

Appendix 6A

Parks and Natural Resources

Parks Plan

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Parks Plan: Conditions In The System

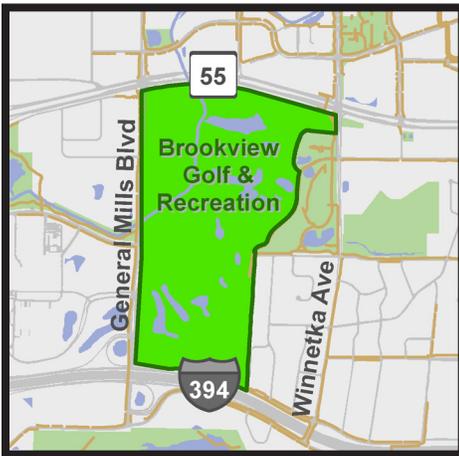
The following appendix provides a summary and evaluation of existing parks in Golden Valley.

Park Evaluations

The City's neighborhood parks, community parks, and special use areas were evaluated based on numerous criteria including safety, condition, opportunities, and future needs. Nature areas and open spaces were evaluated separately in the City's Natural Resources Management Plan.

Each active use park and special use area was inventoried, reviewed, and assessed for issues and opportunities based on the site evaluation. Key partners involved in the park system review included the Open Space & Recreation Commission, staff, citizens, and the Golden Valley City Council.

Opportunities for future improvements have been recommended absent dedicated funding and relative priority versus other City needs. Scheduling of potential park improvements will depend on the actions of future City Councils.



Brookview Golf & Recreation

Location: 316 Brookview Pkwy S

Classification: Special Use

Size: 143.5 acres

Existing Facilities

18 Hole Regulation Golf Course
 9 Hole Par 3 Golf Course
 8 Rink Lawn Bowling Green
 Golf Shop
 Three One Six Bar & Grill
 Driving Range with Building
 Par 3 Building
 Practice Putting Green
 Starter Building
 Lesson Tee with Building
 18 Hole Winter Disc Golf
 Fat Bike Winter Trails
 Multi-use Winter Recreation Trails
 Fire Pit
 Patio and Deck
 Sun/Rain Shelter
 Large Parking Lot

Facility Description

Brookview Golf and Lawn Bowling is a special use area operated as an enterprise fund. The property is located in an institutional 4 zoned area with a low density neighborhood to the east. The golf course property incorporates beautiful vegetation and has many ponds which attract diverse wildlife populations.

General Evaluation

Overall the golf course and amenities are in very good condition. Areas of improvement would be pond restoration, pedestrian bridge access and replacement, irrigation system replacement, and a plan for removal of asphalt paths to be replaced with a granular material. Hole #14 on the 18 hole regulation course continues to struggle with flooding issues and will require attention in the near future.

Issues

- ♦ Irrigation is past its life span and needs to be replaced.
- ♦ Ponds located on Brookview Golf Course continue to deteriorate and need to be restored.
- ♦ Bridge access points continue to require significant maintenance and need to be reconstructed.

- ♦ All pedestrian bridges are aging and will need replacement in the future.
- ♦ Regulation course hole #14 needs to be reconstructed to minimize current flooding issues.
- ♦ Sun-rain-storm shelters need to be added in key locations throughout the course for the safety of patrons during inclement weather.
- ♦ Lesson tee building needs replacement.
- ♦ Significant flooding during large rain events.
- ♦ Geese on golf course property.
- ♦ Par 3 course holes #5 and #6 continue to flood.
- ♦ Driving Range building needs to be replaced

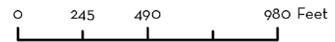
Opportunities

- ♦ Develop plan for restoration of pond areas that supports best practice water management, pond bank integrity, and maximizes wildlife.
- ♦ Implement annual goose management program to assist with golf course geese.
- ♦ Develop a four year funding plan to replace irrigation.
- ♦ Work with contractor on a redesign of regulation hole #14 and implement plan.
- ♦ Work with engineering contractor to design a new system for bridge access points to stabilize ramp entrance/exit areas.
- ♦ Monitor pedestrian bridges for safety and use.
- ♦ Add up to four sun/storm steel shelters throughout course for patron safety when needed during inclement weather.
- ♦ Work with Bassett Creek Watershed District on opportunities to improve water flow through the golf course during large rain events.
- ♦ Continue to grow and expand winter recreation activities.
- ♦ Reconstruct Par 3 hole #5 and #6 to eliminate flooding and access issues.
- ♦ Promote and grow programs that introduce youth to golf.
- ♦ Replace Driving Range building to support golf operations and new Brookview

Brookview Golf & Recreation



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Brookview Park

Location: 200 Brookview Pkwy N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 33 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

- Horseshoe Pit
- Play Equipment
- Misting Water Feature
- Walkways/Trails - L
- Basketball Court
- Gazebo
- Sand Volleyball Courts - 2
- Tennis Courts - 2/4L
- Tennis Building with Restrooms
- 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 borders 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. Brookview Park is a Lawcon property.

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 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 signed accessible.

Issues

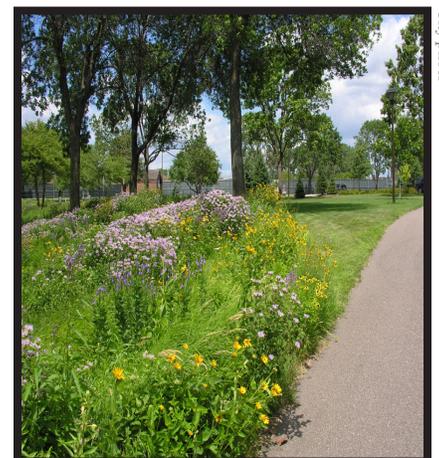
- ♦ Number of parking stalls
- ♦ Storm water drainage
- ♦ Insufficient restroom facilities - ADA compliance

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible rest rooms to be available April–October.
- ♦ Expand parking areas
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Explore adding outdoor public art

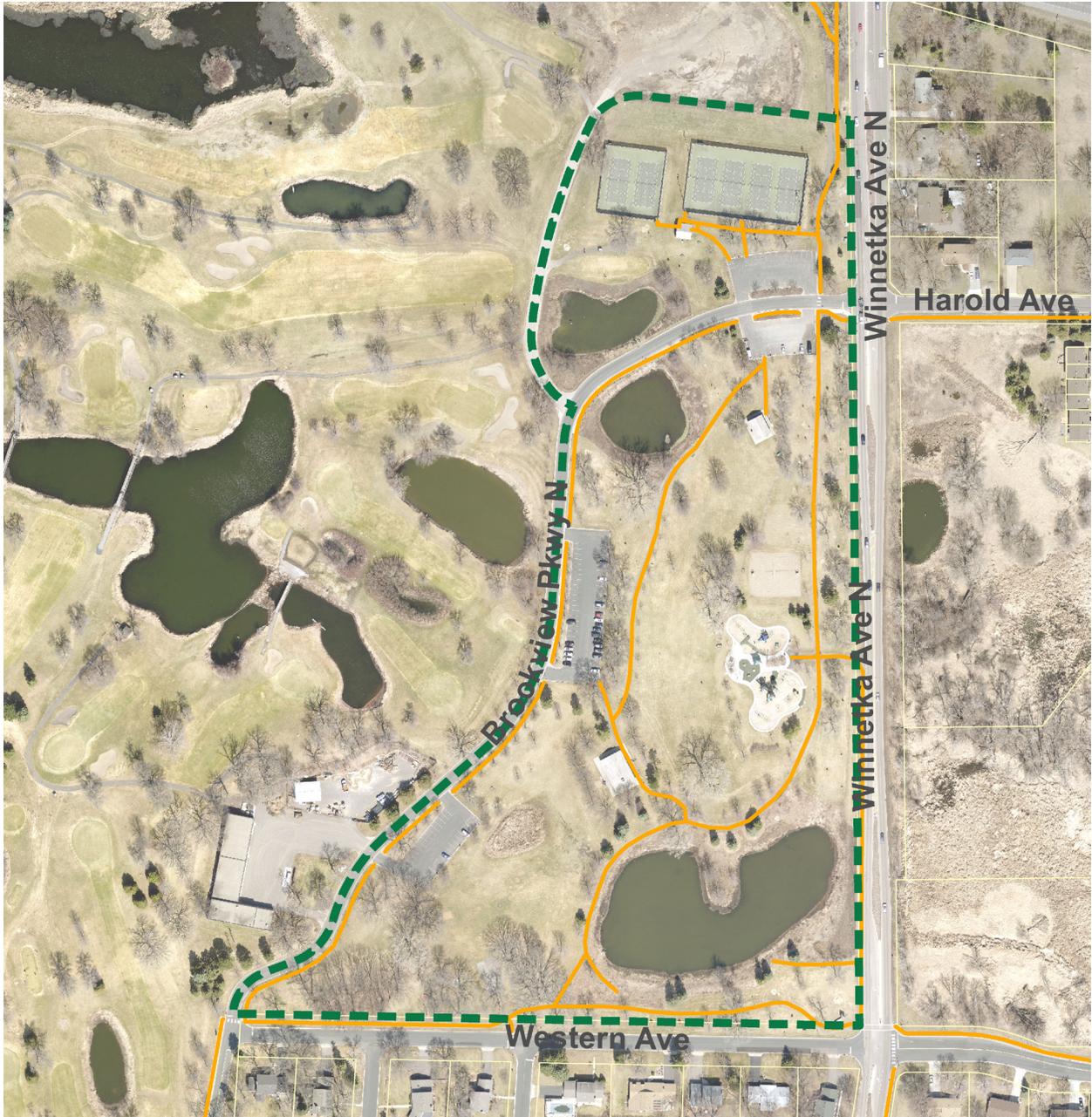


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Brookview Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
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Gearty Park

Location: 3101 Regent Avenue N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 4.7 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

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 end of Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

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

Issues

- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation - ADA compliance
- ♦ Reconstruct or remove ballfield

