

Grand Forks Park District
Strategic Master Plan
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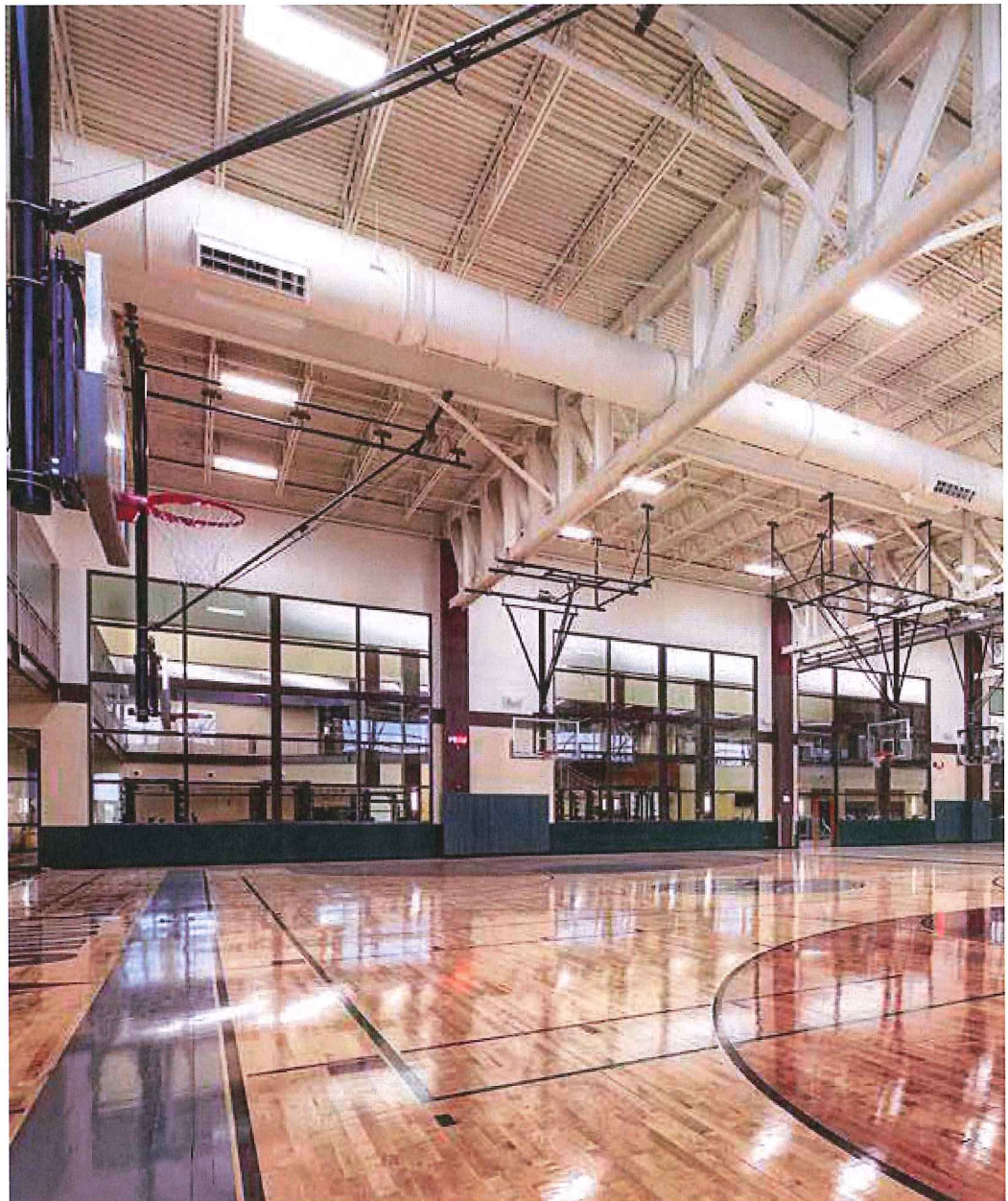
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Introduction

The Grand Forks Park District Strategic Master Plan is the initial system wide plan for the District. The Plan provides a framework for decision making for future service delivery and resource allocation. The Plan process began in May, 2014 and concluded in April of 2015. The Plan covers a 5 year period, 2016 through 2021.

The goals of the Plan included:

- Review of Mission.
- Development of a public input process to ensure the Plan is aligned with the needs of the community.
- Distribution of a statistically valid survey, the 2014 Community Survey, to further identify community needs.
- A thorough review of the City of Grand Forks Recreation and Open Space plan.
- A thorough inventory of existing park and recreation assets and recommendations for future development.
- An inventory of all programs and recreation services offered by the Park District as well as identified opportunities and future trends for parks, programs, and facilities with particular emphasis on health and wellness opportunities.
- Alignment with other City initiatives, the City's update of the 2040 Land Use Plan, and Public Arts Commission.
- Recommendations for future positioning of the District.

The Grand Forks Park District (District) is a separate governing agency with the ability to levy taxes. The City of Grand Forks occupies approximately 18 square miles. The population, according to the 2010 census is 52,875. The District has 43 parks; an 18 hole and nine hole golf course, King's Walk and Lincoln Golf Course; Elks and Riverside Pools, 3 spray parks, Apollo Baseball/Softball Complex, Ulland Baseball/Softball Complex, community gardens, and indoor facilities. The indoor facilities include Choice Health & Fitness, First Season Community Center and three ice arenas: Blue Line/Eagles, Purpur/Gambucci, and the newly opened ICON Sports Center.

The District is governed by a five-member elected Board who appoints an executive director. The District employs over 60 full-time staff and over 600 part-time and seasonal staff. Activities of the District include community special events, marketing, recreation programming, facility operations, park and athletic field maintenance, and finance and administration. In addition, the District has a Forestry Department that is responsible for planting and caring for all the park and city berm trees.

Mission Statement

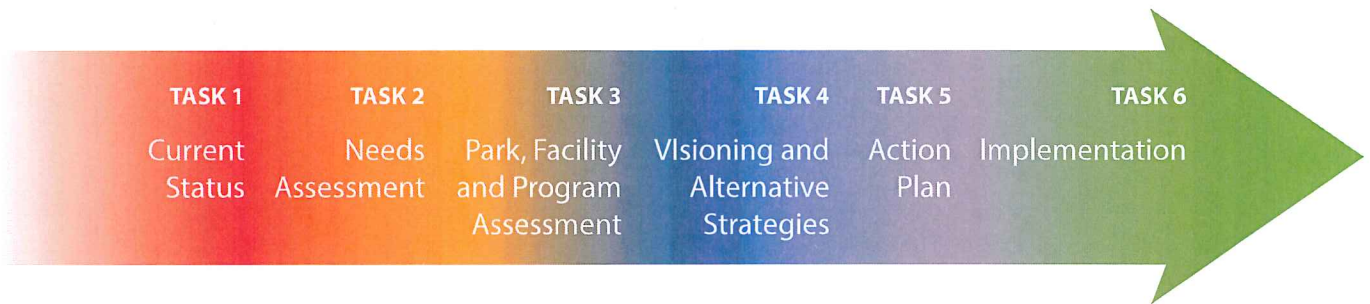
The mission of the Grand Forks Park District is to provide the best parks, programs, facilities, forestry services, and other services possible to promote a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for all of Grand Forks.

It is with this mission statement in mind that the Strategic Master Plan is written. The mission statement was reviewed as part of the process, and it will remain the same.

Plan Elements

The overall process of the Master Plan is represented in the following visual. As evidenced in the process sequence, the Plan reviews the overall system, supplemented by the specific areas of park classification and inventory, level of service standards, recreation assessment, and operational review. All of this culminates into a call for action in the Planning for Action section of the Plan.

The phases of the process included the following tasks:



SYSTEM THEMES

System Themes are the over-arching elements of the park and recreation system. These are noteworthy facets of the organization and capture the essence of the current system as well as areas of concentration for the future. For the Grand Forks Park District, the System Themes include:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The District has demonstrated exemplary performance in developing and maintaining community partnerships. Many of the partnerships have resulted in a significant amount of funding for capital development including facilities such as Choice Health & Fitness and ICON Sports Center.

COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND FITNESS

The District is a community leader in the provision of programs and services that promote health and wellness in the community. All of the facilities and parks promote health and fitness activities, from trails and athletic complexes to ice rinks and swimming pools. Additionally, many programs are offered that promote health including aquatic fitness, group cycling, personal fitness, tennis activities, golf lessons, and many more. The District is also involved in the Outdoor Community Health & Fitness Project, located on the Altru Wellness Village Campus.

FACILITY OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

As a result of the amount of infrastructure owned and managed by the District, the ability to maintain all of the District's physical assets will be a challenge. This was noted by residents and staff as part of the public input process. The results of the Community Survey showed significant interest in the District's ability to maintain the infrastructure, particularly neighborhood park amenities.

PROGRAM GROWTH

The District has an impressive array of facilities for the community. Thirty-five percent of households participated in District programs during the last year, which according to the Leisure Vision database of over 600 agencies nationwide, is an average of all communities. Given this information and context to national numbers of household participation in recreation programs, the District has room to grow programs and to increase household percentages, particularly given the array of facilities the District owns and operates. The challenge will be to turn non-participants into participants and continue to expand the number of residents participating in programs and services that result in increased health and wellness.

The following section outlines the elements of the Plan and includes a brief description of each section of the report.

Executive Summary

DATA REVIEW

An extensive review of information was completed in order for the Consulting Team to have a good understanding of the Park District. The review included budget history, organization chart, recreation activity guide and website, NV360 Findings, program registration information, and demographic information. Estimated 2014 population of Grand Forks is 54,828 and estimated population in 2019 is projected to be 58,179, which will result in continued growing demand for services.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ONGOING PLANNING EFFORTS IN THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY

The Strategic Master Plan process included a review and understanding of other ongoing planning efforts in the Grand Forks Community that involve the Park District. These include the City's update of the 2040 Land Use Plan and the Public Arts Commission. These are detailed in the report.

COMMUNITY INPUT AND REVIEW SUMMARY

An important component of the Strategic Master Plan development was the community input process, which included a series of public input methods, including focus groups, key leader meetings, and public meetings. Additionally, the Consulting Team met with Grand Forks Park Board and staff members in a series of focus groups and meetings. The input and review summary are useful in determining future programming and facility opportunities, potential partnerships, opportunities for improvement, and challenges the District will face in the next five to ten years. Some of the key findings for community input included:

- There is an overwhelmingly positive attitude about the District and great appreciation of the services and programs provided.
- The Park District has a very positive brand and image in the community.
- The public wanted to ensure the District's ability to have the resources necessary to operate and maintain the facilities as well as reinvest in the infrastructure; there is concern from residents about the District's ability to sustain and maintain the infrastructure in years to come.
- Residents would appreciate seeing additional amenities at parks.
- There is significant park and facility visitation throughout the entire system.
- Additional winter and outdoor program activities are desired.
- Parking issues exist at Choice Health & Fitness.
- Trails are important; connectivity desired, confusion about who is responsible for the Greenway.
- There needs to be a balance between sports and non-sports activities.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A statistically valid Community Survey was administered as part of the project and assessed satisfaction levels, facility use information, program and facility needs, and how well needs are being met. The goal included a return of 400 surveys. The goal was exceeded as 502 households returned the survey, which greatly exceeded the minimum number of surveys required for the analysis. This translated into a 25% return rate, which is excellent. The survey tool is useful in identifying priorities and resource allocation. Highlights of the results included:

- High park visitation of 90% versus national average of 72%.
- Average program participation of 35% which is the same as the national average.
- Recreation programs that are most important are adult fitness and wellness programs (35%), special events (25%), adult programs for 55 years and older (23%), adult continuing education programs (20%) and outdoor winter recreation (18%).
- Thirty-nine percent (39%) of respondent households would like to see restroom additions. Other desired additions include: Drinking fountains (29%), park security lighting (29%), picnic tables and benches (24%), shade areas (24%) and picnic shelters (23%).
- Seventy-six percent (76%) of respondent households learn about programs and activities through the Park District Recreation Activity Guide. Other ways include: Newspaper articles (51%), from friends and neighbors (44%) and the Park District website (34%).
- Based on the sum of respondent households top three choices, 26% indicated that the number of walking and biking trails should receive the most attention over the next two years. Other services include: Maintenance of parks (23%), number of nature conservation areas (17%) and the quality of programs & facilities for adults 55 and older (16%).

PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY, ANALYSIS AND LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

The purpose of this assessment is to provide a detailed synopsis of all parks, trails and facilities located within the Grand Forks Park District. The assessment provides a thorough inventory and analysis of forecasted needs and existing gaps in the system. This section also includes Level of Service Standards, or information about parkland, facility, and amenity comparisons to other cities throughout the United States. Some key findings included:

- The current distribution of 970.52 acres of parkland includes:
 - Mini Parks 2.24 acres or 0.2% of total park acreage
 - Neighborhood Parks: 121.90 acres or 12.6% of total park acreage
 - Community Parks: 458.70 or 47.3% of total park acreage
 - Special Use Sites: 359.14 acres or 37.0% of total park acreage
 - Greenway Sites: 10.44 acres or 1.1% of total park acreage
 - Undeveloped Sites: 18.1 acres or 1.9% of total park acreage

- The District has an overall Level of Service of 17.37 acres/1,000 population. This is a surplus of 404.14 acres.
- The Service Area map of the system shows that almost 98% of residents are served within at least 1.0 mile of a Mini, Neighborhood or Community Park asset.

PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY

The inventory includes an overview of needed renovations, improvements, and system opportunities. This section lists the array of recreation facilities including aquatics facilities, indoor ice rinks, and Choice Health & Fitness. The number and amount of recreation facilities is impressive. Furthermore, an extensive amount of funding for facility construction costs has come from corporate and individual contributions.

RECREATION ASSESSMENT

This assessment included a review of programs and service offerings of the District, including core program identification, a current program assessment, marketing approaches and program guide review, recreation programming standards, customer requirements, and measures. The assessment also included a review of age segment distribution of offerings, program lifecycle analysis and analysis for future program direction. Key findings included:

- Grand Forks has a slightly lower percentage of introductory and growth programs than the benchmark average.
- The District has excellent provision of services and programs related to fitness and health.
- The District has a good distribution of programs for various age segments.
- Thirty-five percent of households participate in programs, which is equal to the national average.
- Facilities used for programs are excellent, including arenas, sports complexes and Choice Health & Fitness. Not many systems nationwide have the array of facilities the Park District owns and operates.

VISIONING SECTION

Visioning included a discussion of the overall findings from all of the technical reports, Community Survey, and community input. Discussion occurred during a staff workshop to review the findings and recommendations as well as a brainstorm exercise to prioritize System Themes. Alternative Strategies were developed by the Consulting Team and discussed with the Board and staff. Subsequently, the strategies were developed into a list of finalized initiatives. This information then resulted in final Parks Master Plan recommendations.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES/ACTION PLAN

Strategic Initiatives include a listing of recommendations targeted during the next five years.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

This section lists a series of guidelines for successful implementation including methods of monitoring progress, reporting results, and communication with District leaders, staff members, partners, and the public.

Input Sessions Summary

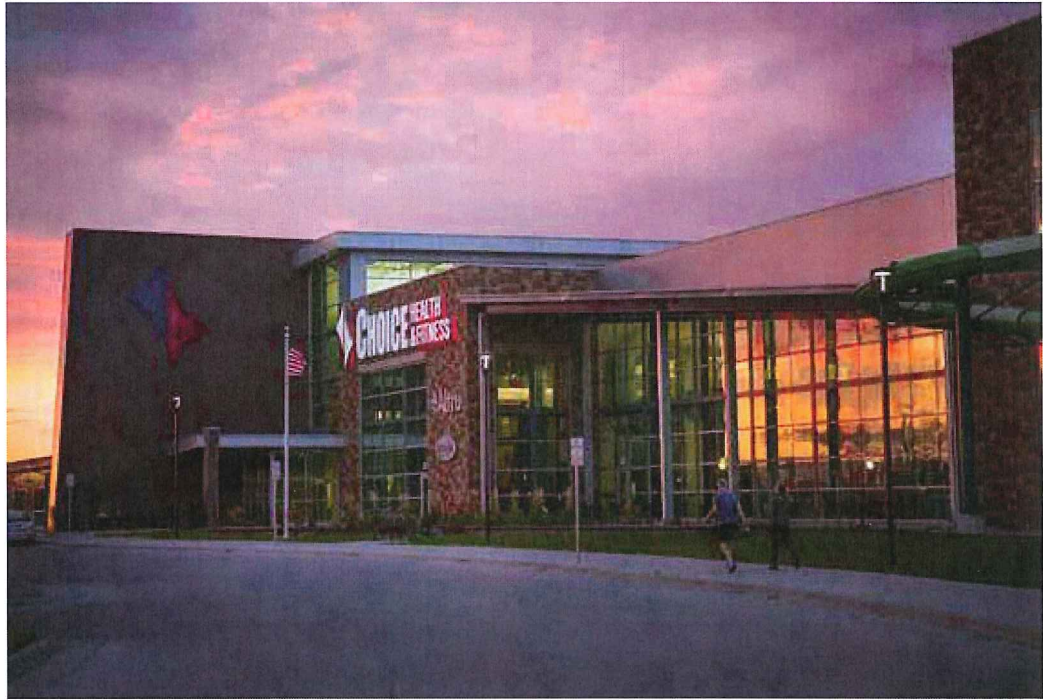
The Strategic Master Plan process included a series of public input methods: a statistically valid community survey, three public focus groups, 12 key leader meetings, and a community open house. In addition, Park District staff provided information about their perspectives of the future direction of the District. Board members also provided input and received updates throughout the process. Two Board members, Molly Soeby and Paul Barta were part of the Steering Committee overseeing the process. This Committee also included Brad Gengler, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Grand Forks, Bill Palmiscno, Park District Executive Director, and George Hellyer, Park District Superintendent of Finance.

Grand Forks Park District Public Input Summary

1. HOW DO YOU USE PARK DISTRICT SERVICES? ARE THERE PARTICULAR PARKS OR FACILITIES THAT YOU LIKE THE MOST?

Trails, biking, outdoor rinks and pools, hockey, playgrounds, running, disc golf, and Choice Health & Fitness were noted most often. Using the Park District services for grandkids was mentioned more than once and included activities such as football, baseball, hockey, soccer, aquatics, trails and parks. Other uses mentioned were:

- Community Rooms
- Soccer
- Curling (private club)
- Car shows
- Gardens
- Splash Pads
- Sledding



Almost every park or facility was mentioned as being liked the most noting that community parks are usually the favorite. Participants had a hard time distinguishing one park because the system as a whole is great, and the designated favorite park is always changing depending on where one lives. Riverside is a favorite for people that have been in Grand Forks for a while and University Park was mentioned for weddings. Some of the favorite parks/facilities were:

- Sertoma
- Greenway
- University Park
- Riverside
- Choice Health & Fitness
- Lincoln Drive Park

2. WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE BUILD ON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER PLAN?

The organizational strengths include good leadership that is responsive to the community, able to keep an open mind, awareness of trends, and a willingness to be educated risk takers.

Additional strengths include the ability to put together organized activities, offer a variety of programming and effectively manage youth programs. Other strengths mentioned included:

- Strong staff
- Well maintained parks and facilities
- Modernization, and the way the District continues to enhance the system
- Awareness of multiple income levels
- Continue to build and develop partners

3. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO AREAS OF DISTRICT SERVICES INCLUDING PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS?

Parks and Open Spaces – The majority of comments related to a desire for more trees, shade options, or shelters with a mention of amenities for older adults. It was noted that any new park should have shelters and/or trees. Other comments included:

- Improve signage to enhance access point to the parks
- Need more adventure recreational activities at parks
- River is under-used
- More canoe access
- Japanese Garden
- Make parks more interactive, as a destination and more attractive

Facilities – The majority of comments about facilities related to maintenance. While a great job has been done maintaining what is there and the older facilities seem to function as they should, updating facilities may help in attracting tournaments. Comments included issues about better bathrooms, updated bathrooms, and not enough bathrooms at various parks/facilities. Other comments included:

- Completion of Apollo needs to be done
- Parking at Choice Health & Fitness can be an issue, particularly on the side road in front of the facility
- Important to have facilities to serve the needs of seniors
- Indoor play area would be nice.
- Bike park
- Choice Health & Fitness is an extremely important amenity for the community

Trails – The main comment regarding trails related to connectivity, which is important. Also, the District should continue to make the trails better and safer. Second was the need for stopping off points along the trails with increased number of benches or shelters. Many participants were not aware of the City’s involvement in trails; most assumed all bike trails were managed and owned by the Park District. Other comments included:

- More receptacles, especially for those walking their dogs
- Bike sharing

Amenities – Maintenance was a big part of the amenities and needs to be planned for with existing and new facilities/parks. There was a desire for more open space for unconventional sports, kite clubs, a universally accessible athletic field, a special event park such as a festival park, and an indoor sports facility. Positive comments were made about soccer and soccer fields, baseball fields and tennis. Other comments included:

- More shelters needed
- Fields by the south middle school have gone by the wayside
- Unclear on maintenance duties between school/park district
- Strong preference among attendees of ensuring maintenance of what the District owns versus taking on new initiatives

4. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT PROGRAMS: PROGRAMS YOU LIKE, PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT OFFERED THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, PROGRAM QUALITY COMMENTS?

Programs seem to run well with a specific mention of non-travel hockey, youth golf, gymnastics and programs at Choice Health & Fitness. There were several comments about the cost of Choice Health & Fitness memberships not being affordable for middle income families. Also several participants mentioned the need for more program diversity aside from athletic programs for youth.

Programs not run by the Park and District and lead by local recreation associations such as travel hockey, football, and gymnastics were also mentioned. Participants also mentioned opposite perspectives of hockey programs—some loved the number of programs offered, while others mentioned there should be more balance among non-hockey program offerings.

Programs that should be considered included programs for arts and music, garden and fishing. Other comments included:

- Would like more festivals and social events for young adults
- Prairie garden in Lincoln Drive Park could be a nice update
- Signage could be improved
- Utilize current facilities to the max
- Utilize all of the possible grants

5. IF YOU HAD TO RANK HOW THE DISTRICT SHOULD ALLOCATE RESOURCES, WHAT DESERVES THE MOST ATTENTION?

Individuals were asked to rank the following items in importance. The rankings are listed from most important to least important and were as follows:

- Maintaining parks and facilities - 1
- Providing low cost programs that are affordable to all families - 2
- Renovating improvements to parks and facilities - 3
- Building new parks and/or facilities - 4
- Land acquisition - 5

6. WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION TOWARD THE DISTRICT'S CONNECTING WITH RESIDENTS, CREATING AWARENESS OF SERVICES? HOW DO YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT ABOUT DISTRICT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS?

Positive ways the District is connecting with residents is through the Recreation Activity Guide and website. Marketing efforts have improved. The District is viewed very highly as being a big part of sports in the Grand Forks area. There is a good relationship between the Park District and City. Though, from comments made during the public meetings, residents do not have a good understanding of the division of responsibilities between the Park District and City.

Ideas for creating awareness of services included communication and maintenance. If maintenance isn't kept up it could change the community's perception of the District. Communication could be better to smaller outlying towns. The Recreation Activity Guide is a good source of information. Other ideas for improved communication were:

- More advertisement - newspaper and radio spots
- Advertise in newspapers because seniors read the newspaper
- Expand the use of Facebook, Twitter, and social media to get word out to youth
- Communicate scholarship programs - Availability and opportunities to donate

7. IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE DISTRICT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Better communication and maintenance in some areas were two items mentioned for change. Adding programs such as skeet shooting, archery, indoor soccer and fishing were others. One change repeated several times was the desire for an indoor sports facility, recreation center for seniors, and an amphitheater. Other changes mentioned included:

- Ability to pay for single day use of pool for non-members
- More affordable opportunities for lower income groups
- Not enough shade at parks/playgrounds
- Not enough gardens
- Embrace all ages and users
- Communicate Master Plan and explain reasons behind decision making

8. CHALLENGES IN NEXT FIVE YEARS?

Keeping costs down amidst special assessments, potential tax cap, increasing costs and donor fatigue are challenges to be addressed. When the executive director retires a replacement will need to be found and there will be transitioning and training needed for current staff. Other challenges included:

- Resisting pressure to reduce the parkland requirement for developers
- Concern of parkland in the urban core
- Interest in developing on west end of town

9. WHAT CAN THE DISTRICT DO TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE PLAN?

Communication and public input is essential to the plan being meaningful to the District and the community. It was suggested that the District should have attainable goals, work in collaboration with School District and City and communicate the Master Plan on a regular basis, which will assist in explaining the reasons behind the decision making process. Other ideas for successful implementation included:

- Get citizens to take ownership and be engaged and involved
- Have neighborhood groups gather in park spaces to take part in conversation
- Utilize the Recreation Guide for updates and communication

10. CAN YOU THINK OF ANY QUESTIONS NOT COVERED OR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

- Communicate to public for weather-related cancellations. Hotline the works.
- Need to identify needs for seniors and implement more activities with trained staff, such as tech classes or help with gardening
- How do we meet the needs of older residents?
- How do we meet the needs of the changing demographics of the community?
- Televised some meetings
- How do we get younger people involved in our clubs?
- Concern about the system being maintained
- How can we implement history and heritage within the District?

Community Survey Results

ETC/Leisure Vision conducted a Grand Forks Park District Community Interest and Opinion Survey (Community Survey) fall of 2014 to help establish priorities for programs and facilities within Grand Forks. The survey was designed to obtain statistically valid results from households throughout the Grand Forks Park District. The survey was administered by mail, web and phone.

ETC/Leisure Vision worked extensively with the Grand Forks Park District officials in the development of the survey questionnaire. This work allowed the survey to be tailored to issues of strategic importance to help plan the future system.

A seven-page survey was mailed to a random sample of 2,000 households throughout the Grand Forks Park District. Approximately three days after the surveys were mailed each household that received a survey also received an automated voice message encouraging them to complete the survey. In addition, about two weeks after the surveys were mailed ETC/Leisure Vision began contacting households by phone. Those who had indicated they had not returned the survey were given the option of completing it by phone.

The goal was to obtain a total of at least 400 completed surveys. ETC/Leisure Vision met that goal with a total of 504 surveys completed. The results of the random sample of 504 households have a 95% level of confidence with a precision rate of at least +/-4%.

The survey report included over 500 pages of information, including cross tabulation information. The complete survey report is included as a separate document. For the purposes of the Master Plan, the following information represents a summary of the survey results, listing the question and the results for each question.

- **WHETHER OR NOT RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS VISITED A GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT PARK OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**
 Ninety percent (90%) of respondent households stated yes, they have visited a Grand Forks Park District Park over the past 12 months and 10% indicated, no they had not.
- **HOW RESPONDENTS RATE THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF ALL GRAND FORKS PARKS THEY HAVE VISITED:**
 Fifty-four percent (54%) of respondent households indicated a rating of good. Other ratings include: Excellent (39%), fair (5%) and poor (2%).
- **POTENTIAL ADDITIONS THAT HOUSEHOLDS WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK NEAREST THEIR RESIDENCE:**
 Thirty-nine percent (39%) of respondent households would like to see restroom additions made to the neighborhood park nearest their residence. Other additions include: Drinking fountains (29%), park security lighting (29%), picnic tables and benches (24%), shade areas (24%) and picnic shelters (23%).
- **RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLD VISITATION LEVELS OF CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**
 Based on the percentage of respondent households who have visited the park, recreation or sports facilities at least once over the past 12 months, 90% of respondents have visited neighborhood parks. Other parks and facilities include: Choice Health & Fitness (53%), Elks & Riverside Pool (42%), Lincoln Golf Course (37%) and King's Walk (27%).
- **WHETHER OR NOT RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT RECREATION PROGRAMS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**
 Thirty-five percent (35%) of respondent households have participated in Grand Forks Park District recreation programs and 65% of respondent households have not participated.
- **RESPONDENT SATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICES OF THE PROGRAMS THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**
 Based on the percentage of respondents who were either "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied," 90% were satisfied with the location of programs. Other similar levels of satisfaction include: Physical accessibility (89%), times programs are offered (87%), dates programs are offered (85%) and the quality of the facility where programs are offered (82%).
- **RESPONDENT RATING OF THE OVERALL QUALITY OF RECREATION PROGRAMS THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**
 Based on the percentage of respondents who indicated a rating, 90% indicated the overall quality of programs they have participated in as excellent or good. Only 9% rated programs as fair and 1% rated programs as poor.

- **ORGANIZATIONS RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS HAVE USED FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS:**

Based on the percentage of respondents with multiple selections possible, 61% indicated they have used the Grand Forks Park District for recreation activities over the past 12 months. Other organizations used include: School facilities (42%), churches (39%), State of North Dakota Parks (36%) and colleges & universities (34%).

- **REASONS THAT PREVENT RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS FROM USING PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS OF THE GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT MORE OFTEN:**

Fifteen percent (15%) of respondent households indicated that fees are too high as the main reason that prevents them from utilizing park, facilities and programs of the Grand Forks Park District more often. Other reasons include: I do not know what is being offered (13%) and program times are not convenient (12%).

- **HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES:**

Seventy percent (70%) or (19,247 households represented) indicated a need for walking and biking trails. Other most needed facilities include: Small neighborhood parks (64% or 17,574 households), nature trails (53% or 14,476 households), large community parks (53% or 14,421 households), indoor fitness & exercise facilities (52% or 14,312 households) and an indoor running & walking track (50% or 13,763 households).

- **RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS:**

Based on the sum of respondent households top four choices, 52% indicated walking and biking trails as the most important. Other most important facilities include: Indoor fitness & exercise facilities (32%) and small neighborhood parks (26%).

- **HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS:**

Fifty-four percent (54%) or (14,805 households represented) indicated a need for adult fitness and wellness programs. Other most needed programs include: Special events (i.e. concerts, movies, etc) (48% or 13,215 households), outdoor winter recreation (36% or 9,898 households), adult continuing education programs (35% or 9,678 households), water fitness programs (33% or 9,130 households) and adults programs for adults ages 55 years and older (31% or 8,444 households).

- **RECREATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS:**

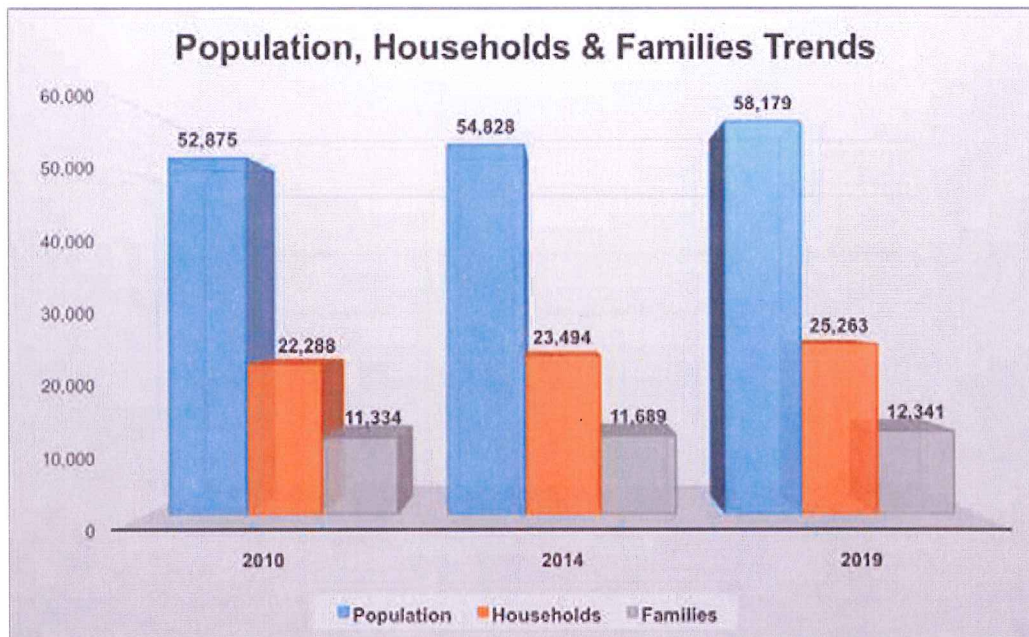
Based on the sum of respondent households top four choices, 35% indicated adult fitness and wellness programs as the most important. Other most important programs include: Special events (25%), adult programs for 55 years and older (23%), adult continuing education programs (20%) and outdoor winter recreation (18%).

- **RECREATION PROGRAMS THAT RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST OFTEN:**
 Based on the sum of respondent households top four choices, 29% of respondent households indicated that they participate in adult fitness & wellness programs the most often. Other programs participated in the most often include: Special events (23%) and outdoor winter recreation (17%).
- **WAYS RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS LEARN ABOUT PARK DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:**
 Seventy-six percent (76%) of respondent households learn about programs and activities through the Park District Recreation Activity Guide. Other ways include: Newspaper articles (51%), from friends and neighbors (44%) and the Park District website (34%).
- **RESPONDENT SATISFACTION WITH PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT:**
 Based on the percentage of respondents who were either “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied,” 91% were satisfied with the number of parks. Other similar levels of satisfaction include: Maintenance of parks (90%), number of walking and biking trails (80%) and the quality of indoor facilities (75%).
- **SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS THE GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT COULD TAKE TO IMPROVE EXISTING/ DEVELOP NEW PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES:**
 Based on the percentage of respondents households who are either “very supportive” or “somewhat supportive,” 84% support the improvement of park amenities. Other similar levels of support include: To connect existing trails (78%) and to develop new walking and biking trails (74%).
- **ACTIONS TO IMPROVE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS:**
 Based on the sum of respondent households to three choices, 46% indicated the most important action was to improve park amenities. Other most important actions include: Develop new walking and biking trails (43%) and to connect existing trails (43%).
- **RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLD ALLOCATION OF \$100 OF FUNDS TO MAJOR CATEGORIES OF FUNDING:**
 If respondents were allocated \$100 to spend, they would spend (\$28.00) on maintaining existing neighborhood parks. Other allocations include: Construct walking & biking trails and connect existing trails (\$26.00), maintain & improve existing sports fields (\$11.00), acquire new parkland & open space (\$11.00), maintain existing indoor ice-arenas (\$9.00), toward other means (\$8.00) and maintain & improve existing golf courses (\$7.00).
- **OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE VALUE RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVE FROM THE GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT:**
 Forty-one percent (41%) were somewhat satisfied with the overall value their household receives from the Grand Forks Park District. Other levels of satisfaction include: Very satisfied (39%), neutral (14%), somewhat dissatisfied (5%) and very dissatisfied (2%).

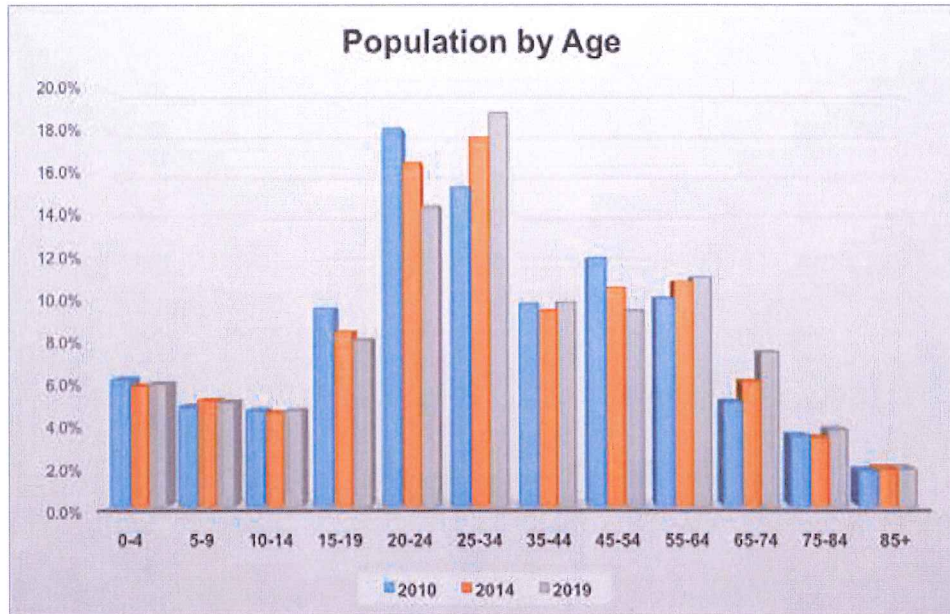
Grand Forks Park District Demographic Information

The following report provides information regarding demographic data such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, and household income of the Grand Forks residents and compares the data to state and national statistics. Demographic projections from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) gives an outlook through 2019. ESRI is the largest research and development organization dedicated to Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and specializing in population projections and market trends. All data were acquired in 2015, and reflect actual numbers as reported in the 2010 US Bureau of the Census and demographic projections for 2014 and 2019 as estimated by ESRI. The City of Grand Forks was utilized as the demographic analysis boundary.

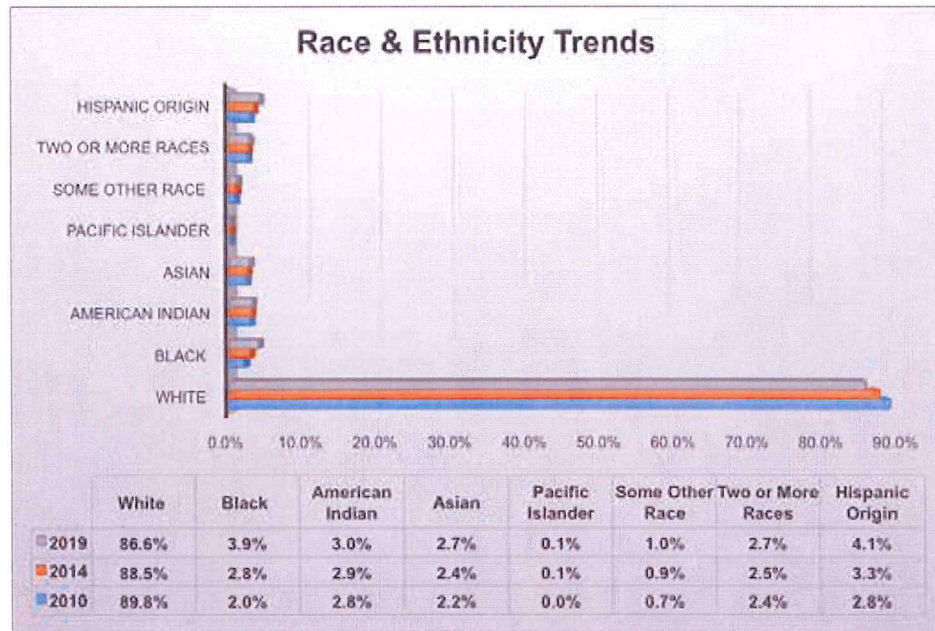
Below are several graphs from the information obtained from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).



