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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

AGENDA

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
5341 Maywood Road, Mound, MN
Thursday, March 14, 2024

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1. Call to Order by Chair, Mark Stehlik
2. Administer Oath of Office to Commissioner Mills
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approve minutes from 1-11-24 Meeting
6. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present
(No more than 3 minutes allowed per speaker)
7. Belmont Native Plant Proposal
8. Adopt a Greenspace Kick Off Discussion
9. 2024 Park and Open Spaces Project Priorities
10. 2024 Spring Park Review Visits
11. Reports:
Staff Updates
City Council Representative
Commissioner Comments
12. Adjourn

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2024

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission met on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Present: Chair Blievernicht, Commissioners Mark Stehlik, Joanna Kahn, Council Representative Sherrie Pugh
Absent: Commissioner Travis Mills.
Others Present: City Manager Jesse Dickson and Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf
Public Present: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blievernicht at 7:00 p.m.

2. Administer Oath of Office to Commissioners Mills and Kahn

The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy City Manager, Maggie Reisdorf to Commissioner Joanna Kahn.

Commissioner Travis Mills was absent from the meeting.

3. Roll Call – Chair Blievernicht, Commissioners Stehlik, Joanna Kahn and Council Representative Sherrie Pugh.

Absent: Commissioner Travis Mills.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stehlik, Second by Kahn; Motion carried 4-0

5. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Kahn stated that she is unable to be either position in 2024. She stated that she will keep serving on the Commission nonetheless.

Motion by Stehlik to appoint Joanna Kahn as Vice Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Commission for 2024. Motion seconded by Blievernicht. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Kahn to appoint Mark Stehlik as Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Commission for 2024. Motion seconded by Blievernicht. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Approval of Work Rules for 2024

Those present reviewed the work rules, noting that they are the same as 2023. Stehlik asked if any commissioners recommended any changes.

Motion by Blievernicht to approve the work rules for 2024. Motion seconded by Kahn. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Approve Minutes from 10-12-2023 Meeting

Motion by Blievernicht to approve the 10-12-23 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Pugh. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present

None provided

9. General Projects Update

Harbor Pavilion Repairs – Railing Repair Complete – “Tune Up” in the spring
Artesa Development and Harbor District Improvements – Developer Build in Progress.
Surfside Playground – City Manager Dickson stated that the Donation Agreement and Funding Solutions documents went to the City Council at their December 12, 2023 meeting and was approved.

10. Adopt-A-Greenspace Promotional and Recognition Activities

Kahn provided a presentation for the Commission on finding new ways to revamp park related programs. Kahn said that she would like to create more positive connections between the Park Commission and those that participate in the adopt-a-greenspace program. Kahn provided a brochure to the Commissioners and asked for feedback.

Website Improvements

Kahn recommended that the City website be updated to include more information on parks, specifically what parks and greenspaces have been adopted and by whom. In addition, she recommended that there include information on which parks and greenspaces still need to be adopted. Kahn asked if city staff could help with updating the website.

City Manager Dickson stated that Reisdorf and he could help to coordinate website updates.

Park Evaluations

Kahn asked the Commission to consider changing the current practice related to how the Commission evaluates the park system. Kahn recommended that they go away from rotating parks inspections to setting park assignment. Kahn said the pros to this approach include: consistency of inspections, assignments are based on each commissioner’s home geography, and each commissioner would serve as a designated point person for specific adopters.

Pugh stated that in the past, the Park Commissioners have provided a list of items to the Public Works Department regarding items that need to be looked at or fixed. Pugh asked if in the future, an update could be provided back as to what the status of those items are.

The Commissioners agreed with public works follow up.

Stehlik summarized that in the past, parks have been divided between Commissioners in March of that year. He mentioned that at the March meeting, there can be more discussion on what that will look like. He liked the idea of submitting information to public works and receiving an “annual checkup” report at the end of the year that provided an update on those items.

Timeline

Kahn provided the following timeline to the Commission:

March – Contact all current park adopters and see if they are interested in recommitting.
April – Park Commissioners visit parks. Suggestion: meeting with adopters.
May – Park Commissioners staff the Farmer’s Market Table.
June – Park Commission hosts an adoption event with Commissioners and Adopters.

Monthly – Emails are sent to park adopters with information on seasonal suggestions for park care.

Blievernicht recommended creating more connections with city staff. Reisdorf stated that she can help with this.

Pugh mentioned that there will be another rain barrel event this year. Reisdorf stated that she put the rain barrel event information in the upcoming spring newsletter.

Pugh recommended that more is done with education information. Pugh asked if it would be possible for the Park Commission to give away seeds or \$50 gift cards for adopters to buy seeds. City Manager Dickson said that he could look into it.

June Kickoff Event

Kahn discussed hosting a recognition event to welcome volunteers for the year that would create a sense of “community” and serve as a “meet and greet” event. There was discussion on offering drinks and snacks.

Pugh brought up the bi-annual event at the Gillespie Center that recognizes all the volunteers of those who serve on the City Council/City Commissions. She said she believed the next one will be in 2025.

Stehlik stated that he likes the idea of gathering all of the volunteers who adopt a park or greenspace together. Stehlik asked about hosting it at the Depot at the park, but stated that June can be a busy time for rental reservations. Stehlik said that it may have to be one a weeknight. Stehlik recommended having the mayor as a speaker at the event.

Kahn said that the purpose would be to socialize and that in the past, certificates were handed out as a thank you.

Blievernicht stated that there is a lot that the Commissioners already take on, referencing the farmers market and connecting with adopters at the parks. Blievernicht asked if adding this additional event was “nice to have” versus a “have to have”.

Pugh recommended incorporating the recognition of the adoption volunteers with the event that celebrates the City Council and City Commissions in the fall.

Desired Outcomes

Kahn reviewed desired outcomes including the following:

1. Keep adopters invested in their park, and keep park adoptions as consistent as possible.
2. Create connections between Park Commissioners and Park Adopters.

3. Create Community as a whole parks team through the June Depot event.
4. Help create more positivity and place connection in Mound.

Reisdorf stated staff could help more with communications

11. Reports:

Pugh stated that since the last meeting, the new City Manager, Jesse Dickson started with the City of Mound.

Pugh stated that the Deputy City Manager, Maggie Reisdorf, started in August of 2023.

