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# plan organization

The Sechler Park Long-Range Plan is organized into seven chapters that aim to provide a comprehensive overview of Sechler Park's existing conditions and future needs. These chapters include:

- **Executive Summary**
- **Introduction**
- **Inventory + Analysis**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Recommendations, Budgeting + Implementation**
- **Appendix**

The plan is intended to provide a road map for the planning and implementation of improvements to Sechler Park for the next 10 to 15 years. Developed in collaboration with the community of Northfield, several stakeholders, and members of city staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, this long-range plan will assist city officials and staff in determining how best to utilize resources for future improvement projects. To properly realize the long-term vision for Sechler Park, the city should continue to update this living document as needed to ensure it reflects the ever-shifting needs of the community.

Each chapter of this report is summarized to the right.

## Executive Summary

Provides an overview of the visions, goals and objectives that have assisted in the formation of the plan

## 03 | Community Engagement

Summarizes findings from in-person meetings with city staff and the park and recreation advisory board, pop-up events, and the community survey

## 01 | Introduction

Lays out important background information about Northfield and Sechler Park, the planning process, past planning efforts, and an overview of the park's existing conditions

## 04 | Recommendations, Budgeting + Implementation

Outlines potential recommendations to fully realize the vision for the document and meet the needs of the city and its residents; outlines the steps needed to implement the proposed recommendations and provides phasing considerations, construction cost estimates, and funding resources

## 02 | Inventory + Analysis

Highlights key information gathered about site circulation, park access and accessibility, natural resources, vegetative management, programming, facilities, and partnerships; also lays out existing issues with the park and potential opportunities for improvement

## 05 | Appendix

Includes the complete online survey results document, detailed cost estimate worksheet for improvement recommendations, a series of meeting minutes, and additional information and research that helped the planning team to better understand the park









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**NORTHFIELD**  
**MINNESOTA**

# executive summary

The City of Northfield is home to a diverse network of parks, green spaces, and recreational areas that enrich the quality of life for its residents and visitors. Over the years, Northfield parks have provided places for relaxation, play, and community gathering, reflecting the values and priorities of Northfield.

**As Northfield continues to grow and evolve, so too must the city's park system.** In response, the City of Northfield has undertaken the development of this long-range plan for Sechler Park, a forward-looking strategy aimed at enhancing park and recreation offerings to meet the needs of future generations.

**This long-range plan sets forth a vision for a sustainable, accessible, and vibrant park that fosters community well-being, supports ecological resilience, and promotes a healthy and active lifestyle.** Developed in collaboration with community members and local stakeholders, this plan outlines a comprehensive approach to preserving and enhancing Sechler Park while addressing key challenges such as increasing demand for recreation facilities, environmental conservation, and equitable access to open spaces.

**This plan reflects a shared community vision and will serve as a blueprint for developing, maintaining, and improving Sechler Park over the next ten to fifteen years.**



*View of MN-3 from the pedestrian bridge*

## The Plan

The City of Northfield has a robust outdoor recreational system, consisting of parks, athletic facilities, open spaces, and trails. Over the last few decades, however, shifts in demographics, growth, recreational trends, and funding have indicated a need for certain parks, trails, and open spaces within the city to be revitalized or improved. As a result, the city has undergone considerable planning of its parks, trails, and natural areas over the last few years.

In order to strengthen Sechler Park's recreational offerings and better serve residents' passive and active recreational needs, the city has prioritized the development of this long-range plan. Several goals informed and guided the plan's development, but the overall purpose of this long-range plan is **to provide a guide for park improvements and planning-level costs specific to Sechler Park that are informed by an extensive community engagement effort and input from city officials, staff, and key stakeholder groups.**

This plan does not seek to reinvent Sechler Park or stray too far from its original design, character, or intent; rather, it advocates for thoughtful, community-driven improvements that are grounded in an understanding of the park's history, ecology, and intended purpose.

## The Goals

In order to achieve the city and community's vision for the park, four primary goals helped guide the development of the plan, including:

**1 Understand the community's needs and preferences for the park**

**2 Define action items for the long-range plan**

**3 Determine community priorities for phased implementation**






**4 Create and share a final long-range park concept and report for the city and community's future use**



## The Needs

This plan could not have been created without feedback from the community, the city, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and other park stakeholders. Upon completion of the online community survey, pop-up events, and meetings with the city, several key takeaways emerged. Below is a brief overview of takeaways from the engagement process (see Section 3 for complete engagement results).

### What amenities should be maintained/enhanced?

-  **1st** (39%)  
Trails and paths
-  **2nd** (36%)  
Parking
-  **3rd** (35%)  
Baseball fields
-  **4th** (32%)  
Playground
-  **5th** (25%)  
Access to Cannon River

### Top 5 new amenities to focus on adding to the park:

-  Pickleball
-  Splash pad
-  Picnic Tables
-  Additional lighting
-  Winter activities

### What do you like MOST about Sechler Park?

- Baseball fields
- Green/Open space
- Rural/Undeveloped feeling
- Biking/Walking trails
- Pavilions + shelters
- Proximity to the river

### What do you like LEAST about Sechler Park?

- Limited parking amenities
- Lack of actual restrooms
- Outdated amenities
- Proximity to train tracks
- Small playground
- Lots of bugs

## The Future

To assist the city in improving Sechler Park over the next ten to fifteen years, a series of phased improvement recommendations were developed. The phased improvements outlined in Section 4 of this report reflect the feedback received from the community and are meant to provide a road map for the city to utilize as they consider how and when to improve the park. Below is an overview of the phasing timeline and the high-level cost estimates associated with each phase.

### Phase 1 Improvements

**Timeline:** 1-3 years (2025-2027)      **High-Level Cost Estimate:** \$4,128,600 - \$4,306,600

### Phase 2 Improvements

**Timeline:** 4-6 years (2028-2030)      **High-Level Cost Estimate:** \$2,021,500

### Phase 3 Improvements

**Timeline:** 7-10 years (2031-2034)      **High-Level Cost Estimate:** \$4,182,000 - \$7,362,000

### Phase 4 Improvements

**Timeline:** 11-13 years (2035-2037)      **High-Level Cost Estimate:** \$356,000

### Phase 5 Improvements

**Timeline:** 14+ years (2038 and onward)      **High-Level Cost Estimate:** \$4,908,000

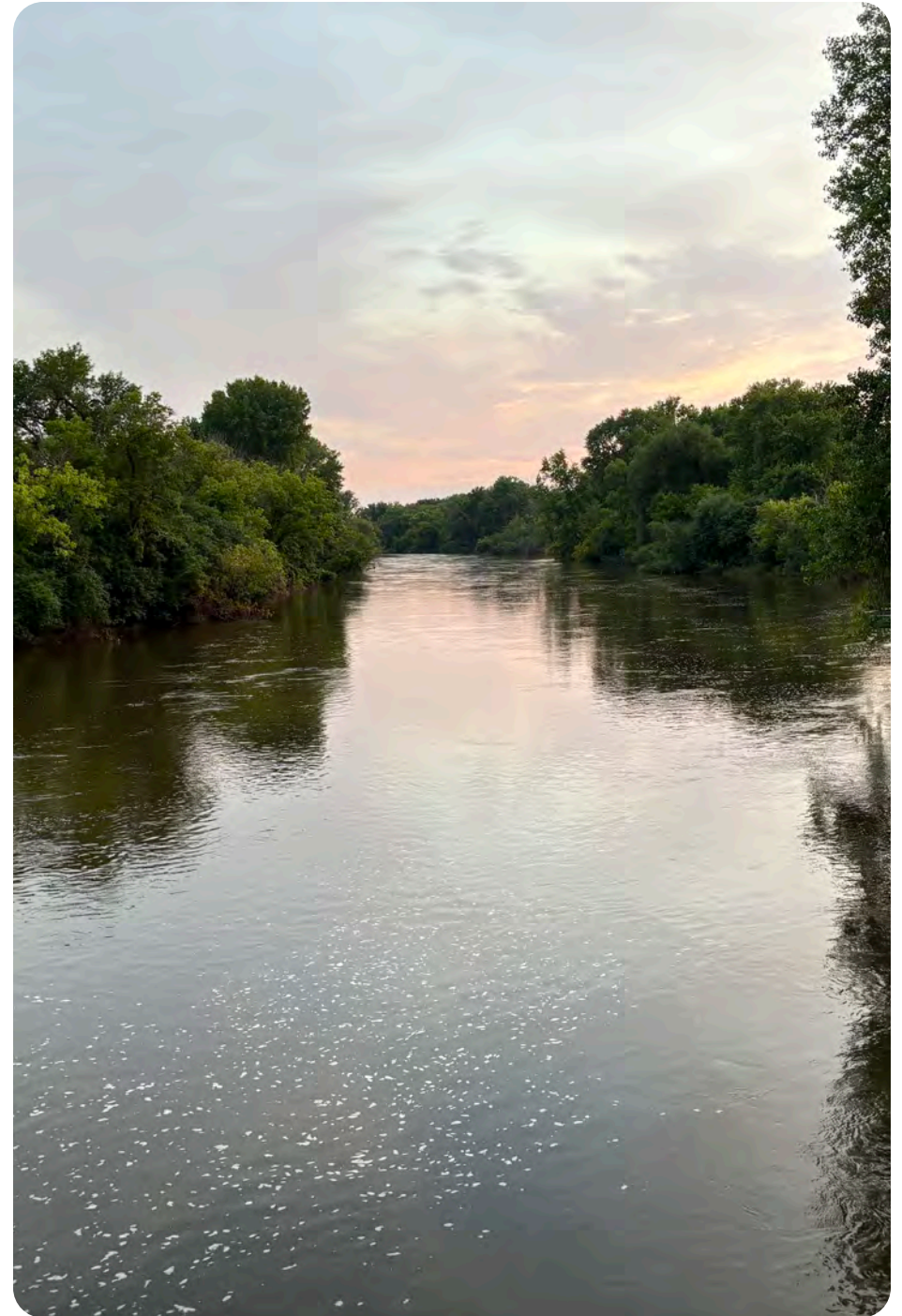
**High-Level Cost Estimate Total:** .....> \$15,596,100 - \$18,954,100

# 01

# introduction

Sechler Park is characterized by its expansive woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands, as well as its proximity to the Cannon River, which makes up the park's southern edge. **Not only does Sechler Park offer visitors plenty of space to immerse themselves in nature, it also provides several recreational facilities and amenities for children, teens, adults, and seniors to enjoy.** Whether community members are attending a baseball tournament, utilizing the park's picnic shelter for a family gathering, or mountain biking in the densely wooded areas along the river, Sechler Park offers a variety of programming options for folks of all ages to enjoy.

**Because Sechler Park is a key component of the park and recreation system, the City must proactively adapt and respond to park-specific and community-wide changes in climate, demographics, and more to best meet the needs of its residents far into the future.**



*View of Cannon River from the existing pedestrian bridge*

# plan purpose

This plan has been developed for use by the city to evaluate potential improvements to Sechler Park, understand the approximate costs associated with those improvements, and identify and align resources to fully realize those improvements. To generate park recommendations and implementation strategies that reflect the community's needs and wants, city staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, key stakeholders, and the residents of Northfield were engaged throughout the process. Several themes arose from those conversations, which are outlined in further depth in the following chapter. They include:

- **Site circulation + park access**
- **Natural resources + vegetative management**
- **Programming + facilities**
- **Community partnerships**

Each of the themes listed above plays an important role in the functionality and overall use of the park. Taking into consideration the ever-evolving trends of park facilities and amenities, the recommendations and implementation strategies included in this report will assist the city in making decisions for Sechler Park and tracking progress toward implementation.



*View of the Ames Mill Dam (just east of Sechler Park)*



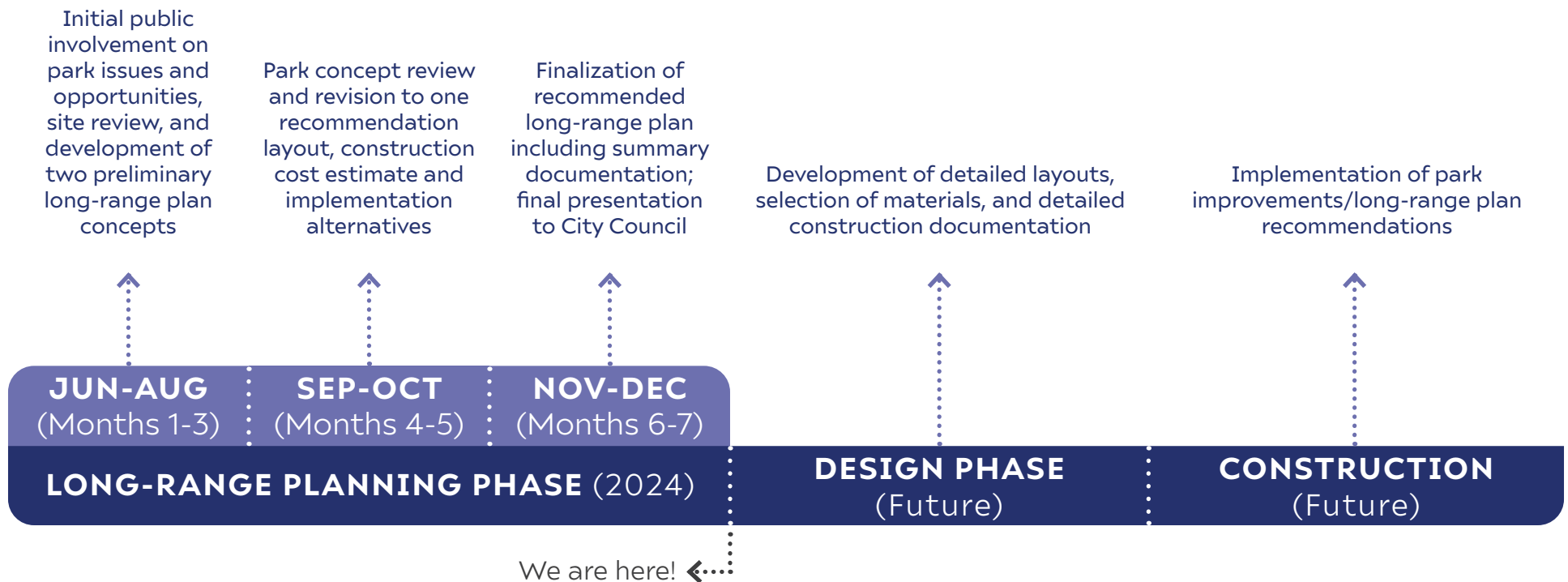
# project timeline

This park long-range plan was developed over a period of seven months and is structured around three main tasks, which included “Project Management/Review and Approvals,” “Communications and Public Engagement Process,” and “Long-Range Plan Development” task.

The planning process began with city coordination and an in-depth inventory of Sechler Park’s existing amenities and facilities, followed by an assessment of the condition of those park features. Throughout the development of the plan, several engagement events and stakeholder meetings were conducted, which greatly informed the actionable recommendations and implementation strategies included in later sections of the report. This structured approach ensures that the

plan is reflective of the community’s wants and needs and contains tangible improvement recommendations that are well-positioned for implementation.

In the future, the city will be tasked with implementing the recommendations included in this report. To assist with that process, the planning team developed phased levels for improvements, as well as planning level cost estimates, for the city to consider as funding becomes available for future implementation.



# past planning efforts

Several past planning documents were referenced during the development of this plan. These documents, which hone in on topics like parks and recreation, the economy, climate, transportation, water management, and conservation, were crucial in understanding how Northfield operates and what standards and guidelines the city is currently following. A list of past planning efforts that were consulted during the formation of this Park Long-Range Plan include:

- the 2007 Parks, Open Spaces, and Trails System Plan
- the 2008 Comprehensive Plan
- the 2019 Climate Action Plan
- the 2019 Pedestrian, Bike, and Trail System Plan
- the 2020 Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan
- and the Northfield Parks and Recreation CIP Study

An updated “2045 Comprehensive Plan” is currently being developed. This document will provide the city with long-range plans for managing the growth of the community, as well as its housing, economic development, parks and recreation, and transportation systems. This park plan aims to build on the visions, goals, and actions from previous planning efforts, including the 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

More information for each document to the right can be found on the city’s website.

## 2007 Parks, Open Spaces, and Trails System Plan

The 2007 Parks, Open Spaces, and Trails System Plan outlined several key points for the city to keep in mind. A few of those include:

- **The system must be balanced, diverse and flexible** enough to adjust to the ever-changing needs of the community
- **Providing quality parks, open spaces, and trails is very important** to encouraging higher levels of use; conversely, **spreading investments too thinly across the community is discouraged** since doing so often leaves unmet expectations - resulting in lower use levels
- **Providing trails and natural open spaces are just as important** as providing traditional parks

A mission statement was also developed as part of the system plan. It reads:

- **“Promote a high quality of life in Northfield by providing a balanced and sustainable system of parks, natural open spaces, athletic facilities, and trails consistent with the historic sense of place in the community.”**

## 2008 Comprehensive Plan

The 2008 Comprehensive Plan for Northfield outlined several key directions for the community to consider. Taken together, the key directions included below represent a simplified, yet cohesive approach for enhancing the city in a manner that is aligned with Northfield’s community values.

- **Preserving the area’s natural, historic and cultural resources**
- **Assuring a strong economy**
- **Encouraging vibrancy in the downtown core and its fringe areas**
- **Maintaining the community’s character**
- **Enhancing “Town/Gown” relations**
- **Promoting an ethic of sustainability in all city activities**

With assistance from the planning commission and community, a vision statement was also developed. It reads:

- **“Northfield values its unique heritage as a mill and college town, and will reflect its community identity by preserving its historic and environmental character, and enhancing its quality of place through a progressive and sustainable development pattern.”**

## 2019 Climate Action Plan

In 2019, the City developed a Climate Action Plan to support both the community's ongoing efforts and new initiatives to mitigate the cause of and adapt to the impacts of climate change. With an overall goal of achieving 100% carbon-free electricity in 2030, as well as being a 100% carbon-free community by 2040, this plan outlines several actions that will have the greatest impact on reducing carbon emissions. They include:

- **Deep energy efficiency retrofits** for nearly all buildings and facilities
- **Cleaning the generation of electricity** in cooperation with the electric utility, Xcel Energy
- **Switching energy sources from fossil fuel use to clean electricity** in both buildings and travel
- **Reducing the amount that people drive** by promoting public transit, biking, and walking opportunities
- **Eliminating waste** that enters a landfill or a resource recovery facility
- **Sequestering carbon** through accelerated tree plantings and sustainable land and agricultural practices

## 2019 Pedestrian, Bike, and Trail System Plan

The Pedestrian, Bike, and Trail System Plan also offers six general strategies to improve Northfield's pedestrian, bicycle, and trail network. They include:

1. **Design Streets Based on Land Use Context**
2. **Implement Separated Bicycle Lanes in Select Locations**
3. **Improve Accessible for People with Disabilities**
4. **Develop a Bicycle Facility Selection Matrix**
5. **Develop a Bike Facility Selection Matrix**
6. **Improve and Expand Wayfinding for People Bicycling and Walking**

## 2020 Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan

In 2020, the City engaged in planning efforts to enhance Cannon River's regional park experience. Objectives and strategies were identified around the value of the Cannon River as an economic engine and perhaps more importantly, as an essential component of Northfield's overall identity. Many project initiatives were identified that focus on how to better integrate the river into all aspects of community life.

## Parks & Recreation CIP Study (developed in 2022)

In 2022, the City engaged various consultants to assist in creating a Capital Improvement Plan for Northfield's parks and recreation facilities. Listed below is a brief breakdown of the anticipated expenditures for the city to keep in mind over the next 10 years.

- **Years 1-5 Breakdown:**
  - ◇ **Trail Maintenance & Improvements:** \$2,420,210
  - ◇ **Parks Maintenance & Improvements:** \$4,969,000
  - ◇ **Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan:** \$13,188,500
  - ◇ **Indoor Facilities:** \$7,300,000
    - » **Total:** \$27,877,710
- **Years 6-10 Breakdown:**
  - ◇ **Trail Maintenance & Improvements:** \$1,629,440
  - ◇ **Parks Maintenance & Improvements:** \$3,616,000
  - ◇ **Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan:** \$5,979,000
  - ◇ **Indoor Facilities:** \$38,075,000
    - » **Total:** \$49,299,440

A more detailed look at the specific improvements and maintenance considerations for parks and trails are included in the CIP report on the city's website.

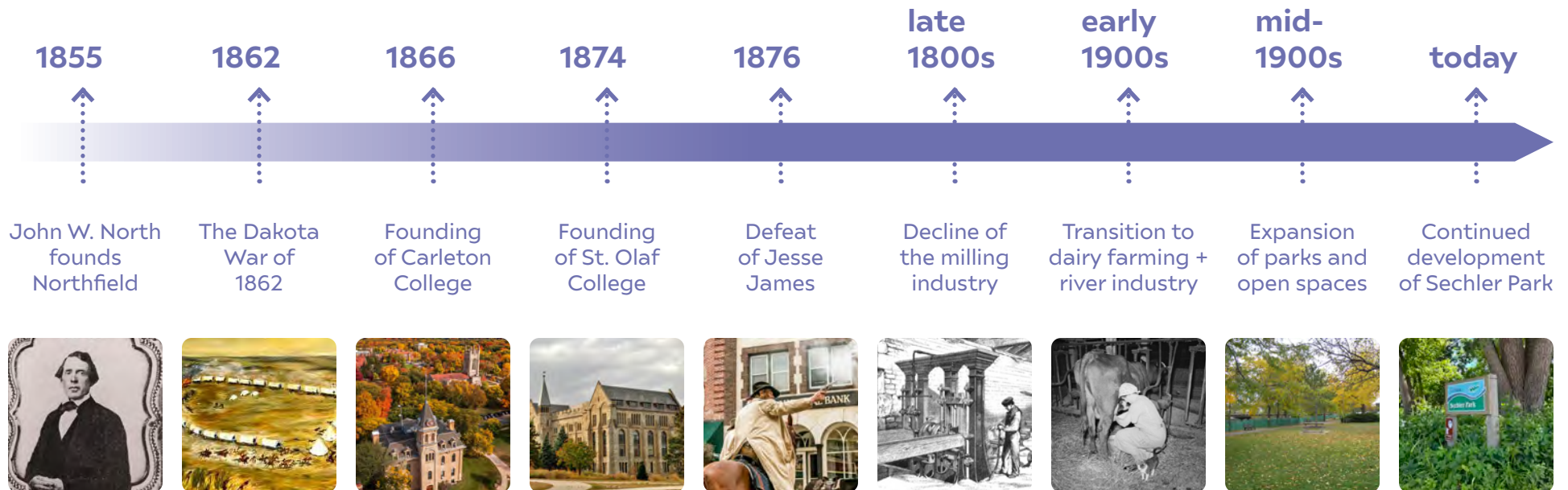
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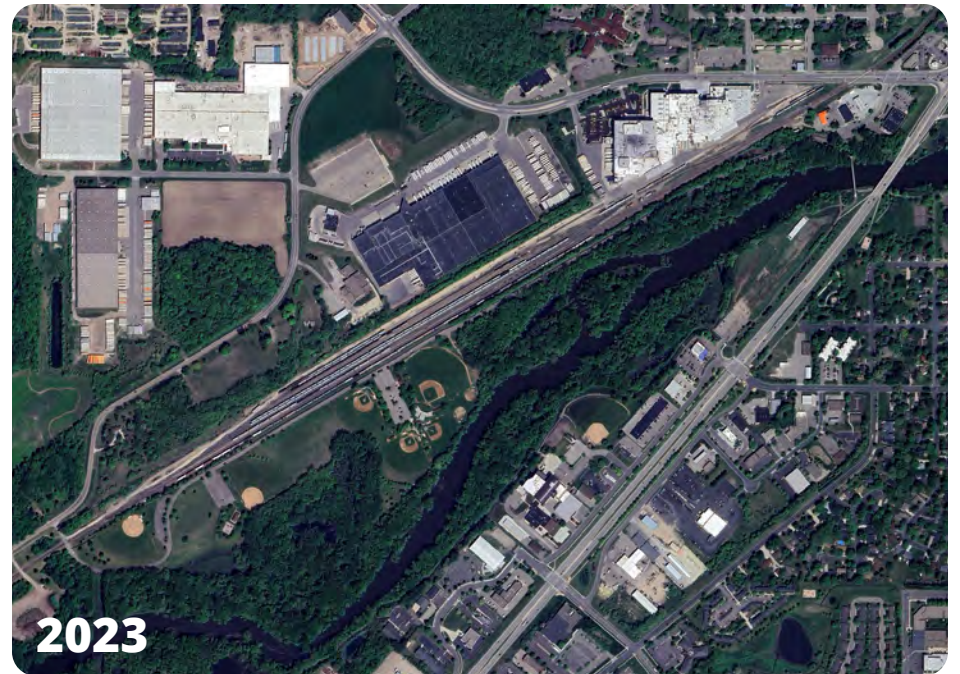
Founded by American abolitionist, lawyer, and politician, John W. North, Northfield has a long agricultural and milling history, dating back to 1855. Originally, the land where Northfield is currently located was home to several eastern bands of Dakota collectively known as the Santee Sioux. A devastating conflict between white settlers and the Dakota people led to the Dakota War of 1862, which resulted in many casualties and the exile of the Dakota from their native land. This event, among many others (e.g., the founding of Carleton College in 1866 and St. Olaf College in 1874, the development of railroads, and the defeat of robber Jesse James) helped shape the community and its people.

The Cannon River, an important and scenic river in its own right, was perfect for the powering and construction of sawmills, grist mills, and other industrial facilities. Although the milling industry dwindled in the late 1800s, Northfield remained an important hub of economic, educational, and recreational activity, with dairy farming

and development along the banks of the Cannon River replacing the milling industry and sustaining the community through the early 1900s. As industrial development along Cannon River slowed down, interest in opportunities for parks, trails, and open spaces on public land increased, which led to the development of Sechler Park and several other public spaces in the city. Sechler Park, with its prime location along the Cannon River, became a cherished community space, especially after the park and recreation board expanded its efforts to maintain and improve the city's park system in the mid-1900s.

Today, Sechler Park stands as a successful example of the repurposing of a former industrial riverfront space into an inviting public park, reflecting the city's historic ties to the river and commitment to the outdoors. With several recreational offerings, including baseball and softball fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and more, Sechler Park will remain an integral part of the community for generations to come.





Historical imagery of Sechler Park over the last 85+ years

# park overview

## An Introduction to Sechler Park

Sechler Park is a 107-acre community park (not including the “compost area” in the westernmost portion of the park), located along the northern banks of the Cannon River as it winds through the western portion of the city. Because of its location along the Cannon River and its proximity to MN-3 and MN-19, as well as the many shops, trails, and restaurants south of the river, it is frequently visited by community members looking for an area to recreate, gather, and explore. There are two main access points to the park: one on the park’s western edge, at the intersection of Armstrong Road and Sechler Park Road, and another on the park’s eastern edge, at the Lauren Court cul-de-sac. The Mill Towns State Trail runs along the entire northern edge of the park, making the park easy to get to by bike, as well.

The land now home to Sechler Park was once part of the city’s industrial riverfront, back when Northfield was a milling and agricultural hub in the late 1800s. Today, Sechler Park functions as a multi-use outdoor space that balances urban recreation with natural conservation. Whether residents are looking to play baseball, ride their mountain bike through the wooded areas, or bird-watch, there are many opportunities to engage with and socialize in the park. However, increased maintenance and management is needed to address the various ecological and seasonal challenges the park faces.

## Ecology

Originally a floodplain area, Sechler Park is characterized by a riparian ecosystem that contains wetlands, floodplain forests, and open grassland areas. Despite its adjacency to development, the park supports native vegetation and provides habitat for wildlife, birds, fish, and other species, making it an important natural setting in the community. A concerted effort to preserve Sechler Park’s many natural resources has been made over the years, including conservation practices aimed at maintaining its biodiversity. A few notable threats to Sechler Park’s ecological environment are flooding events that limit accessibility during high-water periods and organized recreational events that may have an adverse effect on the park’s natural resources.

## Recreational Amenities + Facilities

Sechler Park boasts a wide variety of recreational facilities for all ages to engage with, including baseball and softball fields, flex fields, a playground area and walking and mountain biking trails. As part of the planning process for the development of this plan, many clubs and associations with close ties to the park were consulted. These entities, including the Northfield Fast Pitch Softball Association, the Northfield Youth Baseball Association, the Cannon River Off-Road Cycling and Trails (CROCT) club, the Age-Friendly Northfield organization, and the local pickleball and disc golf groups, provided the planning team with important information about how they use the park and what they’d like to see added in the future.

The park also features several other amenities, including benches, picnic tables, portable toilets, three parking lots, a grill, a picnic shelter (with electrical outlets and restrooms with running water), a concessions building, grandstands and bleachers, batting cages, and more. These park features are in various conditions, with some of the structures and buildings in need of replacement or repair, and some amenities having reached the end of their life cycles. Additionally, there are few sidewalks and paved trails within the park, posing accessibility challenges for seniors and folks with physical disabilities who are trying to get from one side of the park to the other.



*Baseball spectators at Wells Fargo Field*



\* Tom Blaisdell/1st National Field to the northeast  
 Post Field to the northwest  
 Wells Fargo Field to the southwest  
 College City Field to the southeast

Figure 1: Existing Amenities + Facilities Map

# existing conditions

As a part of the planning process, the planning team conducted a site visit with city staff in June of 2024 to analyze the existing conditions of the park's amenities, facilities, and infrastructure. Although the park is frequently visited by community members and generally meets their recreational needs, several park features need to be replaced, repurposed, or repaired. A summary of the existing conditions of each of Sechler Park's features is listed below:

- **Mill Towns State Trail**

- ◇ There is very little separation between the Mill Towns State Trail and Sechler Park Road. A series of bollards provides some protection from vehicles but still poses a threat to trail users.
- ◇ Some portions of the state trail are deteriorating and need to be resurfaced. The city is currently working through funding opportunities to complete resurfacing of the trail.

- **Parking Lots/Areas**

- ◇ The westernmost parking lots are meeting the needs of park visitors and are generally in good shape.
- ◇ During baseball tournaments and events, the main parking lot does not provide enough parking; as a result, visitors use the sides of Sechler Park Road, the open green space south of the ballfields, and the area north of the ballfields as overflow parking, which can cause congestion along the road and damage to grassy areas nearby
- ◇ As visitors enter and leave the park during baseball tournaments, the circulation through the main parking lot can be confusing and lead to congestion.

- **Playground Area**

- ◇ Although the playground meets the needs of park visitors, it was added back in 2006 (~20 years old) and does not feature any accessible equipment or surfacing

- ◇ The playground area is located on the western side of the park, making it difficult for those attending baseball events to traverse back and forth or keep an eye on their children while they watch baseball games.

- **Park Shelter**

- ◇ Vandalism has been an issue here in the past.
- ◇ The shelter was added to the park in the 1990s and is in need of replacement or updating.
- ◇ To access the shelter restrooms, visitors must have a key, which means only those renting the shelter can access them. There are portable toilets located in the southeastern edge of the parking lot nearby, though.

- **Concessions Building**

- ◇ Vandalism has been an issue here in the past.
- ◇ The building is reaching the end of its usable lifecycle and could be replaced.
- ◇ The restrooms in the building are not currently available for use; however, portable toilets have been placed nearby for park visitor use.

- **Equipment Storage Building**

- ◇ Currently, the building does not meet the storage needs of the baseball association and city and could be expanded.

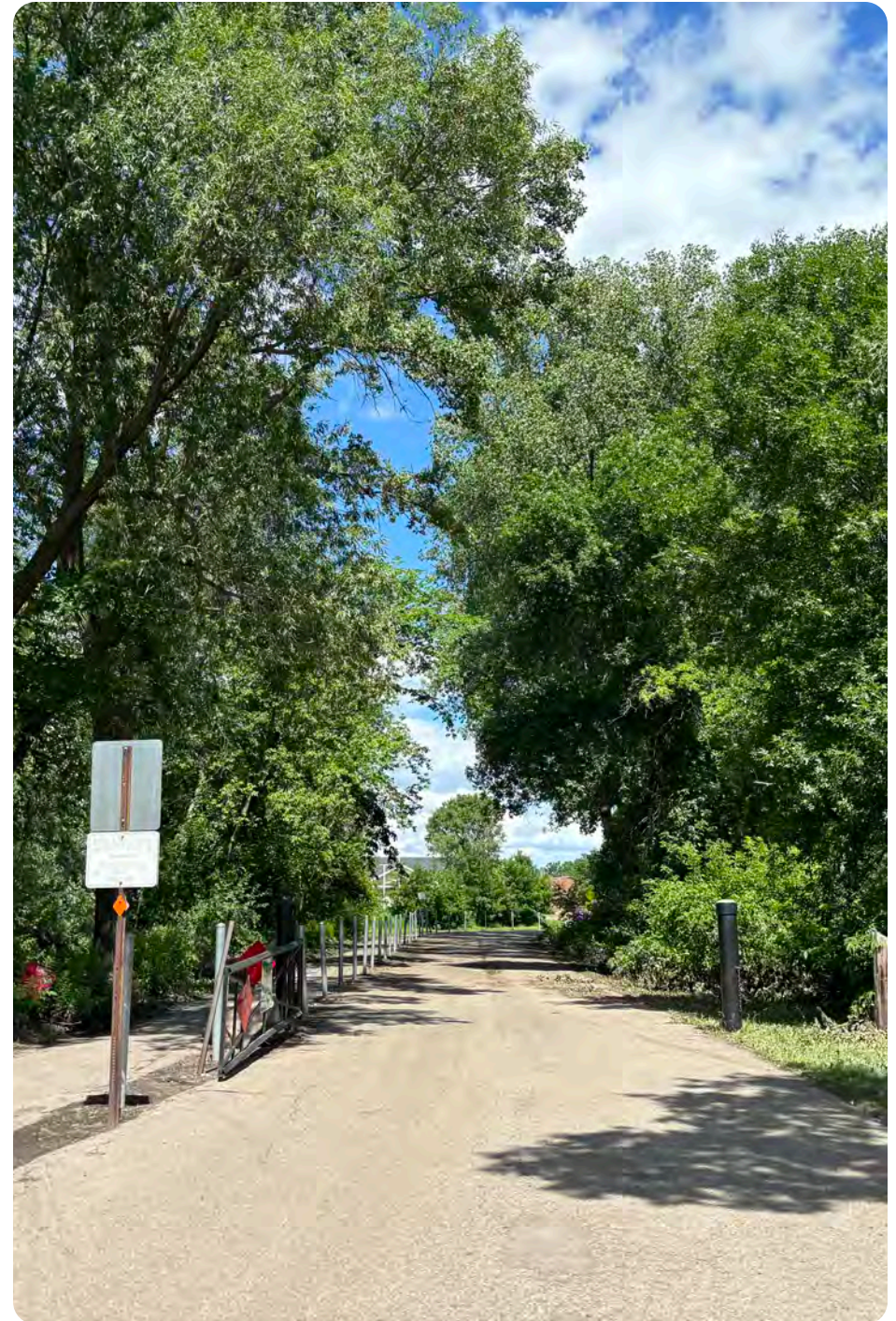
- **Baseball and Softball Fields**

- ◇ Most of the baseball fields are susceptible to flooding; after heavy rain events, the fields can be difficult to play on because of water saturation and pooling.
- ◇ There is a significant gap between the softball fields and baseball/T-ball fields.
- ◇ There is too much space between home plate and the backstop/fence on 1st National Field/Tom Blaisdell Stadium, leaving little room for plaza space around the concessions building.
- ◇ The city and community would prefer high-tension netting over the chain-link fences that are currently there
- ◇ Grade change near the T-ball fields is not ideal for bench placement.



- **Lighting**
  - ◊ There are stadium lights around all the softball and baseball fields, but additional lighting in other areas of the park could discourage vandalism and improve safety.
- **Parking Wayfinding/Signage**
  - ◊ There are park entrance signs at both entrances to the park but little to no wayfinding signage beyond that; however, the city is currently working on updating the design for new park entrance signs.
- **Cannon River Access**
  - ◊ There are very limited opportunities to access the Cannon River for water recreation (e.g., fishing, canoeing, kayaking, etc.).
- **Vegetation**
  - ◊ The park faces challenges with invasive plants and pests, such as buckthorn and emerald ash borer (EAB); this requires additional management from limited parks/public works staff.
  - ◊ In some areas of the park, there are very few shade trees to provide reprieve from heat/the sun
  - ◊ Current tree limbs are growing into areas of play on the ball fields and impeding spectator views.
- **Other**
  - ◊ Because the park is located just south of the railroad, trains passing through can be noisy.
  - ◊ Power lines are reshaping trees in various areas.
  - ◊ The 30 MPH speed limit on Sechler Park Rd causes safety concerns for those walking or biking along the road.
  - ◊ There are no crosswalks for safe crossing from the park to Mill Towns State Trail.
  - ◊ All three batting cages are in good condition.
  - ◊ Both park entry signs are in good condition.

Taking into consideration the conditions of Sechler Park's existing features, the next chapter of this report provides an analysis of the existing features and programming opportunities in the park, which begin to reveal key issues and opportunities for the City to consider as they determine how exactly to improve the park in the future.



*View down Sechler Park Road*



# inventory + analysis

To gain a better understanding of Sechler Park's existing conditions, amenities, and potential opportunities for improvement, the planning team conducted a comprehensive inventory and analysis of the park, which included the documentation of both natural and built features, as well as an evaluation of their conditions and lifecycles. **A detailed analysis of Sechler Park's existing amenities and facilities revealed important baseline information about the park, such as current patterns of usage, safety concerns, accessibility issues, and ecological considerations.**

As a result of this process, the planning team - with assistance from the community, city, and key stakeholders - was able to identify which assets to retain, which areas might require improvements, and which spaces could be transformed to accommodate other uses. **Ultimately, the planning team was able to use the information gathered during the inventory and analysis phase to develop potential strategies to enhance user experience, improve park functionality, and protect the park's natural resources.** For more information on park improvement recommendations, refer to Chapter 4 of the report.



