

## Fridley Engagement Feedback

Re: WSB Project No. 016927-000

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### ALTURA

What do you like best about concepts?

- ADA accessibility
- I like the variety that is provided in such a small space (both a playground and a basketball court) as well as the rain garden to provide some ecological benefits.
- Seating area
- sitting/eating area, trail connection for walking
- The new grass

What do you like least about concepts?

- Adding or changing of plants trees grass
- All is fine
- This goes for many of the park concept plans: the plan shows trees or screening going in (which is good), but doesn't specify species. At what stage is species selected? A landscape designer will likely suggest maples, which I advise the city to push back against. Fridley has a canopy diversity problem, making it more vulnerable to pests like EAB. I work as an arborist for Hennepin County, and we don't allow ourselves or our grant partners to plant maples for that reason (ALB could be the next EAB and continue to devastate Fridley's canopy).
- Playground not appropriate for under 3 yrs

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:** Agree with proposed conversion of turf to low-grow shade mix and retention of raingarden that exists-Does this take street runoff? If not, could it.
- A picnic table would be nice and playground equipment for toddlers
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- Waste of money

## **BRIARDALE**

What do you like best about concepts?

- All of it!
- Bathroom
- bee lawn
- Better landscaping. Looks messy and not well maintained. Play equipment and sitting areas are dirty and unclean looking.
- Better shelter with restrooms. New connector north of the tennis court. Pollinator areas.
- Better signage would make this park easier to find and a shelter with restrooms would be fantastic
- Extensive use of bee lawn and pollinator gardens.
- Gardens
- General upgrades, improvements and walkability.
- Getting rid of the sand and having a safe, rubber type flooring for the playground. Added trees, bushes and flowers to make it look nice. Adding restrooms that are maintained regularly and outlets to shelter. Better weed/thistle control, they get very bad in the rocks around the tennis court and trees. Making sure the surface of the tennis court is usable. The weeds in the cracks last year were so bad....I took my time and energy to pull most of them and it was not easy.
- I love the addition of restroom and shelter facilities. There are currently no restroom facilities at this park
- I really like the concept plan, especially for a larger playground which is ADA approved. The sooner we can do upgrades, the better! :)
- **Improved play area, parking lot, Dock.**
- It would be great to have restrooms in more parks! I think playground equipment improvements are important. I like the trail connections throughout this park.
- More pleasing to the eye. ADA. Updated playground.
- New playground equipment and shelter with restroom
- Open spaces of grass, less structures
- Playground area improvements
- Pollination areas and bee friendly lawn space!
- the open field should be used for something, maybe skateboard/scooter park
- The restrooms added and the park updated
- Trail loop connection
- Updated play equipment
- Updated playground equipment and resurfacing of playing courts.
- Upgrade play equipment

What do you like least about concepts?

- Bball court. More seating. More activities for all ages. (misunderstood?)
- Bee lawn
- Cost. The work will be expensive. Will there be an acceptable ROI?
- Everything looks great
- I'm unsure about what a "bee Lawn" would be.
- Lack of warming house and apparent removal of winter skating rink
- Moore Lake is the crown jewel of Fridley. It would be great to see it treated as a flagship park with continued significant investment, including a best in class playground and waterpark. (It's a lot to ask, but I would also add the current direction is great progress!)
- N/a
- NA
- new restroom
- None
- Not a great walking loop
- nothing
- places to set and watch basketball and tennis, restroom. leave grass areas alone.
- Please rethink a pollinator garden beside the playground. I realize that pollinator gardens are important, but it could be a problem for kids/parents who are allergic to bee stings. Only having the one by the tennis courts seems like it would be better.
- Pollinator gardens are next to playground, will attract bees, and disrupt play. No need for expensive bathroom facilities, as most users of the park live in the immediate vicinity.
- Restroom. This park is too small to need a restroom. We have a concern the restroom will become a dirty mess. Most of the people that use this park are within a couple of blocks of their home.
- Restrooms
- The concept plan looked great!
- There could be better utilization of the space. Some areas are being left open that might have better use
- Trees bee lawn pollinators
- We do not need a large shelter with bathrooms. This is supposed to be a park for playing

Concept Preference / Comments: one concept

General Comments:

- **FROM RCWD:** Encourages city to consider adding raingarden to park to treat runoff from Rice Creek Drive
- All of us that live near Briardale park love have a green area and a park for the kids. This is a local park that does not need too much just an update in play equipment and better landscaping that is actually kept up so the park looks clean and inviting. The tennis

court is great too! There is an area by the tables that is always wet from water flowing down from uphill. This water becomes a huge puddle mess and then add on the crab apple trees dropping a mess each year makes the sidewalks a mess to try to walk. Please remove the crab apple trees.

- Glad to see last years improvements to the roadway and trails! Excited for continued investment, especially for summertime use of boating and swimming.
- I appreciate the focus our city places on outdoor spaces for recreation and leisure!
- I didn't see a concept plan, but a neighbor and I both agreed it would be the perfect location for a neighborhood kiddie pool! We live in the neighborhood, our kids play at the playground often and would definitely take advantage of that.
- it would be nice to add an archery range within the pollinator area
- Love the trees around the playground areas and all the greenery and bee friendly areas. And restrooms!
- More grass and things to play with, less structures and sidewalks please
- No matter what is done, the southeast corner of the park must be addressed. Drainage, trees (shade), grass and the shelter all need work. I only go to the park as a pass through with my dogs. How much use does the park actually get?
- None
- Our park is not a very big park so I wouldn't wanted it to be overcrowded by any additional stuff. I like our open field so kids could run and play. I hope to keep the area we use for an ice skating rink in the winter.
- Please add a warming house! And please redo this park. Our property taxes in this neighborhood are very high for Fridley and in general for the metro. My taxes are \$6k/yr. we need to attract more families
- Please bring back a special needs swing to this park. We have lost some of our joy without this swing.
- Really appreciated the grooming for skiing this past winter. Please continue. Older residents of Fridley more likely to play pickle ball than tennis or basket ball.
- Tennis court should be lined for pickle ball also.
- This park definitely needs upgrades to attract young families to the neighborhood
- this park just needs better clean up and weed treatments, otherwise generally fine just seems a bit unkept
- Very excited to see park upgrades being planned!
- Waste of money
- We live next to the park and have for over 15 years. Would would like to see it maintained better. It used to have 2 tennis courts and it got redone and now there is only one. That was a bummer. It is a busy court and sometimes difficult to play when you want/have time. We appreciate that someone put up new basketball hoop nets last fall. Painting on the basketball court would be helpful.
- While the concept looks very nice, it seems excessive and I'm concerned resources are being used which could be used elsewhere

- Would love to see a fenced area to run dogs.
- Flowers and shrubs because I would like to see a beautiful garden then the weeds that we have at our park.
- leave the area alone, keep up and maintain area.
- The restroom facilities - there are currently none
- Better lighting on walking path.
- I'm too old to play in the sand. My basketball days are behind me.
- There used to be a special needs swing. All 4 of my children enjoy the swings but now my special needs daughter is not able to swing. She doesn't fit into a baby swing and can't hold on to a normal swing.
- We enjoy several parks in our area, adding variety.
- We use it every single day
- We use this park
- Wish there was a fenced area to run dogs.

#### **CRAIG**

City has comments

#### **CREEKRIDGE**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Like buffers, evergreen trees
- Support bee lawn
- Like new pickleball court lines – wondering where else in Fridley?
- Playground is good size – want updated equipment (rock climbing wall, swings, sandbox)
- Improving signage (especially at Mississippi St.) would be best.
- #1 plan LIKES... \*The connection of walking path from Mississippi St to Creek Park Ln  
\*The upgrade of park play equipment \*Bee Friendly Lawn \*Trees on east side of basketball/tennis court area \*Trees on west side of park boundary \*Keep the ball field and open space
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- Concept 1 - Bee areas! Lots of added trees!
- Concept 1 I like location of playground, trees, open area. We are across the street and see park use every day. Children on play ground are all day use. Basketball comes next. The large open area has multiple uses foot and baseball but also dog exercising, soccer, kites etc. This is not available at any neighboring parks. Plan could use more trees along street. There is plenty of parking on street. I have never seen a parking problem. Nice to see some thought given to environmental issues. Could use a small dedicated pollinator garden.
- Enlarged playground area and location of the shelter.

- Expanded playground
- Expanding the trails, updated playground equipment
- I like plan #2. The ballfield is NEVER used. Living in the neighborhood for 17 yrs, I've never seen a game played there. The current tennis court is popular, so replacing the ballfield with 2 tennis courts would be a good idea. The half basketball court is also popular, so keeping/renovating that is also a good idea. I like the added trails and trees.
- I like the idea of updating the playground equipment and keeping the field.
- I like the more natural aspects also enlarging and improving the playground. I like the bee lawn and possible pollinator garden. I would also like to see more trees especially bird friendly ones like service berry, red bud, etc.
- I like the proposal that allows for an expansion of the playground because there not many nice playgrounds in walking distance in this area of Fridley.
- Larger kids equipment space
- Parking lot
- Potential incorporation of a bee lawn.
- Tennis court TLC
- Updated playground
- Updated playground equipment
- We feel that the ball field needs to stay. A lot of people use the free open space for many different activities. New playground would be nice. Adding more trees for a buffer screen for the houses around the park would be nice.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Field is well used, don't eliminate field – used for dogs / open space.
- Lots of concern over parking lot – not appropriate for neighborhood park, people walk to park. Concern over people from outside neighborhood using it (safety) – plenty of street parking
  - Residents aren't concerned by street parking
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- Adding the the two tennis courts and parking area. It would be too close to our house, as we live next to the park on that side of the park. That also would interfere with the natural pathway of many animals that use and walk through the park.
- Also plan #2. One thing I don't like, but I understand why it's proposed, is the parking area. Since Creekpark Lane is right off of Old Central, we've seen many cars parked on the street near the park conducting drug deals. This has been brought up to the police and they are aware of the situation. I fear that the parking lot just makes a more convenient area for this to happen.
- Bee lawn trees
- Concept 2 - loss of green for parking and two courts.
- I do not like the idea of getting rid of the field and putting in a big tennis court. Lots of people use this field for walking dogs and playing with their kids.

- I don't like plan 2. DO NOT add a second court or a parking lot and do not remove the ball diamond!!! Making the changes shown in plan 2 would not be beneficial to people who live in the neighborhood and use the park. Two courts and a parking lot are not needed by those who walk to the park!
- No reference to the basketball court. I often see kids playing and the court also needs updating.
- Not expanding the size of the playground in one of the options.
- Parking lot
- Parking lot and double tennis courts. Too much tar. Playground and b-ball are by far used the most. Tennis is used in the mornings by a couple groups. But empty more frequently.
- Removing baseball field
- We do not need more pavement in the park. No parking lots. Paths only if important for handicapped.

Concept Preference / Comments:

<b>Concept 1</b>	<b>Concept 2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above, concept 1</li> <li>• Bee lawn, more green!</li> <li>• Definitely concept that keeps the field and does not pave (with a tennis court) most of the park. I think it is important to have a large open space to play and we have really enjoyed having the green space to run around in. The updated playground equipment would be fun for our kids.</li> <li>• Leave tennis courts where they are. Enhance the areas we have</li> <li>• Plan 1</li> <li>• Plan 1-see general comments in #7.</li> <li>• the one that retains the open spaces for walking, playing games, exercising pets etc. #1 I would add trees around the perimeter.</li> <li>• We like concept 1. But would add the shelter at the playground and add more trees on the border of the ball field side. There used to be trees on that side and they have all died. It would be nice to have that back again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lot</li> <li>• Concept with expanded park, half court basketball, and tennis courts</li> <li>• I like plan #2 because it's a more dramatic upgrade to the park, and I really like the 2 tennis court/upgraded play area proposal. Plan #1 doesn't really change much except extend an existing paved trail and add a few trees. The ballfield is just never used and is not really kept up well either, so replacing it with tennis courts would be a much better use of the area.</li> <li>• The expanded playground</li> </ul>

General Comments:

- Screen utility boxes
- Add outlets to shelter
- Keep the shelter
- Turn off tennis lights earlier
- Update basketball net / add lines
- Basketball used more than tennis
- Believe next generation will want a ballfield possibly
- \*KEEP the open park space with the ball diamond. \*Keep the gazebo by the playground-parents/grandparents sit there out of the sun when children play. We use the gazebo for block parties, etc \*Add some electrical outlets to the gazebo--would like to use for crockpots and sound system for block parties \*Add evergreen trees to the east side of the park line and behind home plate as shown in plan 2. The original park in the 1980's had evergreens on the east side boundary but they died and were removed over the years. \* Add vines like Engleman Ivy to the metal fence on the south park boundary, home plate fence area, and water runoff area \* PLEASE plant trees and vines now so they have time to grow:) \*One plan shows a rain garden--make this in the area to connect the large boulder and the city water piping to beautify this area. The sewer drain is just down the street from there. There used to be some greenery around the pipes. Now they are just an eyesore. Bottom line--adding trees and rain garden would be nice additions and not cost that much. More play equipment would be nice too. Tearing up everything we have and adding other things seems like a waste of money. Thank you for asking for feedback.
- I live across the street and see the park usage on a daily basis. The playground is used most followed by the open area and basketball court. The tennis court is used sporadically and the ball diamond very little. The bee lawn could reduce mowing and water use and still provide an open area for recreation and games. More trees could increase shade, beauty and wild life.
- It's outside the scope of this park project, but I would like to see Creekpark Lane blocked at Old Central to prevent motor vehicle traffic. This might help with the issue mentioned above, but would also eliminate the large number of vehicles that cut through the neighborhood, especially during late afternoons, to avoid the stop signs/traffic backup at the Old Central/Mississippi intersection. Many of these vehicles are going quite fast, right past a park used by children.
- Locals use the green space for soccer ball field for tee ball and kick ball.
- Tennis court should be lined for pickle ball also.
- The most frequent users are children on the playground. Most walk to playground. Harris pond is used less because of busy street and goose poop. So Creek Park is important.

- Trees are a waste of money
- Updated play area will be nice. Excited for more trees!
- Would be interested in Alyssa and the Fridley parks team to hold open house at Creekridge Park similar to what was done at Logan Park. This would help with neighborhood engagement.
- lack of trees
- Playground is small.

### **CREEKVIEW**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Addition of rain garden.
- Concept 1 - Emphasis on playground. Like the bee field idea. No parking lot.
- Parts for toddler and children
- The expanded parking and trail connection to the Rice Creek trail would really improve this park

What do you like least about concepts?

- Concept 2- don't like the parking lot. Don't want to increase or encourage the traffic from Central to stop or park in there while my son or neighborhood kids are playing. Police notified us that the type of layout that Fridley is - w central and university running through our city, there is a lot of traffic and ppl looking for bikes, and things to steal. I'm nervous about that traffic and want to protect our safety. Also, want more emphasis on playground and not the tennis court.
- It is not maintained. No one ever comes to clean it, refill the sand. Pick the weeds in the sand. Maintenance on the fences and the basketball courts. Maintenance on the slides and the swings I believe it may be neglected bc of the location

Concept Preference / Comments:

- 1 - reasons stated above. Don't want a parking lot and want playground.
- It's next the trail. The Children can play in the park.

General Comments:

- It would be great if this park "officially" connected to the rice creek trail system via paved trail instead of going through the woods
- Please redo and maintain this park, my children play in this park and no one comes here and keeps it clean. Keep it maintained for the kids to play. The siding is dangerous no place for parents to sit if they come.
- Tennis court should be lined for pickle ball also.

- The park is really outdated and always dirty. No easy access from the rice creek trail system. Make the neighborhood more inviting.

### **ED WILMES PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- There was only one concept. I think the shaded seating area would be a welcome approach because there's only one bench to sit on which maybe enough because it's not used consistently from day to day.
- I LIKE THE PLAN
- I like the swing set and half basketball court because little kids like to use the swing set and their parents watch over them and they can have a good time together. A basketball court is needed in the area because the kids leave their hoop in the street and the road winds a lot. It's difficult to see the kids at certain angles while driving and a basketball hoop in the park would help greatly.
- I really like how there will be a basketball court.
- Pollinator area! Trees!
- Small shelter.
- The improved and updated playground area. It would be nice to add the half court basketball area too.
- This park is nestled in a neighborhood also near the Mississippi River, MRT bike trail, and pollinators/bird/butterfly corridor. The playground, trees, are great. To serve families, bikers and all ages please consider three things: 1. Adding varieties of milkweed and native plants with signage to teach people about it. 2. Designate this park as a rest area for bikers with map, benches, picnic table, bike tools station 3. Renaming the park in way that reflects diverse cultures, Upper Mississippi River geology/ location, Fridley today and into the future.

What do you like least about concepts?

- I dislike the sterile feel of the park. It is very kid-centric, with playground for small children only. Could adult exercise equipment, conversation tables, or living learning experiences be added?
- I like everything
- I'd be concerned about losing the grass for the basketball court. A lot of the neighborhood kids come and play soccer and football together here.
- It looks like the area for the playground is going to get smaller to make room for the shelter / rain garden / pollinator garden. The park already feels small without cutting out parts of the existing park.
- The park goes use fireworks a lot in this park and residents find it annoying plus fireworks around children can be dangerous especially around the trees. Perhaps the

city could have fireworks somewhere in this side of town because many people try and watch Brooklyn center or commons park fireworks but the trees make it difficult to see anything.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:** Close proximity to Mississippi River – emphasize importance of any stormwater treatment/ habitat. Proposed raingarden- could be curb cut raingarden / treat street runoff?
- Ed Wilmes isn't well known perhaps some information about Mr. Wilmes without revealing the identity of the people who purchased their former home.
- We do need an updated playground, as long as the new playground isn't so "safe" that it's no fun. Also, would like more benches for sitting, and maybe a drinking fountain or water spigot.

### **EDGEWATER GARDENS PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Love addition walking loops around park
- Like additional kiosk/signage ideas-want to include more info on how trail connects to other parks.
- Open lawn on north side is used a lot. – most want to see it kept open.
- Interest in pollinator/bee lawn – questions about if its tall native, sitting areas, benches?
  - They like on south part of park.
- Support getting new playground equipment
- Honestly, I like the community gardens up in the neighborhood as there will be less likelihood of vandism/destruction when it is close to the houses (better watching opportunity); I also like the challenge/fitness area. I LOVE that there will be a connection to the trail to get out to the street easily in a variety of areas. Basketball court gets used the most in this park, so I like that it would be a full court. I don't think this park needs a double tennis court, so I think it would be great to have the opportunity for pickleball, particularly as we have an aging population and this sport is gaining in popularity! With only a single tennis court, it would be great to have a smaller version of the bee/pollinator garden as well!
- new park equipment and parking
- Like placement of community gardens
- ADA play surfacing and community garden!
- Adding a fitness station.
- All

- As a neighbor to the park, prefer option 1. Do not like community garden on North end, prefer at South end.
- better ground for the playground instead of sand, updated play equipment
- Community garden
- Concept 1: Gardens! And Trail connections. Bee lawn!
- Concept 2 seems to be more neighborhood friendly. We need a full size basketball court, there are always kids playing basketball there
- concept plan 1
- Connections to regional trail. Walking loop trails. Pollinator plants. Keep the tennis court.
- exercise equipment, bee lawn and fun equipment
- Full basketball court separated from the tennis, street parking inserts, community gardens, walking loop, challenge equipment
- I don't know if I'm understanding the drawings completely. If I am correct, I like the idea of a walking path around the park and connecting it to the bike path. I like bee gardens, I'm assuming native prairie grasses and native flowers. Like the full court bb court, needed for teens in the neighborhood. Would appreciate more areas to sit and picnic area. DO NOT think bathrooms are necessary. DO NOT think a double tennis court is necessary. Do NOT like the idea of community gardens there of either side. I have helped build one before, I can get the name if you'd like, it turned into a mess. I think most community gardens do. No rules, no structure, very unkept. New playground, inclusive, equipment would be nice. Challenge area would be fun. Parking spots?? seem un-neighborhood like. I do live in the Edgewater gardens neighborhood.
- I have already commented on this park, but needed to add some comments.
- I like #1, smaller basketball court.
- I like the Bee Lawn and increased natural spaces.
- I like the concept number 2 because you wont cut down trees. We need trees. it takes little time to cut gods trees down but it takes years to grow that size.
- I like the variety of ways to play: open space, shade, courts, benches, connectivity to trails, garden, and playground.
- I love the community garden, the addition of a park shelter, renovation of the basketball court and tennis court/converting to a pickleball court possibly, and updating of the park equipment.
- I LOVE the idea of updating the playground and having designated parking spots. Also really love the idea in concept 2 of community gardens
- I love the improved playground, restrooms, community garden, connecting the pathways to the regional trail, and the exercise equipment. I would like the exercise equipment to be closer to the playground so that parents can use it while watching kids. A drinking fountain by the bathroom/shelter would be good. I would love to have a concrete path by the playground so you can push a stroller easily (right now you have to cut across the grass which is hard).

- I would like to keep the open field right next to the church parking lot.
- Like plan 1 best, although I wonder about the shelter area where designated. Trees might need to be removed which would remove a lovely, current shaded area. Like some open areas as shown on the plan. Would be nice to use tennis court for pickle ball as well.
- N/a
- new playground equipment
- No need for two tennis courts. No need for community gardens
- Shelter- it would be nice to have picnic tables. We walk down with our young kids for lunch or snack time.
- Some kind of small shelter or picnic table by playground area, but please do NOT remove any trees providing shade and ambience to this area.
- Trail access
- Walking trails, playground
- We prefer concept #1 because it fits our needs better than #2. We like the idea of the community garden. We live in this neighborhood.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Big concern from people about removing trees-mostly ash, treating the good ones, removing poor ones. There's also Siberian elm (invasive) are being removed
- People don't want double tennis court, not popular enough – get backboard put back on tennis court for hitting balls?
- Concern how big shelter is – don't want anything like Commons just something for 2-3 tables.
- Neither one is totally great, I enjoy the openness and older trees on the park.
- Again, because it's our neighborhood park and we go there almost daily in the summer I am concerned with location of playground and pollinator gardens because we've got deadly bee allergies in our family. Love the idea of encouraging pollinators, and all about a community garden, just nervous about proximity to playground
- Community garden
- Community gardens
- Concept 1 you all is going to cut down gods trees we dont need that.
- Concept 2 - Garden close to playgrounds. A lot more concrete areas
- Don't think the exercise stations will get used. My kids are generally ok with the current playground equipment - its what they grew up with and are used to. That said, I think updated equipment for kids 8-12 would be great. I'm okay with the on-street parking since it tends to slow traffic down on Ashton Avenue.
- I commented before about not liking the community gardens and restrooms for this park, but I've given it more thought and it came to questions. This is a NEIGHBORHOOD park, not COMMUNITY park, like your categories in this survey. Why do parts of the

plans feel like community parks? I live in this neighborhood and what we like about it is the size, small, and we all know many of our neighbors. It's comforting. There aren't many through streets, which keeps it quieter, which we liked when we bought our home here 3 years ago. Why are there features that make it feel like you're trying to turn it into a COMMUNITY/larger park? Parking spaces? Bathrooms? Community gardens? They belong to the bigger parks, like the ones south of us on the bike trail. There is parking available at Commons, better suited for Community Gardens, still not a fan of those anywhere, actually, they get abandoned. There are bathrooms currently at Commons, but I've never seen them open, so they are a waste of money. Please keep this small NEIGHBORHOOD park simple.

- I dislike in #2 where the shelter/bathrooms break up the line of sight within the playground. It would make it harder to watch my kids as they could hide around/behind it.
- I dislike the double tennis courts.
- I do NOT like added parking areas and trees removed. Please do not remove trees- the heritage cottonwoods add beauty and shade and habitat. There is plenty of street parking. Adding parking spots contributes to already poor water quality in Locke Lake.
- I seldom see people playing tennis, the basket ball seems to often be used. I would advocate for more bee lawn and a natural playground not more plastic.
- I would like to see more bee lawn.
- Improvements look great!
- In concept 1 it only changes the basketball court as necessary...there are always kids playing basketball there. They need a good court
- It looks like when redoing the playground it will get rid of the area where the swings are, which are important to kids.
- N/a
- None
- nothing
- On #2, we don't feel the need for the restroom and full size basketball and two tennis courts.
- Open field
- Option 2 has too much in it.
- Plan 2 with full basketball court and tennis court area. Seems like a lot of expensive area for city to maintain and unnecessary. Current half basketball court along side tennis court seems adequate with current activity. Do not like such a large community garden area.
- Putting in parking lane for twelve vehicles. Not necessary and added unnecessary cost. Very adequate parking available on street as is. Please do not take away park land for such an unneeded and expensive idea.
- removal of existing trees
- Spelled it all out above.

- The open space tends to be "dead space" and not utilized other than people exercising their dogs. I personally would like to see the space enhanced so it's not just open space but has the capability of being used-whether that is picnic areas/conversation tables, horseshoe pits or other designs that use the space. Right now it's rarely used so it's essentially just open lawn with no one using it for activity. I live in the neighborhood and I can't remember the last time I saw anyone in the grassy areas utilizing it for anything. I also don't think there is a necessity for 12 parking stalls as we have little traffic, and there is plenty of room to park on the streets-this would just take more cost and maintenance.
- the tennis court - can't it be striped for Pickleball too?
- What happens to the trees that were just planted there 2 years ago?

