

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

Remote Attendance available at www.cityoframsey.com/meetings.
Those joining remotely and requesting to speak are asked to use a webcam when speaking.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Citizen Input**

3. **Approve Agenda**

4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated October 12, 2023

5. **Commission Business**
 1. Playground Replacement Plan - Alpine and River's Bend Parks
 2. The Waterfront - Water Play Area Planning

6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Recreation Program Update

7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 12/14/2023

By: Kathy Schmitz, Administrative Services

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.

- 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated October 12, 2023

Purpose/Background:

Purpose: To review and approve meeting minutes.

Background: Attached are the meeting minutes for review.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated October 12, 2023..

Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated October 12, 2023.

Attachments

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Form Review

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on October 12, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Nathan Barten
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Justin Loss

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Also Present: City Council Liaison Debra Musgrove
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
 Recreation Coordinator Abby Proulx

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barten called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Leistico, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Leistico, and Loss. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Arts, Bennett, and Olson.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date September 14, 2023

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Leistico, and Sis. Voting No: None. Abstained: Commissioner Loss. Absent: Commissioners Arts, Bennett, and Olson.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Review Recreation Survey Results

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided background information on the survey that was completed to better understand the growth of the community, assess the current offerings, identify new opportunities and make informed decisions on future programming. She explained how the survey was developed, the outreach that was completed and how the data was analyzed. She provided additional details on the sample group that completed the survey, noting that a large portion of respondents were families with children. She reviewed information gained on demographics, engagement, current offerings, program interest, and recreation interest. She also summarized some of the other feedback received through this process.

Commissioner Sis asked if staff was surprised with any of the survey results.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx commented that she expected the survey results to be more negative with people complaining and was pleasantly surprised that people were thoughtful and many people were willing to volunteer for events.

Chair Barten commented that a lot of the data is what he would expect, which can be reassuring. He asked if there is something they would look at to more specifically advertise recreational programming.

Commissioner Sis commented that perhaps there are opportunities to work with the communications staff to have things shared on social media as well to build up awareness and build an email list that can help connect with residents.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx commented that word of mouth is also a common way for people to find out about recreational programming opportunities. She confirmed that she is looking at different ways to reach people.

Commissioner Leistico commented that she was also not surprised with the areas people are looking for program. She noted that the methods people selected for notification actually match with the strategy the City uses. She agreed that word of mouth can help.

Chair Barten agreed that word of mouth is very effective, especially when it comes to government.

Commissioner Sis commented that the new billboard can also provide opportunities. He asked if there are plans to resurrect a City sign on Bunker and 47.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that the Public Works Committee will be discussing that this coming week.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she brought that forward as she felt that it got lost in the planning. She commented that there are funds from the vehicle accident to be used for that purpose. She commented that she had some concerns with the representative sample and limited time for the survey. She noted that there has been fantastic interest in pickleball but that is not accurately depicted in the survey, so perhaps a group of people are missing from the survey results. She also did not believe that some of the formats for the questions led to prioritized answers. She also commented on the need to maintain existing infrastructure within parks and trails and noted that perhaps a question should have been added asking if they would be willing to pay a fee to support those items. She noted some of the new program offerings that have been very successful that she did not see in the survey. She stated that perhaps the City should list all the parks and its amenities, noting that perhaps that would help people with handicap accessibility needs to find the best location for them.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that those elements are available on the website and a fold out version was included in the *Ramsey Resident* as well.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx commented that she was also concerned with the sample size, noting that they did start with the flyers from Happy Days but after not receiving many responses, they turned to social media and targeted ads. She commented that she did think about having a question about funding, but because it was a small-scale survey, she felt that question would be better addressed in a larger scale survey. She explained that her purpose was to gain a direction on programing for the next year rather than future facilities. She confirmed that she has been tracking the successful events from the past in hopes to continue those.

Commissioner Loss asked if the fee mentioned by Councilmember Musgrove would be related to trail use or for those using a splashpad or other facility.

Councilmember Musgrove replied that her comment was more related to program offerings.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that he was also pleased to see the constructive comments received and noting that residents even thanked the City for having an opportunity to share their input. He asked and received confirmation the pickleball participants were included on the emailed survey list. He commented that the survey can be completed again in one or two years and that will provide great comparison information. He believed items related to funding and/or a community center should be left separately from this type of survey and would be better handled by the City Council. He noted that every two years the City completes a community survey and that would be the more appropriate location for that type of question. He explained that they offered art in the park for free and have also charged a fee of \$5 and found no change in participation, therefore they began charging \$5. He commented that they have added fees to other programing as well and have found that it helps to fund the instructor and/or materials and helps to firm up the commitment of people attending. He noted that all park features are built to ADA compliant standards but noted that there are amenities in other communities that offer therapeutic programing using pools and things of that nature. He noted that the successful events from the last year will be repeated.

Commissioner Sis asked if they have attempted to work with the schools to partner for programing offerings.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx confirmed that she has been making a list of potential partners and the schools/community education are included on that list.

5.02: Consider Reduction in Ice Skating Operations and Maintenance

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that a lot of background information was included in the case and provided a brief overview going back to 1977. He commented on the staff time needed to create and maintain ice for skating. He noted that there has been a decline in outdoor ice skating as more teams and skaters tend to use indoor ice. He commented on the significant snowfall that also makes outdoor rinks unusable for a period of days. He noted that about ten years ago the two skating facilities had 5,000 to 7,000 users and now the use is about half of that even though the population has grown significantly during that period. He recommended shuttering the facility at Ramsey Elementary for the 2023-2024 to gauge whether the Central Park facility would be enough to serve the needs of the community. He noted that they would place a large sign at Ramsey Elementary directing users to Central Park. He stated that once they have the data from this season, they would reassess to determine if one location would better serve the community.

Commissioner Sis asked if there has been consideration of making Ramsey Elementary a more self-serve location that is not staffed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that they have done that when there has been a lack of rink attendants. He noted that does not work as well as people appreciate being able to go inside to put skates on and warm up. He commented that there have also been issues with vandalism and behavior of older children when there is not an attendant. He commented that it is still a significant cost to set up the ice.

Commissioner Loss asked if there would be a way to track people that first attempted to go to Ramsey Elementary before going to Central Park.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that they could use the numbers from this last winter for comparison and assume that the increase would be people that previously used Ramsey Elementary.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Loss, to forego the opening of the Ramsey Elementary skating rink for the 2023-2024 skating season, with a focus on the Central Park skating rink this year.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Loss, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Arts, Bennett, and Olson.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided a recap on recent program offerings and events and also highlighted upcoming events and programming opportunities.

Commissioner Loss noted that this will be his last meeting as he is moving out of the community. He appreciated his time on the Commission.

Commissioner Sis thanked Commissioner Loss for his participation on the Commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Loss, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Loss, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Arts, Bennett, and Olson.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 12/14/2023

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Playground Replacement Plan - Alpine and River's Bend Parks

Purpose/Background:

Late in 2021, City Council approved the Playground Replacement Policy which informs the city on which playgrounds are to be replaced and when. In 2022, the city removed two small antiquated play structures that did not merit replacement, and refurbished the playgrounds at both Peltzer and Rabbit Parks pursuant to the policy and plan. The next candidate for replacement was Alpine Park and one of the subjects of this case.

In May 2023, the Commission met at Alpine Park to assess the project, and it was discussed that the playground at River's Bend was experiencing the need for frequent deck board repair—and perhaps River's Bend should be replaced before Alpine Park's playground. The consensus of the Commission was that staff should evaluate both and develop a plan and priority for the refurbishment or replacement of the two playgrounds and which should occur first and in which year.

Notification:

Notifications are not required for this proposed project, and as both Alpine and River's Bend Park's are community parks (versus a neighborhood park), a mailer seeking comment on the playground's proposed replacement is probably not needed, as the majority of people using either of the two playgrounds are not likely to be from the immediate adjoining areas.

Observations/Alternatives:

In examining River's Bend Parks playground, it was determined that the playground had significant play value (number and diversity of play components) and was mostly in good shape except for the 14 wooden decks. The playground is shaded by the trees to the immediate south, and therefore there is lichen on some of the north-facing components, and the shade has contributed to the premature decay of many individual deck boards. Staff's overall assessment was that the playground was an appropriate candidate for refurbishment, rather than replacement. To determine this feasibility, staff issued the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) that addresses the play equipment's deficiencies.

The RFP (second attachment) was sent to 13 contractors specializing in this type of work, and three proposals were received back in the amounts of; \$25,776, 23,000, and \$13,169. The lowest proposal was submitted by Contracting Solutions Inc., a competent contractor and regular installer for the city's playground projects.

The above solution for addressing River's Bend Park's playground may allow the city to address two playgrounds in 2024 for the estimated amount of \$100,000 per year identified in the Playground Replacement Plan and Policy. (A playground was not refurbished or replaced in 2023.) The following is an estimate of how this may come to bear:

- ◆ Refurbish River's Bend Park's playground \$13,169
- ◆ New Engineered Wood Fiber (surfacing) +/- \$6,000

- ◆ New playground for Alpine Park _ \$170,000
- ◆ Landscape improvements playground \$5,000

Total \$194,169

For the meeting, staff will highlight the two proposed projects and will have the actual costs for the Engineered Wood Fiber needed for River's Bend Park. The RFP for the Alpine Park project is due back to the city on January 8th 2024. At January's regular Park & Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission will be in position to make a recommendation to City Council on the playground replacement plan for 2024.

Funding Source:

Pursuant to the Playground Replacement Policy, funding for the playground areas refurbishments and replacements would be from the Lawful Gambling Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends a discussion on the options for playground replacements this case discusses.

Action:

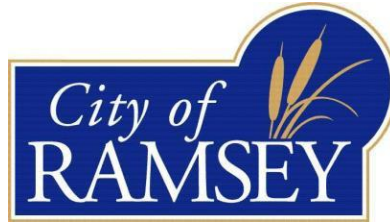
Consensus direction to proceed on collecting proposals for a recommendation in January on the 2024 playground replacement plan.

Attachments

- RFP for Alpine playground replacment
- RFP for River's Bend Park
- RFQ for EWF
- 2005 playground completion image
- Playground Finder Map
- Playground Replacement Policy

Form Review

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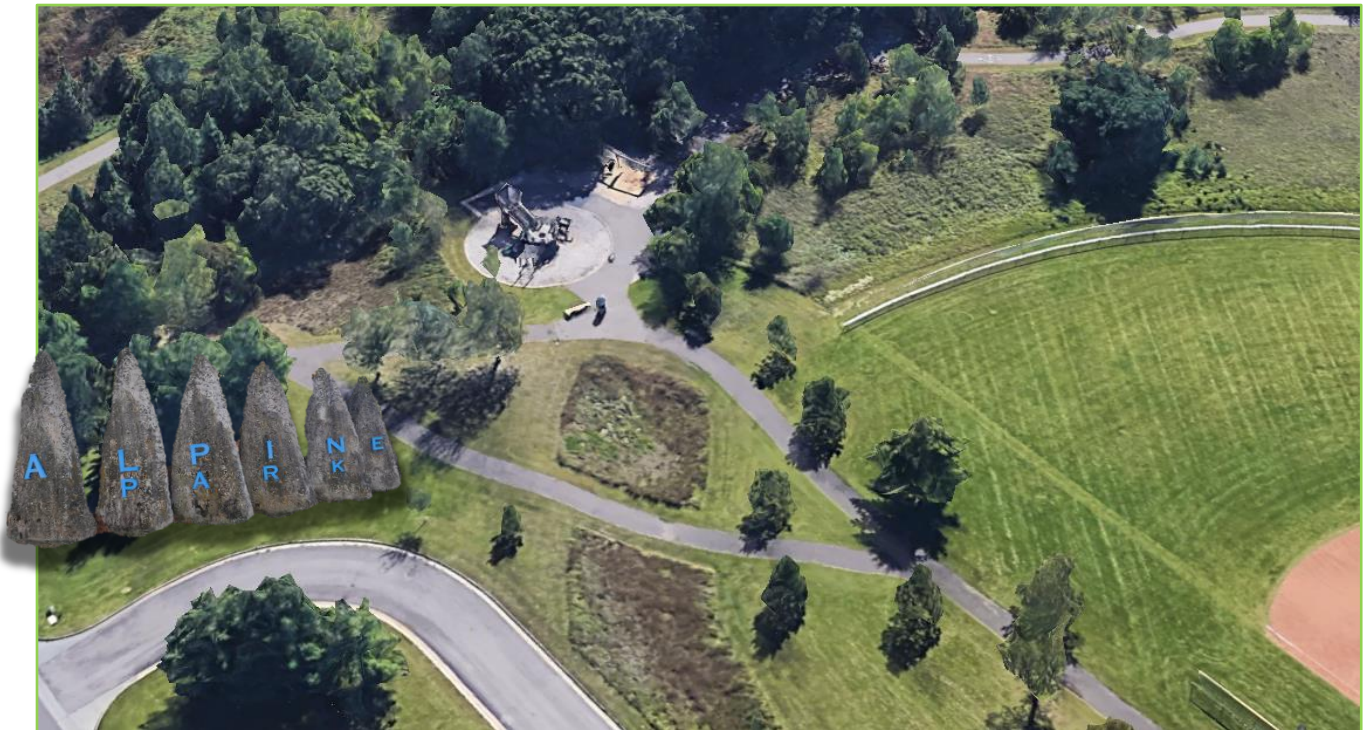
PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
10:00 am Thursday, January 8th, 2024

Deliver electronically ONLY to:

Mariah Albrecht
Ramsey, MN 55303
763-433-9820

E-mail to: malbrecht@cityoframsey.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
to
Develop New Replacement Playground at Alpine Park
6600 Alpine Drive NW



PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

Remove and recycle existing play equipment and associated appurtenances and design and install new playground appropriate for a community park.

Prequalification's:

- I. Bidder/Contactor shall demonstrate that he/she has successfully installed 3 (three) similar playgrounds in a county, municipal or school setting in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area within the last 5 (five) years.
- II. Bidder/Contractor shall not be disbarred or disqualified from working on playground related construction projects by any municipality, county or school districts in the State of Minnesota.

Introduction and General Information:

- In submitting a proposal, the Contractor warrants that mobilization and material handling necessary to install ALL play equipment and improvements as proposed is wholly included in their proposal.
- Contractor responsible for viewing the existing site, to review the scope of removals, and infrastructure to remain and protect.
- There are no known underground obstructions (E.g. abandoned footings, utilities) at the park location.
- This Request for Proposal shall be a not-to-exceed amount. The Contractor must include within his/her quote any time or materials necessary to complete the work in a professional and quality manner. E.g. if matting is required due to wet conditions or to protect trail surfaces and tree rooting zones – this expense is that of the Contractor. There will be no Change Orders.
- Work site may be required to be enclosed with temporary safety fencing – if the contractor is not physically on site. Fencing is **not required** if there are no equipment or loose items/tools anywhere on site, *aside from* loose major play components that do not constitute a hazard, and/or plywood/work mats (if used), which may be present until job completion.

Award and Selection Process:

The City (Owner) *anticipates* award of Alpine Park playground project the day following City Council approval on January 23rd, 2024. The city will award the project to the most responsible proposer, in relation to the city's assessment on the maximum play value, together with the overall quality of the products and site improvements, and project delivery terms.

The Park and Recreation Commission will evaluate Scope A proposals with other A proposals, and likewise for Scope B proposals. The top choice for A proposals will then be evaluated with the top choice B proposal. The Park and Recreation Commission will then make a recommendation to City Council on the specific proposal for approval (either an 'A' or 'B' proposal). The Commission's recommendation to Council will be for a playground and associated site improvements (if any) that is in the best interest of the community in relation to play value and experience, not necessarily the lesser cost of one proposal over another.

City staff will review the Contractor's response to the RFP, including either a model of the proposed project, a graphic artists' rendition of the project or a computerized drawing of the proposed project *and* determine if the proposal meets all criteria for consideration.

Right to Reject Proposals:

The City of Ramsey reserves the right to award the total proposal, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any informality or technical defects, in the City's judgment.

Work and Staging Areas:

Confine work activities to the playground area and a direct route from the parking lot, to that necessary to place/install play equipment. Contactor is responsible for protecting pavement edge from breaking and damage. No mechanized equipment shall be left overnight at the park (unless fenced), and no construction activity shall be performed before 7 AM nor after 7 PM Monday through Saturday. The contractor shall provide 72 hour advance notice before working on Saturday. City Council approval is required for Sunday work.

A dumpster is not anticipated to be needed on site, and no construction related disposal is to be placed in the trash receptacles at the park. Contractor may dispose of any playground remnants (and new playground packaging) in the dumpster at Public Works, 14199 Jasper Street, that are not to be recycled.

Shipment of Materials:

Before making any shipment of materials to the site, Contractor shall ascertain whether the site is in a condition to receive the shipment. Where this provision is neglected and material is delivered to the site when the latter is not in condition to receive it, such materials shall be properly stored elsewhere at the Contractor's expense and adequate insurance coverage provided for off-site storage. E.g. shipment of the materials to Alpine Park during a scheduled tournament would not be appropriate.

Storage of Materials on Site or Off-site:

Contractor shall provide storage as required to protect and preserve all materials stored at the site. Storage of materials is to be confined to areas designated by the City. City will not sign for, or be responsible for, materials delivered to the site.

Equipment which is delivered in advance of the installation week can be stored at the Public Works campus at 14199 Jaspar Street, Ramsey, MN 55303. Playground equipment supplier will be responsible for equipment and insurance of equipment stored at the Public Works campus. Equipment supplier/Contractor will also be responsible for the unloading and loading of the equipment at the campus. In addition, supplier will be responsible for delivery of the equipment to the installation site and clean up all packaging materials/debris from loading/staging location. Contact Parks Supervisor Mike Berge at 763 286 8463 relating to the above logistics.

Schedule:

A schedule for the work shall be submitted to the City upon notification to the Contractor that they have been awarded the job. Once work has commenced, the Contractor shall continuously pursue completion in accordance with the approved schedule. The goal of these specifications is to minimize the number of days the playground site is out of service.

Liquidated Damages:

Liquidated damages shall be deducted from the approved quoted amount, in a sum of \$100 dollars per weekday (M-F) for non-completion after June 30th, 2024.

License and Insurance:

By submitting a proposal, the Contractor affirms they shall maintain the following minimum insurance coverage while completing their work as related to this RFP in the following amounts: Commercial General Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence (written on an occurrence based form bodily injury and property damage); automobile liability \$1,000,000

per occurrence (including hired & non-owned bodily injury and property damage).

The City of Ramsey shall be named as an additional insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance. Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with the City prior to the work. The Contractor also affirms they shall be licensed to perform the work in the State of Minnesota, and the work shall comply with all state and local laws.

Payment:

Payment will be made upon submittal of an invoice to the City on a net 30-day basis following City acceptance of the work (there will be no partial payments, nor change orders). An IC 134 form may be required prior to final payment.

Proposal(s) Duration:

The Contractor in submitting their proposal, acknowledges the amount shall be honored for a period of 90 days from the date of submission.

Warranty/Guarantee:

The Contractor warrants and guarantees to the Owner that all installation Work will be of good quality and free from faults or defects in accordance with this RFP. All defective Work may be rejected.

If required by the Owner, prior to payment, the Contractor will promptly without cost to the Owner, correct defective Work, or replace it with non-defective Work. If the Contractor does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace within a reasonable time, the Owner may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services shall be paid by the Contractor, or deducted by the Owner, all such costs from the quoted contract price.

If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the Owner (prior to approval of final payment) prefers to accept it, they may do so. In such case, if the acceptance occurs prior to final payment, a Statement shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions, including appropriate reductions in Contract Price.

All play equipment and site furnishing shall be warrantied for a period of one year.

Specification Reference:

The Contractor shall conduct his/her work in conformance with the specifications set forth herein, and in accordance with safe construction practices. Additionally, the Contractor must be licensed to work in the City of Ramsey, at the time work may commence.

Play Equipment and Site Improvements Specifications:

- Structure and improvements shall meet and comply with all current ADA Legislation and ASTM F1487.
- All equipment must meet age related design criteria suitable for two (2) - twelve (12) year-olds and be IPEMA certified.
- Play structure proposal must include; swings with two (2) bays with one (1) ADA compliant seat, one (1) Tot swing, and two (2) strap seats, if replacing existing swing apparatus.
- Main structure frame can be a single pole staging area or a multi-level vinyl coated deck system structure with a minimum of one (1) covered canopy over a deck area. Poles shall be a minimum of 3.5 inches (wall thickness minimum of 0.120") in diameter and made of Aluminum or steel. Designs incorporating other than post and platform construction are encouraged if they meet specifications for ASTM, CPSC and IPEMA compliance as outlined/stated elsewhere in this RFP. Proposers shall identify any deviation from these specifications.
- Amenities may include, but not be limited to, plastic slides, climbing walls/units/nets, ladders, play panels, transfer deck, fire pole, spinner, overhead glider, play accessories, didactic elements, landscape features, benches, etc.
- Poured In Place surfacing must be installed below bottom of slides and swings.
- The existing concrete circular border if all or portions are re-used in the bidder's proposal(s), needs to appropriately contain the play structure and components. It is imperative proposer field verify concrete border size and assess site conditions. For Scope B proposals, a 6" x 12" stand-up concrete containment border shall be included, for all new playground border that is not to be reused.
- Site shall have signage information provided appropriate to the structure/area.
- All plastic and coating products must be UV and color stabilized to resist fading.
- Supplier must be able to provide a tool kit for fasteners, parts manual (both hard copy and electronic) and touch up paint kit for all structure colors.

- All parts must have a corrosion resistant finish and be capped on the top and all ends.
- All metal decks must be manufactured from sheet steel conforming to ASTM specification A-569 and be finished with a vinyl coating.
- All connecting hardware used must be zinc plated or stainless steel, free of protrusions, vandal resistant and have a tamper proof design. Service kit for tamper proof fasteners must also be provided.

Containment Border and Surfacing Specifications:

- Provide and install engineered wood fiber surface material to meet the requirements of ASTM 1951 for accessibility. Documentation must be provided from the EWF manufacturer that it meets ASTM 1951 standards.
- Provide and install Poured in Place accessible route to swings, under swing area, to a transfer point on the main structure and at the bottom of any slide.
- Lump sum proposals for both Scope A and Scope B shall include all costs to provide 6"x12" stand up concrete border for entire new perimeter(s) of play area(s) as determined by submitted design(s). Existing concrete curb may be maintained, modified or removed to facilitate your design. Existing asphalt paths are to remain in areas outside of delineated areas for Scope A and B Scope B proposals. All concrete curb should follow grade and be flush to top of existing asphalt paths.

Proposal Scope and Opportunity:

The goal and objective of this Request for Proposal for a replacement playground at Alpine Park is to deliver the maximum play value and enduring interest for families and children—in relation to the investment in a new playground and its associated site redevelopment. Therefore, the city is inviting up to two (2) different proposals per contractor/vendor, though only a single proposal may be submitted at the contractor's discretion. This RFP is challenging contractor/vendors to use their professional expertise and creativity to develop a unique playground befitting this community park. Proposers are encouraged to work with a landscape architect in the design and site work intended, particularly for the Scope B category.

Whether a single proposal is submitted or two, they must be categorized as 'Scope A' or 'Scope B', and accordingly be clearly identified on all submittals.

Scope A proposals shall be at a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.

Scope B proposals shall be at a not-to-exceed amount of \$170,000, (but can be less).

Communication with the City:

If any requirements of this RFP are not clearly understood, the Contractor is responsible for contacting the City for further clarification in a prompt manner. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the RFP in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to the known RFP holders.

Submittal Specifications and Requirements:

Each of the following items shall be considered an integral part of the Contractor's proposal and shall be submitted to the City on or before the date and time as stated on the Proposal Form below:

- One copy of the signed Proposal Form.
- List of all equipment included in the plans, with quantities. (Separate for Scope A and Scope B proposals)
- Electronic drawings and renderings (E.g. PDF's) to be used for evaluations and award. (Separate for Scope A and Scope B proposals)
- One copy of a play area equipment layout drawing to scale showing layout, safety zones, accessibility, border and outside dimensions. (Separate for Scope A and Scope B proposals)
- One complete copy of all warranty information.
- The contractor shall indicate all deviations from the specifications, if any.
- Provide documentation from the manufacturer or an independent consulting firm stating all equipment meets the current ADA standards and ASTM F1487 standards.
- Documentation that all equipment quoted is covered by product liability insurance.