Pugh stated that in the near future, the city will be discussing the hiring of a new Public Works Director as the previous City Manager served as that position as well.

Pugh stated that the City is still working on getting funding from the State of Minnesota for the remaining financial needs for the Water Treatment Plant. Push said that staff has continued to work with its local state representatives: Kelly Morrison and Andrew Myers.

Pugh stated that the final budget levy for 2024 was a 12% increase from 2023.

Pugh said that the city has done a lot of infrastructure improvements over the past 10 years and that it has set the city up in a positive way.

Pugh mentioned a land use proposal from Colin Charlson for the potential rehabilitation of a building on Shoreline Drive.

Pugh stated that the Multi-family housing referendum was recently released by the City Council.

Pugh stated the there was a recommendation from the Artessa Development to change the name of Auditor's Road, but that it has been tabled until the Park Commission and City Council can finalize a name for the Park and the overall vision for that area.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Kahn to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Second by Blievernicht. Motion carried 4-0

CITY OF MOUND
2415 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

TO: Parks and Open Spaces Commission

FROM: Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

DATE: February 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Adopt-a-Greenspace Promotion and Recognition

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, the City of Mound partners with resident volunteers and/or service groups as part of a collaboration for the city's Adopt-A-Greenspace program.

The Parks and Open Spaces Commission is looking to kick this event off soon with promotional materials and advertising.

The program seeks volunteers to assist with the maintenance and enhancement of the City Parks and Open Spaces. This program has evolved slowly in recent years due in some part to staffing limitations and general community energy.

PREVIOUS PROGRAM SUCCESS:

Re-connecting with long-standing volunteers and getting contact information updated.
Signage that identifies available areas as well as recognizing the volunteer assignments.
Commissioner promotion of the program at the Farmers Market.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Commission discuss the program activities, marketing, and more for the 2024 season.

ATTACHMENTS:

Promotional Materials.
Registration Materials.
2023 Adopt-A-Greenspace Roster.



How Do I Get Started?

To learn more about the Mound Adopt A Green Space Program or if you are interested in an application, program guidelines, or would like to view a list of the parks, beaches, and planters available for adoption, contact City Hall Admin at:
952-472-0603
email: admin@cityofmound.com

All of the program and application information can be found on the City of Mound website.
www.cityofmound.com/parks

Possible Activities:

- ✿ Organize Spring and Fall clean-up
- ✿ Pull weeds
- ✿ Pick up litter on a regular basis
City will supply bags and city staff will pick up full bags at the site.
- ✿ Cultivate annual or perennial flower beds
- ✿ Furnish and plant flowers
- ✿ Clean park signs of dirt and graffiti
Notify city staff if assistance is needed.



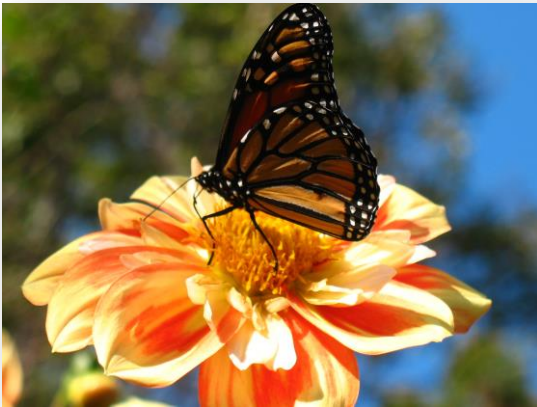
City of Mound ADOPT A GREEN SPACE Program



City of Mound
2415 Wilshire Boulevard
Mound, MN 55364
952-472-0603

What is the Adopt A Green Space Program?

Adopt A Green Space is a partnership between the city of Mound and Mound residents. The program encourages groups and individuals to commit to the beautification of one of the City's green spaces such as a flower box, park beach, trail or wildflower/pollinator area.



Who can Adopt?

Anyone can adopt a green space. Helping beautify Mound by planting flowers and maintaining the area is a great activity for community organizations and clubs, churches, businesses, families, neighborhoods, and individuals.

How does the Program Work?

Volunteers contact City Hall to select an available planter box to cultivate; or park, beach, trail, or area to maintain. The commitment is for one year. Current volunteers will have the opportunity to renew an adoption for successive years before their space is offered to others. Ongoing maintenance is late spring, summer, and fall. Volunteers set their own schedule.

Why Adopt?

The goal of the program is to promote beautification, participation, and community pride as our volunteers demonstrate to visitors and residents alike that we care about our city and the way that it looks. Volunteers are a vital part of the program and do make a difference in Mound. Signs are provided at each site that recognize the volunteer or group.





2024 ADOPT A GREEN SPACE APPLICATION

This application form must be completed for any potential Adopt A Green Space project. Return application to: Parks Division, City of Mound, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., Mound, MN 55364, by fax at 952-472-0620, or by email at admin@cityofmound.com. Call 952-472-0603 for additional information.

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of Organization or Individual	_____
Primary Contact Name	_____
Address	_____
Phone No	_____ Email _____
Number of volunteers participating	_____
Secondary Contact Name	_____
Phone No	_____ Email _____

PARK/GREEN SPACE INFORMATION	
I would like to adopt the following location(s) _____ (locations listed on back)	
I would like to perform the following tasks:	
<input type="checkbox"/> plant and maintain flower boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> prune shrubs <input type="checkbox"/> weed <input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> pick-up litter <input type="checkbox"/> spring clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/> fall clean-up <input type="checkbox"/> other
Description of tasks _____ _____	
How often will you perform these tasks? <input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> once <input type="checkbox"/> other	
Start/End Dates (agreements are renewed on an annual basis) _____	

I agree to carry out my tasks in a reasonable and safe manner. I acknowledge that, as an individual or sponsor of a group, I/we are volunteer(s) and are not considered to be employees of the City of Mound. I/we further indemnify and hold harmless the City of Mound, its officers, employees or any of its agencies from all liability and claims for death, injury or property damage arising out of the performance of said work.

