City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, October 8, 2026
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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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 August 13, 2026.

5. Commission Business

1. Recommend the 2027 – 2036 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

2. Recommend 2027 Park Development Fees

3. Acknowledge Project Development for Phase 3 Improvements for The Waterfront

6. Commission/Staff Input

1. Happy Days Recap + Recreation Program Updates

7. Adjournment

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 10/08/2026

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

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.
1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated August 13, 2026.

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve meeting minutes.

Notification:

N/A

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff anticipates this case will take less than 5 minutes.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated August 13, 2026.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated August 13, 2026.

Attachments

P & R August 2026 Minutes

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 August 13, 2026, at The Draw, 7401 East Ramsey Parkway NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
Vice Chair Nathan Barten
Commissioner Garth Anderson
Commissioner Todd Arts
Commissioner Megan Ealain
Commissioner Laura Moore
Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Arts, Anderson, Ealain, Moore, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2026

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Ealain, Anderson, Arts, Barten, Moore, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Playground Replacement Program 2026 – Riverdale Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information, noting that the Commission selected Riverdale Park for the 2026 playground replacement program, but the project was paused to allow staff to apply for funding for poured-in-place surfacing versus engineered wood fiber. He stated that staff applied for the grant but was not selected, so staff is presenting the same project the Commission selected earlier this year and recommends moving forward with the engineered wood fiber. He stated that the proposed project budget fits within the allocated budget of $125,000. He stated that if recommended for approval by the Commission, this would move forward to the City Council at its August 25th meeting. He anticipated that the project could then occur this fall to be ready for use this spring.

Councilmember Peters asked if there is an anticipated annual maintenance cost.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that they have reviewed the maintenance costs several times at the Commission level and explained that it would depend on what is included. He described the weekly activities of park staff and different maintenance activities that are completed. He noted that as playgrounds age, there is more maintenance required by staff, and there is a point where playgrounds become very costly to keep in good condition.

Councilmember Peters asked if the proposed elements in the playground would require any different type of maintenance than the other playgrounds.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that these are high-quality materials that really have minimal maintenance needs for 10 to 15 years.

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to recommend City Council approval of Flagship Recreation's proposal Option 2A for Riverdale Park's playground replacement at a not-to-exceed amount of $125,000.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Olson, Anderson, Arts, Ealain, and Moore. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: Consider the Park and Recreation Commission Presence at the 2026 Happy Days Festival

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided information on the upcoming Happy Days Festival and invited members of the Commission to assist in staffing the City booth and other volunteer opportunities.

Commissioner Moore asked for more information on the staffing of the City booth and whether members of other Commissions also staff the booth.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx commented that there are some members of City staff at the City booth, along with members from this Commission. She provided information on the typical shifts.

Chair Bennett asked interested members of the Commission to email the Recreation Coordinator with their availability.

6.02: August Recreation Program Update

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided an overview of August recreation programming opportunities, noting the success of the adult sports league offerings and providing an update on the farmers market. She also noted an upcoming archery camp opportunity.

Chair Bennett recognized the great work of the Recreation Coordinator to continue to bring new opportunities to the community.

Commissioner Moore asked if there would be an opportunity to host an adult fall volleyball league at Adrenaline Sports.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx noted that there is interest in indoor adult sports leagues and while Adrenaline would be an option, the space has high demand and there would be a higher cost for that. She noted that staff will continue to seek partnership opportunities. She commented that the volleyball and soccer leagues were hosted at The Draw, utilizing the field space to the east.

Chair Bennett asked staff for an update on The Waterfront.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that residents and visitors have been enjoying the features of the park. He provided an update on the plans to keep people out of the storm pond.

Commissioner Arts asked if there is an update on the courts at Central Park.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the cracks are an aesthetic concern and they have not yet had success in obtaining a contractor for the project. He stated that a resurfacing of the courts at Riverdale Park is needed, but they also have not obtained contractor interest in that project. He provided additional information on the lifespan and maintenance needs of sports courts.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Ealain, seconded by Commissioner Barten, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Ealain, Barten, Anderson, Arts, Moore, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission **5. 1.**

Meeting Date: 10/08/2026

By: Mark Riverblood, Public Works

Information

Title:

Recommend the 2027 – 2036 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

Purpose/Background:

Annually, the 10-year Parks' Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is formulated by the Commission with staff support for a formal recommendation to City Council each Fall, with Council holding a Public Hearing prior to adoption of the city-wide CIP at the end of the calendar year.

Notification:

A Public Hearing on the City-wide CIP will be held by City Council anticipated for December of 2026.

Observations/Alternatives:

The following is an excerpt from the draft, larger city-wide all-category CIP, and includes an explanation on the CIP document and process, and is useful context to restate as part of the Commission's discussion:

"Enclosed is the Ramsey Capital Improvements/Capital Outlay Plan (CIP) for the years 2027-2036. It has been prepared in an attempt to anticipate major capital expenditures in advance of the year in which there are budget requests. Further, several projects may interrelate or require other improvements prior to initiation, which would cause delays without prior planning. Additionally, projects may require budgeting over several years or receipt of funds from other sources (i.e. grants) requiring planning completion prior to the funding year. Finally, the plan enables a snapshot of the identified capital needs of the community, allowing for continual prioritization of these needs.

Approval of the CIP by Council does not authorize spending or initiation of a given project. It does, however, provide a guide for the community for a whole array of private and public decision-making, impacted by public capital expenditures. Therefore, the CIP should receive ratification only if the Council perceives actions contemplated within the plan as reasonable and planned within justified timeframes. It shall further be noted that initial project design of public infrastructure projects identified within this plan often begins two years or more prior to the date of construction.

The CIP is not intended to provide for precise budgeting. Capital costs are projected as estimates. Upon each update of the plan, deletions, additions, delays, or other revisions may occur, reflecting changing community needs. These changes allow for budget refinements as a particular project nears actual construction."

Each year, when the Commission begins work on the CIP it is acknowledged that; all capital improvements require on-going maintenance costs (day-to-day labor, utilities or annual expenses); and therefore, staff and City Council will evaluate very carefully the real and total costs of each capital improvement for consideration within the context of the General Fund operations budget at the time CIP projects are brought forward for planning and development.

<u>Observations</u>

For the meeting, staff will provide a summary review of the proposed 10-year CIP, with an emphasis on 2027.

Funding Source:

The Parks 10-Year CIP document includes proposed funding sources and project cost *estimates* as identified on the CIP worksheets.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the draft 2027 – 2036 Parks Capital Improvement Plan be recommended to City Council to be considered within the larger city-wide 2027-2036 Capital Improvement Plan.

Action:

Based upon discussion, Motion to recommend the 2027-2036 Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

Attachments

Parks CIP only

Park Trust Fund cash flow

Parks Supplemental CIP

Form Review

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Bruce Westby	Mariah Albrecht	10/02/2026 02:47 PM
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CITY OF RAMSEY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PARKS ONLY
2027-2036

The Capital Improvement Program document is a planning tool maintained by the city to identify future projects, related expenditures, and funding sources. All projects designated in the Capital Improvement Program are contingent upon availability of resources during the planned year. The total expenditure of projects includes city-funded sources as well as other resources such as grants, fees, bonding, etc.

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2027 through 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

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Projects By Year

Project Name	Department	Project #	Priority	Project Cost
2027				
Park Development in The COR	*Park Improvements*	08-PARK-005	2	225,000
Northfork North Trail Connection	*Park Improvements*	17-PARK-007	2	150,000
Amphitheater Lighting and Audio Enhancements	*Park Improvements*	18-PARK-003	2	40,000
Aeration for Sunfish Lake	*Park Improvements*	18-PARK-005	2	40,000
River's Bend South Shelter Replacement	*Park Improvements*	21-PARK-001	1	165,000
Playground Replacement Program	*Park Improvements*	22-PARK-001	1	145,000
Park Building(s) Stabilization	*Park Improvements*	24-PARK-001	2	175,000
Outdoor Hockey Rinks	*Park Improvements*	25-PARK-002	1	420,000
Re-roof Park Shelters/Warming House	*Park Improvements*	25-PARK-003	1	75,000
The Waterfront-Phase Three	*Park Improvements*	27-Park-001	1	326,000
Re-roof Park Buildings	*Park Improvements*	27-PARK-003	4	50,000
Sunwood Drive Round-about	*Park Improvements*	27-PARK-005	2	75,000
		Total for 2027		1,886,000
2028				
Trail Connections	*Park Improvements*	06-PARK-019	2	30,000
Municipal Plaza	*Park Improvements*	07-PARK-001	5	3,700,000
Moved to 27-STR-011	*Park Improvements*	25-PARK-001	2	0
Alpine Park Restroom	*Park Improvements*	26-Park-003	2	200,000
Community Garden @ Traprock Commons	*Park Improvements*	27-PARK-004	4	10,000
		Total for 2028		3,940,000
2029				
Sixth Community Park (north central Ramsey)	*Park Improvements*	06-ACQ-001	5	3,800,000
Trail Connections	*Park Improvements*	06-PARK-019	2	140,000
Playground Replacement Program	*Park Improvements*	22-PARK-001	1	155,000
		Total for 2029		4,095,000
2030				
Lake Itasca Community Park	*Park Improvements*	04-PARK-007	5	1,200,000
Field Lighting - Central Park	*Park Improvements*	17-PARK-006	4	400,000
Lake Itasca / COR Greenway	*Park Improvements*	17-PARK-008	5	1,900,000
		Total for 2030		3,500,000
2031				
Playground Replacement Program	*Park Improvements*	22-PARK-001	1	165,000
Mississippi River Xing Park and Trail Improvements	*Park Improvements*	27-PARK-002	4	500,000
		Total for 2031		665,000
2032				
Trott Brook Greenway Trail	*Park Improvements*	04-PARK-014	5	4,000,000
Acquire outlots A in Rivers Bluff & Reilly Estates	*Site Acquisitions*	06-ACQ-002	5	20,000
		Total for 2032		4,020,000
2033				
Alpaca Estates Outlot	*Site Acquisitions*	08-ACQ-002	5	35,000
Playground Replacement Program	*Park Improvements*	22-PARK-001	1	150,000
		Total for 2033		185,000

Project Name	Department	Project #	Priority	Project Cost
2035				
Playground Replacement Program	*Park Improvements*	22-PARK-001	1	150,000
		Total for 2035		150,000
		GRAND TOTAL		18,441,000

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Project #	06-PARK-019
Project Name	Trail Connections

Total Project Cost	$170,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This project would include the installation of one or more of the several high priority connections linking segments of the city's trail system as opportunities and funding become available. Examples: -North Commons Neighborhood Trail Link at Zeolite Street - Projected for 2023 (Est.$30,000) -Boardwalk parallel with Trott Brook, west of Variolite Street (Est $140,000)

Justification

The increase demand in use of the city's trail system compels the continued development of the trail system. Resident requests for improved trail system connections are reflected in priority projects. Trails will also move people off high speed roadways and improve transportation and safety - an objective that is aligned within the strategic goal of a Connected Community.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	30,000	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**170,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**140,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**170,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	30,000	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**170,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**30,000**	**140,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**170,000**	

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Project #	08-PARK-005
Project Name	Park Development in The COR

Total Project Cost	$655,200	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This proposed Capital Improvement represents continued park development in The COR, began in 2024. There are three categories of intra-related projects:

-Landscape and irrigation for Municipal Plaza and along Center Street. This project will also supply electrical power to the park that will eliminate the rental of generators each year for the one-day Fall Festival.

Justification

Private development in The COR have provided Park Dedication fees that will fund the planned-for park improvements in Ramsey's downtown.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
430,200	Improvements Other than Building Cost	225,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225,000	0
	Total	**225,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**225,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
430,200	Park Improvement Trust Fund	225,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225,000	0
	Total	**225,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**225,000**	

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Project #	17-PARK-006
Project Name	Field Lighting - Central Park

Total Project Cost	$400,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	4-New Addition (Med)	Status	Active
Useful Life	50 years		

Description

Proposed improvement is for additional athletic field lighting for a community park for fall sport use. This project would be an opportunity to partner with PACT and ARAA, and is focused on fields 5 & 6 at Central Park.

Justification

Fall sports, most notably soccer and football, are constrained by shorter daylight, and are benefited by field lighting.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	0	0	400,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**400,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Grants/Outside Sources	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	0
	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400,000**	

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Project #	17-PARK-007
Project Name	Northfork North Trail Connection

Total Project Cost	$150,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Construct a 6' class 2 crushed granite trail through Outlot B, Northfork and Outlot A. Northfork Trail addition within dedicated 16' easement. Timing of the construction should occur outside of the Oak Wilt concern months of April.

Justification

Trail connection constructed in lieu of on-road bicycle land on Andrie Street and 164th Lane NW per permanent pedestrian and bicycle trail easement agreement granted by Northfork Homeowner's Association on May 19th, 2016.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	0
	Total	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	0
	Total	**150,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	18-PARK-003
Project Name	Amphitheater Lighting and Audio Enhancements

Total Project Cost	$40,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Lighting and audio enhancements and audio conduits at The Draw.