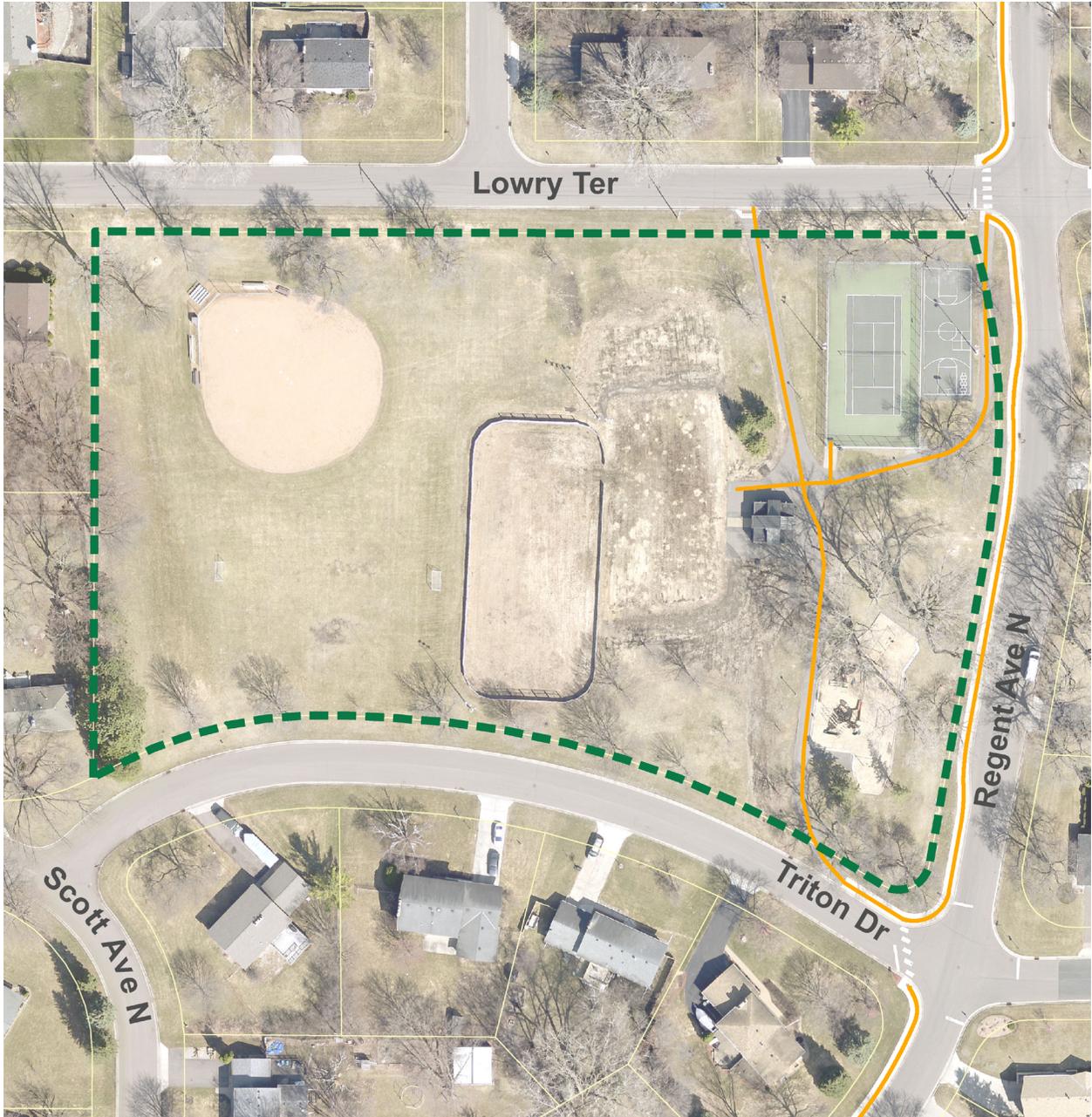
Opportunities

- ♦ Renovate recreation building - ADA compliance.
- ♦ Reconstruct ballfield or replace with new amenity.
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems.
- ♦ Add adjustable basketball hoops.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms to be available May–October.
- ♦ Consider community garden area.
- ♦ Consider relocating and expanding tennis courts within the park.
- ♦ Consider off-leash pet exercise area.
- ♦ Consider community garden.
- ♦ Consider junior soccer/softball field.

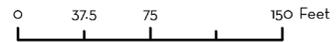


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Gearty Park



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Glenview Terrace Park

Location: 2351 Zenith Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trail

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 Park and Sochacki Park. Park land is owned by the Minneapolis Park Board, and operated and maintained by the City of Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in fair to good condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are in good to excellent condition. 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 restrooms
- ♦ No sun shelter
- ♦ Parking lot needs to be reconstructed or removed

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restroom May–October
- ♦ Install new sun shelter
- ♦ Explore adding 1/2 basketball court with adjustable hoop
- ♦ Consider adding an off-leash pet exercise area
- ♦ Consider adding community gardens
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Partner with Minneapolis Park Board for park improvements



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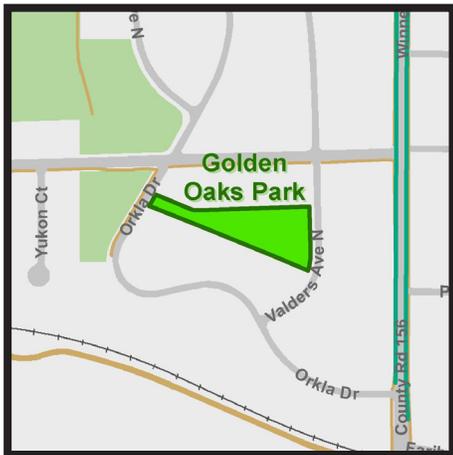
Glenview Terrace Park



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Golden Oaks Park

Location: 1141 Valders Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 2 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Internal Park Access Trail

1/2 Basketball Court

Park Description

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

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition. On-street parking is only available for this park.

Issues

- ♦ No restrooms
- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms May–October
- ♦ Consider adding community garden on the tree farm property across Orkla Dr west of park
- ♦ Add sun shelter
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems



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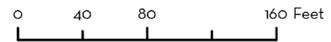


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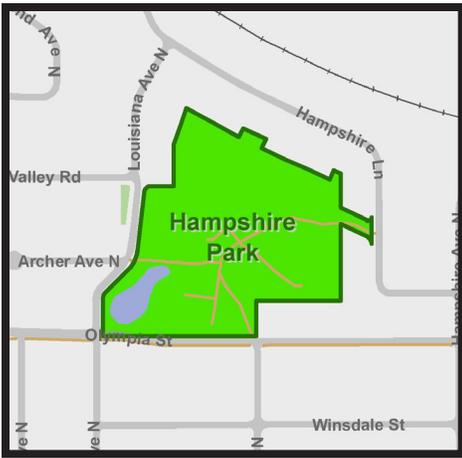
Golden Oaks Park



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Hampshire Park

Location: 1610 Louisiana Ave N
Classification: Community Park
Size: 14 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

- Play Equipment
 - Walkways/Trails - L
 - Basketball Court - Full
 - Softball Field - 2
 - Soccer Field - F
 - General Ice Skating - L
 - Hockey Rink - L
 - Recreation Building
- L = Lighted
 F = Fall use

Park Description

Hampshire Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in north central Golden Valley. The park features a storm water retention pond with a native planting buffer that provides wildlife habitat and aesthetic benefits. The park has two parking areas with a total of 50 stalls.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in excellent condition. The recreation facilities and amenities are in good to excellent condition. The park has an internal trail system with neighborhood connections.

Issues

- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation - ADA compliance
- ♦ Stormwater drainage and storage

Opportunities

- ♦ Renovate recreation building - ADA compliance
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Replace ball field bleachers
- ♦ Determine wetland boundaries and establish native vegetation buffers
- ♦ Diversify park land trees and vegetation
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms available May–October

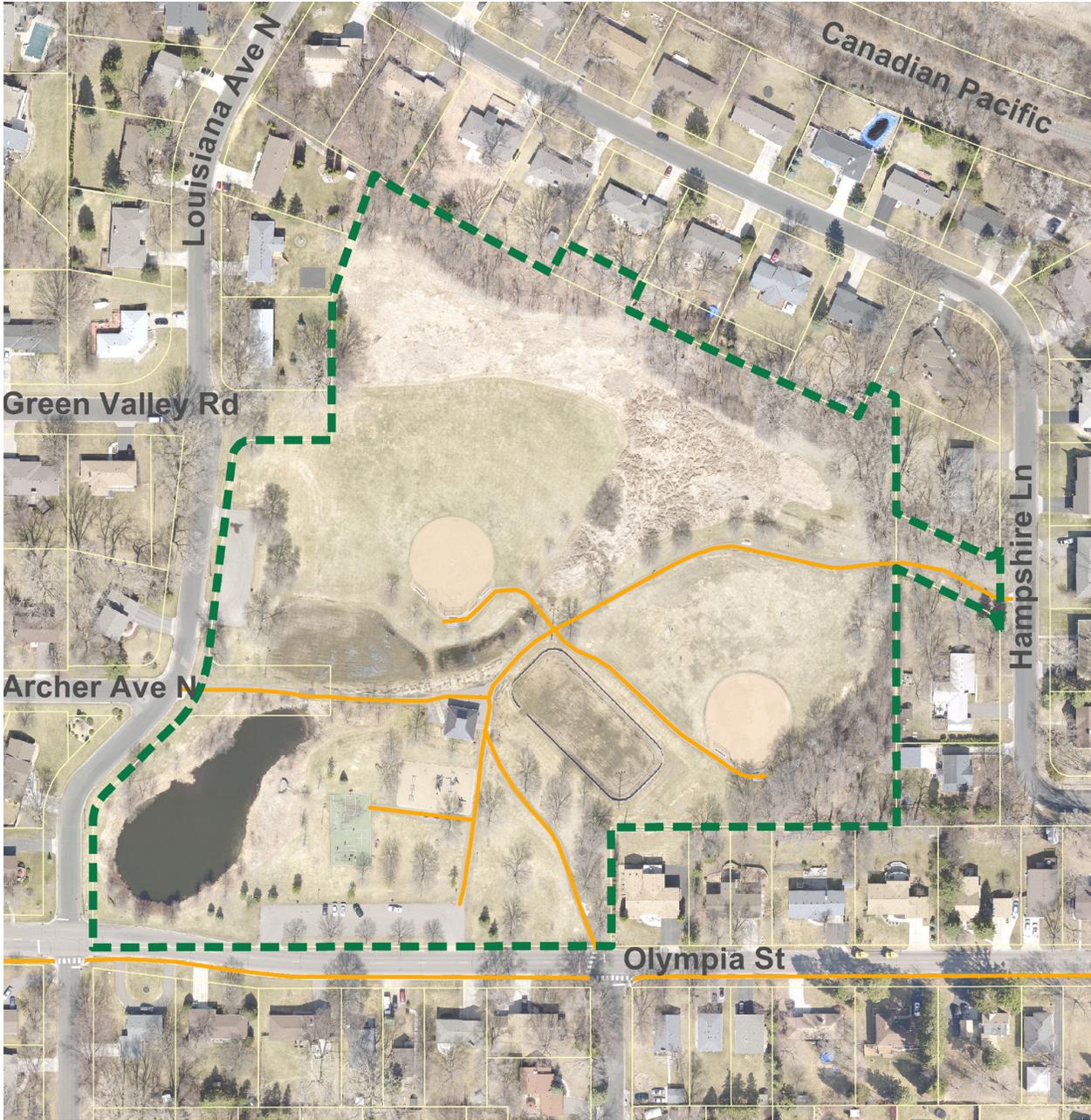


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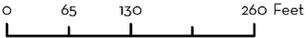


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Hampshire Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Isaacson Park

Location: 7101 Sandburg Road

Classification: Special Use Facility

Size: 11 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Youth Baseball Field - 3 - 2L

Covered Dugouts - 6

Batting Cages - 2

Concession Building

Storage Shed

Scoreboards - 3

L = Lighted

Park Description

The Isaacson Park 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 three youth ball fields with irrigation, scoreboards, concession building, and batting cages. Two fields are lighted.

General Evaluation

Overall, the facility is in excellent condition. The field is ADA accessible with on-street accessible parking.

Issues

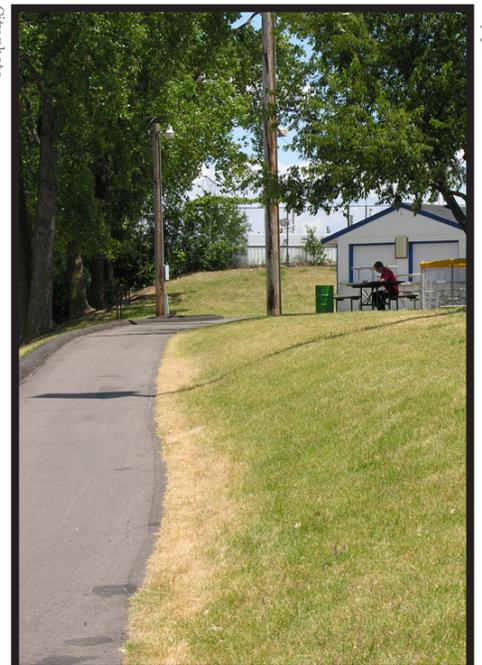
- ♦ Current ball field lights on field #1 need updating
- ♦ Ball field lights are needed on field #3
- ♦ Drainage on fields #1 and #2
- ♦ Park entrance needs relandscaping
- ♦ Field #1 backstop

Opportunities

- ♦ Look for funding partnerships to replace and add field lights
- ♦ Improve park access
- ♦ Explore opportunities for use of property on south end
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms available April–October
- ♦ Relandscape park entrance
- ♦ Replace backstop on field #1