*Planning team performing an inventory of the park*

# overview

By documenting on-site observations and having several discussions with the community related to the existing conditions of Sechler Park's amenities and facilities, the planning team was able to gain a solid understanding of what exists in the park, how the park is currently being used, and what features the city hopes to improve or replace.

The following pages contain a series of photos taken during various site visits, as well as detailed information gathered from the planning team's inventory and analysis process. The site was evaluated through the lens of four key components: **site circulation and park access**, **natural resources and vegetative management**, **programming and facilities**, and **existing and potential future partnerships** in the community.

## 1 SITE CIRCULATION + PARK ACCESS

There are two main vehicular access points into Sechler Park: one at its northeastern edge and another at its southwestern edge. Although most visitors get to the park by car, individuals can also get there by foot or bike by using the Mill Towns State Trail or crossing the existing pedestrian bridge. In this portion of the "Inventory + Analysis" section, existing vehicular circulation, pedestrian circulation, park access points and connections, and parking in the park will be discussed.

## 3 PROGRAMMING + FACILITIES

Most of the programming and recreational facilities in Sechler Park are devoted to baseball and softball; however, there is immense interest from the city and the community to incorporate additional programming in the park, such as pickleball, disc golf, mountain biking, and more. In the following pages, the current programming and recreational facilities, as well as the potential for the integration of additional opportunities are elaborated upon.

## 2 NATURAL RESOURCES + VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT

The City of Northfield is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of its natural resources, which is reflected in several of the city's environmental planning documents. Because of its location along the Cannon River, Sechler Park is an important ecological asset in the community. The park's ecology and natural resources, wildlife and habitat value, and current vegetative management practices will be summarized in the following pages.

## 4 EXISTING + POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

To implement and maintain park improvements, the City should consider utilizing existing partnerships, as well as looking into other partnership opportunities. Whether it be in Northfield or with other entities in the state, existing and potential (future) partnerships are discussed in this portion of the "Inventory + Analysis" section.



*Westernmost parking lot*



*Playground features near the shelter*



*The primary picnic shelter's interior*



*Picnic shelter's indoor restrooms*



*Flooding near the picnic shelter area*



*Parking lot near picnic shelter area*



*Flex field/open green space area*



*Easternmost (main) parking lot*



*Batting cage near storage building*



*1st National Field from grandstands*



*Concessions building*



*Pump track area for mountain bikers*



*Informal gravel parking area*



*Overflow parking during tournaments*



*Mill Towns State Trail*



*Park entry gate signage*

# park access + site circulation

## Park Access

Most visitors travel to the park by car using one of two vehicular access points at either end of Sechler Park Road. The primary access point is located just south of MN-19 at the intersection of Laurel Court and Sechler Park Road. With its location just west of the MN-19 and MN-3 intersection, this entry point is used most often by visitors traveling to the park by car. The other vehicular access point is located just south of the Armstrong Road and Sechler Park Road intersection on the park's westernmost side.

Sechler Park Road, a 22' wide, two-lane street with a speed limit of 30 MPH, facilitates vehicular circulation through the park and is located mostly along the park's northern edge. Currently, the road is unstriped and does not have any marked crosswalks to allow pedestrians to safely cross, which poses a small but important safety concern for the City to consider. Along Sechler Park Road are several off-street parking lots: one between the park's four baseball fields, one near the park's playground and park shelter area, and one just east of the park's westernmost softball field. Altogether, these parking lots contain around 260 stalls, which adequately handles most of the park's parking needs. However, parking becomes very limited during baseball and softball events/tournaments during summer months, so much so that park visitors are choosing to park in other areas, including the gravel road northeast of 1st National Field, the grassy area southwest of Post Field, and even along Sechler Park Road. Another area used for parking is the Laurel

Court cul-de-sac, which allows visitors to easily cross the pedestrian bridge and access the East River trail system. All parking lot areas contain little to no accessible parking spaces.

For those traveling to the park on foot or bike, 1.1 miles of the Mill Towns State Trail runs along the entirety of the park's northern edge, allowing for easy movement from one end of the park to the other. Several proposed new segments of the trail, set to be constructed over the next few years, will eventually connect the cities of Faribault, Dundas, Northfield, Waterford Township, Randolph, and Cannon Falls and span ~25 miles.

## Site Circulation

Besides the 8' wide, bituminous state trail just north of Sechler Park Road, there are very few paved pathways within the park, posing accessibility concerns for older adults and those with physical impairments who want to move between certain park features. Additionally, some portions of the Mill Towns State Trail are in bad or deteriorating condition and will need to be resurfaced in the near future. In general, Sechler Park's internal circulation could be improved through the implementation of new, accessible pathways that connect the baseball fields in the middle of the park to the amenities on the western portion of the park.

The park also contains approximately 3.5 miles of unpaved mountain biking trails that are used often by locals. These trails form loops in the forested areas of the park along the river.



*Laurel Court cul-de-sac and park entry area*



*Sechler Park Road and the Mill Towns State Trail*

# natural resources + vegetative management

## Natural Resources

The city has developed several planning documents (namely the 2005 Natural Resources Inventory report, the “Environmental Resources” section of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, the 2019 Climate Action Plan, and the 2020 Surface Water Management Plan) to assist in the preservation and management of the community’s natural resources and ecological features. These planning documents not only highlight the benefits of improving and maintaining the city’s natural resources, but also outline goals and strategies that can be used to ensure the preservation of those resources.

As indicated in the city’s Natural Resources Inventory report and observed during various site visits, the most prominent ecological communities in Sechler Park include wetlands, floodplain forests, and open grassland areas. The continuous forest and woodland areas along the Cannon River corridor, as well as the river itself, provide habitat to many species of wildlife, including birds, fish, and other animals. A map of wildlife habitat areas included in the Natural Resources Inventory report shows all the forested areas within the park as having “high wildlife habitat value.”

As Northfield continues to grow, there is potential for the growth pressures to negatively impact natural resources. In the future, it will be important for the City to

continue to protect, enhance, and integrate the natural environment into the fabric of the community to preserve Northfield’s rural character and feel.

The park’s natural resources and amenities will also be impacted by continued flooding in the future. During the development of the plan, the National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette map developed by FEMA was referenced. This map, which is included in the appendix, will need to be referenced by the City during future improvement projects; it is important to note that potential additional permitting may be required for various recommendations/projects outlined in Section 4 of the plan.

## Vegetative Management

As is the case in many parks with large woodland areas, buckthorn, and emerald ash borer (EAB) continues to negatively impact Sechler Park’s natural resources. Fortunately, there are many ways to remove buckthorn (e.g., by cutting it in late summer or fall, using herbicides to prevent stumps from regrowing, or even allowing goats to graze near it), but it can still be difficult to permanently remove without proper and consistent follow-up.

As for EAB, the City currently employs a “50-50-50” (remove, treat, leave) management strategy, which is helping to reduce the effects and further spread of EAB to ash trees

in the community. Northfield residents are encouraged to report sightings of EAB by contacting the City of Northfield Street and Parks Department or by calling or emailing the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s “Arrest the Pest” organization. Without proper management, invasive plant and insect species will continue to pose a significant risk to the integrity of Sechler Park’s plant communities; the City must continue to protect the park’s native species through various conservation practices.



*EBA signs (Photo by Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture)*



*Buckthorn (Photo by Univ. of Minnesota Extension)*

# park programming + facilities

## Park Programming

Sechler Park offers both traditional recreational opportunities and passive programming options for visitors to engage in. The park's traditional recreational opportunities include baseball, softball, flag football, ultimate frisbee, mountain biking, and play activities (at the park's playground area). Sechler Park currently features four baseball fields, two softball fields, and two T-ball fields, which draw in a large portion of the park's visitors; in fact, a noticeable uptick in park use during summer months occurs when the Northfield Youth Baseball Association hosts various baseball tournaments.

Passive programming in the park includes walking, biking, hammocking, picnicking, and resting. However, because the park has little internal pathway connectivity and lack of available bathrooms, park visitors who are looking for walking and biking opportunities are mostly limited to the Mill Towns State Trail or mountain biking trails in the woodlands. Some of the wooded areas in the park are perfect for hammocking, while other amenities, like picnic tables, grills, and the picnic shelter, allow for great picnicking opportunities.

Other programming events occur in the park, too. For example, in July of 2024, the Tour de SAVE - a bicycling fundraiser/ride that supports SAVE's mission to prevent suicide through public awareness and education - started at Sechler Park.

## Park Facilities

Some of Sechler Park's existing facilities are in good condition, while others have reached the end of their lifecycles and should be replaced or repaired in the future. Currently, the park's picnic shelter is serving the needs of the community, although it is over 30 years old and starting to show signs of wear and tear. The picnic shelter is rentable and has indoor restrooms for those who rent the space to utilize, and is used often by the community's Latino population for gatherings and family events. However, there is an appetite within the community to add additional picnic shelters to the park to better meet the needs of its users.

In contrast, the park's concession stand building and storage building are not adequately meeting the needs of the community. The concession stand building is rarely used unless there is baseball tournaments. It has restroom facilities, but they are not currently available for use, and the storage capacity of the building is limited. Similarly, the storage building located on the east side of the baseball parking lot (near the batting cage) does not currently meet the storage needs of the baseball association and could be expanded. Consideration should be made of expanding sewer services to these buildings to best serve park users.

The park's playground area is used often by families with young children, but the equipment itself is about 20 years old and could be updated. There are no accessible playground features or surfacing in the play area, which poses accessibility concerns for those with physical or mental impairments.



*One of the park's T-ball fields*



*Main storage building in the park*



# existing + potential partnerships

## Existing Partnerships

Several partnerships with local organizations, community groups, city departments, and other entities ensure that Sechler Park is continuously protected, well-maintained, and activated. Without these partnerships to assist with its maintenance needs, development, and general use, Sechler Park would not function as well as it does today.

The park is maintained and managed by the City's Streets and Parks Division, who coordinate park events, upkeep, and improvements. Community volunteers and civic groups, such as the Rotary Club and volunteer programs through local schools, sometimes assist with some park maintenance and improvement project needs (e.g., trail work, riverbank restoration, etc.) Although incidents do not occur in the park often, Northfield's Police Department routinely checks to make sure the park is safe and addresses any issues pertaining to vandalism or other crimes. Together, these entities ensure that Sechler Park is an enjoyable place to recreate or reflect at any time of day.

The city also partners with Northfield Youth Baseball Association to host games, tournaments, and practice sessions for children of all ages. These partnerships help keep the park activated throughout the summer and have helped shape the park's overall identity.

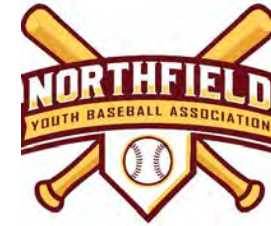
Because of Sechler Park's adjacency to the Cannon River, Northfield's partnership with Clean River Partners, formerly named the

Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP), has also been crucial. Clean River Partners is a member-based nonprofit organization that helps people to value, protect, and improve the Cannon River Watershed's land and water through environmental events and educational opportunities.

## Potential Future Partnerships

During the development of this plan, several community stakeholder groups reached out to the City and planning team to express their interest in developing partnerships to improve or expand the functionality of the park. These groups included the Cannon River Off-Road Cycling and Trails (CROCT) club, whose mission is to advocate for, build, maintain, and enjoy trails for off-road cycling and other recreational uses in the Cannon River region; the Age-Friendly Northfield organization, who provides guidance to the City about ways to become more age-friendly; Northfield Youth Fast Pitch Association; and the local pickleball and disc golf groups, who do not currently have facilities in the park but have shown interest in getting them added to Sechler Park in the future. In coming years, the City should continue to work or begin collaboration with these groups to further expand the park's offerings.

Other partnerships for the City to establish as they maintain and improve Sechler Park are partnerships with the Northfield Public Library, local schools, and businesses sponsoring recreational events.



## CLEAN RIVER PARTNERS





Figure 2: Issues Map



Figure 3: Opportunities Map



# community engagement

The community engagement plan for the Sechler Park Long-Range Plan was designed to prioritize community voices, ensure equity in access and input, and foster a shared vision for the park's development. Through a structured engagement process, **this section of the plan outlines the strategic initiatives and engagement tools that were utilized to gather meaningful input from a diverse cross-section of stakeholders, including residents, local organizations, and city partners.**

Key objectives of community engagement include:

- **Inclusive Engagement:** Ensuring all community segments, especially historically underrepresented groups, have opportunities to participate in the planning process. Tools such as surveys, online interactive mapping, revolving door meeting with stakeholders, and multiple in-person interactions on-site at Sechler Park and at various community-wide events.
- **Transparency and Communication:** Provided clear, regular updates to on planning process, goals, and outcomes. This was achieved through a project website, social media, and community meetings, where information was shared and an opportunity for public feedback.

- **Collaborative Visioning:** Creating a shared vision that reflects community values and aspirations. Through face-to-face meetings and interactive interactions with stakeholders throughout the design process, stakeholders were able to participate directly in the planning of park amenities, programming, and features that align with the community needs.
- **Sustainable and Equitable Outcomes:** Committing to an inclusive and environmentally sustainable park that meets the recreational and wellness needs of all community members, now and in the future.

Community engagement sets the foundation for improvements at Sechler Park that reflects the unique character, values, and needs of the community. Improvements are focused on enhancing the quality of life, fostering community pride, and encouraging stewardship of this public space. **This collaborative approach ensures that the final long-range plan will be a collective accomplishment, delivering park improvements that the community can enjoy and take pride in for generations to come.**

# phase 1 of engagement

Throughout the planning process, the planning team worked with city staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to develop this report. Over the course of several meetings, the city provided local expertise on the park, highlighted potential deficiencies with facilities and amenities, and helped guide the outcomes of the project from what was being heard from the Northfield community. To gain important feedback and ideas from local community members, the planning team also hosted several public engagement events. These engagement events included **3 pop-up events** (Baseball Tournament, Crazy Daze, Defeat of Jesse James Days) and **1 listening session with key stakeholders** (facilitated at Sechler Park).

The community survey, accessible online through a shareable web link or in paper format (by request), was launched in July 2024. While the survey was live, the city and planning team spread the word throughout the city via word of mouth, yard signs posted at the park, engagement

events, and flyers. Yard signs, online survey, and flyers were available in both English and Spanish. In the end, over 150 people provided input and shared their ideas. After the survey closed, community members were able to continue providing feedback about the existing conditions of the park through an interactive online comment mapping tool (called INPUTiD).

The following pages provide a summary of the input received from the community survey, the interactive online comment mapping tool, and in-person engagement events (a full report of engagement results and meeting notes can be found in the plan's appendix). Although not every suggestion was fully integrated into the final concept plan and vision for the park, the planning team did their best to accommodate as many of the community's needs as possible.

## Public Engagement Plan

Provided an overall strategy for the public engagement process; outlined on-site and digital tools to make sharing ideas easy, accessible, and fun for the public, while also allowing the planning team to gather valuable public input to inform the plan

## Online Community Survey

Created to collect feedback from the wider Northfield community on their current use of Sechler Park, the issues they see at the park, and opportunities for improvement

## Pop-Up Events

Allowed community members to discuss their vision of the park directly with the planning team at various community events and at Sechler Park

## Interactive Online Comment Mapping Tool

Customized to solicit ideas, concerns, and feedback from the community virtually (through mobile devices or computers) on the park's existing conditions and concept plans

## Stakeholder Meetings/ Listening Sessions

Provided an opportunity to have focused discussions with interested and impacted agencies and park user group representatives

## Engagement at a Glance:

**152**

Total Survey Responses



**350+**

Written Comments



**4**

In-Person Engagement Events



**5**

Meetings with the City and PRAB



## Engagement Event Timeline:

Community Events

City Meetings



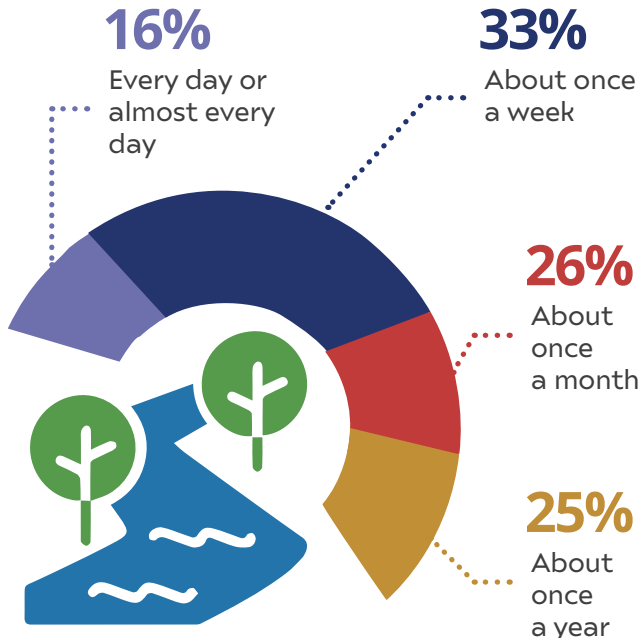
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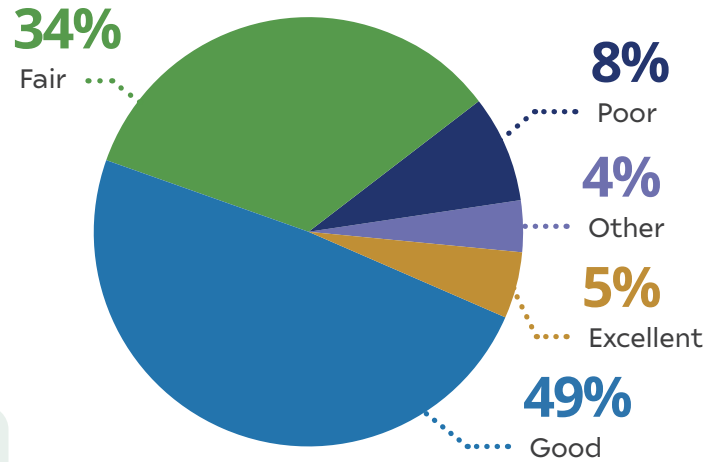


**350+ written comments**

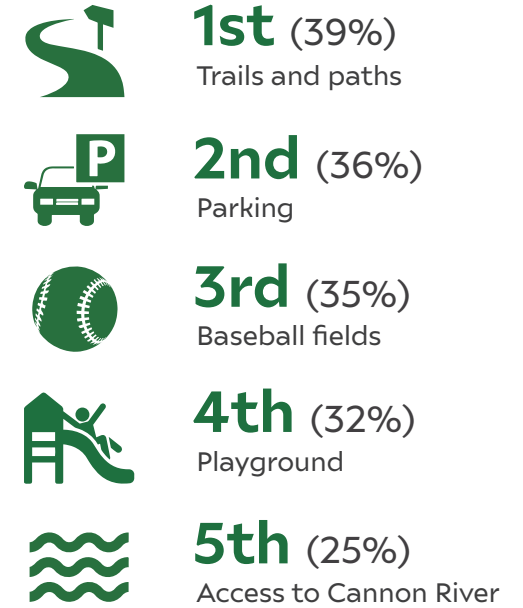
**How often people visit Sechler Park:**



**How would you rate the physical condition of the park + its amenities?**



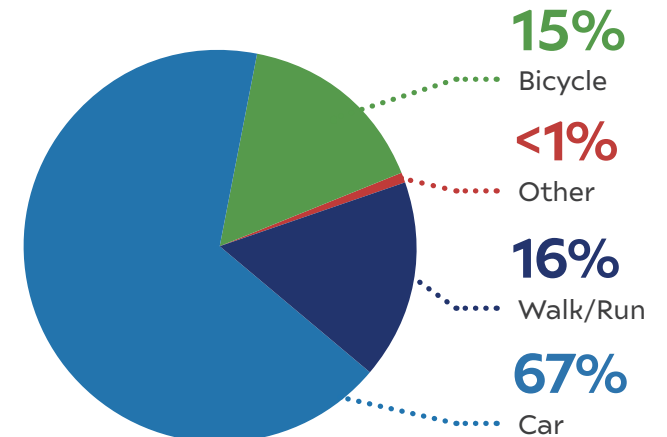
**What amenities should be maintained/enhanced?**



**Top activities to do at ANY park:**

- Play pickleball
- Walk/Run/Bike on trails
- Watch or play baseball
- Play on playground equipment
- Walk dogs
- Use shelters/amenities for picnics and gatherings

**Top mode of transportation used to get to the park:**





## Top 5 new amenities for the city to focus on adding to the park:



Pickleball



Splash pad



Winter activities



Additional lighting



Picnic tables

## What discourages use?

62%

Amenities available (restrooms, shelters)

31%

Conditions of sidewalks & trails

20%

Conditions of amenities & facilities

19%

Other

12%

Safety concerns

11%

Accessibility concerns

## Other popular park features to add:



Native/  
Pollinator  
plantings



Restroom  
facilities



Additional  
rental space  
(picnic  
shelters)



Accessibility  
to  
amenities

## Other key takeaways:

84%

Of respondents support enhancing family-friendly activities and spaces in the park

62%

Of respondents would like to see cultural or other community events programmed in the park

## What do you like MOST about Sechler Park?

- Baseball fields
- Green/Open space
- Rural/Undeveloped feeling
- Biking/Walking trails
- Pavilions + shelters
- Proximity to the river

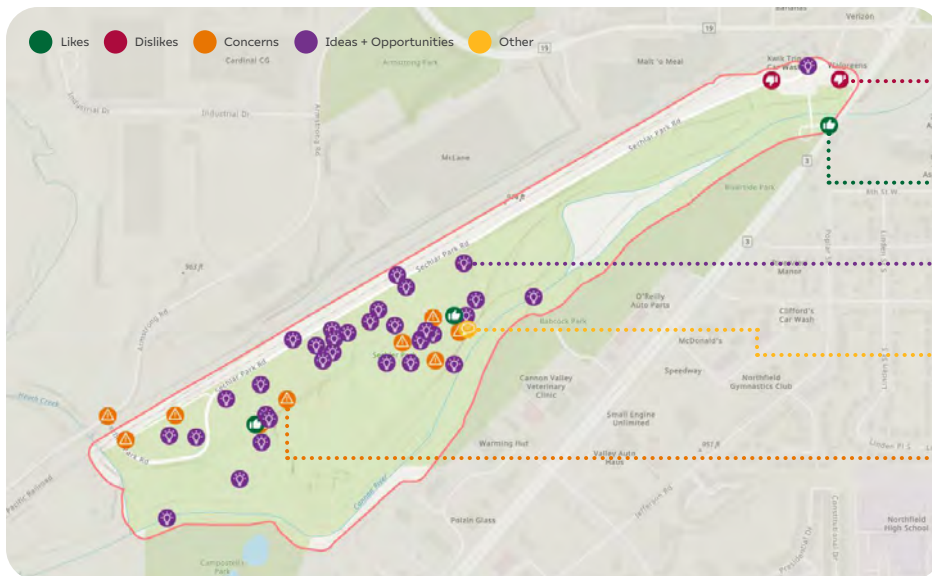
## What do you like LEAST about Sechler Park?

- Limited parking amenities
- Lack of actual restrooms
- Location/Proximity to where people live
- Outdated amenities
- Proximity to train tracks
- Small playground
- Lots of bugs

## Yard Signs and Half-Sheet Engagement Flyers



## INPUTiD Interactive Online Comment Mapping Tool: Phase 1 (Existing Conditions) Takeaways



“The traffic here and near the car wash makes this area dangerous for kids with bikes. The trail and the road need to be divided better. Also, the access road should be open in winter.”

“This crossing is great! I’d love to see another one to the south by the bowling alley.”

“Fully accessible bathrooms and drinking water would make sense in this park.”

“The Northfield Youth Baseball Association needs a little shed here to store their equipment.”

“Netting is needed along the first base line to behind home plate to prevent foul baseballs from going into the woods. Dugouts need to be covered, as well.”

## Engagement Pop-Up Event Photos



Feedback from an engagement board at the Baseball Tournament pop-up event



Final results from a dot exercise at the Baseball Tournament pop-up event



Children interacting with boards at the Baseball Tournament pop-up event



Parking lot congestion during the Baseball Tournament



Engagement with Northfield residents at the Crazy Daze pop-up event



# phase 2 of engagement

After the completion of Phase 1 of the community engagement process, the planning team reviewed all of the feedback that was received - including comments from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the community survey, the first two pop-up events (i.e., the Baseball Tournament event and the Crazy Daze event), the listening session, and the results of the first phase of the INPUTiD interactive online comment mapping tool.

After reviewing and understanding the general themes that were expressed, the design team went through a tabletop design exercise of starting to layout two different concept plans for Sechler Park improvements that could be shared with the Northfield community for another round of community engagement.

The following images are the two different concept plans that were presented to the community. The planning team presented the designs at the Defeat of Jesse James days and added them to the online mapping tool INPUTiD. Additionally, information was shared with all the participants of the listening session meeting and was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Key takeaways from the community that informed both concept designs were:

- A need for an internal trail system and alternative parking locations
- A need for accessibility improvements throughout the park
- Support for improvements to the Tom Blaisdell baseball field
- Support for a centralized play area
- Support for additional bridges over the Cannon River to improve access to the park
- Support for pickleball within the park; integration of pickleball courts
- Support for an additional softball field that could also be utilized for youth fast pitch softball

The community shared many great ideas for potential park improvements, but there is only so much that can be added based on the fixed size of the park.



*Planning team collaboration for concept plan development*

# Concept Plan #1



Figure 4: Park Concept Plan #1

# Concept Plan #2

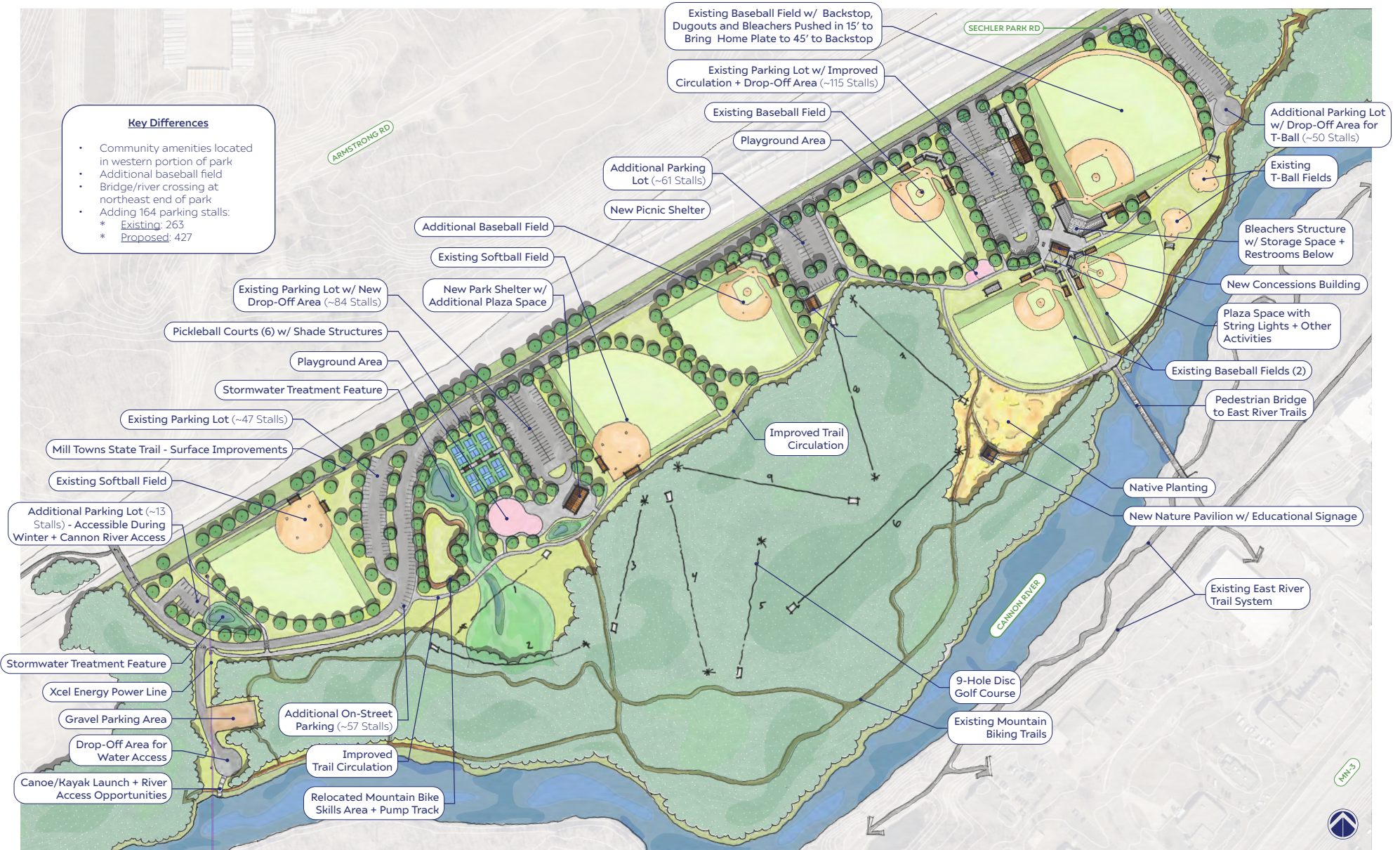


Figure 5: Park Concept Plan #2



## East Entrance Concept Plan



Figure 6: East Entrance Concept Plan

# Feedback Received on Concept Plans during Defeat Days and Phase 2 of the INPUTiD Comment Tool



Feedback on Concept Plan #1 at the Defeat Days pop-up event



Feedback on Concept Plan #2 at the Defeat Days pop-up event



Feedback on the east entrance concept plan at the Defeat Days pop-up event



Park concept plan engagement boards at the Defeat Days pop-up event



INPUTiD interaction pertaining to park concept #2

“MUCH needed parking! And a great location for it in Sechler Park.”

“Shaded areas are need by all ballfields.”

“Consider adding a 200’ temporary fence and 60’ base plugs for future fast-pitch tournament or state hosting for revenue! Great for local businesses.”

“We need a wheelchair accessible path through the woods.”

“I like the idea of a bridge here! I think it would really increase access to the park from the middle and southern half of the city. However, a river crossing might work better at Jefferson Pkwy so it would be connected to the middle school and high school.”



INPUTiD interaction pertaining to park concept #2

“Another field for baseball is an absolute need and will be heavily used. If this isn’t full-sized, consider making it multipurpose with a dirt infield so fast-pitch + slow-pitch can also be played here.”

“I think I prefer this crossing to that in Concept Plan #1. Jefferson Pkwy is more of a thoroughfare for the east half of town and has nice bike lanes and crossings to allow access. I think this crossing would be more used.”

“A disc golf course would be a cool amenity, especially if it stays fairly wooded and natural.”

“Isn’t most of this area beyond the ballfields under water at some point during an average year?”

“Build tennis courts and line them for pickleball, as well!”



INPUTiD interaction pertaining to the east entrance concept plan

“CROCT would like to include bike playground features near the proposed parking lot. Having features at the main park entrance would signal to people that there’s more bicycle-related fun to be had elsewhere in the park.”

“I like having the potential to add a second connection across the river. This trail will also be much quicker than the current route due to not needing to take the ramp up to the pedestrian bridge.”

“I don’t understand what this trail connects to that can’t easily be reached by the east trail.”

# 04

# recommendations, budgeting + implementation

Proposed improvements to Sechler Park have been identified through collaboration with the residents of Northfield, community members, previous planning documents, site visits, and input from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, city council, and city staff.

**This section of the report provides a summary of all recommended improvements using location maps and tables outlining estimated costs, implementation phase, and available funding mechanisms. Depending on staff resources, funding, and need, some initiatives will be easier and faster to achieve, while others may warrant a long-term commitment to implement. This plan anticipates the cumulative improvements for the park and trail system will be completed in phases as funding is available and opportunities for public and private partners arise.**

It should be noted that improving access and accessibility to the park and all of its amenities were identified for completion in Phase One. These improvements set the foundation for all the other park improvements and set the tone that Sechler Park is a welcoming park for the community.

In the future, as city staff prepares to implement park and trail-related improvements, they should continue to keep residents involved/updated through social media outlets and the city's website.

# overview

## Budgeting + Implementation

One of the driving forces of this document is to assemble, in one place, a list of identified improvements that should be considered at Sechler Park to address ongoing maintenance needs, as well as to provide improved recreation opportunities for the community. The information in this section of the plan is meant to provide guidance for planning and adequately budgeting for park improvements.

The phased improvements outlined in the following pages are meant to provide a road map for the City to utilize as they consider how and when to improve Sechler Park over the next ten to twenty years. There may be items that the community would like to see implemented sooner, but without the prior construction of important foundational elements, some improvements may have to be pushed back into later phases. The anticipated timelines for each phase are as follows:

- **Phase 1** .....> 1-3 years
- **Phase 2** .....> 4-6 years
- **Phase 3** .....> 7-10 years
- **Phase 4** .....> 11-13 years
- **Phase 5** .....> 14+ years

A final park concept plan, as well as four character sketches, help articulate the improvements included in this section of the report. The city should consider moving items in later phases forward if alternative funding sources are identified to allow the project to be completed sooner. The improvements listed in each phase are in no particular order.

## High-Level Cost Estimates

The estimated costs included in this document are planning level estimates using 2024 dollars. Costs include estimates for project contingency and design efforts that will be necessary for successful implementation of the recommended improvements. Estimates will need to be adjusted as projects are implemented to account for inflation and the current market.

The tables on the following pages identify costs for full build-out of the improvements identified in this report. A detailed cost estimate spreadsheet can be found in the appendix. The planning team also investigated ongoing operations and maintenance knowing that's an important consideration for the city as they're implementing these projects. A more detailed outline of potential operations and maintenance costs can be found in the appendix.

## Additional Considerations

Although several new recreational opportunities have been included in the final concept plan, the park will no longer be able to accommodate soccer or ultimate frisbee. Fortunately, the Spring Creek Park Soccer Complex and the lacrosse fields south of Spring Creek Elementary School can still be used for these sports. Lastly, it should be noted that the Mill Towns State Trail is not being "expanded" upon; rather, the final concept plan offers alternate routes for trail users to utilize to enter the park.

## Phase 1 Improvements

- Construct a new parking lot near the proposed Central Activity Area with lighting and signage
- Improve the conditions/circulation of the existing ballfield parking lot and add a drop-off area
- Add a new play area with updated playground equipment in the proposed Central Activity Area
- Add pickleball courts in the proposed Central Activity Area
- Add centerline and shoulder striping, as well as crosswalks, along Sechler Park Rd
- Install new entrance signs
- Install bituminous trails, concrete sidewalks, crushed limestone surfaces, and trail lighting where indicated
- Run sewer line to serve pavilions and cross river to connect into existing sewer (Option #1)
- Run sewer line to serve pavilions to Laurel Ct (Option #2)
- Install additional trash receptacles throughout park
- Install additional pet waste stations throughout park

## Phase 2 Improvements

- Construct a new parking lot near the existing T-ball fields with lighting and signage
- Construct a new parking lot near the east entrance to the park with lighting and signage
- Add a new picnic shelter in the nature area south of the ballfields
- Add an additional softball field with amenities (e.g., batting cage, dugouts, lighting, scoreboard, etc.)
- Replace backstop fencing at baseball fields
- Replace backstop fencing at T-ball fields
- Install mountain biking pump track/skills course
- Install disc golf course
- Add additional wayfinding signage in the park
- Implement stormwater improvements throughout park
- Add benches throughout park
- Add picnic tables throughout park
- Add bicycle racks where indicated

## Phase 3 Improvements

- Add a new picnic shelter with unisex restrooms near the pickleball courts and playground area in the proposed Central Activity Area
- Reconstruct the plaza in between the baseball fields
- Replace the existing park shelter with a new picnic pavilion with 2 single-stall unisex restrooms
- Replace the existing concessions/restroom building
- Improve main baseball field features (e.g., dugouts, high-tension netting, fencing, etc.) and replace existing grandstands with a larger accessible grandstand CMU block structure that has a press box, restrooms, and storage space (Option 1)
- Improve main baseball field features (e.g., dugouts, high-tension netting, fencing, etc.) and replace existing grandstands with a larger accessible grandstand aluminum structure (Option 2)
- Install additional trees throughout park

## Phase 4 Improvements

- Construct a new seasonal parking lot near the westernmost softball field
- Add a river overlook plaza area south of the baseball complex/fields, near the proposed Phase 5 pedestrian bridge
- Improve water/river access at the west end of the park by adding kayak/canoe launch area
- Improve water/river access at the east end of the park by adding kayak/canoe launch area

## Phase 5 Improvements

- Construct a small parking bay along Sechler Park Rd southeast of the westernmost softball field
- Add plaza areas near the east entrance/existing pedestrian bridge for trail users and bicyclists
- Install a new pedestrian bridge near the baseball complex/fields
- Install a new pedestrian bridge at the west end of the park

# Final Concept Plan

"CS" = Character Sketch



Figure 7: Final Concept Plan



# Final Concept Plan for East Entrance Area

"CS" = Character Sketch



Figure 8: Final East Entrance Concept Plan

## Character Sketch 1: Disc Golf + Pump Track Area

By relocating the existing playground area and taking advantage of currently underutilized green space near the existing picnic shelter, additional recreational opportunities and park facilities can be integrated into the park, including a disc golf course, a mountain biking pump track, another softball field, and an updated picnic shelter with restrooms.



