and staff have begun to remove Buckthorn from a
82 selected area in Reservoir Woods and have also begun a treatment process.
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84 ***Villa Park Update:***

85 Project to start as soon as May 20th. First work will include the removal of the shelter building and
86 hockey boards.
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88 Brokke explained next steps;

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 - The preliminary plans discussed tonight will be going to the Council for their review and
90 approval at the next Council meeting date.
 - Staff will be asking for final approval for the final Design s and Specification Consultant
91 May 6.
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94 7. **PARK BOARD DISCUSSION**

95 Wall summarized changes to preliminary document on Park Board consideration and shared the
96 updated version of Park Board pros and cons. Wall talked about how he and Brokke had the
97 opportunity to visit with the Board Chair from Maple Grove to talk about how the Park Board
98 operates in their community. A key component to come out of their discussion was how transparent
99 expenditures and operations are within their Board structure.
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101 Commissioners discussed how the current document is not a Commission recommendation but a
102 document that responds to recent requests from the Council. Commissioners felt the information
103 provided merits consideration and further study. Commissioners discussed how a conversation on
104 Park Board considerations might sound with the Council.

Wall, Simbeck and staff will compile Park Board materials for the upcoming joint Council/Commission meeting.

8. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION

M. Holt updated the Commission on the background work she and Diedrick had done on a Volunteer Coordinator. M. Holt & Anfang met with Jody Yungers from Ramsey County Parks & Recreation to better understand the workings of a Volunteer Coordinator in Parks & Recreation. M. Holt shared Jody's comments as well as Diedrick's lit search on documentation supporting and detailing volunteer coordinator positions in the public setting.

M. Holt, Diedrick and Anfang will meet again before the next meeting to continue to pull materials together that can be shared at the joint Council/Commission meeting.

9. PREPARE FOR JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETING

Commission agreed that they needed another meeting before the June 10th joint meeting to coordinate their thoughts and make best use of their time with the Council. Commission will meet at 6:30pm on June 4, their traditional monthly meeting time.

10. OTHER

- Brokke reported that the parks are very active these days and the golf course is open.
- The Community recently held an EAB information session with the Department of Agriculture for an update on the statewide perspective and information sharing on insecticides.
 - Roseville does have a plan to address EAB in our community.
 - EAB has been discovered in the North East quadrant of the city, the Langton Lake area. The University of Minnesota has taken down some of the affected Langton Lake trees to use for demonstration purposes.
 - There will be the need for future discussions with the Council on funding for removal and replacement.
- Azer complimented the Skating Center staff on the recent ice show ... it was a very impressive production.
- D. Holt inquired into an update on the Verizon Tower in Reservoir Woods.
 - Brokke explained that Verizon is working through the situation with the City of St. Paul for a use permit rather than an easement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Anfang, Assistant Director

Background

In the 2010 Parks and Recreation System Master Plan it was suggested that the City of Roseville investigate the potential of a park board or park district. Subsequently, the research and recommendation of the potential formation of a park board was identified in the City Council's 2012 Work Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission have been asked to research the issue and provide a recommendation to the City Council at the joint meeting in June. Commission members assisted City staff in gathering background information, reviewing example park board ordinances, and also attended a meeting with representatives from the City of Maple Grove regarding their Park Board.

History

The Village of Roseville originally established a Recreation Board in August 1958. The powers and duties of the Board included the following:

- Establish recreation policy.
- Conduct and supervise recreation areas, facilities, services and programs.
- Conduct activities and pay for the necessary supervision.
- Establish the qualification, employ and determine the compensation of a Director of Recreation and necessary other employees.
- Coordinate services with other governmental programs.
- Solicit and train volunteers.
- Purchase supplies and equipment.
- Develop and maintain facilities.
- Procure or lease public or private properties, areas or facilities that may be required for programs.

In addition, the Board had the power to create a Citizens Recreation Committee whose role was to advise the Board on the City's recreational needs and interest. The Board was financed by annual appropriation by the Village Council and was required to submit an annual report with a detailed account of its estimated fund requirements for the ensuing year.

The Recreation Board was replaced by the existing Parks and Recreation Commission in the early 60's. The Parks and Recreation Commission is advisory with the following duties and functions, as contained in Chapter 203 of the City Code:

- Make recommendations to the Director of Parks and Recreation, the City Manager and the Roseville City Council on all matters relating to parks and recreation programs, facilities and services.
- Provide a method for citizens' input concerning the city's parks and recreation facilities, programs, needs and concerns.
- Identify areas that may require action and/or change to promote a harmonious, safe, and responsive Parks and Recreation program.

Park Board Characteristics

As included in the August 16, 2011 letter from the City Attorney, MN Statutes § 412.271, Subd. 6 gives the City the power to give an independent board or commission the right to disburse funds without council approval. Currently, only the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has this power. According to MN Statutes § 412.501, the council of any city of more than 1,000 population may by ordinance establish a park board.

The main powers of a park board, as included in MN Statutes § 412.521, are as follows:

- Acquire and control land for park purposes.
- Employ necessary personnel and fix their compensation.
- Construct recreation facilities and make contracts and leases for their construction and operation.
- Purchase all necessary materials, supplies, equipment, and services.
- Maintain, beautify, and care for park property.

In order to carry out the powers of the Park Board, the City is required to set up a park fund. The Council may transfer money to the park fund for park purposes. Each budget year the Park Board submits a budget request to the City Council for approval. Most Park Board members are appointed by the Mayor and then they elect a Chairperson; the Board can also set term lengths and limits.

Communities in Minnesota with Park Boards include Brainerd, Maple Grove, and Rochester. Each has their own structure and powers contained in the local ordinance and can be reviewed in further detail to determine potential options in Roseville.

Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board

Parks and Recreation Director Brokke and Commissioner Wall had the opportunity to meet with the Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Director Terry Just, a former City of Roseville employee, and the Park Board Chair Tim Phenow, prior to attending the March Board meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board manage approximately 1,488 acres of parkland and 998 recreation programs. In addition, the Board manages the Community Center, which includes an indoor and outdoor pool, gym, two ice rinks, teen and senior centers, indoor and outdoor playground, skate park, and meeting and banquet rooms. The Board employs 44 full-time and 423 seasonal employees and had an operating budget of \$5.4M in 2012.

In addition to touring the Community Center, the powers and duties of the Parks and Recreation staff and Park Board members were discussed as well as a number of specific questions regarding their interaction with the City Council and other City staff. Their current Park Board is well-respected and appreciated among the community members and various user groups that utilize the facilities and should be considered as a model for a potential future Roseville Park Board.

Pros/Cons

As the Commission considers the best fit for Roseville and its residents regarding the formation of a Park Board, a list of potential pros and cons may be helpful in guiding the discussion. The following list is meant to start the discussion and is based on information already provided to the Commission and the visit to Maple Grove:

PRO	CON
Increased transparency	Potential duplication of administrative services
Greater public influence – board has more authority therefore lends to greater influence	No longer an advisory commission
Funding control and responsibility	Added responsibilities of Board members
Increased Citizen engagement	Increased oversight of Department staff
Increased authority over the Department staff	Limited City Council and City Manager oversight/control
Board member increased accountability to the residents	Public perception of implications of additional taxing authority
Increased “ownership” by Board members	Less accountable because not elected
Decisions are less “political”	
Limited City Council and City Manager oversight/control	
Consistent and ongoing emphasis in Parks and Recreation –through good times and bad	
Increased staff efficiencies	

Time Spent

The Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board Members currently spend about 1-3 hours a month in meetings and 1-3 hours a month preparation time on average. The Board Chair spends a bit more time depending on what is going on, typically with a once a week phone call and/or meeting just to keep open lines of communication.

Summary of Commission Discussion on April 2nd, 2013

D. Holt introduced the topic and indicated that this was a topic of interest by the City Council and that it is was important that the Commission provide an analysis and recommendation to the City Council.

Wall indicated that he, Simbeck and staff have been working to compile information. He reviewed draft #1 research and analysis report dated 4/2/13 that included the background, history, Park Board characteristics, a start of a pros and cons list and was included in the packet. He also mentioned that he and staff met with the Director and Board Chair of Maple Grove Parks and Recreation and attended their meeting. His observations were that it appeared to operate in a similar way to Roseville.

Wall suggested that further discussion, analysis and recommendation of what is in the best interests of the City and residents occur in May in preparation for the June 10th joint City Council/Commission meeting.

Wall communicated his impression of the Maple Grove visit as follows:

- They appear to operate similar to Roseville even though they are a Park Board
- Users and stakeholders appear satisfied
- They like the system that they are operating under
- Maple Grove is a very good model
- Appointments are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council which is similar to Roseville
- The Community Center is very impressive

Staff indicated that procedurally a Park Board is more involved in staffing and budget development with the City Council approving a levy. It would operate similar to the Roseville HRA.

Staff observation was that the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission is in actuality operating similar to the Maple Grove Park Board with all members being vested and engaged at all levels. With the value placed on Parks and Recreation in the community of Roseville, it does make sense that this type of consistency is important in Roseville.

According to the City Code, the Roseville Commission is advisory only and is probably going beyond their scope of work.

Further discussion included how long Maple Grove has been a Park Board, questions on board members pay and how the City Council is kept informed. Response included that Maple Grove has been a Park Board since inception, board members are not paid but it is believed that Brainerd Park Board Members are paid a stipend of \$25 month and the City Council in Maple Grove is kept informed through a quarterly report provide by the director. Larger items such as land acquisition and certain level of projects are reviewed by the City Council.

Diedrick wondered what the interaction with other City Departments in Maple Grove. Response was that the Director attends Department Head meetings and the need for interdepartmental coordination and cooperation still is important and exists.

Doneen provided his analysis on the primary difference between a Park Board and Commission. Specifically, the day to day operations and project development moves away from the City Council with the responsibility given to the Park Board. A Park Board would be a more focused, separate board relieving the duties from the City Council.

Gelbach questioned that with increased accountability and responsibility, does that then mean increased liability for Board Members.

Azer was complimentary of the existing Commission structure but is interested and would like to learn more.