Concept Preference / Comments:

Concept 1	Concept 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like spread out fitness station (not in one area)</li> <li>• People want to see a shelter with 1-3 tables at community gardens / pollinator lawn</li> <li>• 1</li> <li>• 1. if there has to be a community garden, it should be on south end to reduce added traffic to the neighborhood</li> <li>• concept #1, this plan is less complicated and has a better plan.</li> <li>• Concept 1 - better walking opportunities and use of existing open space.</li> <li>• Concept 1 (although I like the fitness idea from concept 2).</li> <li>• Concept 1. There is more natural space, less added building.</li> <li>• Concept 1: Placement of Gardens, more green space, better walking paths.</li> <li>• I like #1 much better with a few modifications mentioned in my previous response. I like the community gardens on the side by the church as it would be closer to my house and I like the pollinator garden close to the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If courts are south spot in this concept, the noise won't be as much of a problem.</li> <li>• 2 Garden is in an area closer to the houses and more away from the play areas</li> <li>• Concept 2 with full basketball</li> <li>• EASILY concept 2. Right now the "open lawn" that exists has no benefits so I love the idea of utilizing that space for something positive. Again, we walk by/go to this park almost daily and the courts more often than not are being used so prioritizing those as well as the playground is really important. The only thing that gives me pause is that proximity to pollinator garden because we have a deadly bee allergy in our family and we can't be the only ones :)</li> <li>• I like concept two as I said above. you wont cut gods trees down.</li> </ul>

<p>gardens so the bees can pollinate that easily too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I prefer the plans with a small pavilion, bee lawn, more trees, community gardens and no extra parking.</li> <li>• Like option 1</li> <li>• Plan 1</li> <li>• Plan 1 due to reasons mentioned above.</li> <li>• Plan 1. Like the maintaining of present tennis court and present basketball court. No need for additional tennis court and expanded basketball court which are expensive to build and maintain. Prefer community garden on south end of park, but question the need for this entirely. It is not needed! Neighbors have their own gardens on their property. Upgrading playground equipment.</li> <li>• See above. Prefer #1</li> <li>• The first one without the double tennis courts</li> </ul>	
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General Comments:

- In general, people seemed to like both concepts 1 /2 .... Wondering if there's a way to mix/match.
- Redeemer Lutheran uses area by parking lot for events / you group – get feedback from them?
- Group is very interested in pickleball lines on courts.
- Basketball is very popular – full basketball court desired, serves multiple neighborhoods.
- Neighbor on northside of park loves tree screening.
- Residents torn about parking – some want one stall inlet while others want none. Don't want to lose park land for parking
  - Most people walk to park – but if this attracts more people may need more parking?
  - Lots of parking by Locke Park - homeowners aren't big fans of additional parking they get.
  - Suggestion to have locke lake be loading/unloading and have parking inlets by Edgewater – have signage for direction.

- Mixed reviews about community gardens – keep on south part of park (where water/sewer hook ups are)
  - People worried about more people (from not around neighborhood) coming in.
  - Concern about maintenance and keeping it visually appealing.
- **FROM RCWD:** Encourages city to consider adding raingardens along Ashton Ave. to treat runoff from roadway
- Better connection to biking and walking trails. More natural spaces, natural playground and pollinator friendly spaces. What about edible landscaping?
- By having bathrooms, community gardens, and parking spots seems like an invitation to more people than I think the neighborhood can hold. It's a very small neighborhood with only 2 ways in and out. Like the saying, Keep It Simple. Walking path, picnic tables, trees, and bee gardens sound wonderful.
- Can we do pollinator friendly perennials, I want to see butterflies and hummingbirds. When I have my baby I plan to take them to the edgewater gardens and I would love to teach them about wildlife in Minnesota around the Mississippi. Hell I can put the seeds in!
- Dont cut the trees and we would like the oak wood if you do. Also dont raise taxes.
- Excited to see the change. We live next door to the park and have seen it used for many things.
- I could see having a small challenge of fitness area in Concept 1 in the northern section or next to court.
- I didn't see anything about benches but I would assume there would be a bench or two near the playground.
- I think a hybrid of the two plans would be ideal! Adding a horseshoe pit etc. would also be a nice touch and doesn't take up a lot of room!
- I think the southern field could be almost entirely a community garden and the north field could be a bee lawn or small fenced in dog park.
- I would like to see: a running exercise equipment a park with no sand bee lawn natral playground
- In general, we like the park as it is very much. Use it all the time. Kids in the neighborhood like the current equipment, but that will change as they get older. Would very much like connections to the regional trail, a walking loop, and better use of open space via pollinator gardens or enhanced landscaping.
- It's probably not a good idea to have the pollinator garden right by the playground as it shows in concept 2.
- Just update what is in place today.
- love the bee garden and the community garden idea. the skating rink area is wasted space now.
- Nice to have city and parks and recreation boards looking at maintaining and updating parks. Parks are very important in achieving a welcoming neighborhood for the

neighborhood to use and gather together. Good parks maintain and increase value of neighborhoods.

- None
- Please consider adding a play feature, climbing rocks, or adult exercise equipment options to this park. Also consider connectivity to the new high density housing at Mississippi as this park is nearby... the railroad tracks make it difficult. Edge water Gardens Park serves the neighborhood as well as many walkers/bikers from nearby Rice Creek Trail and the light rail station- please add a map, bike rack, and light rail schedule/QR. Also I've seen people play bball at the park many, many times yet tennis zero. Please consider more bball hoops and/or a Vball net option.
- Please keep the open field next to the church.
- Prefer no satellite in park area! This is a small neighborhood park and satellite is not necessary. Redeemer Lutheran Church does use southern part of park, adjacent to church parking lot, two or three times during the year for fellowship picnics and gatherings. It is nice to have some open area in park for kite flying and other fun activities for kids and adults. A nicely maintained neighborhood park adds value to our homes and neighborhood in general. I appreciate the City's interest, support and continuation of our neighborhood park and the park system throughout Fridley.
- thank you for considering these park changes that will improve our neighborhoods.
- Thank you so much for doing this work and clearly thinking through the wants and needs of our community!

Reasons for visiting:

- Live in the Edgewater Garden & have small children
- Several reasons. Walk there often with our dog. Bring our grandkids there to play. Have used the open , near Redeemer's parking lot, to play outdoor games.
- The open field

Reasons for not visiting:

- Boys using the basketball courts are loud with foul language. They are out of control. Kidd at playground should not be subjected to the foul language.
- It's ugly
- no fun equipment
- not great walking trails
- Occasionally youth using basketball court use profane language.

### **FARR LAKE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Like idea of dock-think it would be best to put sw part of lake by houses.

- Fishing
- I believe the best way for Far Lake Park to cater to the neighborhood residence that frequent the park would be to keep it much as it is, with the path being more regularly maintained (wood chips put down every two years or so, and removing downed branches periodically).
- Pollinator rain garden
- The dock, for a place to sit and relax, although we typically just walk around the lake. I live in one of the townhomes on the lake so better trail maintenance would be appreciated.
- Why put money into this park when the current area is not taken care of and half the area is in private control? Just keep it from becoming a junk yard.
- A loop around Farr Lake is needed!
- Any upgrades would be nice. Really like the possibility of a dock with seating area. Last time I walked park the walking trail was in very poor condition
- Creating a proper walking path around the lake.
- Creating an actual trail around the lake. This will make it easier to walk around!
- Dock and play area
- fixing the trail and dock over the water.
- full walking trail!
- I like that there will be an aggregate path all the way around the lake and that the lake is a focus.
- I like the concept plan that you have designed.
- I like the idea of the dock with seating.
- I like the plan to improve the walking path. The path is currently in poor condition.
- I like the pollinator pond, and improving the paths because they get so muddy you can barely walk
- I would like to see it opened up a bit and stocked with fish.
- Improved trail condition
- Improved walking path around the lake and the addition of the rain garden.
- Improving the trail
- keeping natural areas, upgrading the path around the lake.
- Love the loop trail around the lake and the nature play area. Seems very appropriate to the park. I'm sure the residents aren't pleased, but it's public land and this is the right type/scale of access/development.
- Path, new nature playground and dock with seating
- Please have the trail go all the way around the lake. It seems like the area on the east side by the townhouses is private property. It's not maintained and gets rather muddy. I love that this is woodchips, not paved. Much easier on the knees. Thank you for keeping some trails wood chipped.
- Pollinator rain garden

- Rain garden is an ok idea. Keeping the area pretty and natural. Leaving the area for the ducks to live.
- Rebuilding the path around the lake. Wish it was asphalt or hard surface like it used to be for roller blading and biking.
- The addition of dock with seating is nice. But maybe install 2, with them on opposite sides of the lake.
- The dock with seating at the north end of the lake.
- The dock.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Concerns about pollinator rain garden with maintenance/ taking away green space – lots of people use green space to picnic, read, be active.
- Concerns about nature play area – don't think area is big enough for it.
- Would rather have either pollinator rain garden or nature play area- not both. Want to keep it as open space.
- Concern about widening trail leading into park – ADA Compliant if not widened?
- Concern about landscaping along trail leading into park-don't want to be destroyed.
- Trail may involve wetland impacts – could be problematic
- Appears to be limited parking. And, is the park on any bus routes?
- I don't think it's a good place for a park. Its too much put in a small area. It will disrupt the peaceful area for the animals that currently live there and the neighboring houses. Please don't put a park in that area. Also there's no need for a dock on a lake that is the size of a pond. Please let nature and beauty be. There's already a park right down the road that kids can play on.
- I have lived on Farr Lake Park for 17 years. It is a well used park for dog walking, people walking, and exercising. Families and groups use the grass field for games, picnics, letting the kids run and burn off energy, studying/reading on a blanket, playing fetch with the dog, etc. I've seen the Totino runners use it as a stretching spot. It is a valuable space. I am concerned on how the rain garden/pollinator garden will be maintained. Will there be a weeding crew? That area of the park is currently a grass field that is bordered by "forest." I am afraid that the forest will take over the flowers and plants. (A tree fell down a couple of years ago into the edge of the field. Instead of it being removed, the crew mowed around it. Now there is a 6' x 10' section that the forest has taken over.) As far as the nature playground, will any of the trees have to be removed to locate it properly? We chose to live here because of the mature trees. If there is a playground installed, I feel that the grass field should remain so that the children have a place to run. How much maintenance does a "nature playground" require? As far as a dock with a bench, the location on the concept map is very shallow and during parts of the year, it dries up and has islands of mud. The opposite end of the lake is deeper, however, I don't know how the construction equipment would get there. I think a bench or two on the shore would be nice.

- I'd like more information about the "nature playground." What would this contain?
- Lack of access to the water
- no new trees?
- not sure many people would use the playground
- nothing
- Nothing as far as I can tell.
- nothing.
- Playground
- Playground existed for years prior to 1989. It was a constant source of trouble with teenage kids. A petition was presented at the time to keep a replacement out!
- Playground. Too small an area available. Feel like it's crowding something in that's not needed and would take from the open space which is desirable on at least one 'corner' of the lake. And I don't see it used much as there is no parking available for this site, except on the street. Would prefer that the playground be dropped.
- Please don't put a playground here, it would be right outside my balcony. I like to leave my windows open and I hate the sound of screaming children. The noise will upset the local wildlife that I like to watch. I've lived near a playground before, and it was bad enough that I might move if one is put in here.
- See comment below
- Surface type of the path.
- The concept plan shows a dock into the lake. There is barely any water in the lake, so I'd like to see the watershed remediated before a dock is added.
- The dock area may be too close to residential property, maybe a little further away
- The playground
- trying to fit too much into a small area. the proposed playground is steps away from the town homes' own playground, and the proposed rain garden would take away the only open space that could complement the playground (e.g. older siblings to run around). one or the other (playground, rain garden) might make sense, but due to the space limitations both items would be trying to do too much.
- Use of aggregate material for the trail surface.
- We see only on option for this park.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Concern about buckthorn in park.
- Question of what trail around lake is made of? Suggestion to put no biking sign at trail head depending on what it is. Park isn't suited well for biking.
- any upgrades to make this a more pleasant place to walk would be greatly appreciated
- Currently Farr Lake appears to be in a "wild" condition with no agency following a plan for water quality, intrusive bio material, or algae control. When will the City of Fridley start practicing better stewardship of the lake and it's surrounding flora/fauna?

- Do you plan on dredging the lake and regularly treating it for algae?
- I have concerns about the long term maintenance for the new concepts at my park. The park has a buckthorn problem. I'd be happy to help in any way to remove it. A "No Bicycles" sign at the top of the hill by the main sign would be beneficial. At that point, the trail is paved. I have seen families ride down the hill, only to find that the rest of the path is woodchips. Then they have to turn around and get everyone back up the hill. Mom and dad take their own bikes up and have to help with the younger riders too.
- I'd love to see a couple of picnic tables and a fire pit added.
- Lived here since 1977. Don't need more people tramping through our yard to get to a very small park.
- N/a
- Please also address the entrance to the park. It is quite steep so would be challenging to anyone with mobility challenges (i.e. elderly, in a wheelchair or walking with a stroller.)
- Stock it with fish
- The area where you have the dock going in will be covered in lily pads. If they removed some of the lily pads and dredged this area east of the proposed dock, I think it would be beneficial in the long run. The lily pads have started to spread significantly over the past few years. I have measured the depth along this side of the lake since I moved here over 25 years ago and it has gone from 3 feet and now in the spring it is no more than a few inches and by early summer it not infrequently completely dries up and grass has started to fill in some of the areas. Also, there was a drainage area just west of the proposed dock that has gone into disrepair and does not function anymore and this keeps the water level low also. It would be great if they could repair it. I can send you pictures if you would do not know where I am talking about. Are there any future plans to complete the noise barrier along the cul de sac on the southwest side of the lake?
- The proposed dock seems like a nice feature, however the proposed location of the lake dries up for much of the summer. I would be a shame to have a fancy new dock jutting out into mud. One of my main concerns, regardless of what proposed changes are made, is how they will affect the border with my property. A significant part of our property borders the park, so changes might significantly impact our property. We try to keep our property and its landscaping as aesthetically pleasing as we know all park goers see our property upon entering the park and leaving. I feel it would benefit the aesthetics of the park if care was taken in the final plan with respect to the transition from park land to our property. Perhaps leaving several feet between new park elements and our property would allow a nicer looking transition than having them (the rain garden or the access path) directly on or very near the border. I would really appreciate any consideration that can be made regarding this matter.
- The use of a natural surface (dirt/wood chips) for the trail around the lake can make the trail difficult or unpleasant to use after periods of rain.
- The walking trail in this park badly needs to be maintained. In many spots, it is bare dirt, with no paving or even wood chips. This dirt turns to mud any time it rains.

- There are multiple dead trees next to the path leading into the park that need to be cleared out.
- There is a herd of at least 12 deer that live in the area. The pollinator garden may be a giant salad for them! The place where the dock is planned is where there are lots of baby ducks in the Spring. The lake is usually so low, a dock would be unnecessary. However, a few benches placed at four 'corners' of the lake would be more utilized.
- This is a good design
- This is probably not realistic/possible, but it would be nice if there was a access trail on the west side of the park, to west Danube rd perhaps?
- This looks great!
- Truly, please don't put a playground here. This is a small quiet park in a close residential area, with lots of deer and ducks and beavers that won't appreciate the noise either.
- Unsure what is meant by "aggregate trail" and easement required.
- Walking path is not in good condition.
- What I just stated about trail maintenance would be preferred to new amenities. Thanks!
- Would like to see some of the dead and uprooted trees cleared also some of the lily pads that are chocking the lake might be controlled. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the project.
- Are you aware that some of the area you mark is private property?

### **FLANNERY PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Upgrade to playground would be good
- Sad to see hockey rink go but understand its not utilized enough – some used it for dogs to throw balls in.
- Likes teen challenge area- other teens in area – maybe move north a bit
- I don't really have a huge preference because I will likely only walk around the park and not use the equipment except the rink.
- Neither please leave it the way it is its always busy
- Neither. I am fine with replacing the playground equipment with ADA compliant things. No need for a place for teenagers to smoke pot and do drugs.
- Not sure what the concepts would actually look like.
- open lawn area keeping existing trees and adding new trees full basketball court keeping the tennis courts restrooms/drinking water shelter improvements designs for both plans have spaces/activities for kids, teens and adults
- 2 - community gardens
- Concept 2 - Community Gardens
- Concept 2 with community garden!

- As my children are starting to get a little older, I love the idea of something for both young and old children to do. We also like a design that incorporates more tree/shade coverage. We were sad when the trees were removed.
- concept one is the Lesser of two evils.
- Creation of a designated parking space in each plan is great. Park is used by many area families for large social gatherings, so improving the shelter is important. A designated volleyball court would also be awesome in the plan.
- Evergreen Privacy bush plantings for Properties next to the new park Plans
- Full basketball court
- Full basketball court that does not have overlapping use with tennis courts. Updated playground equipment.
- I don't like either concept. Keep the ball fields and the hockey rink.
- I like having a teen/challenge area in the park. I have children ranging in age from preschool to teens, so I like that everyone would have something to do. I would Really love an updated bathroom area. It seems it is always locked and we have to use the portapotty.
- I like parking further from the street in concept 1.
- I like the challenge equipment.
- I like the idea of proposed shelter improvements.
- I like the teen challenge area and restrooms
- I like the walking trail. I agree that the kids playground needs replacement. The courts have been maintained over the years but need better soil underneath to level them out.
- I liked both, I just wish the tennis court was in the same spot it was just resurfaced and hate to see the city money wasted
- I LOVE that Concept 2 includes a community garden. Something like that could really brighten the area and I know that my family would really benefit from this addition!
- I think I like Concept 1 the best. Has two play areas (I'm assuming one for smaller kids and one for bigger), has a full basketball court and still has one of the baseball field.
- Improved and updated amenities
- Improving the parking/driveway from dirt to asphalt/concrete.
- Looks okay but sure isn't getting the royal treatment like some of the locations.
- Love the trail continuation and hopeful about the idea for new playground equipment.
- No, just ideas. I would love the playground to be updated and have sand replaced with wood chips or rubber surface.
- None the parking lot and garden are bad ideas for trash and trouble.
- Nothing really stands out. I like the park as it is. I just don't have a lot of time to use it, or need to use it.
- Picnic shelter, playground area, tennis/basketball
- Plan one fits the best for the people that live on the borders of the park. There are families with infants, small children and an autistic adult that would be INCREDIBLY

disturbed by plan 2 and the change in noise levels, not to mention people all ready trespass on their property because of the park.

- Shelter improvements
- Slight preference for Concept 1: like the larger trail; unsure if community garden of benefit (Concept 2). Both have more than ample parking (rarely see more than 4 cars at given time - on North side). Playground too shaded in Concept 2. Prefer open viewing playground area for security.
- The community garden in concept plan 2. This would be a great addition to the local neighborhood.
- Think we should consider getting rid of the skating rink. In 4+ years I do not recall ever seeing anyone skating there, and those skating rink lights are burning well into the night - with nobody there. Tennis courts there are also not a good idea, in my opinion. I do see a fair amount of parents with their children, both on the playground and on the softball diamond. Swap the skating rink for a simple homerun fence on the diamond. Thank you for accepting suggestions on this. Bette rto put that
- Trail and open lawn
- Updated and expanded playground and trail/path
- We don't need the hockey rink or ballfields...Shelter improvements for picnics. I don't know what trails this park would connect to. We have a trail by Cummins and one on Old Central.
- Whatever you choose is fine with me. Two things: Hopefully the playground will be suitable for both young children and older children without the chance that someone could fall off the equipment due to openings. Second, PLEASE no huge plants like a huge maple seed at one of the Three Rivers parks or huge outsized animals or insects like at Springbrook. If we are in nature, why would we need huge statues or monuments of seeds? It is DISTRACTING.
- Whatever you end up doing with park, please do no remove any of the trees.
- While I don't understand what the "teen challenge" area is I think it is a vital age group that needs something constructive to do. I think there has been some illegal things going on by the shelter area. That said, I would also hate to have it built and destroyed. I do see children using the playground! I'm unhappy there will not be an ice rink but I think the usage was small. I have a HUGE concern about loose dogs in the park that has MANY times had us not be able to use the park feeling safe but I understand I bring that up to the police.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Concerns about plans negatively affecting their privacy / security – thinking the plans will draw people from outside neighborhood that may cause problems
- Concern about community garden – may be too messy or sloppy
  - Concern over veggies getting stolen
  - If we do it – maybe city is responsible for clean up/policing parcipants
  - Raised gardens or in ground? Source of water?

- Concern over parking all hours – safety/illegal activity concern-add no parking at night
- Some of areas where trees proposed doesn't make sense
- Shelter rented all the time, don't move – just make improvements/upgrades
- Concern about courts being close to neighbors on other side of park
  - Concern over how close amenities are to the homes
- They are both terrible for the people who live alongside the park!!!!
- 1. Removal if ice rink. Families do use this in the winter months and it is really the only appeal to this park during the several months of winter we enjoy in MN. I would hope it's possible to put up the ice rink boards seasonally perhaps in the baseball field area or have an alternate winter activity promoted. 2. Pedestrian access from north. There are likely more neighborhood visitors arriving from the north. It would be great to accentuate this access point and definitely include a curb cut/curb ramp for trail access especially for strollers and ADA considerations.
- Again, what ever you choose is fine. Just think about my suggestions.
- Community garden area. I think people interested in gardening have big enough yards in this area to do it. Also we already have them in other areas of Fridley.
- Concept 1 has a teen challenge area that doesn't show in concept 2 and I would want some area set aside for our teens.
- Concept 1 is broken up to much and no dedicated garden space
- Concept 2 is not as user friendly in terms of layout.
- Concept 2 is too crowded
- Concept 2 is way too close to the surrounding houses
- Concept 2 not good for the area
- Concept 2 seems less open
- Concept 2 seems like it's more for adults and kids really enjoy this park. I would feel less safe if there were extra adults around without children
- Concept 2 without shelter is not nice. Community garden option is cool, but at the street is not a good site for soil health for growing food. The whole North end of the park is unused in both plans - why? Is there a plan to place picnic tables under the trees? Do the ball field and ice skating go away in the redesign?
- Difficult to conceptualize this from these small pictures. Keep the trees in the park
- Don't like half of it Moving playground next to the shelter. This is bad because people celebrating don't want to be around other people & kids. Trail loop should go around most of the park border, not partial. What is happening to the softball/baseball field? That area suggests no change on the map. Why is the parking east instead of west side of open lawn? This is where everyone is already using parking. Trees are already present. Hope you don't plan of knocking down a lot to only put new ones in a more organized manner.
- Getting rid of the hockey rink. Its my favorite part of the park. Please don't get rid of this, lots of families use it!

- I do not want the hockey rink to be removed. It is the reason I come to the park daily in the winter and it is the only element of the park that I see used in the winter. Both proposed concepts have no usable elements in the winter.
- I don't like that you are getting rid of the hockey rink and ball fields.
- I hate the thought of removing the shelter. Keep the shelter and improve it! Don't waste money on a brand new one that would only be some bathrooms. Fix something else at another park instead of removing the shelter.
- I still do not see any in ground/permanent benches along the trails in the shade for folks to sit on. Benches near the improved playground area should be shaded as well. Moms like to sit in the shade to watch after their children.
- I think that the athletic and playground areas should be on the north end of the park not squished in the center/south of the park. Concept 2 has too much open grass area.
- I wish we didn't have to get rid of the ice rink.
- I worry the other options lack privacy for the residents. Also the park is too close to residents.
- I'm not seeing an area for a rink, but perhaps that's in some of the open lawn area. We do use the rink in the winter (when it's in decent condition).
- More parking stalls would be good
- No bee friendly areas
- Not that we used it, but our kids are just getting big enough to potentially have used the hockey rink in the winter, but I like what the plan is overall.
- nothing
- Parking lot and garden where no one cleans up and dirty looking. Plant in your own yard.also where does the snow go for the parking lot
- Parking Lot and Removing the Ice Rink... VERY bad ideas for several reasons.
- Path and parking lot way too close to resident homes that live around the Park now
- plan #1 has less open space for walking, frisbee/games and dog exercise
- Plan 2 is horrible for the 2 families that live on the border with the basketball courts infringing on their daily family life.
- Removing the ice rink
- See above, and It didn't say if park would be sand or mulch or possibly another material
- see above.
- see prior comments
- Sorry, didn't look at this first
- The Community gardens. I fear that they would look unkept.
- The first concept plan is ok, but there is no option for a community garden.
- The lack of a designated picnic/gathering area.
- The parking area. Too close to the homes.
- The parking on plan 1.
- The parks department does mow the grass regularly, but I wish they would clean up debris (branches, leaves, etc. throughout the year, as the park has many old trees that

frequently drop branches that don't get picked up. Mowing over all of these things doesn't make them disappear and can be hazardous to kids playing at the ball field.

