

Chapter 6: Parks
 **Appendix**

Appendix 6-A: Conditions In The System

The following appendix provides a summary and evaluation* of existing parks in Golden Valley.

Park Evaluations

The City's neighborhood parks, community parks, and the Honeywell Little League Area were evaluated based on three criteria: safety, condition, and maintenance. Brookview Golf Course was not included in this evaluation. A points-based approach was used to calculate scores for park facilities. This evaluation tool provides an efficient and standardized means of rating each active park in the system. Average scores were computed for condition, maintenance, and safety for each facility. The result of the overall average was then interpreted as excellent, good, fair, or poor.

Each park was also assessed on overall aesthetics. Deficiencies were noted and recommendations were made based upon the site evaluation, staff and public input, and general design considerations.

While no natural resource inventory of the park system was undertaken for this plan, nature areas, which provide passive recreational opportunities, were evaluated based on general ecological characteristics, landscape features, maintenance, recreational and educational significance, and connectivity opportunities to existing neighborhoods and trail system.

The City continually evaluates all parks for safety, condition, maintenance, and accessibility.



Brookview Park

Location: 200 Brookview Pkwy N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 33 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares
Horseshoe Pit
Play Equipment
Walkways/Trails - L
Basketball Court
Softball Field - 1
Sand Volleyball Courts - 2
Tennis Court - 2/4L
Grills
Picnic Shelter - 2
L = Lighted

Park Description

Brookview Park is located in a low- to medium-density residential neighborhood in the southwestern quadrant of Golden Valley. It is south-east of Brookview Golf Course along Brookview Parkway. It features native vegetation buffers around the pond areas which provide water quality and wildlife habitat benefits in addition to the aesthetics of the park.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition. The recreation facilities are in good to excellent condition. Open space exists within the park for informal game use. A few low wet spots exist in the park causing some problems with turf establishment or maintenance. A well-developed trail system exists within the park. The park has 123 off-site parking stalls with eight that are accessible.

Issues

- ♦ Lack of connectivity between park elements
- ♦ Insufficient rest room facilities

Opportunities

- ♦ Trail system within park could link softball and hard surface play area and other amenities.
- ♦ Provide outdoor performance stage area for concerts, plays, etc.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.

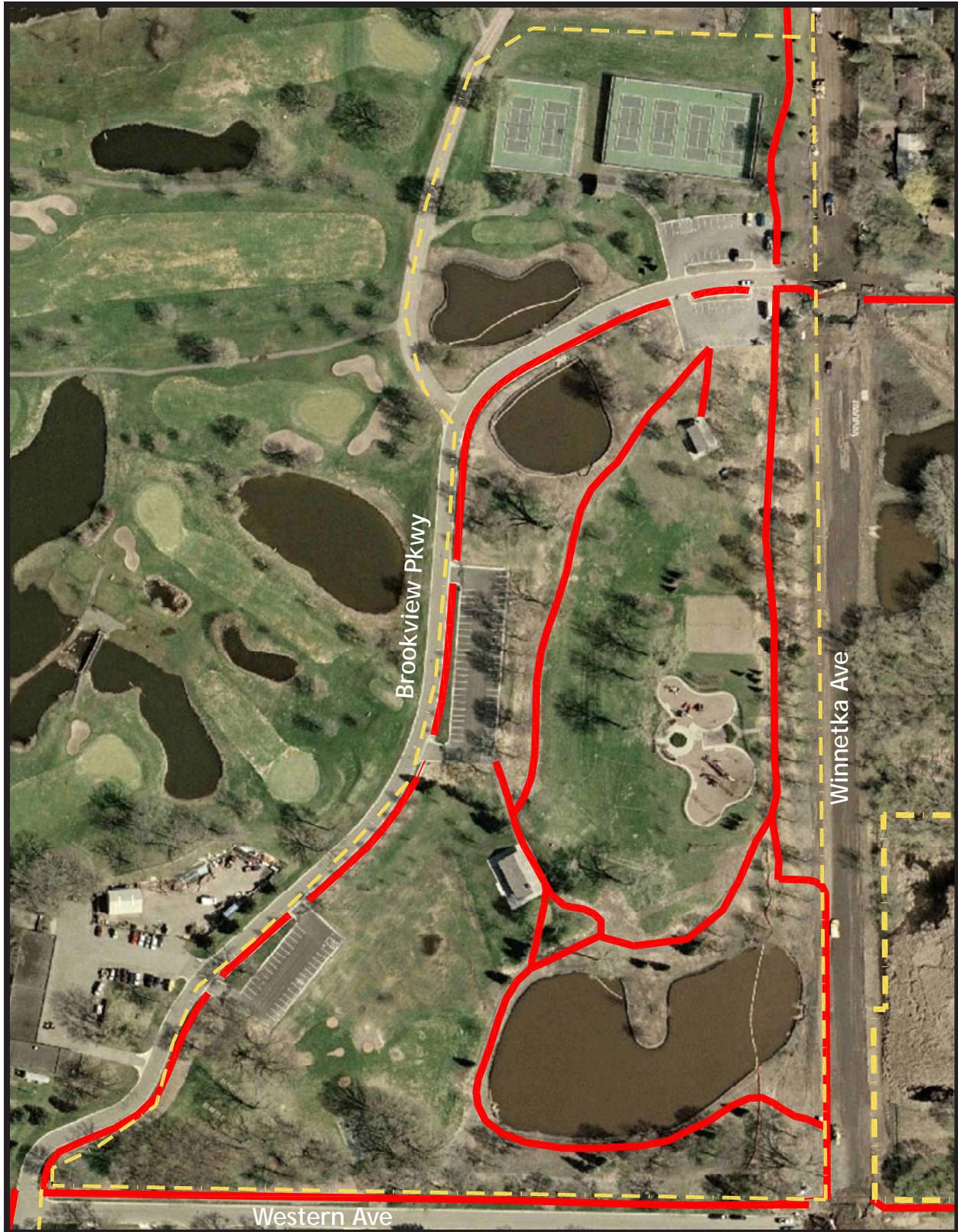


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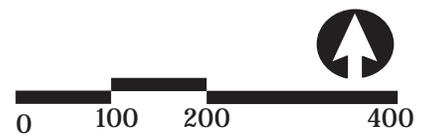


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Figure 6A.1: Brookview Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks





Gearty Park

Location: 3101 Regent Avenue N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 4.7 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

Tennis Court - 1L

General Ice Skating - L

Hockey Rink - L

Recreation Building

L = Lighted

Park Description

Gearty Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood on the north side of Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. Its internal trails system located primarily on the eastern half of the site. Parking is on-street only and is available on three sides of the park.

Issues

- ♦ Play equipment needs replacement
- ♦ No shade structure at tennis courts
- ♦ Rest room availability

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide new and improved rest rooms.
- ♦ Provide shade structure at tennis courts.
- ♦ Build small picnic shelter.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.

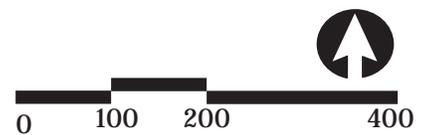


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Figure 6A.2: Gearty Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Glenview Terrace Park

Location: 2351 Zenith Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails

Tennis Court - 2L

Tennis Court Sun Shelter

L = Lighted

Park Description

Glenview Terrace Park is located in a low-density residential area on the northeast side of Golden Valley and is near Theodore Wirth Regional Park and Mary Hills Nature Area.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in fair to good condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are in good to excellent condition with some need of repair and maintenance. An internal trail traverses the middle of the park but does not link park elements. There are 10 off-street parking stalls in the park.

Issues

- ♦ No rest rooms
- ♦ No drinking fountains
- ♦ Sun shelter needs to be updated or replaced
- ♦ Some problems with turf establishment or maintenance

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Install drinking fountain.
- ♦ Install new sun shelter at tennis court.
- ♦ Provide trail system within park to link park features.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle, etc) and restore native vegetation.



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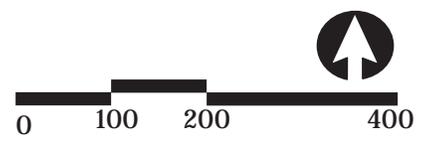


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Figure 6A.3: Glenview Terrace Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Golden Oaks Park

Location: 1141 Valders Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 2 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

L = Lighted

Park Description

Golden Oaks Park is located on the west side of Golden Valley within a residential neighborhood near Wesley Park across Orkla Drive. Large mature trees near the play area add shade and enhance the park's appearance.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are generally in good condition. No trail exists within the park. On-street parking is only available for this park.

Issues

- ♦ No rest rooms
- ♦ No drinking fountain
- ♦ ADA accessibility to play area

Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms that are available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Comply with ADA accessibility guidelines.
- ♦ Develop internal trail system to connect park elements.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.



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Figure 6A.4: Golden Oaks Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

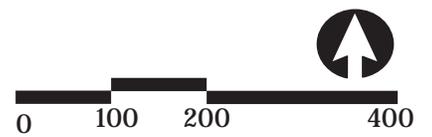
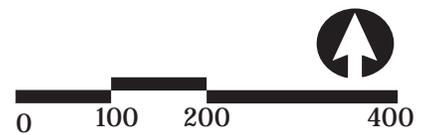
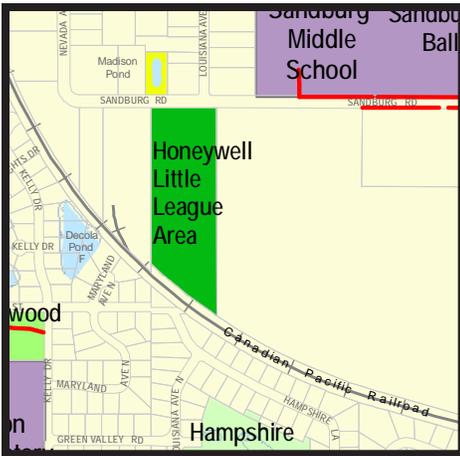


Figure 6A.5: Hampshire Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks





Honeywell Little League Area

Location: 7101 Sandburg Road
Classification: Special Use Facility
Size: 11 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Baseball Field - 1L
 L = Lighted

Park Description

The Honeywell Little League Area is located on the north side of Golden Valley within an industrial use area near Sandburg Middle School. The south side of the facility abuts the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The facility features one Little League diamond with an irrigated infield, lighted scoreboard, concession building, and batting cage. The field is lighted and has a public address system.

General Evaluation

Overall, the facility is in good to excellent condition. The field is ADA accessible with new on-street accessible parking. No internal trail system exists.

Issues

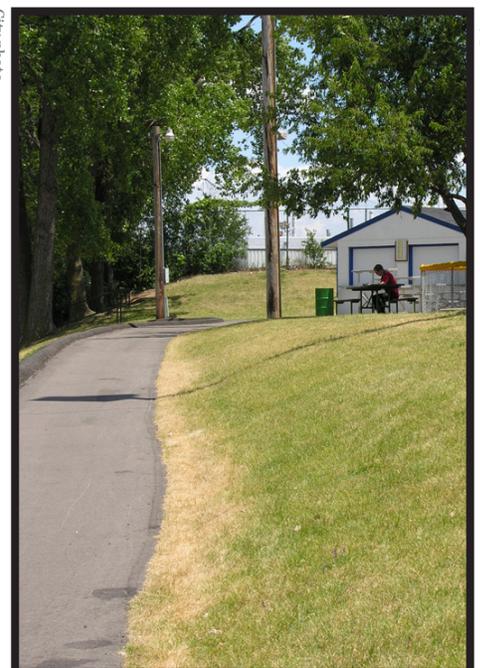
- ♦ No drinking fountain
- ♦ Limited shade near bleacher area
- ♦ Limited warm-up areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Consider additional athletic fields.
- ♦ Provide trees or shade structure near bleacher area.