Existing Conditions

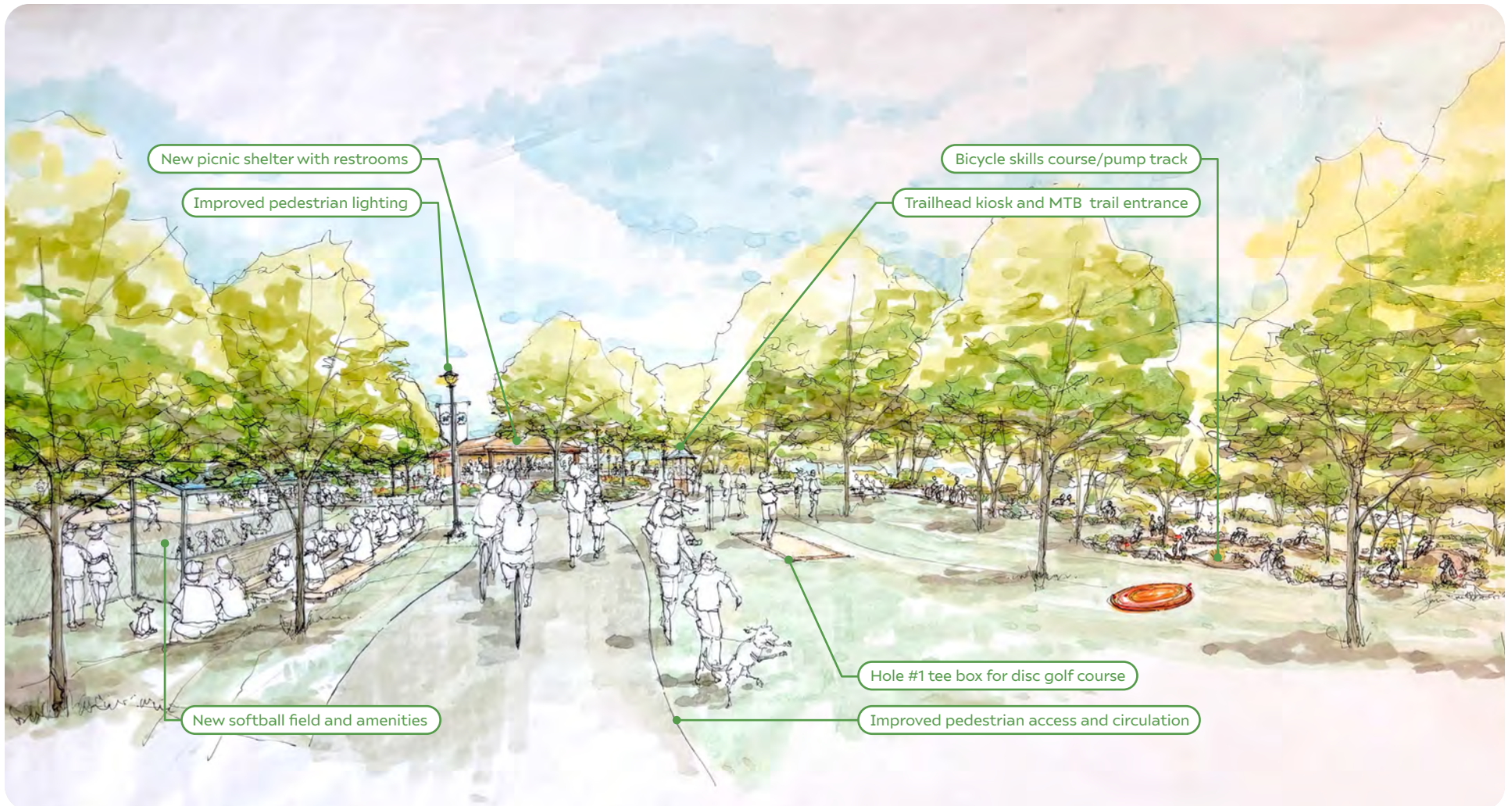


Figure 9: Character Sketch #1

## Character Sketch 2: Central Activity Area

Currently, Sechler Park lacks a “Central Activity Area” for residents to utilize. However, the existing green space between the softball and baseball fields is expansive and full of potential. By repurposing and formalizing this space, an additional parking lot, playground area, picnic shelter with restrooms, stormwater treatment features, and several pickleball courts can be added to better activate the area.



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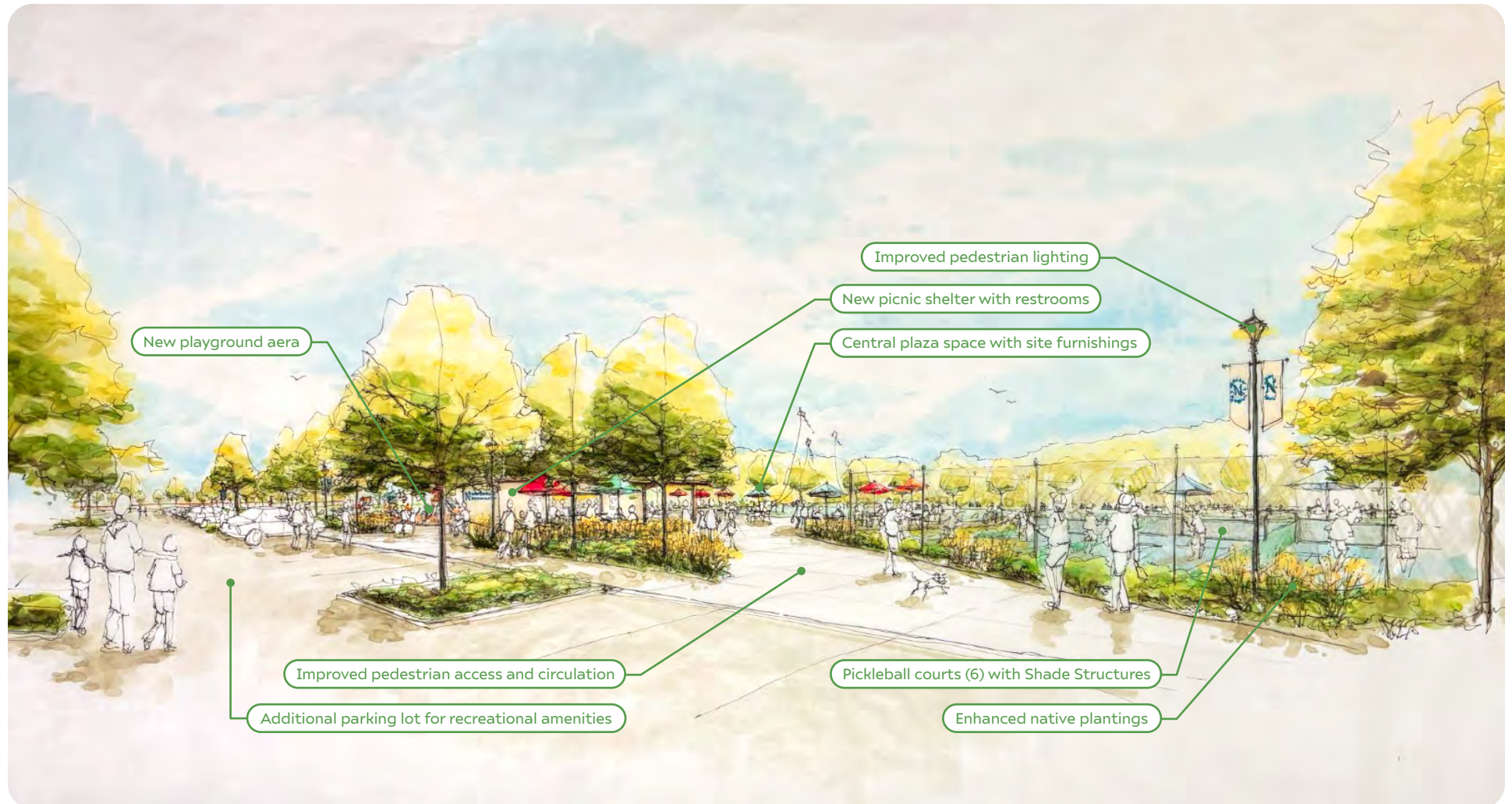


Figure 10: Character Sketch #2

### Character Sketch 3: Baseball Plaza

Sechler Park sees an influx of visitors during baseball tournaments in the summer, but the existing amenities between the fields do not adequately serve visitors' needs. By moving the backstop and dugouts at Tom Blaisdell Field in 15' and replacing the existing bleachers with a grandstand structure, a formal plaza with an updated concessions/restrooms building, kiosk, catenary lighting, and more can be created.



Existing Conditions

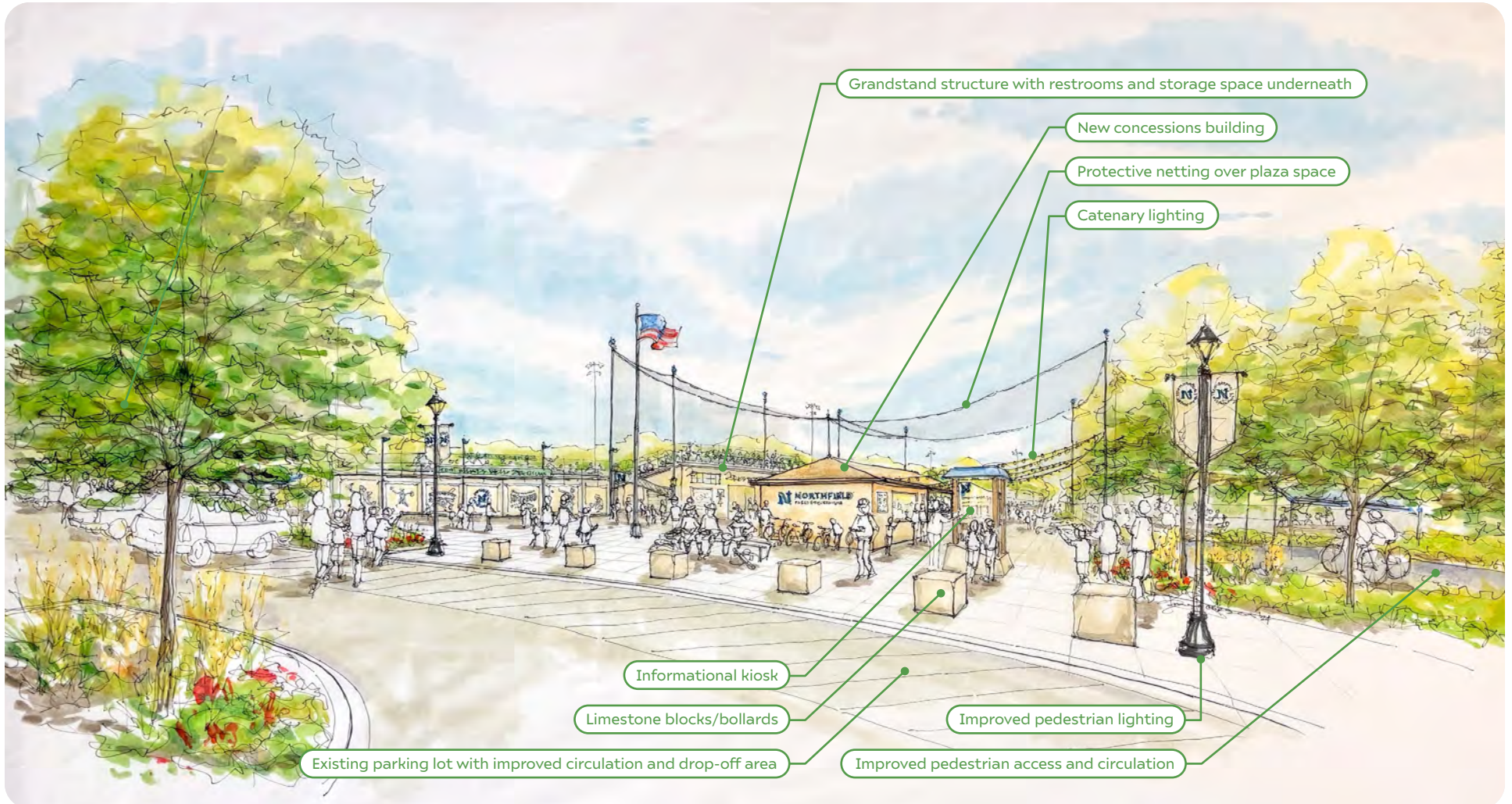


Figure 11: Character Sketch #3

## Character Sketch 1: East Gateway Experience

Bicyclists and East River trail users often enter Sechler Park by crossing the Mill Towns Trail Bridge; however, the park's east entrance does not offer any reason to stay. By adding a seasonal parking lot, wayfinding kiosk, and plaza spaces with bike facilities to this area, park visitors and bicyclists will be much better served. Incorporating a kayak/boat launch to this area will also greatly improve water access in the park.



Existing Conditions

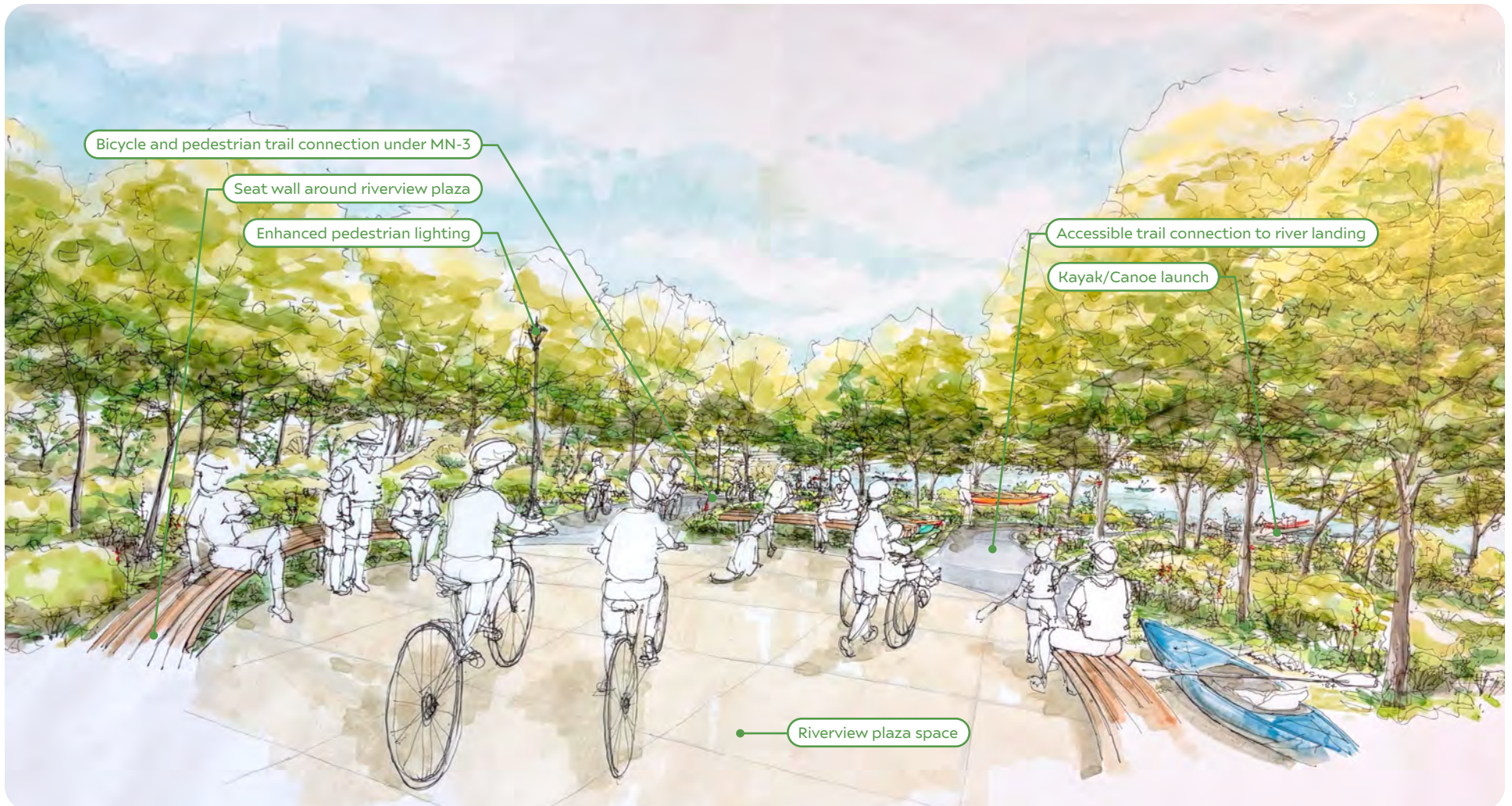


Figure 12: Character Sketch #4

# phase 1



Figure 13: Phase 1 Identified Improvements Map

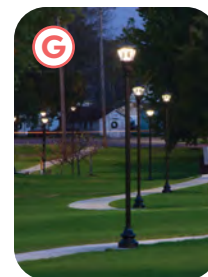
## Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvements

	Identified Improvement	Est. Cost
	<b>New Parking Areas</b>	
(A)	Construct a new parking lot near the proposed Central Activity Area with lighting and signage	\$380,000
	<b>Existing Parking Lot Improvements</b>	
(B)	Improve the conditions/circulation of the existing ballfield parking lot and add a drop-off area	\$184,000
	<b>Play Area</b>	
(C)	Add a new play area with updated playground equipment in the proposed Central Activity Area	\$808,600
	<b>Pavilions/Structures + Plazas</b>	
(D)	Add pickleball courts in the proposed Central Activity Area	\$408,000
	<b>Main Park Road</b>	
(E)	Add centerline and shoulder striping, as well as crosswalks, along Sechler Park Rd	\$12,000
	<b>Communication Signage</b>	
(F)	Install new entrance signs	\$39,000
	<b>Trails</b>	
(G)	Install bituminous trails, concrete sidewalks, crushed limestone surfaces, and trail lighting where indicated	\$1,554,000
	<b>Sewer Utilities</b>	
	Run sewer line to serve pavilions and cross river to connect into existing sewer (Option 1 - River Crossing)*	\$730,000
	Run sewer line to serve pavilions to Laurel Ct (Option 2 - Sechler Park Rd)*	\$908,000
	<b>Misc. Site Amenities</b>	
(H)	Install additional trash receptacles throughout park*	\$10,000
(I)	Install additional pet waste stations throughout park*	\$3,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	
	with Option 1 for the "Sewer Utilities" improvement	<b>\$4,128,600</b>
	with Option 2 for the "Sewer Utilities" improvement	<b>\$4,306,600</b>

Table 1: Phase 1 identified improvements + high-level cost estimates

\* not specifically indicated in final rendered concept plan

## Precedent Imagery



# phase 2

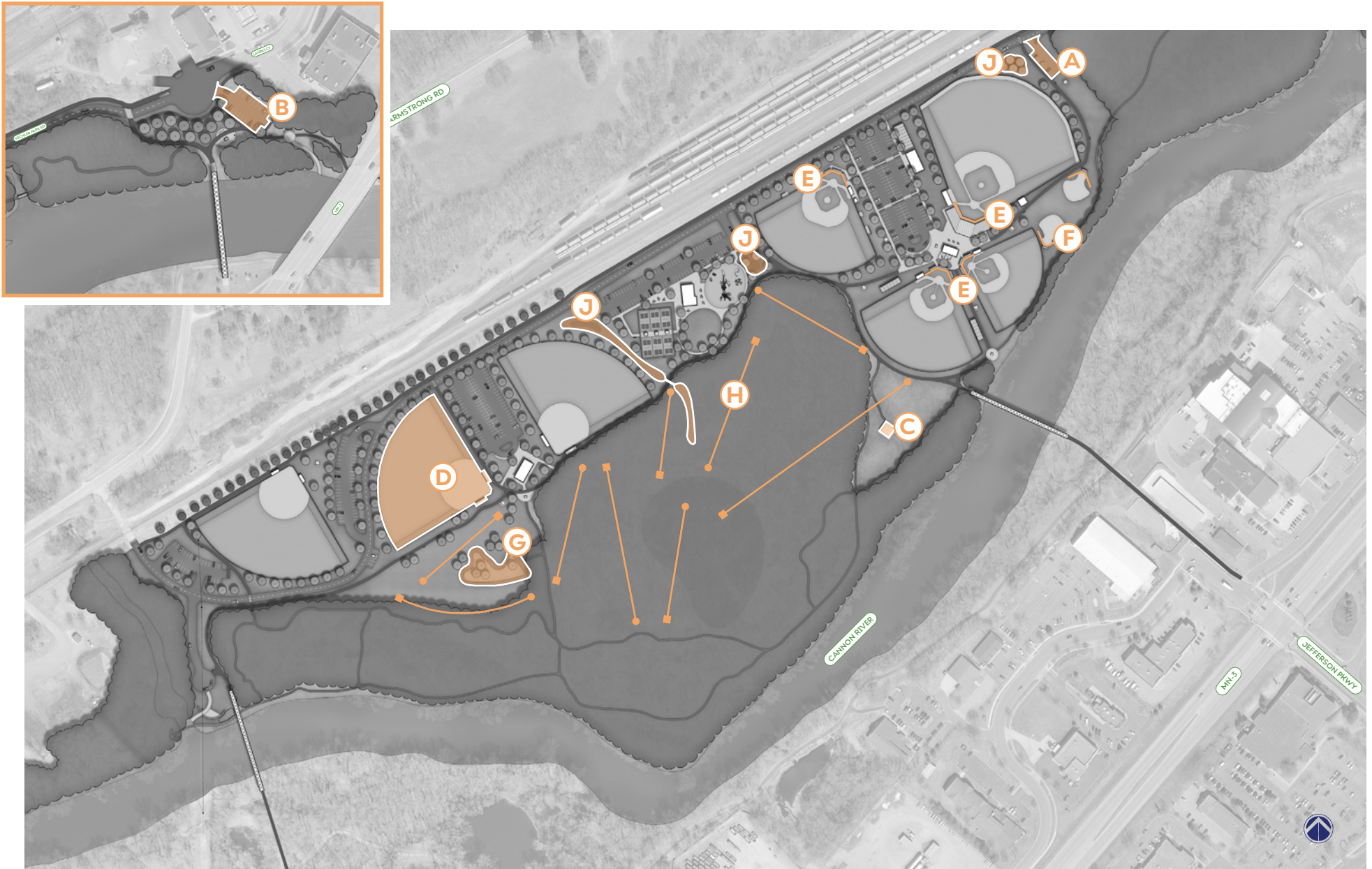


Figure 14: Phase 2 Identified Improvements Map



## Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvements

	Identified Improvement	Est. Cost
	<b>New Parking Areas</b>	
(A)	Construct a new parking lot near the existing T-ball fields with lighting and signage	\$103,000
(B)	Construct a new parking lot near the east entrance to the park with lighting and signage	\$112,000
	<b>Pavilions/Structures + Plazas</b>	
(C)	Add a new picnic shelter in the nature area south of the ballfields	\$78,000
	<b>Ballfields</b>	
(D)	Add an additional softball field with amenities (e.g., batting cage, dugouts, lighting, scoreboard, etc.)	\$802,000
(E)	Replace backstop fencing at baseball fields	\$150,000
(F)	Replace backstop fencing at T-ball fields	\$13,000
	<b>Programming Areas</b>	
(G)	Install mountain biking pump track/skills course	\$209,000
(H)	Install disc golf course	\$35,000
	<b>Communication Signage</b>	
(I)	Add additional wayfinding signage in the park*	\$17,000
	<b>Stormwater Utilities</b>	
(J)	Implement stormwater improvements throughout park	\$420,000
	<b>Misc. Site Amenities</b>	
(K)	Add benches throughout park*	\$43,000
(L)	Add picnic tables throughout park*	\$25,500
(M)	Add bicycle racks where indicated	\$14,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>\$2,021,500</b>

Table 2: Phase 2 identified improvements + high-level cost estimates

\* see final rendered concept plan for exact placement

## Precedent Imagery



# phase 3



Figure 15: Phase 3 Identified Improvements Map

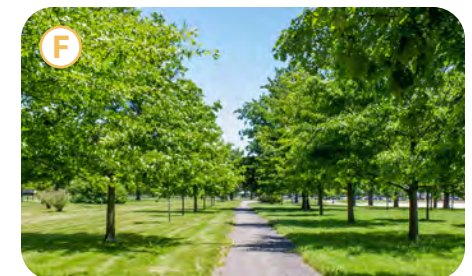
## Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvements

## Precedent Imagery

	Identified Improvement	Est. Cost
	<b>Pavilions/Structures + Plazas</b>	
(A)	Add a new picnic shelter with unisex restrooms near the pickleball courts and playground area in the proposed Central Activity Area	\$798,000
(B)	Reconstruct the plaza in between the baseball fields/complex	\$323,000
(C)	Replace the existing park shelter with a new picnic pavilion with 2 single-stall unisex restrooms	\$629,000
(D)	Replace the existing concessions/restroom building	\$616,000
	<b>Ballfields</b>	
(E)	Improve main baseball field features (e.g., dugouts, high-tension netting, fencing, etc.) and replace existing grandstands with a larger accessible grandstand CMU block structure that has a press box, restrooms, and storage space (Option 1)	\$4,878,000
	Improve main baseball field features (e.g., dugouts, high-tension netting, fencing, etc.) and replace existing grandstands with a larger accessible grandstand aluminum structure (Option 2)	\$1,698,000
	<b>Trees</b>	
(F)	Install additional trees throughout the park*	\$118,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	
	with Option 1 for the "Ballfields" improvement	<b>\$7,362,000</b>
	with Option 2 for the "Ballfields" improvement	<b>\$4,182,000</b>

Table 3: Phase 3 identified improvements + high-level cost estimates

\* refer to final rendered concept plan for exact placement



# phase 4



Figure 16: Phase 4 Identified Improvements Map

## Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvements

	Identified Improvement	Est. Cost
	<b>New Parking Areas</b>	
(A)	Construct a new seasonal parking lot near the westernmost softball field	\$195,000
	<b>Pavilions/Structures + Plazas</b>	
(B)	Add a river overlook plaza area south of the baseball complex/fields, near the proposed Phase 5 pedestrian bridge	\$26,000
	<b>Water/River Access</b>	
(C)	Improve water/river access at the west end of the park by adding kayak/canoe launch area	\$111,000
(D)	Improve water/river access at the east end of the park by adding kayak/canoe launch area	\$24,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>\$356,000</b>

Table 4: Phase 4 identified improvements + high-level cost estimates

## Precedent Imagery



# phase 5



Figure 17: Phase 5 Identified Improvements Map

## Cost Estimate for Recommended Improvements

	Identified Improvement	Est. Cost
	<b>New Parking Areas</b>	
(A)	Construct a small parking bay along Sechler Park Rd southeast of the westernmost softball field	\$15,000
	<b>Pavilions/Structures + Plazas</b>	
(B)	Add plaza areas near the east entrance/existing pedestrian bridge for trail users and bicyclists	\$93,000
	<b>Bridges</b>	
(C)	Install a new pedestrian bridge near the baseball complex/fields	\$2,400,000
(D)	Install a new pedestrian bridge at the west end of the park	\$2,400,000
	<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>\$4,908,000</b>

Table 5: Phase 5 identified improvements + high-level cost estimates

## Precedent Imagery



# funding resources

As expressed in the city’s 2022 Parks & Recreation CIP Study, the City of Northfield must seek additional funding to provide for, maintain, and operate their parks, trails, and open spaces. Securing additional funds to invest in Sechler Park is critical to the future implementation of the recommendations outlined in this plan.

Currently, the city is using (mostly) designated general funds to maintain and improve their parks, trails, and recreational facilities. In the future, the city should consider the following funding sources, mechanisms, and partners to assist in the planning and implementation of various park improvements:

Funding Option	Description	Source
<b>General Funds</b>	A city’s general fund is the main operating account that covers basic operating costs such as planning, police and fire services, and street and park maintenance	Money collected by the city in taxes, fines, fees, and revenues
<b>Dedicated Tax Levy</b>	Cities can hold a referendum to levy a dedicated tax for a specific purpose. In the case of parks and recreation, the tax can fund operations, maintenance, and capital improvement projects	Property taxes
<b>Bonding</b>	Borrowing obligations that incur interest and require repayment at a specific date; typically issued to pay for larger capital projects	Annual appropriation bonds, tax abatement bonds, and revenue bonds
<b>Local Option Sales Tax</b>	Minnesota Statute gives cities the authority to levy a local sales tax by an election process for specific capital improvements	Sales tax addition
<b>State Aid</b>	Funds available to pedestrian and bicycle improvements on state aid roadways (key county highways), most beneficial during construction or reconstruction projects	State of Minnesota
<b>Park and Trail Dedication</b>	Land or cash in-lieu of land from new subdivision developments that must be used for new equipment or park facilities	Developers
<b>Partnerships</b>	Partnerships with private and/or other public entities can be in many forms, including funding, design, operations and maintenance agreements, etc.	Public or private organizations, clubs, agencies, governments, etc.
<b>Donations</b>	Gifts of cash, equipment, labor or others from private individuals or groups	Individuals, businesses, groups, etc..

Table 6: Funding resources



Funding Grants	Description	Agency
<b>AARP Community Challenge Grant</b>	Small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages	AARP
<b>America Walks Community Change Grants</b>	Awards stipends to communities for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play	Foundation
<b>American Trails Trail Fund</b>	Assists the trails community with funding to support maintenance, research, and stewardship training needs	Foundation
<b>Bridge Investment Program</b>	Provides funding for communities to replace, rehabilitate, and preserve bridge infrastructure	U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity</b>	Provides funding for projects that seek to eradicate invasive species (part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)	U.S. Department of the Interior/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>Clean Water Funding</b>	Provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults while providing low-cost labor to eligible applicants	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
<b>Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant</b>	Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program</b>	Provides funding to restore, protect, or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game or wildlife in Minnesota	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund</b>	Aims to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
<b>Federal Recreation Trail Program</b>	Provides funding to encourage the maintenance and development of motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>Fields for Kids</b>	Provides financial support to improve baseball and/or softball facilities for youth in the Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida	Minnesota Twins Community Fund
<b>Fishing Pier and Shore Fishing Area Program</b>	Joint Power Agreement with the DNR for installation, operations, and maintenance	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>Local Trail Connections Program</b>	Provides funding to promote short trail connections between where people live and significant public resources	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)

Table 6: Funding resources (continued)

Funding Grants	Description	Agency
<b>Minnesota Festival Support Grant Program</b>	Provides arts experiences through festivals celebrating arts, building community, and exposure to diverse art forms	Other - Minnesota
<b>Natural and Scenic Area Grants</b>	Provides funding to increase, protect, and enhance natural and scenic areas	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>No Child Left Inside</b>	Aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>Our Town Grant Program</b>	Supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes	National Endowment for the Arts
<b>Outdoor Recreation Grant Program</b>	Provides funding to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the state	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>Parks and Trail Legacy Grant Program</b>	Provides funding for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven county metropolitan area	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
<b>PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program</b>	Provides funding that supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride	Other - Minnesota
<b>The Rapid Response Fund</b>	Provides financial resources to assess and support response actions for quick containment or eradication of newly detected species	National Park Service
<b>Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program</b>	Supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation	National Park Service
<b>Rural Initiative Grant Fund Program</b>	Provides funding to encourage collective and involved endeavors among citizens in rural communities	Foundation
<b>Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants/ Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance Grants</b>	Provides funding for the development and implementation of infrastructure projects which enable students to walk and bike to and from schools	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)
<b>State Park Road Account Program</b>	Provides funding to assist local governments in improving access to public recreation facilities	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)

Table 6: Funding resources (continued)

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# appendix

The following documents are intended to provide supplemental information for the city to reference as they begin the implementation process. Documents included in the appendix are as follows:

- **the Complete Online Community Survey Results**
  - ◇ pg. 78 - 151
- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board + City Council Meeting Minutes and Pop-Up Event Summaries**
  - ◇ pg. 152 - 173
- **the National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette Map**
  - ◇ pg. 174
- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board + City Council Presentation Slides**
  - ◇ pg. 175 - 194
- **Implementation Summary Sheet**
  - ◇ pg. 195
- **Implementation Details Sheets**
  - ◇ pg. 196 - 200
- **Implementation Phasing Sheets**
  - ◇ pg. 201 - 207



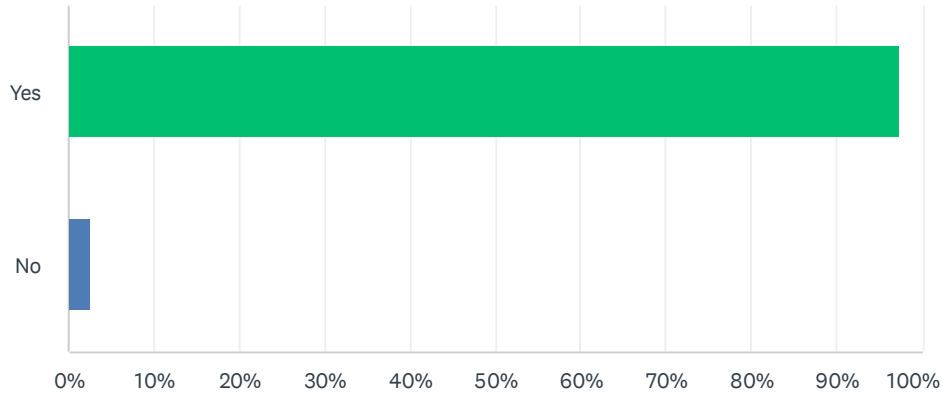
*Aerial view of Tom Blaisdell Field*

# complete survey results

## Sechler Park Community Survey

### Q1 Have you visited Sechler Park before?

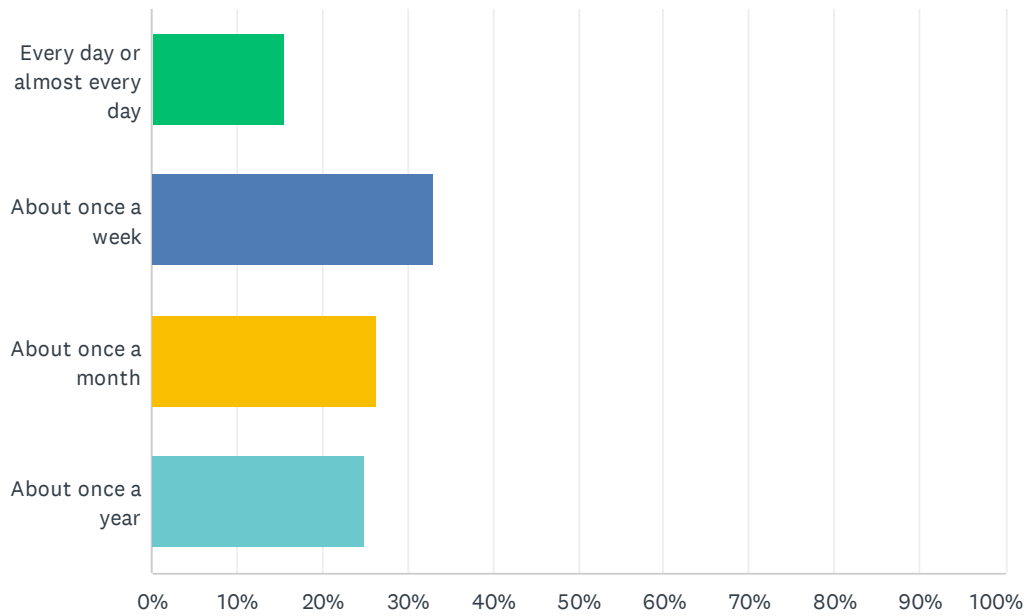
Answered: 152 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.37%	148
No	2.63%	4
TOTAL		152

## Q2 How often do you visit Sechler Park?

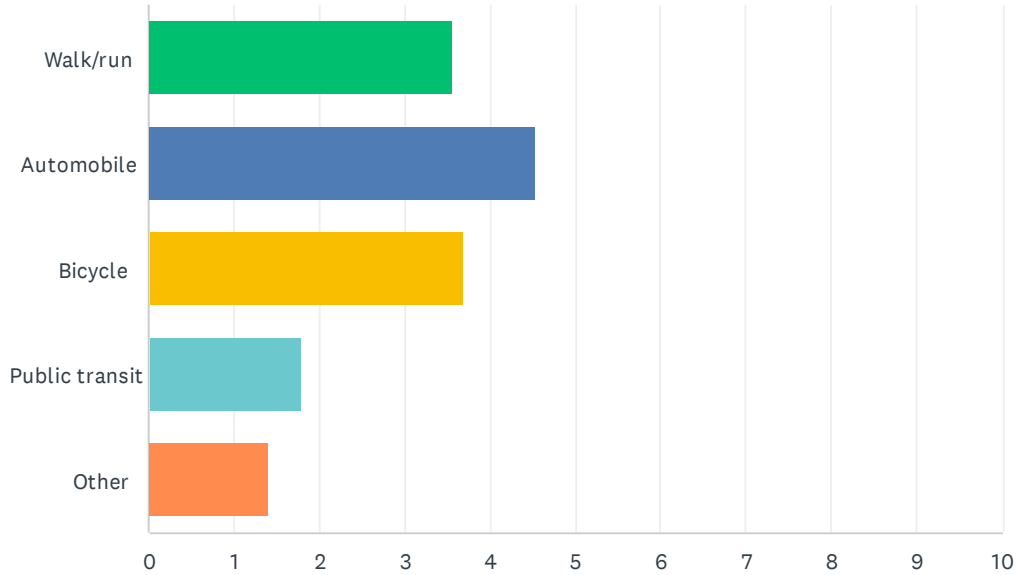
Answered: 148 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day or almost every day	15.54%	23
About once a week	33.11%	49
About once a month	26.35%	39
About once a year	25.00%	37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>148</b>

### Q3 If you are going to visit Sechler Park, how do you typically get there? (Please rank in order from most to least used mode of transportation)

Answered: 151 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Walk/run	16.56% 25	31.79% 48	45.03% 68	5.30% 8	1.32% 2	151	3.57
Automobile	66.89% 101	20.53% 31	11.92% 18	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	151	4.54
Bicycle	15.89% 24	42.38% 64	37.75% 57	2.65% 4	1.32% 2	151	3.69
Public transit	0.00% 0	1.32% 2	1.32% 2	72.85% 110	24.50% 37	151	1.79
Other	0.66% 1	3.97% 6	3.97% 6	18.54% 28	72.85% 110	151	1.41