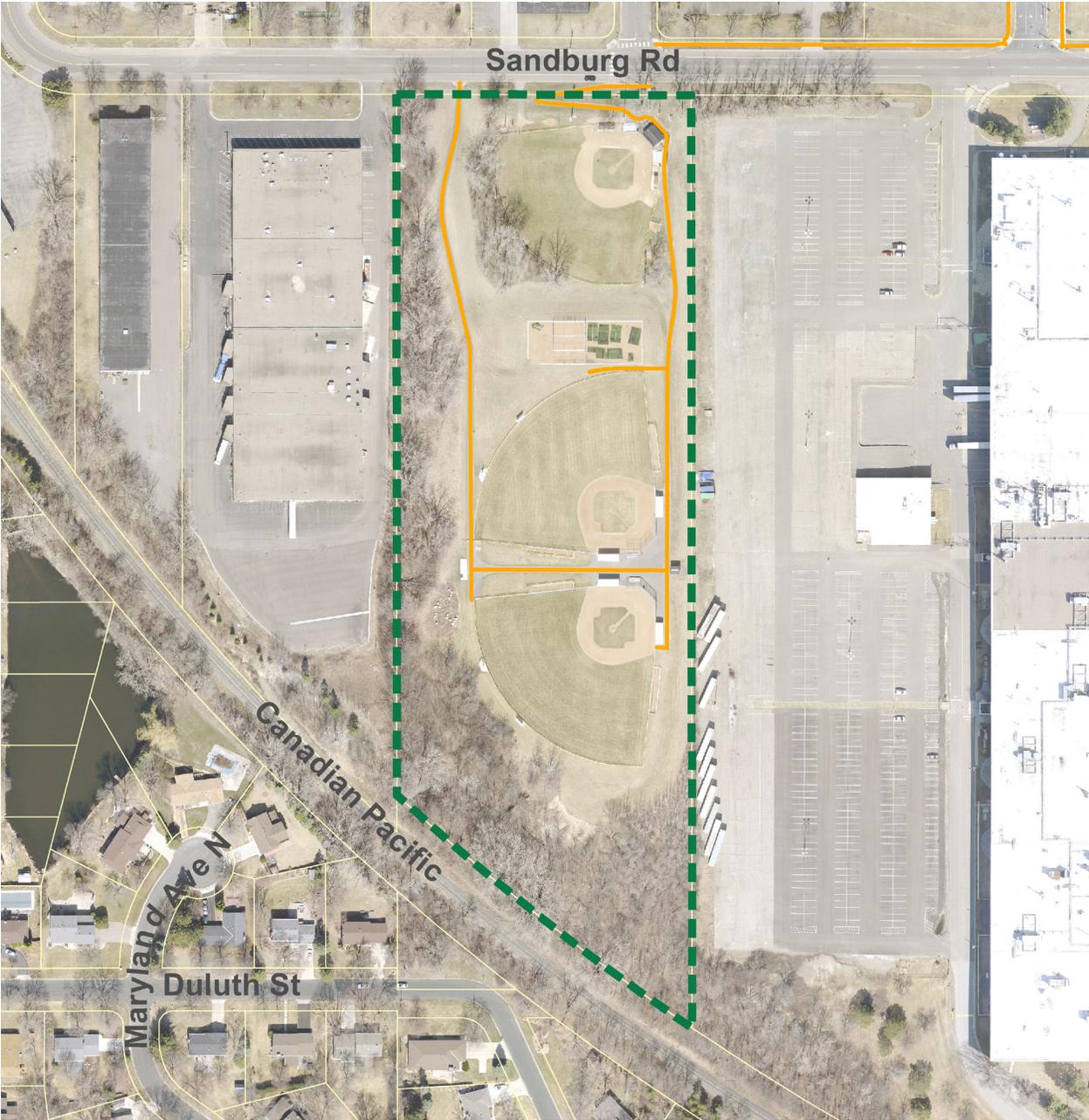


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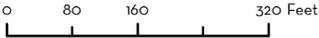


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Isaacson Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Lakeview Park

Location: 1521 Hillsboro Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court - 1/2 court

T-ball Field - 1

Recreation Building

L = Lighted

Park Description

Lakeview Park is located on the west side of Golden Valley within a low-density residential neighborhood. It is situated in a linear position and connects a number of neighborhoods.

General Evaluation

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

Issues

- ♦ There are general drainage/flooding issues within the park
- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation - ADA compliance

Opportunities

- ♦ Renovate recreation building - ADA compliant
- ♦ Explore stormwater storage and management options
- ♦ Explore purchasing homes (4) on east side of park to construct storm water quality pond and internal park trail
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Consider changing park to a neighborhood classification
- ♦ Determine wetland boundaries and establish native vegetation buffers

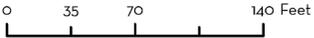


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Lakeview Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Lions Park

Location: 151 Louisiana Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 20 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court (full)

Softball Field - 4

Soccer Field - 2-3 F

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-density residential neighborhood in south-western 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 designed for recreational use.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to 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 soccer/ballfields). The

park's internal trail system is on the perimeter of the park 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.

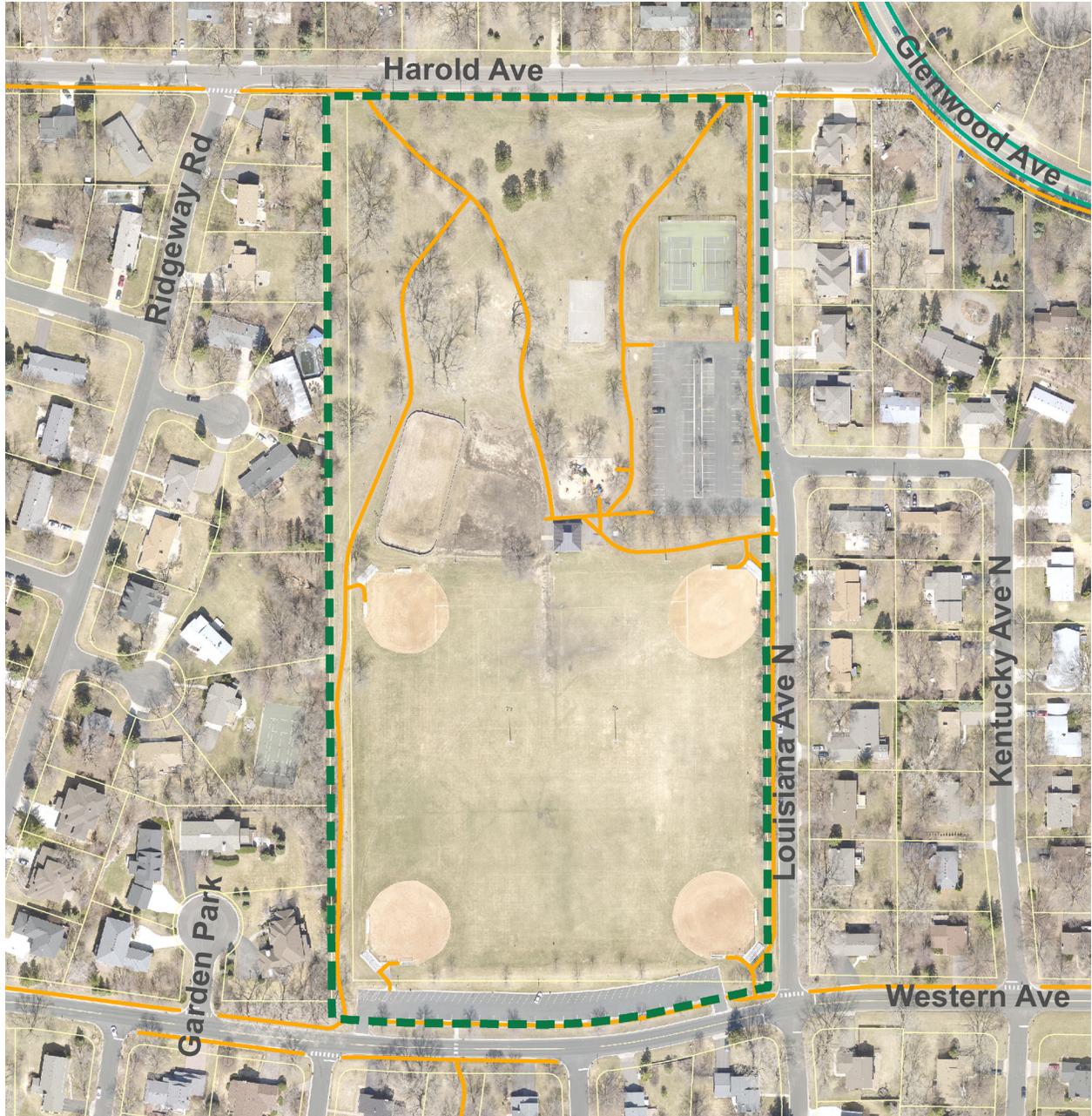
Issues

- ♦ Ballfields need reconstruction.
- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation and addition - ADA compliance.
- ♦ Dugouts need to be replaced with roofs

Opportunities

- ♦ Renovate and add addition to the recreation building - ADA compliance.
- ♦ Explore adding concession area to building - partnership with Youth Athletic Associations.
- ♦ Replace and add roofs to all dug-out areas.
- ♦ Replace basketball court and add adjustable hoops.
- ♦ Explore expanding number of tennis courts to three.
- ♦ Add outdoor field lights for ball-field and athletic field activities.
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems.
- ♦ Reconstruct ballfields.
- ♦ Add tennis court lights.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms available May–October

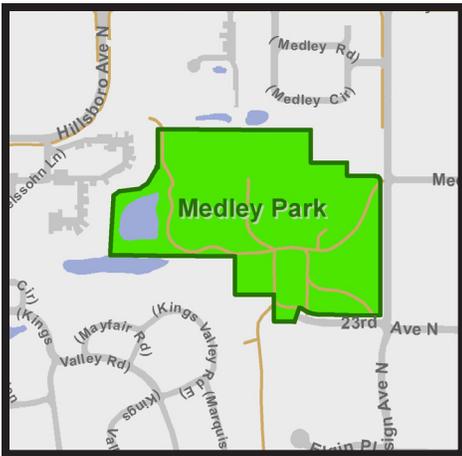
Lions Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel
-  On-Street Bike Lane



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Medley Park

Location: 2331 Ensign Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 12.6 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court - 1/2 court

Softball Field - 1

Practice only Ball Field - 1

Tennis/Pickleball 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 excellent condition and features many amenities. This park contains many bermed areas that add interest to the landscape and provide additional seating areas within the park. The park has a 25-stall parking lot and an internal trail system that connects to the neighborhoods. Medley Park is a LAWCON park property.

Issues

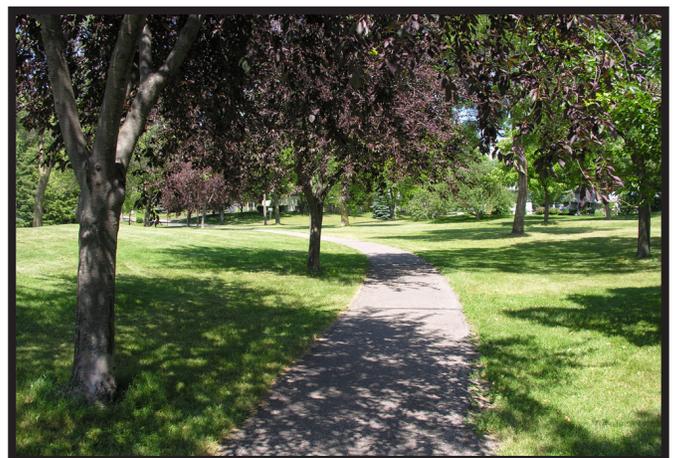
- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation ADA compliance
- ♦ Tennis courts cannot be repaired
- ♦ Softball field #2 is no longer safe for use and should be a space for an alternative amenity

Opportunities

- ♦ Improve paved trail surfaces
- ♦ Possibly develop ball field #2 into an off-leash pet exercise area and a storm water storage/quality pond. Partner with BCWMC.
- ♦ Renovate recreation building - ADA compliant
- ♦ Remove tennis courts
- ♦ Remove tennis sun shelter
- ♦ Explore addition of an off-leash dog park in field #2 area
- ♦ Replace ball field bleacher
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Determine wetland boundaries and establish native vegetation buffers
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms available May–October
- ♦ Replace tennis courts with a community garden area

