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Mound, MN: The City of Mound is announcing a Recycling Pilot Program at Surfside Park & Beach for the summer of 2015. Until the new recycling containers were recently placed in the park, all refuse has been co-mingled by those using the park and coming and going by boat.

Although the City has had a long-standing commitment to recycling through its contract with Republic Services, festival attendees did not comply when the Spirit of the Lakes Festival Board conducted a three-day trial in the same park a few years back.

According to City Manager Kandis Hanson, "The Recycling Pilot Program can be credited to a citizen suggestion. I operate under the theory that timing and circumstances can make a marked difference in program results. The City is responding to the suggestion for recycling in its parks and has undertaken this summer-long effort at recycling. The goal is to raise the consciousness of park users related to recycling so they make a deliberate effort to sort and use the recycling containers provided."

For the Park Recycling Program to be expanded there will need to be distinct separation of the refuse. If that is the case, recycling could be added to other parks within the 33-park system of the City of Mound.

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