- The proposed driveways and parking lots near my home. I'd rather not see small parking lots. Right now, park users park on the streets surrounding the park. I think it should stay that way. Adding driveways and places for people to park way inside the park, in a neighborhood, is not a good plan. I think it will invite problems.
- Walking trails way to close to Private Yards, too much noise and foot traffic next to private property lines.
- We do not want the hockey rink turned into a parking lot. Parking should be limited to 8 vehicles, close to Onandoga. But please don't take the hockey rink. Open warming house would help. Get rid of port a john, use existing facilities. help.
- Would like hockey ice rink to be utilized in the winter rather than removed. There was no maintenance and it was unable this winter

Concept Preference / Comments:

Concept 1	Concept 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred without community garden – people living on Onandaga prefer open lawn close to street</li> <li>• Like playground being split up – want equipment for variety of ages</li> <li>• Preferred trails concept 1</li> <li>• If concept 1 is chosen-can shift amenities a little north?</li> <li>• Keep open space from concept 1 – many people use it</li> <li>• Prefer concept 1 parking lot design- set back more into park away from homes</li> <li>• Overall preferred concept</li> <li>• Playground next to pavilion isn't good idea- noise of kids during gathering</li> <li>• Proposed trail too short- can include going around ballpark if using it.</li> <li>• Rotating tennis court isn't necessary for full court basketball court- not worth it</li> <li>• #1 because of the teen area. I wish there was a community garden in #1 as well.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground and courts are too close to community garden, court or garden would need to be fenced in.</li> <li>• Concern of parking lot in concept 2</li> <li>• Trails could hug border of park little more concept 2</li> <li>• Trees going N/S on west side of playground don't make sense – would prefer trees moved E/W and put along neighbor backyards</li> <li>• Don't like open space from concept 2 – seems limited space</li> <li>• Concept 2 seems like its targeting adults more instead of keeping I neighborhood park for young/ families – doesn't like idea of event stations / gardens in park – wrong audience</li> <li>• Concept 2 everything is too close to neighbors homes</li> <li>• Parking lot too close to homes</li> <li>• Info /signage should be @ beginning of parking lot</li> <li>• Open lawn needs major tree cutting/grinding/graindg</li> <li>• Pavillion and playground/courts too close</li> <li>• Proposed trail too short</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #1 looks the best and liked the trail it offered but really didn't find anything bad about#2</li> <li>• 1, more playground options</li> <li>• Concept 1</li> <li>• Concept 1 for the walking trail and playground</li> <li>• Concept 1 helps keep these families lives less interrupted.</li> <li>• Concept 1 if I had to pick</li> <li>• Concept 1 is better for kids</li> <li>• Concept 1- location of parking</li> <li>• Concept 1 more open space for sports, preferred parking lot location. Better park for all ages</li> <li>• Concept 1 preferred. More welcoming trail access from north. Better parking lot location.</li> <li>• Concept 1, but only because we don't live close enough to the park to utilize a community garden. We live in mounds view and when we go on a "long" walk to the park we go to flanery</li> <li>• Concept 1, which keeps the shelter. I like the shelter. If a tornado were to come, I would rather be inside a decently sized building instead of a crammed bathroom.</li> <li>• Concept 1. Love the layout and new location of it all.</li> <li>• Concept 1. Features are most likely to be used by community</li> <li>• Concept One- better use of space.</li> <li>• Concept ONE is more appealing . I do not care for concept two. Concept one keeps the parking lot, noise, headlights away from home at 1491 Onondaga Street. I am the owner of Both homes that are on Flanery Park Property border. 1491 Onondaga and 1487 Onondaga Street belong to me!</li> <li>• I like #1 with the teen challenge area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept will work best if move pavilion</li> <li>• 2 - community gardens and new location of playground</li> <li>• 2 because the driveway and parking lot are a little farther away from my house, but I really like neither.</li> <li>• concept 2</li> <li>• Concept 2 - Community Gardens, more green space, playgrounds and courts are closer together. Park shelter w/restrooms. Good layout.</li> <li>• Concept 2. Would really love to have a community garden area and would be willing to help coordinate any programs and volunteer efforts related to that!</li> <li>• Concept 2. This concept includes the community garden as well as a park and full basketball court. This one is most appealing because the space seems like it will be a lot more useful with the garden.</li> <li>• Plan #2: it has a daytime quiet area on the north that is good for walking; a larger open area; a central busy area for parking, shelter/restrooms/drinking water and courts; and space for a community garden</li> <li>• I like concept 2 . Seems the least disruptive.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I like concept 1 for the teen challenge area but I like the garden area that is shown in concept 2. The same for the parking on the East side I like that in concept 2.</li><li>• I like Concept 1 the best. Seems to have the bigger of the playgrounds. I like the sidewalk trails.</li><li>• I like the teen challenge area, as well as the extra trees in concept 1.</li><li>• Number 1</li><li>• Open lawn is not the point of community parks, for this reason I think the first concept is more appealing because it reserves less space for such a useless element to a community park.</li><li>• Plan 1 maintains the shelter, and spreads out activities much better</li><li>• Plan one. Open space. Fun for sports or walking. Parking better. Park location better.</li><li>• Concept 1</li><li>• Concept 1 has space for older kids and I love that idea</li><li>• Concept 1 is better laid out</li><li>• Concept 1 is much better</li><li>• Concept 1 is visually appealing and user friendly in terms of planned layout.</li><li>• Concept 1 more space</li><li>• Concept one opens up on the East side to allow parking where before there was a hockey rink.</li><li>• Concept one. I like the open space. And parking is better.</li><li>• Feel Concept 1 would be beneficial and better fit the needs of our neighborhood with updated picnic area, sports and children's areas. Uncertain IF the community garden area would be utilized</li><li>• I like concept 1, which includes improvements to the shelter. I think that the shelter is an incredibly</li></ul>	
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<p>valuable part of the park, as it allows for both indoor and outdoor events to take place. I dislike concept 2 because removing the shelter removes that extremely unique part of the park.</p>	
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General Comments:

- Seems like moving amenity – expensive and possibly unnecessary
- Will real bathrooms be available for visitors and not just when renting facility?
- Existing lawn is pretty sparse- soil/seed improvements for that?
- Will lighting from ice rink continue to be ther and on to avoid troublemakers?
- Having basketball / tennis court where there’s trees for shade would be describable
- Both plans are improvements to the existing park.
- Concept 1 please!
- Don't get rid of the hockey rink please.
- Excited to see an update!
- Excited to think our neighborhood might get an 'update!'
- Flanery Park is my neighborhood park, I want families and residents in my neighborhood to continue to have access to the uniquely Minnesotan experience of a neighborhood ice rink as well as newer sport and playground equipment.
- Glad the parks are being updated! Much needed!!
- I am a Fridley resident near Flanery park, interested in being involved in the planning of a community garden of concept 2 is chosen.
- I hope before decisions are made, we will be informed and have a chance to express our feelings.
- I think it would be so amazing 5o incorporate a food garden or orchard. Alot of people in this area deal with food insecurity issues more than ever and it would be great to have access to fruit / veggies growing right there in the park
- I think it's about time the city puts money into Flanery Park. I've seen the city focus on other larger parks and many parks like Flanery have been ignored. We have lived here for 20 years and haven't seen any improvements.
- I think redevelopment of this park is unnecessary. It's a nice grassy park with a picnic shelter, tennis courts, ball fields, etc. I prefer the current on-street parking vs. a driveway with paved spots inside the park. I think that will invite trouble. I don't think things need updating. I'll admit I don't use the park much, despite it being very nearby. I'm not going to walk across the street to have a picnic, when I could just as well do it in my back yard. We've used the tennis courts, but not in many years. The park is not big enough for biking, so we take our bikes to bigger parks or trails. We're in our 50s and don't play baseball, basketball or hockey. I don't dislike those things, but I just don't do

them. Facilities seem okay for those that do, though. We don't have children, so don't personally use playgrounds, but what is over there seems okay.

- I want to commend the city of Fridley for seriously looking at the condition of our parks and making changes as needed. The park should represent the community, and allocating the funds to make changes will not only benefit the youth, but other community members as well.
- If you want folks to stop and spend time at the parks, seating is paramount - nobody carries a chair when they are on a stroll, and we have a lot of folks that walk in the neighborhood. Some benches/spectator seating adjacent to the remaining ball park would be nice as well.
- I'm pleased about the investment in the parks.
- It is great that you are asking the neighbors for their input.
- Keep the ball fields they are in use every night during the summer. Keep the hockey rink since there is not another one near by.
- Keep the shelter. It feels like the charm of Fridley is being removed every single day in favor of some expensive, cheaply made garbage. KEEP THE SHELTER.
- No parking or garden Leave the ball field and rink
- Our park's playground gets the most use...could use more equipment as well as the tennis courts and basketball court
- Please call me. Mary Byrne 763-571-3881 Land line home phone can not send or receive text Service.
- Please no sand👤
- Pollinator section please!
- Preserve the trees.
- See above.
- See my dislikes. Charlene Wade
- Seems like concept 2 leaves strange open space and smashes everything into the south side if the park
- Thanks for keeping our parks great! :)
- The addition of a dog park to Flanery would be welcomed by many, more so than a community garden
- There are a few areas in Concept 1 that I'm not sure what the plan is. I think it would be cool to put in two or three disc golf holes. (Not a full course but just a couple where you could throw it back and forth. Also, I would love if the sidewalk trails would go all the way around the baseball field and hook back in as that would make a longer loop that you could do.
- There needs to be improvements to what exists, but we don't need to remove what gives this park special character! DO NOT Remove the Ice Rink!!!
- These look great. Really looking forward to seeing what comes of this. I highly recommend winter activity considerations and pedestrian access. Thanks!

- WE APPRECIATE ALL THE PARKS. We have lived down the street from Flanery for over 40 years. We miss having park class there for the grandchildren, but understand. THANKS SO MUCH for making Fridley a nice place to live.
- We use Flanery Park playground almost daily in Spring, Summer & Fall. I will love a walking path where I can get some exercise while keeping an eye on the little guys.
- why not extend walk in trees around ball field? where option with retaining second ball field and and/or hockey rink?
- Would like more details on "improved" picnic area

Reasons for visiting / not visiting:

- I go to this park all of the time!
- I hate the sand, still go but like other parks better
- I use it
- Kids are grown, no real attraction to the park.
- No benches to sit on.
- Nothing wrong with it; just don't have a lot of use for it personally.
- The only time I used the park was for the hockey rink. Please don't get rid of the rink, I saw a lot of people and families there this winter.
- I live very near the area where changes are proposed, but I hardly ever use it.

### **GLENCOE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Adaptive playground
- I do not like this park as a concept for the smaller kids. There is a questionable neighbor close to the park. Check your police records. Very questionable.
- It in a quite place
- Keep the full basketball court. Add other things but do not go down in size.
- Leave as is.
- none really
- Nothing! How can you disrupt the neighborhood with adding all of these crazy shelters, etc. These are right next to peoples homes.
- Playground equipment! Seating area and shelter
- Rain garden
- Right now there is a lot of open space that is never used. I like adding something more useful to that space.
- Shows a place where families with young kids can have fun.
- The rain garden and the basketball court

What do you like least about concepts?

- Do a full court, not a half.
- Half a basketball court.
- I am urging the city to NOT put any type of child play zone next to the inhabitant of 681 Glencoe. I have lived across the street from this man for almost 13 years and I don't even feel safe letting my own child play outside alone. I have had to call the police department on him a number of times and I know the department is aware of what a nuisance this man is. Children should not be allowed to play next door to this house. I have reviewed the concepts for Glencoe and Springbrook and I recommend leaving the playground at Springbrook and moving other features to Glencoe, such as the bee lawn. I am begging the city to not move the single neighborhood park next to a man that has a history of being unstable.
- I don't know how many kids actually use this basketball court. I hope I will say this respectfully. I would very worried if this park were made into more a magnet for children, as there is a resident whose property abuts this park property that has mental health issues and causes trouble when he does not take his medicine. I would feel this would be putting children in danger.
- Keeping the basketball court
- Next to a house I wouldn't want kids expose too.
- Playground. Keep open space.
- The playground, I don't feel like that's the best place for a playground.
- The safety of the kids because of the neighbor to the park. Check out the police and neighbor issues please.
- This park should be sold off to build a house or two, a park in the middle of a block is weird, I have never seen anyone use this park the location is odd at best, put the money into Springbrook park that is a block away. and has more potential to useful.
- Too much to try to put next to resident's homes. We don't need outsiders brought into our neighborhood.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Glencoe Park is so small that nobody uses it, except for an occasional bunch of scroungy outsiders who drive in to use the basketball court, or park their cars and leave their engines running while they play Pokemon Go
- I can't believe you are wasting money on trying to get rid of the natural areas that are near the river. This is craziness.
- Is the "no ball playing" sign that's there a city sign or neighbor sign? Are the neighbors going to be open to having people actually frequent this park? I've only seen people playing basketball there once.
- Keep the playground at the current park which is centered in the neighborhood.

- Please re think you concept of both parks.
- Thank you for taking a survey! And, thank you for taking such good care of our parks!
- The tennis court that was talked about for Springbrook park could possibly work better
- Why all of the concerns now?
- Why is this a park? City should build nicer homes, bring in tax base families.
- Keep it as a basketball court
- Keep the full basketball court there.
- See above. I feel that some aspects of the Springbrook Park should be moved here instead of the playground.
- Do not feel safe at this park (do feel safe at others).
- I have no use for this park!
- I not into basketball
- Kids are too old now.
- Neighbor adjoining accumulating scrap and yelling at park goers. It appears the driveway at 680 Glencoe actually goes into the park property line.
- This is the saddest park ever

#### **HACKMANN CIRCLE**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Bee park
- I'd like to see another idea. This is a beautiful neighborhood with many small children growing up here. I'd love to run a little neighborhood soccer camp.
- If this is for people who live in the neighborhood than put in a generational sport like pickleball- we could have a neighborhood league, get rid of the water garden as they attract bugs and tend not to be maintained.
- New park play equipment
- Rain garden is probably most beneficial for water runoff.
- Please consider space for an ice rink during the winter months.
- ADA updates
- Basketball court
- Bee garden/ rain garden
- Bee lawn!
- I do not like the idea of a parking lot at this park. This is a small community park and I truly believe the parking lot would be used for things other than parking to visit the park. Street parking is fine. Also, keep the green space! people like to bring their dogs and let their kids run!
- I like that there is a plan to upgrade the playground and change the sandy bottom which tends to get overgrown with weeds in the summer.
- I like the idea for a shelter. It will be nice for the block party if it rains.

- I like the neighborhood play equipment for young kids. Our boys spent considerable time playing at the park.
- Improved playground
- Improved playground added pavilion
- Like the parking area, updated playground/trees/plants/trails
- Like the updated playground area. Also like that basketball is moved away from playground area.
- New playground
- New playground equipment and parking spots.
- New playground, shelter, walking path.
- new playground, trail loop, adding trees/landscape screening
- Parking spots as there are currently none.
- Pavillion (I would like it to hold at least 2 picnic tables)
- plant screening from houses ADA playground
- Playground, Rain Garden, Bee Lawn
- Small shelter, improved playground, rain garden, trail loop
- The bee garden! It would be awesome
- The idea of a new modern playground.
- The playground area?
- The Rain Garden. That park used to be a lake/pond prior to the housing development circa 1957. Aerial photos show that the lake/pond sits exactly where the Hackmann Circle park is now and was filled in by the developer.
- The shelter
- The updated green space
- Tree shading. Trail. Shelter. Turf. Rain garden. AKA: love the new concept
- Update to the playground area for kids to use.
- Updated equipment, basketball court and shelter.
- Updated playground / parking lot / walking path.
- Updated playground and ada surfaces. Also the shelter. A portapotty would be great.
- Updated playground and shelter
- Updated playground equipment
- Upgrading the lawn and playground area

What do you like least about concepts?

- A walking path is not necessary due to the size of the park, we walk around the block. I feel there could be better use of the land rather than a rain garden
- Adding a walking path around the perimeter. My opinion is it is unneeded and costly
- all the ideas are great, parking stalls would be last choice
- Don't like the parking lot adjacent to the playground. Concerned about loitering there. Seems like a neighborhood park. Most walk there. Moore Lake Park is close by for those who drive to the park.

- I am concerned that the new placement of the basket ball court will take away the ice skating rink. The rink is awesome in the winter. The parking lot is not needed. The park is never busy enough that street parking doesn't suffice. Seems silly to take away green space for unnecessary parking.
- I do not think we need a walking path. The park is small. Invest in a slightly larger pavillion. Also, possibly more lighting at night as a deterrent for illegal activity.
- I don't see the skating rink drawn into the plan.
- I like the current open space on the south side of the park, don't take it away. keep the basket ball court where it is currently (I do see people using it a fair amount). I don't think the park needs a shelter or trails. parking stalls seem unnecessary (street isn't busy).
- I would really like to see a more usable feild. A space with artificial turff for a small soccer feild would be amazing! An area where the kids can run and throw a ball or frisbee to eachother without stepping on dog poop or having a massive amount of bugs would benefit the children.
- Just curious of size of court hopefully it's bigger than current and has a nice hoop that's actually regulation size
- Lack of a ice rink
- More activities.
- No skating rink in winter shown in plans. Less grass space for activities. Only half court instead of full.
- None
- Parking
- Parking - Too many spots for this location Half basketball court - there's currently a full court and this change seems like a downgrade Rain garden - a waste of space when so much open green space is being taken up by the paths and pavilion
- Parking lot.
- Parking spaces really not needed, low traffic area with plenty of street parking already
- parking stalls - will encourage the cars/young adults that already loiter at the park and use drugs.
- Parking stalls. no need as that side of the street has plenty of street parking. Most people walk to this park. Parking stalls would be used by people who don't use the park for non park activities.
- Rain garden Too many parking spots
- Rain garden less space for baseball.
- small building? why? parking lot for 6 cars putting a basketball court near the edge of a park directly across from neighborhood homes
- The additional parking
- The biggest concern is the loss of the ice rink. The field will now have random things (the garden is not necessary at all) that will block the area for ice in the winter months.

- The parking lot. It is unnecessary because street parking is so good. Spend the money elsewhere.
- The parking stalls. I live near this park and have never thought "there are too many cars parked on the road here." Save that money and put in a bike rack.
- The paved path is really not necessary
- The potential of a parking lot. The additional traffic is not needed. Also I'd prefer removing the basketball court with a pickleball court. Not every park has to have a basketball court and aging population are changing where a pickleball court makes sense. Also not sold on rain garden seems like a bug haven. Also would like to see ice rink stay for a park amenitie.
- The turf idea
- The walking path and the parking spots.
- turf/bees and rain garden. The area for the proposed rain garden is where the skating rink is in the winter. Bee turf would make the beautiful open grass area less appealing for picnics and playing (which residents currently utilize)
- Water garden- right next to my house and they attract more bugs than we already have. Also- get rid of basketball- put in pickleball more generational and might get rid of the constant drug dealing at the park. Hackmann Circle has been one of the highest skating rink use parks over the years- where will that go? Also- shelters encourage more loitering by the drug dealers, not neighbors.
- Why is there a walking path around such a small park? Instead of a walking path, put those funds toward a larger shelter.
- Will there be an ice rink in winter? Will path be shoveled? What kind of new play ground equipment?
- Would like to keep a full basketball court, not 1/2 court

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- addition of benches & picnic tables maybe a soccer goal for the field?
- Appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.
- Hackmann Park is quietly tucked into the neighborhood. the open grass area is fantastic for family time and activities. it doesn't necessarily need to be filled with "stuff" to be utilized.
- I grew up playing at this park in the 80's and 90's and hope that this can be brought back to life. I am hoping that baseball can still be played there as well.
- I have seen a lot of use of the ice rink at this park and hope that the rink will continue.
- If this is for people who live in the neighborhood than put in a generational sport like pickleball- we could have a neighborhood league, get rid of the water garden as they attract bugs and tend not to be maintained.

- It is nice that the parks are getting a makeover, but our roads and their conditions I feel need to be focus on first seeing as how there are potholes everywhere and the roads as a whole in Fridley are absolutely horrible
- Keep - playground equipment. - benches at PICKLEBALL court and playground. - Skating rink stays Out: - additional parking - basketball court - rain garden
- Let's do it. Looks nice.
- Please consider making a larger shelter. With electrical outlets. And lighting. Maybe a large inflatable dome over the entire park with LED lighting that makes the ceiling look like a nice blue sky. Heated, of course.
- Please make basketball court big enough for a three point line regulation size half court
- Safety and security, the people in this neighborhood let their dogs run loose. Maybe take out the ball field, plant some trees and build a fenced in dog park. Upgrade the playground
- Thank you for investing in the parks in Fridley.
- The grass and lawn look bad and I would like to see it reseeded, and the playground equipment needs upgrading. Most people in the neighborhood likely walk on the road, which is not busy, so I'm confused about why a path is being proposed which is not needed nor does it improve accessibility to the park
- The neighborhood would really miss the small ice-rink in the winter. It is used by people of all ages. There are basketball courts everywhere. Could we have a pickleball or multi-use court instead. I think it would get used more.
- The parks has been neglected and we are very much looking forward to some improvements.
- This is one of the small parks in the area with wide open field space which i see used frequently for socializing, picnics ect... taking away that open space in a city community is a disservice
- This park is located on a circle where traffic is very minimal. Parking spots seem excessive and a waste of space. The added planting screens are nice for those houses. Changing the size of the basketball court would be a shame since there are neighborhood kids who play on that court and utilize the full size of it. The layout also eliminates the wide open green space that many people in the neighborhood love. People play fetch with their dogs, have set up soccer games, and utilize the wide open space. It would be a shame if the concept plan was followed exactly since it greatly limits this space and chops up the overall park.
- This park is well utilized by the community members that can typically walk to this location. Too many parking spots are shown in the concept plan. Also, the concept plan takes away a lot of the open green space that many enjoy about the current park's layout.
- Though it is a quiet road, consider moving the basketball court inward and not as close to the road as the ball can roll into the road. Just reconsider the whole field area.
- Very happy about plans to improve Fridley parks!

- We love the ice rink and hope it doesn't go away
- We walk to Hackmann Park daily with our young children. We utilize the playground equipment, the open field for running, picnicking/kite flying & the ice rink in the winter. I hope the open field and ice rink would be preserved in the new plan. Thank you!
- While I don't think a shelter is needed, a picnic table would be a great addition!!
- Would be nice to make the shelter larger to accommodate two or three picnic tables rather than just one.

### **HARRIS LAKE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Like privacy screening
- Like fence around playground
- People like the dock, but maybe make more of platform so multiple people could use.
- Support for pedestrian crossing across Mississippi and connect sidewalk there.
- Rain garden, good for environment.
- There wasn't
- Dock with seating.
- I absolutely love all aspects of the concept. This looks phenomenal. I would add gym equipment if possible, e.g. pullup bar.
- I liked the idea for a dock...although rather than a narrow long dock...so that people can socially space - have it be wide rather than low to accommodate a few parties and social spacing. Revamping of the play equipment from sand to something else that was less likely to be used by animals as a litter box would be awesome.
- Improved playground
- It looks great!
- Lakeside seating
- new playground equipment and the walking path and dock
- None of the plans
- Off-street Parking, enhanced playground, rain garden, handicap accessibility
- Seating
- the dock area and the new playground
- The dock, new playground, walking trail
- The parking area is needed. Perhaps parking can be made into a two ended curved drive thru with 3 or 4 car stalls in it. that way, we don't have to turn around to get out the way we came in. Also, I love the dock with seating! And the rain garden can be located in the curve of the drive thru.
- The rain garden, the parking area, the dock!, the trail loop extension, updated playground equipment, and maintenance of the easement access.
- The walking track and dock, as well as an updated playground!

- trails and walkways.
- Viewing dock

What do you like least about concepts?

- Too many grills for number of shelters
- Lots of concern over parking lot – not appropriate for neighborhood park, people walk to park. Concern over people from outside neighborhood using it (safety) – plenty of street parking
  - Don't want more pavement-park is small, don't want to lose space, kids playing close to parking lot, or lose natural feel
- A little more green space would be great. A lot of people walk their dogs there and the concept doesn't have much space for them
- Do not install a parking lot. On-street parking is easy and plentiful here.
- Increased pavement: could the parking lot be permeable like gravel. The park is so small the perimeter path is an unnecessary use of space.
- N/a
- nothing
- Nothing - especially enjoy the idea of a dock.
- Parking
- Parking lot
- Proposed new parking lot is unnecessary for such a small park. We have ample street parking with wide shoulders. More asphalt or concrete hardscape takes away the natural beauty of trees and grass. Also, this park is very small and makes the trail loop impractical.
- This is a neighborhood park for people to walk and bike to...anything that encourages fitness and travel by human powered transportation is important. The parking stalls are a disappointing idea. There's never a lack of parking. If you want more concrete put in a basketball court. It would be sad to see the trees and nature removed. There weren't any places for bikes to park. The thing I like about the park is it's nature...also the bit of seclusion between the park and neighbors. Adding concrete didn't make sense
- wonder if there will be loitering in the parking lot like there is at Moore Lake
- yes, parking, rain garden and dock. The existing picnic pavilion is great because it has the cover from rain and heat.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Add bike parking
- Mixed feelings on additional sidewalks – nobody said this is a must have.
- Mixed support on new playground – some say playground equipment was just replaced while family said they want new playground
- Maybe add climbing wall?

- Want to see more seating.
- Want at least one baby swing.
- Fish kill in spring, one neighbor collects for compost
- Keep trees, people use as photo backdrops
- **FROM RCWD:** Support adding raingarden to park from proposed parking lot and if possible Mississippi Street
- Also missing would be maybe a fitness item or two that could be used by kids like a balance beam...and perhaps used by adults. The park is really for littlr kids, next to Harris Pond...my kids like the sea theme with the ships. Random thought - it's weird to have 4 grills and one small shelter. It's a great neighborhood parkbin need of revamp, but the removal of big trees and increasing the concrete footprint through an unneeded parking lot doesn't make ecological sense and it would likely go unused.
- I love the idea that there is a proposal for a dock area. This would allow those not living on Harris Lake a little better access to seeing waterfowl and just enjoying the lake
- I would like the trail to have mile markings (e.g. 1/4 mile) around the park. Thank you for working so hard to improve the city!
- I would support adding a small workout station at each park. None are the same. For instance, on station would have pull-up bars and a balance beam, and another station might have sit-ups and parallel bars. I have seen this in Atlanta, San Fran, LA, Baltimore, etc and they get used quite a bit.
- It would be great to have a crosswalk/signal for those who cross Mississippi St to go to Harris Lake. Many people access the park from the neighborhood across the street and it's not the safest crossing situation.
- Maybe more general seating. near the water or under trees.
- Please consider a strip of native vegetation along the shore for wildlife and aesthetics.
- Thanks for initiating these improvements.
- the ideas are all great. maybe you can add a bike rack so bikes can be locked up.
- The improvements planned for this park will enhance the use of this space: off-street parking especially. New equipment and the dock will draw many residents for recreation and leisure.
- The park is already very small. Don't waste space on parking and rain garden.
- This looks fantastic!
- This park is too small for a parking lot,most people walk to park
- Too small for a parking lot. Really is a park people walk to.
- Before the neighborhood easement access was improved, it was difficult to get to the park safely.
- goose poop reason for not visiting

### **INNSBRUCK PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Like the natural area

- Improvements to the educational signage would be welcomed. Also; need a garbage at both entrances to encourage picking up after pets, etc.
- Would like to see attention given to pollinators.
- Signage is the most appealing
- trails updated
- I like the idea of land acquisition, an expand parking lot and possibly a small building (uses?). I also like the idea of stabilized aggregate on the main trails, although I'll settle for well maintained woodchips. Repair/replacement of the old signage would also spiff up the park. Many of the old signs are still current and really only need to have the plexiglass replaced.
- Acquiring land to build a small building.
- Any upgrades would be great
- Bigger parking lot, building, and more signs.
- fixing trails
- I like supporting quality trails. I think new educational signs are ok to replace old ones but please don't add too many extras. Preserve the nature.
- I like the idea of the stabilized aggregate trail. Erosion on that moraine trail is likely.
- I like the signage improvements and the possibility of adding capacity by acquiring land at the entrance.
- I like the updated signage to help find and discover the park and make the walking paths clearer.
- I think more could and should be done to address invasive plants and increasing pollinators.
- I would like a trail map and better maintained paths
- improved trails
- It's a unique conservation area. Buckthorn is damaging the ecosystem. The educational signage is often broken.
- It's more an issue of what is lacking. See #5
- Leaving the trails as-is. They feel natural.
- like the idea of expanding parking
- Maintaining the low impact natural setting at Innsbruck
- Nature reserve type area. Community activities held there.
- New interpretive signs
- New signage!
- new signs and expanded parking
- OPTIONAL LAND ACQUISITION
- Parking
- Please do *\*not\** pave this park. Paving will not increase access as the park is already very hilly with multiple stairways. It is a delight to have a more natural environment to walk in. Some of us actually look for the few trails that have not been paved as it's easier

on joints than walking/running on pavement. The park is definitely used as it is. Please use funding for playgrounds and don't pavement over these natural trails.

