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INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT

AMERICAN LEGION PARK

900 Van Buren Street

Mini Park | 0 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

American Legion Park is a compact community space that provides recreational amenities for nearby residents. While it excels in offering open green spaces and seating options, the playground requires updates to meet current industry standards. The park's overall appeal would benefit from improved landscaping and maintenance, along with adding an additional shelter and associated hardscape for enhanced shade and use.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground

- Current playground equipment needs removal and replacement
- Pea gravel surface under the playground should be replaced with a softer material
- Consider installing / replacing existing playground to draw children and families

Basketball Area

- Basketball hoop is functional, but the court needs resurfacing
- Consider adding additional sports amenities or a multi-sport court to enhance recreational offerings

Picnic Facilities

- Several picnic tables available, but some are showing signs of wear
- Consider upgrading to more durable picnic furniture and adding shaded areas

Open Space

- The open grass area is well used
- The introduction of additional landscaping elements such as flower beds could enhance visual appeal

Retaining Wall

- The existing stone wall is starting to deteriorate and may pose maintenance concerns long-term
- Recommend repairs or replacement to ensure integrity and aesthetic improvement

Irrigation System

- An irrigation system is in place, but regular checks and maintenance are required to ensure its effectiveness

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- The pea gravel under the playground should be replaced with new rubberized or synthetic surfacing (in coordination with a new playground facility).
- The stone retaining wall needs to be repaired or replaced.
- Long term plans should be developed to replace existing wood retaining wall around the parks perimeter.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Overall, the park is in fair condition
- Plan to update and replace playground amenities
- Add shade structures
- Repair wall / curb along alley



BIKE SKILLS PARK

818 Anamosa Street

Recreation Complex | 3 Acres



BRAEBURN PARK

3324 Idlehurst Lane

Dog Park | 27 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Braeburn Park is a unique recreational space on the Western end of Rapid City, and is located in the former location of the “Braeburn Neighborhood” that was significantly impacted during the flood of 1972. It is a popular dog park, partially fenced and characterized by open lawn and short grass prairie. There is a seasonal skating rink. The park has great potential for enhancement while emphasizing its natural features and connection to rapid creek.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Skating Rink

- Dual-purpose potential for dogs in off-season.
- Needs improved maintenance to accommodate year-round use, potentially including lighting updates and a warming hut.

Trails

- Soft walking trails provide access but could benefit from more defined paths.
- Opportunity for nature trails that lead to stream play areas and the river for better access.
- Consider expanding regional paved trail network to connect to Canyon Lake Park and Cliffside Park.

Fencing

- Fencing could be improved to ensure a safer environment for dogs and securing the park.

Native Vegetation

- Consider planting native species and converting to grasslands.
- Shoreline stabilization and re-vegetation (along with defined trails, should be considered).

Parking Lot

- Parking should be evaluated for current and future uses; consider paving portions to reduce maintenance.

Flood Relics

- Several relics from previous floods create unique interpretative opportunities for stream access.

Rapid Creek

- Restoration of the banks to prevent erosion along with access to the river may improve the stream’s fishing opportunities, as well as enhance opportunities for stream play and attracting more users.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Mowing

- Consider implementing more native plantings to lessen this burden.

Trash Collection

- Consider a central trash collection location.

Park Drives and Parking

- Develop an overall park master plan to define the future state of parking, drives and amenity layout.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Enhance Programming

- Introduce agility equipment for dogs during off-season.

Naturalization

- Focus on creating a more natural landscape with walking paths and stream plays to attract visitors and foster engagement with the environment.

Master Plan

- Based on the goals and objectives of this plan, develop a conceptual park plan that outlines the community’s vision for this park.



CAMPBELL ST. SOCCER FIELD

1835 Campbell Street

Recreation Complex | 6 Acres



CANYON LAKE - WHITEHEAD FIELDS

4181 Jackson Boulevard

Recreation Complex | 2 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Canyon Lake Little League Park serves as a hub for youth baseball, currently hosting boys’ little league games, as well as various adult and church softball leagues. Despite being some of the better quality fields in town, the field conditions are not on par with current national standards for tournament sports. The park also faces maintenance challenges due to its location within the floodplain along with aging infrastructure, buildings and utilities.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Baseball Fields

- Require repairs such as drainage improvements and turf restoration to enhance playability.
- Improvements to infields, clay surfacing and fencing are needed.
- A community conversation regarding the future operations, maintenance and expectations for those who play bat sports / use diamonds is needed as significant investments are needed.

Parking

- Parking available, but capacity can be strained during peak usage times (weekends and events). Parking lots are aging and will need improving in the near future.

Restrooms

- Facilities are functional but are in need of replacement / updates in the near future.
- Recommend adding signage indicating restroom locations to improve accessibility for new visitors.
- Consider adding more seating nearby for parents.

Trails and Surrounding Areas

- ADA Accessibility – the fields and facilities are not accessible; improvements should be made.
- Adjacent trails along Rapid Creek are well-used
- Recommend incorporating wayfinding signs along trails to guide visitors effectively.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Being located in a floodway poses risks to infrastructure; an evaluation of the risks - along with the future investments needed in the complex should be discussed.
- There are significant investments needed in the complex – consensus regarding the future operations, maintenance and expectations for those who play bat sports / use diamonds is needed.
- Revisit the lease arrangements between the clubs and the City for ongoing maintenance investments, upkeep and use.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Conduct an evaluation of the current diamond sports demand and develop a long-term strategy to address the community needs, prior to making further investments.
- Depending on the results of the community needs assessment, develop a multi-year improvement plan addressing both field upgrades and facilities enhancements.



CANYON LAKE PARK

4181 Jackson Boulevard

Community Park | 46 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Canyon Lake Park is one of the oldest and most visited parks in Rapid City, offering a unique combination of natural beauty and recreational amenities. However, its age and heavy usage have resulted in various maintenance and accessibility issues that should be addressed to enhance the visitor experience. The charming features, including the lake and tree canopy, coupled with increased demand for amenities like open-air shelters and improved water access, underscore the need for updates and renovations to retain its status as a community hub.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playgrounds

- There are three playgrounds present, but they are showing signs of aging and wear. Several playground replacements are needed, and funding has been requested through the vision fund.

Open Air Shelters

- There are five shelters, with three rentable shelters available; existing shelters are in relatively good condition with recent deferred maintenance considered.

Lake

- The lake is a destination itself, offering opportunities for fishing, paddling and wildlife observation.

Trails / Walking Paths

- The park has a significant number of trails and paths for guests to walk, observe and exercise.

Food Trucks

- Food truck nights are held throughout the summer and are an attraction for users.

Event Venue

- The park is popular for events and gatherings, including weddings.

Wildlife Viewing

- The park is a popular roosting spot for waterfowl who congregate in the park often leaving behind numerous droppings; consider naturalizing portions of the shoreline to mitigate bird use.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Pavers and ADA Compliance

- Settlement issues at the bridge pose safety concerns and accessibility challenges.

Pond Walls

- Aesthetic upgrades needed to enhance the pond area's historical WPA significance.

Shelter Cleaning

- Regular cleaning required for rentable shelters to manage litter and maintain visitor satisfaction.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Improved access points to water for fishing and recreation, enhancing ADA compliance.
- Increased capacity for special events with better-organized spaces and support facilities. Consider retrofitting water access / bird feeding spaces to become an amphitheater.
- Need for alternative memorial structures beyond benches to commemorate donations.
- More open-air shelters and shade structures requested to provide respite from the sun during events and peak use times.



