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Appendix

Community Engagement Phase 1

Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

Between January and February 2022, City Staff hosted 12 stakeholder meetings with various local organizations, user groups, and special interest groups. A presentation that overviewed current project vision and goals, other on-going planning efforts, project schedule, and public engagement plan was presented to participants for background. A summary of the 2014 Master Plan proposed improvements was included, as well as tasks that have been completed so far, and stakeholders were asked for their feedback on what remaining improvements were still important to consider and what new ideas should be explored.

Meeting Summaries

The following comments represent the primary topics brought forward by participants in the stakeholder meetings.

Facilities

- Expand pool facility to improve accessibility; update bathhouse; provide indoor, year-round use
- Reconfigure current warming house to accommodate winter use.
- Incorporate a restaurant into the Clubhouse to draw people to the park.
- Add facilities to serve the west side of the park, including a restroom and picnic pavilion. Add parking to support this side of the park.
- Integrate accessibility improvements into all new/retrofitted facilities.
- Improve park wayfinding and signage.

Park Program

- Make inclusivity and accessibility a priority of park programs and facilities.
- Add dedicated pickleball courts to existing tennis courts. Expansion of tennis is not necessary.
- Prioritize flexibility of park spaces and programs in order to accommodate multiple uses and activities.
- Introduce more all-season activities in order to address desire for year-round use of the park.
- Add space for user or event equipment storage.
- Understand that the existing lighted facilities are a huge asset to the park.

Trails

- Widen trails to accommodate multiple uses, or separate trails for different user types.
- Consider circuit-training or fitness trails.
- Improve circulation within the park; area near track and pool is a bottleneck.
- Add more trail connections to surrounding neighborhoods/paths of travel and improve connections to river.
- Remove Gibbs Drive to create more green space.

Events & Partnerships

- Partner with the Library and other organizations for youth programming.
- Partner with surrounding apartment buildings on park programming and activities.
- Activate areas of the park that are under-utilized.
- Introduce more spaces for gathering, like pavilions, picnic areas, gazebos, or outdoor classrooms. Create a central “heart” for gathering at Soldier’s Field.
- Connect with the Master Gardener program.

Environmental

- Provide more opportunities for shade (with seating).
- Increase native plantings and pollinator habitat. Take advantage of the many grants available for environmental improvements.
- Add an arboretum or botanical garden.

Participation

The following is a list of the groups that were invited to attend stakeholder meetings.

- Downtown Neighborhood Association
- Historic SW Neighborhood Association
- Parkway Neighborhood Association
- R Neighbors
- Rochester Running Club
- Lil Sluggers
- Rochester Youth Basketball Association
- Rochester Tennis Connection
- YMCA
- Rochester Art Center
- University of Minnesota Rochester
- Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency
- Rochester Downtown Alliance
- Rochester Public Library
- We Bike Rochester
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living (SEMICIL)
- ExcercisABILITIES
- RT Autism Awareness
- Special Olympics
- AccessABLE Recreation
- Law Enforcement Memorial of Southeast Minnesota Representative
- Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial Committee
- Rochester Garden Club
- Diversity Council
- Pamoja
- Barbershop Social Services
- Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association
- Out Rochester
- City of Rochester Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Men's Golf
- Men's Senior Golf
- Women's Golf
- Experience Rochester
- Rochesterfest
- Rochester Swim Club
- City of Rochester Park and Recreation Staff
- Community Mobilization Resource Coalition
- Rochester Public Schools
- Olmsted County
- Mayo Clinic
- Legal Assistance of Olmsted County
- Unidos MN
- Emmright Business Management and Consulting

STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING SUMMARIES

Chao Mwatela and Jenna Bowman were invited to all meetings

*indicates the need to invite to a second meeting for those who couldn't make it

GROUP A

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Downtown Neighborhood Association
Historic SW Neighborhood Association – Stacey Johnson*
Parkway Neighborhood Association
R Neighbors

ATTENDED:

Taryn Edens – R Neighbors
Farris Timimi – Parkway Neighborhood Association
Mike Nigbur – Rochester Park and Rec
Jeff Feece – Rochester Park and Rec

Some comments from Taryn and Farris:

- Have heard the park is popular for group fitness activities
- Hearing pollinator gardens is popular, groups requesting grants for pollinator habitat
- LGR 2022 may be working on a winter activity trailer...winter activities popular
- Snowshoeing
- Using the golf course as more than a golf course, walks, cc skiing
- Not aware of any safety concerns or other barriers to folks using the park

GROUP B

Thursday, January 20, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Rochester Running Club – Lin Gentling*
Lil Sluggers – Josh Conley
RYBA - Mike Vance
Rochester Tennis Connection – Tim Butorac

ATTENDED:

Lil Sluggers – Josh Conley
RYBA - Mike Vance
Rochester Tennis Connection – Tim Butorac
JF & MN

Comments:

Mike Vance
-Conserve lighted field
-Lil Sluggers very active on the field
-As a parent, expanded pool facility, more than 3 month facility

- Warming house is insufficient for outdoor needs
- Good presence at Memorial on Memorial Day
- LEM welcome addition
- FOF West Playground appreciated
- East playground,
- More river access
- Gibbs Drive – No Parking Signs, congested parking on youth hockey day
- East parking doesn't serve rinks and west side of park well, lack of parking on east
- Rentable pool, Kasson facility

Tim Butorac

- Tennis; other than tennis center best courts in Roch
- Hate to see tennis compromised for Pickleball
- Pickleball on end? 4 pure tennis and Pickleball 6 court complex
- Expansion of tennis courts at SF not necessary
- Tennis is thriving in Roch, one of few facilities with random/drop in play, because of lighting?

Josh Conley

- Lil sluggers use field quite a bit
- Central location
- Lights a big deal
- Like to see the west field come back
- Center (track) space is great, flag football
- Lights big deal

GROUP C

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

YMCA – Amanda Novak
Rochester Art Center – Paul Scanlon
UMR – Barry Standorf
DMC EDA – Jamie Rothe, Kevin Bright
RDA – Holly Masek
Rochester Public Library – Jonathan Allen

ATTENDED:

Rochester Art Center – Paul Scanlon
DMC EDA – Kevin Bright
RDA – Holly Masek
Rochester Public Library – Jonathan Allen
JF & MN

Comments:

- Generally speaking the trails which run along highway 14 and Broadway are not enjoyable and serve simply as functional travelling needs
- Is curling an option at the park?
- Dr. Scanlon mentioned he believed a pond used to exist in the area between the east end of Memorial Parkway SW and the river, Van Deusen's Pond?
- Questions about the plans for golf

- Can we make the golf course more welcoming and inviting for all members of the community?
- How can we lower barriers (or perceived barriers) to park use by all members of the community?
- Discussion about the types of facilities currently in the park...are they welcoming to all or just for small segments of the population?
- Is the park set up to be non-inclusive through the facilities provided?
- What are more inclusive facilities which could be incorporated?
- Signage in multiple languages
- Better signage in general
- Gaga ball? It is heavily used in the school context, what about parks? If we incorporate we need to do it with the right surfaces and requirements
- Draw people to the park...food in golf club house
- Futsal
- Leisure space
- Population/those living downtown has increased and will continue(?) to increase, need to provide leisure space for these folks, toward north end where they live
- East side of the park where the current pavilion and bathrooms exist is not pleasant due to Broadway traffic
- Phone charging?
- Place for remote work?
- Wi-Fi
- Bathroom facilities on west side of the park
- Engage apartments like The Maven
- Places for congregating
- Chess tables (maybe more appropriate for Central Park)
- Central Park has different feel, more appropriate for different types of uses...
- Library youth services, place for story time, outdoor class room in shade, gazebo type element with permanent seating
- Book bike...

GROUP D

Thursday, January 27, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

We Bike Rochester – Brett Ostby and Nick Miller
Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee – Mike Schmitt

ATTENDED:

We Bike Rochester – Nick Miller
JF & MN

Comments:

- North Broadway, color scheme not intuitive between walking and biking
- a lot of dog walking can take up the whole path width, creates conflict with bikes
- Destination; downtown (Gibbs Drive) verses river paths or east of the river destinations (though park)
- Bottle neck behind pool and golf clubhouse, less conflicting for bikes & easier to go through the parking lot
- More thoughtful layout of paths for pedestrians and bikes, separate where possible

- Talked about east to west and vice versa
- Commuting use versus recreational use
- Balance between driving uses and activities and walking/biking uses and activities, do we need to bring this into broader balance
- What are the most convenient ways to arrive at the park, park seems designed for car access
- Community park versus local/neighborhood park conflicts balance? It is being used more and more for local/neighborhood uses.....desired to be used more for locals
- Learning to ride a bike, balance bikes, where would kids use their bikes currently, encourage natural mobility
- Feels like a large area of the park dedicated to one type of use (golf)
- More natural landscaping, places to sit, protected seating
- Environmental benefits too much mass mowing
- Better activate space in front of YMCA Building, gardens, pollinators,
- Areas that aren't activated
- Trees for shade and picnic areas
- Bike lanes continue into the park from downtown, safer crossing at the 3rd avenue
- Many levels of cycling abilities and many reasons for people cycling; commuting, short recreational rides,

GROUP E

Monday, January 31, 2022 2PM-3PM

INVITED:

SEMICIL –Rob Weigel
ExcercisABILITIES – Melanie Brennan
RT Autism Awareness
Special Olympics – Leann Bieber
AccessABLE Recreation – Karen Meyer

ATTENDED:

SEMICIL –Rob Weigel
Special Olympics – Leann Bieber
AccessABLE Recreation – Karen Meyer
JF & MN

Comments:

- Think of providing not just accessibility but convenience, ease of access to facility or activity, sometimes users need to leave in a hurry, or a safe place to retreat to in order to de-escalate
- Access not just disabled but others as well, strollers
- Soldiers Field's central location is important, those with disabilities provided access but also interaction with other (non-disabled) users – inclusion
- Access to indoor facilities; gyms, pools, etc. is their biggest need currently
- Familiarity with facilities is important
- Doing things in the downtown important for disable folks as well
- Leann; use football/track, baseball facilities, would like to use the golf as well (currently do some at Hadley Creek)
- Storage space would be nice so equipment, etc. wouldn't need to be dragged around
- Accessibility is different from inclusivity; accessibility is more physically oriented, inclusivity is more about integration, attitude, welcoming, incorporated into

- Central location of SF is important for overall access
- Snow shoeing would be great, where? Designated area on golf course?
- Outdoors it is easier to find green space, gym space is hard to find
- YMCA BUILDING, what will this be used for?
- Diversity is not just about cultural, socio-economic, but also about ability diversity
- Disabled population is larger than most think
- Wellness; opportunities for disabled folks to be healthy is more difficult than those without disabilities, everything is compounded because they are already starting a step behind
- Access to nature even in winter, skating on the oval is great
- Track chairs
- Shelter; both in winter and summer (heat, shade, rain)
- Check out of adaptive bikes
- Equipment space
- on-site park visit with the group to look at the park through a lens of accessibility/inclusion/universal design

GROUP F

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

LEM – Kevin Torgerson
Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial Committee
Rochester Garden Club – June Meitzner

ATTENDED:

LEM – Kevin Torgerson
Rochester Garden Club – June Meitzner
JF & MN

Comments:

- Expansion of trails and circuit training along new trails
- Lots of people walking through the park, dog walking, seems to always be busy
- Would like to see a picnic shelter on the west side of the park
- Also nice to see a shelter in the north golf course area and trails in that area as well
- Loves the idea of the trail connection to the southwest
- Also connecting up to the northeast
- Running, walking, biking congestion and conflicts (Kevin is also part of the running club)
- June; excited mission to provide beauty in Olmsted County and City of Rochester
- Bridge and water, historical society, flower show at the fair, garden tour, used to do planters in front of YMCA, Smart Garden RCTC – Horticulture program no more
- LEM is connected with Master Gardener Program
- Arboretum, botanical gardens would be great!

GROUP G

Thursday, February 3, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Diversity Council – Dee Sabol
Pamoja – Khadija Ali, Fatuma
Barbershop Social Services – Pastor Crockett, Andre ?
IMAA – Armin Budimlic
Out Rochester – Madison Kelly

ATTENDED:

Diversity Council – Dee Sabol
Pamoja – Khadija Ali, Fatuma
Chao Mwatela – City of Rochester Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
JF & MN

Comments:

- Survey, will there be any more?
- Community Mobilization Resource Coalition – February 17, 4:30 next meeting
- Co-design process
- Perception is reality, suggest and then don't hear back perception is they are not heard
- Rubber ball; six foot red rubber balls, why not? Or a compromise 3' blue rubber balls, investment and ownership, need to communicate why not...
- Guiding principles; accessibility diverse
- Marry many uses, flexibility of space
- Support facilities that tell certain populations they are or are not welcome, bathrooms, etc...
- picnic shelter; twin cities, huge picnic areas, barbecue pits, grill meat there, holidays
- nuclear versus extended family
- immigrants; extended family is everything
- safety; soldiers field is the safest, Ramadan, praying at park because it is perceived as clean and safe
- clear about where we are in the process in the slide presentation
- feedback portion is what is missing in our traditional engagement processes
- summary on the website of input and where that is it
- updates on the website, digital content person, talk with Jenna and HKGI on feedback tools

GROUP H
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Men's Golf – Rodney Dretsch
Men's Senior Golf – Jim Williams
Women's Golf – Jeanne Haben
Park and Rec – Jeff Gorman

ATTENDED:

Men's Golf – Rodney Dretsch
Men's Senior Golf – Jim Williams
Women's Golf – Jeanne Haben
JF & MN

Comments:

- have we considered other locations for some of these proposed elements?
- what is the function of the Mayor's committee on golf? Rodney, the mayor's committee is to look at the whole golf operation, look at alternatives
- Army Corp told golf the river is not usable
- anyone thought about moving amenities within the park, Y location
- Gibbs road should be completely closed which would create more green space
- Moving tennis courts to near the Y, move Pickleball near the Y
- Use picnic areas after they play golf
- Golf creates a lot of activity within the park
- Completely against changing to 9 holes, walkable course
- Rodney visits the veterans memorial and Rochesterfest, no other amenities that are of interest
- Hockey rinks to the center of the track area, parking lot where hockey is...
- Jeane winter use is good
- Rodney if it is reduced it is not an ideal layout, basically building a new golf course, very expensive
- Jim only uses the park for golf, older folks use mostly for the veterans memorial and golf
- 9 holes, where would access to golf come from? Broadway, 14, existing parking lot

GROUP I
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Experience Rochester – bvonbank@minnesotarochester.com
Rochesterfest – Brandon Helgason

ATTENDED:

Wayne Harvey – RochesterFest
Judy Hickey – Rochesterfest
Bill VonBank – Experience Rochester
JF & MN

Comments:

- Wayne had some comments regarding logistics of the Rochesterfest stage, beer tent, and vender layouts but these are primarily things controlled by the organizers and not by P&R. The stage and beer tent partially covered the track making for less flexibility for the venders to get their trailers in and out.
- A water source on the east side of the track would be helpful
- Have we considered a closed caption camera system for safety and security
- Bill wondered if a dog park would be considered, we indicated that was not on the table as a lot of the activities a dog park provides for are available at SF just not in a fenced in area
- The river overlook idea is a good one
- Is there a reason more activities, festivals, concerts are not done in the park, down by the riverside concert? Is it a parking issue...
- Restrooms on the west side of the park would be useful
- A central gathering area, "heart" of the park would be nice...

Individual

Thursday, February 10, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Rochester Swim Club – Autumn Kappes

ATTENDED:

Rochester Swim Club – Autumn Kappes
JF & MN

Comments:

- Pool needs an overhaul all around. Pool itself bad, mechanical bad, worried about safety of staff going into mechanical area, locker rooms/bathrooms are not bad, Milwaukee; swim clubs buy pools or they are getting bulldozed
- Only one family bathroom, awkward to get into because they have to go behind the counter or through the guard house, transgender person could only work at Soldiers Field because it's the only one with a family bathroom, public shouldn't be in the staff area
- Outside bathrooms don't get opened because of the homeless
- 50m pool, not gonna run meets or events outside, because we use the indoor at the rec center
- don't need two 50m pools outside
- two pools are good when one is so heavily programmed
- older swimmers to silver lake, quiet, lap swimmers
- disservice to only have splash pads at silver lake
- locker rooms at silver lake terrible
- one heavily programmed and on smaller and quieter
- guard house doesn't need to be replaced, just add for family
- shape is good, keep 50m, take drop slide out of lap lanes, lap swimmers run into slide
- busy day you need 50m
- climbing wall in deep water
- 2 good features in the deep pool
- splash pool is amazing, zero depth, people teaching their kids how to swim
- west parking lot never full, only during fireworks

- fence off separate uses, charge people separately to come in and use the splash pad, some people come just for one or the other but not both, then splash pad could be open in morning while programmed swimming lessons, etc. could be going on at the same time
- no diving board, creates issues, insurance liability, people get hurt and abuse
- climbing wall, dads love the slides
- b-ball hoop, underwater hockey?
- water polo
- need more shade! People fight to get a spot under an umbrella
- more tables and chairs, stationary tables, anything movable gets thrown in the pool
- adaptive entrance equipment, ask Karen Meyer how often the existing swing is used
- free swimming was a bad idea
- west playground is great, fence is great – gives parents a chance to get a break
- weird more people don't swim during Rochesterfest, it's kind of dead during Rfest
- Bathrooms would be nice on the west side of the park, instead of porta potties
- Gaga ball would be nice
- likes openness, feels safe
- homeless in bathrooms on east side
- bill shaugnessy
- in the summer people come down from mayo clinic to swim laps, dahlc to small and crowded

Park Staff

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1PM-2PM

INVITED:

Park Staff

ATTENDED:

Brenda Burke
Jeff Gorman
Andy Olson
Mike Schaber + 11 Park Staff
Nathan Siebrecht
Bob Montrose
Matt Davidson
Dale McCamish
Paul Widman
David Brudwick
Ben Boldt
Jeff Haberman + 16 Forestry Staff
Travis Hinz
Karen Meyer
Joe Fischer
Mylam Nguyen
JF & MN

Comments:

- YMCA Building? What's happening with that?
- East ballfield heavily used, both organized and pickup
- Soccer field (track) heavily used, soccer, frisbee

- Four season type building for winter (warming house) and summer (pool house)
- Headquarters for accessible Rec on the west side as a staging area for AR use of aquatics
- Plans for bridges? Maintenance-wise? Depends on what happens with the golf courses...
- Small parcel on the north side of memorial, any plans for?
- Tennis courts high quality but don't need additional
- Pickleball would be great, built it they will come
- Gaga ball in with play equipment on west side
- Make the pool bathhouse double as a warming house in the winter
- Planning being considered to add Christmas decorations, power/electrical in various locations
- Expanding any event amenities, additional water on the east side
- More walkers/runners during the business day

GROUP J - Makeup

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4PM-5PM

INVITED:

Historic SW Neighborhood Association – Stacey Johnson
Rochester Running Club – Lin Gentling - Decline
YMCA – Amanda Novak - Tentative
UMR – Barry Standorf
Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee – Mike Schmitt - Accepted
ExercisABILITIES – Melanie Brennan - Accepted
RT Autism Awareness
Barbershop Social Services – Pastor Crockett, Andre ?
IMAA – Armin Budimlic
Out Rochester – Madison Kelly

ATTENDED:

Neath Folger – Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
Barry Stansdorf – UMR
Barb Beck – Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
Mike Schmitt – Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
JF & MN

Comments:

- what are dirt berms
- time frame for removing other lane? Remove that other lane of Gibbs Drive
- pickleball in cook park, fastest growing sport in us, cook is always busy
- golf course, cutting it to 9 holes will kill the course
- proximity of the campus to the park, students, volleyball (students), enhancements to existing, Students asking about pickleball, cook high use
- connecting to the river has to be part of conversation, river level to street level, biking
- kids love playgrounds, gaga ball
- challenges from a family standpoint is access to restrooms, shelters important

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

- most commonly used place to hold races, 5k's
- crossing over Broadway to the east Kmart,
- Tuesday all comers track meet
- ice skating in winter
- most bike ped conflicts on the west side
- area south of the pool
- east side from parking lot over bridge to east
- loops; going around clubhouse is awkward

Community Survey Summary

An online community survey was launched at the end of December 2021 and was open until January 18th, 2022. This survey contained eight questions intended to help understand current users and user habits, programming desires, and thoughts on the project’s Guiding Principles. An additional nine questions were asked at the end of the survey to understand the demographics of the participants. The survey was designed to take ten minutes to complete.