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168 D. Holt reiterated that the charge of the commission is to research the topic and provide
169 information to the City Council so they can make a decision.
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171 Responding to D. Holt, staff indicated that because of the importance Roseville Residents place
172 on their Parks and Recreation system, that at some point, the consideration of a Park Board may
173 be advantageous for Roseville. As guided by the recently updated Master Plan it is suggested
174 that Roseville consider a Park District, which is not currently allowed by State Law. A Park
175 Board seems like it could be a logical step or progression for Roseville.
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177 The Commission thanked Wall and Simbeck for their work. More discussion will occur at the
178 May meeting.
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180 **Conclusion**

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182 Based on the information gathered by the designated Commission members on the topic and
183 discussion at last month's meeting, the demonstrated importance and value placed on parks and
184 recreation by Roseville residents, and the guidance in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the
185 Parks and Recreation Commission feels the Park Board structure has merit and should be
186 furthered evaluated by the City Council to ensure the parks and recreation system is managed in
187 the best interest of the City's residents.

Parks and Recreation Commission Goals 2013 – 2015

Goal	Timeframe	Action Steps	Assigned	Progress
#1 Increase & Enhance Volunteer Participation	Long-term Ongoing	1. Commissioners to attend at least two community engagement functions annually. i.e. DYP, Living Smarter Fair, Rosefest Events, renewal program meetings, others 2. Involve community work groups as appropriate and needed: i.e. Natural Resources and Trails 3. Attend and participate in annual volunteer recognition event 4. Support future volunteer coordinator recommendations	P&R Commissioners & staff	
#2 Collaborate with Public Works, Environment & Transportation Commission (PWET) on trails & pathways initiatives	Renewal: short-term 2013 On-going: 2014 - 2015	1. Create joint PWET and P&R Commission committee by January 2013 2. NRATS representatives report progress to P&R Commission monthly	P&R Commissioners & staff	1. <i>NRATS created and working</i>

Goal	Timeframe	Action Steps	Assigned	Progress
#3 Advise Parks & Recreation on Renewal Program projects and opportunities	Renewal: 2012-2015	1. Keep abreast of and actively review progress of Renewal Program 2. Discuss projects and timing with community members, bring ideas to monthly meetings and department staff. 3. Participate as necessary and requested in project design and review. 4. Identify at least one potential grant and/or partnership opportunities annually. Pursue opportunities as appropriate and available	P&R Commissioners & staff	
#4 Provide research and recommendations for a Volunteer Coordinator	Short-term: 2013	1. Designate commissioners to research cost/benefit of volunteer coordinators in similar communities. 2. Utilize Civic Engagement Report findings where appropriate 3. Make recommendation to P & R Commission by April 2013 4. Discuss options with City Council at June 2013 joint meeting	P&R Commissioners & staff	1. <i>Lee Diedrick & Mary Holt identified as commission leads</i>

Goal	Timeframe	Action Steps	Assigned	Progress
#5 Provide research and recommendations for a Community Center	Ongoing: 2013-2015	1. Designate commissioners to research Community Center options and provide quarterly updates to Commission 2. Review Master Plan and identify next step options. 3. Preliminary report to P & R commission Dec. 2013 4. Establish future direction January 2014 5. Formulate options to City Council by June 2014	P&R Commissioners & staff	
#6 Provide research and recommendations for establishing a Park Board	Ongoing: 2013-2014	1. Designate commissioners to research benefits of a Park Board vs Park & Recreation Commission 2. Look at best practices in other cities. 3. Report findings to P & R Commission by April 2013 4. Discuss with City Council June 2013	P&R Commissioners & staff	1. <i>Nolan Wall and Greg Simbeck identified as commission leads</i>
#7 Work with City Administration to explore local option sales tax	Short-term: 2013-2015	1. Designate Commissioners to meet with City Administrators to learn and understand status and offer assistance 2. Work with City Administration to finalize whether or not the local option sales tax is an option to be used for Community Center funding by February 2014 3. Report to P & R Commission quarterly	P&R Commissioners & staff	1. <i>Dave Holt identified as commission lead</i>



Parks and Recreation Department



To: Mayor, City Council Members and Interim City Manager Pat Trudgeon
Cc: Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Lonnie Brokke, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date:
Re: Joint Council/Commission Meeting on June 10, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking forward to the joint meeting of the City Council and Commission on Monday, June 10, 2013 at approximately 6:00 p.m. and provide the following topic areas for discussion:

1. Review of the Past Year
 - a. Refer to Goals 2013-15 (included)
 - b. Parks and Recreation Renewal Program
 - i. Public engagement strategy
 - ii. Process development
 - iii. Best Value procurement
 - iv. Preliminary plans
 - c. Community Engagement Task Force
 - d. Natural Resources and Trails Work Group
 - e. Capital Improvement Plan/Park Improvement Plan
2. 2013/14 Topics of Discussion
 - a. Park and Recreation Renewal Program (PRRP)
 - b. Review of Goals 2013-15
 - i. Park Board
 - ii. Volunteer enhancement
 - iii. other
 - c. Emerald Ash Borer Discussion

Thanks for taking the time and interest in meeting with the Commission.



Evergreen Park

Implementation Planning Session One

11 April 2013

17 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Evergreen Park, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

At the end of the session, participants were asked to prioritize ideas discussed during the work session as individuals.

Exercise One* **Issues*

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues related to the needs of or possibilities for a park in Southwest Roseville. Responses included:

- Ice rink is poorly positioned. Hard to keep ice. Cold warming house. Rink is an eyesore.
- More parking is needed for events
- Few bike racks
- Access to second level of concessions building; second access [egress?] is needed
- Bituminous path [to replace wood chip path between east fields?]
- Link paths through the park
- Benches outside of the tennis court
- Segregated bathrooms—open to kids during programs, not open to other during programs
- Better use of rink space—Is it really used?
- More shade trees
- Assess real needs for ballfields—How might some this space be better used?

Exercise Two* **Comments*

Meeting participants were encouraged to submit comments separately from the overall discussion. Responses include:

- Please make this area more park-like, by installation of benches, shade trees, and natural amenities such as berms
- We don't use Evergreen Park—don't play softball/baseball. Can part of fields be dedicated to other sports like soccer? Or even just a walking trail? The Falcon Heights Park is a great model. More shade in playground, too.

- Sports for grade school students is very structured in general.
- Underutilized rink—demo and use for more parking or other recreation facility. Fewer ballfields—need more green space for other age groups (than small children). Evergreen Park—before Little League—was an open grassy area, in part, where we could gather, play badminton, or volleyball—have picnics, etc. Summer music performances. Evergreen is now “INSTITUTIONALIZED.” Where is the revenue? We spend all this \$\$ on ballfields and even pay for it—where is the income?
- My neighbors and I are NOT interested in active recreation, i.e., ballfields, tennis courts, hockey rinks. We are elderly. We like walking trails to points of interest—parks, shopping areas, etc.



Evergreen Park

Roseville, Minnesota

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sheet three [not used]
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sheet five [not used]
sheet six [not used]
sheet seven [not used]
sheet eight [not used]

Scheduled improvements		Budget	Construction timing	
Improvements	Description		Start	Complete
Field improvements	improvements of baseball fields in two construction seasons including field renovation, drainage, irrigation, fencing, field equipment, access to upper floor of concessions building	\$400,000	Fall 2014	Summer 2016
Courts	resurfacing of courts, fencing, lighting	\$150,000	Spring 2014	Summer 2014
Stormwater improvements	possible stormwater quality improvements funding outside of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program	...	...	...
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park improvements plan
1 inch = 20 feet



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Oasis Park

Implementation Planning Session One

16 April 2013

5 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Oasis Park, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

Exercise One Issues

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at Oasis Park. Responses included:

Get rid of the geese

The make-shift ice rink isn't used; it's a hazard for people who are walking (water running down the hill)

Buckthorn is overgrowing the park
Oak trees shade the southern part of the garden in the area of the old right-of-way
This is not a forest—it's an urban park

It's very dark at the west end of the park
Winter thaw makes the walk at the southeast corner very slippery
The parking lot is in bad shape; it needs a curb

Water quality in the small pond is questionable; there is trash in the pond; the wetland needs to be improved
How much will be spent on the new playground and much use will it get? It was noted that people with kids and daycare kids use it

C2 at cul-de-sac needs a sidewalk to Millwood with a bridge at the creek

There are dog droppings everywhere in the park

Exercise Two Comparing directions/Ideas

Work session participants compared and assessed concept plans that would orient the park to neighborhood or community use. As a preface to this exercise, it was noted that defining a community focus for the park was difficult for the same reasons of disconnectedness noted by residents.

Exercise Three was integrated into this exercise as a natural course of the discussion. Responses included:

Component, activity, or idea

Parking lot for 20 cars is filled during game; curb parking would be helpful; need to expand some for expanded community garden
More litter receptacles; placed closer to west; more recycling
Basketball on south side of parking is used by college kids
Connect Oasis to Langton (crossing Fairview is the problem)
Woods play should have happened where two trees were taken out
Keep fields but make them smaller; move to northeast corner; the low area of the hill could be the field
Wood chips, not asphalt, for walking—not for biking
Don't expand community garden to edges
Playground on the hill, larger muscle-play area; take advantage of the slope
This is the turtle park
Gardens and art theme is good
Path around the lake would be a good idea
Trail around the lake could be a place for artwork
Urban forest—establish new trees, make it a wooded OASIS
Keep geese out of the yards with the path is put in

Meeting participants highly favored the idea of a path around the pond.