Justification

Additional lighting within the amphitheater is justified for concerts that go later into the evening and in the later summer. Conduit and cable for audio (additional speakers) is likewise merited for larger events at the park.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**40,000**	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

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Project #	18-PARK-005
Project Name	Aeration for Sunfish Lake

Total Project Cost	$40,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This project would install a aeration system at Sunfish Lake. Project elements include contracted installation, electrical power supply, signing, permitting and public notifications. A solar-powered system may be considered at Sunfish Lake - possibly with partial grant funding. Note: The General Fund Budget would need to be adjusted to accommodate both annual electric expense and other O&M costs estimated at $1,000 to $2,000 annually.

Justification

Sunfish Lake was a popular destination for youth fishing for panfish. During certain winter conditions, shallow water bodies can experience 'winterkill'. An aeration systems would pump oxygen and circulate the water, maintaining the fish populations and the attendant recreational resource.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0
	Total	**40,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40,000**	

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Project #	21-PARK-001
Project Name	River's Bend South Shelter Replacement

Total Project Cost	$165,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	1-Existing Obligation (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

The south shelter at River's Bend Park was furnished and constructed by volunteers in the late 1980's. The condition of the shelter aesthetically is poor, and the concrete slab is broken as well.

Justification

Replacement of the shelter with a modern, nice looking facility would expand opportunities for shelter reservations and adding stone seat walls and an outdoor fireplace would enhance its appeal, and use as part of facility rentals.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	165,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**165,000**	0
	Total	**165,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**165,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	165,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**165,000**	0
	Total	**165,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**165,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	22-PARK-001
Project Name	Playground Replacement Program

Total Project Cost	$1,290,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Equipment	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	1-Existing Obligation (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Consistent with the Playground Replacement Policy, this project worksheet reflects the anticipated replacement of a playground and associated park rejuvenation each year of the CIP. The aforementioned policy document forecasts the next two playgrounds for consideration as: Flintwood Terrace and Solstice Park.

Justification

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, subsequent CIP's can be expected to 'pick-up' where this plan ends.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
525,000	Improvements Other than Building Cost	145,000	0	155,000	0	165,000	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	**765,000**	0
	Total	**145,000**	**0**	**155,000**	**0**	**165,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**765,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
525,000	Lawful Gambling Fund	145,000	0	155,000	0	165,000	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	**765,000**	0
	Total	**145,000**	**0**	**155,000**	**0**	**165,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**765,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	24-PARK-001
Project Name	Park Building(s) Stabilization

Total Project Cost	$175,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	50 years		

Description

This project would consist of minor repairs to the farm house to bring it into housing code compliance, and stabilize and secure the historic barns at the site of the city's sixth community park referred to as the Heritage Farm.

Justification

The City had projected the need for a future Community Park #6 in the area north of Trott Brook for decades, and more recently as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan - and the park was dedicated as part of a 2022 residential plat. Buildings will be adapted to be reused for public park uses, including the possibility of an Event Center. This project will stabilize the historic barn, and also bring the farm house up to code such that it may me leased until the City begins park development

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	175,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**175,000**	0
	Total	**175,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**175,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	175,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**175,000**	0
	Total	**175,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**175,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	25-PARK-002
Project Name	Outdoor Hockey Rinks

Total Project Cost	$420,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	1-Existing Obligation (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Replacement of the Central Park hockey rink boards and lights. This project would require the removal of the wooden rink boards and replace with new poly rink panels. Also, included in this project would be the removal and replacement of the old wooden light stanchions with new metal poles and LED lights. The ground surface of one rink may be upgraded to asphalt.

Justification

The current rink boards and lights have been in place for over 20 years. The rink boards and their infrastructure are long past their useful life as is the rink lighting system. Staff repairs and replaces several rink boards every year and a contractor has to be hired to repair and replace lights that are not functioning properly. Safety concerns are dealt with every year but they're becoming more prevalent. Paving the rink ground surface would benefit the city by using less water (approximately 115,000 initial flooding gallons) and save at least 80 staff hours to build the ice sheet. These saved staff hours along with new poly rink boards would require less maintenance which in turn would let staff work on other projects. Cost savings for using less water, re-directing staff to other projects, more efficient rink lighting, fuel and maintenance of equipment could approach $15,000 per year.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	420,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420,000	0
	Total	**420,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**420,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	420,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420,000	0
	Total	**420,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**420,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	25-PARK-003
Project Name	Re-roof Park Shelters/Warming House

Total Project Cost	$75,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	1-Existing Obligation (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This project would include re-roofing (two) Flintwood Terrace Park shelter roofs, (one) Alpine Park shelter roof with standing seam steel roofing.

Justification

All of these roofs have been in place for over 20 years. The shelter roofs have cedar shakes on them which are disintegrating and falling off.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Capital Maintenance Fund	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	26-Park-003
Project Name	Alpine Park Restroom

Total Project Cost	$200,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Buildings	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	50 years		

Description

Purchase and install a prefab restroom to serve the baseball program of ARAA and general park patrons. This project would include sanitary sewer and municipal water supply to the building, which would be coordinated with maintenance for the parkway and parking lot.

Justification

Alpine Community Park hosts tournaments that more that two thousand visitors attend each year. Residents also use the off-leash are and the playground. A full service restroom would greatly improve the user experience.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Building Cost/Construction	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	0
	Total	**0**	**200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	0
	Total	**0**	**200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	27-Park-001
Project Name	The Waterfront-Phase Three

Total Project Cost	$326,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	1-Existing Obligation (High)	Status	Active
Useful Life	25 years		

Description

Continue development of the Community Park known asThe Waterfront, with a mini-marina, peddle boats and kayaks, as well as substantial landsape and recreational fishing enhancements.

Justification

To complete the development of the Community Park.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	326,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**326,000**	0
	Total	**326,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**326,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	0
	Grants/Outside Sources	126,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**126,000**	
	Total	**326,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**326,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	27-PARK-002
Project Name	Mississippi River Xing Park and Trail Improvements

Total Project Cost	$500,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	4-New Addition (Med)	Status	Active

Description

The project worksheet is a place-holder for public park and trail improvements that may occur near or under the proposed bridge crossing the Mississippi River. If the bride is constructed as part of adjacent residential development, land would be set-aside to meet open space requirements for the developments and not dedicated as park, but open and available to all - with Park Dedication in the forrn of cash, which would fund the publicly assessable improvements, (trails, pavilion, trees, water access, etc.)

Justification

The project worksheet is a place-holder as planning continues to move ahead for the proposed Mississippi River crossing.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**500,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**500,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**500,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**500,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	27-PARK-003
Project Name	Re-roof Park Buildings

Total Project Cost	$50,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	4-New Addition (Med)	Status	Active
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This project would entail replacing the asphalt shingle roofing for both the warming house and Park Center building at Central Park. The structures have the original 40 year-old roof and both are leaking.

Justification

Re-roofing cannot be deferred without risking structural damage to the roof's sheeting. The estimate for the Warming House is $20,000 with the Park Center building at $30,000, funded by the Capital Maintenance Fund. These roofing projects are not Capital Imrpovements, but are listed within the CIP as placeholders to forecast the pending maintenance work.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Building Cost/Construction	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**50,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Capital Maintenance Fund	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**50,000**	0
	Total	**50,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**50,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	27-PARK-004
Project Name	Community Garden @ Traprock Commons

Total Project Cost	$10,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	4-New Addition (Med)	Status	Active

Description

This project would entail creating a larger community garden space at the under utilized 4.4 acre Traprock Commons. Unlike the other two community gardens (that generally have a waiting list0, this area would provide for larger gardens and not be perennial dedicatwd individual small plots.

Justification

As Ramsey continues to build out, often with small yards or apartments or townhomes with no space for gardening, community gardens continue to be sought after, defining the need. There is also a ground water monitoring well at the northwest of the property that may provide a water source. The $10,000 project cost is an estimate for establishing electric service to the site. Other modest improvements or ammenities may be considered too. This project may be developed with nominal annual fees for gardeners, which could cover operational costs. (The $400 annual maintenance expense shown represents electric costs for the water well.)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**10,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**10,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**10,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**10,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**10,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**10,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	27-PARK-005
Project Name	Sunwood Drive Round-about

Total Project Cost	$75,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	2-New Addition (High)	Status	Active

Description

This project would consist of landscape treatments and architectural way-finding signs for the round-about at Sunwood Drive and Ramsey Parkway.

Justification

This round-about has been barren for more than a decade, with regular calls for improvements, given its prominence and primary entrance to Ramsey's downtown. This project may be an opporunity for the Economic Development Authority to partner with the downtown business owners to promote retail opportunities.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Public Improvement Revolving Fund	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**75,000**	0
	Total	**75,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**75,000**	

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Capital Improvement Plan

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Project #	06-ACQ-002
Project Name	Acquire outlots A in Rivers Bluff & Reilly Estates

Total Project Cost	$20,000	Department	Site Acquisitions
Type	Land	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Active

Description

Along the Rum River in the central part of the city are separate outlots owned by two homeowners associations. Both are very attractive, wooded parcels and connected to existing undeveloped trail corridors. This project may entail the donation of the land in exchange for passive improvements such as trails, picnic areas or fishing platforms.

Justification

The associations would benefit by realizing these amenities near their homes. The $20,000 expense represents an estimate for real-estate transaction costs, and perhaps park planning to promote the donation. The park plans would generate the development cost projections to be added to a subsequent CIP.

Life Budget Utilization

$0 of $20,000 (0%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Land Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	**20,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	**20,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**	

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Project #	08-ACQ-002
Project Name	Alpaca Estates Outlot

Total Project Cost	$35,000	Department	Site Acquisitions
Type	Land	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Active

Description

This particular riverfront lot was not large enough to build on when the plat was filed for recording. Acquisition may also occur if it becomes available through tax forfeiture.

Justification

This lot was the subject of a development proposal to build a single family home, and was denied. Acquisition of this outlot would provide river access in this area and be part of larger public access area and open space along the Mississippi proposed to the west.

Life Budget Utilization

$0 of $35,000 (0%)

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Land Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	**35,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	**35,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35,000**	