CENTENNIAL PARK

800 E. Centennial Street

Neighborhood Park | 4 Acres



CHUCK LIEN FAMILY PARK

2915 Canyon Lake Drive

Community Park | 9 Acres

PARK OVERVIEW

Chuck Lien Family Park is a vibrant community park that offers a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities, primarily focusing on multi-use trails and mountain biking experiences. It has garnered support from local partners, including the School of Mines, which enhances its appeal and accessibility. While the existing infrastructure promotes skilled biking enthusiasts, there is a noticeable gap in entry-level trail options that would benefit beginners looking to develop their mountain biking skills.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Trails

- Current trails are well-maintained and popular among experienced riders.
- Lack of designated beginner trails; consider adding easy, flat, and well-marked routes to attract beginner bikers.
- Signage needs improvement for trail navigation, particularly for less experienced users.

Parking

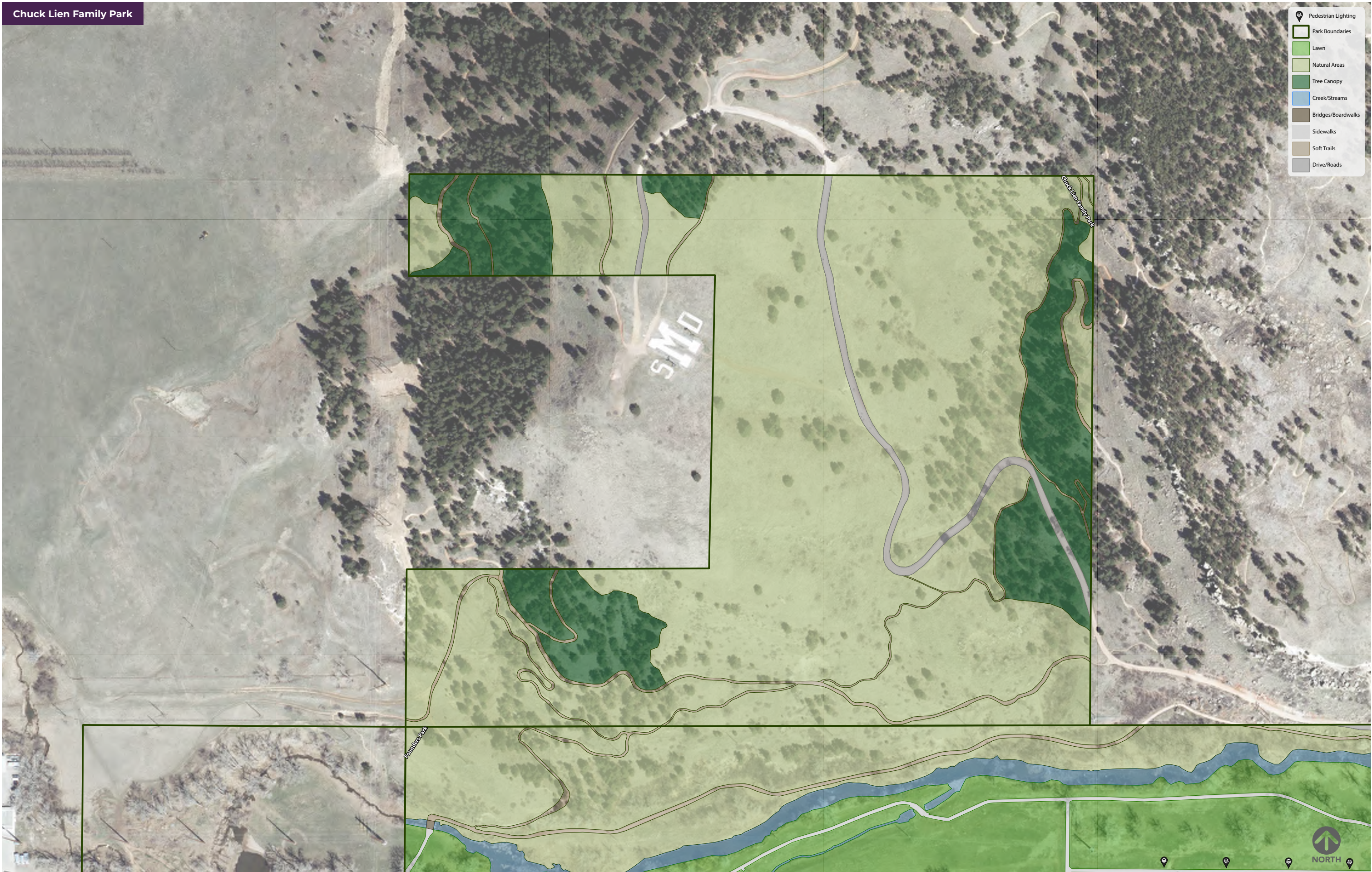
- Existing parking lot is sufficient but could use better signage.
- An overflow area might be beneficial during peak usage times, particularly on weekends.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Regular maintenance required for trails

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop beginner-friendly trails focusing on gentle slopes and wider paths to encourage novice participation in mountain biking.
- Improve trail signage for better navigation.



CLIFFSIDE PARK

5650 Jackson Boulevard

Rest Area | 4 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Cliffside Park is a scenic rest area/trailhead that harnesses its natural features for recreation and enjoyment. The existing amenities allow for diverse activities, including fishing and kayaking. With the impending road construction project along Highway 44, there is potential for improving connectivity to Braeburn Park and improving park access.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Walking Paths

- Paths encourage foot traffic and exploration.
- Potential for expansion along the creek or connections to Braeburn Park

Creek Access

- Areas for fishing, tubing, and kayaking, when flows permit. Consider kayak launch.
- Consider purposeful water access for people
- Improve the ADA fishing platforms.

Cliff Views

- Scenic cliffs home to bighorn sheep, offering a unique wildlife observation opportunity.

Water Monitoring Gauge

- Provides educational opportunities and safety monitoring for water levels.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Access Points to the Creek

- Some access points may require stabilization or armoring to prevent degradation.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Highway Construction Coordination

- Incorporate a new bike trail connection that connects with existing trails and creek access.
- Design the entrance to enhance visibility and usability for cars and pedestrians
- This is the beginning of the park system and a gateway to Rapid – potentially a rest stop.

Nature Play Area

- Designate areas for nature play that encourage children to engage with the environment creatively.
- Use natural materials and structures to foster environmental education.

Fishing

- Consider installing bank hides and improving the ADA complaint fishing stations

Water Trail Development

- Evaluate the feasibility of a designated water trail for kayaks and tubers to improve safety and enhance recreational experiences.
- Collaborate with local organizations to promote and maintain the water trail.



COLLEGE PARK

224 College Avenue

Neighborhood Park | 5 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

College Park is a recreational open space for the surrounding neighborhood, offering amenities for children and families. While the park is well-located near residential neighborhoods and schools, there are areas requiring attention concerning safety, maintenance, and updates to existing facilities. Enhancing the park's safety features and overall appeal will help foster a more inviting atmosphere for residents.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Park Shelter

- In good condition; however, consider adding seating and tables to enhance usability.
- Suggestion: Install lighting for nighttime gatherings and increased safety.

Toddler Play Area (Sand Pit)

- Current features need updating; sand is worn and could harbor cleanliness issues. Replace surfacing and incorporate additional play features.
- Explore adding a shaded structure for sun protection.

Playground for Older Children

- Equipment is aging, with some play equipment showing signs of wear.
- Schedule regular safety inspections and consider phased upgrades to equipment.
- Replace rubber mulch with synthetic lawn surfacing.

Restrooms

- Currently functional but in need of replacement (Vision Fund application).
- Consider the addition of baby-changing facilities and enhanced lighting, cameras and accessibility features.

Backstop and Greenspace

- Green space is sporadically used for recreational field sports (soccer, baseball, etc)
- Introduce more recreational options (e.g., benches, picnic tables) to enhance the space's functionality.