Signature

Date

ADOPT A GREEN SPACE LOCATIONS

(line through the location denotes it is not available or already taken)

FLOWER BOXES/AREA**Downtown Area**

3's Company Hair (2x2 box)	New Morning Church (2x2 box)
City of Mound Sign-110 South	Press Perfect (2x2 box)
CR 44 off Halstead (2x2 box)	Tree Area by 2321 Commerce Boulevard
Green T Accounting (2x2 box)	V&S Jewelry (3x3 box)
Indian Knoll Manor (2- 3' round)	Welcome to Mound - Co Rd 15 (east) (3x3)

Park Flower Boxes

Avalon Park (3x5 box)	Highland Park (4x8 box)	Surfside Park (Depot)
Bluff Beach (4x4 box)	Lost Lake Park (4x4 box)	Tyrone Park (4x8 box)
Carlson Park (4x8 box)	Philbrook Park (4x8 box)	Veteran's Park (4x5 box)
Crescent Park (4x4 box)	Scherven Park (4x8 box)	Weiland Park (4x8 box)
Doone Park (4x8 box)	Seton Park (4x8 box)	
Dundee Park (4x4 box)	Sorbo Park (4x8 box)	

Other Area Flower Boxes

CR 15 West (3x3 box)	Welcome Sign 110 West (4x4 box)
Tuxedo Welcome Sign (nb)	Welcome Sign Commerce North (3x3 box)

BEACHES

Bluffs Beach	Canary Beach	Centerview Beach
Surfside Beach	Wychwood Beach	

PARKS

Alwin Park	Avalon Park	Avon Park
Beachside Shore	Belmont Park	Bluffs Park (open space)
Carlson Park	Chester Park	Crescent Park
Doone Park	Dundee Park	Edgewater Park(open)
Highland End Park	Highland Park	Lakeside Shore
Lagoon Shore	Lost Lake Park	Philbrook Park
Ridgewood Shore	Scherven Park	Seton Park
Sorbo Park	Surfside Park	Swenson Park
Three Points Park	Twin Park(Highland Shore)	Tyrone Park
Veteran's Park	Veteran's Plaza	Weiland Park

GREENWAY

Andrews Sisters' Trail from Cypress Lane to Commerce Boulevard

STREETSCAPE

North and South Boulevards along Shoreline Drive from Belmont Lane to Commerce Blvd.
(No volunteer workers are allowed to be in center median).

CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER

2415 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

TO: Parks and Open Spaces Commission

FROM: Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Priorities and Long-Term Goals

REQUEST:

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Open Spaces Commission review the past list of priorities and goals, and to work with staff to update the list.

BACKGROUND:

As a way to ensure that the Parks and Open Spaces Commission is planning for desired goals and priorities, it is helpful to review the list of pending projects on an annual basis.

The review process allows discussion on what projects should be focused on in the current year, 2024, and what projects are a priority in the short-term and the long-term.

This is an opportunity to cross of projects that have been completed, receive updates on projects that are still pending, and set deadlines for new projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending review and discussion on this topic.

ATTACHMENTS:

2023 Capital Planning List.
Planning Summary.

CURRENT PRIORTIES – TO BE COMPLETED

Operations Budget Priorities:

Trash Bin upgrades for more prominent locations with present barrel bins (Pocket Parks)
Ball Field Lime Amendments, 3-yr (Swenson, Philbrook, Tyrone, Three Points)
Play Ground Pad Mulch Amendments (2-yr)
Enhance plantings and ground cover at C.R. 15 entry

Park-Specific Capital Planning List:

Add grills and picnic areas, enhance 2 existing sites at Surfside Spring 2023
JayCees sunshade at Surfside (by others) Spring 2023
Surfside Launch underwater repairs 2023 Ice-out
Dutch Lake Fishing Pier partnership w/ School Fall 2023
Replace wooden play structure at Surfside PPP Fall 2023
Dakota Trail Crossing Improvements Fall 2023/24
Harbor district improvements from planning study concepts 23/24/25
Heating Upgrades at Depot
Improve screening at Lift Station, add back-screen for port-a-let at Philbrook Park
Picnic/bbq area at Philbrook
Sun Shade Structure at Philbrook Park
Repair/replace wooden play structure at Avon Park Repaired by shops Spring 2020
Replace wooden play structure at Dundee Park Repaired by shops Spring 2020
Replace wood perimeter edging at Dundee Play Structure
Replace wood play structure at Chester Park

New Community Amenities to Consider - locations TBD:

Municipal nurse bed for perineal starts
Accessibility site improvements, Highland Park
Accessibility site improvements, Philbrook Park
Accessible play equipment enhancements, Philbrook Park
Swing set accessibility bucket seat (various)
Arm rest retrofits on benches
Updates to direction and wayfinding signage

COMPLETE

Operations Budget Priorities:

~~Dog stations at high-use parks (Highland, Sorbo, Three Points, Swenson, Weiland)~~

Park-Specific Capital Planning List:

~~Surfside Master Plan~~
~~Replace metal play structure at Sorbo Park~~
~~Replace retaining wall areas around Sorbo play area~~
~~Replace Swings at Sorbo Park~~
~~Add Tot Lot at Three Points~~
~~Remove/repair/repurpose tennis court area at Three Points~~
~~Fix drainage issue below court in outfield area at Three Points (Rain Garden)~~
~~Redecorate/Update Depot Interior~~
~~Replace Tennis Court at Swenson Park~~

Create formal separation and establish drainage swale between launch area and beach at Surfside
Re-grade, resurface parking lot at Surfside Launch (City Pavements CIP)
Skate park Security Cameras-2020
B-Ball Court surface repairs Three Points (2021 budget item)
B-Ball Court surface repairs Avon (2021 Budget Item)
Harbor District Planning Study 2021 Budget add
Surfside Depot Pavements and beach repairs 2022
Repair Centerview Fishing Pier

New Community Amenities to Consider - locations TBD:

Canoe or kayak racks at Carlson Park (through Dock Program) Centerview, Ridgewood, Avalon
Garden Plot area(s) Belmont in 2021
Garden Plot area(s) Edgewater in 2022

Web Resources:

Play Set Structures

<http://littletikescommercial.com/zmag/2017-catalog-us/>

<https://www.playandpark.com/products/structures>

<https://www.gametime.com/products>

<http://www.apark.com/playground-equipment/playground-play-structures/play-structures-ages-2-12>

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General park appliances and fixtures