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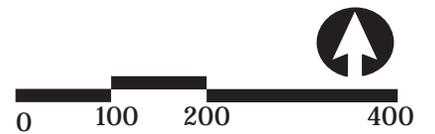


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Figure 6A.6: Honeywell Little League Area



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Lakeview Park

Location: 1521 Hillsboro Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

General Ice Skating - L

Recreation Building

Sun Shelter

L = Lighted

Park Description

Lakeview Park is located on the west side of Golden Valley within a residential neighborhood. It is long and connects a number of neighborhoods. Other notable features include the many specimen cottonwoods.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. The active recreational areas and facilities are in fair condition. A walking trail bisects the park and is located on a utility berm. On-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ Seams on the sun shelter roof are separating and may cause leakage
- ♦ There are general drainage issues within the park
- ♦ Aging and out-dated recreation building

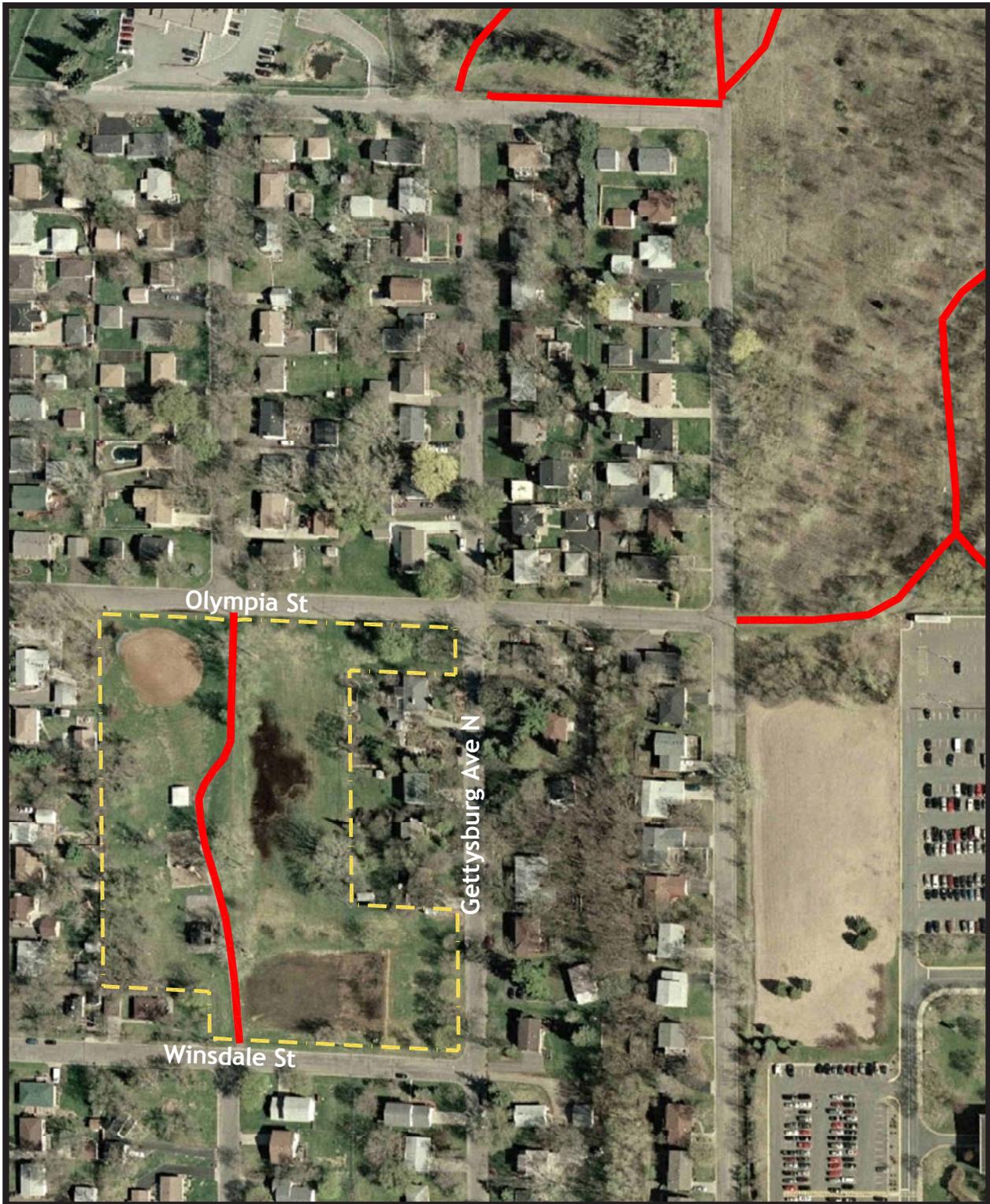
Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Park has storm water management potential.
- ♦ Replace or renovate recreation building.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.

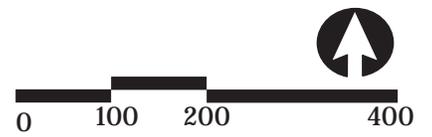


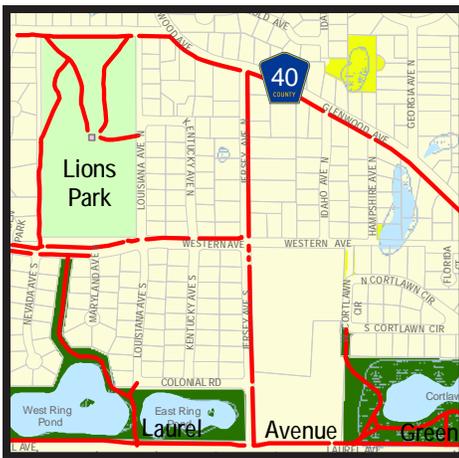
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Figure 6A.7: Lakeview Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Lions Park

Location: 151 Louisiana Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 20 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 4

Soccer Field - 1/1F

Tennis Court - 2

General Ice Skating - L

Hockey Rink - L

Grills

Recreation Building

Tennis Court Sun Shelter

L = Lighted

F=Fall use

Park Description

Lions Park is located in a low- to medium-density residential neighborhood in southwestern Golden Valley and is connected to the surrounding residential neighborhood with trails. Mature trees line the trails and property lines on the north side of the park, offering many opportunities for reading and picnicking under these trees. The south side is open for field use.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition; however, the recreational facilities are in a range of conditions. This may be due to the amount of physical use of the facilities within the park (the park is well-used due to a number of ballfields). The park's internal trail system is mainly on the northern half and connects with neighborhoods. The park also features two off-street parking lots—one on the east side with 76 stalls and one on the south side with 66 stalls.

Issues

- ♦ Aging and outdated recreation building

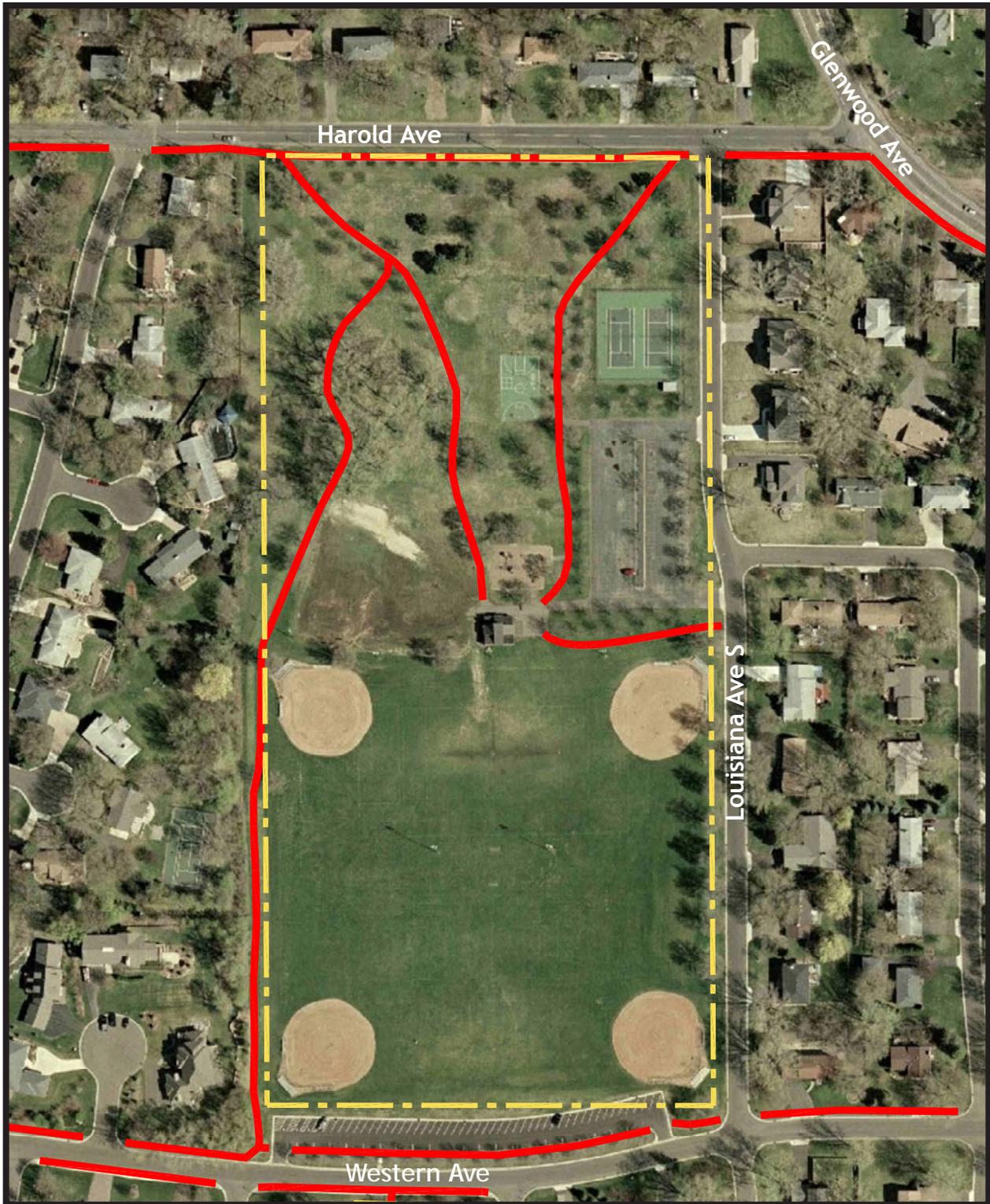
Opportunities

- ♦ Renovate or rebuild recreation building.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.