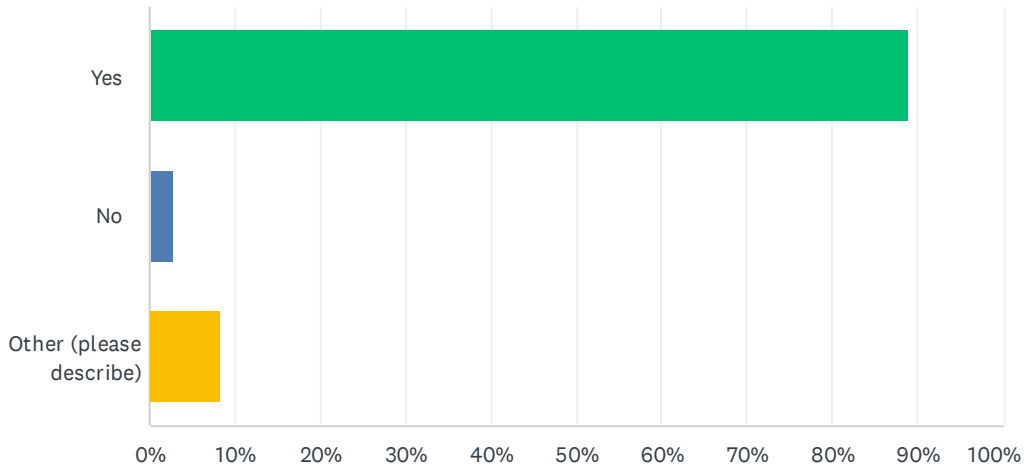
## Q4 If you answered "Other" to the previous question, please describe the other mode of transportation are you using.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 136

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Moped	7/30/2024 9:51 PM
2	None auto only	7/30/2024 9:10 PM
3	Sons baseball. Co Ed softball.	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
4	Roller blades	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
5	I don't have an other, it's just that I'd never walk there and there is no public transit that I know of so those are last.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
6	I only use a vehicle, so I put other to separate other modes even more	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
7	Helicopter	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
8	NA	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
9	Using the fields for soccer, etc.	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
10	Moped	7/30/2024 11:12 AM
11	I have not been to Sechler Park in years.	7/23/2024 12:46 PM
12	picnic, youth sports	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
13	No other. Just car	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
14	Ride with another adult	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
15	N/A	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
16	Automobile only	7/10/2024 9:38 PM

## Q5 Do you feel safe and welcome in Sechler Park?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	88.97% 129
No	2.76% 4
Other (please describe)	8.28% 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Sometimes	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
2	When there are people around, yes.	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
3	Mostly	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
4	There are out of town workers camping at park during DJJD.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
5	Shelter very remote from road, but otherwise feel safe	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
6	It is gender/sport biased to boys baseball. Why not more fastpitch for youth girls?	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
7	The bike trail is very narrow with overhanging trees and poor pavement, so difficult to ride under any circumstances. . When we bike through Sechler, we usually take the road rather than the trail because we ride faster than other trail users and the condition/width of the trail is so poor. Verbal harrassment by drivers is frequent and very close passing is, too.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
8	Doesn't feel very visible	7/23/2024 12:22 PM
9	bike trail is very uneven and nearly bounced me off my bike near Quik Trip and along Armstrong road	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
10	It is usually empty when I ride through but it is isolated and can be a danger for unaware or vulnerable folks	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
11	Sometimes	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
12	It does get a little dark navigating at night. Could add some additional lighting and clear underbrush near the river.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM

## Q6 Please tell us more about how safe and welcome you feel at Sechler Park.

Answered: 61 Skipped: 91

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I like this park because it usually isn't busy or crowded on days when there aren't games. There are people enjoying the park but there is plenty of space to enjoy it in peace.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Only good for softball.	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
3	Not well light and out of way of people( safety), walk to car at dark after bb games	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
4	Why wouldn't I feel safe?	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
5	Always feel safe and welcome at secular park. I do believe the city should complete any recreational improvements until a new ice arena is built. It is long overdue and a great expense. Other expenses should be put on hold and only maintained, not expanded or improved until the ice arena is taken care of. The community needs to stop kicking the ice arena can down the road.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
6	The parking lot is dangerous when it's busy. The bathrooms are non-existent the porta pottys are gross.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
7	Spacious, open	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
8	It offers a great experience and connects athletics with community. It's a baseball and softball experience that needs more of the same.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
9	Great, safe place although a little out of the spotlight at night	7/30/2024 5:50 PM
10	If I am there, I am there during the daytime.	7/30/2024 5:39 PM
11	I really haven't been there much except to drive through.	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
12	Safe yes, but it is Northfield so feeling welcome is not really a priority in this community.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
13	Good lighting, often see cops patrolling, large lots	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
14	Open, easy to get to.	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
15	Public restrooms and more parking.	7/30/2024 1:06 PM
16	Park is open and baseball fields are well lit.	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
17	If I had to be out there alone or was passing by running on the path, I would not feel safe. My kids had an encounter with a homeless man out at Sechler last summer and we had to call the police.	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
18	Active use	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
19	It feels secluded in a way that is difficult. No one can see you there and there is a lot of opportunity for people to be lurking in the woods or by the tracks. I'd never go there alone.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
20	Sechler Park is relatively isolated and it is not unusual for there to be very few people there. But there are not gatherings of people who seem unsafe.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
21	Overall I feel safe, sometimes I am afraid to run by myself there as there are some cars that will just sit in parking lots occasionally.	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
22	The baseball parks alone feel safe, but the train tracks are a concern, and the amount of poison ivy and mosquitos are outrageous	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
23	The park could be more welcoming. It does feel a little secluded.	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
24	I attended a baseball game there. I was safe.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM

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25	The bike trails are beautiful and thoughtful!	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
26	There are times (especially during DJJD) where there are large populations of out of state workers "camping" at the Sechler softball fields in tents, truck beds, vehicles, etc. This causes me concern about the safety of my kids.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
27	Edge of park, with trees, is what makes it such a great park. However, program elements tucked back by trees and away from roads could be not as comfortable.	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
28	Run into homeless person or garbage every now and then by the river	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
29	We are there for baseball activities, and when that is going on it seems pretty safe to let kids play on the playground, while keeping an eye on them. Always nervous of the train activity	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
30	The bike trail is poor, not only because of the condition, but because it is wedged between train tracks and steel bollards - the net effect is that bikes are not welcome but only tolerated. REaching the park by bike is also difficult given the design of Laurel Court and crossing highway 19 with the pedestrian bridge having a blind crossing of Laurel court to reach the trail. The underpass to the pedestrian bridge is low, dark, often flooded, and littered with bike-tire wrecking debris. If I can get to Sechler, I feel much safer aside from the harrassment.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
31	There is no reason why the gates are closed in the winter! I walk, cross country ski there and there is absolutely no parking!	7/24/2024 9:07 PM
32	Not a lot of protection from foul balls	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
33	I feel safe , I wish the bicyclists would use their designated path	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
34	very	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
35	Fix bike path so I don't have to ride on the Sechler Park road which is narrow. Also cars pull up and park on grass area on (I think west) side of bike paths. WHen they back out and people are biking or walking by, they come close to running people over as they can't see them coming.	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
36	Lights, central location of porta potty's and concessions	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
37	Generally we have no issues at the park. It's usually just families and dog walkers. Sometimes there is excessive trash left behind after baseball games, and we've encountered rude bikers who have been hostile that we were hiking on the trails, but overall it's a great park.	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
38	It appears clean and the ball fields are nicely kept with lights, bleachers, etc.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
39	Very safe, my son and I walk the path and use the playground often.	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
40	I don't like how far the playground is as I like to have an eye on my littles while the older kids are playing ball and the location of the playground does not allow this.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
41	The bike path next to the road is not safe. It has a lot of bumps and roots. I tend to bike on the actual car road which I know is not safe.	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
42	Very nice park. Spacious! The pavilion is a great place for gatherings.	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
43	I don't have a problem, I'm not there long enough.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
44	I think it's a safe environment... I never feel unsafe in any way.	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
45	I feel safe walking or biking in the park.	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
46	Very nice atmosphere. Unless there's baseball or softball not much going on.	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
47	Haven't been there enough times to comment, but I feel safe in general in Northfield	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
48	very safe	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
49	Usually several activities are occurring thus there a other people there.	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
50	When there isn't anybody around it can be scary because of the wooded area and no lights during less activity	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
51	Never had a problem there	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
52	The park is quite nice, but I usually go when there are no events going on (running on the trails	7/13/2024 9:08 AM

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that ru through there). I have never felt unsafe, but I am a middle aged man who feels comfortable running alone.

53	Lots of people there when I am.	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
54	Lots of open spaces. The shelter area. Nice bike paths to access the park.	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
55	Softball fields are used by 50 North, supporting their membership and growth.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
56	It's in a nice location.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
57	I used to go to Sechler often when my son played baseball and I never felt unsafe or unwelcome.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
58	I feel safe but it is not real welcoming as it needs public running water restrooms. The park needs a lot to make it safe from getting hit by foul balls. The big field should be revamped and updated.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
59	Usually there for baseball and softball events, so people around, and organized.	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
60	I know many families there every time we go which helps when kids go walking around and to concessions.	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
61	I have been coming to sechler part for at least the past 8 years because I was hired as a field supervisor. I enjoyed that role so much over the years because I have met lots of people and made many connections. Some of those people are like family to me now and I come to the park just to see them and chat about life even if I'm not working or if my brother isn't currently playing a game. The people are very kind and a fun competitive environment to be a part of. It feels like it's own community with a whole range of people.	7/10/2024 7:26 PM

## Q7 What are your top three activities to do at any park?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 13

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Activity 1	100.00%	139
Activity 2	84.17%	117
Activity 3	69.06%	96

#	ACTIVITY 1	DATE
1	Trails/seating	7/30/2024 11:56 PM
2	Walk my dog (on leash of course)	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
3	Mtn bike	7/30/2024 10:30 PM
4	Mountain Biking	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
5	Softball	7/30/2024 10:06 PM
6	Ball games	7/30/2024 9:10 PM
7	Enjoy nature	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
8	Softball	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
9	Flag football	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
10	went to fundraiser	7/30/2024 8:16 PM
11	Baseball	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
12	Baseball	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
13	Baseball	7/30/2024 7:10 PM
14	Running	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
15	Baseball	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
16	Baseball	7/30/2024 6:50 PM
17	Amateur Baseball	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
18	Walk	7/30/2024 5:50 PM
19	Use the bike trail	7/30/2024 5:39 PM
20	Mountain biking	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
21	Running	7/30/2024 4:42 PM
22	Bicycle	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
23	Softball	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
24	Baseball	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
25	Baseball	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
26	Softball	7/30/2024 2:58 PM
27	Baseball	7/30/2024 2:24 PM
28	Splash pad	7/30/2024 1:22 PM

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29	Baseball	7/30/2024 1:06 PM
30	Playground	7/30/2024 12:52 PM
31	Biking	7/30/2024 12:49 PM
32	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
33	Playground	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
34	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
35	Playground for kids	7/30/2024 12:33 PM
36	Birthday parties	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
37	Running	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
38	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
39	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
40	Softball	7/30/2024 12:00 PM
41	Run	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
42	Softball	7/30/2024 11:52 AM
43	Sporting Events	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
44	Watch softball	7/30/2024 11:47 AM
45	Baseball	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
46	Biking	7/30/2024 11:40 AM
47	Mountain Bike	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
48	attended baseball game	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
49	Bike	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
50	Baseball (games and practice, including batting cages)	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
51	walk dogs	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
52	Baseball	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
53	Mountain bike	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
54	Organized Baseball/ playground for daughter	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
55	Youth Baseball	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
56	Fastpitch	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
57	Bike	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
58	Baseball	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
59	Baseball Tournament	7/27/2024 12:35 PM
60	Baseball	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
61	Take dog for walk along river in undeveloped setting	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
62	Bike trails	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
63	Bike through it along the bike trail	7/25/2024 8:49 PM
64	Pickleball	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
65	Baseball	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
66	Canoe	7/24/2024 9:07 PM

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67	Swings	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
68	Sports	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
69	Pickleball (if available)	7/24/2024 7:21 AM
70	Walk	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
71	Pickleball	7/24/2024 12:42 AM
72	walking on the dundas trail next to the park	7/23/2024 7:13 PM
73	Softball	7/23/2024 5:06 PM
74	bike	7/23/2024 3:16 PM
75	Softball	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
76	Walk/Run	7/23/2024 1:10 PM
77	Pickleball	7/23/2024 12:46 PM
78	walk, youth sports, picnic	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
79	Use bike trail	7/23/2024 12:26 PM
80	Pickleball	7/23/2024 12:22 PM
81	Pickleball	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
82	bike	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
83	Watch Baseball	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
84	Play/watch Baseball	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
85	playground	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
86	Playground/fields	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
87	Pickleball at Riverside Park	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
88	Play Pickleball	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
89	Walk	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
90	Baseball	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
91	Baseball	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
92	Baseball	7/17/2024 7:18 PM
93	Playground	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
94	Baseball	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
95	Baseball	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
96	Parties / picnics	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
97	Baseball	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
98	Baseball fields	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
99	Biking	7/15/2024 6:02 PM
100	Pass through on a bike.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
101	Baseball	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
102	Pickleball	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
103	pickle ball	7/14/2024 10:09 PM
104	play with my grandchildren	7/14/2024 8:53 PM



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105	Pickleball	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
106	Picnics	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
107	Pickleball	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
108	Pickleball	7/14/2024 3:55 PM
109	Pickleball	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
110	Pickleball	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
111	Softball	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
112	Tennis	7/14/2024 7:47 AM
113	bike	7/13/2024 9:08 PM
114	Pickleball	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
115	play pickleball	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
116	Running	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
117	Walk	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
118	Pickleball	7/13/2024 10:02 AM
119	Baseball	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
120	Walking	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
121	Running	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
122	Watch ball games	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
123	Bike	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
124	Bicycle	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
125	Pickleball at Riverside Park	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
126	Bike trail	7/12/2024 8:29 PM
127	Trails	7/12/2024 8:19 PM
128	Playground for kids	7/12/2024 7:44 PM
129	Pickleball	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
130	play pickleball	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
131	play pickleball	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
132	Baseball	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
133	Baseball	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
134	Kids baseball	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
135	Baseball	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
136	Watch Northfield Knights	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
137	baseball	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
138	Softball	7/10/2024 7:17 PM
139	Watch baseball	7/10/2024 6:44 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ACTIVITY 2</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Watch games	7/30/2024 11:56 PM
2	Walk	7/30/2024 10:35 PM

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3	Hike	7/30/2024 10:30 PM
4	Trail Biking	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
5	Baseball	7/30/2024 10:06 PM
6	Ball games	7/30/2024 9:10 PM
7	Relax on benches	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
8	Play at the park	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
9	grad party	7/30/2024 8:16 PM
10	Use the bike path	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
11	Batting practice	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
12	Softball	7/30/2024 7:10 PM
13	Walking	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
14	Parties	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
15	Walking on trails	7/30/2024 6:50 PM
16	Youth Baseball	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
17	Picnic/play	7/30/2024 5:50 PM
18	Watch Baseball/softball	7/30/2024 5:39 PM
19	Children's playground	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
20	Biking	7/30/2024 4:42 PM
21	Walk	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
22	Baseball	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
23	Football	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
24	Exercise	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
25	Baseball	7/30/2024 2:58 PM
26	Playground equipment	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
27	Sit in shade	7/30/2024 12:52 PM
28	Use the batting cages	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
29	Splash pad	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
30	Dog walking	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
31	Walking Trail	7/30/2024 12:33 PM
32	Biking	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
33	Youth football	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
34	Flag football	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
35	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:00 PM
36	Play Pickleball	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
37	Baseball	7/30/2024 11:52 AM
38	Playground	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
39	Watch baseball	7/30/2024 11:47 AM
40	Off road biking	7/30/2024 11:40 AM

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41	Church Softball	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
42	Walk	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
43	Flag football	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
44	bike	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
45	Walk	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
46	Flag football	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
47	Play with family in the field	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
48	Slowpitch	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
49	Attend a softball or baseball game	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
50	Pickleball	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
51	Walking path	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
52	Ride bike along river in undeveloped setting	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
53	Dog activities (not the dog park)	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
54	Playgrounds	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
55	Softball	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
56	Bike	7/24/2024 9:07 PM
57	Slide	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
58	Playground	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
59	Sporting activities	7/24/2024 7:21 AM
60	Activities	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
61	Baseball / Softball	7/24/2024 12:42 AM
62	Baseball	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
63	Tennis	7/23/2024 1:10 PM
64	youth sports	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
65	Walk thru on bike trail	7/23/2024 12:26 PM
66	Playground	7/23/2024 12:22 PM
67	Bike riding	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
68	picnic	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
69	Play Softball	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
70	Flag football	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
71	pickleball	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
72	Hike	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
73	Playground with our kids	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
74	Take my grandchildren to play on the equipment	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
75	Play pickleball where appropriate	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
76	Church slowpitch	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
77	Baseball	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
78	Running	7/17/2024 7:18 PM

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79	Bike	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
80	Work	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
81	Softball	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
82	Parent / Child play time	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
83	Batting cages	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
84	Walking	7/15/2024 6:02 PM
85	Pickleball	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
86	Playgrounds	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
87	play pickleball	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
88	Walking	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
89	softball	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
90	Walks	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
91	Baseball	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
92	Pickleball	7/14/2024 7:47 AM
93	walk	7/13/2024 9:08 PM
94	Picnic	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
95	walk	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
96	Pickleball	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
97	Watch ball games	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
98	Bike	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
99	Walking	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
100	Playgrounds	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
101	Walk	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
102	Baseball	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
103	Walk	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
104	playground with grandchildren	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
105	Hike/walk	7/12/2024 8:29 PM
106	Pickleball	7/12/2024 7:44 PM
107	Play with grandkids	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
108	play equipment	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
109	use playground equipment	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
110	Walk	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
111	Softball	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
112	Church league softball	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
113	Bike/walk	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
114	Watch youth baseball teams of family friends and their kids	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
115	Softball	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
116	Baseball	7/10/2024 7:17 PM

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117	Playground	7/10/2024 6:44 PM
#	ACTIVITY 3	DATE
1	Park equipment	7/30/2024 11:56 PM
2	Admire the trees	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
3	Picnic	7/30/2024 10:30 PM
4	Walking	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
5	Walking dog	7/30/2024 10:06 PM
6	Ball games	7/30/2024 9:10 PM
7	Ice skate	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
8	ultimate frisbee games	7/30/2024 8:16 PM
9	Play at the park	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
10	Flag football	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
11	Biking	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
12	Zumba	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
13	Park	7/30/2024 6:50 PM
14	Adult Softball	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
15	Disc golf	7/30/2024 5:50 PM
16	Picnic shelter	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
17	Rollerblade	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
18	Picnic	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
19	Park	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
20	Nature - scenery	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
21	Crappy park	7/30/2024 2:58 PM
22	Basketball hoops	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
23	Fly rc airplanes	7/30/2024 12:52 PM
24	Flag football through the school district	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
25	play catch	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
26	Flag football	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
27	Playground	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
28	Other youth activities	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
29	relax	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
30	Relaxation	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
31	Playground / Pavilion	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
32	Snowshoe	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
33	Playground	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
34	picnic	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
35	Biking on trails	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
36	Baseball	7/30/2024 11:15 AM

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37	Hosted a family reunion there many years ago	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
38	Playgrounds	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
39	River access	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
40	Enjoying the Cannon River	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
41	Picnics	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
42	Bike trail	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
43	Hike	7/24/2024 9:07 PM
44	Walking paths	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
45	Walking	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
46	Gathering with friends	7/24/2024 7:21 AM
47	Bike	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
48	watching games	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
49	Pickleball	7/23/2024 1:10 PM
50	picnic	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
51	Softball	7/23/2024 12:22 PM
52	Walking	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
53	watch games	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
54	Bike	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
55	Playground	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
56	walk	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
57	Picnic	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
58	Play catch (baseball, frisbee) in open spaces	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
59	picnic	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
60	Use the restrooms and playgrounds	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
61	Playground	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
62	Baseball	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
63	Bike trails	7/17/2024 7:18 PM
64	Picnic area	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
65	Bike trails	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
66	Park	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
67	Pickleball	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
68	Walking paths	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
69	Softball	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
70	Softball	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
71	watch grandchildren play baseball	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
72	Bicycling	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
73	watch baseball	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
74	Bike	7/14/2024 12:32 PM

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75	Picnic	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
76	Kids/ playground	7/14/2024 7:47 AM
77	attend games	7/13/2024 9:08 PM
78	Nature walks	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
79	shoot baskets	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
80	Walking	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
81	Run	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
82	Walking	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
83	Pickleball/Tennis	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
84	Hike	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
85	Pickleball	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
86	Softball 50 North	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
87	Picnic	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
88	watch youth sports	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
89	play baseball	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
90	Enjoy the shade trees	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
91	Biking	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
92	Watch baseball	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
93	Park	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
94	Work as a field supervisor	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
95	Biking	7/10/2024 7:17 PM
96	Shoot basketballs	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

## Q8 Please tell us more about the three activities you listed in the previous question.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 78

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I believe our parks are lovely just as they are and don't need any changes except maybe increased access to clean bathrooms. And I think the new lights they put in are on during the day time too often and wasting energy and money.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Utilize the Trail through Sechler, the off road mountain biking trails, and the general park.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	More people friendly and safe feeling, more things to enjoy other them ball games...need ice rink and warming area winter activity to utilize park all year	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
4	We only use it for flag football.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
5	My boys have participated for several years.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
6	I look for parks with long stretches of asphalt paths that are good for running.	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
7	Watch games. Picnics. Graduation party.	7/30/2024 6:58 PM
8	I coach youth baseball and play amateur baseball and adult softball.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
9	We go frequently to mountain bike the trails and have at least an annual family picnic in the shelter and playground.	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
10	I run or bike on the trail.	7/30/2024 4:42 PM
11	Sechler is a solid facility to host youth baseball and flag football.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
12	Secular park is where I watch all my kids' play ball. Generally though at any park, I like to exercise and take in the scenery	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
13	Rec softball and during the games the park attached is crappy. The kids want a fun park to be inclusive for all ages. Most kids hurt themselves by falling through the climbing rope since that is the only activity beside swinging	7/30/2024 2:58 PM
14	My children and I drive up into the metro 1-2 times per week to go to a splash pad. We are a soccer and basketball playing family so having both/either at this park would be great (especially basketball all as there are already lots of soccer fields at Every Body's park.)	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
15	We are at Sechler Park almost every day in the summer and fall for activities that take place on the baseball fields.	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
16	Kids sports	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
17	We need a large playground in Northfield with a walking path around it for parents, possible with circuit exercise equipment around the walking path. Existing playgrounds in Northfield aren't sufficient to keep kids entertained for long.	7/30/2024 12:33 PM
18	I've been invited to parties there and have gone with a group. That's it. Maybe once I've biked by it on the trail.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
19	I primarily run on the path by the park. Occasionally I also bike the path. When my kid was younger, we would go to the playground, but that does not happen as often.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
20	Most of the parks we visit in Northfield are the sporting complexes (Ice Arena, Spring Creek lacrosse fields, Babcock outdoor ice rink and softball fields, and Sechler fields.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
21	Kids baseball	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
22	Great off road bike trails	7/30/2024 11:40 AM
23	I love to mountain bike on the trails in Sechler. I used to play church softball but haven't played	7/30/2024 11:37 AM



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as much lately. I've been to a few events at the pavilion, but not for a few years.

24	Single track biking is awesome and I love to hear about CROCT partnering with the city.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
25	My son participates in sports at Sechler and my daughters play on the playground with friends during games.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
26	Walk dogs everyday, play ball with them, bike on trails, eat lunch, etc.	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
27	Enjoy mountain biking in the nearby Heath Creek trails through Saint Olaf. Also enjoy the short trail by the river.	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
28	Only time we visit Sechler is for baseball currently.	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
29	My son plays baseball through NYBA, I play pickleball at least twice a week and both of my kids enjoy playing at playgrounds when they are available!	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
30	To my knowledge, the river along Sechler is the only place you can legally let your dog off leash in the city. No, the dog park doesn't count, it's disgusting. But Sechler gives you access to almost nature within the city. Please don't change that aspect of it.	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
31	The Cannon River is the gem of Northfield and park space to watch it and walk and bike along it are important. I use open space for dog walking and training and I've an avid cyclist. Access to the river and to bike trails is a critical issue - Highway 3 and Highway 19 are significant obstacles for the ECRT and Mill Towns Trail (with more obstacles being built in with the planned route and design of the MTT at Highway 3 and Woodley). Riverwalk is narrow, in poor repair and not very accessible to anyone with mobility issues. Ames Park is completely inaccessible.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
32	I play pickleball at Riverside often. I have three kids and we enjoy the playgrounds around town. It is nice to have tables and a shelter at some parks for family and group picnics.	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
33	It's nice when parks have a bigger area for bigger kids and a smaller area for little kids	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
34	Kids sports, kids playing at Playground, me walking/ exercise/walking dog at park	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
35	only place I know of not on school property with more than 1 field	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
36	enjoy all three	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
37	Bike trail needs to be updated	7/23/2024 12:26 PM
38	I play pickleball four days a week and wish there were more courts	7/23/2024 12:22 PM
39	I have 4 kids playing baseball. We spend most of the summer here! Love the playground but it's too far away from the fields	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
40	I have two young kids who like to play on playgrounds, kick balls, fly kites, etc. We visit playgrounds almost everyday. I love to hike so I take them along. If we want to make a day of it we'll picnic too.	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
41	I play pickleball multiple times per week at Riverside. The courts are often full with people waiting to play.	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
42	I play pickleball 4-5 times per week at Riverside park. I am there about 7:00 AM in the summer. The courts get very busy at 9:00. We visit a few parks with my grandchildren to play on the equipment.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
43	We go to Sechlar primarily for sports (baseball and flag football). We use the playground for younger kids while the older are playing.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
44	Kids baseball games , run and bike both the paved and mountain bike trails	7/17/2024 7:18 PM
45	I have been playing baseball there for over 10 years and will continue for as long as I can. I also coach a youth team where they always want to play at Sechler because it's the best. When I was younger my friends and I would bike on the trails all the time. It's also where I have my summer job working the concessions and baseball fields.	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
46	Current Coach for Youth Baseball. Also play baseball for 35+ baseball team. Occasionally play softball, and have used the pavilion for events.	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
47	Use the fields	7/15/2024 9:11 PM

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48	I'm a Senior, I don't find a lot there for me. I don't play baseball or softball. I'm a tennis and pickleball player.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
49	We have three young kids and they all play baseball/softball	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
50	I play pickleball at Riverside park 4-5 times per week and it is becoming increasingly obvious that we need more courts.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
51	I like to play Pickleball several times a week, unfortunately it is becoming very popular with all ages and it is getting harder to find an open court.	7/14/2024 10:09 PM
52	1. mostly at John North park, occasionally others as well 2. play pickleball at Veteran's park courts a couple times a week. 3. my 5 yo g-son is in youth baseball	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
53	I play pickleball at Riverside every day that weather allows. This park is a perfect site for adding much needed pickleball courts to our town.	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
54	I use the Riverside Courts for Pickleball. There is room at Sechler to add more Pickleball courts. The sport is growing and often people are waiting to play. We only have four dedicated Pickleball courts in town.	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
55	I currently play 2 days a week and court time is hard to find.	7/14/2024 3:55 PM
56	Play pickleball several times a week.	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
57	I love playing pickleball at riverside park	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
58	Played in the Senior Softball league for many years. Practiced some baseball. End of the season picnics.	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
59	Pickleball: I am an avid pickleball player. Locally I see accelerated growth in this sport that will stress our capacity for court time. The advantages of Pickleball are; 1. Easy to master the basics. 2. Multi-generational and gender friendly. Mixed sexes and ages can comfortably play together. 3. Not a huge dollar investment in equipment to play. Nature walks and trails: This could be enhanced by flora that is attractive, informational signage can help the experience.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
60	I play pickleball frequently	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
61	Northfield should have more running trails, why only biking paths? Pickleball is a great activity for older folks who cannot play baseball or softball.	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
62	Use the trail for walking. Enjoy watching the baseball and softball games	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
63	Daughter plays baseball there every couple days. Our family bikes through every once in awhile and sometimes will run on the bike path there.	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
64	I walk from Lions Riverside Park, over the pedestrian bridge, past Kwik Trip and down the road to the baseball fields and then back.	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
65	I am a frequent runner and run the local trails and paths often, which is how I use most parks. We take our kids for the playgrounds, and often play tennis and pickleball.	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
66	Often I find the River park pickleball courts full. It is a growing sport and Northfield needs to step up.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
67	I almost daily play pickleball at Riverside Park. I visit parks with my grandkids when they are visiting us. I occasionally picnic in a park	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
68	We spent a lot of time at Sechler Park when our children were younger watching youth sports. Currently I play pickleball weekly at Riverside Park	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
69	I currently play pickleball almost every day at Riverside Park. When my kids were younger we went to Way Park almost every day to play on the equipment. When my son played baseball we were at Secular several times a week during the summer for many years.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
70	Some seating areas under/near shade trees would be nice.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
71	We watch NF knights baseball and it is one of the worst local parks. Red Wing, Dundas, Miesville are all so much more welcoming to fans.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
72	Kids might play on the park during softball games, but baseball is separate enough we don't go	7/10/2024 9:38 PM

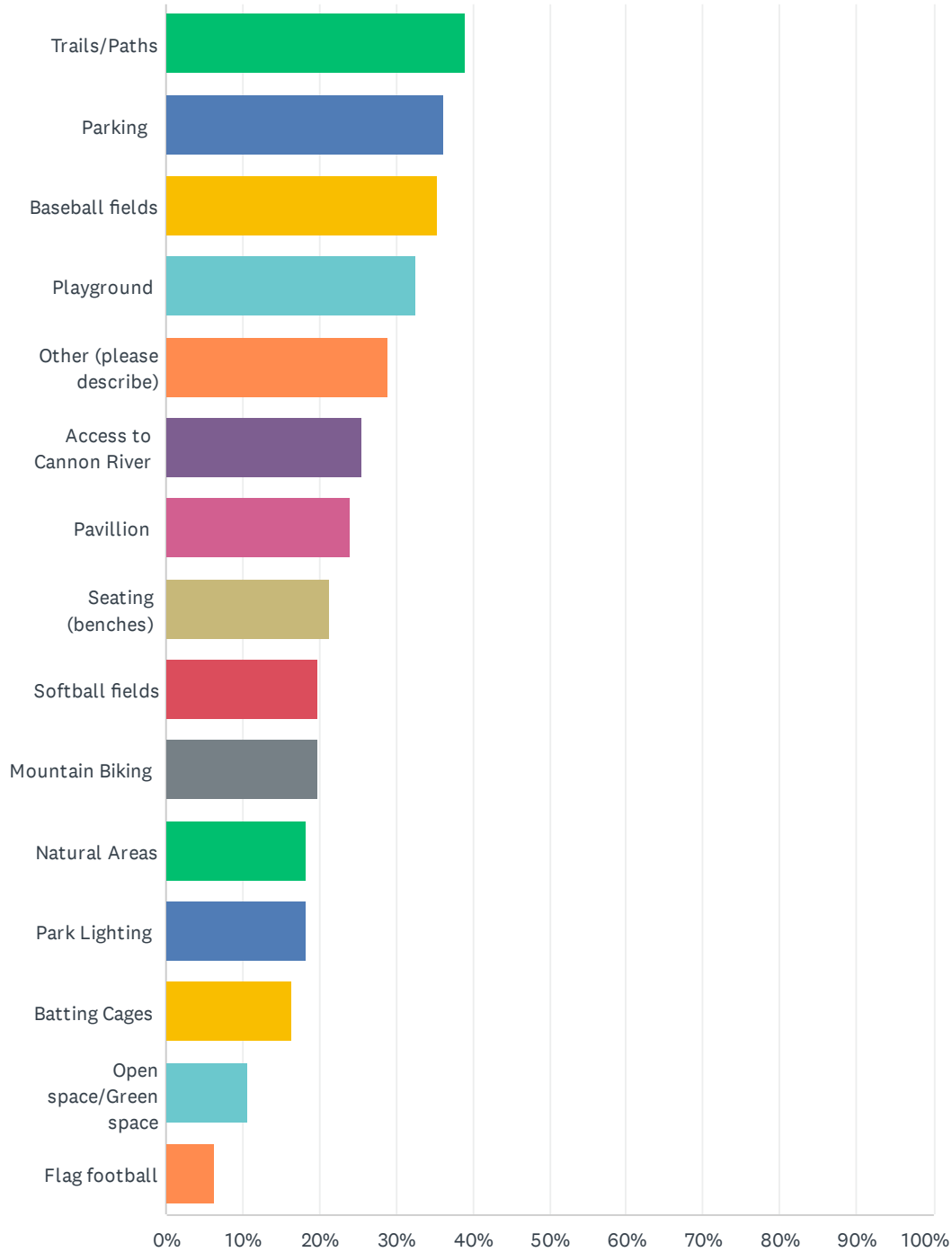
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to the park otherwise.

73	<p>Since my family has been apart of sechler for around 10 years we have follower my brother playing at different levels and now he has reached the point of town ball. The northfield knights growing up was a big role model for my brother and now he gets to be apart of the team while simultaneously coaching a 14/15 team. I love supporting the northfield knights and getting a chance to watch baseball at a higher level every week in the summer. I have caught myself multiple times this year coming to the park to watch family friend kids play the game at all ranges of ages. Again it feels like a fun community/ family to hangout with. I have just "retired" working her at the park for the last 8 years and I would not change anything about those experiences. I have made some strong relationships over the years and learned so much that helped me get a job in project management. I was able to make connection from people on the board who are still to this day a great job reference I use. This is the first summer I am not a field supervisor but I still came back to check in with my former coworkers. I miss the fun and energized environment while working here. There was never a dull moment which taught me so much bout myself as a worker and a person.</p>	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
74	<p>We watch, volunteer and support youth baseball as well as Town Ball, the Northfield Knights.</p>	7/10/2024 7:22 PM

### Q9 What existing amenities at Sechler Park would you like to see maintained or enhanced? (Select up to 3)

Answered: 141 Skipped: 11



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails/Paths	39.01%	55
Parking	36.17%	51
Baseball fields	35.46%	50
Playground	32.62%	46
Other (please describe)	29.08%	41
Access to Cannon River	25.53%	36
Pavillion	24.11%	34
Seating (benches)	21.28%	30
Softball fields	19.86%	28
Mountain Biking	19.86%	28
Natural Areas	18.44%	26
Park Lighting	18.44%	26
Batting Cages	16.31%	23
Open space/Green space	10.64%	15
Flag football	6.38%	9
Total Respondents: 141		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Bathrooms	7/30/2024 9:51 PM
2	Drinking water! This should be a list option.	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
3	Bathrooms	7/30/2024 6:58 PM
4	Bathrooms instead of Bifs	7/30/2024 6:50 PM
5	Restrooms	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
6	Road bicycle path (not the mountain biking path)	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
7	Restrooms	7/30/2024 1:06 PM
8	Running water & bathrooms	7/30/2024 12:49 PM
9	Bathrooms!!	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
10	Restrooms! No more porta potties	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
11	Real restrooms	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
12	Bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
13	A disc golf course would be a fun addition if the land availability is there	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
14	BATHROOMS with running water.	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
15	Mountain biking skills park	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
16	Scoreboard on main field need fixing, speakers need to be fixed	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
17	Flush toilets/running water	7/30/2024 11:15 AM

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18	Thinking outside the park to ensuring people can get to parks without a car	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
19	Open on winter for snow shoe walking.	7/25/2024 8:49 PM
20	Winter parking!	7/24/2024 9:07 PM
21	Please inject the ash trees to preserve much needed shade	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
22	Pickleball courts	7/24/2024 12:42 AM
23	pickleball, bike paths fixed	7/23/2024 11:13 AM
24	Pickleball	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
25	A nature base playground would be awesome. Last met in plastic, more creative using natural materials.	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
26	Baseball field bathtubs	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
27	Pickleball Courts. There seems to be an abundance of baseball diamonds.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
28	Pickelball courts	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
29	Additional pickleball courts	7/14/2024 3:55 PM
30	Pickleball courts	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
31	Pickleball	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
32	More pickle ball courts need to be built	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
33	Add other amenities- lots of open space that is being unused.	7/14/2024 7:47 AM
34	Pickleball courts	7/13/2024 9:08 PM
35	Pickleball	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
36	Pickleball	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
37	Add Pickleball	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
38	More pickleball courts in town would be a great addition. It continues to be a growing sport that can be played by all ages. Our group has people from 55 to 85 and we often see younger people playing.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
39	Bathrooms	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
40	Bathrooms and an additional full size ballfield	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
41	Score boards for softball fields	7/10/2024 7:17 PM

## Q10 Please tell us more about the existing amenities you selected in the previous question.

Answered: 63 Skipped: 89

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please leave nature alone and stop developing it.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Enhanced funding for mountain biking trails, paved bike trails, and groomed cross country skiing trails with lighting, as well as multi-use natural areas/rec areas, such as hiking trails, picnic tables, volleyball areas, etc.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	Natural areas critical for flood control.	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
4	Better lighting , need more seating and parking is tough	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
5	The bike path by Kwik Trip is extremely bumpy and needs major fixing. Parking for baseball games is always a headache if there's more than a couple gamers going on, which is almost always.	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
6	Bathrooms!!!! The baseball fields are nice but the seating and tree coverage could be improved.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
7	We need to properly maintain the fields and accommodate the vehicle traffic.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
8	The mountain biking trails are just alright, not great, especially for younger riders. Upgrading the trails and the skills park would make this more of a destination instead of needing to go to the Lake Marion park in Lakeville. More hiking, walking, and biking trails or paths that could be used for XC skiing in winter would make it another destination for activities year round.	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
9	That is what my family uses from this park.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
10	The river could be a big draw but it's pretty hidden. The playground is often used during games but the one is so far from all the fields. The seats suck	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
11	Have you seen the mountain bike paths in Lakeville (west lake Marian park). I think this location would be perfect for this).	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
12	Fill potholes & resurface walking path	7/30/2024 12:49 PM
13	The fences behind home plate of the baseball fields need to be repaired, especially Post field. The parking is very inadequate and can be dangerous when people park all over.	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
14	We solely use Sechler for baseball and all activities surrounding that. We spend anywhere from 2 hours a week out there to 20. We do everything we can to avoid using the two port-a-potty's out there, but sometimes don't have a choice. It could be one of the nicer baseball facilities, but it lacks space to hang out, comfortable bathrooms, etc.	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
15	An improved pavilion with modern bathrooms and bottle filler/drinking fountain. New netting on batting cages.	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
16	I like the playground but the pavilion is sad and cold and wet.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
17	Sechler is unique because of the baseball/softball fields and the large amount of green space. Those should remain in some form. Having a playground and pavilion there is great. I mostly use the path for running and it would be nice if the path was smoothed out in spots and had a slightly better crossing from the footbridge.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
18	The bathrooms and pavilion are abysmal and disgusting.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
19	I appreciate the Mountain Bike trails. My understanding is that is done entirely by volunteers. It would be great to have more city support for Mountain Biking.	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
20	I regularly paddleboard the Cannon and put in in Dundas - it would be fun if there was an option to get out at Sechlar (the canoe exit spot by the pickleball courts is fabulous but if we were	7/30/2024 11:32 AM

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	going to add a spot this could be a solid option).	
21	Parking is not great for the fields. Cars end up parking haphazardly and on grass.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
22	We need actual bathrooms, not porta-potties at the baseball complex.	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
23	I love to have the mountain bike trail better maintained. Also would like to have enhancements to the mountain bike skills course.	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
24	This is one of the best facilities and highest quality of baseball field my son has played on throughout high school and association baseball.	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
25	Parking is always a challenge on weeknights during baseball season. Especially when fields are used twice in a night, and more since the switch from Baseball in-house or Northfield based to more traveling programs so more vehicles.	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
26	There are no city owned fastpitch softball fields. Why can't the city welcome girls' softball. Multi-purpose fields like Sechler 1 & 2 would just need a temp fence at 200' to work for all ages of fastpitch.	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
27	If it were available for snow shoes or just walkong in winter, then hopefully fewer people would snow shoe and walk on the cross country ski paths in Carleton's arboretum.	7/25/2024 8:49 PM
28	It would be nice for the trail along the train tracks to be better maintained. Bikers often choose the road over the path because the path is bad, but due to the narrow road that feels dangerous.	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
29	There is very little parking currently Better playground	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
30	Baseball / softball fields need improvement. Addition of pickleball courts would be a huge improvement.	7/24/2024 12:42 AM
31	nice to have access to fields for several teams, the pavillion could be bigger	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
32	Bathrooms and parking most important amenities to me.	7/23/2024 12:46 PM
33	enjoy all	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
34	I play community rec softball and enjoy the fields at Sechler. I also ride my bike on the path through the park and can tell you it definitely needs to be repaved on the west side. I end up riding on the road there and people are not nice about that but the road through the park is much better maintained than the old trail.	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
35	Fencing around the fields and grass need repair. Score boards don't work reliably. No bathrooms. No sidewalks for wheelchairs and strollers. Inadequate seating in the tball fields. Not enough fields to meet the needs of the association. Bathrooms at pavilion are never open. Not enough parking. No concessions for the softball fields . Merchants field is nice. Concessions is in good location. Nice location in town.	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
36	I think the playground could be expanded. It would be nice to see some native prairie plantings where there is just grass (although I'd keep the playing fields as they are). I would love to see designated trails for hikers only. With the rise of mountain biking some of the trails have become unsafe for hikers (bikes racing around blind corners and refusing to share the path forcing hikers off trail).	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
37	It would be great to have a bathroom building at the baseball fields.	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
38	I think parents of children playing ball and that have littler kids that come along would appreciate playground equipment that is near the fields so parents can keep an eye on them and also watch the game.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
39	It is embarrassing that there are no bathroom facilities. I would like to see another full size baseball field for 14U and older. New scoreboards and more grass and less rocks especially to make handicap accessible sidewalks as wheelchairs do not work on the rocks. The city is lucky they have not sue with the American Disability Act.	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
40	The baseball fields can be improved so much. This would allow us to hold state for town ball.	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
41	Baseball fields are heavily used throughout the summer. The youth fields have held up given the amount of use, so could use a little refresh. Merchants Bank field is in need of a big upgrade. Playing surface needs to be leveled with additional ag-lime. Low spots have	7/16/2024 1:50 PM



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reemerged and water takes a long time drain. Field prep is tasked with teams that use the field and can take significant amount of time to get fields ready when standing water is present. Backstop needs to be replaced and moved closer to home plate. This should improve safety by potentially stopping foul balls going to other fields where youth are playing. Moving back stop up allows bleachers to be moved and Running water restrooms can be added( This is a must have. It is embarrassing that this facility doesn't have restrooms given the amount of use that it has). Moving bleachers allow facility to add cover to the bleachers. current set up has seating in direct sun. People sit in the shaded areas during day games. Adding Shaded seating would be a plus if we wanted to host a State Tournament as well. LED lighting would also align with city's goal for going green. Ultimate wish list would include putting turf on the Merchants Bank field. This would allow more games to be played during the week due to not having to drag/chalk field after the games. Also allows the possibility to rent out field during spring to colleges/non Northfield High school teams. Current high school facility is not being kept up and forces team to play at other sites. This idea is supported by all teams that use this field. Parking can be a nightmare during times when all fields are in use. People are parking next to the train tracks. Additional parking does occur in the field behind Post field, but unable to park when there is other activities or wet grass like is currently occurring.

