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Draft Recommendations

Park Improvements
Recreation Programming Improvements

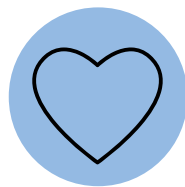
Park Improvements

Overall Recommendations



Expand Comfort Amenities

- ✓ Create additional seating opportunities where possible
- ✓ Increase shade infrastructure and canopy cover
- ✓ Improve restroom facilities or invest in new restroom opportunities



Prioritize Care for Well-Loved Spaces

- ✓ Embrace history, identity and natural features of the park system
- ✓ Update fields for wet-weather useability and assess using field turf for longer seasonal use
- ✓ Improve existing out-dated/aged amenities



Create Multifunctional Spaces for All

- ✓ Create flexible outdoor and indoor programming spaces
- ✓ Invest in trails within and connections between parks
- ✓ Expand offerings to reach underserved communities

Park Improvements

Destination Parks

Parks oriented around a single program/amenity, including:

- Municipal Pool
- Memorial Park
- Urlin Tennis Courts*
- Wallace Gardens*

- Add seating opportunities
- Increase shade
- Tennis court resurfacing

* Included in Design Your Park activity



Park Improvements

Nature Parks

Passive Parks with unimproved trails and/or minimal programming, including:

- McKinley Greenspace
- Parkway Park
- Tarpy Woods

- Tree Risk Assessment
- Pollinator planting + education
- Nature play
- Trail maintenance + connections

* Included in Design Your Park activity



Park Improvements

Neighborhood Parks

Pocket parks and/or parks surrounded by residential areas, including:

- Virginia Ave Park
- Terrace Park
- Ray DeGraw Park
- Burr Avenue Park
- Yard Street Greenspace
- First/Fairview Park
- Parkway Mini Park
- Timberman Copeland Park

- Add seating opportunities
- Increase shade
- Increase awareness/access through signage and trail connectivity
- Improve existing play areas



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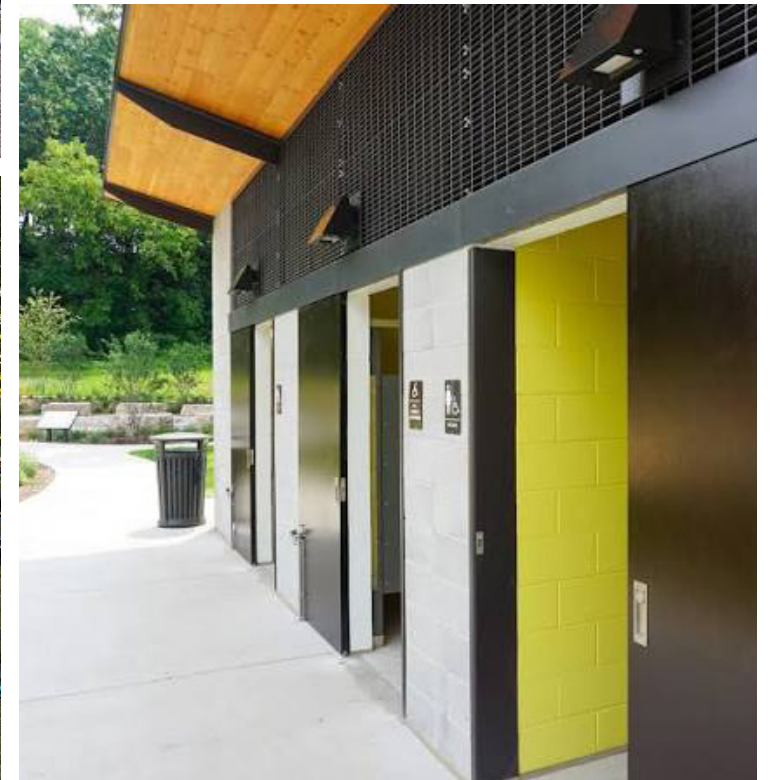
Community Parks

Parks & facilities with a diversity of active + passive amenities, including:

- Pierce Field*
- C. Ray Buck Park*
- McKinley Field*
- Wyman Woods + Former City Hall*
- Falco Park

- Add/improve restrooms
- Update playground(s)
- Update fields for usability
- Create multi-functional lawn/field space

* Included in Design Your Park activity



Recreation Programming Improvements

Overall Recommendations



Enhance Existing Programs

Build on well-loved programs while broadening fitness definitions and adding intergenerational experiences.



Expand New Programming Opportunities

Create strategic growth opportunities within the most popular program categories.



Partner to Increase Capacity

Leverage partnerships with external organizations to increase capacity and access to specialized offerings.

Recreation Programming Improvements

Competitive Market Gaps Grandview Heights Can Own

Fitness on-ramps

- Teach skills and confidence through Learn to Lift, Fitness Foundations, Pilates Basics, Yoga Foundations, Couch-to-5K, Pickleball 101, and Adult Sports Samplers.

Re-Entry Fitness

- Serve adults who were previously active but lost routines due to work, children, injuries, or changing schedules. Focus on strength, mobility, low-impact intensity, running, sport conditioning, and consistency challenges.

Family-synchronized Fitness

- Make convenience the product by pairing adult fitness with youth activities.

Social Recreation

- Expand beyond traditional exercise classes into run clubs, beginner leagues, small-sided sports, yard-game leagues, hiking, cycling, field days and social tournaments.

Beginner Outdoor Recreation

- Reduce barriers related to equipment, confidence, knowledge, and finding a group; use partnerships for regional outings and specialty instruction. This could be for single people to meet a new friend as an outcome,

Private Provider Pathway

- Grandview Heights can introduce residents to an activity, build foundational competency, and then refer or partner for advanced/specialized progression.