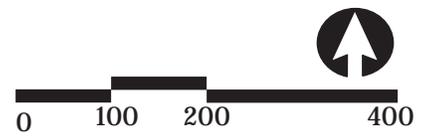


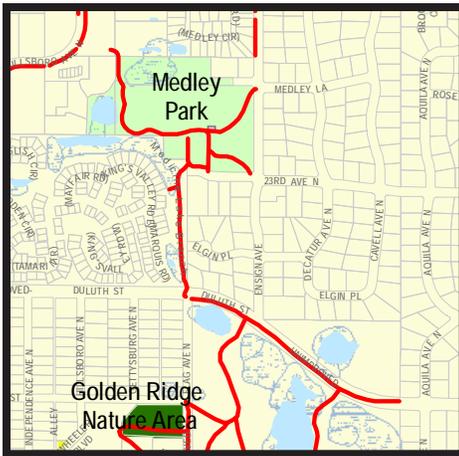
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Figure 6A.8: Lions Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Medley Park

Location: 2331 Ensign Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 12.6 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L
 Play Equipment
 Walkways/Trails - L
 Basketball Court
 Softball Field - 2
 Tennis Court - 3L
 General Ice Skating - L
 Hockey Rink - L
 Recreation Building
 Tennis Court Sun Shelter
 L = Lighted

Park Description

Medley Park is located near a mixed-use neighborhood ranging from low- to high-density residential and commercial land uses in the northwestern corner of Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition and features unprogrammed open space which may be suitable for athletic fields. This park contains many bermed areas that add interest

to the landscape and provide additional seating areas within the park. However, the berms do screen some of the amenities. The park has 25-stall parking lot and an internal trail system that connects to the neighborhoods.

Issues

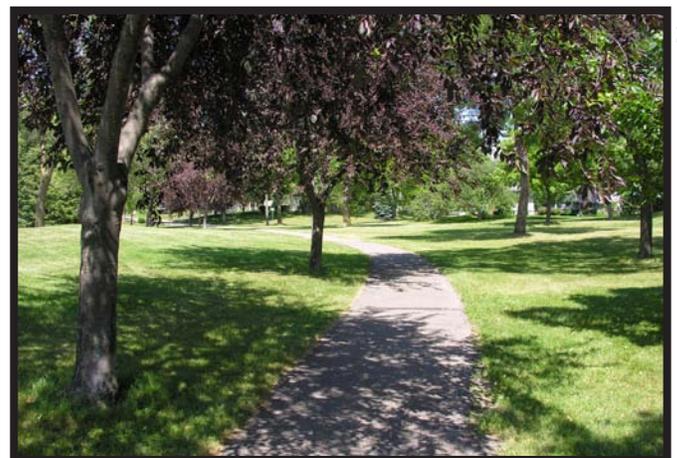
- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation or re-building
- ♦ Tennis court sun shelter roof needs repair

Opportunities

- ♦ Improve paved surfaces.
- ♦ Possibly develop open space into athletic field.
- ♦ Replace or renovate recreation building.
- ♦ Replace tennis court sun shelter with multi-purpose shade structure.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.

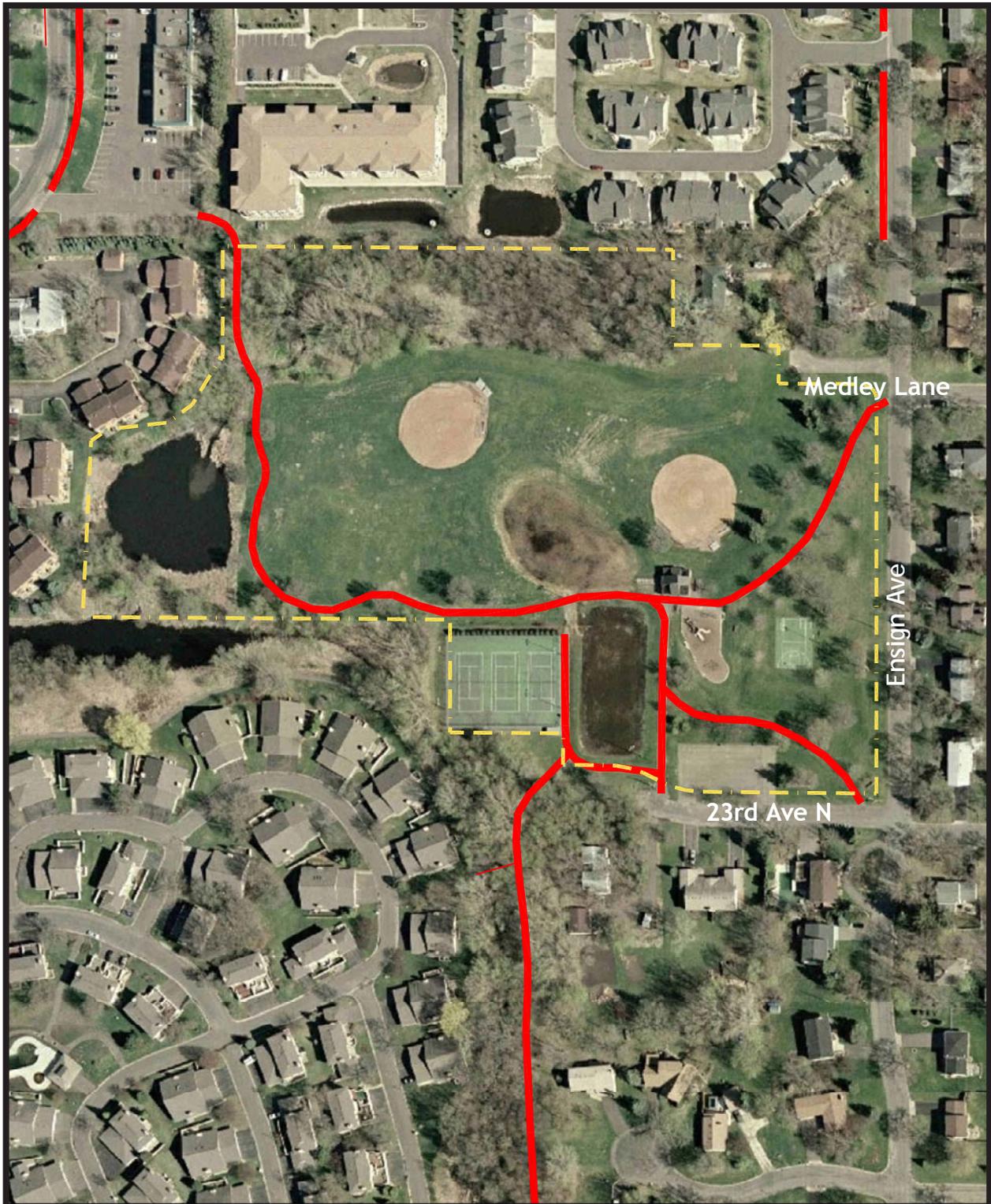


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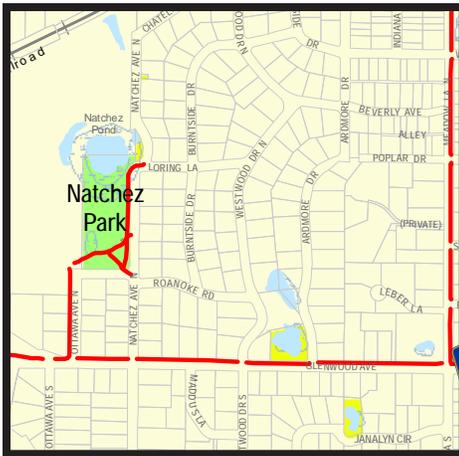
Figure 6A.9: Medley Park



--- Park Boundary
— Existing Trails and Walks

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Natchez Park

Location: 201 Natchez Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

L = Lighted

Park Description

Natchez Park is located in southeastern Golden Valley in a low-density residential neighborhood adjacent to Breck School.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in poor to good condition and in need of renovation. Recreational facilities in general range from poor to good condition and are in need of repair or replacement. The park features unprogrammed open space which may be suitable for athletic fields. An internal trail mainly along the east side of the park has neighborhood connections. On-street

parking is available.

Issues

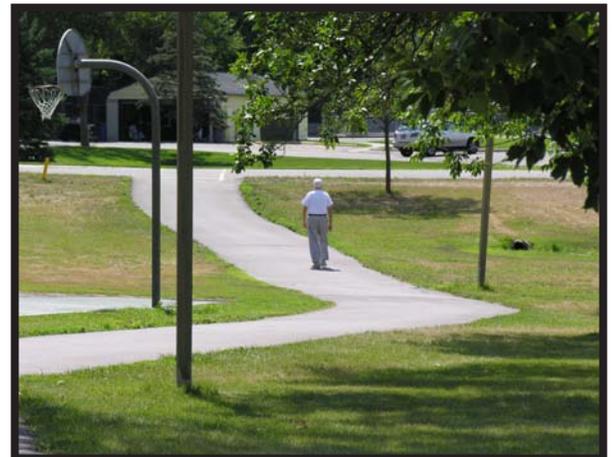
- ♦ No rest rooms
- ♦ Drainage issues

Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle, etc and restore native vegetation).
- ♦ Evaluate storm water management opportunities.



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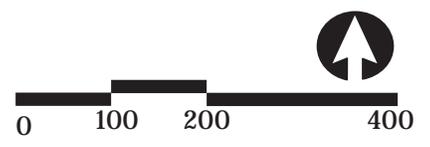


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Figure 6A.10: Natchez Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





North Tyrol Park

Location: 900 Westwood Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 9.4 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares

Play Equipment

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

General Ice Skating

Park Description

North Tyrol Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in southeastern Golden Valley. A notable park highlight is its remarkably large cottonwood trees.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. The play equipment is adequate but needs repair. No internal trail system exists. Only On-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No rest rooms
- ♦ No picnic shelter
- ♦ ADA Accessibility to play area
- ♦ No internal trail system
- ♦ Park appears under-developed for it's size

Opportunities

- ♦ Re-evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Comply with ADA accessibility guidelines.
- ♦ Incorporate passive recreation opportunities around Strawberry Pond.
- ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg European buck-thorn, tartarian honeysuckle, etc and restore native vegetation).