- stabilize the trails - possibly pave them?
- The aggregate trail system and multiple entrances with signage.
- The fact that it is being kept natural with no buildings and shelters. Great bird watching area!
- The natural state of the park is valued in the concept plan. The people who I talk with in the park love it for that very reason.
- updated signage
- Updated signage would be a huge improvement, and I like the idea of acquiring more land for parking if possible
- Walking trails!!!

What do you like least about concepts?

- 1. Lack of any indication that buckthorn will be eliminated on a steady basis. 2. There are several informal trails that are less developed and less accessible that can be marked for additional use. 3 Lack of trash cans. I realize there is a debate whether trash cans inadvertently encourage litter. Locate several along the trails with a sign with a phone number/email/website address to report remote cans that need to be emptied. 4. Lack of bat houses to deal with mosquitos around water and swampy areas.
- Do we really need a bigger parking lot? I don't know as I walk there right from home but I can't imagine the parking area is ever too full is it?
- enlarging the parking lot - no need consider restroom addition if small building ? maybe that is why?
- Expanded parking lot
- I don't like the southeastern exit into the Black Forest Apartments parking lot. Crossing the lot can be tricky. Is there a way to extend the trail to the street?
- I don't see any mention of signs that show a map of the paths.
- I don't see it saying there will be park maps on signs on the trails, which I think is a big necessity.
- I hope the crushed aggregate path is well graded, fine, and compacted- not large loose gravel. Please keep the majority of the trails natural surface as shown. Use sustainable trail construction.
- I like the concept plan. I would add one item. The stairs in the park have non-standard pitch and irregular stair depth and rise. A simple railing (metal would be great) would make them so much safer for winter walking.
- I'd like to see attention paid to some issues with water quality and habitat, see below.
- It would be great to see this park accessed from Gardena Ave, using the public lot(?) just west of Benjamin... (2) Would be nice to have a playground at the entrance, if at all possible

- Minimal efforts appear to be planned for.
- N/a
- No picnic tables or outdoor seating
- not sure the additional parking is needed
- nothing
- Placing a building by the parking lot, unless it is a small restroom facility.
- Please leave this as natural as possible.
- Small building? No info about use for this.
- Some benches along the trails would be nice
- The possibility that land could be bought for additional parking. Parking is too often over built!

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Innsbruck needs buckthorn control / management
- Upgrade bridge
- Biggest concern: remove the buckthorn bushes taking over the park!! Next, buy the vacant house south of the Arthur st entrance and use the land for a playground or picnic spot. Is it possible to put a trail around the big swamp on the east side of the park? Better lighting at night would make the park feel safer.
- Innsbruck is a special park and could be a highlight of Fridley's overall park system
- Innsbruck is an absolute gem. It needs natural resource tlc to ensure the habitats remain in good or improved shape. New interpretive signage will be great. It also needs a garbage enclosure in the parking lot to encourage people to keep it clean. I would love if Fridley did occasional natural resource programming there.
- Innsbruck Nature Center is home to some very rare wetlands, part of the Ramsey Mounds Kettle Bogs. These groundwater fed wetlands are endangered by surface runoff that floods out the fragile plants that depend on stable groundwater flows. I'd love to see an emphasis on restoration of these wetlands and addressing stormwater runoff that threatens them. Second, the signage is not bad in content (condition is poor) but the unique geology of this area is a real gem. Third, invasive buckthorn dominates the park and is another habitat restoration issue I would like to see addressed. I live nearby and would be glad to help - please contact me if interested: klemzaa@gmail.com
- Keep it natural for birds and other animals. Great sanctuary for its size.
- My perception is not sufficient thought was given to what may be added to the park for enhancement. Instead, the effort seemed to be to maintain only what is there.
- N/a
- Na
- No dedicated pollinator areas?
- Restroom would be appreciated at the trailhead along with park maps, a small shelter, picnic tables, drinking fountain, garbage cans for pet waste, etc. The learning signs are in

- poor condition. Also the "nature center" name is misleading and maybe it should be called Innsbruck Nature Reserve or Innsbruck Park Reserve
- So few people know about this little gem. Updated signs at the entrance and wayfinding signs would go a long way toward helping to make this park a little better. A better parking lot would make it feel a bit more legit and safe
  - The park no longer feels safe. Little parking, trail maintenance
  - The plan respects the natural state of this park, which is so wildlife friendly that Downy, Hairy, Red Bellied and Pileated Woodpeckers all nest here. Please consider adding a simple railing to the stairs for winter walking safety. Good job. Thanks.
  - This is a pretty area. I don't walk there much because I am not sure where the trails go.
  - This park needs a garbage can that the city would pick up. Currently people often leave there bags of dog poop to the side of the parking area in hopes that others will take care of their dog's mess.
  - We are already working on replacing interpretive signs (with Mike Maher). Need creative ideas for funding!
  - We enjoy the walking trails.
  - We visited this park in the winter with snowshoes. We had never been here before, so the lack of a park map made it difficult to know what directions to go (we ended up hiking along the ridge a long way and had to turn back around). Also, even though we had been told it was a snowshoe location for Fridley Winterfest, stairs and snowshoes don't go well together.
  - While not shown in the plan, I'd like to see a few simple benches included in the plan. I've seen people sitting on the curb on Arthur St., or on the grass, to change foot ware before entering the park. A bench or two at the entrance might be appreciated. On the issue of a dog park, the property on which the boarded up house sits, next to the parking lot, might make a good spot. I see people walking dogs in the park every day,, a dog park alternative nearby might keep dog poop off the trails.
  - With "nature center" in the name, it would be awesome to have an actual building/center (and restrooms) in this area. What a great compliment to the bigger Springbrook that would be. Also, maps of the trails are a must. We went to this park the first time to snowshoe, and we had no idea what the layout of the trails looked like or where they led to. (Also, the stairs make snowshoeing difficult, even though at Winterfest this park was mentioned for snowshoeing).
  - Your plan mentions expanding the parking lot, I hope this includes razing the scary looking abandoned home that is next to the parking lot?
  - for hiking, sometimes this park is too small
  - not great walking areas, no seating outdoors.
  - safety as it is so hidden/remote/do not feel comfortable going alone
  - Two sets of stairs on trails have no railing. This can be treacherous in winter.n
  - Like bird watching / birding

## **JAY PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- All looks good except no basketball court
- I like the addition of trees and bee lawn.
- Improved play ground equipment
- Much added greenery/plants an Bee area!
- Please update the playground equipment and replace the sand with something else!  
Please update the basketball court. Lots of older kids also hang out at this park and need positive options for things to do.
- Shelter
- The bee lawn area is nice. I assume that is clover? However the enhance rain garden, shown in several park concepts, will just increase the maintenance and take away from natural greenspace.
- Updated playground equipment and new surfacing (sand is messy and bothersome to some young children.) I also like having a small shelter with picnic table.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Basketball court is not being updated
- I don't feel my older children are safe to play alone at this park because of the activity at the apartments across the street.
- No basketball court
- Not enough trees in center areas
- Shelter - this park is too small to need a shelter

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Could use some attention
- Bball court so rocky and unpaved-broken equipment
- Maybe put up baseball netting in open field to hit baseballs?
- Need basketball court
- No basketball court
- Parking on Second Street should be restricted to only the east side of Second St the same as it is in Main St Kids are crossing Second St to get to and from the park and with cars parked on both sides of the street it is sometimes hard to see them and it only leaves room for one car to pass through with cars parked on both sides of the street. There is plenty of room for Apartment dwellers cars to park behind their Apartments so there is no reason they should be allowed to park on both sides of the street
- rubber mulch would be nice

- This neighborhood will be getting a lot more residents with the new Holly Center apartments going up. Please give us a nice park!
- This park is very dated. It gets a lot of traffic from the apartments across the street, and will get even more traffic once the apartments being built at the old Holly Center site are occupied. Please enlarge the playground to entertain a wide variety of ages.
- Yay! More green and bee friendly areas!

### **JUBILEE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Likes new challenge course
- Likes more seating / connecting paths and trails
- Loves that there's light on at night for safety reasons
- Landscaping
- Love the basketball court. I would use this daily if there were a court!!!
- Multi use
- Nothing, this is a very bad plan.
- Recreational play area
- Shelter is great
- shelter, & unique play events
- the challenge park & the shade/accessibility path
- The pathway is a nice touch.
- The playground area and the picnic shelter
- The tree shading

What do you like least about concepts?

- Don't like privacy screen of trees on road / alley sides instead of house sides
- Don't like basketball hoops right next to peoples homes
- Don't like half court – feels it'll bring too many kids to park after dark
- Basketball court
- Basketball court- there is a treatment group home at the end of the block and I don't want them hanging out near where our kids play
- N/a
- No bee pollinator or garden areas.
- Not certain area for playground
- nothing
- Taking away the toddler friendly playground.
- The basketball area, it would be really close to the people's houses next to the park and could also bring more adults to hang out there vs kids on the playground
- The basketball court. There shouldn't be any sports areas that close to houses.

- The basketball courts. This is a small tucked in park right next to homes. There shouldn't be any sports. Just playgrounds for the children. Also the tree line up doesn't make sense. If they are meant to be barriers they should be open to the street and then blocking the side residence.
- The privacy bushes/trees should be on the sides with the houses, not the street. These houses are really close to where the playground is and so I think the basketball hoop is not appropriate for the proximity to the neighbors who live in those houses. If there were more space between the park and homes maybe it would be more appropriate.

Concept Preference / Comments:

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:** Recommend stormwater management of impervious areas of park where possible – add pollinator habitat to natural/landscape areas of park
- Park generally used by young kids and families and surrounded by houses on 4 sides.
  - Keep friendly for smaller kids
- Garden or small bee friendly area please
- Many young kids and families use this park from the surrounding neighborhood. I think adding a ninja or adventure course would be a better idea than the basketball hoop.
- Park needs some TLC
- There are many young children who use the playground, I'd hate for that to be gone. Also, there shouldn't be any sports areas that close to houses. Basketball, soccer, or tennis. They get too loud and equipment can cause issues.
- This design desperately needs to be reconsidered.
- This is a small neighborhood park where many families walk or bike to the park. Making a bike rack and a recycling bin would be great
- Those who design parks should take into greater consideration the design to the proximity to homes and this being fully engulfed in a residential neighborhood and mirrored by a street and alleyway.
- Trying to cross University with kids and no sidewalks on busy streets feels unsafe. We would go because it was one of the few parks that had toddler friendly equipment. Hoping you add some to another park since you'll be taking this one away.
- We live directly next to the park. Currently the halfway house 4 houses down has occupants that use the park to gather. I like the tree and bush cover but they should be on our house line not the street. Also, worried about older kids hanging at the park if there is a basketball court.

Reason for not visiting:

- Adults smoking at the park or hanging out at the picnic tables
- Drug use at the park
- Having to cross University to get there.

## LOCKE LAKE PARK

What do you like best about concepts?

- Boat storage and launching capabilities.
- Clear launch area
- Having a kayak launch area.
- It appears the trails are elongated to better conform to ADA standards.
- Launch area for watercraft
- Love the kayak launch! What a great idea!
- The Dock and Kayak/canoe access will greatly enhance the use of this area.
- The dock appears to be a good idea. Will the kayaks be available to rent or is the for private use only?
- The long dock and path to get to it.
- Trail improvement- canoe/kayak storage
- Water access! Canoes!

What do you like least about concepts?

- A better fishing dock would be nice. Lots of individuals trespass on railroad property to fish.
- I think there should be a bench for usage of looking at /over the lake.
- NA
- Need trail improvements down to dock, missing a rain garden
- no seating/picnic area, no bee area
- nothing.
- There isn't room for parking at this park, so it may be hard to launch a kayak if many other people have already parked on the street for the day.
- Unclear if the changes will mean cutting off the park from the trail to the east, which is my primary usage of the park right now.
- What is the kayak rack? How does that work?

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM RCWD:** Supports adding canoe/kayak launch – would increased operational efficiency in conducting water quality monitoring in Locke Lake
- Could use kayak rentals and mountain bike trail
- Comment about why can't city take care of shoreline?
- Lake too small for watercraft
- New non motorized water craft launch area would be great – concern about water quality?

- I've not kayaked the lake, but I'm assuming it's fairly easy to kayak up Rice Creek, as Locke Lake is pretty small and there's a dam so it's not possible to kayak downstream from here.
- Not a well used area. Proximity to railroad tracks and dense tree canopy tends to make trail users feel unsafe at dusk and during evening hours.
- Please do all you can to get people to leash their dogs! Loose dogs can be dangerous!
- Anything that can be done to reduce the switchback slopes would be great. Kids always have a difficult time negotiating the switchback with their bikes/scooters.
- I do use the park, but it is very hard for me to get my kayak too the lake. Unfortunately my kayak is heavy and it's hard to carry down the mud. Someone was nice enough to build a small dock, so that helped some, once I got my kayak down there. I like graffiti, but some of the words are less than family friendly. Also, sometimes it's uncomfortable when there are lots of kids there and they start hauling furniture etc. to hang out under the train tracks.
- small size

### **LOGAN PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Lots of interest in rain garden – interested in doing more for pollinators – what does this look like?-should be in SW corner of park
- Lots of tennis users – would love to see double tennis courts, but can just have one. Keep fencing around entire tennis court.
- Really excited about playground equipment (will be similar to Locke playground)
  - More seating around playground
  - Make sure there is play equipment for both toddlers / older youth
  - Want more swings and baby swing.
  - Want sand removed in playground – maybe have a sand box instead?
  - Longer zipline
  - Big slide
  - Spider web
  - Something to climb on
- playground with new surface
- playground, trail loop
- Take off any paved paths and either is nice.
- The concept that keeps the baseball field, and basically updates/upgrades the current area set.
- The concept that retains the baseball field.
- The one that keeps the baseball field.
- the one with a ball field

- This isn't shown in the concept, but this park needs more trees. In the northern section of the park where there are a number of deciduous trees, multiple trees have been cut down in the past decade, but no new trees have been planted to replace these trees. Please consider planting new trees in this area to replace the ones that were cut down.
- #1
- #1 looks like it will best suite everyone in the neighborhood the best.
- 2 tennis courts
- ADA play surface, new playground, trail loop
- All of it
- Concept #1, Updated playground, freshen it up
- Concept 1 - Better placement of concrete vs open field areas
- Concept 2 - feels nicely laid out
- double tennis court
- I like the addition of nature play pieces and the expanded playground. The current playground is older and needs some updating, and there are a lot of younger children in the neighborhood that would love a larger play area.
- I LOVE concept #1 for this park. It is a well loved neighborhood park that is used by all residents. The younger kids play on the playground but it could use an update with more equipment for older elementary and middle school aged children. The sport courts are always in use from teens to adults. We also have a large use in the open field areas with local dogs and neighbors coming to play. Perfect for flying kites on windy days. The baseball field could use some work but we love taking the kids up there to hit some balls or play kickball with friends. Please, please make this park an even more loved neighborhood stop.
- improved ball fields
- Keeping the tennis court, playground, baseball field, basketball court and adding trees and possibly nature play items (not sure what those would look like though I am generally in favor of nature-based play items). We need 1 good tennis court that is maintained; it is used all the time! The baseball field area is used often by bb teams for practice, families for kickball and bb.
- NEw play ground!!!
- New playground, needs a baby swing! Both concepts are nice. I like the second one
- Off street walking path.
- Option two with the dual tennis courts is better. The tennis court is very popular and often a challenge to get court time during the best parts of the day. Also, moving the play area to the center of the park would be safer for the children and limit their noise.
- Shelter update, Walking trail, playground update
- that the playground is in the middle of the park in plan 2 and not near the street
- That there is actually a trail instead of having to walk in the street
- The nature play areas on the first concept plan as well as the raingarden and keeping the playground where it is.

- The trail that borders the park.
- Trees at south end of tennis courts in concept 1. This will help block sun from players facing south.
- Updates to the playground. The preferred concept keeps the park similar to how it is now with a single tennis court, updated the shelter, and puts in new equipment as well as maintaining the baseball field/ice rink.
- Updating the playground is what I like best as well as updating the pavilion.
- We believe that concept 2 would be best for Logan Park. People generally do not use the baseball field and is a waste of space. The tennis courts are very busy so having two would be very beneficial.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Didn't care much for nature play or event stations – wanted to see other changes at park.
- Don't want to lose baseball field / open space/ hockey rink for additional tennis court – care more about baseball field / hockey rink than extra tennis court.
  - Families use to play catch, pick up games, go ice skating etc.
  - Just make improvements to it (update fencing, benches, regrade)
- Don't need nice rest room, porta pottie is good enough – want before improvements if possible.
- Split opinions on walking trails – Some like it and some don't want to lose green space/ trees for pavement. Concern about water runoff.
  - Most people were okay with just walking around the park. Quiet enough and not a lot of cars.
  - Do like some pavement to connect park amenities together
  - Some do like idea of a few gateways into park on SE/NE/NW parts of park.
- Don't want to lose any more trees, want to see more added - Want to see more in NE area of park.
- Don't move picnic shelter – improve pavement, consider adding electric outlets, upgrade a little.
- Neither concepts liked for the reasons noted above-- the 1 tennis court, basketball half court , and playground on north side is most appealing as far as layout. NO path around this park is needed! We could also use a small baby swing feature, along with regular swings. and benches for parents next to playground is a must!
- #2, too many different fields that won't be used
- Concept #2, removing the ball field, making a double tennis court
- Definitely don't want to see the baseball field go. The neighborhood over the last few years has started attracting more young families again and I do believe it will get more use in the years to come. Plus the kids love the ice rink and the mounds of snow!
- DO NOT need a "trail path" in this small park that is on residential streets! Please do not add more asphalt or cement over grass!! it is 2 acres; it doesn't need a path around it!

We need additional trees planted here; so many have died over the years and never once has there been a new tree planted in the 25+ years we have lived here. Please consider funding new trees or encouraging residents to help with tree planting! There used to be 2 tennis courts and they weren't maintained; one is sufficient and we appreciate the city working to keep it in good shape. Please do NOT add a rain garden in this small park! Kids play all over this park all the time and need the grass space! We need the wide open space for football, tag, soccer, frisbee, kite flying, etc. Again, it is only 2 acres, please let there be grassy areas and trees! We love the bb field and it is our winter ice rink, which we love too! the bb field is used a lot by families. Shelter: it would be nice to have more tables and a slightly larger shelter space/covering. With electricity would also be great, for potlucks and events. I least like the idea of a path around this small park; unnecessary!!

- I dislike the concept #2 design because it takes away many used areas of the park. Having a smaller shelter will limit our neighborhood night out gatherings and birthday parties.
- I don't like the idea of removing the playground, removing the tennis court, or removing the baseball field. The park has a good mix for its size now and the variety and convenience to home are wonderful.
- I don't like the 2nd concept plan where there is a lot of moving of items and taking away the baseball field.
- I don't live there, so I don't know what it needs, more tennis or no baseball, not one to chime in on that.
- If you are going to add paved paths we will hate it. That removes a lot of the total grass area for playing games on. When people walk around the park they just stay on the street which is not very busy most parts of the day. It is a wide street. This would decrease the value of the park to the neighborhood. It is a large green area for us at present.
- N/a
- No bee safe areas
- no need for a baseball diamond
- none, all of these would be wonderful additions
- Paved trail loop (don't want to see a paved loop put in). Elimination of ballfield in concept 2 is a terrible idea; that ball field gets used, and is the ice rink in the winter. Why is a rain garden needed here? It would likely not be well-maintained, so would be aesthetically unappealing and of little benefit for stormwater volume reduction.
- Playground right next to baseball in Concept 2
- Removing basketball court
- The baseball area is seldom used. It's more used for people to play with their dogs.
- the baseball/softball field is useless
- The part I like least is the baseball area. It is unnecessary and too small of a park for a baseball field.

- The walking trail
- trail loop
- Why would you add a paved path? The street is right there?!? It's not even a busy street. Everyone already walks there anyway, total waste of money to add paved path. Fridley doesn't need more poorly maintained paved paths. Especially because the tennis court and basketball court and playground in this park are already not maintained well.

Concept Preference / Comments:

Concept 1	Concept 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall, neighborhood likes concept 1 more</li> <li>• #1 keeps our ball field</li> <li>• #1, better layout</li> <li>• #1, updates the current park without removing ball field</li> <li>• #1. It takes what I love about the existing park and makes it even better!!</li> <li>• 1 - best option</li> <li>• Concept 1 is better than 2. It keeps the ballfield, has trees on the south end of the tennis court, and keeps the playground in a good location.</li> <li>• Concept 1, more connected green space, better full loop. Less concrete.</li> <li>• Concept 1. It keeps the ball field/ice rink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Didn't like new location for picnic shelter and playground proposed</li> <li>• Didn't like losing ball field for additional tennis court and potentially losing ice skating rink</li> <li>• 2</li> <li>• 2 - love the extra tennis court!</li> <li>• 2 I really think the playground in the middle of the park is best along with the 2 tennis courts</li> <li>• 2- more access to park, it's centered.</li> </ul>

General Comments:

- Keep basketball court as half court – consider putting fence around, balls rolls into street.
- Overall neighborhood highly engaged and excited for changes. Want park to be more modern looking.
- Lots of young families with 2-3 kids, a few seniors who plan to sell in 3-4 years.
  - Age range of kids toddler – middle school, little high schoolers.
- Lots of dog / dog walkers in neighborhood – would like to see more trash cans/ dog waste stations in park.
- Add a bee friendly area please! And more trees!
- Is there room for a concept that retains the ballfield AND adds a second tennis court? I live in Ward 2; grew up on Logan Parkway & visit family there several times a week.

- Logan Park is very popular and I'm looking forward to the updates! I'm interested in the rain garden and hope there is additional landscaping.
- None
- Parks rock!
- Please don't pave our park.
- Please keep the neighborhood in the loop for equipment updates and decisions. Thanks!
- Please no paved trail loop, and keep the ballfield.
- Please redo this park for our children and neighbors. Neighbors from across East River Road also come to play at this park which includes many families with children.
- PLEASE update this park. So many young kids play at this park, it would be a welcomed improvement and i know the neighborhood kids would love a new park.
- Thank you Alyssa for your interest and all the work you put in to our park day!
- Thank you for seeking input! Please consider trees in the budget!!
- The current playground is in a great location and is a great size. Adding a raingarden and natural play spaces is an excellent idea, as many children enjoy those things.
- We like the wide open spaces, don't cut down more trees! We like the idea of updating the shelter
- We live right by the park and would really enjoy an update to it. love the ideas
- We love having a park in our neighborhood! Our kids want to go to the playground daily. It would be nice if there were two big swings and one baby swing. Our kids also LOVE the sand and we bring sand toys every time we go. We definitely need more benches at the playground/park and hopefully some that are a little more comfortable.
- It's a park I enjoy biking to with my dog and just hang out and relax. Like the peaceful area.
- it's quite busy which is a good thing though! glad people are using the parks.
- Old sand. Sometimes has bees.

### **MADSEN PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Interested in seeing more soccer fields – nets spring through fall.
- Love additional walking paths – able to walk while watching kids play on playground
- I don't see a concept plan.
- Just one, should be more
- Playground equipment, as reasons stated above. Outdated and poor condition. Ground bees currently in sand
- Shelter and restrooms with warming house.
- The playground
- Trees and orchard
- Updated playground and playground surface.