Park Improvement Fund

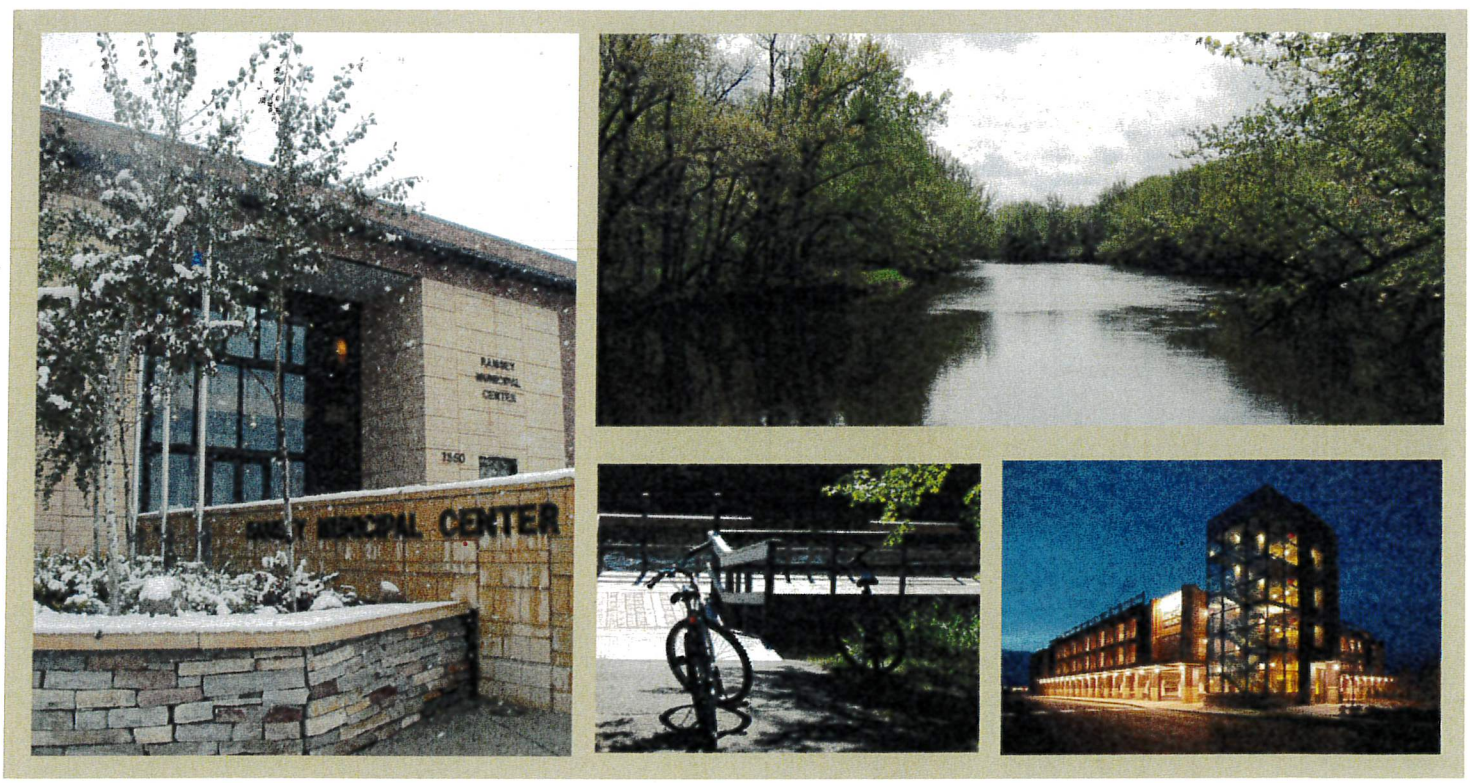
	Actual 2025	Projected 2026	Projected 2027	Projected 2028	Projected 2029	Projected 2030	Projected 2031	Projected 2032	Projected 2033	Projected 2034	Projected 2035	Projected 2036	Parks Supplemental CIP 2027-2036 Future
Beginning Balance	9,087,595	11,066,067	7,806,127	6,575,157	6,513,033	6,550,598	6,528,351	6,205,993	6,362,023	6,503,833	6,681,352	6,859,759	
Fundbalance overstated													
Projected Revenue													
Park/Trail Dedications (Averaged Ehlers Study for 2017-	472,427	1,289,703	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	
Donations	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Waterfront Fishery Grant	6,915	39,085											
MRT reim0-Anoka													
The Draw Park Reim from Land Sale Proceeds	2,167,957												
Interest Earnings	383,990	55,330	39,031	32,876	32,565	32,753	32,642	31,030	31,810	32,519	33,407	34,299	
TOTAL REVENUE	3,031,789	1,384,118	184,031	177,876	177,565	177,753	177,642	176,030	176,810	177,519	178,407	179,299	
CIP Projects													
Alpaca Estates Outlet									(35,000)				
Amphitheater Lighting			(40,000)										
Alpine Park Restroom				(200,000)									
Barn Stabilization & Farm House Repair			(175,000)										
Aeration for Sunfish Lake & The Draw			(40,000)										
Central Park Parking Lot													
Central Park Playground	(148,312)												
Central Park Cameras		(30,000)											
DNR Grant Vegetation		(46,000)											
Central Park Field Lights						(200,000)							
Central Park Irrigation													
1st Phase Waterfront Park	(543,092)	(4,213,484)											
Waterfront Park Phase III			(200,000)										
Waterfront restroom	(90,000)	(216,448)											
COR Park Development			(225,000)										
Damon Farbor-Water Front		(138,127)											
Hollow Park including restroom & playground	(268,063)												
Community Garden Traprock				(10,000)									
Mississippi River Crossing Park & Trail Impr							(500,000)						
Central Anoka County Regional Trail Bridge Over 10 (Future)													$ (7,000,000)
Community Center at the Waterfront (Future)											-	-	$ (22,000,000)
Municipal Plaza (Future)													$ (3,700,000)
Northfork Trail Connection			(150,000)										
Outdoor Hockey Rinks			(420,000)										
River's Bend South Shelter Replacement	(3,850)		(165,000)										
Riversbluff Outlaws A Acquisition								(20,000)					
Sixth Community Park (Future)2027													$ (3,800,000)
Trail Projects				(30,000)	(140,000)								
Trott Brook Trail Corridor (Future)													$ (4,000,000)
Lake Itasca Park Phase I & II (Future)													$ (1,200,000)
Lake Itasca/COR Greenway (Future)													$ (1,900,000)
Total CIP Projects (EXPENDITURES)	(1,053,317)	(4,644,059)	(1,415,000)	(240,000)	(140,000)	(200,000)	(500,000)	(20,000)	(35,000)	-	-	-	(43,600,000)
FUND BALANCE, End of Year	11,066,067	7,806,127	6,575,157	6,513,033	6,550,598	6,528,351	6,205,993	6,362,023	6,503,833	6,681,352	6,859,759	7,039,058	

Possible Future Projects-Currently Unfunded or not high priority

SUPPLEMENTAL
FUTURE CONSIDERATION PROJECTS

CITY OF RAMSEY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
2027-2036

The Capital Improvement Program document is a planning tool maintained by the city to identify future projects, related expenditures, and funding sources. All projects designated in the Capital Improvement Program are contingent upon availability of resources during the planned year. The total expenditure of projects includes city-funded sources as well as other resources such as grants, fees, bonding, etc.



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Park and Trail Capital Improvements – Future Projects

The following are park, trail and park acquisition projects that have been identified by the Park and Recreation Commission as proposed, needed improvements into the future – but do not have identified funding at the time of the 10-Year Park's CIP adoption. In other instances they are predicated on land development or future demand.

The proposed improvements are assigned to category Priority #5 which is known as Opportunity Driven/Unfunded/Placeholder. All projects are given a number 5 Priority, as the projects are currently unfunded.

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Projects By Department

Department	Project #	Priority	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Park Improvements													
Lake Itasca Community Park	*04-PARK-007*	5				1,200,000							**1,200,000**
Trott Brook Greenway Trail	*04-PARK-014*	5						4,000,000					**4,000,000**
Sixth Community Park (north central Ramsey)	*06-ACQ-001*	5			3,800,000								**3,800,000**
Municipal Plaza	*07-PARK-001*	5		3,700,000									**3,700,000**
Central Anoka County Regional Trail Bridge over 10	*08-PARK-008*	5	9,250,000										**9,250,000**
Lake Itasca / COR Greenway	*17-PARK-008*	5				1,900,000							**1,900,000**
		Park Improvements Total	**9,250,000**	**3,700,000**	**3,800,000**	**3,100,000**	**0**	**4,000,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**23,850,000**
		GRAND TOTAL	**9,250,000**	**3,700,000**	**3,800,000**	**3,100,000**	**0**	**4,000,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**23,850,000**

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Projects By Year & Priority

Project Name	Department	Project #	Priority	Project Cost
2027				
Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder				
Central Anoka County Regional Trail Bridge over 10	*Park Improvements*	08-PARK-008	5	9,250,000
		Total for: Priority 5		9,250,000
		Total for 2027		9,250,000
2028				
Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder				
Municipal Plaza	*Park Improvements*	07-PARK-001	5	3,700,000
		Total for: Priority 5		3,700,000
		Total for 2028		3,700,000
2029				
Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder				
Sixth Community Park (north central Ramsey)	*Park Improvements*	06-ACQ-001	5	3,800,000
		Total for: Priority 5		3,800,000
		Total for 2029		3,800,000
2030				
Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder				
Lake Itasca Community Park	*Park Improvements*	04-PARK-007	5	1,200,000
Lake Itasca / COR Greenway	*Park Improvements*	17-PARK-008	5	1,900,000
		Total for: Priority 5		3,100,000
		Total for 2030		3,100,000
2032				
Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder				
Trott Brook Greenway Trail	*Park Improvements*	04-PARK-014	5	4,000,000
		Total for: Priority 5		4,000,000
		Total for 2032		4,000,000
		GRAND TOTAL		23,850,000

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Project #	04-PARK-007
Project Name	Lake Itasca Community Park

Total Project Cost	$1,200,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration
Useful Life	50 years		

Description

This project is intended to begin the development of Lake Itasca Park North of Alpine Drive, east of the lake to the west line of the adjacent subdivision.

Justification

Properties south of Alpine Drive, both east and west of Puma Street have developed as residential. This development has essentially provided the necessary Park Dedication funds for the 1st phase of construction, as well as contributing increased recreational demand.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	0	0	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1,200,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,200,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1,200,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,200,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,200,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	04-PARK-014
Project Name	Trott Brook Greenway Trail

Total Project Cost	$4,000,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

The Trott Brook Greenway Trail would extend from Elk River's Youth Athletic Complex near Jarvis Street and follow the brook easterly to Rum River Central Park about six miles away. The project would involve continued acquisition of scenic and trail easements, boardwalk and trail construction and natural resource enhancements. Segments of the trail may be on-street within certain neighborhoods.

Justification

This trail project would be predicated on significant planning leading up to construction and likely involve a Master Plan, as well as receiving grant monies for funding. The land around the brook is the largest and most contiguous undeveloped natural area within Ramsey. The City presently has about half of the land acquired (through Park Dedications and a LCCMR grant) to construct this trail. This trail has a regional context. There is a trail proposed to connect Sherburne County and Ramsey to a metro regional park. This project may be a good candidate for Legacy Amendment funding, following a regional designation.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	0	0	0	0	**4,000,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,000,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,000,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Grants/Outside Sources	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	0	0	0	0	**4,000,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,000,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,000,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	06-ACQ-001
Project Name	Sixth Community Park (north central Ramsey)

Total Project Cost	$3,800,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Land	Category	Site Acquisition
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration

Description

The park location is within the Trott Brook Crossing subdivision, north of Trott Brook and geographically centralized within the city. The park would have athletic fields, significant playground and repurposed barns serving as a community event center.

Justification

Given the projected build-out of Ramsey, it is anticipated that a sixth Community Park will be required to meet the needs of the existing and future residents.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Land Acquisition	0	0	3,800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3,800,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**3,800,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,800,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	3,800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3,800,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**3,800,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,800,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	07-PARK-001
Project Name	Municipal Plaza

Total Project Cost	$3,700,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Development of the proposed 2-acre Municipal Plaza in The COR, based upon the parks framework plan at $41 per square foot.

Justification

This urban park-space may be one of the most prominent park spaces within The COR - due to its visibility along Sunwood Drive, and its relationship to the Municipal Center and transit hub. The site is also likely to continue to be used for the city's festival known as Happy Days.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	3,700,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3,700,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**3,700,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,700,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	3,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3,500,000**	0
	Grants/Outside Sources	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**200,000**	
	Total	**0**	**3,700,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,700,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	08-PARK-008
Project Name	Central Anoka County Regional Trail Bridge over 10

Total Project Cost	$9,250,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

Bridge #02053 will connect The COR to the trail to the Mississippi River along the storm sewer outfall and serve as a regional trail connection between the Northstar Rail Station and Mississippi West Regional Park.

Justification

The COR is designed to be pedestrian friendly. This bridge will provide a connection to West Mississippi Regional Park and the regional trail. Further, the rail and highway crossing will allow residents to access the Metro bus stop and The COR without adding automobile trips to Hwys #10 and #169. Ramsey has received $100,000 from Met Council for engineering and design, and $490,000 from the National Park Service to complete the final plans and specifications. Additionally, a private developer has contributed the touch-down land adjacent to Riverdale Drive. Because this route is a regional trail, the project's construction should be a joint endeavor between Anoka County and the City, funded by a Metropolitan Council grant.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	9,250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**9,250,000**	0
	Total	**9,250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**9,250,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Grants/Outside Sources	5,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**5,500,000**	0
	2024 Legislative Funds	3,750,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3,750,000**	
	Total	**9,250,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**9,250,000**	

2027 thru 2036

Capital Improvement Plan

Ramsey, MN

Project #	17-PARK-008
Project Name	Lake Itasca / COR Greenway

Total Project Cost	$1,900,000	Department	Park Improvements
Type	Improvement	Category	Park Improvement
Priority	5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder	Status	Future Consideration
Useful Life	20 years		

Description

This project envisions a Greenway connection from Municipal Plaza, The Draw and the proposed Waterfront, west through The COR to the Lake Itasca Community Park.

Justification

The Greenway will be the primary east/west pedestrian route on either side of Armstrong Blvd, connecting places to live, work and recreate. It is intended that the Greenway also will be a working component of the stormwater system.

Prior	Expenditures	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Improvements Other than Building Cost	0	0	0	1,900,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1,900,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,900,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,900,000**	

Prior	Funding Sources	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total	Future
0	Park Improvement Trust Fund	0	0	0	1,900,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1,900,000**	0
	Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,900,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,900,000**	

Park and Recreation Commission **5. 2.**

Meeting Date: 10/08/2026

By: Mark Riverblood, Public Works

Information

Title:

Recommend 2027 Park Development Fees

Purpose/Background:

This case is a part of the city's annual Adoption of Rates and Charges, and relates specifically to a portion of development fees, pertaining to the subdivision of land.

Description of Park Dedication and Trail Fees

Any time new development occurs within the city of Ramsey, the subdivision of land is evaluated for parks and trail needs. If park land is not needed, the City of Ramsey will accept cash in lieu of physical Park Dedication [land]. The cash payment is then used for current/future park development within the city. (These development fees can only be used for park and trail development, not maintenance.) The same evaluation of the physical need versus a cash equivalent is true for both Park Dedication (land or cash) and Trail Fees (trail construction or cash). However, it may be noted that both sidewalks in the MUSA and trails *along arterial roadways* in the city, are required as essential infrastructure (no credit assessed against development fees).