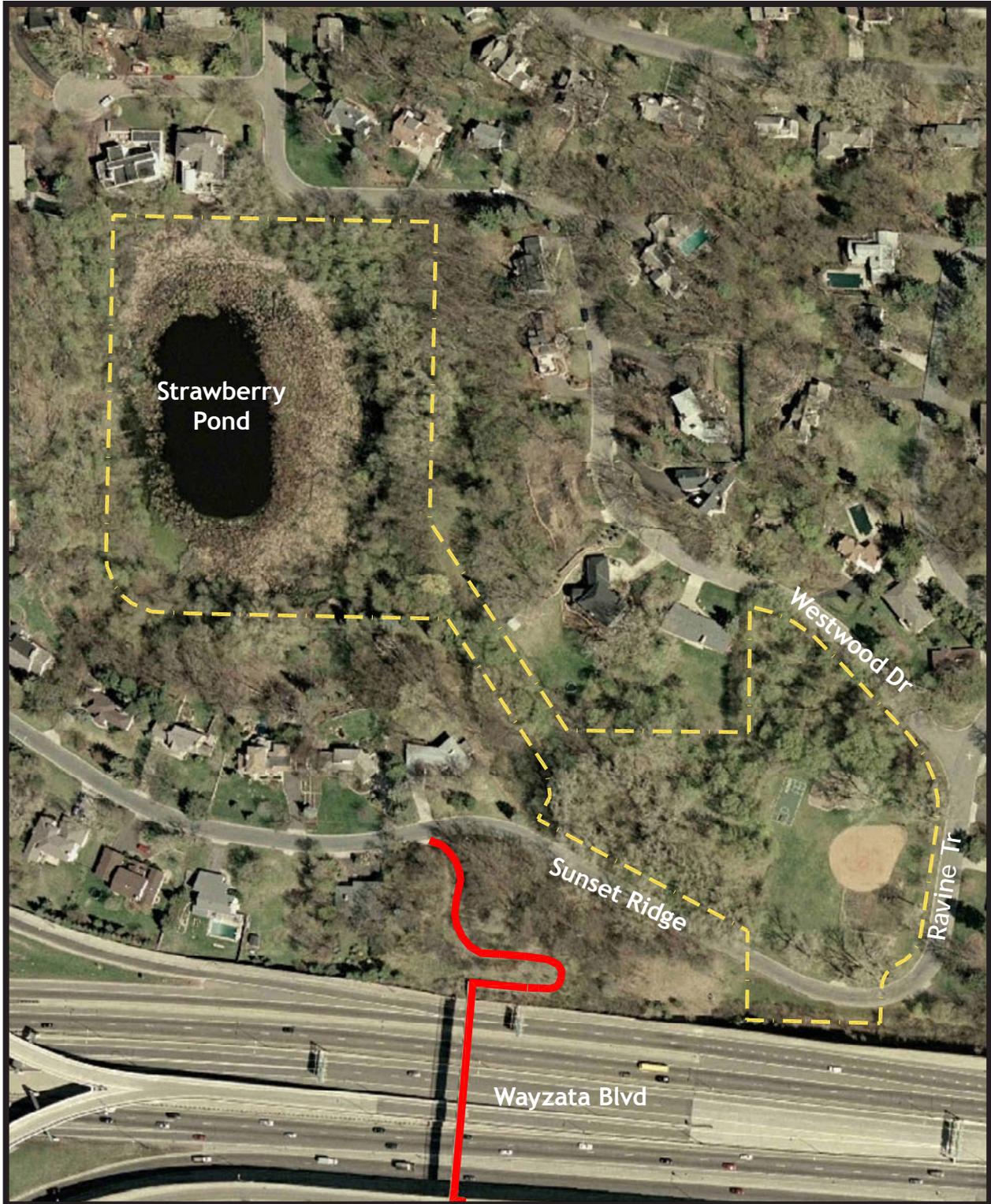


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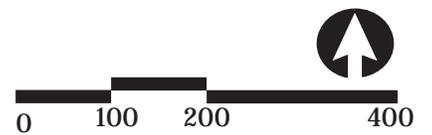


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Figure 6A.11: North Tyrol Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





St Croix Park

Location: 5850 St Croix Ave

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.4 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways and Trails

Park Description

St Croix Park is located near a mixed-use neighborhood ranging from low- to high-density residential and offices in central Golden Valley. It is located next to senior housing.

General Evaluation

Overall the small park is in excellent condition. Its primary use is a playground with a trail system through the middle with a connection to Bassett Creek Nature Center.

Issues

- ♦ ADA Accessibility to play area

Opportunities

- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Comply with ADA accessibility guidelines.

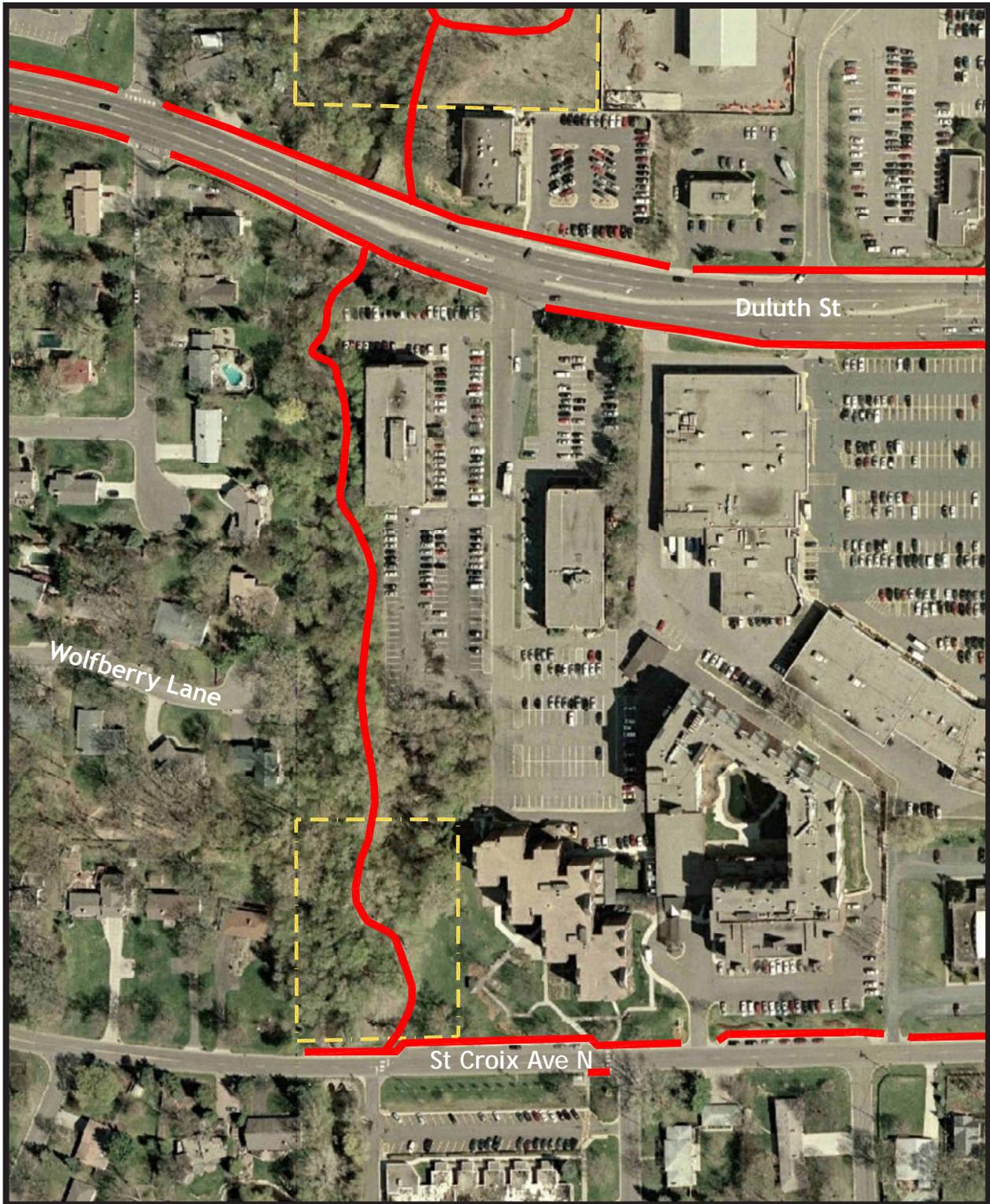


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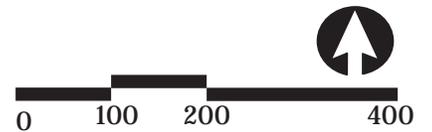


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Figure 6A.12: St Croix Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Schaper Park

Location: 631 Ottawa Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 11.3 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails

Softball Field - 2L

Recreation Building

L = Lighted

Park Description

Schaper Park is located near an assisted living housing complex in a high-density residential and commercial area in east central Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition. It has a native plant buffer around an adjacent pond that provides wildlife viewing opportunities. The park also has accessible neighborhood trail connections. There are two parking lots—one with 18 stalls and the other with 81 stalls.

Issues

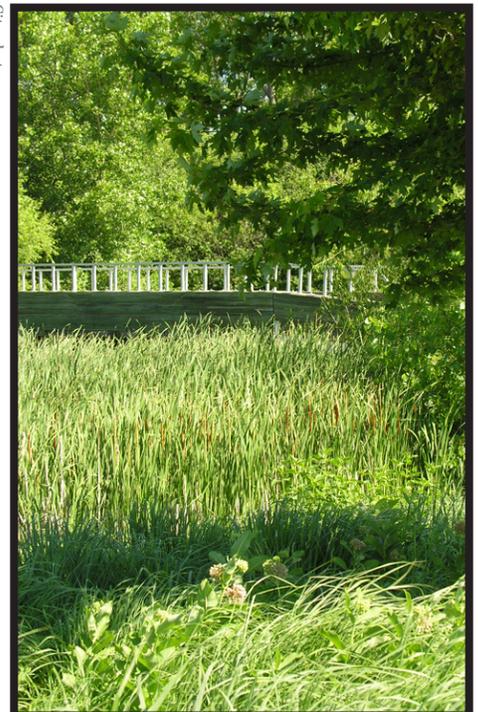
- ♦ Nothing noted at this time

Opportunities

- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.



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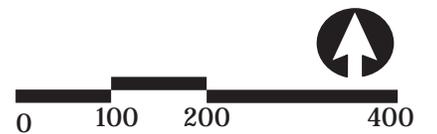


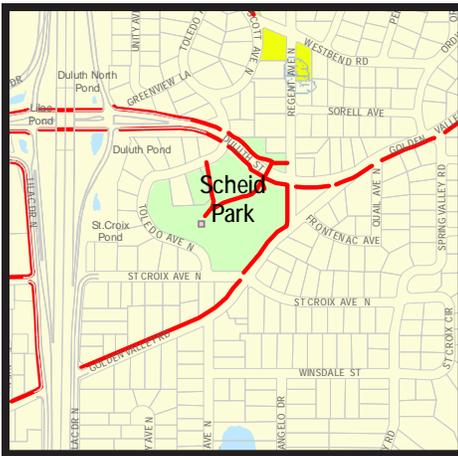
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Figure 6A.13: Schaper Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Scheid Park

Location: 1856 Toledo Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 9.8 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Baseball Field - 1

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

Soccer Field - 1F

Tennis Court - 2L

General Ice Skating - L

Hockey Rink - L

Sliding Hill

Recreation Building

Tennis Court sun Shelter

L = Lighted

F = Fall Use

Park Description

Scheid Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in central Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. The recreational facilities are in fair to good condition. This may be due to

high use of the park facilities. The park has beautiful mature trees and an internal trail system with neighborhood connections primarily to the north and east side of the park. Eighteen off-street parking stalls are available. The park is accessible by a pedestrian bridge.

Issues

- ♦ Aging and out-dated recreation building
- ♦ Tennis court sun shelter is starting to deteriorate
- ♦ Inadequate parking

Opportunities

- ♦ Replace tennis court sun shelter.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Renovate or rebuild recreation building.
- ♦ Evaluate parking needs.



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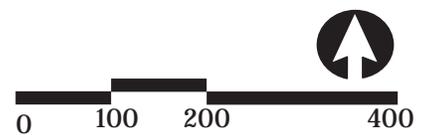


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Figure 6A.14: Scheid Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks





Seeman Park

Location: 1101 Florida Avenue
Classification: Neighborhood Park
Size: 4.6 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

- Game Squares - L
- Play Equipment
- Walkways/Trails
- Baseball Field - 1
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court - 2
- Tennis Court Sun Shelter
- L = Lighted

Park Description

Seeman Park is located in a low- to high-density residential neighborhood in central Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are in fair to good condition, with some need of repair. An internal trail within the northern third of the park has neighborhood connections. On- street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ Tennis court sun shelter is starting to deteriorate

Opportunities

- ♦ Add trail connections.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace tennis court sun shelter.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.