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Oasis Park

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Scheduled improvements		Budget	Construction timing	
Improvements	Description		Start	Complete
Park building	1200 square feet, storage, restrooms, gathering space, work space, utility room	\$300,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Park improvements	irrigation, community garden improvements, fencing, turf improvements	\$250,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Playground	play equipment, surfacing, play container edge	\$125,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
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park improvements plan
1 inch = 60 feet



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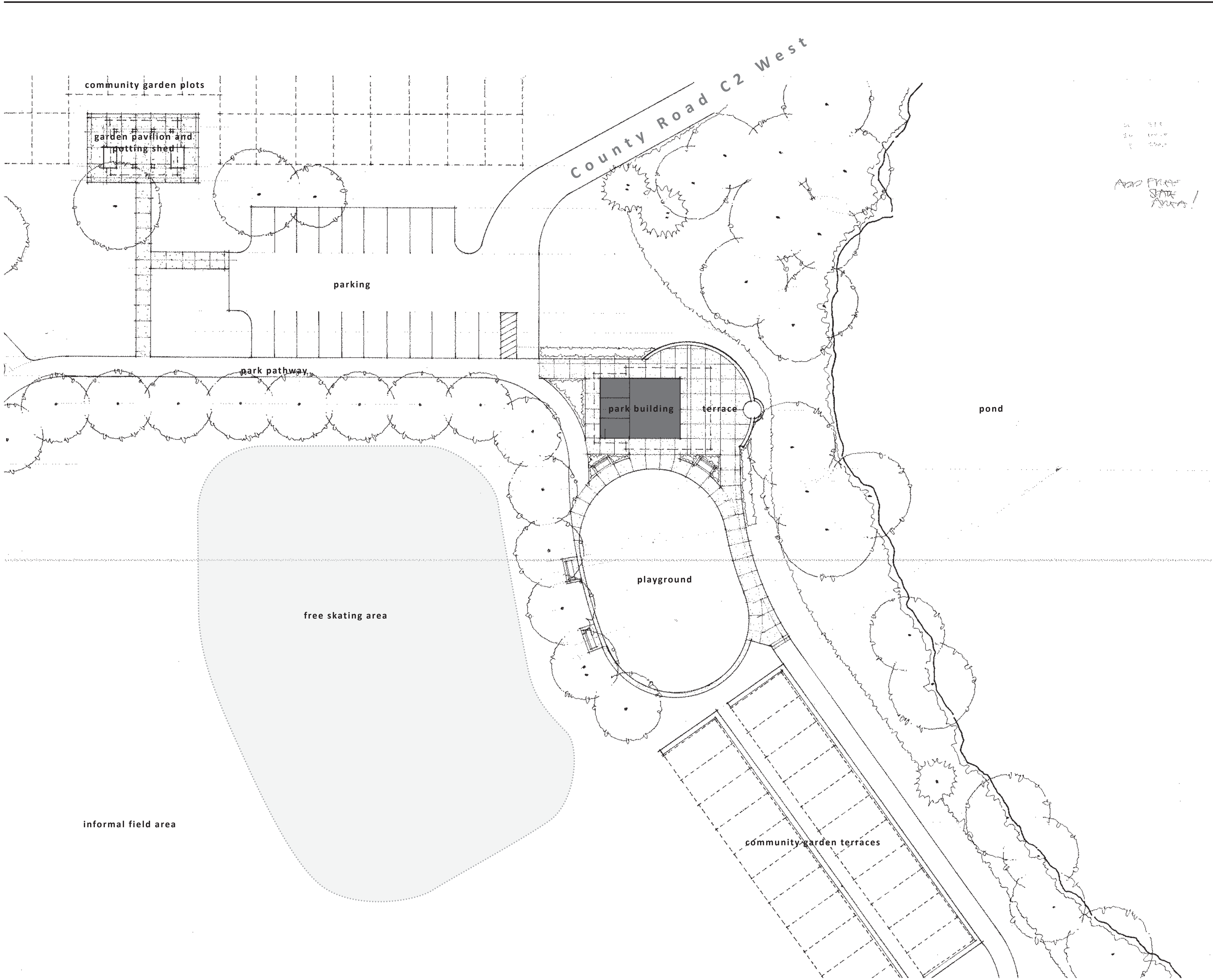
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park building and playground area plan
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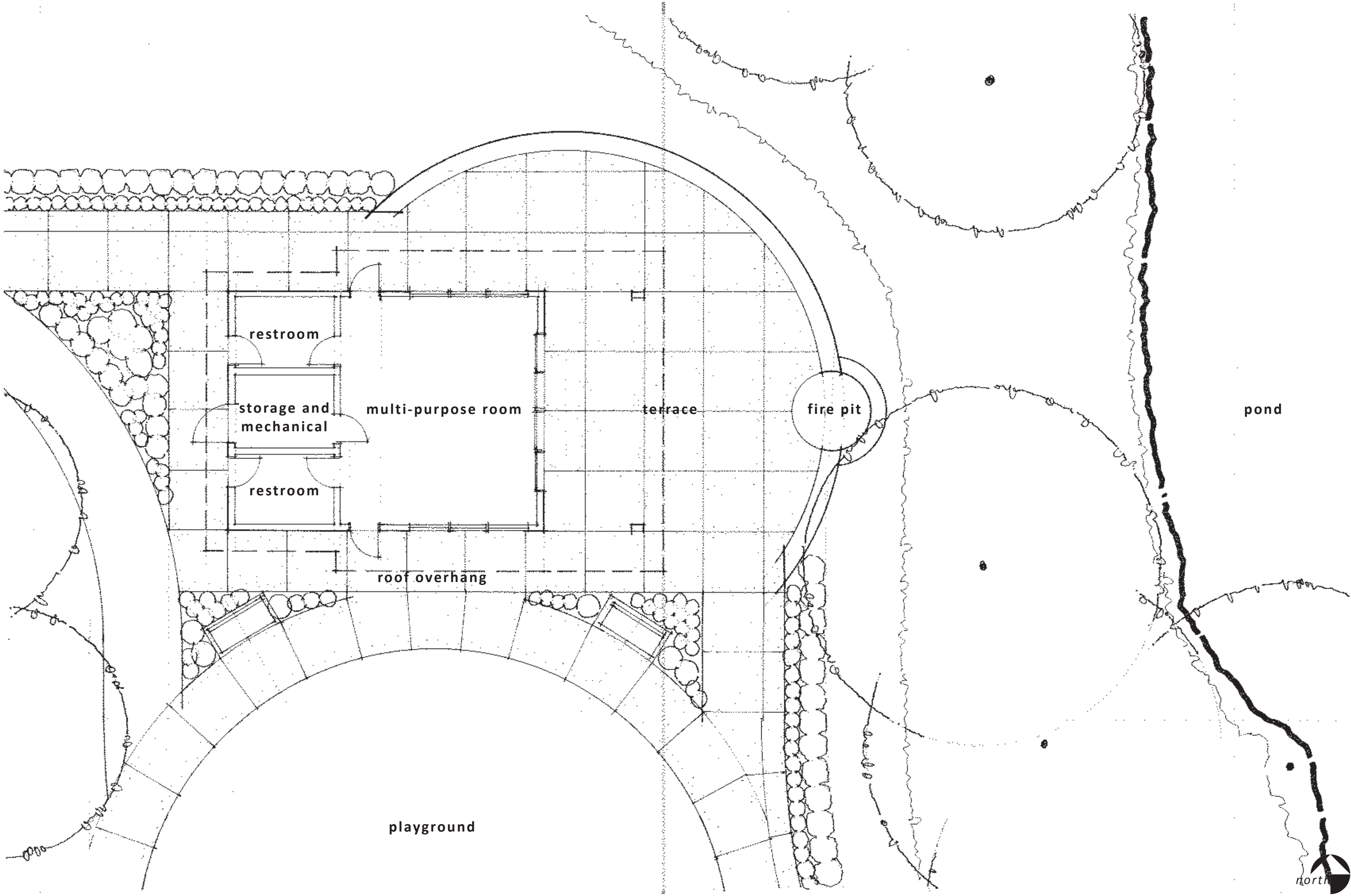
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park building and terrace plan
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Rosebrook Park

Implementation Planning Session One

23 April 2013

4 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Autumn Grove Park, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

Exercise One Issues

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at Rosebrook Park. Responses included:

Parking; Frye Street—cars from one end to the other; parking lots are not big enough; people have to turn around in neighbors' driveways to get out of the neighborhood
Softball fields—when there were fields—were too close; the fields intermingled and players never knew who was supposed to be using what field; the field would be wrecked from overuse; it takes a lot of work to keep up that amount of grass
Unscheduled use wrecks the current fields—adult use in the problem, not the youth sports

The wading pool gets used by non-Roseville residents because it's one of the only pools around; homeless people use the pool for bathing

The building is a liability

The neighborhood is turning back to younger families; the park needs activities focused on youth

The Press Gym site is needed as an addition to the park; it would allow park uses to be spread out.

Exercise Two Comparing directions

Work session participants were asked to compare and assess concept plans that would orient the park to neighborhood or community use. Responses included:

Component or activity	Optimal location
Single soccer field with expanded open play area	Favored for Rosebrook Park
Parking expanded to serve soccer fields for adult use	Favored for Rosebrook Park
Community gardens focused for	Favored for Rosebrook Park

senior housing and neighbors

Walking focused on internal recreational loop

Favored for Rosebrook Park, especially with a connection to senior housing

Wading pool replaced with splash pad

Favored for Rosebrook Park, noting that it's a good feature in lieu of the wading pool

Wild area along Snelling Avenue as a buffer to noise and traffic

Favored for Rosebrook Park, with willows that grow fast and can tolerate soils that stay wet

Parking expanded through acquisition of Press Gym site

Favored for Rosebrook Park

Tennis courts

Favored for Rosebrook Park, but should stay where they are since they're new

Exercise Three Ideas

Participants were asked about ideas they might suggest as improvements to general park improvements, building and shelter, special features, and park programs, especially ideas that would address issues noted in Exercise One.