~ End of Specifications ~

REFERANCE PHOTOS, AND PROJECT SCOPE DEFINITIONS

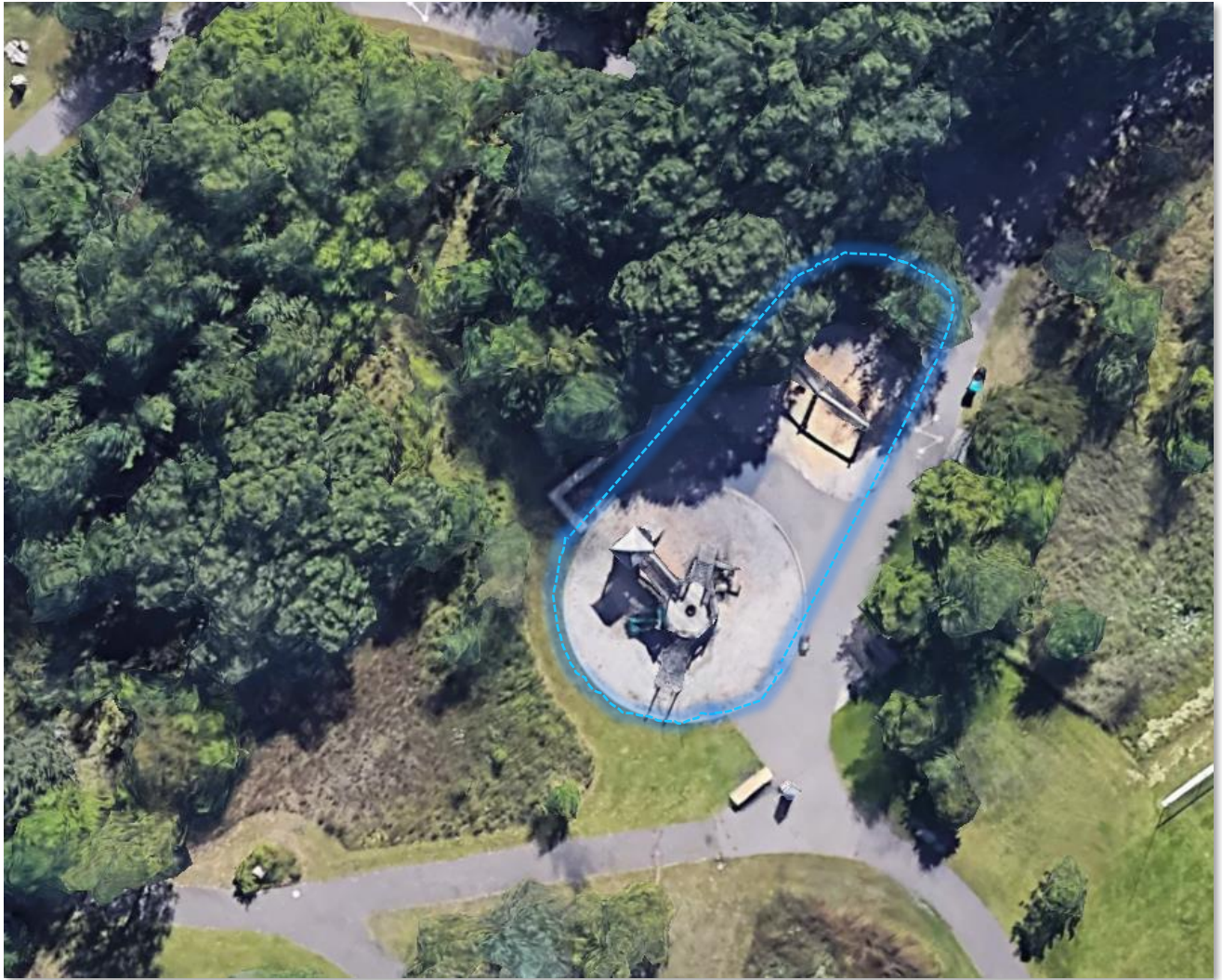


Park entrance (playground behind) - the alpine ice blue color may be repeated for elements of the play equipment.

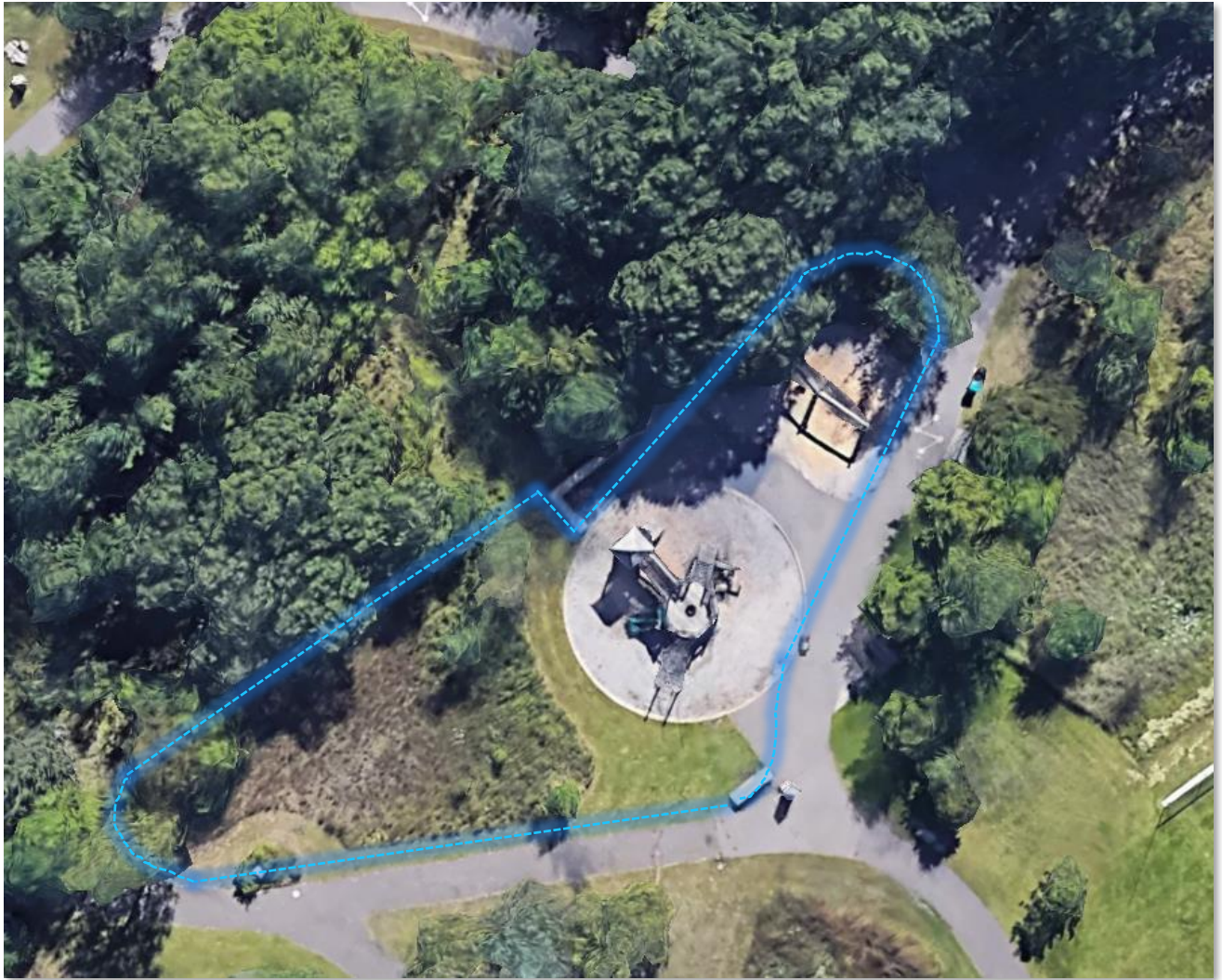




Play equipment to be removed/recycled.



Scope A Proposal available area



Scope B Proposal available area



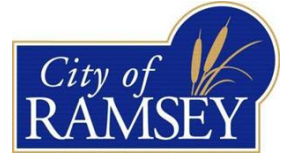
Seating wall with boulders to remain and be protected.



Benches and fountain to be protected.



Swing to remain, *or* be replaced in some manner. (Pertains to either or both Scope A or B proposals)



Proposal for Design, Provision and Install of Play Equipment at Alpine Park.

\$ _____ **for all costs to complete installation of play structures and site work referenced in Proposal Scope A.**

\$ _____ **for all costs to complete installation of play structures and site work referenced in Proposal Scope B.**

In submitting the above proposal(s), I/We warrant the quoted amount valid for work to be completed on or before June 30th, 2024 –and that all costs associated with the project are included, (equipment, fuel, materials, structures, delivery, installation, construction permits, taxes and service charges). Bidders/Contractors need only include this page (not the whole RFP) with their submittals.

Additionally, I/we acknowledge the specifications and provisions referenced herein and above.

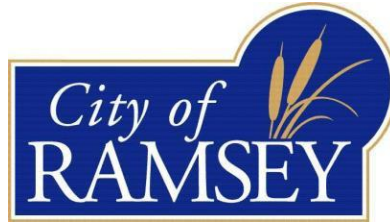
Contractor name _____

Owner or representative _____

Signature _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____



PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
2:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th,

2023 Deliver by e-mail ONLY to:

Marsha Weidner
Ramsey, MN 55303
763-433-9820

E-mail to: MWeidner@cityoframsey.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Refurbish Playground at River's Bend Park



PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

To remove 14 wooden decks and replace with treated wood and prepare the surface of 42 square posts – and subsequently stain all wood.

I/We agree to furnish all labor, wood and supplemental materials as needed, and site security to perform the work below.

- Mobilization and material handling and fitting necessary to remove and replace 14 wood decks, that are approximately 40" square, comprised of treated wood, approximately 2 ¼ thick.
- Contractor responsible for viewing the project, to review the scope of work, and confirm measurements and materials as needed.
- Contractor shall also supply and install 13 square post caps, matching green in color.
- Contractor may address project specific questions or request a meeting on site by contacting Parks & Asst. Public Works Director, Mark Riverblood @ mriverblood@cityoframsey.com
- Additional detail and incidental work are specified below.
- This Request for Quotation shall be a not-to-exceed amount. The Contractor must include within his/her quote any time or materials necessary to complete the work in a professional and quality manner. There will be no Change Orders.
- Work site may be required to be enclosed with temporary safety fencing – if the contractor is not physically on site. Fencing is **not required** if there are no equipment or loose items/tools anywhere on site, and all play equipment is completely safe for public use. Wet Paint signs are to be placed on the equipment if the stain is not dry, and fencing is not up.

Work and Staging Areas:

Confine work activities to the playground area and a direct route from the parking lot, to that necessary to remove and install play equipment components. No mechanized equipment shall be left overnight at the park (unless fenced), and no construction activity shall be performed before 7 AM nor after 7 PM Monday through Saturday. The contractor shall provide 72 hour advance notice before working on Saturday. City Council approval is required for Sunday work.

A dumpster is not anticipated to be needed on site, and no construction related disposal is to be placed in the trash receptacle at the park. Contractor may dispose of any playground remnants in the dumpster at Public Works, 14199 Jaspar Street.

Liquidated Damages:

Liquidated damages shall be deducted from the approved quoted amount, in a sum of \$30 dollars per weekday (M-F) for non-completion after April 30th, 2024.

Warranty/Guarantee:

The Contractor warrants and guarantees to the Owner that all installation Work will be of good quality and free from faults or defects in accordance with this RFQ. All defective Work may be rejected.

If required by the Owner, prior to payment, the Contractor will promptly without cost to the Owner, correct defective Work, or replace it with non-defective Work. If the Contractor does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace within a reasonable time, the Owner may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services shall be paid by the Contractor, or deducted by the Owner, all such costs from the quoted contract price.

If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the Owner (prior to approval of final payment) prefers to accept it, they may do so. In such case, if the acceptance occurs prior to final payment, a Statement shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions, including appropriate reductions in Contract Price.

Specification Detail:

The Contractor shall conduct his/her work in conformance with the specifications set forth herein, and in accordance with safe construction practices. Additionally, the Contractor must be licensed to work in the City of Ramsey, at the time work may commence. Further:

- All exposed deck edges shall be properly chamfered with a router, belt sander or other means before stain is applied.
- If additional deck fasteners are needed they shall be stainless steel and of vandal resistant design, or secured with lock-tite or similar product.
- 36 square posts (approx. 3" 3/4) are approximately 8' to 9' in height, and 6 are 4' foot in height. These are to be lightly scuffed with a wire brush or sandpaper in line with the grain to remove areas of lichen and to lightly prepare the surface to accept semi-transparent wood stain. Stain color to be Gun Stock brown or a tone approved by the City.
- The dolphin spring-rider shall be repainted blue with a grey snout, and the 4 burnished steel balls (handles and foot pegs) may remain unpainted.
- All vertical posts that are set into steel bracket 'feet' shall be inspected for missing paint. Areas with missing paint shall be appropriately scuffed and prepped with paint applied to cover over missing areas and surface rust. A rust prep product may be used also, at the discretion of the contractor. (The City does not expect these repainted areas to remain intact for a long period of time.)
- Two areas *depicted below shall have the paint removed to fully reveal the galvanized metal or stainless-steel plates - *or* appropriately painted brown.
- All non-wood surfaces shall be pressure washed with detergent or pressure washed following the application of cleanser to remove lichen and any other soil. The City shall supply the water source.

REFERANCE PHOTOS





Existing deck conditions, and stainless deck fasteners



Bottom side of same deck fasteners

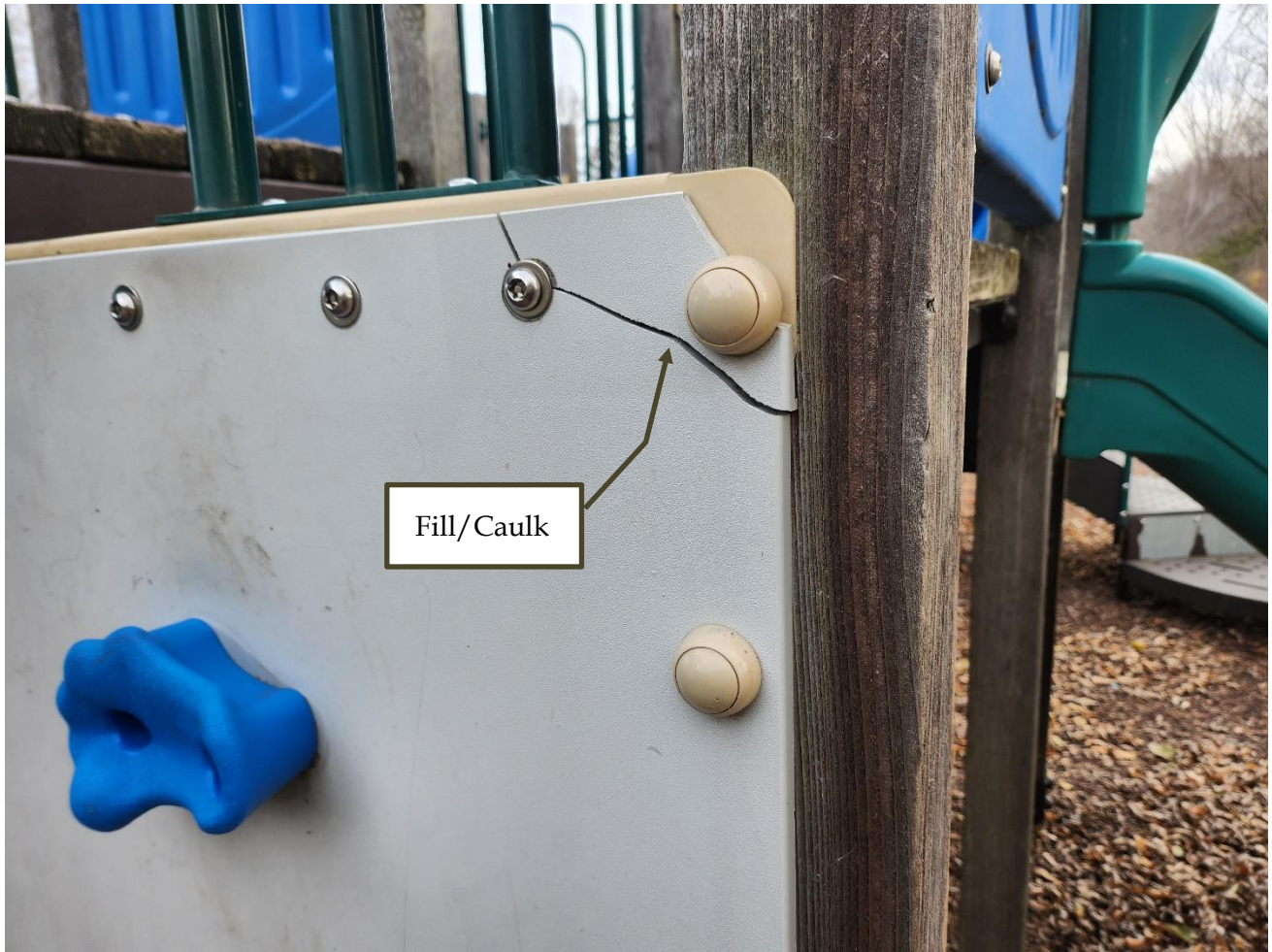


Example vertical posts to be scuffed/prepped and stained.



*Remove or add paint





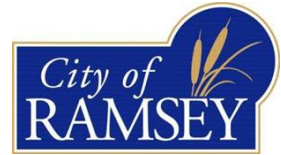
Caulk crack with matching color material.



Example of lichen and soil to be removed by cleaning product and pressure washing.

All non-wood surfaces shall be pressure washed with detergent or pressure washed following the application of cleanser to remove lichen and any other soil.

~ End of Specifications ~



Proposal to Refurbish Play Equipment at River’s Bend Park.

\$ _____ for all costs to refurbish play structures as specified.

In submitting the above quote, I/We warrant the quote valid for work to be completed on or before April 30th, 2024. (Contractor need only submit this page.)

Additionally, I/we acknowledge the specifications and provisions referenced herein and above.

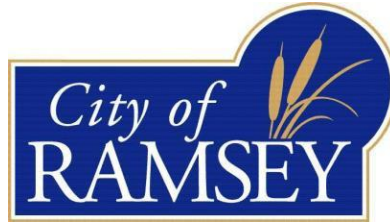
Contractor name _____

Owner or representative _____

Signature _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____



PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
2:00 PM on Thursday, December 14th,

2023 Deliver by e-mail to:

Mariah Albrecht
Ramsey, MN 55303
763-433-9820

E-mail to: Malbrecht@cityoframsey.com

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Furnish Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing



QUOTATION SPECIFICATIONS

Furnish and Deliver to River's Bend Park approximately 4,550 Square Feet of IPEMA Certified Engineered Wood Fiber.

I/We agree to furnish Engineered Wood Fiber playground surfacing, consistent with the specifications herein.

- Procure, haul and deliver approximately 4,550 S.F. of Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) sufficient to cover the entire area within the playground's boulder containment border, at a depth prescribed below.
- Contractor responsible for viewing the project, to review the scope of work, and ascertain measurements and volume of EWF needed.
- Contractor may address project specific questions or request a meeting on site by contacting Parks & Asst. Public Works Director, Mark Riverblood @ mriverblood@cityoframsey.com
- This Request for Quotation shall be a not-to-exceed amount. The Contractor must include within his/her quote any time or materials necessary to complete the work in a professional and quality manner. There will be no Change Orders. The Quotation shall include all fuel costs, (no fuel surcharges).

City Award:

The City anticipates award of River's Bend Park playground EWF purchase January 23rd, 2024, for delivery to occur in late February or March 2024, (or April if snow and Winter conditions cause delays).

Work and Staging Areas:

Confine work activities to the playground area and a direct route from the parking lot, to that necessary to deliver the EWF, (and distribute/spread if applicable). No mechanized equipment shall be left overnight at the park (unless fenced), and no construction activity shall be performed before 7 AM nor after 7 PM Monday through Saturday. The contractor shall provide 72 hour advance notice before working on Saturday. City Council approval is required for Sunday work.

There are no removals and a dumpster is not anticipated to be needed on site, and no construction related disposal is to be placed in the trash receptacle at the park.

Schedule:

A schedule for delivery/placement shall be coordinated between the City and Contractor in February – following a playground refurbishment project. Once work has commenced, the Contractor shall continuously pursue completion in accordance with the approved schedule. The goal of these specifications is to minimize the number of days the playground is out of service.

Payment:

Payment will be made upon submittal of an invoice to the City on a net 30-day basis following City acceptance of the work (there will be no partial payments, nor change orders).

Quotation Duration:

The Contractor in submitting their quote, acknowledges the amount shall be honored for a period of 60 days from the date of submission. Fuel costs must be included within the quoted amounts.

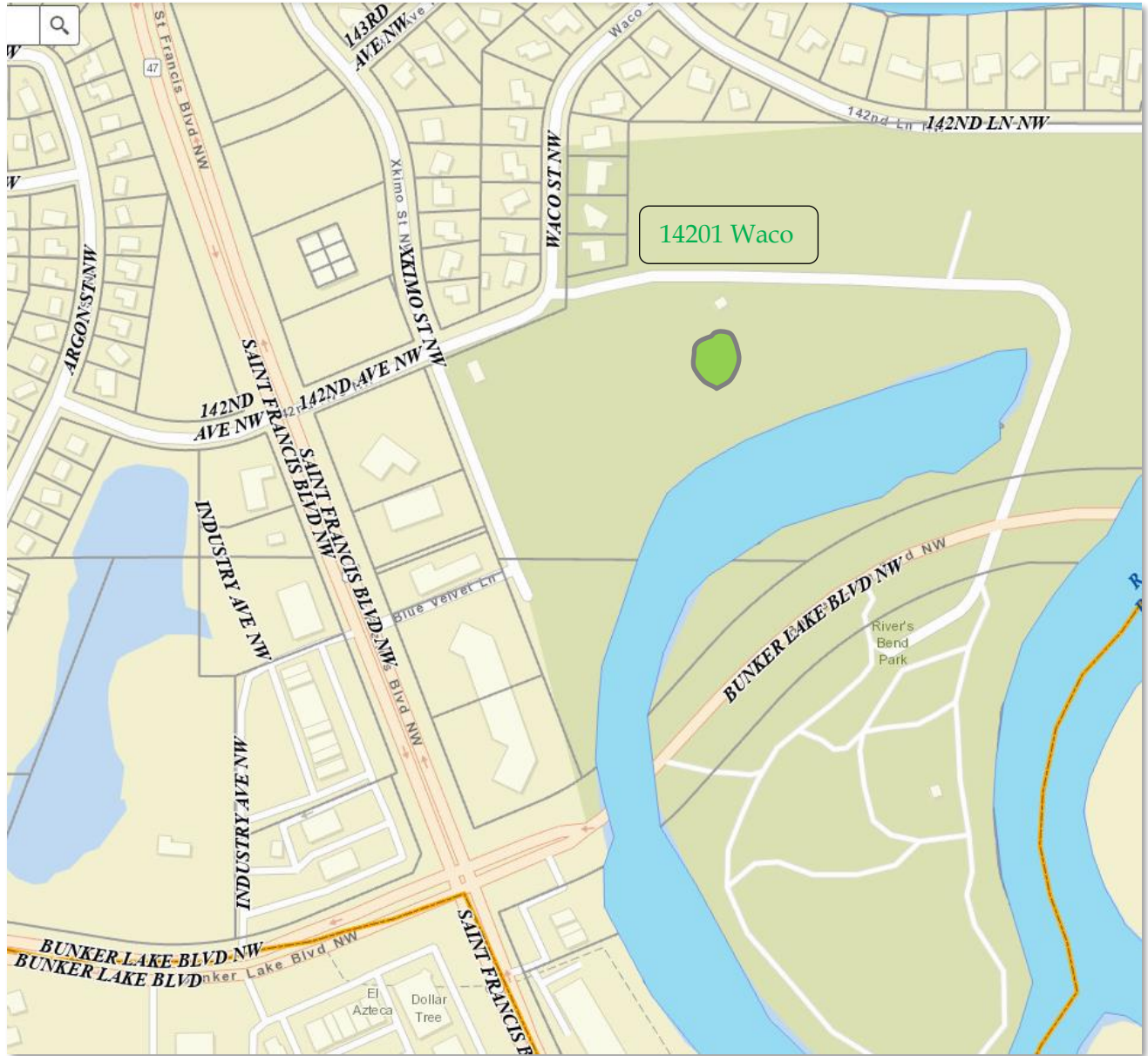
Specifications:

The Contractor shall conduct his/her work in conformance with the specifications set forth herein, and in accordance with safe construction practices. Further:

- Engineered Wood Fiber must be IPEMA Certified (Virgin Pine Chips or Natures Plus Tamarack – to be specified on the Quotation Form).
- Documentation must be provided from the EWF manufacturer that it meets ASTM 1951 standards.
- The existing EWF in place is 3-years old and ‘springy’ the new EWF is to add to the total depth and to freshen the entire area within the boulder containment border. The volume of new material delivered or placed, shall be a minimum of 6” inches in depth for all areas within 6’ feet of any play structure or feature within the containment border. For all other areas within the boulder containment border and more than 6’ feet from any play structure or feature the depth shall be a minimum of 2” inches.
- Delivery and placement shall be in the location(s) shown below, at the park at 14201 Waco Street, Ramsey MN 55303.