Accessibility

- Create an accessible route from the parking area to the benches, restroom, add accessible play features.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Maintenance Issues:

- Plan to replace rubber mulch and eliminate sand; update or replace restroom.

Park Security

- Installing additional lighting in key areas.
- Implementing surveillance cameras, focusing on entrances and high-traffic zones.



DAKOTA FIELDS SOCCER COMPLEX

3737 N. Elk Vale Road

Recreation Complex | 78 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

The Dakota Fields Soccer Complex is a well-maintained recreational facility that provides high-quality soccer fields and amenities for players and spectators alike. The maintenance of the fields is evident in their condition, and the facilities benefit from an ideal proximity to local hotels, making it a desirable location for tournaments and events. However, challenges such as wind exposure and the reliance on septic systems present opportunities for future improvements. Plans to convert two fields to artificial turf and add a dome indicate a commitment to enhancing player experience and expanding utility through the seasons.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Soccer Fields

- High-quality natural grass fields.
- Potential upgrade to two fields with synthetic turf for improved playability and reduced maintenance.
- Wind exposure may affect game play; consider planting windbreaks or installing structures for shelter.

Lighting

- Good lighting for evening games.
- Ensure regular maintenance to avoid outages during events.

Concessions

- Adequate concessions.

Parking

- Sufficient parking available, accommodating users and visitors.
- Consider adding designated spaces for tournament

days to manage increased demand.

Complex Access

- Evaluate the egress / ingress of traffic into the complex.

Restrooms

- Current facilities utilize septic systems; review for long-term sustainability.
- Inspection needed to ensure facilities are adequate and sanitary for large crowds.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Monitor wear on grass fields and consider soil health improvements for long-term viability.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Study the potential to install a dome over one field to extend usability during inclement weather.
- Seek funding or partnerships for turf conversion.
- Study intersection of entry drive and Elk Vale Road to ensure parking access, site lines and safety of users.



DENVER ST. SOCCER FIELD

Recreation Complex | 3 Acres



DINOSAUR PARK

940 Skyline Drive

Regional Park | 24 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Dinosaur Park is a beautifully maintained regional destination that offers unique historical dinosaur statues and a new, well-paved ADA-compliant path, contributing to the park's award-winning accessibility status. With excellent views of the surrounding area, the park serves as an inviting space for community members and visitors alike. Recent updates have significantly enhanced the park's amenities and accessibility features, though there are still some minor improvements desired that were not funded and should be considered moving forward.

Park Amenity Evaluation

- The park includes benches and picnic tables.
- Trash and recycling receptacles are present and in good condition.

Accessibility

- Recently updated for improved ADA compliance.
- Paved pathways ensure wheelchair accessibility and ease of navigation for all park visitors.

Aesthetic Features

- Historical dinosaur statues are in good condition, drawing attention and interest.
- Landscaping is well-kept, contributing to the park's visual appeal.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Pave ADA route from top of bluff to trail (currently decomposed granite).

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Dinosaur Park stands out due to its recent improvements and historical significance. Very few improvements are needed as the recent renovation addressed prior concerns – we consider this to be one of Rapid City's Crown Jewels within the park system.



EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE

200 12th Street

Recreation Complex | 35 Acres

PARK OVERVIEW

The Executive Golf Course serves as an essential recreational facility in Rapid City, boasting a well-used 9-hole layout. With approximately 25,000 rounds of golf played each summer, the course demonstrates its significant demand. Its financial sustainability over the past five years, combined with affordable pricing, provides opportunities to a diverse audience.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Golf Course

- Currently undergoing installation of a new irrigation system, which will enhance turf health and playability.
- New cart paths are being constructed to improve accessibility and safety for golfers.

Pro Shop & Concessions

- The pro shop offers golfing merchandise and equipment
- Concession services provide refreshments; however, expansion of the offerings could increase revenue.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- The existing maintenance building has been relocated from the greenway, ensuring better flow and aesthetics of the course.
- The bridge on the property requires replacement to ensure long term safety of users and operations.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Wildlife

- Presence of beavers on the course presents potential challenges to drainage and tree management; consider relocating beavers.

Future Enhancements

- Consider expanding revenue opportunities by adding an indoor golf simulators and food and beverage options may enhance use.



FOUNDERS PARK

1510 W. Omaha Street

Community Park | 47 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Founders Park serves as a mountain biking hub and historical link to Rapid City's past. The park marries natural landscapes with historical relevance, offering both recreational activities and educational opportunities to visitors. Its access to mountain biking trails encourages outdoor activity, while the presence of petroglyphs provides demonstrates the significance of the space relating to Native American history and town settlement. Although the park is largely functional, opportunities to enhance the food truck court signage and develop trailside amenities that increases visitation should be considered.

Park Amenity Evaluation

- Former location of farmers market: consider revitalizing this space which pays tribute to Rapid City's initial town layout.
- Potential for a permanent food truck plaza; explore power access options.

Trails

- Well-maintained trails for mountain biking and pedestrians.
- Trailhead features facilitate outdoor activities, increasing usage.
- Need additional signage for trail navigation and historical points of interest.

Historical Features

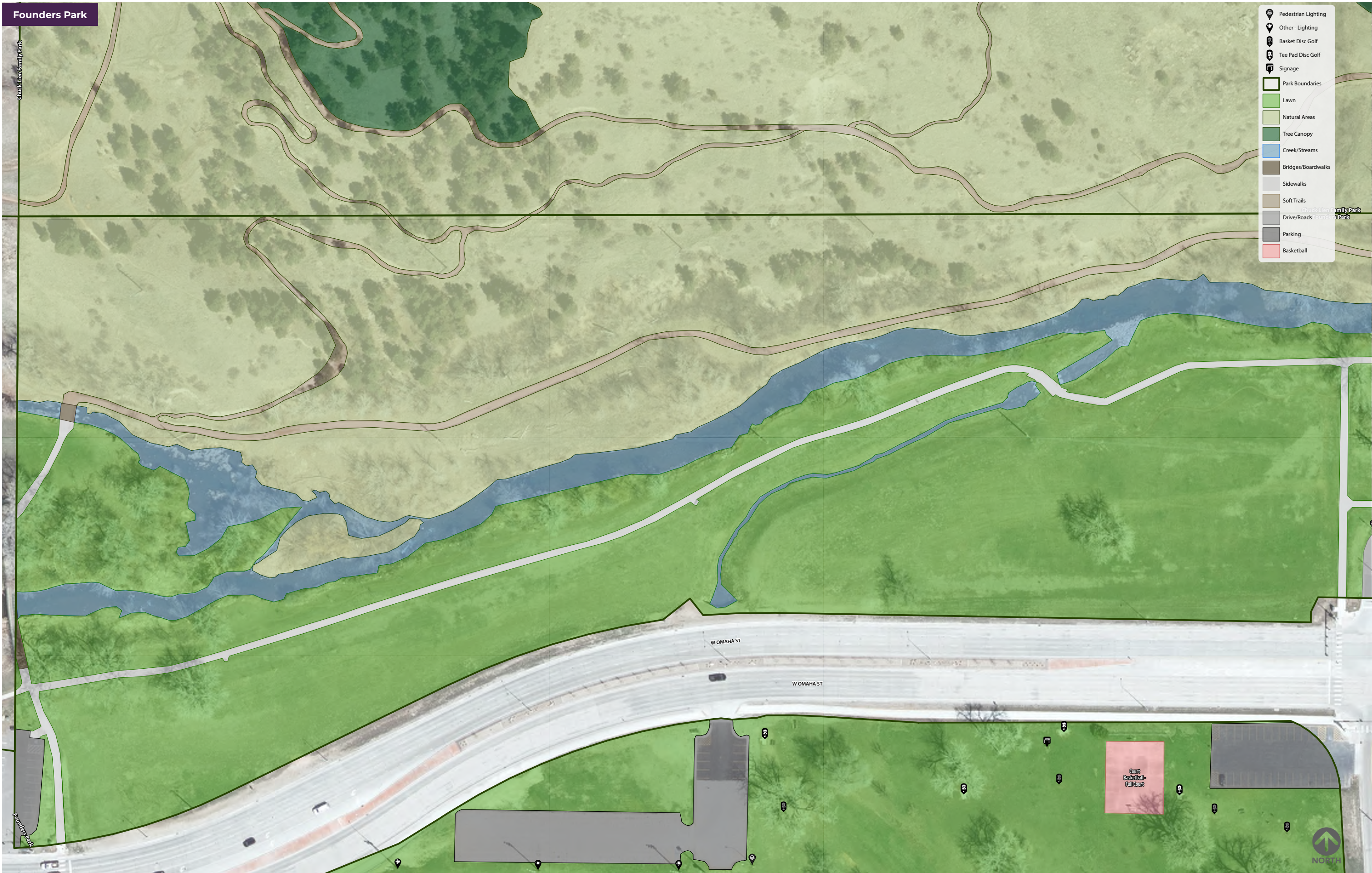
- Founders Rock engravings highlight the cultural significance of the park.
- Presence of petroglyphs offers educational opportunities; potential for guided tours.
- Suggest installing informative plaques to enhance visitor understanding of historical elements.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Some areas of the trails showing wear and tear; regular improvements are needed.
- Overgrowth of vegetation in certain sections may obstruct paths; require scheduled maintenance.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop a food truck area with necessary utilities
- Create integrated educational programs to better connect visitors with the park's history