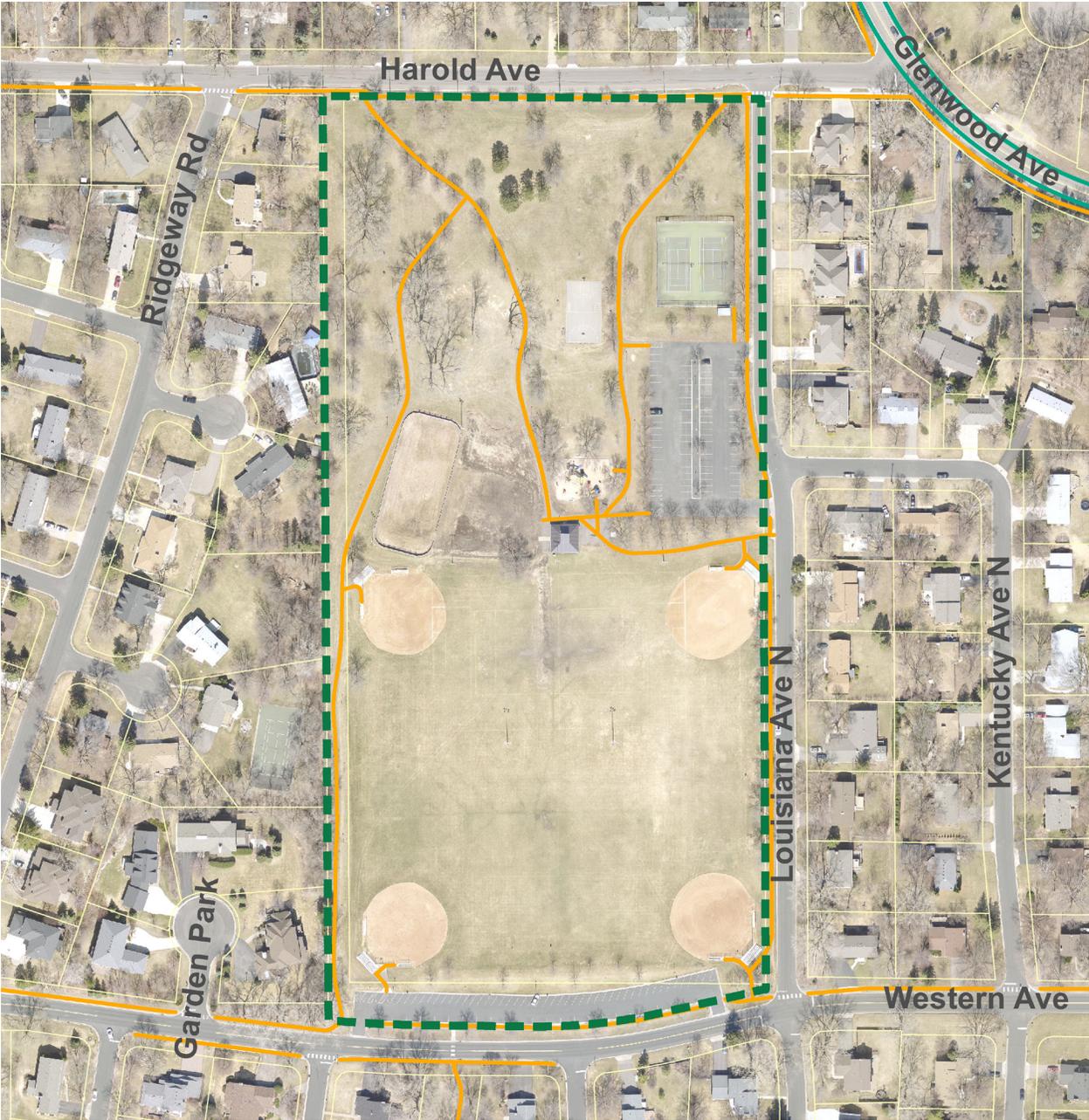


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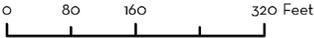


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Medley Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel
-  On-Street Bike Lane



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Natchez Park

Location: 201 Natchez Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails - L

Basketball Court (1/2)

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 good condition. The park features unprogrammed open space which may be suitable for an athletic field. An internal trail mainly along the east side of the park has neighborhood connections. On-street parking is available.

Issues

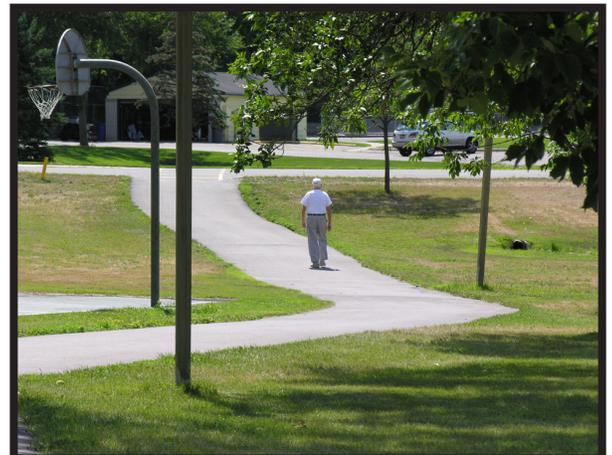
- ♦ No restrooms
- ♦ Drainage issues
- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms to be available May–October
- ♦ Evaluate storm water management opportunities
- ♦ Improve/reconstruct softball field
- ♦ Replace basketball court
- ♦ Add adjustable basketball hoop system
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Level and restore turf on field for fall athletic use
- ♦ Add sun shelter
- ♦ Determine wetland boundaries and establish native vegetation buffers

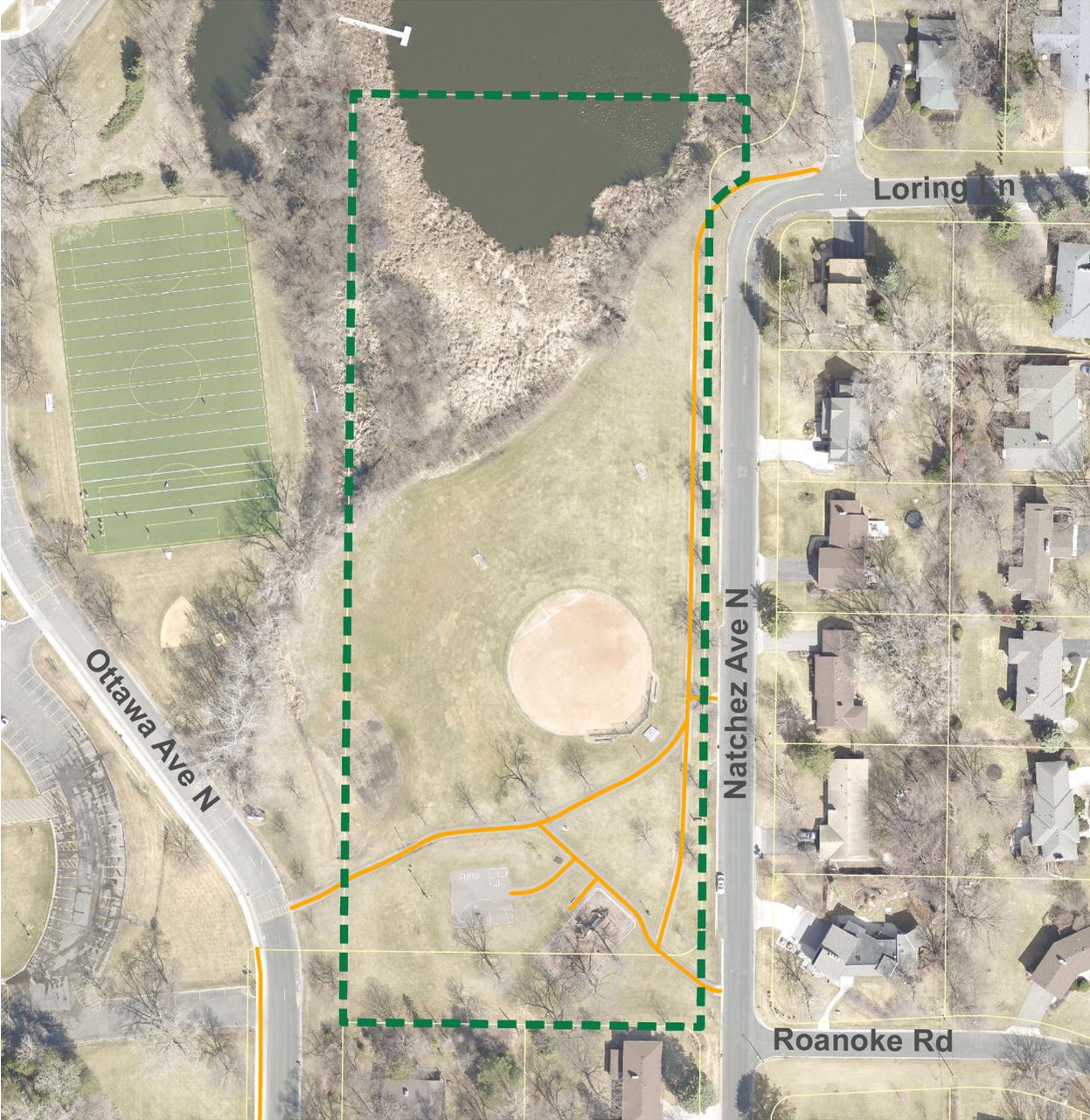


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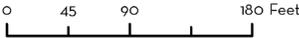


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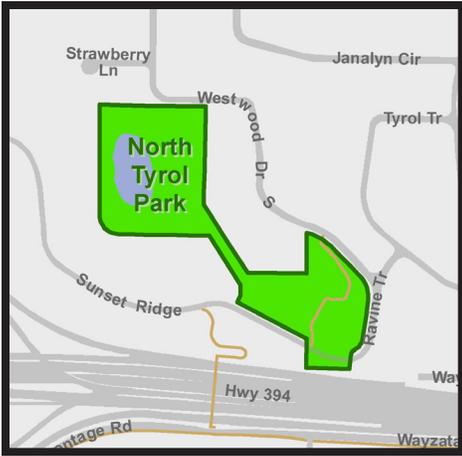
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North Tyrol Park

Location: 900 Westwood Dr

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 9.4 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Basketball Court

T-ball Field - 1

General Ice Skating

Park Description

North Tyrol Park is located in a low-density residential neighborhood in southeastern Golden Valley.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good condition. No internal trail system exists. Only on-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No restrooms
- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Access to pond

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restroom May–October
- ♦ Add trail and floating dock to Strawberry Pond
- ♦ Add sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Consider removing T-ball field
- ♦ Add adjustable hoop system
- ♦ Consider adding sand volleyball court
- ♦ Add trail from park to pedestrian crossing over Highway 394
- ♦ Determine wetland boundaries and establish native vegetation buffers



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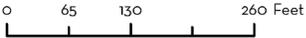


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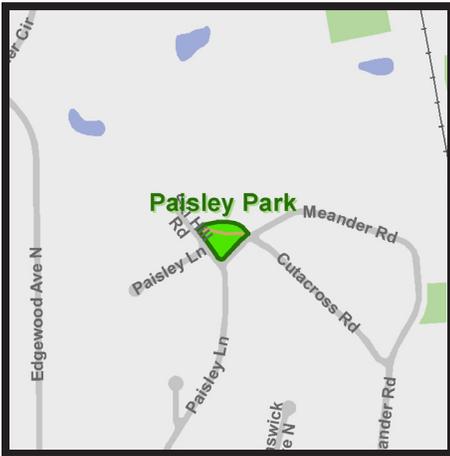
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Paisley Park

Location: 220 Paisley Lane

Designation: Neighborhood Park

Size: .31 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Internal Park Trail

Picnic Table

Storm Water Rain Garden

Park Description

Paisley Park is located in a low density residential neighborhood in the south-eastern quadrant of Golden Valley. This park is a very small open green space primarily used by the neighborhood. The park is named after the street it is located on.

General Evaluation

This park is in very good condition and no improvements are recommended.

Issues

- ♦ None

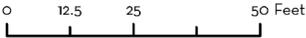
Opportunities

- ♦ None

North Tyrol Park



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-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Perpich Center For The Arts

Location: 6125 Olson Memorial Hwy

Designation: Special Use Area

Size: 1.5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Full Size Soccer Field With Lights

Large Parking Area

Irrigation

Park Description

The soccer field at Perpich Center for the Arts is located on the southeast end of Golden Valley and is owned by the state of Minnesota. The city of Golden Valley owns the field lights and all other athletic amenities associated with youth soccer. The city of Golden Valley has an agreement to utilize the facility for youth athletics only. The agreement stipulates that the city of Golden Valley is responsible for all athletic facility maintenance.