General park improvements

Pickleball courts

Horseshoes

Lock fields at certain times to help maintain the field in good condition; need some kind of field use regulation

Get seniors to the community garden; a sidewalk on the north end of the senior housing could make the connection

Remote control of lighting for fields

Building and shelter

Restroom should be open more than just when the building is open

Make the open area in the building reservable, with a small kitchen—something that can be used by the neighborhood; consider a large single room, not one that is dividable

Special features

A pavilion that can be used for puppet wagon events

The climbing rock would be cool

Park programs

No ideas offered

Other

No ideas offered



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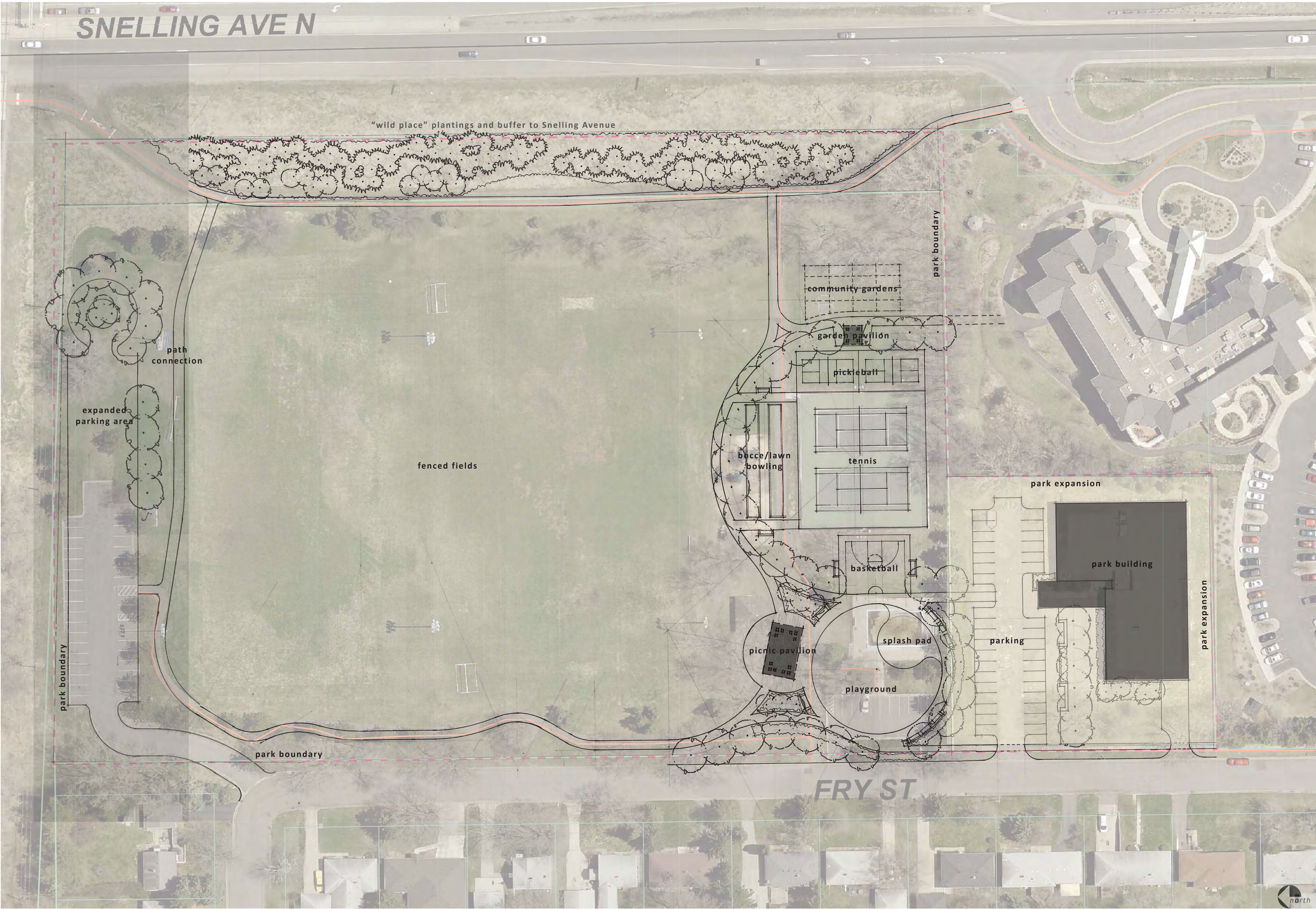
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Improvements	Description		Start	Complete
Park building	approximately 2250 square feet including storage, restrooms, gathering space(s), work area, utility room	\$500,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Park improvements	water feature replacement for wading pool, upgrade irrigation to two-wire system, new lighting for tennis court	\$355,000	Fall 2014	Spring 2015
Land acquisition	potential acquisition of Press Gym property	\$700,000	...	...
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preliminary design

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park improvements plan (Press Gym site/renovation of existing building)
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park improvements plan (no park expansion/new building)
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building on existing park**

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park improvements plan (Press Gym site/new park building)
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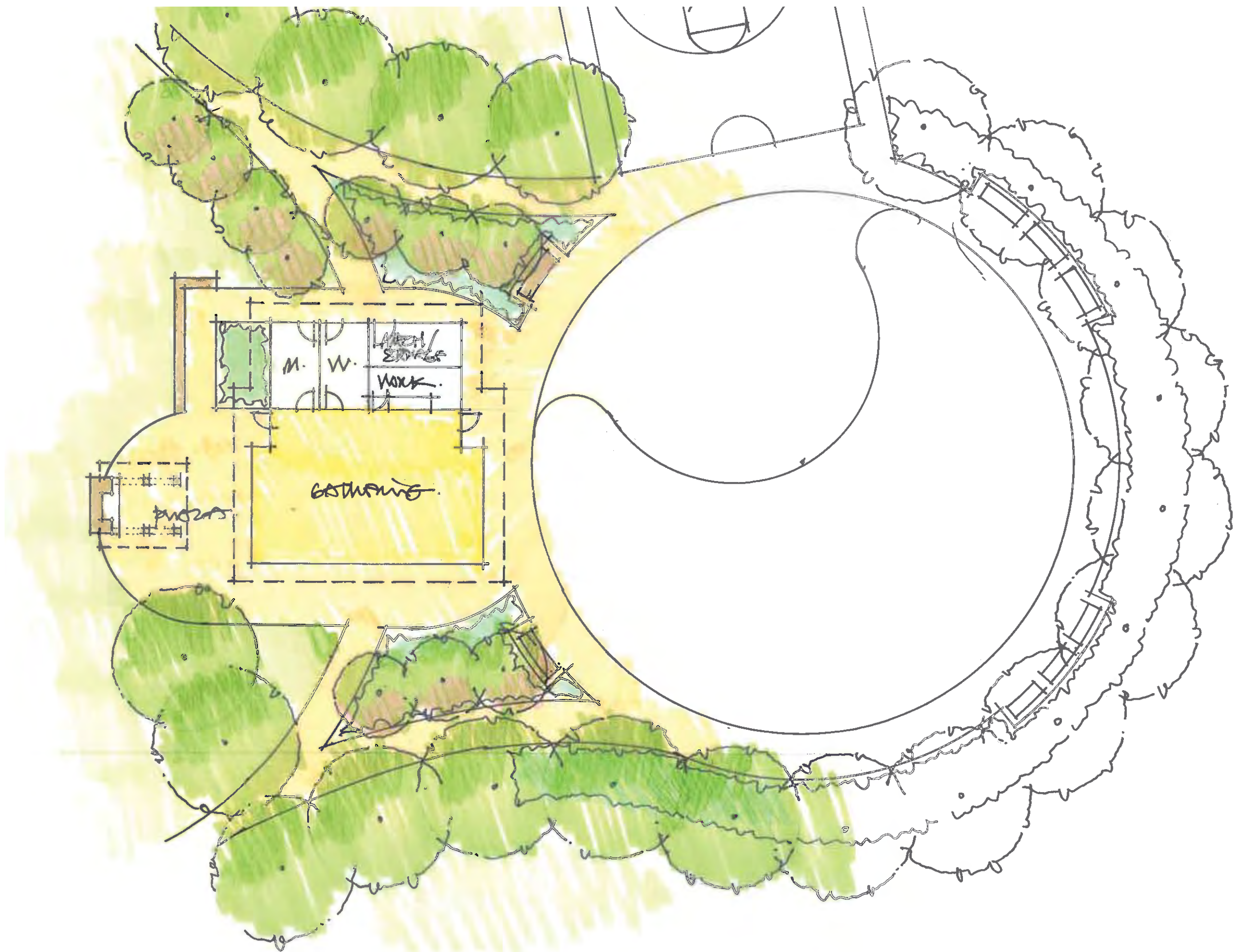
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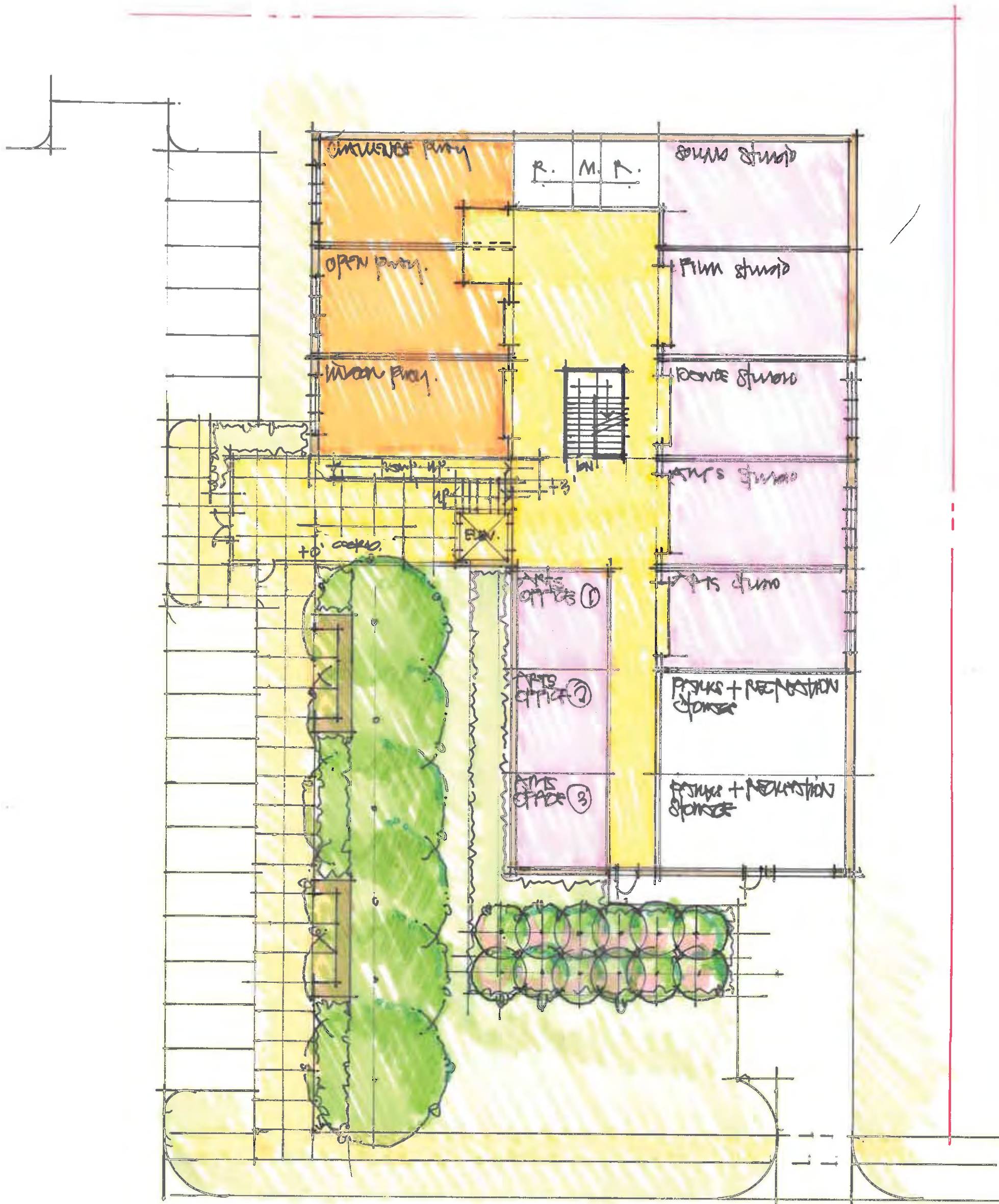
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park building plan: concept for new park building—conditions at existing Press building



park building plan: concept for new park building

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park building plan: concept for renovated Press Gym

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alternatives

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Sandcastle Park

Implementation Planning Session One

4 May 2013

9 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Sandcastle Park, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

Meeting participants noted, as had occurred during the System Master Planning process, that this part of Roseville seems disconnected and distant from the rest of the community. For parks and recreation services, they feel nearby parks in Saint Anthony are currently serving many of their needs.