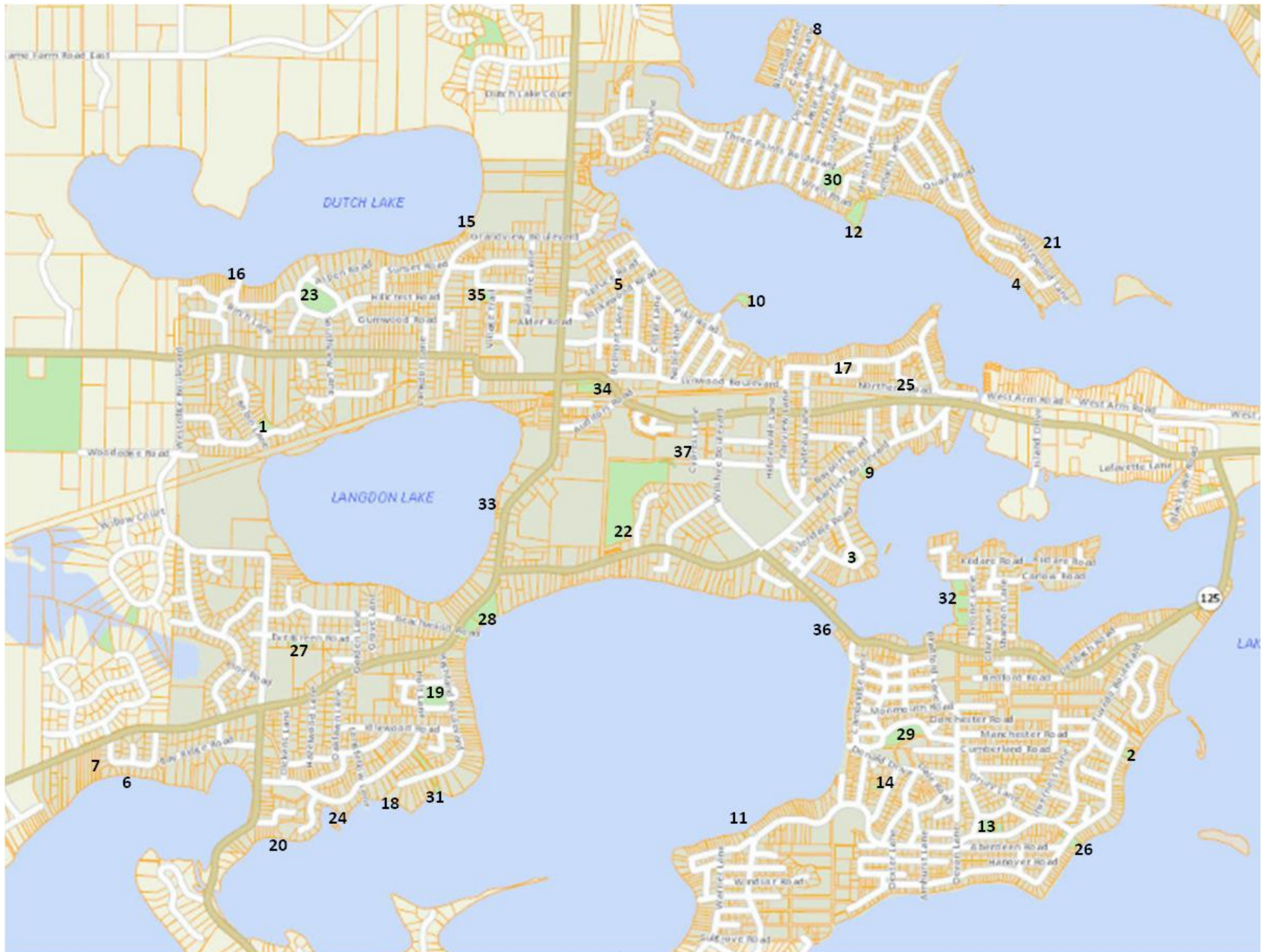
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<http://www.mostdependable.com/>

<http://www.belson.com/>

<https://www.dynamicdiscs.com/Disc-Golf-Baskets-s/1829.htm?gclid=CPrp2tWei9QCFQQxaQodRh8Hiw>

Key:	Current :	Comment:
1	Alwin Park	Re-establish ground cover along back hillside , spot turf issues
2	Avalon Park	Possible horticulture/lakeshore buffer site, relocated lift station (2020) Install canoe rack
3	Avon Park	Wood play structure repaired by shop 2020 , B-ball re-surface (2021)
4	Beachside Shore	Made "shore" No change
5	Belmont Park	Add Natives/Pollinator demonstration
6	Bluffs Beach Park	Restore shoreline, make overlook only
7	Bluffs Park	Maintain as open space – no amenities
8	Canary Beach	Re-establish property lines for maintenance
9	Carlson Park	Open Space, Clean Water demonstration/buffer site Walk-in launch/winter ice access, canoe rack
10	Centerview Beach	No change, Existing MCWD shoreline restoration, Canoe rack location
11	Chester Park	Monitor wood play structure
12	Crescent Park	Leave natural, lakeside meadow site, monitor erosion on point
13	Doone Park	Open Space
14	Dundee Park	Wood Play Structure, Repairs by Shop Spring 2020 (Monitor)
15	Dutch Lake Access (Grandview Bvd)	No Change, DNR Fishing Pier partnership w/ School
16	Dutch Lake Access (Dutch Lane)	No Change
17	Edgewater Park	Maintain as open space – no amenities, Natives/Pollinator demo
18	Highland End Park	Add lakeshore buffer , delineate winter uses, path for dock access
19	Highland Park	Evaluate accessible play enhancements
20	Lagoon Shore	Made "shore" No change
21	Lakeside Shore	Made "shore" No change
22	Lost Lake Shore	"Docks Access", monitor ground conditions expand lakeside buffer
23	Philbrook Park	Westonka Soccer Club site pitches, picnic enhancements Evaluate accessible play enhancements, rebuild lift station
24	Ridgewood Shore	Made "shore" Canoe Rack location?
25	Seton Park	No change (enhance accessibility from Northern)
26	Shevern Park	Add signage for open space across Island View Drive, beach repairs
27	Sorbo Park	No change, access into WSD Nature Preserve
28	Surfside Park	Master Plan, , JayCee donation, Parking Lot 2020, Depot pvmnts 2022, New lake information sign 2021 (BSA), Launch repairs, Replace wood play structure (PPP)
29	Swenson Park	Restoration following MCES job, Tennis Court, Pitches?
30	Three Points Park	Monitor Tennis Court Repair, address basketball court 2021
31	Highland End Shore	Made "shore", No change, Lift station rebuild in 2021
32	Tyrone Park	No changes,
33	Veterans' Park	No change
34	Veterans' Memorial	No Change
35	Weiland Park	No Change
36	Wychwood Beach Park	Monitor Ground Cover Conditions
37	Zero Gravity Skate Park/Wolner	Half pipe repair Spring 2020, Security Camera Upgrade in 2020



CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER

2415 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

TO: Parks and Open Spaces Commission

FROM: Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Belmont Park – Native Garden Expansion

REQUEST:

To receive a presentation update from Tyler Pieper on the Belmont Park – Native Garden Expansion project.