- We just saw one concept plan. We do appreciate that the City is invested in maintaining and bettering the parks.
- Ada concept
- Better utilized space at the park
- Gardens and Orchard away from loud areas like playground.
- Hockey Rink! And edible orchard!
- I don't see a concept plan.
- I like everything about this plan! We don't live in the neighborhood but we like to visit Madsen now and then. My kids enjoy the playground.
- I like how the ice rink would be positioned.
- I like that there will be new playground equipment installed. I also am excited that there will be permanent restrooms and a warming house. This park would be used so much more in the winter with a warming house.
- I like the idea of adding more trees! We live on the street right next to the park, and I love the woodsey feel. We have 3 young children and they love the playground- I'm sure they would love new equipment too, although we all really like the park the way it is.
- I like the idea of having a warming house. However wondering if the expense is worth it as current rink is rarely used.
- I like the path and improved playground
- I like the path around the perimeter and the larger play area with seating.
- I like the playground and trail concept.
- I love the use of space, the shelter and warming house are AMAZING! Plus a walking path would be very welcome too. Love the gardens!
- I really like the edible garden/orchard
- I use/ would use the tennis court for tennis and pickle-ball. As the community ages Pickle-ball is a game older adults can play. I think the building could be small or not be built. Ideally the restrooms are great-but does Fridley consistently have the budget to maintain them?I would like to see better landscaping using native plants in all our public spaces.
- I would a dog park. There is so much spaces however in the winter we use the tennis court as a dog park because there isn't one there
- Improving the use of the land to include more of it. It's nice to have such a big space, but it is currently so underutilized.
- loop trail
- New park building. Improved skating rink.
- New playground and the different flooring of the park absolutely hate the sand
- Playground
- Separate the playground from the basketball court. Preserve as many trees as possible.
- Small trail system

- The current hockey rink is totally under utilized. There is seldom if ever any activity there and the lighting is on till late at night. A total waste of tax payer funding. No interest that I discern.
- The restroom.
- Updated playground and playground surface area.
- Updated playground equipment, getting rid of sand and put in either stamped rubber or wood chips. Ground Bees live in the sand and my kids have been stung- reported to Fridley and it's said nothing can be done about ground bee burrowing and making nests in sand.
- Updated. Nature/flower areas, walking path
- updating the playarea & adding restrooms
- Walking path around/through park

What do you like least about concepts?

- 40 spots to park seems like a bit much, otherwise it looks great.
- a. Orchards/edible gardens. Concern this will attract more deer from Locke Park. Deer already cross 73rd Ave into Melody Manor. This probably will increase the potential of car/deer accidents. b. Why spend dollars to relocate the rink ? It's already there. c. Is there staff for the proposed warming house ? 10+ years ago there used to be a seasonable/portable warming house, but understood that was stopped due to staffing. d. Playground equipment is relatively new (replaced 10-15 years ago). Is it really ready for replacement and relocation ?
- Basketball, already have one
- Building- lower priority. Does Fridley have the budget to maintain buildings in parks? Like clean rest rooms and repair likely damage?
- Hockey rink
- I absolutely love it!
- I don't see a concept plan.
- I think any updates for this park will be welcomed. Especially the playground and getting rid of sand.
- I think there needs to be a baseball/softball field put back. It was so disappointing that they were removed years ago. If kids need a place to practice in this neighborhood, they have to go to Spring Lake Park to do so. I also want to see the sand removed in the playground. A specific area designed as a sandbox area would be appealing.
- I wish there was one more entry point...maybe from Memory Ln or Jackson Street
- I'm a stickler for keeping things where they are, so I don't like building a new playground. However, in this case, I think it only has benefits. It's hard to bike through this park, so I would really like the new layout over the current one.
- I'm hesitant about the trails around the park. I love the open, woodsey feel that it currently has, and I'm worried that adding sidewalks would take away from that. I love the cozy neighborhood feel the park has.

- It's not clear what the playground equipment will be like.
- looks good
- Looks like the baseball field is going to be eliminated. The baseball field is used frequently in the summer time.
- N/a
- No one uses the hockey rink. Replace it with a raquette ball or handball rink. Even some sand volley ball would make more sense or a pool
- No seating near orchard/gardens.
- None
- None. (Like all of it.)
- Not sure
- Not upgrading the basketball court to full size
- nothing
- Nothing I can notice from the concept ideas. I think more benches, a backstop for a baseball field, and perhaps some small bleachers to watch games would be worthwhile.
- PLEASE move the basketball court closer to the church and further from the houses. It is VERY loud with people playing basketball and often players are yelling, etc.
- that the loop trail isn't drawn in a color that's represented in the legend. Sorry, that's not really an answer to the question
- The basketball court is very heavily used during the warmer months. Any room for a second basketball court?
- The garden area - looks like it would require constant upkeep? In turn driving up cost?

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Multi use field floods easily and wet
- A nice place to meet with friends.
- Basketball courts were just recently up graded. No further needed changes
- Excellent work on the redesign! We live in the neighborhood and the updates would be a welcome addition to the residents!
- I also would like to see the tennis court resurfaced. My daughter and I played there this last spring and summer. The court is terrible, there are lots of cracks and bumps. We eventually moved to a different court in Spring Lake Park which had a better surface.
- I enjoy having this park in my neighborhood. My concern is how loud the basketball court is. Also, many people are not cleaning up after their pets, could there be a waste station, garbage/bags.
- I love that you're improving the city parks
- If there is a tennis court, I would like the net to be there and the surface to be in good shape. I would also love a walking trail around the park that would be free of snow in the winter.

- I'm hoping this will resolve the double utility pole situation near the parking entrance
- Improve landscaping in all our parks using native trees and plants please
- It would be nice to have the playground away from the basketball court, a warming house for the skating rink or at least someplace to sit while getting on ice skates
- Make some good, permanent buildings, restrooms, warming house, etc. and be sure to hire enough staff to keep them clean and in good repair. Don't build more than the city is able or willing to pay for to keep the park looking nice. Good maintenance is essential.
- No
- None
- Perhaps a splash pad added?
- Please chose one park to be a more accessible playground (wheelchair accessible) look at Becker park in crystal for ideas. - downside to that park is no "decent" size slide for a 7 year old is more accessible. Thank you for considering. We live in Blaine and would love a park that was closer than crystal for more accessibility)
- Please connect to trail across street
- Please make other options. This is an opportunity of a lifetime to make something very special
- Thank you for caring about our neighborhood park. Please, in whatever changes are made, keep the big trees and the forest-like feel. We like to run across the big lawn and go sledding down the hill in the winter time. We live on the neighborhood street surrounding the park, so please keep us in mind when making changes - and don't just try to attract more people from other places. We are of course happy to have anyone enjoy the park, but as the people who live next to it all the time would like our thoughts considered more than the people who may or may not come to the park.
- Thank you Fridley for investing in the park systems!!!!!!
- Thanks for asking for our input!
- Very excited to add more trees and a walkway in this space. I like that the louder activities are focused away from the internal neighborhood. More trees to block sounds carrying across would be amazing.
- When are these concepts to be brought to life? Talk with the church/school that shares Madsen. They might be interested in collaborating and sharing some budget.
- With the renovated basketball court, there appears to be a lot of kids using it. My recommendation would be to add an additional basketball court and probably remove the tennis court as the tennis court is rarely used.
- Would love a updated park this is the closest one to our house

#### Reason for not visiting

- Children are now adults

- I have little kids and there seems to be a lot of bad language coming from the basketball court which is directly next to the playground plus people using the basketball court are openly smoking marijuana.
- In general add any ada accessible playground please at one of your parks. Crystal has a great one. (Becker park) Would be nice to have one closer to home and not have to drive 20 mins to get to a park to include those in wheelchairs.
- Lack of sidewalk to park
- Many people playing basketball swearing loudly
- No designated walking trail. Not a lot of trees. No seating in more quiet and tree-filled part of the park.
- People using the park as a dog park - off leash
- They didn't have goal nets

### **MEADOWLANDS PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Bee lawn - too much mowing activity. Hope this cuts down.
- Bee lawn! Bzzz
- Bee-friendly plantings. Native grass and flower plantings.
- Don't know
- Improved trail for walking and biking.
- I think the trail improvements are a good touch.
- The dock
- A bigger playground area and the dock
- Addition of the dock
- Anything that enhances the natural aspect of this particular park.
- Basketball court
- Bee area
- Bee Area! Support our bees!
- bee lawn
- Circuit exercise, new playground, trail loop, shelter
- Circuit exercise, pond improvements, trail connection from Oakley (I run across that lawn a lot to get into park).
- Dock and basketball court.
- Dock for the pond. Connecting paths.
- Dock. However, a floating bridge going across the pond would be nice.
- Exercise equipment
- I appreciate the naturalized areas and the ana to improve the ponds

- I don't really understand it. What's the bee lawn? It also doesn't show any sort of equipment. I would LOVE to make some sort of climbing structure like they have at Phelps Field Park in Minneapolis.
- I like the parking lot expansion.
- I like the plan to improve the shelter and playground.
- I love that the green space is still there. The open area is so beautiful and used by many for their dogs and children. I love the big trees and I hope that they stay.
- I think the trail connector on the east side is a good idea.
- I would like the planting of wildflowers and bee loving plants in areas other than the open field. The open field is used for many different activities that a bee garden would hinder.
- I would like them putting in a basketball court.
- I'm excited for new playground equipment and the basketball court.
- I'm already in love with the Bee Lawn! Finding a way to balance our recreation with the needs of nature is absolutely critical to me. Decreasing pesticide use and increasing natural grasses/habitat is a great idea!
- Make the trail better
- N/a
- new playground equipment
- New playground equipment.
- The dock
- The dock will be nice. We also like the larger playground.
- The improved walking trail would be great
- The paths and the dock. The large playground area is extremely important. I think most people use these parks for their playgrounds.
- Update playground equipment! Much needed!
- Updated playground
- Updated playground, bee lawn new shelter
- Walking loops and trails, change in playground, parking addition and signage.
- yes yes and yes. Love it. New playground!

What do you like least about concepts?

- The trail has too many large stones making it less safe to walk. Will they be improving the trail?
- Basketball court
- Bee lawn
- Circuit exercise equipment - wouldn't use this.
- Dock and basketball court
- I am not certain that the basketball court oils be used very much. I still think the circuit training is an odd idea. I see that it is being placed at other parks. Will they ever be used? No.

- I do not like the parking lot. I live across the street - this park is so little used and there is plenty of street parking; also, I'm concerned about people parking there overnight (whether or not they are supposed to) and the amount of trash that will be left there. Visitors already use my lawn as a trash dump, and I've lived here for over 10 years. Plus, why spend the money on pavement that has to be maintained when the street can use the support?
- I don't see a plan to upgrade the walking trail.
- I don't think that a parking lot is needed for the amount of traffic this park attracts. There is plenty of street parking if needed. Also, the parking lot would take away from the green space that we enjoy about this park.
- I like the idea of the bee lawn, but I also enjoy using that open field for playing with my dogs and kids.
- I strongly believe this park, with its woods and ponds, should be prioritized as a nature park. Walking this park year-around for 20 years I have seen mallard and woodduck hatches, deer, fox, coyote, egrets, herons, turtles laying eggs on the paths, and more. I fear the other "improvements" listed will detract from this.
- I think it should remain more passive (no basketball court). There is a lot of wild life in and around the pond, which may be impacted by the noise and additional use.
- I would like it if the bee area were at least partially turned into an archery range with some targets
- I'm opposed to adding parking as this is a neighborhood park that kids and families walk to. I also am not sure about the bee garden. The big open space was often fun for flying kites and other random activities with kids.
- It seems like the circuit exercises are more appropriate on a paved track - is the new proposed walkway going to be paved? The loop around the pond is natural-surface, gravel and woodchip, and it's impractical to do exercises on such pointy surfaces. (And please keep it that way, by the way! I love this loop for watching the ducks and pretending I'm not in the city.)
- Lack of bike racks and the path doesn't allow for additional access points though the map would seem to leave enough room for them.
- Mixed feelings about parking lot (crime/loitering) & basketball court (noise so close to homes)
- My family would prefer a pickle ball court instead of the basketball court.
- N/a
- No
- None
- Parking
- Parking area - I live right across the street and there are always cars parked for meetups and drug exchanges. I fear more parking areas would increase this activity

- Parking lot - hard to see the need for it and hate to see loss of green space. If basketball court creates the need for parking then I wouldn't be in favor of that. I really never see cars at this park.
- Taking away the options the open field offers.
- The basketball court doesn't seem to fit with the use of the park. I do a lot of exercising and really don't like the idea of the circuit exercise areas.
- The basketball court, there are SO MANY around. Let's be creative and put in something no other park around has. Like a climbing structure!
- The placement of the basketball court makes no sense. It should be in the flat space where there used to be a tennis court. It's a large open space. We would prefer a tennis court as well.
- There needs to be a walkway or path from the street near the pond over to the park. There is an existing path there now and it should stay.
- Turning the whole field into a bee lawn.
- When installing dock make sure it doesn't interfere with the muskrat den close to the projected dock site. I have watched him, her them (?) for over 50 years.
- Would be nice to have basketball and tennis but it's fine
- Would love an updated trail - mulch or paved instead of gravel. I wish I could take a stroller on the trail.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Use pond for skating... maybe add a few benches
- Add bike racks
- Possibly add back in tennis court with back stop, hockey rink, parking lot – used to have these in. Have plenty of space to implement these things
- Basketball and pickleball maybe more in demand and less upkeep
- A floating bridge going across the pond would be nice.
- Couple things my family would like to see is a larger playground and a pickle ball court put in. Thank you for seeking input on the parks and upgrading them.
- Currently, the playground is hazardous. Some of the equipment is breaking, sharp edges from old paint and broken metal etc. it should be closed
- Excited about this!
- Fridley needs to add an archery range for recreational use. The bee area would be a great space for it
- I adopted this park this past year. I have seen it in every season and time of day. This is a haven for wood ducks, egrets, mallards, herons and other waterfowl. Keeping it natural will encourage thriving wildlife. There are plenty of ball courts at nearby parks and a dock on that small pond would infringe on needed habitat. My partner and I walk this park every day because it's wild and quiet and we usually see birds and animals. I would love to see a community orchard or native garden in this park to encourage learning

about and engagement with nature. I was thrilled to find a groomed ski trail there this winter, which I skied on several times. I hope to see that again in the future. Thanks for this survey. Fridley has great parks!

- I don't understand the concept, it looks like any other park, and not very exciting. I'd love to make it a climbing area like Phelps Field Park in Minneapolis! Or put in pieces that other playgrounds just don't have. We don't need anymore basketball courts.
- I hope they will be dredging the pond.
- I think it would be helpful to accentuate the wild life and natural areas, provide interpretive information to educate the natural resource, storm water feature.
- I think the field labeled bee lawn should be a community garden, maybe with some area designated for a pollinator lawn.
- I walk this park almost daily, year-around. There are plenty of parks with athletic facilities not far away. There are very few nearby that emphasize nature as the main attraction.
- I wish the trail was more even and didn't have such large stones. It makes it difficult for the handicapped to safely use it.
- I'm excited
- Ideally the trail would be smoother for parents to be able to use strollers on it. We love the nature and would love for more trees even and more wildflowers. We have amazing wildlife and I love this little, quiet park.
- It would be nice to have canoes or something else available to go into the pond as well!
- Keep the walking path up by using smaller easier to walk rocks. Continue to clear the trees/bushes/shrubs, etc. so the pond is visible from the path. No sense to have the park benches if you can't see the pond.
- Love this park. Like the semi-wooded path around the pond. Like how quiet it is.
- Mostly want to take my nephew here to play. Climbing toys would be nice and he likes basketball
- Please consider NOT installing a parking lot. Meadowlands is not a destination park, and most visitors walk to it or just park on the street temporarily. I'd also like to see the changes in easement costs to our taxes for the proposed changes but can't find them on the website.
- Please keep the path around the perimeter of the park and maybe extend it. We loved the cross country skiing track that the city groomed this winter. With the trail extended around the perimeter even more it would make this a fantastic little walking/running/XC path.
- Please make sure there are bike racks, both at the parking lot and at least one visible from the playground if not right next to the playground. They are needed to have water.
- Thank you! We are looking forward to the updates!!
- The current path at Meadowlands has very large stones used for the path. This makes it very difficult for handicapped people, parents pulling wagons, bike riders, cross country

skiers, and anyone trying to walk. The city added those rocks a few years ago and they need to be taken out.

- The current trail around the pond can be difficult to walk on with the large rocks, especially for dogs. An updated gravel path would be nice.
- The park is good for small children but I have had to find better equipment for my older grandkids
- Very excited for walking loop and bee meadow
- We already have people who park their cars on the curve & I've seen drug use. Please set hours (10am-8pm or dark) for bball.
- Would like to know the plan on what the playground/play equipment will look like
- Wouldn't want to attract bees so close to playground with a bee lawn

### **OAK HILL PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- It appears that additional barriers (fencing, shrubs, trees) are planned for the 7th street boundary. So very important for safety of children who might get super excited when running around and forget about the busy street.
- picnic area
- Safe ground for kids.
- The updated playground & tree screening
- The updated playground equipment. The current set has a lot of graffiti and is just limited in size
- tree screen and trail connection
- Updated play equipment much needed. Seating area for adults/caregivers.
- Updated playground will hopefully be more exciting for older children. Could we have a basketball court?

What do you like least about concepts?

- It doesn't appear much will change.
- Need better fencing and cannot tell from the concept if that will happen.
- no pollinator section
- Not having more of a picnic area
- Play area looks to be small
- The proposed ideas are quite appropriate for the size of the space. My kids would love some monkey bars though
- Upgraded fencing.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:**Small park on corner, heavily shaded with mature trees – doesn't appear to have much opportunity for stormwater management.
- Good slides are needed. Kids love the tunnel/stairs. Would be nice if it were maintained for year-round playing. My kiddo loves going to play in the snow
- Honestly, I think that if there are public funds being dedicated to this, they would be better dedicated to being used to sweep the streets more frequently around the park and pick up the trash that accumulates around the park and park fence. The leaves that pile up on the street by the park and amount of trash by the chain link fence and along the road do not make this park look very appealing to come to.
- love the seating addition!
- perhaps add some native plants or flower beds
- Perhaps there should be "watch for pedestrian" signage on 7th Street for people on the west side who might use this park
- Thank you for putting updates on at our park and making Fridley a great place to live
- The children in the apartments use this park the most. There are teens in the area who bring basketball hoops into the street to play. It would be nice if there were something for older children or preteens to do.
- We would love to have this improved park
- Wish there was more walking trails
- Don't want it changed
- no just one (concept) and it's not good
- by a busy road
- Noisy freeway :)

**PLAZA**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Concrete path leading to the trail. Let's other know it is okay to walk through the park
- Keep the trees there. The deer like the shade.
- Nature
- Adding a paved connection to the regional trail
- Any improvement that happens to this park would is needed. With more children moving in our neighborhood new and some different equipment could keep interest in our park.
- Concept 2 Keeps playground equip in same general location equidistant from nearest homes.
- Concept 2- basketball 1/2 court- my kids use it frequently, as toddlers rode their trikes safely here too. I see others do the same. Something for all ages.

- Concept TWO. The only "flaw" of the current design is lack of ADA accessibility, which this concept introduces. I like this plan because of the ADA and keeping the half court basketball.
- Connecting to the trail
- Connecting with the trail better.
- Definitely concept 2. Would love for that basketball court to be restored as its current condition isn't great. Also, if we could get a tennis court, that would be AMAZING. I love down the road a couple of houses down and I know the families in the neighborhood would really appreciate it.
- I am generally satisfied with this park. It is a small neighborhood park with a decent playground that is easy to walk to and I feel safe allowing my older kids to play there with the neighbor kids.
- I like Concept 2 - the basketball court in this park is used y neighborhood kids a lot. I like the split rail fence as well.
- I like concept plan #2 in which the playground is left where it is. It is in a nice location, shaded by big oak trees. If it is moved to the north it will lose that nice feature.
- I like the new playing/playground surfaces of Concept 2. Something like the new playground on the west end of Locke Park would be nice.
- I like the parking inside of the park, taking out the half court bb. I am concerned about removing the chain link fence with the train tracks right there. If you are there with multiple littles you can only run after one at a time.
- I like the parking.
- I only see one on the page and it gets rid of our field and the basketball court that the kids in the neighborhood use. Why are you changing for the worse. Please don't get rid of our little field. My friends and I play their. We rolled snowmen there this winter, we play nerf,. Please don't get rid of the sand either my little brother lives to dig and play in the sand. We bring toys and share with the other kids and it helps us be a friendly neighborhood.please leave it like it is now. It is shady on the swings in hot, hot August.
- Improved basketball 1/2 court
- Improved half-court and sidewalks.
- Improved playground, the location is great. The green area with the old trees is absolutely beautiful- I hope they won't be taken down
- Keep it the way it is...
- Linking the street to the trail, there's a dirt path there anyway.
- My family and I visit this park often. We love the openness and that it often isn't busy. I like the second concept. I do not like taking away from the park to add in a parking lot. It seems to be a tucked away neighborhood park and adding parking doesn't seem necessary. I love the idea of updating the play equipment!
- Nee playground
- New equipment Will the existing trees be trimmed to eliminate dead, hanging limbs?
- New equipment and ADA accommodations

- Parking area right next to a connected trail!
- Parking stalls and removing or replacing the fence. Figuring out how to park there is challenging, as is figuring out where the gate is every single time.
- Paved connections from the regional trail to 69th Avenue.
- Please no parking lot....
- Remove chain link fence, do not replace with split rail. Improve BB court and existing play equipment area.
- The park is already well used and has recently been upgraded a new slide. It is a waste of money to change what is working very well. Of all the parks in the area this park is more played in the sand and less weedy and unkept than other parks. People who visit this park enjoy the shade and quiet of the park to watch the trains without fear of cars backing over their children. A parking lot is highly inadvisable and would make the park unsafe. The fence taken down or up is neither here nor there. It is up to keep electric scooters and mopads from using the path as a short cut. It works well for its current purpose. The trees are full grown and give good shady coverage. I support green and less cementing over again no parking lot is best for the environment. There is a large double parking lot near by within walking distance. No changes or upgrades or money should be or need be spent on this park. It is well maintained. The only thing needed is a new basketball hoop.
- Updated adapted playground
- Updated equipment, clean up the look of the park
- Were the neighborhoods for each park asked for input on these concepts or where did the concepts come from?

What do you like least about concepts?

- #1 No need for parking spaces
- Above
- Adding a parking lot, removing the basketball court.
- adding parking space (Concept 1) and taking away play tree
- Adding parking stalls.
- Additional parking space's seem unnecessary....!...
- Building a new playground. That piece of history is there, and I think that at least part of it should stay. Like the second concept.
- Concept 1- I don't like the parking spots. There is free parking on the street just feet away and it would take away the 1/2 court- useful area.
- Concept plan #1 in which the playground is moved to the north and a parking lot is created in that area vacated by the playground. I don't prefer a parking lot — I don't think we need one. It is not often that parking there is a problem currently.
- Do NOT add parking. No need for split rail fence, high maintenance and will get broken. New area and design for play area.
- Don't have a parking lot....

- I don't like how in concept 1, there is no plan for the basketball court. I hope they wouldn't get rid of it...
- I don't see the need to add a small parking lot. As a neighborhood park, most users simply walk or ride bikes to it. It is very rare that I have seen anyone ever drive to this park and for this there is plenty of on street parking very close to the park. For anyone needing to drive to a play ground there is already a nice play area with parking at the softball fields in Community Park across from City Hall and two play areas with plenty of parking that are close by my neighborhood. One behind the city maintenance building, adjacent to the new townhomes and the other further back along the road (Rice Creek Park).
- I like the fence that separates the park from the trail. Helpful for kids and when our dog's leash broke recently. Helps keep them away from the tracks. 'Not sure the split rail fence would work as well.
- It needs a repainting job.
- No preference as long as a paved connection is constructed between regional trail and 69th Avenue.
- Not sure how many trees will be needed to be cut down. Loved going because of the shade.
- Parking lot in concept one-not needed.
- Parking lot...may increase traffic into the neighborhood....creating problems due to confusion. Basketball court never used....what about gardens?? Do not take down the fence along the path
- Parking lot..don't think it's an issue where very many people drive to the park.
- Parking space. There is street parking and this would take away from playground area. My kids and others coming to park their bikes there. I'd rather see a bike rack, no need for car parking- most people walk or bike .
- Plan TWO (my preferred)I do not think the fence should be replaced with split rail- the chain link better contains a pet or toddlers on the run. This is important because of the train tracks. Plan ONE: I dislike adding parking. This park is easily accessed by parking at community park. I dislike that there is no fence, and that the half court is removed. This part should stay a small neighborhood park (plan 2) especially with the upgrades happening at nearby community park.
- Please; no parking spots as depicted in Concept 1. It is a 'hidden' area that would attract individuals up to no good. There is already too much drug dealing and abuse going on in this neighborhood. The lot would only attract more of it.
- Removing the chain link fence. It provides good separation from trail Traffic
- Removing the fence, just no we need to keep the kids off the trail. Also it's a neighborhood park parking is unnecessary. It's also missing a true picnic area.
- Removing the fence. This was more open a few years back due to construction and there were issues with people driving motorized vehicles from the trail through the park at night.