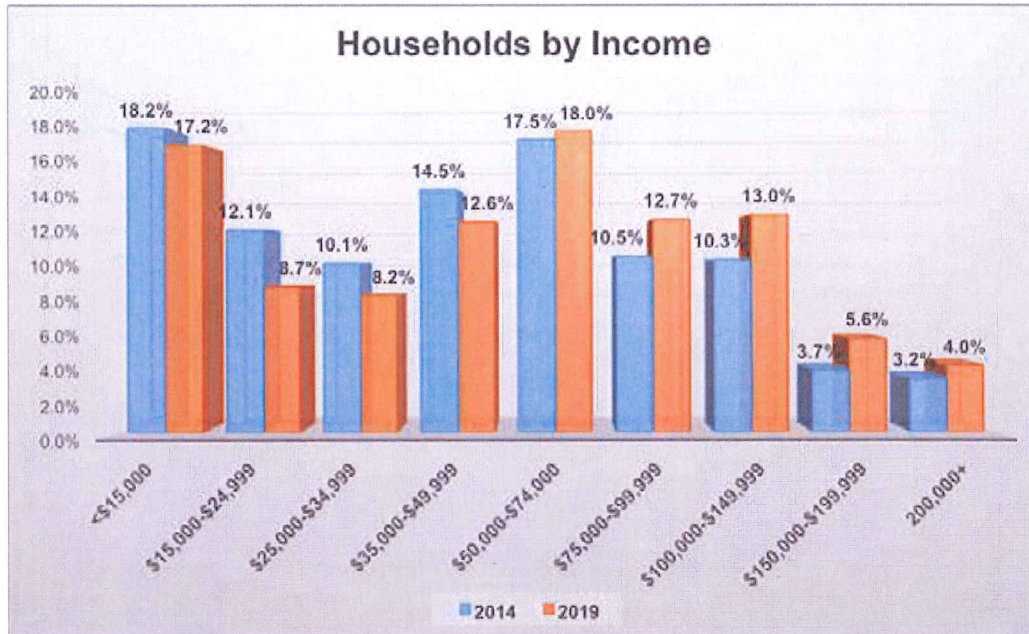
The graphs shows growth trends for Grand Forks population, number of households and the number of families. The expected population growth from 2014 to 2019 is 6.1%. This is up from the increase from 2010-2014. The total number of households will increase by 7.5% in 2019 from 2014. From 2010-2014 the household growth was 5.4%. The number of families in Grand Forks is expected to increase by 5.6% in 2019. This growth is less than the growth from 2010-2014 (8.9%).



The above graph displays Grand Forks population by age. By 2019, most age segments are expected to remain very similar to what was reported in 2014. The age segments with the largest increases are; 25-34 (12.8%) and 65-74 (31%). The age segments with the largest decline are; 20-24 (-7.9%) and 45-54 (-5.5%). By 2019, ages 20-34 will represent one-third of the population in Grand Forks. Babies to young adults aged 19 will represent 23.5%.



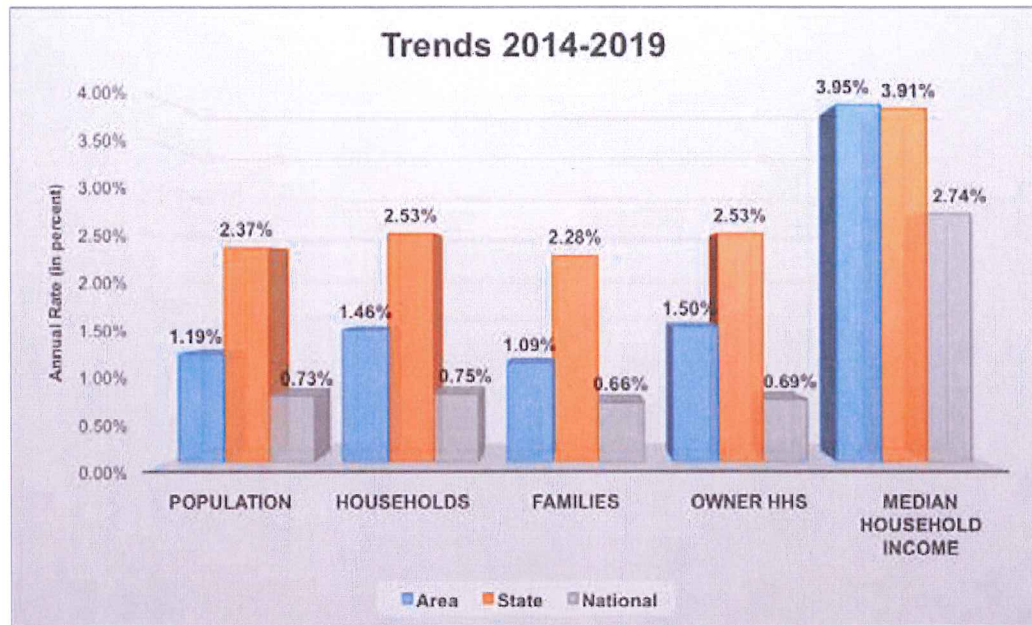
The above graph represents race and ethnicity trends for Grand Forks. White population will decline by 2019 by 1.9%. White population will still remain the predominant race at 86.6%. All other races will increase by 2019. The largest coming from the Hispanic Origin population by .8%. Other than the white population, the next three largest race by population will be Hispanic Origin, Black and American Indian by 2019.



The graph above depicts Grand Forks Households by Income. There is expected growth in the income segments of \$50,000+ and a decline in households with income less than \$50,000 by 2019. The largest decrease in an income segment will be the \$15,000-\$24,999 (-22.3%). The largest increase will happen in the \$100,000-\$149,999 (36.7%).

The median household income in 2014 was \$43,871. It will become approximately \$53,238 by 2019, a 21.4% increase.

The average household income in 2014 was \$64,042. It will become approximately \$78,458 by 2019, a 22.5% increase.



The Grand Forks area rate of population growth from 2012 to 2017 is projected to be lower than the state average, and slightly higher than national average. The number of households, families and homeowners will also increase; however, is still lower than state averages, but higher than the national average. Grand Forks' household income is projected to increase at a faster rate than both the state and national's rate. Grand Forks' median household income remains lower than the national and state medians.

- Grand Forks median household income: \$43,871
- North Dakota median household income: \$53,741*
- National median household income: \$53,046*

*Information taken from the U.S. Census Bureau

Park and Open Space Inventory and Analysis

This section of the report describes and illustrates the existing conditions of the Park District. The information in the chapter is used to develop a base-line understanding of the Park District's assets and programs.

PURPOSE

This chapter documents the inventory and analysis accomplished during the "Assess" phase of the comprehensive master planning process. It conveys extensive information, including demographics, detailed maps of the District identifying parks, trails, and other relevant land uses. This chapter includes the level of service analysis for parks, comparing the District's total acreage of parks and open to national benchmarks. An equity mapping analysis of the geographic distribution of park assets is also found in this chapter.

CONTEXT

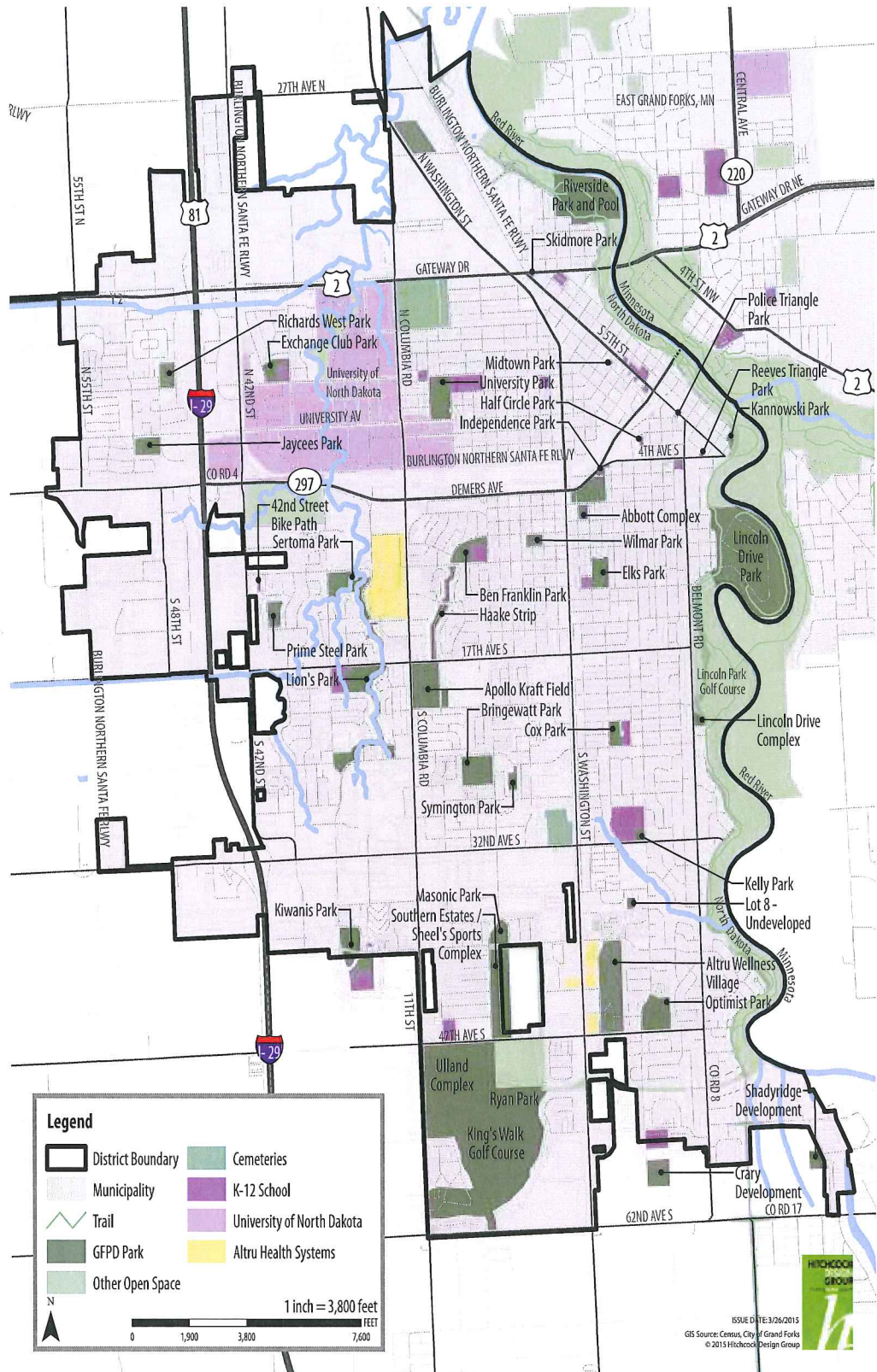
The Grand Forks Park District is located in north east North Dakota, along the border of North Dakota and Minnesota. The Park District lies just across the Red River from East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The Park District is just east of the Grand Forks Air Force Base, which can be reached by traveling west on US Route 2. The Grand Forks International Airport is also located along US Route 2 between the Park District and Air Force base.

Existing Conditions

The land uses within the Grand Forks Park District are a diverse mix of residential, commercial, institutional, open space, and industrial areas. Most of the District is occupied, but large areas of vacant land do exist on the south of 32nd Avenue.

LAND USE

With the exception of the area between Gateway Drive, Columbia Road, DeMers Avenue, and 42nd Street, which is where the University of North Dakota is located, the primary land use within the District is residential. In addition to the large area of institutional land uses that consist of the University, institutional land uses are scattered throughout the District and include uses such as elementary, middle and high schools, libraries, and hospitals.



The largest area of commercial development is located in the southern portion of the District along 32nd Avenue. Commercial land uses are present along 32nd Avenue and continue north along Columbia Road. Commercial uses also line Washington Street. South of this area is primarily vacant land with some residential uses scattered throughout. A large portion of the area south of 32nd Avenue is also open space and includes King's Walk Golf Course, Sheel's Sports Complex, Ulland Complex and Ryan Park.

The areas along Gateway Drive are also primarily commercial in land use, but also include some areas of industrial and institutional. Downtown Grand Forks is a mix of commercial and institutional land uses as well.

Other major industrial areas are located on the northernmost edge of the City, north of Gateway Drive and northeast of Washington Street. Industrial land uses are concentrated along the Burlington North – Santa Fe (BNSF) rail line and west of Interstate 29, south of DeMers Avenue.

Park Asset Inventory

As a part of the planning process, we reference the guidelines outlined by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines Manual.

PARK CLASSIFICATION

NRPA recommends creating a park classification system to serve as a guide for organizing an agency's parks. Mini Park, Neighborhood Park, School-Park, Community Park, and Large Urban Park are the five classifications for parks recognized by the NRPA. Commonly, School-Parks are included into the Neighborhood Park category and Large Urban Parks are included in the Community Park category. Other open space categories recognized by the NRPA are Natural Resource Areas, Greenways, Sports Complexes, Special Use, and Private Park / Recreation Facility.

Grand Forks Park District has a total of three Mini Parks that range from .32 acres to 1.3 acres. The District has 16 Neighborhood Parks that range from 1.5 to 14.9 acres in size. The average size of Grand Forks Park District's Neighborhood Parks is 7.75 acres. There are 12 Community Parks located throughout the District ranging from 18 acres in size to over 124 acres. In addition to Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks, the District also owns and manages six different Special Use sites and two Bike Paths. In addition to the developed open space, there are also two undeveloped parcels of land, totally approximately 18 acres.

Park Classification			
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 0.25 mile distance in a residential setting.	Between .32 and 1.3 acres in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	0.25 to 0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	1.5 to 14.9 acres in size.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. GFPD has a minimum size of 18 acres.
Special Use	Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities. Generally designed for active recreation and focus on meeting community based recreation needs.	No applicable standard.	Variable, depending on desired amenity.
Bike Path	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	No applicable standard.

MINI PARKS

.25 mile service area

Mini parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, and seating. These parks usually do not include parking.

These parks are located in residential areas and their service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to access the park (e.g. highway, railroad corridor, natural features). These parks typically serve residents within a .25 mile walkable distance and 0.5 acres of Mini Park open space is preferred per every 1,000 people.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

.25 to .5 mile service area

Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces. Elements in these parks often include playgrounds, picnic areas, sports fields, and trail systems.

Neighborhood Parks are located in residential areas and serve residents within a 10-minute, .5 mile walk. Some Neighborhood Parks provide limited parking spaces. Neighborhood Park “service areas” do not include residents that must cross a planning area boundary. In a residential setting, 2.0 acres of Neighborhood Park open space is designated per every 1,000 people.

COMMUNITY PARKS

1 to 3 mile service area

Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks preserve unique landscapes, and often serve the community as gathering places and general athletics. Elements in these parks include playgrounds, pavilions, trails and path systems, multiple sport courts and fields.

Community Parks are viewed as destinations and typically require travel by automobile for programmed recreation. These parks generally include adequate parking. Community Parks have a 1 to 3 mile service area and 7.5 acres of Community Park open space is preferred per every 1,000 people.

SPECIAL USE

No applicable service area

Special Use facilities focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. Often, these spaces, both indoor and outdoor, are designed as single-use recreation activities. Examples of Special Use facilities include golf courses, nature centers, recreation centers, and museums. There is no established service area or level of service standard for Special Use facilities.

BIKE PATH

No applicable service area

Bike Paths effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.

Park and Open Space Matrix

The following tables were completed for District's existing parks, existing natural areas, and planned parks as a part of the Inventory & Analysis Phase of the master plan. It reflects the current inventory of the District's park acreage, uses and amenities.

Each park was classified and grouped based on NRPA park classification standards as Mini Park, Neighborhood Park, Community Park, Natural Area, Special Use, or Bike Path. There is also a category for undeveloped land, or land which the District currently owns or leases, but has not yet been developed with site amenities. For all categories of parks, distinction is made between which parks are owned or leased. Acreage information was obtained through the titles, deeds, leases, or plat of surveys.

IN ALL, GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT OWNS OR MANAGES A TOTAL OF 970.52 ACRES.

All amenities were quantified and noted in order to understand the District's total recreational offerings. The District has 33 picnic shelters, 29 playgrounds, 40 baseball / softball fields, 34 soccer fields, and 30 tennis courts. Twelve of the 42 parks feature temporary ice skating and ice hockey rinks for use nearly year round. In addition to winter activities, the District manages two outdoor pools and three splash pads.

ACRES		TRAILS		FACILITIES				DAY USE FACILITIES				SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS								WATER BASED FACILITIES				OTHER		NATURAL FEATURES													
Acreage (owned)	Acreage (leased)	Multi-Use Trails (miles)	Access to Greenway	Indoor Recreation Facility	Warming Shelter	Restrooms	Concessions	Picnic Shelter	Covered Picnic Tables	Dog Park	Sledding Hill	Playground	Amphitheater	Sculpture / Memorial / Meditation	Skate Park	Basketball	Baseball / Softball	Batting Cages	Cross Country Stilling	Disc Golf (holes)	Football	Golf	Horseshoes	Soccer	Tennis	Volleyball	Fishing allowed	Ice Skating Rink	Ice Hockey Rink	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	On-Street Parking	Parking Lot	Creek / River	Open Water	Wetland	Floodplain / Floodway	Stormwater Retention / Detention	Natural Area and/or Gardens

Mini Parks																																									
Half Circle	0.62								1																																
Independence Park	1.3				1			1																																Y	
Midtown Park	0.32										1					0.5																									Y
Mini Park Acreage	2.24	0.00																																							
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Neighborhood Parks																																										
Abbott Complex	2.7								1	2						3.5																					Y	Y				
Ben Franklin Park	9.5				1	1					1					1.5	2							1			1	1								Y	Y					
Cox Park	5.7				1	1					1					2				1			1					1	1						Y	Y						
Exchange Club Park	7.4				1	1						2				1								1			1	1									Y	Y			Y	
Jaycees Park		8.9	Y		1	1			1	2		1				1	1										1	1						Y	Y			Y	Y			
Kannowski Park		1.5	Y	Y							1																												Y			
Kelly Park	3.2				1	1					1						1											1	1								Y	Y				
Kiwanis Park	14.9										1		1				1			1			1			1	1							Y				Y				
Lincoln Complex	2.3		Y	Y												1								2																		
Masonic Park	7.1		Y								1																															
Prime Steel Park	7								1	2		1				1	1																							Y		
Richards West Park		7.4				1		1			1					1	1																									
Ryan Lake Park	24				1			2																		Y																
Symington Park	3.3																							4													Y					
Williamson Park	13.4			Y							1		1								2																				Y	
Wilmar Park	3.6											1				0.5	1							2																		Y
Neighborhood Park Acreage	104.1	17.8																																								
		121.9																																								

Community Parks																																										
Altru Wellness Village	44				Y				1					1	1											6						1		Y	Y		Y	Y				
Apollo-Kraft Athletic Complex	27.3							1	1	3				1			6	1																								
Bringewatt Park	18					1	1	1	2			1	1			0.5									24	6											Y	Y				
Elks Park	9.9					1	1	1	1	6			1												1		1	1	1	1												
Lincoln Drive Park		124.1	Y			1	1	5		1	1	1	1						1	33			9			1	Y	1	1	1							Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lion's Park / Veterans Memorial Park	35.2		Y			1	1	3	2			1					1							1	6		1	1								Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Optimist Park	18.3		Y			1	1	1	2			1					1	2						2			1	1													Y	
Riverside Park and Pool		38.6	Y	Y		1	2	1	4			1	1	1		2.5									4		Y	1	1	1						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sertoma Park	22.1		Y				1	2	1		2		1																												Y	
Sheel's Sports Complex	35.6																2		1			2																			Y	
Ulland Complex	67.4		Y			2	2	2		2							16																								Y	
University Park	18.2		Y	Y	1	1	4	2	1		1		1			2							4	4			1	1		1	Y	Y										
Community Park Acreage	296.0	162.7																																								
		458.7																																								

Total Existing Park Acreage		402.34	180.5	11	3	3	11	21	7	33	27	1	1	29	1	5	0	14	40	1	1	33	6	0	15	33	30	7	3	12	12	2	3	26	24	4	7	2	5	5	7
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	ACRES		TRAILS	FACILITIES										DAY USE FACILITIES										SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS										WATER BASED FACILITIES				OTHER		NATURAL FEATURES									
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Special Use																																																	
King's Walk Golf Course	215.1		Y				Y	1																																									
Lagrange Park / Skateboard Park	0.5														1																			Y		Y	Y												
Lincoln Golf Course	127		Y	Y			Y	1											Y															Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y								
St. Mary's Triangle		0.02																																Y															
Park Maintenance	15.9																																																
Police Triangle Park	0.1																																																
Reeves Triangle Park	0.24																																																
Skidmore Park	0.28																																										Y						
Total Special Use Park Acreage	359.1	0.0																																															
		359.1																																															
Bike Paths																																																	
Hakke Strip	9.7		Y																																														
42nd Street Bike Path	0.74		Y																																														
Total Greenway Park Acreage	10.4	0.0																																															
		10.4																																															
Undeveloped/Planned Parks Type																																																	
Crary Development	N	12.6																																															
Shadyridge Development	N	5.5																																												Y			
Total Undeveloped Park Acreage	18.1	0.0																																															
Total Other Park Acreage	387.7	0.0																																															
Total Land Holdings	790.00	180.52	15	4	3	11	23	9	33	27	1	1	29	1	5	1	14	40	1	2	33	6	27	15	33	30	7	3	12	12	2	3	28	27	6	9	3	7	5	9									
Total Acreage	970.52																																																

Park and Open Space Level of Service Analysis

The Level of Service (LOS) guidelines are ratios representing the minimum amount of recreation facilities needed to meet the demands of a community.

According to National Recreation and Parks Association, the LOS should:

- Be practicable and achievable
- Provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout a community; there should be equal opportunity access for all citizens
- Reflect the real-time demand of the citizens for park and recreation opportunities

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

The NRPA’s population ratio method (acres/1,000 population) emphasizes the direct relationship between recreation spaces and people and is the most common method of estimating an agency’s level of service for parkland and open space. The baseline standard according to this method is 10 acres/1,000 population. The upcoming tables calculate the existing and proposed Level of Service for the District using this ratio.

When Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks are used in the equation, the Park District has a Level of Service of 10.57 acres per 1,000 population. This is a surplus of 31.26 acres over the NPRA recommended 548.28 acres.

Population: 54,828

LEVEL OF SERVICE - OWNED AND LEASED

Classification	GFPD	GFPD	NRPA	NRPA	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
	Acreage (Total)	Existing Level of Service (acres/1,000 pop.)	Recommended Acreage	Recommended Level of Service (acres/1,000 pop.)	
Mini Park	2.24	0.04	27.41	0.50	-25.17
Neighborhood Park	121.90	2.22	109.66	2.00	12.24
Community Park	458.70	8.37	411.21	7.50	47.49
Total Parks	582.84	10.63	548.28	10.00	34.56

Recommended acreage is based on the existing population of 54,828

When all owned and managed open space, including Special Use and Bike Paths, are adding to the Level of Service analysis, the District has a surplus of 404.14 acres of open space. The Level of Service for all open space is 17.37 acres per 1,000 population, 150% more than the NRPA recommended 10 acres per 1,000 population.

Population: 54,828

LEVEL OF SERVICE - ALL MANAGED OPEN SPACE

Classification	GFPD Acreage (Total)	GFPD	NRPA Recommended Acreage	NRPA	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
		Existing Level of Service (acres/1,000 pop.)		Recommended Level of Service (acres/1,000 pop.)	
Mini Park	2.24	0.04	27.41	0.50	-25.17
Neighborhood Park	121.90	2.22	109.66	2.00	12.24
Community Park	458.70	8.37	411.21	7.50	47.49
Special Use	359.14	6.55	0.00	0.00	359.14
Bike Paths	10.44	0.19	0.00	0.00	10.44
Total Parks	952.42	17.37	548.28	10.00	404.14

Recommended acreage is based on the existing population of 54,828

Service Area Analysis

Planning areas are used for the analysis of land acquisition and park facility redevelopment of needs. Planning areas are delineated by major pedestrian barriers, including major roads or highways, railroad corridors and extreme natural features.

The location and geographic distribution of parks offer an indication of how well a District is serving its residents. By understanding where parks are located in relationship to residential development, we are able to understand who is underserved. This exercise may reveal the need for acquisition in underserved areas of the District, or may reveal that the District is serving the residents well and should shift their focus into maintaining or updating their amenities.

METHODOLOGY

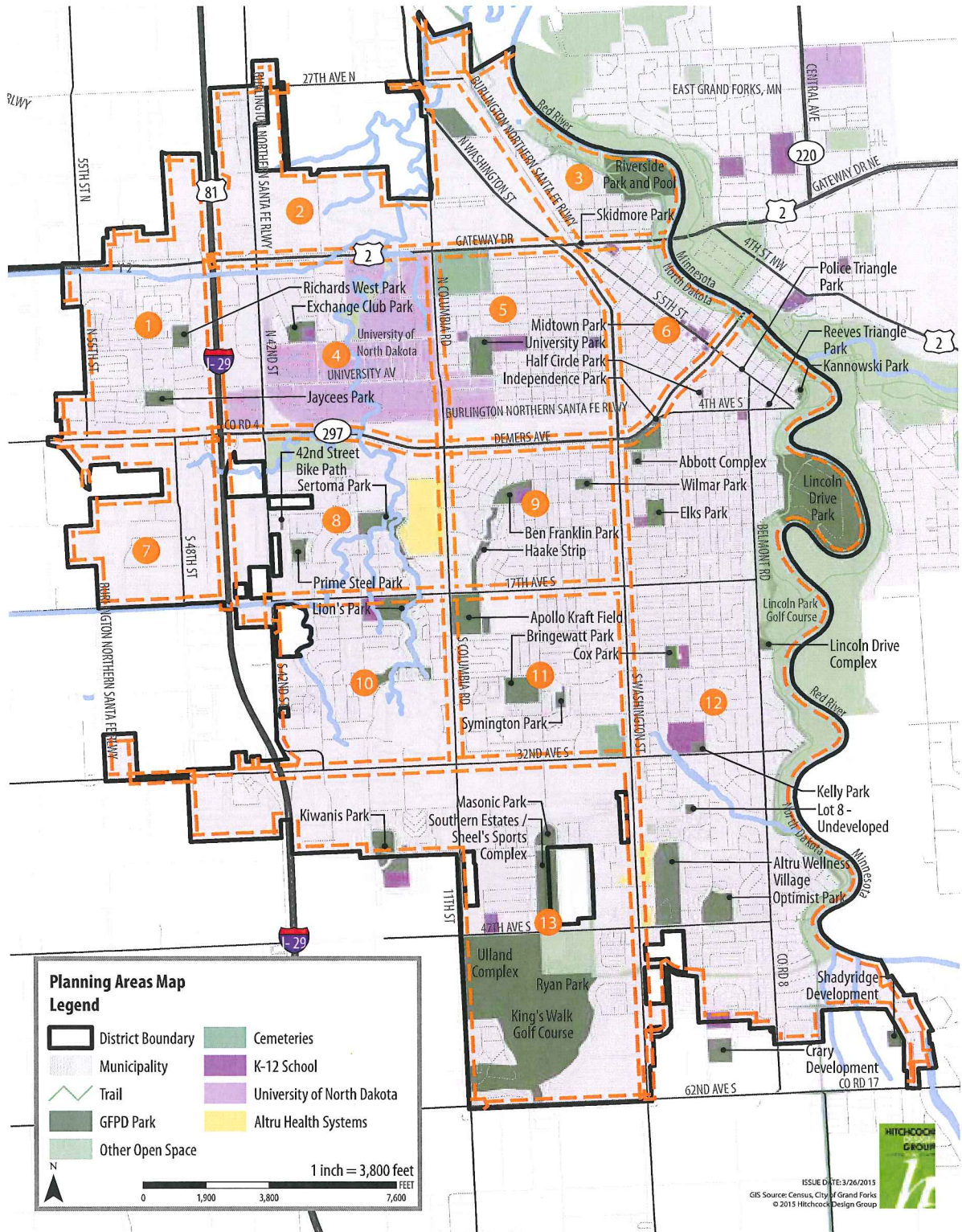
In the District, the main arterial and collector roads serve as the main pedestrian barriers. These pedestrian barriers created the planning areas within the District. There are 13 in all.

After the District was divided into planning areas, the geographic distribution of the parks and open spaces were analyzed. Demographics for each service area were gathered, further informing the level of service analysis for each planning area.

First, a service area—illustrated in the maps with orange—was created around each individual park. The shape of each service area around each park is determined by the analyzing the real distance – a quarter-mile, half-mile, or one-mile distance – one can travel from the park. The size of the service area is dependent on the park classification. The table on page 26 notes the various service area distances for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks.

Next, the service area buffers for Mini and Neighborhood Parks were clipped to the planning area boundaries in which the park is located. This is done because these boundaries are considered impassable or nearly impassable by pedestrians and Mini and Neighborhood Parks are walk-to or walkable destination facilities. For Community Parks, the boundaries were not clipped because these parks are seen as drive-to destinations.

Finally, the service area maps and other related maps were overlaid and analyzed to determine what areas are most and least served by the park system. The most served areas are illustrated by the dark orange while the least served areas are illustrated by the lack of orange. The orange service area buffers overlap to form a gradient that illustrates the degree to which residents are served. The darker the orange, the more well-served these residents are. Those residents who fall within the darker orange area are served by multiple parks and their amenities.



Mini Park Service Area Analysis

Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, seating, and landscaping.

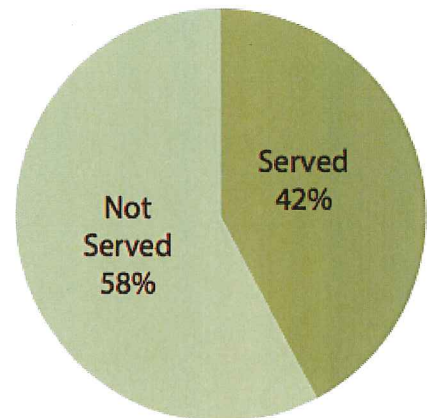
The purpose of the Mini Park service area study is to determine which planning areas are under-served by the District existing Mini Park land holdings. Currently, the District has three Mini Parks that range from .32 acres to 1.3 acres in size.

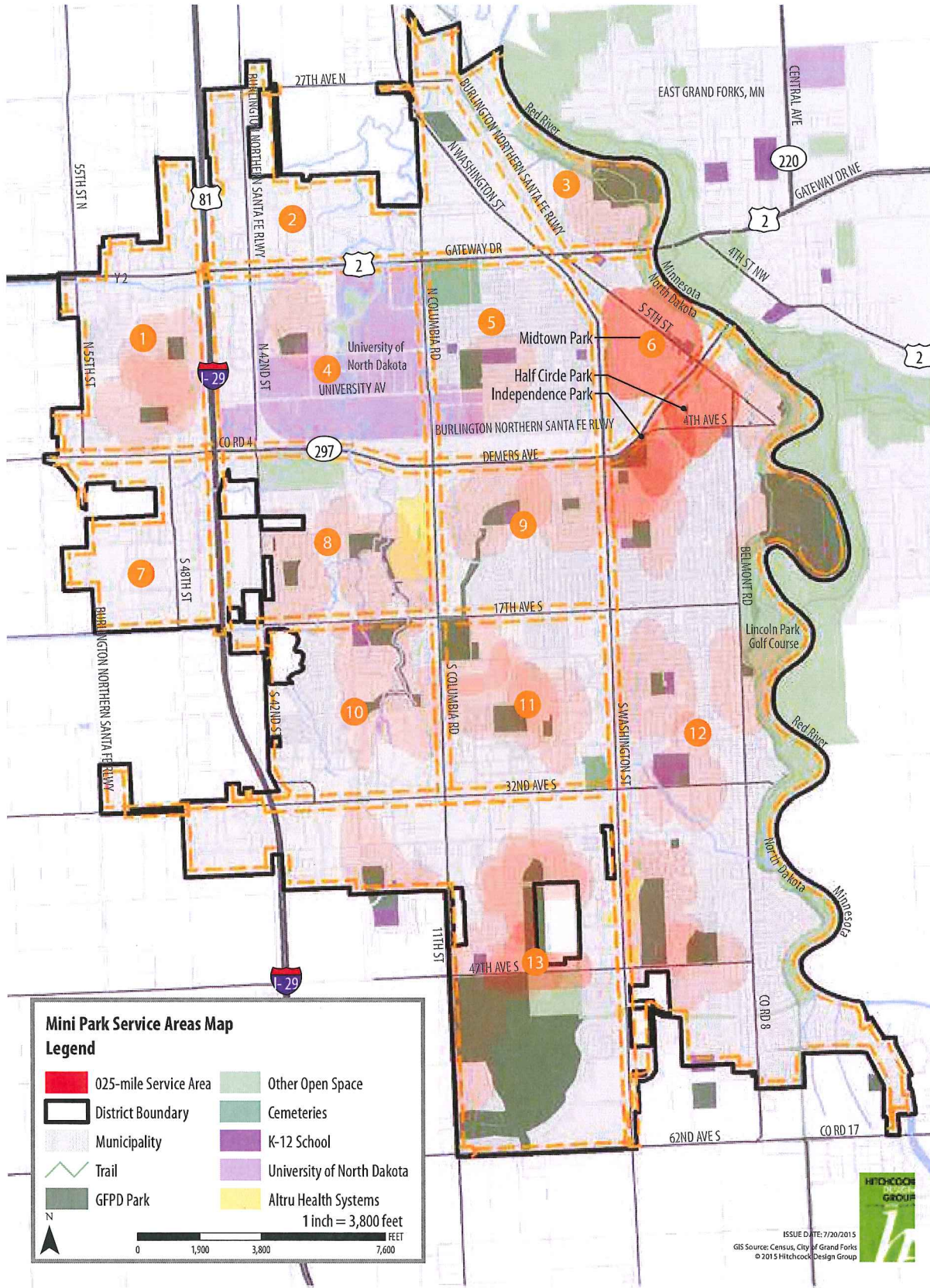
THE MINI PARK SERVICE AREA MAP ILLUSTRATES A 0.25-MILE SERVICE RADIUS (SHOWN IN DARK ORANGE) AROUND EACH EXISTING MINI PARK.

This plan also illustrates a 0.25-mile service area (shown in light orange) for Neighborhood and Community Parks as these parks can also serve the function of a Mini Park for those residents within a 0.25-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines, Mini Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park. The service areas, as seen on the map to the left, have thus been clipped at all planning area boundaries.

The map to the right illustrates that there are potential gaps in service area coverage. Mini Parks are located in Planning Areas 6 and 12. While there are only two, because the Neighborhood and Community Parks are also shown with a 0.25-mile service area, many Planning Areas have access to a park that serves their Mini Park needs.

More than 42% of Grand Forks Park District residents have access to a Mini, Neighborhood, or Community Park within a quarter-mile of their homes. This equates to 23,175 residents who have walkable access to Park District parks and open spaces. Special Use and Natural Areas are not included in this analysis.



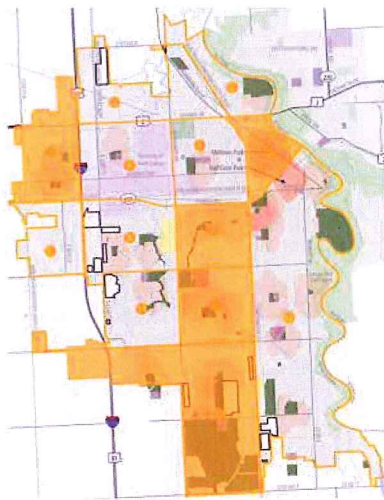


Population Analysis - Near Mini, Neighborhood or Community Parks

This analysis compares the number of residents living within a 0.25-mile of a Mini, Neighborhood, or Community Park in an individual planning area and compares it to the total population within that same planning area. The overall distribution analysis is important, but drilling down to individual planning areas begins to reveal where residents live and where acquisition and development priorities may be. By understanding where residents live, the Park District will be able to better gauge where potential investments will impact the most people.

SERVED PLANNING AREAS

>50% OF POPULATION ARE WITHIN 0.25-MILE OF A MINI PARK

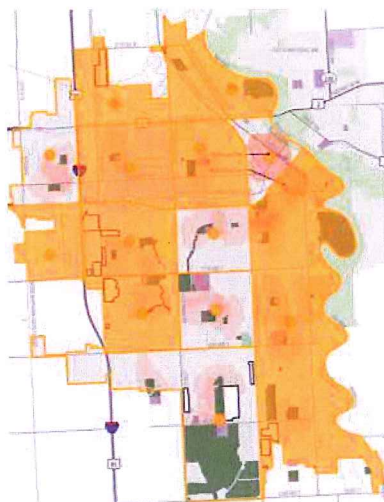


The diagram displays all planning areas where 50% or more of the residents have access to a Mini Park within a quarter-mile walk from their homes. The information is organized by number of residents served compared to the total planning area population. The planning areas are:

Planning Area 6 (1,865 served: 2,684 total)	69%
Planning Area 1 (1,890 served: 2,839 total)	67%
Planning Area 11 (3,699 served: 5,619 total)	66%
Planning Area 13 (1,683 served: 3,215 total)	52%
Planning Area 9 (2,243 served: 4,410 total)	51%

UNDERSERVED PLANNING AREAS

<50% OF POPULATION ARE WITHIN 0.25-MILE OF A MINI PARK



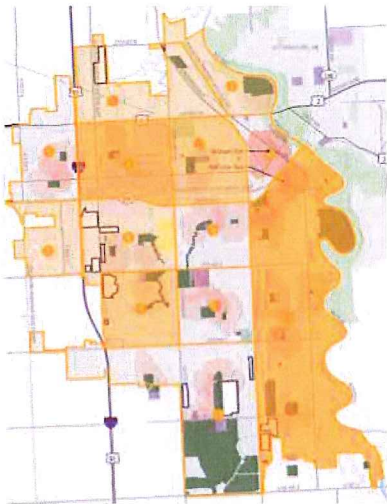
The diagram displays all planning areas where less than 50% of the residents have access to a Mini, Neighborhood or Community Park within a quarter-mile walk from their homes. The information is organized by number of residents served compared to the total planning area population. The planning areas are:

Planning Area 7 (0 served: 6 total)	0%
Planning Area 2 (0 served: 335 total)	0%
Planning Area 4 (816 served: 8,051 total)	10%
Planning Area 5 (846 served: 4,750 total)	18%
Planning Area 10 (1,334 served: 4,361 total)	31%
Planning Area 3 (278 served: 784 total)	35%
Planning Area 8 (1,098 served: 2,384 total)	46%
Planning Area 12 (7,423 served: 15,402 total)	48%

DEFICIENCY RANKING

RANKING BASED ON RESIDENT IMPACT

Ranking based on the total amount of underserved residents within the planning area.



Most Deficient / Lowest LOS (more than 7,000 not served):

Planning Area 12	7,959
Planning Area 4	7,235

Average LOS (between 1,000 and 6,999 not served):

Planning Area 5	3,904
Planning Area 10	3,027
Planning Area 9	2,167
Planning Area 11	1,920
Planning Area 13	1,532
Planning Area 8	1,286

Least Deficient / Highest LOS (less than 999 not served):

Planning Area 1	949
Planning Area 6	819
Planning Area 3	506
Planning Area 2	335
Planning Area 7	6

Neighborhood Park Service Area Analysis

Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces.