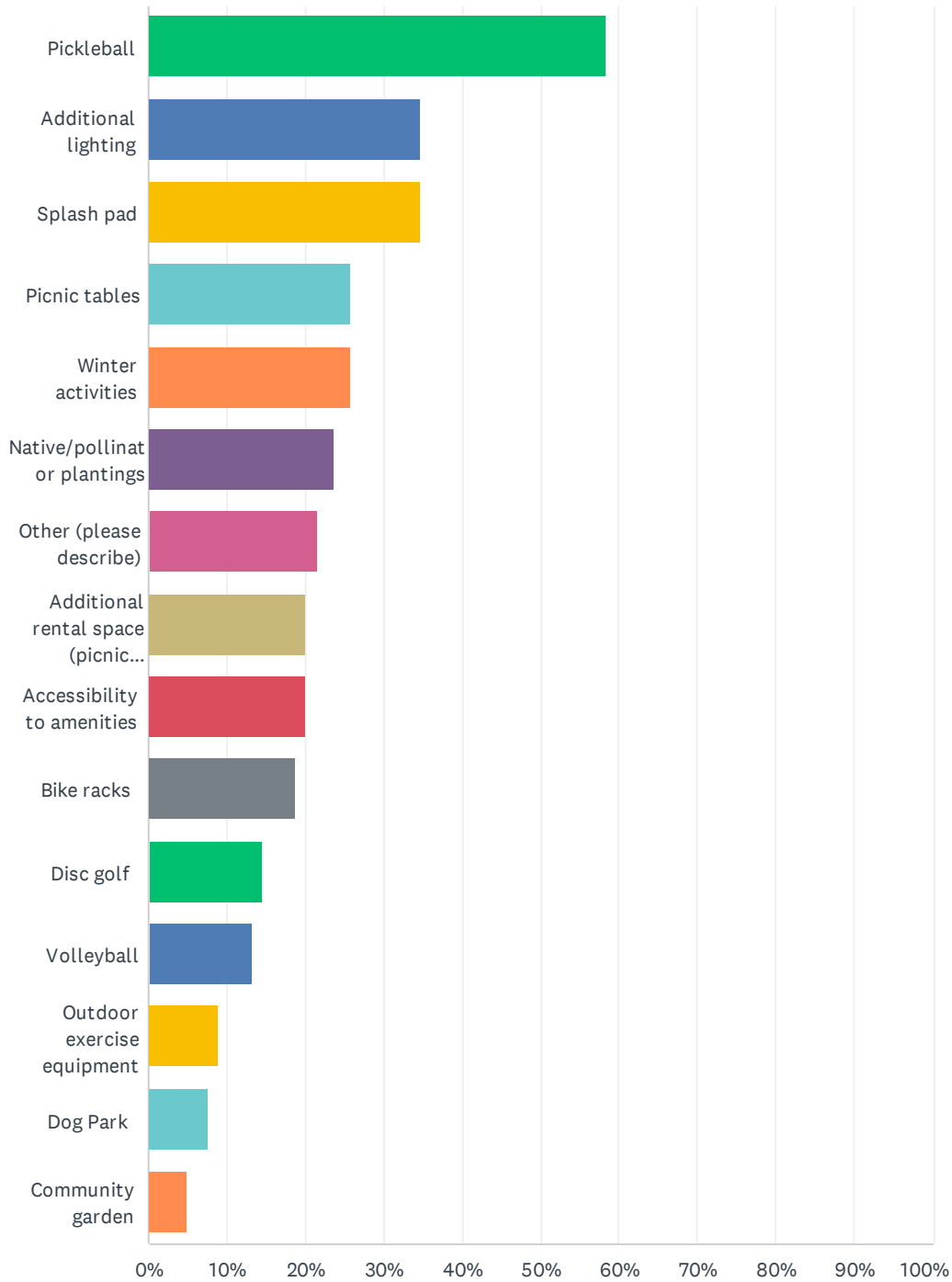
42	All of the baseball fields are breaking down. Dugouts are beat up, backstop/fencing are needing to be replaced in some areas. It would be a great investment for the city to renovate the big (Merchant's Bank) field. There is WAY too much foul territory and space behind home plate on that field. The backstop should be brought in and replaced with a high-tension netting setup similar to Dundas/Elko. This would allow more room for a new concession stand/running water bathroom facility in the middle of all of the fields. All of the small fields (College City, Wells Fargo and Post) could use some attention. All of those infield surfaces should be replaced with field turf to minimize maintenance. All of those backstops should have a knee-high block/brick wall installed behind home plate and all of the current chain link fence back stops should be replaced with high-tension netting setups. This would allow for an amazing viewing experience for spectators and would minimize fence maintenance/repairs over time. Netting is way cheaper than fencing to replace. All of the scoreboards are 30+ years old and need to be replaced with digital LED lighting.	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
43	I really enjoy the mountain biking trails, but they are subject to regular seasonal disruption and could be improved. It would also be cool if there was a canoe landing in the park.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
44	Several communities like Northfield have converted tennis courts into Pickleball courts. All of the tennis courts in Northfield are connected to the colleges or schools. We do not have the option to make public tennis courts into Picklball courts.	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
45	Restrooms and water are available.	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
46	Would be great to have another place to play that has more amenities	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
47	I play pickle ball several times a week for healthy exercise and have noticed the courts are rapidly getting busier and busier. I would love to be able to play all year long so, I see a need for an indoor faculty.	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
48	Shortage of these in Northfield	7/13/2024 9:08 PM
49	Access to the Cannon River would most likely be limited to take out only. The proximity to the Ames Mill dam prohibits a starting point.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
50	I use secular park for walks on the trails, biking through the park, watching baseball	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
51	Since funding is always a limitation it is nice to enhance what we have currently. Parking could be better.	7/13/2024 9:31 AM
52	I enjoy the walking trail near the river and the surrounding natural environment.	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
53	River access would be nice at the park and would link more of the two sides of the river. The playground at sechler is nice and should be maintained or upgraded as needed. The trails are always in need of a pave, and I would like to see a loop away from the railroad tracks (perhaps near the river).	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
54	Nice park but farther away.	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
55	Would like pickleball courts; dream = small dome over them so we can play in winter	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
56	Bathroom, Drinking water, garage baskets, lights and parking for ease of playing Pickleball.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM

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



57	There are plenty of trails in town, it would be great if the trails currently in placed would continue to be maintained. Aa pavilion with restrooms is always a great thing to have in a park. And Northfield would make good use of more pickleball courts.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
58	Need some trails throughout the park. Especially, connecting the parking lots. Walking on the road doesn't feel that safe.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
59	The fencing and nets around Sechlar's big field is terrible. So many holes in the net and outdated. For safety and fan experience please move fence closer to home plate and redo this area. This gives more seating and a safe area.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
60	Parking is horrible when multiple games are going on. Biggest improvement need in my mind. Concessions could be bigger.	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
61	From working here I know having running water bathrooms/ a place with a roof people would greatly appreciate it. When there are Muddy days or injured players running water is much needed. When we host large travel ball tournaments all of the away team are shocked we don't have a running water bathroom. More parking spot would be awesome as well. We are very limited which results in grass parking or even worse illegally parking near the train tracks. It's hard to find space but we all make it work, we have for years but we don't want to have to. The baseball fields themselves need work done as well. Again since I was the one who would set up the fields for games, at least once EVERYDAY there was a problem with finding the base anchors. Today the trees are creeping over the fencing and in the field. The fields have so much more potential then where they are at right now.	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
62	The belchers need to be rebuilt, the landscape needs to be cleaned and trimmed. Trees are overgrown on the field.	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
63	There isn't enough parking. There aren't nets/fencing above all seating areas or the existing netting is in bad shape.	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

### Q11 What new amenities would you like to see added to Sechler Park in the future (Select up to 3)

Answered: 144 Skipped: 8



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
 Pickleball	58.33%	84
 Additional lighting	34.72%	50
 Splash pad	34.72%	50
 Picnic tables	25.69%	37
 Winter activities	25.69%	37
 Native/pollinator plantings	23.61%	34
Other (please describe)	21.53%	31
 Additional rental space (picnic shelter)	20.14%	29
 Accessibility to amenities	20.14%	29
 Bike racks	18.75%	27
 Disc golf	14.58%	21
 Volleyball	13.19%	19
 Outdoor exercise equipment	9.03%	13
 Dog Park	7.64%	11
 Community garden	4.86%	7
Total Respondents: 144		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	I don't think secular needs new amenities. The area is gross and full of bugs. It's not a nice area for a park. I hate going there.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
2	Bathrooms at Baseball fields	7/30/2024 7:10 PM
3	Another full size baseball field (60/90' distance)	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
4	A nice restroom	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
5	Basketball hoops	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
6	Shade!!	7/30/2024 12:52 PM
7	Fastpitch softball fields for the NFSA	7/30/2024 12:46 PM
8	Bathrooms!	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
9	Shade. Having exercise equipment or playground in the sun is not helpful as they are unusabel	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
10	BATHROOMS AT THE BASEBALL FIELDS	7/30/2024 12:10 PM
11	Real restrooms	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
12	Real restrooms	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
13	Bathrooms!!!!	7/30/2024 11:52 AM
14	Functional Bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:47 AM
15	Actual bathrooms with running water	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
16	Additional parking and additional baseball fields/practice space	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
17	A mountain bike skills park/pump track	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
18	Bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:12 AM
19	Bathrooms needed	7/27/2024 12:35 PM
20	Real restrooms	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
21	Please provide more bike racks which are usable - those wave racks are very difficult to lock to with a U-lock	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
22	Please preserve existing shade by injecting ash trees	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
23	more softball fields	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
24	Softball fields for the use of youth softball	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
25	Nature playground( similar to cannon Falls- Lake Bylessby Dakota County Park near beach area and splash pad	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
26	Bathrooms	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
27	Nothing but parking and more baseball fields. Baseball is the main user. Stop shoving other stuff down our throats. NYBA keeps that park going	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
28	Running trails	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
29	Running water for bathrooms before any of the above. It is fine to update this area.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
30	Another full size field is in desperate need in this town. Plaza space, bathrooms.	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
31	Permanent Bathroom facilities	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

## Q12 Please tell us more about the new amenities you selected in the previous question.

Answered: 81 Skipped: 71

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pickleball!	7/30/2024 11:56 PM
2	Disc golf is a great idea - we need a city course. More pickleball options like the ones by the river would be wonderful. And sustainable, environmental areas would be wonderful.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	Activities for kids splash pad summer and ice skating winter. Make it more than just baseball fields	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
4	Secular is a horrible location for a park and I hate going there. It's the last park in town that I would like to see improved or expanded. It's always full of bugs because it's so close to the river and the woods. It's always. My kids get covered in mosquito and tick bites. We once had to do a lymes disease treatment from a tic bite my son got there.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
5	It would be great to have additional pickle ball courts since it's growing and limited for most to use. Also, splash pad for the young families would be welcomed. My old community in Chaska built a splash pad and park and allowed families of all ages to enjoy it.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
6	Baseball continues to grow and the City offers the strongest partnership, the School District doesn't cooperate well.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
7	Northfield is a dying community and things like splash pads will help attract new families.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
8	Maybe an option for better seating for the games, more of a river view - neither existed above	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
9	I don't think this is a good location for a community garden. This park is geared towards families so it should reflect this. Our older population just doesn't drive out here and they already have their pickleball courts right in town. I'd love more playground equipment, especially unique things we don't already have (like North Mankato Fallenstein Playground). We want a splash pad!!!!	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
10	Make sure there is plenty of shade... also have shaded play areas. Trees and shade sails!	7/30/2024 12:52 PM
11	The City of Northfield definitely needs a splash pad, but I don't think Sechler Park is the most accessible location for that amenity.	7/30/2024 12:42 PM
12	The pavilion is always booked so need another one. Splashpad is needed in Northfield. It would have to come with parking.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
13	I often run early in the mornings and it would be nice if the trail had a little more lighting on it. Additional plants and greater accessibility are always good things.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
14	Most needed before all else are real restrooms	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
15	The entire complex needs to be updated, parking needs to be added, and there needs to be a more welcoming feel to the area.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
16	Please actual bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
17	We need a city disc golf course	7/30/2024 11:40 AM
18	Pickleball courts in Northfield are maxed out at certain times during the week and almost always during the weekend. Plus, the downtown courts are close to housing, so it's tough to play early morning or later at night. Adding lights and fencing around courts would be a bonus.	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
19	Absolutely excellent ideas! Would love to see Sechler and these woods enjoyed by the community more - love all of these!	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
20	There is an opportunity to improve the parking situation at Sechler but also create practice space for teams that aren't playing a game.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM

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21	more open shelter closer to road, outdoor trail with exercise equipment is a perfect use	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
22	Please refer to the Excel energy mountain bike park in Shakopee. There is a small area at the beginning that has a wonderful pump track with berms and hills and bridges. It doesn't require much space and would be a fun addition to the park.	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
23	I love the idea of adding additional activities and utilizing Sechler year round. However if additional activities are added; much more parking will be needed as well.	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
24	please be mindful of the tax implications of any decisions. We don't NEED all of the WANTS at once.	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
25	Sechler is an ideal location for pickleball: 1. Away from residential neighborhoods to mitigate noise and lighting issues 2. Near parking or where there's room to add parking 3. Accessible by car and near bike path 4. Park large enough for 6 courts and future expansion 5. Site has infrastructure for bathroom and court lighting 5. Land is well draining, level lowlands rather than uplands to mitigate wind issues 6. Near natural windbreaks particularly to the S, SE, N and NW	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
26	Northfield needs more pickleball courts based on how full the 4 courts at Riverside park are, throughout most of the day. It would be great to have lighted courts for people who work to be able to play into the evening hours, without disturbing neighbors.	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
27	Indoor Bathrooms needed	7/27/2024 12:35 PM
28	None of these activities are interesting to me. Please please please don't put in pickle ball	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
29	Climate issues and stormwater management are really critically important - planning plantings away from turf grass to infiltrating water on site is needed.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
30	You could leave the gate open in winter and just clear enough of the road of snow to let about a dozen cars park and make 3-point turns to get back out.	7/25/2024 8:49 PM
31	Sechler would be a great location for pickleball courts. It is not a residential area so noise and lighting not issues. There is plenty of parking and it is accessible by car bike and foot. Sechler is large enough for at least 6 courts and has infrastructure for bathroom and court lighting. The land has good drainage and level lowlands rather than uplands to mitigate wind issues. Furthermore it is near natural windbreaks particularly to the S, SE, N and NW. If courts are built properly Northfield could host tournaments, bringing people to town and helping our local economy.	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
32	We need more pickleball spaces in Northfield. Existing spots are full.	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
33	Pickleball courts are needed in town	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
34	Lack of pickleball courts in town (other than the 4 at Lions) is a problem given the popularity of this sport.	7/24/2024 12:42 AM
35	There is a need for more pickleball courts in Nfld- ones surrounded by fencing	7/23/2024 7:13 PM
36	Northfield needs more pickleball courts as riverside is at capacity	7/23/2024 5:06 PM
37	I think it would be a good place to concentrate all ball fields in one place rather than have 1 or 2 in a few different places , there is room for 2 more fields	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
38	enjoy pickleball and walking	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
39	There are not enough pickleball courts in town. Only four! We need more and Sechler seems like a great space for them!	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
40	I did not select the pickleball courts because it is my opinion that there should be more courts in town but that Sechler is not a great location for them due to it's proximity to the river. I believe at the moment we could use another set of 4 courts somewhere else in town.	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
41	More pickleball courts that are away from residential areas would be most welcome	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
42	We don't have enough pickleball courts in Northfield. The ones at Riverside are probably the most used park facility in all of Northfield. Sechler would work well because there's plenty of parking, easy to add lighting, has good windbreaks, and is accessible by car, bike and walking.	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
43	Sechler would be a good place for additional pickleball courts. It is popular and I see families out there with their children which is good for the development of the sport. Their will be an	7/19/2024 7:30 PM

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increased need for more courts. There is a lot of space to put them and there is room for parking. It would extend the use of the courts to have them lighted. These courts would be away from residences or apartment buildings so people could play early ( before work) or later in the evening. Sechler is also accessible by the bike trail which might be appealing to some. There appears to be some natural windbreaks from some directions which could make playing possible on windy days. It is important to include all kids, even those with disabilities in handicapped accessible playground equipment.

44	Having fields designated primarily for our young female athletes would be important to balance our cities commitment to both genders and equity.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
45	Please do not waste it on wild flowers perseverance as many residents already do that in their yard.	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
46	A building where there are bathrooms with running water	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
47	Splash Pad/ playground equipment close to baseball fields would be an added bonus for families that are there to watch a game and have younger children that need activities to burn energy	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
48	This is a great space to enhance the pickleball facilities in Northfield. Interest in this sport is really growing, and it is a very inclusive and community-minded activity. You can go to Open Play and mix in with others!	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
49	Basketball courts?	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
50	Current courts can be crowded. No residential around. Good spot between the pavilion and softball field.	7/15/2024 6:02 PM
51	More lighting would help with safety concerns. Is there a real need for four baseball diamonds? One could be converted to a Splash Pad or Pickleball courts.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
52	Pickleball would be a great addition to Sechler Park. Northfield is WAY behind on the number of courts available per capita.	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
53	As I mentioned before, Northfield needs more pickleball courts, and Sechler offers a lot of positives. It is away from residences, it has ample parking, it is easily accessible by bike and car, it is wind-protected, and there is room for many courts!	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
54	I like to play Pickleball several times a week, unfortunately it is becoming very popular with all ages and it is getting harder to find an open court. Outdoor lighting would improve safety and give more availability to play pickleball at night time.	7/14/2024 10:09 PM
55	Please move forward on a splash pad... either at Sechler or at the City Pool! I'm sometimes amazed Northfield does not have one. We need more Pickleball courts!	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
56	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. It is ideal for all ages and perfect for families. Senior citizens have embraced it. Northfield has a reputation for being an ideal place for seniors, but to keep it that way, we need to greatly increase the number of courts. Most towns our size have many more courts.	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
57	1. Away from residential neighborhoods to mitigate noise and lighting issues - this is VERY helpful when looking for space for pickleball. I believe there is a hearty group of pickleballers in Northfield and more would play if there were more courts. In addition, leagues would be more manageable, open-play could be bigger and include challenger courts and tournaments could happen. 2. Near parking or where there's room to add parking 3. Accessible by car and near bike path 4. Park large enough for 6 courts and future expansion 5. Site has infrastructure for bathroom and court lighting 5. Land is well draining, level lowlands rather than uplands to mitigate wind issues 6. Near natural windbreaks particularly to the S, SE, N and NW - windbreaks are also very helpful for pickleball	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
58	For the size of our community it appears we do not have enough Pickleball courts compared to other communities. Sechler would be a great location for new courts.	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
59	Difficult to find court time in northfield sechler provides good access , good parking , noise wouldn't be a neighborhood concern	7/14/2024 3:55 PM
60	Great space for pickleball courts.	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
61	Pickle ball is my #1 priority	7/14/2024 8:07 AM



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62	Additional amenities would encourage more people. As an empty nest, senior citizen, I didn't make playgrounds, splash pads, picnic tables, baseball/softball a priority in my responses but the ambiance of people, especially families, makes a friendly community environment.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
63	Ideal for pickleball - plenty of parking, access by car or bike, plenty of room for 8 fenced courts, and non-residential so noise of pball not a prob em for neighbors. Could have listed courts as well	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
64	Pickleball is a great activity for older folks - anyone can play and enjoy. Winter Activities new great for families Why are there so many biking paths but no running trails? When I run in the bike paths they are usually empty. Many times I see bikers not using the bike paths daily because bikers are taught to ride with the traffic. Having both lanes on one side of the road they ignore the bike paths.	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
65	Pickleball courts are very much needed based on all the people trying to use the Riverside courts. They would be used all the time.	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
66	The existing pickleball courts in Riverside Park are reaching capacity many time a week. As the sport grows in popularity in Northfield, we need more places to play.	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
67	There is a scarcity of Pickleball courts in the area and Scehler seems like a great option given its space, accessibility (via car and the footbridge) and flatness. I have played at the Millstream commons park as well as at the middle school, but the former fills up fast and is disrupted by flooding (this year especially). The middle school is not as accessible for folks without cars.	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
68	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in town. We don't have all-weather courts for it.	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
69	Sechler Park is an optimal location for the city to step up with pickleball. I bike in Northfield and enjoy the path near Sechler Park. Lights would allow evening play (less private homes surrounding.)	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
70	Northfield needs more pickle ball courts .	7/12/2024 9:18 PM
71	I play pickleball at Riverside and often those courts are full	7/12/2024 8:29 PM
72	Pickleball is becoming very popular in Northfield. Currently the only outdoor option is 4 courts at Riverside which are heavily used.	7/12/2024 8:19 PM
73	As stated previously, citizens and visitors would utilize more pickleball courts. And lighting always makes for a safer environment.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
74	The community of Northfield needs more pickleball courts. These courts should be fenced and have windscreens. Sechler would be a good location because it is away from residential areas and noise would not be an issue.	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
75	The 4 pickleball courts at Riverside Park are more and more often full. It's becoming harder to find a court in the late afternoons, evenings and weekends. More courts are necessary soon. Sechler would be good location as it's away from housing so noise and lights aren't a concern. It also has enough space to accommodate 4 or 6 courts, future expansion and parking. Lastly it's accessible by car and bike.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
76	Very limited accessible options at Sechler. Playground is small. Pavilion is small. Baseball area between fields needs to be completely redone.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
77	We need running water and nicer bathrooms. Then a splash pad and volleyball nets would be great.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
78	I don't understand where these things would go. Would the two Sechler fields go away? No to a dog park and no to a community garden. Splash pad seems crazy, but sure. To me it is about the ball fields, and I would need to see some examples to understand how these other things would be placed.	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
79	Picnic tables would be nice however I do not think we have the room for them near the fields maybe a couple spread out along the side lines but the only area I have imagen putting them is the open grass area which is mainly needed for more parking. A shelter for picnics and hosting events would be awesome. I know there are some Baseball players who would have their grad party here if they could. Pickleball, splash pad, dog park,outdoor working out would be very dumb.	7/10/2024 7:26 PM

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80	Bathrooms a plaza and play space would be great. Please investigate the need for a full size field.	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
81	The porta potties are awful on hot summer days, especially during a tournament.	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

## Q13 What do you like most about Sechler Park?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	That is NOT developed.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Access to trails.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	Central baseball community	7/30/2024 9:51 PM
4	It's clean	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
5	Nothing. I hate Sechler park. The parking is awful, it's hot and full of bugs.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
6	Out of town, so lots of space	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
7	Baseball fields	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
8	The path for running:walking/biking and proximity to river	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
9	Open to the public. Easy to use	7/30/2024 6:58 PM
10	The league field locations with the amateur baseball field.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
11	Connectivity to bike paths (bridge across river, path on other side that runs down to Dundas)	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
12	Location and variety of amenities	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
13	Baseball fields	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
14	Baseball	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
15	Love the green space! The baseball fields are great. I like that there is a shelter. Appreciate having bathrooms.	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
16	Open space	7/30/2024 12:49 PM
17	That it is a great place to have tons of ages. When I am done watching my kids play baseball, they can watch other kids play.	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
18	The baseball fields	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
19	I don't like anything.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
20	The running/biking trail.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
21	The natural shade, concessions	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
22	The trails in the woods	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
23	Beautiful. Shady!!!	7/30/2024 11:52 AM
24	Space	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
25	Mtn biking	7/30/2024 11:40 AM
26	spacious, quiet	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
27	That the woods is right next to the river and it's in town - amazing combo! Please leave the beautiful woods and all the trees.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
28	Really beautiful area right off the river.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
29	River and adjacent to bike trail	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
30	Lots of space	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
31	We attend many baseball games there and it is a very nice field to watch. The lights on the	7/30/2024 11:20 AM

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	field are great (but noisy) and the ball fields are well maintained.	
32	convenient	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
33	Beautiful setting	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
34	A great place to play baseball! Overall I really like the feel of it, it's a nice place to be.	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
35	Score board	7/27/2024 12:35 PM
36	Ballfields	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
37	That it is un curated and a touch overgrown	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
38	For me, Sechler is primarily a bike route from Northfield to gravel routes outside of town.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
39	It is a great multi-use area that feels rural while being close to town.	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
40	Dedicated recreation space.	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
41	Close proximity of all the fields	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
42	Shady areas to get out of sun	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
43	Baseball fields	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
44	Picnic shelter, ball fields	7/23/2024 7:13 PM
45	secluded	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
46	peaceful environment	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
47	Bike trail	7/23/2024 12:26 PM
48	Several fields. Nice location	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
49	It is a very large park with lots of different amenities	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
50	We love the mix of woodland and more typical park features. It also tends to be less crowded which is great for kids with sensory issues (like mine).	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
51	Current baseball fields	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
52	I like it's size, parking and ball fields. It feels fun there.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
53	Train, Pavillion and walking path	7/19/2024 2:06 PM
54	Sports community	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
55	The baseball parks	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
56	It's quiet!	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
57	Everyone playing baseball in one place.	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
58	Facility gets heavy use in the evenings and can be enjoyed by all ages and multiple sports/activities.	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
59	It is very big and scenic. Lots of possibilities. What a great community asset.	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
60	Barbell	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
61	There is space for more to be added	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
62	It is away from neighbor noise complaints. Adequate parking. Has a shelter for events and weather protection.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
63	It's a great baseball/softball facility and is pretty well maintained.	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
64	The mountain bike trails.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
65	It's a good location for sports-related activities.	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
66	The location.	7/14/2024 5:36 PM
67	As far as pickleball goes, the fact that there is space and noise mitigation b/c of that space	7/14/2024 4:40 PM

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	and the trees and lack of residences.	
68	The amount of space the park has.	7/14/2024 4:22 PM
69	Accessible	7/14/2024 3:55 PM
70	Large green area where noise is not bothersome to others.	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
71	Location and amenities	7/14/2024 12:32 PM
72	Seclusion from the city is wonderful	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
73	Location, and the expanse of the park	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
74	Location along river	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
75	Location and its a nice family environment	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
76	Then natural environment and th easy access for walkers, cyclists and cars.	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
77	It is quiet	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
78	Well kept.	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
79	Nice cut-through when I bike; fun stuff to see as I ride through. Wish I could stop to play pickleball.	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
80	Parking, bathroom facility, Wind protection with trees. Well drainage available.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
81	The natural location.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
82	There is space for parking. It is accessible by car, bike and walking.	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
83	It's accessible by car or bike. It's away from housing. It's spacious. Although you're in the city you feel like your in the country.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
84	The space	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
85	Nice area. Close to downtown but tucked away.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
86	Baseball cluster	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
87	The community. It's a fun welcoming community where people can hangout with friends and family while watching America's best sport.	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
88	Watching baseball with the community	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
89	Lots of fields for baseball	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

## Q14 What do you like least about Sechler Park?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The lights being on in the daytime.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Too many baseball fields. The lack of money to maintain the mountain bike trails.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	How the parks dept takes care of the fields. Extremely neglected.	7/30/2024 10:06 PM
4	PARKING AND BATHROOMS	7/30/2024 9:51 PM
5	Little parking at game times	7/30/2024 9:10 PM
6	Location. Forget that it's even there. Terrible location. Difficult to get to.	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
7	Parking, poor street lighting	7/30/2024 8:51 PM
8	Next to train tracks	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
9	The location is terrible.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
10	Parking and the bike trail, restrooms	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
11	Limited and clustered Parking lot.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
12	Accessing it on either end tricky with kwik trip traffic and train	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
13	The bathrooms	7/30/2024 6:54 PM
14	Lack of parking	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
15	It feels isolated	7/30/2024 4:42 PM
16	Bike path paving is beat up	7/30/2024 4:33 PM
17	The traffic flow and parking	7/30/2024 3:35 PM
18	parking and bicycles that drive down the road and do not use the path.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
19	How awkward it is to get to	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
20	The current playgrojnd	7/30/2024 2:58 PM
21	It's just a baseball park right now and I don't see people going there unless they're playing/watching baseball. Small playground. Would love to see that expanded. Zip line? Splashpad. Maybe make an outdoor play area that utilizes natural elements like logs, rocks, etc in the forested area.	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
22	Trains	7/30/2024 12:49 PM
23	The lack of bathrooms at the baseball fields.	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
24	The porta potties	7/30/2024 12:37 PM
25	Feeling unsafe. No good way to get kids there safely. The train track and woods are sketchy.	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
26	Parking/traffic on baseball game days.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
27	The current bathroom situation (please no more portapotties)	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
28	Restrooms	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
29	when people just sit in their cars in parking lots	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
30	No Bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:52 AM
31	It feels like it's in the armpit of Northfield, The area sucks to get to, the river floods it, and the	7/30/2024 11:48 AM

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	amenities are old, outdated and gross.	
32	Getting in and out on car—lanes are too narrow and bikers don't use the bike paths which creates a major safety concern.	7/30/2024 11:47 AM
33	No actual bathrooms	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
34	Off lease dogs- they scare me	7/30/2024 11:40 AM
35	fast driving cars and trucks to baseball fields	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
36	That we don't use the river more - this is larger issue but I wish that local farmers would be more responsible with their chemicals and that it didn't impact the Cannon so much - we could have a much healthier river.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
37	Everything is really dated and old. The space is not utilized efficiently.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
38	shelter too far away from main road/paths	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
39	No bathrooms with running water at baseball complex.	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
40	Lots of mosquitoes and the woods closest to the river are obviously prone to flooding with challenges regarding river access.	7/30/2024 11:24 AM
41	Parking - when multiple games are happenings there isn't a place to park in the lot. Would also be nice to have "real" bathrooms instead of portable ones. It's ALMOST an exceptional baseball facility.	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
42	Parking	7/30/2024 11:12 AM
43	Train danger	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
44	Only port a potties	7/27/2024 12:35 PM
45	Lack of real toilets	7/26/2024 10:22 PM
46	Noise from Malt-O-Meal, but that's just life in Northfield. It's good to have the jobs they provide	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
47	Its invisibility behind Walgreens/Kwik Trip and difficulty reaching the park on foot or bike.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
48	Bugs, train noise, no pickleball courts	7/24/2024 9:29 PM
49	Parking Bathrooms Very little protection from foul balls	7/24/2024 8:53 PM
50	Parking situation and way finding for baseball fields (hard to direct family members to fields)	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
51	Closed in the winter	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
52	It feels secluded. Not well known.	7/23/2024 3:16 PM
53	The trains	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
54	bugs	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
55	Need pickleball court and better paved bike/walk path on west side	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
56	Parking	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
57	It is difficult to get there by bike (crossing Hwy 3 and Hwy 19)	7/22/2024 2:32 PM
58	The playground is underwhelming and sometimes the cleanliness of the park is lacking.	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
59	lack of a bathroom at the baseball fields.	7/21/2024 8:25 AM
60	The playground is away from the ball fields.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
61	No parking and not great use of the physical space. Lots of unused space.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
62	Bikers not using the path and not enough parking	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
63	The bike path- needs to be redone!	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
64	No bathrooms	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
65	Park is hidden from people that don't live here. Signage is lacking. Facility is in need of a	7/16/2024 1:50 PM

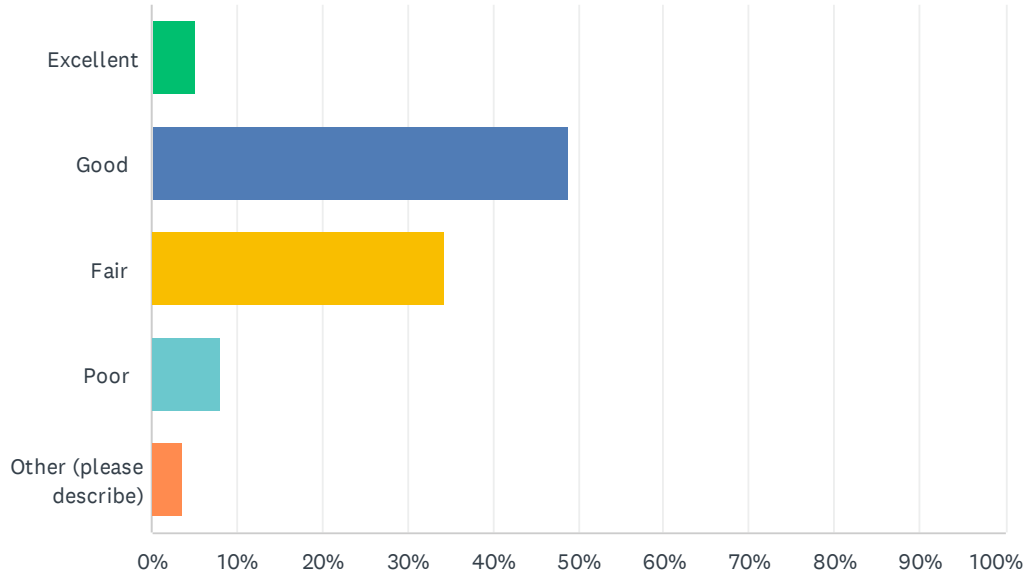
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	refresh.	
66	Money put into church softball field because Rhonda's family plays. Ridgid	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
67	Not enough parking or spread out fields	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
68	It seems to be isolated so folks tend to forget about it.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
69	There is NOT running water bathrooms in the central part of the baseball facility next to the concession stand.	7/15/2024 10:32 AM
70	The traffic during Northfield Youth Baseball events. I'm not criticizing baseball - my son plays - just recognizing that parking near the little league fields is tight.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
71	bike trail near the baseball fields. yuk!	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
72	It is a bit out of the way from where I live.	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
73	The access road could be improved	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
74	The few times I have been there, the park was devoid of people. I am encouraged that this survey will improve the quality of outdoor life here.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
75	Wasted area - just softball and baseball. Room for so much more	7/13/2024 4:11 PM
76	Small road to get in and out of the park.	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
77	The park is very old and not well maintained	7/13/2024 10:02 AM
78	N/A	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
79	It feels underutilized	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
80	Distance.	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
81	Limited activities	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
82	Need sign on 19 and highway 3 directing the community to the new amenities we will have at Sechler. Riverside park is so visable from highway 3, we often get people passing by to stop and join Pickleball.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
83	It's next to the railroad.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
84	Parking and lack of decent bathrooms	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
85	No running water or good bathrooms and poor nets behind home plate on big field. It's not the best viewing either.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
86	Parking	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
87	There are no bathrooms	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
88	The lack of running water bathrooms and minimal parking	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
89	No bathroom and the bleachers	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
90	Lack of bathrooms and parking	7/10/2024 6:44 PM