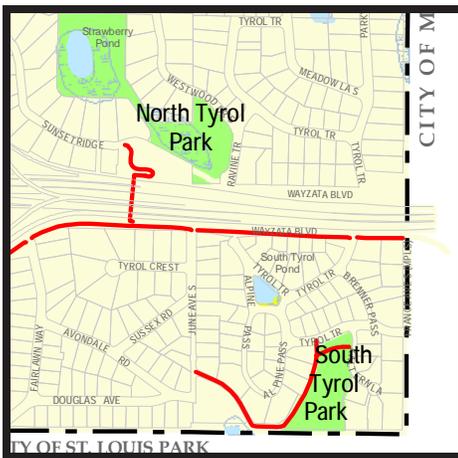
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Figure 6A.15: Seeman Park





South Tyrol Park

Location: 1501 Kaltern Lane

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 3.6 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

General Ice Skating - L

L = Lighted

Park Description

South Tyrol Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in southeastern Golden Valley. It has an incredible stand of large cottonwood trees; however, there are areas within the park in need of shade. Only on-street parking is available.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are in good to excellent condition, with minor repairs required.

The internal trail system exists mainly along the west side of the park, with trail connections to the neighborhood on the north side.

Issues

- ♦ No rest rooms

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.



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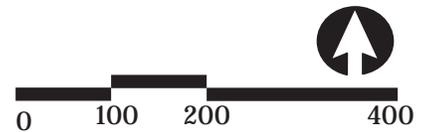


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Figure 6A.16: South Tyrol Park



-  City Limits
-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks





Stockman Park

Location: 3300 Major Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Basketball Court

Softball Field - 1

L = Lighted

Park Description

Stockman Park is a small park located in a low-density residential area in northeastern Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. The recreational facilities are in good to excellent condition. No internal trail exists. Only on-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No rest room
- ♦ No drinking fountain
- ♦ Playground needs seating area
- ♦ Play equipment needs replacement
- ♦ No picnic shelters

Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours.
- ♦ Provide drinking fountain.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.



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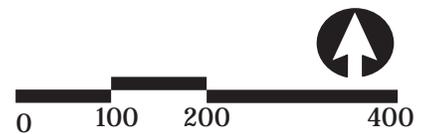


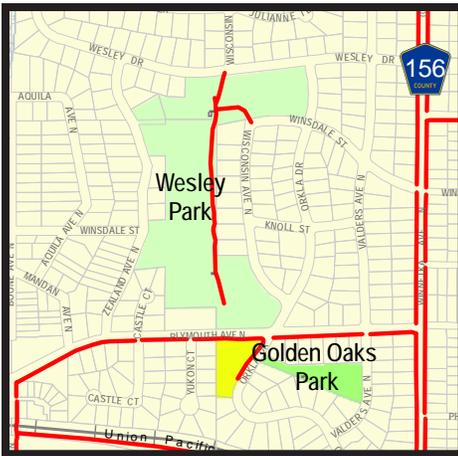
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Figure 6A.17: Stockman Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Wesley Park

Location: 8305 Wesley Dr

Classification: Community Park

Size: 19.9 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L
 Play Equipment
 Walkway/Trails - L
 Baseball Field - 1
 Basketball Court
 Softball Field - 2
 Soccer Field - 1/1F
 Tennis Court - 3L
 General Ice Skating - L
 Hockey Rink - L
 Sliding Hill
 Recreation Building
 L = Lighted
 F = Fall Use

Park Description

Wesley Park is located in a low density residential neighborhood in the north-west quadrant of Golden Valley. The large linear park has an internal trail system with neighborhood connections and unprogrammed open space.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition. It has an excellent internal walking and biking trail that connects to the neighborhoods. The trail system meanders through the park, providing an interesting experience. The park's mature trees and lineal design make it feel larger than it is. The park also provides a good sledding hill. There are 30 off-street parking stalls located on the north side of the park and 40 parking stalls located on the south side of the park.

Issues

- ♦ No sun shelter
- ♦ No picnic shelter

Opportunities

- ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use.
- ♦ Provide sun shelter.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.



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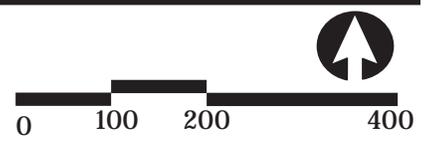


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Figure 6A.18: Wesley Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Wildwood Park

Location: 7401 Duluth St

Classification: Community Park

Size: 4.2 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trails

Basketball Court

Tennis Court - 2

Tennis Court Sun Shelter

Sun Shelter

Park Description

Wildwood Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in the northwest quadrant of Golden Valley. The park features woodland landscape and trail connections to the neighborhood. There is significant grade change throughout this park, providing hills used for sledding.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. Internal trail system running east-west on the north side of the park connects with the neighborhood. It is adjacent to Sigrid Olson School, which provides available space for parking.

Issues

- ♦ Metal roof of playground sun shelter is showing signs of rust and deterioration at seams
- ♦ Tennis court sun shelter is showing signs of age

Opportunities

- ♦ Replace tennis court sun shelter.
- ♦ Replace sun shelter and connect to play area.
- ♦ Replace play equipment.
- ♦ Replace sand in play area.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours.



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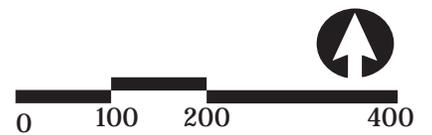


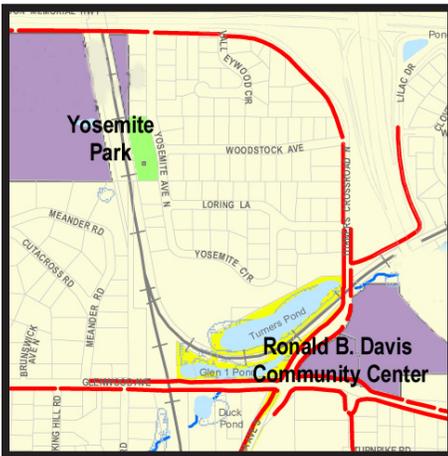
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Figure 6A.19: Wildwood Park



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks





Yosemite Park

Location: 351 Yosemite Ave N

Designation: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.4 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Game Squares - L

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trails

Basketball Court - 1/2

Softball Field - 1

General Ice Skating - L

L=Lighted

Park Description

Yosemite Park is located in the central area of Golden Valley surrounded by residential neighborhoods. It is near the Perpich Center for Arts Education. The park features mature trees and un-programmed open space.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in fair condition. No trails exist within the park, nor are there trail connections to the neighborhood. Only On-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No rest rooms

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours.



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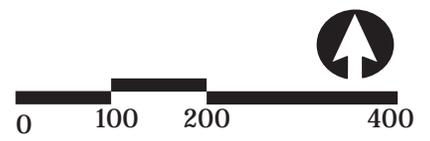


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Figure 6A.20: Yosemite Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks



Nature Areas

The following brief descriptions and evaluations of Golden Valley's nature areas are based on field observations. For a more detailed discussion of the nature areas in terms of natural resource quality and management, see the *Natural Resources Inventory* prepared in 2003 by SEH for the City of Golden Valley.

Adeline Nature Area

Location: Adeline Lane & Angelo Dr
Size: 1.2 Acres

Description

Adeline Nature Area (Figure 6-21) is located within a residential area on the southwest end of Sweeney Lake. The Union Pacific Railway Line abuts the south edge of the park. A paved trail leading to an overlook deck and canoe launch was installed in 2006. The park provides a view of Sweeney Lake.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication and removal of non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle)
- ♦ Native woodland plant restoration
- ♦ Entry landscaping

Bassett Creek Nature Area

Location: 2130 Zane Ave N
Size: 7.6 Acres

Description

Bassett Creek Nature Area (Figure 6-22) is located within residential, office, commercial, and industrial land uses along Bassett Creek west of Highway 100 and just north of Duluth Street.

Issues

- ♦ Poison ivy, European buckthorn, prickly ash, and tartarian honeysuckle in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Educational opportunities associated with a floodplain woodland
- ♦ Eradication and removal of non-native plant species

Briarwood Nature Area

Location: 2500 Unity Ave N
Size: 15.8 Acres

Description

Briarwood Nature Area (Figure 6-23) is located within a residential neighborhood in the northernmost portion of the city, with Bassett Creek running along its west side. It features a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees and relatively level terrain for walking. A trail connects it to surrounding neighborhoods.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Educational opportunities for bird watching and plant and wildlife photography

General Mills Nature Preserve

Location: 9201 Olson Memorial Hwy
Size: 27.0 Acres

Description:

The General Mills Nature Preserve (Figure 6-24) is located on the southwestern corner of the city east of Highway 169 and north of Betty Crocker Drive. The preserve is a mix of manicured parkland and wetland, with Bassett Creek running along its south side and a loop trail system within.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication and removal of non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn)

Golden Ridge Nature Area

Location: Earl St & Flag Ave N
Size: 1.6 Acres

Description

Golden Ridge Nature Area (Figure 6-25) is located within a residential area in the northwest corner of Golden Valley and has trail connections to General Mills Research Nature Area. The rolling landscape with upland and lowland areas has a mix of deciduous trees and shrubs and coniferous trees.

Issues

- ♦ Amur maple and European buckthorn in woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Educational opportunities for bird watching and plant and wildlife photography

Laurel Avenue Greenbelt

Location: 6600 Laurel Ave S
Size: 33.1 Acres

Description

The Laurel Avenue Greenbelt (Figure 6-26) surrounds three large ponds on the south side of the city along Laurel Ave. It is located within a variety of land uses, including residential, commercial/retail, light industrial, and rail corridors. There are trail connections to surrounding neighborhoods.

Issues

- ♦ European Buckthorn in the woodland areas; reed canary grass in the wetland areas
- ♦ Erosion around seating areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication and removal of non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle)
- ♦ Native woodland plant restoration
- ♦ Fix erosion problems

Mary Hills Nature Area

Location: 2190 Bonnie Ln

Size: 15.7 Acres

Description

Mary Hills Nature Area (Figure 6-28) is located within residential neighborhood in the northeast corner of the city. It is comprised of upland and wetland woodland communities and has picnic and seating areas. A meandering internal trail system connects to Sochacki Park in Robbinsdale.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Educational opportunities for bird watching and plant and wildlife photography

Pennsylvania Woods Nature Area

Location: 2301 Rhode Island Ave N

Size: 22.9 Acres

Description

Pennsylvania Woods Nature Area (Figure 6-29) is located in the north central section of the city within a residential, office/commercial, and

industrial area near Honeywell Little League Area. An internal loop trail system connects it to the neighborhood.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication and removal of buckthorn

Rice Lake Nature Area

Location: 4120 Bassett Creek Dr

Size: 9.0 Acres

Description

Rice Lake Nature Area (Figure 30) is located within a residential area just west of Mary Hills Nature Area in the northeastern section of the city. It has a wooden boardwalk and overlook across a scenic pond. Bassett Creek runs along its south side.