~ End of Specifications ~

REFERENCE EXHIBITS

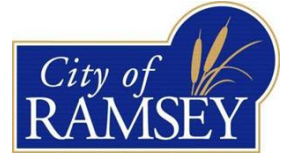




Delivery with live bottom or end dump etc.; placement shall be in between swing and blue step-up features within boulder containment border to the degree possible. (Some EWF may spill out to turf area and onto step-ups.)



Total area *approximately* 4,550 SF. Border circumference (interior) *approximately* 260 LF.



**Furnish and Deliver to River's Bend Park approximately
4,550 Square Feet of IPEMA Certified Engineered Wood Fiber
at a Cubic Foot volume to meet specifications herein.**

\$ _____ for all costs to furnish and deliver IPEMA Certified Virgin Pine Chips Engineered Wood Fiber as specified.

Or

\$ _____ for all costs to furnish and deliver IPEMA Certified Natures Plus Tamarack Engineered Wood Fiber as specified.

Add Alternate

\$ _____ for all costs to spread/distribute Engineered Wood Fiber within playground area as specified.

In submitting the above quote, I/We warrant the quote valid for work to be completed before April 30th, 2024. (Contractor need only submit this page.)

Additionally, I/we acknowledge the specifications and provisions referenced herein and above.

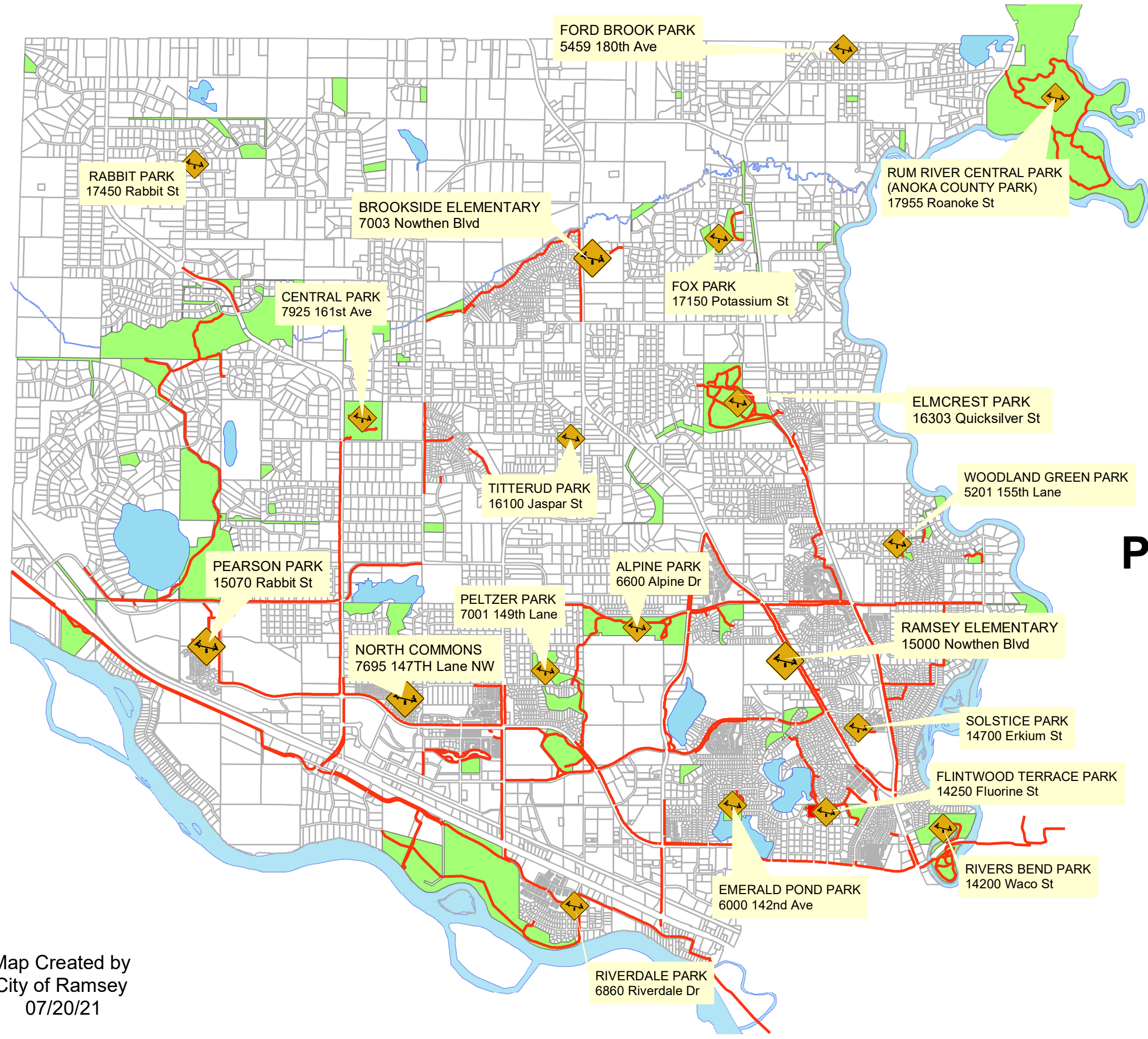
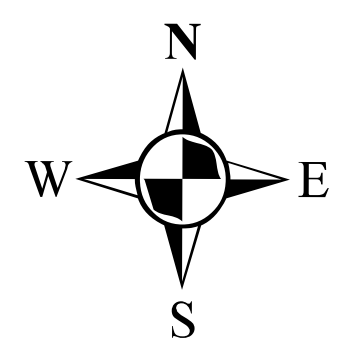
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Signature _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail _____









Playground Finder Map

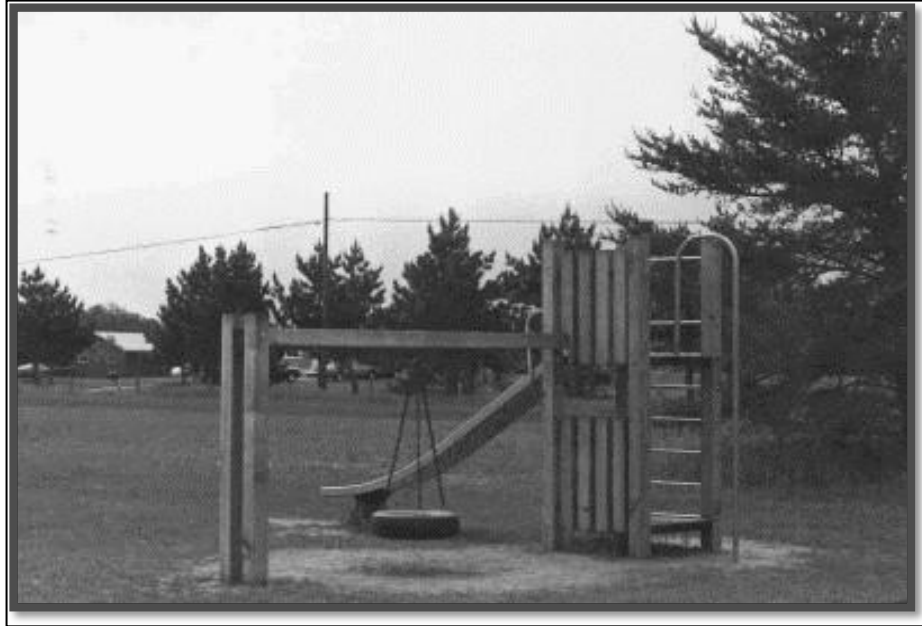
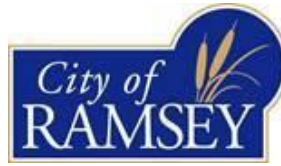
Legend

Play Equipment

-  Play Equipment
-  Trails
-  Parks
-  Lakes & Ponds

Ideas? Questions?
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 763-433-9883

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Central Park, Circa 1984



Central Park, Circa 2012

***Interim* Playground Replacement Policy**

City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Adopted: x/x/2021

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION.

Playgrounds provide children with a safe and exciting connection to the outdoors during a time when electronic devices increasingly occupy their attention. They are associated with immense physical benefits—upper- and lower-body strength, muscular and cardiovascular endurance, balance, agility, and hand-eye coordination; in the long-run, reduced risk for cardiovascular ailments (e.g. heart disease and stroke), obesity, type-2 diabetes, and certain cancers—as well as boosts to self-confidence and improvements in social skills. Many of children’s fondest memories are formed at parks. Playgrounds help build relationships between parents, grandparents, neighbors, and between children and their peers. Additionally, they provide a community gathering place for young parents and their children who may otherwise experience isolation. It may not be an exaggeration to state that playgrounds metaphorically serve as the backbone of neighborhoods within the community, and as such are a valuable resource that must be properly maintained. Playground equipment and associated improvements unfortunately do not last forever, and so this policy serves as a guide to replacing the city of Ramsey’s playgrounds so that they remain a safe and enjoyable place for the community to gather around.

SECTION 2. GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT.

The city of Ramsey has seventeen playgrounds that will need to be replaced in the future. Due to fiscal and administrative constraints, as well as the varying ages and conditions of the city’s playgrounds, the replacements are to be carried out over the span of more than a decade. As of the writing of this policy, six of the city’s playgrounds have reached the end of their twenty-year useful lifespan and over the next decade, nine more will have reached that point. Consequently, the next capital improvement program (CIP), covering years 2022 through 2031, as well as subsequent CIPs will need to account for the city’s playground replacement needs. This policy will guide the city in determining which playgrounds to replace and program into a given year of the CIP.

SECTION 3. PLAYGROUND EVALUATION MATRIX.

The evaluation matrix considers six factors (and an additional screening factor) when prioritizing playgrounds for replacement and the playgrounds are scored based on their adherence to those categories. A playground can receive a maximum score of 90 points, and the higher a score a playground receives, the greater the need for replacement. Four of the seven factors, accounting for 60% of the points, assess the playground itself, while the remaining two factors, accounting for 40% of the points, consider the context of the playground. The remaining factor, while not accounting for any points, is considered before any of the other six factors, because it serves to screen out playgrounds that are not recommended for replacement. The following is a description of that screening factor:

Home Density Surrounding Playground—Yes/No to pass go:

Housing density may be considered a proxy for the regular frequency of usage of a particular playground. Because community parks are likely to be used significantly by outside visitors in addition to the surrounding neighborhood, home density does not factor into the scoring for community parks. Accordingly, playgrounds in community parks are automatically recommended for replacement scoring. Playgrounds in neighborhood parks however, must meet a threshold of 35 homes within 1,500’ feet of walking distance to the park to be recommended for replacement consideration. In cases where a playground might be removed, alternative actions (described below) are to be considered. In the table below, playgrounds meeting this threshold are scored “Y” for those that have appropriate densities, and those not meeting the threshold are scored “N.” Home density is determined based on how many homes (or townhome/apartment units) are within the 1,500 feet walking distance of a park’s boundary along streets, sidewalks and trails.

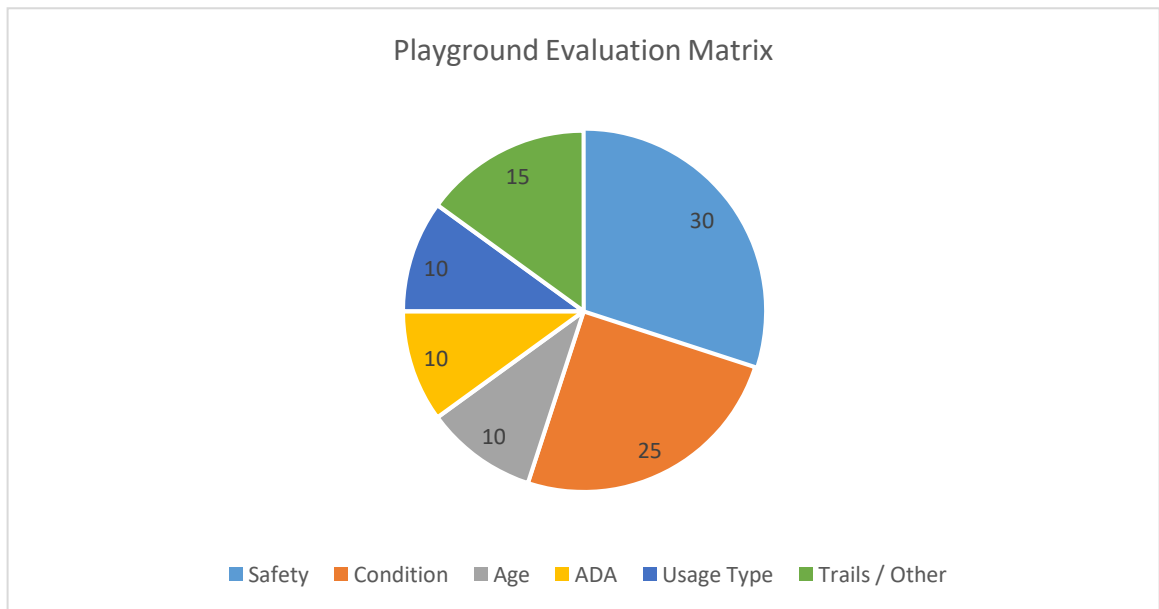
The following are the four scoring factors that consider the playground itself. Combined they account for 60% of the points:

- A. Features Posing Safety Concerns.** A thorough inspection is to be performed on all elements of the playground structures, including but not limited to swings, slides, transfer decks, railings, and surfaces. If one feature is determined to pose a potential safety concern, the playground automatically receives fifteen points in this category, or one half of the total. If more than one feature is found to pose a concern, the playground receives the full thirty points.
- B. Visual Condition of the Playground Set.** The inspection will also determine the visual quality of the playground. The presence of faded or chipped paint, or rusted metal, are indicators of poor condition. Playgrounds in great condition receive zero points; playgrounds in fair condition receive five points; playgrounds in poor condition receive the full ten points.
- C. Age of the Playground Set.** If the playground is less than ten years old, it receives zero points. If it is between ten and twenty years old, it receives two points. If it is between twenty and thirty years old, it receives eight points. If it is greater than thirty years old, it receives the full ten points. The disparity between scores of playgrounds older than twenty years and those younger than twenty years is due to the assumed useful lifespan of a playground being twenty years.
- D. Compliance with ADA Standards.** ADA standards are defined below. Compliance is worth zero points whereas noncompliance is worth ten points.

The matrix additionally considers two factors that encompass the context of the playground. Combined they account for 40% of the points:

- E. Community Park vs. Neighborhood Park.** This distinction refers to the usage of the park containing the playground in question. Neighborhood parks are smaller parks with fewer amenities that primarily serve the immediate neighborhood. They are mostly used by people who live within walking distance of the park. Community parks are larger parks that serve considerably larger constituencies and that feature a greater variety of amenities, particularly athletic fields. They are the sites of athletic tournaments and major gatherings. Playgrounds in community parks are likely to receive much greater usage and wear more quickly, needing replacement sooner than their neighborhood counterparts. Consequently, this category gives priority to playgrounds in community parks over those in neighborhood parks, with the former receiving twenty-five points compared to fifteen points.
- F. Accessibility via Trails and Other Considerations.** Many of Ramsey's older playgrounds are inaccessible via an ADA compliant path which makes them more difficult to access for persons with mobility limitations. Any potential playground replacement would include a paved surface to allow for easier access, thus playgrounds without such a surface are prioritized in this category and may receive the 15 points.

This category also maintains room for other considerations as well, an example would be structures that need frequent repair components. Due to the overall lack of gradience in the scoring metrics, several playgrounds may receive the same score. This category may also be used to break ties.



SECTION 4. PUBLIC INPUT AND DEMONSTRATED NEED.

The evaluation matrix may not be the sole determinant of the order in which playgrounds are replaced. Input by the community with respect to neighborhood parks is crucial to ensure that residents are well served by their city. A playground scoring higher than another does not necessarily mean that it will be replaced first, particularly if public input demonstrates significant justification for another park’s playground to be replaced sooner.

Another tool for assessing the need for playground replacement is actual neighborhood demographics. In some cases, school district data may be obtained that provide the numbers and ages of children within a logical distance of the park under consideration (likely the same 1,500’ foot radius). This may reveal very young children that will be coming into that 6+ age where playgrounds are important features of their lives. In other instances it may be found that the population are older residents, and less likely to have children in the household regularly. In 2012, the City installed a game trail camera to monitor the numbers, frequency and real-time use of a playground. This was found to be an effective way to support retaining this particular play area.

SECTION 5. ALTERNATIVES TO PLAY STRUCTURE COMPONANTS.

In instances where the public may not support the elimination of a playground per se, but full or partial replacement is not feasible, other actions can be taken to preserve space for children to engage in outdoor recreation without entirely new play structure components. Alternative play spaces however are best considered with appropriate public input. Residents may embrace for example, ‘nature based’ play areas made with trees, branches, boulders etc. which *may* be less expensive to install and maintain than traditional playground equipment. Pearson Park has elements like these, which are proven to be popular.



Figures 1-2: Nature-based play features at Pearson Park: (left to right) figure-eight stair stepping logs; sand and artificial turf surfacing, scattered ‘tree cookies’

Another option to traditional playgrounds is converting parkland, including the former playground area, into naturalized landscapes, providing a different type of valued outdoor amenity.

Tree forts are almost a rite of passage for children, like this one in the wooded area of Ford Brook Park, or one below at Pearson Park manufactured from imported branches.



Ford Brook Park



Pearson Park

Natural woods allow for the creation of lean-to’s and stick forts as well as hide-n-seek games or self-guided exploration of these shady enclaves. In other neighborhood parks, it may even be appropriate to simply leave areas open, and available to make bicycle tracks in the soil with shovels and hand tools—another rite of passage for many children.

At parks where the landscape is to be converted from playgrounds (or turf), there should be a plan for both the conversion, but also the appropriate care and management which can be simple and less costly than some maintenance intensive formal playgrounds. Regardless of the type of alternative landscape, these areas are not to be left for weeds and invasive plants to become established—which can result in a degradation of the park or adjoining private lands.

SECTION 6. PLAYGROUND SURFACING.

The city of Ramsey primarily uses two different types of surfaces for its playgrounds—engineered wood fiber (known colloquially as wood chips) and pea gravel (reused seal coating rock). Both surfaces are considered safe as long as kept at a depth of at least twelve inches, though pea gravel may have concerns due to its shape, making it an attractive nuisance for young children to put in their mouth. Additionally, the surfaces—as well as rubber mulch—are desirable due to generally low upfront installation costs (with pea gravel being the cheapest), but require regular maintenance (raking and levelling to maintain a proper depth for cushioning falls but still remaining accessible) and need to be replaced roughly every five years. Funding for the reoccurring surface replacement could be from the Lawful Gambling Fund, instead of the General Fund as has been the case.



Figures 3-4: (left to right) engineered wood fiber (EWF); pea gravel

SECTION 7. FUNDING SOURCES.

The *potential* funding sources for playgrounds and their replacement are many, including the Park Trust Fund, General Fund, the Capital Maintenance Fund, or even bonding—however, the most logical funding source may be the Lawful Gambling Fund, which is proceeds the city receives from a tax on charitable gambling (pull tabs) in Ramsey. Pursuant to MN State Statute Chapter 349, the Lawful Gambling Fund monies may only be used for expenditures that primarily benefit youth in the community. The 2021 present fund balance is approximately \$325,000.

SECTION 8. DEFINITIONS

- **Americans With Disabilities Act** or “ADA” refers to the civil rights legislation passed in 1990 that prohibits discrimination against individuals based on disability. Its provisions were updated in 2008 to include a larger number of people under the umbrella of ‘disabled.’ Pursuant to that law, the Department of Justice developed *Standards for Accessible Design* in 2010. Any playgrounds constructed or modified after March 15, 2012 are subject to the new standards. Examples of these standards include:
 - a) Running slopes may have grades no steeper than 5% with cross slopes no steeper than 2%; slopes with grades larger than 5% must have handrails and landings
 - b) An accessible route 60 inches wide with 80 inches of overhead clearance must be available
 - c) Transfer platforms must be between 11 and 18 inches high with width and depth at least 24 inches and 14 inches, respectively; transfer steps may be no higher than 8 inches and should include handholds; a 30-inch by 48-inch space must be available adjacent to the transfer platform
 - d) Elevated ramps connecting play structures must be no steeper than 8.25%, no longer than 12 feet, and at least 36 inches wide; they must contain handrails with spots for gripping between 20 and 28 inches off the ground; a 60-inch by 60-inch

- landing area must be provided if the elevated ramp changes directions
- e) Manipulative and interactive sensory and communicative components must have reach ranges of 18 to 44 inches for 5- to 12-year old children, and 20 to 36 inches for 2- to 5-year old children
- f) At least 50 percent of elevated play components should be accessible; for play structures with more than 20 elevated play components, at least 25 percent should be accessible

- **Community Park** refers to a park with numerous amenities, such as athletic fields, meant to serve those from around the city as well as from neighboring communities. They are also considerably larger than neighborhood parks, (often 40 acres or more).
- **Neighborhood Park** refers to a park with fewer amenities, typically anchored by a small playground. They draw people mainly from the immediate neighborhood and accordingly, have smaller parking capacities. They are considerably smaller than community parks (generally 1 to 15 acres of developed area).



Figures 5-19: Playground Equipment: (left to right, top to bottom) transfer surface; spring rider; chain ladder; talk tube; spinner; track-ride; sandbox excavator toy; metal ladders; stepping pods; corkscrew climber; clatter bridge; belt bridge; globe spinner; climbing wall with rope; enclosed rope climber.

SECTION 9. SCORING OF PARKS WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

| <i>Playground</i> | <i>Aging Score</i> | <i>Condition</i> | <i>Meets Density</i> | <i>Park Type</i> | <i>ADA</i> | <i>Trails /other Considerations</i> | <i>Safety Concerns</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Rabbit | 10 | 10 | Y | 15 | 10 | 5 | 30 | 80 |
| Alpine | 8 | 10 | Y | 25 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Solstice | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 43 |
| Riverdale | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 40 |
| Central | 8 | 5 | Y | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| Peltzer | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 33 |
| Rivers' Bend | 2 | 5 | Y | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Fox | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 30 |
| Emerald Pond | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Woodland Green | 8 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Titterud | 2 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 27 |
| Flintwood Terrace | 2 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Ford Brook | 0 | 5 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| North Commons | 0 | 0 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Pearson | 0 | 0 | Y | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Autumn Heights | - | - | N | - | - | - | - | - |
| Shawn Acres | - | - | N | - | - | - | - | - |

SECTION 10. PROPOSED TIMELINE OF PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

| <i>Playground</i> | <i>Year</i> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Rabbit Park | 2022 |
| Alpine Park | 2023 |
| Solstice Park | 2024 |
| Riverdale Park | 2025 |
| Central Park | 2026 |
| Peltzer Park | 2027 |
| Rivers Bend Park | 2028 |
| Fox Park | 2029 |
| Emerald Pond Park | 2030 |
| Woodland Green Park | 2031 |
| Titterud Park | 2032 |
| Flintwood Terrace Park | 2033 |
| Elmcrest Park | 2034 |
| Ford Brook Park | 2035 |
| North Commons Park | 2036 |
| Pearson Park | 2037 |

SECTION 11. PLAYGROUND DESCRIPTIONS

Alpine Park

Alpine is a larger community park located in central Ramsey along the south side of Alpine Drive, approximately 1 mile east of Ramsey Boulevard and 1/3 mile west of Sunfish Lake Boulevard. Park amenities include four baseball diamonds and batting cages, off-leash area, as well as a skate park. Its playground was completed in 2000. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing.

The playground consists of two components, a wooden swing set and a wooden composite play structure. The swing set has two sections, one section with a single plastic chair swing and the other section with two normal belt swings. The playground structure consists of one plastic slide with parallel ramps. A metal, vertically curved set of six parallel monkey bars is connected to the rest of the set via a low transfer surface. Opposite the monkey bars is a wooden ladder with two steps that connect to the rest of the structure.

There are five means of entry—the aforementioned transfer surface and ladder, a wooden staircase, a chain link ladder (with four parallel chains) with metal footings, a chain link ladder on the interior of the structure which three rubber tires serving as steps, and a wooden climbing wall (sloped roughly 60 degrees with the ground) with six wooden steps and a rope for balance. The bottom of the climbing wall is worn, likely due to use as an additional step. The protective covering on the rope is worn and the metal inside of the rope is exposed in places. The rope has also been stretched considerably.