## Q15 How would you rate the overall physical condition of the park and facilities?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 15

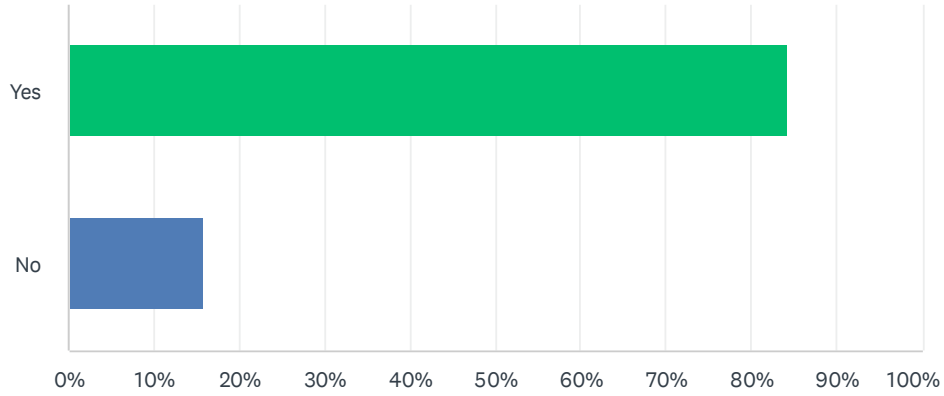


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	5.11% 7
Good	48.91% 67
Fair	34.31% 47
Poor	8.03% 11
Other (please describe)	3.65% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	No bathrooms is a huge problem.	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
2	Haven't had enough experience to comment.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
3	need improvements.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
4	I haven't been out there as often as I used to be but it seems to be in fine condition.	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
5	It's been a few years since I've been at the baseball fields or picnic shelter so I don't have a good feel for the current condition.	7/12/2024 4:19 PM

### Q16 Do you support enhancing opportunities near the main baseball fields to provide more family-friendly activities or spaces?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.21%	112
No	15.79%	21
TOTAL		133

## Q17 Please explain why you do/do not support enhancing opportunities near the baseball fields to provide more family friendly activities or spaces.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 97

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It already has plenty of family friendly activities and spaces. It does not need more or it will be ruined.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	"enhancing opportunities" is a very vague phrase, but I support the enhancement of city parks.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	Our taxes are already prohibitive! And I think taxes are a good thing, but fix the downtown sidewalks and crosswalks and the potholes/cracked up streets.	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
4	It shouldn't just be about baseball	7/30/2024 8:45 PM
5	Other parks in more desirable locations should be updated and we desperately need and ice arena. All other recreation expenses should be put on hold until the ice arena is finally built. The ice arena needs to finally be the city's recreational priority for once. But also Sechler park is gross. Put the money into any other park in town if you want to improve or expand a park.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
6	It would allow us to host more tournaments, be more family friendly and more families will be able to enjoy the facilities.	7/30/2024 7:49 PM
7	Yes, but only if more parking is added. It gets very congested as is with just baseball games going on.	7/30/2024 7:10 PM
8	Anything family friendly is a good thing.	7/30/2024 6:58 PM
9	It is limited in space and we need restrooms and parking with another field. I do support better sightlines and seating.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
10	I just worry that this means making the fields smaller or taking this away.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
11	Any enhancement would just add to an already great experience	7/30/2024 3:17 PM
12	There's not enough space for the baseball fans. Adding more activities will take away what space there is	7/30/2024 2:24 PM
13	Families are already at the baseball fields. Give the kiddos something to do while their siblings play ball so they're not sitting on their tablets!	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
14	I don't play baseball	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
15	I am not completely sure what this means, but families often come for baseball games in the summer and an increase in opportunities for those not playing/watching the games would be good.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
16	I support updating the baseball field complex, even though non of my 3 kids play baseball. Every child in this town deserved a safe and accommodating place to participate in team sports, even though it doesn't directly affect me or my family, I support it.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
17	pickleball courts, better playground, splash pad would all be nice amenities for this town.	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
18	Yes all the above ideas would be fabulous for families!	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
19	The main baseball fields are like an anthill. Would be great to use the space more efficiently.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
20	It seems that baseball is a good use of this space and expansion should be for baseball potentially rather than another use	7/30/2024 11:30 AM
21	This would be nice to	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
22	I feel those attending the baseball games are there to watch, and be a part of that. A playground closer would be nice for siblings, but in other communities (Farmington) these	7/30/2024 11:19 AM

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playgrounds have been areas where older (Teen) kids hang out and I have seen damage to vehicles in the parking areas from bikes/scooters and younger kids not feeling comfortable to play.

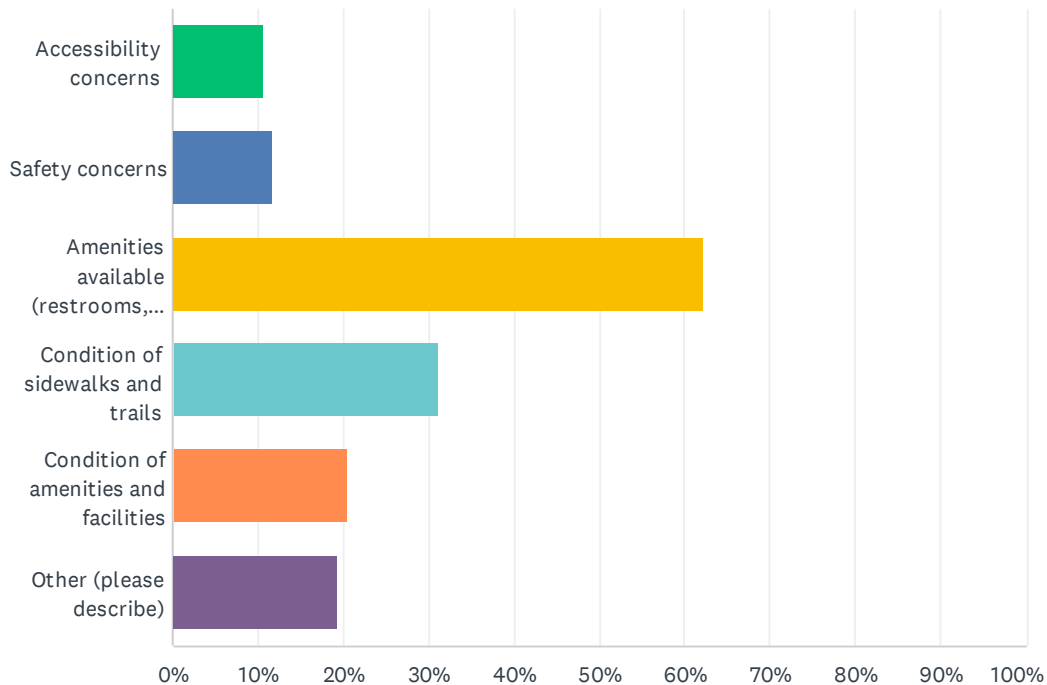
23	If there is space, it would be nice to have a small play structure for kids near the main pavilion, nice for kids who aren't playing baseball to have a place to hang out.	7/29/2024 7:46 AM
24	Parking is crowded as is during games. Spread activities out across the park to reduce congestion.	7/24/2024 4:13 AM
25	maybe a playground for families using the ball fields with other children	7/23/2024 7:13 PM
26	why not keep it all ball fields ?	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
27	A playground or splash pad would be really nice to help entertain younger siblings. Who are there for long hot days during the summer.	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
28	There's not a lot to keep little kids captivated for long periods of time.	7/21/2024 4:53 PM
29	The little siblings of the ball players are many times not interested in the game. Parents want to watch as well as have the littles be happy and have a place to play. It would help keep children safe if family friendly spaces are near the ball fields. Parents can watch a game and also keep an eye on the littles in their family.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
30	I love going to other towns sport complexes and how many teams can be hosted and still have good parking, activities for the family, walking paths, plants etc. Sechlar is a great place but access to the park is a little poor as well.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
31	We are a growing community and we should invest in our youth.	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
32	Anything family friendly is great in my book	7/17/2024 10:04 AM
33	I support it because hopefully more family's will put there kid in baseball and keep the program alive	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
34	Baseball is the basis of the park. the rest is afforded because it baseball and their fundraising. I've spent many hours fixing those fields as a volunteer. I don't see the city helping	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
35	I feel the primary focus should be to improve the baseball fields. They get used a ton and brings in a lot of out of town families that end up spending money at restaurants and stores.	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
36	Not sure what's there now but it seems like a good idea for the ball player's families to have a place to play while mom/dad is playing ball.	7/15/2024 10:43 AM
37	There is a lot of room near the softball fields and the baseball fields are super tight traffic-wise during the evening. Perhaps I would be more in favor if I knew what was meant by 'family-friendly activities or spaces'.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
38	Recreation is essential to a high quality of life.	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
39	Younger children will have safe activities while games are played.	7/14/2024 1:36 PM
40	As stated earlier, the ambiance of people and activities creates a welcoming community experience.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
41	Not everyone can play baseball or softball. Parks should be available for everyone to utilize.	7/13/2024 1:38 PM
42	If we have the land you can easily add more parking and at least 8 courts for pickleball. Picnic tables for families would also be nice.	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
43	This park is an important community asset that can be further developed	7/13/2024 10:02 AM
44	It would make the experience better for families.	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
45	It's not super close to homes, so maybe this part isn't the best to pour money into for family-friendly activities.	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
46	Please plan additional Pickleball courts in the area near baseball fields.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
47	More opportunities bring more people, more people spend dollars at local businesses.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
48	Not sure what this means exactly but as I recall I often had other children with me while	7/12/2024 6:01 PM

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	attending activities for our other child.	
49	This area needs help. Very congested at times and needs something for siblings to do while baseball is going on.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
50	The first need is to make a nice area for baseball — before adding more activities. Parking will be a bigger problem with more activities so watch that. Adding activities is less of a priority than modernizing the current areas — with running water, better fields and viewing and bathrooms that are not satellites.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
51	Because we don't go down to the other area when at the baseball cluster.	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
52	They should focus on enhancing the fields and getting them more top of the line. We were at other cities ball fields and they had more space and nicer fields.	7/10/2024 9:36 PM
53	I support improving BASEBALL RELATED enhancements. Better batting cages, well maintained fields and sheds, nice bleachers, picnic tables, etc. Nothing crazy	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
54	Creating open space that can be used on non baseball nights bring new people to the park.	7/10/2024 7:22 PM
55	People of all ages spend time at the park. If you can make it enjoyable for all ages, that would be great.	7/10/2024 6:44 PM

## Q18 Is there anything that discourages use within Sechler Park?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accessibility concerns	10.75%	10
Safety concerns	11.83%	11
Amenities available (restrooms, shelters, etc.)	62.37%	58
Condition of sidewalks and trails	31.18%	29
Condition of amenities and facilities	20.43%	19
Other (please describe)	19.35%	18
Total Respondents: 93		

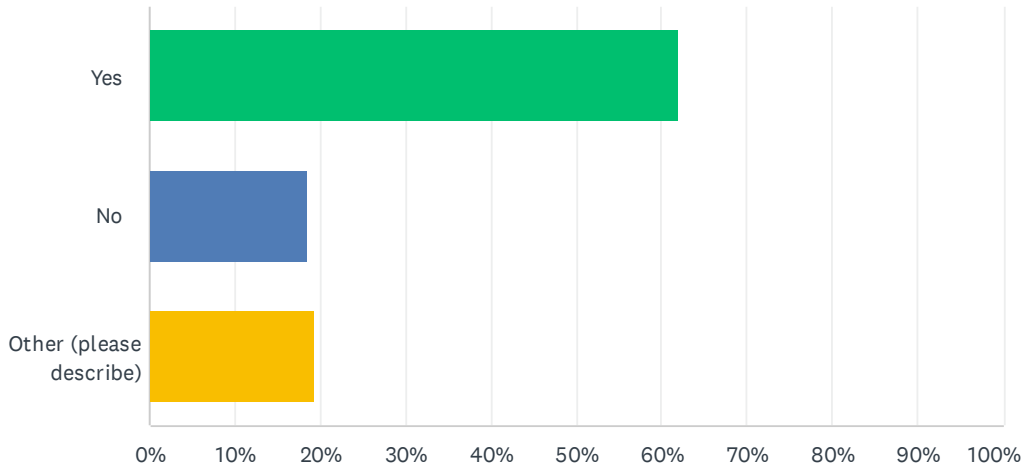
#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Too focused on baseball.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
2	Location	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
3	The bugs attracted to the woods and river. It's too swampy and gross. We are covered in bug bites every time we leave there. I hate it.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
4	parking	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
5	No reason to go there	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
6	The biking trail is very nice, but it is also very rough in a few spots. I often run in the road in the stretch closest to the foot bridge.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM

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7	It's far from my house - I really only used it once for the Northfield Knights / Dundas game last summer.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
8	Maybe that it's off the beaten path, most people know about the baseball fields but not the woods and trails as much?	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
9	Lack of use for girls fastpitch softball	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
10	It is a shame the road and parking lots are closed in winter	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
11	I don't play baseball.	7/25/2024 8:49 PM
12	I forget it is an option for a playground.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
13	Nothing to do there other than baseball	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
14	Parking	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
15	vehicle parking	7/14/2024 8:53 PM
16	No reason for me to go there.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
17	Well, it's closed in the winter, lol - if we had a dome and courts, that problem disappears	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
18	Difficult for emergency vehicles to arrive in timely manner	7/12/2024 10:42 PM

## Q19 Would you like to see cultural events or other community gathering events programmed at Sechler Park?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.10% 77
No	18.55% 23
Other (please describe)	19.35% 24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Let's do this first and see if people want to come and use the park.	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
2	Designing an area of the park, maybe a graded hill, so could be used as an amphitheater would be a great idea. Live music and events in the summer.	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
3	I don't know,	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
4	I think having a more central location draws families in more.	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
5	sure, as long as it doesn't take away from the current events out there.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
6	It is busy as is	7/30/2024 11:44 AM
7	maybe	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
8	Maybe? Hard to envision what these would be.	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
9	Indifferent - it is city space.	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
10	concerts, pickleball tournaments	7/23/2024 7:13 PM
11	Don't care but am unlikely to attend	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
12	Sure, if parking is expanded. Unfortunately, right now there is not adequate parking for its intended use of playing baseball and softball	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
13	Yoga, fairs, etc.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM

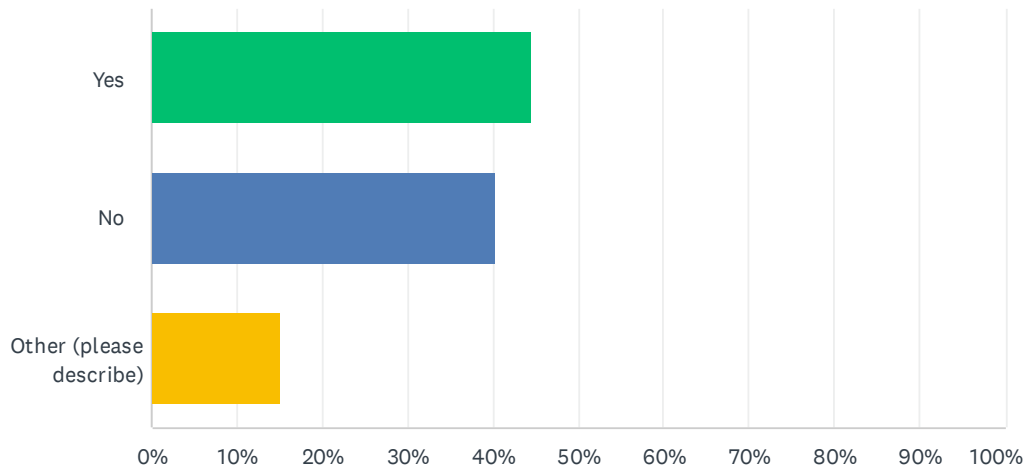



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14	Community baseball and softball events	7/16/2024 5:00 PM
15	If there is space for it. Currently facility is geared to baseball/softball. Probably best to expand/increase usage in that way to keep those events together.	7/16/2024 1:50 PM
16	Central Park and Bridge Square work well for these. Maybe Sechler should offer something different to play to its unique strengths.	7/16/2024 8:30 AM
17	I don't care	7/15/2024 9:22 PM
18	Sure? I'm not really sure what to say about this.	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
19	Possibly, but Bridge Square has been a great public space for this.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
20	Not really. lol	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
21	Better to use areas near downtown or river for gatherings.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM
22	Not necessarily.	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
23	not sure I care about this	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
24	As long as it doesn't interfere with the busy summer schedules for baseball/softball	7/10/2024 9:36 PM

## Q20 Would you like to see educational signage throughout the park?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
 Yes	44.54%	53
No	40.34%	48
Other (please describe)	15.13%	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>119</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	A story walk would be nice. Talk to the library about partnering maybe. Faribault has one downtown	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
2	Maybe, I'd like an interactive kiosk experience with digital technology.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
3	I do not know.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
4	While I really appreciate the effort, I'm not sure it's worth the investment.	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
5	indifferent	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
6	not important	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
7	No strong opinion	7/30/2024 8:36 AM
8	What do we need to be educated about?	7/26/2024 3:47 PM
9	Don't care	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
10	Would be great, but doesn't need to be owned by the city - maybe a call for work and the city would pay for it.	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
11	Save money for bigger items of concern and add those later.	7/17/2024 8:53 PM
12	This is nice but it seems we have a lot to spend money on already...	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
13	Especially for nature walks	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
14	Fine if available.	7/13/2024 9:07 AM

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15	Wouldn't be a big priority to me, but wouldn't be opposed.	7/12/2024 7:21 PM
16	Not essential for me.	7/12/2024 6:01 PM
17	not sure I care about this	7/12/2024 4:19 PM
18	If related to the history of sechler/nortjfield and baseball. If it's not related then what's the point.	7/10/2024 7:26 PM

## Q21 Do you have any other input about the future of Sechler Park?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 104

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please leave our natural spaces alone. Stop spending money on unnecessary developments and ruining nature.	7/30/2024 10:35 PM
2	Love the focus on parks and trails here in northfield.	7/30/2024 10:18 PM
3	Please stop spending our money on consultants and poorly designed bike paths. I like bike paths, but many of ours are confusing and dangerous and, therefore, useless. Would I be able to safely bike to this park?	7/30/2024 9:03 PM
4	My family hates sechler park. It's our least favorite park in town. The location is awful.	7/30/2024 8:27 PM
5	Need to build more permanent bathrooms.	7/30/2024 7:57 PM
6	It would be a prime location for a 4 season community facility. Rentable community space that could be used for family events and such in the winter.	7/30/2024 7:03 PM
7	The Sechler family gave this land with the Northfield Youth Baseball Association (NYBA) leading the baseball oversight and future developments, they need to be engaged with future planning.	7/30/2024 5:55 PM
8	It is a great space that has a lot of potential and is underutilized at the moment. Making it a destination for new types of outdoor activities and events would be great.	7/30/2024 5:05 PM
9	Make Sechler a place where youth and adults can participate in outdoor activities.	7/30/2024 3:19 PM
10	I love that you're asking for feedback and ideas! It's so hard to please everyone! Just a reminder that while older citizens are more likely to complete surveys like these, they're only a part of the population! Busy families might not take the time to do these surveys but they are the ones who actually do/will use this specific park! Let's gear it towards families!	7/30/2024 1:22 PM
11	I never go there because there is nothing there for me	7/30/2024 12:14 PM
12	Sechler will probably always be a park that people need to intend to go to since it is not close to housing. But it provides some unique opportunities in Northfield and it would be good to keep much of its character. It does feel disjointed at the moment and some sort of unifying theme/path would be nice.	7/30/2024 12:06 PM
13	Incorporate the river, open up some of the trees to highlight the water feature and bring more attention to the riverfront, rather than hide it in the trees.	7/30/2024 11:48 AM
14	Please add more pickleball courts. Our town's pickleball facilities pale in comparison to smaller and similar sized towns.	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
15	Great survey, thank you for getting this input!	7/30/2024 11:32 AM
16	Please maintain the scoreboard and speakers on the main field. It's a very nice field and the score board and speaker quality should match that for our athletes and our visitors to the field.	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
17	It seems to be a park run by the Baseball association, or is it a City park. Seems to me it has an identity problem. I see it mainly on baseball nights, but the few times I have been there during the daytime not much activity either.	7/30/2024 11:19 AM
18	OK, I know this sounds like, "Get off my lawn," but I feel there are a lot of other parks in Northfield that provide an experience with lots of playgrounds and interactive experiences (which, have you noticed, don't get used much? e.g. Way Park music interactivities no one ever bangs on).	7/26/2024 5:56 PM
19	Please plan capital spending as part of a total park system and in the context of city spending as a whole. This park (and the ice arena, pickle ball courts, trails, etc.) can't be developed independently of the big picture.	7/26/2024 3:47 PM

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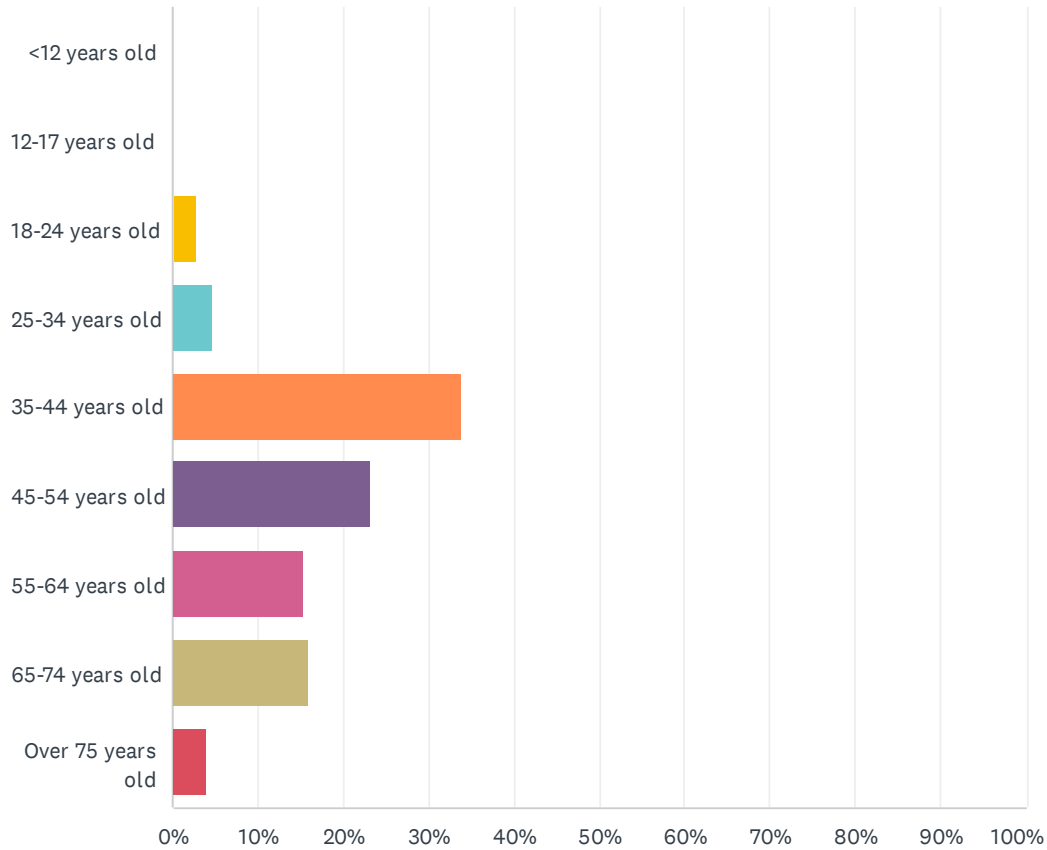
20	Pickleball courts would be great for the community! Sechler is a treasure of a park and should be a priority for maintenance and enhancement. If the playground is enhanced, please consider Leathers <a href="https://www.playgroundsbyleathers.com/">https://www.playgroundsbyleathers.com/</a> . Chatfield and Litchfield have amazing playgrounds by Leathers. Litchfield funded it by having community members "buy" fence posts and then the sponsors' names were on them as well.	7/25/2024 4:34 PM
21	Parking is tough and feels unsafe to have kids crossing to go to the "overflow" parking near the grass strip on the edge. Seems very chaotic and unsafe	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
22	It takes a lot of room to build ball fields, you have it here. You can put other options in much smaller areas	7/23/2024 2:41 PM
23	expand community access and information	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
24	Please add pickleball courts and repave west side path	7/23/2024 11:54 AM
25	While I like this survey - the same information could be gathered about any park and you'd get similar responses. Sechler is being addressed currently and the park system survey was gathered a couple years ago - but it is important to distinguish what we all desire to be available within the park system and within Sechler park specifically and that would be difficult to understand within this survey.	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
26	Overall, it is a nice field. Like every community facility, it needs ongoing efforts to maintain and make upgrades Which don't appear to have been done for a while. It would be nice for it to have more use in the winter. I did not know there were mountain biking trails. A splash pad would be an awesome amenity to have.	7/22/2024 7:58 PM
27	I think there is an opportunity to make it a premier park of Northfield by adding amenities, pickleball courts being one of them.	7/19/2024 7:30 PM
28	I would love to see this space maximize its physical space, improve the access to the park, parking and improve the field conditions and numbers including softball fields that could be used by the youth softball programs.	7/18/2024 9:18 PM
29	Need to fix the ballfields for drainage and level off the infields, add aglime etc..	7/17/2024 6:01 PM
30	Sechler is a great combination of a natural and a "structural" park. I don't think adding a few tables, pickleball courts, or bathrooms will change that.	7/15/2024 9:23 AM
31	There are many worthwhile things to spend money on. I have played pickleball for many years and at a high level. It is a sport almost any age can do with success. It is a great way to bring people together in a recreational way. I highly recommend considering adding additional pickleball courts in Northfield that have fences and shelters. The people will come.	7/14/2024 4:40 PM
32	It's a great opportunity to enhance a nice area that could benefit the community for years to come. The biggest distraction is the train traffic. Nothing much can be done about that.	7/14/2024 8:07 AM
33	No, but thanks for the opportunity to comment.	7/13/2024 4:19 PM
34	The extra space needs to be put to good use for all of the Northfield residents and our community. Adding other spots such as pickleball will bring more people to the park.	7/13/2024 12:14 PM
35	I'm happy to see focus being placed on expanding the use of this community asset. I'm a strong advocate of expanding pickleball opportunities.(largest growing sport in the US for players of all ages) There are many compelling reasons why this park would be an excellent location for at least six courts. The parks location, ample parking and nature wind barriers makes it ideal.	7/13/2024 10:02 AM
36	No	7/13/2024 9:22 AM
37	I think it is a nice but underutilized park	7/13/2024 9:08 AM
38	No	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
39	We really need more pickleball courts and it's a game for any age group and any level of play.	7/13/2024 7:55 AM
40	Sechler is a great place for baseball, ultimate, and I hope some day for pickleball as well.	7/12/2024 10:44 PM
41	I would be willing to bike to Sechler Park, for ease of getting in and out with train tracks often blocking.	7/12/2024 10:42 PM

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42	Sechler Park would be a good location for more pickle ball courts. It has adequate parking and not in a residential area.	7/12/2024 9:18 PM
43	Please consider pickleball courts as an option	7/12/2024 8:19 PM
44	There is a lot of potential. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.	7/12/2024 12:22 PM
45	Before ADDING please take care of what is there — baseball and softball fields need updates! It is time for better fields and restrooms.	7/11/2024 10:05 PM
46	I would like to see a few examples to picture different possible plans.	7/10/2024 9:38 PM
47	This is by fair my favorite place in northfield. I would hate for it to be forgotten about or changed to support a community other than baseball. Youth baseball is a huge program and it could grow if we put effort into it. But I strongly believe this place needs a revamp to support the players and audience. Bathrooms, well maintained fields, and parking are the main needs. Thank you very much for your time!! I really appreciate your interest in enhancing sechler park :)	7/10/2024 7:26 PM
48	Please no pickleball.	7/10/2024 7:22 PM

## Q22 What is your age?

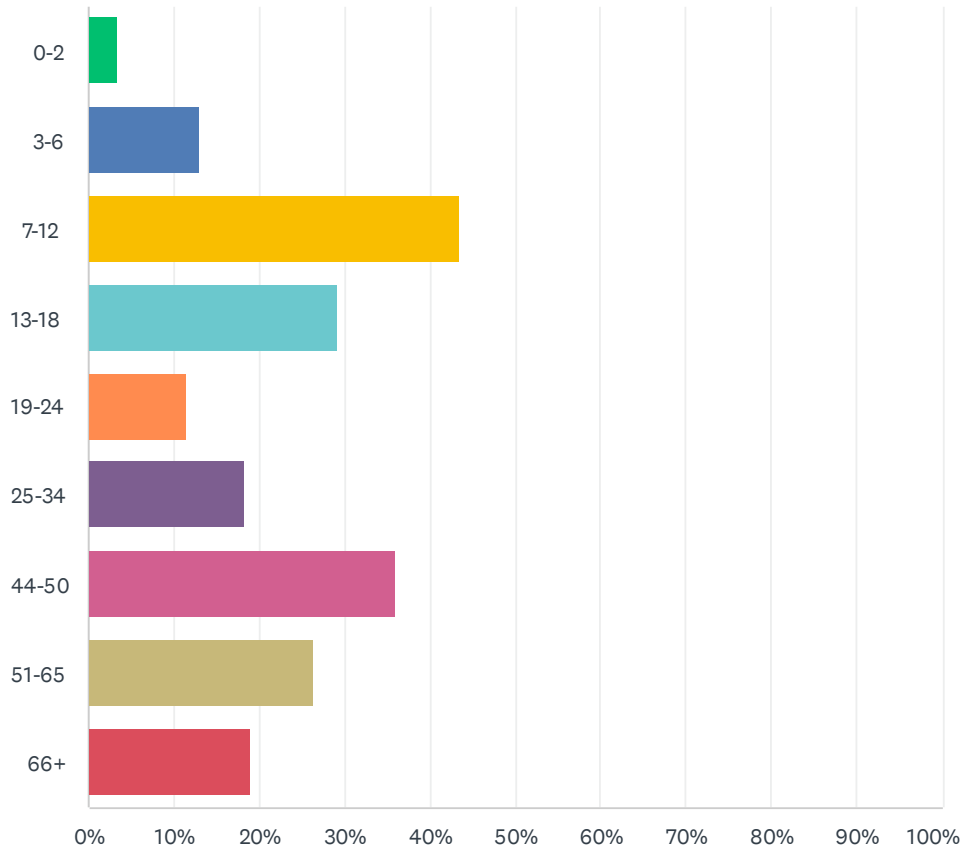
Answered: 150 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<12 years old	0.00%	0
12-17 years old	0.00%	0
18-24 years old	2.67%	4
25-34 years old	4.67%	7
35-44 years old	34.00%	51
45-54 years old	23.33%	35
55-64 years old	15.33%	23
65-74 years old	16.00%	24
Over 75 years old	4.00%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150</b>

## Q23 What age groups are represented in your household? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 147 Skipped: 5

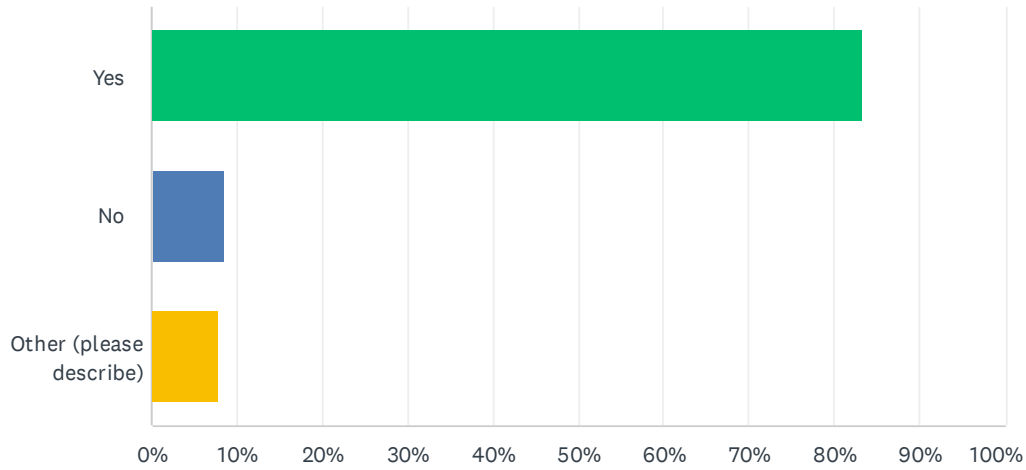


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2	3.40%	5
3-6	12.93%	19
7-12	43.54%	64
13-18	29.25%	43
19-24	11.56%	17
25-34	18.37%	27
44-50	36.05%	53
51-65	26.53%	39
66+	19.05%	28
Total Respondents: 147		



## Q24 Are you a Northfield resident?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 1

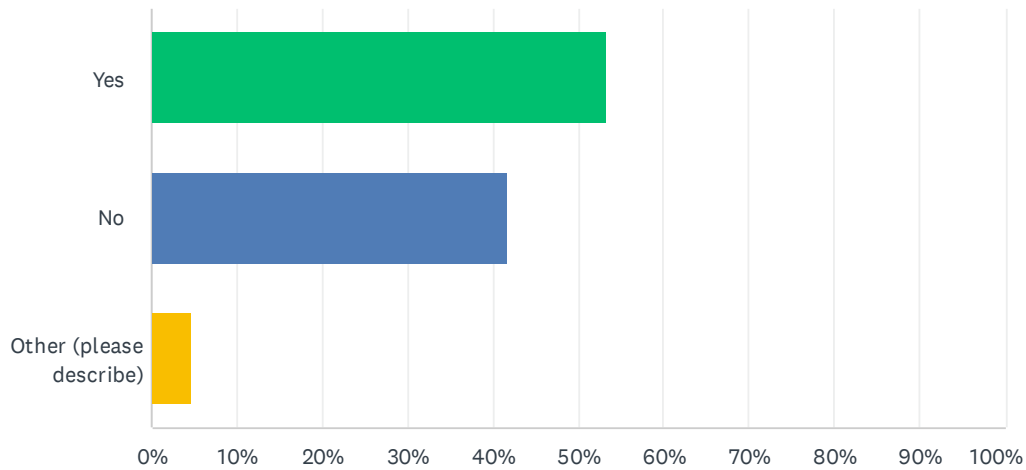


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.44%	126
No	8.61%	13
Other (please describe)	7.95%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>151</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Dundas	7/30/2024 7:58 PM
2	Dundas	7/30/2024 12:07 PM
3	Dundas	7/30/2024 12:00 PM
4	Dundas	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
5	Dundas	7/26/2024 10:24 PM
6	Dundas	7/24/2024 9:08 PM
7	Frequent visitor for extended time periods	7/24/2024 12:44 AM
8	dundas	7/23/2024 12:40 PM
9	Dundas	7/17/2024 7:18 PM
10	We live in Dundas (BW heights, so virtual northfield) but utilize the schools and parks frequently.	7/13/2024 9:09 AM
11	Dundas	7/13/2024 7:56 AM
12	Dundas	7/10/2024 9:40 PM

## Q25 Are you or a family member associated with a sports association?

Answered: 148 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.38%	79
No	41.89%	62
Other (please describe)	4.73%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>148</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Baseball, softball	7/26/2024 10:24 PM
2	In the past	7/24/2024 9:08 PM
3	St Olaf College Athletics	7/24/2024 12:44 AM
4	Pickleball Group.	7/15/2024 10:44 AM
5	I have been on the Northfield Soccer Association and the Northfield Tennis Association. I am not on either right now.	7/14/2024 4:41 PM
6	We are in the early phases of forming a Pickleball group.	7/14/2024 4:23 PM
7	Our pickleball group is exploring association status	7/12/2024 10:45 PM