Park Dedication is calculated based on the size of a development and the density, as well as residential versus commercial/industrial land use and rates; and is listed within the city's annual Rates and Charges.

Purpose

The city recognizes that parks, trails, and open space are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city and persons working in the city, and that the character and quality of the environment as well as recreational opportunities are of major importance—and therefore 'Park Dedication' and 'Trail Fees' are critical development fees in the planning and development processes of the city. The city must not only provide these necessary amenities for citizens today, but also be insightful to the needs of future residents that new development brings.

Methodology and History

Rates for ***land* dedication** have remained fairly static for several decades – however, there have been some minor changes now that greater densities are permitted in the urban areas; and there have been minor formulaic changes for land uses that have demonstrable lower 'demand' for parks and open-space (E.g. memory care centers).

Additionally, the acreage/fee structure is reviewed by City Council annually, for 'cost of living' adjustments each year as part of the Rates and Charges analysis. In earlier years there have been minor increases to Park Dedication and Trail Fees, and there were no increases adopted for 2020, 2021 nor 2022. For 2023 Council increased certain Park Dedication and Trail Fees based upon the Park & Recreation Commission's recommendation—for years 2024, 2025 and 2026 there were no increases (over those adopted for 2023).

Further, Ramsey's rates are sometimes compared to similar suburban cities in the metropolitan area, as well as our immediate neighbors—however, while this may be useful, development fees must respond to a legitimate need associated with the change in land use (increased residents, greater densities and more park and trail users) and thus the following is what actually informs Park Dedication and Trail Fee rates.

In concluding, *park land* and park and trail *improvements* themselves are identified within the Parks Capital Improvement Plan – which is adopted each year by City Council following a recommendation by the

Commission. This plan is a reflection of community need (then also, presumably in corresponding development fees)—with the forecast improvements sometimes outpacing anticipated revenue from both Park Dedication and Trail Fees.

Notification:

Prior to adoption of the 2027 Rates and Charges Schedule, City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, likely on December 8th, 2026. Park Dedication and Trail Fees are a part of this schedule and Public Hearing.

Observations/Alternatives:

As indicated above, during detailed and comprehensive discussions on Park Dedication and Trail Fee cash contribution rates within 2021 and 2022, the Park & Recreation Commission recommended increases that were ultimately adopted by City Council for calendar year 2023—and again, there were no increases adopted for 2024, 2025 and 2026. The attachment to this case shows the current rates and schedule in effect today, together with recommended increases for 2027 which are supported by Parks Capital Improvement Plan forecast.

Funding Source:

Funding is not required for this case, rather Development Fees are required to off-set demand on the park and trail system from new development in the city—for the development of new park and trail improvements, (**not** maintenance, which is funded by the General Fund Levy).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the changes to the Park Dedication or Trail Fees for 2027, as represented in the attached [partial] schedule of development fees.

Action:

Motion to recommend to City Council Park Dedication and Trail Fees for 2027, based upon discussion.

Attachments

Proposed 2027 Fees

Form Review

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		2026	Proposed 2027
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	Including Townhomes & Apartment Units 0-11.99 units per acre	$4,700.00/dwelling unit	$5,000/dwelling unit
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	12 - 19.99 units per acre	7.5% Discount/$4,347.00	7.5% Discount/$4,625
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	20 + units per acre	15% Discount/$3,995.00	15 Discount/$4,250
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Commercial/Assisted Living Facilities		$5,400.00/acre	$5,700/acre
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Industrial		$4,500.00/acre	$4,700/acre
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Residential	0 - 3.0 dwelling units per acre	10% of the land	
	3.1 - 5.0 dwelling units per acre	15% of the land	
	5.1 + dwelling units per acre	Add .5% for each over 5	
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Commercial/Industrial/Assisted Living Facilities		5% gross land area	
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Planned Unit Developments	(public open space/rec. uses-not including wetlands)	10% gross land area	
		$3,000.00/dwelling unit	$3,200/dwelling unit
Trail Development Fee - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit		$1,575.00/dwelling unit	$1,675/dwelling unit
Trail Development Fee - Commercial/Industrial/Assisted Living Facilities		$1,400.00/acre	$1,475/acre

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 10/08/2026

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

Information

Title:

Acknowledge Project Development for Phase 3 Improvements for The Waterfront

Purpose/Background:

The 16-acre park in the city's downtown known as The Waterfront, has been heartily welcomed by residents as a success and new addition to the city's park and trail system, and the waterplay portion in particular was frequented regularly by visitors to Ramsey this Summer. This last aspect is notable as the park's development had also been seen as an opportunity to create a destination attracting people to Ramsey's downtown to help support the retail environment, in addition to serving as a community park for residents. The first phase of the park's development following mass grading and the completion of the streets and on-street parking, was the creation of a 6/10 of mile trail circumnavigating the 7-acre deep-water pond, together with the first trees established around the north, west and south sides of the park.

The Waterfront's second phase consisted primarily of the $4M waterplay plaza, large restroom and surrounding landscape as well as irrigation all the way around the trail and pond. Additionally in 2026, there was the construction of a large fishing pier and the first stocking of game fish, as well as substantial shoreline vegetation establishment—all of which were funded by the MN DNR. Following the July 1st opening of the restroom and waterplay/splash pad elements, there were several small improvements identified to enhance and complete the project—and it was apparent that the bistro-style seating area with decorative fencing above the waterfall should be extended to the south to provide more seating, and to 'enclose' the splash pad area and better separate children from the adjacent storm pond.

The additional park enhancements (identified in Phase Two) may be undertaken as soon as this late Fall, together with other new park and recreational elements in what may be thought of as Phase Three, and the subject of this case. In summary, these categories are:

Follow-up improvements from Phase Two
~ Overlook and bistro seating area extension and enclosure + food truck plaza expansion
~ Misc improvements/enhancements

'New' park improvements
~ Three massive swing benches with arbor, stone/gravel paths and substantial plantings
~ Shrub masses along esplanade (long walk and knoll parallel to Parkway and pond)
~ 60 large B & B trees planted throughout the park
~ 'Mini-marina' with kayaks/boats
~ Small pavilion along esplanade near mini-marina

As indicated by this case's title, these proposed park improvements are under project development—which includes preliminary cost estimate refinements.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Observations
For the meeting, staff will present and detail each of the proposed new 'Phase Three' park improvements for The Waterfront as listed in the following preliminary cost estimate.

Proposed Phase Three Park Improvements
(Follow-up improvements from Phase Two)
~ Overlook and bistro seating area extension and enclosure + food truck plaza expansion* ($90k)
~ Misc improvements/enhancements* ($12k)

('New' park improvements)
~ Three massive swing benches with arbor, stone/gravel paths and substantial plantings ($155k)
~ Shrub masses along esplanade (long walk and knoll parallel to Parkway and pond) ($15k)
~ 60 large B & B trees* planted throughout the park ($36k)
~ 'Mini-marina' with kayaks/boats* ($140k)
~ Small pavilion along esplanade near mini-marina ($40k)

Funding Source:
All improvements referenced within this case would be funded by the Park Trust Fund (present balance of approx. $7M), except for $126,465 in grant funding for the 'mini-marina' which are federal funds.

It may be further noted that the Roers 5-story apartment project under construction now at the southwest intersection to The Waterfront, will contribute $731,000 in Park Dedication fees to the Park Trust Fund, and will also be the home of hundreds of new patrons to the park.

Recommendation:
Staff recommends proceeding with certain *follow-up park improvements from the project earlier this year, and the *mini-marina project that was approved in concept by the Commission in January—and the planting this Fall of approximately *60 B & B trees due to availability and an approximate 40% savings over what could be realized over a 2027 planting cost.

Outcome/Action:
Motion to recommend to Council authorizing Park Trust Funds for 2026-27 park improvements at The Waterfront, based upon discussion.

Attachments

The Waterfront base map
Phase 2 follow-up & initial Phase 3 exhibits
CDBG funded mini-marina & boats

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BUNKER LAKE BLVD
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146TH AVE NW
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RAMSEY PKWY NW
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WILLEMITE ST NW
CITY OF RAMSEY
WATERFRONT PARK
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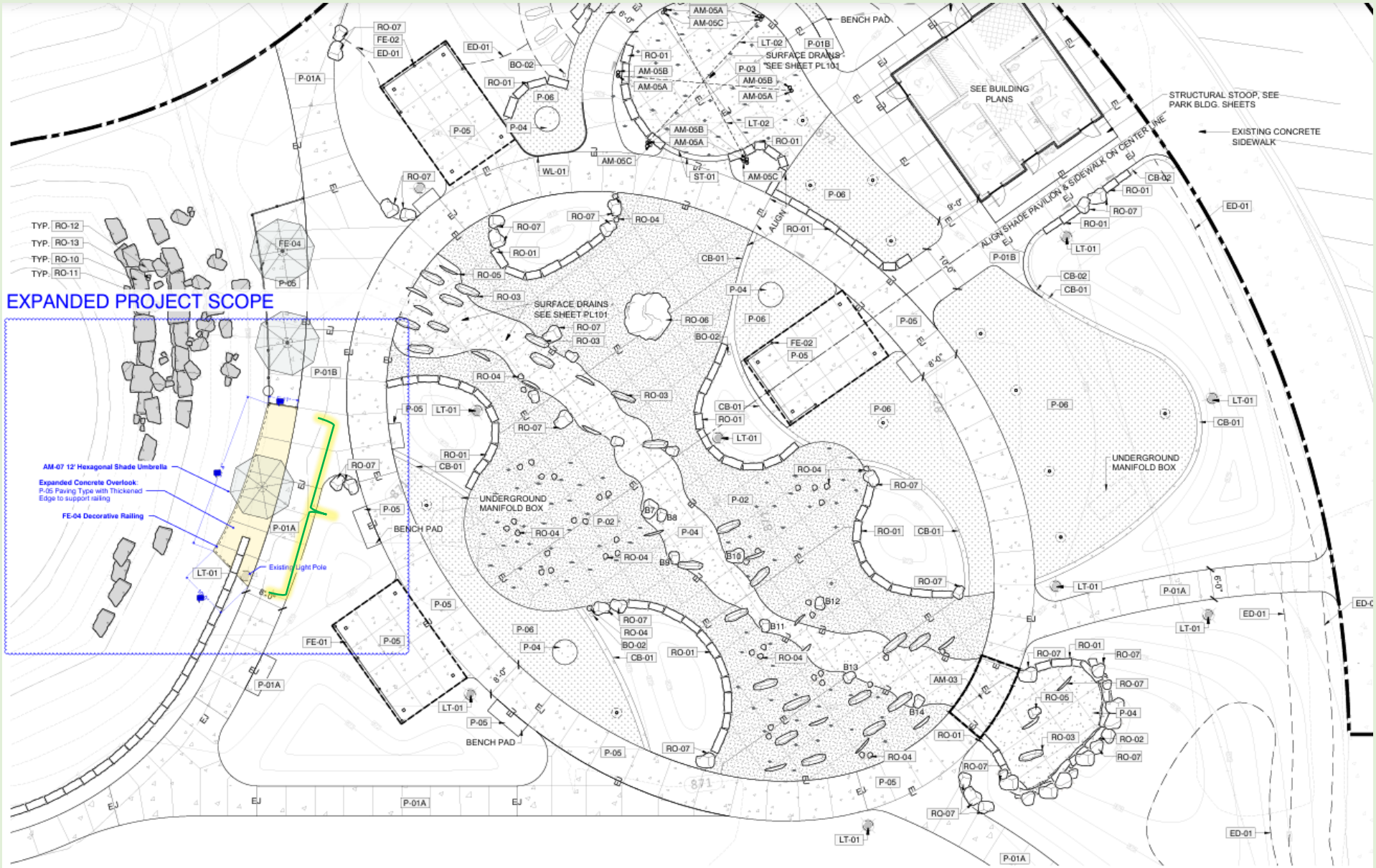
LEGEND
1. WATER PLAY PLAZA
2. WATERFALL
3. WATER WALL
4. TODDLER SPLASH & GLOW PLAZA
5. TERRACED STONE SEATING
6. HAMMOCK GROVE
7. PICNIC SHELTER
8. FIRE FEATURE
9. FOOD TRUCK COURT
10. SHADED AMENITY SEATING
11. OVERLOOK
12. MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL
13. FISHING PIER
14. KAYAK AND PADDLE BOAT RENTALS
15. MINI MARINA
16. SHORELINE STONE FISHING NODE
17. NATIVE SHORELINE PLANTINGS
18. SHADE TREES
19. GRASSY KNOLL
P BACK-IN PARKING
RR RESTROOMS
NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION
BENCH
FUTURE PHASE LEGEND
20. VOLLEYBALL (GRASS)
21. SHADED SEATING
22. OUTDOOR FITNESS
23. PICNIC SHELTER
24. LAWN
City of RAMSEY