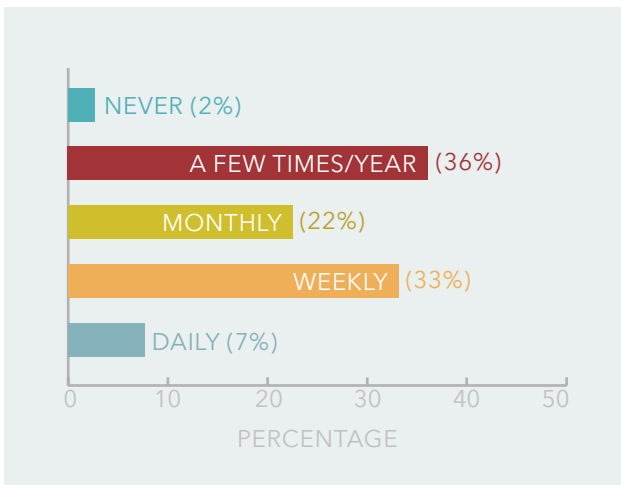
Participation

Over the 4 weeks that the survey was open, 1,560 responses were collected. The survey was advertised through the project website, social media accounts of the Parks and Recreation Department, and through Stakeholder Groups’ networks.

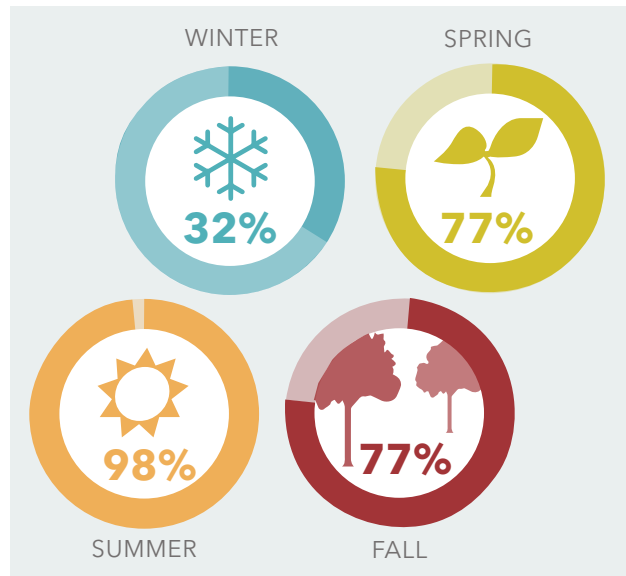
Survey Results

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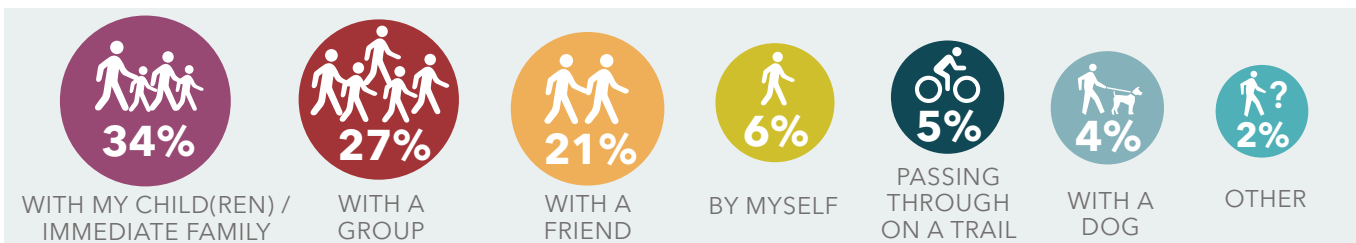
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PLEASE CHECK IN WHICH SEASONS YOU VISIT SOLDIERS FIELD MEMORIAL PARK (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)



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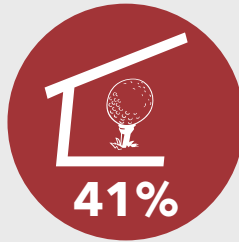


IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, WHAT FACILITIES HAVE YOU USED AT SOLDIERS FIELD MEMORIAL PARK?

(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)



GOLF COURSE



GOLF CLUBHOUSE



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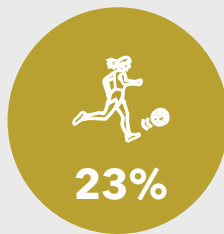
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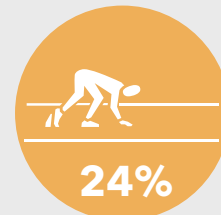
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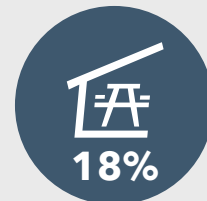
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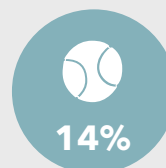
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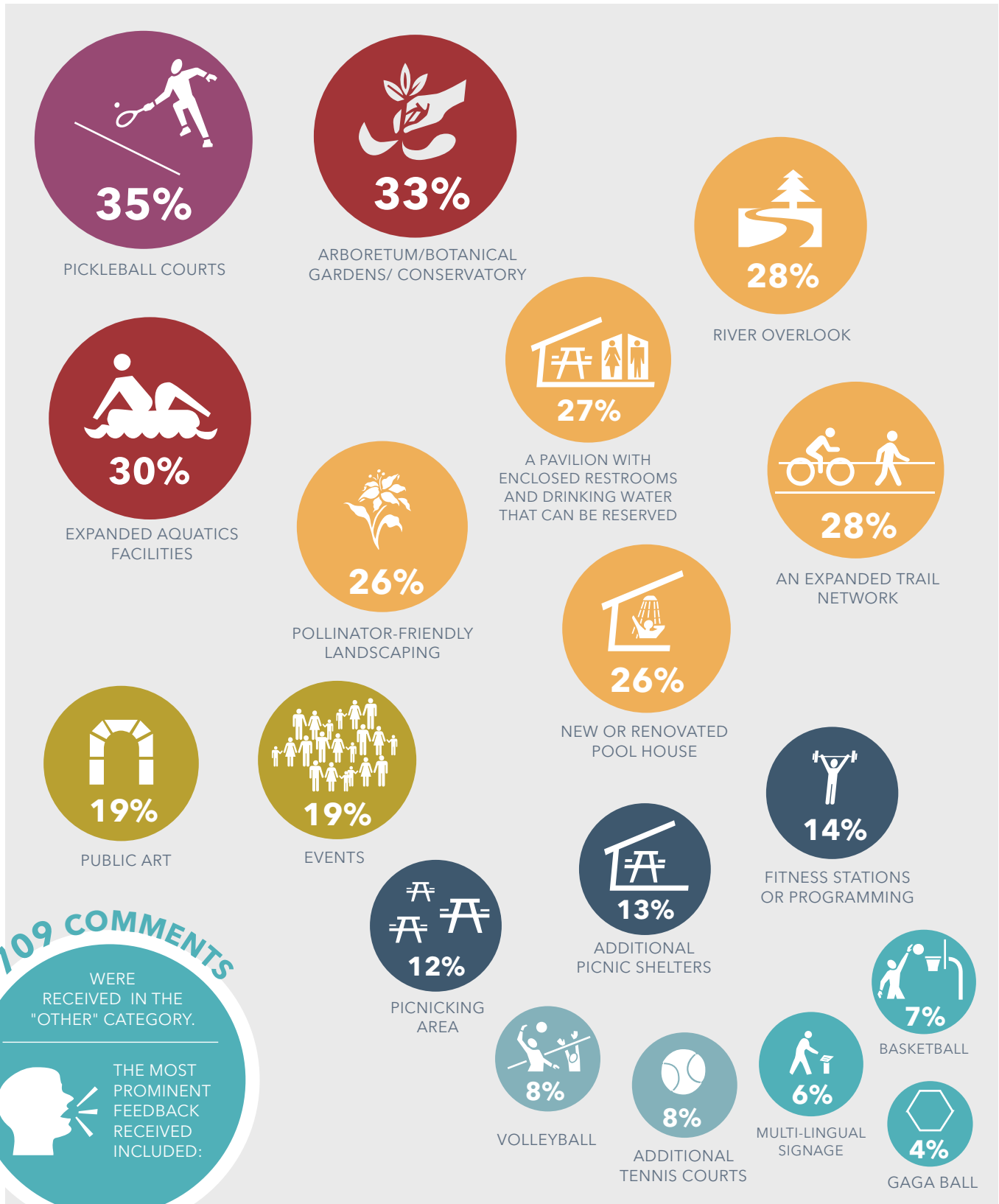
TENNIS COURTS



BASEBALL FIELD

WHAT NEW FACILITIES OR AMENITIES WOULD MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE MORE ENJOYABLE?

(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)



709 COMMENTS

WERE RECEIVED IN THE "OTHER" CATEGORY.

THE MOST PROMINENT FEEDBACK RECEIVED INCLUDED:



165 (11% of 1,560)
KEEP OR IMPROVE THE GOLF COURSE

101 (6% of 1,560)
AQUATICS IMPROVEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL

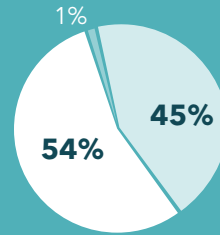
85 (5% of 1,560)
IMPROVE THE CLUBHOUSE AND ADD FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPTIONS

63 (4% of 1,560)
ADD A CURLING FACILITY AT THE PARK



Who Participated?

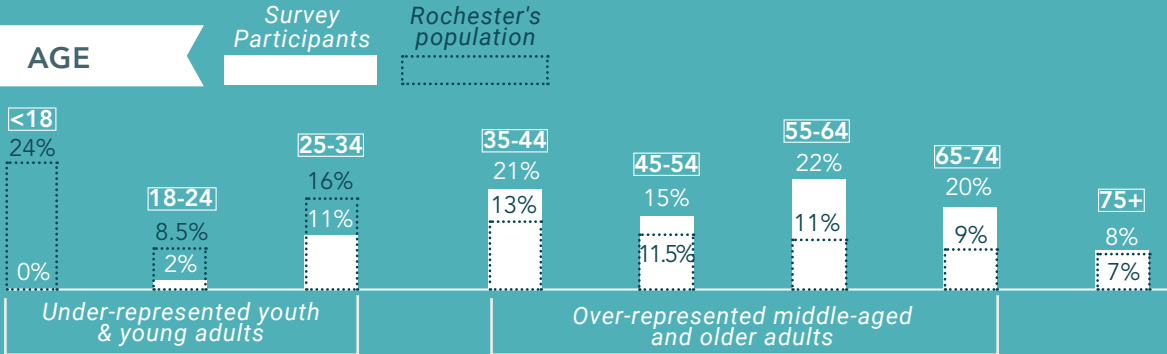
And is it representative of Rochester's population?



GENDER

45% - Female
54% - Male
1% - Other

AGE



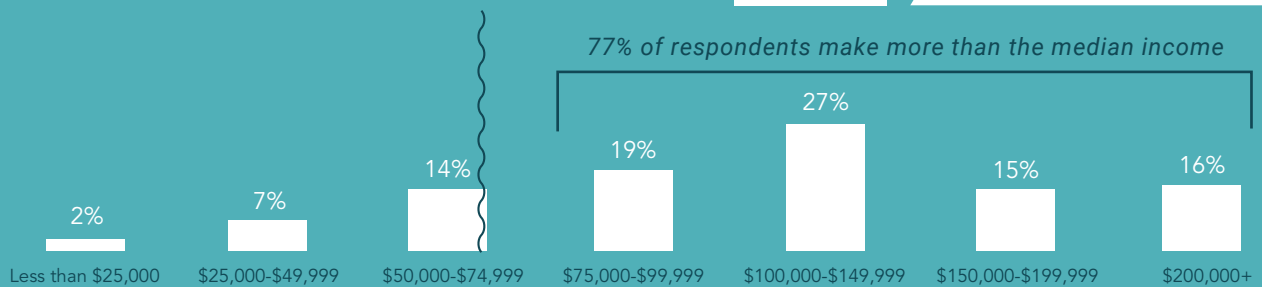
RACE/ETHNICITY

(CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY) Survey Participants Rochester's population



2019 Rochester Median Income: \$73,100

INCOME



HOMEOWNERSHIP

68% of Rochester Residents vs 94% of survey participants

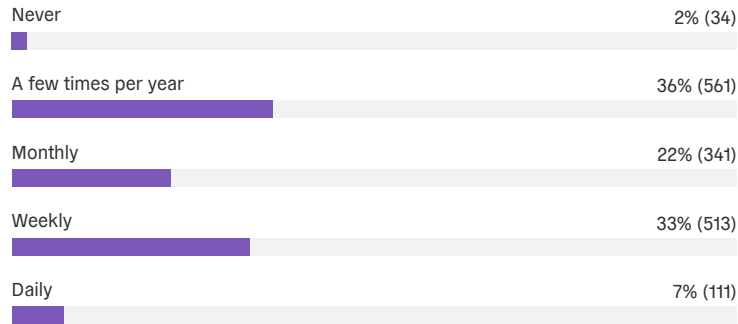


Update to Soldiers Field Master Plan

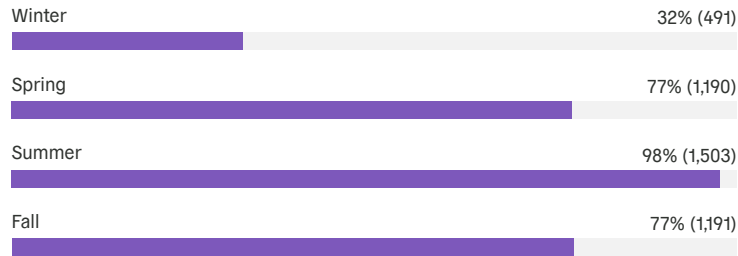
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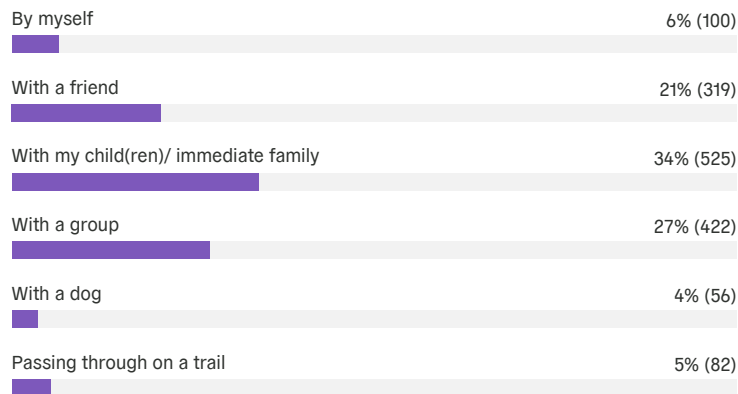
How frequently do you typically visit Soldiers Field Memorial Park?

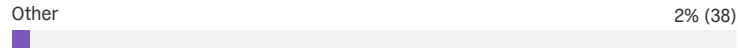


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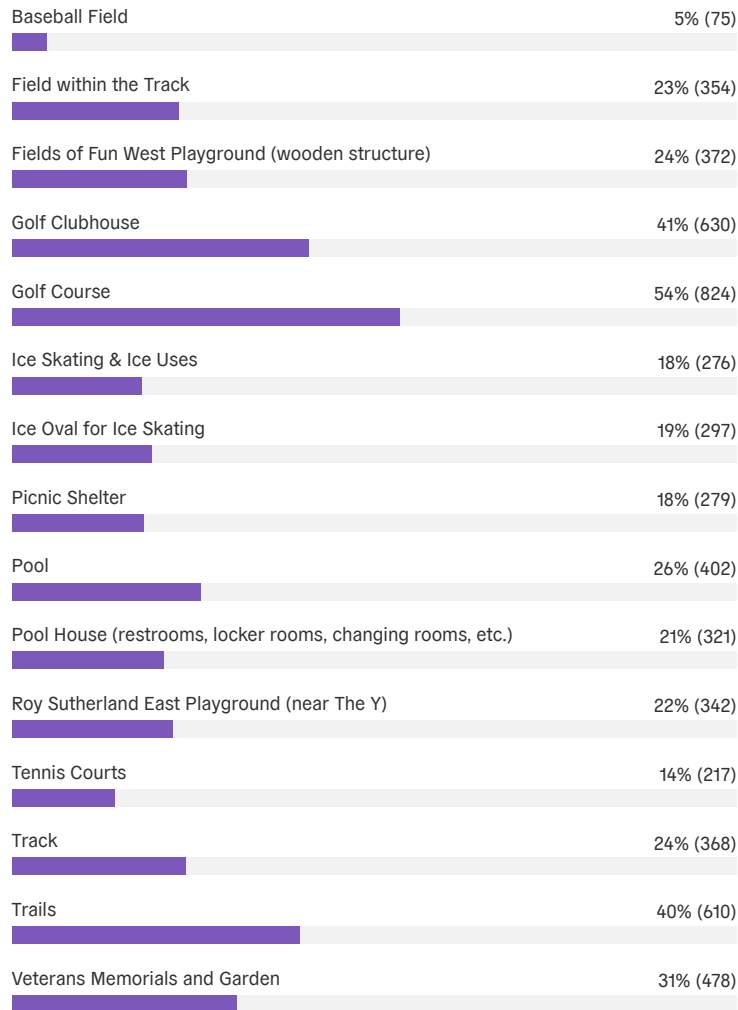


Who do you typically spend your time at Soldiers Field Memorial Park with?