BACKGROUND:

There are some city requested tasks and duties. Staff has an email into the Public Works Department on those items and will provide an update at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending listening to the presentation and providing feedback on the project.



Belmont Park - *Native Garden Expansion*

2024 - 2026 Plan

Plant Walls/Road Buffers

- **Purpose:** Continue the native plant expansion into Belmont Park with one additional garden and two strips of native plants that will both help with beautifying the park for visitors, increase critical pollinator habitat, and provide a natural barrier to prevent children from entering traffic adjacent roads and driveway.
 - *Recommendation:* Plants with sturdy structure and height of no more than 3 ft will be employed.
- **Plants to match conditions:** The site's first edition of native gardens thrived in a full-sun, dry soil setting, and accordingly, similar plants will be employed to maximize growth, assimilation into the site, and minimizing replacement.



Plant Walls/Road Buffers Timeline

- *Email Proposal to City of Mound (Parks and Rec): March 2024*
- *Present Proposal to Parks and Rec: March 2024*
- *Site Clearing: Beginning of May 2024*
 - Assistance from city required for clearing if possible.
- *Planting of Natives: End of May 2024*
 - Any plants that “don’t make it” will be replaced free of charge (not including rabbit/deer damage).
- *Apply Mulch & Water: Early June 2024*
 - From this plan, this would be the only item of cost for the City to handle.
- *Weekly Weeding/Maintenance: 2024 – 2026*
 - Tyler will cover this at a cost of \$00.00.



Road Buffer & Garden Expansion

Order Plan:

- *Tyler Pieper will supply the City of Mound with an order for approximately \$750.00 (not including tax) worth of plants from Native Shoreline Technologies after approval of overall project. This vendor was also used in the first installations. The order will need to be placed in May to ensure end of May pick-up/delivery.*
- **Costs:**
 - *Trees = \$20 per tree (2 bur oak trees for \$40)*
 - *Plants = \$2.50 - \$3.00 per plant (230 plants for \$690)*
 - *City Services associated with mulch or water*



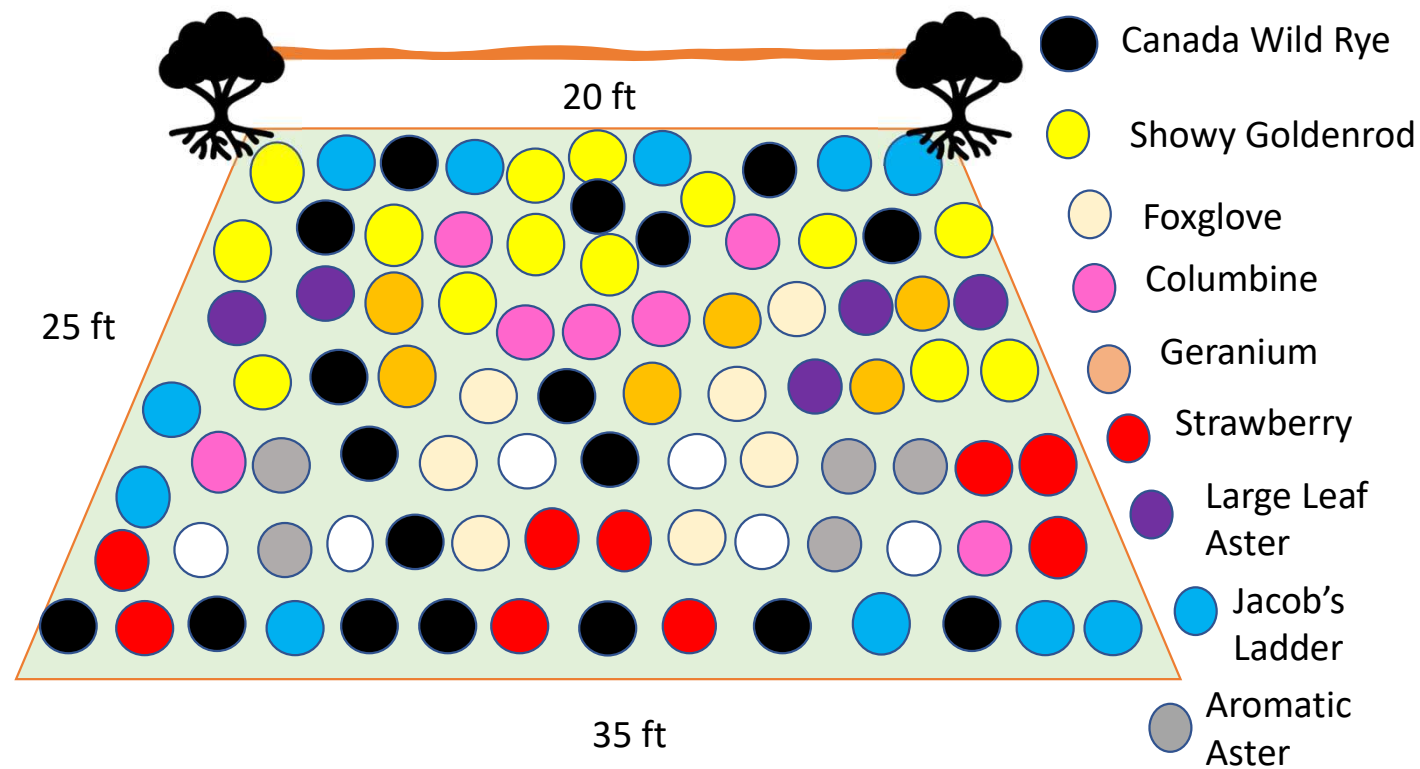
Plant Walls/Road Buffers - Layout Design