Exercise One Issues

As a large group, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues that needed to be resolved at Sandcastle Park. Responses included:

Kids want to go to Watertower Park or Wilshire Park (of note, they don't want to go to Sandcastle to visit the building)
Distance to City Hall to reserve or pay for rentals is too great—it should be done electronically
No picnic tables

Dollars should be spent on something besides a building

A public meeting space is needed in this part of Roseville
Too much space dedicated to hockey

Lack of lights on hockey make is hard to get reasonable skating time
Poor drainage in outfield

Walking paths don't go anywhere; more connections are needed; no easy crossings of major roads
Dog waste is a big problem; no signs indicating people should pick up after their dogs
Significant amount of trash left in the park by a few park users; more receptacles are needed, especially at entrances

The park is small and not prominent from public road; parking should be off Old Highway 8
Park is dark

People who live near the park hear things going on at night that should not be happening in the park
Kids play area and the basketball court are the most frequently used parts of the park
The neighborhood is smaller but just as diverse as any in Roseville

Hockey rink wreaks havoc on grass

Exercise Two Comparing directions

Work session participants compared and assessed concept plans that would orient the park to neighborhood or community use. As a preface to this exercise, it was noted that defining a community focus for the park was difficult for the same reasons of disconnectedness noted by residents. Responses included:

Component or activity

The parking lot should be moved from the neighborhood side of the park to an area near Old Highway 8, or perhaps even removed from the park altogether
Tennis courts and basketball court should be retained, but the location shown nearer to Old Highway 8 would be preferred. In the current location, they are too close to neighbors, too tucked away, and too big for that area of the park.
The skating rink should be retained; it's hard to suggest elimination of an activity when its current condition doesn't encourage proper use.
People use the hockey rink and skating area. Broomball players use the hockey rink.
There are no programmed broomball leagues in the city.
There needs to be a stronger focus on activities for younger kids.

See input from Exercise Three for additional ideas about the evolution of the park.

Exercise Three Ideas

Working in small groups, participants were asked about ideas they might suggest as improvements to general park improvements, building and shelter, special features, and park programs, especially ideas that would address issues noted in Exercise One.

General park improvements

- Provide loops for walking paths
- Have exercise stations along walking paths
- More lighting for security
- Enclosed dog play yard; the tennis court is sometimes used for this; it brings people to the park; maybe a hard surface in the hockey rink could serve this need
- Bocce
- Use the south leg of the park as a dog play area; may be too loud for neighbors
- Pay attention to youth needs—in a positive way; this should be a park all of the time
- Real baseball field isn't needed, but a space that can accommodate ball play is needed
- Sand volleyball—and let kids play in the sand
- Pickleball for the “seasoned generation”
- Skate park—the one in Saint Anthony is always filled, but it's nearby

Building and shelter

Senior programs in the building—exercise, walking, pet care, recreational activities

What would the fee structure be for renting the building?

Don't build so much building that parking would overrun the park

Building at Central Park in Saint Anthony is a good example to follow

Building could be quite small; more of a picnic shelter with restrooms; maybe a small meeting room, but nothing else

Have a covered pavilion; find ways to extend the use season

Special features

No ideas offered

Park programs

No ideas offered

Other

No ideas offered



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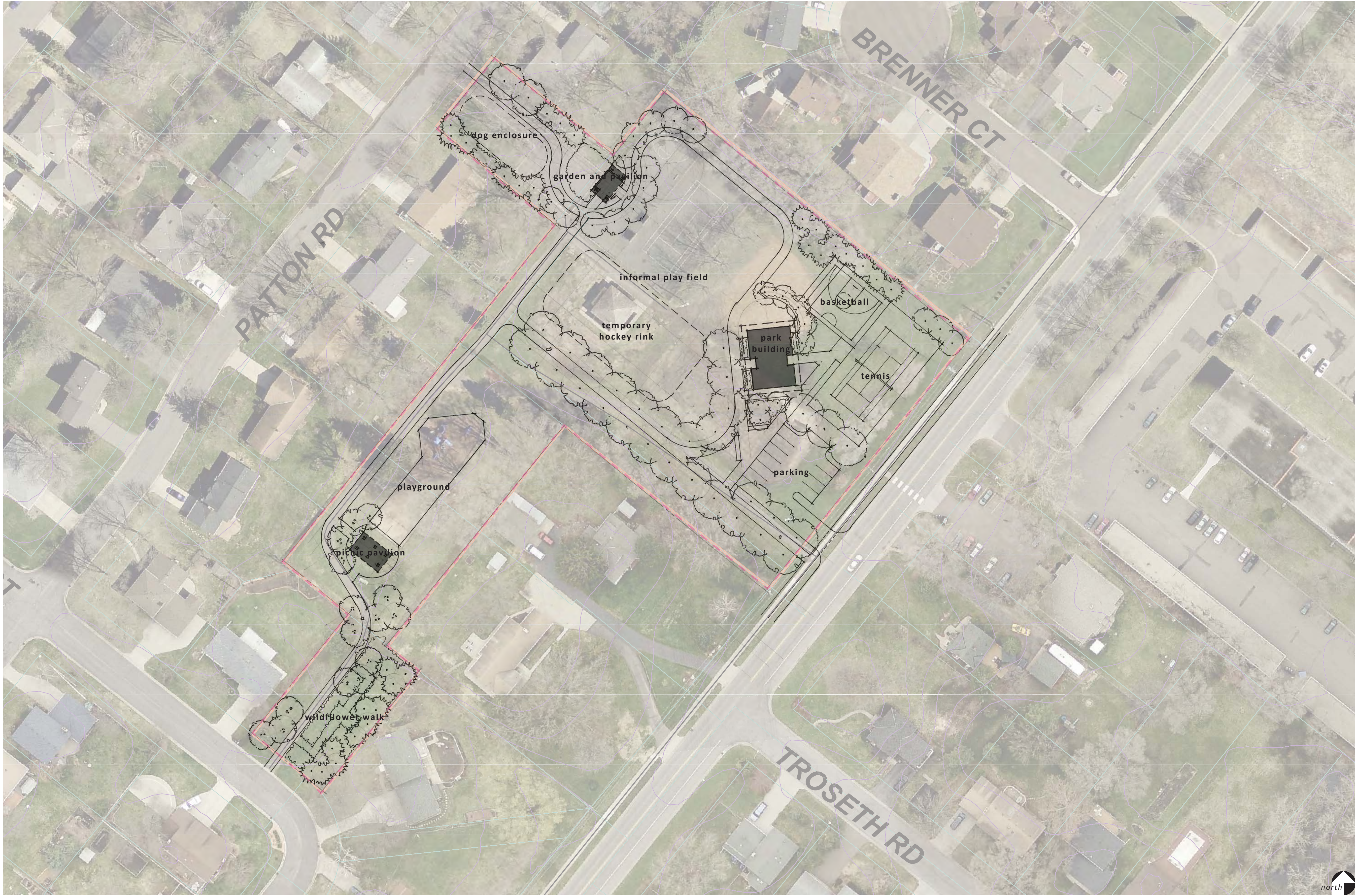
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Improvements	Description		Start	Complete
Park building	approximately 1200 square feet including storage, re-strooms, gathering space, work area, utility room	\$300,000	Summer 2014	Spring 2015
Park improvements	fencing, turf improvements, lighting, court upgrades	\$275,000	Summer 2014	Spring 2015
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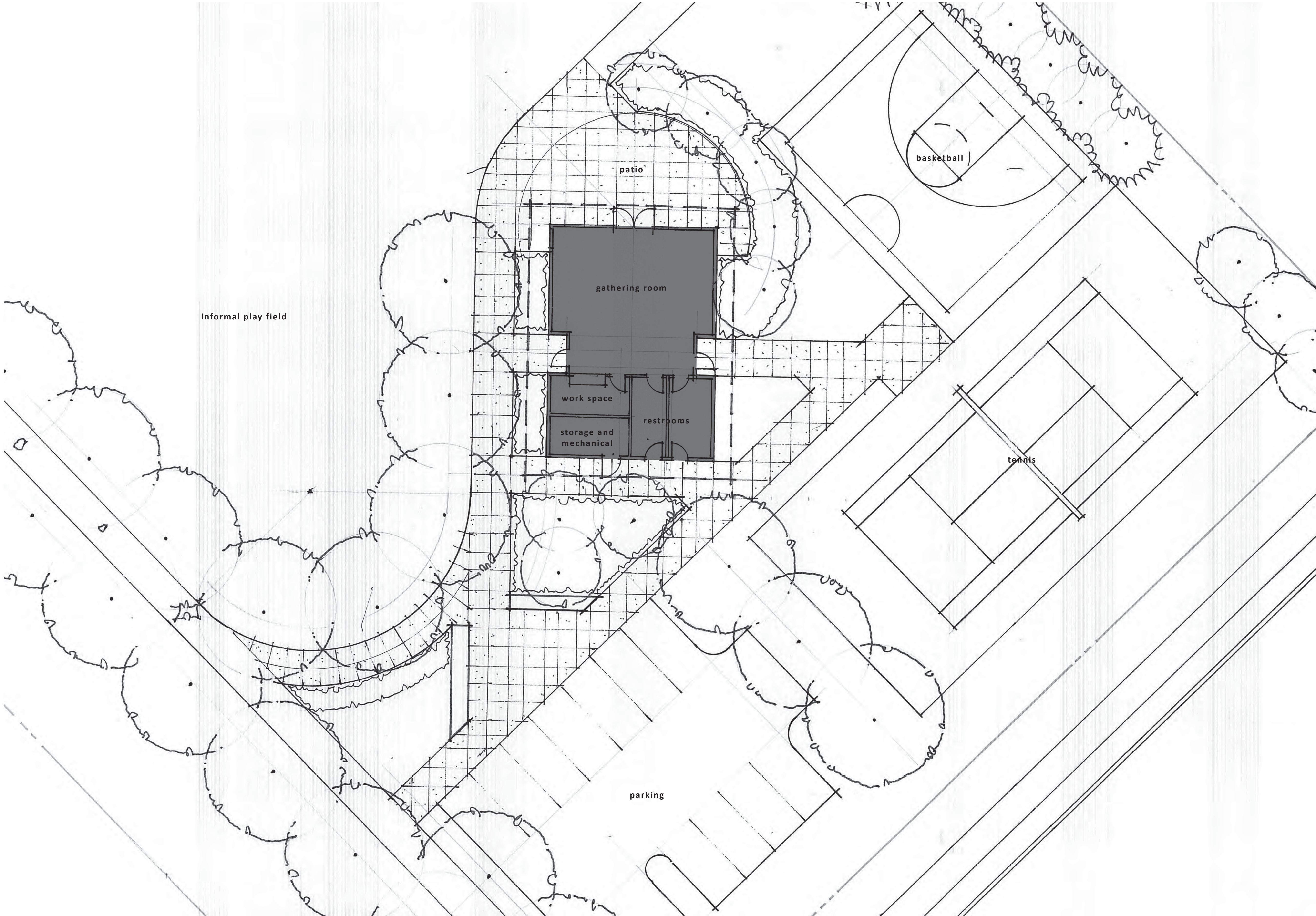
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Southwest Roseville