The entire surface of the structure is wooden with the exception of a bridge, which has a rubber mat for a surface. The bridge is sloped slightly (less than 15 degrees) from one end to the other, however there are four peaks on the rubber surface with thin wooden planks on top. The rubber surface is somewhat worn and there are cross slopes in some places that are unrelated to the design. The chains for both ladders are in fairly good condition. The wood throughout the structure ranges from okay to poor condition visually. The wood on the supports for the tallest portion of the structure (i.e. the area with the wooden climbing wall) is in the poorest condition with several of the planks making up horizontal and diagonal supports being splintered. The playground also has talk tubes (metal megaphone toys through which children may communicate with one another through opposite ends), which are both in good working condition.



Figure 20: Alpine Park Playground



Figures 21-23: (from left to right) Splintered wood on horizontal and diagonal supports; Splintered wood on support for swing set; Worn rope covering on climbing wall

Autumn Heights Park

Autumn Heights is a neighborhood park located in northwestern Ramsey at the intersection of Rabbit Street and Nutria Street, just east of Armstrong Boulevard and south of 173rd Avenue. Its playground was assembled by staff in 1985. Wooden timbers (6" x 6") bound the play area, with the play area not accessible via an ADA access path. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

The playground consists of a single wooden play structure with a tire swing and a metal pull-up bar. The tire itself is in good condition, but the chain it is attached to is rusted and shows wear. The top surface of the play structure consists of five parallel wooden planks, all of which are loose (with the exception of the second-to-rightmost plank). There are two means of entry, neither of which are ADA-compliant. One is a ladder with two metal bars serving as steps. The other is a curved surface with narrow gaps for footholds, comprised of eight wooden planks, all of which are fully attached. The flat surface between this surface and the top surface (which is three inches above this surface) is comprised of six wooden planks (none of which are fully secured) perpendicular to those on the top surface and parallel to those on the curved surface. There is a single straight stainless steel slide, which is in fair condition, (however it is South facing, which is not desirable). *The terms of this Interim Playground Replacement Policy point to the playground components' removal, without replacement.*



Figure 24: Autumn Heights Park Playground

Loral I Armstrong Delaney Central Park

Central Park is a 45-acre community park located at the intersection of Armstrong Boulevard and 161st Avenue. Park amenities include football fields, seven softball/baseball diamonds, two lacrosse/football/soccer fields, four tennis courts, and four horseshoe pits. Its current playground was constructed in 1998 as a community-built project. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

The structure is largely wooden, but there are multiple plastic and metal components as well, such as two plastic slides—one enclosed and one open with three parallel tracks—and a plastic tunnel. The wood is in fair condition, but is exhibiting some wear and tear. There are two track-rides, one straight with a single track and one curved with five parallel tracks. The grip for the first track-ride is metal, with chipped paint, and the grips for the latter are plastic and are in good condition, albeit with slightly faded paint.

Linking the two track-rides is a series of four wooden transfer platforms. The topmost platform is accessible via a metal chain-link ladder as well as two parallel metal bars for climbing. Linking the track-rides and transfer platform between them with the rest of the playground structure is a series of seventeen arched plastic platforms. Additional means of entry include a rope climbing wall, metal ladder, a wooden climbing wall with a rope, a step with handrails for accessing a transfer platform, a corkscrew climber, and a wooden ramp.

Additional playground features include two playground excavator toys, two spinners, and a balance beam. Overall, the playground is in fair condition, but the wooden components are worth monitoring.



Figure 25: Central Park Playground wide shot; Figures 26-27: (left to right) seventeen curved platforms; several means of entry, including a metal ladder, a wooden climbing wall with a rope,

a corkscrew climber, and a step with handrails

Elmcrest Park

Elmcrest is a large community park located in east-central Ramsey, west of State Highway 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard and south of 167th Avenue along Quicksilver Street. Park amenities include twelve soccer fields. Its playground was erected in 2015, the year after the adjacent park building was completed. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing.

The farm-themed playground features a main playground structure, a swing set with two bucket swings, a play barn, two spinners (one globe spinner), two chicken sculptures and one bee sculpture for climbing. The main play structure contains an obstacle course with a rope ladder, four angled platforms secured into the ground by a chain, a curved metal bar with four ropes crossing one another for balancing, a set of inclined monkey bars comprised of three rings forming six handholds, and five stepping pods. Additionally, the playground has three zigzagging slides and five means of entry—one transfer surface, two platforms forming a quasi-staircase, a ladder consisting of three platforms, an enclosed chain-link ladder with five metal semicircular footholds, and a climbing wall with slots cut out for footholds. All components of the playground are in excellent condition.



Figures 28-31: (clockwise from the top left) main play structure; chicken sculpture, bee and flower sculpture, swing set with bucket swings, and play barn

Emerald Pond Park

Emerald Pond is an approximate 14-acre neighborhood park in southeastern Ramsey, located east of CSAH 57 / Sunfish Lake Boulevard, north of CSAH 116 / Bunker Lake Boulevard, and south of Alpine Drive. Park amenities include a single baseball diamond and a soccer field, a pergola with fountain, as well as a basketball hoop in the parking lot. Its playground was built in 1997. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

Emerald’s playground consists of three components—a seesaw spring rider, a swing set, and a large composite play structure. The seesaw’s surface is well-worn from use, with paint chipped and metal beginning to rust in some places, but it is still functional. The swing set is mostly in good condition, albeit with some of the chains exhibiting rust. The swing set consists of three bays, two with two belt swings each, and the third with two bucket swings.

The play structure consists of eight means of entry—a curved metal ladder with eight semi-rectangular rungs; a pair of transfer platforms next to a clatter bridge; another transfer platform on the opposite side of the clatter bridge; a chain-link ladder with three rungs for footholds and two curved metal bars for handholds; a corkscrew climber; two sets of wide metal ladders with two footholds each and two semicircular bars (opposite one another) each; and a narrow staircase with three steps and two curved metal bars for handholds.

Additionally, it features five slides—one short straight slide with two parallel tracks, one straight slide with a single hump in the middle, one short curved slide rotating 90 degrees, one curved slide rotating 360 degrees, and one enclosed zig-zagging slide. The enclosed slide has drainage issues, with water occasionally pooling at the bottom, but this does not pose a safety issue. All of the slides are in good condition otherwise. The other plastic components—two tunnels, two interactive sensory components with 3 x 3 rotatable blocks with letters on them, most of the guardrails, and a roof—are in good condition.

Adjacent to the clatter bridge is a set of flat monkey bars with a curved path. Two of the metal shafts in adjacent sections of the monkey bar structure are not completely flush, which is not a safety issue in and of itself, but should be repaired outside of a full playground replacement. On the opposite side of the playground structure, there are two sets of monkey bars as well as a track-ride, linked together by a triangular transfer platform. One of the sets has flat bars while the other has six rings suspended by short chains, the latter linking the former as well as the track-ride with the rest of the play structure.



Figure 32: Emerald Pond Park Playground (looking northeast)



Figure 33: Emerald Pond Park Playground (looking west)



Figure 34: Section of monkey bars with minor misalignment



Figure 35: Seesaw spring-rider

Flintwood Terrace Park

Flintwood Terrace is a neighborhood park in southeastern Ramsey, located west of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard, north of CSAH 116 / Bunker Lake Boulevard, and south of CSAH 5 / Nowthen Boulevard. Its playground was completed in 2004. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

The playground consists of three components—a swing set, a small play set, and a large play set. The swing set has three bays—two with two belt swings each, and one with two bucket swings. The small play set has two slides—one straight with two parallel tracks and one curved 90 degrees—as well as a staircase and two opposing handrails for entering the structure.

There are five different ways one can enter the main structure—a staircase, a metal ladder with five alternating semicircular rungs forming ten footholds, a curved metal ladder with four semi-rectangular rungs, a chain-link ladder with six rungs, and a corkscrew climber. The main play set has five slides—a straight slide, a straight slide with a hump, a straight slide with two parallel tracks, a curved slide rotating 90 degrees and a curved slide rotating 360 degrees. Linking the different elements of the structure are two bridges—a clatter bridge and a belt bridge—and a plastic tunnel. Additionally, there is a track-ride and two sets of monkey bars. One set of monkey bars has seven upwardly curving bars, while the other has seven rings suspended by chains. Overall, the playground is in great condition.



Figures 36-37: Flintwood Terrace Park Playground (looking east and west, respectively)

Ford Brook Park

Ford Brook is a neighborhood park in northeastern Ramsey located north of CSAH 27 / 179th Lane, east of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard, and one mile west of the entrance to Rum River Central Regional Park along CSAH 7 / 7th Street. Its playground was constructed on site in 2020, as a ‘gently used’ replacement sourced from the county park to the east, with monies from the Lawful Gambling Fund. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing.

The playground consists of two distinct play structures, a balance beam, as well as a swing set with two separate bays—one with two belt swings, the other with a bucket swing and a chair swing. The first playset contains two curved plastic tunnels—one with two sections fastened together and the other with six sections; three slides—each straight with two parallel tracks, but one with a hump and a dip on respective track; and three means of entry—a stair case with metal bars for handholds, a chain-link ladder, and a corkscrew climber.

The other playset has three main means of entry—a staircase and two metal ladders—and two slides—one straight, the other enclosed and rotating 360 degrees. It also features an obstacle course consisting of three platforms connected to metal poles, a track-ride, a pull-up bar, and a log roll.



Figures 38-39: Ford Brook Park Playground, facing southeast and southwest, respectively

Fox Park

Fox Park is a small neighborhood park in northeastern Ramsey, with a single tennis court and adjoining wetland boardwalk. It is located along Potassium Street, east of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard, north of 167th Avenue and south of Green Valley Road. Its playground is 1994 in vintage. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

The playground is composed of two components, a swing set and the main playground structure. The swing set is divided into two sections, one with two tot swings and one with two normal sbelt wings.

The main playground has three means of entry—one transfer surface, one chain link ladder with metal steps, and one corkscrew climber—and three slides—one straight slide with two parallel tracks, one straight slide with a hump, and one curved slide that turns 180 degrees. Different components of the structure are connected by one plastic tunnel and one upwardly curving belt bridge. Lastly there is a set of monkey bars with seven bars that curl upwards, as well as a track-ride. All playground components are in good condition.



Figure 40: Fox Park Playground

North Commons

North Commons is a neighborhood park in southern Ramsey, at the northern border of The COR (the city's downtown), located north of CSAH 116 / Bunker Lake Boulevard and between CSAH 83 / Armstrong Boulevard and CSAH 56 / Ramsey Boulevard. Its playground was built in 2012. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing. Overall, the playground is in excellent condition.

The playground consists of four components—the main playset with an attached climbing wall and monkey bars, a metal swing set, and two spinners (one globe spinner). The swing set has two bays, one for bucket swings and one for belt swing, with each bay containing two swings each. The main play set has three slides—one short and straight near the bottom, two long and winding near the top of the structure. One of the longer slides zig zags while the other turns 360 degrees. There are six points of entry—one transfer surface; one chain-link ladder; one ladder with circular footholds rotated 90 degrees from one another; three stepping platforms; a ladder with two flat platforms directly on top of one another; and the monkey bars.

The monkey bars consist of five triangular bars. The climbing wall is plastic with nine holds on the front side and seven holds on the back side and a hole near the bottom of the wall (on the right side when viewed from the front) that can serve as a hand hold or foot hold. The top portion of the structure is accessible via two separate ladders made from walls with two slots cut out for foot holds. The bottommost of these ladders may have accessibility concerns—although one can use the guardrails as handholds, there is not a lot of room to maneuver through the opening.



Figure 41: North Commons Park Playground wide shot; **Figures 42-44:** (left to right) bridge connecting to upper portion of the playground structure, ladder in the background, climber with five orthogonal rings; monkey bars and climbing wall

Pearson Park

Pearson Park is the city’s smallest neighborhood park in southwestern Ramsey at less than an acre, located along Rabbit Street, north of U.S. 10 and Bunker Lake Boulevard, and south of Alpine Drive. Its playground was built in 2018.

The Pearson Park playground is a nature-based play area. Most of its components are made from minimally-processed naturally occurring materials. The structural supports holding up the main play area are made from Tamarack logs, and the guardrails are logs cut into thin sheets. Another play feature, located on a hill to the north of the main playground structure, consists of short ‘stepper’ logs arranged in a figure-eight shape. Adjacent to the figure-eight feature is a ring of seven rocks with flat surfaces known as the Story-circle. Being Ramsey’s first nature-based playground, it is unique within the city in a number of ways. It utilizes both sand and artificial turf for surfacing, and also has three maple trees planted within the sand the play area for shade. Moreover, it has cut pieces of logs scattered throughout the play surface. All of the logs are from tamarack trees sourced from northwest of Duluth, Minnesota.

The playground includes a \$35,000 long stainless steel slide (enclosed near the top, but open near the bottom) that bends slightly near the middle. The main point of entry is a wooden bridge accessible via a concrete sidewalk. The other three means of entry are a thin wooden climbing wall (background of *Figure 15*) and two rope climbing structures. The larger one lines the southeast corner of the playground structure, while the smaller rope structure is located in the center. An octagonal opening in the wooden deck of the playground structure allows one to enter via the smaller rope structure. The smaller rope structure is enclosed and also has large curved footholds for ease of use. All playground components are in near-new condition.



Figures 45-46: (left) Pearson Park Playground (not pictured: bridge); (right) Bridge

Peltzer Park

Peltzer is a neighborhood park located in southern Ramsey, east of CSAH 56 / Ramsey Boulevard and north of CSAH 116 / Bunker Lake Boulevard. Its playground was built in 1995 and has an ADA accessible by trail. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing. The playground consists of three main components—the main play structure, a swing set, and a spring rider.

The spring rider is in fair condition, though its paint is faded and some of the metal is in the initial stages of rust formation. The swing set consists of two bays with two swings each; one bay contains belt swings and the other contains bucket swings. The swings are all in good condition.

The play set contains four slides—two straight slides on the east side of the structure (one of which has a hump and the other of which has two tracks) and two slides on the west side (one enclosed and one curved 360 degrees). There are seven points of entry—one transfer surface and staircase on the southern end of the playground; one transfer surface at the end of a track-ride; five stepping platforms; one chain-link ladder with a curved metal handrail; one curved ladder with four semi-rectangular footholds; one straight ladder with five footholds; one corkscrew climber. There are also two plastic tunnels—one with a single 90-degree turn and one with two 90-degree turns.

Overall, the playground is in fair condition. The paint on the plastic components has faded and the wood on the decks and supports is slightly worn but the playground is structurally in working condition.



Figure 47-48: Peltzer Park Playground (facing North and Southeast, respectively)

Rabbit Park

Rabbit is an approximate 5-acre neighborhood park located in northwestern Ramsey along Rabbit Street, roughly 2/3 of a mile east of CSAH 83 / Armstrong Boulevard and 1/5 mile north of 173rd Avenue. The park meets density requirements for replacement consideration, but is not as visited as most parks in the system. Its playground was placed in 1997, however some of the equipment had been previously used elsewhere and is now more than 30 years old. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing.

The playground consists of four components: a wooden-pole swing set with two belt swings, two separate play structures, and a metal slide atop an artificial mound. On one play structure, there are two slides—one curved and one straight—one transfer surface and one stationary metal ladder for entry, a roof over the top of the play structure, and an interactive sensory component.

The other play structure has two slides (one enclosed), three means of entry—one transfer surface, one chain-link ladder, and one-metal ladder—and a track-ride. The transfer surface steps are narrow and steep, and appear to not be ADA compliant. The chains for both swings are also worn and/or surface rusted. The playground is not accessible via an ADA trail.



Figure 49: Rabbit Park Playground

Riverdale Park

Riverdale is a neighborhood park located in southern Ramsey along Riverdale Drive (just south of U.S. 10) between CSAH 56 / Ramsey Boulevard and CSAH 57 / Sunfish Lake Boulevard. Its playground was built in 1991, and one of the few in Ramsey that was funded by Tax Increment Financing (when that was permitted). The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing. An interesting aspect of this park, is its location along the National Mississippi River Trail, and its connection to the nearby Regional Park

The playground consists of three main components—two distinct play structures and one swing set—as well as four other components—a concrete camel sculpture, an excavator toy, and two spring-riders (one in the shape of a horse, the other in the shape of a bulldozer). The four components are in fair condition (however the concrete sculpture does have small cracks). The swing set has two bays with two swings each (two bucket swings and two belt swings in separate bays). The two talk tubes linking the two main play structures are deteriorating.

The smaller play structure consists of two points of entry—a transfer surface and a staircase, both with handrails—and two slides—one with two parallel tracks and one with a hump. One of the transfer surfaces is connected to a trail via a series of mats laid on top of the pebbles that comprise the playground surface. The top of the structure contains a house-like feature with two walls (each with a window), a bench, and a table. There is also a steering wheel and an interactive sensory component where children can customize animals by rotating nine blocks in a 3 x 3 grid, attached to three parallel bars. A similar sensory component is located at the bottom of the structure.

The larger play structure has a corkscrew climber and two slides—one straight with a single hump and one curved 360 degrees. Additionally, there is a set of monkey bars with eleven straight bars and a track-ride. Both are in good condition, though there is a small area on the grip for the track-ride with chipped paint. The transfer surfaces are in good condition but there are some accessibility concerns. The play set is not accessible via a flat surface and the transfer platforms are spaced vertically from one another by 18 to 24 inches. The six transfer surfaces are triangular and arranged together in a hexagonal shape with the last three being level with one another, forming a trapezoid. This top platform is alternatively accessible via a ladder formed by three slots cut into a wall, which is supplemented by two handholds. Even with the handholds, there are still accessibility concerns.



Figure 50: Riverdale Park Playground



Figures 51-52: Transfer Surfaces on the Larger Playground at Riverdale Park (note that the picture on the left is part of a vertical panorama and is compressed vertically and angularly distorted)

Rivers' Bend Park

Rivers' Bend is a 60-acre community park along the Rum River located in southeastern Ramsey, east of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard and straddling CSAH 116 / Bunker Lake Boulevard, though the playground is to the north. Park amenities include four tennis courts, one softball diamond, one soccer field, and a basketball hoop in the parking lot. Its playground was last replaced in 2001. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing, which occurred recently in 2020. The playground has seven components—the main play structure, a swingset, a set of four stepping pods (one in the middle and three surrounding the middle 180 degrees from one another), a dolphin-shaped spring rider, two “houses,” and a tic-tac-toe board.

The two play houses are mirror-images of one another, each consisting of two plastic walls held together by three wooden posts. The walls facing each other both have a small window with a 3 x 3 pattern as well as a bench below the window. The other two corners of each of the houses are open. The houses are both in good condition. The swing set has two bays, one with two bucket swings and one with two belt swings. The entire structure is in good condition. The paint on the dolphin spring-rider is chipped and the concrete base is worn, but it is otherwise in good condition.

The main play structure is a mix of plastic (slides, tunnels, roofs, and sensory components), metal (transfer platforms, some guardrails and supports), and wood (most platforms and supports). Visually the playground is in great condition, besides some faded paint and mud on the side of some of the plastic components. The main play structure has six entrances—two transfer surfaces, one chain-link ladder, one metal ladder with four alternating semicircular rings forming eight footholds, one metal ladder with four flat rungs, and one corkscrew climber. The main play structure also consists of five slides—one straight enclosed slide, one curved enclosed slide rotating 360-degrees, one straight slide with two parallel tracks, one straight slide with a hump, and another curved slide rotating 360-degrees. Additionally, there is a set of monkey bars with seven round rings. Tying the structure together are a clatter bridge, a belt bridge, and two tunnels each with two 90-degree turns.

The play structure also has four interactive sensory components—a board with letters on it, an abacus, a tic-tac-toe board (similar to the one outside of the main play structure), and a toy similar to the tic-tac-toe boards but with numbers painted on them.



Figure 53: Rivers' Bend Playground

Shawn Acres Park

Shawn Acres is a neighborhood park located in a low-density area in northern Ramsey along Chameleon Street, 1/5 mile north of 173rd Avenue, and west of Thorn Lake. Its playground was placed there before 1980, and it is believed that it was used components at that time. The playground consists of three separate small elements: a rusted metal-pole swing set with three swings, a stand-alone metal slide, and a parallel set of metal bars akin to monkey bars without rungs. The paint on each of three components is peeling. Two of the three swings are inaccessible to younger children and those with mobility limitations without the help of an adult. The slide is also inaccessible to those with mobility impairments. The playground is not ADA compliant, nor does it have resilient surfacing, and has limited or low 'play value'. *The terms of this Interim Playground Replacement Policy point to the playground components removal, without replacement.*



Figure 54: Shawn Acres Park Playground

Solstice Park

Solstice is a neighborhood park located in southeastern Ramsey at the end of Erkium Street, 1/5 mile east of CSAH 5 / Nowthen Boulevard and 1/4 west of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard via Sunwood Drive. The park has a grass infield softball field, and misting station adjacent to the play structures. Its playground was built in 1995, following input on the design by the new neighbors. Originally red in color, some of the components have faded to pink, showing their 26 years of service. The playground uses pea gravel for surfacing, within the boulder containment system.

The playground is composed of four components—a composite play structure with monkey bars and track-ride attached to the end, a swing set (containing three bays with two swings each), a climbing structure in the shape of a Stegosaurus dinosaur, and a sandbox excavator toy.

There are two curved slides, the shorter one turning 90 degrees and the longer one turning 360 degrees. There is a third straight slide. All of the slides are in good condition, however there are scratch marks in several places.

There are three main points of entry for the main composite playground structure—one transfer surface / staircase, one metal ladder curving upwards then horizontally, and one chain link ladder. Additionally, a corkscrew climber can be used for entry. Transfer platforms serving the monkey bars can also serve as a means of entry. There is a tunnel linking different parts of the structure that is in fair condition.

The sandbox excavator like many, due to their popularity, is in poor condition with paint chipped and metal rusted in several places. The swing set has three sections, divided by supports with two legs each, with two swings per section. One of the sections has two tot, bucket swings. All of the swings are in good condition. The monkey bars, comprised of nine triangular metal rings, are in good condition, as is the track-ride, though there is chipped paint in one place. There are two miscellaneous interactive sensory components, a tic-tic-toe board and a steering wheel, both of which are in good condition. Finally, there is a pull-up bar and talk tubes, both of which are in fair condition.

The dinosaur-shaped climbing structure has a spine of parallel metal bars with 17 rectangular ‘ribs’ on the underside for climbing, linking the two bars. On the top there are 12 pentagonal scales on alternating sides of the spine for climbing. The structure is held up by four of the Stegosaur’s legs. All components of this structure are in good condition.



Figure 55: Solstice Park Playground

Titterud Park

Titterud is a neighborhood park in central Ramsey along CSAH 56 / Ramsey Boulevard, just south of the intersection of CSAH 5 / Nowthen Boulevard. There is a single softball field at the park, and the playground was replaced in 2005, and located entirely within the pastoral Bur Oak stand. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing, with two separate boulder borders. One unique element is the porous ADA concrete sidewalk connecting the parking lot, which allows precipitation and air to reach the tree's rooting zone beneath.

There are three areas for playing—one with the main play set, one with a swing set and two pieces of equipment for bouncing, and an empty sandbox (with pea gravel for surfacing). The bouncing equipment is in good condition. One consists of a spiral pole with a singular platform from bouncing and the other is in the shape of a ring, allowing for two children to take turns jumping and launching the other upward.

The swing set is made of wooden posts and a metal crossbar, and has two belt swings. The main structure is largely wooden, but with metal guardrails and a single plastic slide with three parallel tracks and a plastic tunnel. The main means of entry is a transfer platform and staircase. Another entrance is via a gray plastic rock climbing wall attached to a series of twelve green arched climbing platforms arranged in circular patterns. Adjacent to this is a rope climbing ladder with four parallel ropes at the top for handholds. On the opposite end of the playground structure is another means of entry—a ladder consisting of seven rungs and another ladder connected at a 135-degree angle with four rungs. The fifth and sixth means of entry are a narrow ladder with a rope for balancing, and a corkscrew climber. One of the boards on the transfer surface was recently replaced, with the structure in overall in good condition.



Figure 56: Titterud Park Main Play Area



Figure 57: Titterud Park Secondary Play Area

Woodland Green Park

Woodland Green is a neighborhood park in eastern Ramsey located east of MN 47 / Saint Francis Boulevard and north of Alpine Drive. Amenities include a single soccer field, and a hexagonal shelter in proximity to the playground, which was replaced in 1998. The playground uses engineered wood fiber for surfacing, with a timber border.