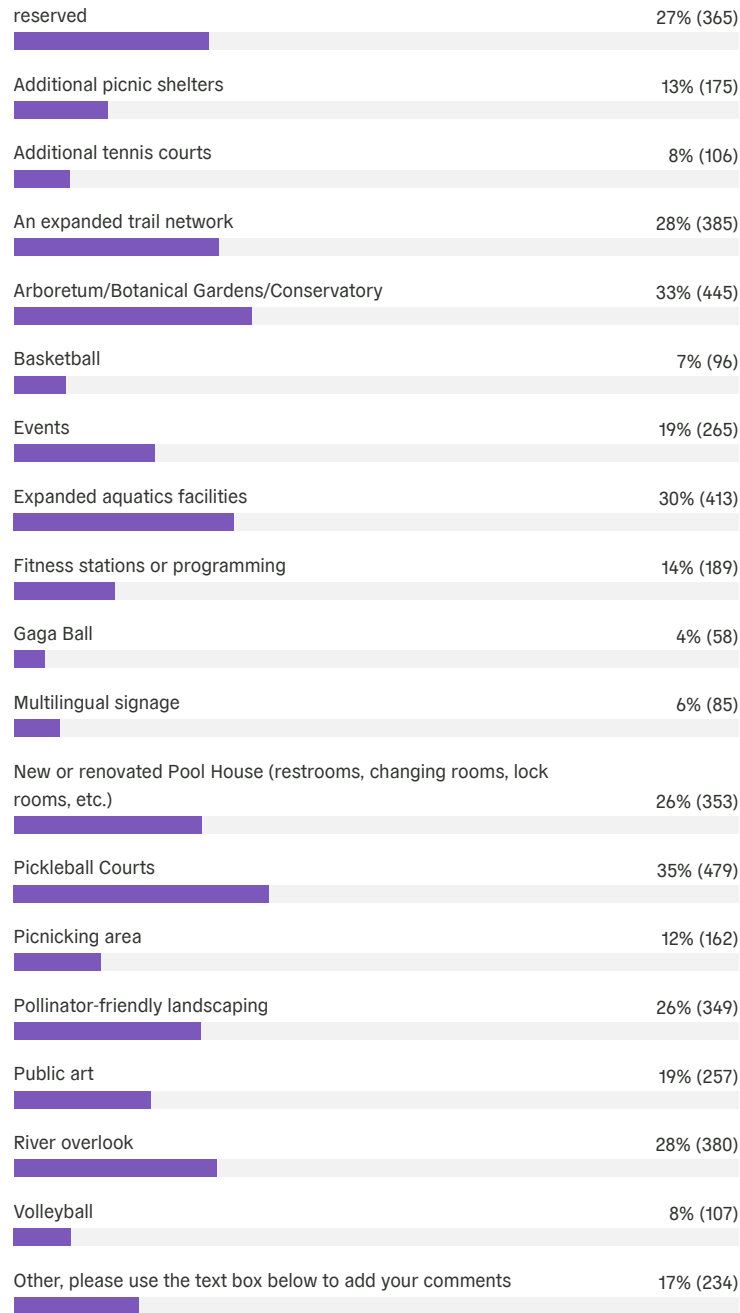


In the last 12 months, what facilities have you used at Soldiers Field Memorial Park? (select all that apply)



What new facilities or amenities would make your experience more enjoyable? (select all that apply)

A pavilion with enclosed restrooms and drinking water that could be



Other - what new facilities or amenities would make your experience more enjoyable?

None, please improve the maintenance of what we have.

Community warming center during the winter for skaters, skiers or walkers.

None

Turf field with Dome to add options for indoor winter recreation especially since RCTC can't figure theirs out

I use the golf course in the winter for cross country skiing. It's a great area for beginners. I would also enjoy more options for disc golf. Mountain bike skills area would be great too.

Basketball court please, please, please

Bocce ball

I like It as is.

Improve the golf course and clubhouse.

I really enjoy the golf course in the winter. I appreciate the garbage containers for poop bags.

No new facilities needed. Take care of what's there first.

Expanded golf practice area

The pool house is fine- the pool needs the work! More features! More tables and chairs, more umbrellas!

I thought the poolhouse has been renovated in the past 15 - 20 years? Is it falling apart? Restrooms which are open 24/7.

I would love to see an arboretum, botanical gardens, etc. Rochester is woefully behind in this area.

If you are thinking about getting rid of the golf course, that is NOT a wise idea.

More bathrooms on the west side

Batting cage by the baseball field and a double bullpen for pitchers next to the field. It would be nicer if the park was cleaner without garbage all over. I seem to pick up way too much garbage throughout the year.

We need a water park

A large aquatic center. Affordable to all. Indoor and outdoor facilities. Year round aquatic center with a possible affordable health club.

Continued fenced in off leash dog walking areas but not designated dog park. Designated dog parks aren't suitable for walking as irresponsible dog owners don't manage their dog behavior. Plus, it's nice to have an off leash area in winter where my dogs can hike while Essex and Quarry Hill are closed for cross country skiing.

Splash pad

More trails

Off leash walking with my dog

Year round restrooms, Central Park like use for golf course,

Pool and golf club house

more shaded spaces for hanging out in summer/spring

Some type of concessions would be nice. You could open it for food/beverage trucks.

Off leash dog park

More trails

Outdoor adult lap pool. Either a designated time window or their own pool.

None

Disc golf course and disc golf practice faculty/range

Golf Clubhouse

New Pool

Get rid of the golf course or turn into 9 hole course only. Takes up way too much of park space.

Keep the golf course

Parking for food trucks

Pickleball

Please don't overdevelop the park. The green spaces are valuable and have irreplaceable qualities in their beauty and simplicity.

More cleaner rest rooms near playgrounds

Updating of golf course with much needed maintenance funds and grooming.

Improvements to the golf course was not listed. Totally opposed to removing any of the golf holes for walking/arboretum which can occur at many other locations. The City is spending \$40 Million for improved pedestrian areas in the downtown, that should accommodate a lot of the walking/pedestrian/landscaping needs.

Cross County Skiing Trail

Restrooms

Conserve the historical aspect of the park to Rochester

More water fountains for drinking/pet station. More pet friendly activities/events

No pickleball

More direct connection to the park facilities from the neighborhoods surrounding it. Reducing the size of the golf course would enable this. I like the additional connections you have shown on the master plan.

More pickle ball in all parks in the city

Have the golf course restaurant open for beverages and food.

up grades to the golf course, cart paths, new maintenance building, new irrigation system

A small section of the track for running in winter that is not covered in ice would be nice.

Continue off leash dog area during winter.

Make sure you keep the pool. Why no questions on the golf course? Keep the golf course.

More accessible green space - gardens, trails, river overlook.

Nothing, I love to golf at Soldiers!

The pool is in need of repairs and desperately needs a new filter building.

Lazy river and two water slides get rid of golf course

Patriotic Splash park

NA

Water park/pool

We need an updated pool

Golf driving range, even if it would be into a net.

Updated pool and pool house are the number one renovation my family would like to see.

no comment

Splash pad

Updated pool

I'd like to see Soldiers Field left as is.

expand golf course to 36 holes, (kidding, just keep the 18 that are there now)

Keeping the golf course my family uses frequently!

keep the golf course

Keep the golf course

Golf clubhouse improvements

Any pool must have a standard length 25 yard or 25 meter pool for lap swimming and outdoor swim meets and swim parties. Make the pool with input from local swim club. Please keep splash pool separate. Also look at nearby cities that have awesome pools and model ours after them!!

Maintenance of the 18-hole golf course. I have been playing on Rochester's public golf courses for 60 years. Presently, Soldier's Field is the only 18-hole golf course I and other seniors can reasonably walk.

Cross country ski trail. Less golfing

When expanding the tennis courts, please keep the current tennis wall but feel free to relocate it elsewhere within this park or another city park with tennis courts. I also strongly suggest continuing the annual grooming for cross country skiing trails.

Indoor playground for three long winters!

Not sure if it is under aquatics, but a splash pad for kids is greatly needed and updates to fields of fun playground.

Music concerts

The pool updated

Outdoor movie theater

nicer pool house and locker rooms, pool/slide renovations

Expanded pool house and botanical gardens

A small stage/amphitheater for small artists, festivals, or students. Taking out the golf course as it is harmful for the ecosystem and uses up a lot of space.

Basketball court

Updated clubhouse for events, updated restaurant facility at clubhouse

Soldier's Field Pool House DEFINITELY needs to be updated as a top priority. It would also be nice to have a changing area/locker rooms/restrooms of some sort for people using the other facilities of Soldier's Field (i.e. the wonderful track, any of the fields, tennis, baseball fields, etc). Not sure how this would work with funding though...

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Definitely a conservatory and arboretum similar to Como Park in St Paul

Club house that serves drinks and snacks

At small storage building to hold supplies for putting on the All Comer's track meets.

not sure; i do not want to see the golf course reduced to 9 holes

Trolley rides to soldiers field. Transportation for seniors to the park

Restroom/drinking fountain that is accessible all year; if other people choose a new pavilion that can be reserved, I'd like to request the water fountains to be outside (not like Silver Lake's shelter where people reserve it and then can block the water fountain); cross-country ski and/or snowshoeing trails

Parking

put golf course space to better use

Going from 18 to 9 hole course will be pointless and will be the end of that course. Nobody will go for 9. Hardly anybody places 18. The only way a 9 hole course will work is if you also include state of the art driving range and practice greens. Turn it into a learning and practice course. Kind of like Hadley Creek started out.

Updated pool; Stewartville and Kasson have AMAZING pools. Why should I drive there? Please update the pool area!

Track updates

Upgrade Golf Clubhouse - create a viable public restaurant administered by a private entity.

XC ski groomed trails

Updated pool with clean showering area

Concerts or live events

Renovate the pool!

Restroom, picnic tables and water area for my 4 year old.

Retention of 18 Hole Golf Course and Improvements to current clubhouse including restaurant and working water fountains. Turn some of the tennis courts into pickleball courts.

More restaurants/bars near activities that have easy access and parking. Best utilize the Zumbro river with impact to the golf course.

The golf course is the most enjoyable.

Splash pads

Just keep all 18 holes of golf.

Better clubhouse. One that is larger and includes a bar and able to host large events at. Weddings, etc.

Golf tournaments

Rochester needs to have an aquatic park with pools, water slides and other water features.

The pool is essential. Needs updating and repairs. Maintain 50m format.

A competition swimming pool, so that out door swim meets could be held. This would generate lots of income for the community at it would bring outsiders in.

year round water fountain and rest room. Running trails around golf course a little further away from traffic smoke than current paved path. . and make it all the way around. Make sure it's drained properly with no low points for ice to form from melting snow.

Disc golf

Makes some updates to the golf course and golf course facilities

Mini golf

Pool facilities

Green space

New and improved golf clubhouse and a chipping area contiguous to the east side of current practice putting green. There is plenty of unused space there now.

Mini golf

Golf course improvements and funding.

Tennis courts with working lights. Curling space

Build an all seasons pool. Look to Cheyenne, Wyoming to see what they have. <https://cheyennerec.org/> They are a much smaller community and have a far superior community pool.

Please keep the lights! We need them once it starts getting dark at 6pm.

MORE HANDICAPPED PARKING!

An all-weather surfaced track, with lanes and markings, is a much needed update for the current track and would serve the community immensely by providing better opportunities for all-comers meets, training opportunities, and programming.

Rochester lags behind in its lack of an open-to-the-public modern running track, and resurfacing the current track should be a priority.

An improved swimming pool and facilities - waterpark - splashpad - nicer changing/restrooms.

keep the golf course open!

Lights for the tennis courts. The community needs outdoor lighted tennis courts.

Splash Pad available without going through the pool area. Preferably close to one of the existing playgrounds. Needs parking to be close and bathrooms available.

Expanded lap pool for outdoor swimming. This is the only town that is this size in mn that doesn't have one

A hot tub

Shameful Rochester does not have a high quality pool and children's pool park. Despite the expense, private options exclude minorities/low income. Must be kept clean/tidy to appeal to all tho. Look to European city parks, playgrounds, sports areas for ideas for high quality experiences. I'm in favor of necessary investment to take this park to a high level.

Water park, pool experience

Pool upgrades

Updated golf clubhouse with restaurant, drinking fountains on golf course

curling facility

In addition to renovating the pool and making it more of a water park with features, I would like to see a splash pad.

Natural playground features! Rocks and logs, etc and XC ski trails!!!!

Update the pool

Improve Restaurant facility at the ClubHouse; maintain golf course AS IS. This is a gem that many other cities would love to have. Putting the golf course as a 9 hole will all but kill it which is maybe what you are trying to do. Maintaining as an 18 hole golf course gives a course that is easier for seniors to play yet challenging for young golfers. Once this course is gone, you can never get it back and for what short sighted goal? It is the only walkable golf course in Rochester for many. It has a history and a legacy that should not be taken away. As far as flooding goes... the SE corner was completely under water a few years ago and the next day it was dry so let's not make up problems that don't exist. I believe you can make some changes to improve that issue without eliminating the golf course. This City does not invest in its senior citizens - there is no money for pickleball and now you want to take away the only walkable golf course. I'm as upset as I was a few years ago when this was brought up. You can make all these other items happen in multiple other areas of the City. Invest in Silver Lake which doesn't have the golf course dilemma.

I would be in favor of many amenities provided they do not change or interfere with nearby roadways. Too many roads have been changed that make driving more difficult and sometimes hazardous with plants etc. in the medians that create blind spots at intersections.

New pool, splash pad, restrooms

A DECENT RESTAURANT IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

Update/rebuild, expand golf clubhouse. Add driving range

Please update the pool. For a town of this size and global importance, the children of this community need an updated pool. To be honest, I generally take my kids out of town, to enjoy the increased offerings of other pools. Rock walls, more slides, water features, would be wonderful.

Disc Golf Course - way cheaper than traditional golf (fees, maintenance, etc...)

Keep golf course 18 holes. It is oldest historical. Rochester should not destroy all historical sites. It also is centrally located and older people can walk.

Splash pad, soccer field with 2 nets instead of 1

More access points to golf course

Curling facility

A water park comparable to the updated ones surrounding us. Plainview, Stewartville, Kason, and more all have beautiful new pools with fun amenities, Apple Valley and others have full water parks, then you look at Rochester which struggles to keep two

pools open and the one that is consistent is out of date and doesn't align with what the pool complex of the third largest city in the state should look like.

Love the idea of a botanical garden!

Removal of homeless using drugs openly in picnic shelter and restrooms overlooking river and South Broadway near the East kids play area. every time I've been to Soldier's Field in the last few years that restroom has drug paraphernalia and homeless smoking weed openly in it. More policing of said areas and trash removal that's obviously needed but for some unfathomable reason stopped because of COVID.

A better pool. Make it an aquatics center. Literally every small town around Rochester has better pools

Better hockey facilities so Roch can host hockey day mn

Pool update!! A perfect location for a state of the art aquatics outdoor facility

Dog waste stations

zero depth pool and fountain for small children, more handicapped accessibility for all

A driving range and teaching center for the Golf Course would be amazing and could expand the course opportunities for all ages.

easy fat bike trail for seniors

Aquatic center

Larger covered trash containers

Better clubhouse restaurant.

I enjoy the facilities as is

More golf holes.

restaurant in the clubhouse

Practice range for golf warm up, decent restaurant.

Updated pool into aquatic centee

We use the pool often in the summer and it is a huge priority to renovate and update the swimming pool for my family and the children/families of our community. Smaller surrounding towns have far better aquatic facilities than Rochester - this needs to change.

There are few green spaces. Especially close to downtown. Please maintain and improve current facilities and just leave the rest of the park alone.

Please renovate the pool. Do not turn it into a splash pad. Too few (mostly white, high income) people golf for Rochester to use so much of this amazing space for that sport. A 9 hole course would be more appropriate. The pool is VERY important to this community as seen by its utilization over the summer of 2021. I was so impressed with the access providing a free pool gave to everyone, especially lower income families.

I traveled to Irvine CA this past summer and they offered a helium air balloon ride at one of their city parks. It was tethered at all times, but rose to 400 ft. With the hot air balloon presence in Rochester, I thought it would be a cool idea to offer this to everyone. They offered free rides, but Rochester could charge a small price to help pay for the experience. Please check into it.

Restroom building close to the track

improved pool and facilities

Grooming snow for cross country skiing and completing trail to 12th St. along the river and adding bike entrance to park over 6th Ave. without having to use sidewalks. Gibbs is only open in the summer for bicyclists and scooters to enter park without using sidewalks. Now snow has been dumped there and it is not plowed a trail-width from planters to gate on 6th Ave.

Keep the golf course

I mostly use the pool to swim laps, since I participate in open water swims annually & having a 50m pool to practice in is invaluable! Updating the 50m pool to be ideal for both adult lap/training (not having to watch out for the slides!) and its recreational purposes at the same time would be fantastic. Also, while I marked it above - the pool houses need serious renovation. This past summer I was hopeful to swim on my way to work.... but the shower & changing areas with standing water on concrete due to poor drainage & high humidity related to zero active ventilation in a largely closed concrete structure made it impossible to feel that I was presenting a professional image afterward.

Restrooms and trash receptacles and more places to sit

Curling club

New golf clubhouse and improved golf course environment. Pickle ball instead of tennis courts.

keeping the track in good condition

A well run golf course and restaurant

Golf 18 holes

Curling!

Update the pool.

Renevated/larger pool!

Curling facility for use of the golf facilities off season

better grooming of snow for x-country skiing at the golf course

More and better grooming for cross country skiing, with signage telling walkers not to walk in the groomed ski track

More bike/ped trail connections

Like it as it is. Could update the pool house

The golf course could be renovated tea boxes and more sand traps

Christmas lights showing on field within track for winter entertainment

Splash pad

SPLASH PAD

Arboretum/conservatory with educational classes

Love the golf course for golf in summer, and especially love the ability to take my dog out on it in the winter.

keep 18 hole golf course

Not new - but keep the golf course and the green spaces!