Implementation Planning Session One

11 April 2013

17 Attendees signed in

Meeting input

Following an overview of the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program and its application to Southwest Roseville, work session participants were asked to respond to questions about the evolution of the park under the renewal program. Responses are included in this summary.

At the end of the session, participants were asked to prioritize ideas discussed during the work session as individuals.

Exercise One Issues

Working in small groups, participants were asked to share their thoughts about issues related to the needs of or possibilities for a park in Southwest Roseville. Responses included:

Group One

- County Road B west of Cleveland—students and walkers have no shoulder
- Filthy pond between Saint Stephen and Fulham—related to Stonecrest drainage?
- No place for informal recreation
- Connectivity to south of golf course
- Safety hedge if using private property for ballgames at County Road B and Saint Stephen
- Confused golf course members
- Fairview Community Center fields—lack of access
- Stalled nature of County Road B ownership between city and county

Group Two

- This is a drainage pond—I don't think it's viable for much else [note indicates a site containing a pond on the south side of Highway 36 service drive]

Group Three

- Focus on providing open space adjacent to high density uses such as Midland Grove or Sienna Green
- Evergreen Park looks like a minimum security prison—therefore add more park-like aspects such as benches and trees; utilize existing shelter as a possible neighborhood meeting space
- Find small spaces for neighborhood gathering spaces and [unreadable] for being in nature (reserve) such as the area undeveloped by baseball field south of Fairview; cooperative land uses with the school district on this parcel

Connect the Green Apples into a Tree, with pathways and [unreadable] connections (benches, plantings)

Exercise Two Ideas

Working in small groups, participants were asked about ideas they might suggest as possibilities, especially ideas that would address issues noted in Exercise One.

Group One

Access to a possible park

Trail on B: Do what needs to be done to get ownership of County Road B (280 to Cleveland Avenue); create a trail along this road; would like a safe way to walk along Service 36, too.

Connecting neighborhoods north and south of golf course: As planned!!! Access to Lauderdale Park, etc.

Harriet Alexander Nature Center West: Purchase Mrs. Shannon's lot with combined HANC/city funds and develop nature center around existing wetlands

Desired activities or park components

Informal space at County Road B and Saint Stephen: partner with the McCarthey's to support an open space on their flat property on County Road B and Saint Stephen—perfect for ball games (soccer, etc.). Signage to invite kids to play, hedge to catch balls from going into road.

Pocket Park: this refers to the area north of County Road B and between Cleveland and 280. This area needs a publicly-owned open space(s), not large, that can be used by neighborhood kids to engage in informal recreation activities, e.g. catch, 3 man-football, tag, etc. Non-organized. Could have a basketball hoop with small hard surface. All this would require some fencing, minor land improvements. Ideal would be the lot at County Road B and Saint Stephen. Don't know if present owners are interested in selling. They live at the corner of County Road B and Saint Croix.

Park qualities and character—things that make it special

No ideas offered

Programs specific to a park in Southwest Roseville

No ideas offered

Other

Improve pond health (between Fulham and Saint Stephen): visually unappealing, water becomes stagnant in the summer, garbage and dead wood is everywhere; could send email to neighborhood saying it's public

Manage area between Saint Stephen and Saint Croix (end of Service 36): let the public know it's theirs; email neighborhood?

Midland Hills access: partner with Midland Hills to allow access for community members—at least cross-country skiing in the winter; use signage to protect trail if spring skiing is too damaging for turf

Group Two

- 1) Evergreen is all active uses, possible for more passive re-create opportunity to

- enjoy solitude and native, even if it means giving up the underutilizing hockey rinks or two ball fields. Extend this concept into more inviting, green pathway connections—linear parks rather than just sidewalks and connections.
- 2) Find out ways of balancing passive and active recreational needs in SW Roseville. Right now the balance seems to us skewed towards active. Roseville has the highest proportion of elderly in the metro. What does this plan provide for that large group? Un-programmed, natural space.
 - 3) Connect the Green Apples (see SW Roseville Approach) with linear parks, even utilizing such legal vehicles as easements, and connecting that speak in a poetic voice, in other words aesthetically and spiritually-uplift. Focus on connecting existing pathways—the missing links. Orchard Park (NE corner of Cleveland and County Road B). There are near [unreadable] open space parcels nearby. ETC: please give us a map which distinguishes existing sidewalks/paths and possible connections.

Exercise Three Prioritizing

After sharing ideas and recording them on lists, individuals were asked to indicate their priorities among ideas for the site, building, exhibits, programs, and other ideas by placing a 3 next to their highest priority, a 2 for their second highest priority, and a 1 for their third highest priority. They were also asked to place a star next to their overall favorite ideas. Responses were as follows:

Priority points	Favorite idea	Idea description
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Access to a possible park location

17	2	Create a trail on County Road B
12	0	Safe crossing of Cleveland and County Road B, south side
10	1	More paths, more park-like paths, connectors are parks
6	0	Edges of Midland Hills as pathways
3	0	Connect north and south across Midland Hills
3	0	Resolve County Road B/280 ownership issue
0	0	Safe place to walk along Service 36

Park qualities and character

26	0	Informal, not tightly organized, not too structured
15	0	Saint Stephen storm pond and trail could be a positive feature
10	0	Soften ballfield area of Evergreen Park and deal with the aesthetics of the fences

Desired activities or park components

22	1	Smaller spaces for gathering especially where it can focus on nature (including Fairview Field, County Road B, or Saint Stephen)
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13	0	Better balance between active and passive spaces, create places for play
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Programs specific to a new “park”

32	0	Give up some active space at Evergreen Park for informal space (especially consider the rink), picnic tables, more park-like
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Other

14	2	Partner with a landowner on a small parcel (County Road B or Saint Stephen)
13	2	Raise dollars to purchase Shannon property as West HANC (keep wildlife!)
9	0	Partner with Midland Hills to get neighbors onto their property during off-season
5	0	Focus park nearer to high density (Orchard Park as an example)
3	0	Recognize city-owned property as possible park