Issues

- ♦ European buckthorn in the woodland areas, reed canary grass in the wetland areas
- ♦ Trail into the nature area but no external trail connections

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication and removal of non-native plant species (e.g., European buckthorn and reed canary grass)
- ♦ Connection to Mary Hills Nature Area and surrounding neighborhoods

Western Ave Marsh

Location: Western & Winnetka

Size: 21.6 Acres

Description

Western Avenue Marsh (Figure 31) is located within a residential

neighborhood across the street from Brookview Park. The marsh contains three wetland communities: a seasonally flooded Type 3 cattail marsh, a seasonally flooded Type 3 non-native species emergent marsh, and a mixed disturbed hardwood Type 7 floodplain forest.

Issues

- ♦ Reed canary grass in the wetland complex

Opportunities

- ♦ Eradication of reed canary grass
- ♦ Boardwalk and overlook into the wetland complex

Special Use Facility**Brookview Golf Course**

Location: 200 Brookview Parkway

Size: 143.5 Acres

Description

Brookview Golf Course is located within a residential neighborhood adjacent to Brookview Park.

Issues

- ♦ Aging and outdated clubhouse/community center
- ♦ Areas of golf course tend to flood

Opportunities

- ♦ Replacement of or major improvement to clubhouse/community center building
- ♦ Redesign golf course to accommodate additional water storage to keep all areas in play

Figure 6A.21: Adeline Nature Area



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

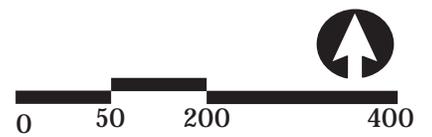


Figure 6A.22 Bassett Creek Nature Area



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

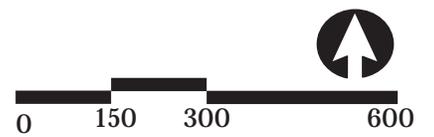
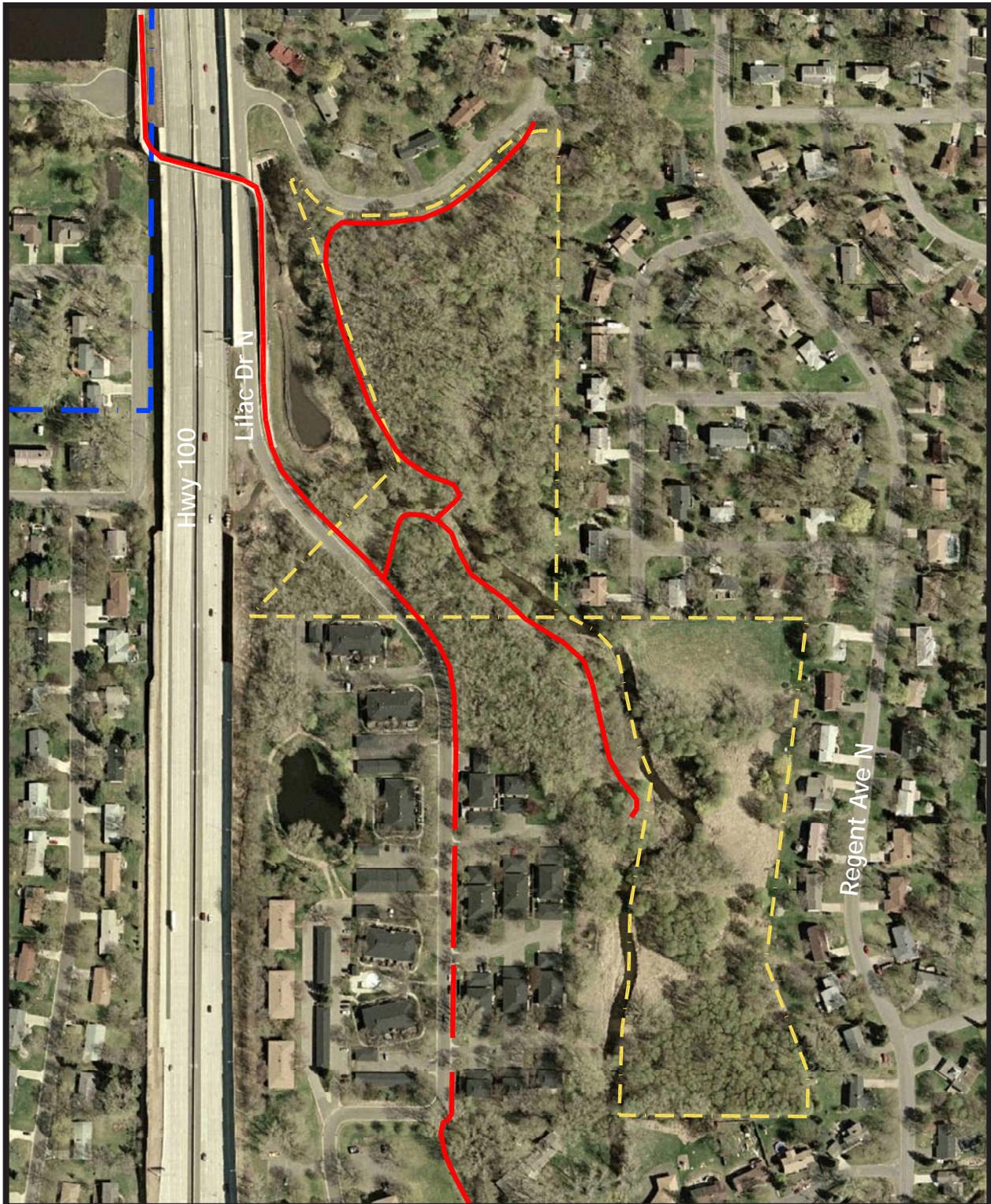


Figure 6A.23: Briarwood Nature Area



-  City Limits
-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks

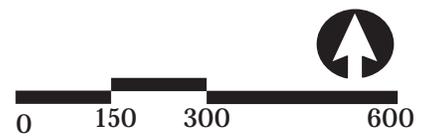


Figure 6A.24: General Mills Nature Area



-  City Limits
-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks

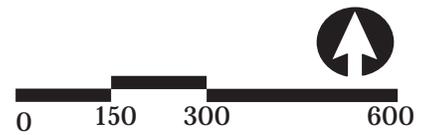


Figure 6A.25: Golden Ridge Nature Area



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

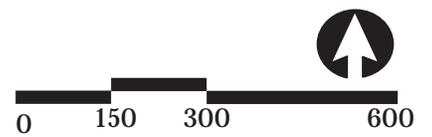
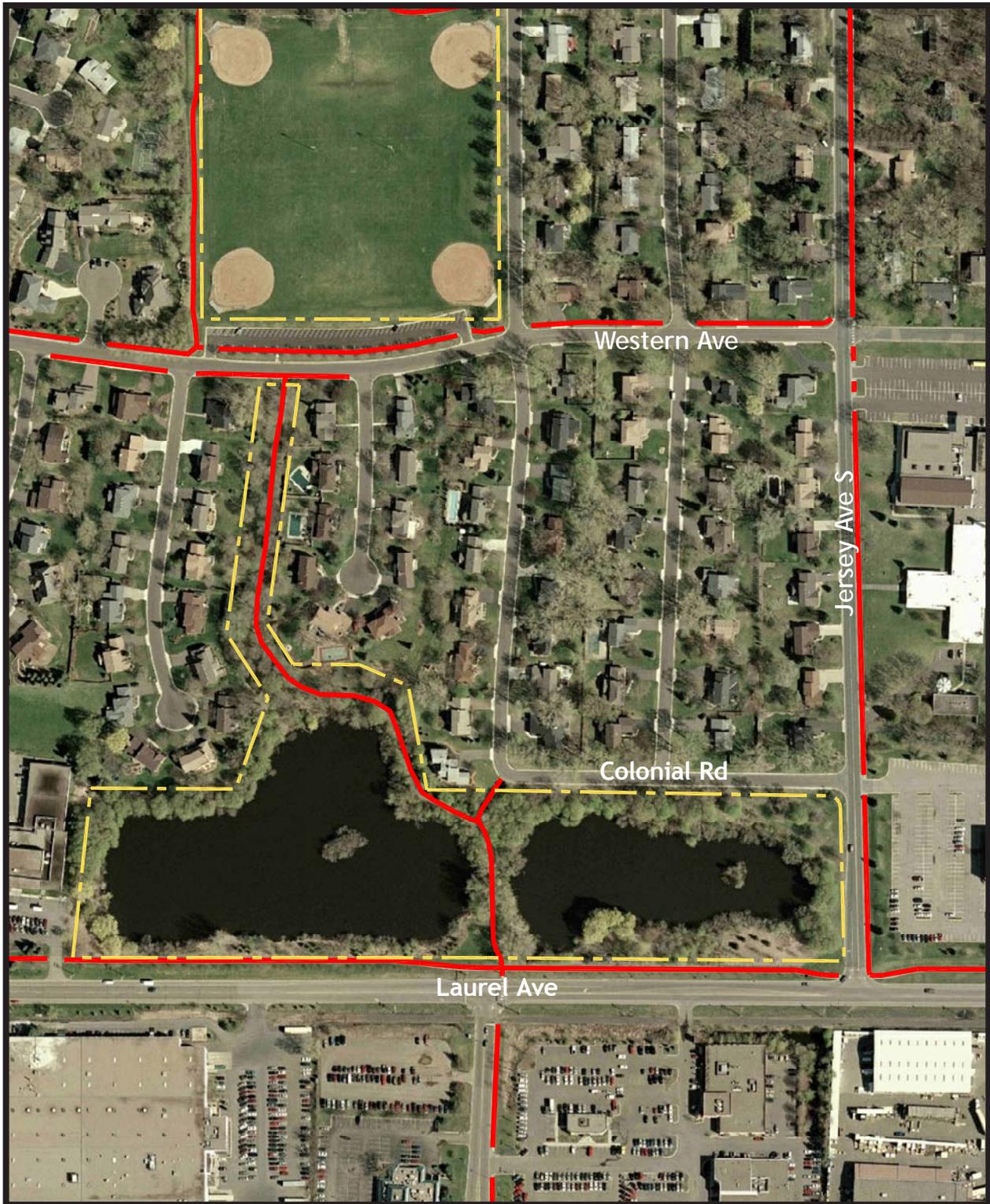