General Evaluation

Overall the natural turf field is in very good condition. The field lights are older technology and therefore would benefit from an update. Because of heavy use, it is difficult to maintain the natural turf on the field.

Issues

- ♦ Natural turf growth/wear areas
- ♦ Field light system is dated
- ♦ Parking lot is problematic during drop-off at high traffic times

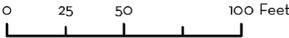
Opportunities

- ♦ Consider artificial turf for soccer field
- ♦ Update all lighting with low-spill energy efficient system
- ♦ Explore parking lot reconfiguration to improve in/out access

Perpich Center For The Arts



-  Park Boundary
-  Parcel



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Sandburg Athletic Facility

Location: 2400 Sandburg Ln

Designation: Special Use Area

Size: 20 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Sun Shelter With Picnic Tables

Drinking Fountain

Full Size Baseball Fields - 2, 1L

Soccer Fields (dependant on level) - 4-12

Storage Building (shared facility)

Bleachers

Batting Cages - 2

Covered Dugouts - 4

Fully Irrigated

Park Description

Sandburg Middle School is located in north central Golden Valley. All property is owned by Robbinsdale School District #281. The City of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale School District have a Joint Powers Agreement in place for the operation, maintenance, and capital improvements for the facility. JPA update in 2017.

General Evaluation

The outdoor athletic facilities are in excellent condition. The entire facility was upgraded/reconstructed in 2015-2016.

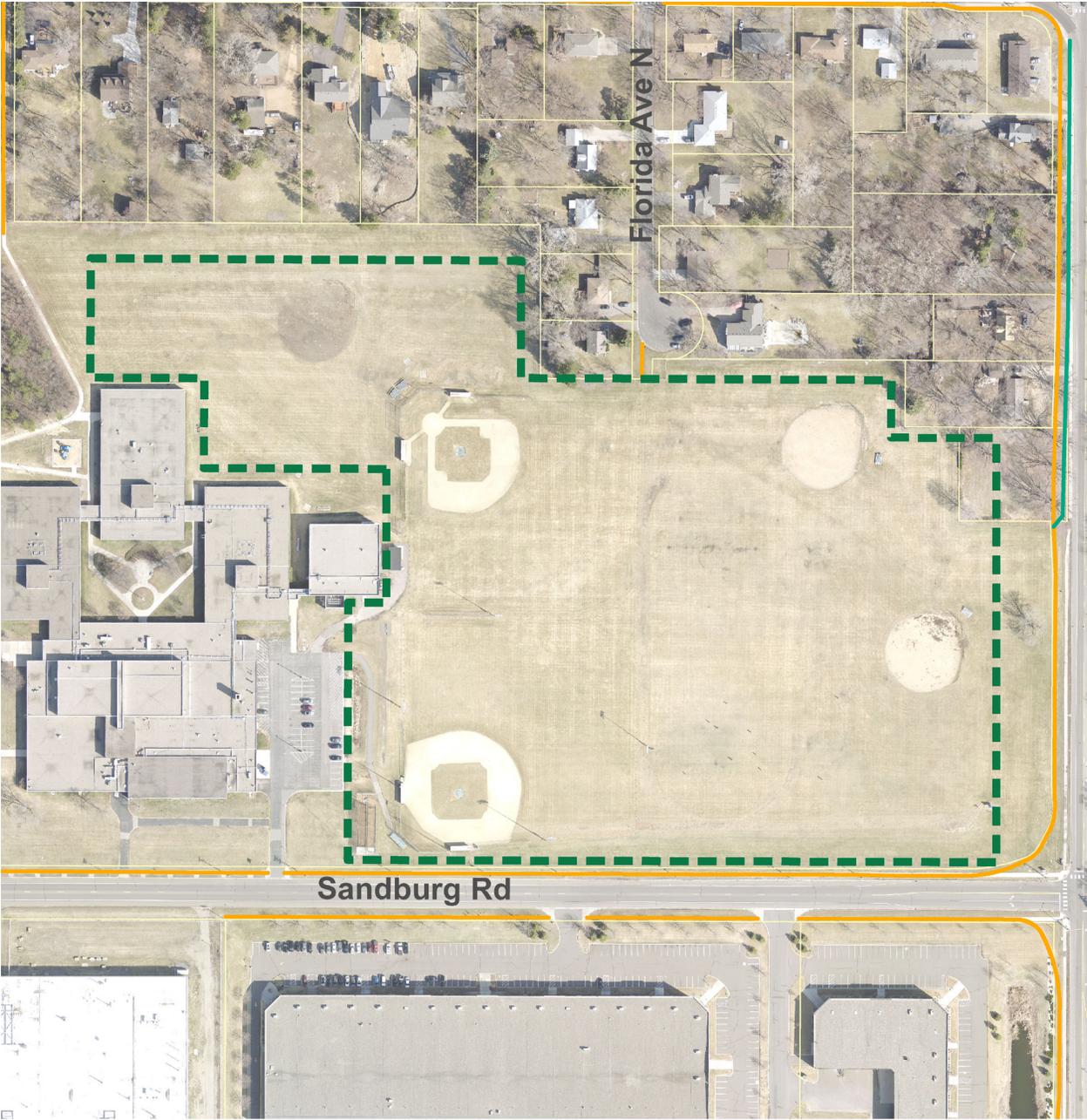
Issues

- ♦ Additional parking area needed on east end of property
- ♦ No permanent bathrooms
- ♦ Natural turf wear areas

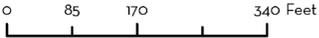
Opportunities

- ♦ Construct new parking area on east end of property
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable toilets from April-October for the athletic facility use
- ♦ Consider location for artificial turf

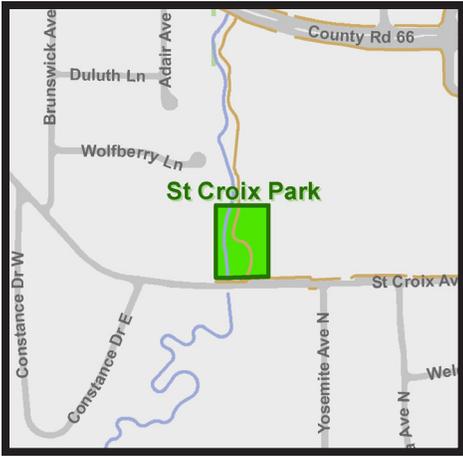
North Tyrol Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel
-  On-Street Bike Lane



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St Croix Park

Location: 5850 St Croix Ave

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.0 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkway and Trail

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 also 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 west edge with a connection to Bassett Creek Nature Area.

Issues

- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ No restroom
- ♦ No appropriate crossing at Duluth Street

Opportunities

- ♦ Add sun/picnic shelter (if space is available)
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restroom available May–October
- ♦ Add permanent cross walk on Duluth Street to access trail to park



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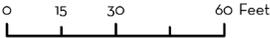


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St Croix Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Schaper Park

Location: 631 Ottawa Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 11.3 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

All Inclusive Play Structure

Walkways/Regional Trail

Adult Softball Field - 2L

Dugouts - 4

Natural Ponds - 2

Challenge Course

Scoreboards - 2

Timer Boards - 2

Water Station for Park and Trail Users

Recreation Service 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

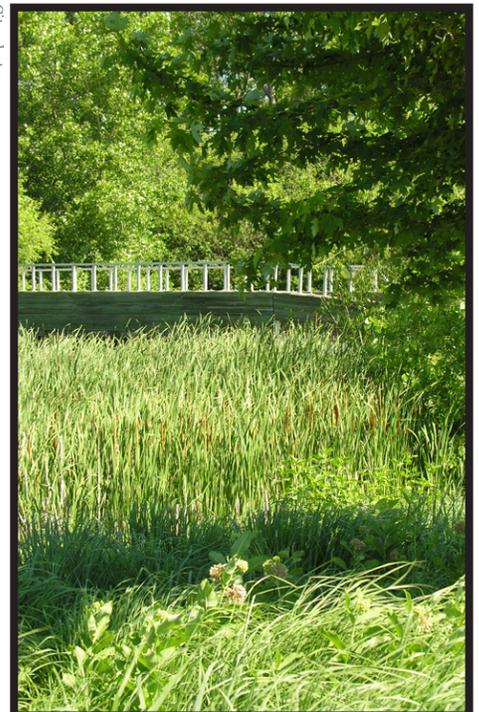
- ♦ Parking for Twin Lake/beach
- ♦ Drainage issues on ballfield #2
- ♦ Losing softballs in pond
- ♦ Scoreboards need replacement
- ♦ Lack of shade
- ♦ Insufficient tournament parking
- ♦ Sun light angle at sunset when fields are in use
- ♦ Dugouts need roofs

Opportunities

- ♦ Develop system to allow parking lot use during summer
- ♦ Add netting or fencing to improve pond/softball issues
- ♦ Add new vegetation to assist with sunlight issues
- ♦ Allow temporary on-street parking on north side of Schaper Road and/or east side of Ottawa
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Replace deteriorating fence and backstops
- ♦ Add shade structure/sun shelter
- ♦ Reconstruct dugouts and add roofs
- ♦ Replace deteriorating scoreboards
- ♦ Attain easement on parcel to the west of Schaper pond.

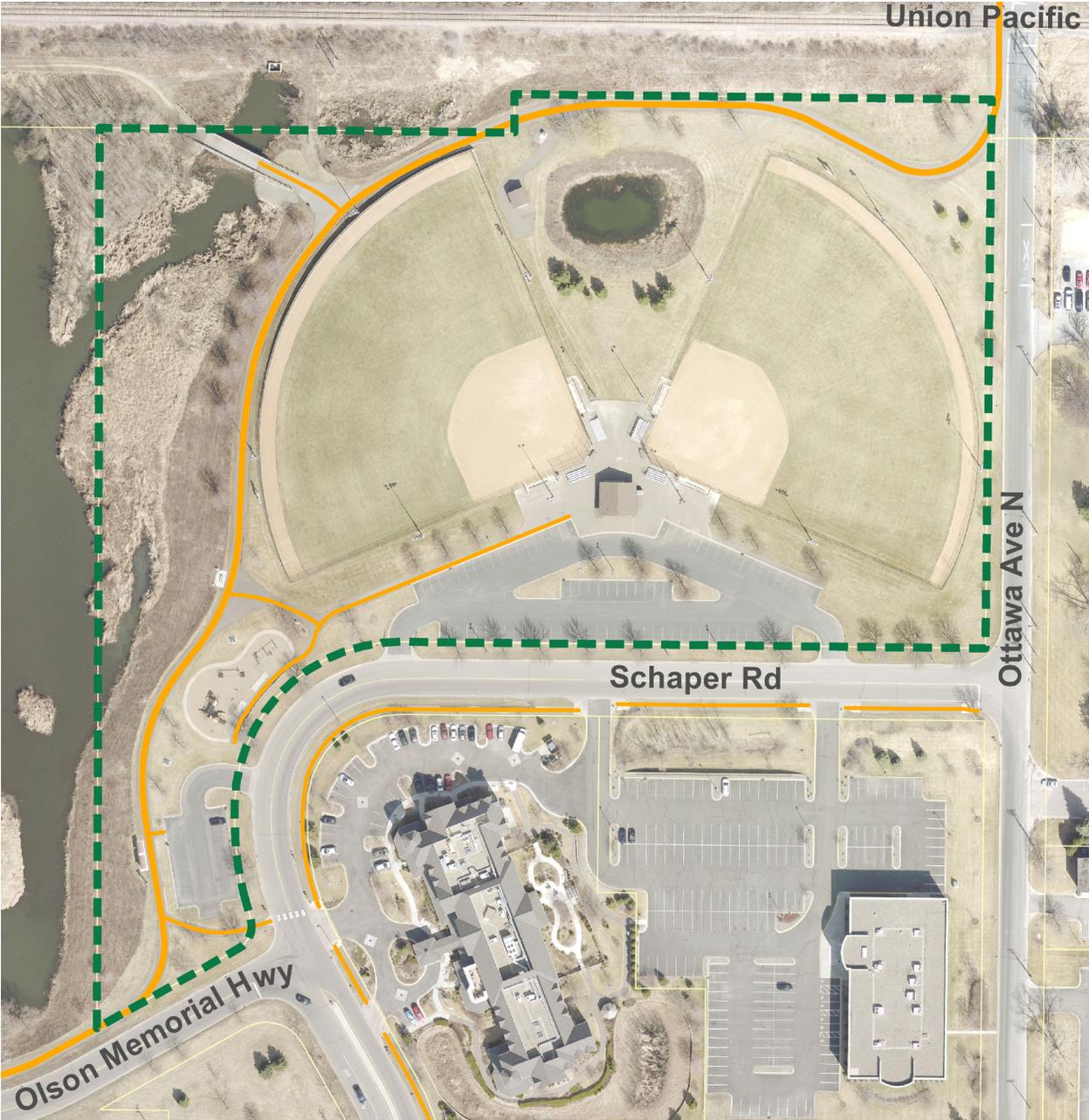


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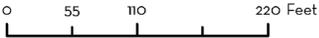


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Schaper Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Regional Trail
-  Parcel
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk



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Scheid Park

Location: 1856 Toledo Ave N

Classification: Community Park

Size: 9.8 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

- Play Equipment
 - Walkways/Trails - L
 - Baseball Field - 1
 - Basketball Court (1/2)
 - Softball Field - 1
 - Soccer Field - 1F
 - Tennis Court - 2L
 - General Ice Skating - L
 - Hockey Rink - L
 - Sliding Hill
 - Recreation Building
 - Tennis Court Sun Shelter
 - Pedestrian Bridge (not ADA)
- L = Lighted
F = Fall Use

Park Description

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

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. The athletic facilities are in good condition. 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. Scheid Park is a LAWCON park property.