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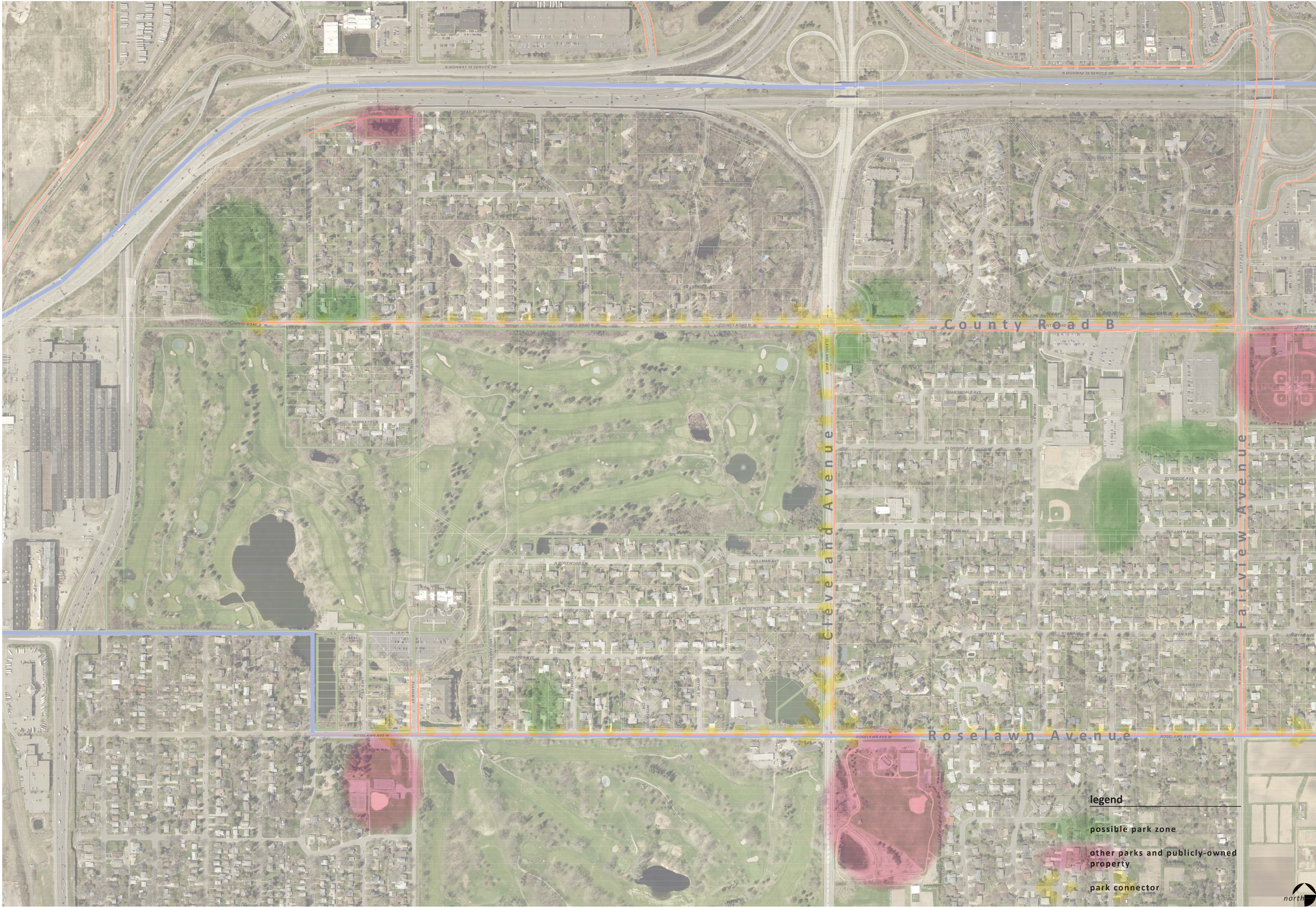
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Site acquisition	acquisition of a site appropriate for park development	\$500,000	2013	...
Park improvements	development of park on acquired site(s)	\$500,000	Spring 2014	Fall 2016
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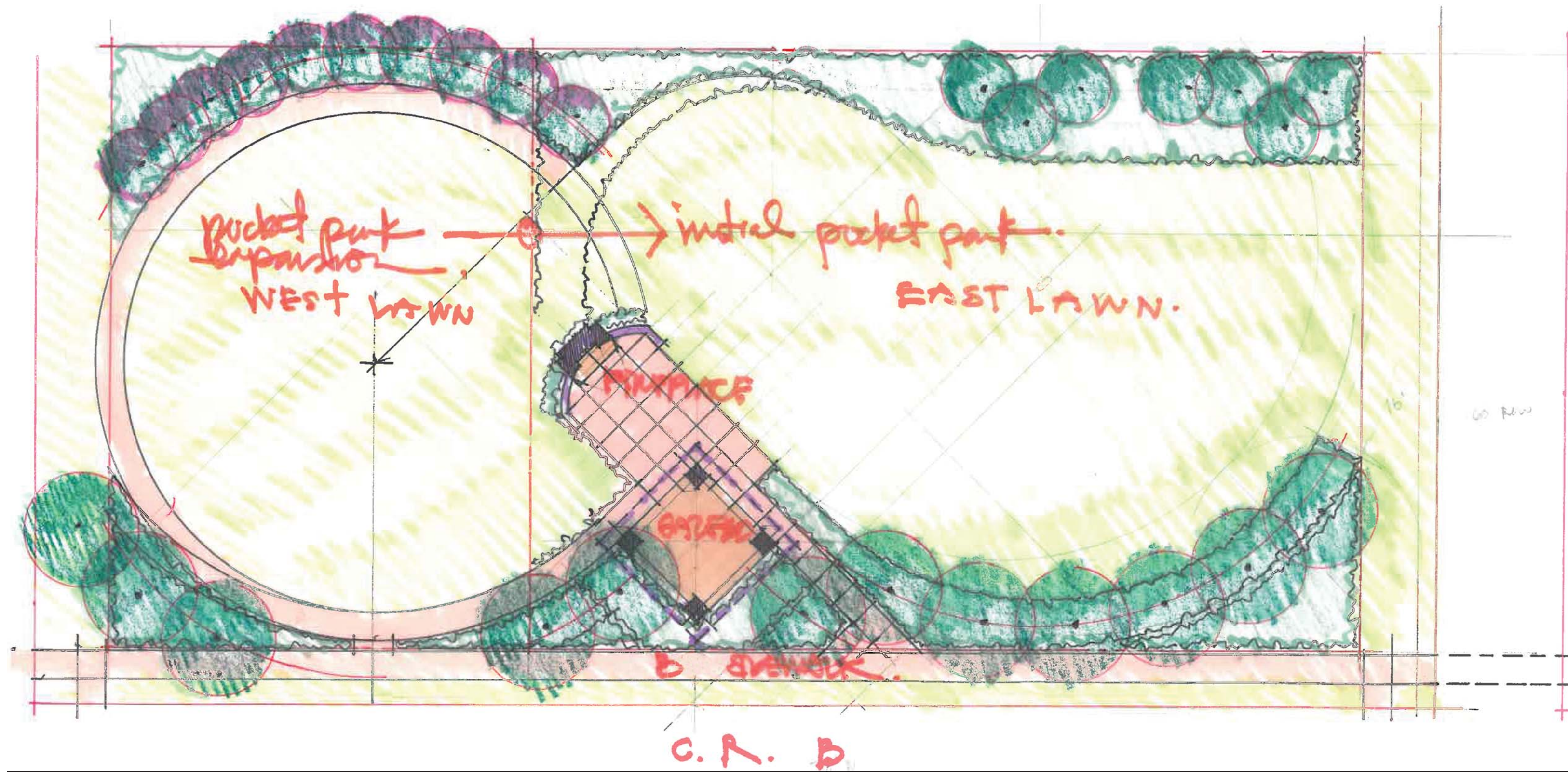
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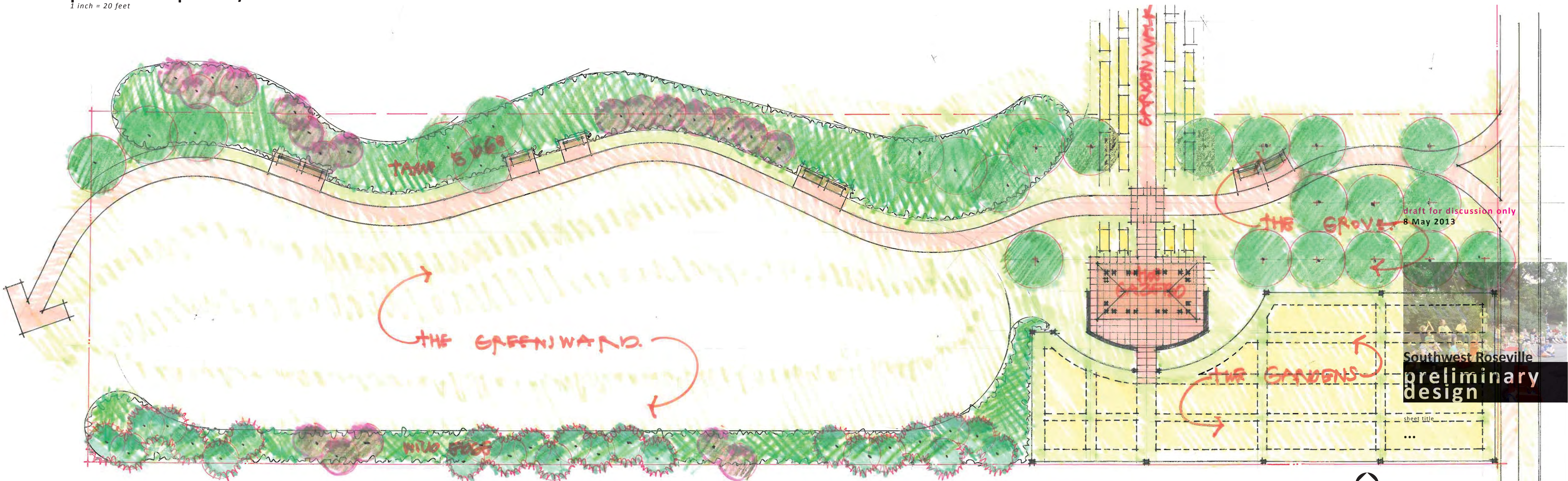
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park concept... 2 acre site