The Waterfront

↓ Follow-up Phase Two and initial Phase Three Exhibits ↓

Bistro seating overlook and extension (enclose plaza)


EXPANDED PROJECT SCOPE
AM-07 12' Hexagonal Shade Umbrella
Expanded Concrete Overlook:
P-05 Paving Type with Thickened Edge to support railing
FE-04 Decorative Railing
Existing Light Pole
BENCH PAD
SURFACE DRAINS SEE SHEET PL101
UNDERGROUND MANIFOLD BOX
SEE BUILDING PLANS
STRUCTURAL STOOP, SEE PARK BLDG. SHEETS
EXISTING CONCRETE SIDEWALK
ALIGN SHADE PAVILION & SIDEWALK ON CENTER LINE
ALIGN
TYP. RO-12
TYP. RO-13
TYP. RO-10
TYP. RO-11

Overlook Extension and Food Truck Parking Expansion	
Concrete Paving/Umbrella Footing	13,172
Railing Extension Fabrication	21,179
Railing Blasting/Painting	5,900
Railing Core Drilling	1,800
Removals and Gravel Base	7,950
Umbrella	11,623
Tables - SF05 - 2 Café Tables	5,345
Chairs - SF06B - 4 chairs with Arms	2,289
Chairs - SF06A - 4 chairs without Arms	1,848
Maglin Shipping	1,500
Restoration	1,500
Relocation of Boulder	1,000
Misc Supplies/Expendables	1,000
H+U Construction Management	7,611
Total Overlook and Food Truck Parking	**83,716**

STOP
NATASHA'S BREAKFAST CHOW
OPEN
FRESH SQUEEZED
LEMONADE
Food Truck parking expansion

Approximately 60 large B & B Trees ($36k) + follow-up/enhancements ↓

Other Items	
~~Plantings at SW Berm~~	~~12,150~~
~~10x16 TBD Shelter with concrete slab~~	~~40,000~~
Irrigation Valve Box Cover	2,500
Irrigation Head Relocations	1,510
Move 3 trees up Pond Bank	1,400
Add seeding/blanket by Irrigation Pump	400
Paint 13 Light Pole Bases	3,250
H+U Construction Management	6,121

Program Overview

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Address: *No Address Assigned

Program Overview

Anoka County
MINNESOTA

Anoka County, MN
Public Facilities & Infrastructure

Anoka County, MN
2100 3rd Ave. Ste. 700
Anoka MN, 55303
Josh.beck@AnokaCountyMN.gov

Are you an Organization or a Homeowner?
Organization (City, Developer, Non-Profit, etc.)

A. Agency Information

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Case Id: 30496
Name: City of Ramsey - 2026
Address: *No Address Assigned

A. Agency Information

Please provide the following information.

A.1. Project Title:
Give a Family a Fish, Feed Them for a Day...

A.2. Organization or Agency Legal Name:
City of Ramsey

A.3. Primary Organization Contact Name:
Mark Riverblood

A.4. Primary Organization Telephone:
(763) 433-9853

A.5. Primary Organization Email:
mriverblood@cityoframsey.com

A.6. Secondary Organization Contact Name:
Mariah Albrecht

A.7. Secondary Organization Telephone:
(763) 433-9820

A.8. Secondary Organization Email:
malbrecht@cityoframsey.com

A.9. Organization Mailing Address:
7550 Sunwood Drive
Ramsey, MN 55303-5137

A.10. Program Operating Location: (If different from Mailing Address)

A.11. Type of Organization:

☐ **501(c)(3)**

- [x] **Gov't/Public**
- [ ] **For Profit**
- [ ] **Faith-Based**
- [ ] **Other**

A.12. Date of Incorporation:
11/12/1974

A.13. Federal Tax ID Number:
41-0910467

A.14. Agency UEI Number:
EEYYEJGRMBF5

FUNDING
A.15. Funding Amount Requested:
$126,465.00

A.16. Total Budget for this activity only:
$135,805.00

A.17. Other Sources of Funding:
$9,340.00

A.18. Individuals/Households Served:
3,000

B. Organization Summary

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Case Id: 30496
Name: City of Ramsey - 2026
Address: *No Address Assigned

B. Organization Summary

Please provide the following information.

B.1. What is your organization's mission and history? *(Narrative Max 1500 Characters)*
The City of Ramsey's Public Works Department mission statement is: 'To earn the respect and trust of our residents by delivering essential services and making sound budgetary decisions that ensure public safety and quality of life'. The City's history since incorporation in 1974 has been to provide public services requested and expected by its residents. Its mission has grown in recent decades to expand from only essential services to those services that also add layers of value to each resident's quality of life—like the health, well-being and family-friendly recreational opportunities this CDBG proposal discusses.

B.2. Describe the applicant's fiscal management including financial reporting and record keeping:
The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAEFR) to the City for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024.) This was the thirty-first year the City has received this prestigious award. (The City will be submitting the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.) The City obtained an AA+ rating in November of 2009 and Standard and Poors (S&P) has affirmed this rating as current. The City's rating reflects 'strong management, highlighted by 10-year capital improvement plan, and a fund balance policy requiring more than 50% of expenditures'.

B.3. Briefly describe the capacity of the organization to complete this project within the time frame provided as part of this application. Please identify and describe the qualifications of staff member(s) that will be involved in the administrative aspects of the project such as reporting, record keeping, and preparing reimbursement requests. *(Narrative Max 1500 Characters)*
The City of Ramsey has the capacity to complete this project from competitive bidding to on-site construction management, and to include all CDBG reporting within the 2026 calendar year. The Organization Contact who will be the primary administrator of this meaningful new neighborhood amenity has more than 43 years of experience with the city on project management of this scope and complexity. Parks Administrative Assistant Mariah Albrecht will be responsible for reporting, record keeping and processing requests for reimbursements. Ms. Albrecht has a degree in Sport Management with a Marketing minor and is experienced in grant administration with the city. She also completed a grant writing course and a 2025 grant management course through Grant Writing USA, which included curricula on managing, and reporting on grant funded projects. Additional training and professional development have occurred by participating in several Minnesota Recreation and Park Association conference sessions focused on grants, funding opportunities and best practices specific to parks and recreation projects.

B.4. Describe your organization's past performance managing grant funds, including local, state, and federal. *(Narrative Max 1500 Characters)*
The City of Ramsey has an exemplary performance in managing grant funds—and the primary administrator named in this application has decades of successfully implementing grant-funded projects ranging from $5k projects through

the Small Business Administration, to MN DNR, $15k to $150k (several grants), Metropolitan Council $100k and up, the National Park Service (Federal funds) @ $490k, and other Federally funded trail projects of less than half a million and one exceeding $1.2M.

B.5. Has your organization administered federal awards in the past five years?
Yes

B.5a. If yes, please provide a list.
Recent Federal grant awards include; $40M INFRA grant, and $10M TIGER funds for the Armstrong Interchange and $31M for the Ramsey Gateway Hwy 10 project, with most of this funding being administrated jointly with Ramsey's partners, Anoka County Highway Department and MnDOT. Within the last five years Ramsey wholly and successfully administrated a CARES ACT grant, and ARPA Funds related to COVID Relief, as well as a $70K Police Body Camera Grant — each of which were Federal funding.

B.5b. If your organization was monitored, please provide information as to the year(s) your organization was monitored, the organization that conducted the monitoring, the monitoring results, and efforts made by your organization to resolve any concerns or findings. *(Narrative Max 1500 Characters)*
The City of Ramsey is statutorily required to undergo an annual independent audit, and each year receives an unmodified (clean) opinion. This audit by an independent accounting firm includes all grant awards, disbursements and conformity with state bid laws. The most recent audit for year 2024 was conducted by the CPA firm of LB Carlson, LLP.

C. Project Description

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C. Project Description

Please provide the following information.

C.1. Provide a brief description of the proposed project:

- **What is the need in the community that makes your project necessary?**
- **Who will your project serve?**
- **Include the specific activities/expenses that will be completed with the funding.**

Give a Family a Fish, and You Feed Them for a Day. Facilitate a Family To Fish, and You Feed Them for a Lifetime. The above variation of a well-known proverb illustrates that teaching (or facilitating) a skill is of more benefit to them than giving them a hand-out—a way of saying that life skills are important, and without them, we cannot travel down the path toward self-sufficiency. Funding this CDGB proposal will result in the installation of a substantial T-dock at the newly created 'lake' and 16-acre park known as The Waterfront. Included in the project will be two paddle boats and a one-person kayak and another tandem kayak; together with paddles, 14 life jackets in different sizes, several fishing poles with basic tackle—all free to use. The paddle boats will be secured to the dock, and the kayaks will be placed in a custom rack connected to the lockers containing all the paddling equipment and fishing gear. These capital improvements will provide Anoka County residents the incentive to participate in healthy on-the-water recreation in the watercraft—and learn to fish at the same time if they wish. A layering of skills, now available to them where they live. Where they live is adjacent to The Waterfront, a park that in 2026 will also be Minnesota DNR 'Fishing in the Neighborhood' or official FiN site. In 2025, the MN DNR began the stocking of gamefish as part of the FiN designation (the only FiN resource in the north and western portion of Anoka County).
https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/fin/index.html Presently there are many hundreds of families residing in apartments in Ramsey's downtown—and many more in the surrounding rental townhomes like the Work Force Housing along Bunker Lake Boulevard. These people are far less likely to own a watercraft or have the disposable income to travel to a resort to partake in these uniquely Minnesotan pastimes. The above, in part, represents the 'community need' for this multi-faceted park project. The need for additional recreational opportunities is also represented by Police calls for service. The nearest apartment building, the Aeon-owned rent-subsidized Greenway Terrace had 140 calls for service in 2025. Two other comparable apartments elsewhere in Ramsey had 16, and 20 calls for service as an example. While there are various reasons Police are called, an almost 8-fold increase in calls for service would seem to indicate that there may not be ample recreational opportunities readily available for this population. Having no-cost, fun and productive recreational outlets at the neighborhood level will be measurably beneficial. From a community health perspective, this project may even be viewed as a favorable neighborhood intervention—the intention is also that upon funding, Ramsey Parks & Recreation will partner with Ramsey PD to host a 'Learn to Fish with a Cop' and similar programming that is so popular in other urban areas of the nation. The following excerpt from Resolution #26-017 may be read as a fitting summary for the Project Description: "That, the city of Ramsey hereby invites the Anoka County HRA Committee and HRA Board to partner on this water access and recreational benefits project that clearly meets community need, positively impacts the health and welfare of the community, and one that presents both an opportunity to expand the geographic scope and diversity in CDBG investments in the county—and uniquely serves L\M Income persons where they live."

GENERAL INFORMATION

C.2. *Please complete the schedule below.*

Please Enter the Start Date:	
Start Date	07/07/2026

	Description	**Date**
Milestone #1	Ribbon Cutting at the park, heralding the availability of the publicly available boats and kayaks.	09/10/2026
Milestone #2	First fish is caught fm a boat (and subsequently cooked) by a L/M income neighbor to the park!	09/12/2026
Milestone #3	Unusually hot day sees an actual waiting period of people eager to enjoy the paddle boats and kayaks.	M/d/yyyy
Milestone #4	For the first time, an area apartment dweller plans family reunion, as there are now 'things to do' nearby.	M/d/yyyy
Milestone #5	Messages sent to the city and county expressing delight with the investment of T-dock and boats.	M/d/yyyy

Please Enter the Completed Date:	
Completed Date	12/12/2026

C.3. Confirm that your project is not currently underway at the time of application submittal and will not begin until Notice to Proceed has been issued by Anoka County staff??

Project IS NOT currently underway.

C.4. Will your project serve individual low to moderate income persons? Please note under CDBG rules neighborhood infrastructure projects are not considered to serve individual persons.

No

C.5. Will your project include neighborhood infrastructure, i.e. water lines, street work, or parks?

Yes

C.6. Will your project include the construction or rehabilitation of a public facility, i.e. non-profit center?

Yes

C.7. Will you project remove slum or blight?

No

D. Budget Narrative

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D. Budget Narrative

Please provide the following information.

D.1. Identify the federal, state and local leveraging resources used for the proposed activity ONLY. This information is provided directly to HUD. Budgets must be:

- **Specific**
- **Includes all things public funds will be used for. Anything not accounted for in the budget will not be funded.**
- **Generally, projects funded under this application process trigger multiple federal regulations that may increas**
- **In accordance with federal regulations, CDBG funds may not be used to directly or indirectly employ, award c**

DO NOT include your entire operational budget.