HALLEY PARK

1210 St. Joseph Street

Neighborhood Park | 2 Acres



HIGHLAND PARK

Greenway | 15 Acres

PARK OVERVIEW

Highland Park, is a recently donated parkland, adjacent to the School of Mines. The landscape is suitable for low-impact development options such as walking and biking paths.

Park Amenity Evaluation

- Low-Impact Trails: Walking and biking paths are available; Explore potential opportunities to expand and improve the trail system.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Erosion

- A significant portion of the ground consists of shale; consider options to stabilize the landscape.

Vegetation Management

- Evaluate opportunities to restore / vegetation and manage parklands.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Implement the existing park plan developed by the City.



HORACE MANN PARK

818 Anamosa Street

Neighborhood Park | 9 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Horace Mann Park serves as a vital recreational space for local residents and provides multiple amenities for community engagement. With a relatively new pool, well-maintained playground, and flexible picnic areas, the park caters to families and encourages outdoor activities. However, there are areas requiring attention, such as the ball field and its lights, along with opportunities to add additional amenities.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Pool

- See Aquatics Summary, within section four of the Discovery Document.

Junior League Ballfield

- Currently not in use during nighttime due to non-functional lights.
- Develop a long-term strategy to address aging ballfields. The potential repair and upgrade of the field and lighting system are needed.

Playground

- Appears safe and well-used; consistent inspections recommended to maintain safety standards.
- Replace existing surfacing with Synthetic Grass Surfacing.
- Consider adding more seating

Picnic Shelter

- Equipped with 4 large tables and grills.
- Should increase trash receptacles and recycling bins for cleanliness.
- Replace concrete slab and plan to clean and stain shelter.

Parking

- Parking facilities are adequate and accessible.
- Consider adding more designated accessible spaces.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Overall, the park is in good condition. Collaboration between the park and school maintenance teams is effective. The new irrigation system is functioning well but requires regular maintenance and should be upgraded in the next five years.
- Replace the picnic shelter pavement.
- Plan to replace the playground equipment in the next 10 Years.
- Develop a community-wide strategy to address the aging ballfields in Rapid City; depending on the direction of that strategy, significant investments (new lighting, fencing, infield, grading) or elimination of the ballfield should be considered.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Explore adding more recreational features such as a walking trail (around the park perimeter), fitness stations and a bicycle pump track to increase park utilization.



JOHNSON RANCH PARK

Greenway | 1 Acre



PARK OVERVIEW

Johnson Ranch Park serves the surrounding residential area that lacks green space. The park has the potential to enhance the quality of life for nearby residents by providing recreational opportunities and social gathering areas.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Accessibility

- Nearby residential areas are easily accessible to the park.
- Potential pathway connections exist to Orchard Meadows, increasing accessibility.

Recommendations

- Playground Equipment: Installation of basic playground structures focused on younger children (slides, swings, etc.) to cater to families.
- Open-air Shelter: A shaded area should be constructed for community gatherings and picnics, ideal for families living nearby.
- Dog Park: Creation of a small fenced-in dog park to accommodate local pet owners, offering both socialization for dogs and an active community space.

Maintenance Issues

- Current maintenance involves the continuous monitoring of the sewer line to avoid any hazards.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Potential Future Projects:

- Further development of a trail under the nearby highway for enhanced connectivity to Orchard Meadows.
- Community feedback should be solicited to identify additional needs or desires to inform future enhancements.



KNOLLWOOD PARK

Neighborhood Park | 12 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Knollwood Park presents a promising space for community gatherings and recreation. The park is predominantly green space with significant drainage areas, which presents opportunities and constraints. There is an opportunity to implement the prepared master plan to revitalize the park's amenities and foster a safer environment, while also promoting ecological education through the restored wetlands.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Knollwood Park has great potential but requires focused improvements to ensure it meets the community's needs.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Lighting

- Inadequate lighting throughout the park; areas are dark during evening hours.
- Recommendations for installing lights along walking paths and gathering areas.

Trails

- Existing trails require resurfacing and improved drainage.
- New trail routes needed to connect various park features and wetlands for accessibility.

Restrooms

- No restrooms available.
- Recommend installing restroom facilities, with potential for permanent structures if funding allows.



Greenway | 6 Acres



MARY HALL PARK

3220 W. South Street

Neighborhood Park | 9 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Mary Hall Park serves as a quiet space that caters primarily to the surrounding residential community, including the nearby middle school and senior center. While the park provides essential amenities such as a playground, restrooms, and paths, there are several areas for improvement that could enhance the park's functionality and appeal.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground

- Needs upgrades including modern equipment and safety surfacing.

Restrooms

- Basic amenities provided.

Paths and Trails

- Repaving and widening through DOT grant will increase accessibility.
- Good connections to neighborhoods and schools.

Parking

- Small parking lot currently meets the needs of local users.
- Suggest exploring options for expansion during peak usage times, especially on weekends.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Regular inspections required for playground and restroom facilities to ensure user safety and address wear and tear.
- Trails need periodic evaluations post-repaving for any erosion or drainage issues.
- Include landscape upkeep plan to manage overgrown vegetation and invasive species effectively.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Outdoor Classroom:

- Proposed creation to support partnerships with the adjacent middle school and facilitate community science programs.
- Recommend design incorporating seating, shade structures, and access to utilities.

Natural Resource Management:

- Focus on tree maintenance to improve sight lines and safety.
- Removal of invasive species for maintaining native ecosystems and promoting biodiversity.

Community Engagement:

- Partnerships with local schools, community members, and Kiwanis for ongoing volunteer efforts and stewardship opportunities.



MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE

3625 Jackson Boulevard

Recreation Complex | 168 Acres



MEMORIAL PARK

600-684 Omaha Street

Community Park | 60 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Memorial Park serves as a valuable community gathering space that honors local history and provides amenities for recreation and relaxation. While the park successfully integrates memorials, public art, and natural elements, certain areas like the sensory garden require attention to enhance visitor experience. The existing features, such as the bandshell and accessible playground, positively contribute to the park's functionality.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Memorials & Historical Interpretation

- Memorial for flood victims.
- Section featuring a piece of the Berlin Wall.
- Public art successfully incorporated into memorials.

