



Sechler Park Long-Range Plan
Park & Recreation Advisory Board

November 4, 2024

Agenda



- Project Purpose, Goals + Timeline
- Final Concept Plan
- Draft Document Outline
- Next Steps

Project 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 implementation phasing

Project Goals



Understand the community's needs and preferences for the park

Define action items for the long-range plan

Determine community priorities for phased implementation

Create and share a final long-range park concept

Project Timeline



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

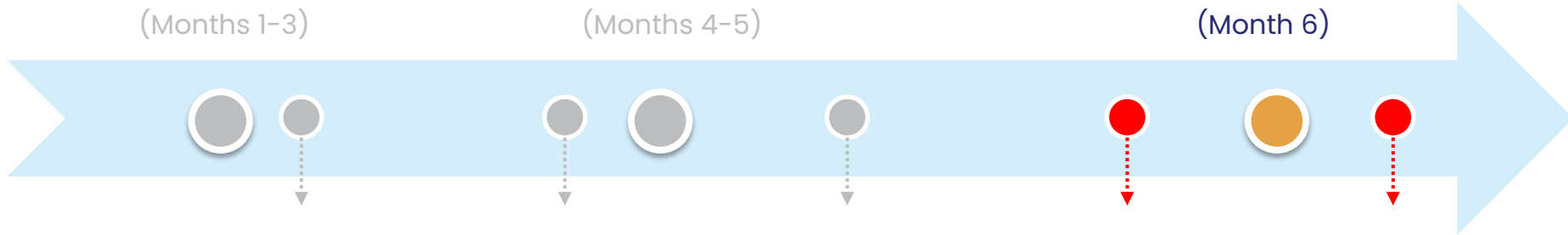
July to August
(Months 1-3)

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

September to October
(Months 4-5)

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

December
(Month 6)



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

**Sechler Park concept
designs**
September 2024

City Council Meeting
October 15, 2024

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

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

Long-Range Plan Contents



Plan Contents

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Inventory & Analysis
- Community Engagement
- Recommendations, Budgeting, and Implementation
- Funding
- Appendix



Concept Development



The following concept plan was developed by:

1. Engaging with and receiving feedback from the community at Defeat of Jesse James Days
2. Feedback through INPUTiD
3. Stakeholder Engagement
4. Meeting with Park & Recreation Advisory Board
5. Meeting with City Council



SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN: Final Concept Plan



ENLARGEMENT A

ENLARGEMENT B

ARMSTRONG RD

PARK ST

W WOODLEY ST

JEFFERSON PKWY

CANNON RIVER

LAUREL CT

5th St W



SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN: Final Concept Plan (Enlargement A)



Stormwater Treatment Feature

Existing Parking Lot w/ Improved Circulation + Drop-Off Area (~132 Stalls)

Existing Baseball Field

Playground Area

Additional Parking Lot for T-Ball (10 Stalls)

Picnic Table with Concrete Pad

Existing Baseball Field w/ Backstop, Dugouts and Bleachers Pushed in 15' to Bring Home Plate to 45' to Backstop

Bleachers Structure w/ Storage Space + Restrooms Below

Existing T-Ball Fields

New Concessions Building

Existing Baseball Field

Informational Kiosk

Plaza Space with String Lighting + Other Activities

Batting Cage

Overlook Plaza with Public Art

New Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Extension to MN-3

Existing Baseball Field

Native Planting

New Nature Pavilion w/ Educational Signage

Existing East River Trail System

ARMSTRONG RD

CANNON RIVER

MN-3

JEFFERSON HWY

New Picnic Shelter

Open Lawn Space

Additional Parking Lot for Recreational Amenities (~76 Stalls)

Pickleball Courts (6) w/ Shade Structures

Stormwater Treatment Feature

Existing Parking Lot w/ New Drop-Off Area (~88 Stalls)

New Picnic Shelter w/ Nearby Trailhead

Additional Softball Field

Existing Parking Lot (~52 Stalls)

Mill Towns State Trail - Surface Improvements

Existing Softball Field

Additional Parking Lot (~6 Stalls)

Bench

Additional Parking Lot (~29 Stalls) - Accessible During Winter + Cannon River Access

Xcel Energy Power Line

Drop-Off Area for Water Access

Canoe/Kayak Launch + River Access Opportunities

New Pedestrian Bridge to East River Trails

Improved Trail Circulation

Relocated Mountain Bike Skills Area + Pump Track

9-Hole Disc Golf Course

Existing Mountain Biking Trails



SECHLER PARK LONG-RANGE PLAN: Final Concept Plan (Enlargement B)



Mill Towns State Trail - Surface Improvements

Bike Racks

Seasonal Parking Lot (~18 Stalls)

Additional Plaza Space w/ Seat Wall

Canoe/Kayak Launch w/
River Access Opportunities

Proposed Future
Trail Connection

Crosswalk

CROCT Trailhead

Bike Repair Station

Plaza Space w/ Mapping +
Wayfinding Kiosk

Seat Wall

Existing Pedestrian Bridge
to East River Trails

Existing Mountain
Biking Trail System

Permanent Bridge

SECHLER PARK RD

LAUREL CT

CANNON RIVER

HWY 5



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

- Final Long-Range Plan Presentation to City Council in December

DISCUSSION + QUESTIONS

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Thank you!