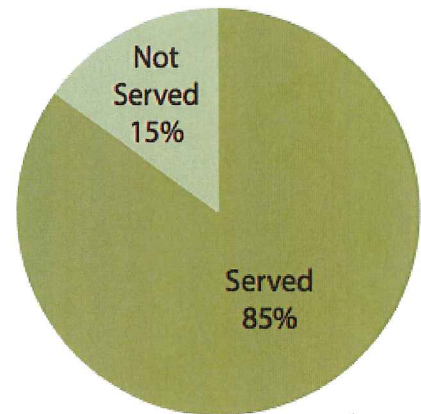
The purpose of the Neighborhood Park service area study is to determine which planning areas are under-served by District existing Neighborhood Park land holdings. Currently, the District has 16 Neighborhood Parks that range from 1.5 acres to 14.9 acres in size.

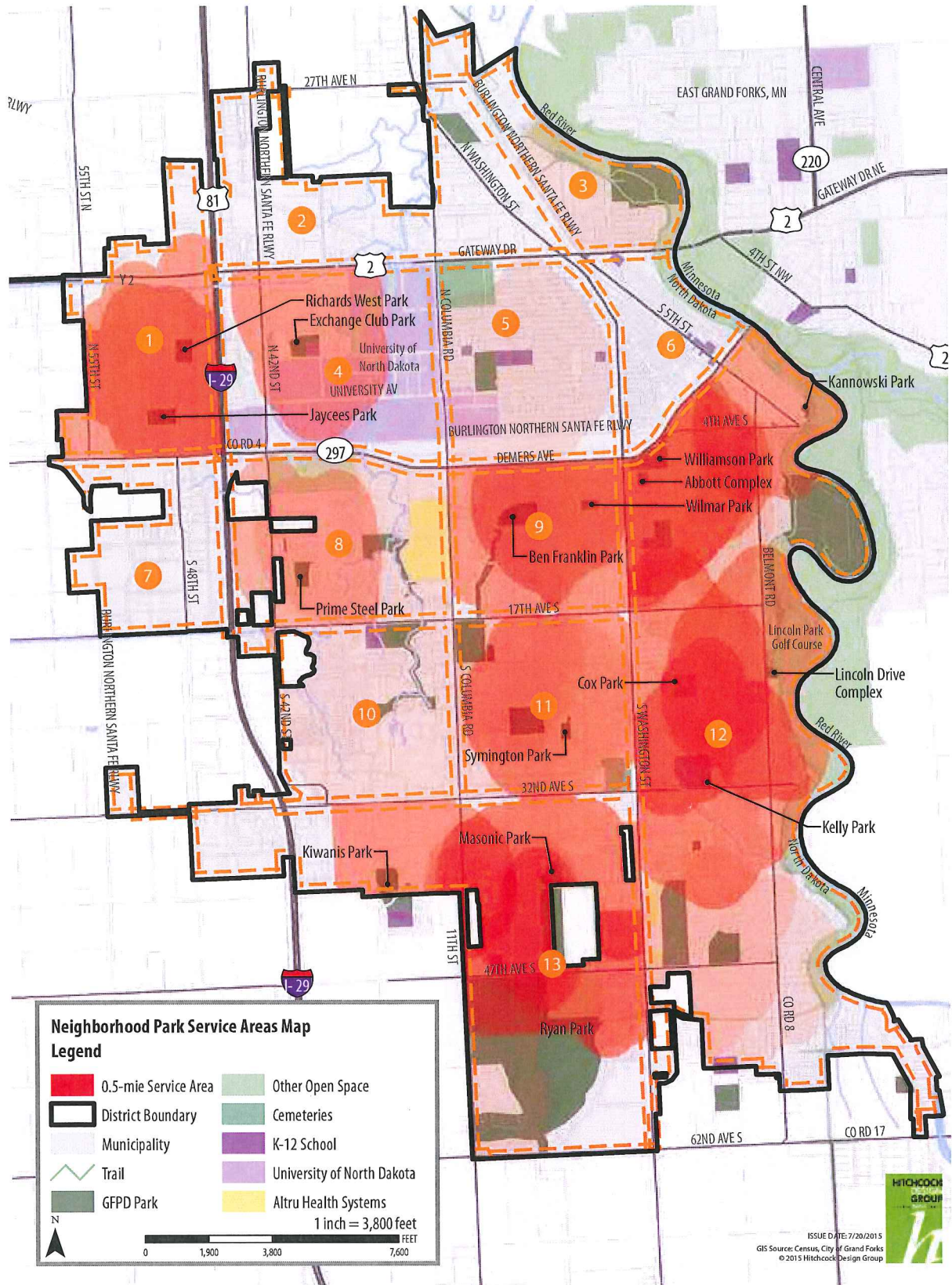
THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SERVICE AREA MAP ILLUSTRATES A 0.5-MILE SERVICE RADIUS (SHOWN IN DARK ORANGE) AROUND EACH EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

This plan also illustrates a 0.5-mile service area (shown in light orange) for Community Parks as these parks can also serve the function of a Neighborhood Park for those residents within a 0.5-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines, Neighborhood Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park. The service areas, as seen on the map to the left, have thus been clipped to all planning area boundaries.

Neighborhood Parks are concentrated in Planning Areas 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13. The planning areas where Neighborhood Parks are located appear to be very well-served. Many of the other planning areas do not have Neighborhood Parks, but do have Community Parks. In these planning areas, Community Parks served the Neighborhood Park function for those residents within a 0.5-mile distance from the park. Planning areas that do not have any Neighborhood or Community Parks are Planning Areas 2, 6, and 7.

In the Grand Forks Park District, 46,570 residents have access to a Neighborhood or Community Park within a half-mile of their homes. This equals about 85% of the population who has walkable access to Neighborhood and Community Park assets.



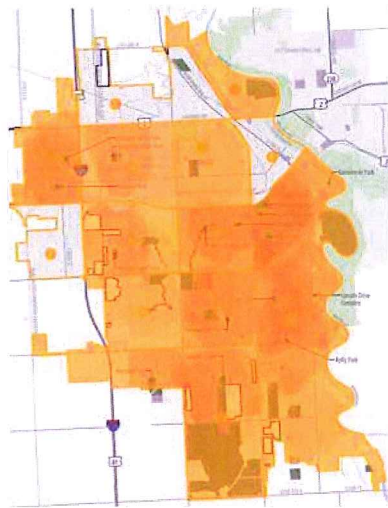


Population Analysis

This analysis compares the number of residents living within a 0.5-mile of a Neighborhood, or Community Park in an individual planning area and compares it to the total population within that same planning area. The overall distribution analysis is important, but drilling down to individual planning areas begins to reveal where residents live and where acquisition and development priorities may be. By understanding where residents live, the Park District will be able to better gauge where potential investments will impact the most people.

SERVED PLANNING AREAS

>50% OF POPULATION IS WITHIN 0.5 MILE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

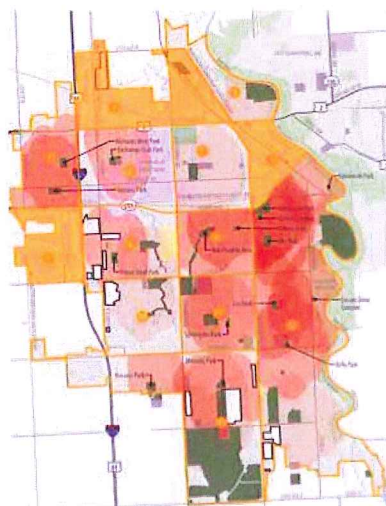


The diagram displays all planning areas where 50% or more of the residents have access to a Neighborhood or Community Park within a half-mile walk from their homes. The information is organized by number of residents served compared to the total planning area population. The planning areas are:

Planning Area 1 (2,839 served: 2,839 total)	100%
Planning Area 3 (782 served: 784 total)	100%
Planning Area 11 (5,619 served: 5,619 total)	100%
Planning Area 9 (4,410 served: 4,410 total)	100%
Planning Area 12 (15,057 served: 15,402 total)	98%
Planning Area 5 (4,437 served: 4,750 total)	93%
Planning Area 10 (3,468 served: 4,361 total)	80%
Planning Area 13 (2,433 served: 3,215 total)	76%
Planning Area 8 (1,794 served: 2,384 total)	75%
Planning Area 4 (5,741 served: 8,051 total)	71%

UNDERSERVED PLANNING AREAS

<50% OF POPULATION IS WITHIN 0.5 MILE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



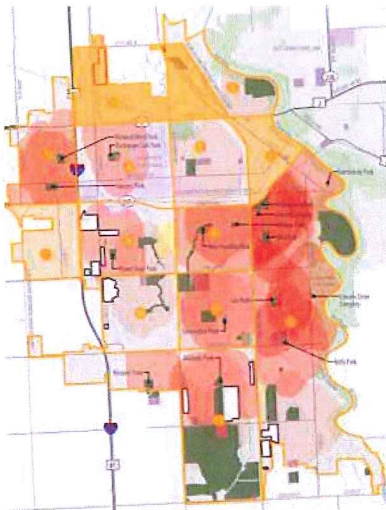
The diagram displays all planning areas where less than 50% of the residents have access to a Neighborhood or Community Park within a half-mile walk from their homes. The following information is organized by number of residents served out of total residents within the planning area. The planning areas are:

Planning Area 2 (0 served: 355 total)	0%
Planning Area 6 (0 served: 2,684 total)	0%
Planning Area 7 (0 served: 6 total)	0%

DEFICIENCY RANKING

RANKING BASED ON RESIDENT IMPACT

Ranking based on the total amount of underserved residents within the planning area.



Most Deficient / Lowest LOS (more than 2,000 not served):

Planning Area 6 2,684

Least Deficient / Highest LOS (less than 2,000 not served):

Planning Area 2 355

Planning Area 7 6

COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE AREA ANALYSIS

Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks preserve unique landscapes, and often serve the community as gathering and general team sport spaces.

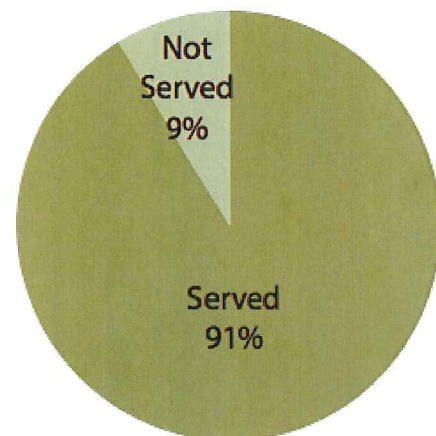
The purpose of the Community Park service area study is to determine the location of gaps in Community Park service area coverage. Currently, the District has 12 Community Parks that range from 1 acre to 124.1 acres in size.

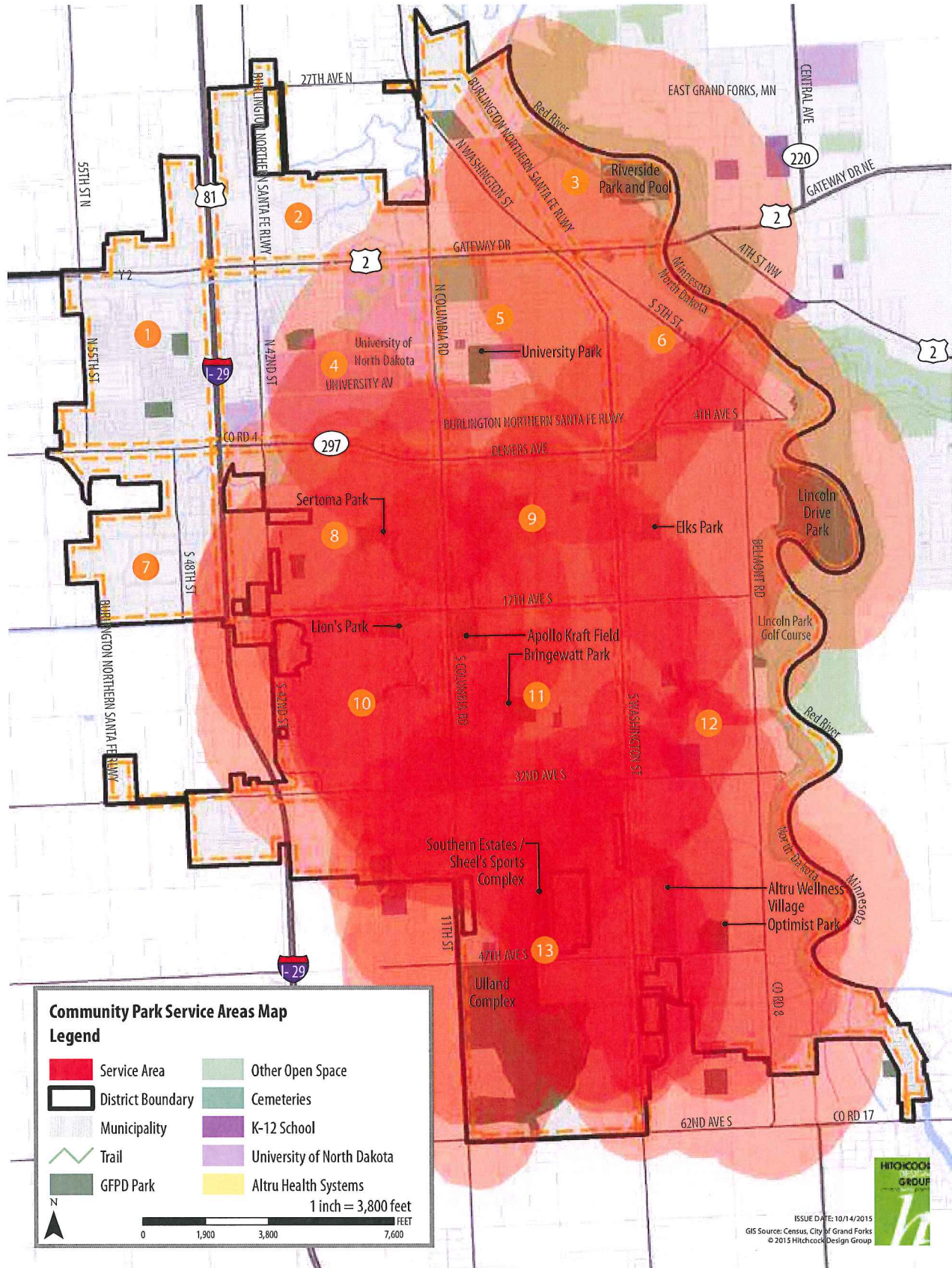
THE COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE AREA MAP ILLUSTRATES A 1.0-MILE SERVICE RADIUS (SHOWN IN DARK ORANGE) AROUND EACH EXISTING COMMUNITY PARK.

Unlike Mini and Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks are considered a drive-to recreation destination. The service areas, therefore, are not limited to the boundary of the planning area in which they are located. These drive-to destinations cover multiple planning areas and are more regional destinations.

Much of the District has drive-to access to a Community Park within 1.0-mile. The northwest area of the District; however, appears to be deficient in Community Park open space. Residents in Planning Areas 1, 2, and 7 do not have access to a Community Park within 1.0-mile from their homes.

According to the population analysis, 50,063 (91.31%) of Grand Forks Park District residents have access to a Community Park



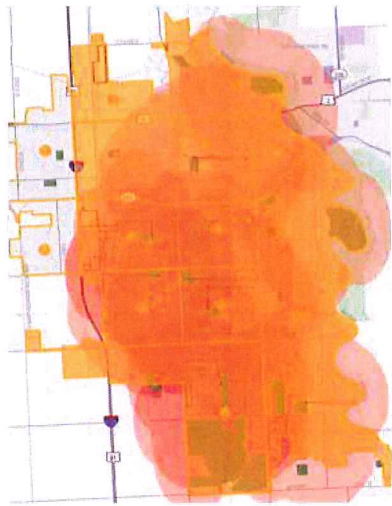


Community Park Population Analysis

This analysis compares the number of residents living within one-mile of a Community Park in an individual planning area and compares it to the total population within that same planning area. The overall distribution analysis is important, but drilling down to individual planning areas begins to reveal where residents live and where acquisition and development priorities may be. By understanding where residents live, the Park District will be able to better gauge where potential investments will impact the most people.

SERVED AREAS

MORE THAN 75% SERVED BY A COMMUNITY PARK

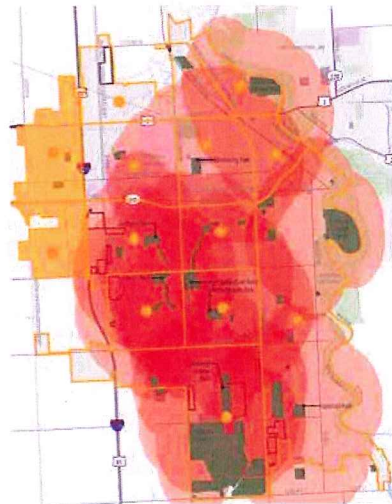


The map indicates in yellow all areas where residents have access to a Grand Forks Park District Community Park within 1.0-mile of their residence.

Planning Area 3	100%
Planning Area 5	100%
Planning Area 6	100%
Planning Area 8	100%
Planning Area 9	100%
Planning Area 10	100%
Planning Area 11	100%
Planning Area 12	100%
Planning Area 13	100%
Planning Area 2	98%
Planning Area 4	77%

UNDERSERVED AREAS

LESS THAN 75% SERVED BY A COMMUNITY PARK

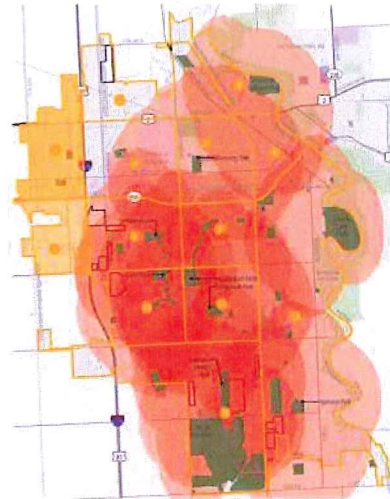


The map indicates in yellow the areas where residents do not have access to a Grand Forks Park District Community park within 1.0-mile of their residence.

Planning Area 1	0%
Planning Area 7	33%

DEFICIENCY RANKING

RANKING BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTS NOT SERVED BY A COMMUNITY PARK



The following information outlines the deficiency rankings of the underserved planning areas. It is organized by the total number of residents not served by a Community Park within a mile. Because the Community Park Service Areas are not truncated at planning area boundaries, these areas are designated by numbers, one through three.

High Priority

Planning Area 1 2,839

Low Priority

Planning Area 7 6

Overall Service Area Analysis

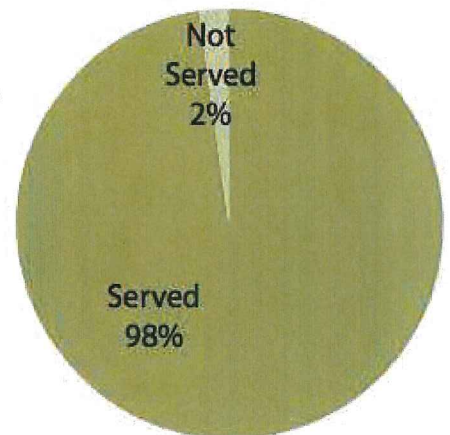
The Overall Service Area analysis illustrates the District-wide deficiencies for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park assets.

The purpose of the Overall Park service area study is to develop a District-wide understanding of the overall geographic distribution and service area for all parks within the District’s system. Natural Areas, Special Use facilities, Parkways, and Undeveloped land holding are not included in this analysis.

THE OVERALL SERVICE AREA MAP ILLUSTRATES THE SERVICE AREAS FOR ALL MINI (0.25-MILE), NEIGHBORHOOD (0.5-MILE), AND COMMUNITY PARKS(1.0-MILE).

Per NRPA Guidelines, the Mini and Neighborhood Park service areas are clipped to the boundaries of the individual planning areas in which they reside. The Community Parks; however, are considered drive-to destinations and are not clipped to any of the planning area boundaries.

With almost 98% coverage, most parks and open space opportunities are located within at least a mile of park district residents. In all, 53,621 residents have access to parks and open space by either walking (.25-.5 mile) or driving up to a mile.



Park and Facility Inventory

This inventory offers a snapshot of the existing conditions for all parks and facilities during the time of this master plan. Aerial photography, character images, observations, and service area information are documented in the following pages.

INTRODUCTION

This section includes a detailed inventory and analysis of each individual park. Listed alphabetically, each spread offers a detailed checklist of the elements present within and around the site. The inventory checklist is outlined in four categories: context, natural features, site characteristics, and uses and programming. Along with the detailed checklist of the site characteristics, the size, tax numbers, year acquired, planning area, and population served are listed. A park amenity matrix provides the quantity of each amenity on a per park basis along with the age of the item on site. Finally, aerial photography and character photos are included.

UTILIZATION

The inventory and analysis of each individual park aids in the development of individual action items - both districtwide “big picture” items and individual “nuts and bolts” items. However, while the inventory and analysis informs the action plan, the information is documented to serve as a general park reference guide. This not only allows for the park district to utilize these pages to reference the existing conditions of each park at the time of the master plan, but also document the ongoing changes and updates to each park as capital improvements and master plan action items are completed.

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Abbott Complex

705 S 12 Street

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	2.7
Tax Number	44180300362000
	44230300052000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to park district offices and Williamson Park.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: East of Washington Street.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Only present along perimeter of courts and parking lot. The rest of the site is paved.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Three full-court and one half-court basketball courts in fair to good condition. Two tennis courts in fair condition - some cracking occurring.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Covered picnic tables and shelter present. Portable restrooms located near half-court basketball. Bike racks located between covered picnic tables.

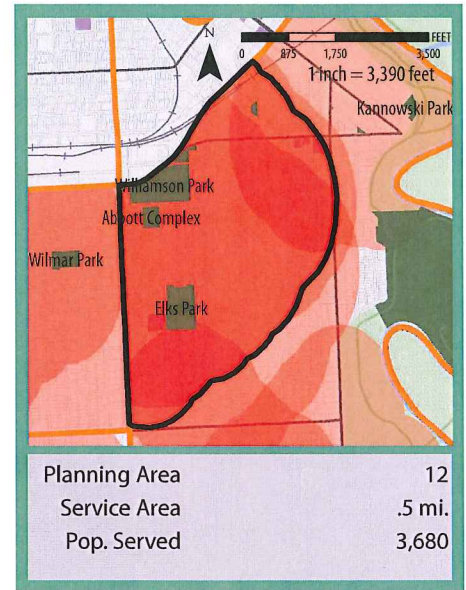
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

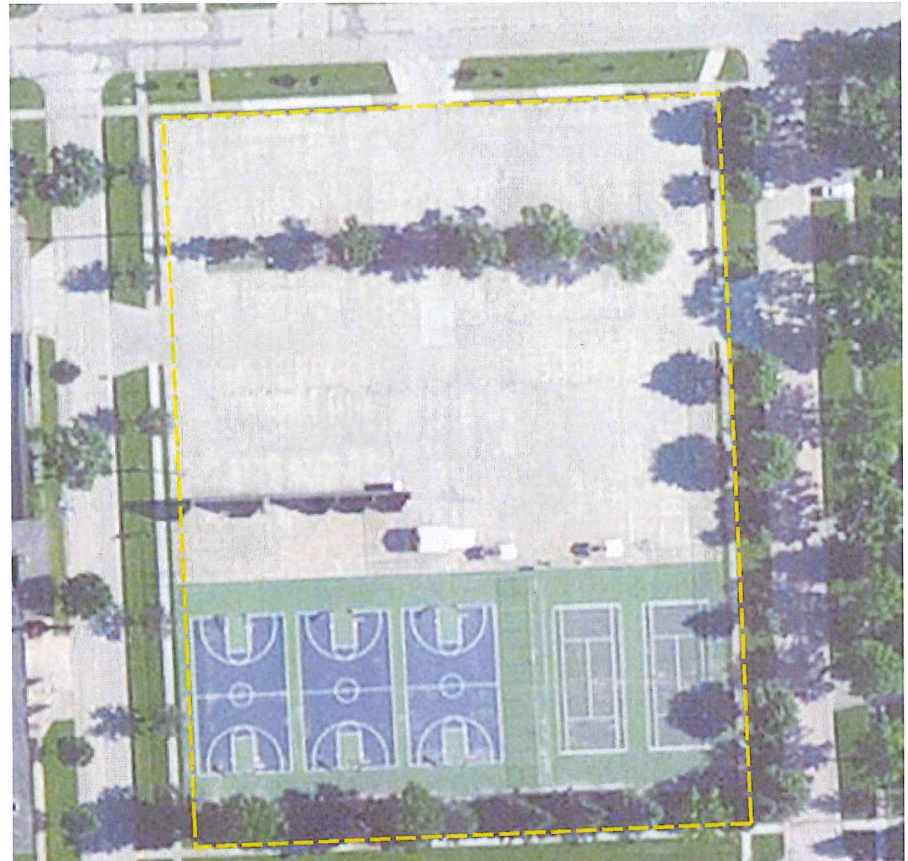


ANALYSIS

Courts are in fair to good condition with newer-looking hoops and nets. Tennis courts are experiencing some wearing and cracking. Both sets of courts appear to have been recently color coated. Half-court basketball is adjacent to three empty stalls for what appear to be racquetball or a similar sport, but no signage or indication what may occur here. If nothing occurs here, the park district may consider reusing these for a similar sport / game or installing additional basketball hoops for more court space.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
3.5		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
2		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden

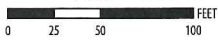


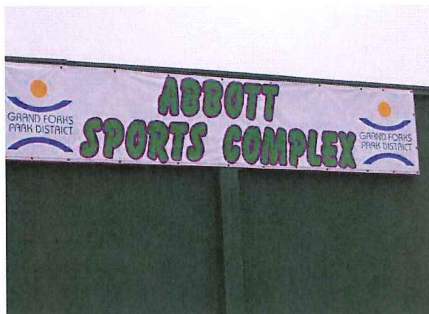
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 100 feet
 FEET



Altru Wellness Village

4401 South 11th St

Classification	Community
Year Acquired	2009
Acres	44
Tax Number	44182400001000
	44182400002000
	44182400003000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: Off of Washington Street.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Notes: Small modular structure for day care / preschool programming.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

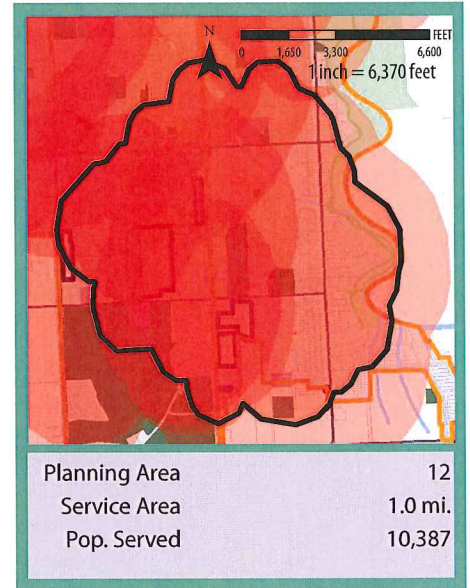
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

There are six new tennis courts and a splash pad on site.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y	2012	Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1	2012	Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
6	2014	Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
1	2014	Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
1		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



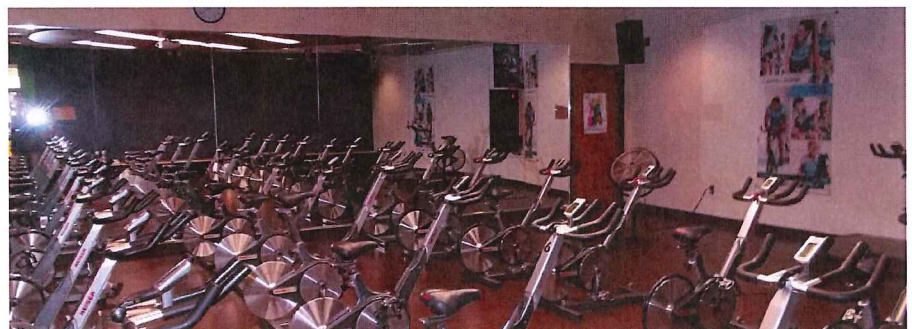
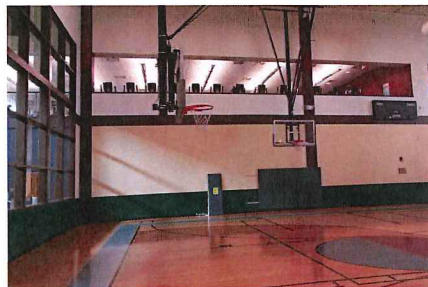
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 650 feet



Apollo-Kraft Athletic Complex

2511 17th Avenue South

Classification	Community
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	27.3
Tax Number	44311700162001
	44320700001004

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Red River High School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: East of Columbia Road.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: Small modular structure with roof on pea gravel surfacings with a wood timber border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Six baseball / softball fields primarily utilized by the University of North Dakota sports teams.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Paths and fan area near softball and baseball fields. No accessible route to playground and shelter amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Score boards for fields are present. Picnic shelters present near fields.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Water and electrical service to concession, sports lighting, and score boards.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Notes: Primarily used by the University of North Dakota. Only two fields are used



ANALYSIS

All fields and backstops in good condition. Kraft field is the only field with artificial turf. Dugouts in good condition. Asphalt paths between fields in fair condition with some holes and cracking. Site includes a playground area; however, there is no path to access the playground from the sports fields or surrounding sidewalks. The shelters, while all have a concrete pad for picnic tables, also do not have any accessible routes to them. Connections between north baseball and softball fields is present but there is not a connection from the north fields to the south fields (including Kraft). Construction of a connection between the north and south would not only connect the athletic fields, but also provide the opportunity to create connections to the playground and some of the shelter areas.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
1		Concessions
3		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
6		Baseball / Softball
1		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



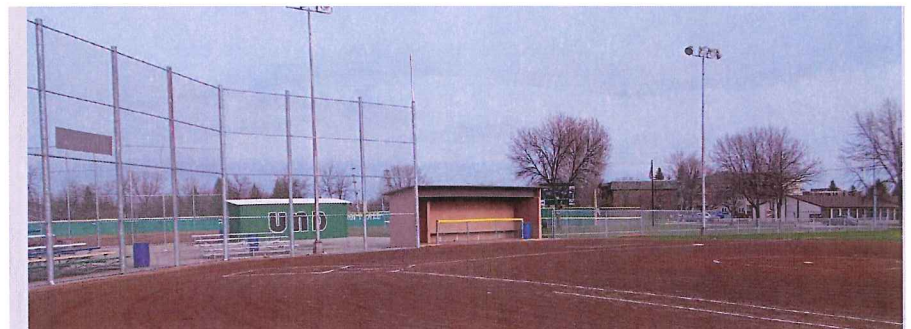
Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park

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1 inch = 320 feet

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Ben Franklin Park

2111 Westward Drive

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Ben Franklin Elementary School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees and shrubs.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: Two modular structures - one large and one small. Independent play elements include horizontal ladder with tire base and two themed spring rockers (car and truck). Pea gravel surfacing and wood timber border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Practice soccer field with small nets. Temporary ice skating / hockey rink.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and warming shelter.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Movable bleachers located next to baseball / softball field. Lighting for ice rink.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Ice rink lighting service

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Neighborhood

Year Acquired

unknown

Acres

9.5

Tax Number

44330700311000



ANALYSIS

The playground on site has two modular structures - one large and one small. Both are in fairly good condition, as are the independent play elements. The play surfacing is pea gravel. Pea gravel is appropriate for up to a five foot fall height. While the smaller structure appears to have a maximum five foot fall height, the larger structure appears to have a fall height of over six foot, thus pea gravel surfacing is not an appropriate safety surface for underneath this structure. An accessible route to the playground and warming structure exists, but there is not an accessible route to the baseball field. The size of the site provides an opportunity for a looping trail that would connect all amenities as well. This would not only provide ADA access but also provide additional recreational value. Besides the bleachers and picnic tables, no other site seating is present.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
1.5		Basketball
2		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 300 feet



Bringewatt Park

2205 24th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Single- and multi-family residential.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Very flat site - graded for soccer and football.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Trees along perimeter and around playground. Majority of site is turf (soccer).

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 4 tot)
- none

Notes: Separated 2-5 and 5-12 areas with their own modular structures. Small play panel composite structure with crawl tube and spring rockers. Sand and pea gravel surfacing with concrete border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Sand volleyball courts with wood timber borders.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to shelter and playground.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Large hexagonal shelter and concession stands. Covered picnic tables near playground.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to concession stand building.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification
Year Acquired
Acres
Tax Number

Community
unknown
18
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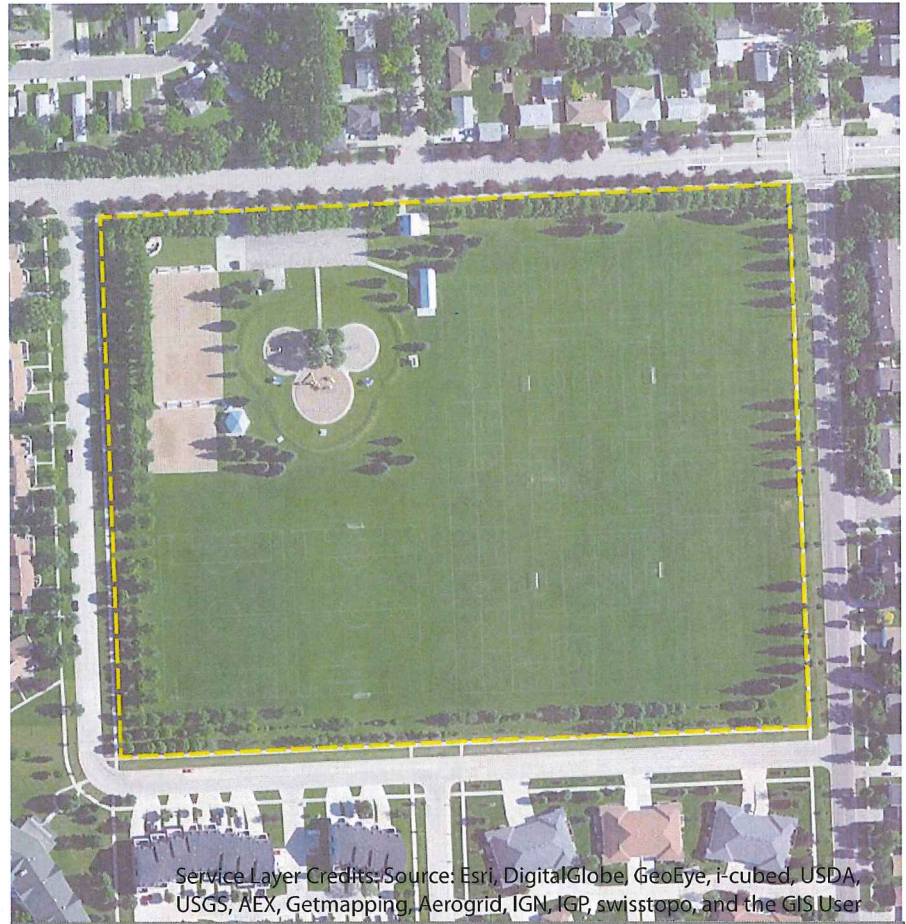
ANALYSIS

With over 24 soccer fields of varying sizes, Bringewatt Park is a regional soccer destination. The turf is in good condition with no apparent drainage issues. Basketball court in very good condition. No cracking present. Volleyball courts in good condition; however, the wood timber border is in poor to fair condition. The border tilts outwards away from the court and appears unstable. Seating present on the north side of the courts as well as centrally between the lower four courts; however, there is no accessible route to any of the concrete paved seating areas. The large hexagonal shelter is connected to the volleyball lower seating area, but is not connected (by an accessible route) to any other amenities.

The playground is in good condition with separate areas for 2-5 and 5-12 age groups. To-fro swing front-rear use zones appear truncated; however, no exact measurements were taken. Park District should confirm that all amenities have at least a 72" use zone on all sides.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
1		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
1		Sculpture/Memorial
0.5		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
24		Soccer
		Tennis
6		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 270 feet



Cox Park

800 24th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Viking Elementary School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees and shrubs.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (3 belt, 1 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: Two large modular structures and one small structure. North play area has sand surfacing and a wood timber border. South play area contains wood fiber surfacing and a concrete curb. Tire swing also included in play elements. Playground land is owned by

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink with lighting present. Soccer field is a practice field.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and warming shelter but not to baseball fields.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Small shelter located east of playground. Bleachers located next to both baseball fields.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

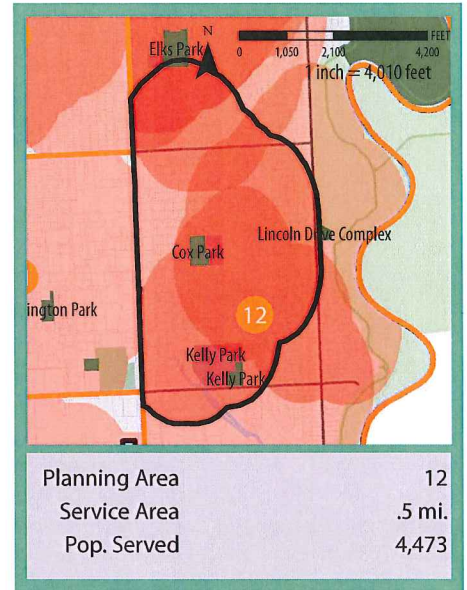
Notes: Ice rink lighting service.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	1955
Acres	5.7
Tax Number	44130300275001



ANALYSIS

Sand surfacing is appropriate for fall heights up to four feet; however the modular structure within the play area that has sand surfacing has a fall height greater than four feet (approximately six feet). Sand is also not recognized as an accessible surface, so while the swings have an ADA swing, the surface prevents an accessible route to get to the play element. The north play area also lacks an accessible ramp into the play container. There is also an older small modular structure (with a fireman's pole, slide, and play panel) that appears to have a designated play surface (2"x 2" surface) on the top of the structural supports. This structure may need to undergo a detailed playground audit to ensure that as the structure ages it remains compliant with ASTM / CPSC standards. The baseball field and water tower have a short chain link fence separating the two uses. A taller, more industrial fence may serve to provide a better buffer. Baseball field appears to hold water along the third base line. Redistributing and refilling the infield clay may resolve this issue or a deeper look at the drainage may be required.

Amenities

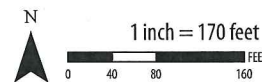
QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
2		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
2		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
1		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



Elks Park and Pool

1002 13th Avenue South

Classification	Community
Year Acquired	1946
Acres	9.9
Tax Number	44311700103001

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Lewis and Clark Elementary School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: East of Washington Street.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: Large 5-12 modular structure and a small modular structure (slide, pole, play panel). Spring rocker. Pea gravel surfacing with concrete curb. Splash pad with overhead and ground sprays also present.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to all amenities (playground, warming shelter).

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Warming shelter located near ice rinks. Picnic shelter and covered picnic tables near playground.