The playground features four components—the main structure with an attached jungle gym, a swing set, and two spring riders (both of which are in good condition). The swing set, consisting of two bays with two belt swings and two bucket swings in the respective bays, is in fair condition, though the crossbar is beginning to rust.

The main play structure has two curved slides, one with parallel tracks and curving roughly 45 degrees and another slide (longer than the first) zigzagging, but curving roughly 45 degrees as well. There are six means of entry, the main one being a transfer surface and staircase. There are three metal rope-like ladders—one enclosed with a metal ring on top, one with two parallel metal bars on the sides, and one with a single climbing track. A fifth means of entry is a green plastic climbing structure adjacent to the longer slide. A sixth possible method of entry is the jungle gym attached to the main structure. It also consists of a rope climbing wall, a set of monkey bars made up of five rings each attached to the end of a chain, a pull-up bar, and a set of monkey bars with three tilted, rotating, circular handholds. The second set of monkey bars is slanted. The jungle gym and main playground structure are both in good condition.



Figures 58-59: Woodland Green Park Playground (looking east and west, respectively)



Join the City of Ramsey for a
**Neighborhood
Listening Session**
at Ford Brook Park
Thursday, May 9, 2019
at 6:30 pm
at Ford Brook Park,
5459 180th Avenue in Ramsey

Share what amenities you'd like considered in the renovation.
In the event of inclement weather, this meeting will be moved
to City Hall.

Ford Brook Park Listening Session

Example of Public Engagement re 2020 Playground replacement

Solstice Park's Play Structure – safety inspections, maintenance labor and repair expenses

Safety inspections, minor labor/repairs in first 15-20 years of playgrounds, approximately \$784 annually.
 After useful life period, \$784 + \$2,860 in labor costs annually (approximated).

The above does not include playground 'weeding' or vandalism expenses, nor resilient surfacing replacements.



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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 12/14/2023**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Promote economic growth and development.**Information****Title:**

The Waterfront - Water Play Area Planning

Purpose/Background:

As part of the city's community park system, a water-centric park known as The Waterfront has been envisioned for more than a decade in Ramsey's downtown. This Fall, the mass grading for the park was completed and seeding will occur in the Spring of 2024. Last Winter, the Park & Recreation Commission performed a detailed analysis of how a park building could best serve the community— this process resulted in a concept for an approximate 37,000 gross square foot two-story building, consisting of mass timber construction; and including dining, fitness, large indoor play area, gallery, and banquet space. The structure with proposed indoor and outdoor program areas is essentially a modern community center, with outdoor water-play elements replacing a traditional public swimming pool.

The purpose of this case is to explore concepts for the outdoor spaces and water play areas, heretofore referred to as the 'slash pad'—a recreational amenity that residents have been requesting for many years, along with a 'community center'.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

For the meeting, staff will review the water play planning process to date, together with the all the considerations and goals of the project.

Funding Source:

This case does not authorize funding. The primary funding for the outdoor water play elements would be the Park Trust Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends an analysis of the many different considerations for this important recreational amenity—recognizing also, that this is early in the concept planning process, and there is no deadline for final decisions at this time.

Outcome/Action:

Provide consensus direction on all aspects of the scope of the water play area of The Waterfront.

Attachments

splash pad planning
Community building program
Building program description

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THE WATERFRONT

RAMSEY, MN

DECEMBER 14, 2023

DF/ DAMON FARBER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND - MASTER PLAN



BACKGROUND - PROGRAM ELEMENTS



PICNIC MOUND



REFLECTION POND / SHOAL



BOARDWALK



WATER PLAY & LIGHTING



BEER GARDEN



PLAZA



FLEXIBLE LAWN



DINING TERRACE

PROCESS - REGULATIONS & CODES



WADING POOL:

Wading pools are shallow pools that are usually less than two feet deep. They're best for young children to splash around and cool off without having to worry about swimming. Wading pools are governed by the MN pool code.

- **Defining Features:** 2' standing water depth, can also incorporate fountains, jets, structural play elements
- **Seasonal Interest:** Open when the temperature is 65 degrees and higher.
- **Depth**
Min: 2" Max: 24"
- **Fencing:** Yes - code now requires a 48" high perimeter fence.
- **Rules:** Requires the direct supervision by an adult caregiver.
- **Revenue:** Possible - Staff could monitor access at fence gate.
- **Capacity:** Varies depending on size. 15 square feet per bather.
- **Approximate Days of Use:** 100



SPLASH PAD:

Traditional splash pads are fountain/water features intended for recreational use and designed to contain no more than 1 inch of water depth. Splash pads vary greatly in design, scale and features, but in general they allow users interact with bubblers, water nozzles and sprinklers and fountains.

- **Defining Features:** 1" max standing water depth with interactive fountains, jets, structural play elements
- **Seasonal Interest:** Open when the temperature is 65 degrees and higher.
- **Depth**
Min: 0" / Zero Entry Max: 2"
- **Fencing:** Fencing is not required
- **Rules:** Not required, but recommended for caregivers to accompany and supervise children
- **Revenue:** If the design includes a fenced area - revenue generation is possible.
- **Capacity:** Varies depending on size. 15 square feet per bather.
- **Approximate Days of Use:** 100



ARCHITECTURAL WATER PLAY:

Custom experience for users. Artistic/sculptural features provide outdoor interest for users throughout all seasons. Contextually unique design affords users a sensory destination even when water features are not available.

- **Defining Features:** Integrated sculptural/interpretive water features
- **Seasonal Interest:** Open when the temperature is 65 degrees and higher. Lights and artistic/sculptural features provide 4 season interest.
- **Depth**
Min: 0" / Zero Entry Max: 24"
- **Fencing:** Not required, but recommended for caregivers to accompany and supervise children
- **Rules:** If the design includes a fenced area - revenue generation is possible.
- **Revenue:** Somewhat (private/reserved private events)
- **Capacity:** Varies depending on size. 15 square feet per bather.
- **Approximate Days of Use:** 365

CASE STUDY - WATER FEATURE

CENTRAL PARK MAPLE GROVE, MN

- Equipment/Features: 49 Jet Sprays And 18 Arching Sprays
- Chlorinated: Fountain water is chlorinated and recycled through a filtration system in the lower level of the community building.
- Surrounding Area: Concrete & Unit Paver Hardscape Patio
- Water Depth: 0" / Spray Only
- Lighting: Led Lights Turn The Fountain Into A Light Show Once The Sun Goes Down
- Targeted Age Group: All Age Groups
- Seasons of Use: Open year-round (water in warmer temps)

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 150



Project Design By Damon Farber



CASE STUDY - WATER FEATURE

WABUN PARK WADING POOL MINNEAPOLIS, MN

- Equipment/Features: Wading Pool With Spraying Rock Structure
- Chlorinated: Fountain water is chlorinated and recycled through a filtration system and the water is reused just like in a swimming pool
- Surrounding Area: Concrete with Furnishings & Umbrellas
- Water Depth: Zero-Depth Entry To 24" Depth @ Deepest
- Fencing: Yes - 42" perimeter fencing per MN wading pool code.
- Targeted Age Group: Tot - 12 Years
- Seasons of Use: Summer Only

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 140



CASE STUDY - WATER FEATURE

ELEPHANT PARK LONDON, UK

- Equipment/Features: "Village" Pumps, Jets, Water Cascades, Rock Channels, Babbling Stream, Sand Pits
- Surrounding Area: Sand Play, Lawn, Stone Paving, Landscaping
- Water Depth: Zero-Depth Entry To 3"
- Lighting: Perimeter Post Lights
- Targeted Age Group: Tot - 18 Years
- Seasons of Use: Open year-round (water in warmer temps)

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 400



CASE STUDY - WATER FEATURE

MADRID RIO PARK MADRID, SPAIN

- Equipment/Features: Splash Pads with Water Jets
- Surrounding Area: Unit Pavers, Lawn, Landscaping
- Water Depth: Zero-Depth Entry To 1"
- Lighting: Park Lamp Posts
- Targeted Age Group: All Ages
- Seasons of Use: Open year-round (water in warmer temps)

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 900



SUMMARY - CASE STUDIES



4,000 SF OF WATER PLAY

CENTRAL PARK - MAPLE GROVE, MN

- Jet & Arching Spray Pad
- Recycled Water Via Filtration System
- Hardscape Perimeter Patio w/ Seatwalls
- 0" Depth Water - Spray Only
- Integrated LED Fountain Lighting
- No Fencing
- All Age Groups



6,500 SF OF WATER PLAY

WABUN WADING POOL - MINNEAPOLIS, MN

- Wading Pool With Spraying Rock Structure, Sprayers
- Recycled Water Via Filtration System
- 2 Umbrellas @ Patio
- Zero-Depth Entry To 24" Depth @ Deepest
- 42" Fencing
- Tot - 12 Years Targeted Age Group



10,000 SF OF WATER PLAY

ELEPHANT PARK - LONDON, UK

- "Village" Pumps, Jets, Water Cascades, Rock Channels, Babbling Stream, Sand Pits
- Chlorinated: Unknown
- Lush Planted Edges
- Zero-Depth Entry To 1"
- Perimeter Post Lights
- Fencing: Unknown
- Tot - 12 Years Targeted Age Group

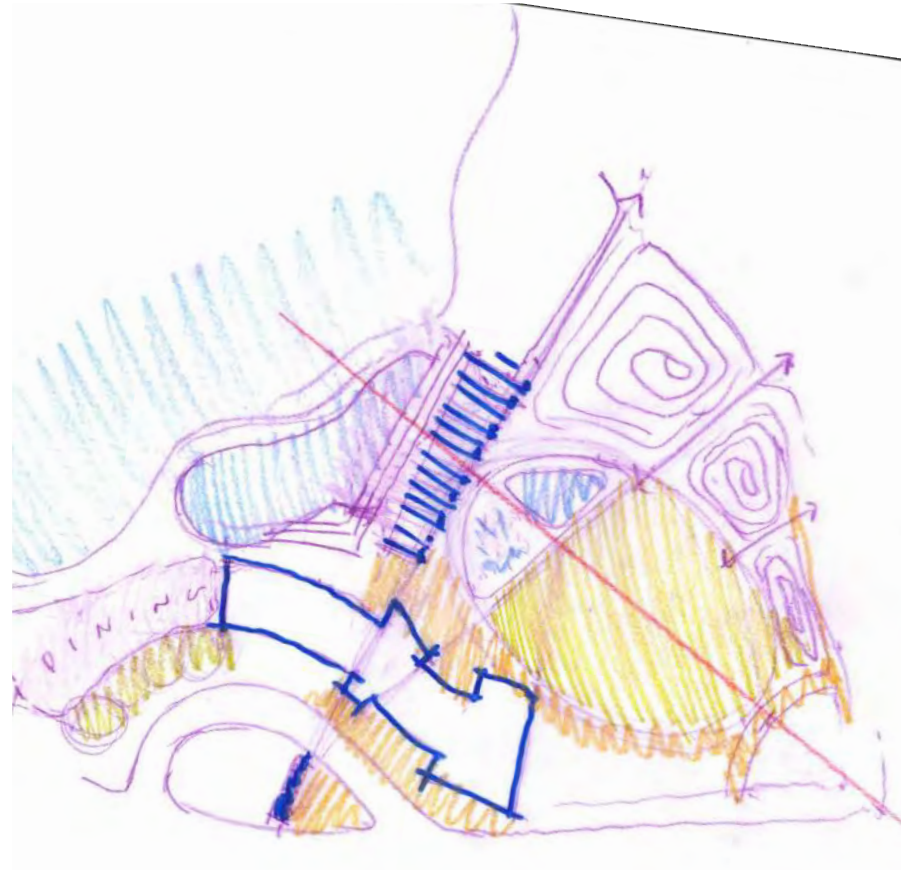


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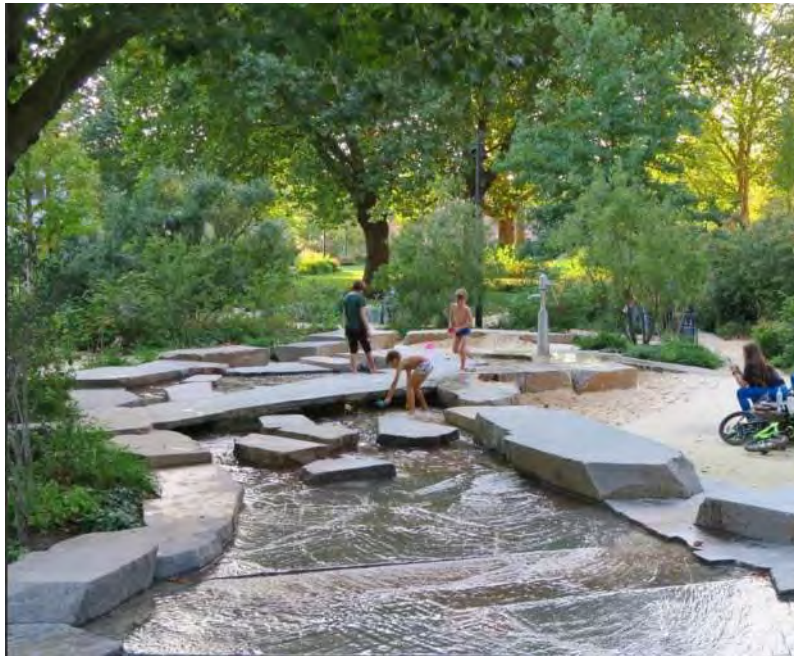
MADRID RIO PARK - MADRID, SPAIN

- Wading Pool Series (3), Jets
- Chlorinated: N/A
- Hardscape Perimeter With Grass And Planted Canopy
- Zero-Depth Entry To 24"
- Park Lamp Posts
- No Fencing
- All Age Groups

PROCESS - CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 1 PROGRAM

SPACE PROGRAMMING

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| FLEXIBLE LAWN | 6,670 SF |
| PICNIC MOUND | 7,650 SF |
| WATER PLAY | 5,820 SF |
| PLAZA | 7,775 SF |
| DINING TERRACE | 2,285 SF |
| BEER GARDEN | 5,640 SF |
| STAGE | 900 SF |

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 375



CONCEPT 1A

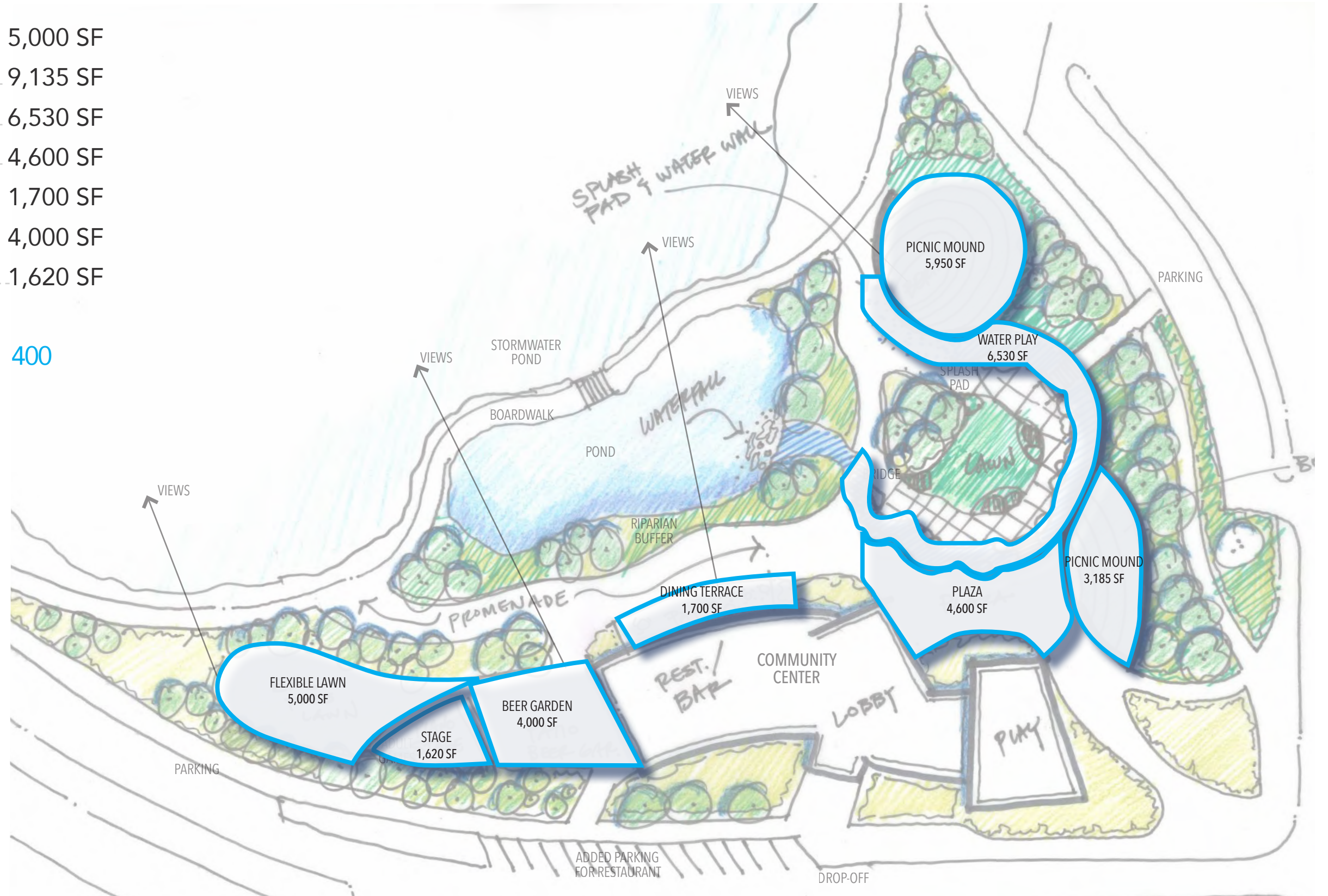


CONCEPT 1A PROGRAM

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| WATER PLAY | 6,530 SF |
| PLAZA | 4,600 SF |
| DINING TERRACE | 1,700 SF |
| BEER GARDEN | 4,000 SF |
| STAGE | 1,620 SF |

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 400



CONCEPT 2



CONCEPT 2 PROGRAM

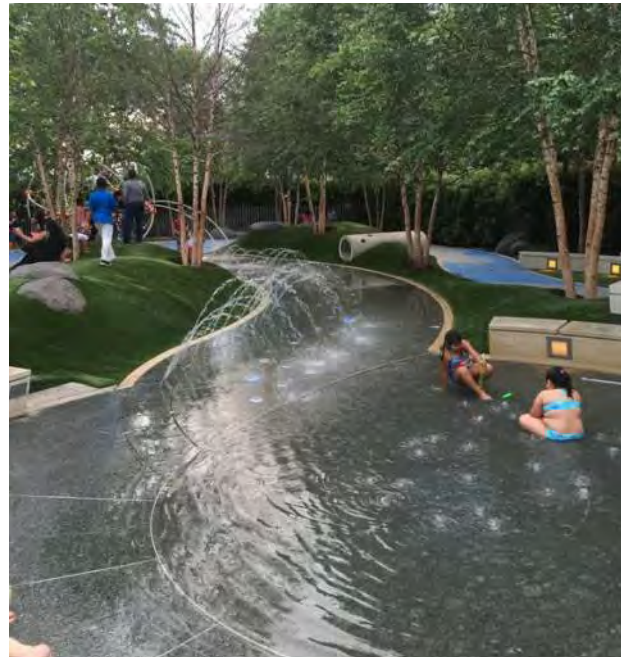
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| PLAZA | 9,400 SF |
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| STAGE | 1,200 SF |

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 120



CONCEPT 3

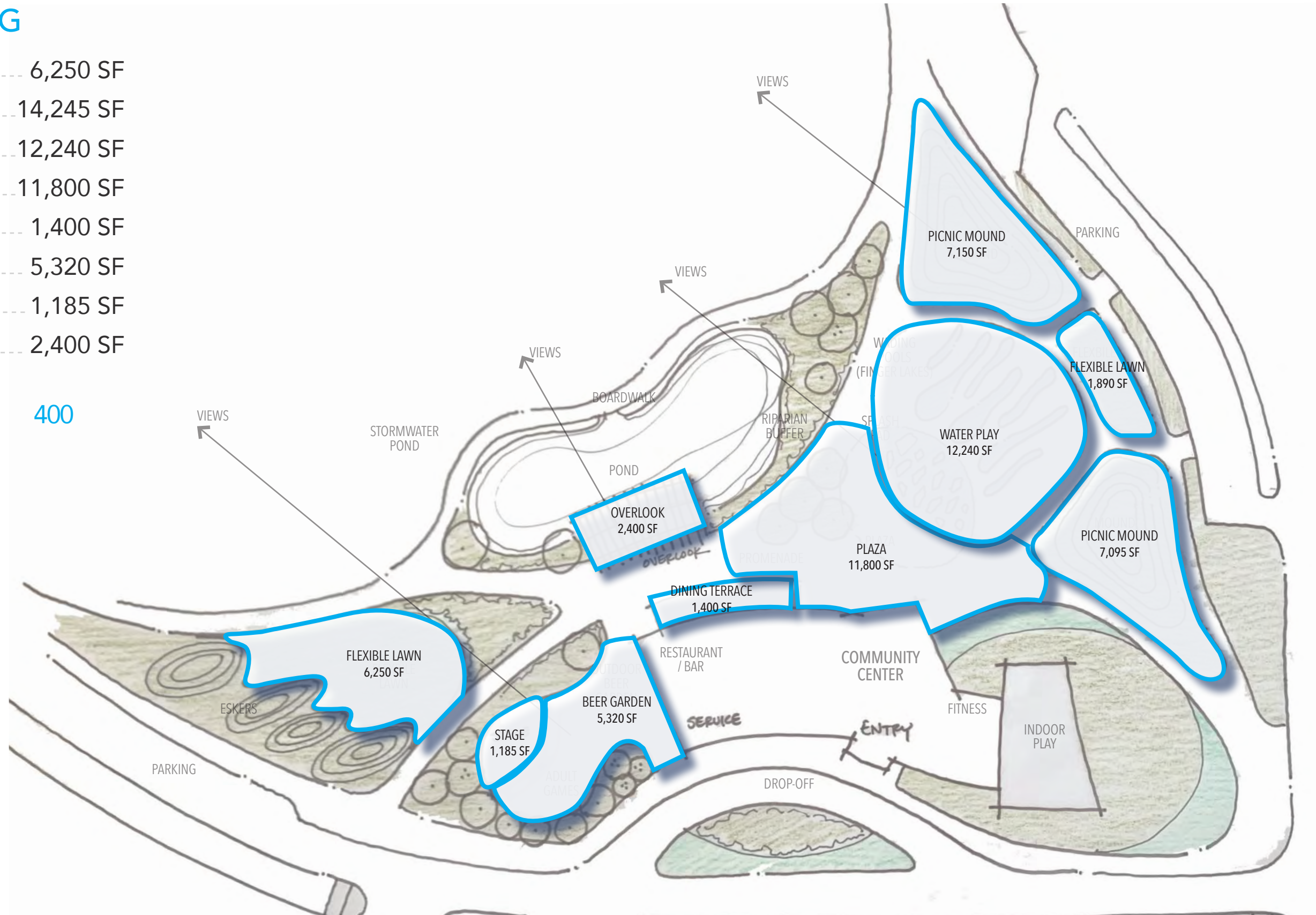


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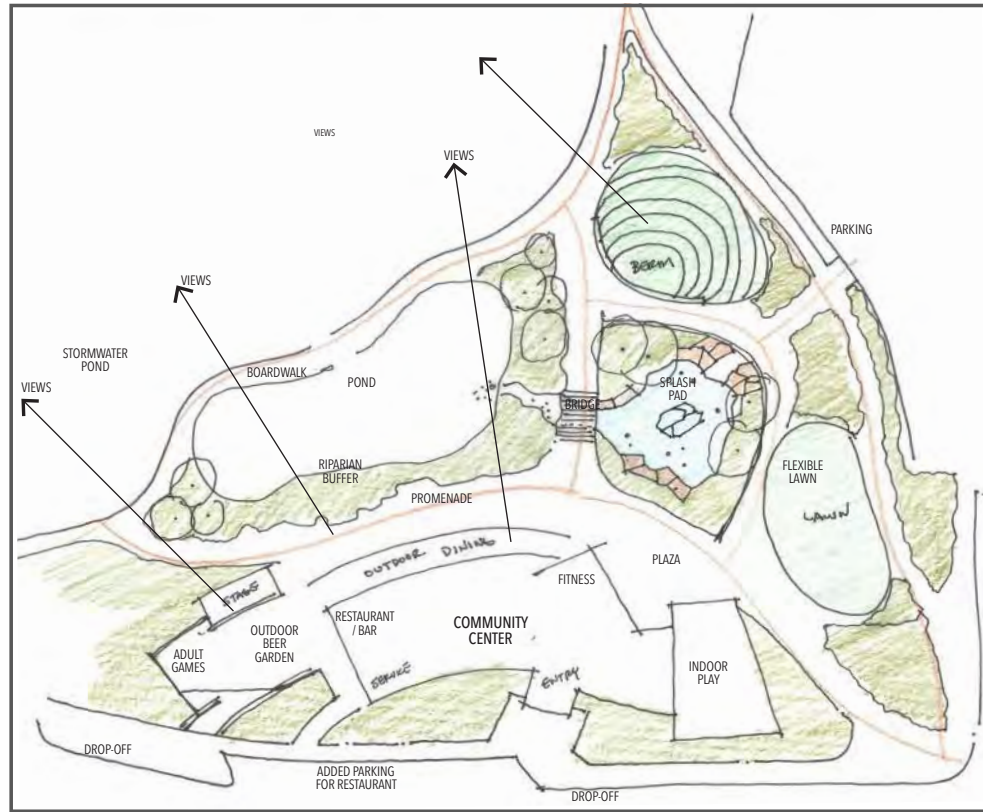
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| WATER PLAY | 12,240 SF |
| PLAZA | 11,800 SF |
| DINING TERRACE | 1,400 SF |
| BEER GARDEN | 5,320 SF |
| STAGE | 1,185 SF |
| OVERLOOK | 2,400 SF |