Use of Funds	Requested CDBG/HOME Funds	Applicant Funds	Applicant Funds	State of MN Funds	City Funds	Non-CDBG Anoka County Funds	Private Funds	Total
T-dock w floats, spuds and wood stairway	$101,800.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$101,800.00
ADA path with retaining wall	$9,100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$9,100.00
Concrete slab at shore	$1,600.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,600.00
Two-person paddle boat	$5,599.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,599.00
Four-person paddle boat	$8,366.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$8,366.00
Single person kayak	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$750.00	$0.00	$0.00	$750.00
Tandem kayak	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Kayak paddles	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120.00
Life jackets (14)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$420.00	$0.00	$0.00	$420.00
Kayak rack	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,165.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,165.00

and locker								
Cable lock/security @ 5	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$485.00	$0.00	$0.00	$485.00
Assorted fishing gear	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$400.00
2026 game fish stocking	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
Total	$126,465.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	$4,340.00	$0.00	$0.00	$135,805.00

BUDGET NARRATIVE

D.2. Provide an explanation of the project budget and funding sources including leveraged funds (include whether these funds are committed or uncommitted) and how they are applied towards your project:

The hard-cost project budget for the T-dock with concrete shore pad, locker and kayak rack, stairs, ADA path to dock and 4 (four) watercraft with paddles and life jackets is $130,805. (The stocking of game fish later in 2026, a $5,000 value, will equate to the $135,805 total identified in the table in D. Budget Narrative.) CDBG funding is only requested for the T-dock and associate access components and the two paddle boats. All other direct project costs considered as leveraged resources are secured and authorized as part of the approval of Resolution #26-017, the source being the city's Park Trust Fund. Considerable additional leveraged resources include city staff administration for the entire project from project approval to close-out in December of 2026. This includes preparing competitive bidding documents and procurement, as well as case writing and presentation for City Council approvals. On-the-ground project management and construction administration hours would be dozens of hours more—all together, city staff time directly related to this project would exceed $9,700 in value. This figure is not shown in the Budget Narrative table or total, but is offered here for consideration as an additional leveraged resource. This $9,700 is secured upon approval of the CDBG grant application and will be funded by the city's 2026 General Fund operations budget. Note: the included quote (within Supportive Documentation, Additional Budget Detail) is from an anticipated low bidder (also a 100% Woman-owned MN business) and was solicited to determine an accurate estimate for this CDBG proposal — the T-dock and stairs (and path and concrete) will be competitively bid using the city's standard RFQ process, which shall specify the requirements relating to Prevailing Wages and Build America, Buy American provisions.

D.3. Is there a fiscal agent other than the applicant?

No

D.4. Will you hire a contractor or consultant to complete this project?

No

E. Conflict of Interest

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E. Conflict of Interest

Please provide the following information.

AS AN APPLICANT REQUESTING FUNDING, WILL ANY OF YOUR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONSULTANTS, OFFICERS, OR ELECTED OFFICIALS EXPERIENCE THE FOLLOWING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

E.1. Participate in the decision making process for the approval of this application? (i.e., an Anoka County Commissioner or HRA Trustee)

No

E.2. Have a financial interest or reap a financial benefit from this program/activity?

No

E.3. Have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to this application either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties during the program year and for one year thereafter?

No

F. Required Documentation

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F. Required Documentation

These documents are required to be attached to the final application submission:

- Resolution of governing body requesting funds or board minutes approving submission of application
- If non-profit - State and Federal Tax Exemption Determination Letter - 501 (c)(3)
- List of Board of Directors/Council or Trustees for Nonprofit applications

The following documents are ideas for supportive documentation, which could assist Anoka County Community Development in further understanding your project:

- Building/area information and photographs
- Appraisals
- Supporting documentation, such as, survey, phase I/II environmental, census data, etc.
- Phase level environmental report
- Map or sketch of project area
- Professional certification, analysis of feasibility and/or cost estimate

☑ **Resolution of governing body requesting funds or board minutes approving submission of application** ***Required**

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☐ **If Non-Profit: State and Federal Tax Exemption Determination Letter - 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit** ***Required**

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☑ **List of Board of Directors/Council or Trustees** ***Required**

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☑ **Supportive Documentation**

Site map.pdf
Illustrative CDBG Exhibit.pdf

Certification

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Certification

Once an application is submitted, it can only be "Re-opened" by an Administrator.

☐ **I hereby acknowledge that by applying for CDBG funds, this activity may require compliance in the following areas:**

- Utilization of minority and women contractors
- Labor Standards Provisions (Davis-Bacon Act)
- Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d)
- Build America, Buy America (BABA)
- Section 3
- Environmental Regulations

- Flood Insurance
- Lead-Based Paint Assessment and/or Remediation or Abatement
- Debarred, suspended, and ineligible contractors and sub-recipients
- Handicapped accessibility
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1969 - Fair Housing Act

☐ **I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that it contains no misrepresentations, falsifications, intentional omissions, or concealment of material facts and that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that no contracts have been awarded, funds committed, or construction begun on the proposed program, and that none will be prior to issuance of a Release of Funds by the Program Administrator.**

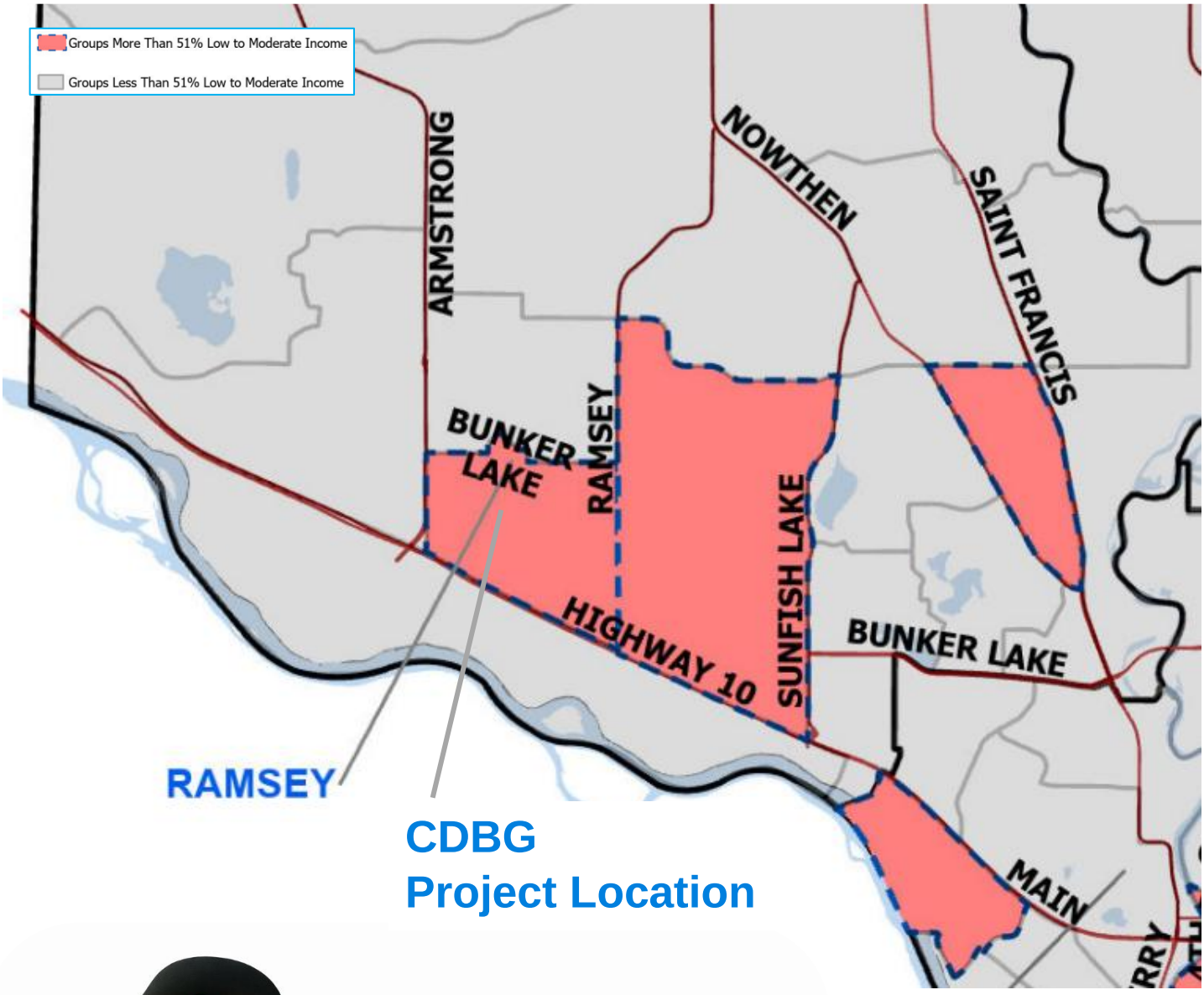
Name of Authorized Official:

Title:

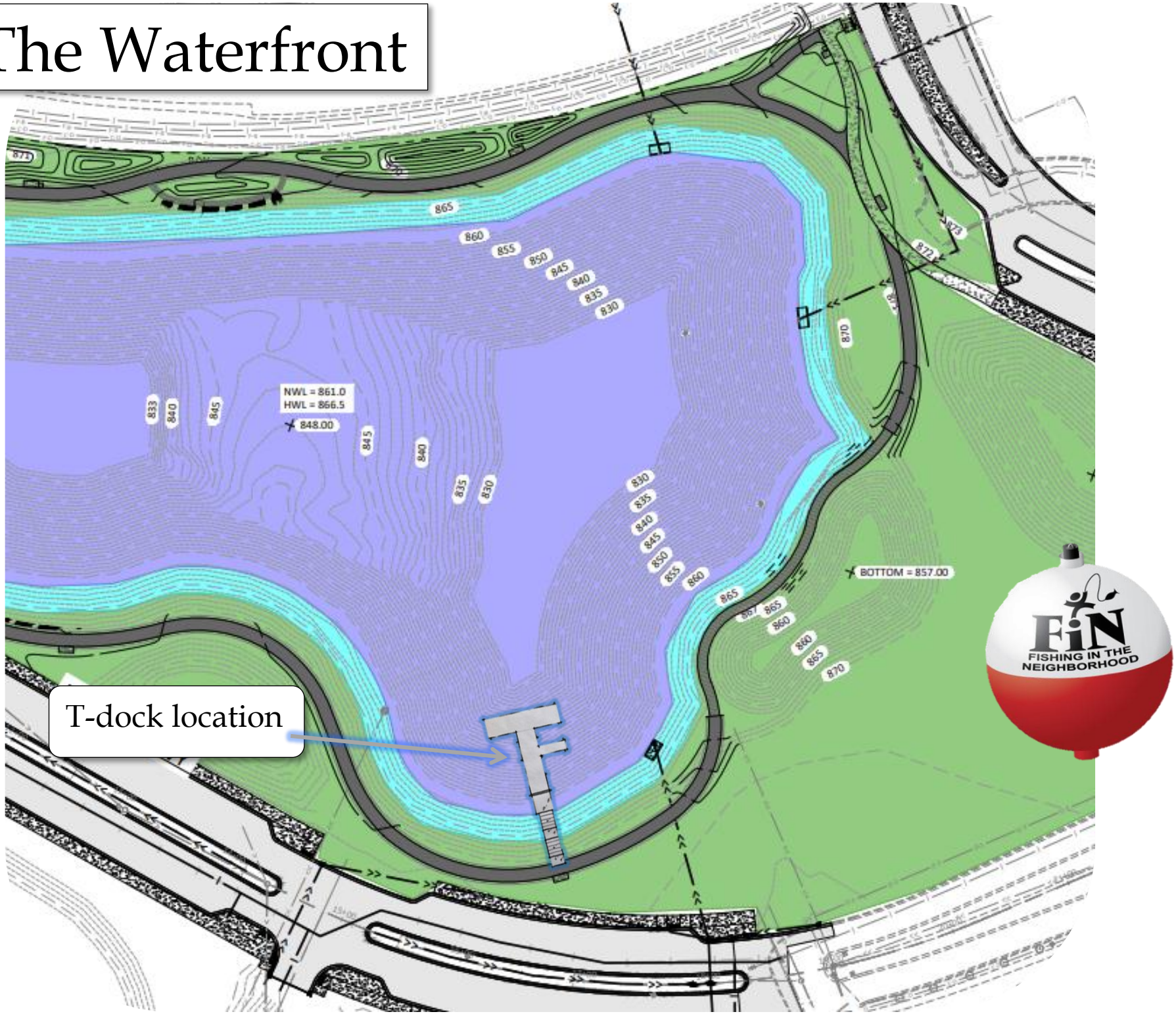
Required Signature of Authorized Official:
***Not signed*