Utilities

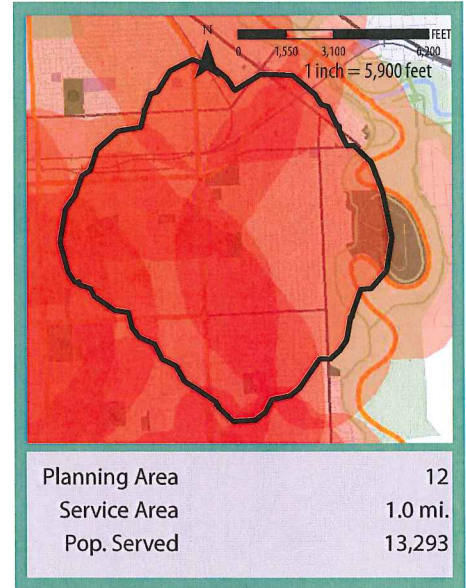
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Spray pad and pool water service. Ice rink lighting electrical service.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



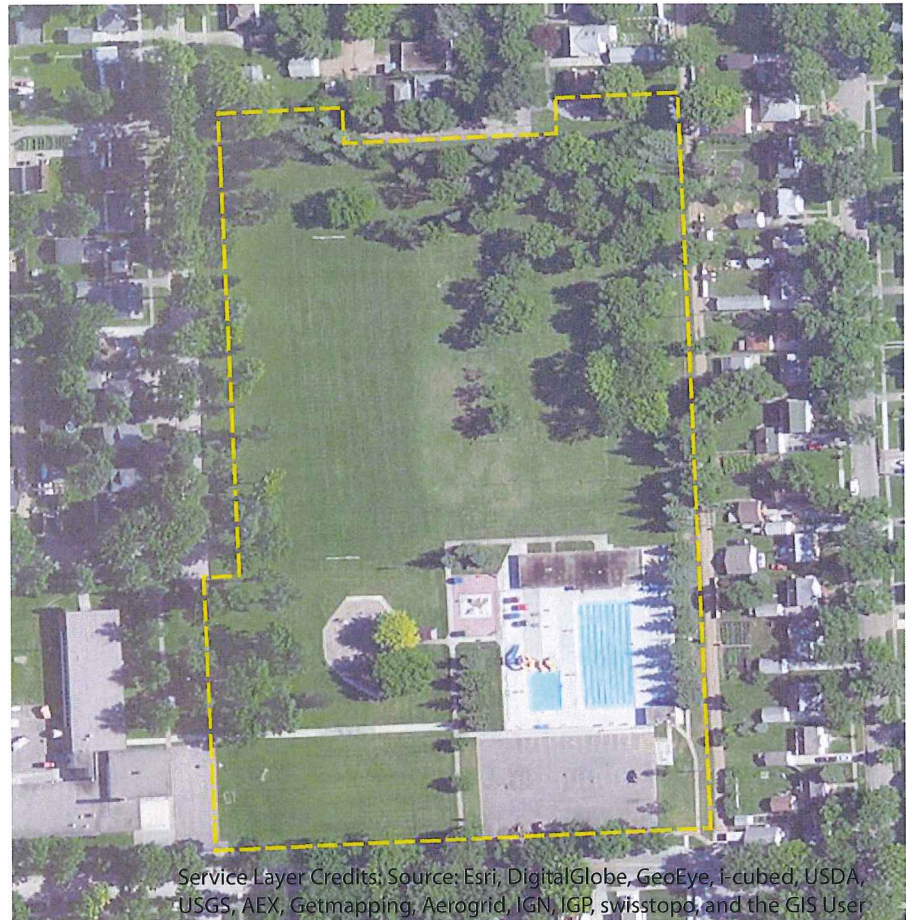
ANALYSIS

Elks Park has one of the district's two swimming pools. This pool is more centrally-located within the district than Riverside Park and Pool. Elks Pool offers daily and seasonal passes during the summer months of June through August. Amenities include: outdoor pool, water slide, spray park, concession area, and shelter. Swim lessons are offered, as well as rental opportunities for the pool. The free spray park is open mid-May through September, depending on the weather. The pool appears to be in fairly good condition.

The playground is in good condition though the small structure (pole, slide, play panel) may need to be audited to ensure as the structure ages it remains compliant with ASTM / CPSC standards. The posts on the structure appear to have a designated play surface (2" x 2") at the top.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
1		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
6		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
1		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
1		Swimming Pool
1		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



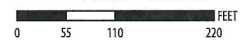
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 210 feet



Exchange Club Park

3702 6th Avenue North

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	7.4
Tax Number	44310700009000 44310700161000 44310700183000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Lake Agassiz School

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees and shrubs.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 3 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: Two playgrounds on site (one park and one school). Park Playground has a large modular structure, balance beam, horizontal ladder, 360 degree spiral slide, overhead climber, and climbing wall. Surfacing is pea gravel with concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink present. Practice soccer field

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and warming house present.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Ice rink lighting present. Community garden plots behind shed.

Utilities

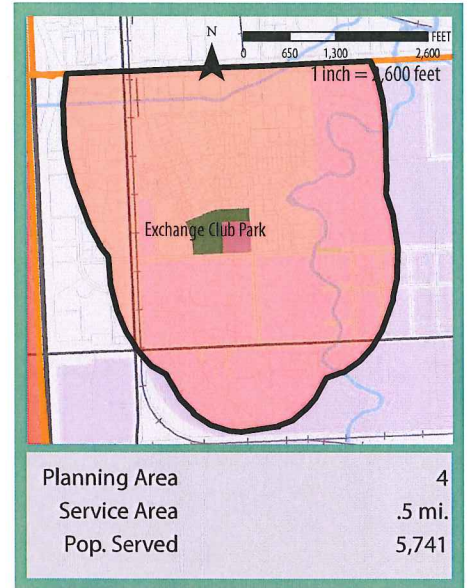
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Ice rink service.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

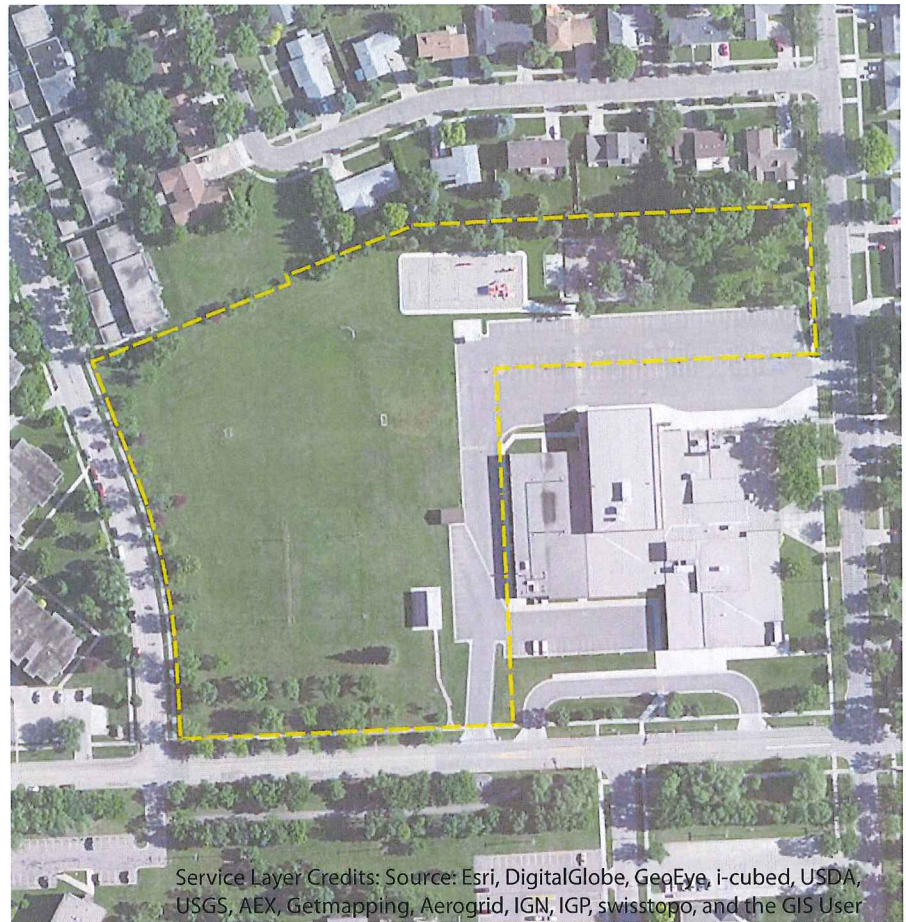


ANALYSIS

Warming shelter in poor to fair condition. Shingles are warped and paint is chipping. Baseball and soccer fields overlap. Playground in good condition. All structures appear to be mostly compliant; however signage for age appropriateness and warnings is not present. Accessible routes are present and connect all major amenities (playground and warming house). All paths appear to be in good condition.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
2		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



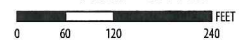
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 230 feet



Half Circle

614 3rd Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Single-family.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Notes: 5-12 year modular structure with sand safety surfacing and concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground. Accessible entry.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Covered picnic tables

Utilities

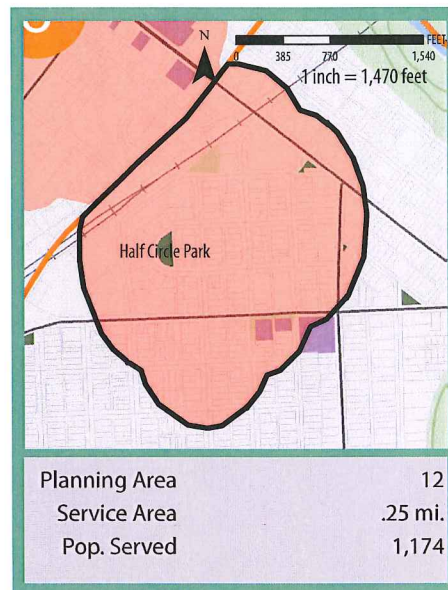
- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification	Mini
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	.62
Tax Number	44281000016000
	44281000017000



ANALYSIS

Half Circle is a small mini park with a playground and covered picnic tables. No signage - identification or safety - is present. The playground safety surfacing is sand, which protects up to a four foot fall height. The tallest platform on the structure is over 8 feet high, thus requiring either fiber or rubber surfacing. Sand is also not recognized as an ADA approved material, thus not considered accessible.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



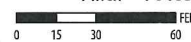
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 70 feet



Independence Park

1000 5th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Park District maintenance shop.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: Along Demers Avenue

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Small hexagonal shelter.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

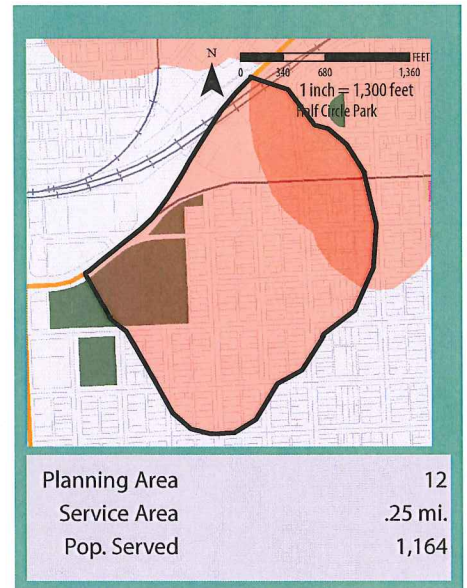
Notes: Utility building on site.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification	Mini
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	1.3
Tax Number	44280800004000, 44280800005000



Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 120 feet



Jaycees Park

4790 Technology Circle

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to church.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: South of University Avenue.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Topographic changes on north side of site in the form of a drainage ditch (with open water).

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Native plantings along drainage ditch.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: Large modular structure with animal spring rocker and log roll. Surfacing is pea gravel with a concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink present.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground, shelter, and warming shelter. Walking path with boardwalk over drainage area present.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Ice rink lighting

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

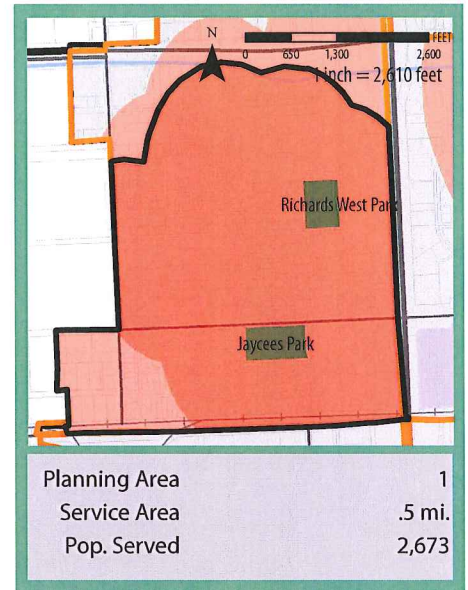
Notes: Water and electrical service for ice rink lighting and warming shelter.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	8.9
Tax Number	44134400112000
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ANALYSIS

Playground is aging and in need of a safety audit to ensure that as it ages it remains compliant with ASTM / CPSC guidelines. There is an accessible route to the playground / play area but no ramp to enter into the play area. The path that goes past the warming shelter is experiencing some settling near the entry and utilities. Basketball hoops in good condition but concrete court is cracking.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
1		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
X		Stormwater Management
X		Natural Area / Garden



Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 230 feet



Kannowski Park

703 South 4th Street

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Leased	Unknown
Acres	1.5
Tax Number	44136500002000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Located along the greenway.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: East of Demers Avenue off a local street.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Park paths connect to the regional greenway.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Minimal topography change within the park; however, the levee along the river borders the park.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees and some ornamental plantings.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (2 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: Modular structure appears to be very new. Safety surfacing is pea gravel with a concrete border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Street lighting and picnic table "pods" present around playground area.

Utilities

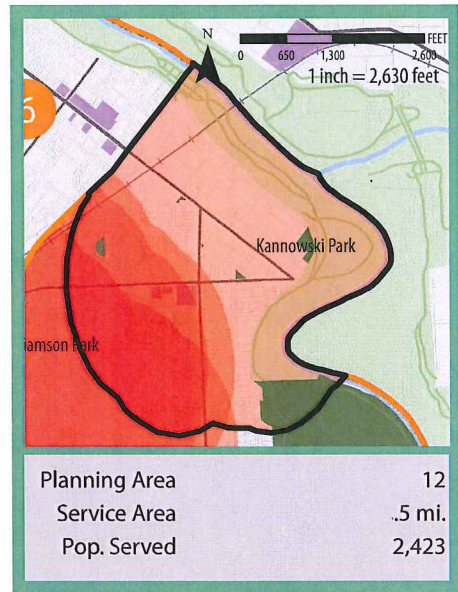
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Water and electrical service to restroom building.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

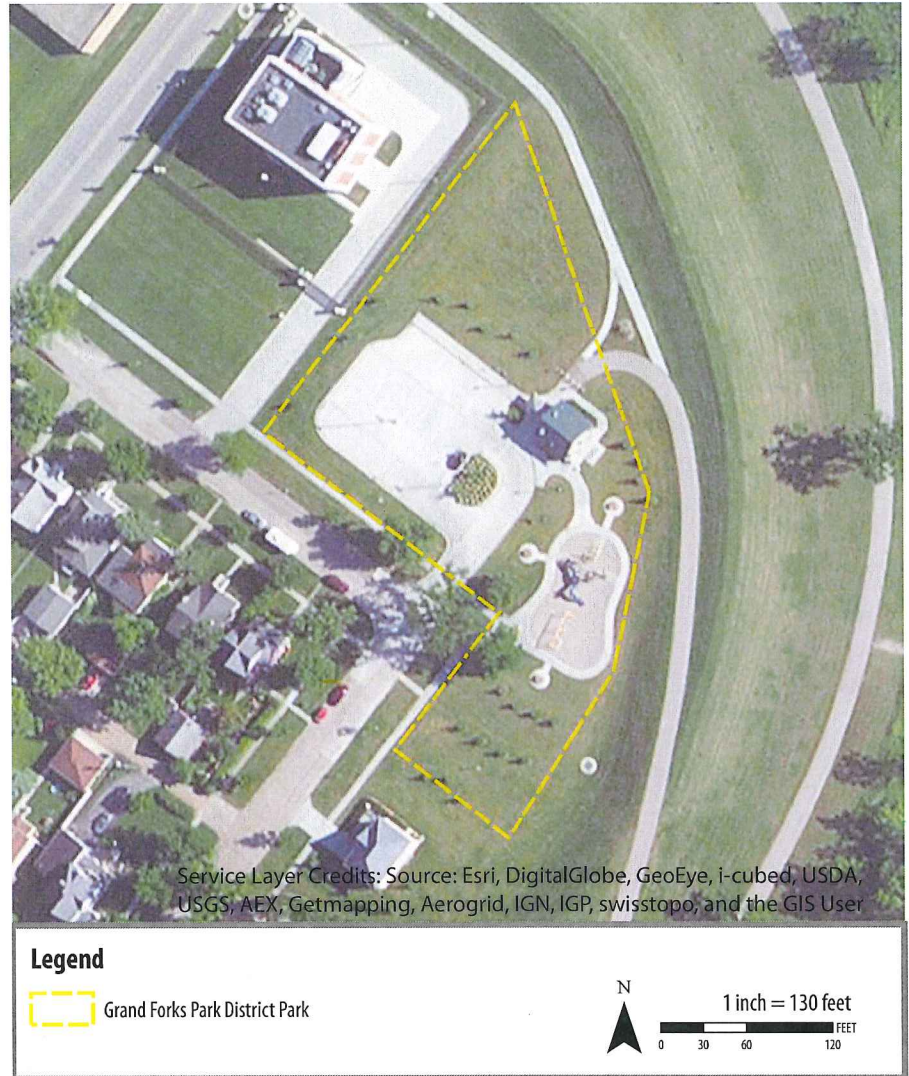


ANALYSIS

Playground structure and path is new and the structure itself is compliant with ASTM and CPCS guidelines. The surfacing, while compliant with ASTM and CPSC guidelines is not accessible according to ADA guidelines; however, with the installation of rubber surfacing paths to main playground components, the playground is accessible.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



Kelly Park

904 32nd Avenue South

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	3.2
Tax Number	44290900063000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Kelly Elementary School and Schroeder Middle School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Minimal tree cover.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 4 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: Two 5-12 modular structures and one 2-5 modular structure. Independent play pieces include spring rockers, see saw, and steppers. Playground land is owned by Grand Forks Public Schools.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink present. Practice baseball field.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and warming shelter.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Warming shelter located near ice rink. Lighting for ice rink present around perimeter.

Utilities

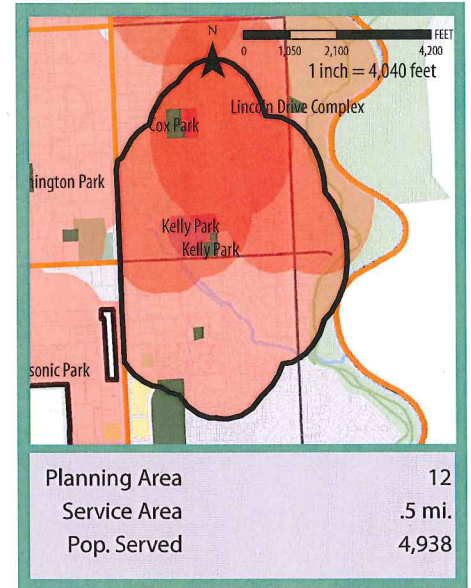
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Water and electrical service for the warming shelter and ice rink lighting.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

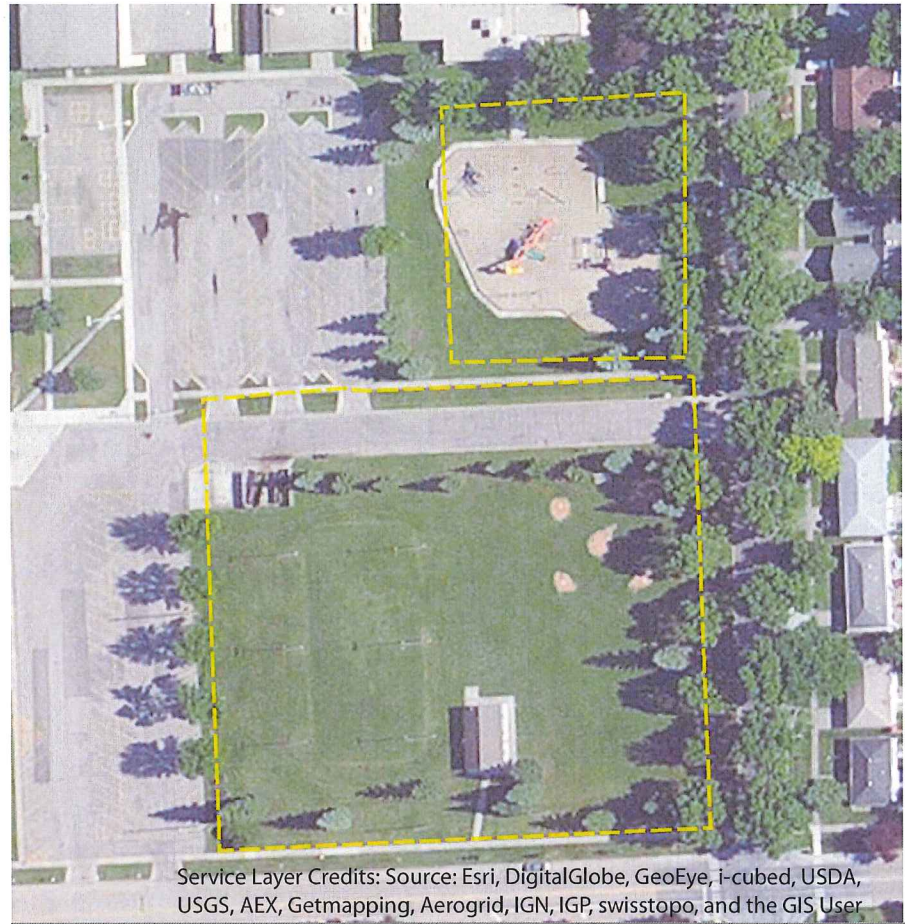


ANALYSIS

Two of the modular structures (the 2-5 and the east 5-12 structure) have metal slides but minimal shade and tree cover to prevent the metal from becoming too hot. Baseball field is a practice field as it lacks an outfield (the warming shelter is located in the outfield).

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
1		Access to Greenway
1		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park

N

1 inch = 130 feet

0 30 60 120 FEET



Kiwanis Park (North and South)

4000 Rummele Road

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	14.9
Tax Number	44212100006000
	44212100007000
	44296900004000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to single- and multi-family residential and open space / agricultural land. The park is just north of a discovery school site.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 4 tot)
- none

Notes: One 5-12 modular structure and one 2-5 modular structure. Spring rockers and a tire swing also present. Engineered wood fiber surfacing with a concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Along perimeter of playground. No accessible route to playground.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Playground safety and age appropriate signage present.

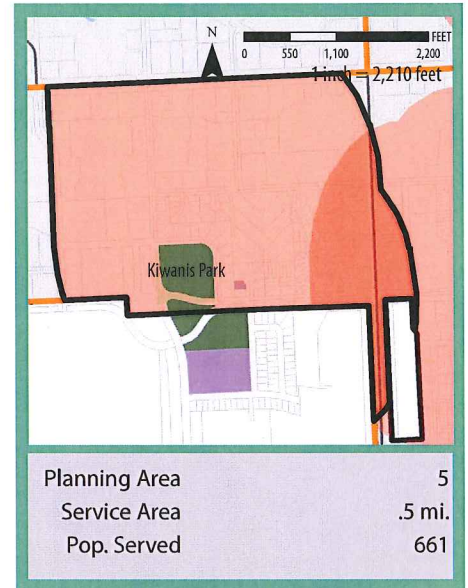
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

One of the newer parks, Kiwanis Park has a brand new Miracle playground. The play equipment and surfacing is in excellent condition and appear compliant. The perimeter sidewalk is in good condition; however, there is no accessible route from the on-street parking to the playground itself. The rest of the park is a tree-free open lawn and has the potential to be developed into athletic fields. Work with City to add stormwater ponds for enhancing leisure activities.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
1		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
Y		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



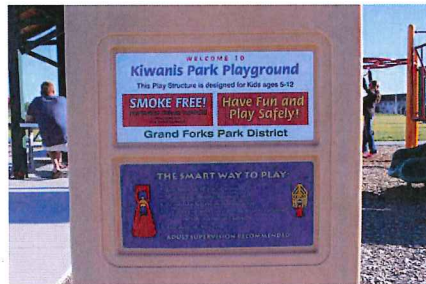
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 300 feet



Lincoln Drive Complex

270 Elks Drive

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	Unknown
Acres	2.3
Tax Number	44222300007000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Lincoln Park Golf Course.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Located along the Red River Greenway Trail.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Moderate topographic changes throughout site (dog park in low point).

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Ornamental plantings around shelter and interpretive area.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (1 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Two tennis courts in fair to good condition. Basketball court in fair condition, no striping present.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Path along perimeter of tennis courts.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Bike racks present. No seating.

Utilities

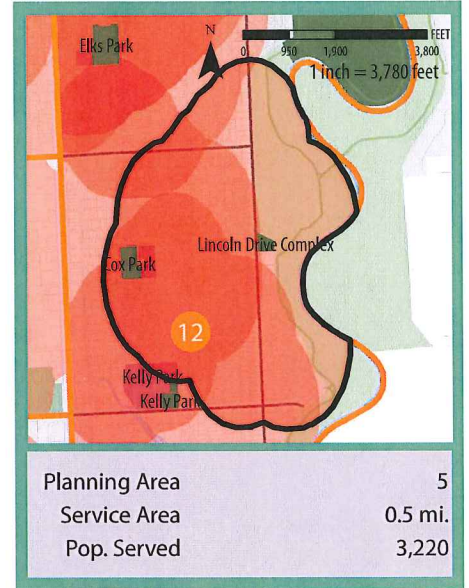
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Electrical service for tennis court lights.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

Lincoln Drive Complex has two tennis courts in good condition. There is no cracking present. However, these courts appear to need a new color coat. Benches, seating, and other site furnishings would encourage more use. Currently, there are no benches, tables, or other "creature comfort" amenities present on site. The recreation-size basketball court is in good condition with little to no cracking. The asphalt parking lot appears to be new and is in excellent condition.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
2		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park

 N

 1 inch = 100 feet

0 25 50 100 FEET



Lincoln Drive Park

120 Euclid Avenue

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Along the Red River directly north of Lincoln Golf Course.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Located along the Red River Greenway Trail.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Notes: Adjacent to the Red River. 100% of site within floodplain. Flood levees present along western most side of park.

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Moderate topographic changes throughout site (dog park in low point).

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Ornamental plantings around shelter and interpretive area.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (1 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: One 2-5 structure and on 5-12 structure. Structures are separated by age. Surfacing is pea gravel with rubber surfacing laid at key access points around structure

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Disc golf holes and cross country skiing present within site. Volleyball court located near interpretive station. Horseshoe courts near entrance and parking lot. Temporary ice skating rink on site.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Five shelters present throughout site. Bike racks are located just outside the entry gate.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service for concession building, warming shelter, and site lighting.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Community

Year Leased

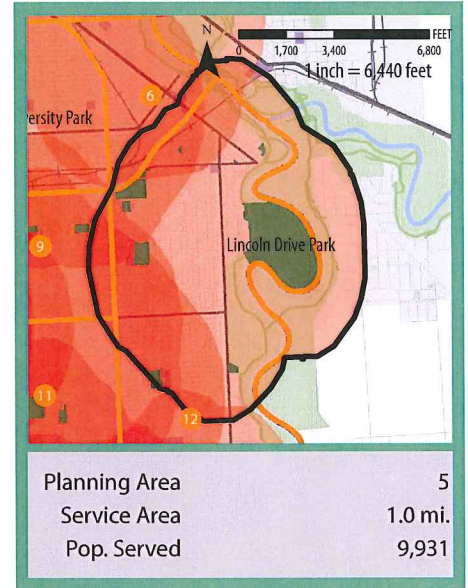
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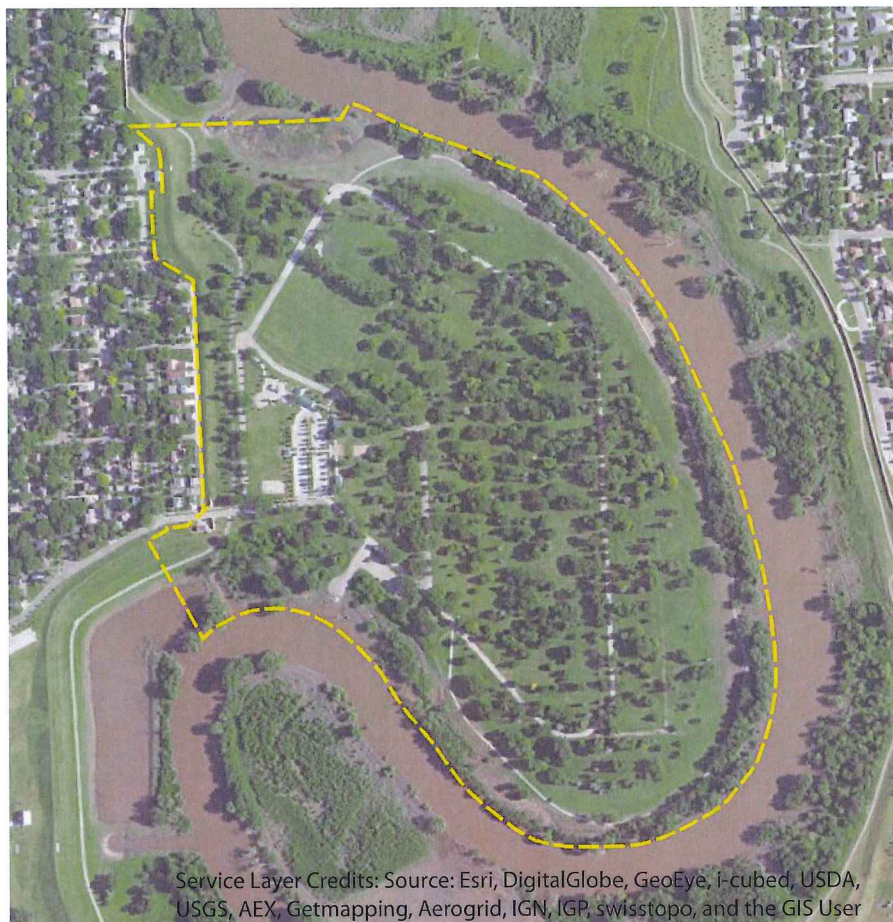


ANALYSIS

Prior to 1997, Lincoln Drive Park was a residential housing development. After the 1997 Red River Flood, the remaining structures were removed and the land was dedicated as park and open space. One-hundred percent of the park lies within the floodplain so while the park has paths that connect the playground, shelter, and other amenities the remaining park paths are simply the street network from when the park was a residential development. Parking is also located along this street / trail network. A dog park is located on the north side of the park at a low point on the site. The newer playground is in good condition with accessible routes to key points like the transfer station, slides, and ADA swing. The horse shoe pits have concrete surfacing and while the clay and backboards themselves appear to be in decent condition, the concrete paving holds water and has drainage issues. There also isn't an accessible path to get to the courts.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
5		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
1		Dog Park
1		Sledding Hill
1	1995	Playground
1		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
1		Cross Country Skiing
33		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
9		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
1		Volleyball
Y		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
Y		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
Y		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



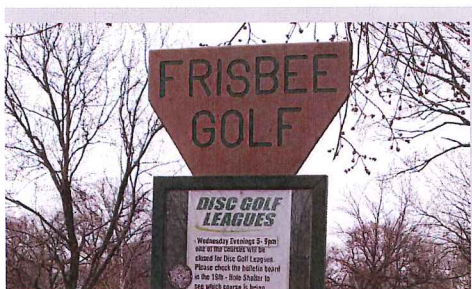
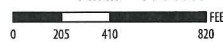
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 790 feet



Lions Park and Veteran's Memorial Park

3211 17th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Century Elementary School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Mostly flat with some topographic changes along the creek on the east side of the site.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 4 tot)
- none

Notes: A large 5-12 play structure and smaller 2-5 structure. Surfacing is pea gravel with concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Full-size soccer field striped on east side of park. Ice skating / hockey rink on north side of park.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Concrete paths connect all amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Warming shelter adjacent to temporary ice rink. Lighting for ice rink present. Small shelters centrally-located among tennis court complex. A large shelter is located near the ice rink and covered picnic tables serve the playground.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to sport lighting and warming shelter.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Year Acquired

Acres

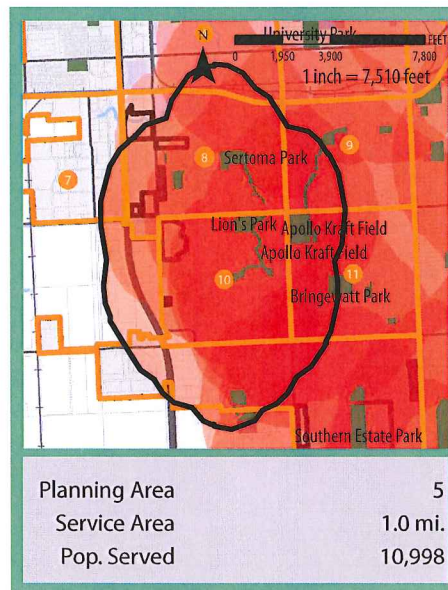
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Community

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ANALYSIS

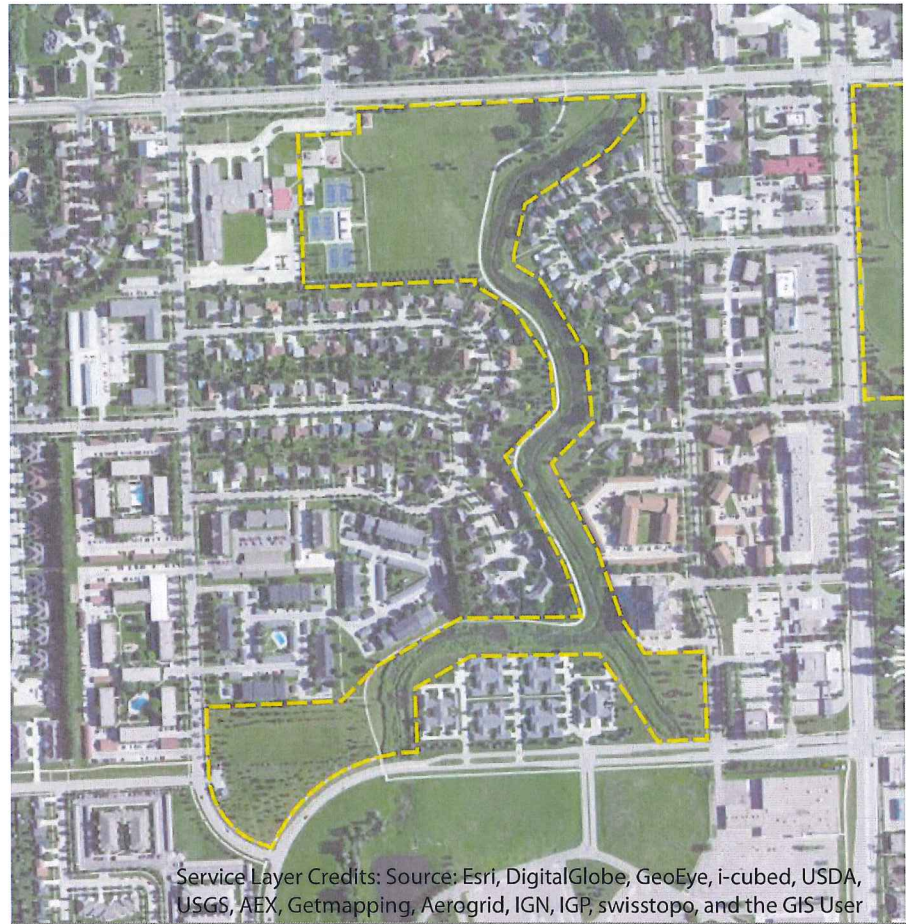
Located on the same site as Century Elementary School, Lion's Park has a large playground, tennis complex, and various sports and athletic fields. The tennis complex features a raised picnic area with two small hexagonal shelters and terrace seating. The six courts are in good condition with minimal discoloration and cracking. Benches line the sidelines and provide seating for players and visitors.

The playground has pea gravel surfacing which is appropriate for structures with a fall height of less than five feet. The largest structure on the playground has a fall height of greater than five feet, making pea gravel a non-compliant surface in this case. The play area with pea gravel around the 2-5 structure is compliant but the 5-12 play area should be reevaluated.

Lions Park has a trail along the creek on the eastern most side of the park that leads to Veteran's Memorial Park, a large piece of undeveloped open space. This may be a good location for fitness trails and / or additional athletic fields.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
3	2002	Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
6	2002	Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
Y		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
Y		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



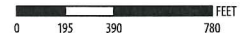
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 740 feet



Masonic Park

1950 40th Avenue South

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	7.1
Tax Number	44182100001000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes:

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA)
- none

Notes: One 2-5 and one 5-12 modular structure present. Three spring rockers and stand-alone play panels along perimeter of playground. Fiber surfacing with a concrete border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Concrete path around perimeter of playground but no accessible path from the parking lot to the playground path.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Covered picnic tables present. Playground age appropriate and warning signage present.

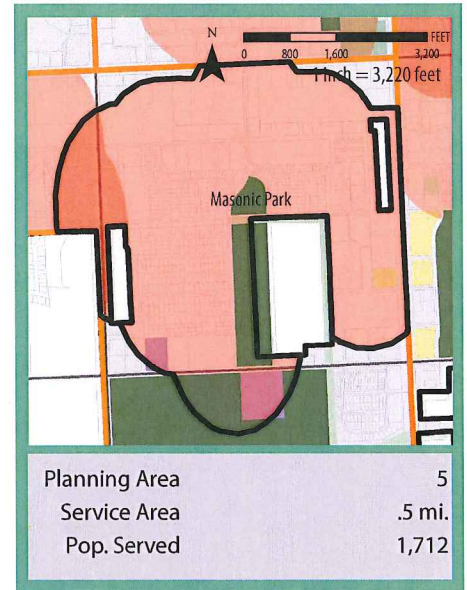
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

Playground in excellent condition. Surfacing in good condition everywhere in play container except underneath swings. Surfacing is worn from use (high-volume of users). Refilling / redistributing surfacing or placing safety tiles underneath swings will resolve. The playground has a concrete path around the perimeter but there is no accessible path or route to the playground from either the parking lot of the perimeter sidewalk. The remainder of the site is a tree-free turf area that has the opportunity to be developed into sports fields and other recreational amenities.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 170 feet
0 40 80 160 FEET



Midtown Park (Smiley Playground)

402 N 6th Street

Classification	Mini
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	.32
Tax Number	44000100050000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees and shrubs.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Notes: 5-12 modular structure and one belt/one tot swings on pea gravel surfacing. 2-5 modular structure on black tile surfacing.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: 1/2 court basketball in good condition.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities present.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables (covered)
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Covered picnic tables present. Park signage is present and visible.