WATER PLAY USER CAPACITY 400



SUMMARY - PROPOSED CONCEPTS



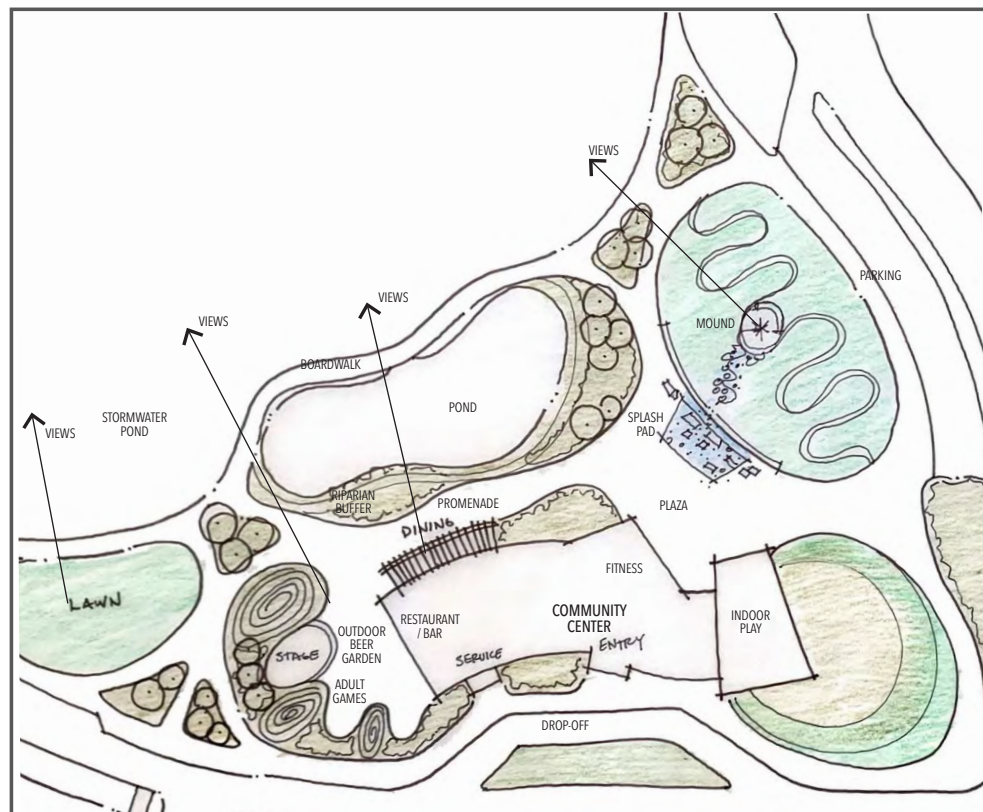
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WATER FEATURE COSTS

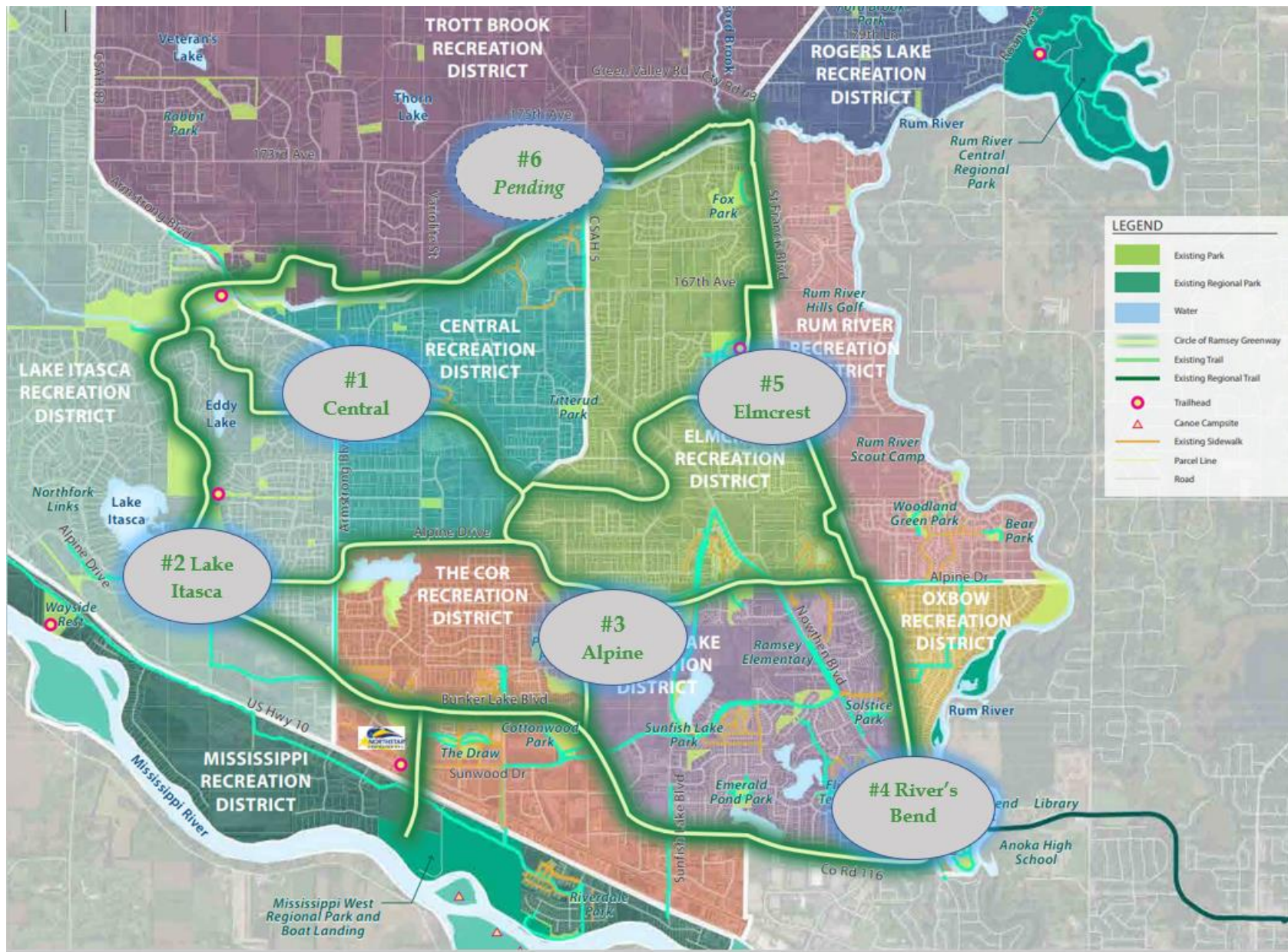
Costs for water features vary dramatically and are driven by the following factors:

- > Size of the Water Feature
- > Equipment and Filtration System
- > Programming & Control Systems
- > Lighting & Sound Systems
- > Construction Materials
- > Amenities
- > Bidding Climate & Number of Bidders

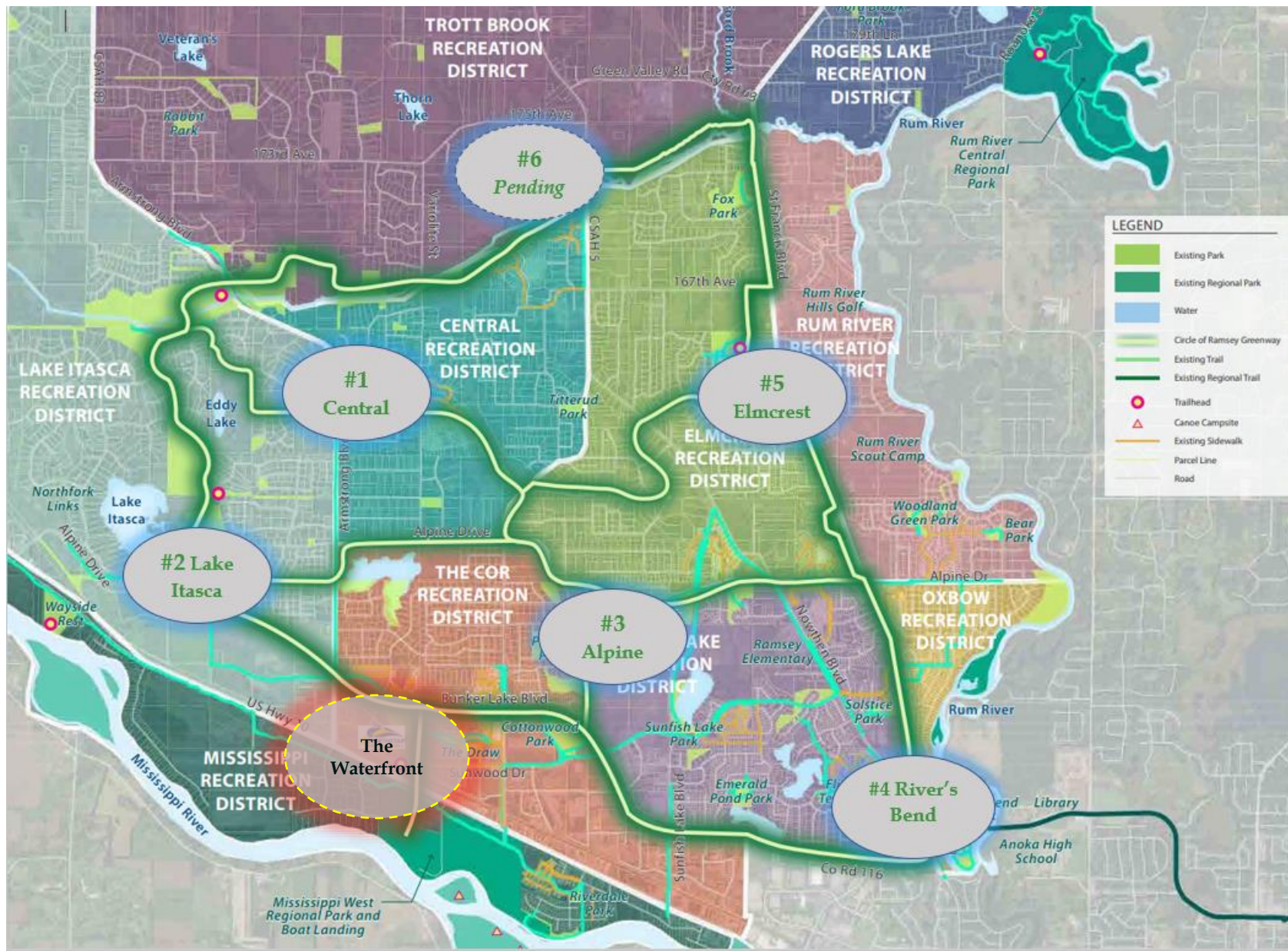
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THE WATERFRONT - STATUS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING/SPLASH PAD PLANNING

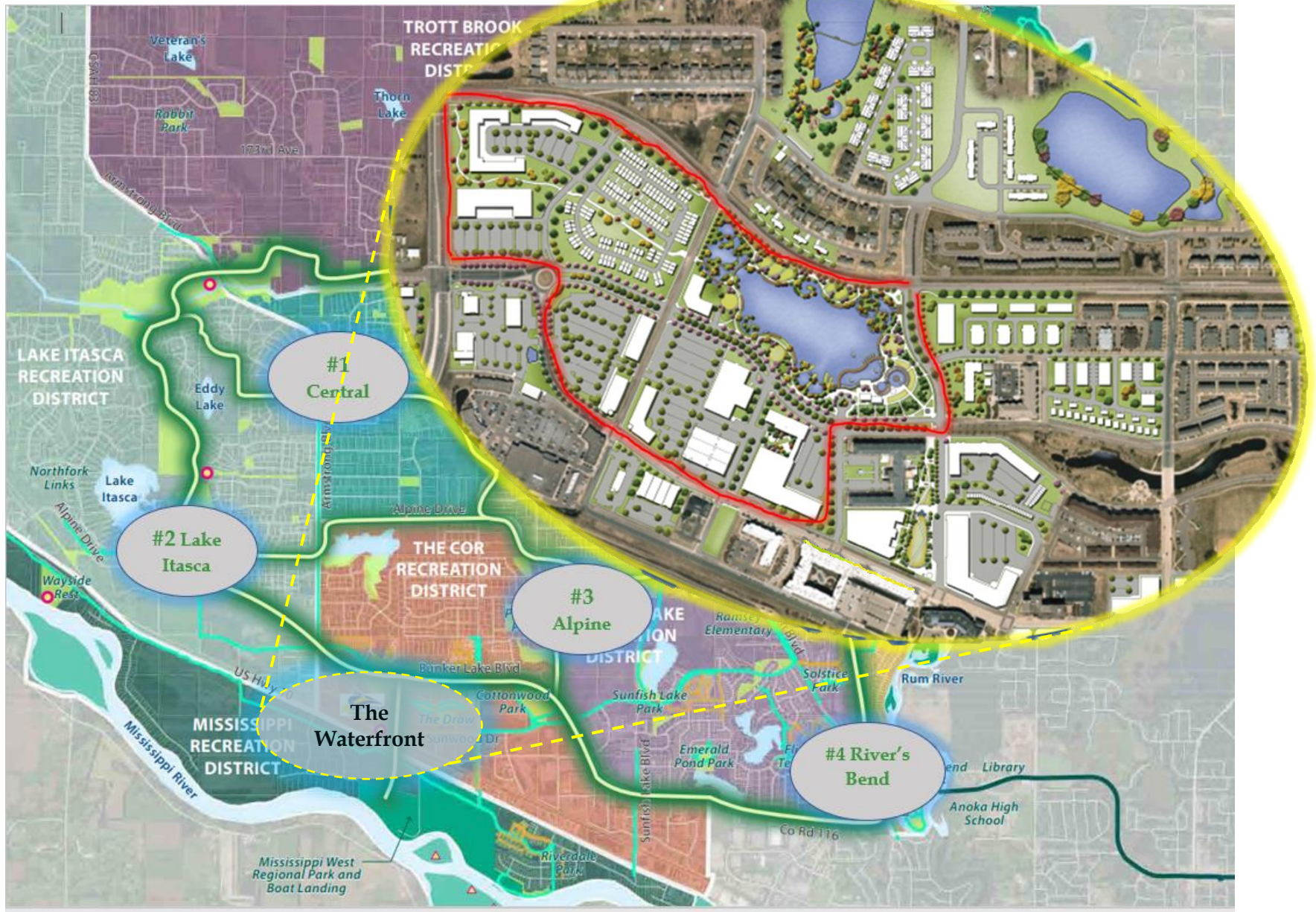
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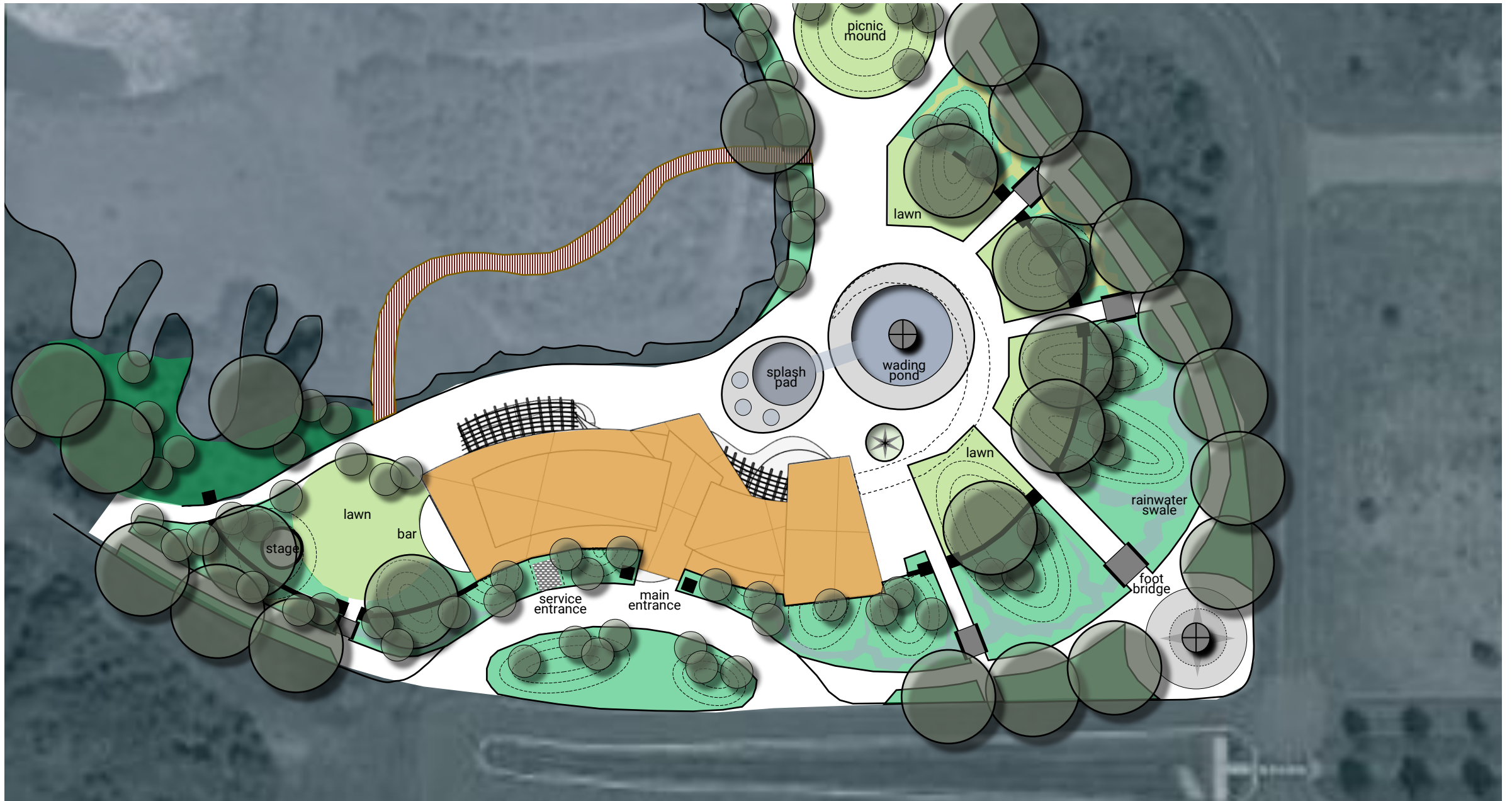
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Community Park Distribution Map



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Landscape

GRADING FOR AESTHETICS



GRADING FOR STORMWATER



LIGHTING EFFECTS



SHORELINE TREATMENT



OPEN SAVANA CHARACTER



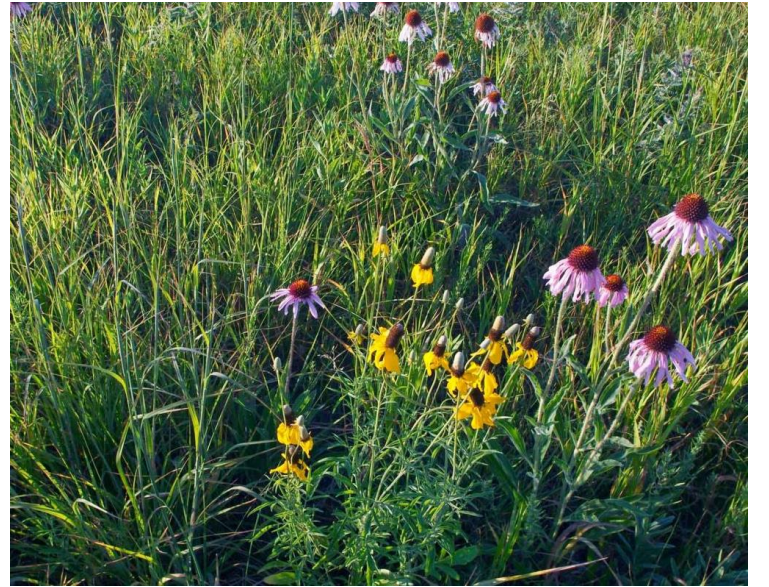
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BEE-FRIENDLY LAWN



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BOARDWALK



WADING POND



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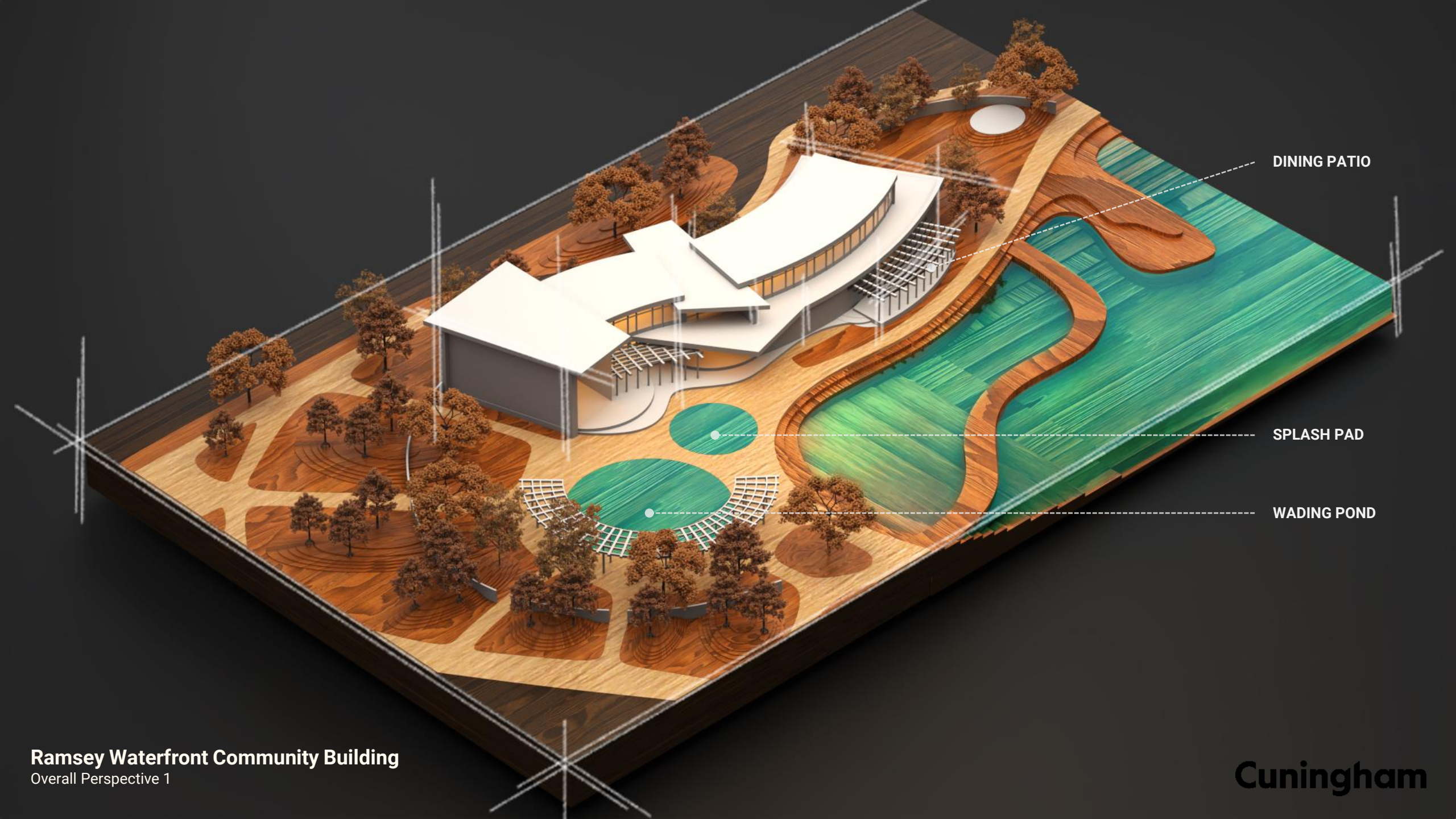