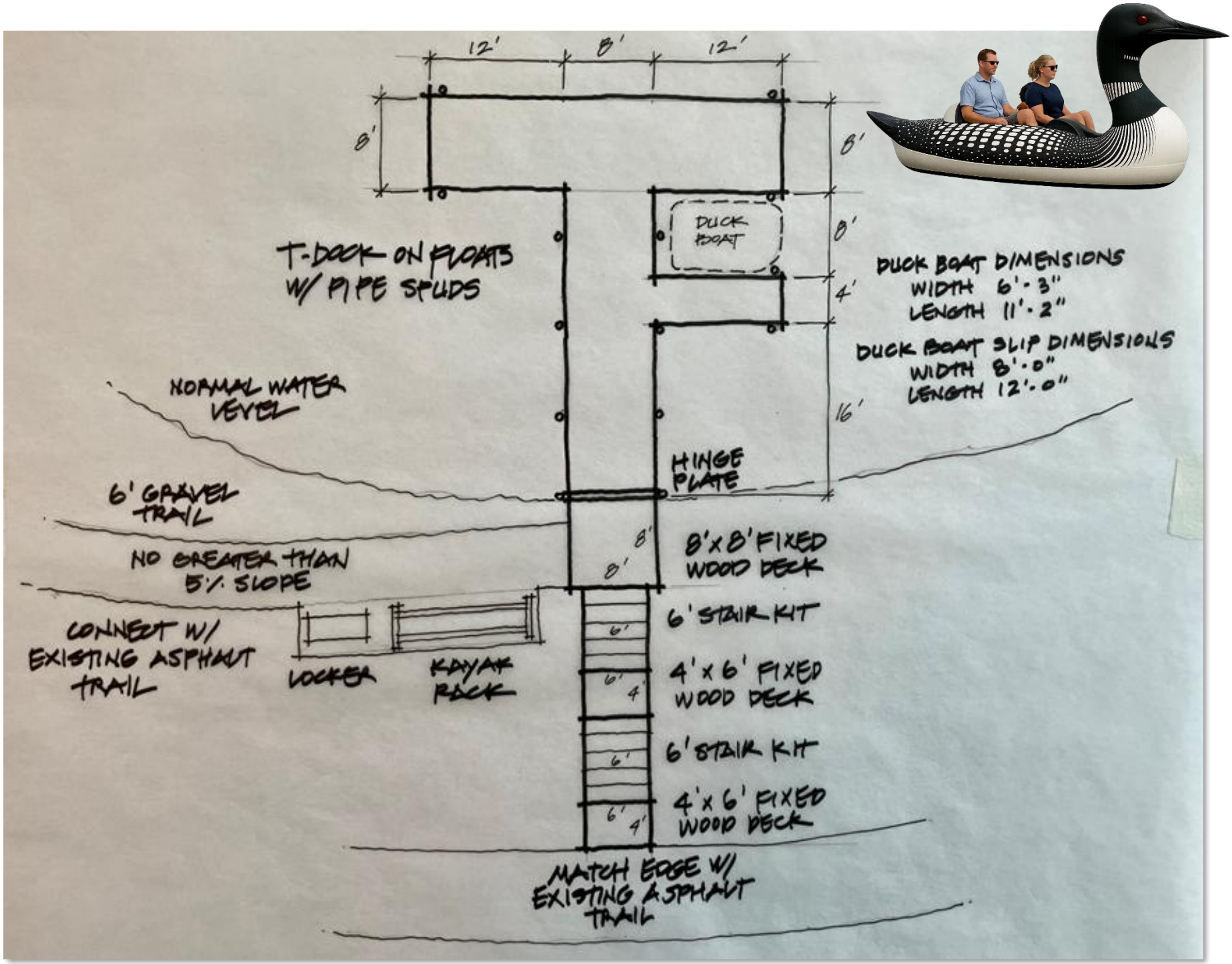
2026 **CDBG** Site Map

Give a Family a Fish, Feed Them for a Day...



The Waterfront

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WIDTH 6'-3"
LENGTH 11'-2"
DUCK BOAT SLIP DIMENSIONS
WIDTH 8'-0"
LENGTH 12'-0"
NORMAL WATER LEVEL
HINGE PLATE
6' GRAVEL TRAIL
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8'x8' FIXED WOOD DECK
NO GREATER THAN 5% SLOPE
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LOCKER
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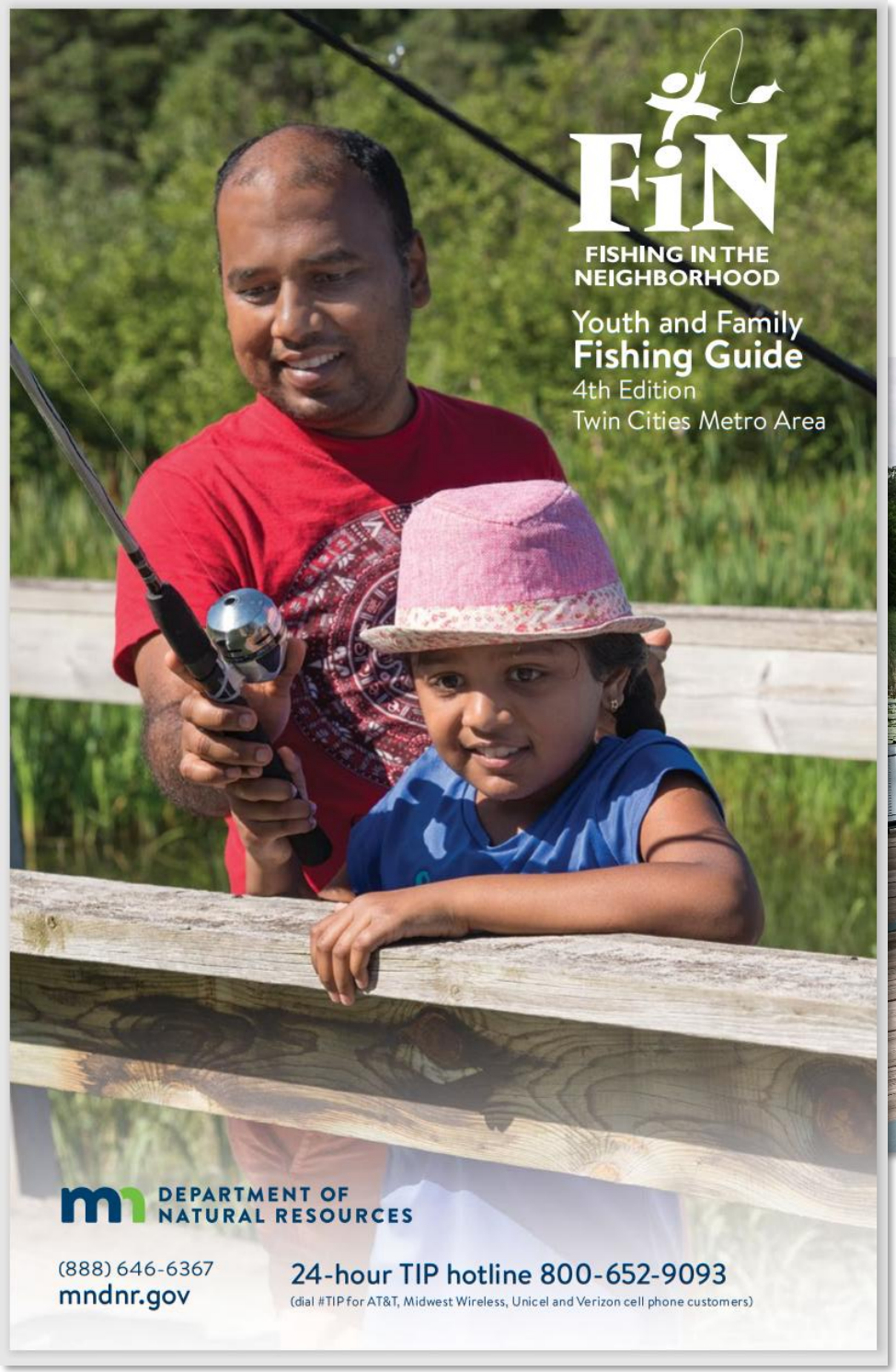

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Future Fishing in Ramsey

More on this CDBG opportunity and context of The Waterfront…

As indicated, many 100's of low- and moderate-income families live within view or walking distance of the proposed project. Most of these families live in apartments and townhomes and their opportunities for outdoor recreation and physical activity are public parks.

The Waterfront park's development is underway – and over $2M was invested in the grading of the park, clay liner for the pond and construction of adjoining streets and parking in 2023. In 2024 over $400k was invested in trail, sidewalk, ADA ramps, parking stalls and accessible outdoor furniture.

In 2025 the city began the development of Plans and Specifications for region's largest splash pad with public shelters, large restroom with Adult Changing Room and extensive landscape. This project was originally estimated at $3.5M and is out for public bids at present and anticipated to be awarded for construction on February 10th, 2026 - and to be open to the public on July 4th. The project will exceed $5M not including soft costs.

The T-dock and paddle boats proposed as part of this CDBG application is not included in the park's plans, but was conceived as wonderful complement to the above improvements - and greatly expands the diversity of recreational experiences for residents (boating + fishing) - and at the same time broadens outdoor activity for a demographic like teenagers in the area that may not as an example, desire to play at the splash pad.

Water recreation (fishing and boating) is also a quintessential Minnesota activity that should be available to all. A part of the value of this CDBG proposal is also summarized within the FiN program guide: "*...As citizens of Minnesota, it is our responsibility to promote fishing traditions and encourage environmental stewardship in our youth. To instill environmental values, we need to take the time to bring our children outside and help them take ownership in natural resources. Everyone is spending more time indoors rather than enjoying all of what nature has to offer. Along with teaching youth patience and making them aware of the outdoors, fishing is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your family and friends. A great sense of accomplishment comes when a child baits his/her hook and catches that first fish*"!

Additional Budget Detail
(with cost determination profile)

The T-dock quote that follows was solicitated from a contactor that supplies the MN DNR with fishing piers, and has been the lowest responsible bidder for boardwalks purchased by the City of Ramsey previously. If awarded the 2026 CDBG project, the City will advertise and issue a formal RFQ to meet federal procurement and prevailing wage regulations. Note: MN Boardwalks, LLC is a 100% Woman Owned Business.

Connecting you to the other side

Lumber and hardware certified from MN

Proposal
No. 1368

MN Boardwalks, LLC
8617 80th Street
Glencoe, MN 55336
Phone: 612-270-2694
Email: tls21372@gmail.com

Date: 12-30-25
Valid for: 30 days

Proposal submitted to:

Name: City of Ramsey
Street: 7550 Sunwood Drive NW
City: Ramsey State: MN Zip: 55303
Phone: 763-433-9853
Contact Person: Mark Riverblood

Work to be performed at:

Job name: T-Dock on Floats
Street:
City: Ramsey State: MN Zip: 55303
Notes:

Salesperson	Payment Terms
Travis – 612-270-2694	As per contract

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and installation necessary for the completion of:

Design, manufacture and install T-Dock according to drawing provided by Mark Riverblood. The following is included but not limited to:
2 – 8' X 12' floating sections
1 – 8' X 36' floating section
1 – 8' X 8' fixed deck
2 – 4' X 6' fixed decks
2 – sets of 6' wood stairs
Approximately 14 spud pole locations, various in length

All floating sections will be comprised of our galvanized steel framework with floats attached for floatation and SYP #1, brown cedar tone treated decking. Brown cedar tone treated side fascia to go over the galvanized frame.

Standard price, as described above	**$86,800**
BABA certified price, add to above	**$10,000**
Prevailing wages for delivery and installation, add to above	**$5,000**

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Company name:_____

Authorized Signature:_____ Date:_____

214′ ADA path from bituminous trail to abut T-dock's concrete pad …….$9,150
(Boulder retaining wall required one side, verbal quote from contractor)

8′ x 8′ Concrete slab under wood deck, joining dock to stairs…….....$ 1,600
(Standard square footage cost w mobilization)

Two person paddle boat custom ordered as Common Loon with delivery ……..$5,599
(Made in Georgia, USA)

Four person paddle boat custom ordered as Common Loon with delivery …….…$8,366
(Made in Georgia, USA)

Local project resources (leveraged items hard costs)

Single person kayak with stern day well and rod holders……..….$750

Old Town Vapor 10 Angler Sit-Inside Kayaks

$749.99
★★★★★ (16)

Tandem kayak with stern day well and rod holders……..…….$1,000

Old Town Twin Heron Sit-Inside Kayak

$999.99
★★★★★ (1)

Three kayak paddles ……...$120

Lost Creek Basic Kayak Paddle

$39.99
★★★★☆ (12)

Fourteen Life Jackets (assorted sizes) …….$420

Onyx Sportsman's Warehouse General Purpose Adult Life Jacket

$29.99

Custom wood kayak rack *and* horizontal locker for fishing equipment, paddles and 14 life jackets (assorted sizes).
Rack not pictured (locker image an example)……..……$1,165

Coated cables and programmable locking system (5 keypad/locks) for locker, kayaks and two paddle boats ……...$485

(No image)

Assorted rods, reels and tackle ……..……..……..$400

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 10/08/2026

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

Information

Title:

Happy Days Recap + Recreation Program Updates

Purpose/Background:

Staff will present a recap of the 2026 Happy Days event held on Saturday, September 12 and provide a brief highlight of other upcoming programs and events.