Expanded/new additions to the memorial area

Splash pad

Pickleball courts, expanded trails, and fitness stations

High contrast marking on trails. Allow bicycles to travel between George Gibbs Dr. and 6th Ave. year round.

Curling Club

A playground for older kids

Keep the golf course, please.

Rochester needs a new aquatic park/pools. It's interesting that all the smaller communities that surround Rochester (Stewartville, St. Charles, Kasson/Mantorville) have large aquatic parks/pools yet Rochester, even though it is much larger in size, has 2 outdated basic pools which are in desperate need of being updated. Also last summer people were turned away from the pools due to overcrowding.

Enhanced Golf Course experience! Give the maintenance crew more employees and a better budget! Improvements to the clubhouse!

We need to keep the historic 18-hole golf course. Its an opportunity for all ages to gather and socialize while playing golf. Would be nice to have food in the clubhouse.

Bicycle pump track for kids and adults More "nature trails"

Driving range

Splash pad

Running track

Dog park year round, splash pad, dog friendly water features

Soccer field

A food option at the golf course clubhouse.

Waterpark

Bathrooms that actually stay open longer.

Water park

Dedicated Curling Facility

Dog park that's We'll maintained and spotless.

N/A

I ve seen other citys' parks that have been flooded in the winter so that you can skate on the trails and around the / thru the parks.

Accessible bathrooms from the track

Trail system with fewer road crossing as much away from the roads as possible.

CURLING

More HC friendly!

Playground upgrades

Pool. We need a fully functioning family friendly water park experience for families....

better eating facility in club house

Picnic and restroom facilities

A replacement for the golf course would be ideal, something that patients and their families can do and enjoy while they're in town. The golf course is nice however it's use is limited to a dew people in a very prominent area of town, it should be made available to a larger population.

Find a vendor to operate the food service in the Soldiers Field Clubhouse.

Food at the golf club house

Improvements to the Golf course and facility

None

man-made snow for nordic skiing

Space for community gardens/long-term community orchard.

Improvements to the golf course, drinking water stations on the golf course, increased staff numbers to better take care of what they have and to allow improvements to be made when the need arises. Currently the golf course is well maintained but improvement projects have to wait because of limited staff.

We just can not get rid of the 18 hole golf course. For the many seniors in our area this is the one course that is most enjoyable for them... and I will soon be at the age where I can join this wonderful group of Golfers. It means so much to our Community to have this recreational opportunity for our older generation and for the young golfers as well. We get to interact with such a vaired group of people and I for one truly enjoy sharing this course with everyone.

unsure

Fresh water available to fill up water bottles accessible in multiple park areas (I know there are some already). I think there's already a bathroom at the park by the Y.

Expanded childrens museum, indoor water park with a zero-entry for babies/young toddlers, and expanded park. Literally anything for young kids would be so much appreciated. We have minimal things in the Rochester area for young families.

Affordable housing above multi-use Facilities and winter trails for Nordic ski and fat biking - groomed

Bathrooms that are opened year round

More robust/wider walking paths. Or separate paths for people with wheels (bikes/strollers/scooter/skateboards)

New pool

Keep maintaining the golf course

Get rid of the damn golf course.

We use the playground with our grandchild; don't see that mentioned anywhere.

Splash pad

festivals in summer - art , music, crafts etc

Skating ribbon in golf area and bouldering area for climbing like Maggie Daly park in Chicago

Make sure the golf course remains.

None

An inflatable dome for winter activities

Return food service to clubhouse

Edible landscaping, less grass, more trails, splash pad

Golf is the best

Upgraded track - keep the trucks and bikes off it

Bandshell Picnic Shelters with restrooms, water and electricity

Would be great to get rid of the golf course and make it a big park with bike trails

No new facilities

An archery range would be great but I assume it would be difficult to do safely in such a popular area.

A splash pad!

Splash pad

Please expand golf course. A new club House would be an improvement.

I like it the way is

Splash pad water park/feature for kids! 1 in a town over 100k plus visitors is not enough. After being attacked by wasps in that park eating a picnic multiple times (with 3 small kids), picnics aren't fun in this area.

Trash cans and dog poo stations

I'm okay with some improved family oriented park/play areas, seasonal usage of the golf course for winter activities, although Eastwood currently has a lighted groomed cross country skiing trails that are RARELY used. As Mayo continues to grow and bring in more employees and older patients, I feel it would be a very bad idea to remove the only flat walkable golf course from the downtown area. Your 7 yr old research states there is a decline in youth and young adult participation in golf yet the First Tee and area school golf programs are increasing every year.

Na

rentable bicycles and tandem bikes

I like the direction of Soldiers Field being the Festival Park. I like the direction or a pool upgrade.

N/A

Updated golf facilities

1. restrooms available all year during daily park hours (Maybe 6am-10pm) 2. paved walkway to access the track from parking lot

Splash pad

Upgraded restrooms and foodservice on the golf course.

Leave as is

A restaurant at the clubhouse.

Public restrooms with plumbing near playgrounds

Pickleball courts for advanced beginner to Intermediate players.

We love the Field of Dreams park, and would appreciate a restroom nearby. Rochester could also really use a splash pad in a central location for families in this area.

splash pad for kids

Updated club house

Please provide more tennis and pickleball courts.

We could definitely use pickleball courts at Soldiers Field.

Less homeless people

Pickleball courts

Restrooms

Pickle ball

Upgrade and redesign the golf course

Please pickleball courts...we need both additional indoor ne outdoor space for playing pickleball.

Pickleball PLEASE!

expanded swimming features!

We need more pickleball courts in Rochester! We are behind the curve compared to other communities!

I AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE PARK AS IT IS. USE MONEY TO IMPROVE OR EXPAND OTHER PARK AREAS IN TOWN.

Pickleball would be great.

PickleBall courts

Pickleball courts

We should redo the golf course (Like LaFortune Park in Tulsa. Make a Par 3 course, and then a Top Golf type experience. This would activate the space more routinely than the current layout.

Expanded golf practice area - short game, chipping, bunker play, etc.

Pickleball

Anything as long as it is for the people and not another apartment complex

Additional Rest Rooms

Rochester needs more pickleball courts. I drive by and the tennis courts are empty

The bathrooms on the golf course have all deteriorated to the point of being closed, as well as the water fountains.

Leaving the 18 hole golf course as is

Definitely more pickleball courts are needed around Rochester--hottest sport at this time for all ages. I play with 75 year olds and 13 year olds!

Driving range at golf course.

We don't need any more amenities Leave as is.

Improvement of the existing 18 hole golf course. In the last several years it seems that the play is way up, particularly with Covid, and anticipation that it will continue to grow and thrive

Restrooms near the track

Splash pad

Indoor/outdoor pickleball courts/tournaments.

Clubhouse and restaurant

The City should allow free-of-cost swimming to everyone. There should be a large enough budget to cover the costs, just as our library has. Walk the talk for health and wellness for children and families. I live in NE Rochester and do not use SF Park, except when my grandchildren were young. I like the idea that we could have top-notch parks in our city, but it seems like they are mediocre compared to other cities our size and incomes.

Year round access to restrooms

Clearer signage for bike trails

Pickleball

Adaptive play equipment at the playground

Pickleball courts

There is a huge and growing demand for pickle ball courts, especially with the aging demographics of the county.

More trees everywhere, edible landscapes

The city needs to expand pickleball courts as demand is exceeding supply

None, as I only visit the Memorial.

I would like to see the 18 hole golf course maintained!

Keep the 18 hole golf course

Rochester is in bad need of additional pickleball courts. It would be nice to move the cooke park baseball field to soldiers field and expand the pickleball courts at cooke park. Because of the drop in system used in pickleball, it would be best to have all the courts centrally located. If not, expanding pickleball to soldiers field it there were a larger number than Cooke park would also work. A group of 12-20 courts would be great.

Need 12 dedicated Pickleball courts. Soldiers Field already has dedicated tennis courts plus many more courts at Kutsy Park and other parks throughout the town. Rochester has 120,000+ residents and has only 6 dedicated Pickleball courts at Cooke Park. That number of courts for our population is significantly lacking. Pickleball is social. Anyone can just show up and rotate in with others to play. Many people using Mayo come to Cooke to play for a break from the hospital. People do not just show up at a tennis court and expect others to invite them to play. That is why the popularity of Pickleball is skyrocketing. Please build 12 dedicated Pickleball courts at Soldiers Field.

Don't close the pool

lighting for the cook park pickleball courts

year-round restaurant at golf clubhouse

Pickle Ball Courts sorely needed in this city

Curling Facility

Curling

Curling facility

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Curling

A dedicated curling facility.

A curling facility would provide year round recreation. Rochester would benefit from curling ice, especially in the winter when other group activities are unavailable.

Curling facility

A dedicated curling facility—a gaping omission in our city’s athletic facilities that would benefit all ages. Most sizable municipalities in Minnesota have a curling facility and the Rec Center, while a good temporary location, does not meet the needs that a dedicated facility could provide.

A curling club

Curling facilities.

Large enough facility to support curling in the "winter" - October-March, could be repurposed for a wedding/banquet hall in summer, see Centerville Curling Club/Community Center in Centerville Wisconsin

Dedicated curling facility

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Curling Facilities

Perfect opportunity for Rochester to add a dedicated curling facility! All-ages activity that is gaining in popularity.

I curled for 5 years in Blaine before I moved here. I could not believe a city the size of Rochester didn't have a curling facility. I would immediately start curling again if you had a dedicated facility.

A dedicated curling facility

Drinking water in several locations on the golf course, because at least one of the past water locations has not been replaced at the fifth teeing area.

Ice rink/ curling venue

Curling facility's

Where would you put the new stuff? How can you create a wish list without such a plan? This is poorly done!

Over head transportation device connecting Appachie with downtown

dedicated curling ice. Permanent structure for curling

Curling club could put rochester on the map in the region and state. Olympic curlers are born of them.

A dedicated curling facility

You need to include golf on your list. SF golf needs to build a new club house and put money generated by golfers back into this course. Keep golf revenue out of the city general fund. This city wastes enough money on stupid stuff. This course was given to the city. So leave it a city golf course.

Pickle ball courts with an adjacent up to date restroom facility plus drinking water in close proximity to the courts. So many communities much smaller than Rochester are putting in beautiful pickle ball courts. Check out the city of Janesville WI and the courts they put in a few years ago. Accessible to park facilities.

Curling Rink

Dedicated curling facility

Curling Facility

Curling rink

A dedicated Curling center

A curling facility would be a great addition and reduce/eliminate the amount of space the golf course uses

Curling club

I had heard a Curling Club was going in a while back. I would LOVE if that was still the plan

A facility for curling indoors

golf clubhouse that serves food for golfers and embrace the community as a friendly environment, this would encourage family to come to the club to eat, as well as others

in the park to grab a bite to eat while visiting the park. (eastwood golf clubhouse has wonderful food!)

Curling facility

The golf course should stay.

Dedicated curling location

Area outside clubhouse for after golf

Update the club house and improve golf course

Restaurant

Improved golf clubhouse restrooms

Restaurant, forward tees fin the course for us older ladies. Water fountain.

An updated golf venue

trails that would allow walkers and joggers to move throughout the park. benches along the trails too.

New golf club house

Upgraded bathrooms on the golf course!

Please do NOT make Soldiers Field Golf Course into a 9 hole course (or close it). This is the only walkable golf course in the city of Rochester.

There is a serious need for additional pickleball courts across Rochester based on the high and growing demand. Courts at Soldiers Field would be a good start.

More trails and trees

Update club house

Keeping the golf course.

Golf only No other items Leave as is.

New club house

Dedicated curling facility

More Pickleball courts

Driving range

Baseball Stadium overlooking Corncob water tower

More tennis courts with lights. This large city has 4 public tennis courts with lights and a large demand for that space. I come from a small town in Iowa (~10,000 residents) that has 8 public tennis courts with lights across 2 locations.

Make your new park out at Meadow Lakes old course. Bridges are already there!!!! Leave the course alone for which it was intended. We are already short on courses.

Bathrooms open all year round, and definitely fitness stations. At least pull-up bars. I've seen really cool fitness stations based on American Ninja Warrior obstacles, and that was the best adult fitness playground ever! Get creative with the fitness stations.

Update facilities at Soldiers Field golf course.

I would like to see the golf course improved by improving the fairways and sand traps.

Well maintained walking trails year round and cross country ski trails in winter.

A Ninja Warrior style park! My family really enjoys Schaper Park in Golden Valley, MN and we travel up to the metro area just for this park and make a day of it. Fitness stations/obstacles spread across the park area would encourage fitness and also be fun. IBM park used to have something like this long ago that I enjoyed as a young child and was sad to see it go. Also, a Splashpad would be a nice addition.

New pool

More Tennis Courts so the wait is not as long. Could probably add pickleball courts as well.

Updated golf clubhouse

Nicer clubhouse and eatery.

Pickleball Courts: This sport is growing in all age demographics. Rochester does not have many inexpensive activities/facilities to offer for older adults. This is a sport that encourages physical activity and most age levels can participate. When we travel, we find that most communities have good indoor and outdoor facilities that are free or very inexpensive.

Driving range

The golf course is very important to us.

Newer golf facility, newer ice rink things.

Upgrade to all golf facilities - clubhouse and course.

Keep the 18 hole! Golf course is in great shape!

Curling club!

a clubhouse restaurant

Keep the golf course as is. It is very important to the community to have 4 courses in a community this size.

Driving range or nets

Keep the golf course

driving range for golf .

More golf

More parking close by or a shuttle during large functions, Memorial Day, 4th of July.

With pickleball surging in popularity, NO MATTER where you see it booming across the whole country, it would be a positive health conscious decision to grow and implement our great Med-City town of Rochester, MN with MORE courts for MORE socialization, MORE exercise, MORE friendly competition and just clean FUN for all ages!!! Whether it be on vacation in Naples, FL (home of the US Open Pickleball Championships, complete with 60 dedicated pickleball courts) or in northern Minnesota in the "tiny town" of Crosslake, with a population of only 2,204 they even have dedicated indoor space (3) plus a two year old outdoor (6) facility complete with picnic tables, umbrellas and spectator bleachers/shelter that both solidifies it's popularity AND attracts players for open play, tourneys and good clean FUN from around the state and beyond. With pickleball being the fastest growing sport in America, (just Google it 😊) it seems it would be a family conscious, health conscious, great clean sport, FUN and logical addition to our city of Rochester ! I, personally, would like to see Rochester join in the commitment of expanding much more availability of pickleball facilities to its Rochester residents + for all those who come to visit! It's a win/win for all !!! ***if resurfacing of current facilities/courts is in the works, PLEASE note that all surfaces are not created equal and, for example, when done incorrectly there CAN BE dead spots which impede normal game play, speed and bounce. You'd need to research this prior, for the best possible court resurfacing outcome.

Nic3 bathrooms, shelters, and events. Concerts

More Pickleball courts and practice boards.

City in big need of pickle ball courts!

Splash pad for kids and families. Also updated playground equipment.

Restaurant if open yr around and good food.

Improving the golf facilities.

Multi-use space that could be used for curling ice in the winter

Maintaining the golf course.

pickleball courts

Restaurant in the clubhouse at the golf course. Updating golf carts and pro shop.

The golf course needs Improvement

lights for the tennis courts!

A better space utilization of the golf course for non-golfers. The opening of the grounds to dog walkers in the winter has been excellent. A less than 18 hole course should be a reasonable balance when there are 4 other municipal courses in the community.

none

Use the west ball diamond as a short game practice area for golfers of all ages, maybe expand First Tee to Soldiers Field.

Indoor/outdoor pickle ball

Please keep 18 hole golf course.

Updated golf clubhouse

Flowers on tee boxes

?A modern golf driving range,a smaller version of the golf shot run by mgm. That provides entertainment and revenue value for the city.

Improved golf course and club house

Expanded chipping area, practice bunker area, & larger practice putting green.

Keep 18 hole soldiers field golf course as is

I think the past updates have added a lot to the park, but by no means touch the golf course and associated areas!!

Update golf facilities

Keep SF golf 18 holes

Dedicated curling venue

Year around ice rink

Curling facility

Modern restrooms on the golf course

A golf driving range or practice facility would get tremendous usage. Nordic skiing in the Winter with snowmaking would also be incredibly popular. Theodore Wirth Park is teeming with skiers, on a Monday after the Holidays I literally could not find parking. The key is they have consistent snow and a large groomer, these two key ingredients are expensive but would correlate into tremendous usage.

we enjoy the facilities that are there - especially the tennis courts!

Any changes to the golf course should be a destination change. Other wise keep the golf course as is.

Improved clubhouse

Good restaurant at clubhouse

Water park

Pubic sculpture, and a continuous trail path that follows along the banks of the river. Right now the golf course interrupts that.

Restaurant and golf range

To continue having Soldiers Field GOLF course stay as an 18 hole experience for golf,,

Affordable golf rates for super seniors with cart

I love having the track and enjoy using it so I hope it is not removed.

Keeping the golf course updated

Curling ice sheets.

Update golf clubhouse

Golf - please do not close the golf course

Permanent warming house, curling facilities

Rochester would greatly benefit from a dedicated Curling Club. It brings in people from all over the midwest when they come for weekend long tournaments and it is activity similar to bowling in that all ages/types/size/races can and will enjoy it. It is a

big activity in the midwest and especially Minnesota and the Rochester area is severely lacking. Please consider this and take into account how many have been built in the Minneapolis area in the last decade. It is a growing sport and a city of Rochester's size could easily support it. It would be a great way for the many transient newcomers of the city brought in by Mayo to meet people and socialize outside of the workplace and make friends/connections.

Curling facility

Sand for beach volleyball

Indoor Dedicated Curling Club. A curling club really can help bring the community together and offer a new and fun activity for the community to enjoy during the winter.

golf facilities

The River is a main feature. A walking path along part of the river could loop back to memorial, making a nice waling ~1 mile walking loop, enjoyed all year. Note, might be able to add the walking path, and keep golf holes (modified?) Look at the South and East side of the course, that already has bike trails bordering the course.

Pump track for bicycles and other skills areas for bicycles

Better golf chipping/putting practice area, better restaurants, better river front access

curling rink

Curling club

Curling club

Improvements in the golf course

Pickleball courts in town are at a shortage. We need more courts that are built similar to Cooke park. Expanding the number of courts would make the game more popular to Rochester residents and could improve the image of the town by having pickleball tournaments for MN players.