Issues

- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation and addition – ADA compliance
- ♦ Tennis courts need reconstruction
- ♦ Inadequate parking
- ♦ Pedestrian bridge not ADA appropriate.
- ♦ Dugouts need reconstruction and roofs

Opportunities

- ♦ Reconstruct tennis courts and consider adding additional courts.
- ♦ Renovate and add addition to the building – ADA compliance.
- ♦ Construct new large parking area.
- ♦ Add covered dugouts on baseball fields.
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems.
- ♦ Reconstruct ball fields.
- ♦ Reconstruct basketball court and add adjustable hoop.
- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restrooms available May–October.
- ♦ Consider developing new layout for all park amenities to better use green space.

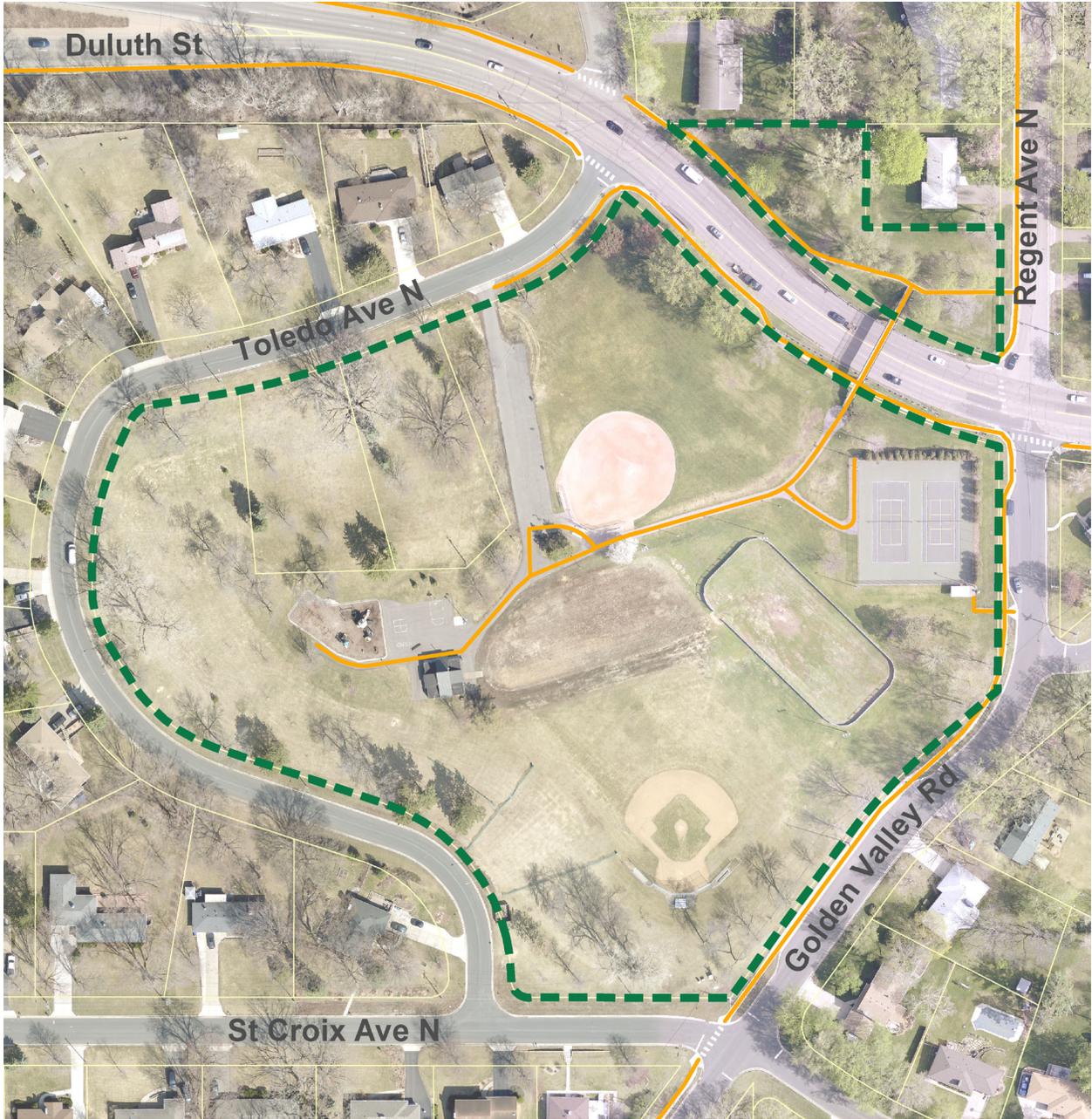


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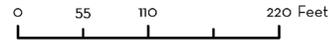


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Scheid Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Seeman Park

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

Existing Facilities/Amenities

- Play Equipment
- Walkways/Trails
- Baseball Field - 1
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court - 2
- Tennis Board
- 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 good condition. An internal trail within the northern third of the park has neighborhood connections. On-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Tennis court sun shelter is starting to deteriorate
- ♦ No off-street parking
- ♦ No roofs on dugouts

Opportunities

- ♦ Replace or remove tennis court sun shelter
- ♦ Consider expanding tennis courts to three when reconstructed
- ♦ Add sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Explore diagonal parking
- ♦ Add a trail/sidewalk connection to Golden Valley Road
- ♦ Reduce size of general asphalt area
- ♦ Light tennis courts
- ♦ Provide ADA portable rest rooms to be available May–October
- ♦ Explore addition of sand volleyball courts
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Reconstruct ballfield
- ♦ Add dugouts with roofs to ballfield



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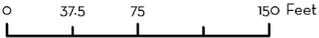


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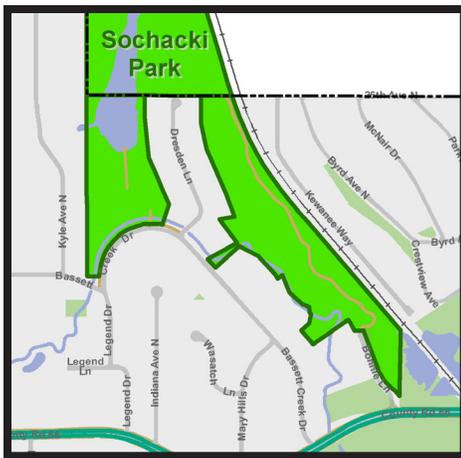
Seeman Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Sochacki Park

Location: 3500 June Ave N

Classification: Regional Park

Size: 67 Acres

Park Description

In 2015, the City of Golden Valley, City of Robbinsdale, and Three Rivers Park District signed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the partnership and operation of the new Sochacki Park. This new park area incorporates the Rice Lake and Mary Hills Nature Areas. Both municipalities maintain property ownership. Three Rivers Park District, working through the JPA Governance Board and staff representatives, fund, operate, maintain, and develop capital planning for the park area.

General Evaluation

Sochacki Park is referred to as a “nature in the city” park land, surrounded by low density residential housing in Golden Valley and Robbinsdale. Unfortunately, the property was utilized for the disposal of street reconstruction materials in the 1960s and 1970s, and many areas require significant clean up. The Metro Blue Line LRT will travel through Sochacki Park and is currently in the planning stages. Once the Metro Blue Line project is complete, significant park upgrades and amenities will be implemented.

Issues

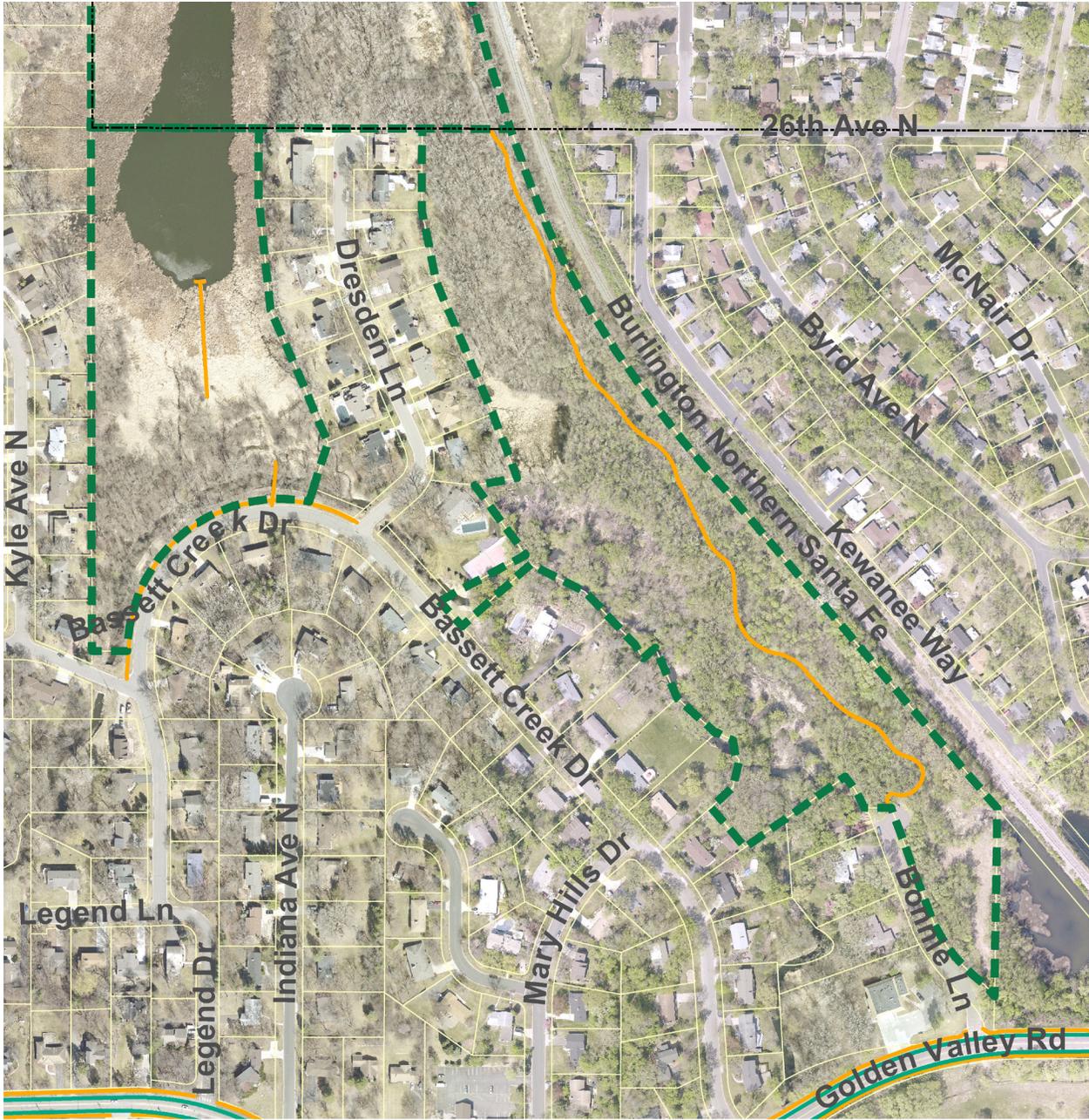
- ♦ Many areas in the park are filled with construction debris.
- ♦ Park improvements cannot begin until the Metro Blue Line has been completed.
- ♦ Internal park trail does not connect to the Grand Rounds and Theodore Wirth Park to the south.
- ♦ There are no utilities in the park.
- ♦ Limited parking.
- ♦ Water Management Program needs to be implemented.
- ♦ No access to park from east side of railroad/LRT tracks.