## Q26 Which sports association(s) are you affiliated with?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 70

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Sotball	7/30/2024 10:07 PM
2	Northfield Baseball	7/30/2024 9:52 PM
3	Baseball	7/30/2024 9:11 PM
4	Hockey and baseball	7/30/2024 8:52 PM
5	Slowpitch softball	7/30/2024 8:46 PM
6	Hockey and Lacrosse	7/30/2024 8:28 PM
7	Baseball,Basketball	7/30/2024 8:13 PM
8	Baseball	7/30/2024 7:58 PM
9	Football, baseball, wrestling, soccer	7/30/2024 7:50 PM
10	Baseball	7/30/2024 7:10 PM
11	Baseball	7/30/2024 6:59 PM
12	Baseball youth	7/30/2024 6:55 PM
13	Baseball, softball, hockey	7/30/2024 6:51 PM
14	NYBA Northfield Knights	7/30/2024 5:56 PM
15	Northfield soccer club	7/30/2024 5:50 PM
16	Soccer, basketball, tennis, XC skiing, mountain biking	7/30/2024 5:06 PM
17	Northfield Swim Club	7/30/2024 3:36 PM
18	Baseball and hockey	7/30/2024 3:18 PM
19	My child used to be part of the baseball association for many years	7/30/2024 2:26 PM
20	Northfield Soccer and basketball	7/30/2024 1:24 PM
21	Baseball	7/30/2024 1:06 PM
22	NYBA NFSA NHA	7/30/2024 12:47 PM
23	Northfield Baseball Association	7/30/2024 12:43 PM
24	Baseball, Football, Basketball	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
25	Youth baseball Youth hockey	7/30/2024 12:38 PM
26	Baseball	7/30/2024 12:11 PM
27	Badeball, hockey, gymnastics, golf	7/30/2024 12:07 PM
28	Baseball Hockey Football	7/30/2024 12:07 PM
29	Northfield Lacrosse	7/30/2024 12:00 PM
30	Softball, baseball	7/30/2024 11:53 AM
31	Northfield Hockey Association and Northfield Lacrosse Association.	7/30/2024 11:49 AM
32	Nyba	7/30/2024 11:45 AM
33	Soccer	7/30/2024 11:40 AM

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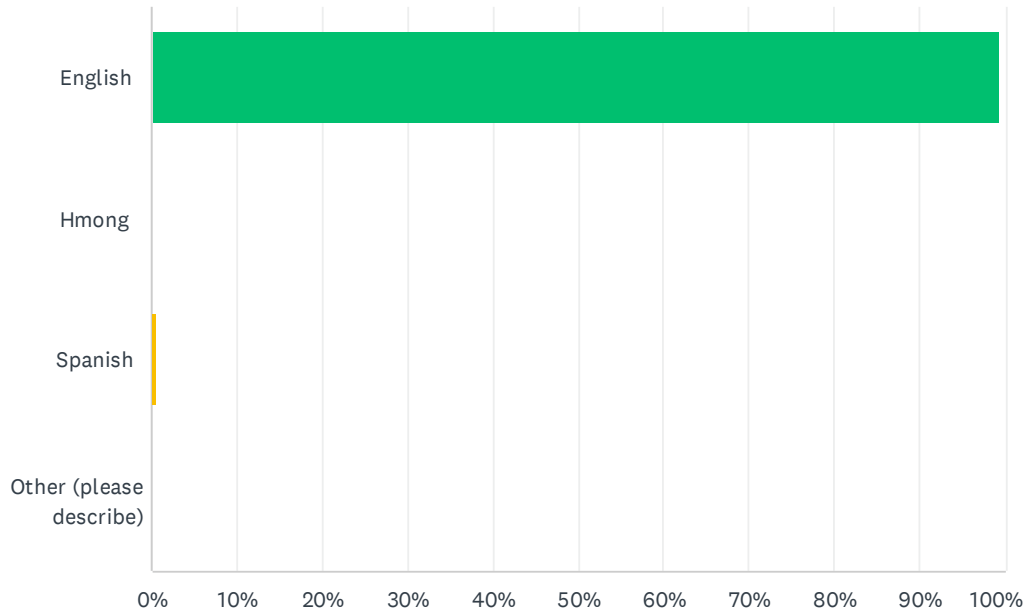
34	Northfield Soccer Association	7/30/2024 11:37 AM
35	hockey, softball	7/30/2024 11:33 AM
36	Soccer (kids and adult) Nordic Ski, Track, Pickleball,	7/30/2024 11:33 AM
37	Minnesota Baseball League. Northfield Community Ed Flag Football. Northfield Youth Basketball Association. Division Street Dance. Northfield Gymnastics Club.	7/30/2024 11:33 AM
38	Hockey Baseball Basketball	7/30/2024 11:28 AM
39	Northfield soccer Association, Cannon Valley bike club	7/30/2024 11:25 AM
40	My son plays baseball for VFW/High School, but grew up in Northfield Baseball Association inhouse and travel baseball, my husband is a member of the Northfield Tennis Association. My son also plays HS basketball and grew up in that Association.	7/30/2024 11:25 AM
41	My son plays baseball in the NYBA. I coached a community -rec team this year.	7/30/2024 11:20 AM
42	Northfield Fastpitch Softball	7/30/2024 11:15 AM
43	Nyba	7/30/2024 11:13 AM
44	Northfield Soccer Association Girls on the Run Swimming Northfield pickleball group (informal)	7/30/2024 8:38 AM
45	NYBA	7/29/2024 7:47 AM
46	Baseball	7/27/2024 12:36 PM
47	NYBA, NFSA, community education	7/26/2024 10:24 PM
48	Northfield Soccer Club	7/25/2024 4:36 PM
49	Baseball, soccer, hockey, gymnastics, basketball	7/24/2024 9:30 PM
50	Northfield baseball association Northfield Hockey Association	7/24/2024 8:54 PM
51	Baseball Soccer	7/24/2024 6:53 PM
52	Softball Northfield Pickleball Club	7/24/2024 12:44 AM
53	Softball football	7/23/2024 5:07 PM
54	Fifty North	7/23/2024 2:42 PM
55	Soccer and pickleball	7/23/2024 12:23 PM
56	Rec league sports through city	7/23/2024 11:55 AM
57	Northfield Soccer Club The developing Pickleball organization	7/23/2024 11:10 AM
58	Hockey baseball football soccer	7/22/2024 7:59 PM
59	Baseball, softball, hockey, basketball, football	7/18/2024 9:19 PM
60	Nyba	7/17/2024 8:54 PM
61	Baseball soccer	7/17/2024 7:18 PM
62	Baseball	7/17/2024 6:02 PM
63	The Northfield Knights and the NYBA	7/16/2024 5:01 PM
64	NYBA, Northfield Knights/Millers	7/16/2024 1:51 PM
65	Baseball softball hockey basketball football lacrosse volleyball	7/15/2024 9:23 PM
66	Baseball	7/15/2024 9:11 PM
67	Northfield Youth Baseball, Northfield Youth Hockey	7/15/2024 10:33 AM
68	Northfield Soccer Club Northfield Youth Baseball	7/15/2024 9:24 AM
69	northfield youth baseball	7/14/2024 8:53 PM

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70	See above	7/14/2024 4:41 PM
71	Northfield Pickle Ball Group	7/14/2024 8:08 AM
72	Baseball	7/13/2024 9:32 AM
73	N/A	7/13/2024 9:23 AM
74	I run a summer tennis league	7/12/2024 10:45 PM
75	Son was on Soccer association	7/12/2024 10:45 PM
76	Northfield Golf Course, YMCA, Carleton Rec, Dakota Curling	7/12/2024 8:30 PM
77	Northfield Knights — but former NYBA and hockey association We support all NF Youth and High School sports	7/11/2024 10:07 PM
78	Baseball and softball. I guess basketball too.	7/10/2024 9:40 PM
79	Baseball	7/10/2024 9:37 PM
80	NYBA, Northfield knights. Other: northfield VB	7/10/2024 7:28 PM
81	Northfield Youth Baseball, Northfield Knights	7/10/2024 7:23 PM
82	Northfield Youth Baseball Association Northfield Boys and Girls Basketball Associations	7/10/2024 6:48 PM

## Q27 What is your primary language?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
English	99.33% 149
Hmong	0.00% 0
Spanish	0.67% 1
Other (please describe)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

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# meeting + pop-up event notes

## Sechler Park Long Range Plan Project Kick Off Meeting Notes | June 20, 2024 Virtual - Teams

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen – Project Manager, Jonathan Nelsen – Lead Landscape Architect, Anna Springer – Senior Landscape Architect

**City of Northfield:** Charlie Fredericks – Streets & Parks Manager, Bruce Jacobson – Landscape Architect

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

**NOTES:**

- 1) Project Background/Project Impetus Discussion
  - a) Coming to fruition based on past planning projects including Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan and others
  - b) Competing needs and desires for various user groups
  - c) Riverside Lions Park was a successful process, strong engagement component
  
- 2) Confirm Scope and Schedule
  - a) Review Project Schedule

TASKS & MILESTONES	2024						
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project Kickoff	◆						
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting		◆					
Public Engagement		■					
Pop-Up Meeting: Crazy Days		◆					
Concept Designs			■				
Pop-Up Meeting: Defeat of Jesse James				◆			
City Council Workshop					◆		
Final Concept and Long-Range Plan Development					■		
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting						◆	
Final Long-Range Plan						■	
Final Presentation at City Council of Long-Range Plan							◆

Park & Rec Advisory Board... 1st week in Sept... vet concepts with park board prior to sharing with public.

*\*\* Condensed version of project schedule*



*\*\*Consider adding 3 meetings with user groups throughout the process to review work as it progresses. Not currently scoped.*

*\*\*\*Charlie/Bruce to represent project at City internal bi-weekly meetings if necessary*

- 3) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Kickoff Meeting
  - a) Kickoff Meeting July 8 @ Public Library...Tentatively Jon and Bryce to attend
  - b) Agenda
    - i) Discuss project goals, approach, scope, timeline, public engagement plan, confirm vision and guiding principles
    - ii) Plan for 10-15 minutes with questions/comments to follow

4) Confirm Project Boundaries



Include small city owned parcels on north end and adjacent to railroad tracks. End on south end @ Creek.

*\*Team to review prepared base map prior to site walk and provide feedback on what should be added/adjusted.*

- 5) Project Team
  - a) Northfield
    - i) Charlie
  - b) Bolton & Menk
    - i) Bryce, Jon, Anna, Aus, Rachel, Staci, Casey
  - c) Bruce Jacobson, PLA

- 6) Data Availability
- a) Any potential resources available for project team review
  - b) Any existing inventory data maintained by the city
  - c) Existing Planning Efforts
    - (1) Long-Range Plans
      - 2040 Comprehensive Plan - <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/286/Comprehensive-Plan>
      - Park System Master Plan – 2007 - <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/379/Park-System-Master-Plan>
      - Pedestrian, Bike, and Trail System Final Report - 2019
      - Climate Action Plan – 2019
      - Parks & Rec CIP Study – 2022
      - Northfield Trails Maps – <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/342/Trails>
      - Others?
    - (2) Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan
      - <https://www.northfieldmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16303/Riverfront-Enhancement-Action-Plan---Final---Res-2020-125>
      - (a) Intended to get ideas flowing, not prescriptive. Needs to be addressed through future planning & engagement efforts.
      - (b) Binding tie, river walk
      - (c) With dam removed, all pieces interconnected.
      - (d) Interested in seeking regional designation through GMRPT, was tabled for time being.
        - (i) Process is time consuming and costly. Qualifying doesn't guarantee \$\$\$
        - (ii) Wait until dam reconstruction and riverwalk further along.
    - (3) Area plans/Special Districts
      - Meadows Park Master Plan - 2015
      - Bridge Square Concept - 2022
      - Riverside Lions Park – April 2024  
[https://www.northfieldmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18624/NORTHFIELD-RIVERSIDE-LIONS-VETS-PARK\\_FINAL-CONCEPT-MASTER-PLAN\\_rev3](https://www.northfieldmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18624/NORTHFIELD-RIVERSIDE-LIONS-VETS-PARK_FINAL-CONCEPT-MASTER-PLAN_rev3)
    - (4) Landscaping/Design/Maintenance/Engineering standards
      - (a) New city signage, city branding being explored that will be a component of the system in the future.
        - Design, engineering, ordinances, Guidelines & Standards – city does not have any to share
  - ii) State/County/RR Coordination?
    - (1) Regional trail efforts – Mill Towns State Trail does go through Sechler.
    - (2) RR
      - (a) No issues with railroad as far as people parking too close to tracks, at least not expressed.
- 7) Public Engagement Plan
- a) Project website hosted by City of Northfield
    - i) Website coordination contact at City? Same contact for Social Media posts?
  - b) INPUTiD
    - i) Phase 1 – General comments of park

- ii) Phase 2 – Comments on concept designs
  - c) Pop-up Events
    - i) Crazy Daze – July 25 (Pop-up Meeting #1)
      - (1) Boards with big ideas to inspire thought and get input
      - (2) Charlie to confirm where we could set up. Who to coordinate with, times, etc.
    - ii) Defeat of Jesse James – September 4-8 (Pop-up Meeting #2)
      - (1) Two concept plans
      - (2) Charlie to confirm where we could set up. Who to coordinate with, times, etc.
    - iii) Sechler Park – Date TBD (Pop-up Meeting #3)
      - (1) Charlie to confirm where we could set up. Who to coordinate with, times, etc.
  - d) Targeted stakeholders (Up to 4 identified in scope, *likely there will be additional*)
    - i) 4 Initial groups identified include:
      - (1) Baseball
      - (2) Softball (Adult league softball organized by Community Ed & Rec uses facility)
      - (3) Disc Golf advocacy group?
      - (4) Mt Biking CROCT (Cannon River Off-Road Cycling & Trails)
    - ii) Other groups to consider including:
      - (1) Cannon River Ecology Work Group (core group...includes Clean River Partners, Carleton staff, consider student involvement if possible)
        - (a) Already pursuing grants and tied in with grant funding opportunities.
      - (2) Flag Football (through community ed + rec department)
        - (a) Include recreation coordinator Melissa Bernhard
      - (3) Ultimate frisbee group?
      - (4) Contact information for the above groups
    - iii) Listening Sessions/Revolving Door Meetings with key Stakeholders
      - (1) Best dates/times to meet?
      - (2) Meet at the park in the pavilion...get pavilion reserved once date is determined.
      - (3) Do all meetings in one full day or two half days.
  - e) Open House
    - i) Potential Dates TBD (After 2 concept designs have been developed)
    - ii) Location to be at City Hall or some other public venue.
  - f) Any other "Community experts" to be included
- 8) Ongoing Communication
  - a) Monthly Virtual Meetings
  - b) Bryce available for Charlie to contact anytime
  - c) Charlie to confirm preferences for communications teams
- 9) City Council Meeting Dates
  - a) Work Session or Regular Meeting
- 10) Site Visit
  - a) Wednesday, 6/26 @ 1pm, meet at pavilion (reserved until 2 for private event)
  - b) Inventory
  - c) Attendees: Charlie, Bruce, City maintenance representative if possible, Bryce, Jon, Aus
  - d) Bruce to have maps printed for markup large format. We will also bring 11x17 copies.

**ACTION ITEMS:**
**Bolton & Menk:**

- Review site map and provide feedback prior to site visit
- Develop draft list of park planning elements/guide, send out for feedback prior to site visit.

**City of Northfield:**

- Discuss communication/coordination of engagement with City communications staff.
- Map updates to base map. Large table maps and 11x17s for walking tour

JULY	
7/8/24	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting
7/9/24	City Council Meeting
7/16/24	City Council Work Session/City Council Meeting
7/25/24	Crazy Days (7AM-7PM)
AUGUST	
8/5/24	City Council Meeting
8/20/24	City Council Work Session/City Council Meeting
SEPTEMBER	
9/3/24	City Council Meeting
9/4-9/8/24	Defeat of Jesse James Day
9/10/24	City Council Work Session
9/17/24	City Council Meeting
OCTOBER	
10/1/24	City Council Meeting
10/7/24	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting
10/8/24	City Council Work Session
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**Sechler Park Long-Range Plan**  
**Pop-Up Event #1 – Event Summary | July 10, 2024**  
**Sechler Park – Northfield, MN**

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen and Anna Springer

**City of Northfield:** None

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**Pop-Up Engagement #1 at Sechler Park**

***Date:*** 7/17/24

***Time:*** 5-8 PM

Bolton & Menk staff set up a tent and boards at Sechler Park near the concession area on an evening with many of the ball fields programmed for use to engage with park users, share the goal of the long-range plan, and offer an opportunity to get feedback from park users. Project boards were on display with a few different exercises to get feedback from park users.

The event was very successful with getting feedback from park users. Much of the audience was baseball users and much discussion focused on the ballfields and the immediate area around the fields. Themes that were heard from the engagement event were:

- More parking and better flow and safety of parking lot
- Desire for bathrooms with running water
- Upgraded concessions building
- Add Wi-Fi to the park
- Enhance entrance/plaza to ballfield area
- Accessibility improvements are needed
- Would like to see a trail system throughout the park
- Family-friendly activities and/or play space is needed near ballfields
- Consider turf infields
- Upgrade all fields with additional yearly maintenance (regrading/recrowning, additional mowing, etc.)
- Tom Blaisdell Stadium has a lot of potential and currently has some major issues with sightlines of spectators (dugouts interfere with field view), lack of shade, and lack of maintenance
- A few mentioned they would like a field like what is in Dundas, MN
- Local Baseball Association would like the Tom Blaisdell Stadium to be nice enough to host a state tournament – feel it would be a benefit for not only baseball but bringing additional revenue into Northfield
- A lot of folks had positive responses to winter access

Overall, the engagement event was well attended, and everyone was excited to hear about the project and glad we were at the park to offer an opportunity to listen to concerns and ideas for future improvements at Sechler Park. Engagement was received from all age ranges from children to seniors.




















- 2) Crazy Daze Event
  - a. Crazy Days or Crazy Daze?
  - b. 4-7 PM
    - i. Confirm with Charlie. Local resident identified lunchtime as a good time – **Keep original time of 4-7 PM**
  - c. Logistics
    - i. Where to set up? Exact location
    - ii. Contact?
    - iii. Do we need to bring a table?
    - iv. Do they know we are coming?
  
- 3) Online Engagement
  - a. 46 Survey Responses as of 7/16/24
  - b. Comments coming in on INPUTiD
  - c. Could this be added to city's "News" section on homepage?
  - d. Other areas – social media?
  
- 4) Revolving Door/Open House
  - a. Day/Time? **August 6 – 9 AM - 6 PM**
  - b. Boards – **Use boards from previous engagement events**
  - c. Large Printout of Sechler Park for tabletop exercise
  - d. Charlie and/or Bruce in attendance? **Yes**



e. Contact Information

5) Next Steps

- a. Continue engagement efforts
- b. Begin concept Designs first week of August
- c. Get details for Defeat Days
  - i. Thursday, September 5, 2024

TASKS & MILESTONES	2024						
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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Bolton & Menk:**

- **Send Crazy Daze boards to Northfield for review**
- **Link to calendar sign up to Charlie for revolving door meeting by 7/23**

- Recap narrative and pictures of boards from first pop-up event to Charlie/Bruce

**City of Northfield:**

- Charlie to send out email for revolving door meeting once he gets link to sign up page
- Charlie to send Bryce contact information/logistics for Crazy Daze

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**Sechler Park Long-Range Plan**  
**Pop-Up Event #2 – Event Summary | July 25, 2024**  
**Crazy Daze – Northfield, MN**

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen and Anna Springer

**City of Northfield:** Charlie Fredericks and Bruce Jacobson

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**Pop-Up Engagement #2 at Crazy Daze**

***Date:*** 7/25/24

***Time:*** 9 AM - 12 PM

Bolton & Menk staff with the assistance of Charlie set up a tent, table, and boards at the annual Crazy Daze event in Northfield, MN. The tent was located at Division Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street in front of Tom’s Downtown Bicycles. Like the previous engagement effort at Sechler Park, the goal of the engagement effort was to share what the Sechler Park long-range plan is, offer an opportunity to get feedback from park users/residents/community at the event, and promote the online survey tools for further engagement reach. Project boards were on display with different exercises to get feedback from park users.

The event was successful with getting feedback from many different people from all age groups. Themes that heard from the engagement event were:

- Enhancements to bike/pedestrian amenities throughout park (i.e., better connectivity and accessibility)
- Parking and traffic flow improvements
- Safety concerns about bike path and road
- Safety concerns about walking/biking through woods. Increase forest management.
- Maintenance needed on existing trail – improve unsafe conditions
- Slower posted speeds
- Desire for bathrooms with running water
- Additional shelter/shade structures
- Additional playground near baseball fields
- Enhance existing playground with more equipment and equipment for all ages.
- Shade structures near playground
- Dedicated pickleball courts – consider adding lighting
- Consider additional lighted ballfield
- Consider turf infields
- A lot of folks had positive responses to winter access
- Add a pedestrian bridge across Cannon River
- Add opportunities to access and engage with the river

Overall, the engagement event was well attended, and everyone was excited to hear about the project and glad we were at Crazy Daze to offer an opportunity to listen to concerns and ideas for future improvements at Sechler Park.

# CRAZY DAZE



## SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN

### CRAZY DAZE

**WHAT IS A PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN?**  
 Welcome! Thank you for stopping by to discuss the future of Sechler Park. We're excited to be working to plan the future of the park and we've got you here to make it happen.

A park long-range plan is a policy document that helps guide future decision-making for a specific park. It includes recommendations based on public engagement, field logs and a needs assessment process, and aims to identify and help resources to effectively make improvements in the future.

**HOW DO I GET INVOLVED + PROVIDE INPUT?**  
 You can get involved in Sechler Park's planning process by:

- Visiting the project website for project updates
- Taking the community survey
- Providing feedback on the online interactive map
- Showing your thoughts at this and the next Crazy Daze

**VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE**  
<https://www.northfieldmn.gov/sechler>

**TAKE THE SURVEY**  
[survey.monkey.com/7Z3RLEDS](https://survey.monkey.com/7Z3RLEDS)

**PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE INTERACTIVE MAP**  
<https://gis.bolton-menk.com/tepa467/sechlerpark>

SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | CRAZY DAZE

## THE TIMELINE + PROCESS

Initial community engagement + data collection  
 Development of two preliminary long-range plan concepts

Preliminary concept review and community feedback  
 Development of construction cost estimates and implementation alternatives

Finalization of recommended long-range plan with summary documentation

JULY TO AUGUST (MONTHS 1-3)      SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER (MONTHS 4-5)      DECEMBER (MONTH 6)

SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | CRAZY DAZE

## TELL US ABOUT SECHLER PARK!

What amenities do you use in Sechler Park? What do you like or dislike most about the park? What do you like to see added to or removed from the park?

LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW

SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | CRAZY DAZE

## WHAT WOULD YOU PRIORITIZE?

What would you like to see for the future of Sechler Park? Vote for your priorities by placing a red, yellow, or green dot under each of the numbers below.

1 BETTER CONNECTIVITY + ACCESSIBILITY      2 FLEX MULTI-USE FIELDS + SPORTS COURTS      3 ENHANCED PLAYGROUNDS + PLAY FEATURES      4 PRESERVATION OF ACCESS TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT      5 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS, EVENTS + ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES      6 WINTER ACTIVITIES      7 OTHER (PLEASE COMMENT BELOW)

SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | CRAZY DAZE

**Sechler Park Long-Range Plan**  
**Revolving Door Engagement – Event Summary | August 6, 2024**  
**Sechler Park – Northfield, MN**

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen and Aus Perez

**City of Northfield:** Charlie Fredericks and Bruce Jacobson

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**Revolving Door Engagement Listen Session at Sechler Park**

***Date:*** 8/6/24

***Time:*** 10 AM – 5:30 PM

Bolton & Menk staff, Charlie, and Bruce held a revolving door listening session at Sechler Park to meet with various stakeholder groups and hear their feedback on how the park is used and potential opportunities for the future of Sechler Park. Each group reserved a time slot and met with the project team and shared their thoughts. We had a large map of Sechler Park available for comments to be made on or simply point to exact areas they were discussing.

The groups that participated in this engagement event were:

- Recreation Programming
- Northfield Fastpitch Softball Association
- Northfield Youth Baseball Association
- Pickleball Group
- Cannon River Offroad Cycling & Trails (CROCT)
- Disc Golf
- Age-Friendly Northfield

The event was successful with feedback from these stakeholder groups and all groups appreciated the opportunity to sit down with the planning team.

**Sechler Park Long-Range Plan**  
**Pop-Up Event #3 – Event Summary | September 9, 2024**  
**Defeat of Jesse James Days – Northfield, MN**

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen

**City of Northfield:** Bruce Jacobson

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**Pop-Up Engagement #3 at Defeat of Jesse James Days**

***Date:*** 9/9/24

***Time:*** 5 PM - 8 PM

Bolton & Menk and Bruce Jacobson set up and boards at the annual Defeat in Northfield, MN. With the beautiful weather a tent was not needed. The engagement boards were set up in Bridge Square Park near the information booth.

The goal of this engagement effort was to share the concept designs that have been developed from feedback that was received from previous pop-up meetings, stakeholder meetings, survey input, and comments received on INPUTiD. The Landscape Architect team created the concepts after a design charrette utilizing all the information. Additionally, a flyer was handed out with a link to offer another opportunity for feedback on the concept designs. The flyer was in both English and Spanish. Feedback from this round of engagement will help shape the final concept plan to be incorporated into the long-range plan.

The event was successful with getting feedback from many different people from all age groups. Residents were excited to see the concept designs and appreciated all the effort the city is making to get feedback and to keep everyone informed of the process. Themes that heard from the engagement event were:

- Like the pedestrian accessibility enhancements that were incorporated into the designs
- The additional parking lots received a lot of positive comments
- Adding additional bathrooms was liked, but having access to the bathrooms was important as well
- The internal trail system received many positive reactions
- A lot of support for the proposed water access areas to enhance offerings at Sechler Park
- Additional playground near baseball fields
- Enhance existing playground with more equipment and equipment for all ages.
- In favor of all enhancements that support a more inclusive park
- More positive comments were for Concept 1 that showed a central activity area
- A lot of positive comments on the addition of dedicated pickleball courts
- The additional bridge crossing was well received. More individuals commented that it would be more appropriate at the south end of the park instead of in the middle as depicted in Concept 2
- Adding the native planting area and additional shelter structure received positive comments. Some expressed interest to incorporate more planting areas if possible

Additional comments that were heard that are of note:

- General support for making enhancements/improvements to Sechler Park
- Concerns with removing all the grass for soccer and it is currently being used by an underrepresented group on Sunday evenings
- Concerned with having to relocate ultimate frisbee
- Park road may be used as a 'short-cut' to get to the compost dump and adding traffic calming along the main road may help slow vehicles
- Consideration for Option 1 to move the existing softball field and relocating it to the proposed location and creating a larger centralized space with basketball/tennis/soccer
- Concerns with funding the improvements

Overall, the engagement event was well attended, and everyone was excited to hear about the project once again and glad we were at Defeat of Jesse James Days to offer an opportunity to give feedback on the concept designs and listen to concerns for future improvements at Sechler Park.



# Sechler Park Long-Range Plan

## Progress Meeting | September 20, 2024

### Meeting Agenda

#### Virtual - Teams

**Bolton & Menk:** Bryce Shearen, Jonathan Nelsen, and Anna Springer

**City of Northfield:**

**GOAL:** 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.

**AGENDA:**

- 1) Pop-Up Event Recap
  - a. Well attended - Many good comments - Mostly focused around main baseball areas for improvements - Parking and bathrooms – Liked the idea of the river access and bridge crossings. Appreciated the opportunity to provide input.





# CONCEPT 2

**Key Differences**

- Combinates areas from original investment portion of park
- Additional baseball field
- Reorganizes parking at northeast end of park
- Adding 164 parking stalls
- 4500 sq. ft.
- Proposed 477

**LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW!**

your input here!

Use the same large location

Nice Pathway

Expanded the native habitat planting - consider a native shrub

Use the same large location

Disc Golf!

Thank you for looking at this plan

Use the same large location

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024  
SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES DAYS

# East Entrance Enlargement

**LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW!**














your input here!

Use center access to site trail - say west side of river is

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024  
SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN | DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES DAYS

2) Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Recap

- a. Request of additional information regarding amenity availability in Northfield. See if Bruce could compile the information.
- 3) Online Engagement - INPUTiD
    - a. Concept designs added to INPUTiD (<https://gis.bolton-menk.com/inputid/?app=SechlerPark#>)
    - b. Could we do another push on social media and on city website?
  - 4) Upcoming Meetings
    - a. City Council Work Session - 10/8/24 (Materials to city on 10/2/24) (Bryce at conference in Atlanta and Anna at conference in Washington D.C.)
      - i. Confirm with Charlie if he would still like this meeting
      - ii. PowerPoint Presentation
        1. The process
        2. Share the concepts and feedback received
        3. Ask for any additional feedback from council
        4. Share what the final LR plan will detail (sections)
    - b. Park and Rec Advisory Board Meeting – 11/4/24 (Materials to city on 10/30/24)
      - i. Any issues with meeting date due to election?
      - ii. Present Draft Long-Range Plan to Board
      - iii. Recommendation to City Council for approval (w/ amendments if needed)
    - c. City Council Meeting – 12/3/24 (Materials to city on 11/27/24)
      - i. Regular Meeting?
      - ii. Presentation on LR Plan
      - iii. Ask for acceptance/receive/approval from council?
  - 5) Open House
    - a. Confirm with Charlie if this is needed
    - b. Date/Time?
    - c. Location – City Hall?
    - d. Boards
      - i. Concept 1
      - ii. Concept 2
      - iii. East Entrance
    - e. Charlie and/or Bruce in attendance?
    - f. How to inform residents?
  - 6) Next Steps
    - a. Utilize feedback to create final concept
    - b. Karen to do perspective drawings to incorporate into the plan
    - c. Continue to build the final Long-Range Plan document

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Bolton & Menk:**

**City of Northfield:**

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7/1/24	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting
7/9/24	City Council Meeting
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# national flood hazard FIRMette map



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## Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		Regulatory Floodway
		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
OTHER FEATURES		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
		Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
		Hydrographic Feature
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# PRAB + city council presentation slides



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

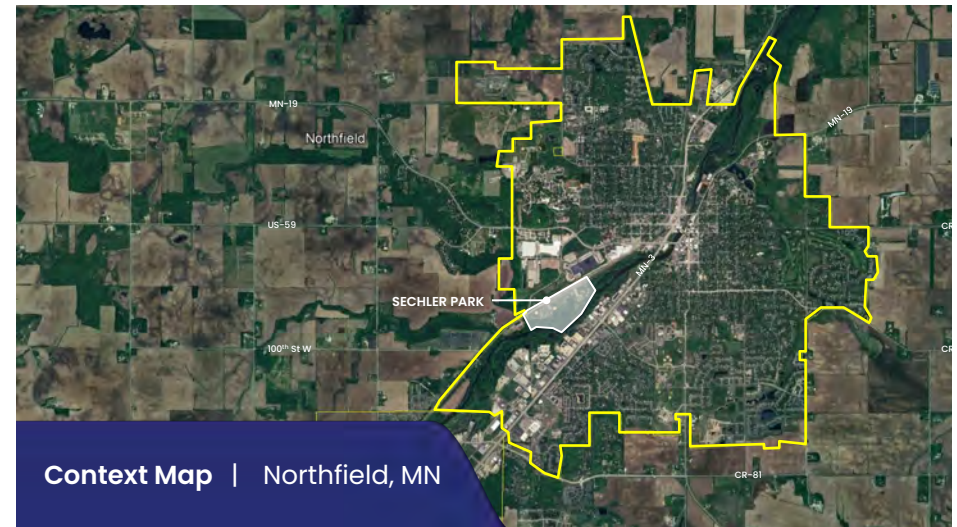
July 08, 2024

## Agenda



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

## Project Team



Context Map | Northfield, MN



**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

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(Months 4-5)



**Sechler Park concept designs**  
September 2024

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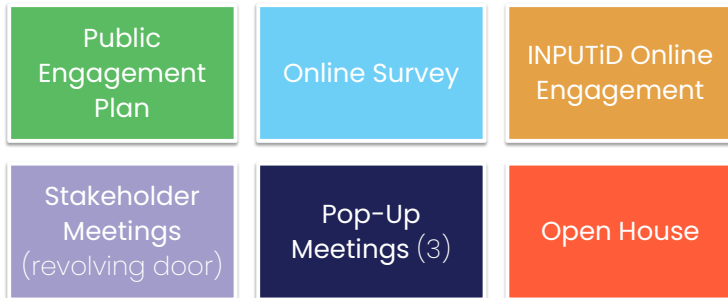
December  
(Month 6)



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

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

# Public Engagement Overview



# PROJECT ENGAGEMENT



# 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

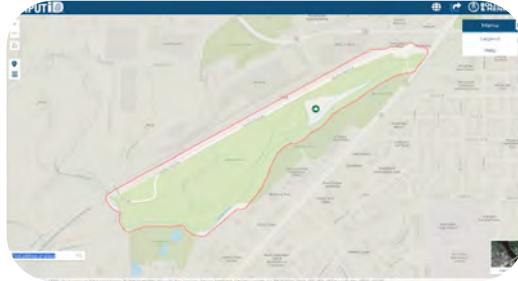
**TAKE THE SURVEY:**  
[surveymonkey.com/r/Z2RL5D5](https://surveymonkey.com/r/Z2RL5D5)



## INPUTiD Online Engagement



- Interactive online comment mapping tool
- Customized feedback from the community on existing park conditions and on each of the park concept plans



## 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?

Bryce Shearen  
bryce.shearen@bolton-menk.com

Thank you!





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

September 09, 2024

## Agenda



- Project Purpose, Goals + Timeline
- Project Engagement Review
- Concept Plans
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## Project Team



## PROJECT PURPOSE, GOALS + TIMELINE



## Project Purpose



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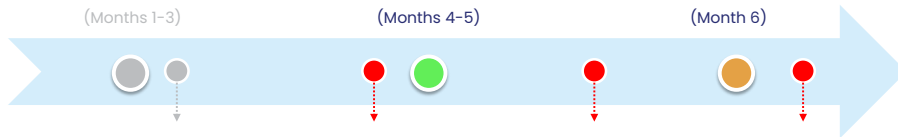
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December  
(Month 6)



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July 08, 2024

Sechler Park concept designs  
September 2024

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November 2024

Final Presentation at City Council Meeting  
December 03, 2024

## PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

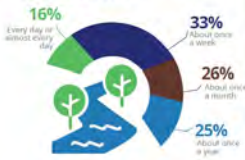


# Online Survey



## 152 TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES

### HOW OFTEN PEOPLE VISIT SECHLER PARK



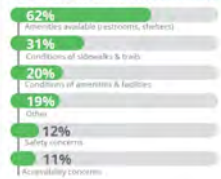
### TOP MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TYPICALLY USED TO GET TO THE PARK



### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PARK AND ITS FACILITIES?



### WHAT DISCOURAGES USE OF SECHLER PARK?



# Online Survey (cont.)



### What amenities should be maintained/enhanced?



### TOP 5 NEW AMENITIES FOR THE CITY TO FOCUS ON ADDING TO THE PARK

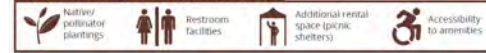


**84%**  
Of respondents support enhancing family-friendly activities and spaces in the park

**62%**  
Of respondents would like to see cultural or other community events programmed at Sechler Park

**90%**  
Of respondents feel safe and welcome at Sechler Park

### OTHER POPULAR PARK FEATURES TO ADD:



### Top activities to do at ANY park:

- Play pickleball
- Walk/bike on trails
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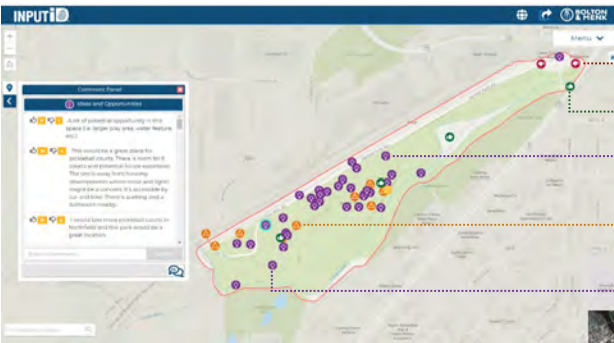
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# INPUTiD Online Engagement



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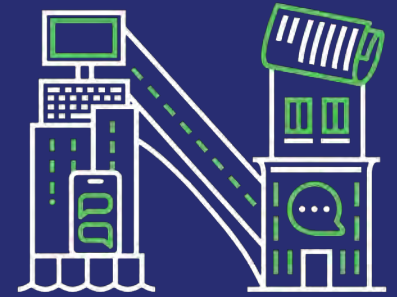
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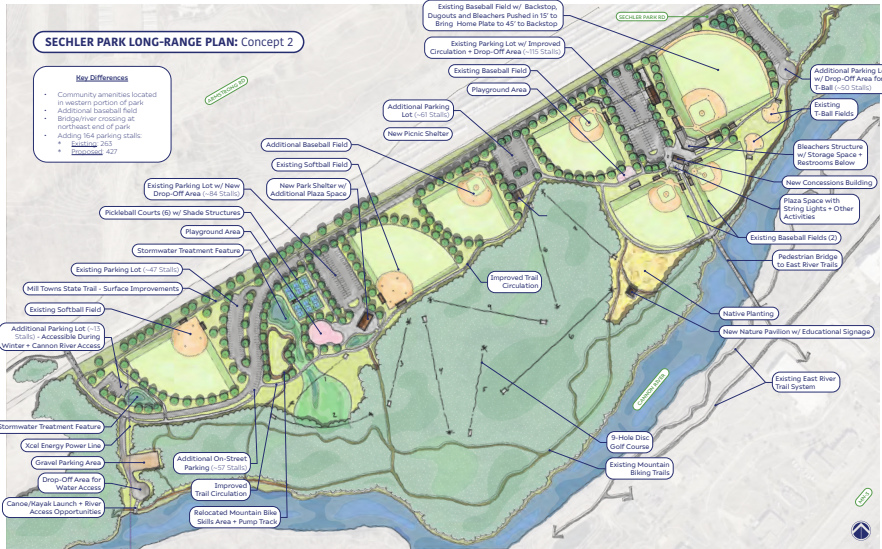


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# NEXT STEPS

## Meeting Outcomes + Next Steps

### MEETING OUTCOMES

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- Q&A

### NEXT STEPS

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  - Designs added to INPUTID
  - Hold open house
- Council Workshop October 8
- Final concept development
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- Long-range plan development
  - Share draft of full report in November





## DISCUSSION

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Thank you!