- The #1 comment I hear from local visitors to the park is the quiet of the park.
- The parking lot in plan 1. I like the fencing. It is a security feature given the closeness of the train tracks.
- The parking lot. Have never seen any cars parked there.
- The playground equipment moved out of the shade of the trees. Not all children can play in the sun.
- There are no sidewalks in our neighborhood. My little brother bikes to the park and I don't think he is very careful of cars backing up. A parking lot isn't a good idea. People don't drive to this park they walk or bike. If they need to drive there is plenty of room at the side of the road. The worst part is getting rid of the little soccer field and the basketball. More young kids are in the neighborhood and they like to play there. Little kids like my brother. Junior high and highschool like my other brother and the neighbor. There's a mixed family across the street and on the corner that have a lot of family over and go blay basketball. Their really into it. Please don't change it. The little kids dig in the sand. Please don't take it away. You can tell how much we do cause it's always so soft. That's us playing.
- This is a nice, small neighborhood park. We do not need additional parking than the street. It's not a large park that others would be drawn to. Also, the concept for adding parking is crazy - it would be another hidden spot for drug deals and others up to no good. We do not need to 'advertise' the connection to the trail through the park. When the real train was closed, not only did we have increased traffic through the neighborhood, but we saw motorized bikes accessing the train via the park!
- Would be nice to have a picnic table and bee area

Concept Preference / Comments:

Concept 1	Concept 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept 1 - more play are, improved half court.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concept 2 d/t basketball court and layout</li> <li>• Concept 2 for the play area and half court. Split rail fence not so much.</li> <li>• Concept 2 for the reason listed above.</li> <li>• Concept 2, but still don't think we need to accentuate trail access. People biking and walking the trail should stay on the trail that goes around the pond to continue on the Rice Creek Trail. A sidewalk to the trail is unnecessary.</li> <li>• Concept 2. No parking stalls, keeps playground in center, destroys less greenery, retains a fence to minimize unwanted trespassing, doesn't expand basketball for same reason.</li> </ul>

	<p>Keeps a “neighborhood children and families and nature“ feel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept 2-updating would be perfect. I do also like keeping a barrier between the park and the trail.</li> <li>• Concept2- more play away with 1/2 court.</li> <li>• Plan 2. It focuses more on the space that exists right now.</li> <li>• Second concept, where the park isn’t moved, is my favorite. It could be improved though. If parking was available on the north side of the park, I think the concept is pretty much perfect.</li> <li>• The 2nd one with the fence in tact</li> <li>• TWO, no added parking spaces, fence, half court.</li> </ul>
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General Comments:

- Adding a paved connection between the park and the trail
- Already made...
- Don't put a parking lot there...keep it open for the wild life ...like deer....
- I think the park is great we use it all the time. The trees are particularly wonderful and that there is shade over the play area.
- I would love to see a dog park added on the south side of the current park to give a full family entertainment park, which Fridley is lacking. It would be nice to see the removal of the one court basketball court and replaced with picnic tables and shelters.
- In my opinion, the current playground is in pretty good shape, but I realize you are planning for the future.
- It's not a good time to change the park. There are lots of babies and little kids. It's a shady park and is perfect in the middle of summer. Other parks we can't go to cause it's just out in the open. Kids here use this park and walk and bike here. Please don't change it. My brother and I we just down there playing ball with our friends. You can't do that under the trees. Please don't change it. We love it the way it is. Adding a parking lot just to take away our open field isn't right. Please don't take away the sand. My little brother lives to play in it. Please leave the park the way it is. Isaac W. 8th grade
- Ive only been there with children twice as there's a neighborhood park much closer to our home. I do bike through and by it often and there aren't many people there. Would it do better with some picnic tables? and more grills? I don't know, something's missing. Walking trail around the entire thing?? I don't really know. Nice spot, seems under used.
- Keep this park the way it is....

- Leave chain link fence- it's in good condition, no need to replace.
- People don't come to this park or playground by car. The improvements would have to be quite extraordinary for that. So, the parking lot in the middle is really unnecessary.
- Personally I think the park is just fine as is except for outdated grills and maybe a trail connection. A picnic table or two would be nice also.
- Playground equipment seems newer and has different elements from Edgewater Gardens and other nearby parks. We'll bring our kids to this park for playground equipment variety.
- Plaza park is fine the way it is....!....
- Please add porta-potties in busy parks with through going trails; Rice Creek, Mississippi River, etc.
- Thank you for allowing resident's input.
- Thank you to Fridley parks!
- The plan for Plaza park also call for removing the fence. I don't think this is necessary, because there is already an opening to allow pedestrians and bicycles access. The fence also serves as a nice separation between the path and the park. When kids are playing with balls or frisbees, the fences helps to catch them before they go on the the bike path. This is especially true when playing on the basketball court or kicking a soccer ball in the field area. As a parent I appreciate this separation because it keeps my kids just a little bit safer. As a cyclist who frequently rides trails and commutes this way in the summer I appreciate knowing that balls, small kids and unleashed pets are less likely to come darting out in front of my bike. Since the fence is already there providing the above benefits I don't see any reason to spend the money to remove it.
- This park is in a unique location for railfans. A bench with visibility to the BNSF tracks would be nice
- This park is well maintained and has just had a slide replaced. Taking out trees to add cement and create a high traffic (car space) is not how this park is used. Little kids live in and around this area and adding traffic, cars reversing and exhaust is unsafe. The wobble on their bikes along the street to get to the park. I suggest simply updating the basketball net, maybe a few diggers for little ones. A small picnic pavilion. Small upgrades or no change.
- Most people enjoy this park because is a quite walk or ride your bike to park. Most visited to this park prefer that there is no parking and enjoy the quietness of this park. We have walking visitors from the 3 neighborhoods around this park that enjoy the no traffic dead end quiet feel of the park to quietly and safely play (without needing to watch out for little people and cars) and watch the trains.
- No reason we use all the time
- None. My family visit this park often.
- We always use this park because it is ours and we're not really allowed to use the baseball fields, the city keeps cementing over open fields so this is one of the last small half soccer fields left that we can use for games

### **PLYMOUTH SQUARE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- I like the proposed concept.
- it would have been nice to give options for all of the parks. Kind of makes me feel like my community isn't cared about as much.
- Needs a full basketball court and half court.
- Pickleball
- Added Tennis court, updated playground
- All looks good
- Better surface are for play ground equipment.
- Good updates in general
- have lines for pickleball on the tennis court. I like the movement of the playground away from the busy Main St. Perhaps have a high enough fence behind the BB court to keep ball by court more.
- I like the added landscaping to make it feel more private along a busy street and general updating.
- I love the idea of a new/larger playground. As our neighborhood has a bunch of younger families with little kids this would be a welcome addition over the current park.
- I think a big improvement is adding a small shelter area. This will allow the park to have more visitors even if weather is not ideal.
- ice skating this winter was nice
- Love the shelter. Will the tennis court have a wall to hit the ball against if you go by yourself?
- Needs more equipment. Many kids go to this park, but get bored too easily
- New playground
- new playground equipment
- New playground equipment hopefully some for big and little kids (currently the park is more for younger kids) and updated basketball area.
- Perimeter landscaping provides a pleasing natural boundary, improved playground facilities, new tennis court, retention of basketball court
- Right now the park doesn't look the most "welcoming" I love that the new concept will have some landscape and a tennis court. The added shelter and updated playground will draw more people to that area. I think more options at the playground will be good for families.
- Tennis court
- Tennis court!
- The tennis court is awesome! So cool!

What do you like least about concepts?

- 1/2 basketball court, I feel a full basketball court would be better, there are many neighborhood kids go there to play basketball
- Bigger basketball court when needs more playground equipment
- I haven't yet looked at the concept plan.
- I like all ideas. I don't think any of them are unreasonable.
- I like the half basketball court least. A lot of our neighborhood plays pickup games at the park and having a full size court is good for games and or sharing the court when multiple people want to play at same time. cutting the court in half for tennis doesn't make sense. Perhaps instead of a tennis court only, the tennis court could also have hoops at either end to have additional basketball courts for use.
- I like the overall concept, I am just curious if the new updated playground will be bigger or smaller than the current one? I think the one now is a good size. Maybe having a little larger open lawn area would be beneficial.
- I think the added tennis court is a waste of space for a few reasons. In the summer the open field is used all of the time for families playing volleyball/soccer and there is plenty of space to have multiple activities going on at once. Adding tennis courts gets rid of a lot of this space. Also, there are three parks that I am aware of in our general neighborhood and the other two parks have tennis courts that are barely used, so I don't understand the need to add another tennis court in our community.
- I would love a pickleball court or at least pickleball lines to be painted on the tennis court so it is dual purpose!
- I would love for there to be a pickleball court, or at least pickleball lines on the proposed tennis court,
- Missing a pickleball court!
- moving the pieces around.
- No ice rink for winter/ Benches??/? Keeping a fence along Main Street is very important. Having a boundary/fence around the basketball and tennis courts is important. Keeping a fence along Main Street is very important.
- None, as long as there will still be an ice rink
- Tennis area and only half basketball court. I believe the a full basketball court may be used more. I also loved having the rink in the winter and I don't think there will be any room for one with the new chages.
- Tennis court, half court basketball, too much screened shrubbery.
- The tennis court, the basketball court is the most used item at Plymouth Square. To cut it in half would be a loss for the older youth.
- We worried we might lose our ice rink!
- Would love to see a fenced in area for dogs. There are SO many dogs in this neighborhood. People are walking all the time. Would be nice to have a place to let the dogs play and the neighbors chat. Perhaps it could go along the north end and stretch the length of the park. Plus it would be close to the playground. Dogs play and kids play!

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:** Is this already being treated by stormwater basin down street to SW?
- Consider a volleyball/badminton court. Often families set up in the courtyard their own nets. If you are going to reduce the size of the basketball court utilize that space for recreation that is desired. Also a larger space for parents with little ones, currently there are only two benches more seating would be nice.
- I don't just bring my son to this park, I also drive and walk by this park often. I see the whole park being used frequently when I pass by. I would like to see updating to all of the features in this park, but I do not see the need to add tennis courts or shrink the open play area. I would advocate for a full court basketball area, an updated playground for toddlers and older kids, a pavilion, additional landscaping (avoiding pine needles because they hurt people when walking around without shoes on), and adding a pavilion. The only other thing that I would think about adding would be a volleyball court or soccer goal, as I see many people playing volleyball and soccer in the area. Thank you for listening to our recommendations for cleaning up our park.
- I like the addition of more diverse activities (i.e tennis, shelter etc) I really like the addition of some landscape. I think that will really help draw people to the park.
- I like the idea - but improve the basketball court as mentioned. It is nice that the city is considering updating the park as we often feel we are not part of Fridley in Plymouth Square. It is nice to have that investment back into our neighborhood.
- I need to check out the concept plan before I leave any further comments.
- I would like a wading pool. More sitting areas. Bike areas or skateboard areas.
- I would love a pickle ball court or lined for pickle ball on the tennis court! Also I enjoy the ice skating in the winter!
- I would love a pickleball court!!!! I currently drive to Shoreview to play, and would be so excited to be able to play in my neighborhood. I also would love an updated playground so there is more for the kids to play on.
- None
- Pickleball is rapidly growing in popularity and including lines on the tennis court, to allow flexibility, if a specific court is not feasible, would allow a wider group of community members to enjoy the updated space.
- Please keep ice skating rink
- Thank you for investing in the parks in my neighborhood! It looks like it could use some improvement and revamp. Even small adjustments will make it more accessible and appealing to all residents.
- Thanks for giving us a voice by providing this survey. Thanks for multiple reminders to fill out the survey.
- We'd love to see a dog park in the area. There are so many dogs in our neighborhood!
- Reason for visiting:

- Ice skating
- would like to see a pull up bar for adults
- Reason for not visiting:
  - Needles and ground bees found at park last time used
  - The layout and amenities

### **RAY THOMPSON LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Love idea of added playground – huge benefit to families watching /neighborhood kids
- A playground would be a great addition to add use to the park, especially for families
- I like the added play structure
- I love the idea and location of the play ground. This will be used a lot during baseball season between games and by younger spectators.
- I think a playground is ok for younger siblings of baseball players, but the new trees planted in recent years are a great addition, and I would hate to see too many of them removed.
- It is needed. Children play in that spot for the last 10 + years
- NA
- play area
- the addition of trails.
- The concept is very not there. I'd like to see updates to all fields and possibly one field that is open to ADA accessibility.
- Trail additions or improvements

What do you like least about concepts?

- Concerned about proposed playground being next to the road. If it is built, would be good to have seating to encourage adult to sit and supervise rather than sit at the ballgame. Also wouldn't want to lose many trees to a playground.
- I hope the trees can remain. They are needed for shade on the very hot days - for game days
- N/a
- NA
- nothing
- playground equipment
- Please re-pave the sidewalk!
- The aforementioned concern with a playground taking out too many trees.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **FROM MWMO:** Is there currently any stormwater treatment w/ parking lots? Appears there's some turf boulevards on residential side of parking lot – could be depressed and used for stormwater management / pollinator habitat
- Concern for ADA Access
- Interested in shade/awning added above concession window
- Large pool of water outside concession window when rains-would be nice to address this.
- Dugouts need painted-would be nice to have once year
- Would be nice to see updates to building
- Look into rubber mats under batters boxes to help with maintenance
- Dugouts desperately need maintenance.
- I am hoping the plan will include a smoother trail connecting the parking lot area by the high school to Jefferson St. We use this path to bike around the neighborhood and it is in poor condition.
- I would really like to see the baseball dugouts painted along with the buildings on site. If there is any interest, I could facilitate a volunteer team of youth baseball players to do the painting if the City supplied the paint and materials. Jake Karnopp 612-709-6473
- I'm glad to see no plans to put lights in the park
- love how most of the park improvements included trails and sidewalks.
- Please resurface trail that runs across northern edge of this park. It is used by many athletes, kids walking to school, and families biking/blading around the high school and it is in terrible shape. To discourage people from driving this trail, install posts at each entrance to trail. More than once I've seen someone drive along it as a shortcut from 59th Ave NE to the high school lot. This is dangerous to pedestrians in the area.
- The path on the north end of the park is crumbling and badly in need of repaving. This path is less than 250 long, so expense would be minimal. These fields are frequently used by organizations from all over the metro and region as well as the High School softball program, and it is rather embarrassing to have this crumbling path as a central artery between fields.
- These fields need updates to everything. The Friday baseball program uses these extensively and for the baseball tournaments we only have one bathroom! We need some additional facilities to handle game day crowds.
- Don't visit because there is no playground

**RIVERS EDGE WAY PARK**

No Concept

General Comments:

- I have not been to this park because it is inaccessible!!! There is no way to get to this park!!!
- No concepts shown. I want to be able to enjoy this nature area, but there are no walking paths or easy connections through the connected neighborhood.
- Reason for not visiting:
  - It is not accessible.
  - nothing to visit here currently
- **FROM MWMO:** Can't tell if there's active riverbank erosion-if so MWMO could provide tech expertise/funding to vegetated bank stabilization-as well as add pollinator habitat restoration within river corridor

### **RIVERVIEW HEIGHTS PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Interest in paddle share type system / rentable kayak and canoe lockers
- Keep natural
- Leave it alone.
- N/A
- NA
- none
- none, going to ruin the wildlife Don't need this in our neighborhood
- The leaving it the way it is plan
- Upgrades
- Watercraft would be ok, but it's easy to launch from this park without an official boat launch.
- Adding a watercraft area and places to sit and interact at the park and river is great. I also like the idea of a sign or something that feels welcoming near the parking lot and road. It's a beautiful park that seems neglected and
- Basically nothing do I like. The city promised years ago to keep this park natural! There are tons of birds that migrate to this park and raise their young. Also home to a pair of Bald Eagles. I enjoy the "natural aspect" of this park. Why do you want to commercialize every natural spot in our city that we have left!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Canoe/kayak launch is a good idea. I'm not excited about restrooms, but they will be needed by the launch users.
- Do Not like any aspect of your plans Leave it the way it is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Hopefully more sitting and relaxing space.
- I don't like any of the proposed changes.
- I don't like the concept plan
- I haven't seen a concept plan of this park.

- I like the idea of having water access and restrooms and a fishing . It would be a great way to utilize the River.
- I like the idea of the parking having more amenities without changing the soul of the park. There are still large areas of natural space and good walking trails. And to me the most important part is preserving the bridge.
- I really don't like your concept plan for this beautiful woods
- Just a better parking lot and renewal of the canoe access. Nothing else!
- Leverage this park's unique asset: Mississippi waterfront. Overlook/seating, water access, fishing...
- Maintain paths for walking and biking.
- Maybe more useful use of space.
- Maybe the viewing seating, but love park the way it is
- nature play
- Nature play and river access
- Nature play area
- NONE
- None, I like the park how it is.
- Nothing
- Nothing Please don't put a dumb building in this area. It will kill off a bunch of wildlife's homes. Already have contacted several groups to prevent this from happening.
- Playground
- Seating area overlooking water
- seating areas
- Seating areas and restrooms
- Upgrading this park makes it usable by all Fridley residents. This neighborhood has 5 parks where many of us have none. Concept plan looks great.
- Watercraft area for launching canoes and kayaks with toilet facilities and potable water for drinking and washing.
- Nature Play area Small building with restrooms
- I think a restroom is a good addition.
- the addition of more trees
- Nothing
- Nothing on the concept plan is acceptable to me.
- None of it
- Improvement on walking trails.
- I like the park the way it is
- Seating areas...although perhaps those refer to the swing benches already in the park?
- How are you going to accommodate the extra traffic River terrace is already a small street It hard to meet a car in it The park floods every year r they going to fix that issue
- only one bad one shown
- Only one and it is not a good idea

- Leave it as is
- n/a
- Bathrooms will be nice
- Mostly bad ideas. the best feature of the park is its rustic quiet beauty. I'm sure we won't see eagles anymore when it's overbuilt.
- I do not agree or like the concept plan, It is a beautiful nature park, please leave it as such.
- I do not like anything about this plan! This park is way to small to be adding all these amenities! This park needs to stay natural!
- Nothing
- None of it! Please do not modify this park. I've lived near it 50 years and don't want all the extra traffic coming into our neighborhood.
- Nothing
- Picnic area
- none
- Nothing. Do not destroy the natural beauty of this park or disturb natural habitat for eagles living in the trees. This is highly unacceptable no need to destroy such a peaceful area
- Keep it the way it is
- There is nothing In this plan that makes any sense to waste the money on it.
- None
- I only saw one plan
- none of them
- No plan is appealing for this park
- Keep it natural
- None!!!
- I do not like anything about this concept. Leave it the way it is!!!! t's a private neighborhood park that keeps our area quiet.
- Please leave the park the way it is.
- Platform for fishing on the Mississippi River
- Places for sitting and watching the river, nature play area
- n/a

What do you like least about concepts?

- Remove bollards
- Some concern on plan wanting to get rid of wildlife there – think how it is now is fine and peaceful – less people
- Get rid of ball field, swing set, shelter, bicycle rack – people don't use it much – kids don't use the parks anymore
- No need for big parking lot – plenty of room
- Leave it alone and plow path so people can walk through winter.

- 40 space parking lot, buildings for meetings and rest rooms which will be vandalized, or flooded. Concerned about size of the water craft area. Kayak or Canoe only please. Riverview terrace is not wide enough to handle the volume of people you want to use this park. Nature play area? What does that involve. Springbrook nature center is less than 2 miles from this park. The nature center has all of the parking, nature play area, meeting space, access from bike trail via board walk and rest room. Our nature center is a great resource that our taxes already support, these new ideas for Riverview park are redundant.
- A restroom/meeting room
- All are bad.
- All of it, I think it should stay how it is, if people want more of a "community" park there are many other options, this park is nice and peaceful
- Brick bathrooms, large parking lot,
- Do not over develop this park. It has potential for flooding, so major amenities may be wasted.
- Everything is wrong about your concepts
- Everything you want to do is WRONG
- Expanded parking to 40 stalls. 30 stalls is adequate. Parking stalls are almost always over built. Alden Way should suffice for overflow parking.
- Forty parking spaces, park building
- I am afraid it will attract homeless and unwanted parties.
- I am nervous that the water craft area may impact the feeling of the bridge area negatively.
- I do not like the buildings/bathrooms, boat ramp, or pier that may be shown. This is a shallow part of the river and the park is within the flood plain. Leave it more natural for walking and viewing nature, please! We like the other area park improvements, but less is more for Riverview Heights! One place we can walk our dogs in peace.
- I don't want more paved areas and I don't want anything that increases park volume.
- I hate the idea of a fishing pier. People who fish leave fishing line, lures & garbage everywhere. Please do not encourage fishing. We have a lot of wildlife in this park & would like to keep it small.
- I haven't seen a concept plan of this park.
- I like nothing on this plan
- I think the trail should be continued along the river instead of going into the street
- Making buildings.
- making large buildings
- N/a
- no walking trail through the bottom half of the park. no bee friendly areas.
- Park building
- Perhaps it doesn't need the water access at this time. The Lockslea property will be available soon and is probably better suited for this project.

- Restrooms. Maybe they are needed when there is a picnic shelter. But, it could become a residence for homeless.
- The parking lot seems overly large, and I feel like natural resource improvements weren't well addressed.
- Thus concept will destroy the beauty of this park, disrupt the wildlife and turn it into a spot that invites crime. No thanks to any of it. Who thinks up this stuff? No one in the neighborhood that's for sure.
- Too many parking places. The building with a meeting room and a large shelter seems too much. I have walked in this park regularly and frequently since 2003. I have seldom seen anyone use the existing shelter. Also, since Craig Park is so close, I wonder if both need a picnic shelter. Finally, this park is not overlooked by any homes. In the past, there was a building that was removed because of constant vandalism. How will that be managed with a new building?
- Unsure about type and size of buildings that would be appropriate for this nature-oriented park.
- Nothing, but wondering about the "watercraft area" What is that?
- I think given the space in the park, it doesn't make a lot of sense to cut down trees to build extra parking spaces and buildings. There is sufficient area that is already being utilized for parking that could be expanded, and there is already a picnic shelter that could also be replaced and enlarged in its original position without removing vital animal habitat and change the beauty of the park.
- no speed bump on road forcing people to slow down especially with the addition of the basketball court
- I do not like anything of the concept ideas
- Everything is not a good fit for our peaceful neighborhood. You will be killing off a bunch of trees and wildlife.
- What I like least is the fact that you are going to ruin a perfectly peaceful park that people go to get away from the city, don't need a meeting room, restrooms, watercraft area to disrupt the neighborhood
- It would create to many people for the park.to many parking spaces .
- Making it into a modernized park wanting to attract "thousands" of visitors a year.
- Will it be a county park where u need an anoka county park pass Will dogs be able to walk there We have been walking our dogs there for many years
- Changing the nature of the park from a quiet neighborhood park to a higher traffic park without consideration of traffic concerns in the area, without information on increased maintenance needs, and without information on increased security needed.
- Don't need a fishing pier or kayak rentals, or being overrun by drinkers.
- Brings way to many people into this quite neighborhood. To many buildings
- If you change this park to your plan, the whole River View Heights neighborhood will be affected! This will bring in all sorts of people from other cities and disrupt our quite, safe neighborhood! HOW DARE YOU do this to long-time residents of this area.

- Least? I don't like any of it. Don't change the neighborhood that we all live in and love to go here to get away from the world. It's peaceful.
- I don't like any of it. Why do you need a meeting room, restrooms, and a watercraft area. It will create a lot of excess traffic in our neighborhood. Leave it natural the way it is.
- When the park opened the city promised not to overbuild here, but leave it simple and natural.
- Leave it nature
- NONE
- Only one bad plan. Don't like any of it. Please don't bring in the capability for people boat in and destroy our neighborhood.
- Please don't ruin one of the most beautiful secluded river parks left in this area. It's fine the way it is. We don't need meeting rooms, in a neighborhood area. Really! What are you thinking of wasting the money for.
- Boat launch. The park is a natural setting. I disagree with changing that. There is a launch down at 694. This is a dangerous river with current and I am also concerned about safety
- everything is a bad idea, leave it alone
- Destroying natural habitat for what purpose. Everything is wrong with this plan
- Keep it the way it is
- The fact that you can now bring a boat up to it, so where are we going to have the police to patrol all the strangers in this neighborhood, restrooms, a meeting room of all crazy things. This is a total waste of taxpayers money. You have Springbrook Nature Center for all of that, meeting rooms etc, and all the money that was spent on that. Leave this neighborhood gem alone. You will ruin the birds that are homes in that area too.
- I do not like anything about this concept. Leave it the way it is!!!! It's a private neighborhood park that keeps our area quiet.
- The park is beautiful the way it is. The concept plan will make it crowded.
- This is a relatively small park and has a very natural feel. The concepts you are suggesting would completely destroy this park. You want to bring in so many people it would trash the neighborhood and the natural aspect of this park that us residents hold dear. We need to leave this park ALONE...lets preserve as much "natural areas" as we can in Fridley.
- I love the natural aspect of the park (at the south end). I don't want that to get too developed.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Can garbage can or two be placed along Riverview Terrace walkway area?- many dog walkers
- Can drainage be addressed? When it rains it floods quickly.