OUTDOOR HEARTH



OUTDOOR GAME AREA





DINING PATIO

SPLASH PAD

WADING POND

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Overall Perspective 1



WADING POND

SPLASH PAD

BAR PATIO



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Floor Plan – Ground Floor

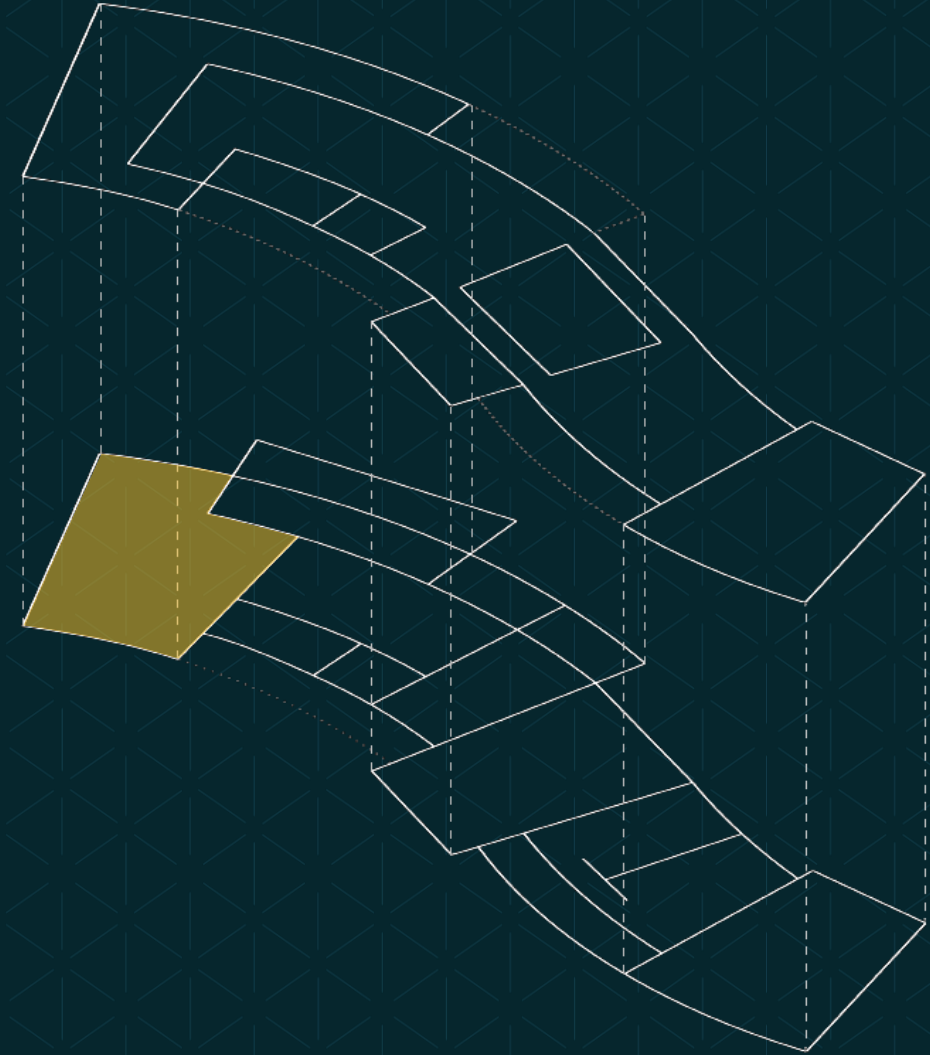


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 Floor Plan - Second Level

DINING



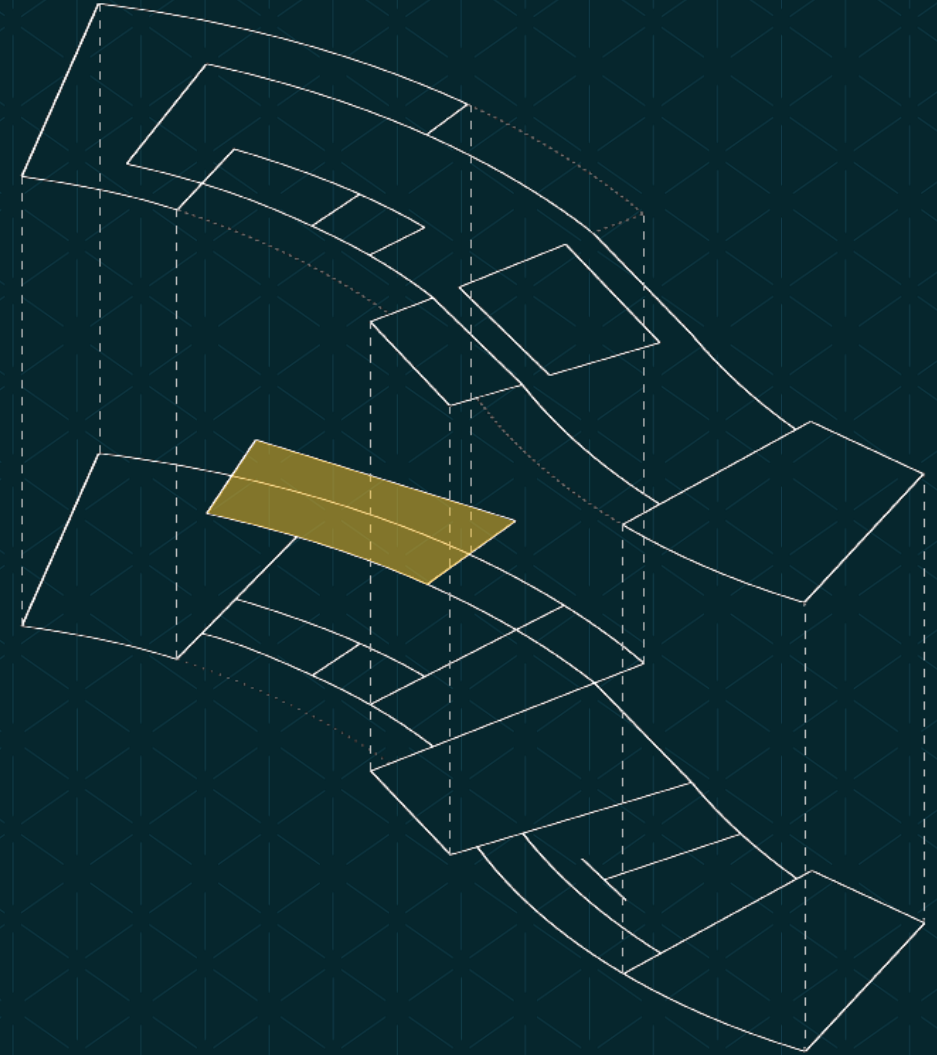
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DINING PATIO



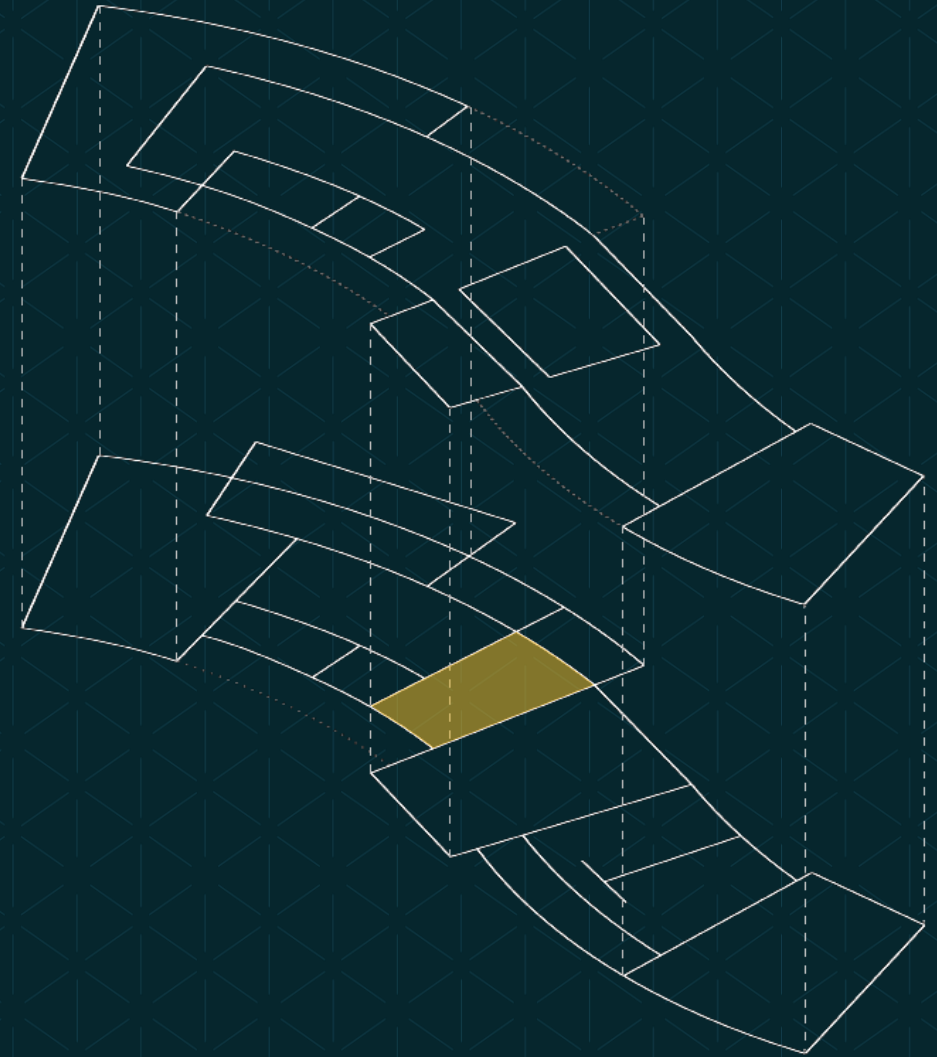
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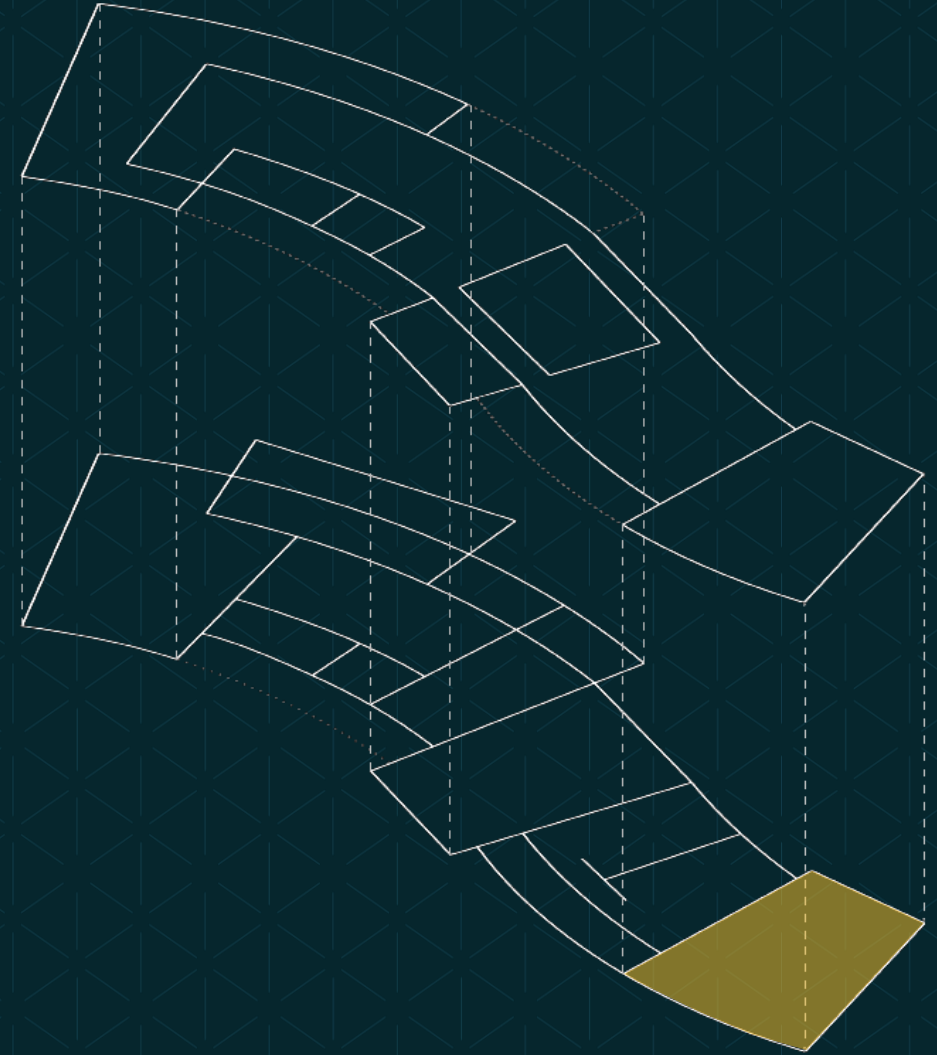
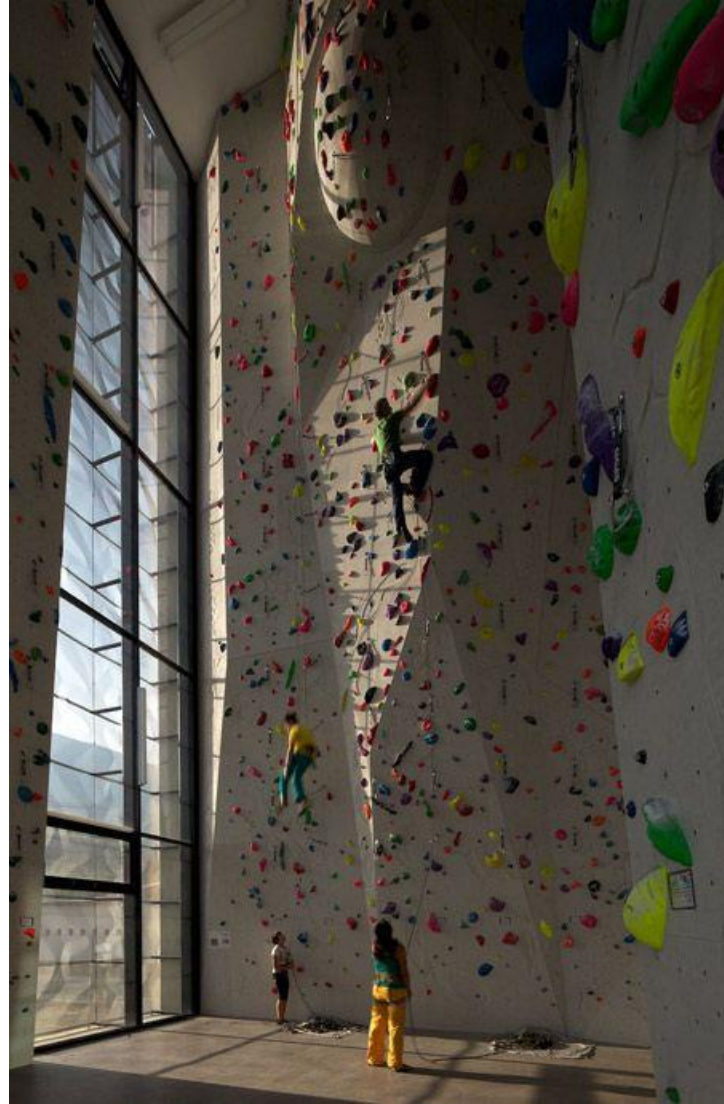
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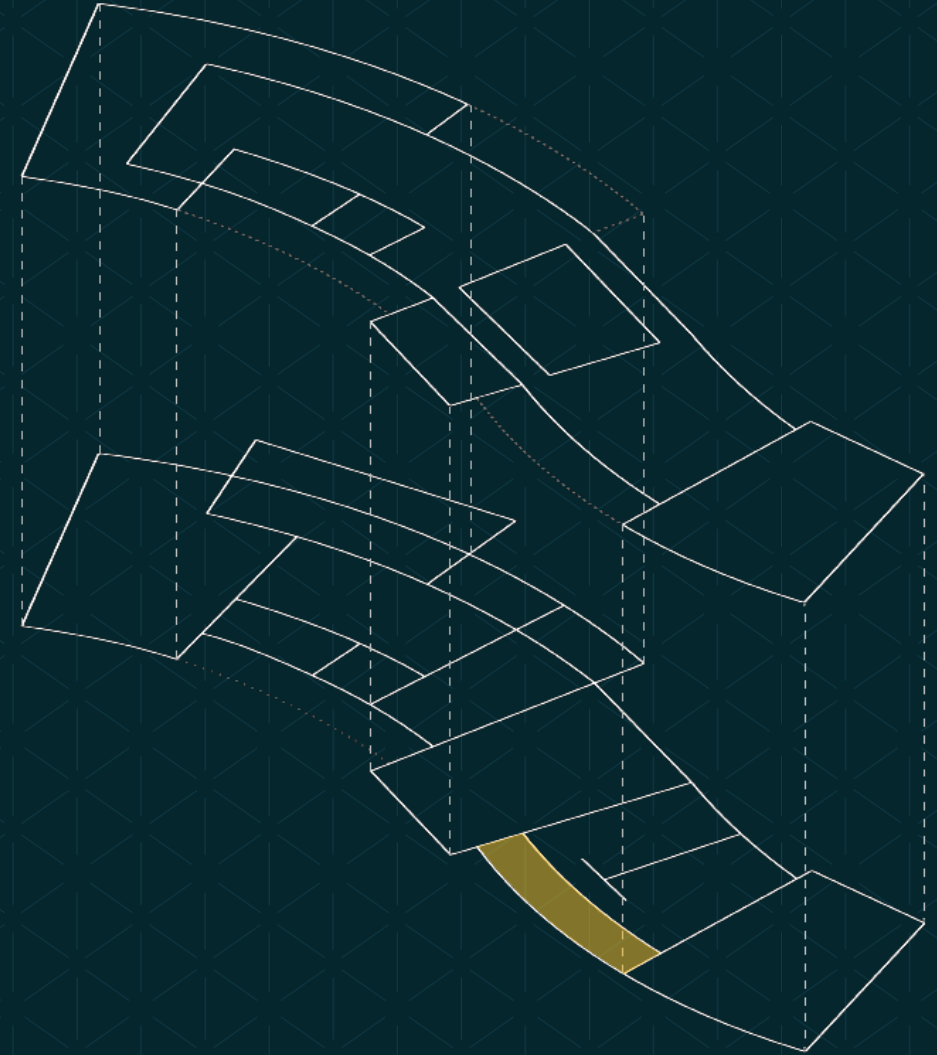


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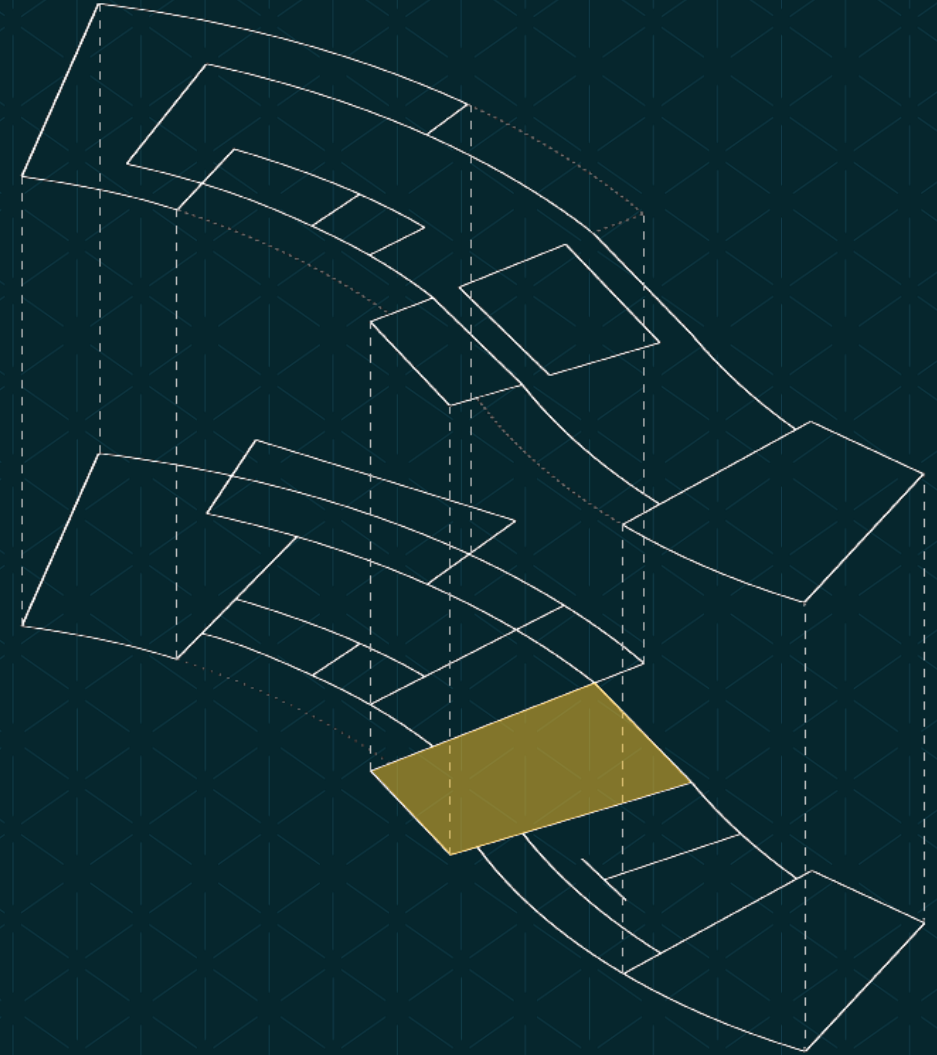
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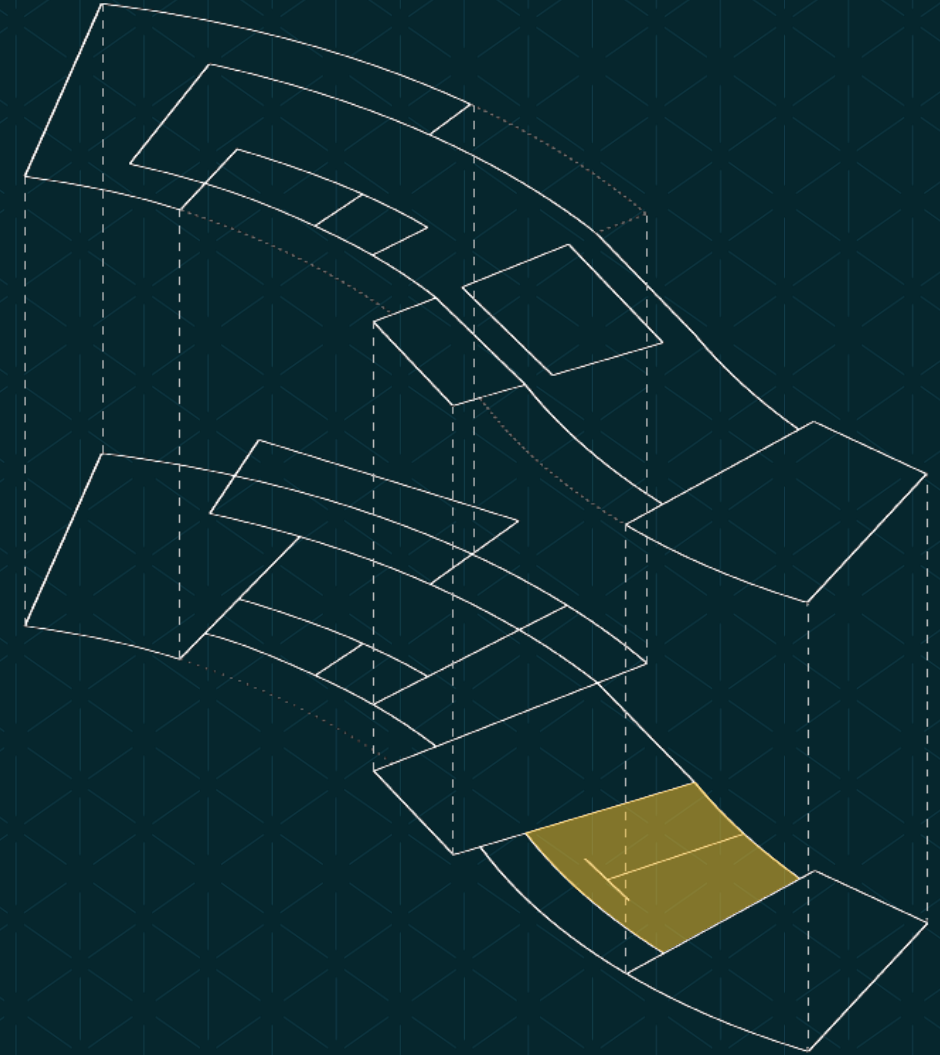
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LOCKERS