Figure 6A.26: Laurel Avenue Greenbelt West



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

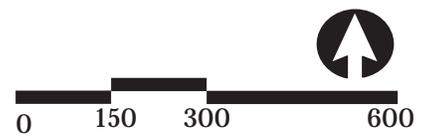
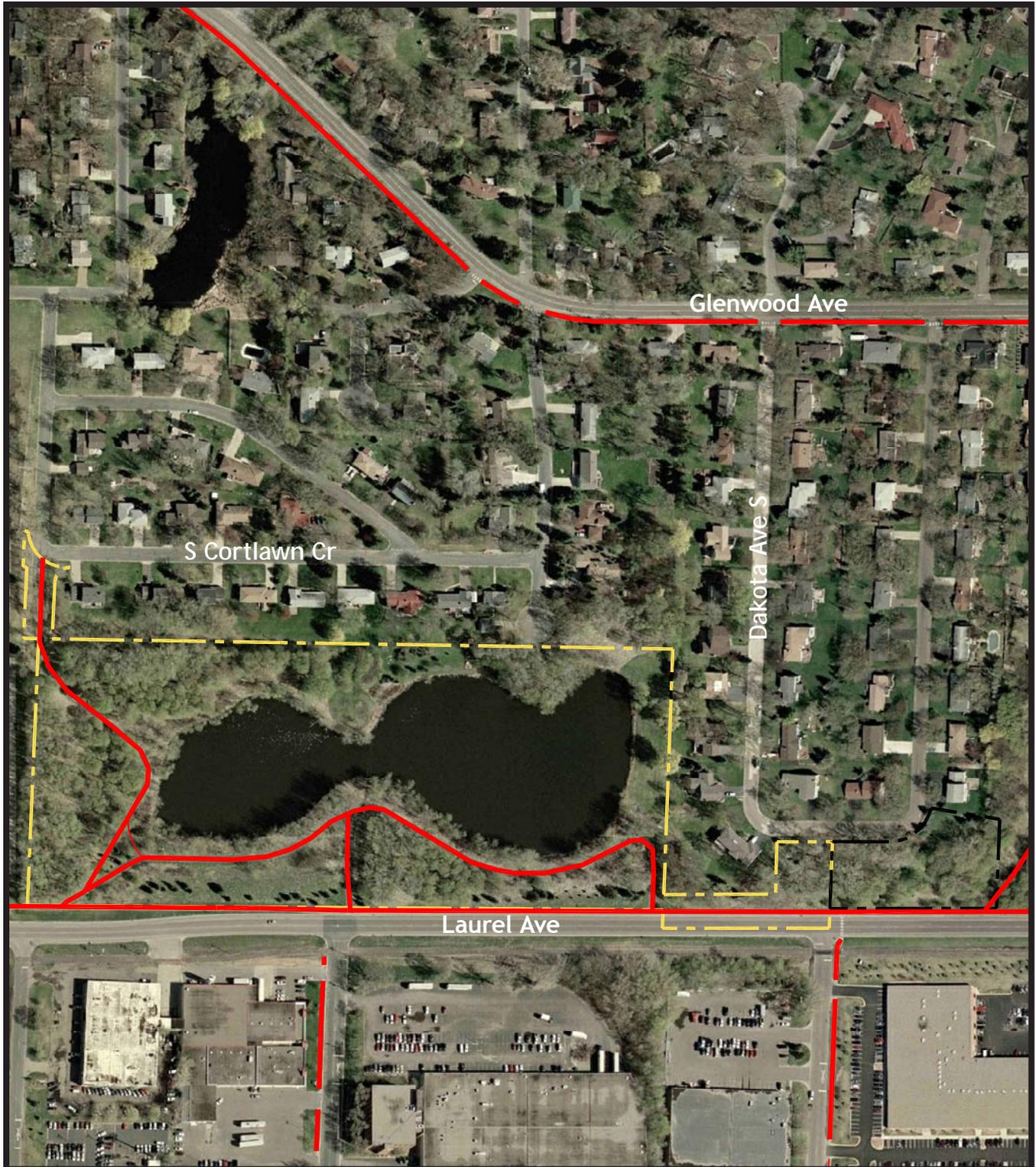


Figure 6A.27: Laurel Avenue Greenbelt East



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

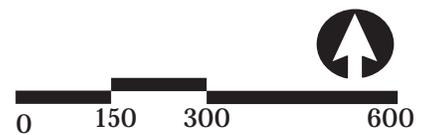


Figure 6A.28: Mary Hills Nature Area



-  City Limits
-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks

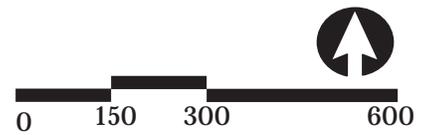
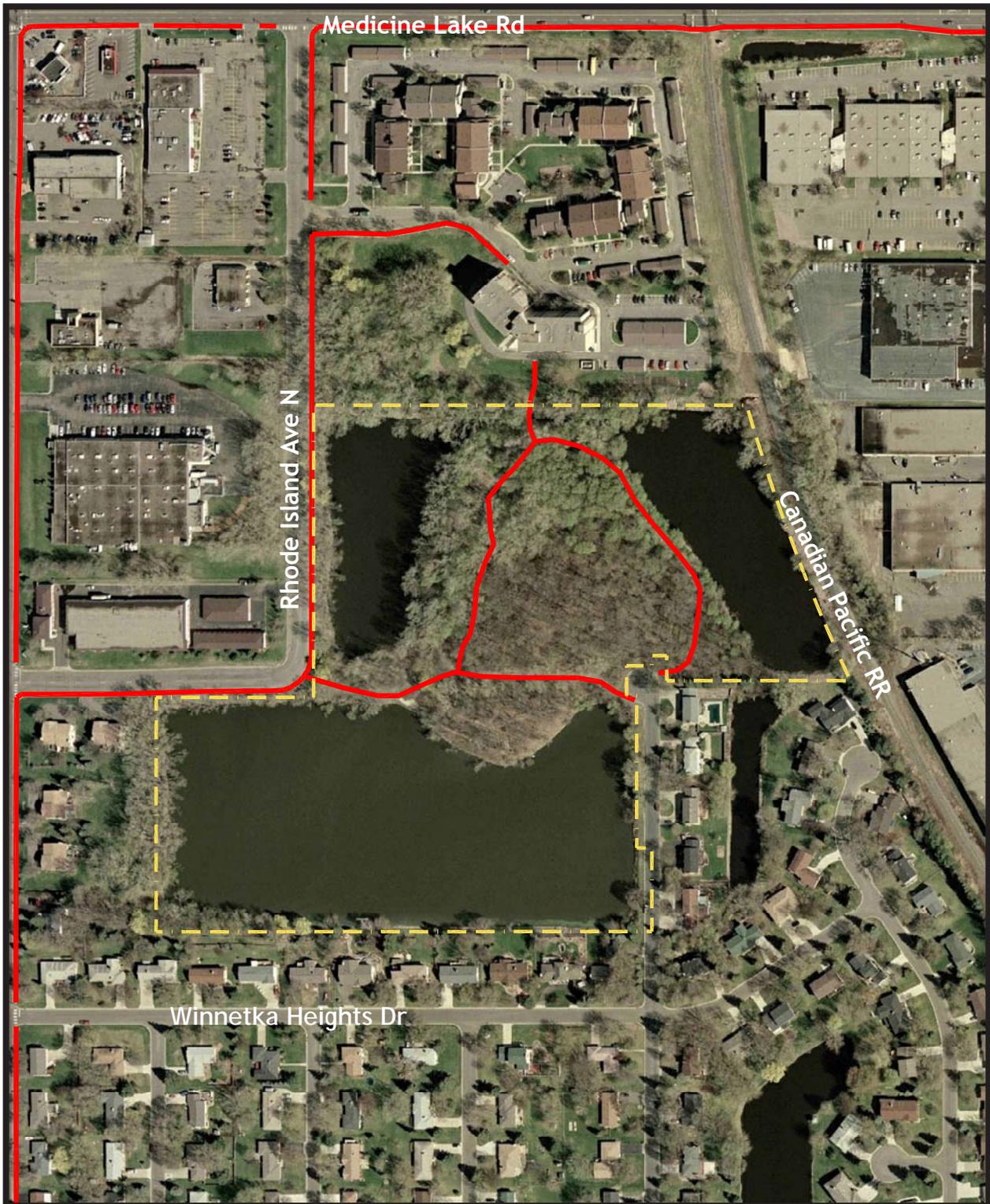


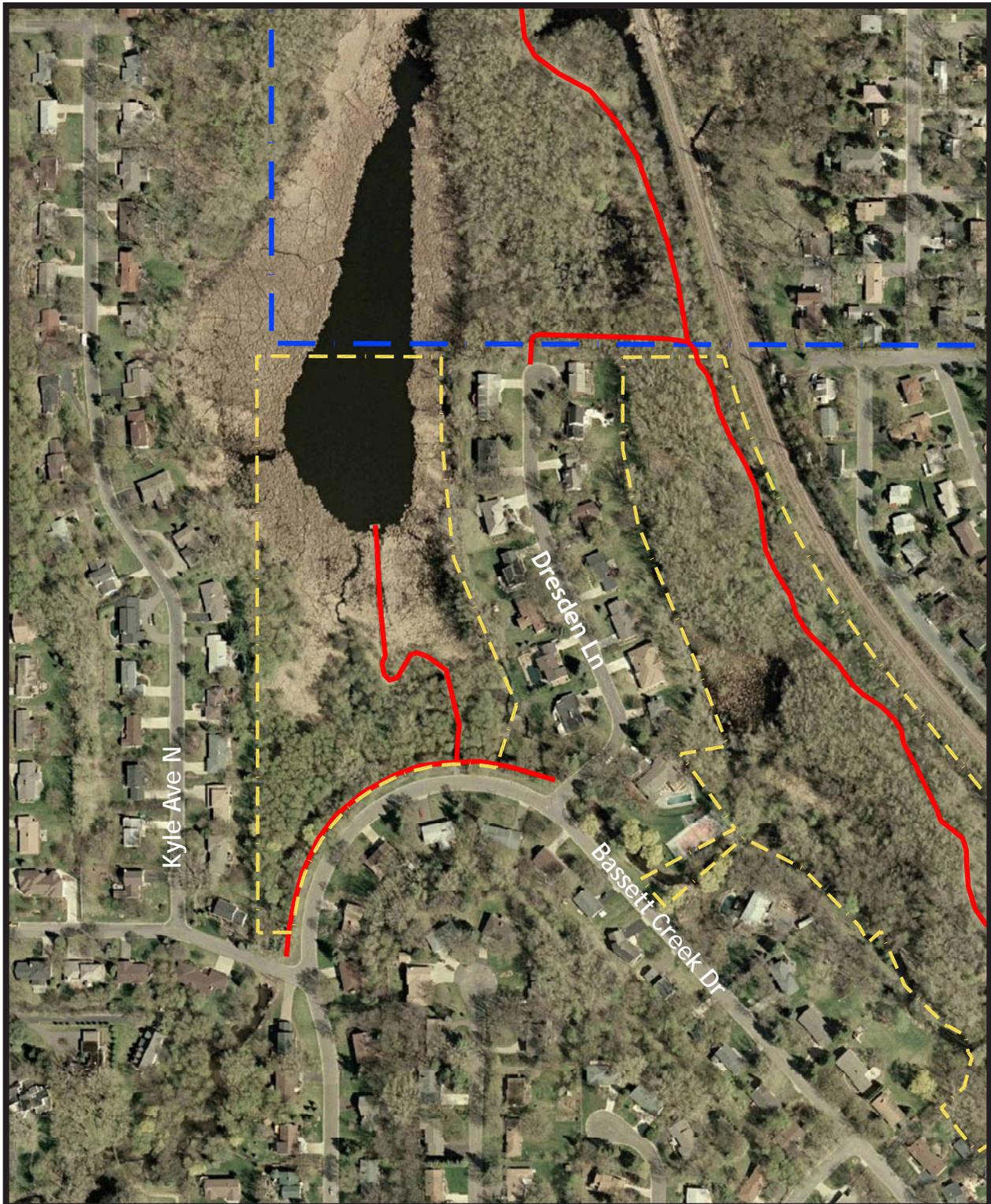
Figure 6A.29: Pennsylvania Woods Nature Area