Pickleball courts would get used daily when the weather cooperates

I really like the Soldiers Field Golf Course and believe it is a real gem and should be kept. It is the perfect course for families, new golfers, visitors and seniors. It's a great outside activity for so many. I also think the pool should be kept as it is another example of a community caring about their families and children by keeping them active. I like the ability of having a walking/biking trail go through that area.

Expanded pool or indoor year-round pool

Nothing will be used if it's immediately taken over by the homeless. As a female and with young female children, I can't plan to use the restrooms or the picnic shelters at many Rochester park facilities.

The pool filter/maintenance building is almost 100 years old (1930's) and is in disrepair. Need a new building and filter. The pool and zero depth pool are in desperate need of repair. These are the 2 most important new facilities needed at Soldiers Field.

Keep the golf course in tack

Enhance existing golf course would provide more green space, better looking, less cost and healthier for citizens

Frisbee golf course

I'd love to see year-round dog park.

18 Hole golf course to continue!

Benches in quiet places.

Perhaps it's time to introduce pickle ball courts into the formula

It would be nice to have some areas where there is more vegetation than just mowed lawn. Something like a pocket prairie and a rain garden and sizeable enough that there are walking paths, benches, etc. in it. Educational signage teaching folks about insects, pollinators, etc. and how they can think about doing similar plantings at home would be great, too.

An larger Clubhouse, restaurant and event center

Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts

preserve and maintain the Golf Course

Baseball batting cages

indoor public swimming pool

More tree planting all over

Upgraded golf course

Picnic and restroom facilities

Update the pool facilities

Keeping the golf course at 18 holes. It provides one of the best golf courses in the area. It can also be used by visitors to Mayo Clinic. The city need to value this wonderful green space that makes our downtown area so unique. You can't replace this area with anything that would be as valuable to Rochester residents. Please do not carve it up.

Off-leash dog park

Cross country skiing trails. Off-pavement running trails

curling facility

better club house

Think about golf for a change. Courses could use a boost in budget to help get more workers or pay the current workers more. Some people have made this a career because they love working at a course.

A dedicated curling facility to support the rapid growth of curling enthusiasts in the city

Bicycle pump track

Expanded memorials vietnam vets, Korea vets, Gulf war vets such as police and fire and Sheriffs - law enforcement and health care workers

Keep 18 hole golf course

Na

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Roller hockey rink

Reopen the golf clubhouse with food and drink available.

Winter skating trail

Cross country ski trails and warming house.

groomed cross country ski trails

These would be enough. The park is not that big. I am especially opposed to more monuments and buildings that take away open areas. Would consider pickleball but then get rid of the baseball field .

More picnic tables, especially near tennis courts. There are none on that side. We live close by in an apartment and would love to use the park more without having to carry chairs. We are older! A reservable shelter would be great! It's not nice to ask homeless to leave from the one shelter that they more or less occupy.

A field for flying kites. A parking tower, with a rooftop picnic area, garden, walking path, landscape viewing platform and rotating pinnacle restaurant.

Chipping range for the golf course, including sand traps.

Golf club house

I would be very interested in a curling center

Gender neutral restrooms are a benefit to many people but especially to people who are transgender, gender non-binary, and gender non-conforming.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Golf club house and restaurant

Improved golf club house and restaurant

Adult swings

Bike pump tracks connected to the trail system

golf course club houae

A new Aquatics pool, pickle ball

Improve the golf courses, better greens.

Like the area now

Improved golfing

Community gathering space around golf clubhouse/restaurant. Look into the Winter Park 9 as a model for how to do this.

A new clubhouse/dining area

Keep the golf course as as. It is a unique part of the city

The golf clubhouse should have someone running restaurant

Curling facility!! This would be a great way to bring people to Soldiers Field during the winter and engage the community. Much smaller cities than Rochester have dedicated curling facilities so this is long overdue in my view. The Curling Club of Rochester has grown significantly in recent years however many people who curl are currently travelling to other areas (Owatonna, Centerville WI, Twin Cities) for the far superior ice quality compared to the arena ice at the Rec Center. This would be an ideal location to have a facility like this and I believe could be easily justified by the benefits and interest it would bring to Rochester and the surrounding communities.

Driving range

More parking options. More recycling/garbage cans, and restroom facilities (family friendly) closer to playgrounds (especially Fields of Fun). Spaces for food trucks.

Pickleball. Pickleball. Pickleball. It's the fastest growing sport in the country as well as in our area in the city is very slow to provide the necessary facilities in light of the declining interest in tennis.

I would like there to be an all year round arboretum like the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden or Como Zoo has, with attached outdoor space with natural prairie and other gardens. We need access to diversified green space, especially during the winter here in Rochester. I have zero desire to make a three hour round trip, especially in the winter, to Como Zoo to visit that arboretum and try to beat the winter blues. I find that I don't utilize the park as much as I wished because there just isn't anything there for me. I don't enjoy or have a use for vast amounts of chemically treated grass.

Additional parking.

Keep the goddamn golf

The current golf course clubhouse is severely lacking in amenities. Hire knowledgeable staff, sell more golf merchandise, either have an actual restaurant or at least have the pro shop sell Gatorade, drinks and hot dogs. Offer online tee times. You lose a lot of money by requiring tee times over the phone. Many successful golf courses are adding indoor simulators that can be used in the winter months instead of an empty clubhouse. You don't need to invent anything new, just look at successful golf courses and copy what they are doing. You do have to spend money to make money. I feel the Rochester golf courses are so cost conscious that they lose a lot of potential money because they don't want to spend money or don't have any money to spend.

A better golf clubhouse and restaurant

More modern pool facilities

Upgrades to the golf course

wonderful park

Remove golf course and put in many more trees and an expanded trail system.
Benches along the way. Exercise stations throughout.

Golf course

Expanded golf course if possible

Improved golf club house and full restaurant.

I really like the idea of an arboretum or conservatory. A warm place to walk with great sun exposure would be so good for many in the community.

Keep the golf course.

Complete restaurant in the golf course club house.

Keeping Soldiers Field Golf Course!

Retaining or improving the golf course!

Keeping a golf course there

Updates to the golf course. Maybe a small practice facility. It is absurd that you are considering taking golf away from the citizens or Rochester.

The golf course is what I enjoy most at soldier fields park! It's an historic land mark that has brought joy to those that have golf there and will continue to bring joy to future generations that will golf there!

Golf driving range

Upgrade to the golf course to make it more challenging & upgrade to golf clubhouse

Improved clubhouse

Updated clubhouse at golf course

driving range

Update the Golf Course Clubhouse and continue to support and maintain Soldiers Field Golf Course.

The only thing I use in the park is the Golf course which I play a dozen times a year. It would be very sad to lose 9 holes of that course

Golf driving range

Tennis clubhouse

Since the YMCA is closing it is imperative that Rochester, the Med City, have more pickleball courts. We, the pickleball players at Cooke Park and the Y, have entertained numerous, numerous people going through the Mayo Clinic (or family members going thru the clinic) and thoroughly enjoyed the existing (and much needed) pickleball courts. We, the citizens of Rochester, desperately need more outdoor AND indoor courts!!! IT IS THE SPORT OF ALL AGES AND IS GROWING IN POPULARITY EXPONENTIALLY! It's not a secret here in Rochester and people are pleading and begging for more courts which are sorely needed for many people's health and mental well being!

New Clubhouse for GOLF.

a place to hit golf balls before playing a round of golf - no room for a driving range but maybe into a net w/simulator?

Keep the golf course 18 holes. It is something that many people city enjoy people using.

Driver range

Updated Golf Clubhouse

Improve and maintain golf facilities

Pickleball

Improvements to golf course, clubhouse, restaurant

Keep and upgrade the golf course!

Keep it a golf course please. It's hard enough to get a tee time in this town. Plus it's a source revenue for the city.

A breakfast and lunch restaurant in the golf club house.

Not sure on the above questions why nothing referenced the golf. Continue to maintain and improve the golf course. This with continue to draw the visitors to the area as well as continue to keep the golfers in the area coming down town. Which will also support other businesses.

Water park pool

Basketball courts

Upgrade/improve the golf course.

If the golf course was maintained better

Dedicated curling facility

A driving range

Secure bike rack

Driving range

Keep the golf course 18 holes. Update the pool and the buiding. Increase capacity. Expand volleyball courts.

Keep golf in your focus. It's one of the hottest fastest growing hobbies right now!

Coffee/food stands

Summer dining option with overlooks to green space

Nicer club house

Not new, but expansion/improvement of trails for XC skiing.

Restaurant in the clubhouse

Improved golf clubhouse

Clubhouse with food

Pickleball courts

Updated pool alrea

Confessions or food trucks

Pickle all, tennis courts,

The golf course should be upgraded to make it even more useful for practice/youth instruction, events, visitor golf related attractions

Golf course driving range.

driving range

trash and recycling bins

trash and recycling bins

More food options. Restaurant in clubhouse.

more gold practice facilities

Less geese, more picnic tables and benches, pickleball courts

The last two years the golf course was have made money. I would put money into improving the look of the course.; I do not think the golf course should be removed as it is the only course in the city that allows for walking while playing which is a good physical activity. It's also the best course for seniors to play out. With a senior population in Rochester on the rise, it would seem that that should be taken into consideration! I have no problem with adding some picnic areas and possibly even removing the softball and baseball diamonds To accommodate poor Pickton carriers. There are already festivals and events being held down at Soldiers Field. And there seems to be enough space for most of them. I think that the current park already provides diversity and inclusion for anybody who wants to use it. There are already people who use the park during the winter for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. There are already many trails for people to walk along the river without having to go through the golf course. There are connections along the river that come by way of the

pavilion go by the park and connect to the Millwood trail. I don't see a need to add additional trails how long is the river through the golf course.

Keeping the golf course open as a functioning 18 hole course.

Improved golf course

Keeping the Golf Course.

Curling Club

Additional funding to the golf course

Native plantings/pollinator habitat in Zumbro corridor with area for exploration/education.

The city or UMR re-opening The YMCA

Operating eating facility in clubhouse

Accessibility

Keeping the golf course.

With the YMCA closing, we are in a great need for a family pool that meets 21st century experiences (0 depth entry points, slides, climbing walls, and diving boards). We know families who drive to Kasson and St. Charles to go to their pools/aquatic centers. That is not possible for all of Rochester's citizens. We need better pools for the kids and families in our community, especially for the underserved people who do not have the time or money to travel to another town or to join the RAC, which is rather costly. Another idea that appeals to those with very little children (infant - age 2) is splash pads and wading pools. The Minneapolis Parks & Rec has many wading pools around that city. Kansas City's Swope Park has a great splash pad for kids. We should offer more to our community for summer pool recreation, especially as climate change is making our summers warmer.

better parking or traffic flow; keep but update wooden playground park--it is so enjoyable

We want more tennis courts for sure with lights in SF. Rochester has a 115K population and only 4 courts with lights for summer and fall season. That's very low as per the standards for any city like Rochester.

Extended pool and tennis courts

Expanded and upgraded tennis courts. Permanent bathrooms!

Tennis courts with lights!

Additional Tennis Courts! They are often full and we have to wait a while to get on.

Sand volleyball and at least one more tennis court

Less Geese

Indoor pickleball courts for year around use.

At least a port a potty by the tennis courts

Expanded tennis courts. There's always a line to get on during the evenings and they are the only lighted courts in town.

a restaurant/bar for the golf course

Expanded tennis courts and separate pickle ball courts

More, and maintained courts!

Replace some tennis courts with Pickleball courts

Less waiting line for evening and lighted tennis courts

Update the golf clubhouse with nicer outdoors setting areas

Restroom near the Tennis courts open spring, summer, autumn. Reopen the street outlet to the south that is currently blocked off with cement barriers.

A new nice large heated aquatic pool with lap lanes and fitness classes

Keep the golf course. It's a gem!

Warming house that can be reserved for skating parties. Sledding hill with tow rope.

Pavilion near the tennis courts

Pickle ball

Better restaurant after golf

Additional Lighted courts as the city has way too few lighted courts for a city with its population.

I really like it as it is....and I liked the 2014 master plan for expansion and a 9 hole golf course. You could provide better/easier access from the west side of the golf course for access during the off-season for walking, cross country skiing or just being in a green space.

Cross country ski trails. Flat is good for a workout. Not everyone needs hills.

Keep warming house by oval rink open at all times

Law enforcement wall

I like to golf there

Signs for using lights when ice skating. Ice skating Concessions and/or music

Tennis courts with lights. Stewartville has more courts with lights than Rochester has!

Upgrade the pool

Indoor year round aquatic center for swimming even in the winter- With the loss of the YMCA there are no swimming options in this community a community of this size should have an indoor water park Create an indoor play scape that is large enough to accommodate more than four people (bigger than spark)

Leave the golf course alone!! Everyone likes to golf there and one of the only large green spaces left close to downtown

Finding a family friendly restroom at the park has been very challenging in the past. We usually enjoy the park on weekends and have found restrooms locked.

decent ice rink

I love tennis and the tournaments that Rochester tennis league holds please keep the tennis courts going

More tennis and basketball courts

Improvements to the golf course

Keep the golf course at 18 holes.

Restaurant

Resurface tennis courts and add more.

It's important to keep lots of green space. Once it's gone, it won't come back, especially in the city.

Soldiers Field is a jewel for the city. They're are some short sighted people in government these days.

Add a Curling Facility onto the Clubhouse. A dedicated Curling facility for Rochester residents and additional revenue during the winter months from the Soldiers Field property to the city. Additional revenue will help offset the ever increasing money being lost on city owned golf courses. Curling is an activity for all ages and abilities.

Is there an enclosed bathroom currently? If not, I think that would be nice

Splash pad

Rochester should seriously consider developing a curling center. I have been driving to Owatonna, MN and Centerville, WS for 38 years to get a place to curl on a weekly schedule, usually between November and April. I have approached the former sports directors and they acted as though they never hear of curling. I started curling in 1982 when I moved to Rochester to work At Mayo Clinic because of a Park and Recreation program. We were able to have 8 games a night, Tuesday and Thursday. Rochester had 6 sets of curling rocks, 16 per set. The rocks have all been discarded. This was a huge mistake to entirely eliminate an active sport, with a lot of followers. I am now 68,

still curl two day a week, with my wife, but we have to drive 70 miles, back and forth each time. Rochester could be a hot bed for national competitions at all levels if done right. I appreciate being able to add this to your survey. Please consider this investment into a very wonderful sport.

Rochester needs a top of the line Aquatic Center which is nicer than the surrounding communities

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We love the ice rink in the winter, it would be great to have additional days with gear rentals to make it more accessible to others!

groomed xc ski trails in winter, interactive river access

Space that allows video feeds from other amenities throughout Rochester. and Minnesota. Feeds from Quarry Hill, Art Center, Oxbow , Minnesota Zoo, etc.

Benches and picnic tables not within a pavilion. Many of the city parks (Slatterly and Bear Creek) do not have them.

A splash pad, an amphitheater, outdoor movies the summer, railings on the side of the ice skating arena

Expanded playgrounds with a splash pad

Walking trails

benches randomly around the entire facility

Splash pad

KEEP THE GOLF COURSE

Fishing platforms

I don't understand this "itch" to get rid of part or all of the golf course. Do you even care about your city' s senior citizen golfers. Have you ever tried to walk 18 holes of golf at Northern...or Eastwood ? Hadley is good but has a specific function in terms of its value as a teaching facility for youth etc but also serves as a 9 hole walking course. I am not sure you are listening to the citizens of Rochester in your; certainly not the ones I am talking to. I suppose our voices don't matter vs the consultants you engage, or the Mayo clinic or the monied interests downtown. But they should l've filled out some of your "Guiding Principles" survey below but frankly it reads like a high priced consultants dream. In net....my position. The park, in its simplicity, its charm its veneration of those who served us so bravely, its current function is a "jewel of the city" River overlooks be damned. Botanical gardens be damned. River walks be damned -- we are already blessed with many of them. What is currently preventing it from being welcoming and inclusive for Pete's sake? What in the world does "sustainable design practice mean"? Net: Keep the park and its current function as is, improve it judiciously and prudently as and if needed.

A big, sculptural, impressive fountain A splashpad Zip lines Flower garden Sculpture garden

Splash pad

An additional baseball field

updated and expanded playscapes and water features

A dog waste station with poop bags and a garbage... Rochester doesn't have enough of these in the park areas.

Soldier's Field tennis courts are the only lit tennis courts in town, and the only ones that have been maintained enough to be playable without fear of injury to the player. The need for them is so great, that there is often a line of tennis players waiting to use them. Please make sure to keep these courts, and to keep them for tennis use (not pickleball). While it's a fact that pickleball is a growing sport, tennis has also grown dramatically, especially in the past few years. Pickleball has taken over other tennis

courts in town leaving very few places for community members to play tennis without a fee (and only Soldier's Field courts are without damage).

I was just talking with my daughters the other day about how I wished we had a conservatory like at Como - great winter escape. An offshoot of the MN Botanical garden would be great for the area, too, but somewhere other than Soldier's field so you could recreate prairie landscapes and have room to grow.

Pickleball

Better restrooms

tennis courts with lights.

improved disability access

Bathroom facility near Fields of Fun playground (like the one by Three Links Park Lodge) and at least one more baby swing

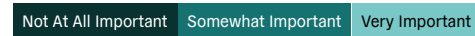
Increased number of tennis courts with lights

The 2014 Soldiers Field Memorial Park Master Plan established a set of Guiding Principles to help direct the development of the park concept. Please rank each of the Guiding Principles below.

Question	Not At All Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Preserve the park and the park boundary from future encroachment	2%	14%	84%
Provide a welcoming and inclusive park for a growing and diverse community	14%	35%	50%
Provide a variety of outdoor park spaces and programs, including opportunities for non-programed recreation	13%	42%	45%
Preserve the intent of the memorial areas	10%	34%	57%
Address community needs for park evolution while incorporating historic design elements	23%	54%	23%
Strengthen park access and connections to downtown and other surrounding neighborhoods	26%	45%	29%
Provide trails and gathering spaces that engage park users with the river	28%	40%	32%
Enhance the signage and way-finding system to orient and direct park users	35%	49%	16%

Question	Not At All Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Provide opportunities for winter use	17%	50%	32%
Incorporate sustainable design practices	17%	45%	38%
Consider life-cycle costs as well as capital costs for park improvements	13%	53%	34%
Other - please use the comment box below.	19%	18%	63%

Expand all / Collapse all



Preserve the park and the park boundary from future encroachment



Provide a welcoming and inclusive park for a growing and diverse community



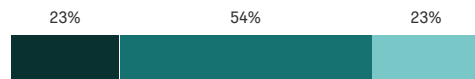
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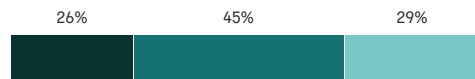
Preserve the intent of the memorial areas



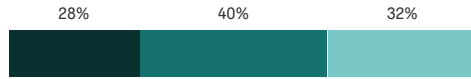
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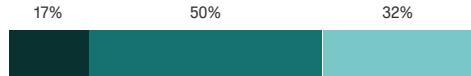
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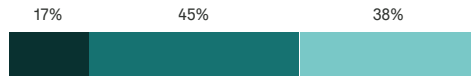
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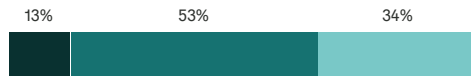
Provide opportunities for winter use



Incorporate sustainable design practices



Consider life-cycle costs as well as capital costs for park improvements



Other - please use the comment box below.