- Separate walk vs bike trails
- Keep natural
- Add more pollinator vegetation, even along the path. Please no buildings or pier. Just improve what is there. Thanks!
- Don't make it too "pretty". Most current users seem to like a more natural landscape.
- Fishing pier good idea, concerned about flooding and vandalism, homeless population coming into the park. Maintain gardens and tree plantings. All of the trees planted within the last 5 years were not cared for and died what a waste of people's time and resources. This park is a blessing and needs more thought and care. The number of birds and other animals living there need to be thought of as well.
- Having a little launch area for canoes and kayaks would be nice, but please don't take away from the serene wild area by making the large buildings in the plan. It is such a quiet magical place to walk and bike through (we bike through it going to Coon Rapids Dam).
- I don't want to see any changes to the park. I like it as a quiet neighborhood park and would like to see it stay that way.
- I hope you will consider all of Fridley's citizens when choosing which parks to upgrade. This neighborhood has 5 parks and should be willing to share this one.
- I really like going to this park when I am out for a walk with my dog, but it really bothers me that so many people go to this park and let their dogs run off-leash.
- I use this park every day. Please leave it small. We have too much traffic on Riverview Terrace already. Also, please continue to keep the drainage ditch next to the park wild. Many animals use that space. Finally, please stop spraying chemicals on the grass in the parks. Thank you.
- I would like to see the park remain the same, there is already enough traffic in the neighborhood due to the bike trail and river close by
- If there are going to be restrooms will they be locked at night? It seems there are a large amount of homeless and the concern would be folks who would flop there for the night. Just wouldn't seem safe for anyone.
- Is it really necessary to destroy every inch of natural environment we have! This is home to many beautiful birds and those that migrate here every year! Baltimore Orioles build their nests and raise young in this park....taking away "nature" will destroy this park. Does everything have to be commercialized? I do not think you people on the Park Board even know how to enjoy a park!
- It is one of the only quiet nature parks left in Fridley, there are already too many people that come down blare there music, let dogs run off leash. Right now it is like going up north, without leaving the city, there are many other parks along the river here in Fridley that would be so much better suited for such a thing. Thank you
- Leave River View Heights Park the way it is
- None
- Outhouses could suffice

- Please do not ruin this area. I have notified the Audubon Society and will be notifying others to keep the wildlife, Eagles, Owls, etc. in their homes. I live here and walk year round
- Please don't add the extra parking and building. It's so nice to have a natural, calm park. The boat launch also seems unnecessary.
- Please don't change this park. You will wreck it, and the neighborhood.
- Riverview is a special gem, historically not very developed, more nature oriented. Want to maintain and build on that, if possible.
- This is a small neighborhood park and there is not enough room for all these extra buildings, etc. There is also a natural wooded area past your boundaries on this map that are enjoyed by many! Bring all the people into this park just to trash it is what your want to do. Who is going to watch what is happening in this park for crime, etc.? There are lots of places you can not see from the road. Maybe the park board needs to visit some of these parks first before making such elaborate plans! AND who is going to pay for all this? US TAXPAYERS. NO NO NO NO No
- This is not the only park on the river in Fridley. Please mention that there is the Banfill Locke Park on the River, Islands of Peace Park by Stevenson Elementary and Riverfront Regional Park which has a boat launch and parking, picnic area, and is on the bike trails.
- This is such a nice, peaceful park for walking along the Mississippi River. Keep it natural.
- This park is perceived to be the most dangerous part of the whole Riverview Heights neighborhood.
- This park should have good maps and historical information about the Mississippi River. While this is the only Fridley park on the Mississippi River, there are Anoka County parks that are very good in Fridley. The concept of providing a canoe/kayak launching area is a good idea. Providing a dock for motorized boats to dock is needed for users to picnic and use bathroom facilities. But the area is not suited for a motorized boat launch. A fishing pier would also enhance the park. That said piers are very troubling on a river that has a large change of water levels. This needs to be researched thoroughly to provide a low maintenance useable pier. Fishing can be good at/near the stream mouth. A nature based play area is good. A large picnic shelter is good. A building that has a bathroom is good in concept, but they are never open when you need them and are very high maintenance and can be easily replaced with port-a-potties. A source of potable water would be a good amenity during warm months, perhaps near the picnic shelter and nature playground. I hesitate to suggest, but this is a very good bird watching area, especially the southern portion that has no formal paths through it. Perhaps a low maintenance narrow path with a natural surface could be constructed to guide users to not wonder too far afield from the path. A see no need for a building with a meeting room. This park should be kept as natural as can be provided. Meeting rooms are available at Springbrook Nature Center. Before constructing any here, rooms at city hall (if they are not already) made available to the public. It has all the amenities one requires for meeting rooms. It should also be pointed out there used to be a building on this site but the vandalism was too great and it was removed about 15 years

ago. Finally it also should be noted that this park floods about 2 years out of 3 and any plans need to keep this in mind!

- Un sure how I feel.
- Will the plan address the neighborhood access point on the southwest corner. It is steep and nearly invisible.
- You don't even have a clue of what destruction this will do to the Riverview Heights area. We don't need more traffic coming through here. Why in the world do we need a meeting room
- Reason for visiting
  - Bird watching
  - Quiet, low traffic area, natural
- Reason for not visiting
  - Do not visit when there are too many people in the park
  - not great seating or walking paths
  - People constantly let their dogs run off leash
  - To many people
  - Two times a day the park becomes an off-leash dog park for the neighborhood. Some of the dogs at this time are not well behaved enough to be off leash in an open area. Their owners also neglect to clean up. Also from time to time during the summer, homeless people have camped out there. Not sure wheheter a restroom makes it better or worse. But finally, it is a nighttime hangout place and needs to be patrolled.

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

What do you like best about concepts?

- I really like the idea of a new bee garden. The multi use court is cool as long as it included basketball, because a majority of the times I see people at the park it is for the new basketball hoops that got put in. Again, I like the small parking lot, but the large one would absolutely ruin the park.
- Bee garden
- Bee garden in concept 2!
- Bee lawn and new playground
- Bee lawn and updated playground
- Concept 2 walking areas. Bee lawns
- For the 1st concept I like the layout of the rain garden but I don't believe we need a space for 20 parking spaces. Because it sits on Ashton with already street parking, not many people drive their cars as they walk from the surrounding neighborhood. I like that the multiuse court/hockey being closer to the street with the warming house/restrooms near it and keeping the native bee lawn on the far side. I would like to see a baseball diamond put on the field if possible or an understanding as to why we

don't have diamond as I see people play there during the summer. I like concept 2 as well and maybe a rain garden is not necessary for concept 1 but bee friendly lawns are the best. Upgrading both play areas (without sand) on the playground would be wonderful. The sand carries a lot of glass and debris that isn't pleasant for the kids playing on the equipment.

- I like the mix of multi use courts and fields. I appreciate the native/bee lawn green areas and think it's probably a good idea to move the current hockey rink away from the houses.
- I like the trail loop in concept 2
- I love the idea to update the park, as it hasn't been updated in over 20 years. Adding a trail loop would also be awesome, for biking, rollerskating, and walking.
- I love the rain garden, bee lawn, and walking trails
- I want to keep a basketball court
- Improved playground
- Not much to like if you take out the most used part of it....the basketball hoops
- Rain Garden, and trail into Hugo Street instead of a steep hill
- The walking loop is nice

What do you like least about concepts?

- 20 parking stalls seems like a lot for a small neighborhood park, and currently, there seems like plenty of non-residential street parking available.
- Adding a parking lot
- Can the city of Fridley add a small community pool for children? Or a splash pad?
- I don't like the idea of the native/bee lawn right next to the playground.
- I like the first plan, minus the big parking lot. There is no reason to waste the area on a parking lot, cars have plenty of room to park on our newly renovated street. I don't think there should be a parking lot at all, I think it would not be used correctly after dark, but if you are set on the idea the 8 spot one is much better and more fit for the space.
- I think both plans are wonderful improvement altogether. Removal of the garden around the signage I believe would be good. Just upgrading the sign with no raised garden would save on upkeep.
- It makes no sense to eliminate the basketball court. Most kids who visit the park are playing basketball.
- Lack of activities for teenagers and adding parking only adds to the potential for gatherings, drinking and drug deals (which already happens). This is a neighborhood park (able to easily walk to) with plenty of street parking.
- No basketball court?
- Off street parking. If this park draws from the neighborhood, then there is sufficient on-street parking to serve the needs of any who have driven to use the facilities and hockey rink.

- Parking lot, feel its a waste of space in the park
- Parking! There is already a problem with cars parking down by the park for likely drug deals. Adding a parking lot into this space will only increase this.
- Restroom
- The most utilized part of the current park is the basketball court especially since they just added another hoop last summer so getting rid of the hoops would be very disappointing. Also, adding parking spots is not only not necessary (plenty of street parking) but I think would give more of an opportunity for late night shady gatherings with the proposed parking spots offset from the main road. I've lived next to the park for 24 years and I guarantee you these parking spots will be a problem. Ashton Ave is a wider than normal street and can handle the parking.

Concept Preference / Comments:

Concept 1	Concept 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 the layout is nice</li> <li>• Both concepts are appealing, but because 1 has the warming house and hockey rink closer together, I like this better but less parking spaces.</li> <li>• I like the first concept with the rain garden. I like that it has more parking available. I also like that less of the playground is bordering the native/bee lawn.</li> <li>• I think the single trail/path through the middle of the park (Concept 1) helps tie all the elements together better.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concept 2</li> <li>• Concept 2 as adding a trail loop would utilize all the space</li> <li>• Concept 2, nice walking loop. Good layout. Nice green spaces</li> <li>• Concept 2. Less parking (would prefer no parking), and trail loop.</li> <li>• Concept 2.....smaller parking lot. I've lived next to the park for 24 years and have rarely seen more than 10 people in the park at one time so putting in parking for 20 vehicles would totally be unnecessary.</li> <li>• The second plan because of the smaller parking lot. I also love the new garden concept. Also the park location is in a better area.</li> <li>• Though perhaps a sidewalk could be added along the road so that both sides of the courts could be accessed and create an additional walking loop (which seems to be what Concept 2 was going for).</li> </ul>

General Comments:

- Basketball hoops should be an absolute must Please reconsider parking, street parking is adequate for this area.

- Have you considered adding a challenge course or exercise equipment to encourage lifelong fitness and fun? So many amazing ideas here: <https://mnwiplay.com/> Such great options to attract positive movement! Please keep the basketball court in place, it is one of the most-used features at the current park.
- I am happy this is being done as our parks are in dire need of being redone. With COVID and all that has come about this past year, outdoor activity is the best. Also, is their thought of putting in picnic tables such as aluminum ones 1 or 2 in each park for those of us who bring lunches to the part with family? What about park benches to sit on for families with small children and strollers? Has this been incorporated into the plans near the play areas? thanks
- I live right next to the park, so I know first-hand that a 20 space parking lot would be a waste of space and an eye sore for the location. The park doesn't have enough people to go to it all at once for a parking lot in the first place, but an 8 spot lot is much more realistic. I like the trail loop, but with the park right now I love that open field and the skating rink in the winter.
- I walk my dog thru the park every day and what both designs lack is stuff for teenagers. Taking out the basketball hoops and leaving the hockey rink does not make any sense. I like both but the bball hoops gets used almost everyday while the hockey rink gets used only a handful of times a year. Keep the hoops and get rid of the parking lot.
- It would be nice to have a walking/bike path around the park
- Put the basketball court back in the plan.
- The Restrooms should belong to the warming house. Although it would be convenient to have a restroom at the park, there have been homeless people living in the woods nearby and also in Springbrook park. Not entirely sure if this makes it easier, or mitigates an existing problem with human waste found in the park.
- Well kept up, very relaxing place to sit and enjoy the weather
- Will there be any picnic tables? That is one thing I wish this park had and that I would utilize.
- I use the park with my grandkids a lot but it really needs to be updated and made more versatile with how large it is. The field and space is under utilized for size and more amenities could be added due to our neighborhood growth.
- Lack of activities for teenagers/ young adults/ adults

### **SKYLINE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Screening along fence lines – little concern of people using that area as “bathroom”
- Support for full size basketball court- add more hoops
- Like the swings.
- Adding new shaded picnic seating

- I think the teen idea is a good one. There are lots of older kids who hangout at this park in the summer
- Playground
- Basketball court
- Good for younger ages to play on equipment
- New basketball court, focus on upgrading neighborhood
- new playground equipment
- NONE
- Opportunities for activities including different age groups, basically family oriented. A definite need for the area bounded by University Avenue, 57th Avenue, Main Street and 61st Avenue.
- Shade pavilion is a good idea. Increased landscaping seems nice
- Shelter fencing updated play equipment
- The improved walkways leading too and from the park is better than the current as built design.
- The small shelter and ornamental fence. I know a major issue that happens a lot is kids running out into the street to grab basketballs, and hopefully the fence will help reduce that.
- The walking path and rain garden

What do you like least about concepts?

- Don't change the park (1comment)
- Given the high density of this neighborhood, I have concerns with the shelter being constructed and creating an attractive nuisance for loitering of unsupervised youth leading to excessive litter, abuse to the park fixtures, and undesirable activities. This park is rather dark at night as there are no boulevard lights or lights within the footprint of the park itself. Lighting may better deter unwelcomed behavior and improve sense of safety.
- Hopefully there will be park benches in the playground area for supervisors of the younger children
- How close the basket ball court is to play ground balls go flying easy, and always trashed cuz the older kids don't have nothing to do there and trash the equipment need more trash cans too
- I don't understand what the 'challenge or teen events' is
- I think that a half size court would be good instead of the challenge piece. The basketball at this park is very well used.
- It all looks good
- Keeping all the basketball space and the teen challenge space what the heck is that for? I don't care if kids play basketball but them lingering and stuff in that space makes it feel unsafe
- Old equipment

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- People excited for improvements – concern of vandalism, previous equipment removed because of vandalism.
- Would like porta potty, again concern of vandalism.
- Add lighting
- Fence whole basketball court, balls roll into street a lot because of slope.
- No specific suggestions of teen challenge area court, teens like place to sit.
- Add beautifying landscaping
- Add sidewalk for kids to ride small bikes around- kids often in the street
- Add picnic tables – again concern of vandalism
- Possibly add grills? People bring their grills in often.
- Add tetherball
- Kids play on open grass area by basketball court
- Add soccer/football field (open space)
- Add water fountain
- **FROM MWMO:** Would recommend stormwater management of impervious areas of park where possible, add pollinator habitat to natural /landscaped areas of park
- A little more policing would help
- I lived here for 8 years and this is the oldest looking park in the whole area
- I think it would be helpful if there were multiple trash cans throughout the park, especially close to the basketball area.
- It just seems like this park is nice sized but has tons of unused space. It needs more benches or a place for picnic tables or something
- Make the park more welcoming.
- My wife and I adopted this park in 2020 and would be excited to see improvements made. Our most desired improvements would be lighting and additional trash receptacle adjacent to the basketball court and, if the shelter concept is approved, in that location also.
- Park will still be difficult for kids to use if there is tons of broken beer bottles and glass in the sand of playground area
- This park is small and in the middle of Hyde Park. I love my neighborhood but the only kids that tend to use that park are the trouble kids that occasionally play basketball or just sit around and harass people while doing nothing and leaving garbage behind. Make it cleaner & better for kids so the rest of the neighborhood feels safer to use
- This park need spot side for older kids and younger kids .most kids I see at this park are younger then 6 and 15 and up .give the teens more to donate the park so they don't trash the equipment because there borde.and more then just one trash can
- There needs to be a stop sign on 59th and 2nd Street for safety for the Park

- We live nearby and adopted this park because it always has so much trash at it and we wanted to help. In the future, our young son will use the playground!
- Reason for not visiting:
  - Litter and garbage. There is continual broken glass in the playground area
  - Punk kids tend to hang out there making it feel unsafe, it is dirty and the little amount of playground equipment is old and tiny
  - Right now, our son is too young to use the equipment and there isn't much else to do besides use the equipment.

### **SPRINGBROOK PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- I do like the idea of a bee lawn and suggest moving that to the Glencoe Park. I also like having picnic tables at Springbrook. My son and I love having picnics up there but currently eat on the ground
- Keep the playground there. Kids are using it more then ever.
- none
- None are appealing..
- Open lawn area, can bring the yard games and the grill for an afternoon outing
- Open play area for kids to play things like kickball, catch with football and baseball. Most yards around here are too small for these types of activities. NO BASKET BALL, PLEASE.
- Shaded picnic tables.
- Shaded seating would be great for parents to sit, while the children play. Maintained open lawn area would be perfect to play yard games.
- The concept plan is not appealing to me or my family
- bee lawn
- I do like the new shaded area, and maintain open lawn area
- I do not like any of it. We had tennis courts and basketball ball courts there before. Nothing like a party place for older teen to young adults. Not happy about this at all!!!!
- I do not like the idea of taking out the playground, and I enjoy the open field, my friends and I play flag football and other games. There are many kids in the neighborhood that enjoy the field also
- I do not think the new concepts of tennis court and basketball courts are an option. Please check your Fridley history and see the police reports and other issues that happened there. There where courts there some years back. There were removed due to upkeep issues and groups of unruly adults coming from other places to party and other activities. Open space good idea for kids to play catch and other games they make up. ( children under 16) have you observed the park to see the young kids playing there? Ice rink does not get used.
- I don't like anything about this plan. It seems as though the plan was drawn by someone that has never visited this park, or at least not on a regular basis.

- I feel this park should stay as is. The kids play different games in the open area, and other kids play at the playground. It works well for the neighborhood, and is nice to have the park be a block wide.
- I like that there is a bee lawn!
- N/a
- No, I don't like it. I don't want all lawn courts, bocce ball etc that in my neighborhood. It will bring outsiders in and create more crime.
- none of the ideas relate to me and my family! I live one block from Springbrook and all the ideas are exactly what we do not need in this neighborhood.
- nothing.
- Seating area
- Shaded picnic tables
- Shaded seating
- Shaded seating and bocce / lawn bowling
- The field
- The multi-courts.
- Would love some adult things to do here would love to see a tennis court.

What do you like least about concepts?

- LEAVE AS IS OR PUT SHELTER OR GARDENS IN NORTH GRASS AREA
- Bocce court
- I dislike every thing about this concept plan. 1) Do not move the playground to the Glencoe Park. I wrote a separate survey detailing concerns about putting a playground for children next to the resident of 681 Glencoe. The plans allow for one playground in this neighborhood so please do not move it next to an unstable resident. 2) The open field of the Springbrook park is used every single day by children to play tag, touch football, baseball, etc. Do not ruin a perfectly good open space for children to run by replacing it with courts of any kind. I'm sure other parents agree that having an open space like this for kids to burn off energy is crucial. The only other open space would be streets and I would rather not have the neighborhood children running through the streets.
- I don't like any of the ideas
- I like leads the tennis courts and the fact that your taking the playground away. I rely on the field for games and practicing sports, its an open space for activities... and the my kids love the playground.
- I love it! I think parents may not like the playground going away, but I love it.
- I prefer the park to stay the same. Years ago there was a tennis court there, and no one used it. The kids played in it.
- I think that the courts for tennis and basket ball will not be a good idea. Please check the history for this park. There were courts here in the past. They were removed due to the expense of their upkeep and the traffic caused by the traffic in the street by the

courts. Groups of men from other parts of Minneapolis would come there to "play" basket ball and scare the kids away. Check your police reports etc.

- I would like to see the park stay where it currently is, and have the field left in its current state.
- No, I don't like it. I don't want all lawn courts, bocce ball etc that in my neighborhood. It will bring outsiders in and create more crime.
- Removal of playground equipment, as there are children in our neighborhood.
- Removal of the playground would be detrimental for the children that use this playground
- Remove playground
- Taking away the playground
- The bee lawn - it seems more useful to have a playground there than move it to Glencoe park.
- The bee lawn will discourage kids. The tennis / basketball courts that used to be there were seldom used and at best minimally maintained - and attracted old kids with louder music and unacceptable behaviors. The landscape screening will reduce the visibility of the park - thus attracting nefarious activities. Lawn courts will not stand up to traffic and weather due to the nature of the soil - too sandy to hold enough water without supplemental irrigation.
- The kids seem to use the open lawn area today for football, tag, softball, etc. Not sure that lawn courts are a net benefit compared to how versatile that space seems to be used today.
- The whole idea!!!!
- There being no more playground/ the idea of taking the playground away
- too much paved court area

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- I feel like the playground should stay at the park because it is a gathering place for a lot of the kids in the neighborhood and it is also pretty centralized
- I guess your change will make it easier for me to sell my house. I live across from it. Do not want to live through what I did when it was a basketball and tennis courts. Really how much will these courts be used except for a place for a big party.
- I love walking my dog in this park, and I LOVE that there is a trash bin for my dog's poop bags.
- If anything should be done, the playground equipment could use an update. As a parent and resident of the neighborhood for 50 years, I see young families and children using the playground and a the field as a place to play organized games and just a fun grassy place to play.
- Is there really a need for bocce ball lawns? There's a lot of families in the area that frequent the playground.

- Keep Fridley Friendly!
- Keep our park
- My family and I live in the house directly next to the current field at springbrook. I have two unique perspectives to share - both as a neighbor who keeps an eye on the comings and goings of kids at the park as well as a mother of two small children who use the park daily on days that aren't too cold. The "TL:DR" version is: I (and neighbors I've talked to with small kids) love the park in its current state. Springbrook park is a gathering place for families with young children as well as kids that are old enough to venture away from home without a parent - especially since covid it seems to draw a crowd on a nice afternoon (average of 15 kids on a nice day). Not only do I see kids of all ages play on the playground but the kids use the field for a pickup game of football or soccer where I also see children of all ages playing together, some older kids coaching/refereeing the younger kids. The field in its current state is a perfect size for this kind of game and encourages kids to "get along." And kids frequently go back and forth from the park to the field seamlessly. It's also a much more open space (and physically larger) than Glencoe - visible from any number of streets which makes any "funny business" harder to hide - an important thing when there're kids playing of all ages. I have also NEVER seen any kids playing at Glencoe park on our walks. I'm sure sometimes the basketball court gets used as I sometimes see kids carrying one around. Maybe it's the lack of amenities or the fact that it's so shaded - the open green field at springbrook is a gorgeous place to play a game of pickup football or soccer. I also wonder how much neighborhood kids will use a bocce ball or tennis court. Seems like soccer or football are the winning sports for a pickup game in the field. If there's anything to add to this park, some picnic tables would be amazing. Anyway - for what it's worth, that's my two cents!
- N/a
- Please don't change the way our neighborhood parks are. It is peaceful and we don't need more going on around here. I really don't want to move out of the area and it has started to become somewhere I don't know if I can retire in.
- Please listen to the folks who live by this park.
- The skating rink seems little used, as were the previous tennis courts. This is the central park for the Riverview Heights neighborhood on the West side of East River Road. It seems to cater mostly to the young children in the neighborhood. It is a gathering place for older folks only during the national night out.
- There are many kids in the Neighborhood that rely on the swings and slides and field for play time. We don't have any open fields to run and stretch if you take that away from us.
- This park is well used by local - neighborhood kids. It has an open air feel which deters people who gather for activities not appropriate for the park.
- Why does playground need to be moved to Glencoe Park. There is a basketball court there now. Why not put courts there instead of moving playground.
- Would prefer to keep the park as is, please.

- Reason for visiting:
  - I do frequent the park and so do my friends. Its a great park!
  - Open space for games
  - Small children on playground equipment. Watching kids playing in open field.
- Reason for not visiting:
  - I personally don't go there, I observe families with small children there. If I had grandchildren I would bring them to that park to play. There is turn over in this neighborhood, older folks are going and younger families are coming in. This neighborhood is in the starter home bracket compared to other parts of Fridley.
  - Kids are too old now
  - Park is designed for young kids and families - and is well used for that purpose. It is nice to see the kids having fun on the current equipment, or playing kickball, or football.
  - There is just a kids playground here.

### **SUMMIT SQUARE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Consider doubling basketball court- always being used-needs resurfaced
- Like water fountain – want to keep or improved
- Support of improving tennis court
  - Tennis court often used as volleyball court, residents put up a net – never use open lawn space
  - Want for backboard brought back to tennis court and lights added to play at night.
- Interest in more trash cans, benches at playground / tennis court
- Adding more true park things. Putting in a play field for football, soccer and baseball. So play could be more localized.
- I like the one I saw
- Needs a SmallDog dog park instead or with the garden.
- Updated seating and playground
- All looks good
- I like the path that is planned for the park.
- Improve tennis court
- Improve tennis court/landscape screening
- More seating, updated playground
- Not shown. Needs tennis court redone!!!
- Pollinator garden
- Pollinator-friendly additions!!
- The pollinators garden & bee lawn. My kids would love updated playground equipment too. They are older elementary age, so equipment for the 6+ ages would be ideal.

- Updated playground equipment. More seating and updated basketball court
- Updating playground surface area. I have observed park is used by special needs children.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Neighborhood uses area outside tennis court (pollinator garden area) to host party- wasn't well received to move location for that event.
- Don't see need for trail / crosswalk connection of two parks – people use one or the other not both.
- Not crazy about putting new playground equipment – existing equipment isn't that old.
- Don't like pollinator garden – suggestion of benches around area instead.
- I didn't see any type of additional shade element for the playground area. I would love to see some type of covering providing shade to the spaces kids use in the summer. I've seen this in other states that have more intense summers (Florida, California, Texas etc), but with the known risks of sun exposure, I think it could be just as beneficial to have coverings over our playgrounds here!
- Keep the swing set.
- nothing
- nothing.
- Pollution garden
- The bee yard and pollinator garden. Why not add garden space rental for the many new apartment dwellers that you seem hell bent in adding to the city.
- The purple "pollinator garden" looks like it will take away the space we hold our "Neighborhood Night Out" in August. I'd rather see shade trees in this area so we can picnic there (or at the edges if you plan to put in an ice rink in winter). Also, why not make the basketball court full size? There's plenty of room.

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- **From MWMO:** Appreciate seeing proposed bee lawn / pollinator garden -we are cognizant of underground stormwater system here – any further surface treatment would be redundant
- Make sure ADA features included
- Area needs a pool and dog park for Small Dogs.
- I see the tennis courts used quite a bit. While it isn't one of our go-to's. I would love to see it maintained a bit more for the sake of our neighbors.
- I think my favorite new thing at Summit Square since I've known it is the water fountain. My least favorite is the progressive downgrading of the playground equipment into toothless shadows of their former selves, drained of all but the tamest sort of fun.

- I would love to see playground equipment for toddlers/young kids, a picnic table, and a safe place for young kids to ride bikes/scooters/tricycles. We need this in our parks since we don't have sidewalks.
- Na
- Needs tennis court redone!!!! It's in terrible shape!
- This park is too big for its lack of amenities. Could definitely use more swings. Would like to see adult areas for exercise and year round activity.
- Do not have young children
- No playground equipment for young kids/toddlers

### **SYLVAN HILLS PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Like the shelter – probably need porta potties if there's shelter.
- Okay with removing ball field since often under water – but sad to see it go.
- Kids excited about new playground equipment – sad to see old playground gone but understand importance of updating.
  - Lots of young families in neighborhood – playground is important
- Accessible play area
- Green space.
- I haven't seen a plan yet. But I have seen other park plans and they are beautiful
- I like that there is a small shelter, a larger area for an updated playground, and that the ball field is replaced by open lawn (it was a nice idea but wasn't utilized)
- I like that there is still a big open area
- I like the rain garden and the challenge piece ideas.
- I'm happy to see your plan will be leaving a large open green space with absolutely nothing built on it. Although the tennis court, basketball court, & playground are a nice asset, I put real value on the open space where kids can play their own games and build social skills.
- Keeping the large green space and removing the ballfield. I like the open space to be used for a variety of reasons.
- LOVE the lack of sand! YAY! Also love the idea of a trail all around it and the shelter seems like it will be nice.
- New playground equipment is necessary. Existing is out dated and parts are dangerous.
- Rain garden
- Shelter
- Shelter area
- Small shelter
- The landscaping improvements and still keeping the open area
- The updated landscaping and equipment
- The Walking paths, landscape barrier, and using the space more fully.