- ♦ Invasive vegetation needs to be addressed.
- ♦ No shelter or building for outdoor recreation programming.
- ♦ No permanent bathrooms.
- ♦ Limited park signage.
- ♦ Used as an off-leash dog park.
- ♦ Specific trail areas have significant drainage issues.

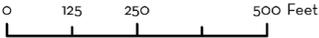
Opportunities

- ♦ Remove construction debris and restore as natural environment.
- ♦ Design and implement a master plan for revegetation
- ♦ Expand parking area and add bus turn around lane
- ♦ Add shelter for youth programs
- ♦ Add building with permanent bathrooms for family programs and storm shelter.
- ♦ Develop areas within the park for nature education.
- ♦ Reconstruct internal park trail after LRT construction.
- ♦ Provide access from Sochacki Park to the Grand Rounds and Theodore Wirth Park.
- ♦ Connect internal park trail to regional trail to the north of the park in the City of Crystal.
- ♦ Provide year round outdoor recreation programs and activities.
- ♦ Implement Water Management Program.
- ♦ Develop a plan to mitigate trail drainage issues.
- ♦ Implement a public safety plan partnering the three entities.
- ♦ Continue to work with JPA and LRT for options to add a park access from east side of railroad/LRT tracks.

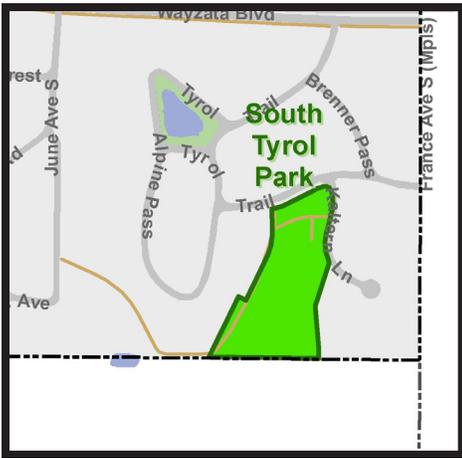
Sochacki Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel
-  On-Street Bike Lane



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South Tyrol Park

Location: 1510 Kaltern Lane

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 3.6 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkways/Trails

Basketball Court (1/2)

T-ball 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. Only on-street parking is available.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. 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 restrooms
- ♦ No sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ No safety fences in front of benches on T-ball field
- ♦ Play structure needs replacement

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restroom May–October
- ♦ Add sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Replace asphalt court with 1/2 court and adjustable hoop
- ♦ Consider removing T-ball field
- ♦ Add bench area safety fence
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Consider adding sand volleyball courts
- ♦ Replace play structure as scheduled

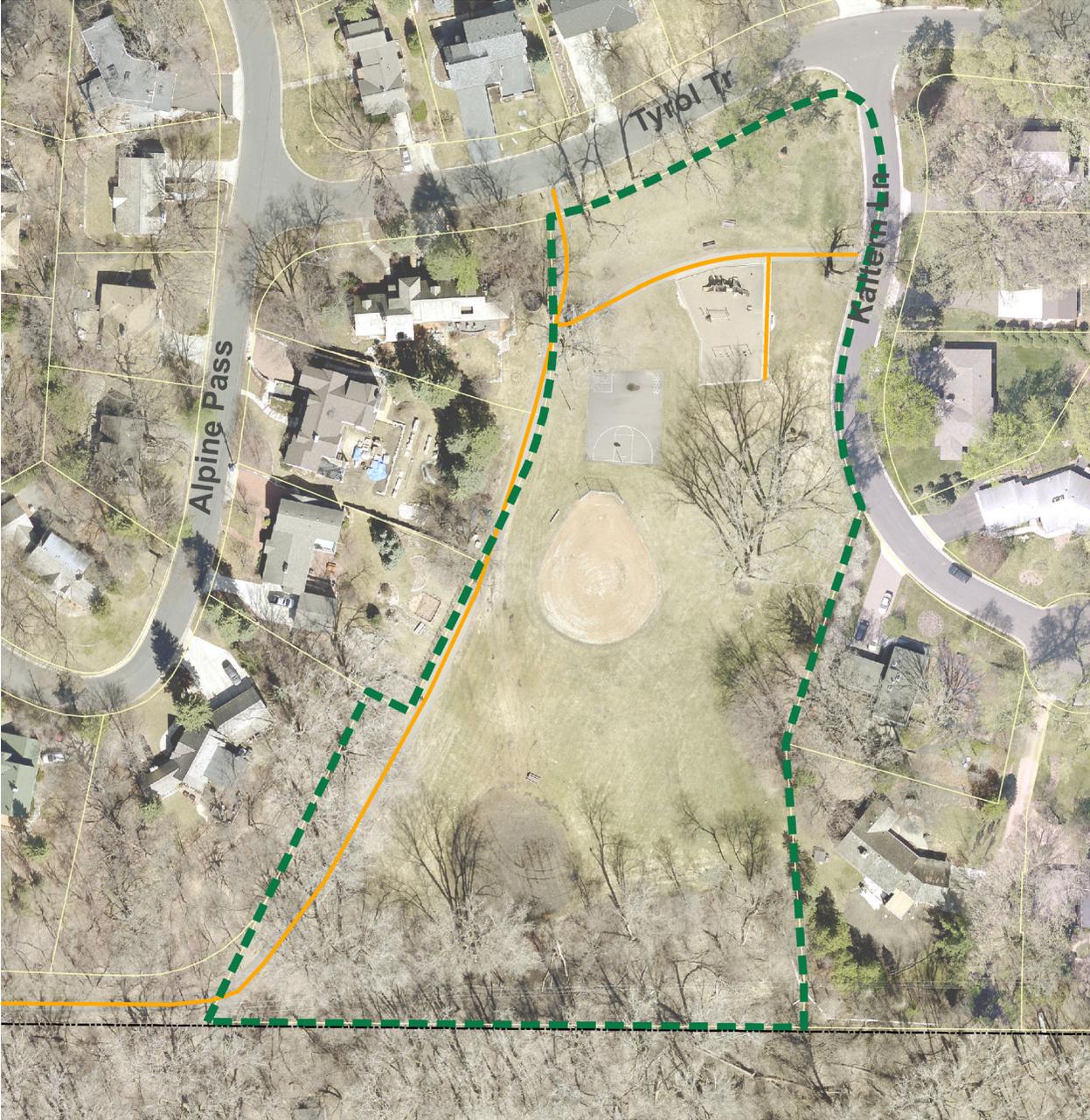


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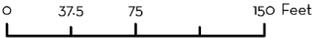


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South Tyrol Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Stockman Park

Location: 3300 Major Ave N

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Basketball Court

Outdoor Skating Rink

Softball Field - 1

L = Lighted

Park Description

Stockman Park is 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

- ♦ Basketball court/hoop needs replacement
- ♦ No drinking fountain
- ♦ Play structure needs replacement

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA portable restrooms to be available May–October
- ♦ Provide drinking fountain
- ♦ Replace play equipment
- ♦ Add outdoor lighting for skating rink
- ♦ Replace basketball court and add adjustable hoop
- ♦ Add asphalt internal park trail from south to north on west side of park
- ♦ Explore addition of sand volleyball court(s)



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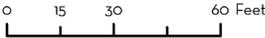


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Stockman Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Parcel



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Sweeney Lake Park

Location: 1805 Hidden Lakes Pkwy

Designation: Special Use Canoe Launch

Size: .5 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Pergola with Seating Area

Canoe Launch with Dock

Lake Access Ramp

Park Description

Sweeney Lake Park is located on the northeast shore of Sweeney Lake in the Hidden Lakes Community. The park is owned and maintained by the Hidden Lakes Homeowners Association.

General Evaluation

This park is in good to excellent condition.

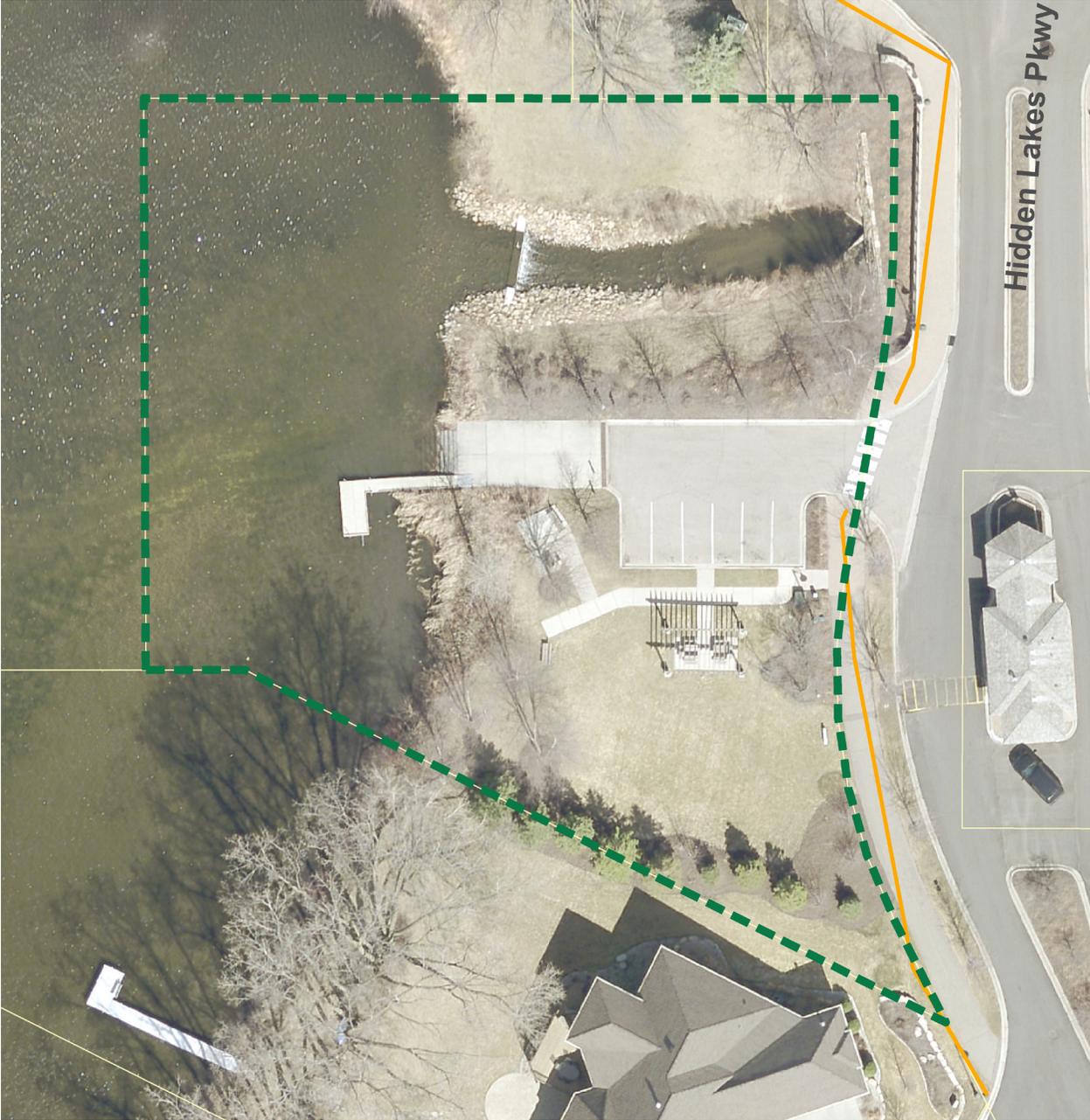
Issues

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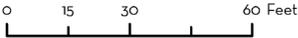
Opportunities

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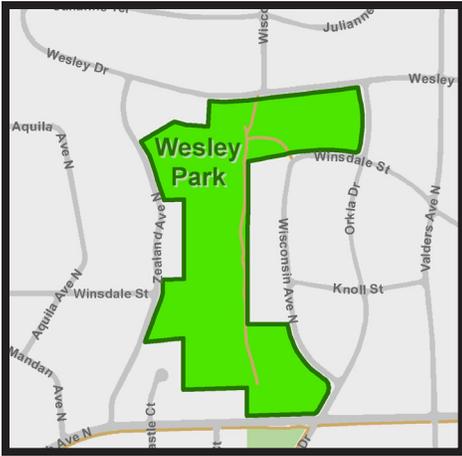
Sweeney Lake Park



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-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Wesley Park (North & South)

Location: 8305 Wesley Dr

Classification: Community Park

Size: 19.9 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trails - L

Basketball Court - Full

Softball Field - 3

Soccer Field - 1/1F

Tennis Court - 3L

General Ice Skating - L

Hockey Rink - L

Sliding Hill

Dugouts - 6

Recreation Building

L = Lighted

F = Fall Use

Park Description

Wesley Park is located in a low density residential neighborhood in the northwest 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 a unique 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 40 off-street parking stalls located on the north side of the park and 30 parking stalls located on the south side of the park. Wesley Park is a LAWCON park property.