Comments regarding the Guiding Principles

Honor the goft

Maintain the golf course For many of us seniors this is the only walkable course in Rochester

Remember where the park originally came from, and honor and keep that intent.

This park is a jewel. Just maintain it.

Do not touch the existing elements of the park. The golf course especially. It provides for Mayo Clinic Patients and families during their stay. The golf course is not "yours" to touch and reduce to 9 holes. We the people own the golf course and demand it stays 18 holes and receives millions from the bond for improvements! Do not touch the golf course!

Take care of what's there first. There are plenty of unused/neglected green spaces in Rochester. Develop those spaces first before condemning or shortening the golf course.

DO NOT GET RIDE OF THE GOLF COURSE - is that your real plan here?

Use common sense please. Knee jerk decisions are far too common in this great community. Build this park for our future generations to appreciate just as we have for many many years. Good luck!

Unable to rank them above but PLEASE KEEP THE GOLF COURSE!

Get rid of the golf course which caters to affluent elderly white people

why isn't there a direct question related to the need for the golf course ?? IMHO SF offers the only true opportunity for seniog golfers to walk a course in Rochester .

Allowing an off leash environment for dog walking

Sustainable, an urban park for those who live and work downtown to connect with the outdoors and nature

Keeping the golf course 18 holes is very important.

Find ways to connect with the park by walking, biking, or transit to reduce the need for large parking areas.

Encourage Mayo to include park and golf features in their community information.

Put in a disc golf course

Keep green space!!!! Keep the golf course.

Maintain 18he golf course. City needs at least 3 full courses!

Please maintain the golf course. It is by far the most used in the city fir those with physical limitations. Age, ability to walk hilly courses.

An additional guiding principal should have including preserving the legacy commitment of the veterans for the golf operation and recognizing that.

The golf course is such a big asset to the downtown area - I'm not aware of any other community that has a golf course within walking distance to downtown activities and restaurants - if anything it should ne enhanced and highlighted and MARKETED as another reason to visit the downtown -

They are very good guiding principles.

This area above is not clear as far as ranking.

Keep pickleball away from soldiers field and fine people for marking the tennis courts.

Leave the golf course alone!

I think it's important to be able to change and use the area for different things, but there have been enough studies to show that putting time and energy into municipal golf courses can generate revenue for the city.. If you want to reduce the course it makes sense given it's location, but then maybe the city should think about adding another 18 hole course maybe somewhere in a better location.

Continue space for dog walking in winter

Keep the 18 hole golf course!

Update and repair the pool

make the golf course 9 holes

Get rid of gc

I have heard talk that patriotism and the core principle of Soldiers Memorial park is now offensive and excludes diversity. I strongly feel that this park needs to remain a symbol of America and those who fought for our freedoms. It should be reflected more throughout the park for added cohesiveness. Downtown and other parts of Rochester can and should ebb and flow with changing cultures, but this needs to be a strong and unifying symbol of patriotism.

Nothing addresses leaving the golf course alone

NA

Ensure that residents surrounding the park are respected - avoid loud activities, avoid traffic patterns and parking lots that congest the area, avoid pickle ball courts,

incorporate quiet green space

A larger pool and amenities for the pool so more people can use it!

Reducing the footprint of the golf course to make it more inviting for more people would be great. Ensuring that a functional pool exists and expanded trails would be necessary as well.

Leave it as is.

keep the 18 hole golf course

Leave the golf course alone. Should stay 18 holes to be used by all.

maintenance of the 18-hole golf course as it is the only public course that seniors can reasonably walk.

In-par with "incorporat[ing] sustainable design practices," I strongly suggest enhancing vegetation in the park wherever is most feasible, as this will also improve the surrounding downtown air quality.

Providing citizens with opportunity's to roam

This survey seems to imply the golf course is in the chopping block. Public golf access and quality of those facilities is very poor within Rochester is woefully poor. The golf course at soldiers field is not the answer as it is a poor golf course and the property does not really allow for it to become much better, but it is a great place for juniors to learn the game that is more accessible than Hadley Creek.

Maximize the park area with new botanical gardens and trail along the river

Preserve golf. It's a senior friendly golf course..walkable.

Enhance the pool

Honestly, Soldier's Field Memorial Park is the closest park to downtown and most recognized park in all of Rochester. It should be the top priority of Rochester Parks & Rec for future planning and funding. I am personally embarrassed when visitors from out of town visit and have to see the state it is in. Please dedicate more of the budget to improving this vital part of Rochester history.

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Continue to keep the golf course as an 18 hole course and preserve it's history

No additional comments

The park needs to stay peaceful, not overcrowded, and feel like a safe place to be

As my comment above states- Turn soldiers field golf course into a top notch practice facility. You can keep 9 holes and also make an amazing driving range, chipping greens and putting greens. I would imagine there would be a lot of space left over for gardens, pickleball courts, etc...

Rochester had enough parks downtown. Preserotge golf course

Remove the excess golf space!

The pool is very important to this town

Community

Need to expand and change with the times. The pool is very busy there and not up to date with surrounding communities.

I think SAFETY needs to be included as a Guiding Principle. If the current golf course acreage becomes open green space with a few walking trails how will it be policed/protected from vagrancy?

Leave the golf course alone. It is the only flatter course for older golfers.

Maintain the historic 18 hole golf course9

Maintain the golf course as it is.

I would like the golf course to remain at least a 9 hole course. This course is heavily used by Seniors, Juniors, and women golfers. If it is reduced to 9 holes, it would be valuable to add a driving range and short game areas like Hadley. If you rework the restaurant/banquet area with direct entry from the parking lot, it could stay open later than the course and be a stand alone business. There is so much good that can be offered for a premium golf course in the heart of the city! 9 holes, par 36, fully walkable or even walking only would be a great friends and family heart healthy activity!

Keep the pool, our kids need it

Most important, don't change anything on golf course. Only walkable course and the only one playable in wet conditions.

Leave golf course alone, it is great for seniors to walk and enjoy.

Updating the pool and insuring that the residents in Rochester have a water park that is up to date.

4 season use

keep the golf course, it is the only full walkable golf course for older golfers

Seriously no questions related to the golf course? One of the few things that actually generates revenue for the parks and makes up a large portion of the park? That might be important for your survey unless you are willfully ignoring that input.

New aquatic center is of the utmost importance to Rochester. Surrounding communities have much nicer and newer pool facilities. We should have more than one water park for the size of our city.

Keep more green space

These guiding principles still seem valid

I have played ultimate frisbee twice a week in the falls for almost 30 years, using the free lights (usually playing inside the track). Please allow this to continue! Thanks.

Improve the golf course. Don't sacrifice any space for the course. It is already too small.

Rochester seriously needs new water activities for all ages!

Keep the golf course in all future development plans!

The most important Guiding Principle is to prevent the park from being encroached upon by outside interests that would seek to make the park objectively worse for the community.

I believe it is vital to preserve and maintain the golf course.

Environmentally friendly, sustainable, and recyclable materials should be used whenever possible. Thank you!

keep the golf course open!

Water safety and recreation for all community citizens and guests should also be a guiding principle.

Encourage expansion of pool space and quality of facilities to provide safe summer recreational opportunities and provide locations to educate on water safety and swimming skills while in the outdoor environment.

Not allowing encroachment

These guiding principles are written with the Park Board's intent in mind to change the Park. How about "Preserving an environment that includes the legacy of Rochester" or how about "Preserve a space for senior citizens" -- maybe those guiding principles would be important to many but you left them out

Need a dog run

Mostly dreamed up by DMC and U of M. And why would you ask questions about sexual identity and orientation? What the **** does that have to do with a park trail or picnic area. Do ***** see trees and grass and nature's beauty differently from straights?

Golf courses can be designated as hiking areas when golfing has slow periods.

Since the park is already very successful and heavenly used I don't think the wheel needs to be reinvented. Enhance revenue generating facilities, i.e. pool, aquatic center, pool house, golf clubhouse, warming houses that already exist to attract and accommodate even more revenue generating traffic and preserve and maintain other areas in good and aesthetically pleasing repair for general recreational use. Access, paths signage is all ADA complaint and communicates well. Park and Rec maps on the website can be beefed up and better maintained and are more heavily used anyway by patients and out of town visitors. Use it the park for more centralized activities like Rochesterfest type things that turn it into a central and active "hub" for the park system. Leave the golf course alone unless a complete 18 hole redesign and layout change is completed. Continue to maintain it and promote it with daily specials, visitor discounts, etc. to encourage more use and at least break even revenue. Ideally it should pay for the entire park. A redesign is completely unnecessary and wasteful of taxpayer money though as the course functions well as is.

Please do not take away the golf course. I reviewed the later questions and it is clear that a small minority of people are demanding the park be drastically changed to accomodate their interests. I am open for any changes except reducing the size of the golf course.

Rochester need a new, usable pool or aquatic center. It's ridiculous. Also, why are there inappropriate questions at the end of this survey?

An updated modern pool with slides like Kasson

Park safety should be a guiding principle, ensuring all park users feel safe and protected in the park area.

Eliminate the golf course

Several incidents occurred at pools this summer causing the need for swimmers to sign up. That has never happened Before as far as I know. Living next to a small neighborhood park I see the vandalism and trash. I can imagine greater vandalism and trouble in an area that's encourages people to congregate. Additional buildings and art work will be vandalized as that is the world we are living in. I would never feel comfortable strolling through this area unless community police and cameras will be there 24/7. Developers of this type of community space are living in a dream world.

Preserve 18/hole golf course. Only course for older walkers in the county.

like facility as is

Don't mess with it

Safety of users, for all ages, elders not just young people

Update pool and maintain golf course. Market the restaurant more

Update and renovate the swimming pool and changing/restroom facilities.

I don't think the guiding principles had enough explanation for me to accurately answer. I'm afraid my answer may not match how I feel about certain issues regarding the park, especially the last principal about life-cycle costs.

There are 2 outstanding playgrounds is within blocks of this park. Leave soldiers field as natural as possible.

The golf course should remain as an 18 facility. If water access is provided it should be N of hole 10 and w of hole 11. I very seldom see baseball being played. It would probably be a good idea to turn that field into a multiuser park facility. Keep winter access to the golf course for cross country skiing and walking trails. An expanded golf cart path could double as a winter walking path.

Few cities have a downtown golf course and Soldiers is an exceptional course. I have seldom golfed there without encountering an out of town golfer, most taking a break from clinic appointments. The course is very walkable making it a great place for a physical workout. Let's keep it that way!!

Building conservation, native plantings and sustainability into plan, including low carbon footprint by use of solar and wind energy as part of plan. Be a model of urban

sustainable green space for other cities to envy.

Increase tree cover to help mitigate climate change.

Keep enhancing golf course

Keep the golf course

1. Be cognizant of the value of soldiers fields park as it currently exists before making extensive, expensive changes. 2. Make changes being cognizant of the warming climate trends in The Midwest. Skating rink??

A golf course where you can walk no mater what your age is very important, not only for residents but visitors. People that don't have abilities for strenuous activities can still golf. If you look at the number of rounds played this year at all courses have been enormous, we need our young people out of the house and doing outdoor activities, swimming included.

Updates to pool is a must!

Maintain the open green space in the middle of the city...don't turn it into a sports complex.

Maintaining an 18 hole golf course

I'm not sure how a park is not inclusive or supports diversity, other than multilingual signage which should be inexpensive. We need more splash pads in this city for hot days. It is embarrassing that we do not have more and as one of the most accessible/central parks in the city, this area should have one, especially given the huge amount of open space.

Please keep the 18 holes of golf

Safety and sustainability with all decisions

Strong maintenance of the golf course and pool areas

Do NOT reduce the golf course to 9 holes! Maintain and enhance what we have.

I use the picnic aspect of the park very little but understand the need. My family and I use the golf and tennis very often and want them to remain. The ball fields and track I don't currently use but have the past.

Golf can go. It wastes too much space for too few people.

keep 18hole golf course great course for walking

Keep green spaces - don't get to cluttered. I love the skating rink. I wish the memorial rose area would be kept up - perhaps ask Master Gardeners to do that?

When evaluating space needs, care should be given not to eliminate space/activity area that would negatively impact a portion of the diverse and inclusive groups you are working for. The Soldiers Field golf course offers an opportunity for golfers who may not be able to manage the terrain at the other golf courses. If you are a golfer, and play the Rochester courses, you know what I'm talking about. Additionally, visitors are offered a nice golf experience close to downtown. The improvements seem to be directed to a specific grgroup and hardly diverse and inclusive.

Keep the golf course at 18 holes! Do not reduce to 9! That golf course is a gem- do not change it!

Get rid of the American flag hating power hungry bureaucrat

Please keep the golf Course in the future plan.

Do not make Soldiers Field a 9 hole course it's one of only three public 18 hole courses the city has to offer.

I feel the park provides a very welcoming environment for our diverse community. Do not understand what is meant by incorporate sustainable design practices and consider life-cycle costs as well as capital costs for park improvements.

Preserve the golf course

Do people feel safe visiting and holding gatherings to bring their families to the park?

Do NOT remove the only walkable by seniors golf course in Rochester.

I think the City needs to keep and expand the Soldiers Field swimming pool but unfortunately it will mean spending more on staffing it so that rules are enforced and customers aren't damaging things, spreading disease, sneaking in without paying, etc.

Please listen to the regular citizens for what they want in the park=all ages, and all incomes, and ethnic backgrounds.

Keep the Golf course and pool. Picnic/shelter by the Memorial. Track area is used by several people,(family& friends, groups).

Any plans to remove the golf course would be a poor idea. The course needs some improvement but it is perfect for older golfers.

There is a finite amount of space. To maximize the amount of space that is readily usable for all, discontinue using such a vast amount of space on a golf course. There is a perfectly usable golf course nearby at Eastwood. I'm a golfer and don't play at Soldiers Field.

Maintain the Golf course and make improvements

The golf course MUST stay intact.

The golf course should be reduced or eliminated.

Preserve and expand any park areas in the city, including downtown

Preserve the track and pool

Keep it peaceful!

preserve the golf course.... only walkable golf course besides Hadley

Keeping the original intent of the space, very important. Making it more accessible to all users with a variety of services and facilities.

Preserve the existing golf course. There is a need for a more accessible golf course, and Soldiers Field serves that need with its lack of elevation change. Golfers with less mobility can play Soldiers more easily than other courses in the area that are more hilly.

there are a lot of trails in Rochester. Golf course is great for green space and can be used in the winter. should stay

The intent of the original gift of the park to the city should be maintained and recognized

More access for all range of recreational activities, not just golf

Do not disturb the Soldiers Field Golf Course as it is a jewel for Rochester. Close for more people living in the downtown area, some now perhaps without transportation. Great getaway and handy for long term visitor's at Mayo, for our city seniors, teen agers and city golfers. It seems that the City is trying a repeat of 2014 to short change golfers again! Also note that NOTHING in your biased survey addressed the Golf Course

Reserve all park land for recreation and exclude any more memorials from being constructed.

Keep the only golf course walkable for seniors/disabled.

The Golf Course, Swimming Pool, and Tennis Courts should be maintained at their current size or be made larger if possible.

Keep golf course.

What are "life-cycle costs"?

Keep the 18 hole golf course

Preserve the golf course. Out of all of the park amenities, seems the golf course gets the most use.

none

I am so thankful our community has the soldiers park complex.

The golf course should be off limits to any changes made per the master plan. Most years SF has the most rounds played within the city and produces the most revenue

for the city. Typically it's in the best condition of all city courses. SF is very walkable for most golfers and in case of heavy rainstorms is typically the first of any city course to open. Most of all, the location is central to all parts of the city and very accessible to visitors. SF is a Gemstone of a golf course and should remain as is.

Who wrote the guiding principles? A bunch of privileged golfers? Look at priorities on land use. What's the most accessible amenity and prioritize diverse people that amenities like this will recruit to Rochester.

Would really like to see pickle ball courts as part of the future plan

This park is a great veteran memorial that could and was no cost to the city .

Keep 18 hole golf course

Keep the golf course.

get rid of the golf course

leave the golf course alone

Number 1 priority should be keeping the 18 hole golf course....Best recreational space in Rochester. It would be a sad day for our city if Soldiers Field is altered!!!

Domed track!!

Before spending any significant dollars on new facilities and expansions at any one park (including Soldiers Field), Park and Rec should address the significant deferred maintenance issues and costs at all facilities and venues.

keep golf course as it is

Keeping 18 holes of golf is a big deal

They seem to be in tune with general park plans.

Soldier's field is a great park and green space in the middle of our city which needs to be protected and enhanced.

Keep golf course to 18 holes. Very important.

Must preserve golf course, no matter what.

Keep soldiers field 18 hole golf as the major attraction of soldiers field complex.

Please leave the golf course alone! It's arrogant and selfish to take the busiest course in Rochester away from its users.

I don't know what life-cycle costs means.

I like plan #1. Year to year improvements need to be made on all aspects of Park as it is now. Not maintaining and improving shows lack of concern regarding Soldiers Field. This area is a huge asset to visitors who do not have transportation and want to enjoy a walk, view the memorial, or just sit on a park bench. Soldiers Field is a mainstay of Rochester. Let's keep it that way.

Balance what is available across the full Park and Rec System --- don't duplicate everything.

Preserve the golf course

Keep the beautiful 18 hole course, golf participation is very high, a wonderful asset to the downtown area.

More native plants and natural spaces would be great.

please preserve the golf course

Please allow more sports/recreational space. We need more public pickleball and tennis courts.

