

	Project	Description	Priority Rank
1.	Future Trail Connection to Crystal Lake Regional Trail	Connect Sochacki Park to the future Crystal Lake Regional Trail via a new off-road trail along 36 th Ave N. This trail would serve as a critical link in a very scenic loop trail going through the park complex and Minneapolis Grand Rounds.	
2.	Dog Off Leash Area	A small fenced dog park was raised as a potential amenity at the first meeting, though there was not consensus on this idea. There are two potential locations for the dog park. In either area, the dog park would create a need for additional parking of up to 12 spaces (note – the dog off leash area and parking lot should be in close proximity to each other).	
		2A: Adjacent to the northern parking lot	
		2B: Near the interior parking lot	
		2C: No Off Leash Dog Area	
3.	Parking	There are two small parking lots – the northern lot and interior lot. The parking needs of the park can likely be met with one potentially enlarged parking lot (if an off leash dog area is desired) allowing for one parking lot to be removed. What is the best parking location?	
		3A. Remove the interior parking lot and focus all the parking in the northern lot. The interior parking lot has been somewhat problematic, with “shady characters” sometimes hanging out there because it is remote. Under this scenario the parking lot would be removed and the road converted into a paved trail.	
		3B. Remove the northern lot and focus all parking in the interior lot. The parking lot access road would also serve as the paved trail through the northern region of the park. Placement of the parking lot in this location may increase the activity level of the interior park and positively affect safety concerns.	
4.	Outdoor H2O Classroom & Boardwalk	The outdoor H2O classroom is envisioned as a boardwalk platform (approx. 1,000 SF) that serves as an education staging area for water-based interpretive education programs. It would be accessed by a fairly significant ADA accessible boardwalk and provide general users an opportunity to improved access to the water bodies for wildlife viewing. The H2O classroom could either be one large station or two smaller stations on both water bodies.	
5.	Natural surface trail	The public expressed interest in both a paved trail and a natural surface trail. The natural surface trail would focus on nature experiences, meandering largely along existing paths, and would also serve mountain bikers similar to what is already being used today.	
6.	Paved Trail	The public expressed a strong interest in paving the existing gravel trail through the entire park. Currently, this path is subject to the weather conditions and has several spots with drainage issues. A desire to connect the paved trail in the north to the Crystal Lake Regional Trail, and in the south to the Bassett Creek Regional Trail and the Minneapolis Grand Rounds was also expressed – these concepts are included as items 1 and 8 respectively.	
7.	Increase landscape buffer adjacent to LRT	The Bottineau LRT is proposed to run adjacent to the park complex along the existing rail corridor (east boundary). Construction of the LRT will require temporary easements along the eastern edge of the park complex and will result in significant loss of vegetation within the easement area. The conceptual plan calls for the LRT to replace that vegetation loss with high-quality screening materials, with the cost being the responsibility of the LRT project.	
8.	Extend paved trail to Bassett Creek Regional Trail/Grand Rounds	The current interior trail exits on a residential street (Bonnie Lane). As proposed, the paved trail would extend to connect directly to Bassett Creek Regional Trail and indirectly to the Minneapolis Grand Rounds. The design of this connection could be coordinated with the future potential LRT and the proposed LRT station immediately south of Golden Valley Road. Additional costs may be incurred, ideally being the responsibility of the LRT project.	
9.	Improve existing overlook	Enhance the existing boardwalk on Rice Lake by adding seating for wildlife viewing and possibly increasing the overlook size and implementing water quality improvements.	
10.	Drinking Water	Install a drinking fountain/water bottle fill station (Location TBD)	
11.	Permanent restrooms	Install a permanent (non-sewered) unisex pit toilet (Location TBD)	
12.	Local trail connections	Designate and improve local trail connections along the western boundary of the park complex. Design the trail connections to reduce erosion, improve safety, and provide ADA access.	
13.	BMX	There is an existing BMX bike area built solely by users in the south end of Sochacki Park. The BMX bike area is used by children, teenagers, as well as adults. There was an increase in preserving the BMX bike area, but no strong recommendations to significantly revamp or expand the BMX bike area. This project is for minor enhancements only.	
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