Event Spaces

- Bandshell is in fair condition but could benefit from upgrades to improve acoustics and audience comfort.

Playground

- Accessible playground is well-maintained, offering safe play for children of all abilities.
- Consider incorporating additional play equipment or shade structures for long-term improvement.

Sensory Garden

- Needs renovation to improve accessibility and sensory engagement.
- Recommendations include the addition of diverse plant species and tactile elements.

Outdoor Exercise Equipment:

- The equipment is in reasonable shape, with potential for increased variety to cater to fitness trends.

Natural Features

- Access to the creek provides recreational opportunities but should be monitored for erosion control.
- Rose garden adds aesthetic appeal to the park.

Restrooms

- Facilities are in adequate condition.

Fountain

- The fountain is a nice aesthetic feature but requires regular maintenance to ensure functionality.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Enhance the Bandshell Area

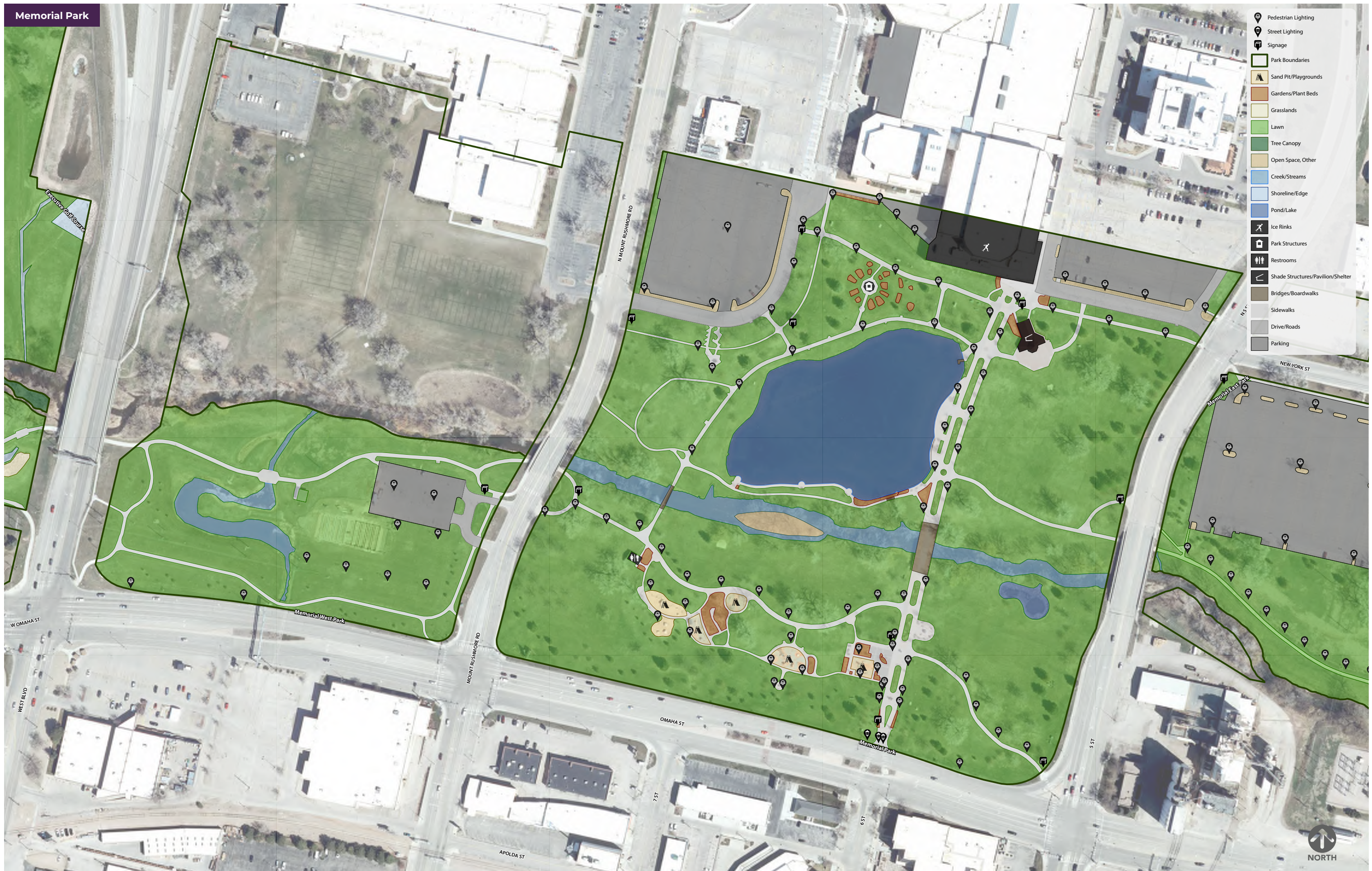
- Replace the bandshell and develop an overall master plan that improves the event experience.

Revitalize the Sensory Garden

- Engage community input on design and plant selection to promote inclusivity and enhance user experience.

Increase Natural Features

- Implement erosion control measures along the creek and consider adding paths to improve access.



MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCCER FIELD

1801 W. Omaha Street

Recreation Complex | 7 Acres

PARK OVERVIEW

Mountain View Soccer Field presents a unique opportunity as a recreational complex, especially given its flexible use and adjacency to La Croix Park. Currently utilized mainly for flag football, this park has the potential to accommodate a wider array of sporting activities, such as volleyball, pickleball, and community events. The flat terrain and ample space offer an advantage for diverse recreational programs. A reimagining of its purpose may attract more community engagement and optimize its use.

Park Amenity Evaluation

- Flag Football Field: primarily designated.
- Open Space: Vast and relatively flat area conducive for various sports and recreational events.
- Parking Facilities: Adequate parking available.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Sports Facilities Expansion: introducing additional fields or courts for sports like pickleball and volleyball to diversify usage.
- Restroom Facilities: add new facilities to improve comfort for users.
- Park Purpose: gather input on desired facilities and uses for this space.
- Community Events Space: designate a portion of the park for community gatherings, picnics, and local events to promote social interaction.



OAK VALLEY PARK

Greenway | 18 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Oak Valley Park is a recently acquired greenway with unique natural features. The park's steep topography near the ponds and the presence of wildlife requires careful management. While the park offers picturesque natural areas and potential for recreational activities, it requires thoughtful planning to address these issues effectively. The pending parking lot construction will help maximize the park's potential and safety for visitors.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Ponds

- Two existing ponds, providing potential for fishing activities and wildlife observation.

Trails

- Formalize hiking trails for exploration; consider a signage system for trail guidance.
- Linkage potential to nearby trails and wild areas, although not currently prioritized. Future connections could enhance user experience.

Fishing Pier

- Recommended for fishing.

ADA Accessibility

- Evaluate pathways and consider adjustments for inclusivity as development progresses.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Topography Challenges

- Steep slopes require careful management to prevent erosion.

Environmental Considerations

- Explore low-impact development practices to maintain natural integrity while supporting park amenities.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Actions:

- Assess existing trails for improvements in accessibility.

Long-Term Planning:

- Develop a comprehensive plan that addresses accessibility and environmental sustainability.
- Evaluate the feasibility of ADA upgrades to existing paths for enhanced accessibility.



ORCHARD MEADOWS PARK

Greenway | 56 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Orchard Meadows offers a retreat for residents, featuring a crushed rock path that meanders through the landscape, promoting walking, jogging, and biking. The current infrastructure, while functional, could benefit from several improvements to enhance accessibility and user experience. The addition of lighting and paving of the paths will encourage more regular usage but also deter vandalism and misuse of the space. Further, acquiring adjacent property for a pocket park would provide additional recreational offerings.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Path Quality

- Crushed rock path is functional, but may present challenges for those with mobility issues.
- Recommend converting to pavement to improve accessibility and reduce maintenance needs.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- The city currently mows the ditches; recommend a reduction in mowing.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Safety Features

- Currently lacks sufficient lighting; recommend installing LED lights along the path for improved visibility.
- Regular assessment of safety measures at entrances and exits, ensuring gates are functional and secure.