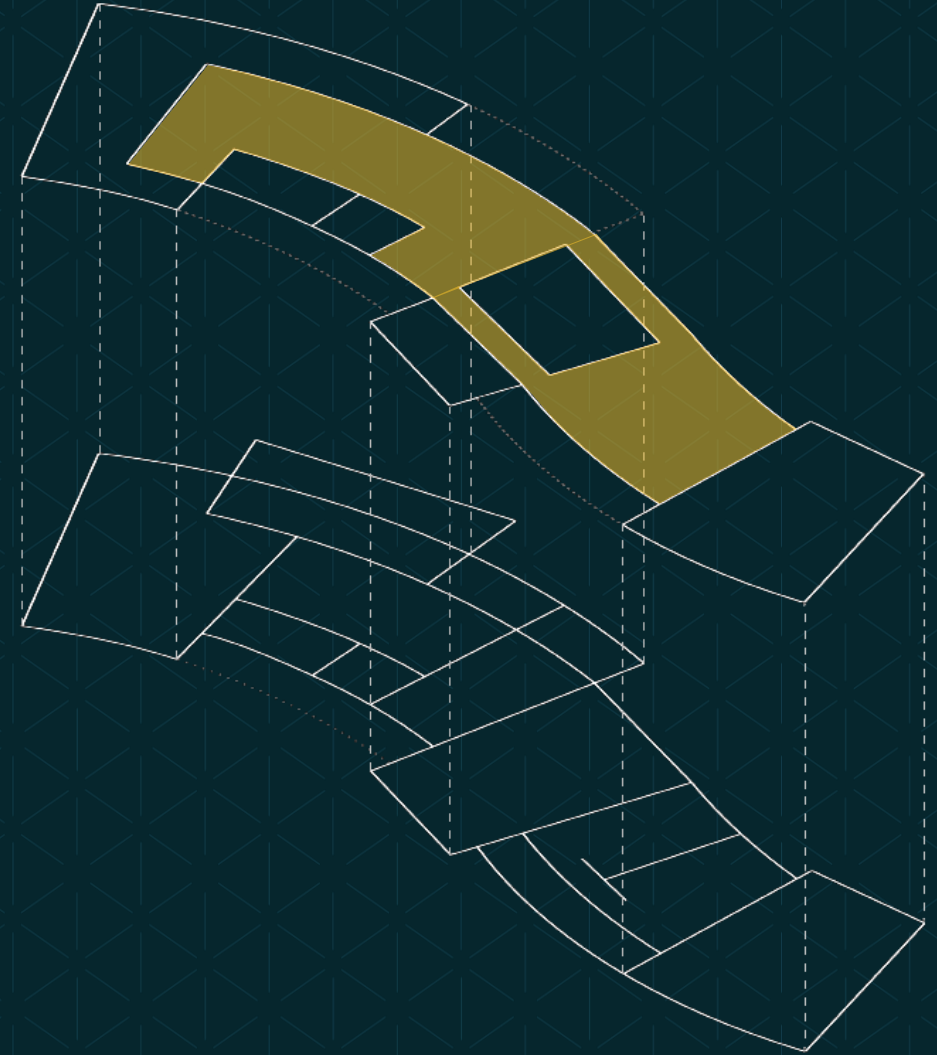
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BANQUET/TRADE SHOW SPACE



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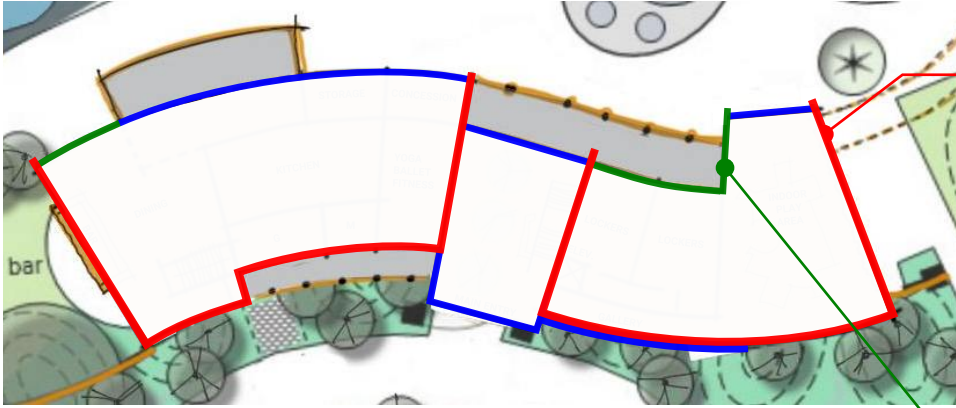
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Ramsey Waterfront Community Building
 Floor Plan – Ground Floor



Ramsey Waterfront Community Building
 Floor Plan - Second Level



Ground Floor - Exterior Wall Type Key
Floor to Floor Height: 15'

Stone Finish Insulated Wall System

- Stone Veneer
- Rigid Insulation
- Exterior Sheathing
- Wall Framing w/Batt Insulation
- Interior Sheathing

Approximate Material Take-Offs

Level 1: 8,900 SF
Level 2: 4,300 SF
TOTAL: 13,200 SF

Insulated Plaster Wall System

- Exterior Plaster with Integral Color
- Rigid Insulation
- Exterior Sheathing
- Wall Framing w/Batt Insulation
- Interior Sheathing

Approximate Material Take-Offs

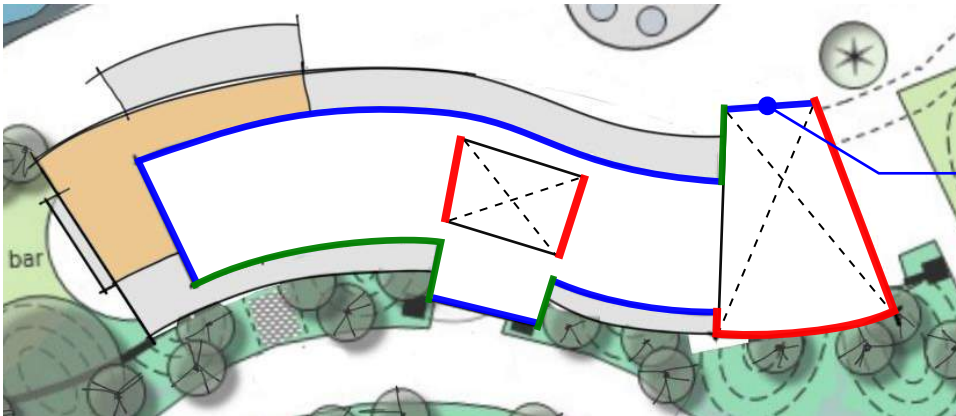
Level 1: 1,900 SF
Level 2: 3,200 SF
TOTAL: 5,100 SF

Timber Curtain Wall System

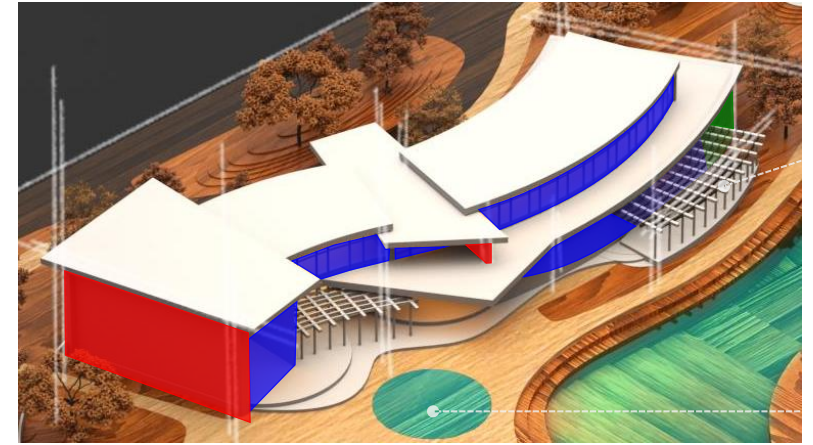
- Low-e Insulated Glazing Units
- Thermally broken framing

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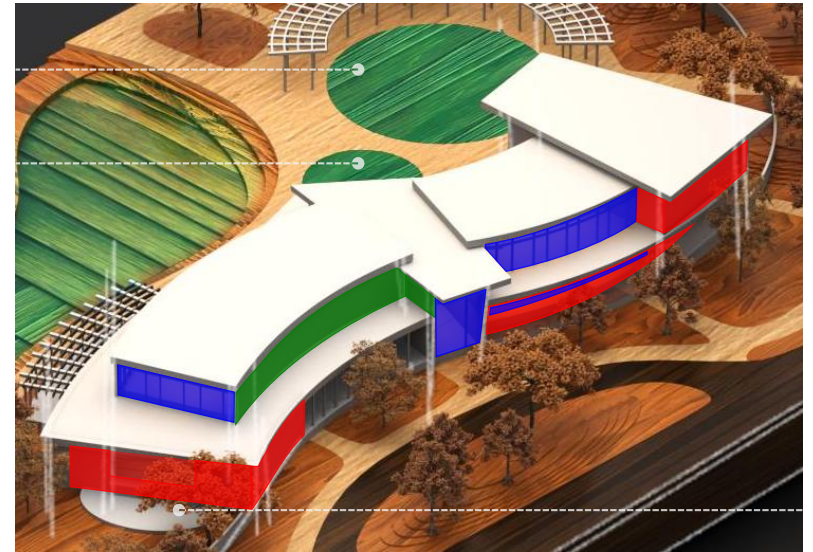
Level 1: 4,800 SF
Level 2: 7,100 SF
TOTAL: 11,900 SF



Second Floor - Exterior Wall Type Key
Floor to Roof Height: 17'



3D View - Looking Southwest



3D View - Looking Northeast

Exterior/Interior Stone Finish



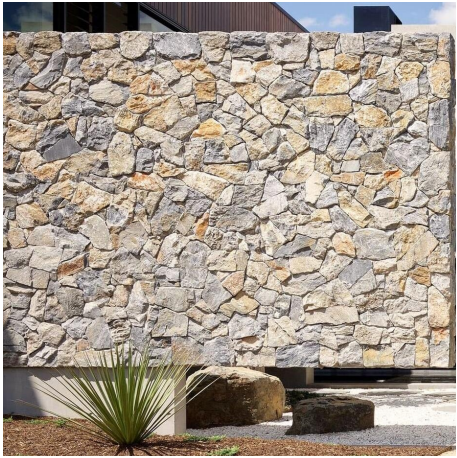
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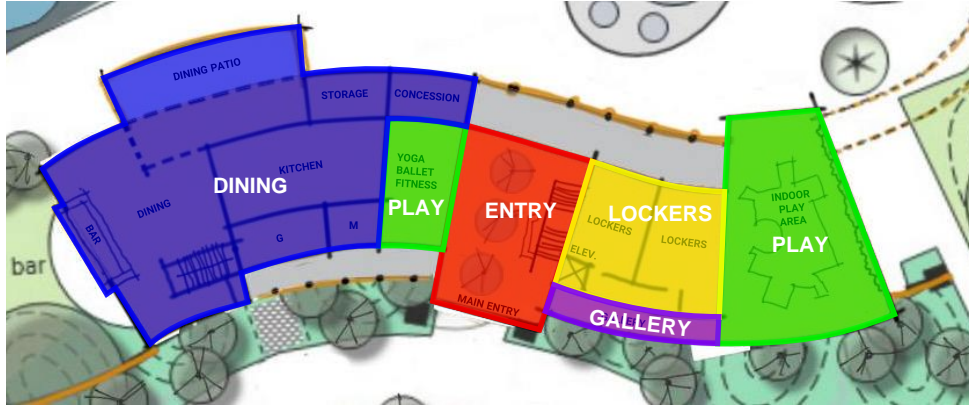


Timber Curtain Wall

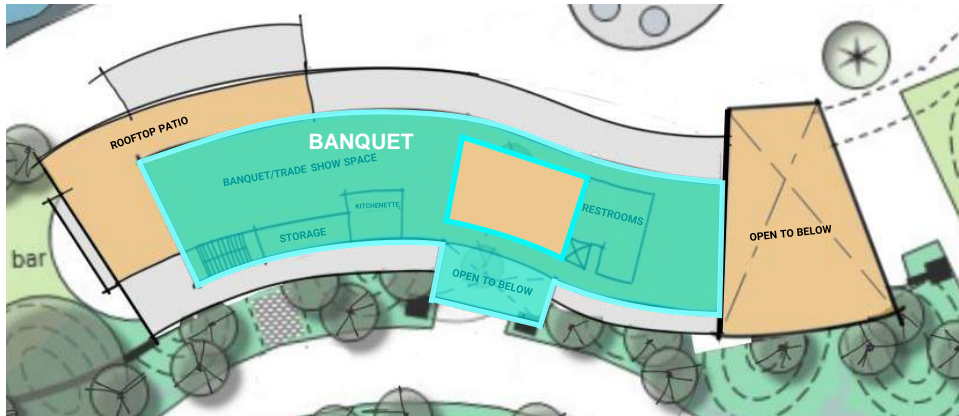


Heavy Timber Construction





Ground Floor - Room Type Categories



Second Floor - Room Type Categories

Interior Finishes by Room Type Category:

Dining Areas

- Upscale pub finishes, exposed timber structure and ceiling
- Kitchen areas: washable wall/ceiling surfaces

Play Areas (Yoga/Indoor Play Area)

- Durable finishes with rubberized flooring
- Sound insulation on the walls; acoustic ceiling tiles
- Indoor play area: ~75 linear feet of climbing wall + indoor play structure

Entry

- Interior stone veneer on walls to match exterior facades
- Expansive curtain wall with low-E glass
- Exposed timber structure and ceiling

Lockers

- Resilient/utilitarian finishes
- Expansive curtain wall with low-E glass
- Exposed timber structure and ceiling

Lockers

- Painted gypsum board walls
- Accommodations for mounted art on north/south wall
- Clerestory window on south wall for natural light

Banquet

- Painted gypsum board walls, exposed ceiling structure
- East wall: windows down into play area

Lockers/Play Area



Play Area



Gallery/Banquet



Dining



Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 12/14/2023

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.

Information

Title:

Recreation Program Update

Purpose/Background:

Following another successful Community Tree Lighting, the Ramsey Parks and Recreation team is excited to conclude 2023 with a preview of upcoming 2024 programs. January and February will see the introduction of several new offerings, including brand new programs tailored for those ages 55+, the ‘Duck, Duck, Wood Duck’ initiative inviting youth to build Wood Duck houses with us, a second annual Frost Fest at Central Park, and more! See attached flyers for more information.

Recommendation:

N/A

Outcome/Action:

Review upcoming programs and events for early 2024.

Attachments

- 55+ Art Club
- 55+ Day Trip: Gangsters in Minneapolis Tour
- Date Night Art Class
- Duck, Duck, Wood Duck
- Frost Fest
- Gentle Yoga

Form Review

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55+

55+ ART CLUB



Whether you're a new or experienced artist, you're invited to join other individuals aged 55+ to get creative in our new 55+ Art Club. Teaching Artists with the Rumriver Art Center will guide you step-by-step through various projects with diverse styles and mediums.

This program will meet twice a month. The first meeting is a guided, step-by-step instructional session, ideal for learning new techniques and building on existing skills. The second is a community-led "open studio," a space to connect with fellow artists, continue previous projects, or experiment with new ideas.

As part of our program launch, we're initially offering two monthly instructional sessions. Once we have a group of interested individuals, we will shift to one instructional session and one open studio.

Mondays | 10:00 a.m.-noon | \$20 ea

January 8 Mindful Mandalas

January 22 Zentangles

February 12 Layering and Lines

February 26 Oil Pastel Landscape

Central Park, 7925 161st Avenue NW

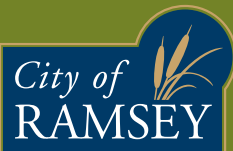
Minimum Enrollment 8 | Maximum Enrollment 15

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REGISTER

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PARKS & RECREATION

55+

55+ DAY TRIP: MOBSTERS IN MINNEAPOLIS



Step back in time with and experience Mobsters in Minneapolis, where the city's turbulent Prohibition-era history comes to life. Discover the fascinating stories of notorious mob bosses like "Kid Cann" Blumenfeld and Irish godfather Tommy Banks, who ruled Minneapolis with an iron fist. Our local guide will lead you through the sites of infamous gang hideouts, notorious bank heist locations, and the luxurious operations of the city's most successful madame. After exploring the underworld, enjoy a delicious Irish lunch at The Local, a classic Minneapolis eatery known for its cozy ambiance and traditional fare.

Preregistration is required. The cost is \$94 per person, including round-trip transportation on a coach bus, a guided historic Mobsterland Bus Tour, and lunch. *Registrations and cancellations must be received by Friday, January 19.* After this date, refunds cannot be processed, but you may transfer your registration to someone else.



Thursday, February 22 | 10:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Bus will depart from Ramsey City Hall
7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey

\$94 per person, includes tour, lunch and round-trip coach

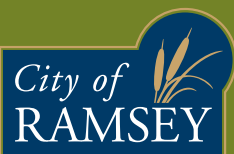
Minimum Enrollment 30 | Maximum Enrollment 51

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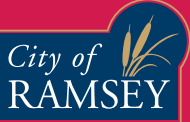
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PARKS & RECREATION



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DATE NIGHT ART CLASS



Celebrate Valentine's Day or Galentine's Day, or embrace an evening of creativity with friends on February 13 with a special date night featuring childcare!

Expert teaching artists from the Rumriver Art Center will guide you in creating a one-of-a-kind clay hand-built pottery mug! You'll learn to form the body and handle of the mug using slabs and coils, then personalize your creation with carvings using vibrant underglazes and the sgraffito technique. Mugs will be kiln-fired at the Rumriver Art Center, becoming food-safe and ready for pickup in approximately two weeks, ready to hold your beverage of choice.

As you're immersed in crafting your mug, take comfort knowing your child is enjoying a fun and safe evening down the hall. Kids of all skill levels can connect with their creative side through a structured, step-by-step approach. This method allows more experienced artists to advance while ensuring novice artists feel supported and confident in their creative journey.

Tuesday, February 13

6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Public Works Facility
14199 Jasper Street NW**

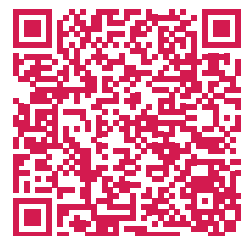
**Ages: 18+ for class,
5-12 for childcare**

Cost \$45/adult, \$5/child

**Max Enrollment:
14 adults, 20 children**

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DUCK, DUCK, WOOD DUCK

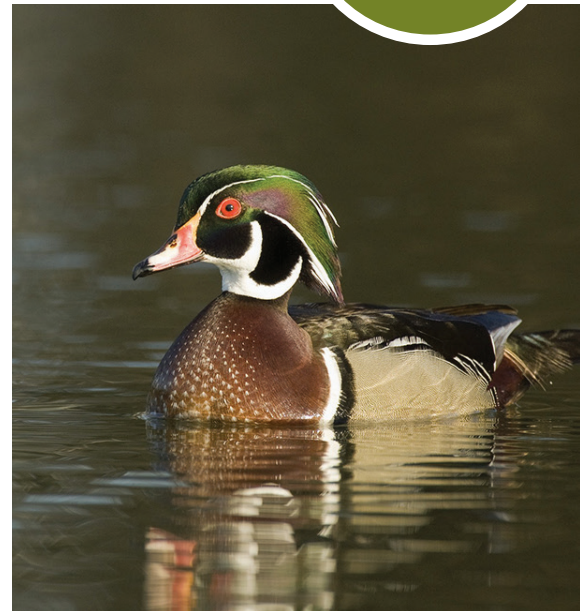
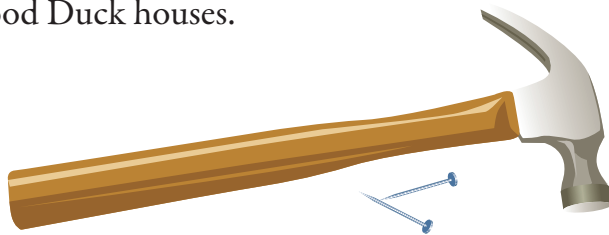


Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation for a morning of creativity, stewardship, and family bonding as we participate in the Outdoor News Wood Duck Challenge. This annual challenge is aimed at youth under 18 to foster outdoor appreciation and conservation skills.

At this event, families will work together to build and decorate a Wood Duck house using pre-cut pieces and easy-to-follow instructions. Once finished, our park staff will engrave your family name and the year on the house and install it in one of Ramsey's parks, creating a habitat for Wood Ducks that your family can visit annually.

A group photo with the completed houses and youth who participated will be taken for submission to Outdoor News to be featured in 2024's Wood Duck Challenge. For more information on the Wood Duck Challenge, visit <https://www.outdoornews.com/wood-duck-challenge/>.

The cost is \$10 per family, which includes all materials for one Wood Duck House and installation in a park. For those who wish to take their finished house home, the fee is \$20. Our staff will be on hand to offer help and advice, but we encourage adults to join their children in the assembly process. Preregistration is necessary, and availability is limited to 10 Wood Duck houses.



Saturday, March 2
10:00 a.m.-Noon

Ramsey Public Works
14199 Jasper Street NW

**Cost: \$10 to make and
place in a park**
**\$20 to make and
take home**

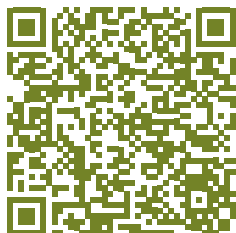
Max Enrollment: 10 families



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CENTRAL PARK FROST FEST



FROST
2024
FEST

Experience the magic of Winter at Central Park's second annual Frost Fest! This family-friendly event offers a variety of activities, including a snow maze, luge for sledding, and ice skating. Warm up with delicious hot chocolate or sample savory delights from the Chili Cook-off. We will transform the skating path at sunset with luminaries to enjoy skating under the winter sky.

Have a tried and true chili recipe? Enter our contest! Participants can cook any chili variety in a 6-quart Crockpot. Contestants must ensure transportation and adherence to food safety practices. Per Anoka County regulations, all non-commercial kitchen chili must be labeled with the maker's name and preparation address. We provide tables, tablecloths, paper products, silverware, napkins, and power.

Become a taste tester for just \$5! Sample up to 15 homemade chili recipes and vote for your favorites. The top winners will be awarded cash prizes. Register by midnight on Sunday, February 4. It's free to register, but space is limited! Chili sampling will be open until 5:00 p.m. Winners will be announced at 5:45 p.m. The skating trail's luminary display will begin around 5:00 p.m. and continue until the rink's closure at 10:00 p.m.

* Snow features such as the snow maze and sledding luge will be weather and snowfall-dependent.

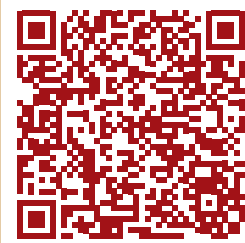
Saturday, February 10
Noon-6:00 p.m.

Central Park
161st Avenue NW, Ramsey

18+ years of age to enter
the Chili Cook-off

Cost: Free for activities,
\$5 to sample offerings at the
Chili Cook-Off

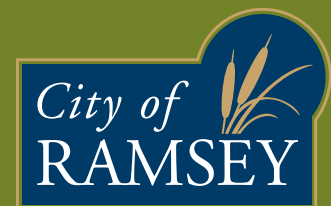
Max Enrollment: 15 for Chili
Cook-off



**REGISTER
FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF**
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GENTLE YOGA



Immerse yourself in mindful movement and connect to your breath in an hour-long Gentle Movement session. Jennifer, our yoga instructor, will guide you through a series of poses and breathwork that revitalize both the mind and body.

All levels are welcome. No experience is necessary. Bring your own yoga mat, water bottle, and small towel. Dress comfortably and be prepared to practice barefoot.

Preregistration is required. Register for one or multiple sessions, deadline is noon the day of. Those wishing to withdraw or transfer must do so by noon the day of for a full refund. In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made by noon the day of. Full refunds will be issued upon cancellation by the City.



Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility, 14199 Jasper Street NW

Ages: 13+, youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Cost \$5 per session

Max Enrollment: 25



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