Leave park as is except update pool and add pickleball courts

I have used every element of this park over the course of my 40+ years in Rochester (volleyball, trails, tennis, pool and golf) and it is a great community asset. While changes are welcome, it would be a shame to dramatically change the current mixture of activities which meet a wide variety of needs and ages. Removing all or part of the golf course would be a big mistake as it is the most highly used course in the city and is the most walkable course for seniors. It also generates income that offsets the

maintenance and operating costs. Converting this space to a non revenue generating function such as more park space and trails which will still require maintenance costs will only increase our taxes. Why would we do such a thing? Soldiers Field is a great asset...let keep it that way.

Please keep the course at 18 holes.

Please leave golf course alone

Keep golf course as it is.I am an older person,it is the only easy course to walk in town.also the only one you can play when there is a lot of rain.It is also an asset for visitors.I had many patients family members come and play golf because it was close to the hospital

What about the golf course.

Make park unique!!

MAINTAIN THE GOLF COURSE AS AN 18 HOLE DESIGN, THE COURSE IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO SENIORS AND EVERYONE GETS TO BE A SENIOR SOMETIME. THE COURSE IS USUALLY THE ONLY ONE OPEN WHEN LARGE AMOUNT OF RAIN FALL. THE OTHER TWO COURSES EITHER CLOSE OR LIMIT PLAY. I THINK VISITORS WOULD USE THE COURSE MORE THAN SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS AVAILABLE.

Incorporated areas for current sports.

Again, reusing the golf space would benefit more people in our community.

preserve the 18-hole golf course & the income it generates

For a city the size of Rochester, and with over 400 members in Rochester pickleball Association, 6 dedicated courts is like a joke; This is a HUGE sport now and should be acknowledged as such. We are not asking for much. But adding 8 or 12 courts at soldiers would be great. What would be even BETTER is keeping all pb courts together and expanding at Cooke Park THANK YOU for remembering and recognizing pickleball!

The Golf course should be developed with its proximity to DT and help with North-south roadway connection

pickelball courts please. It is the fastest growing sport in the country!!

Soldiers Field has been a very well used park and golf course so in a city the size of Rochester with such a huge budget, more money should be spent for upkeep and improvements.

Who makes this stuff up? It seems that the golf course is a liability instead of an asset. When I have used the golf course there is little activity in the park except for the swimming pool in the summer. The number of golfers playing at Soldier Field has been up the last several years.

Having the green space/ golf course is a benefit for Rochester. Golf is a sport all ages can enjoy.

Keep the golf course.

Keep 18 Hole Golf course.

above all, keep 18 hole golf course!

Questions 9 thru 16 should be labeled optional. My demographics are my own business, not necessary for this study.

SF Park tries to do a lot, and pulls it off pretty well. As a lifelong resident, I have been to the park regularly and often. One thing this park alone has is a walkable golf course. The other park amenities (with exception of the memorials) can arguably be replicated in other city parks. The golf course cannot, mostly because of the flat terrain and proximity of the greens to the tees. With golf growing rapidly, doing anything to reduce the size of the course would be short sighted.

Keep the golf course

These guiding principles are not well defined, it's hard to know what they mean.

Maintain and improve the 18 hole golf course. it is often the only city course that is playable after moderate rain. Also is the most walkable course in the city.

Please keep the overhead lights to the field within the track available for public use.
Thank you!

Soldiers Field Memorial Park is a beautiful green space. I believe we should avoid over-building -- cluttering it up with monuments, shelters, parkings lots, etc. Green space is eternal. Trends in "park usage" are transient.

I sincerely believe the 18 hole golf course should be preserved as that was what the land was originally set aside for. To have a beautiful city golf course is still important to many people, young and old. Just make the most of the remaining land.

Very important to keep the golf course 18 holes

Preserve golf course

Retaining the 18-hole golf course is important. It's the best course for Senior golfers and beginner golfers.

1) Having a golf course accessible to residents and downtown visitors should be considered a jewel. Additionally, many take up golf later in life, you are doing a disservice thinking that because 18-34 is not as active (and many of them are away at school) that golf is on the decline. SF is unique in that the flatter ground encourages walking, a healthy activity. Seems that snow trails could be groomed in winter for skiers on the course - providing multi-season functionality. 2) Safety is always important in parks - accessibility, maintenance, and ensuring unlawful activities do not occur.

This is such a great park. Focus on keeping the pool, baseball field, tennis courts, and golf course in good condition by allocating funds to maintain the current facilities. It would be easy to cut funding and let these fall into disrepair so that nobody uses them. Be good stewards of the funds you are allocated. It would be terrible to see the park split up and sold to developers that want to build more apartments for downtown area.

More winter time use. For example a dedicated indoor curling facility.

I believe that it would benefit a facility devoted to curling. It is a game that people of many ages can enjoy and teaches a variety of skills. The facility could be used for "learn to curl" events, leagues, and bonspiels. I believe that it would end up paying for itself. Just recently becoming a member of the Rochester community, I was surprised to learn that the local curling club did not have its own facility.

Create a curling facility which will allow greater community interaction of all ages and bring commerce to Rochester from multiple cities and states.

Creat additional space that will draw non-medical visitors to Rochester... such as a curling facility!

I would love to start curling again. Modified hockey ice is not the same. Rochester needs a dedicated curling facility.

The golf course in it's current 18 hole size is very important part of the activity levels the park is able to achieve. Why would any one want to make changes to a park that would reduce the usage hours? S.F.M.P. is the busiest park in the system because the current blend of activities work well separately and together in the same park. To Reduce the golf course foot print and replace it with a lawn with tree plantings around the perimeter and an area to be near the river (that is quite often a sand bar with weeds growing in the middle for several months during the summer and fall), sounds a lot like the sliding hill that was suggested 2014. Making changes for the sake of making changes, will come at a cost that is not only measured in dollars and cents.

Support community growth

need to connect downtown with Crossroads and Apache

Make a fun outdoor space

Stop spending our money until it's in the bank. Look at the Art Center, Chateau theater. Both cash cows the city keeps bailing out. Sick and tired of reading about the inept decisions made on bad investments.

The walkable 18 hole golf course is one of the original parts of the park.

They seem a little too politically correct

Soldiers is a historic park in Rochester. The golf course is a jewel with the city built around it. So valuable for our growing population.

nothing to share here

Addition of a curling facility would bring together old and young, athletic and non-athletic while also bringing commerce to Rochester from other cities and states.

maintain the 18 hole golf course, improve the clubhouse

This survey is purposefully ignoring the value that the golf course brings.

Preserve the intent of original use for golf

Please keep the 18 hole golf course. I see so many older players walking the course. They aren't able to walk the other city courses. Keeps everyone active.

All sound good for Rochester

reduce golf to 9 holes if not 0 holes. Golf takes a disproportional amount of space for the number of people it involves. we don't need a golf course in the middle of downtown, there are many other options for golfers, who generally need a car to get to any course anyway. focus on quiet passive uses that draw pedestrians and cyclists and strollers.

The guiding principles should not force changes to the existing facilities at the expense of the existing areas. If you need more land to put in additional facilities, buy land from the home owners. (ie don't change the 18 hole golf course to 9 holes just because of the guiding principles)

Continue to keep 18 holes for golfing!!

Please do NOT make Soldiers Field Golf Course into a 9 hole course (or close it). This is the only walkable golf course in the city of Rochester. For older golfers this is the only course that can be walked without the aid of a riding cart.

Please keep golf course as is.

I golf 3 days a week at Soldiers and I don't want to see that changed.

Keep the golf course open. It is a nice walkable course in the center of the city and it is something that is very hard and expensive to replace. We have parks all over the city that meet peoples needs and Soldiers Field is already a multi use park that people are already enjoying in many ways. I don't think it needs to be totally revamped and upgraded at taxpayer expense. It's not needed.

DO NOT DECREASE GOLF COURSE TO 9 HOLES

Preserve the golf course. It is a fantastic resource, especially for an aging community...the best course for senior to play.

New Baseball Stadium at Broadway Hwy 14 crossroads

Maintaining and improving the golf course and related facilities are very important to the downtown recreational community.

The major focus Should be improving and increasing the recreational opportunities at the park and social and cultural events are less important as there are many other venues available in the city for picnics, concerts , etc. A guiding principle should be to encourage physical activity all four seasons! The Theodore Wirth Park is Mols is a great example.

Keep the park family focused. For a city the size of Rochester there really isn't all that much for families to do.

The 2014 master plan for the park included options that would remove the golf course - I can NOT support those options. Recent documentation of golf rounds indicate that the golf course at Soldiers Field is the most used of the city's golf courses. Phasing out the golf course would be a mistake unless there are plans too replace the course somewhere else.

please leave the golf course intact!

The 18 hole golf course is the best thing we have honing in downtown Rochester

Saving the golf course

Retain 18 hole golf course

I believe the guiding principles are outdated, 2014 was 7-8 years ago. People have changed in respect to activities that are of interest, particularly with the many limitations of Covid.

SF golf course has the best drainage system in this city. It's unique. Please leave it alone for all to enjoy

continue to provide and maintain 18 hole golf course

The Soldier Field Memorial Park is truly a gift. Do not let it get developed into anything other than what it is. Once it is gone, it is gone. Although I have used it, in the past 12 months, for only a couple of activities, I have utilized almost every area with my four boys as they were growing up. My boys are now grown and have moved on with their lives, we used the various park areas extensively throughout their youth and have many great memories.

All valued

I dont feel anything needs to "CHANGE" . Just maintain as is . Its a quality space that need updating . Its NOT a political space. ! DON'T CHANGE IT !!!!! Just maintain and update Historic Soldiers Field and leave the golf course alone . It is were rochester youth start their golf careers and where Rochester's Seniors end there golf careers . NO POLITICS !!!!!!!!!

Maintain golf

The golf course is part of this town. It's existed my whole life and provides an opportunity for golfers of all ages to engage in the sport of a lifetime with amazing views. I want to be clear that my main goal in filling out this survey is to save the golf course.

Continue ownership by city.

Do not destroy this beautiful area in the downtown Rochester area. Keep the 18 hole golf course!!

Preserve the green space we have. Maybe plant more trees.

The layout of Soldiers Field Golf Course is important for providing inclusiveness to our older and beginner golfers. Removing this golf course would have negative effects for those golfers

There are a lot of neighborhood parks through out Rocheter that developers were required to build. Those parks are virtually empty. Those parks are under utilized. Soldier Field has a historic golf course, a public swimming pool ball fields and memorials. Improve those assets. All those empty neighborhood parks could certainly be developed for more diverse and inclusive community areas.

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Please maintain the 18 hole golf course.

Keep the the 18 hole golf course.

I feel that preserving the park and its boundaries is the most important principle of all that were listed

Enhance the tennis courts, add lights for evening play so more people can play at all times.

I believe the Park should hold onto the historical value that it has created ever since President FDR spoke here back in the early 1930,s. The blockage of entry, by car, from 6th street is a joke, as was the removal of the entrance to the golf course from the west side. Tennis has declined, the addition of pickle ball courts would be a plus. You have to have great signage, because there is only way in, from the north.

Keep the golf course as it is.

Do not reduce the golf course. It must stay 18 holes. This course is the easiest city walking course and is favored by the very young and old because of it. This course "as is" is a city icon and important to our citizens.

Keep the 18 hole golf course. Use it in the winter. Expand the park areas around it as needed.

maintain and improve 18 hole golf

Keep the 18 hole Golf Course as is!

The golf course MUST be kept as 18 holes. There is no need for river access throughout the park . The golf course provides a wonderful opportunity for golfers of all ages, but especially seniors & youth even though it is short by today's standards. Part of a previous proposal was to build a sledding hill. This property is about the flattest piece of ground in the state! Winter uses of much of the park is marginal at best & in my opinion will likely remain that way regardless of newer usage offerings - this is Minnesota! Changing the golf course to a 9 - hole facility will not be a sustainable option & if the golf course is eliminated an appropriate replacement course & clubhouse must be in the plans. Soldiers Field Golf Course has been a beautiful green space recreational area for Rochester residents & visitors from across the country since 1927 (95 years) & is the centerpiece of the park & that makes it historically significant. The swimming pool has seen better days & I believe that Rochester has plenty of other options for teaching swimming to kids & recreational swimming. I believe the tennis courts have little useage (even though the lights are on until midnight or all night) & might better serve the park as pickle ball courts. Thank you to the Park Board for their oversight of all of Rochester's park facilities. It's a difficult job & I'm sure many varied interests have their inputs. From my perspective, I've enjoyed & supported the Soldiers Field Golf Course for about 45 years. I believe it is a green-space Jewel that needs to be preserved & even expanded, if possible.

Keep the 18 hole golf course

You failed to mention the golf facilities. This needs to remain an 18 hole course.

preserve the historic golf course and pool

Keep SF as an 18 hole course

Not sure what this is

Leave the full 18 hole course in tact. You can still improve the park for other activities without ruining the golf course experience. Money is being lost in nearly every park and rec venue not to mention money pits line the public library and Mayo civic center. The spin on the expense of golf to the city is ridiculous...

Need to keep the 18 hole golf course as it provides funds coming in to help maintain the soldiers field area.

To allow Soldiers Memorial Golf Course to stay as is. This is an incredible place for all ability golfers to be able to participate on this 18 hole course!!!

Golf course is very important to our family

They are fine. Please exclude wokism/politics from any change made to the park. They are divisive and 90% racist.

Be sure to keep the golf course, which currently is usable for older golfers.

Curling Club - dedicated curling facility.

Soldiers Field Golf Course is an underappreciated jewel. Rochester senior population loves this course. My city membership is based on access to Soldiers. Wonderful park. Great place for all to meet - play golf.

continue the long standing tradition of golf at Soldiers Field

Soldiers Field Golf Course is a gem for older residents who can still walk the flat terrain and for guests who come to the city during the golf season. I came to Rochester in 1966. I have met so many guests when I went alone to play a round and join with someone or a couple. There have been so many times that guests have said how lucky we are to have this much "green" as part of the city. Thanks for listening

For many years I would drop my sons (ages 11 to 15) off at SF golf course in the morning or at noon and pick them up after work. If this area were a city park there is no way I would have felt comfortable doing so.

Get rid of the golf course or make it smaller. This park is useless to much of the community outside of large events like the 4th of July or the pool. Please make the whole park more useful for people in the community. Golf can be perceived as a rich, white, male sport

Lease to a Restaurant tge space next to the club house. The restaurant Add events like runs, add simulator golf in the winter. Build above the club house for office space, or income generating activities, like a gym, yoga ect. Winter is long use the space you have. Continue to offer city golf and golf leagues. Add pickleball courts if there is room. Do not overbuild in this valuable inner city green space. Keep tge area well patrolled, safe and peaceful. Green space is a place to connect with nature and relax.

Keep and upgrade the golf course

Seniors need to be kept in the mix so they do not get lost in developing the park activities.

Retain 18-hole golf course

Make sure the individuals making the decisions are listening to the community. We have a wonderful green space downtown!

Must protect Golf Course of 18 holes of utmost importance as a walking course

Leave golf course 18 holes.

Leave the 18 hole golf course. It receives a LOT of use for all ages. It is the best course for those who like to walk and play in the city due to being flat.

Get people outside in nature. Natural nature, not just swaths of grass.

Bring the swimming pool and facilities up to date. They are out of date and an embarrassment.

Keep golf course

This area granted to the community for interests in specific gatherings of family and friends. A memorial hence the name. If the city were to profit from the sale in my eyes would be a crime. Punishable in court. I would hate to see this area commercialized for profit. Please remain the integrity of which it was meant. Sincerely concerned citizen.

I feel that like all parks closely surrounded by intense inner city life need to remain as tranquil as possible, especially with the memorial theme of this park. I realize that some of my choices above seem to contradict this. However, as a resident directly across from the park on 6th Avenue, I know what a treasure this green space has been. I can only hope that the most innovative solutions can be found to accommodate the needs for use and tranquility. I also feel that the golf course offers the best possibilities for redevelopment. As it is now, it is both too limiting in use and excluding in diversity.

The area is a incredible treasure in a world where they are not replaceable nor easily duplicated.. It exists in an area central to the city and surrounding communities that just works. Whether it's summing, tennis, walking, biking, mediating, golf, pickle ball, or just relaxing we need to guard this area from all encroachments. At this point in time we need to recognize it's value to the community and know that it's more than just land and tax base.

preserve the historical importance of the park and its uses. This was a gift from the Mayo's to the City of Rochester. It is a unique gem that we need to preserve and protect.

Go back and preserve the history of the park itself. How it was given to the people. Not to sell any of it. Keep all acres for public use.

Keeping the original intent of the space, very important. Making it more accessible to all users with a variety of services and facilities.

They are outdated.

These principals are very general. It is had to answer on the importance of the principals were they could be interpreted in many different ways by people taking this survey.

Keep the golf course as is. It's a great course.

I honestly feel the golf course portion could be developed into a full blown U of M campus.

Maintain a golf course to match what is expected in this city. Funny how one question even mentioned golf and yet there's a course at Soldiers Field, I actually think it's called Soldiers Field Golf Course.

Nothing to select in drop down for the above on a mobile browser (chrome).

Provide a welcoming park for all ages and abilities should be the HIGHEST priority after the MEMORIALS - for the people that GAVE THEIR LIVES for this wonderful nation - from all walks of life. I wanted to put a second other in. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT is bicycle trails within the park. There are quite enough of that business in Rochester already clogging up the thoroughfares and byways. Also this is the only place I can write "other" on the identity questions so I'll do it here. City administrative staff is placing SO much emphasis on identity but in this survey you don't give me a chance to say that I have a child with a disability who needs better accommodation in the schools and city services. The whole survey places much less emphasis on abilities over sexual preference and race. Really too bad. You and the schools are racifying our society to its bitter end when it is the disabled both physical and mental that suffer the most in our society. SHAME on you.

Keep 18 hole golf course

mini ampletreatre/s for reservation for Master Garden education, speakers, special club speakers, solo musicians...

Do not reduce soldiers field golf course to a 9 hole course! It is a beautiful course within easy access to all.

Resist at all costs commercializing the park with vendors and other private for profit entities.

Leave the golf course as an 18-hole course. It is the one course in town that I can still walk and to change it would be exceptionally short sighted and disappointing!

The 18-hole golf course is an integral part of soldiers field and should not be modified.

The 18 hole golf course needs to remain in any new plan. It is the Jewel of the city!

It is a well used park and will be even more in the future. It has to be taken care of.

The pool needs to be updated in depth and mechanical infra structure needs to be updated...

Do not bend over backwards in the name of diversity to make existing infrastructure more 'welcoming'. Every one, no matter the race or religion, should be able to enjoy nature as it is without more man-made structures. If you must add picnic tables or shelters, put them in proximity to the playground areas.

Keep golf course intact

Keep the golf course

Preserving the entire park and its original intended purpose as outlined in the original purchase agreement.