- Trail loop
- Updated equipment and ADA surface
- Updated playground equipment
- Walking loop
- Walking trail

What do you like least about concepts?

- Don't have half basketball court -keep same size or consider full size court
  - Basketball very popular in park
- Tennis not popular – consider making tennis smaller to accommodate basketball.
- Don't like idea of moving playground to new location – neighbors enjoy being able to see playground from house.
- Not crazy about idea of raingarden if it can't be upkept
- I do not like getting rid of the baseball diamond, that is where currently they place the ice for skating in the winter and we do not want to lose that.
- I love it
- I see that a large rain garden has been added in the concept for Sylvan Hills. I am concerned about this because the current rain garden's located at the intersections of Rainbow/Comet/Jupiter simply are not maintained very well. The rain garden located on private property at the intersection of Rainbow & Comet is overgrown with grass & such preventing water from properly running into the rain garden and instead pools up in the street. The same can be said for the drain right across the street from this particular rain garden. Grass & sand from runoff block the waters path to the drain & cause the water to backup and pool up in the street rather than flow smoothly to the drain. If we can't maintain what we already have, there is no sense in making a project we already cannot maintain, a bigger project requiring additional maintenance to work properly.
- I think the basketball court should be full. It's always in use and is used way more than the tennis court.
- It is all good.
- Losing the ball field.
- Moving the basketball courts closer to residences and the "challenge area" at the narrowest part of the park, nearest traffic.
- Moving the current layout and decreasing the overall field itself
- Moving the playground and removal of baseball field.
- moving the playground. I like the current location close to the intersection as it is visible from a lot of locations. My kids like to see if people are playing there and then go join them.
- N/a
- NA

- No ball park/ ice skating rink. It can be used for two things and taking it out doesn't seem ideal. Especially since it has the one activity that can be used for in the winter which is ice skating.
- No pollinator or bee lawn areas
- None
- Removal of current amenities- mostly ice rink and removal of basketball court. Basketball court is frequently used. Not worth moving tennis court to adjust angle. Do not remove existing trees in construction!
- The blank open space, because I don't understand the use. I like open space, but since this is such a small park, is that the best use?
- The new bigger park area, it takes up the baseball diamond that we like to skate at and why we visit the park in the winter.
- The park isn't very used now so I don't think a new large playground is necessarily needed at this time. Perhaps if families from the new apartments know about the park and it is a good complement to Skyline it could be more used.
- Too much for kids.
- Whoever did the concept plan did not spend sufficient time to observe current use. Full size basketball court is used only 2nd to the playground equipment. Half court totally in appropriate. Ice rink appears to be gone. This has been one of the park best features since the 60's. Bad idea. Loss of baseball diamond is sad but very seldom used. Neighbors do play soccer here. How is that retained?

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- No comment on challenge piece
- Need shade screens and garbage cans
- Like idea of walk loop, but if its added maintenance cost don't spend money- worried about upkeep of surfacing
- Need tree trimming more frequently
- Concern about maintenance of additional changes to park
- **FROM MWMO** : Appreciate raingarden. Could there be opportunity to explore incorporating curb cut rain garden /expand proposed raingarden footprint with open lawn /street corner location. Sylvan Park is area that floods in 10 and 100 year rain events- may be a park to further explore flood mitigation/water quality treatment opp.
- Hockey rink would bring more people in during winter over just flooding the baseball field. There is already an drive with parking for it.
- I think some tree trimming would be good. It will Help with people trying to hid things in the park. Trim the bottoms of the pine trees.
- I would love to see all parks with tennis courts have Pickleball lines painted on too.
- I would love to see the mature trees that line the boarder of the park along Jupiter trimmed. They are in sad condition & greatly in need to trimming as many of their limbs

are growing down towards the ground (with some being very close to the ground) rather than towards the sky.

- I'd prefer to see a hockey rink either temporary and or permanent. I rarely see people playing on the diamond but it's used for skating. A shelter/warming house paired with the existing lighting/parking that is only used by people skating in the winter or people on work break napping.
- I'm not sure what is meant by the challenge area - is this an area the designers haven't been able to agree on?
- None
- Park could use updating, but concept plan shown is short sighted.
- Plans do not take into account the existing mature trees. Do not remove the trees!
- Please don't get rid of the area for skating! It's the main reason we visit the park for the cold months and one of the few things that gets us out of the house. Losing the ice rink potential will limit our activity in the winter.
- Seriously cannot get over the surface of the playground. So much less stress with little ones! Also, not sure what a challenge piece is.
- Sylvan Hills Park has a lot of usable space at the easternmost end. While open green space is always desirable, the current and future layout pushes the majority of the structures to the western end, nearest an intersection where young drivers frequently speed and/or ignore the stop signs. There is already concern in the neighborhood about groups leaving behind trash, and drugs being sold at the park/playground (the smaller structures with "tubes" make it easy to avoid detection). How can the City ensure the addition of a "small structure" will not increase illicit activity?
- The park is in a wonderful location but is tired looking. I'll be happy to see improvement for the children of our neighborhood and my visiting grandchildren!
- Update playground, build a larger basketball court, get rid of ball field, and build a multi purpose field. Maybe a dog park space.
- When would this be completed?
- We use everything at the park. The kids love the park. Even our dog! Lots of uses. We have even had picnics for bday parties
- Reason for not visiting:
  - It has gotten better but once it gets dark there is cars that come and park on the street and either smoke weed or do selling of drugs. They have even hid drugs in the pine trees.
  - no walking loop
  - No walking paths

## **TERRACE PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- I don't see any of these "concept plans" as an improvement. Leave as is.
- Just one shown

- No
- Only one concept plan. Love it.
- raingarden increases pollinator plants
- The trail, will make it more enjoyable to walk to and around
- A trail around the park. The pavilion
- I like the trail loop since I see many people walking in a loop like that already. I also appreciate the updated playground equipment and the shelter.
- I love the idea for a walking path around the park!
- I love the idea of a walking path around the park in addition to playground and baseball field improvements.
- I LOVE the path around the park, the shelter will be nice as there in minimal shade. I like the concrete divide between the smaller and larger playground. I am always a fan of ADA options at parks.
- I love the rain garden. I'm a passionate gardener and find rain gardens encouraging. My family also appreciates the trail loop; good idea.
- I love the small shelter and the path around the whole park.
- I love the updated playground and the walking path around the park!
- I think this park works well in its design, but updating the playground and ball fields is a great idea.
- Improved playground equipment and small shelter.
- It looks like the park will get a general face lift.
- Landscape rain garden
- Like the concrete trail around the park.
- Like the park the way it is: no walking trail, no rain garden, no shelter. It's nice the way it is.
- Newer equipment,
- Rain garden
- Rain garden is a great idea! I also really like the walking circle idea
- Re-doing the park equipment
- Shelter and new playground
- Shelter area and improved landscaping
- The ADA play surfacing
- The improvements to the playground equipment and providing a shelter
- Trail around it, improved playground and that existing trees remain intact while adding new ones.
- Trail around park and love that the tennis court will stay!
- Trail loop
- Trail loop, new playground, small shelter, rain garden
- Trees. Lots of trees so that the park does not feel like one vast open outfield for a poorly used ball field.
- Updated park

- updated playground equipment and ADA play surface
- Updated playground equipment. Additional plantings.
- Walking path for dogs is an improvement.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Concrete boarder, unless it is a walking path
- Concrete border on play area
- Dislike the western trail access location. Drivers frequently drive fast along that downhill corner on 7th. So the trail entrance should be farther to the northwest corner of the loop to allow for a better sight line. This is mainly a concern for parents of young children who would be coming off the trail on the end.
- I like all of it
- I Like all of the changes proposed. Would like to see more teen options.
- I'd like more benches near the playground and ball field
- lack of additional recreation
- Leave park as is
- Looks great
- N/a
- No update to refinishing to the tennis court
- None
- Not sure the playground needs any updates as it seems to be used and enjoyed.
- Not sure what is going to be included in the shelter, but it would be nice if there was a picnic table or 2. Also a couple of benches that are not in the shelter.
- Nothing. I grew up by this park, my parents still live close and this makes me excited for a nice place for my daughter to go.
- One area the concept plan did not include is re-landscaping the south west corner of the park near the sign. This area is incredibly unappealing and has many weeds and bushes that are hazardous to pets and children when playing or walking through this area. I was taking my dog through the park last fall and happened to walk near this pine tree area and my dog was covered in burrs upon leaving that area.
- Rebuilding the playset
- Should have more playground items
- The plan doesn't show renovation work planned for the south west entrance to the park by the sign. This area needs significant landscaping and overall yard maintenance to be done. The bushes are overgrown with weeds at times, edging is out of the ground, many bur bushes.
- The tennis court needs serious work, we would spend more time here if the court was better.
- There is no current plan for renovating the corner of the park with the Terrace Park sign. That corner behind the baseball field fence is a eye sore and mess!
- They all look fine. Good work.

- Uncertain about the Shelter, if this will promote loitering of teenagers

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- As a homeowner abutting the park, I'd like to know more about the screening plantings planned.
- Ensuring appropriate lighting is essential. This park does sometimes attract teenagers smoking pot and drug sales late at night - work to improve things to discourage loitering. This is also a wonderful family park during the day for people with grandchildren/children. Improve drainage as this park often floods.
- Existing playground equipment is aging and lots of weeds grow in the sand, so any improvements to that would be wonderful
- Great work fridley!
- I have lived across the street from this park for 34 years, my kids and now my grandkids love going over there. I view it as a wonderful asset to our neighborhood. The improved landscaping would be wonderful as I view a rather sickly pine tree now. However, my biggest concern now is security. There seems to be a people over there a lot at night and there appears to be a lot of quick drive by drug deals on the street by the park. Car stops and waits, another car pulls up a few minutes later.... drivers window to drivers window for a short period and then off they go. Unable to call police which we tried doing years ago as I have a tree now that blocks my view and I can't see type of car and they are gone before the police can get there. I think, if possible, security cameras in these parks would be a deterrent. Also better lighting might also help this issue.
- I hope if something is done it is maintained... the dead trees, moldy tennis courts and lack of landscape is an embarrassment for the neighborhood
- I like a natural environment: grass, trees, etc. Your "improvements" are just more paving, concrete, and other unnecessary ideas. If you want to spend money, resurface the tennis court!
- I like that the playground equipment will get updated. I would like to see additional game equipment added for the 12-15 age teen group. Once they drive they go out of the neighborhood. Maybe Volleyball net etc?
- I would really like to see the tennis and basketball courts resurfaced. We use both a lot, as do others. Sometimes we have to go to another park because of others using the courts, which is a good thing and show there is a need.
- Maybe a picnic table could be put there.
- More lights would be appreciated to avoid fowl behavior.
- My two kids love this park. We are very close to it and it could use these updates!
- N/a
- Na
- Not sure about the trees you're adding around the playground in the concept plan.

- Overall I love the project to improve the parks around Fridley and appreciate all of the effort being done to improve our city.
- Parents do not let kids go to the park on their own anymore. Seating is needed or shade for lawn chairs so parents can supervise but give kids space to be kids
- Please research playground equipment suitable for children with special needs.
- Thank you!
- Thankful for city of Fridley for creating a new concept plan for this particular park. Looking forward to the improvements
- Thanks you!
- The addition of a small shelter is a great plan.
- The tennis court and basketball court need resurfacing. There could be more benches or picnic tables.
- There could also be a rain garden/pollinator garden on the 7th street side of the park.
- Years ago we had kids and they used the park lots, had some practices there, etc. Now it's on our walking route, so the path around will be something will include.
- We live next to the park and love it
- Reason for not visiting
  - After rain storms I avoid because of flooding from street rainfall overflow ((see steel drainage cover near northwest corner of playground)
  - Sand
  - We would play more tennis if the court surface wasn't so ripped up.

### **WEST MOORE LAKE SAND DUNES PARK**

What do you like best about concepts?

- Access
- Boardwalk as it looks fun to walk on
- didn't know there was more than 1
- I like the ideas however check your map as the outline of the park boundaries goes into my back yard and contains my neighbor's house!
- I only see one plan
- N/A
- NA
- Only one
- The boardwalk, but if that is not possible due to budget, the signage stating what is native plantings (and should not be trampled) would be nice.
- The concept that leaves this park natural.
- There could be a concept plan of water quality. Users of this shoreline tend to be HS students or boaters and all the weeds make boating a drag.
- There is only one

- A natural area.
- Access for walking
- Adding a boardwalk. I would like more than that tiny area and would like to see boardwalks throughout it as well as connecting to the other side of the lake
- All of it.
- Boardwalk section and docks
- Dock for water access
- education signs and opportunities
- Enhancing the trails in this park will help to utilize the beauty of Moore Lake more effectively.
- Fishing access.
- Having a path/boardwalk.
- Having defined trails would make it easier and safer to enjoy the lake. I like the idea of canoe/kayak docks.
- I don't like the concept of adding any docks to a park that doesn't need it.
- I have not seen any concept ideas. The woods and natural beauty is so peaceful. We have seen muskrats and in the spring & fall white swans
- I like that there is a dock and boardwalk.
- I like that you're not considering developers to come in and build on that land.
- I like the added docks
- I like the boardwalk and adding docks.
- I like the idea of a boardwalk and trails signs. But please don't put asphalt or concrete. It will ruin the natural element of the park.
- I like the undeveloped character of the park. The plan has a lot of trail/boardwalk additions. It appears to me to be just a bit too many. I like the idea of a couple of docks. Is the water there deep enough for fishing? I'd like to see some signage describing features in the park.
- I love the idea of upgrading this area.
- I really like the addition of docks.
- I think it would be cool if some of these little trails connected to other trails t/o the city or neighboring cities so you could walk, ride bike through them all vs short little paths that go nowhere :)
- I'd like more clearly defined walking paths.
- Love the boardwalk idea to avoid filling my shoes with sand!
- new dock
- Paths
- Small dock would be nice. Do not think this park needs any development otherwise.
- So happy you are going to formalize some trails through here
- The added boardwalk seems inadequate
- The addition of docks for launching small boats (canoe/kayak) onto Moore Lake is nice.
- the addition of trails and sidewalks

- The boardwalk and the docks. There's such great opportunities for bird watching and native plant identification. I also love the idea of partnering with the schools for outdoor education.
- The boardwalk is a great idea for protecting the sands and still allowing people to view/cross them.
- The boardwalk is neat and would address my primary concern
- The boardwalk looks like something my family and I would love
- The trails and docks to enhance the park.
- This is a very sensitive ecosystem and needs to have very low usage to keep it in good condition. The fact that nothing is being planned is the best thing. Keeping visitors on approved trails is essential for this park.
- trails
- Trails. Boardwalk.
- Walking Paths and Docks for water access.

What do you like least about concepts?

- Don't pave, use heavy mulch
- Although the lake is not intended for recreational use, no attention or concern is given to the lake's water quality and lake bottom. Check out the muck.
- Can't think of anything
- Docks. It should be left as natural as possible.
- Don't think the boardwalk is necessary. I feel it would detract from the natural look of the dunes
- I am concerned that making this into a more public park will disturb the natural environment, so I hope that it can be designed in a way with least disturbance. I enjoy that this area is pretty natural and wild.
- I can't tell if there are spaces to park or not.
- I dislike the fact that the city wants to construct docks to a natural park and add more people to litter, drink, and destroy its natural beauty.
- I think having docks and a boardwalk is completely unnecessary. This is a nice natural shoreline that doesn't have human construction on it and I feel it should stay that way. There is a dock not far away on the east side of the lake that people can use for fishing and other activities. This shoreline should be left alone for wildlife, not messed with by human construction. For a city who is promoting it's residents to support clean water, it should not be adding structures that will mess with limited natural shoreline that helps to filter run off and provides natural habitat for wildlife. Additionally, this is not a large area, and can not support a lot of human traffic or human construction. Just because it's there, doesn't mean the city has to turn it into something it's not. There is ample space on the east side of the lake that has already been mowed and turned into a park and taken away natural habitat for wildlife. Please leave this small space on the west side of the lake alone.

- I would prefer any new trails in this park be natural surface and not asphalt. This is a natural area and I don't feel that it needs pavement.
- lack of sitting areas
- N/a
- None
- None of it - looks great!
- Not much of a concept. Minimal change.
- Not sure a dock is needed? I thought that side of the lake was super shallow
- Not too sure about the docks. But I'm mostly concerned that there will be an attempt to add asphalt or concrete in the dunes.
- nothing
- Please make sure there are adequate comfort amenities (benches, waste receptacles)- will be essential. Dark sky lighting might be smart. Maybe bollards.
- That the boardwalk seems to be about 10 ft long
- The dock area would detract from the natural feel of the park.
- The number of paths through this tiny patch of land seems excessive. If it is indeed a "small but critical natural area," perhaps one walkway from top to bottom is sufficient for allowing pedestrian traffic AND still preserving some of the quietude? Additionally, will these be paved or woodchip/gravel paths? Strong preference for natural surface paths here, to discourage cyclists (like myself!) from tearing through the park when other lanes and routes are available.
- Too many trails. I like to "walk in the weeds". However, with increased use of the park this could have a negative impact on the park. Perhaps it's better to keep people on trails.
- We don't need docks on this side of the lake.
- Would like more boardwalk area
- Would like to see a picnic table

Concept Preference / Comments: One concept

General Comments:

- Make entrance clearer
- Could be designed around facilitating a restoration /management plan for dunes.
  - Place trails where make idea fire breaks.
  - Avoid destroying rare species
  - Have park serve as a recipient site for salvaged rare species and engage public in translocation efforts
  - Show ecological park zones, dunes, savanna, shoreland
- All this park needs is higher water quality, less weeds.
- Can the city add a few interpretative signs so we can learn about the history or geography/ecosystem of the area? It seems like a unique area with the sand dunes. Why are they here? was all of Fridley like this in the past?

- Concept probably will not attract me to go.
- Good ideas!
- I do not think our parks need this development at this time. I would rather see more money go toward trying to attract small businesses here. We have no good pizza joint in town for example. They all folded several years ago.
- I feel that the city will be destroying a nice natural park by adding the boardwalk and docks to this park. If their management of the west Moore lake resurfacing project is any example of what they can do, this project will completely ruin this park like it did to those peoples property and neighborhood. This project would be a waste of money that could be put into other worth while projects at other parks or city locations.
- I really appreciate having undeveloped spaces in Fridley, including West Moore Lake Park. Now that I'm retired I spend a lot more time out walking and looking. Fridley has lots of great options.
- I think that updating the trails, adding a boardwalk and providing a natural educational area for students and residents is a great plan. It's a beautiful almost hidden area in Fridley.
- I think the lake is a treasure in Fridley - love the docks & boardwalk idea. Not sure if this park is or could be adopted - there is often trash/litter in the park.
- I wish there is more than one trail in this area.
- I wish there was a way to make the lake more accessible other than just adding docks without ruining the landscape. Being able to access that side of Moore Lake would be good for Fridley people.
- I would like it to be more natural than anything else. East moore lake has much better fishing in general because of the deeper water. I would hate to see more fishing on east moore lake put to much pressure on the breeding grounds for fish that are so abundant on west moore lake.
- I would love to visit this area, but I have not been able to find any information if there are actually trails to walk on currently. It would be great if there were park and trail maps available to look at online of all the Fridley parks.
- It would be nice to have a small family picnic there
- N/a
- N/a already stated a general comment
- Nothing to add other than I'd love to see the concept come to life.
- Please clean up West Moore Lake
- Please have trash collection containers available. post about pet waste pick up. Include safety features - lights at night etc.
- Please leave this area as natural habitat. Do not add human construction and variables into one of the small natural shorelines left on this lake. The city has already mowed and taken away a large area on the east side of the lake with the park there. There is plenty of area on the east side for people to visit and enjoy the lake. Please do not disturb more natural habitat. Leave this small area alone.

- Please sensitively design the trails. Interpretation might be nice. Could be used as an outdoor classroom space for the school. Consider flexible uses like that.
- Pollution is the worst problem in this park. Litter gets into the water endangering wildlife and making it look terrible. Before we encourage more visitors on this side of the lake we need to do something about the water quality and pollution problems.
- Signage to inform visitors about the nature of this area and the importance to keep visitors on approved paths.
- This is a great little gem. Better water access would be great.
- This is a natural area and my hubby and I keep the trash out. This is a migratory stopover for many ducks and trumpeter swans. I think it would be beneficial to put a few benches on the the shoreline, and think about additional ways to keep litter out of the lake. This area could use a couple of garbage receptacles. The last 2 years we have heard and seen the great-crested flycatcher nesting in this area. We have never witnessed this bird nesting in our area. I'm grateful for this space. It is at times used by unsavory characters that litter, leave ciggy butts all over and those that do not bring their trash out with them. Do we need signage about those issues? Anyway its a space worth protecting. I'm willing to be helpful where I can be and will try and be at the June 5th meeting. Thanks for all the work and future ideas.
- This is a nice natural resource which is very accessible and yet underutilized. Enhancements would draw more use by the community.
- I make it part of my walk all the time.
- Reason for not visiting:
  - Condition of lake bottom is very poor. Needs remediation.
  - Don't really feel like they want us there. There used to be a boardwalk in the park, miss that.
  - Sometimes it's unclear where I should and shouldn't walk here
  - The trails aren't very good or very accessible. It would also be nice if the lake was a bit more accessible

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS FOR ALL PARKS**

- Not sure if this is the survey I am wanting to make comment on. The Locke County Park has a very large Dog Park on its North side . It would be nice if this Dog Park was divided into two sections. One for large dogs and another section for small dogs. It is useless for dog owners that have small dogs as the big dogs are way to aggressive and by their size present potential harm to the smaller dogs. Add ropes course somewhere
- Add sitting areas for teens
- Add community garden
- Add water fountains- maybe concession stands or vending for water/snacks
- Want more restrooms (at least portapotty)
- Like bridge that swings - playground equipment for range of movements

- Want to see equipment that they can't have at home installed (ex. Balance beam)
- **General Note About Community Gardens – From Master Gardener**
  - Think about water source – treated vs untreated
  - Sunlight – veggies need lots of it- keep in mind for location
  - Soil testing – get done sooner than later- will determine raised bed vs in ground plots
  - Keep Community gardens far away from other amenities (especially where kids will be) unless fenced in
  - Chain link fencing system to protect from wildlife
  - Master gardeners focus on education – host some events or programs to get community involved.
- **General Note About Pollinator Friendly Initiative – From Master Gardener**
  - Be mindful of pollinator plantings / bug habitats – plan is heavy on plantings but not habitat – need rock/ brush piles, bare soil, red rock, stop mulching.
  - Signage / public education will be important
  - Native trees and shrubs are important – they bloom first in season for native bees
  - Have variety of plants that bloom different times of season.
  - Pesticide concerns – both insecticide and herbicide
  - Native plantings require more maintenance in first 3 years – consider that for budget.
  - Have actual natives – not ones that have longer bloom times
  - Soil testing will help with selection of plants
  - Have plantings in groups 3-4-want plantings closer together.
- Really like story map interface – great way of providing info
- Appreciation of integration of stormwater treatment facilities into park system with rain gardens, bee lawns, pollinator patches, low grow turn.
- Photos of parks done with 360 degree cameras would allow reviewers to see more
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- Consider pollinator buffers along bodies of water-helps discourage geese, reduce mowing, increase filtration of runoff
- Concern of rain garden locations - determine by contours, catch basin location, utilities. Size should be based on contributing drainage area.
  - Scale and maintenance – should be much smaller.
  - Signage is critical
- Create unique experiences – disc golf, scavenger hunts, edible gardens, skate parks, zen gardens, graffiti walls, etc.
- How to reach out to underserved audiences?
- How does Fridleys system connects and complements neighboring city park systems?
- **FROM RCWD** : strongly encourages city to consider stormwater management practices where feasible to reduce runoff /rate to downstream waterbodies such as Moore Lake, Locke Lake, and Rice Creek

- Spring Lake Park area high with Latino family/community
  - Community was very happy they were asked about their opinion on park design
  - Were asked about Madsen, Community, Commons, Moore Lake Parks
  - Want to see more rental equipment (especially for adults)- can't afford or have enough space in homes for bikes-only for kids
  - Love idea of having splash pad somewhere
  - Like idea of having open space for soccer / pick up games / picnics
  - Park buildings are interest to rent for birthday parties / reunions/ holidays
  - Want to see free meeting spaces community services like for dance classes, help with paper work, parent support meetings, etc.
  - Big interest in fishing and soccer
  - Playground equipment for all aages – more open ended playground for kids imagination
  - Selfie stand at picturesque places (Springbrook, Moore Lake, Riverview) – don't feel comfortable asking for photos with language barrier
  - Want more park maps at openings of park to understand parks
    - Ability to translate map into Spanish/other languages
    - Translate onto paper and hand out to community
    - Want more info about events / programs in Spanish
    - Wants to see more graphics on map on things to do in park – soccer, fishing, biking etc.
- Concern of proposed parking lots – parks seem to be pretty small and there's quite a bit of on street parking
- Keep dog park separate from human parks/areas
- Make sure to look at the parks that are/are not being used before improvements.
- Just do improvements to best ones and get rid of rest – sell for housing (one comment from resident)
- I am impressed with 32 parks in Fridley. I have even enjoyed the Disc Golf course south of Highway 694. However, I am surprised that Pickleball courts are not listed on any park plans. I started playing in Blaine and Shoreview after Lifetime Fitness closed and am impressed with their dedicated court and how popular they have become. Thanks for your efforts. Danny Johnsen