Placed in space
near Willow
tree by park
border



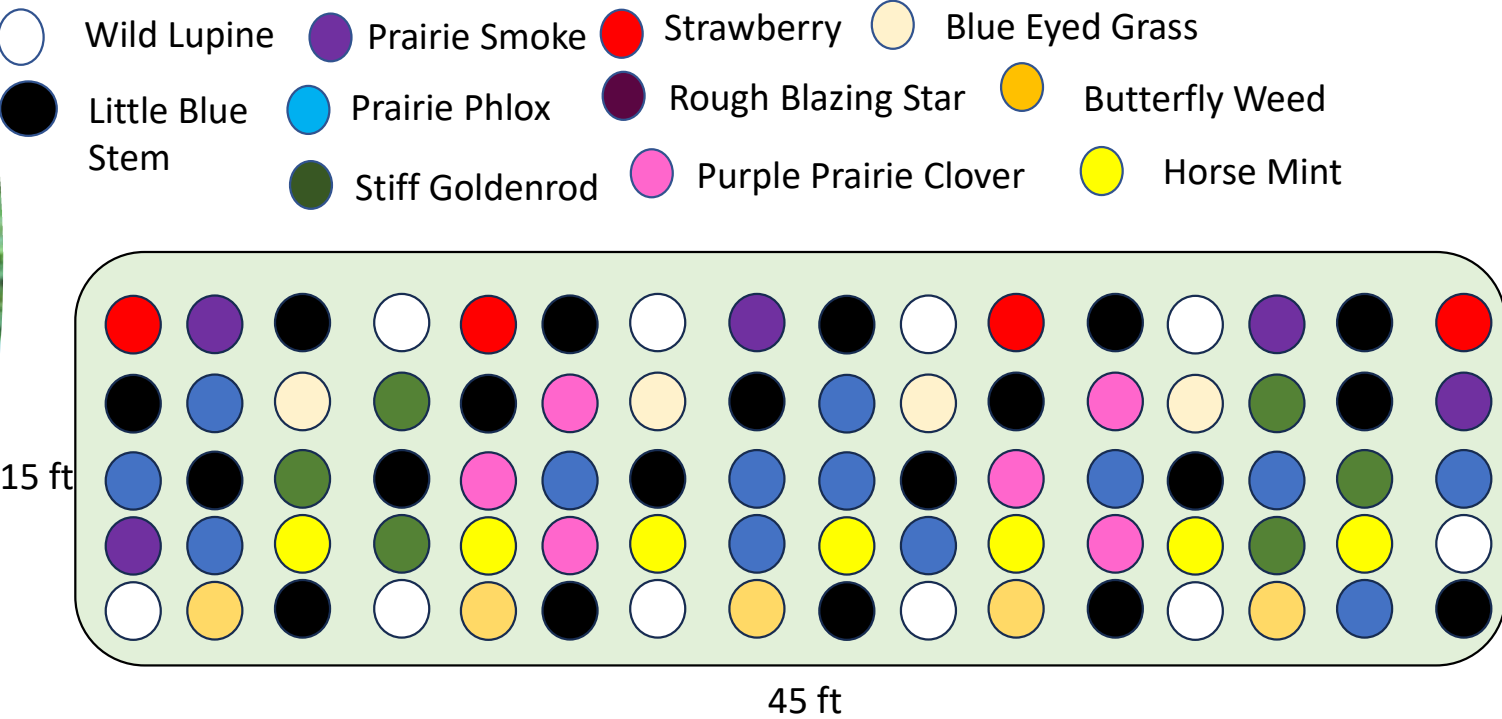


Willow Tree Garden Layout (90 Plants + 2 Trees)





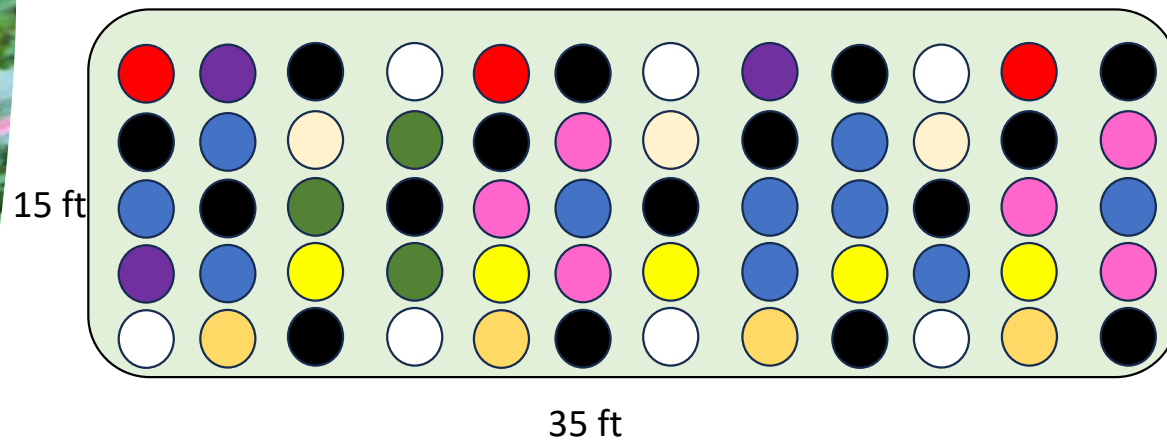
Road Border Garden Layout (80 Plants)





Driveway Garden Layout ***(60 plants total)***

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| ○ Wild Lupine | ● Prairie Smoke | ● Strawberry | ○ Blue Eyed Grass | ● Butterfly Weed |
| ● Little Blue Stem | ● Prairie Phlox | ● Rough Blazing Star | ● Purple Prairie Clover | ● Horse Mint |
| | | ● Stiff Goldenrod | | |





Border Gardens Plant Selection...part I

- Wild Native Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*): 1 – 3 ft (May - June)
 - Wild Lupine is the only host plant for the Karner Blue butterfly caterpillar. Habitat loss has led to the decline in plants, and put the Karner Blue on the endangered species list.
- Little Blue Stem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*): 1-3 ft (August – September)
 - A pretty grass, Little Bluestem is another iconic species of prairies that once covered much of Minnesota. It is a host plant for several native butterflies and is popular in the garden trade as well as restoration projects.
- Prairie Smoke (*Geum Triflorum*): 6-16 inches (April – June)
 - Prairie Smoke is one of the first prairie flowers to bloom in the spring, a sign that the growing season has begun in Minnesota.
- Prairie Phlox (*Phlox Pilosa*): 1-2 ft (May - June)
 - Prairie Phlox adds a splash of shocking pink to prairies each June. It also does well in a garden, in sunny, sandy soil.
- Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*): 1 – 5 ft (August – September)
 - This species thrives in part-sun to full sun. The genus of “goldenrod” is actually one of the most beneficial plant species for insects, and has been regarded as a “keystone” species.