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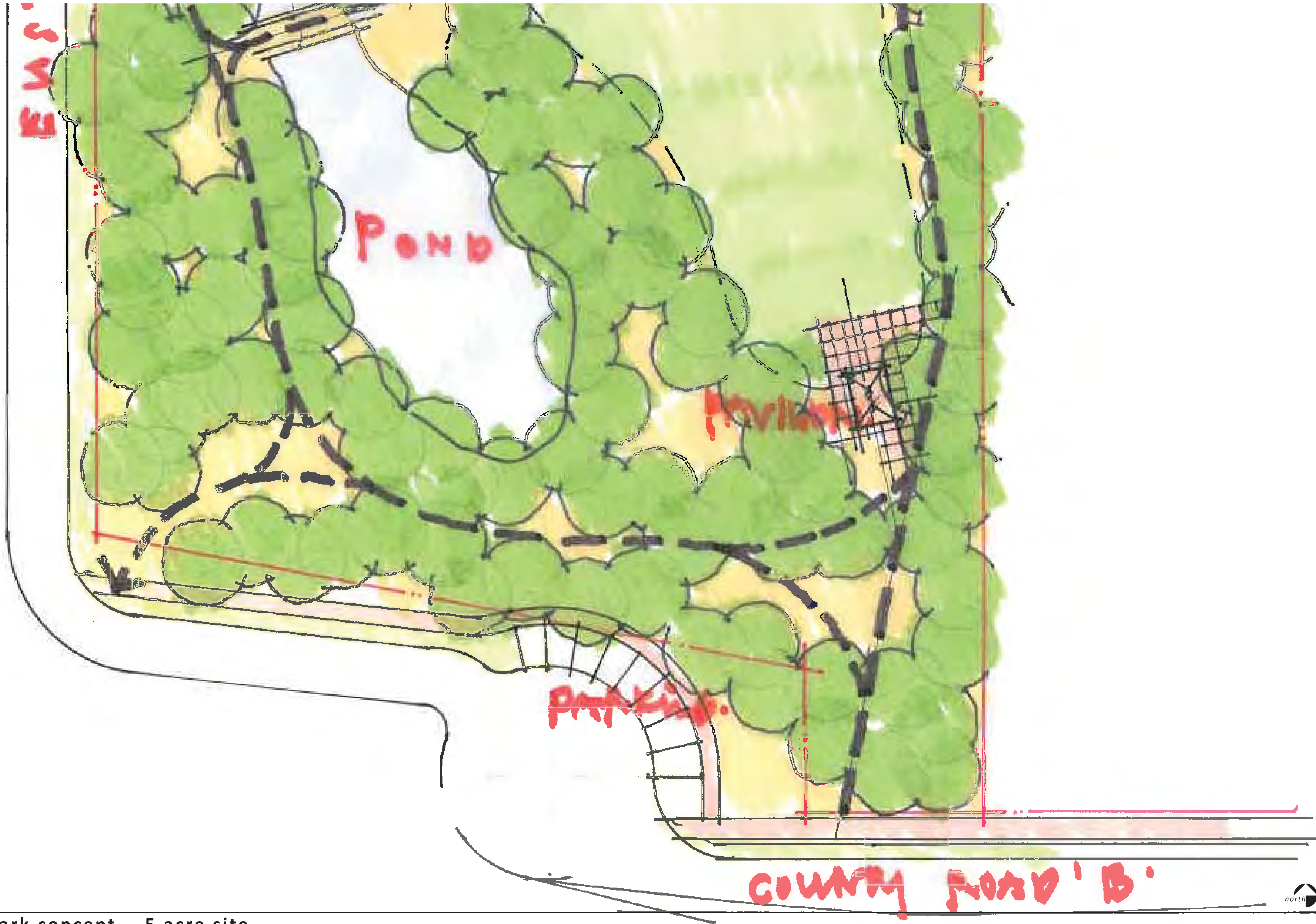
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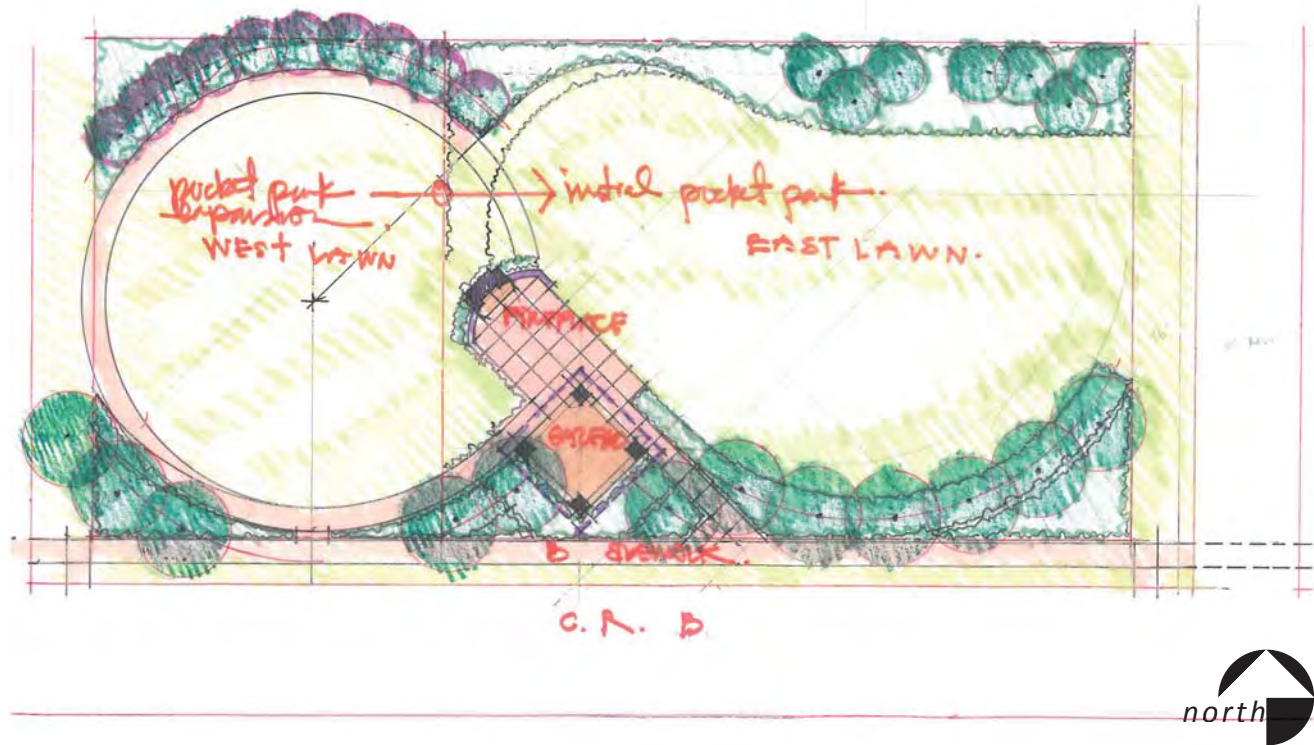
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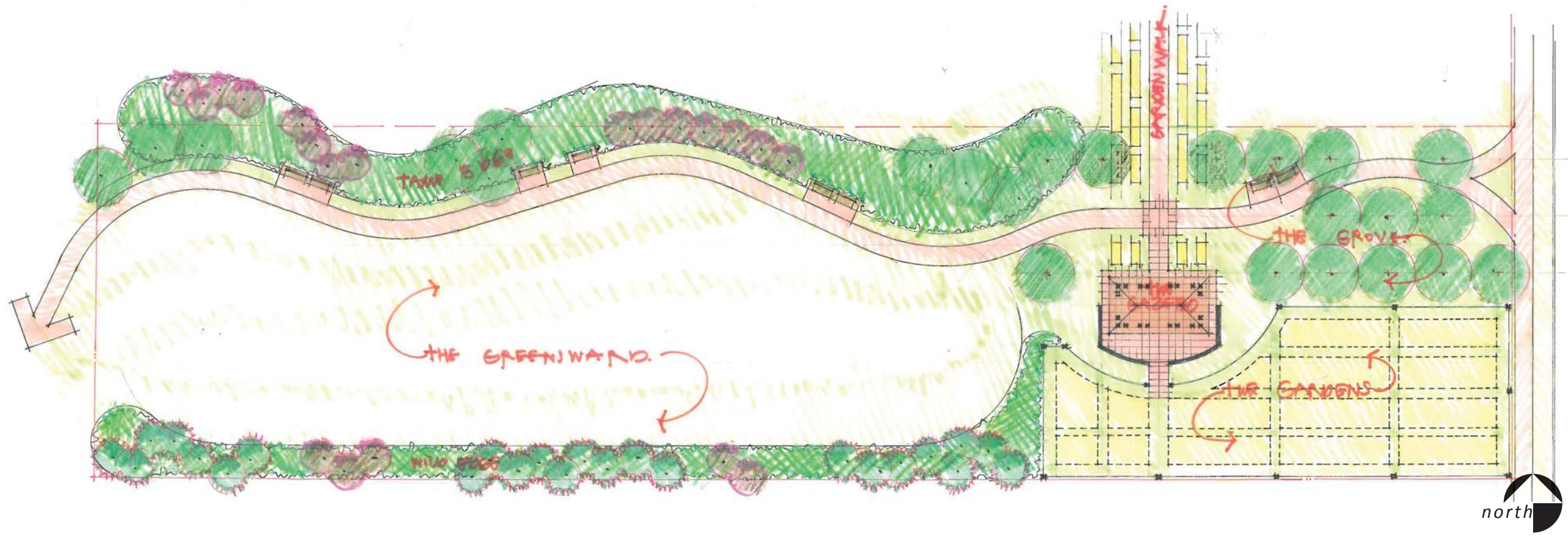
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<u>Day/Month</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, January 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Tuesday, February 5	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, March 5	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, April 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Monday, June 10	6:00 p.m.	Joint Commission/City Council Meeting
Monday, June 10 Meet before & after the joint Commission/Council Meeting –Hawthorne Room 6:00 p.m. for Pre meeting. Post meeting determined by the end time of the joint meeting.		
July - Schedule as needed		
Tuesday, August 6	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.	Meeting and Tour
Tuesday, October 1	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall
Thursday, November 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting – City Hall
Tuesday, December 3	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting -City Hall

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EMERALD ASH BORER: Roseville races to stop infestation



Posted: May 17, 2013 - 7:25 AM CDT
by Jonathan Choe

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (KMSP) -

On the east side of Langton Lake Park in Roseville, Minn., Zach Pollei's giant ash trees are marked with warning signs by the city. "All I know is that it's cutting off the water supply and they'll go down in time," Pollei said.

The water supply is being cut-off by the return of the emerald ash borer infestation.

Mark Abrahamson with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture pointed to the serpentine pattern left by EAB, and he cut away the bark of one tree to show more troubling developments.

"This is the pupa," he said. "Doesn't look like much but this is turning into a beetle right now."

Abrahamson said at least 100 ash trees in Roseville are infested with emerald ash borer and the trees are dying.

"When they're killed they become dangerous because the branches can drop off and fall, so if there is a path or anything else they can fall on then it's a hazard," he said.

So there's now a race to cut down and get rid of these infected trees before the hot summer months arrive, when these bugs usually start coming out of hiding.

"What we're really concerned about is finding several new locations that previously haven't had emerald ash borer to implement management programs to help it from spreading," Abrahamson said.

From the field to the lab, Rob Venette with the U.S. Forest Service is studying ways to stop this infestation, saying it's the worst he's seen since 2009 when the bugs were first spotted in Minnesota. But there are signs the infestation is slowing down.

"We found it very early," he said. "Homeowners are being conscientious and not moving things around. They're being aggressive, cities are removing infested trees."

In the metro, Hennepin and Ramsey counties are already under quarantine and there's a national and local ad campaign asking people not to transport firewood.

For now, Zach Pollei is trying to figure out how to slow down the infestation in his trees, but it's likely too late.

"I'm sure we'll have to spend money to spray or do whatever we'll have to do," he said.

Most cities are responsible for removing trees on public property, but homeowners have to do the rest.

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