Accessibility

- Evaluate access points to ensure they are wheelchair friendly.
- Consider adding resting areas (benches) along the path.

Property Acquisition

- Acquire the adjacent property for a pocket park; this would enhance recreational options, such as playgrounds or picnic areas.



PARKVIEW PARK

4221 Parkview Drive

Recreation Complex | 30 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Parkview Park is a well-established recreation complex with versatile amenities catering to a variety of activities—from athletic sports to leisure swimming.

Pool

- Well-maintained, popular among families during summer.

Softball Fields

- Six fields present, currently leased to the softball club.

Playgrounds

- One large playground area available for younger children.
- Safety surfacing in need of replacement.

Parking Lot

- Large parking capacity, accommodating high traffic during events.
- Some potholes observed; consider resurfacing.

Tennis Courts

- 12 courts available.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Playground surface repairs needed.
- Parking lot resurfacing needed.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider potential expansion of amenities based on future neighborhood growth and school district plans.



QUARRY PARK

Neighborhood Park | 10 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

The transformation from an old quarry to a recreational area provides unique opportunities for community betterment, especially with the potential addition of programmatic elements.

Park Amenity Evaluation

- Existing tennis and pickleball courts in fair condition.
- An old backstop available for potential baseball or softball practice, but is not suitable for games.
- Installation of a restroom facility and parking lot to improve egress/ingress and visitation.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Program Evaluation

- Current programming of space could be improved. Develop park plan to increase functional uses of park.



RED ROCK MEADOWS PARK

6606 Sahalee Drive

Neighborhood Park | 2 Acres



RUSHMORE LIONS PARK

Greenway | 10 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Rushmore Lions Park is a well-used greenway that offers a scenic environment for passive recreation, including walking, fishing, and appreciating local wildlife. Its proximity to a private campground makes it a convenient spot for both visitors and locals.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Natural Trails

- Well-defined and accessible trails suitable for walking and nature observation.

Benches

- Several strategically placed benches for resting and enjoying the scenery.
- Condition of some benches may require replacement.

Creek Access

- Direct access to the creek promotes fishing and wildlife viewing.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Ongoing monitoring and repairs needed for streambank erosion.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop a natural resource management plan focusing on erosion control and habitat preservation.
- Install additional signage for park rules and regulations, encouraging responsible visitor behavior.
- Consider enhancing the park's amenities by adding a small informational kiosk to educate visitors about local flora and fauna.
- Access and repair washouts along trails and creek banks to prevent erosion.



SCOTT MALLOW PARK

1510 Custer Street

Neighborhood Park | 2 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Scott Mallow Park serves as a neighborhood park area that provides amenities for nearby residents, particularly families with young children. The park hosts a playground, climbing rock, and basketball court. Shade and sidewalk enhancements could improve accessibility and user satisfaction, promoting increased community use.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground

- Consider adding more age-diverse equipment and improving the surfacing material.

Basketball Court

- Currently functional but could benefit from resurfacing.

Shade

- Limited shaded areas; installing shade structures may encourage longer visits.

Sidewalk Connections

- Recommend adding new pathways that improve accessibility and link park amenities seamlessly.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

- Improve lawn areas through soil quality improvements.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Prioritize funding for targeted improvements to enhance functionality, safety, and aesthetics of the park.



SIOUX PARK

733 Canyon Lake Drive

Community Park | 85 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Sioux Park serves as the largest community park in Rapid City, providing a diverse array of recreational amenities. The park has historically catered to both youth and adult sports.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Athletic Fields

- Fair condition.
- Little league fields actively leased.
- Batting cages and warm-up facilities need replacement.

Tennis Courts

- Often host state and national tournaments.

Swimming Pool

- Popular community amenity.

Playground Facilities

- Model playground features turf and slackline course; in great condition.

Basketball Court:

- Good condition.

Shelters and Seating:

- Shelters are in place but some could use updates for improved comfort.

Artificial Turf Stadium:

- Good condition.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Maintenance Facility

- The park maintenance shop is inadequate for current staff levels and operations; recommended expansion to enhance service efficiency.

Staff Needs

- An additional maintenance facility on the east side of town is needed to adequately cover park maintenance across the community.

Parking Issues

- No lighting in the parking lot is a safety concern and should be addressed.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Create a prioritized plan for updating and upgrading facilities, particularly those that show signs of the most wear.
- Assess options for expansion of the maintenance facilities to accommodate the growing needs of the park system and increase operational efficiency.



SKYLINE WILDERNESS PARK

Greenway | 162 Acres



SOUTH COMMUNITY GYM

Recreation Complex | 2 Acres



STAR OF THE WEST

1601 Sediwy Lane

Recreation Complex



PARK OVERVIEW

The Star of the West Recreation Complex is an important community space, offering various amenities for sporting events and recreational activities. While the park boasts new irrigation and lighting systems that enhance visibility and usability, several improvements are desired to improve accessibility for all visitors, specifically those with disabilities. The addition of handrails in bleacher sections and ADA access to dugouts should be addressed.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Irrigation System

- Recently updated.

Lighting

- New lighting installations provide adequate illumination for evening events.

Restroom Facilities

- A new bathroom installed.

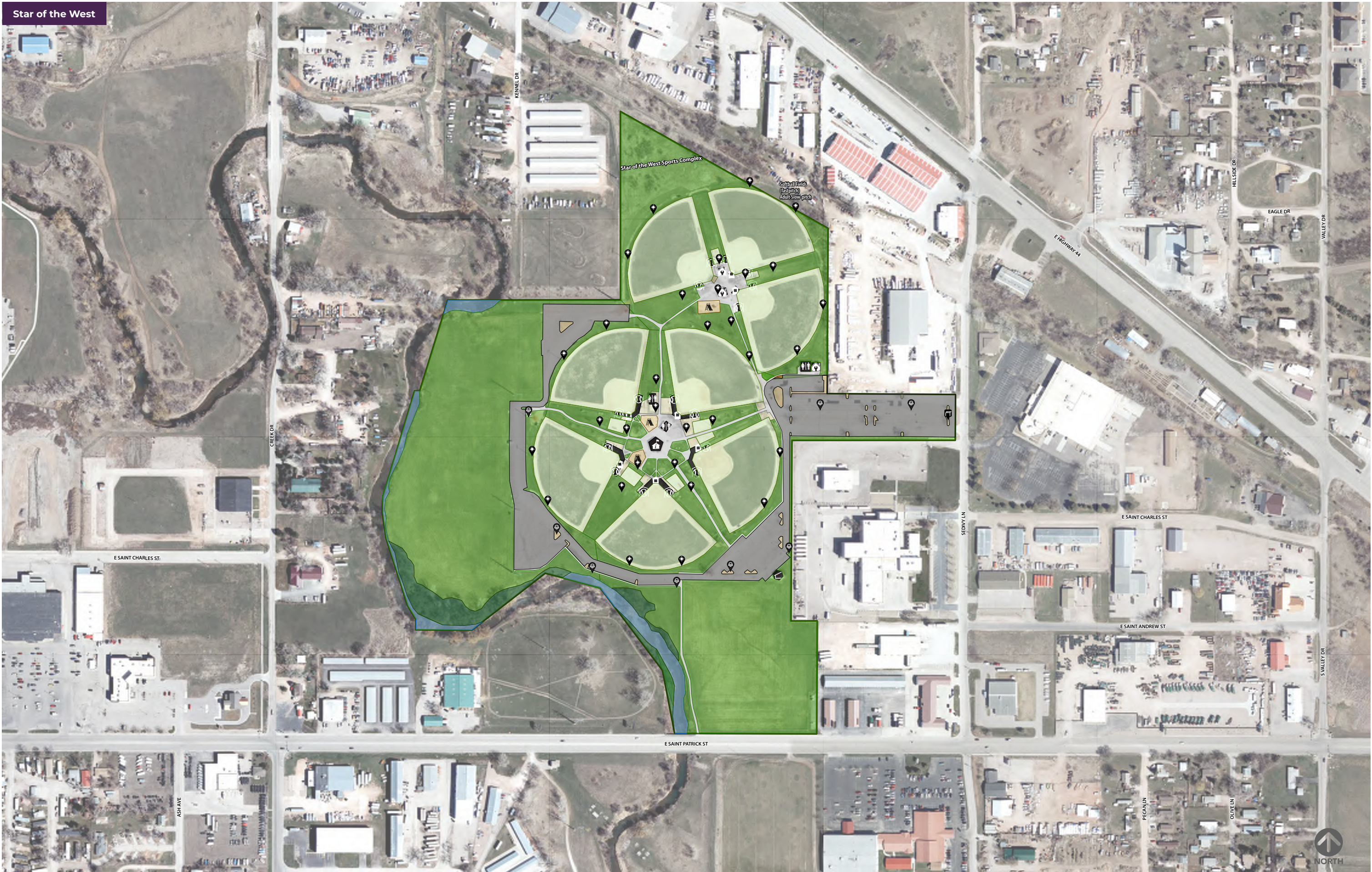
PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Accessibility Issues