Border Plant Selection...part II

- Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*): 6 inches (April – June)

- It is a hardy plant that grows in a wide variety of sun/shade and soil conditions. Wild strawberry spreads rapidly by ground runners. Yes, you can eat it! The birds will love this.



- Rough Blazing Star (*Liatris aspera*): 1-3 ft (July - August)

- There are 5 species of Blazing Star native to Minnesota and one relatively easy way to tell similar species apart is by the floral bracts. Rough Blazing Star has round bracts with fringed edges that curl or fold in, and its flower heads have little or no stalk.



- Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpea*): 10-20 inches (May – July)

- Purple Prairie Clover typically grows in clumps. When not flowering it looks similar to White Prairie Clover (*Dalea candida*), which is less clump-forming and has broader leaflets. It is a great plant for pollinators and does well in a sunny home garden in average to dry soil.



- Blue Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium montanum*): 5-20 inches (May-June)

- A small early season flower that maintains a small size while still being quite showy.

- Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*): 1 – 3 ft (August – September)

- This species thrives in part-sun to full sun as long. The genus of “goldenrod” is actually one of the most beneficial plant species for insects, and has been regarded as a “keystone” species.



Border Plant Selection...part III



- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*): 6 inches (April – June)
 - A host plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillars, the flower is a favorite for many other butterflies as well. It makes a fantastic garden plant with a long bloom season and an eye-popping color you don't see in many species.



- Horse Mint (*Monarda punctata*): 1-3 ft (July - August)
 - Horsemint makes an excellent garden plant, doing well in both heavier soils and light hot sandy soils. Crushed leaves and seedheads both green and dried give off a wonderful pungent odor and which I've have loved as a potpourri.



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Willow Garden Plant Selection...part I

- Aromatic Aster (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*): 1 – 3 ft (August – September)
- This is one of the last flowers to bloom in late summer through fall. There is no floral scent, but the leaves give off a pleasant aroma when crushed, and is where the common name comes from.



- Large-Leaf Aster (*Erybia macrophylla*): 1-2 ft (August – September)
- Usually just a few plants in the colony will send up flower stalks. Large-leaf aster is found in deciduous forests and open woods. Commonly seen in large clusters in Lake Maria State Park. New shoots were eaten like salad by the native peoples.



- Foxglove (*Penstemon digitalis*): 2- 5 ft (May - June)
- Part shade/sun. I have found this to be a great one for the early June weeks when there is typically not a whole lot in bloom. This would be for the sunnier parts of the space.



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- Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*): 1-3 ft (May - June)
- Wild Geranium makes a wonderful part-sun/shade garden plant. It is easily distinguished from the other 3 Geranium species in Minnesota by its comparatively large flowers, an inch or more in diameter, where the others are under ½ inch.





Willow Garden Plant Selection...part II

- Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*): 1 – 2 ft (April – July)
 - Native to much of eastern North America, it never disappoints. It has lovely dissected leaves, beautiful pinkish-purple flowers, and it readily spreads, forming stunning patches that everything from bees to butterflies enjoy. Mostly found in woodlands in the wild, it does just as well in full sun.
- Native Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*): 1-3 ft (May - July)
 - Columbine, also called Red or American Columbine, is one of the first plants to provide nectar in the spring for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Columbine is the larval host plant of the Columbine Duskywing. The colorful flowers are red flowing into yellow. Besides being an early bloomer, Columbine will tolerate a large range of soil and sun types, so you'll have success with it in full sun as well as shade. (description from prairiemoon.com)
- Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*): 10-20 inches (May – July)
 - Jacob's ladder is a lovely spring wildflower with light blue bell-shaped flowers. The leaves are compound with the leaflets having a flattened appearance to look like the rungs of a ladder. It prefers shade but will grow in partial to full sun if it receives adequate moisture.
- Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*): 2 -4 ft inches (June - August)
 - Canada wild rye is a cool-season, short-lived bunchgrass. Thick, bristly spikes appear in mid-summer often nodding with a bluish-green tint. All parts of the plant turn tan in the fall.
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Fun to supplement your new garden!

Connecting to Nature:

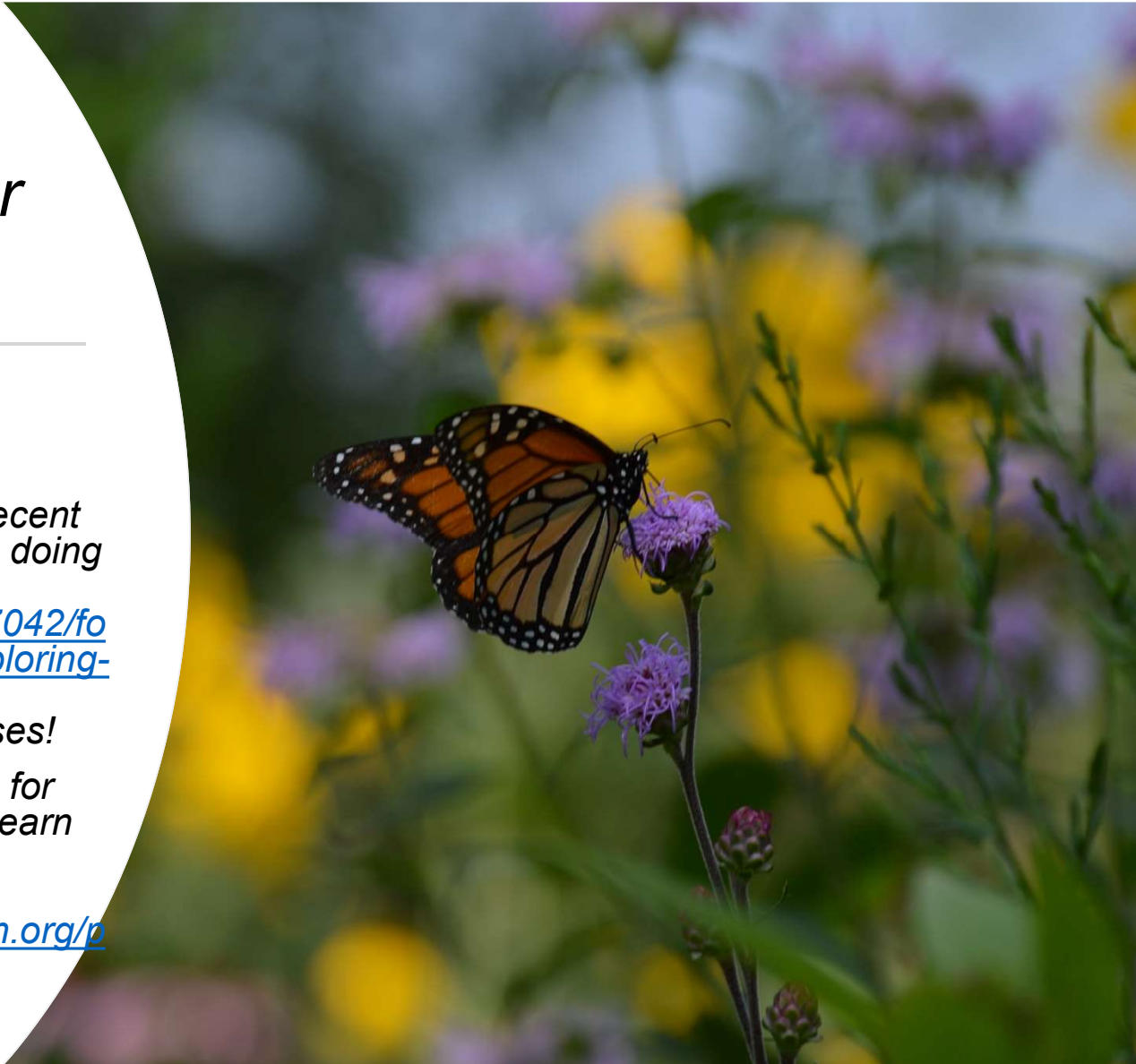
- [Homegrown National Park](https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamy-s-hub-1): Author Doug Tallamy has a site in which native activists like us share their address and property size that they are converting to native. The hope is that together we can create natural spaces the collective size of our national parks, just through individual efforts. Tyler will register you once the project is complete.
- Doug Tallamy's books focus on native plants and their impact on insects and birds. Any one of his books are wonderful. <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamy-s-hub-1>



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Connecting to Nature:

- A poet converts her yard into a native paradise: This is a wonderful 8-minute recent NPR story that really brings what we are doing “home.”
<https://www.npr.org/2023/04/28/1172837042/for-this-poet-working-on-her-garden-is-exploring-history-race-and-sustainability> I will be purchasing her book for personal purposes!
- [Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden](https://www.friendsofthewildflowergarden.org/pages/searchpage.html): Search for your plants in the EBWG database and learn the history of this noble gardener who established a realm of beauty.
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Connecting to Nature:

- *Interested in any of these materials or perhaps more? Let Tyler know! He has a vast library at home of books he will happily loan out or provide more information about resources. The deeper you go the more you will find!*

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A final message regarding rabbits and deer:

"Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth." – St. Francis of Assisi

CITY OF MOUND
2415 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

TO: Parks and Open Spaces Commission

FROM: Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

DATE: February 28, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Spring Park Review Visits

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, the City of Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commissioners do visits to the parks to review amenities, immediate needs, and future priorities for each location.

The park locations are split between the Commissioners who then do on site visits and complete a review assessment form for each park.

These forms are then collected by staff and reviewed by the Parks and Open Spaces Commission as a whole at a future meeting.

The exercise allows the Parks and Open Spaces Commission to visit the parks and do an independent review and provide feedback to staff on “quick fixes” that can be taken care of by the Public Works Parks Department, and to set long-term goals as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Commission discuss the timeline and goals for the 2024 Spring Park Review Visits.

ATTACHMENTS:

Park Review Sheet.

PARK REVIEW SHEET

PARK NAME: _____

ATTRACTIONS:

REVIEWED BY:

	<u>NOTES</u>
PLAY STRUCTURE:	
USABILITY / ACCESSIBILITY:	
BENCHES / PICNIC TABLES:	
TREES / LANDSCAPING:	
MISCELLANEOUS:	

Immediate Attention Needs:

Quick and Easy Improvement Ideas:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
Belmont	Alwin	Avon	Tyrone	Avalon
Canary Beach	Philbrook	Bluffs Beach	Veterans' Plaza	Chester
Centerview Beach	Sorbo	Carlson Park	Wychwood	Doone
Crescent	Veterans'	Highland End	Zero Gravity	Dundee
Seton	Weiland	Highland	Lost lake	Shevern
Three Points	Surfside			Swenson

CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER

2415 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

TO: Parks and Open Spaces Commission

FROM: Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

SUBJECT: General Project Updates

REQUEST: Provided for information only

BACKGROUND:

2023 Surfside Launch Repair Project: Complete

2023 Surfside Park West Side Pavement Improvement Project: Complete.

2024 Surfside Park Playground Project:

- A donation agreement between the City of Mound and the Eli Hart Foundation was approved at the December 12, 2024 meeting.
- Within the Agreement, the City Council approved a monetary contribution in the amount of up to \$120,000 for the general site improvements including: storm water, sidewalks/curbing, grading/drainage, and site restoration.
- The request by the City Engineer to go out for bid was presented to the City Council at their for the site improvements at the February 13, 2024th meeting.
- Bids will be presented to the City Council at their March 14, 2024 meeting.

Harbor District: Park Improvements:

- At the February 13, 2024 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the preparation of plans and specifications for bids for the Phase I of the Harbor District Park. This is Phase I of three phases for this park.
- Phase I is expected to start this fall.

Upcoming Community Events:

- Farmers Market: May 18 – October
- Spirit of the Lakes: July 12 – 13
- Music in the Park (Surfside): June 13, 2024, July 11, 2024, August 8, 2024
- Dog Days (Surfside): August 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational Only.

Attachments:

Harbor District Phase I,II, and III maps.





