



Northfield Skate Park Phase II

City Council
July 7, 2026

Background



- Phase 1 constructed at Memorial Park in 2015 after many years of discussion and planning by city officials and Northfield Youth Group's with the Northfield Skateboard Coalition leading the charge.
- Grant Application submitted to the State of MN in February of 2025 for \$500,000 to expand our skatepark from 4500 Sq-Ft to the initial goal of 9000-10,000 Sq-Ft
- City of Northfield awarded the full amount of \$500,000 through the State of MN's City of Skate grant program in June of 2025.
- City receives signed grant back from DEED at the state level in February of 2026.
- Designer, Mark Leski owner of Wizard Skateparks, LLC awarded contract to design Phase two Expansion

Designer



- Mark Leski “the wiz”
- 30+ years building and designing skateparks
- Minnesota native know nationally for his creative vision to turn a space into some of the most recognized private and public skateparks in the industry
- Notable parks include:
 - Blood Bowl
 - Hiawatha
 - Cuckoo’s Nest
 - Can Wakpa
 - Duluth, MN
- Worked on construction crews for Painter Park, Elliott, Shakopee, and many others
- Lifelong skater who has skated 500+ parks across the USA

Goal and Vision Phase II



- Larger, dynamic layout
- Accessible for all skill levels
- Regional reach to bring people into Northfield
- Safe and creative outlet for the Northfield community

Engagement – User and Neighborhood Input



- Screening the skate park from surrounding neighborhood.
- Adding rules to skate park
- Lighting concerns from neighborhood along with user concerns if lighting isn't provided.
- Noise mitigation
- LED rope lighting/feature lighting
- Shade, benches, picnic tables
- Crosswalk at Fareway and Seventh Street

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We are here

MN DEED
Grant
Approved
Feb 10, 2026

Community/
Stakeholder
Engagement
April-May
2026



Council
Approves
Plans for
Bidding
August 25,
2026

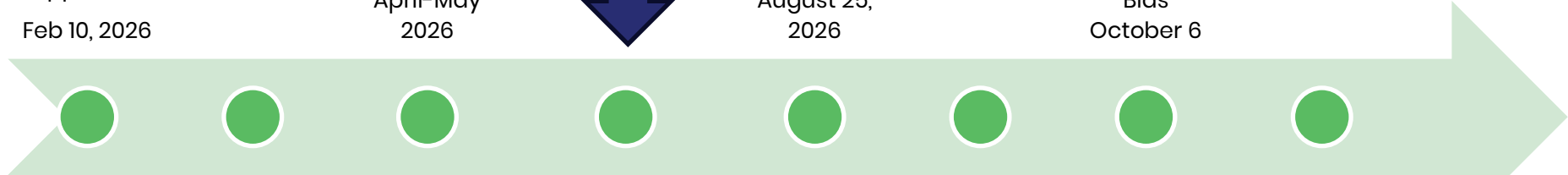
Council
Awards
Bids
October 6

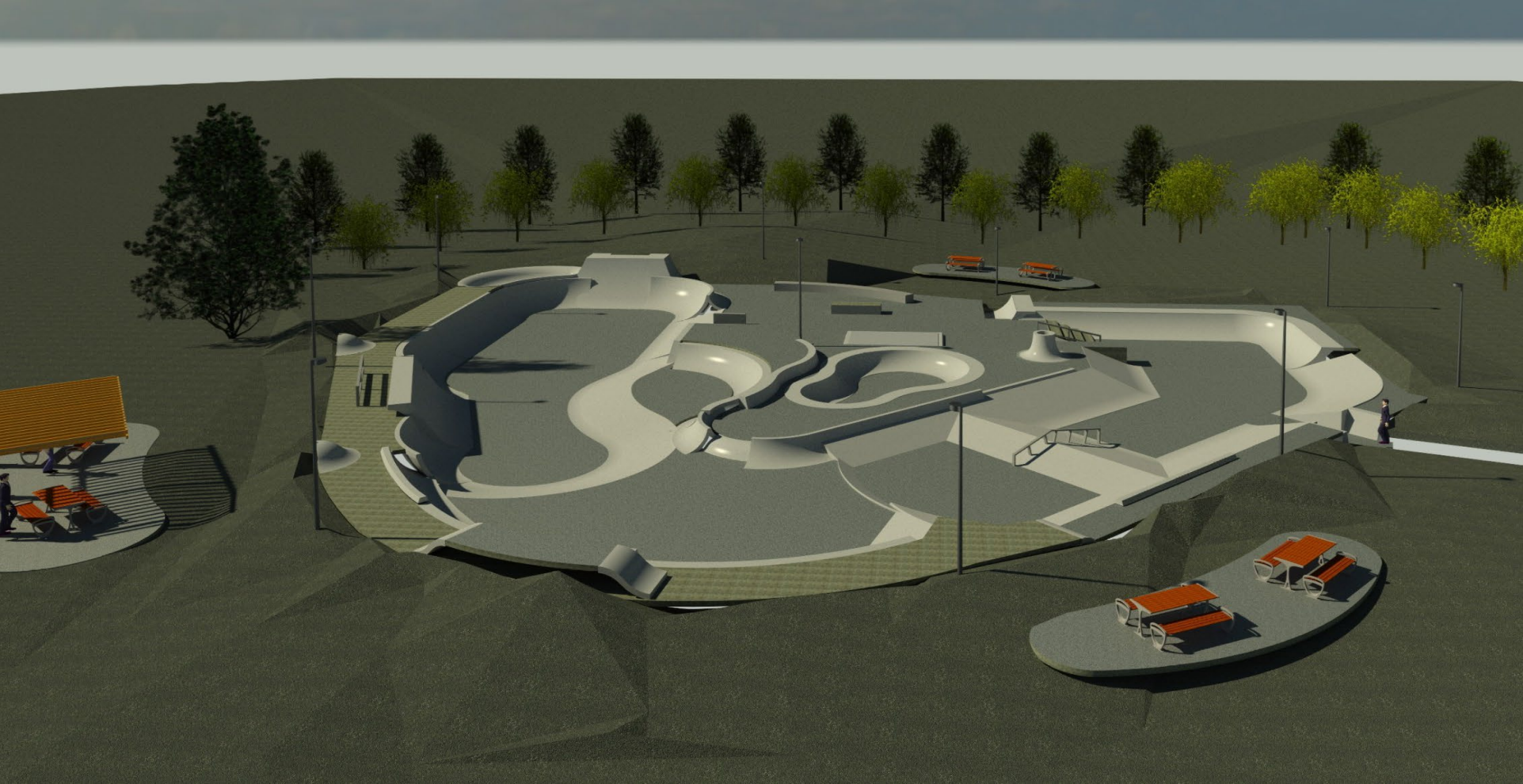
Council
Preliminary
Input April
21, 2026

