



Sechler Park Long-Range Plan
Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

July 08, 2024

Agenda



- Introduction
- Project Purpose, Goals + Timeline
- Project Engagement
- Meeting Outcomes
- Next Steps

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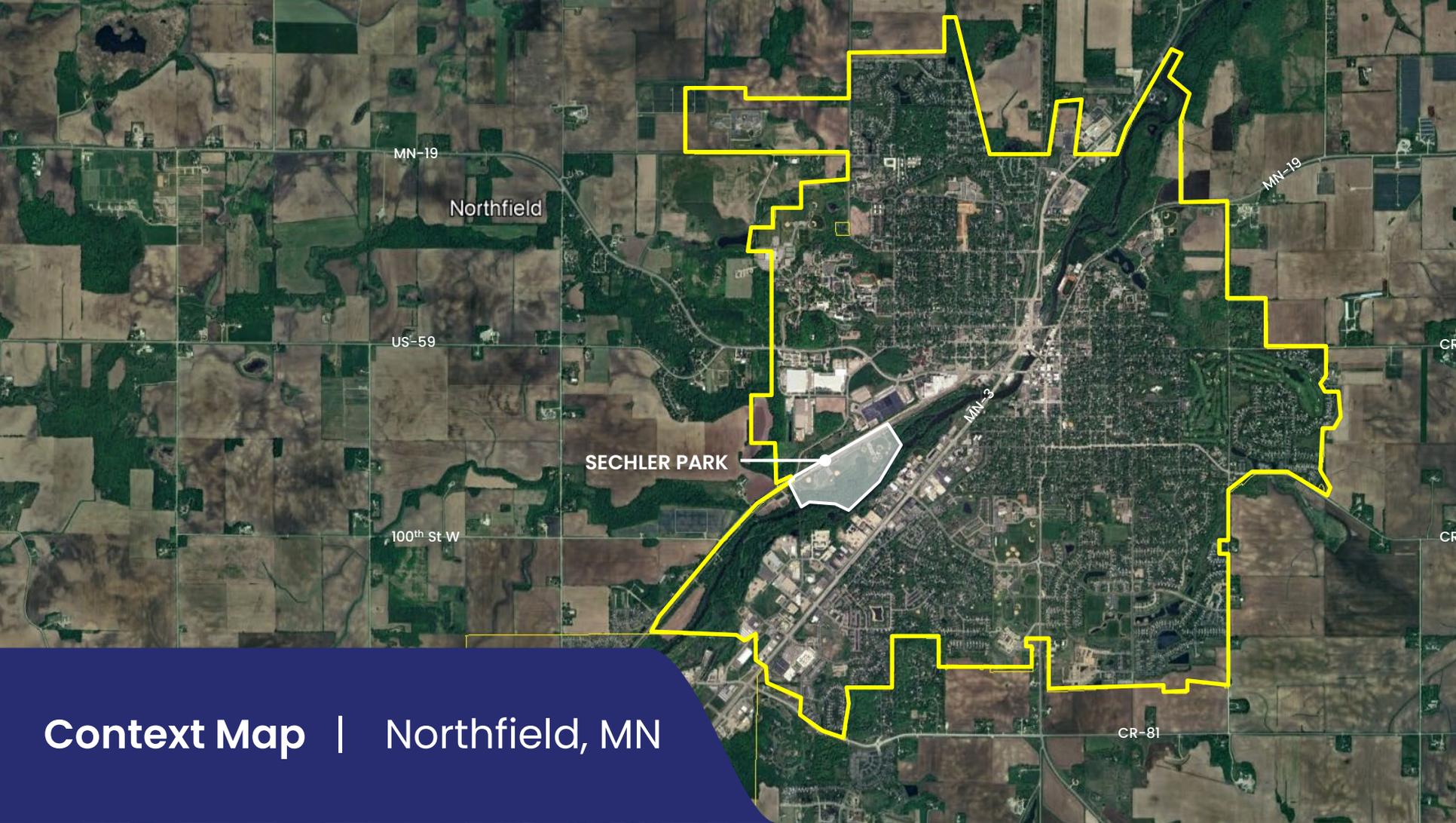


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Context Map | Northfield, MN



ARMSTRONG RD

SECHLER PARK RD

CANNON RIVER

MN-3

Sechler Park

**PROJECT
PURPOSE, GOALS
+ TIMELINE**



The Purpose



The purpose of this long-range park planning process is:

to provide the City of Northfield with a usable comprehensive long-range plan for Sechler Park that includes actionable steps to move towards implementation with cost estimates and priority rankings

The Goals



Understand the community's current needs and goals for the park

Define goals and action items for the long-range plan

Determine community priorities for implementing improvements

Create and share a final long-range park concept

The Timeline



Initial public involvement on parks issues and opportunities, site review, and development of two preliminary long-range plan concepts

July to August
(Months 1-3)



**Park & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting -
Kickoff**
July 08, 2024

Park concept review and revision to one recommended layout, construction cost estimate and implementation alternatives

September to October
(Months 4-5)



**Sechler Park concept
designs**
September 2024

Finalize recommended long-range plan including summary documentation, and final presentation to the Northfield City Council

December
(Month 6)



**Final Plan Review &
Recommendation for
Approval**
September 2024

**Final Presentation at City
Council Meeting**
December 03, 2024

PROJECT ENGAGEMENT



Public Engagement Overview



Public
Engagement
Plan

Online Survey

INPUTiD Online
Engagement

Stakeholder
Meetings
(revolving door)

Pop-Up
Meetings (3)

Open House

Online Survey



- Used to collect feedback from the wider Northfield community on their current use of the park, the issues they see at the park, and opportunities for improvements (survey will be available in Spanish)
- Yard signs with QR code to be posted in park
- Open from July 9 to July 30, 2024

TAKE THE SURVEY:

surveymonkey.com/r/Z2RL5D5



Pop-Up Meetings



- During this planning process, there will be three pop-up meetings to engage with the community:
 1. Baseball Tournament (7/10/2024) – At Sechler Park
 2. Crazy Daze (7/25/2024)
 3. Defeat of Jesse James Day (Exact day of event TBD)



Stakeholder Meetings



- Revolving door style meeting on one day at the park with the following stakeholders:
 - Softball league
 - Baseball league
 - Disc golf group
 - Mountain biking group
 - Internal recreation staff



Open House



- To be held in Fall of 2024 (after the development of the two preliminary concepts) to hear the community's input on park improvements
 - Timing of the meeting to be evaluated based on the level of participation received through the online survey



NEXT STEPS



Meeting Outcomes + Next Steps



MEETING OUTCOMES

- Initial feedback from Park and Recreation Advisory Board members
- Q&A

NEXT STEPS

- Continue with the community engagement process
 - Publish the community survey & INPUTiD
 - Prepare for future pop-up events
- Concept development
 - Utilize engagement to begin concept development

Questions?

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Thank you!