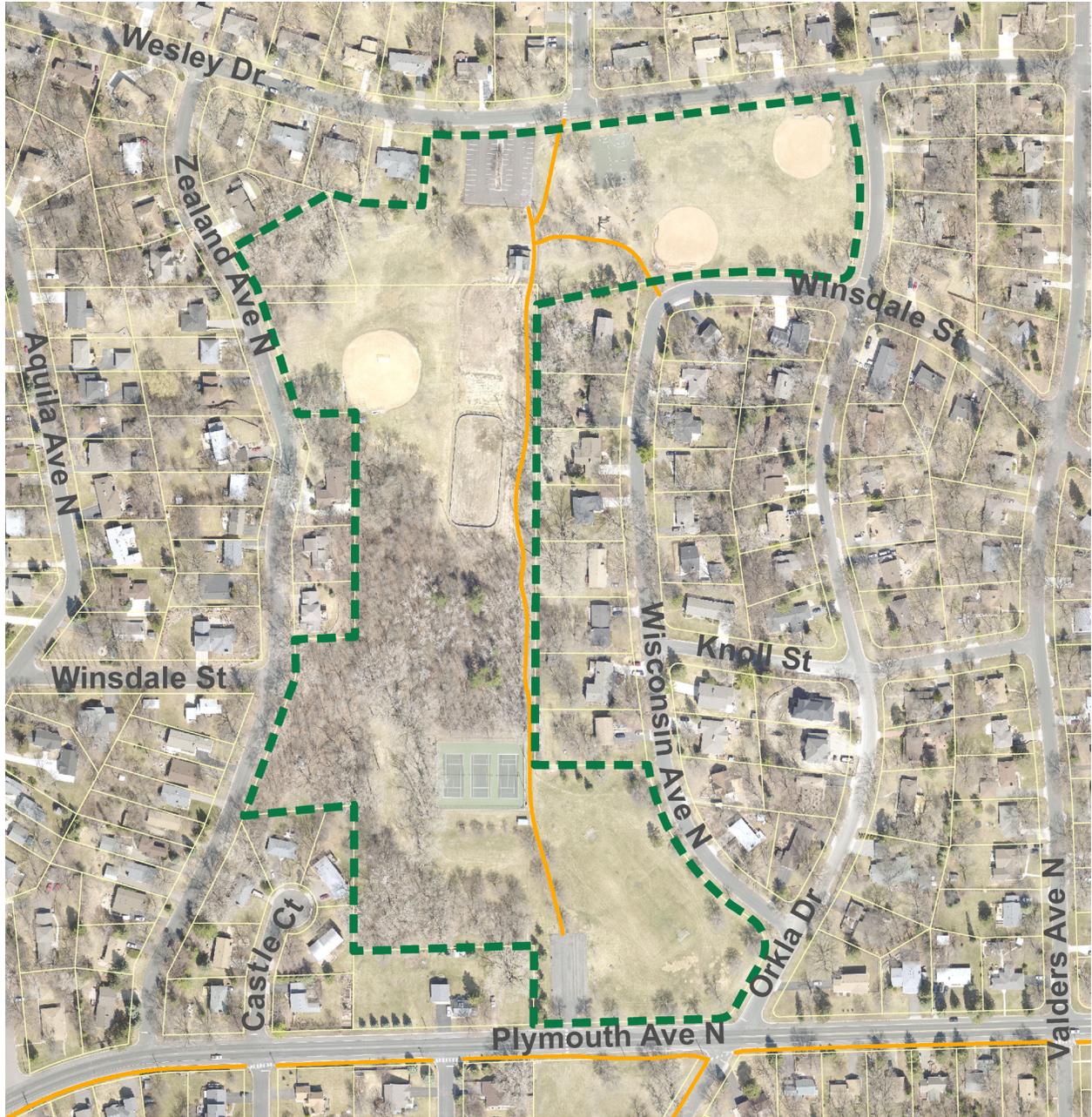
Issues

- ♦ Play structure needs replacement
- ♦ Tennis courts need reconstruction
- ♦ Tennis sun shelter needs replacement or removal
- ♦ Dugouts need roofs
- ♦ Recreation building needs renovation and addition - ADA compliance
- ♦ Ball fields need reconstruction
- ♦ Ball field #3 needs drain tile

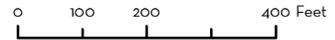
Opportunities

- ♦ Reduce size of asphalt basketball court area
- ♦ Replace play structure
- ♦ Replace all ball field bleachers
- ♦ Renovate park building with addition - ADA compliance
- ♦ Reconstruct/expand tennis courts
- ♦ Reconstruct internal park trail
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Utilize open space hill area between north and south wesley
- ♦ Explore purchasing house and property on southwest corner of park to expand recreation facilities. Potential site for community gardens/off-leash pet exercise area, or expanded tennis courts.
- ♦ Add lights to sledding hill
- ♦ Add adjustable basketball hoops
- ♦ Reconstruct ball fields
- ♦ Reconstruct dugouts and add roofs
- ♦ Provide ADA portable restrooms to be available May–October

Wesley Park (North & South)



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Wildwood Park

Location: 7401 Duluth St

Classification: Community Park

Size: 4.2 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trails

Basketball Court

Pickle Ball Courts - 6

Sun Shelter

Woodland Area

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 in this park, providing a hill 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 the SEA School, which provides available space for parking.

Issues

- ♦ Borders large rectangle green space for athletic field - needs reconstruction
- ♦ No portable restrooms

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable rest rooms to be available May–October
- ♦ Partner with Robbinsale School District and Golden Valley Youth Athletic Associations to develop a rectangle athletic field

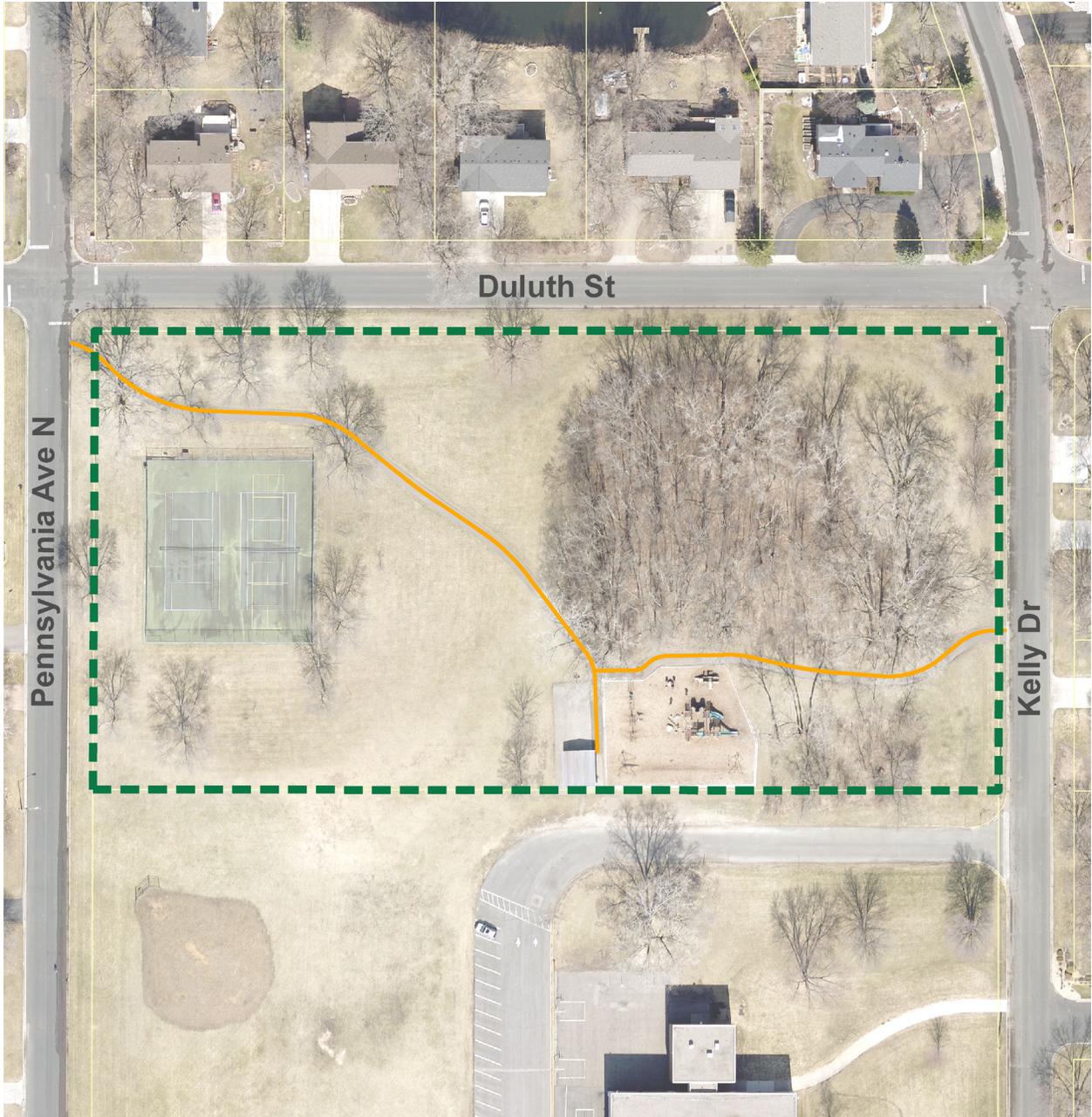


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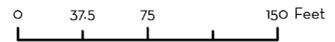


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Wildwood Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk
-  Parcel



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Yosemite Park

Location: 351 Yosemite Ave N

Designation: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1.4 Acres

Existing Facilities/Amenities

Play Equipment

Walkway/Trails

Basketball Court - 1/2

T-ball Field - 1

General Ice Skating - L

L=Lighted

Park Description

Yosemite Park is located in the central area of Golden Valley surrounded by a low-to-medium density residential neighborhood. It is near the Perpich Center for Arts Education. The park features mature trees and unprogrammed open space. The park borders the railroad to the west.

General Evaluation

Overall the park is in good to excellent condition. Only On-street parking is available.

Issues

- ♦ No restrooms
- ♦ Ball field alignment with railroad

Opportunities

- ♦ Provide ADA accessible portable restroom May–October
- ♦ Consider removing T-ball field for new amenity
- ♦ Add sun/picnic shelter
- ♦ Replace all outdoor lighting with low-spill energy efficient systems
- ♦ Consider adding a sand volleyball court
- ♦ Potential location for community garden
- ♦ Possible location for off-leash pet exercise area if ball field and seasonal skating rink is removed



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Yosemite Park



-  Park Boundary
-  Parcel
-  Local Trail or Sidewalk



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