- Upper to Lower Level Access: Need for improved pathways and ramps to connect upper and lower levels.
- Bleacher Handrails: Absence of handrails makes navigating bleachers potentially unsafe for individuals with mobility challenges.
- Dugout Access: Dugouts lack ADA-compliant access, restricting use.

Additional Recommendations

- Enhancements for Visitor Comfort: Consider adding shaded seating areas and further picnic spaces to enhance visitor experience.



STORYBOOK ISLAND PARK

Greenway | 17 Acres



THOMPSON PARK

880 Meadowlark Road

Neighborhood Park | 5 Acres



VICKIE POWERS MEMORIAL PARK

940 Kathryn Avenue

Community Park | 26 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Vickie Powers Memorial Park serves as a valuable community asset, featuring diverse amenities for families and individuals. The park's well-constructed playgrounds cater to different age groups and the community-built aspect fosters a sense of ownership. However, walkable access limits usability, particularly for residents to the south. There is potential for improvements including improved connectivity and adding a dedicated dog park.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground

- Two separate areas for different age groups (little kids and older kids).
- Community-built structures highlight community importance.

Restrooms

- Available and accessible to park visitors.

Shelter

- Provides shade and gathering space; consider installing additional seating or tables to accommodate larger groups, especially near future dog park.

Parking

- Existing parking lot is in good condition.

Lighting

- Adequate lighting throughout the park improves safety and visibility, ensuring a secure environment for evening visitors.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Gravel Walking Paths

- Consider paving the existing gravel paths to ensure safety and usability for dog walkers and casual visitors.

Playground Structure

- Conduct periodic safety inspections of the community-built playground to identify wear and tear or necessary repairs.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Accessibility Improvements

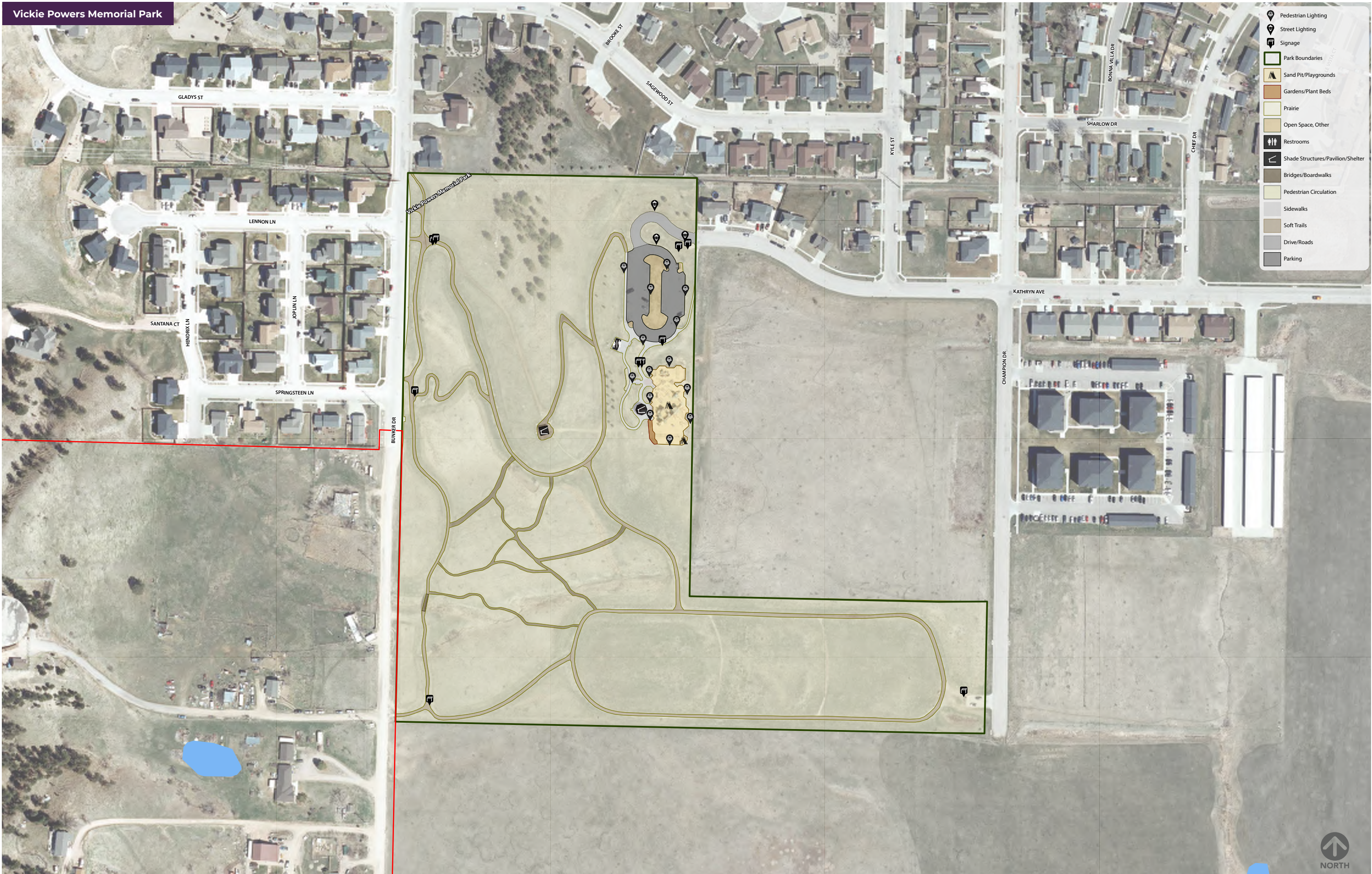
- Development of designated walking paths from southern access points to enhance connectivity.

Dog Park

- Integrate the dog park into the community landscape to cater to pet owners.