Council
Approves
Recommended
Final Concept
July 7, 2026

Bids Open
September
24

Construction
Fall 2026 to
Summer 2027

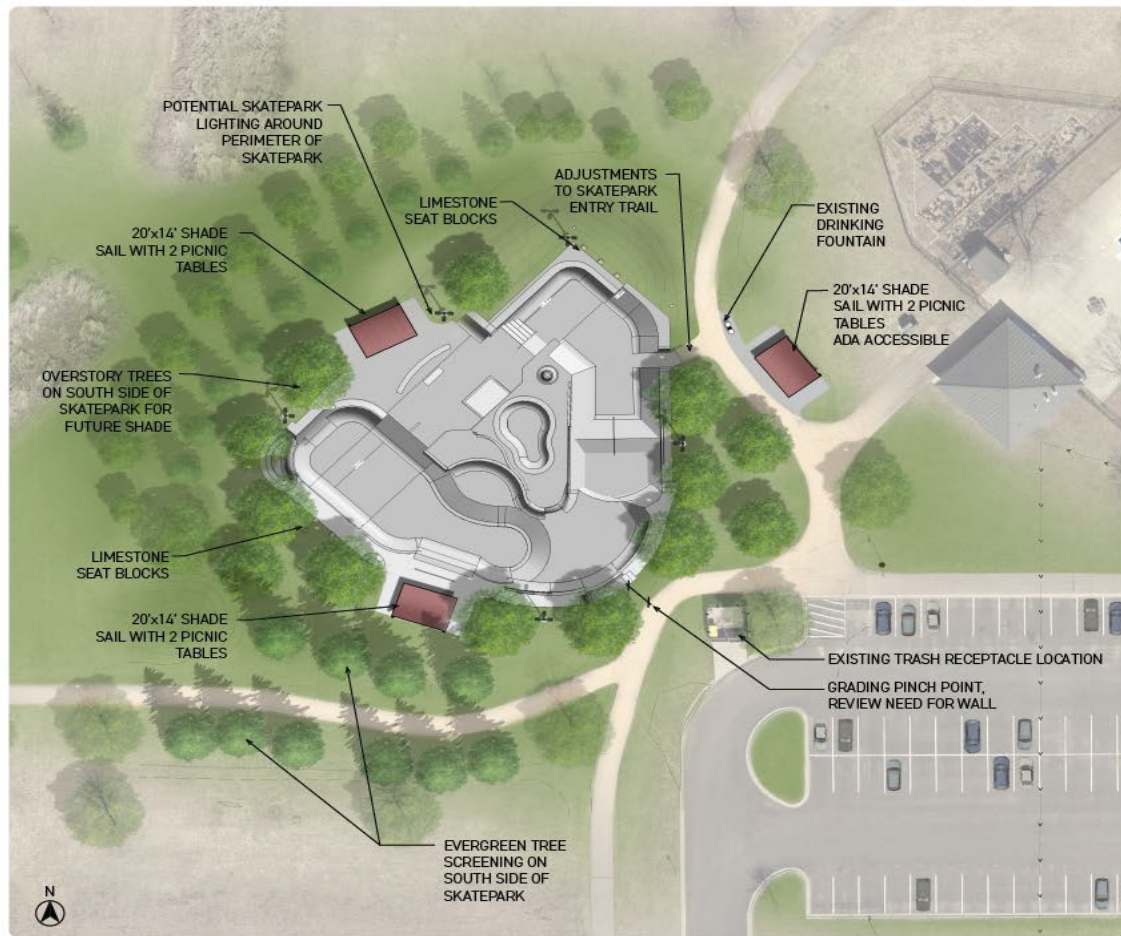




Initial Design Rendering – View Looking North



Night View – Dark Sky fixtures, warm color temperature





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Tonight's Action



Council Approves Final Concept and Authorized Preparation of Plans and Specification.

Questions /Comments