Utilities

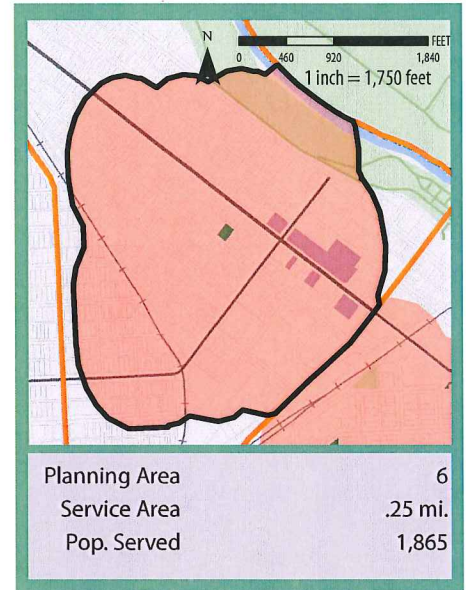
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Site lighting present.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

Midtown Park, located in the heart of downtown Grand Forks, includes two play areas and a half-court basketball court. One structure is situated atop black safety surface tile, while the other has pea gravel surfacing. Pea gravel surfacing is appropriate for structures with a maximum fall height of five feet. The modular structure appears to have a fall height of greater than five feet and if so requires fiber or rubber surfacing instead of pea gravel. Park signage is present and visible but reads "Smiley Playground." Identification of the park needs to be clarified.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
.5		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden




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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 40 feet
 FEET



Optimist Park

4600 Cherry Street

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 4 tot)
- none

Notes: Large 2-12 modular structure and climbing net structure. Three spring rockers and two sand diggers. Pea gravel surfacing with a concrete curb border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Temporary ice skating / hockey rink located just south of playground. Three baseball fields (out fields overlap).

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and warming shelter. No path to hexagonal shelter.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Lighting present for ice rink and benches and covered picnic tables provide seating for playground. Large hexagonal shelter centrally-located on site.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service for warming shelter and sports lighting.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Community

Year Acquired

unknown

Acres

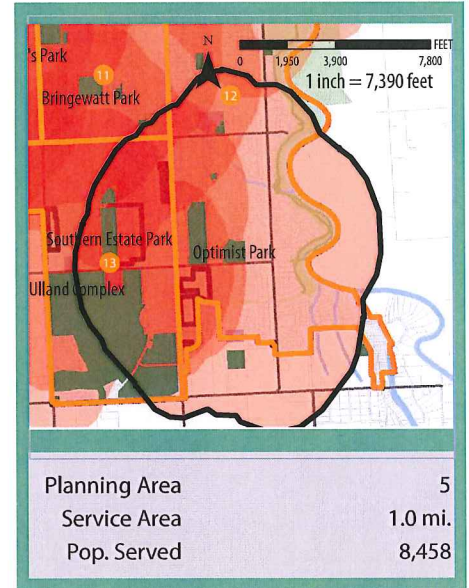
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ANALYSIS

Optimist Park is a regional destination with multiple large athletic fields and courts, an ice rink and large playground area. The play equipment is in good condition with minor wear. The concrete curb around the perimeter of the playground is almost to the end of its useful life. It is heaving and cracking due to weather and may need to be replaced soon. The tennis courts are in fair condition with moderate discoloration and some cracking. A new color coat and crack fill would repair this though.

Most amenities on site are connected through accessible concrete paths; however, while the baseball fields have concrete pads for bleacher seating and dugouts there are no paths that would get visitors to the seating. These connections could be made through short, simple paths from the perimeter looping path already present.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
2		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
2		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 250 feet



Prime Steel Park

3900 14th Avenue South

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	7
Tax Number	44200600059000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes: Along South 42nd Street.

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Mature trees.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (2 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: One 2-5 structure and one 5-12 structure, a sand digger, and spring rocker. Pea gravel surfacing with concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Baseball practice field. Full-court basketball in good condition.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground and along perimeter.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Two covered picnic tables in play area (on concrete pad) and a large hexagonal shelter centrally-located on site.

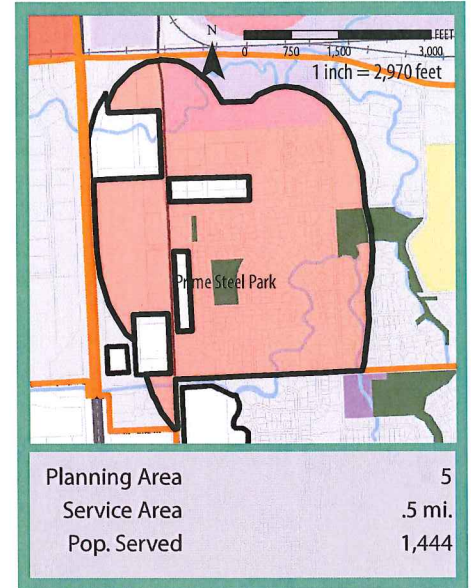
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

With a large hexagonal structure, full-size basketball court, and playground, Prime Steel Park appears to be a destination for neighborhood park users. The playground is in good condition, though appear to be aging. The safety surfacing may not be appropriate for the maximum fall height for the 5-12 structure. Pea gravel is appropriate for structures with a maximum fall height of five feet. The 5-12 structure appears to have a fall height greater than five feet. There is an accessible route to the playground, but there lacks an accessible route to the picnic shelter. It currently sits in the middle of the park without anyway to access it. Internal paths would not only help improve the accessibility, but also add additional recreation value to the park. The basketball court is in fair to good condition with minor cracking. No striping is present.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



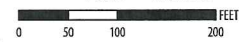
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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 190 feet



Richards West Park

4700 6th Avenue North

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	7.4
Tax Number	44331100025000
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INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Utility building on site.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: Two modular structures (one 2-5, on 5-12) and two spring rockers. Pea gravel surfacings with concrete border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Full-court basketball court in good condition - some cracking present. Practice baseball field with small backstop and minimal infield clay - mainly turf.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities (except practice baseball field).

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Indoor art studio located at park. Restroom included in structure.

Utilities

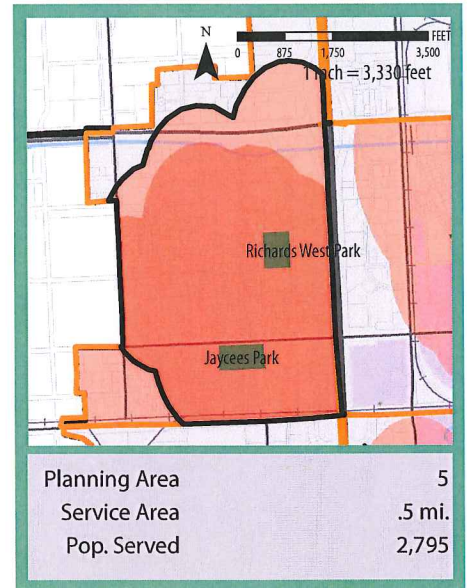
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Water and electrical service to building.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

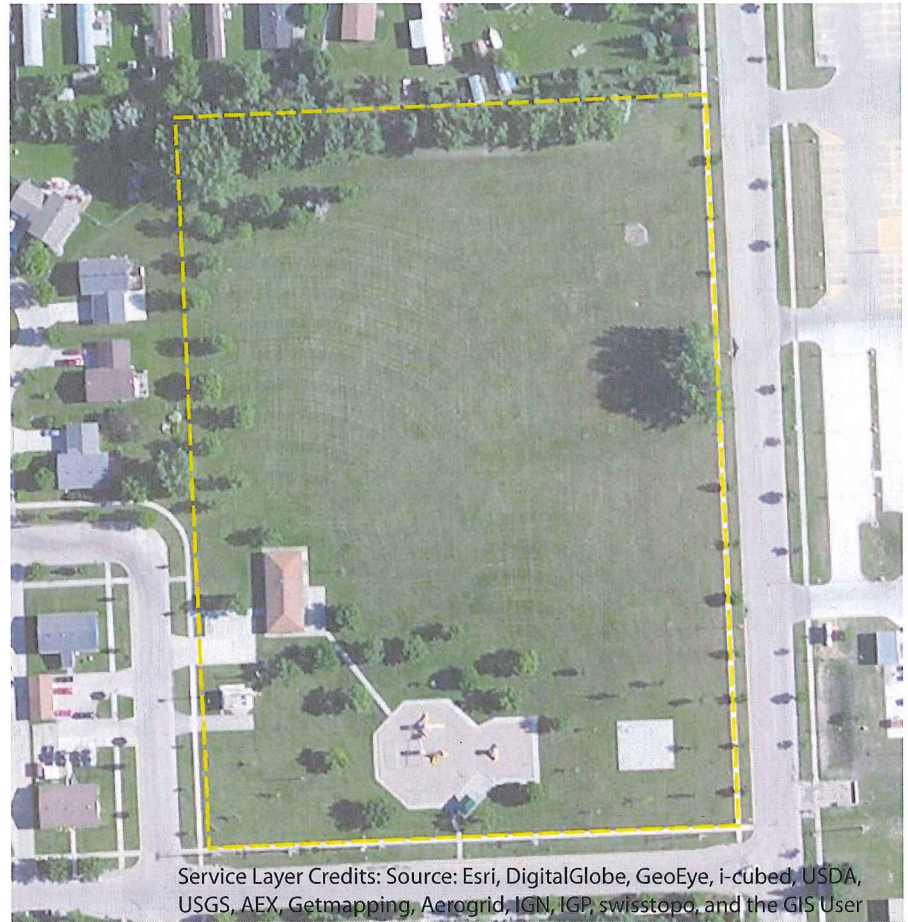


ANALYSIS

Playground appears to be in good condition; however, there is no freestanding age appropriateness and warning signage present. Shelter pad area near playground holds water and appears to have drainage issues. The remainder of the concrete pathway is in good condition. The parking lot is in poor to fair condition with heavy cracking. The concrete basketball court is in fair condition with moderate cracking. No striping is present on the court. While there is an accessible route to the playground, shelter, and indoor art building, there is no accessible route to the basketball court. Also, besides the single shelter and picnic table near the playground there are no other site furnishings present. Benches and trash receptacles could be placed near the basketball court to provide seating and gathering areas for users.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
1		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
1		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
1		Sledding Hill
		Playground
1		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
1		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 170 feet
 0 40 80 160 FEET



Riverside Park and Pool

1810 North 1st Street

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Located across the River from East Grand Forks open space.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Located along the Red River Greenway Trail.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Notes: Adjacent to the Red River.

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Mostly flat with moderate topographic changes along the river.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings(4 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: Two modular structures with roofs. Pea gravel surfacing and concrete curb.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice skating / hockey rink located between playground and pool areas. Four tennis courts located on the south west side of site.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Sport lighting for ice rink and small picnic table nodes located around playground.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to warming shelter, buildings, pool, and sports lighting.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Year Leased

Acres

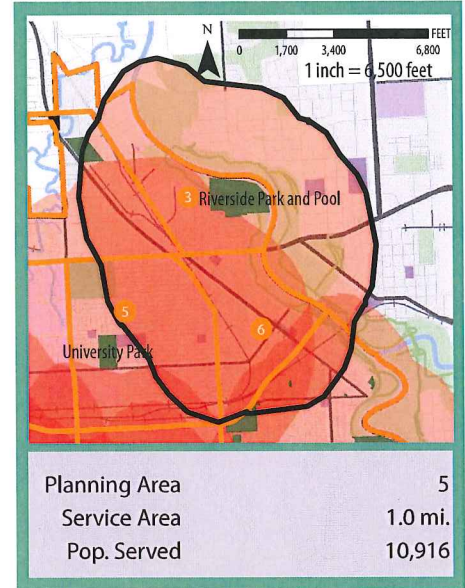
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Community

Unknown

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ANALYSIS

Purchased by the city in 1909, Riverside Park was one of the city's first park developments. Mostly a passive park, the site does feature a pool and bath house, an ice skating rink, and tennis courts. The entire site is located within the floodplain thus levees and flood protection systems are located along the inner perimeter of the park. All amenities are on the wet side of the levee.

All amenities are in good condition. Many of the amenities, specifically the shelters and playground, look newer. The concession / restroom / warming shelter building is in good condition.

Riverside Pool offers daily and seasonal passes during the summer months of June through August. Amenities include: outdoor pool, pool basketball, diving board, water slide and concession area. Swim lessons are offered, as well as rental opportunities for the pool.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
2		Restrooms
2		Concessions
4		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
1		Sculpture/Memorial
2.5		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
#		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
4		Tennis
		Volleyball
Y		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
1		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park

 **1 inch = 570 feet**





Ryan Lake Park

2001 47th Avenue South

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	24
Tax Number	44313700001003
	44211600003000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Fishing

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

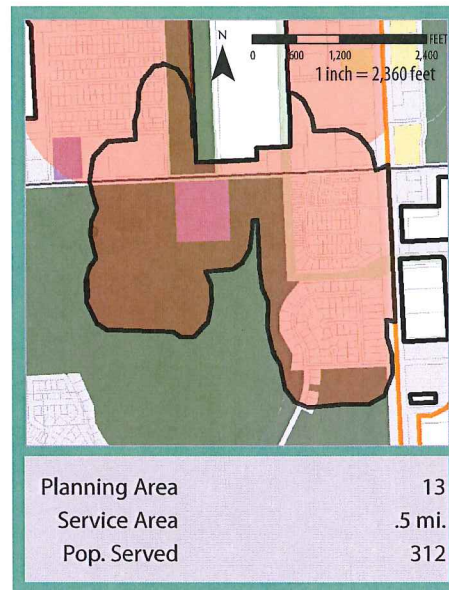
Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

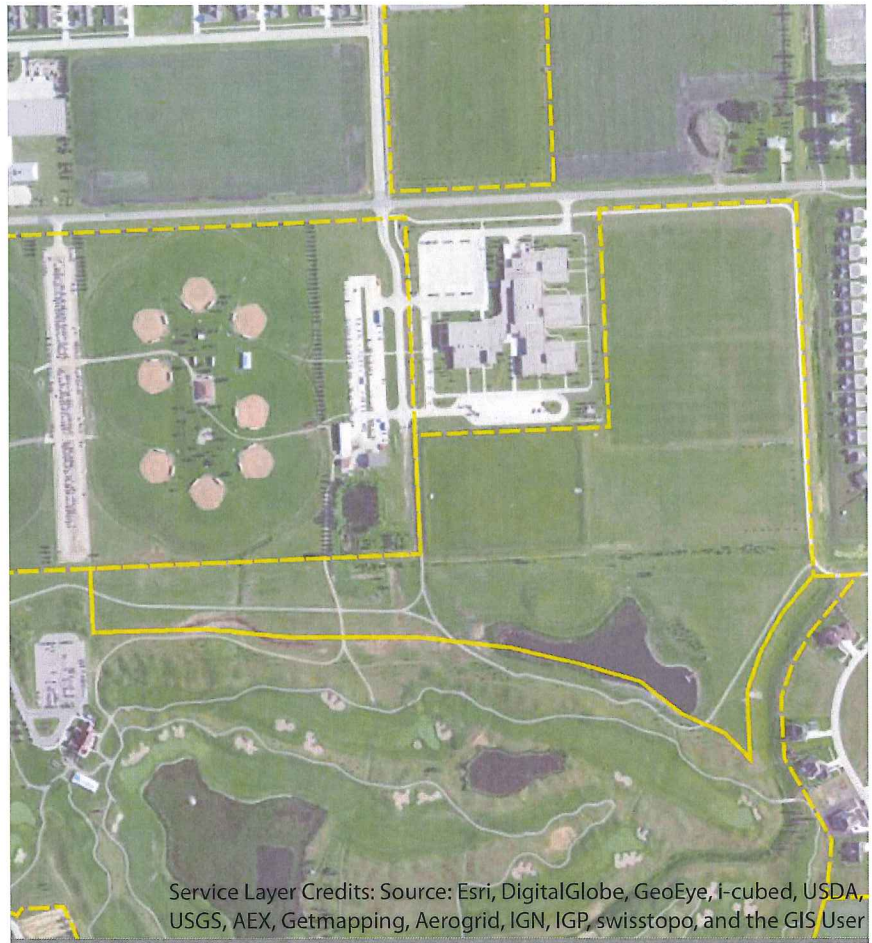
Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



AMENITIES

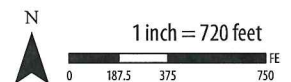
QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
2		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
Y		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot (school-owned)
		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



Sertoma Park

3300 11th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Across the street from a large parcel of undeveloped space.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Local trail connection south to Lion's Park.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Minimal topographic changes throughout site with the exception of the wetland / Japanese garden area.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Native grasses along wetland area and ornamental plantings in Japanese Garden.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (6 belt, 4 tot, 2 ADA)
- none

Notes: Two playground areas. One standard play area with a modular structure, sand diggers, and swings. Another inclusive play area with modular structure, net climber, merry-go-round, spring rockers, music play pieces, and play panels. Surfacing is poured-in-place and engineered wood fiber. Standard modular structure area has pea gravel surfacing.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Shelter and covered picnic tables located throughout site.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Notes: Inclusive playground is regional draw.

Classification

Year Acquired

Acres

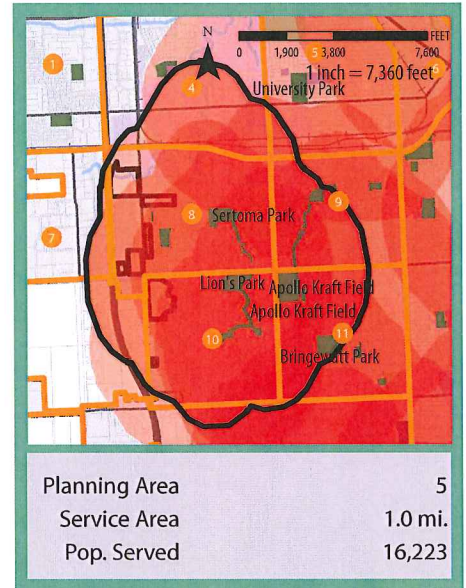
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ANALYSIS

The two primary elements at Sertoma Park are inclusive playground and Japanese Garden. The inclusive playground was built in two phases from 2008 to 2009. Designed for kids from age two to twelve, the playground has ramps which allow wheelchair access. Poured-in-place surfacing is located at key access points in the playground to provide the most accessible route to the play elements. The playground is in good condition. The second playground located just east of the inclusive playground also includes a modular structure, swings, and independent play elements. This play area, too, is in good condition. The second major element of the park is the Japanese garden. This garden is in good condition.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
2		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
2	2009	Playground
1	2001	Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
Y		Stormwater Management
Y	2001	Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 560 feet



Scheels Sports Complex

1960 47th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Across the street from South Middle School.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Flat site graded for soccer.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Currently includes two soccer fields. Master plan in place to develop the park into a baseball / softball sports complex.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: None currently present.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Notes: Regional soccer destination.

Classification

Year Acquired

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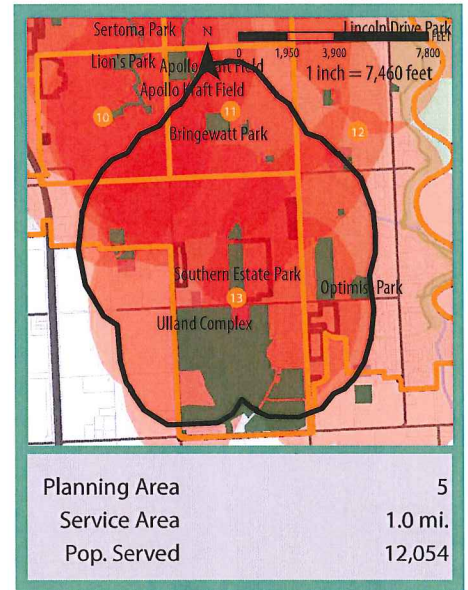
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ANALYSIS

Currently, the park includes two full-size soccer fields, but will soon be developed into a baseball / softball sport complex with additional parking and site amenities. Located between Ryan Park, Ulland Complex, King's Walk Golf Course, and Masonic Park, Schools Sports Complex provides a great opportunity to develop a local trail network between all five sites. Consideration of adjacent connections should be done during the design development process for the sports complex. This would not only provide an additional recreation amenity for the community but would also provide a safe route to school path.

AMENITIES

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
2	2015	Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
1		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
2		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 630 feet
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Symington Park

1801 24th Avenue South

Classification	Neighborhood
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	3.3
Tax Number	44231200031001

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to single- and multi-family development.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Four tennis courts in poor condition. Cracking present and net footing are heaving upward. Color coat faded. Perimeter fencing in poor condition.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Concrete path from parking lot in fair condition; however, path along courts in poor condition.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

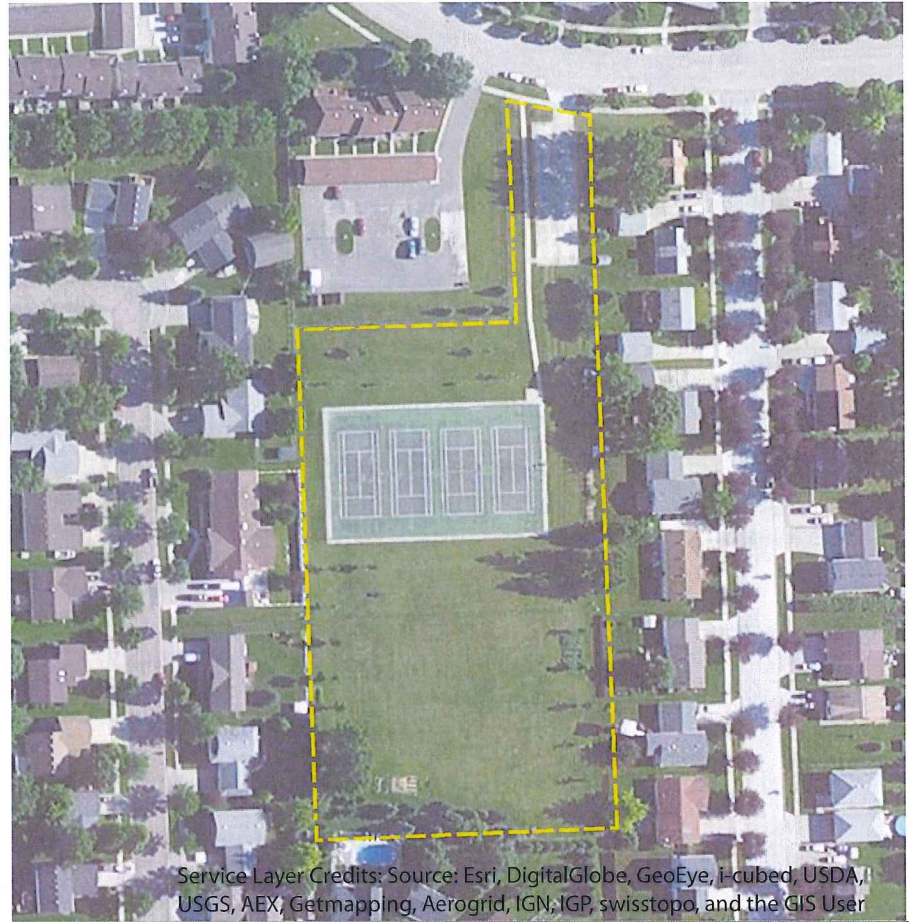


ANALYSIS

Symington Park has four tennis courts and a parking lot. The parking lot is in good condition; however the tennis courts are in fairly poor condition. The courts themselves are fading (color coat) and cracking and many of the net posts are heaving upward, revealing their footings. The perimeter fencing is also in poor condition. There is a concrete path that lies along the parking lot to the tennis courts, but due to its poor condition it is not accessible. The path is heaving and cracking causing differences of up to 2-3" between sections. As the fence posts heave upward they take that side of the path up with them causing a cross slope of greater than 2%. The north portion of the site is undeveloped and has the potential for a playground, baseball field, or other recreation amenity for this neighborhood / planning area.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
4		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park

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 1 inch = 170 feet



Ulland Baseball and Softball Complex

2401 47th Avenue South

Classification	Community
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	67.4
Tax Number	44313700001006
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INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: North of King's Walk Golf Course and West of South Middle School and Ryan Park.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes: Local connections to South Middle School and Kings Walk Golf Course through Ryan Park.

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt)
- none

Notes: Two small play areas that serve users and visitors for the two (east and west) sides of the baseball / softball complex. Two modular structures with pea gravel surfacing and wood timber borders.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Sixteen baseball / softball fields.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Gravel parking lot with concrete, asphalt, and gravel paths between some amenities.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Two shelters - one for each side of the complex. Two concession stand / restroom buildings. Bleachers for all fields and benches / picnic areas for visitors.

Utilities

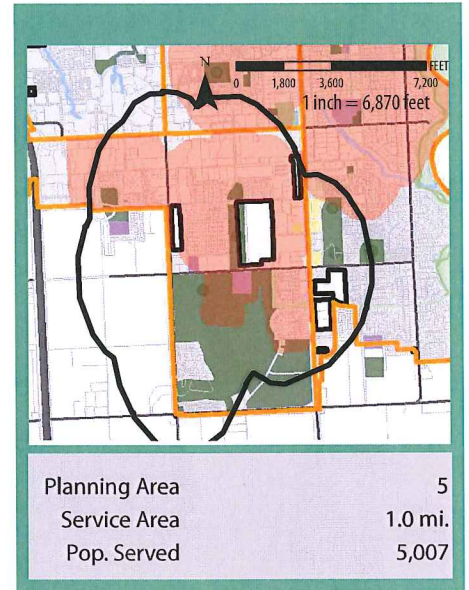
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service for lighting, concessions, and restrooms.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

The largest sports / athletic complex in the district, Ulland Complex has sixteen baseball / softball fields. Most fields are in good condition; however, some appear to hold water / have minor drainage issues mainly along the outer perimeter close to the outfield. The playgrounds were in good condition with minor wear to the wood timber border.

The main issue found on site is the lack of accessible routes to all amenities. There is an abundance of recreational amenities on site, but no way to get there without travelling through the grass. Adding concrete or asphalt paths would make the site more usable even during storm events.

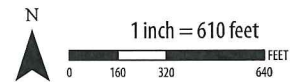
Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
2		Restrooms
2		Concessions
2		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
2		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
16		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management



Legend

Grand Forks Park District Park



University Park

320 North 25th Street

Classification	Community
Year Acquired	1909
Acres	17.5
Tax Number	44311700043002

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Notes: Moderate topographic changes between tennis and baseball / softball and the remainder of park.

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Ornamental plantings around bridge and drainage area.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 4 tot)
- none

Notes: Two modular structures (One large, one small) and a tall independent slide. Pea gravel surfacing and a plastic timber border. Splash pad has concrete surfacing with multiple overhead and ground spray components.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Ice hockey / skating rink present with lighting. Horseshoe courts are sand and concrete with wood backstops.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible routes to all amenities except picnic tables.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Ice rink lighting. Picnic shelters placed periodically throughout site.

Utilities

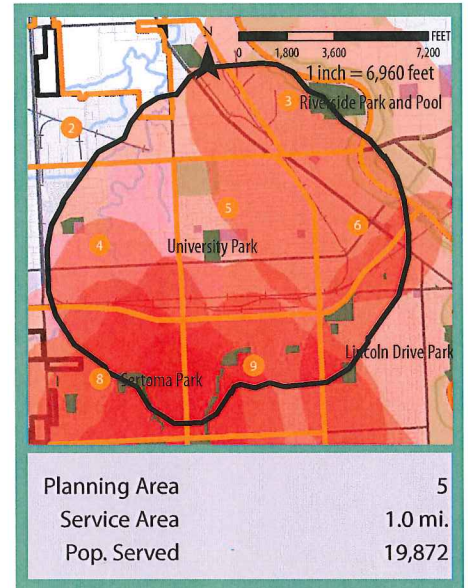
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to the indoor building, ice rink lighting, and splash pad.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations



ANALYSIS

Located near the University of North Dakota campus, University Park has a plethora of active recreation amenities for all ages. From the playground and splash pad to the tennis courts and baseball / softball fields, there is something for everyone at every age and ability. The combination of horseshoe courts, shelters, the playground, and the splash pad makes this a great picnic destination. The tennis courts, parking lot, and baseball / softball fields are located on a plateau higher than the rest of the park. However, an accessible route from the parking to the lower area provides access. The playground, brand new in 2015, is in fair to good condition. As it ages playground audits are recommended to ensure that the structures remain compliant with ASTM and CPSC guidelines. The splash pad is in good condition and includes covered picnic tables and seating.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
Y		Indoor Recreation Facility
1		Warming Shelter
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
4		Picnic Shelter
2		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1	2015	Playground
1		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
2		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
4		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
4		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
1		Ice Skating Rink
1		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 300 feet



Williamson Park

1020 7th Avenue South

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Purpur / Gambucci Arena and Park District offices. Also across the street from Abbott Complex.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes: Evergreen trees along perimeter.

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (2 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: 2-12 modular structure with pea gravel surfacing and a plastic link border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Two full-size football fields are striped on the turf next to the arena. Goal posts are at the south field.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Accessible route to playground present.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Goal posts for the football field present. A covered picnic table is located south of the playground.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to the building.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification

Neighborhood

Year Acquired

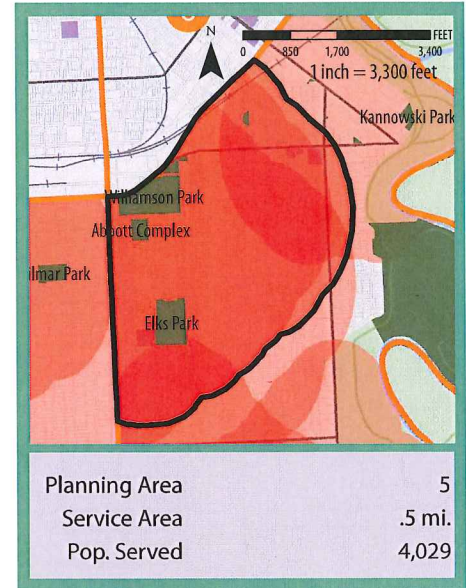
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ANALYSIS

The playground has an accessible concrete path that goes up to the border, but there is not an accessible ramp or entry into the play area. The remainder of the park is graded and striped for football. The water tower on the north side of the site is far enough away from the playground and other site amenities that it does not pose any safety concern. Park district maintenance shop is located on this site as well as the Gambucci Ice Arena that hosts recreation programming.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
1		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
2		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 290 feet




Wilmar Park

904 South 16th Street

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes:

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Notes:

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Notes:

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Notes:

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (2 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Notes: 5-12 modular structure and merry-go-round present. Surfacing is pea gravel with concrete border.

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Full-size basketball court exists, but only one goal is present on the court. Baseball field has small backstop in fair condition, infield is turf. Two horseshoe courts with wood backboards are located south of the playground.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Notes: Concrete path around perimeter of playground, no accessible route from perimeter sidewalk.

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Notes: Picnic table located near basketball court.

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

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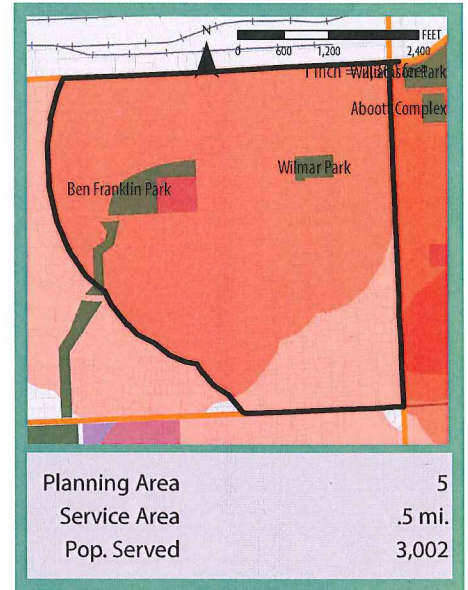
Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Classification
Year Acquired
Acres
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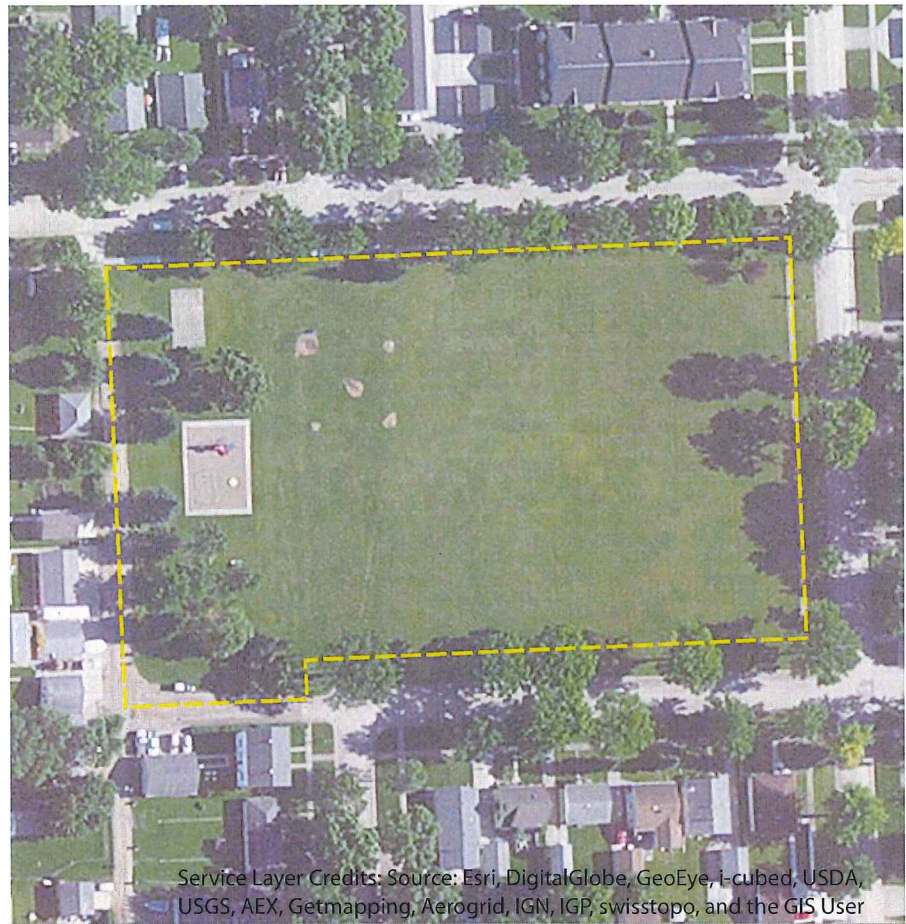


ANALYSIS

The playground is in good condition, but lacks an accessible entry from the perimeter sidewalk. The park also lacks accessible routes to most of the amenities, including the playground. The basketball court is in poor to fair condition and appears to drain poorly and hold water in the center of the court. The post and net is in good condition. With the size of the court an additional hoop could be added to have a functioning full-size court. The baseball field is in fair condition. The field has a small backstop and turf infield. No benches, bleachers, or dugouts are present.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
1		Playground
.5		Sculpture/Memorial
1		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
2		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management

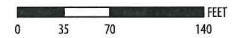


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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park



1 inch = 140 feet






Special Use Triangle Parks

St. Mary's Triangle, Police Triangle Park, Reeves Triangle Park, and Skidmore Park



Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	leased
Acres	.02
Tax Number	44110100012000

ST. MARY'S TRIANGLE

217 Belmont

110 • Civil war statue.



Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	.1
Tax Number	44296900004000

POLICE TRIANGLE PARK

5th Street and 1st Avenue South



Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	.24
Tax Number	44221700008000

REEVES TRIANGLE
904 4th Avenue



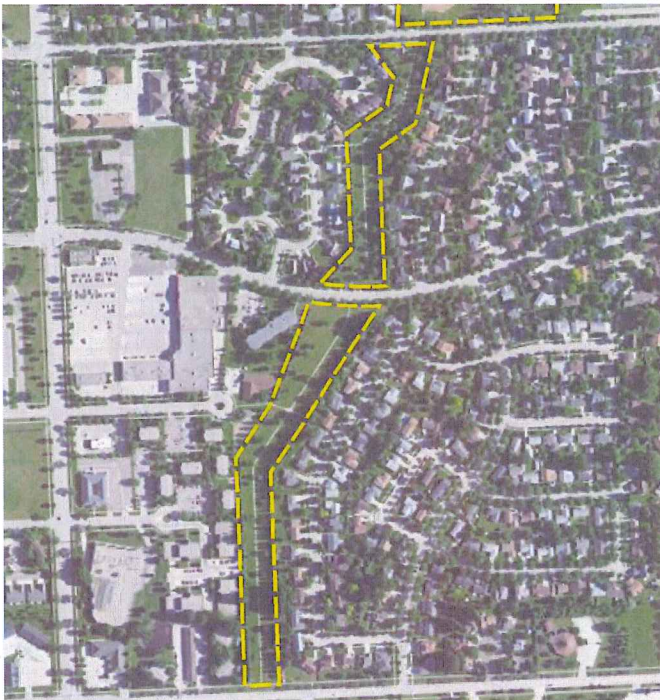
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SKIDMORE PARK
Gateway Drive and North 5th Street



Bike Paths

Haake Strip Park and 42nd Street Bike Path



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Tax Number	44121800014000, 44122100001000



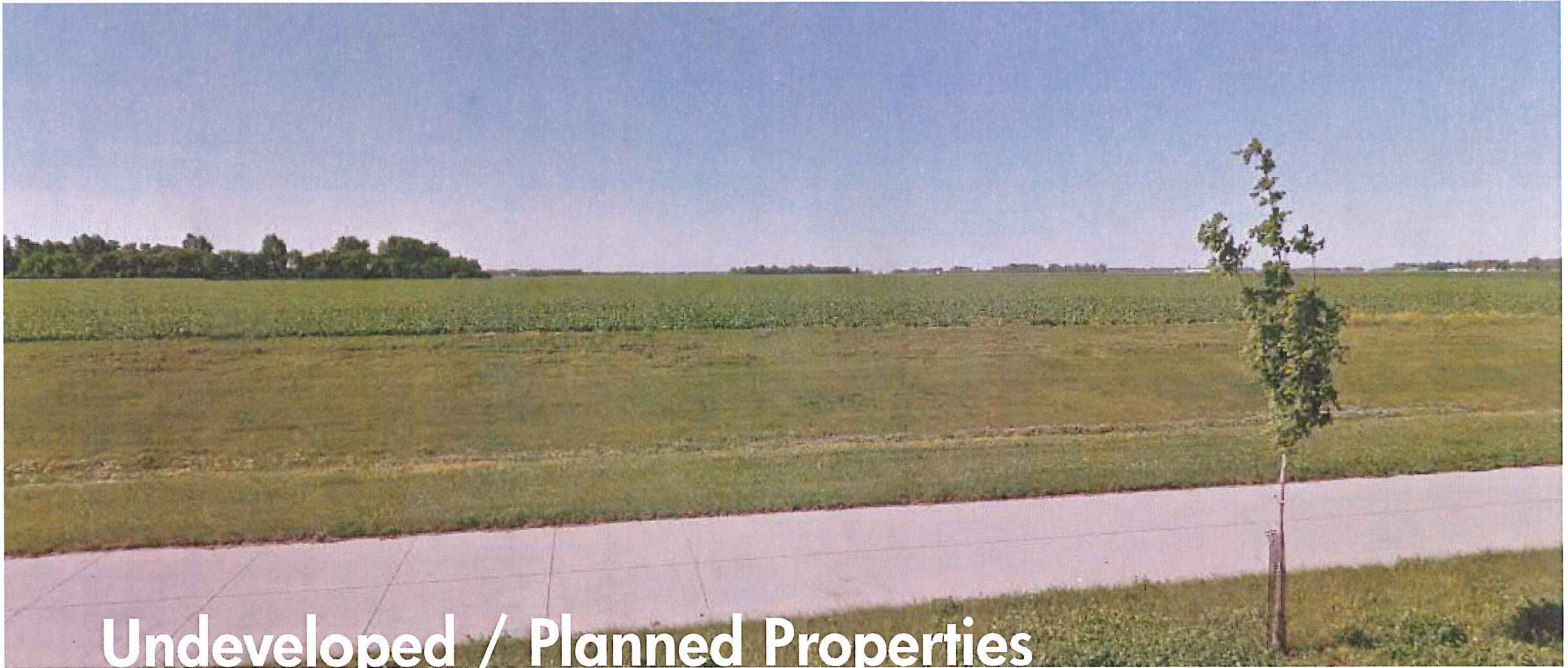
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*Bike / Walking Path Between Ben
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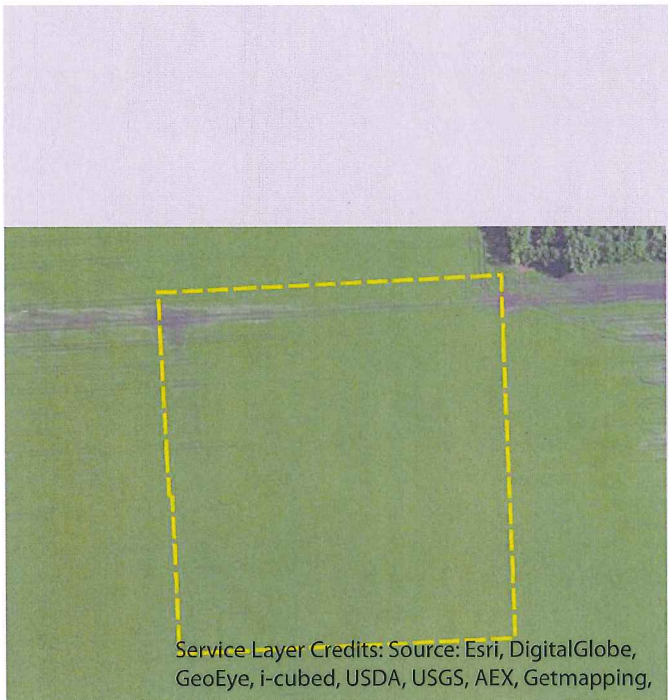
42ND STREET BIKE PATH

*South 42nd Street and 11th Avenue
South to 17th Avenue South*



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CRARY DEVELOPMENT

55th and Cherry Street

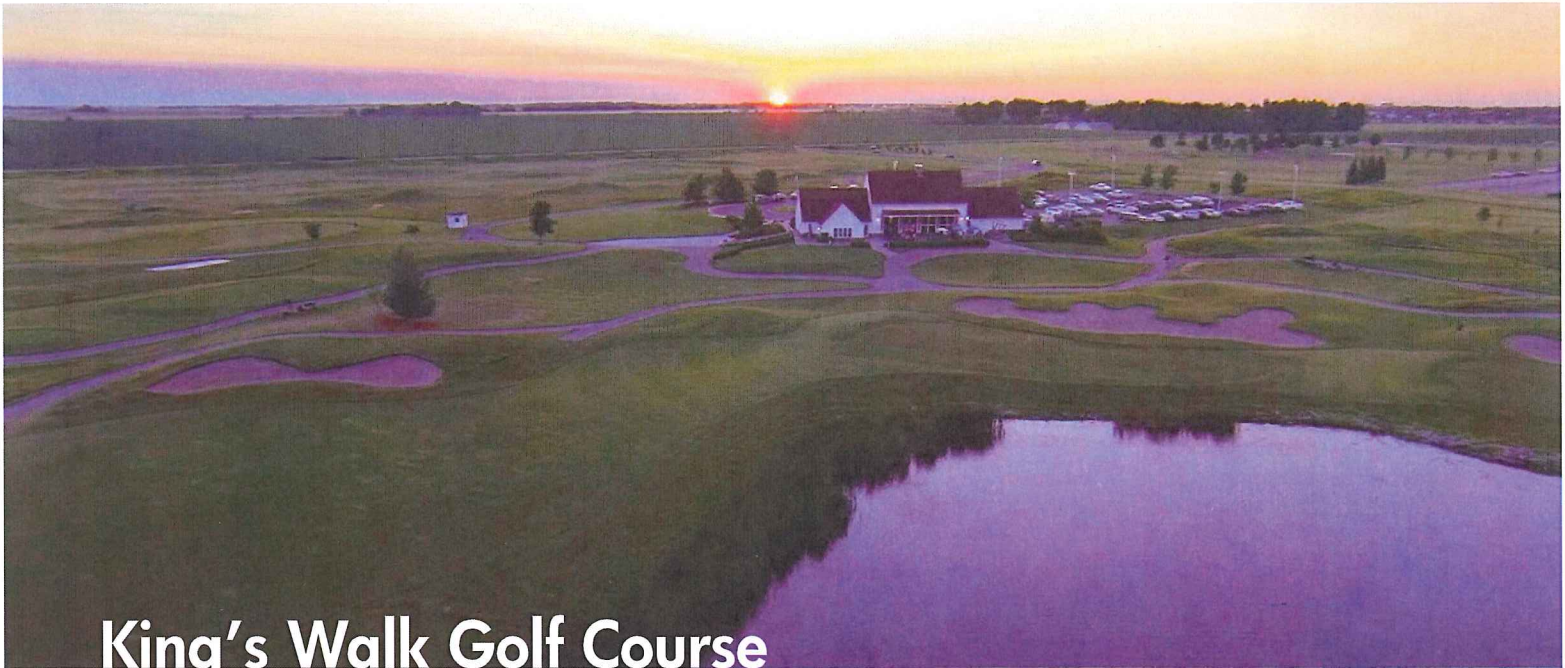


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Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	5.5
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SHADYRIDGE DEVELOPMENT

4100 South 32nd Street / Adams addition



King's Walk Golf Course

5301 Columbia Rd South

Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	215.10
Tax Number	44211600003000, 44211600079000 442116000080000, 442120000080000 442120000090000, 442120000100000 442120000110000, 442120000120000 44212000014000

INVENTORY

Designed by Arnold Palmer and the Palmer Course Design Company, the course mirrors courses found in Ireland and Scotland. Players of all abilities enjoy a playable and scenic golf course .

Amenities include: club house, practice area, multi-level tee boxes, driving range, stay and play packages, group outings, tournaments, golf leagues, private and group lessons, junior golf lessons, pro shop, and Eagle Crest Bar and Grill. In addition, members at King's Walk get to play at Lincoln Golf Course for free all season long.

In addition to the golf course, King's Walk offers a premier practice facility with 2.2 acres of driving range and five bent grass target greens that prepare players for the course. The 8,000 SF putting green and 6,000 SF chipping green is complete 114 with a large bunker complex.

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: South of South Middle School, Ulland Complex, and Ryan Park.

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Golf Course

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

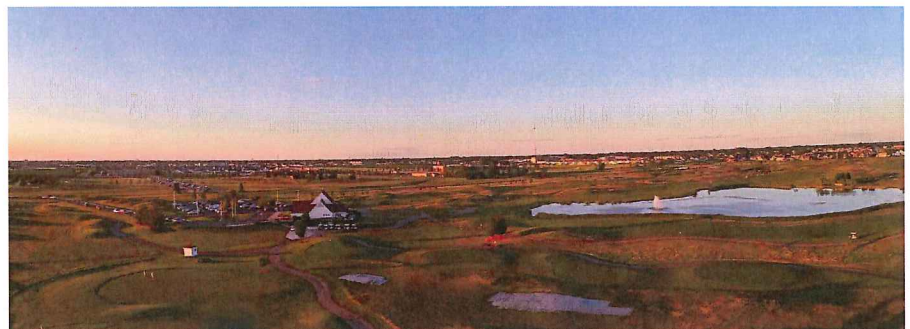
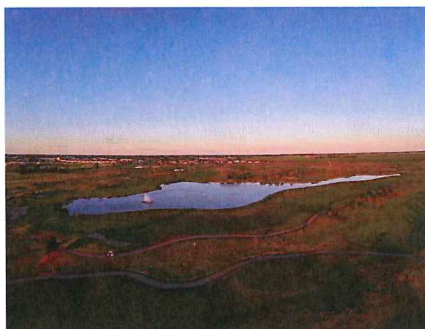
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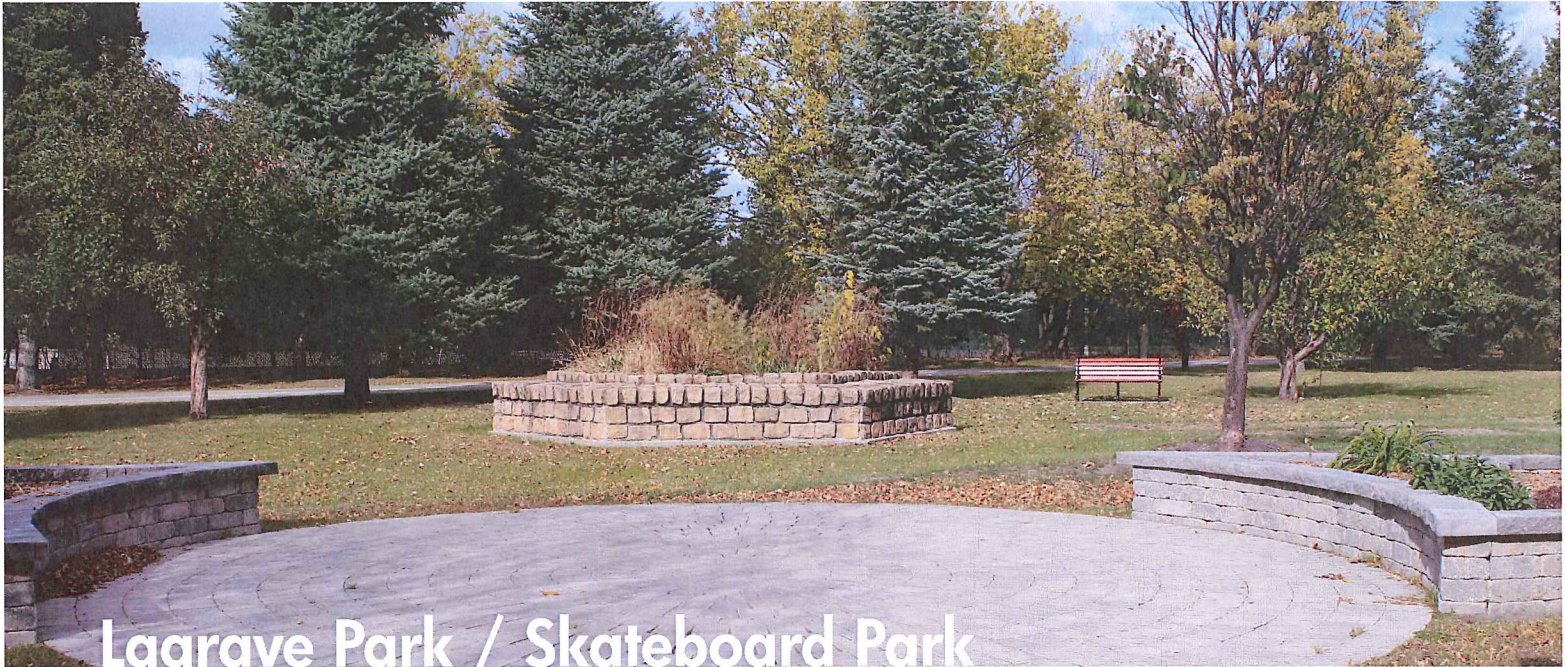
- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to clubhouse.

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
Y		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
Y		Restrooms
1		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
18		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management





Laarave Park / Skateboard Park

1st Avenue South and Walnut Street

Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	0.5
Tax Number	44281200005000 44281200006000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings
- none

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Skateboard park.

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

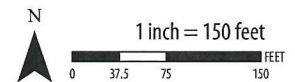
Amenities

QTY	Year	
		Multi-use Trails (miles)
		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Golf
		Horseshoes
1		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
Y		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
		Creek/River
		Open Water
		Wetland
		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
		Natural Area / Garden



Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park





Lincoln Golf Course

250 Elks Drive

Classification	Special Use
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	127.0
Tax Number	44222300004000
	44222300006000

INVENTORY

Established in 1909, Lincoln Course in Grand Forks is one of the oldest golf facilities in North Dakota. With its rich history and beautiful 9 hole, par 35 course, Lincoln Golf Course has everything you need for a great game of golf for players of all skill levels.

Amenities include: club house, multi-level tee boxes, putting green, chipping area, pull and power carts, rental clubs, pro shop, and snack and beverage counter. The course also has the Mullally Little Links Course, which is a free nine-hole course for kids.

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Notes: Adjacent to Lincoln Drive Complex and Lincoln Drive Park

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Site Characteristics

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Notes: Golf Course

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Notes: Service to clubhouse.

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Amenities

QTY	Year	
Y		Multi-use Trails (miles)
Y		Access to Greenway
		Indoor Recreation Facility
		Warming Shelter
Y		Restrooms
1		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Covered Picnic Tables
		Dog Park
		Sledding Hill
		Playground
		Sculpture/Memorial
		Basketball
		Baseball / Softball
		Batting Cages
Y		Cross Country Skiing
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
9		Golf
		Horseshoes
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing allowed
		Ice Skating Rink
		Ice Hockey Rink
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		On-Street Parking
Y		Parking Lot
Y		Creek/River
Y		Open Water
Y		Wetland
Y		Floodplain/Floodway
		Stormwater Management
Y		Natural Area / Garden



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Legend

 Grand Forks Park District Park





Choice Health and Fitness

4401 South 11th Street

General Information

Choice Health and Fitness is a public-private partnership that houses both park district facilities and programs and privately owned service providers.

Other organizations within the facility include, The Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center offering diet and physical activity programs to maintain healthy body weight; Altru Health System offering on-site physical and occupational therapy services, a health and wellness specialist, dietitians, and chiropractor; and Truyu Aesthetic Center offering a variety of spa services.

Context and Site Conditions

Developed from the IMAGINE Campaign for Choice Health and Fitness, this facility was founded through a grass-roots group to renovate the existing YMCA and build a new health and wellness center. With funds and land provided by individual and corporate donors, Choice Health and Fitness opened in 2012. The facility provides exercise, aquatic, and community programs and joint membership with the YMCA. Choice Health and Fitness mostly attracts drop-in Park District residents from the surrounding neighborhood and commercial areas.

Located at Altru Wellness Village Community Park along collector and arterial streets, the site consists of minimal topography and contains turf and deciduous and evergreen trees. The park has a playground, basketball and tennis courts, concrete sidewalks, trash receptacles, and drinking fountains.

Facility Conditions

This facility offers active and community opportunities for adults and children.

1. Exercise Equipment including Treadmills, Elliptical Machines, Stair Steppers, Bikes, and Free Weights
2. Group Exercise Space (3,500 square feet)
3. Indoor Sport Courts including basketball, tennis, and racquetball
4. Aquatics complex offering three lap lanes, two water sides, zero-depth entry, and a lazy river as well as swim lessons.
5. Party and community Rooms
6. Kids Zone
7. Deli serving snacks and beverages

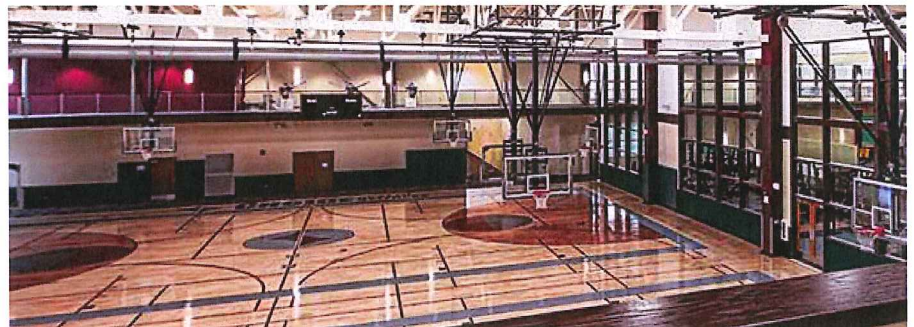
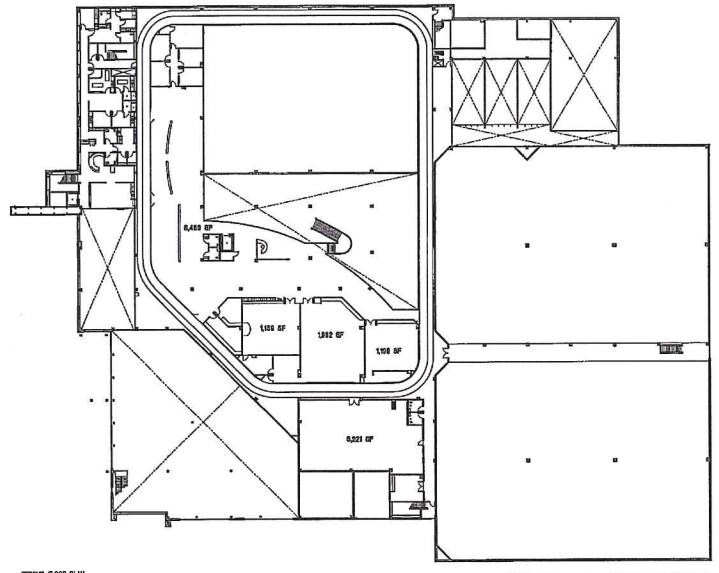
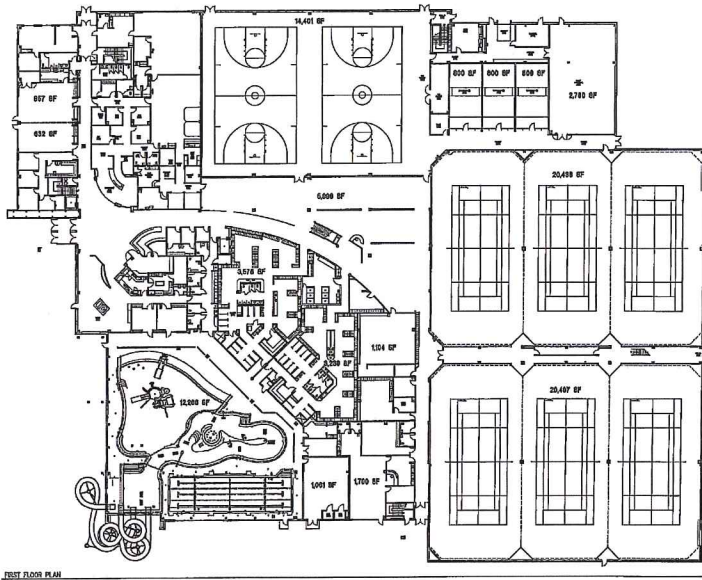
Uses and Programming

1. Fitness and wellness programs
2. Rentals
3. Drop-in neighborhood users (Altru Wellness Village and Choice)

Classification	Indoor Rec. Facility
Year Acquired / Built	2012
Square Feet	160,876

Interior Space

QTY	
2	Restrooms
Y	Locker Rooms
Y	Reception Desk
	Office
	Kitchen
1	Concessions
Y	Banquet/ Community Classroom/ Multi-purpose
	Art Room
1	Teen Room
1	Gymnasium
2	Basketball
6	Tennis
	Volleyball
	Indoor Turf
1	Playground
1	Fitness/Weight Room
1	Aquatics
	Ice Sheets
	Store / Equipment Rental
Y	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
Y	Storage
	Maintenance
Y	Parking





Eagles / Blue Line Club Arena
 1900 South 25th Street

Context and Site Conditions

Featuring two separate ice sheets, Eagles Arena and Blue Line Club Arena, this facility hosts hockey tournaments and games as well as providing learn-to-skate programs on both rinks. The Eagles / Blue Line Club Arena is located in a mixed residential, commercial, and institutional area and serves Park District residents on a regional scale. The facility is adjacent to collector and local streets.

The site itself has minimal topographic change, with some deciduous and evergreen trees, and turf. Pedestrian lighting and trash receptacles are present on site.

Facility Conditions

Eagles Rink is 200'x85' and can seat 350 guests. Blue Line Club Rink is the smallest ice rink in the Park District at 185'x85' and has capacity for up to 50 spectators.

1. Locker rooms
2. Official's rooms
3. Concession stands
4. Training rooms

Uses and Programming

The rink is a regional draw. Each ice sheet in this facility has separate amenities suited for hockey practices, games, and tournaments and learn-to-skate programs.

1. Public skating (Blue Line Club Arena)
2. Skating lessons
3. Skating Clubs
4. Intermural recreation League (Blue Line Club Arena)

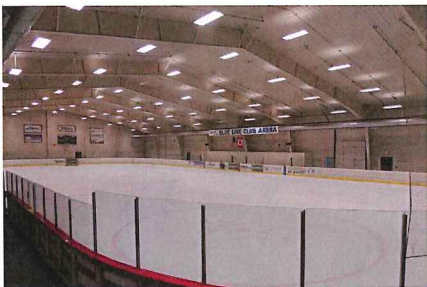
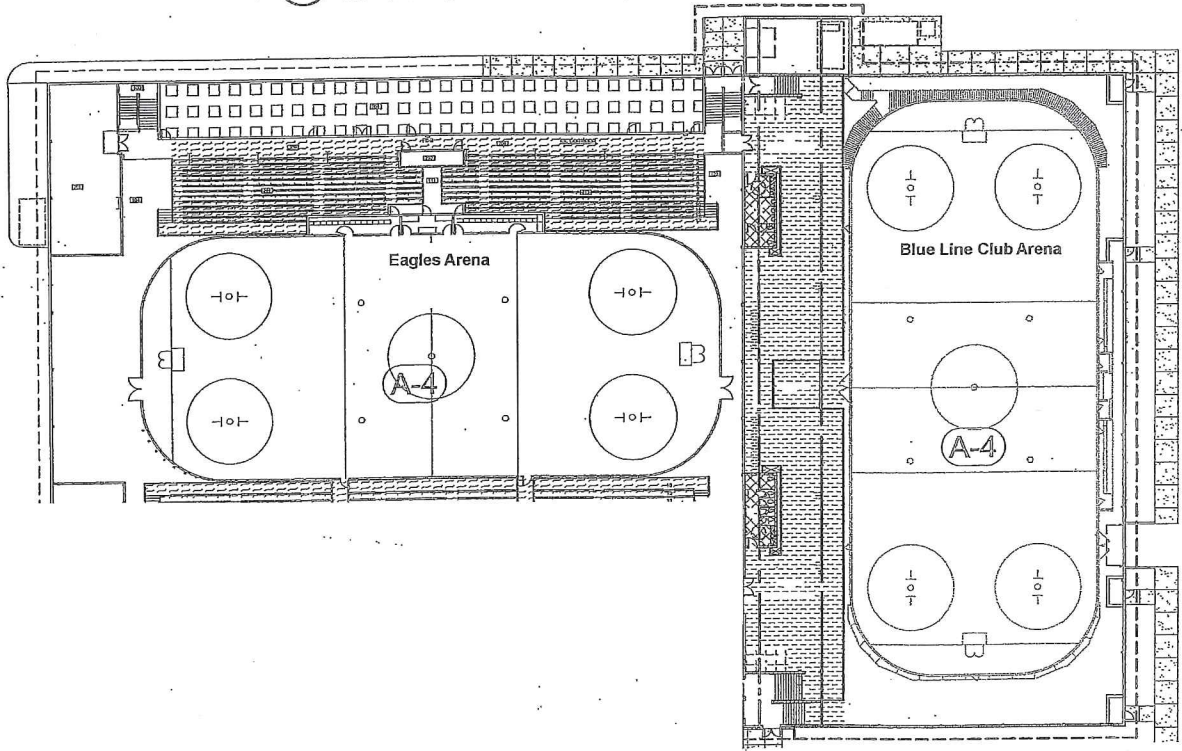
Classification	Indoor Rec. Facility
Year Acquired / Built	1985, 1993
Square Feet (Eagles)	37,500
Square Feet (Blue Line)	26,400

Interior Space

QTY	
1	Restrooms
10	Locker Rooms
2	Officials Room
Y	Reception Desk
	Office
	Kitchen
2	Concessions
	Banquet/ Community
2	Classroom/ Multi-purpose
	Art Room
	Teen Room
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Playground
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
2	Ice Sheets
Y	Equipment Rental
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
Y	Storage
	Maintenance
Y	Parking

(1 HOUR ASSEMBLY)
2 FIRE RATED ASSEMBLY
(2 HOUR ASSEMBLY)

1 CODE COMPLIANCE DIAGRAM - FIRST FLOOR
1/32" = 1'-0"





First Season Community Center
110 7th Avenue South

Context and Site Conditions

Intended for children up to the age of 10, the First Season Community Center is open from early October through August six days a week. The facility is located in a commercial, institutional, and residential area adjacent to the Purpur / Gambucci Arena and shares parking with the facility. It is also next to Abbott Park and has easy access to its sports fields and courts.

Facility Conditions

This facility is focused on providing indoor play activities and provides

1. Indoor playground.
2. TV lounge.
3. Party room.
4. Concessions.

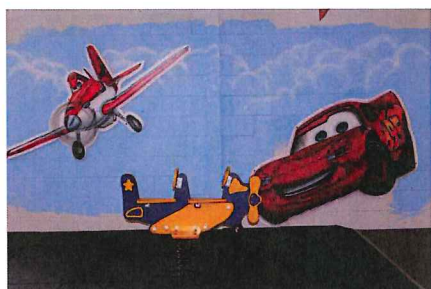
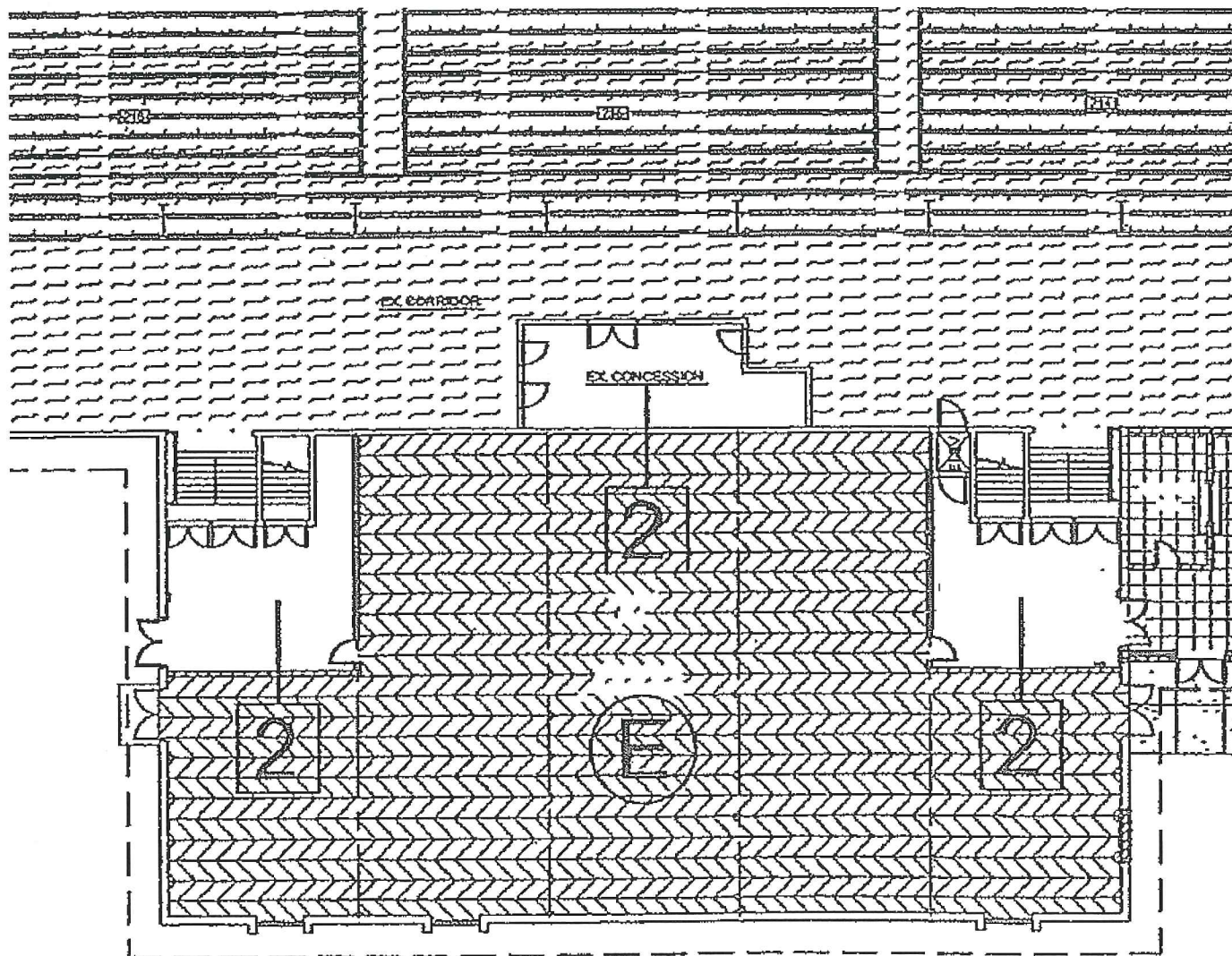
Uses and Programming

1. Open play area for \$2.75/child
2. Party rentals.

Classification	Indoor Rec. Facility
Year Acquired / Built	1999
Square Feet	

Interior Space

QTY	
Y	Restrooms
	Locker Rooms
	Reception Desk
	Office
	Kitchen
Y	Concessions
1	Banquet/ Community
	Classroom/ Multi-purpose
	Art Room
	Teen Room
	Auditorium
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
Y	Playground
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Ice Sheets
	Store / Equipment Rental
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
Y	Storage
	Maintenance
	Parking





ICON Sports Center Arena
1060 47th Avenue South

Context and Site Conditions

Largely funded through donations from individuals and entities, the ICON Sports Center Arena is the newest arena in the Grand Forks Park District. This arena is located next to and shares parking with the Choice Health & Fitness facility. The arena is composed of two separate rinks, the Rydellcars.com Rink and The Judd Rink, which attract users from all over the Grand Forks Region. Both are USA hockey sanctioned size rinks that seat up to 500 people each in addition to viewing decks at each rink.

The facility is located near residential, commercial, and institutional development along arterial, collector, and local roads with concrete sidewalk connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. The site sits within the floodplain and has open water. Topographic changes are minimal and there are deciduous and evergreen trees along with ornamental planting, native plantings, and turf. Pedestrian lighting, trash receptacles and drinking fountains are present.

Facility Conditions

ICON Sports Center is home to the Grand Forks Park District Administrative Offices and also includes:

1. Locker rooms. (10)
2. Official's rooms.
3. Training rooms.
4. A community room.
5. Viewing decks above each seating areas.
6. Two concession areas.
7. A sports shop.

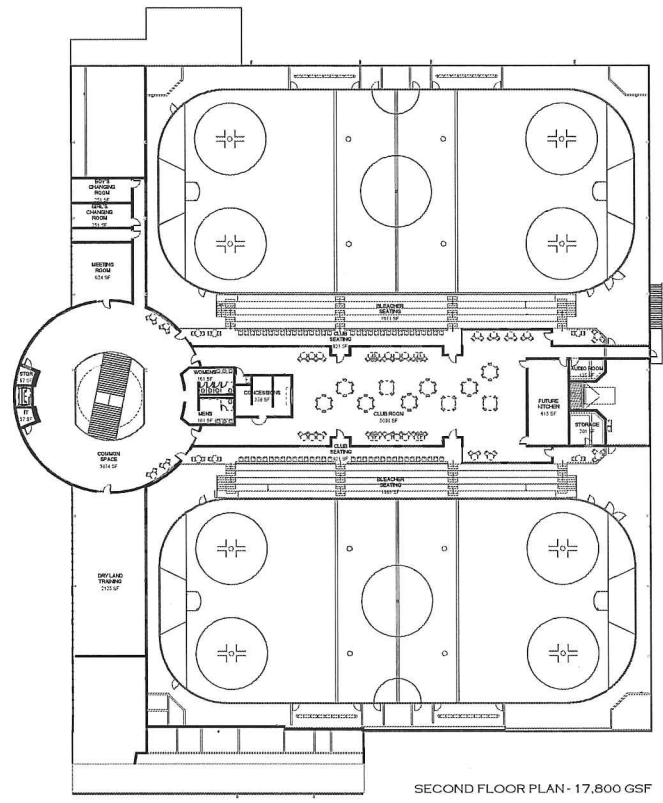
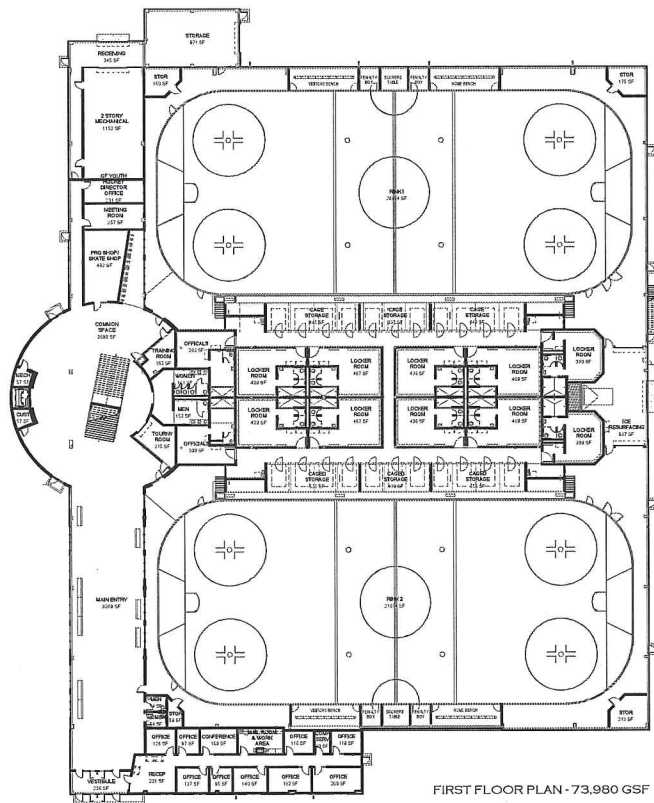
Uses and Programming

The arena attracts a regional draw, but recreational programming and sports affiliates frequent the facility as well. The Icon Sports Center Arena has strong recreational programming through its affiliation with the Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association and is used for hockey tournaments and games as well as learn-to skate facilities and has a number of amenities

Classification	Indoor Rec. Facility
Year Acquired / Built	2014
Square Feet	73,836

Interior Space

QTY	
Y	Restrooms
10	Locker Rooms
2	Officials Room
Y	Reception Desk
1	Office
	Kitchen
2	Concessions
2	Banquet/ Community
2	Classroom/ Multi-purpose
	Art Room
	Teen Room
	Auditorium
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Playground
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
2	Ice Sheets
1	Store / Equipment Rental
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
Y	Storage
	Maintenance
Y	Parking





Purpur / Gambucci Arena
1122 7th Avenue South

Context and Site Conditions

Located adjacent to the First Season Community Center, Abbott Park, and Williamson Park, the Purpur / Gambucci Arena shares parking with the community center. The arena is located in an area of residential, commercial, and institutional development and has a regional and neighborhood-user draw.

Located along arterial, collector and local roads, the site has minimal topographic changes and features deciduous and evergreen trees. Benches, pedestrian lighting, trash receptacles, and drinking fountains are present. Concrete sidewalk connections are present.

Facility Conditions

This facility is composed of two separate 200'x85' ice sheets within the building, the Cliff "Fido" Purpur Rink seats up to 2,500 people while the Sergio Gambucci Rink is can seat up to 100 spectators. Both rinks have their own sets of locker rooms, official's rooms, community rooms, and concession stands.

Amenities at this facility include:

1. Multiple Locker rooms.
2. Official's rooms
3. A community and classroom.
4. Concession stands.
5. Equipment rental.
6. A playground

Uses and Programming

The arena attracts a regional following, as well as drop-in users Both sheets in the Purpur / Gambucci Arena host tournaments and large hockey games in addition to providing learn-to-skate programs and practice space.