# Sechler Park Long-Range Plan City Council Meeting

October 15, 2024

## Agenda



- Project Purpose, Goals + Timeline
- Project Engagement Review
- Concept Plans
- Meeting Outcomes
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## Project Team



## PROJECT PURPOSE, GOALS + TIMELINE



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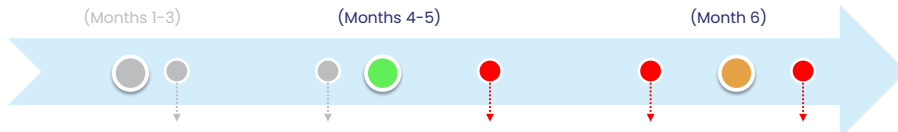
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Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – Kickoff  
July 08, 2024

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September 2024

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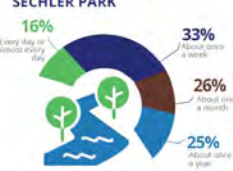
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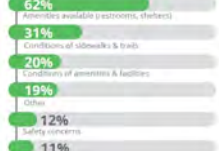
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## HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PARK AND ITS FACILITIES?



## WHAT DISCOURAGES USE OF SECHLER PARK?



# Online Survey (cont.)

## What amenities should be maintained/enhanced?



**Top activities to do at ANY park:**

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- Watch/play baseball
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- Walk dogs
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## TOP 5 NEW AMENITIES FOR THE CITY TO FOCUS ON ADDING TO THE PARK



**84%** Of respondents support enhancing family-friendly activities and spaces in the park

**62%** Of respondents would like to see cultural or other community events programmed at Sechler Park

**90%** Of respondents feel safe and welcome at Sechler Park

## OTHER POPULAR PARK FEATURES TO ADD:



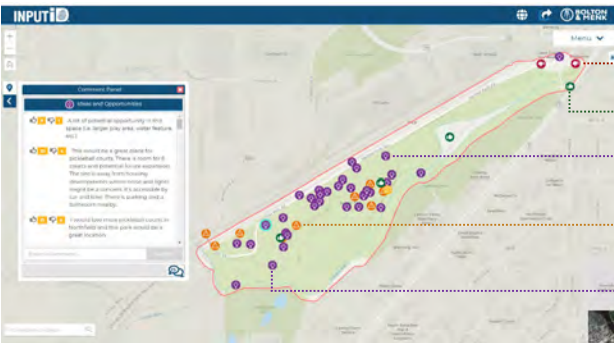
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# Concept Engagement




# Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

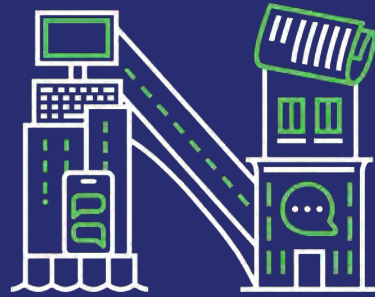



**SOME OTHER COMMENTS INCLUDE:**

- "Shaded areas by all ball fields."
- "Yes, please! More pickleball courts."
- "I love the idea of a bridge here! I think it would really increase access to the park from the middle and southern half of the city. It also allows easy bike access. - I would amend my like... I think the crossing in plan 2 is better. This area is farther south but is in an area that I feel people would not see as easily. I worry that it would be less travelled. Plus, there are no good crossings of the highway here, which would make it underused."

- The concept plans were presented to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board at its September 9, 2024, meeting.
  - Appreciated the extensive engagement process
  - Curious where soccer and ultimate frisbee would go if not at Sechler (Spring Creek Park and field space south of Spring Creek Elementary)
  - Safety around ballfields (i.e. additional netting)
  - Numbers to justify decisions and reference to the Park & Rec Capital Plan
  - How does the city benefit from upgraded facilities
  - Cost/Phasing/Priorities
  - Mills Town Trail Safety
  - Funding Opportunities
  - Stormwater Management

## NEXT STEPS



## Meeting Outcomes + Next Steps



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## Long Range Plan Contents



### Contents of Plan

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  - Existing Conditions
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  - Overview
  - Site Circulation + Park Access
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  - Programming + Facilities
  - Partnerships
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  - Overview
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  - Overview
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# Sechler Park Long-Range Plan Park & Recreation Advisory Board

November 4, 2024

## Agenda



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- Funding
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2. Feedback through INPUTiD
3. Stakeholder Engagement
4. Meeting with Park & Recreation Advisory Board
5. Meeting with City Council





## Meeting Outcomes + Next Steps



### MEETING OUTCOMES

- Feedback from board members on draft plan
- Recommend Council Accept Final Long-Range Plan (w/ amendments if needed)

### NEXT STEPS

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# implementation summary sheet

<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>\$ 4,128,600-4,306,600</b>
Parking Lot (Central Activity Area)	\$ 380,000.00
Exist. Ballfield Parking Lot	\$ 184,000.00
Playground	\$ 808,600.00
Pickleball	\$ 408,000.00
Park Road - Traffic Calming with Striping + Crosswalks	\$ 12,000.00
Entrance Signs (Qty. 2)	\$ 39,000.00
Trails	\$ 1,554,000.00
Trash Receptacles (Qty. 10)	\$ 10,000.00
Dog Waste Stations (Qty. 4)	\$ 3,000.00
Sewer Utilities - Option #1 (River Crossing)	\$ 730,000-908,000

<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>\$ 2,021,500.00</b>
Parking Lot (T-Ball Area)	\$ 103,000.00
Parking Lot (East Entrance)	\$ 112,000.00
Pavilion #3 (Natural Area)	\$ 78,000.00
Softball Field	\$ 802,000.00
Backstop Fencing Baseball	\$ 150,000.00
Backstop Fencing T-Ball	\$ 13,000.00
Pump Track/Skills Course	\$ 209,000.00
Disc Golf	\$ 35,000.00
Wayfinding Signs (Qty. 4)	\$ 17,000.00
Stormwater Improvements Throughout Park	\$ 420,000.00
Benches (Qty. 12)	\$ 43,000.00
Picnic Tables (Qty. 10)	\$ 25,500.00
Bike Racks (Qty. 12)	\$ 14,000.00

<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>\$ 4,182,000-7,363,000</b>
Pavilion #2 - New Shelter Near Pickleball Courts	\$ 798,000.00
Plaza Area in Baseball Complex Plaza	\$ 323,000.00
Concessions/Restrooms in Baseball Complex	\$ 629,000.00
Adult Baseball Field	\$ 1,698,000-4,878,000
Tree Management	\$ 118,000.00

<b>Phase 4</b>	<b>\$ 356,000.00</b>
Parking Lot (west)	\$ 195,000.00
Plaza Area (River Overlook Just South of Baseball Fields)	\$ 26,000.00
Water Access Area (West)	\$ 111,000.00
Water Access Area (East)	\$ 24,000.00

<b>Phase 5</b>	<b>\$ 4,908,000.00</b>
Parking Lot (Small Bay Along Road)	\$ 15,000.00
Plaza Area (East Entrance Area)	\$ 93,000.00
Bridge Near Baseball Complex	\$ 2,400,000.00
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# implementation details sheets

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\$ 100.00 average hourly maintenance staff rate										
<b>New Parking Areas</b>										
4A	<b>Parking Lot (west)</b>				<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>	4	crack sealing, repainting, snow plowing	\$ 4,000.00	40	New parking lot on west end ~27 spaces. Winter + Cannon River Access.
	Construct New Lot ~29 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	1360	\$ 75.00	\$ 102,000.00					
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	705	\$ 24.00	\$ 16,920.00					
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	450	\$ 5.50	\$ 2,475.00					
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	500	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,500.00					
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00					
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 32,054.00					
2A	<b>Parking Lot (T-Ball Area)</b>				<b>\$ 103,000.00</b>	2	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 2,000.00	20	New parking lot by t-ball ~10 spaces
	Construct New Lot ~10 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	520	\$ 75.00	\$ 39,000.00					
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	315	\$ 24.00	\$ 7,560.00					
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	175	\$ 5.50	\$ 962.50					
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	150	\$ 5.00	\$ 750.00					
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00					
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 16,929.50					
1A	<b>Parking Lot (Central Activity Area)</b>				<b>\$ 380,000.00</b>	1	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 2,000.00	20	New parking lot by pickleball and play area
	Construct New Lot ~78 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	2975	\$ 75.00	\$ 223,125.00					
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	1280	\$ 24.00	\$ 30,720.00					
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	1000	\$ 5.50	\$ 5,500.00					
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	1370	\$ 5.00	\$ 6,850.00					
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	8	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 48,000.00					
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 62,914.00					
5A	<b>Parking Lot (Small Bay Along Road)</b>				<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	5	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 800.00	8	Small parking bay along road ~6 stalls
	Construct New Lot ~6 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	115	\$ 85.00	\$ 9,775.00					
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	40	\$ 5.50	\$ 220.00					
	Parking Lot Striping	Lin Ft	95	\$ 5.00	\$ 475.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 2,094.00					
2B	<b>Parking Lot (East Entrance)</b>				<b>\$ 112,000.00</b>	2	crack sealing, repainting, snow plowing	\$ 4,000.00	40	18 stalls * 19' of striping per stall
	Construct New Lot ~20 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	730	\$ 75.00	\$ 54,750.00					
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	375	\$ 24.00	\$ 9,000.00					
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	240	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,320.00					
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	340	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,700.00					
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	4	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 24,000.00					
	Misc. Signage	Each	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 225.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 18,199.00					
<b>Existing Parking Lot Improvements</b>										
1B	<b>Exist. Ballfield Parking Lot</b>				<b>\$ 184,000.00</b>	1	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 2,000.00	20	Improved circulation + drop-off area. ~115 stalls
	Parking Lot Improvements (Mill and Overlay)	Sq Yd	4190	\$ 20.00	\$ 83,800.00					
	Drop-Off Lane	Sq Yd	330	\$ 25.00	\$ 8,250.00					
	Grading	Cu Yd	200	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,100.00					
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	2800	\$ 5.00	\$ 14,000.00					
	Concrete Curb + Gutter (Dropped Curb @ Drop Off)	Lin Ft	270	\$ 24.00	\$ 6,480.00					
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00					
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1C	<b>Playground</b>					<b>\$ 808,600.00</b>	1	annual assessment, playground inspections, daily trash/recycling	\$20,000.00	200	
	New Playground Equipment	Lump Sum	1	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00						
	Playground Installation	Lump Sum	1	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00						
	Site Grading	Cu Yd	650	\$ 5.50	\$ 3,575.00						
	4" Concrete Walk Perimeter (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	165	\$ 50.00	\$ 8,250.00						
	Poured-In-Place Surfacing	Sq Ft	11000	\$ 25.00	\$ 275,000.00						
	Alternate Surfacing: Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF)	Cu Yd	420	\$ 120.00	\$ 50,400.00						
Project Contingency	20%				\$ 134,365.00						
<b>Pavilions/Structures and Plazas</b>											
3C	<b>Pavilion #1 - Replacement of Existing Shelter Near Playground</b>					<b>\$ 629,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, pavilion cleaning, daily trash/recycling	\$10,000.00	100	
	New Picnic Pavilion w/ 2 Single Stall Unisex Restrooms (Approx. 60'x30')	Lump Sum	1	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00						
	Hard Surface/Concrete (Around Pavilion)	Sq Yd	675	\$ 80.00	\$ 54,000.00						
	Utilities	Lump	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00						
Project Contingency	20%				\$ 104,800.00						
3A	<b>Pavilion #2 - New Shelter Near Pickleball Courts</b>					<b>\$ 798,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, pavilion cleaning, daily trash/recycling	\$10,000.00	100	
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	Hard Surface/Concrete (Central Amenities Area)	Sq Yd	1475	\$ 80.00	\$ 118,000.00						
	Utilities	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00						
Project Contingency	25%				\$ 159,500.00						
3D	<b>Concessions/Restrooms in Baseball Complex</b>					<b>\$ 616,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, pavilion cleaning, daily trash/recycling	\$ 10,000.00	100	
	Concessions/Restroom Building (Approx. 60' x 30')	Lump Sum	1	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00						
	Utilities	Lump Sum	1	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00						
	Project Contingency	20%				\$ 102,500.00					
3B	<b>Plaza Area in Baseball Complex Plaza</b>					<b>\$ 323,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, cleaning, daily trash/recycling, spot repairs	\$ 5,000.00	50	
	Electrical (Catenary Lights, Conduit, Wire, etc.)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00						
	Hard Surface/Concrete	Sq Yd	1540	\$ 80.00	\$ 123,200.00						
	Netting	Sq Ft	5000	\$ 9.00	\$ 45,000.00						
	Informational Kiosk	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00						
	Limestone Block Bollards	Each	12	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 14,400.00						
	Seating (Benches + Picnic Tables)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00						
Project Contingency	20%				\$ 53,520.00						
4B	<b>Plaza Area (River Overlook Just South of Baseball Fields)</b>					<b>\$ 26,000.00</b>	4	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 800.00	8	
	4" Concrete Walk (Plain Concrete)	Sq Yd	100	\$ 80.00	\$ 8,000.00						
	Seating (Bench)	Each	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00						
	Decorative Railing	Lin Ft	50	\$ 200.00	\$ 10,000.00						
Project Contingency	20%				\$ 4,200.00						
5B	<b>Plaza Area (East Entrance Area)</b>					<b>\$ 93,000.00</b>	5	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 800.00	8	
	Electrical (Lights, Conduit, Wiring)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00						
	4" Concrete Walk (Plain Concrete)	Sq Yd	200	\$ 80.00	\$ 16,000.00						
	Kiosk	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00						
	Seating (Seat Walls in Plaza, Benches)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00						
	Bike Repair Station	Each	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00						
	Bike Loop	Each	3	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,400.00						
Project Contingency	20%				\$ 15,280.00						
2C	<b>Pavilion #3 (Natural Area)</b>					<b>\$ 78,000.00</b>	2	annual assessment, pavilion cleaning, daily trash/recycling	\$ 5,000.00	50	
	New Picnic Shelter (Approx. 20' x 20')	Each	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00						
	Concrete Pad (6" Thickness)	Sq Yd	100	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,000.00						
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Project Contingency	20%				\$ 13,000.00						

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1D	<b>Pickleball</b>				<b>\$ 408,000.00</b>	1	annual assessment, daily trash/recycling, court cleaning, spot repairs	\$ 20,000.00	200	
	6 Pickleball Courts	Lump Sum	1	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00					
	Site Grading	Cu Yd	1700	\$ 5.50	\$ 9,350.00					
	Shade Structures	Each	3	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 24,000.00					
	Picnic Tables	Each	3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00					
	Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00					
	Project Contingency			20%	\$ 67,870.00					
<b>Ball Fields</b>										
2D	<b>Softball Field</b>				<b>\$ 802,000.00</b>	2	annual assessment, field dragging	\$ 17,500.00	175	recrown field every other year
	New Softball Field (chainlink, site grading, mounds, drain tile, etc.) <i>*assumes good soils</i>	Lump Sum	1	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 56,000.00					
	Batting Cage (gravel base)	Each	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00					
	Covered Dugouts + Benches	Each	1	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00					
	Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00					
	Scoreboard	Each	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00					
	Temporary Fencing	Each	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00					
	Stormwater	Lump Sum	1	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00					
	Electrical Install	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00					
	Project Contingency			20%	\$ 133,600.00					
	<b>Adult Baseball Field - Option #1</b>									
3E.1					<b>\$ 4,878,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, daily maintenance	\$ 45,000.00	450	
	Grandstand CMU Block Structure (Press Box + Bathrooms + Storage)	Each	1	\$ 3,250,000.00	\$ 3,250,000.00					
	Fencing 6 Ft	Lin Ft	1200	\$ 100.00	\$ 120,000.00					
	Dugouts (Enclosed, Additional Storage, Electrical)	Each	2	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 230,000.00					
	High-Tension Netting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00					
	Grading/Site Work	Cu Yd	550	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,600.00					
	Irrigation Repairs	Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00					
	New Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00					
	Scoreboard	Lump Sum	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00					
	Project Contingency			20%	\$ 812,920.00					
<b>Adult Baseball Field - Option #2</b>										
3E.2					<b>\$ 1,698,000.00</b>	3	annual assessment, daily maintenance	\$ 45,000.00	450	
	Grandstand Alumimun Structure	Each	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00					
	Press Box	Each	1	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00					
	Shade	Each	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00					
	Fencing 6 Ft	Lin Ft	1200	\$ 100.00	\$ 120,000.00					
	Dugouts (Covered, Chain-Link Fencing)	Each	2	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00					
	High-Tension Netting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00					
	Grading/Site Work	Cu Yd	550	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,600.00					
	Irrigation Repairs	Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00					
	New Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00					
	Scoreboard	Lump Sum	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00					
Project Contingency			20%	\$ 282,920.00						
<b>Backstop Fencing Baseball</b>										
2E					<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>	2	annual assessment	\$ 200.00	2	
	Backstop Fencing Replacement (18 FT) at Baseball Fields	Lin Ft	309	\$ 374.00	\$ 115,566.00					
	Concrete Maintenance Stip	Lin Ft	309	\$ 28.00	\$ 8,652.00					
Project Contingency			20%	\$ 24,843.60						
<b>Backstop Fencing T-Ball</b>										
2F					<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	2	annual assessment	\$ 200.00	2	
	Backstop Fencing Replacement (10 FT) at Baseball Fields	Lin Ft	100	\$ 125.00	\$ 12,500.00					
	Concrete Maintenance Stip	Lin Ft	100	\$ 28.00	\$ 2,800.00					
Project Contingency			20%	\$ 3,060.00						
<b>Bridges</b>										
5D					<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>	5	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 600.00	6	
	<b>Bridge at West End of Park</b>				\$ 2,400,000.00					
	Ped + Bike Bridge (West)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00					
Project Contingency			20%	\$ 400,000.00						

\$ 100.00 average hourly maintenance staff rate

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<b>Bridge Near Baseball Complex</b>					<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>					
5C	Ped + Bike Bridge (Central)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	5	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 600.00	6	
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 400,000.00					
<b>Water/River Access</b>										
<b>Water Access Area (West)</b>					<b>\$ 111,000.00</b>					
4C	Vehicular Access Route + Turnaround (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	925	\$ 75.00	\$ 69,375.00	4	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 1,500.00	15	
	Grading/Site Work (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	350	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,925.00					
	Pedestrian Access	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 18,260.00					
<b>Water Access Area (East)</b>					<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>					
4D	Pedestrian Access	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	4	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 1,500.00	15	
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 4,000.00					
<b>Main Park Road</b>										
<b>Park Road - Traffic Calming with Striping + Crosswalks</b>					<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>					
1E	Striping of Centerline + Shoulder	Lin Ft	6230	\$ 1.00	\$ 6,230.00	1	crack sealing, repainting	\$ 2,000.00	20	
	Pedestrian Crosswalk Striping	Each	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 1,846.00					
<b>Programming Areas</b>										
<b>Pump Track/Skills Course</b>					<b>\$ 209,000.00</b>					
2G	Pump Track (Modular Concrete Ramp Construction)	Each	1	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 113,000.00	2	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 1,200.00	12	
	Installation	Lump Sum	1	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 45,500.00					
	Grading/Site Work	Lump Sum	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 34,700.00					
<b>Disc Golf</b>					<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>					
2H	Baskets	Each	9	\$ 625.00	\$ 5,625.00	2	annual assessment	\$ 400.00	4	
	Clear + Grub	Lump	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00					
	Concrete Tee boxes (5'x12')	Each	9	\$ 800.00	\$ 7,200.00					
	Signage	Lump	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00					
	Installation	Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 5,465.00					
<b>Communication Signage</b>										
<b>Wayfinding Signs (Qty. 4)</b>					<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>					
2I	Wayfinding Signage	Each	4	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	2	annual assessment	\$ 200.00	2	
	Graphic Design	Each	4	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00					
	Installation	Each	4	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 2,800.00					
<b>Entrance Signs (Qty. 2)</b>					<b>\$ 39,000.00</b>					
1F	Entrance Signs (Qty. 2)	Each	2	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	1	annual assessment, plant maintenance	\$ 1,600.00	16	
	Graphic Design	Each	2	\$ -	\$ -					
	Installation	Each	2	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00					
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 6,300.00					

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<b>Trails</b>											
					<b>\$ 1,554,000.00</b>						
1G	Trails					1	crack sealing, repainting, snow plowing	\$ 2,500.00	25		
	Hard Surface - Bituminous Trail (8' Wide)	Lin Ft	5900	\$ 70.00	\$ 413,000.00		annual assessment	\$ 200.00	2		
	Hard Surface - Concrete Sidewalks (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	2050	\$ 80.00	\$ 164,000.00		annual assessment, spot repair	\$ 1,600.00	16		
	Crushed Limestone Surface (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	590	\$ 30.00	\$ 17,700.00		annual assessment, spot repair, cleaning	\$ 1,600.00	16		
	Trail Lighting (Assumes 70 Lights Throughout System)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00						
Project Contingency				20%	\$ 258,940.00						
<b>Sewer Utilities</b>											
					<b>\$ 730,000.00</b>						
1Z	<b>Sewer Utilities - Option #1 (River Crossing)</b>					1	annual assessment, weekly checks	\$ 3,500.00	35		
	Sewer Line to serve pavilions and cross river to connect into existing sewer	Lump Sum	1	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 634,000.00						
	Project Contingency				15%						\$ 95,100.00
					<b>\$ 908,000.00</b>						
1ZZ	<b>Sewer Utilities - Option #1 (Sechler Park Road)</b>					1	annual assessment	\$ 3,500.00	35		
	Sewer Line to serve pavilions to Laurel Ct	Lump Sum	1	\$ 789,000.00	\$ 789,000.00						
	Project Contingency				15%						\$ 118,350.00
<b>Tree Management</b>											
					<b>\$ 118,000.00</b>						
3F	Trees	Each	130	\$ 750.00	\$ 97,500.00	3	annual assessment, routine maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	20		
	Project Contingency				20%						\$ 19,500.00
	<b>Stormwater Improvements Throughout Park</b>										
					<b>\$ 420,000.00</b>						
2J	Stormwater Improvements	Lump Sum	1	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	2	annual assessment, routine maintenance, spot repair	\$ 6,000.00	60		
	Project Contingency				20%						\$ 70,000.00
	<b>Misc. Site Amenities</b>										
					<b>\$ 43,000.00</b>						
2K	<b>Benches (Qty. 12)</b>					2	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 600.00	6		
	Bench	Each	20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,000.00						
	Concrete Pad (~32 SF)	Each	20	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,000.00						
	Installation	Each	20	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00						
	Project Contingency				10%						\$ 4,300.00
2L	<b>Picnic Tables (Qty. 10)</b>					2	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 600.00	6		
	Bench	Each	10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 15,000.00						
	Concrete Pad (~84 SF)	Each	10	\$ 900.00	\$ 9,000.00						
	Installation	Each	10	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00						
	Project Contingency				10%						\$ 2,550.00
1H	<b>Trash Receptacles (Qty. 10)</b>					1	annual assessment, spot repairs, daily service	\$ 7,500.00	75		
	Bench	Each	10	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00						
	Concrete Pad (~16 SF)	Each	10	\$ 190.00	\$ 1,900.00						
	Project Contingency				10%						\$ 990.00
1I	<b>Dog Waste Stations (Qty. 4)</b>					1	annual assessment, bi-weekly service	\$ 2,500.00	25		
	Dog Waste Stations	Each	4	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00						
	Installation	Each	4	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00						
	Project Contingency				10%						\$ 240.00
2M	<b>Bike Racks (Qty. 12)</b>					2	annual assessment, spot repairs	\$ 400.00	4		
	Logo Bicycle Racks	Each	12	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00						
	Concrete Pad (~36 SF)	Each	12	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,400.00						
	Installation	Each	12	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00						
	Project Contingency				10%						\$ 1,260.00
									<b>2464</b>	Projected Hours of Ongoing O+M with Full Buildout	



# implementation phases sheets

ID #	Identified Improvements	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost	
<b>Phase 1</b>						
1A	<b>Parking Lot (Central Activity Area)</b>					<b>\$ 380,000.00</b>
	Construct New Lot ~78 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	2975	\$ 75.00	\$ 223,125.00	
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	1280	\$ 24.00	\$ 30,720.00	
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	1000	\$ 5.50	\$ 5,500.00	
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	1370	\$ 5.00	\$ 6,850.00	
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	8	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00	
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 62,914.00	
1B	<b>Exist. Ballfield Parking Lot</b>					<b>\$ 184,000.00</b>
	Parking Lot Improvements (Mill and Overlay)	Sq Yd	4190	\$ 20.00	\$ 83,800.00	
	Drop-Off Lane	Sq Yd	330	\$ 25.00	\$ 8,250.00	
	Grading	Cu Yd	200	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,100.00	
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	2800	\$ 5.00	\$ 14,000.00	
	Concrete Curb + Gutter (Dropped Curb @ Drop Off)	Lin Ft	270	\$ 24.00	\$ 6,480.00	
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	
	Misc. Signage	Each	8	\$ 75.00	\$ 600.00	
Project Contingency	20%			\$ 30,046.00		
1C	<b>Playground</b>					<b>\$ 808,600.00</b>
	New Playground Equipment	Lump Sum	1	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
	Playground Installation	Lump Sum	1	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
	Site Grading	Cu Yd	650	\$ 5.50	\$ 3,575.00	
	4" Concrete Walk Perimeter (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	165	\$ 50.00	\$ 8,250.00	
	Poured-In-Place Surfacing	Sq Ft	11000	\$ 25.00	\$ 275,000.00	
	Alternate Surfacing: Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF)	Cu Yd	420	\$ 120.00	\$ 50,400.00	
Project Contingency	20%			\$ 134,365.00		
1D	<b>Pickleball</b>					<b>\$ 408,000.00</b>
	6 Pickleball Courts	Lump Sum	1	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	
	Site Grading	Cu Yd	1700	\$ 5.50	\$ 9,350.00	
	Shade Structures	Each	3	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	
	Picnic Tables	Each	3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
	Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
Project Contingency	20%			\$ 67,870.00		
1E	<b>Park Road - Traffic Calming with Striping + Crosswalks</b>					<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
	Striping of Centerline + Shoulder	Lin Ft	6230	\$ 1.00	\$ 6,230.00	
	Pedestrian Crosswalk Striping	Each	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 1,846.00	
1F	<b>Entrance Signs (Qty. 2)</b>					<b>\$ 39,000.00</b>
	Entrance Signs (Qty. 2)	Each	2	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
	Graphic Design	Each	2	\$ -	\$ -	
	Installation	Each	2	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 6,300.00	

Total Estimated Cost per Phase	
Phase 1 (with option #1)	\$ 4,128,600.00
Phase 1 (with option #2)	\$ 4,306,600.00
Phase 2	\$ 2,021,500.00
Phase 3 (with option #1)	\$ 7,362,000.00
Phase 3 (with option #2)	\$ 4,182,000.00
Phase 4	\$ 356,000.00
Phase 5	\$ 4,908,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 15,596,100.00</b>
	<b>\$ 18,954,100.00</b>

*\*\*Costs are planning level and based on 2024 pricing.*

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<b>Phase 1</b>					
1G	<b>Trails</b>				<b>\$ 1,554,000.00</b>
	Hard Surface - Bituminous Trail (8' Wide)	Lin Ft	5900	\$ 70.00	\$ 413,000.00
	Hard Surface - Concrete Sidewalks (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	2050	\$ 80.00	\$ 164,000.00
	Crushed Limestone Surface (6' Wide)	Lin Ft	590	\$ 30.00	\$ 17,700.00
	Trail Lighting (Assumes 70 Lights Throughout System)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 258,940.00
1H	<b>Trash Receptacles (Qty. 10)</b>				<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
	Bench	Each	10	\$ 800.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Concrete Pad (~16 SF)	Each	10	\$ 190.00	\$ 1,900.00
	Project Contingency	10%			\$ 990.00
1I	<b>Dog Waste Stations (Qty. 4)</b>				<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
	Dog Waste Stations	Each	4	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Installation	Each	4	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
	Project Contingency	10%			\$ 240.00
1Z	<b>Sewer Utilities - Option #1 (River Crossing)</b>				<b>\$ 730,000.00</b>
	Sewer Line to serve pavilions and cross river to connect into existing sewer	Lump Sum	1	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 634,000.00
	Project Contingency	15%			\$ 95,100.00
1ZZ	<b>Sewer Utilities - Option #1 (Sechler Park Road)</b>				<b>\$ 908,000.00</b>
	Sewer Line to serve pavilions to Laurel Ct	Lump Sum	1	\$ 789,000.00	\$ 789,000.00
	Project Contingency	15%			\$ 118,350.00
<b>Phase 2</b>					
2A	<b>Parking Lot (T-Ball Area)</b>				<b>\$ 103,000.00</b>
	Construct New Lot ~10 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	520	\$ 75.00	\$ 39,000.00
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	315	\$ 24.00	\$ 7,560.00
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	175	\$ 5.50	\$ 962.50
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	150	\$ 5.00	\$ 750.00
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 16,929.50
2B	<b>Parking Lot (East Entrance)</b>				<b>\$ 112,000.00</b>
	Construct New Lot ~20 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	730	\$ 75.00	\$ 54,750.00
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	375	\$ 24.00	\$ 9,000.00
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	240	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,320.00
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	340	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,700.00
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	4	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
	Misc. Signage	Each	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 225.00
Project Contingency	20%			\$ 18,199.00	
2C	<b>Pavilion #3 (Natural Area)</b>				<b>\$ 78,000.00</b>
	New Picnic Shelter (Approx. 20' x 20')	Each	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
	Concrete Pad (6" Thickness)	Sq Yd	100	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Installation	Lump Sum	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Project Contingency	20%			\$ 13,000.00

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<b>Phase 1</b>						
2D	<b>Softball Field</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>802,000.00</b>
	New Softball Field (chainlink, site grading, mounds, drain tile, etc.) <i>*assumes good soils</i>		Lump Sum	1	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
	Batting Cage (gravel base)		Each	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Covered Dugouts + Benches		Each	1	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00
	Lighting		Lump Sum	1	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
	Scoreboard		Each	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	Temporary Fencing		Each	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Stormwater		Lump Sum	1	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
	Electrical Install		Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Project Contingency			20%		\$ 133,600.00	
2E	<b>Backstop Fencing Baseball</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
	Backstop Fencing Replacement (18 FT) at Baseball Fields		Lin Ft	309	\$ 374.00	\$ 115,566.00
	Concrete Maintenance Stip		Lin Ft	309	\$ 28.00	\$ 8,652.00
	Project Contingency			20%		\$ 24,843.60
2F	<b>Backstop Fencing T-Ball</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
	Backstop Fencing Replacement (10 FT) at Baseball Fields		Lin Ft	100	\$ 125.00	\$ 12,500.00
	Concrete Maintenance Stip		Lin Ft	100	\$ 28.00	\$ 2,800.00
	Project Contingency			20%		\$ 3,060.00
2G	<b>Pump Track/Skills Course</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>209,000.00</b>
	Pump Track (Modular Concrete Ramp Construction)		Each	1	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 113,000.00
	Installation		Lump Sum	1	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 45,500.00
	Grading/Site Work		Lump Sum	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Project Contingency			20%		\$ 34,700.00
2H	<b>Disc Golf</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
	Baskets		Each	9	\$ 625.00	\$ 5,625.00
	Clear + Grub		Lump	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Concrete Tee boxes (5'x12')		Each	9	\$ 800.00	\$ 7,200.00
	Signage		Lump	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Installation		Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Project Contingency			20%		\$ 5,465.00	
2I	<b>Wayfinding Signs (Qty. 4)</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>
	Wayfinding Signage		Each	4	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Graphic Design		Each	4	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Installation		Each	4	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Project Contingency			20%		\$ 2,800.00
2J	<b>Stormwater Improvements Throughout Park</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>420,000.00</b>
	Stormwater Improvements		Lump Sum	1	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
	Project Contingency			20%		\$ 70,000.00
2K	<b>Benches (Qty. 12)</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>
	Bench		Each	20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
	Concrete Pad (~32 SF)		Each	20	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Installation		Each	20	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Project Contingency			10%		\$ 4,300.00

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<b>Phase 1</b>					
2L	<b>Picnic Tables (Qty. 10)</b>				<b>\$ 25,500.00</b>
	Bench	Each	10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Concrete Pad (~84 SF)	Each	10	\$ 900.00	\$ 9,000.00
	Installation	Each	10	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Project Contingency		10%		\$ 2,550.00
2M	<b>Bike Racks (Qty. 12)</b>				<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
	Logo Bicycle Racks	Each	12	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Concrete Pad (~36 SF)	Each	12	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,400.00
	Installation	Each	12	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Project Contingency		10%		\$ 1,260.00
<b>Phase 3</b>					
3A	<b>Pavilion #2 - New Shelter Near Pickleball Courts</b>				<b>\$ 798,000.00</b>
	New Picnic Pavilion w/ 2 Single Stall Unisex Restrooms (Approx. 60' x 40')	Lump Sum	1	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
	Hard Surface/Concrete (Central Amenities Area)	Sq Yd	1475	\$ 80.00	\$ 118,000.00
	Utilities	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Project Contingency		25%		\$ 159,500.00
3B	<b>Plaza Area in Baseball Complex Plaza</b>				<b>\$ 323,000.00</b>
	Electrical (Catenary Lights, Conduit, Wire, etc.)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	Hard Surface/Concrete	Sq Yd	1540	\$ 80.00	\$ 123,200.00
	Netting	Sq Ft	5000	\$ 9.00	\$ 45,000.00
	Informational Kiosk	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Limestone Block Bollards	Each	12	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 14,400.00
	Seating (Benches + Picnic Tables)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 53,520.00	
3C	<b>Pavilion #1 - Replacement of Existing Shelter Near Playground</b>				<b>\$ 629,000.00</b>
	New Picnic Pavilion w/ 2 Single Stall Unisex Restrooms (Approx. 60'x30')	Lump Sum	1	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
	Hard Surface/Concrete (Around Pavilion)	Sq Yd	675	\$ 80.00	\$ 54,000.00
	Utilities	Lump	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 104,800.00	
3D	<b>Concessions/Restrooms in Baseball Complex</b>				<b>\$ 616,000.00</b>
	Concessions/Restroom Building (Approx. 60' x 30')	Lump Sum	1	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
	Utilities	Lump Sum	1	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 102,500.00	
3E.1	<b>Adult Baseball Field - Option #1</b>				<b>\$ 4,878,000.00</b>
	Grandstand CMU Block Structure (Press Box + Bathrooms + Storage)	Each	1	\$ 3,250,000.00	\$ 3,250,000.00
	Fencing 6 Ft	Lin Ft	1200	\$ 100.00	\$ 120,000.00
	Dugouts (Enclosed, Additional Storage, Electrical)	Each	2	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 230,000.00
	High-Tension Netting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
	Grading/Site Work	Cu Yd	550	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,600.00
	Irrigation Repairs	Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	New Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
	Scoreboard	Lump Sum	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 812,920.00	

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3E.2	<b>Adult Baseball Field - Option #2</b>				<b>\$ 1,698,000.00</b>
	Grandstand Alumimun Structure	Each	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
	Press Box	Each	1	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
	Shade	Each	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
	Fencing 6 Ft	Lin Ft	1200	\$ 100.00	\$ 120,000.00
	Dugouts (Covered, Chain-Link Fencing)	Each	2	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	High-Tension Netting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
	Grading/Site Work	Cu Yd	550	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,600.00
	Irrigation Repairs	Lump Sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	New Lighting	Lump Sum	1	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
	Scoreboard	Lump Sum	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 282,920.00	
3F	<b>Tree Management</b>				<b>\$ 118,000.00</b>
	Trees	Each	130	\$ 750.00	\$ 97,500.00
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 19,500.00
<b>Phase 4</b>					
4A	<b>Parking Lot (west)</b>				<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
	Construct New Lot ~29 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	1360	\$ 75.00	\$ 102,000.00
	Concrete Curb + Gutter	Lin Ft	705	\$ 24.00	\$ 16,920.00
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	450	\$ 5.50	\$ 2,475.00
	Parking Lot Striping (Including ADA Stall + Access Aisle)	Lin Ft	500	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Misc. Signage	Each	5	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00
	Parking Lot Lighting	Each	6	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 32,054.00	
4B	<b>Plaza Area (River Overlook Just South of Baseball Fields)</b>				<b>\$ 26,000.00</b>
	4" Concrete Walk (Plain Concrete)	Sq Yd	100	\$ 80.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Seating (Bench)	Each	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Decorative Railing	Lin Ft	50	\$ 200.00	\$ 10,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 4,200.00	
4C	<b>Water Access Area (West)</b>				<b>\$ 111,000.00</b>
	Vehicular Access Route + Turnaround (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	925	\$ 75.00	\$ 69,375.00
	Grading/Site Work (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	350	\$ 5.50	\$ 1,925.00
	Pedestrian Access	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 18,260.00	
4D	<b>Water Access Area (East)</b>				<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>
	Pedestrian Access	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 4,000.00
<b>Phase 5</b>					
5A	<b>Parking Lot (Small Bay Along Road)</b>				<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
	Construct New Lot ~6 Stalls (Bituminous + Aggregate Base)	Sq Yd	115	\$ 85.00	\$ 9,775.00
	Grading (Assumes 1' Depth)	Cu Yd	40	\$ 5.50	\$ 220.00
	Parking Lot Striping	Lin Ft	95	\$ 5.00	\$ 475.00
Project Contingency		20%		\$ 2,094.00	

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5B	<b>Plaza Area (East Entrance Area)</b>				<b>\$ 93,000.00</b>
	Electrical (Lights, Conduit, Wiring)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	4" Concrete Walk (Plain Concrete)	Sq Yd	200	\$ 80.00	\$ 16,000.00
	Kiosk	Lump Sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Seating (Seat Walls in Plaza, Benches)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Bike Repair Station	Each	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Bike Loop	Each	3	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,400.00
	Project Contingency		20%		\$ 15,280.00
5C	<b>Bridge Near Baseball Complex</b>				<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>
	Ped + Bike Bridge (Central)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
	Project Contingency			20%	\$ 400,000.00
5D	<b>Bridge at West End of Park</b>				<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>
	Ped + Bike Bridge (West)	Lump Sum	1	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
	Project Contingency			20%	\$ 400,000.00

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