Master Plan Implementation:

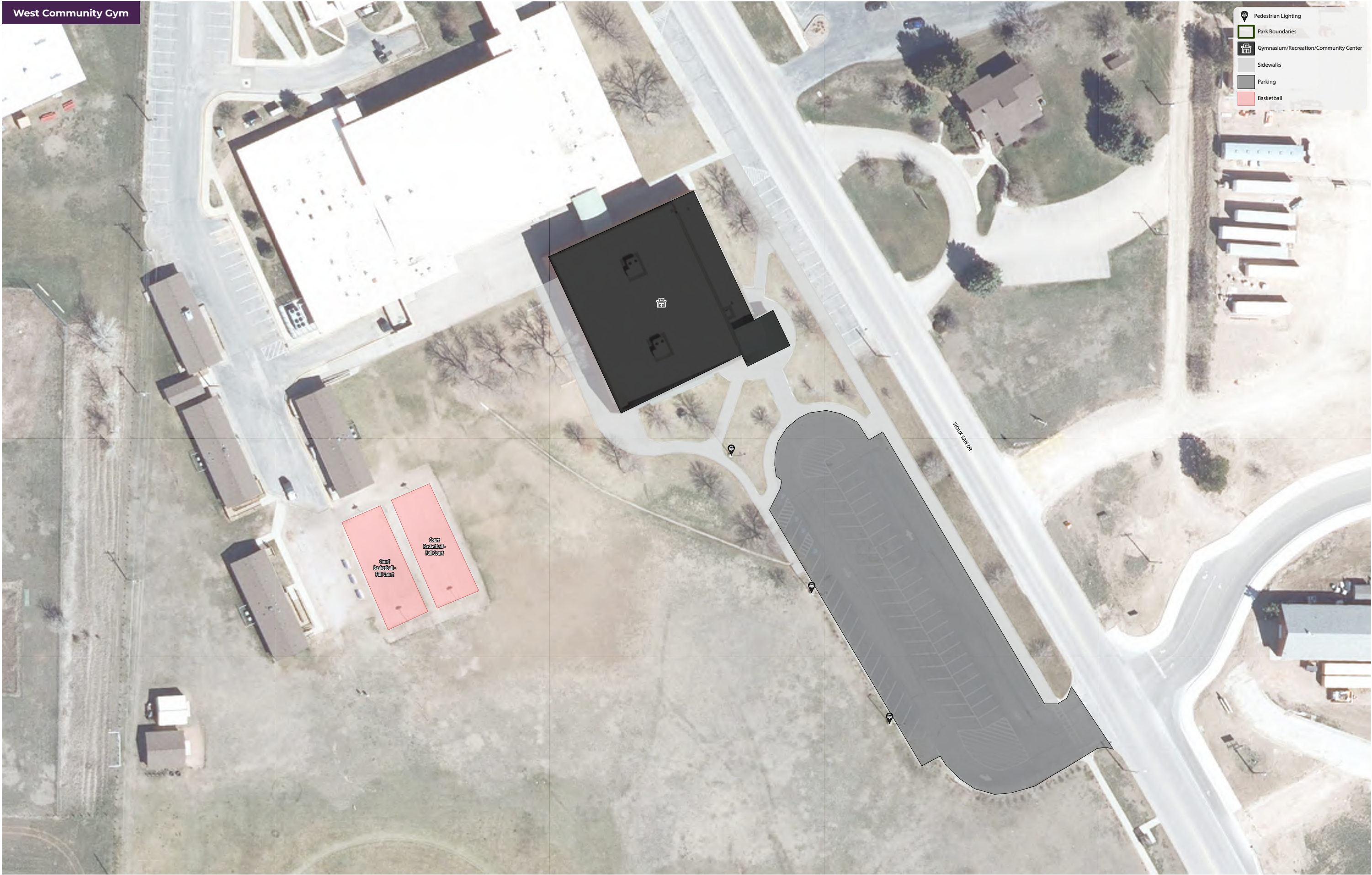
- Consider including a second parking lot.



WEST COMMUNITY GYM

1003 Sioux San Drive

Recreation Complex | 2 Acres



WILDERNESS PARK

514 City Springs Road

Community Park | 27 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Wilderness Park is a community park situated adjacent to multi-family development, making it accessible to residents. With its natural features and existing amenities, the park presents ample opportunities for enhancement, particularly in terms of connectivity to surrounding areas like the Outdoor Campus and potential connectivity to Quarry Park.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground Area

- Acceptable but showing signs of wear.

Off-Leash Dog Area

- Well-used.

Pathway and Connectivity

- Develop trails, improve surfacing.

Restrooms

- TBD.

Stream and Natural Areas

- Natural creek area in need of evaluation; clean up.

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Playground Area

- Upgrade playground equipment to be more inclusive and modern.

Off-Leash Dog Area

- Consider enhancing and adding benches for dog owners.

Pathway and Connectivity

- Hard surface pathways for improved accessibility and year-round use.
- Develop/improve walking trails up on the ridge linking to adjacent areas.

Restrooms

- TBD.

Stream and Natural Areas

- Implement a stream restoration project to enhance biodiversity.
- Opportunity: Create educational signage around natural areas to engage visitors.

Future Development (Adjacent Areas)

- Evaluate the potential for improved connectivity to the adjacent Outdoor Campus and end-use plan of nearby quarries.



WILLOW PARK

155 Monroe Street

Neighborhood Park | 1 Acre



PARK OVERVIEW

Willow Park is a neighborhood park, currently offering a variety of amenities that cater to families and active individuals. While the park's existing features, such as the playground and basketball court, are well-used, there are gaps in amenities that could enhance the park's functionality and user experience.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Playground

- Condition: Good

Basketball Court

- Condition: Good
- The court is actively used, minor repairs needed on the surface, consider installing non-slip surface.

Drainage Way

- Needs regular maintenance to prevent debris buildup, consider trails and naturalizing.

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

Additions

- Shelter: To provide shade and a space for gatherings
- Picnic Tables: To encourage social interaction.
- Lighting: To ensure safety.

Irrigation System

- Needed to maintain landscaping and green spaces, ensuring the park remains inviting and functional.

PRELIMINARY PARK
ENHANCEMENT
CONSIDERATIONS

Irrigation System:

- Recommend installation

Benches and Playground Maintenance:

- Regular inspections and repair of damaged equipment to ensure user safety

Basketball Court Surface:

- Needs resurfacing to enhance playability



WILSON PARK

1701 Mt. Rushmore Road

Neighborhood Park | 3 Acres



PARK OVERVIEW

Wilson Park is a vibrant historic neighborhood park that serves the local community well, particularly as it is adjacent to an elementary school and hosts the annual West Boulevard Festival. The mix of recreational amenities such as pickleball courts and an open field for winter activities offers great versatility for users of all ages. Ongoing maintenance will be key to preserving the park's charm and functionality while addressing issues concerning safety and accessibility.

Park Amenity Evaluation

Pickleball Courts

- Six well-maintained courts
- High usage during warmer months
- Suggest adding additional seating nearby for spectators

Open Field/Ice Rink

- Multi-functional use: open field for sports, rink during winter
- Recommend seasonal signage

WPA Stone Walls and Stairs

- Historic structural features
- Need for repair of masonry
- Consider adding interpretive signage to educate visitors about the history

Gazebo (Rebuilt)

- Utilized for events and gathering
- Accessibility pathways recommended
- Look into adding power outlets for event users

Pathways

- Fair connectivity throughout the park
- Some sections show wear and need repaving

Benches

- Adequate seating available, but some benches show signs of wear

- Consider placing more benches at pickleball courts and the gazebo for convenience
- #### Lattice Structures
- Require maintenance
 - Increase plantings integrated with lattice to improve aesthetics and landscape appeal

Maintenance Considerations & Recommendations

General Upkeep

- Continuous landscape care

Infrastructure Repair

- Need to assess and repair pathways and benches
- Stone walls require repair/maintenance for structural integrity

PRELIMINARY PARK ENHANCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- TBD.