7. Rentals
8. Learn-to-skate
9. Hockey games
10. Hockey / skating practice
11. Tournaments

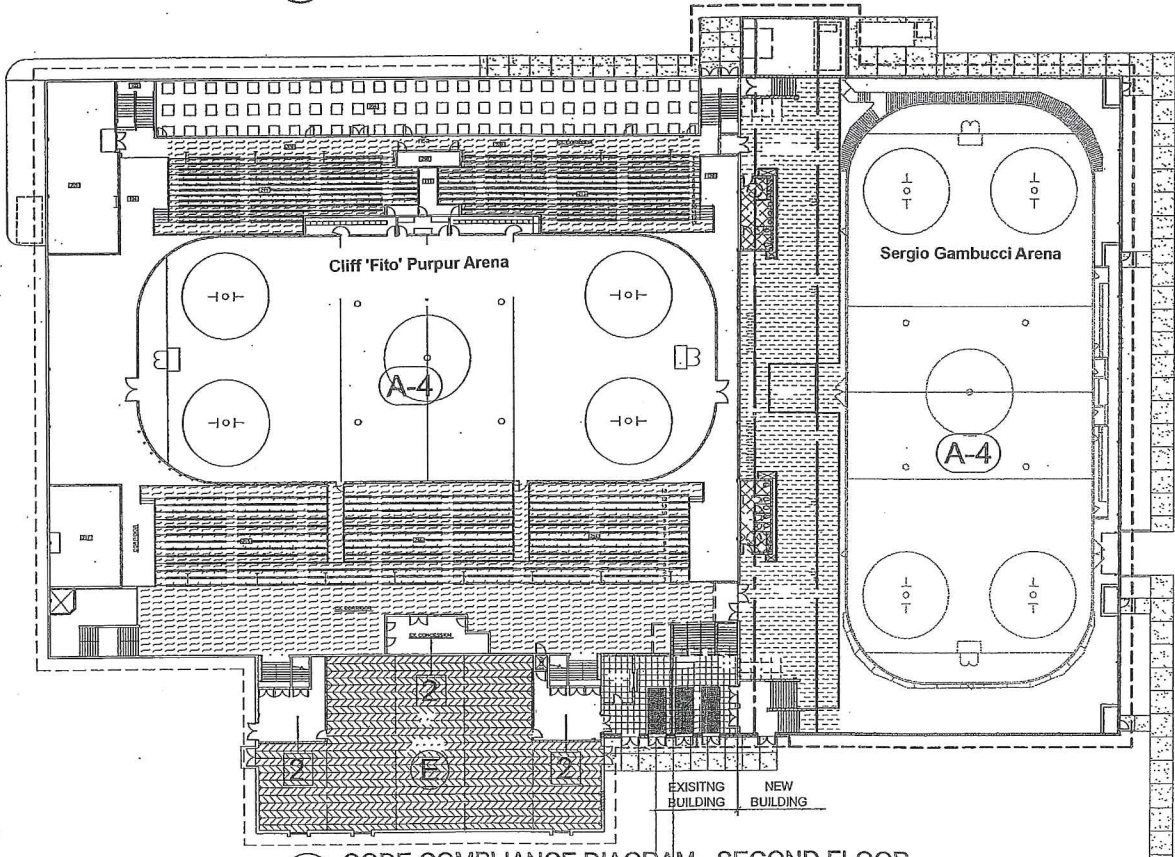
Classification	Indoor Rec. Facility
Year Acquired / Built	1966, 2003
Square Feet (Purpur)	41,125
Square Feet (Gambucci)	31,375

Interior Space

QTY	
1	Restrooms
10	Locker Rooms
2	Officials Room
	Reception Desk
	Office
	Kitchen
2	Concessions
1	Banquet/ Community
1	Classroom/ Multi-purpose
	Art Room
	Teen Room
	Auditorium
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
1	Playground
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
2	Ice Sheets
Y	Store / Equipment Rental
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
	Storage
	Maintenance
Y	Parking

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(2 HOUR ASSEMBLY)

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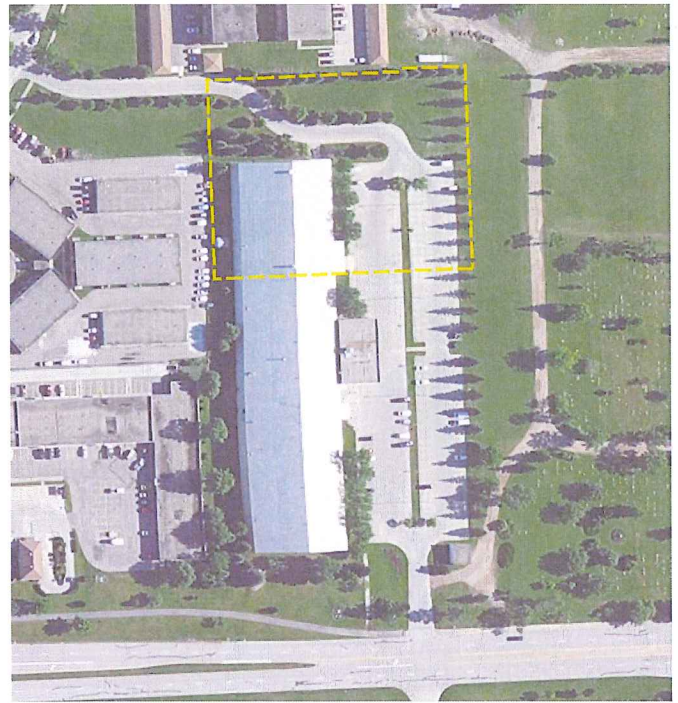
Other Facilities

Maintenance Facilities and Red River Gymnastics



Classification	Maintenance Facility
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	15.9
Tax Number	442503000010000

OLD DUTCH MAINTENANCE FACILITY
Bacon Road



Classification	Maintenance Facility
Year Acquired	unknown, rented to RRVG
Acres	2.07
Tax Number	44232100001001

RED RIVER VALLEY GYMNASTICS
1602 32nd Avenue S

Parks and Forestry Maintenance Office

1210 7th Avenue S

Classification	Maintenance Facility
Year Acquired	unknown
Acres	13.4
Tax Number	44180300383000

INVENTORY

Context

Adjacent Land Use

- residential
- commercial / office
- institutional
- industrial
- open space

Adjacent Street Classification

- arterial
- collector
- local
- alley

Pedestrian Connectivity

- sidewalk connections
- local trail connection
- regional trail connection
- none

Natural Features

Hydrological Conditions

- floodplain / floodway
- wetland(s)
- open water
- none

Topographical Characteristics

- minimal
- moderate
- severe

Vegetation

- turf
- deciduous trees
- evergreen trees
- ornamental planting
- native plantings

Sports Fields / Courts

- basketball
- tennis
- baseball / softball
- soccer
- football
- none / other

Pathways

- asphalt
- concrete
- other
- none

Site Furnishings

- picnic tables
- benches
- lighting
- trash receptacles
- drinking fountain

Utilities

- water
- electrical
- none

Uses & Programs

Uses

- drop-in neighborhood
- regional
- recreation programming
- affiliate organizations

Notes: Maintenance Shop



Site Characteristics

Playground Elements

- modular structure
- independent play elements
- swings (4 belt, 2 tot)
- none

Recreation Program Assessment

INTRODUCTION

This assessment includes an analysis of the Grand Forks Park District's program and service offerings. The report offers a detailed perspective of recreation programs and events and helps to identify the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for future program direction. It also assists in identifying core programs, program gaps within the community, and future program offerings for residents based on community input and trends.

Program findings were based on comments from the statistically valid Community Interest and Opinion Survey results, public input process, a review of program information, program assessment worksheets completed by staff, and interviews and meetings with the staff. In addition, marketing materials such as the Recreation Activity Guide and the website were reviewed.

The content of this section is organized as follows:

- 2014 Community Interest and Opinion Survey results relating to programs
- Core Program Identification
- Program Mix
- Lifecycle Analysis
- Age Segment Analysis
- Current Program Assessment
- Facility Assessment
- Marketing Approaches and Recreation Activity Guide and Website Review
- Sports and Leisure Market Trends

SURVEY RESULTS RELATING TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

As detailed previously, a Community Survey was developed and administered by Leisure Vision in 2014. The survey has significant relevancy to recreation program offerings and future positioning and marketing of programs. Leisure Vision has also compiled a national database of survey results. The database is referenced in several result areas for Grand Forks. Some of the highlights of the 2014 Survey included:

- Grand Forks Park District is the number one source of usage for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the past twelve months (61%).
- Thirty-five percent (35%) of households have participated in recreation programs in the last twelve months. The national average is also 35%. This is an area to establish a goal to improve program participation.
- Respondent satisfaction with parks and recreation services provided by the Grand Forks Park District (those households expressing somewhat or very satisfied) is 91%. The national average is 88%.

- Recreation programs that are most important are adult fitness and wellness programs (35%), special events (25%), adult programs for 55 years and older (23%), adult continuing education programs (20%) and outdoor winter recreation (18%).
- In assessing how households find out about programs and facilities, 76% of households learn about parks and recreation programs and activities from the Recreation Activity Guides, 51% from newspaper articles, 44% from friends and neighbors and 34% from the Park District website. The national benchmark for awareness in the agency program guides is 54%, 41% from friends and neighbors and 39% from newspapers and advertisements.
- In assessing reasons that prevent households from using programs or facilities more often, the top three reasons include: fees are too high (15%), not sure what is being offered (13%), and program times are not convenient (12%). These percentages are in line with other agencies in the Leisure Vision database and do not suggest significant barriers to participation.

Analyzing these results will help provide suggestions for future programming and/or how to improve upon current program offerings. Realizing who is using services and the reasons why they may not, will also provide invaluable leads to marketing strategies as well as service placement. References to the survey results are noted throughout the Recreation Assessment.

CORE PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION

The ability to align program offerings according to community need is of vital importance to successfully delivering recreation services. At the same time, it is also important to deliver recreation programs with a consistent level of quality, which results in consistent customer experiences. Core programs are generally offered each year and form the foundation of recreation programs. In assessing the categorization of core programs, many criteria are considered. A list of the criteria includes:

- The program has been provided for a long period of time
- Offered three to four sessions per year or two to three sessions for seasonal programs
- Wide demographic appeal
- Includes 5% or more of recreation budget
- Includes tiered level of skill development
- Requires full-time staff to manage the program area
- Has the ability to help solve a community issue
- High level of customer interface exists
- High partnering capability
- Facilities are designed to support the program
- Evolved as a trend and has resulted in a “must have” program area
- Dominant position in the market place
- Great brand and image of the program, based on the District’s experience of offering the program over a period of time

Core programs, by definition, meet at least the majority of these criteria. The establishment of core programs helps to provide a focus for program offerings. This focus, in turn, creates a sense of discipline for quality control of these program areas and helps to reduce variation of service for the program participants. It must be noted that the designation of non-core programs does not suggest they are unimportant. It just means there may be less focus and fewer programs compared to core programs.

During discussions with staff and reviewing the core programming criteria, the following programs were identified as core program areas:

- Aquatics
- Golf (King's Walk and Lincoln Golf Course)
- Group Exercise
- Other Fitness
- Park District Recreation - Athletics
- Personal Training & Sports Performance
- Special Events
- Sports Programming - Choice Health & Fitness
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Pickle Ball
- Volleyball

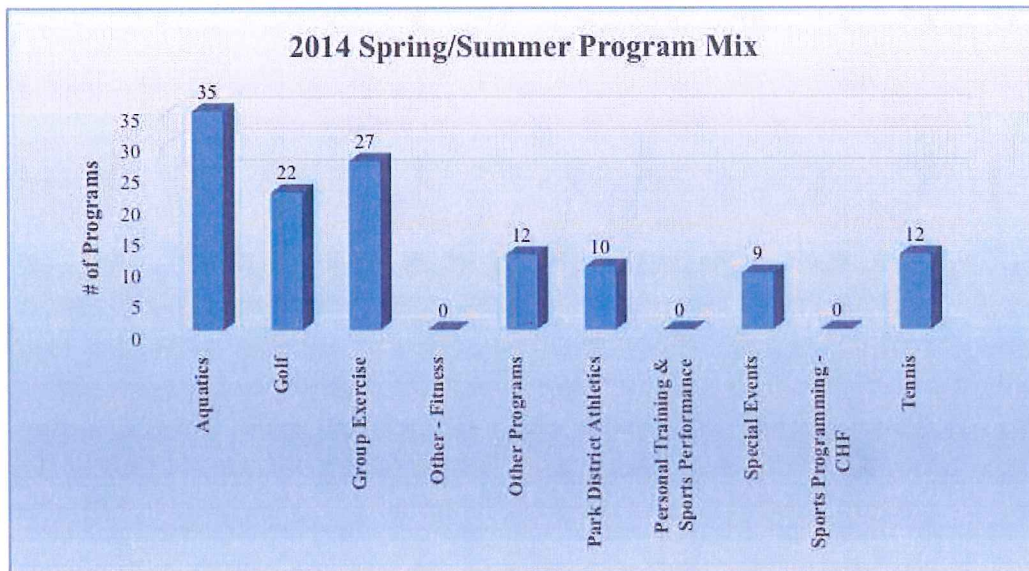
It is important to note that youth hockey is not among the list of core programs, given the noteworthy demand for hockey in the community. This is a result of youth hockey programs and leagues being offered by Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association.

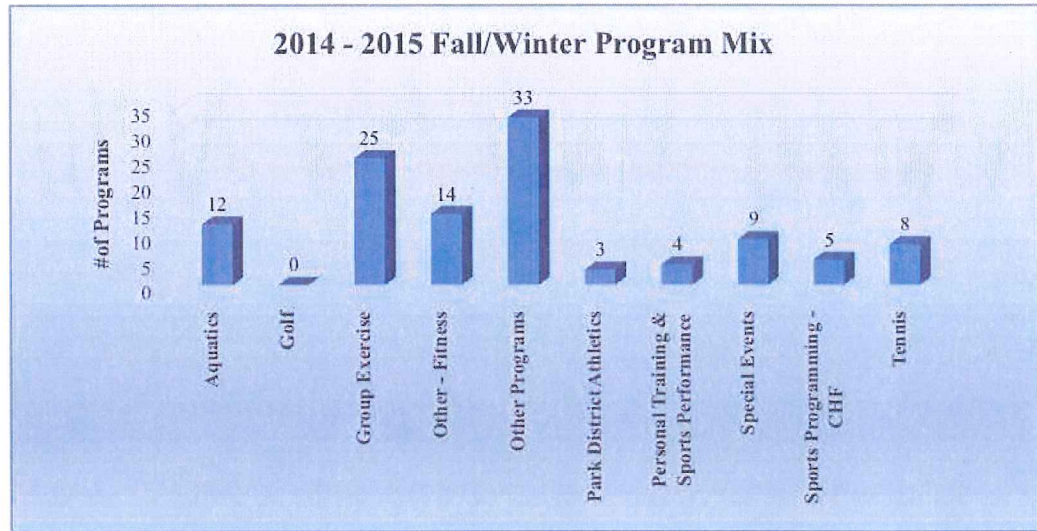
PROGRAM MIX

The program mix or the distribution of types of programs offered should represent the programming needs of the residents. Therefore, this should be evaluated annually through an assessment process. In addition, the program offerings should include emphasis on the delivery of core programs. In reviewing program offerings listed in the 2014 spring/summer and 2014-2015 Fall/Winter Recreation Activity Guides, the list of core programs and number of activities offered included:

- Aquatics
- Golf (King's Walk and Lincoln Golf Course)
- Group Exercise
- Other Fitness
- Park District Recreation - Athletics
- Personal Training & Sports Performance
- Special Events
- Sports Programming - Choice Health & Fitness
- Tennis

<i>Core Programs</i>	<i>Spring/Summer 2014</i>	<i>Fall/Winter 2014-2015</i>	<i>Total Percentage</i>
Aquatics	35	12	19.6% (47)
Golf	22	0	9.2% (22)
Group Exercise	27	25	21.7% (52)
Other Fitness	0	14	5.8% (14)
Other Programs	12	33	18.8% (41)
PD Rec. - Athletics	10	3	5.4% (13)
Personal Training & Sports Perform.	0	4	1.7% (4)
Special Events	9	9	7.5% (18)
Sports Programming - CHF	0	5	2.1% (5)
Tennis	12	8	8.3% (20)
Totals	127	113	240





During the public input process, multiple residents spoke about the need for the District to balance programs more equitably between athletic and non-athletic programs. The District should continuously review its distribution of programs between athletic and non-athletic programs and services. One area of increased emphasis will include the arts. The District is currently participating in the recently created Public Arts Commission (PAC), which is a significant endeavor for the Grand Forks community.

Recent studies have identified public art as important to transforming Grand Forks into an urban destination. A 2010 Knight-Gallup study found that social offerings, improved aesthetics, and openness were key to attracting and retaining citizens. The 2012 NV360 study highlighted the important role of public art in creating a vibrant, engaged community and improving talent retention. In 2013, a follow-up study identified key corridors as potential sites for public art installations. These studies prompted stakeholders in private and public sectors to develop plans for a public art program that would make Grand Forks more unique and visually interesting. Grand Forks is in a unique position to develop a strong public arts program: North Dakota is experiencing an economic boom, and local partners are leading a strategic vision that includes public art as a key factor in creating regional economic impact.

Members of the PAC are currently working with Forecast Public Art to develop a city-wide public arts and culture master plan. This plan will guide future temporary art installations in public and private spaces throughout Grand Forks. A strong emphasis is placed on commissioning outstanding artwork by high-caliber artists. PAC will ensure this quality by articulating an aesthetic vision and a set of values to guide the public art program, providing criteria for artist selection, outlining policies for ongoing maintenance, and providing guidance for incorporating art into development projects throughout the city.

PAC proposes to commission small-scale temporary public art forms in highly visible public spaces that engage local artists and residents in the process of creating and interpreting public art. These projects will provide zones for public gathering, highlight gateways and connection points throughout, and enhance the character of the City through unique aesthetic features.

LIFECYCLE ANALYSIS

The program assessment included a lifecycle analysis of the core programs selected for review. This assessment helps to determine if the Grand Forks Park District needs to develop newer and more innovative programs, reposition programs that have been declining, or continue the current mix of lifecycle stages. This assessment was based on staff members’ opinions of how their core programs were categorized according to the following areas.

- Introduction Stage (Getting a program off the ground, heavy marketing)
- Growth Stage (Moderate and interested customer base, high demand, not as intense marketing)
- Mature Stage (Steady and reliable performer, but increased competition)
- Decline Stage (Decreased registration)

The percentage distribution of programs according to lifecycle categories includes:

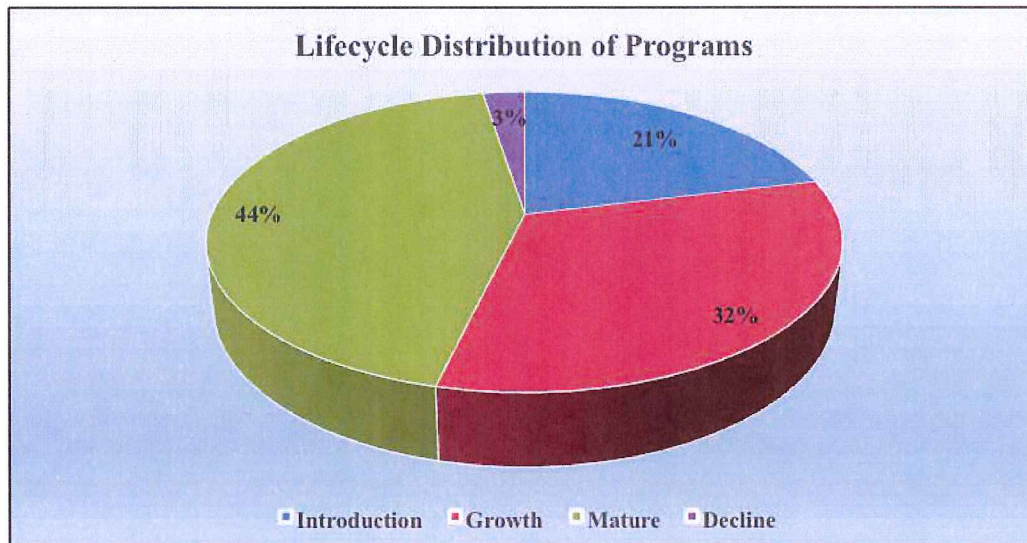
Introductory programs:.....	21.0%
Growth programs:	32.1%
Mature programs:	44.4%
Decline programs:	2.5%

PROGRAM LIFE CYCLE STAGES – CORE PROGRAMS

Introduction	Growth	Mature	Decline
<i>Getting a program off the ground, heavy marketing</i>	<i>Interested customer base high demand, not as intense marketing</i>	<i>Steady performer, reliable success</i>	<i>Signs of tailing off, increased competition</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth Volleyball Lessons · Private Volleyball Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth RB Lessons · Private RB Lessons · Youth Basketball Camp · Private Basketball Lessons · Youth Basketball Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Kickboxing · Baseball Performance · Hockey Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Golf Performance · Youth Performance Enhancement (13) · Rollerblading Performance Lessons · Outdoor Bootcamp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth Running Club · Insanity Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Special Needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth Golf Academy · Women's Golf Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Movies in the Park · Youth Kickball · Indoor Swim Lessons · Indoor Private Swim Lessons · Youth Basketball Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Adult Tennis Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Cardio Tennis · Adult Tennis Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Les Mills RPM · Yoga (5 types) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pilates · Les Mills Body Pump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Group Strength · Training (4 types) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Water Exercise · Senior Water Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Senior Fitness · Silver Sneakers · Private Personal Training · Group Personal Training · Pre-natal & Post-partum · Youth Nutrition Classes · Adult Nutrition Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Adult Dance Classes · Youth Dance Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Men's Golf Leagues · Senior Golf Leagues · Private & Group Lessons · Greenway Ski Days · Lucky Strike Bowling · Knight for a Princess · Hooked on Fishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Summerthing · Family Fun Night · Black Cat Bash · Santa Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Just for Fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SMILE · Youth Track · Youth Soccer · Youth Baseball · Youth Softball · Youth Hockey · Adult Hockey · Figure/Ice Skating · Outdoor Group Swim Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sand Volleyball · Racquetball Tournaments · Adult Basketball Leagues · Adult Basketball Tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth Tennis Lessons · Tennis in the Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Private Tennis Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Adult Drills · Tennis Tournaments · Junior Team Tennis · Group Cycling (3 types) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Step Cardio · Zumba (3 types) · Adult Cardio & Strength 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth Tennis Camps · Krank & Rowing

The recommended standard for percentage distribution (according to other agency benchmarks in the Heller & Heller database) is 60% of programs should be in introduction and growth stages, and 40% in the maturation and decline stages. For Grand Forks Park District, the percentage is just over 53% in introduction/growth and 47% in maturation/decline which are somewhat short of the benchmark. As can be seen from the charts above, some program areas such as youth athletics have higher percentages of offerings in the mature and decline stages. The 60/40 split should be reviewed system-wide, but is also a good measure for individual core program areas.

Any program area in decline should be targeted for repositioning or deletion. Mature programs should be monitored closely in order to prevent decline in registrations. Some agencies, in order to develop accountability for an increased percentage of introductory programs, establish a performance measurement indicating new programs initiated by each staff member. Additionally, it's important to continuously monitor customer expectations and requirements as a way of determining how to reposition programs.



AGE SEGMENT ANALYSIS

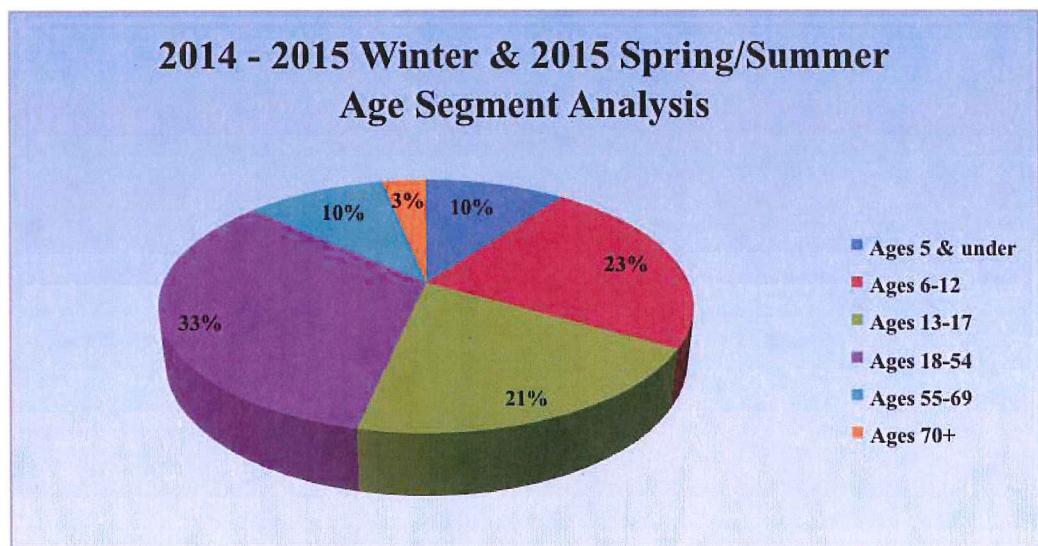
Park and recreation systems should strive for an equitable balance of offerings for various age segments, including:

- Youth age 5 and under
- Youth ages 6-12
- Youth ages 13-17
- Adults 18-54
- Adults 55-69
- Seniors 70+

The percentage of program offerings in each age category should closely match community demographics. The following chart shows the age segment percentages of program offerings. This information was calculated by reviewing the 2014-2015 winter and 2015 spring/summer Activity Guides and counting the number of programs offered for each segment. Programs and events offered for all ages, such as family special events, were not included in the list. The age distribution of programs is as follows:

<i>Winter 2014-2015</i>	<i>Total # of Programs</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Youth 5 and under	15	11%
Youth 6-12	34	25%
Youth 13-17	25	18.4%
Adults 18-54	52	38.2%
Adults 55-69	6	4.4%
Seniors 70+	4	3.0%

<i>2015 Spring/Summer</i>	<i>Total # of Programs</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Youth 5 and under	17	9.5%
Youth 6-12	39	21.7%
Youth 13-17	39	21.7%
Adults 18-54	53	29.4%
Adults 55-69	26	14.4%
Seniors 70+	6	3.3%



This distribution reflects that programs are most geared toward individuals ages 18-54 with 33% of programming in this area. Adding the youth categories together (Ages 5 & under and ages 6-12) the percentage is also 33%. Recreation assessments in the Heller and Heller database typically have an average of 60-70% of program offerings geared toward youth 12 and under. Grand Forks Park District has much better distribution of programs among age groups and should continue to do so.

CURRENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

AQUATICS

Aquatics programs are offered year-round with indoor swimming for all ages at Choice Health & Fitness. During the summer, aquatics programs are offered at two outdoor facilities and three spray parks. Indoor lessons are listed in the Growth stage of the Lifecycle analysis, while outdoor lessons are listed in the Mature stage.

Elks Pool and Spray Park has seen an attendance decrease the past two years, 2014 and 2013. There was a decrease in 2014 of 6.6% from 2013 and 34.3% from 2012. As for financial reporting in 2014, there was a net loss of 114% or \$54,213. In 2013, a net loss of 81% or \$39,928. This information includes concessions.

Riverside Pool has also seen an attendance decrease the past two years, 2014 and 2013. There was a decrease in 2014 of 8% from 2013 and 13% from 2012. As for financial reporting in 2014, there was a net loss of 154% or \$75,611. In 2013, a net loss of only 20% or \$17,802. This information includes concessions. Consideration should be given to update outdoor pool amenities to increase attendance.

Choice Health & Fitness Aquatics reported a year to date (November 2014) net loss of 72% or \$65,509. The budget for 2015 proposes at \$54,600 net loss.

ADULTS/SENIORS

Current national trends show decreasing participation amongst senior and adult programs. In the last five years, adults are now working longer, spending is more conservative and there are additional less expensive opportunities from competitors for recreation. The Park District does offer Choice Senior Programs, including strength and toning, yoga, aquatics, and Zumba. As the community continues to age, these programs should continue to grow.

A suggestion to increasing participation of active adults is to create a task force, or launch group, with residents to help determine program ideas while creating a community connection. As noted in NV360, social offerings are very important to community vitality. As a result, growing programs for older adults will assist in the fulfillment of that goal.

Trends and applications in lifestyle programming for active adults include several areas of interest. Findings are categorized in six dimensions of human wellness that influence optimal health, well-being and quality of life. These program areas include: 1) Physical, 2) Social, 3) Intellectual/Creative, 4) Emotional, 5) Vocational and 6) Environmental. Active adults are vitally interested in the social program area, which can include walking and biking clubs.

The adult/senior program area already has mostly fitness related programs being offered. Fitness programs continue to be a nationwide trend. Increasing offerings for fitness programs is recommended due to recent personal training successes and the ability to reach all age groups. Another growing area for active adults is sports leagues for 45+, 55+ and older. The Altru Wellness Village will go a long way in increasing participation among active adults and seniors.

A more recent fresh trend is a website named “meetup.com.” The concept for meetup.com is for individuals to search already formed special-interest groups that “meet up” in the area that is searched. Again, this will help with fulfilling the goal of providing social connection opportunities in the community. There are currently four groups (4) within a five-mile radius of the Grand Forks area. Utilizing this website may be a tool to build adult programming or increase rental opportunities for Grand Forks Park District. Fitness and wellness programs and classes tend to be the most popular type of program across the United States and continue to be a nationwide trend for adults.

According to results in the 2014 Community Survey, recreation programs that are most important are adult fitness and wellness programs (35%), special events (25%), adult programs for 55 years and older (23%), adult continuing education programs (20%) and outdoor winter recreation (18%).

According to the survey questions related to parks and recreation programs, specific adult programming or programming that includes adults was listed frequently in the top ten. Analyzing results like these will help provide suggestions for future programming and/or how to improve upon current program offerings.

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS PROGRAMMING

A wide range of athletic programs are offered year-round. Youth sports ranks fourth among programs that respondent household currently participate in (14%) according to the 2014 Community Survey. Of the households that participate in youth sports programs eighty percent (80%) of needs are being met, the highest percentage of any program. There is a wide variety of programs in the Introduction, Growth and Mature lifecycle stages.

A comparison of a two-year financial performance measurement reveals a positive net income in soccer, but a net loss in baseball and softball. Year-to-date soccer revenue increased in 2014 from 2013 by 93% for a net income of \$14,574. Proposed income in 2015 is \$21,400. Revenue also increased in 2014 for baseball and softball. Although a net loss, the year-to-date figure is lower than in 2013.

Tennis programming, lessons and tournaments are offered year-round to all ages. Tennis programming reported a net income of \$205,635 in 2013, a decrease of 8.6% from 2012. The projected budget in 2015 shows a net increase. Sports programming at Choice Health & Fitness reports net positive incomes in tennis, basketball, volleyball and racquetball. The highest income reported was in tennis programs.

After a thirteen percent (13%) increase in baseball participation in 2013 from 2012, there was a decrease in participation in 2014 of -7.7% from 2013. Softball had a participation increase of 9.5% in 2014 from 2013. This is after a decrease in participation in 2013 from 2012 of -16.7%.

Altru Family YMCA is within a ten minute drive to Grand Forks Park District and is considered

a competitor (although the YMCA is also a Park District partner) offering aquatics, fitness, group exercise, basketball, racquetball, volleyball and senior fitness and has similar or lower prices. The UND Wellness Center offers basketball and/or volleyball leagues and is within a ten minute drive with lower fees. East Grand Forks Parks and Recreation offers tennis lessons and is within fifteen minutes of Grand Forks Park District.

FITNESS

Fitness and wellness tends to be the most popular type of program across the United States. The Park District aspires to be a best practice agency in promoting health and fitness and reducing obesity. The District's performance in this program area greatly exceeds the level and depth of programming of other communities nationwide. This will be further enhanced with the development of the Altru Wellness Village.

The age range in fitness programming is 18+. Fitness and wellness programming continue to be a nationwide trend not only for adults, but also children. A wellness program for children is an area for potential growth. There are an increasing number of grant opportunities to assist in programming to help youth become more physically fit. Increasing offerings in fitness and wellness is recommended due to community needs and increased revenue opportunities.

Fitness programming is offered year-round to high school ages are up. Most programming is located in the Growth and Mature lifecycle stages. This is a good mix of exciting new programs and steady, reliable programs.

- According to the 2014 Community Survey, 53% of households have visited Choice Health & Fitness during the past twelve months. This ranks second to neighborhood parks (90%). Approximately 50% of households have a need for indoor fitness and exercise facilities and indoor running and walking tracks.
- Of the households that have a need for parks and recreation programs, 54% indicated a need for adult fitness and wellness programs. This was the number one answer.

A comparison of a two-year financial performance measurement reveals Group Exercise and Personal Training has had a net loss the past three years, 2011-2013. Although revenue in 2013 had a 45% increase from 2012. With the revenue increase, expenses also increased by 12.5%. This shows expenses grew at a slower rate than revenue, which is appropriate considering a net loss. Competitor fees are factored in when Grand Forks is setting membership prices at Choice Health & Fitness.

There may be opportunities to expand fitness beyond the walls of Choice Health & Fitness. Outreach into the corporate community for fitness classes, brown bag lunch series, personal training, reflexology, and other programs may be useful in a corporate setting for those companies without an on-site fitness center.

As mentioned earlier in this Assessment, the Park District aspires to be a best practice agency in its service delivery relating to fitness and wellness activities. As part of this, the District is working in partnership to create an outdoor community health and fitness project, the Altru Wellness Village.

The Altru Wellness Village includes the development, utilization and sustainability of an experimental learning center through:

1. Formal and informal curriculum
2. Developing greenhouse programs
3. Maintaining gardens and trails
4. Outdoor activity areas

The Project will include a greenhouse, Native American garden, flower gardens, crop plot, fruit tree garden, viticulture, and apiculture. Also included will be a trail with connections to the Greater Grand Forks Greenway and Ryan Lake. The trail will include kiosks/interpretive signage, soil profile and prairie grass root profile viewing panels, and a soil erosion exhibit.

Business, government and community will be involved in the project. The Grand Forks Park District Choice Health & Fitness (CHF) has partnered with:

- Dakota Science Center (DSC)
- University of North Dakota (UND)
- North Dakota Game & Fish Department and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Cabelas
- USDA
- North Dakota State University (NDSU) & Minnesota State University (MSU)
- NDSU Extension Service

An educational component will include PreK-12, higher education and adult education. There will be learning opportunities for all ages in the areas of science literacy, nutrition and wellness through the USDA Human Nutrition Center and UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grand Forks Park District offers special events during all seasons. Most of the special events in Grand Forks were listed as being in the mature lifecycle stage and are offered to all ages. According to the 2014 Community Survey, special events are listed as the number two need among households for parks and programs at 48%, which is second to adult fitness and wellness. Special events are also listed second as most important recreation programs to Grand Forks residents. Implementing changes and enhancements to events are a way of showing commitment to a popular service and to build trust from the community. If events are becoming routine and static, forming a task force of residents/staff for community events is a great way to create new ideas.

A comparison of a two-year financial performance measurement reveals a net loss for Knight for a Princess, Santa's Village and Just for Fun. Parks and recreation agencies typically subsidize special event programming.

Recreation Program Priorities

The following information is a Recreation Program Priority Spreadsheet. The spreadsheet shows the relative ranking of program priorities based on three survey questions from the 2014 Community Interest and Opinion Survey.

- Estimated number of households in Grand Forks that have a Need for Recreation Programs (question 10)
- Estimated number of households in Grand Forks whose Needs for Recreation Programs are only being 50% met or less (question 10c)
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Programs that are Most Important to Households (question 11)

The programs were ranked according to each of the three variables listed above, and then the rankings were totaled for a final ranking.

The programs are grouped into three categories:

- High priority is represented by green
- Medium priority is yellow
- Low priority is blue

As a result, programming areas such as adult fitness/wellness, adult general programs, youth athletic programs, aquatic programs, and environmental education/nature programs are a high priority for the community. Despite not being in the top five, special events are still important for residents. There is significant household need for the program, there are a large percentage of households who feel that need is largely unmet, and the programs were deemed to be either the first, second, third, or fourth most important program.

According to the Leisure Vision database, adult fitness and wellness programs consistently have either the greatest or second greatest level of need. This is no different in Grand Forks, as this program area has the highest level of need of all programs listed in the Community Interest and Opinion Survey, with 54% of households identifying a need for these programs. The demand for fitness and wellness program area is considerable that even though programs are offered, there are still roughly ten percent of households who feel their need is not met sufficiently (defined as 0 to 50% needs being fulfilled, indoor fitness and exercise facilities). When the choices from question 8c of the Community Survey of “indoor fitness and exercise facilities” and “indoor/running walking track” are combined, the percentage is twenty-two percent. Therefore, the District should continue to expand this program area.

The need for nature and environmental programs is also consistent to findings from other parks and recreation communities who have completed the Leisure Vision household survey process. Twenty percent of households feel their need is not met sufficiently (defined as 0 to 50% needs being fulfilled, nature trails). From question 10, twenty-six (26%) have a need for environmental education/nature programs. There may be an opportunity to bundle the need for fitness and wellness programs, with culinary programs, such as nutrition for fitness types of programming. Some trends seen in the region include offering classes outdoors in key park locations - including the possibility of building an outdoor kitchen to support culinary programming. Programs such as yoga are well suited for outdoor locations. Park systems around the country are also experiencing an increase in private contractors using parks for their classes. There may be opportunities to host these programs in park locations.

RECREATION PROGRAM PRIORITIES FROM 2014 COMMUNITY INTEREST AND OPINION SURVEY

	Q 10 %	Q 10 Rank	Q 10 Number	Rank	Q11 %	Q11 Rank	Total Rank Score
Adult fitness & wellness programs	54%	1	1,279	1	29%	1	3
Adult general programs	39%	2	1,001	2	20%	2	6
Youth athletic programs	32%	3	355	9	18%	3	15
Aquatic programs	28%	4	816	3	7%	9	16
Environmental education							
/nature programs	23%	8	577	4	7%	9	21
Special Events	27%	5	372	8	7%	9	22
Youth sports leagues	26%	6	311	14	11%	4	24
Youth enrichment programs	25%	7	314	13	10%	5	25
Senior adult programs/trips	17%	14	450	5	9%	6	25
Camp programs	23%	8	218	15	9%	6	29
Adult sports leagues	18%	12	375	7	6%	12	31
Youth arts and crafts programs	21%	10	352	10	4%	15	35
Dance programs	18%	12	315	12	6%	12	36
Teen programs	16%	15	317	11	4%	15	41
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	15%	16	389	6	3%	19	41
Preschool enrichment programs	15%	16	116	20	8%	8	44
Before & after school programs	14%	18	158	17	6%	12	47
Birthday Parties	21%	10	160	16	2%	22	48
Martial arts programs	11%	19	125	19	4%	15	53
Daycare	9%	21	105	21	4%	15	57
Ceramics	10%	20	157	18	3%	19	57
Other	4%	22	99	22	3%	19	63

High priority Medium Priority Low Priority

Q10% Estimated Number of Households in Grand Forks That Have a Need for Recreation Programs

Q10c. Estimated Number of Households in Grand Forks Whose Needs for Recreation Programs Are Only Being 50% Met or Less

Q11% Parks and Recreation Facilities Programs that are Most Important to Households*

*By percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top three choices

Marketing Approaches, Activity Guide and Website Review

The Park District continues to work on its brand and image. One suggested area is to redesign/update the District's current logo. The District logo was developed previous to many of the District facilities and parks being developed, in the 1980's. A suggestion is to create a more contemporary logo that matches the level of sophistication of the District's programs, services, and facilities for current and future times. Many versions of the current logo exist, which creates confusion and inconsistency. With the creation of a new logo, a branding standards manual can be developed to maintain consistency. The recommendation is to have an overall brand and sub-brands for all of the individual facility and program elements.

RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE REVIEW

The 2014 spring/summer and 2014-2015 fall/winter Recreation Activity Guides were reviewed. Comments about the Recreation Activity Guides are followed by recommendations for future marketing techniques. Typically, park and recreation activity guides are the best marketing tool agencies use to communicate services, programs and information to customers (according to the Leisure Vision database 50% of households find out about programs and services from their community's program guide. This holds true for GFPD as 76% of households find out about programs and services from the Recreation Activity Guide, according to the Community Survey.

The Recreation Activity Guide is distributed to households twice per year and is available online in a PDF format and as an interactive guide through issuu.com. Having two additional options for customers is helpful. Interactive guide options are also more easily available to read on smart phones and tablets. The Recreation Activity Guide is printed in full color.

The Recreation Activity Guide's contents and theme are bright and colorful throughout and information is easy to find due to the table of contents listing of programs and other information/headers. The Recreation Activity Guide is attractive to the eye with appropriate use of color and photographs on the front cover. Using multiple photographs advertises several opportunities for customers. Listing the additional facilities and foundation as part of the "Grand Forks Park District" is a great promotion technique.

The font used for page and program headers is creative and fun, and most descriptions use a simple font. A catchy font and a fresh look can grab the reader and is an enhancement for marketing programs and events. The use of the theme from the cover throughout the pages helps make the guide feel complete.

Customers who are looking for programs generally look to the fee and then the program title as a means of determining whether or not they will register for a class. Therefore, creative program titles are important. Ground Up Adventures is a good example of a creative title. Many others simply state what the program is about. The goal should be to develop more creativity in the program titles to attract the reader.

After price and title, the third element of importance that customers use to select programs is the description. Descriptions should include features, attributes, and benefits. Some of the text included in program descriptions is informational, rather than promotional. Identify the unique value propositions for each program and identify the "hook" that will entice people to register.

It is also suggested to try to keep the descriptions brief, no longer than six or seven lines, as readers lose interest in programs if they read too much. A good example is on page 10 of the 2014 fall/winter Activity Guide. The event Daddy Daughter Dance uses a creative title (Knight for a Princess) while the description captures the interest of the reader as well as provides all basic information for participating in the program in a short, yet descriptive way. Another capturing description is “The GF Park District along with Xcel Energy, invite you to Family Fun Night – Chalk it Up! This ultimate neighborhood block party is for all of Grand Forks and includes family games, chalk art, healthy treats, a children’s parade, face painting, inflatable games, and more. Youth and adults of all ages, join us for a night filled with family fun! Stay after for a Movie in the Park starting at sundown.”