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks



Figure 6A.30: Rice Lake Nature Area



-  City Limits
-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks

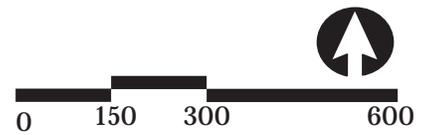
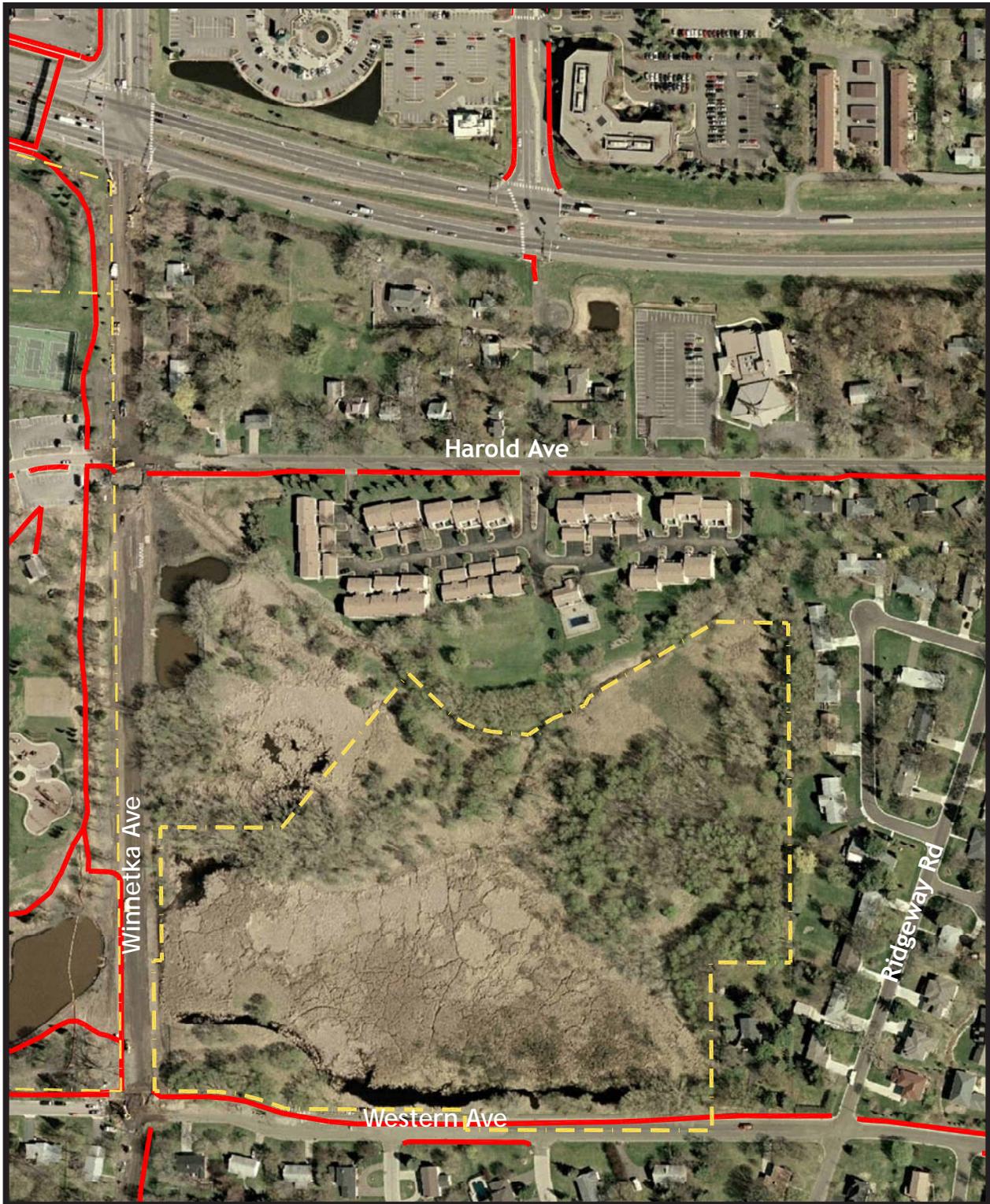


Figure 6A.31: Western Avenue Marsh



- Park Boundary
- Existing Trails and Walks

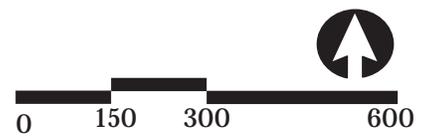
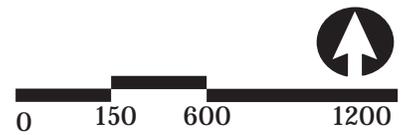


Figure 6A.32: Brookview Golf Course



-  Park Boundary
-  Existing Trails and Walks



Appendix 6-B: Park-Specific Recommendations

Table 6.B Park-Specific Recommendations

Park	Recommendations *
Brookview Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Extend internal trail system within park to link park features. ♦ Build outdoor performance stage.
Gearty Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Build sun shelter at tennis court. ♦ Renovate or build new recreation building.
Glenview Terrace Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Replace sun shelter at tennis court. ♦ Extend internal trail system within park to link park features. ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartar-ian honeysuckle, etc) and restore native vegetation.
Golden Oaks Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Extend internal trail system within park to link park features.
Hampshire Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Renovate or build new recreation building.
Honeywell Little League Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Evaluate park use and facilities. ♦ Provide trees or shade structure near bleacher area. ♦ Consider additional athletic fields.

Table 6.B Park-Specific Recommendations, (cont.)

Lakeview Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Renovate or rebuild new recreation building. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage. ♦ Evaluate storm water management opportunities
Lions Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Renovate or build new recreation building.
Medley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Renovate or build new recreation building. ♦ Replace current tennis court sun shelter. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage.
Natchez Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage. ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle, etc) and restore native vegetation. ♦ Evaluate storm water management opportunities.
North Tyrol Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage. ♦ Eradicate and remove non-native plant species (eg, European buckthorn, tartarian honeysuckle, etc) and restore native vegetation. ♦ Provide passive recreation opportunities around Strawberry Pond.
St. Croix Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area.

Table 6.B Park-Specific Recommendations

Schaper Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area.
Scheid Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace sun shelter at tennis court. ♦ Rebuild or renovate recreation building. ♦ Evaluate parking needs.
Seeman Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Replace sun shelter at tennis court. ♦ Extend internal trail system within park to link park features.
South Tyrol Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms with aesthetic screening to be available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace sand in play area.
Stockman Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening that are available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and use. ♦ Provide drinking fountain.
Wesley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening that are available April–November during park hours. ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Build sun shelter at tennis court. ♦ Evaluate park facilities and usage.

Table 6.B Park-Specific Recommendations

Wildwood Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Replace play equipment. ♦ Replace sand in play area. ♦ Replace tennis court sun shelter. ♦ Replace sun shelter near play area.
Yosemite Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms with aesthetic screening that are available April–November during park hours.
<p>* The City evaluated each park for safety and accessibility. The Safety and Accessibility Evaluations, which include park-specific recommendations, are available in the City's Park and Recreation office at Brookview Community Center.</p>	

Appendix 6-C: Park Improvement Estimates

Table 6.C Park System Improvement Costs Estimate (in 2008 Dollars)				
IMPROVEMENTS				
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS	Short Range (1-5 years)	Long Range (6-10+ years)	On-Going	Status
Update parks and nature area signs			\$3,500 EACH	
Purchase underdeveloped and undeveloped land		N/A		
Build multi-use community center		\$200 SF		
Build indoor multi-use sport facility		\$155 SF		
Build environmental education facility		\$130 SF		
Build aquatic facility		\$275 SF		
Institute indoor community theatre		N/A		
Build splash pad		\$300,000		
Build dog park		\$50,000		
Add soccer fields	\$225,000 EACH			
Build archery range		\$5,000		
Build tunnel under Winnetka Ave from Area B along creek		N/A		
Build access trail under railroad between Schaper Park and Adeline Nature Area		N/A		
Build north-south commuter trail		N/A		
SPECIFIC PARK IMPROVEMENTS				
BROOKVIEW PARK				
Build trail extension within park			\$55 LF	
Replace play equipment			\$200,000	
Build outdoor performance stage	\$700,000			
GEARTY PARK				
Build small picnic shelter			\$40,000	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Build sun shelter at tennis court			\$25,000	
GLENVIEW TERRACE PARK				
Replace tennis court sun shelter			\$25,000	
Build trail extension within park			\$55 LF	
Replace play equipment			\$50,000	
GOLDEN OAKS PARK				
Replace play equipment			\$100,000	
Build trail extension within park			\$55 LF	
HAMPSHIRE PARK				
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
HONEYWELL LITTLE LEAGUE AREA				
Build athletic fields/parking			\$800,000	

LF = Lineal Foot

SF = Square Foot

N/A = Not Available

Table 6.C Park System Improvements Cost Estimate (in 2008 \$) - cont.				
IMPROVEMENTS				
SPECIFIC PARK IMPROVEMENTS	Short Range (1-5 years)	Long Range (6-10 years)	On-going	Status
LAKEVIEW PARK				
Master plan park			\$25,000	
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Complete storm water management study			\$10,000	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
LIONS PARK				
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Build trail extension within park			\$55 LF	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
MEDLEY PARK				
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Replace sun shelter at tennis court			\$25,000	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
NATCHEZ PARK				
Complete storm water management study			\$10,000	
Master plan park			\$30,000	
NORTH TYROL PARK				
Master plan park			\$20,000	
ST. CROIX PARK				
Replace play equipment			\$50,000	
SCHAPER PARK				
Replace play equipment			\$50,000	
SCHEID PARK				
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Build parking lot			\$150,000	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
Rebuild tennis courts			\$100,000	
SEEMAN PARK				
Build trail extension within park			\$55 LF	
Replace sun shelter at tennis court			\$25,000	
Replace play equipment			\$50,000	
SOUTH TYROL PARK				
No major park improvements proposed				
STOCKMAN PARK				
Master plan park			\$10,000	

LF = Lineal Foot

SF = Square Foot

N/A = Not Available

**Table 6.C Park System Improvements
Cost Estimate (in 2008 \$) - cont.**

IMPROVEMENTS				
SPECIFIC PARK IMPROVEMENTS	Short Range (1-5 years)	Long Range (6-10 years)	On-going	Status
WESLEY PARK				
Renovate/build new recreation building			\$165 SF	
Build sun at tennis court shelter			\$25,000	
Replace play equipment			\$125,000	
WILDWOOD PARK				
Replace play equipment			\$50,000	
Replace sun shelter at tennis court			\$25,000	
Replace sun shelter near play area			\$40,000	
YOSEMITE PARK				
No major park improvements proposed				

LF = Lineal Foot

SF = Square Foot

N/A = Not Available

NOTE: The estimated costs in this document are intended for planning purposes only and to be used solely as benchmarks for budgeting. Actual development and improvement, with associated design and related fees, will depend on the actual program for development and construction costs at the time of implementation.