Upcoming Programs:

Ramsey Farmers Market

Have you made it out to the Farmers Market yet? You have *one last chance this year*! Our last market is this Tuesday, we'd love to see you out showing some love to our fantastic vendors!

- **Dates:** Tuesdays, 3 – 6:30 p.m., June 23 – October 6 at The Draw
    - ***October 6 is our Season Closing Celebration***
- We are authorized to accept SNAP-EBT benefits at our market and participate in the Market Bucks program

NEW: Puzzle Exchange and Competition

Join the Cities of Andover and Ramsey for a day of puzzles! Bring your gently used puzzles to exchange for something new-to-you, then test your puzzling skills in a two-hour speed puzzling competition. You can participate in the puzzle swap, the competition, or both!

- **Date:** Saturday, October 10 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Andover Community Center
    - **Puzzle Exchange** is from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
    - **Puzzle Competition** is from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** FREE for puzzle exchange, $40/team of up to four in the competition.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required for the competition, space is limited to 25 teams. Open until full.
    - **Puzzle Drop Off:** drop off is available in Ramsey or Andover prior to the event. Day of exchange is also available, lines may be long. For detailed information on drop off times and location, view the full event details linked above.

NEW: NW Food Truck Fest + Community Pickleball Tournament

Join Ramsey Parks and Recreation with the NW Food Truck Fests and GRIT Adaptive for a day of delicious food, family-friendly activities, and pickleball at Central Park! The Serve it Forward Pickleball Tournament, hosted by GRIT Adaptive, will feature mixed doubles divisions for 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+ players. Additional details and a full list of attending trucks can be found online at the link above.

- **Date:** Sunday, October 11 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** FREE to attend, $35 for pickleball tournament.
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required for the pickleball tournament. Registration is taken on an external online site here.
    - Registration is not required to attend the NW Food Truck Fest. However, if you would like to be notified of any event changes or weather cancelations, you must register online.

Line Dancing Four-Week Session

Our popular line dancing sessions with Karen Ann Stark are back for the season! This four week session will teach you a new dance and review the previous week's. All ages and experience levels are welcome – no partner required!

- **Dates:** October 7 - 28 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** $37.50/person for all four sessions
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

Starwatch Party

Explore the night sky with astronomer Mike Lynch as he shares the stories behind the constellations and offers close-up views of the moon, planets, star clusters, galaxies, and more through two of Minnesota's largest mobile telescopes.

- **Date:** Friday, October 30 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Elmcrest Park
- **Cost:** $12.50/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, open until full.
- **Ages:** 8+

Pumpkin Chuck

Bring your old Halloween pumpkins to the second annual Pumpkin Chuck, featuring the Ramsey Fire Department smashing pumpkins from their lift truck, a three-person slingshot for medium pumpkins, and a trebuchet for small pumpkins!

- **Dates:** Sunday, November 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Elmcrest Park
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Registration:** Registration is not required. However, if you would like to be notified of any event changes or weather cancelations, you must register online.

55+ Day Trip: Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar and Como Conservatory

Celebrate the season with a festive day trip featuring the holiday displays at Como Conservatory, lunch at the historic St. Paul Hotel, and shopping, treats, and music at the Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar.

- **Date:** Friday, December 4 from 9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., bus picks up City Hall
- **Cost:** $97/person, includes round-trip transportation on a coach bus, entry to the Holiday Bazaar, Como Conservatory (free), and lunch
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited.
    - Registration deadline is Sunday, November 1 at midnight or until full**.** No refunds can be issued after this date.
- **Ages:** 55+

Wednesday Evening Yoga

Immerse yourself in mindful movement and connect to your breath in this hour long session. All levels welcome.

- **Dates:** Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Public Works
- **Cost:** $5/session
- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class.
- **Ages:** 13+

Qigong Meditation for Health

Qigong (chee gong) is a holistic system of exercise that aims to strengthen, stretch, balance, and coordinate the body. It is deceptively simple yet can be profoundly healing. Instructor Peggy Brown leads a free weekly practice at City Hall.

- **Dates:** Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Lake Itasca Room (note below on room change for October, this class is typically held in the Alexander Ramsey Room)
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Ages:** Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Registration:** Registration is not required. However, if you would like to be notified of any event changes or weather cancelations, you must register online.
- **Note:** Class will be moved to the Lake Itasca Room for the month of October due to elections and early voting. No class on October 15.

Fall-Winter Teaser

- **Community Tree Lighting**
  - Save the date for Tuesday, December 1 from approximately 5:40 – 7:30 p.m.
  - SNEAK PREVIEW: Come late October/early November, we will be searching for some holiday vendors to add to our annual event!
- **Deck the Halls Lights Display**
  - Registration to have your home or business featured on an interactive map of holiday lights in Ramsey will open later this month and be open through Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Photo Contest**
  - Entries now open through December 31 at midnight!

Recommendation:

Review upcoming programs and events

Outcome/Action:

Review upcoming programs and events

Attachments

Puzzle Exchange and Comp

Food Truck Fest

Starwatch Party

55+ Day Trip

Form Review

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PUZZLE EXCHANGE & COMPETITION

NEW JOINT PUZZLING EVENT!

Bring your gently used puzzles to exchange for something new-to-you, then test your skills in a two-hour speed puzzling competition. You can participate in the puzzle swap, the competition, or both!

Event is on Saturday, October 10 at the Andover Community Center, 15200 Hanson Blvd.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE (11 A.M. - 1 P.M)

You will receive one token for each puzzle you drop off. Tokens can be exchanged for puzzles at the event.

Puzzles must be complete and in good condition.

Same-day drop-off and puzzle exchange are available at the event.

Puzzles may be dropped off in advance
Monday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Oct. 9, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at either of the following locations:

Andover drop-off: 1685 Crosstown Blvd
Ramsey drop-off: 7550 Sunwood Dr. NW

CONTACT INFORMATION

Andover:
763-767-5114, s.morgan@andovermn.gov

Ramsey:
763-433-9883, aproulx@cityoframseymn.gov

For assistance with registration, please contact the City of Ramsey

PUZZLE COMPETITION (1 - 3 P.M.)

Teams of up to four will work together to complete a 500-piece Ravensburger puzzle within two hours. All teams will receive the same puzzle, with the design revealed at the start of the competition. The winning two teams will receive a prize, and all teams can take the puzzle home after the event.

Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Full competition rules are available online.

REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION

cityoframseymn.gov/parksregister

Pre-registration is required.

Cost: $40/team

Ages: all ages welcome

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NW FOOD TRUCK FEST

Sunday, October 11

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Loral I Armstrong Delany Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW | Ramsey

NW Food Truck Fest is back in Ramsey!

NW Food Truck Fests and Ramsey Parks and Recreation are teaming up to bring a family-friendly day of fun to Central Park.

Join us for delicious eats and beverages from a variety of food trucks, along with additional vendors, community partners, live music, kids' activities with Ramsey Parks and Recreation and the Ramsey Lions Club, and time together in the park.

Sponsored by ANDERSEN WINDOWS & DOORS

Food Truck Line-up

Vendors

NEW Pickleball Tournament

GRIT Adaptive, the nonprofit arm of Jam Hops, will host a mixed doubles pickleball tournament. Registration is $35 per team. Visit the tournament website for full details and registration: www.pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/serve-it-forward-with-grit-adaptive

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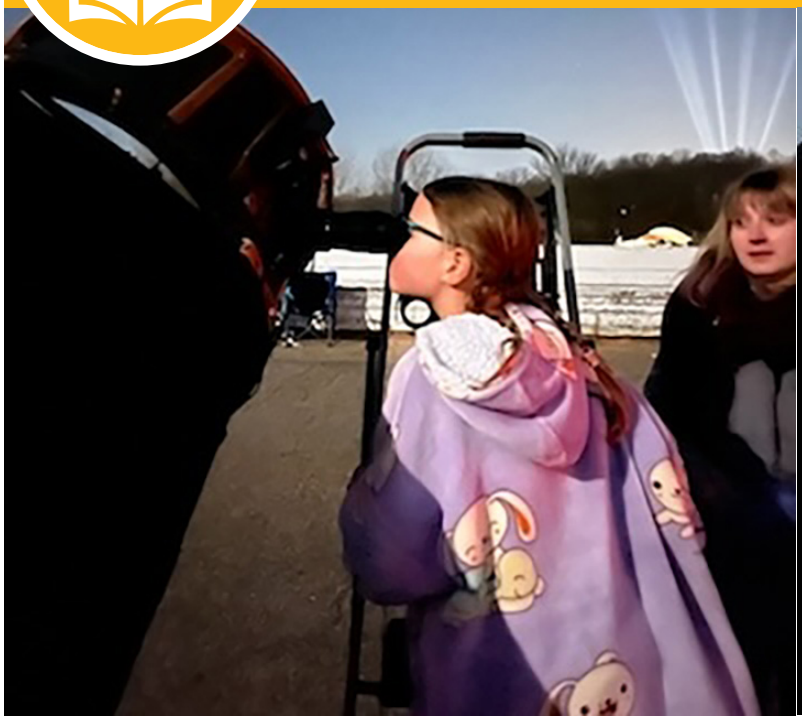
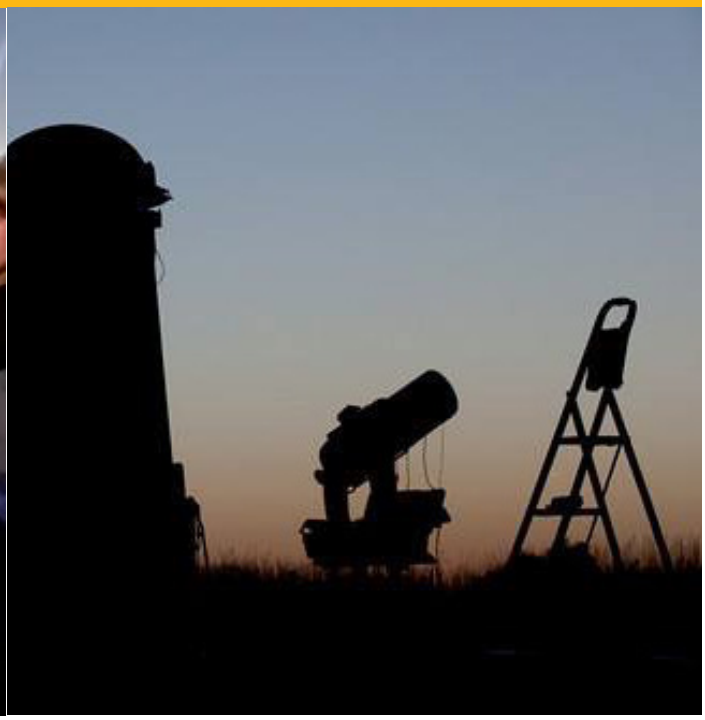
STARWATCH PARTY





Delve into the stories behind the constellations and marvel at celestial wonders through two of Minnesota's largest mobile telescopes, offering close-up views of faraway objects.

Mike Lynch, a retired meteorologist with WCCO Radio and a veteran of over 50 years in astronomy, will guide us through a tour of visible celestial subjects such as the moon, planets, star clusters, galaxies and more. He'll also showcase a telescope-astrophotography system for glimpsing distant galaxies. Mike, an author and columnist, brings unparalleled expertise to this stargazing adventure.

Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. The event is primarily outdoors, so dress warmly. Indoor facilities are available for restroom access and warming up.

Friday, October 30
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Ages: 8+

Cost: $12.50 per person

Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

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55+ DAY TRIP:
COMO CONSERVATORY & OLD FASHIONED HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Feel the holiday spirit on a day trip to two beloved Twin Cities destinations! Begin the morning wandering through the warm, colorful gardens of the Como Conservatory, with special seasonal rooms on display. Enjoy a light lunch at the historic St. Paul Hotel before heading over to the Landmark Center for the Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar to enjoy music, treats, and shopping for handmade gifts. This cozy outing is the perfect way to celebrate the season and get a head start on holiday cheer.

Tentative Itinerary:

9:45 a.m.: Leave Ramsey City Hall

10:00 a.m.: Arrive at the Conservatory

11:15 a.m.: Leave the Conservatory

11:30 a.m.: Arrive at the St. Paul Hotel for light lunch.

1:00 p.m.: Walk accross street to the Landmark Center for the Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar.

Lunch: Chicken salad with apples, grapes, topped with baby greens and tomato on a croissant. Soup, pasta salad, bars, coffe, tea, and/or milk.

3:00 p.m.: Leave the Landmark Center

3:45 p.m.: Estimated return time to Ramsey.

Friday, December 4
9:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Bus pickup/drop off
Ramsey City Hall at
7550 Sunwood Drive

Cost: $97/person
includes: coach bus transportation, lunch, and entry to Bazaar and Conservatory.

Pre-registration is required, deadline to register or cancel is Sunday, November 1

Ages: 55+

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