Currently, District’s staff is listed in the Recreation Activity Guide, however, with no contact information. A recommendation would be to include phone numbers and/or email addresses included for Spring. This makes it easier for customers to receive information. Additionally, it may be helpful to have a staff highlight section within the Recreation Activity Guide.

Other key highlights from the Recreation Activity Guides:

- Great use of color throughout.
- Use of the Facebook and twitter logos shows readers continuous information and updates are available with these features, along with the radio station information.
- Effective use of QR codes to scan to receive information and/or subscribe to news on the user’s smart phone.
- Although sponsors pay to advertise, thanking them is also important.
- Activities at a Glance is very informative and helps the reader plan accordingly for future programs/events.
- Usage of the mouse as the online registration symbol throughout the Activity Guide is effective.
- Advertising of fundraising events helps promote the Grand Forks Parks and Recreation Foundation.
- Great use of logos for programs and teams.
- Creative-looking fonts for page and program headers.
- Usage of action photos to help sell the experience.
- One day coupon for Choice Health & Fitness is a great marketing tool.

Recommendations for future publications:

- Provide phone numbers and/or email addresses of staff.
- The District's mission statement could not be located in the 2013 spring/summer Activity Guide. A suggestion would be to include the mission statement and a director's message at the beginning that may focus on District's recent park projects, program updates, special events, and acknowledgements.
- Highlight instructors, coaches and/or trainers. This brings a personal and approachable touch to the programs they teach/instruct. Information on some instructors was missing, i.e. tennis pros. Along with pictures, a contact person, number, and/or e-mail should also be included in this section.
- Include phone numbers, where applicable, of the parks and facilities on the map page. Or direct readers to the website where they can find this information.
- "www" is not needed when providing a web address.
- Choice Health & Fitness pages 39-42 in the spring/summer Activity Guide are very crowded with a variety of background color and font color from black to white on the same page.
- Providing an employment opportunities ad is a great tool to attract new employees.

WEBSITE REVIEW

Parks and recreation websites are becoming increasingly important as a marketing tool, an identification of brand and image, and an avenue to provide government transparency.

The Park District homepage has a basic look with an appealing featured photo and green grass sidebars. These are two areas on the page that the reader's eye focuses on when the website opens. The photo depicts a current program (hockey), with a catchy slogan, and the green grass portrays outdoor recreation and parks. The Park District logo is in the top left-hand corner.

The header of the front page provides key areas for the viewer to navigate the website; Programs and Activities, Parks and Facilities, Trees and Flowers, Calendar and Registration. These options allow the reader to select and open additional pages with much more detailed information. The Registration tab brings the reader to the online registration page after the Register Now button is selected. Above these main choices are options in smaller font. They read; Home, About Us, How You Can Help, Contact Us and Employment, with a search bar next to these. The color choice is bland and is not inviting to the reader.

The About Us tab presents the Park District's mission statement and Grand Forks Park District Foundation information. On the side of this page provides Board Minutes, Departments, Park Board, Affiliations and Administrative Information. When each of the main tabs in the header is selected, the photo changes to correspond to the selection. Visuals like this help the pages look more inviting.

At the top of the main page are four website options that include the current Grand Forks Park District site, Choice Health & Fitness, King's Walk Golf Course and Lincoln Golf Course. Other than Choice Health & Fitness, the two golf course websites do not offer a visible link to the Park District page or any information that connects the Park District with the golf courses.

Located on the featured photo is a short description of what the photo is and underneath is a callout button that reads "View Programs." Although the photo is only a small portion of the main page, the entire photo stretches in the background of the length of the page, which is a nice feature.

Other options that are available on the page below the featured photo are Upcoming Activities and Events, which below this, provides current information, Employment Opportunities, Upcoming Community Events, Program Registration Form and the current Recreation Activity Guide. A callout button below this reads "View Our Programs." Most of these are links to an additional webpage, form or program information. The Recreation Activity Guide can be viewed as an online flipbook or downloaded as a PDF. The flipbook is a pleasant visual option for smartphones.

In the middle of the main page is an Activities Search, which provides the reader and opportunity to find an activity by season, age segment and indoor or outdoor location. When searched, an additional page opens with all the programs that meet the criteria, along with photos and a brief description. When the View Full Description button is selected, another additional page opens with the complete description, along with several activity options that are available from the search for the reader to view. This search option is a great tool to navigate the reader to not only what they want to view, but also additional options that fit the criteria. This search option is available on other pages. Again, this provides an easy search tool. The Park District logo or Homepage can be clicked to navigate the reader back to the home page.

On the right-hand side of the page is the Park District's Facebook feed, which is a great feature that ties social media with the website.

At the bottom of the page provides a general phone number, and links to Contact Us, Employment, Privacy Policy, Site Map and For Employees. The Email Updates box allows the reader to enter their email address to receive promotional materials. Also, the Facebook and Twitter icons are visible for the reader to "Follow Us."

There are several opportunities for improvement for this important marketing and informational tool.

The main webpage is very simple and concise. A majority of readers using the Web do not want to read a large amount of text. However, the insertion of pictures or even videos of users can help "sell" programs and add flair to a website. Despite one featured photo that is eye-catching, scrolling photos can advertise additional program/facility opportunities.

A website assessment should be completed minimally on an annual basis to keep up to date with current trends. The assessment should include external customer feedback through focus groups. In addition, it is helpful to have recreation program staff and contractual instructors review the site and provide suggestions in areas of improvement, based on their use of the site and suggestions they hear from customers.

It is projected that within the next few years, there will be an equal number of users who may access websites through smart phones (iPhones, Androids, Blackberries, etc.) and Tablets (iPad,

Samsung Galaxy, HP Slate, etc.). In order to maximize outreach to its target market, the Grand Forks Park District should develop applications and a WAP (wireless application protocol) enabled website that can be easily viewed by potential users on smart phones or tablets and also that allows them to make online reservations. The current WebTrac online registration software does not guarantee smartphone will work with the process.

Technology has given us endless opportunities to promote agencies. Therefore it's important for the District to continuously evaluate user satisfaction with the website. An evaluation process should occur on an annual basis with a review of the website:

- Content (promotional as well as informational; not too much text)
- Maintainability (up to date information)
- Accessibility
- Customer Usage (tracking usage)
- Internal Support (process for content updates, technology glitches, etc.)

WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

- Main photo usage
- Green grass sidebar
- Simple page navigation
- Additional websites for Choice Health & Fitness and Golf
- Activities Search
- Facebook newsfeed on home page
- Colorful photos on additional pages
- Facebook and Twitter icon usage

WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS

- New color scheme for the tabs located in the header.
- Utilize logo colors more on the website.
- Highlight the Choice Health & Fitness, and golf course tabs. Perhaps utilizing logo colors.
- Consider scrolling photos on the main page.
- The option to click the main page picture for additional information.
- The option to select any photo for additional information.
- Change the grass side bar photo to correspond to the seasons.
- Additional pages have a great deal of information. Keeping information "above the fold" on the page as to not lose the reader.
- Include Park District home page links on both golf course websites.
- Develop applications and a WAP (wireless application protocol) enabled website.

Sports and Leisure Market Potential

NATIONAL TRENDS

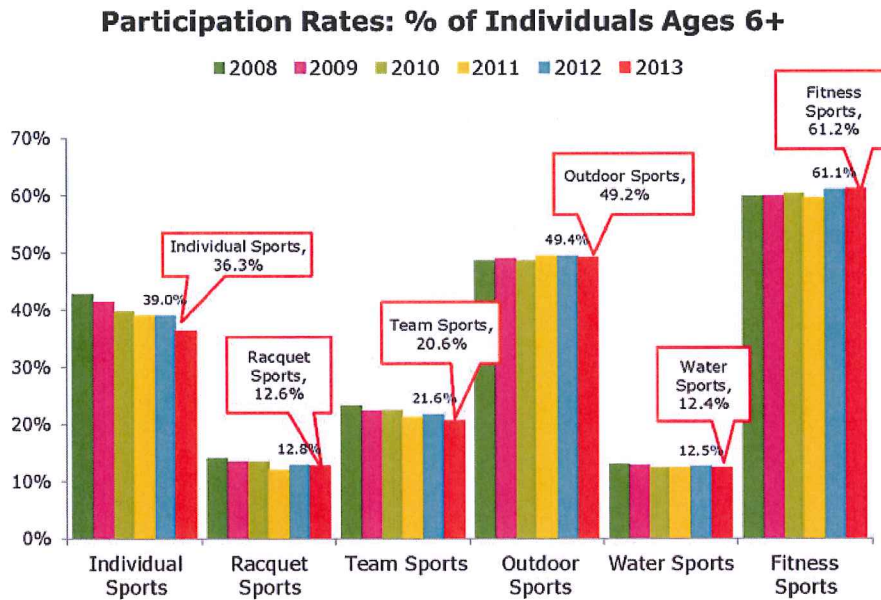
The following information includes a narrative relating to recreational trends and were derived from the Sports, Fitness & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report (2014) developed by The Sports & Fitness Industry Association, a top national researcher in the sports and fitness industry. The data reflecting the national trends stem from a statistically valid survey which over 19,240 online responses were compiled and analyzed. These surveys were then weighted against a total population of 290,001,000 ages 6 and older. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region, and population density.

Overall, many activities are experiencing a slow increase and/or decline due to the recent poor economic conditions, including those that have a cyclical pattern. However, a few activities have made a foothold and are increasing in participation. A sport with a participation rate of five percent has a confidence interval of plus or minus 0.31 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. This translates to plus or minus four percent of participants. In general, the survey reveals the following:

- Fitness sports remain the most popular physical activity and include activities such as yoga, boot camp-style training, and other classes. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, the top ten predicted 2014 trends include:
 - High intensity interval training (HIIT)
 - Body weight training
 - Educated and experienced fitness professionals
 - Strength training
 - Exercise and weight loss
 - Personal training
 - Fitness programs for older adults
 - Functional fitness
 - Group personal training
 - Yoga

- According to a January article Exercise Ins and Outs in the January 14 edition of the Chicago Tribune, trends for 2015 include:
 - Customized digital engagement equipment
 - HIIT will remain as a popular trend
 - Body-weight training and functional fitness, including adult jungle gyms, gymnastics, and workout space without cardio equipment
 - Competitive spin classes
 - Competition based fitness
 - Working out at home, with the growing population of people working at home
 - Zumba and Pilates will continue to decline in popularity
- An expressed desire to increase the amount of travel for participation in favorite sports and recreational activities
- Aspirational activities, such as swimming for fitness, bicycling and hiking show a desire and demand to participate in the coming year
- An expressed desire to participate in favorite sports and recreational activities with some areas showing an increase in spending which is encouraging
- Niche sports such as racquet sports shows a slight increase
- Significant opportunities to engage inactive populations in swimming and working out
- Smart phone apps for fitness and nutrition recording

In particular, the categories of participation include individual sports, racquet sports, team sports, outdoor sports, water sports and fitness sports. As the chart below reveals, individual and team sports have decreased, while racquet, outdoor and water sports have decreased slightly. Fitness sports have held steady.



Other categories, despite their slight decrease, have remained steady and are expected to gain participation with the rebounding economy.

The survey also reveals:

- The overall levels of inactivity have decreased marginally in the last 12 months from 28.0% of Americans age six and older to 27.6%. Inactivity had been increasing each year since 2008. We still have 80.2 million people who are inactive which is still higher than the number in 2011.
- Inactivity by age shows some interesting trends. The 13 to 17 age group has continued to become more inactive. Ages 25 to 34 is also trending that way. All of the age groups older than 45 have shown some drops in inactivity, so the signs are that the “active message” is getting across to the older age groups.
- On the positive side with 290 million Americans age 6 and older, 80 million inactives leaves 210 million “actives” taking part in a wide range of activities.
- We’re starting to get a good picture of “Gen Z” or those born this millennium. These 6 to 14 year olds dominate the team sports category but are also significant in outdoor and individual sports.
- Inactivity decreased slightly in 2013, dropping 0.4% from 2012. This is the first decrease over the last five years, although the number continues to be higher than 2008.

- Pay-to-Play programs charge parents a flat rate fee for their child to participate in school sports. Of the 6% who responded having children playing a sport in middle/high school, less than half contribute to a Pay-to-Play program, a decrease from 2012. Most parents reported that these fees stayed the same this year, while less than 2% reported a decrease. Almost 65% pay more than \$100.00 extra fee for their child's school sports, down 5% from 2012.

HOW TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION

The Survey revealed that one of the best ways to increase activity and participation later in life is to encourage casual play at the younger ages and in school through physical education. The survey points out that an adult who participated in physical education while in school is four times more likely to participate in a racquet sport and about three times more likely to participate in team, outdoor, winter activities, and golf. There is a strong correlation between casual play as a youth turning into a core activity later in life.

In particular, the survey examined the difference between Generation X and Generation Y population. "Generation Y (born 1980-1999) are twice as likely to take part in team sports than Generation X (born 1965-1979). Although much is explained by the age difference, the psychological tendency of Generation Y is more positively disposed to team sports than their Generation X predecessors who are more individual in nature. Generation Y are also more social in their interactions in terms of:

- The way they play (gravitating towards team sports)
- The way they exercise (including a tendency to participate in group exercise)
- The way they communicate (Social Networking, Facebook, Twitter)

Fitness sports remained the most popular physical activity. The participation rate has held steady at 60% over the last 4 years. There are also opportunities to engage the inactive populations. Swimming ranks as a popular "aspirational sport" for inactive participants ages 6 to 12 and 45 and older. Working out with weights and fitness machines are the top "aspirational sports" for inactive participants ages 13 to 44.

The economy has also had a slight impact on sports and recreation spending. While many active people are still not spending money on sports and recreation, more people spent the same amount or increased spending, rather than spending less.

In order to increase participation, knowing the trends and what various users groups are interested in participating is crucial. Significant changes in specific activities (both increases and decreases) over the past 2 years are summarized and listed below. This data is extracted directly from the PAC study, 2014, SGMA Participation Topline Report © 2014 SGMA Research.

TEAM SPORTS

Over the last 2 years (2012-2013), there has been a slight decrease in the traditional team sports area such as football and basketball. Baseball and soccer have seen a slight increase, despite a decrease the previous two years. Trending growth in the newer more evolving transplant sports like Lacrosse continue to grow at significant rates. Sports that have more consistent movement are becoming more popular.

Baseball	2.4%
Basketball	-0.2%
Football (flag, touch, tackle).....	-4.3%
Gymnastics	-2.8%
Ice Hockey.....	1.2%
Lacrosse.....	12.8%
Roller Hockey	-13.3%
Soccer (outdoor and indoor).....	2.3%
Softball (Fast Pitch)	-4.8%
Softball (Slow Pitch)	-7.3%
Volleyball	2.3%

FITNESS

Class based fitness and exercise programs like Zumba continue to drive positive participation performance for these types of fitness activities, though its peak has past. Many agencies around the country have moved these classes outside and are using parks as programming space. Several systems have also advertised the availability of park space for contractual instructors to use for various class activities.

Another recent trend includes “functional fitness” as reported in the April 22, 2013 New York Times article Gyms Move from Machines to Fitness Playgrounds. Sandbags, ropes and climbing areas are taking over the floor space as part of a functional fitness movement. Companies such as Lifetime Fitness are removing weight machines and are replacing them with open areas of space for people to use as more natural strength training, rather than being locked in a machine.

“Fun” fitness is a current trend. Exercises like “P90x,” “Insanity,” or “Crossfit” have proven that you don’t need a lot of equipment to look and feel good. Since these programs have become popular, newer versions have become available, some cutting the time in half to look and feel fit. These types of classes have been and will continue to grow in popularity.

Group cycling continues in popularity as the younger fitness enthusiasts embrace this high performance group exercise activity as well as program variations to attract the beginner participant are developed. Though, group cycling is not projected to grow much beyond current participation numbers.

For most age groups, swimming for fitness or weight training are the two most frequently mentioned activities that people indicate they would like to participate in.

While Pilates has shown an incredible 10 year growth trend, the past 2 years have seen a decline in participation. Perhaps participation migrated to Yoga, as participation is up across all levels for the year. Yoga is more class based, while Pilates is more of an individual activity. The Gen Y fitness participants are showing a higher propensity to go with group oriented programs.

Running and Walking for Fitness continue to show strong and consistent growth. A good balance of equipment and classes is necessary to keep consistent with trends.

Aerobics (High Impact)	7.1%
Aerobics (Low Impact).....	-2.6%
Elliptical	-5.0%
Running/Jogging.....	5.3%
Stationary Cycling (Group)	-2.0%
Treadmill.....	-5.3%
Walking for Fitness	2.9%
Abdominal Machine.....	-2.5%
Pilates.....	-5.3%
Stretching	0.9%
Free Weights	-3.9%
Home Gym	0.1%
Weight/Resistance Machines.....	7.0%

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Much like the trends for individual fitness participation, individual sports are showing significant declines across most levels of participation. While tennis has been declining for years, recently it is showing an increase in participation. Again, constant movement is a benefit for fitness and interest. National trends show a slight increase in participation with table tennis. Pickle Ball has been an increasingly popular sport nationwide for a variety of ages, including adults and seniors. This is a program to consider, if it is not already been attempted.

Billiards/Pool	-0.5%
Golf	-2.5%
Martial Arts	-4.7%
Roller Skating	-8.6%
Bowling	-4.9%
Skateboarding.....	2.0%
Badminton	-1.8%
Table Tennis.....	1.5%
Tennis	3.9%

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Compared to previous years, outdoors sports have experienced significant increase in participation. BMX has seen the greatest growth with an increase of over 30% in the last two years. Biking/Walking paths are typically one of the top recreational opportunities for communities. Both are consistently increasing in participation.

Bicycling (mountain/road)	10.2%
Camping	-8.5%
Fishing (fresh)	-3.1%
Target Shooting	6.4%

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Many agencies have difficulty expanding their adult programming base. Trends and applications in lifestyle programming for active adults include several areas of interest. Active adults are vitally interested in the social program area, which can include walking and biking clubs. Another growing area for active adults is sports leagues for 45+, 55+ and older. The Schaumburg Park District in Illinois has taken a unique approach and has created an identity for their active adult section titled Club 55. This section of the program guide is easily identifiable and creates a brand and image for this age group looking for programming.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are Strategic Initiatives for the Grand Forks Park District and outline the long-term vision of the District's parks, open space, and recreation programs. The Recommendations span a five year period from 2016 to 2021. While the Plan should be reviewed each year in order to accommodate any changes in priorities that occur throughout each year, a more thorough review should be completed at the midpoint of the Plan, in 2018-19. This is a result of the probability of changing priorities over the next few years.

The strategies in this section of the Plan have been analyzed by the Board of Commissioners, Park District staff, and the Consultant Team. Through various workshops and review sessions, the alternative strategies were narrowed down to the most realistic, feasible, and community-supported actions.

Recreation Program Strategies

- Research updating the logo to a more contemporary design that is aligned with all of the new amenities of the District.
- Incorporate art elements as identified by the Public Arts Commission.
- Complete a lifecycle analysis of programs on an annual basis. This should be done for the entire inventory of core programs as well as by individual programs within core programs.
- Grow household program participation beyond the current 35% (Community Survey result). The top three reasons for households lack of participation included:
 - Fees are too high (15%)
 - Do not know what is offered (13%)
 - Program times not being convenient (12%)

It is recommended to complete follow up work with residents to drill deeper into barriers to participation. Compared to other agencies in the Leisure Vision survey database, the three barriers listed have lower percentages than the average of all other agencies in the Leisure Vision database. Typically, fees are prohibitive for 18-20% of households. Therefore, the 15% for Grand Forks is lower. The goal should be to turn non-participants to participants.

The program priorities, based on the Community Survey measuring the percentage of household need, how well the need is being met, and how important the needs are. The most important programs for the future include:

- Adult fitness and wellness programs
- Adult general programs
- Youth athletic programs
- Aquatic programs
- Environmental education/nature programs
- Special events

With the District's emphasis on fitness and wellness, it may drive program growth by creating a separate brand for fitness and wellness and creating a community task force for getting more residents involved in improving their health through District programs and services.

- Recreation facilities/parks that are most important to households include walking and biking trails, indoor fitness and exercise facilities, and small neighborhood parks. These elements should become important in future resource allocation.

Preferred Strategies

This chapter documents the Prioritize: Preferred Strategies phase of the comprehensive planning process. Vetted through the staff and board, these preferred strategies will be implemented over the next five years.

PURPOSE

This chapter outlines the long-term vision for the Grand Forks Park District parks and open space assets. The strategies set forth in this chapter have been analyzed by the Board of Commissioners, Park District staff, and the planning team. Through various workshops and review sessions, the alternative strategies were narrowed down to the most realistic, feasible, and community-supported actions. These are recommendations for implementation over the next five years.

CHAPTER OUTLINE

1. Definitions
2. System-wide Themes
3. Parks and Open Space
 - a. Existing Parks and Open Space
 - b. Undeveloped Open Space

Definitions

The following definitions are found throughout the preferred strategies text. These definitions provide additional clarification to the strategies and recommendations throughout the chapter.

ASTM / CPSC COMPLIANT PLAYGROUND SURFACING:

Per ASTM and CPSC guidelines, playground surfacing should have a critical height rating greater than or equal to the fall height of the highest piece of equipment on the playground. The fall height of a piece of equipment is the distance between the highest designated play surface and the playground surfacing beneath it. Appropriate surfacing materials are tested to ASTM F1292. The following guidelines are recommended for minimum compressed loose-fill surfacing depths.

<i>Depth</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Fall Height</i>
6"	Shredded/Recycled Rubber	6"
9"	Sand	9"
9"	Pea Gravel	9"
9"	Wood mulch (non-CCA)	9"
9"	Wood Chips	10"

ADA COMPLIANT PLAYGROUND SURFACING:

Not all ASTM and CSPC playground-surfacing materials are ADA compliant. Materials such as sand, pea gravel, and wood chips (not engineered wood fiber) meet ASTM and CSPC impact attenuation requirements but are not accessible. Other materials; however, can be used to create accessible routes in addition to the loose fill materials. Accessible loose fill materials include shredded rubber and engineered wood fiber. Fully accessible surfaces include poured-in-place, rubber mats / tiles, and artificial grass with rubber in-fill.

DESIGN GUIDELINES:

Criteria or standards for the design and aesthetic of park elements (i.e. kit of parts). Some existing implied or informal design guidelines include the shelter design / footprints, paver style, color, and pattern in seating areas, and recycled plastic benches and picnic tables. Design guidelines are communicated through reference images, product information, and diagrams.

SHADE STRUCTURE:

A tensile fabric overhead structure that adequately covers two to four picnic tables. Design and aesthetics should be consistent system-wide. Aesthetic standards to be established via design guidelines.

SHELTER:

A wood or metal overhead structure that adequately covers two to four picnic tables. Design and aesthetics should be consistent system-wide. Aesthetic standards to be established via design guidelines

SPLASH PAD:

A moderately sized (300-600 square feet) spray area with above ground, flush mounted spray features, activator, potable water service, and drainage, and handicap accessible access. Splash pads should only be provided in larger neighborhood or community parks that are not in the direct service area of existing aquatic centers.

PICKLEBALL COURT / OVERLAY:

Court may be constructed by replacing an existing tennis court within a particular site to one or two pickleball courts, or, depending on site conditions, by either resurfacing or re-color coating area per pickleball standards, installing appropriate net system and providing one bench and one trash receptacle nearby.

LOOP PATH SYSTEM:

Repair any existing trails by removing and replacing, resurfacing or recoating (asphalt only), add trail around the perimeter of the park, connected to key amenities, parking, adjacent crosswalks or other access points, constructed of asphalt or concrete, minimum of 4' wide and amenitized with an occasional exercise feature, seating, overlook and landscaping. Establish design guidelines. A looped trail allows a user to end up back where they started with minimal repeats in their walking / biking route. Many times, looped trails are constructed around ponds, lakes, wetlands and other interesting geological features.

TRAIL HEAD AMENITIES:

Where an internal park pathway system adjoins with a regional trail system, add an identifying marker, such as a park sign, informational kiosk, or architectural feature (arbor, column, etc.) and where appropriate, add a small bike rack and/or bike service feature.

RENOVATE TENNIS COURT:

May include the removal and replacement of existing pavement system (depending on level of deterioration) or resurfacing over the existing pavement system and/or patching, color coating the existing pavement and replacement of net system. Provide access to court from internal path system.

NATURE TRAIL SYSTEM:

Nature trails are pathways constructed through woodland, forests, wildlife areas, or the like. These are constructed to provide meaningful access to the natural area and also allow of flora and fauna observation and viewing opportunities.

INTERPRETIVE OR EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE:

Signage that interpret natural, cultural, historic or other educational aspects of a site. These signs communicate a specific message to visitors meant to educate, change or direct behavior, or evoke an emotion in the reader. They can be constructed of a variety of materials and range in size.

Outdoor Classroom:

An outdoor gathering area constructed for hosting educational and recreational programs and events. May be in the form of a council ring with stone or log seat walls or may consist of movable benches and / or tables and chairs.

SPORTS THEMING / IDENTITY:

Sports theming / identity is similar to the idea of branding. This process involves creating a distinct brand and image for the site that differentiates it from others in the area. The theme is a unifying idea, related to sports such as baseball, softball, basketball, or others. This may include signage that features pictures of sports equipment or memorabilia and / or naming themes related to well-known sports venues (i.e. the Replica Fields concept).

IDENTITY FEATURES:

Features such as signage, sculpture, and themed amenities (i.e. playgrounds) distinct to a specific site. These items as identifying characteristics held by no other site.

BIOSWALE:

Landscape elements designed to filter rainwater and surface runoff. Bioswales consist of a sloped drainage course filled with vegetation and rip rap.

System-wide Themes

The following strategies are to serve as guiding principles for future policy and development actions planned by the Park District.

IDENTITY**GOAL: CLEARLY COMMUNICATE PARK DISTRICT IDENTITY.**

- Develop design guidelines for new park development that include, but not limited to:
 - Site Furnishing standards
 - Park Identification signage standards
 - Playground design guidelines
 - Integration of artists in planning, design and creation of site furnishings, structures, and programming of indoor and outdoor facilities
- Embrace the creek and natural area presence within park sites.

TRENDS

GOAL: CONSIDER CURRENT PARK AND RECREATION TRENDS WHEN DEVELOPING FUTURE SITES AND AMENITIES.

- Consider the following playground trends:
 - Electronic play features
 - Nature-based play
 - Themed play
 - Rope climbers
 - Sculptural Play
- Consider the following sports and athletic trends:
 - Synthetic Turf(soccer-multi-purpose)
 - Convert tennis to Pickleball (or overlay)
 - Batting Cages
 - Foot Golf
 - Fieldhouse with indoor synthetic turf
 - Outdoor Hockey stadium/rink (summer inline hockey or other court sports)
 - Theming, sports identity, and art enhancements at sports facilities
- Consider the following cultural arts and educational trends:
 - Indoor / outdoor Nature Center
 - Outdoor classrooms
 - Fishing stations, overlooks, and boardwalks
 - Natural Areas (e.g. wetlands)
 - Temporary and / or permanent public artwork such as a Sculpture Park
 - Cooperative and reciprocal programming and activity spaces for area schools.
 - Festival Park
- Consider the following adventure course trends:
 - Contemporary skate park / skate trail
 - High ropes / tree-top ropes course
 - Zip line
 - Non-motorized bike park
 - Skate Art / Skate Trails

OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

GOAL: IMPROVE DISTRICT POLICY AND OPERATIONS TO EFFICIENTLY MAINTAIN EXISTING AND FUTURE AMENITIES

- Develop capital replacement schedule/plan that includes initial development and future operational cost associated with maintenance.
- Consider additional amenities at new and developed sites when appropriate
 - Add 2-3 restrooms/shelters to parks
 - Park security lighting
 - Consider constructing larger, more centralized outdoor aquatic center.
- Strategically located and distribute amenities throughout the district
- No additional acreage needed (according to LOS)
 - If acquisition is desired, target NW portion for Additional Mini/Neighborhood Park land.
- Update all park sites and amenities to comply with ADA requirements.
 - Construct / install ADA, ASTM, and CPSC compliant playground surfacing.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

GOAL: IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Incorporate stormwater management best practice guidelines into overall design guideline document
- Consider:
 - Native plantings
 - Permeable paving
 - Rainwater collection
 - Bioswales, rain gardens, and eco-art demonstration projects

CONNECTIVITY

GOAL: PRIORITIZE TRAIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE TRAIL NETWORK WITHIN THE PARK DISTRICT.

- Coordinate trail development with the City of Grand Forks
- Identify gaps in service and links to parks and facilities
- Amenitize trail. Consider: Trails-connectivity (coop with city) identify links to parks, gaps
 - Seating (sculptural or traditional)
 - Fitness Stations
 - Mile Markers
 - Signage / wayfinding
 - Drinking fountains
 - Play pods
- Construct looping trails / pathways within key parks to provide ADA access to all amenities and a walking loop for recreation and exercise.

Parks and Open Space Strategies

The following section includes strategies related to system-wide policy as well as individual neighborhood and community parks, natural areas, and special use sites. New parks and open space strategies are also included.

Existing Parks



Half Circle Park

Mini Park

- Replace playground.
 - Consider contemporary playground trends.
 - Install ASTM and CPSC compliant surfacing.



Midtown Park

Mini Park

- Maintain as is.



Independence Park

Special Use

- Consider prominent signage and identity features to enhance gateway experience and promote the park district.



Abbot Complex

Neighborhood Park

- Consider shade structure.
- Consider pickleball overlays on tennis courts.



Ben Franklin Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider shade structure.
- Provide accessible connections to all amenities.



Exchange Club Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider basketball court.



Cox Park

Neighborhood Park

- Maintain as is.



Jaycees Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider nature trail system.
 - Consider native plantings along drainage way.
 - Consider interpretive signage.
- Consider education signage/outdoor classroom.



Elks Park

Neighborhood Park

- Maintain as is.



Kannowski Park

Neighborhood Park

- Remove concrete within playground container – replace with poured-in-place rubber surfacing or wood chips.



Kelly Park

Neighborhood Park

- Maintain as is (School-owned).



Masonic Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider looping path system.
 - Provide accessible connections to playground and other amenities.



Kiwanis Park (North and South)

Neighborhood Park

- Implement master plan.
- Consider pathway to playground.
- Consider large shelter / shade structure.
- Consider looping path system.
- Consider native plantings.



Prime Steel Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider looping path system.
 - Provide accessible connections to all amenities.
- Consider native plantings.
- Consider off-street parking lot.



Lincoln Complex

Neighborhood Park

- Resurface / Color coat sport courts.
- Consider shade structure and seating.



Richards West Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider outdoor classroom (for art programming).
- Consider looping path system.
 - Provide accessible connections to all amenities.



Ryan Lake Park

- Implement master plan.



Symington Park

Neighborhood Park

- Renovate tennis courts.
 - Consider overlay striping for pickleball.
- Consider removing tennis courts consider replacing with playground.



Williamson Park

Neighborhood Park

- Consider Synthetic Turf.



Wilmar Park

Neighborhood Park

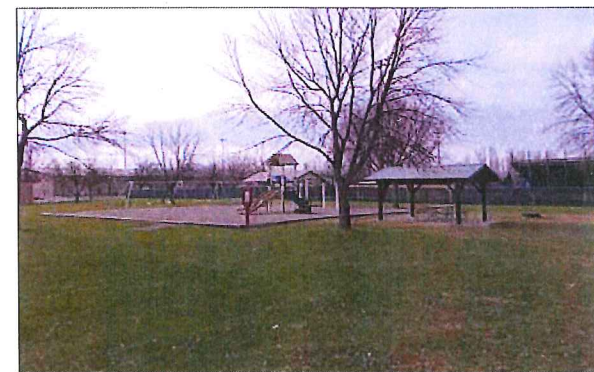
- Consider shade structure.
- Consider playground update.



Altru Wellness Village

Community Park

- Consider Indoor playground at Choice.
- Develop site master plan.



Apollo-Kraft Athletic Complex

Community Park

- Enhance sports theming/identity.
 - Develop unique identity (e.g. sports-themed identification signage, wayfinding signage, and site amenities).



Bringewatt Park

Community Park

- Consider additional parking.
- Consider synthetic turf multi-purpose field.
 - Consider sports lighting.
- Consider synthetic turf volleyball courts.
- Provide accessible connection to all amenities.



Lion's Park

Community Park

- Consider access to water (City).



Lincoln Drive Park

Community Park

- Coordinate additional development with the City and Army Corps of Engineers. Consider the following:
 - Festival Park-amphitheater.
 - Sculpture Park.
 - Zip line.
 - High ropes course.
 - Nature-based playground.
 - Native Plantings.
 - Additional trails and pathways.
 - Access to water, fishing stations.



Optimist Park

Community Park

- Develop premier playground.
 - Consider contemporary playground trends.
 - Install ASTM and CPSC compliant surfacing.
- Consider native plantings.
- Provide accessible connections to all amenities.



Riverside Park and Pool

Community Park

- Coordinate additional development with the City and Army Corps of Engineers. Consider the following:
 - Festival Park-amphitheater.
 - Sculpture Park.
 - Zip line.
 - High ropes course.
 - Nature-based playground.
 - Native Plantings.
 - Additional trails and pathways.
 - Access to water, fishing stations.



Sertoma Park

Community Park

- Evaluate the need for two playgrounds on the same site.
 - If two playgrounds are desired, consider integrating them more so they become one large play environment instead of two distinct environments.
 - Consider locating shelter between the two playgrounds.
 - Consider a splash pad located between the two playgrounds.
- Embrace creek presence within park.
 - Consider overlook and / or fishing station.



Scheels Sports Complex

Community Park

- Implement master plan.



Ulland Complex

Community Park

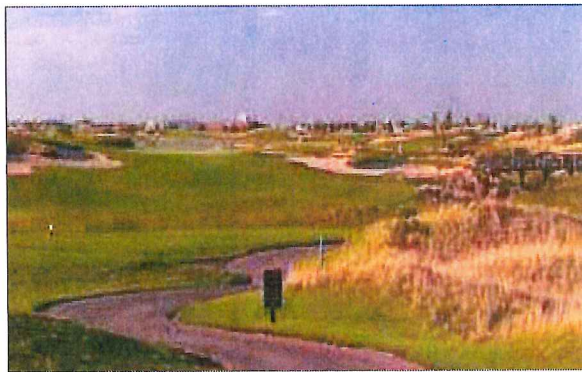
- Consider improvements to visitor experience.
 - Consider improvements to spectator areas.
 - Consider improvements to parking.
- Enhance sports theming/identity.
 - Develop unique identity (e.g. sports-themed identification signage, wayfinding signage, and site amenities).
- Looping Pathway/better trail circulation.
 - Provide accessible connections to all amenities.
- Consider improvements to player experience.
- Consider additional amenities including, but not limited to:
 - Batting Cages.



University Park

Community Park

- Maintain as is



King's Walk Golf Course

Special Use

- Consider additional winter uses such as:
 - Cross-country skiing.

Sites to maintain as they are:

- St. Mary's Triangle
- Park Maintenance
- Police Triangle Park
- Reeves Triangle Park
- Skidmore Park
- Hakke Strip
- 42nd Street Bike Path

Undeveloped Parks

Crary Development

- Consider playground
- Consider contemporary playground trends.
- Install ASTM and CPSC compliant surfacing.
- Consider looping path system
- Provide accessible routes to all amenities.
- Consider multi-purpose fields
- Consider large shelter / shade structure.

Shadyridge Development

- Consider playground
- Consider contemporary playground trends.
- Install ASTM and CPSC compliant surfacing.
- Consider looping path system
- Provide accessible routes to all amenities.
- Consider multi-purpose fields
- Consider large shelter / shade structure.

Implementation Guidelines

The following is a list of suggestions for successful implementation of the Strategic recommendations. It represents the commitment and discipline required to integrate the Master Plan implementation process into daily operations.

- The Strategic recommendations will become the guidepost for the District. When decisions or responses to the community are needed, the Plan becomes the reference point for decision making and whether or not new issues or responses to the community are of higher importance than what's been established as existing direction.
- This information should be included as part of the orientation for new Board members and employees.
- Post the Executive Summary on the website and track results on the site as well. It may also be helpful to print a short summary of the progress to distribute to interested partners and community members.
- A staff person or team should have responsibility of being the project manager or "champion" of the Plan's implementation to ensure success. This staff person is responsible for monitoring the Plan's progress and works with staff to effectively integrate the Plan with operations.
- Each Strategic recommendation should have a leader assigned to manage the process. Each recommendation generally requires a cross functional team of employees to work on completing the initiative. A project manager should exist for each recommendation.
- Regular reporting of the Plan's progress should occur. Break the Plan into separate fiscal years and report one year at a time, as an ongoing annual work plan. Each recommendation for the year should include a list of tactics that support its completion. The tactics are developed prior to each year for the upcoming list of recommendations. It is the project leader's responsibility to report on his/her initiative, included in a monthly or quarterly report. A suggestion is to input each year's data on a spreadsheet that lists the recommendation start and completion dates, and which staff person is responsible for the recommendations completion.
- At the end of the year, perform an annual written review and documentation of the recommendation.
- Update major stakeholders on the Plan's implementation and results on an annual basis.
- Conduct staff meetings on a regular basis, such as semi-annually to review the Plan's progress and results and report the Plan's progress to the Park District Board of Commissioners as well.

- Complete an annual just-in-time review of the next year's recommendations to determine if priorities have changed. This can be included at an annual retreat in which successive years' recommendations are discussed as part of the annual budget process. The recommendations should tie into the budget process.
- Post a chart of each year's recommendations on office walls in administrative areas with a check-off column designating completion as part of a visual management program. Staff meetings should regularly include discussion of strategy. This will help to emphasize the Plan's importance and the Department's commitment to execution.
- If there are ideas for new strategies that arise throughout the year, include them on a written "parking lot" and review them as part of the annual just-in-time review to determine if they supplant any existing initiatives.

Summary

The Strategic Master Plan 2016 to 2021 charts the future course for the District according to resident needs for park and recreation services. The mission of the Grand Forks Park District is to provide the best parks, programs, facilities, forestry services and other services possible to promote a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for all of Grand Forks. The successful implementation of the Strategic Master Plan will further support the mission in the agency's ability to offer the best in services.

Within the introductory section of the Plan, four system themes were identified as:

- Community Partnerships and Financial Support
- Commitment to Health and Fitness
- Facility Operations and Sustainability
- Program Growth

The Plan will strengthen the District's already impressive performance in garnering partnerships throughout all areas of the operation and capital contributions specifically. It will reinforce the District's serious commitment to community health and fitness activities. A significant challenge going forward will be to maintain and sustain the District's infrastructure. While the District has a very impressive array of assets, it will be important to ensure adequate funding for all of the facility and park operations.

With the identification of unmet needs within the inventory of recreation programs, the District now has good information to grow and expand program offerings based on community need.

Continuous strategic improvement and evolution will allow the Grand Forks Park District to continue as the leading provider of recreation services in the Grand Forks area, continue its ability to transform the health and fitness of residents, and provide a wide variety of activities for all Grand Forks residents.