Preserve the original park including golf and the original guidelines when the property was sold to the city in 1927.

Enhance and improve golf course

Keep the golf course for God's sake.

Seem far

These principles seem to be written in a way that they are cloaking some of the real questions. For instance, Would my preference for more picnic area imply that the golf course would be eliminated? More trails mean the elimination of the track?

Update and refine but do not try and make changes that aren't needed. Gold at least continues to bring in revenue. Do not change the layout or use of the golf course.

Keep the golf course, Rochester does not provide enough opportunity for low cost golf options and loosing the golf course would create over crowding conditions at Northern Hills and Eastwood. As Covid-19 moves to an endemic virus we need Healthy sports activities that allow for social distancing

In general I like the improvements. Am glad to see golf retained. An improved 9 hole course is a good idea. Your data are dated however. Golf is now on a growth curve. Pickleball has exploded and there's little recognition of that in the city's parks programming.

I like that we are preserving our green spaces in Rochester so we HAVE any left!

For the park that has the most access to downtown area, that should be the pinnacle of the guiding principles. Sustainability of walking areas should also be preserved including youth and elderly programming right by the Mayo Clinic.

Keep the goddamn golf *****

Keep the golf course

Golf course maintenance

please keep golf and swim

Remove golf course as it serves such a small percentage of the public. Change spaces to something that can be utilized by all. There are plenty of other golf courses.

Leave the golf course alone

Preserving golf course

Do not mess with 18 holes of golf. Whatever improvements or enhancements are chosen, they need to incorporate an 18 hole golf course.

Keep golf courses

Golf Golf Golf Golf

Keeping soldiers field golf course 18 holes.

Please keep the golf course!

I would like to keep the golf course the way it is

Please keep the golf course as it is.

Keep the golf course

Keeping the golf course, it is the only course that the city has where older golfers can still walk.

Keep Golf Course

Keep the golf course

Where is mention of golf course? This area is a landmark, remembered by me and my family coming to Rochester to visit for over 50 years. Please don't skirt the issue or silence the future or your intent for this space. Be transparent!

One of the most important issues / principals should be to retain the green space there. With so much brick and mortar continuing to be added downtown it needs to be preserved. Also, Golf has significant health benefits and Soldiers Field allows people of all ages to be able to walk the course and enjoy the outdoors. I do believe the visitors here also enjoy Soldiers Field.

Preserve the current golf course - do not eliminate it or down- size the golf course.

Yes Rochester has the RAC, Abram Fitness Center, and especially with the YMCA closing it needs more spent of venues that aren't that expensive to residents. Pickleball is enjoyable for all age groups. Please consider dropping from 18 holes to 9 holes for golf, and construct 12 pickleball courts, maybe 6 now and 6 later.

Guiding principles can be altered

Keep the golf course!

Keep The Golf Course at 18 holes. Continue to make course improvements and updates

Keep all of the golf space.

Absolutely critical that City maintains and improves the 18 hole golf course. This facility is used by so many people especially since it is easily walkable for men and women. It's also a great course for families with young children learning the game. The course has been well maintained and is a pillar of the park system. What a beautiful historic facility in the middle of downtown. Visitors and Clinic patients play the course during the week because it's visible and convenient and close to downtown. It would be a travesty for the City to close or reduce the course to 9 holes.

Please keep the golf course intact, in fact, make it better. The historic and economic value of the course, along with the beauty of having a course within nearly the downtown boundary is such a draw for locals and visitors alike. At a time when golf has exploded nationally, reducing Rochester's golf facilities would be detrimental to the city's outdoor (socially-distanced) athletic capabilities.

The golf course NEEDS to stay!

Keep it a golf course! Maybe make it more youth oriented?? Kids do not have enough to do. Golf is the game of a life time.

It appears the main focus is to eliminate the golf course and make more green space for other activities. It would be a shame to change or eliminate something that has such a great history in town. Once the course would be changed there is no income only cost to maintain this area. The way it is now I see more activity at the golf course then the other areas other than the memorial area.

Very important to continue to fund a well maintained golf course. It is the oldest course in the city and serves a wide a range of ages/genders/ethnicities. Golf course at least has a possibility to recoup city costs or even make money. While many areas for outdoor recreation the city provides have zero ability to generate revenue. Increased access to tennis or pickleball courts is also very important as those areas of recreation have also shown tremendous growth.

Preserve the golf course and upgrade facilities. Upgrade the pool and associated structures.

Why should we change our principles to accommodate other cultures?!!! We have a culture in place, a guiding principle established years ago. We have a principle and culture which attracts people from all over the world. Don't think the peoples of today are any smarter, or wiser, than the folks who settled this great area. Keep the ignorant globalists out of our decision making process for our communities. Let the people new to our country learn OUR language, integrate them better, and welcome them in English. Should be a simple matter, take care of the park, mow the lawns, keep it clean. That makes it a place welcome to all for their enjoyment. Keep it simple stupid should be our guiding principle. It is a park dedicated to Veterans, that is and should ALWAYS be our guiding light.

Keep the golf course

Please keep the golf course an 18 hole course!

Keep the golf course as is.

Preserve Soldiers Field Golf Course, It is a treasure that needs to be maintained and upgrades.

I would say your questions did the guiding. Very clever how these surveys get worded so they can be interpreted in many ways.

Maintain golf course and events! A dedicated professional golf staff!

The No. 1 priority to me is keeping the 18-hole golf course. This course is the perfect one to walk while playing golf, allowing a golfer to get a lot more exercise than having to rent a golf cart.

Space could be more utilized if folks knew what was offered down there.

Maintain/improve the 18 hole golf course.

Maintain the golf course as is. It is the only walkable course in town. Other cities would give there eye teeth for a facility like this. Northern was rained out so many times this

year carts were not available and older people can't walk it.

Leave as is! It is such a wonderful gem.

Keep golf course as an 18 hole layout

We love our golf course. The other city courses fall short. Beautiful course with city skyline, walkable course. Out-of-towners comment on how unique and special it is.

Keep the golf course as it is. This a very walkable course which is a great attribute.

Keep the golf course as it unique to have so convenient to downtown and its historical significance

The 18 hole golf course needs to be preserved as is. Without this course there would not be enough tee times available in Rochester. In addition, this is the city course best suited for the older golfers as well as children golfers learning the game.

Retaining the golf course should be part of the Guiding Principles

Any park space surrendered is gone for ever - do not fall for tricks like - trade the downtown space in exchange for space on the fringes of town - space downtown is worthy of preservation aAND expansion up and down the river to make the entire downtown river/green space better — look how nice Minnehaha falls area is — that is a good mixed use model

more is not necessarily better

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Maintain 18 hole golf course

Remove "No Parking" signs near playground on the west side. Forget formal gardens--not needed Remove geese

I'm looking at some of the questions after dissection, I find that they are rather slanted and really are not applicable to all the park is used. Some of them are not even anybody else's business. Quite frankly, I do not understand why these questions or even being asked.

Keeping the golf course operating as an 18 hole course.

Please do not get rid of soldiers field golf course or reduce it to 9 holes. we need to keep this course intact.

Keeping the Golf Course.

Golf and Hockey

Focus on environmental education and resiliency.

For #3: The park already has the two best playgrounds in the city. The kids park on Gibbs and older kid park to the south of the Y. Maintenance of those are important.

I believe the value of maintaining the golf course as 18 holes is invaluable. It provides a walkable course for senior citizen golfers which a healthy living benefit as well. Observe how many of the Soldiers Field Senior league choose regularly to walk the course. A number of groups from surrounding area come several times a year for its those reasons. It is a valuable green space within the city that could use some updated or new picnic or water facilities. As far as more trails, the city has ample trail access near the downtown area, however if revenue concerns are a driving factor, then I believe one needs to look much closer at other park facilities and their revenue generating capacities vs park department subsidization amounts.

Important to keep the golf course as it serves a vital function by providing recreation for senior citizens. There is very little outdoor recreation for the growing 65+ population. Please do not let this golf course slip away.

I feel its important that golf is considered in these principles.

safer pool situation than last summer! we avoided it because of hearing about the disrespect people were giving to lifeguards, remove the cold splashpad with more

water slides or another pool

This one is most important: Provide a welcoming and inclusive park for a growing and diverse community

Keep 18 holes of Golf Available

Don't reduce or eliminate the golf course.

MORE tennis courts

Of what relevance is my sexual orientation for updating SF master plan?

There is less and less green space in Rochester as time goes by. How about some forested areas with a bike/walking path through it? It can be used for sustainable transportation.

Ensure that all people are welcome and ensure that it is affordable for all.

Additional tennis courts and working lights for night tennis

preserve the golf course for the new generations of golfers and visitors that are increasingly taking up the sport since the pandemic.

Your questions on gender identity are just dumb!

Each time I show up to play tennis, it's a roll of the dice for getting a court to play on, end of the week, and weekends are the worst.

Indoor tennis courts

Keep the golf course! Fireworks at Solider Field was a terrific location.

Having parks and recreational areas near our downtown area is extremely important in many ways...improve and do not remove

Many public tennis courts in the city have either not been maintained or are gone. Tennis is a big participation sport particularly in Rochester so I would very much appreciate the tennis courts to stay, or even expanded on. They currently are the only lighted courts within Rochester which is also a big plus.

Maintain and upkeep of the tennis courts as these are our best outdoor access in the Rochester area (and used by many players all over rochester)

Park is almost perfect as it is. Only need is for a nice indoor public restroom.

Things go in cycles, golf will be back

Please leave the golf course alone. I am not a golfer but I see the joy it gives so many people locally and visiting Mayo patients. I would encourage the city planning committee to look at value add changes. Pavilions are used as homeless encampments every day and evening. Let's not build more. The swimming pool absolutely needs updated but that can be achieved without ruining the golf course. Tennis courts should be expanded and pickle ball courts should be added Please do not take away all of our beautiful green space in the heart of the city.

Keep and preserve this lovely "Central Park" for Rochester.

A golf course in the middle of the city identifies Rochester. I always get comments from visitors that remember the golf course.

Do not allow developers to encroach on the green space, and maintain the track in good condition.

18 hole golf course is very important

Do not eliminate the 18 hole crown jewel of a golf course that Soldiers Field is!!

This park is already fairly well connected to other surrounding neighborhoods I think a key component will be to have an indoor winter use at this park for swimming. The pool needs to be completely redone with an indoor and outdoor option

We NEED to invest in our park and recreation systems in this town! It is APPALLING how little investment goes into the rinks, courts, pools, etc. This town sends the message: if you have money GREAT.join the Country Club or the RAC. If you don't; too bad.... Cleaning up goose poop is more important . (And updating downtown for the wealthy visitors and UAE).

It's important to keep Soldiers Field golf course basically the same ,but improvement in park area would encourage to people to gather more. Soldiers Field is enjoyed by all and it is nice that's it's a quiet spot in the middle of the city!!

Keep the tennis courts no more pickle courts needed

Keep the park secluded and quiet.

They all make sense, "mom and apple pie"

As mentioned above, keep green space for play, walking, and enjoyment

Keep the golf course 18 holes and not downsize it. There will be some very unhappy golfers who live in the area if they see it downsized and they are older and vote.

Rochester has a fantastic plan for walking and biking. I hunk golf is a threat sport, but it is very difficult to get involved with the gold courses because the yearly membership clients are always here. They hold everyday and it is hard tome in a group in form a quick round of golf. I prefer private courses because they are not nearly as crowded.

Leave the golf course and walking path as is. Use Hadley Valley space for these added features. The driving range and lesson area can be done on the other three courses. Soldiers is the easiest course to get on when there has been a large amount of rainfall or other precipitation. The course is also easy to walk and carry your clubs. This a defing feature for the course and it location to do downtown Rochester and the surrounding residential area. The area now occupied by the Y is also a good area for expansion .

Keep and preserve this lovely "Central Park" for Rochester.

The most important issue is to preserve the current boundaries to prevent encroachment or private development. Preservation of the 18 hole golf course is also a must as it is the only easily accessible and walkable golf course in Rochester.

Soldiers Field is more important than spending tons of money on Discovery Walk. Discovery Walk will not be an attraction or draw. Peace Plaza was, and is a failure for \$20 million. Let's not continue to make huge costly mistakes. Not sure what we are gaining by spending huge amounts of money with out of town consultants that don't understand our community and simply sell us ideas from other communities, Rochester is unique and we need to build on that and capture in our planning our unique qualities. Peace Plaza is a cold, unattractive space with endless costly pavers that accomplish nothing. Sure isn't a design that works during our winter months.

Keep the park use principles in line with the original agreement with the American Legion. Ensure the American Legion has a seat at the table for all planning.

Need Tables and benches near available parking for eating take-out meals, reading or simply sitting.

They are still highly relevant, appropriate

KEEP THE GOLF COURSE

Decrease or altogether discontinue the golf course.

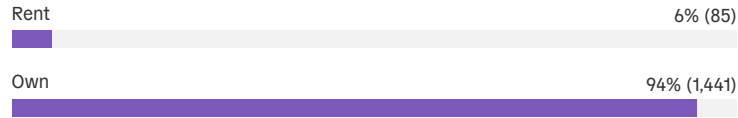
See above.

Soldiers Field Park should be protected in perpetuity from any and all development pressure along S. Broadway and/or 12 St SW. This should forever remain a public facility, and should never be allowed to fall into the hands of private developers.

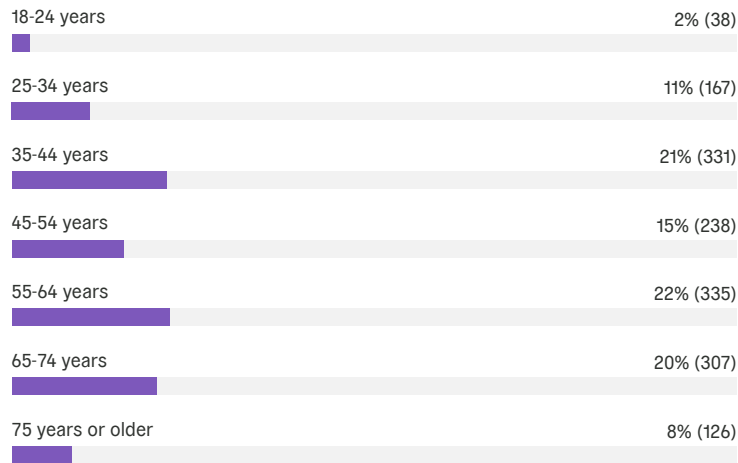
this is a perfect chance to add areas for families to an area that is already there - so cost isn't an excuse.

You talk about the 2014 Master Plan for Soldiers Field Park, but I am not aware of what the plan consists of. Is it available somewhere?

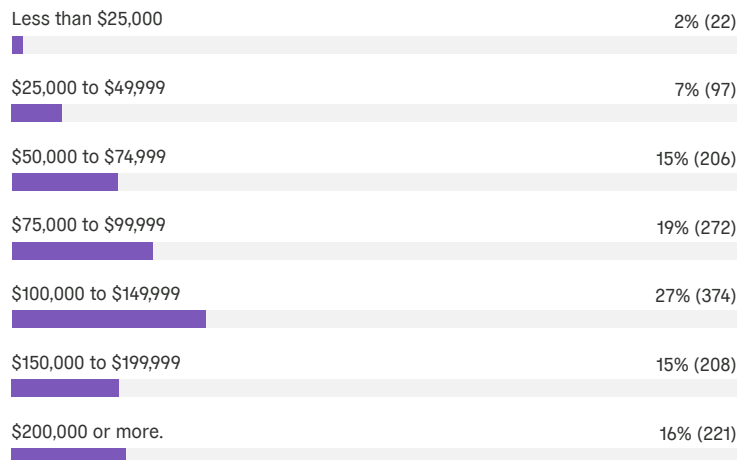
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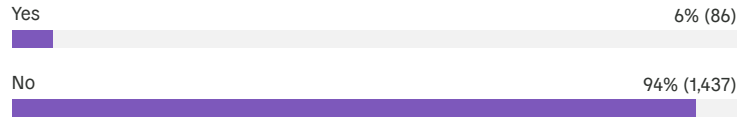
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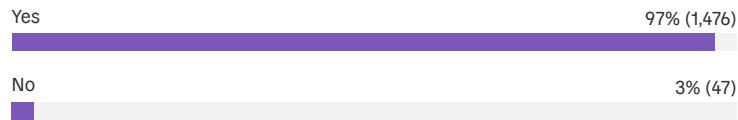
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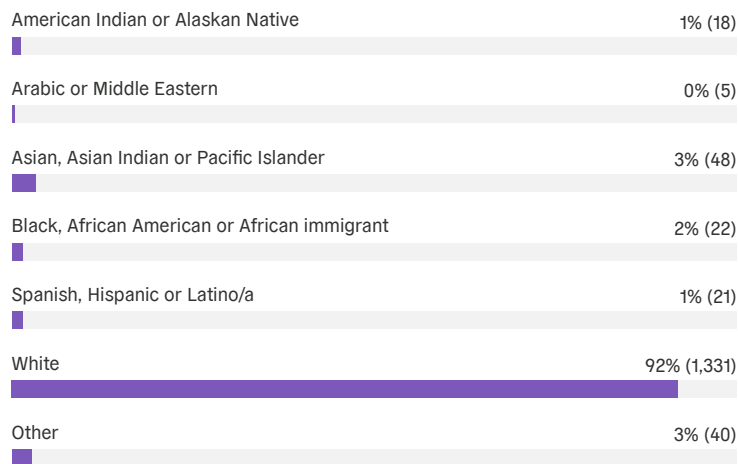
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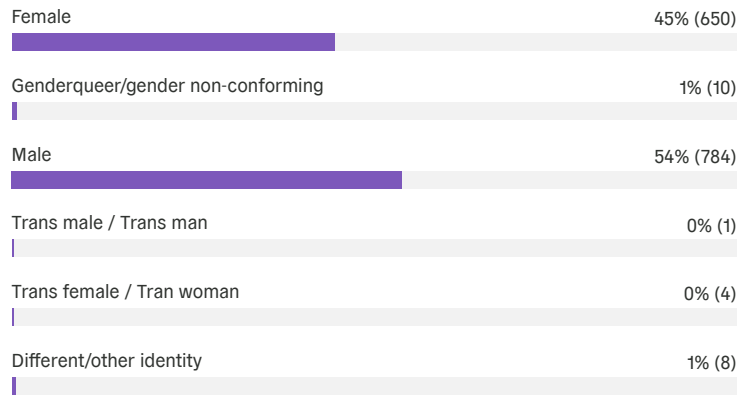
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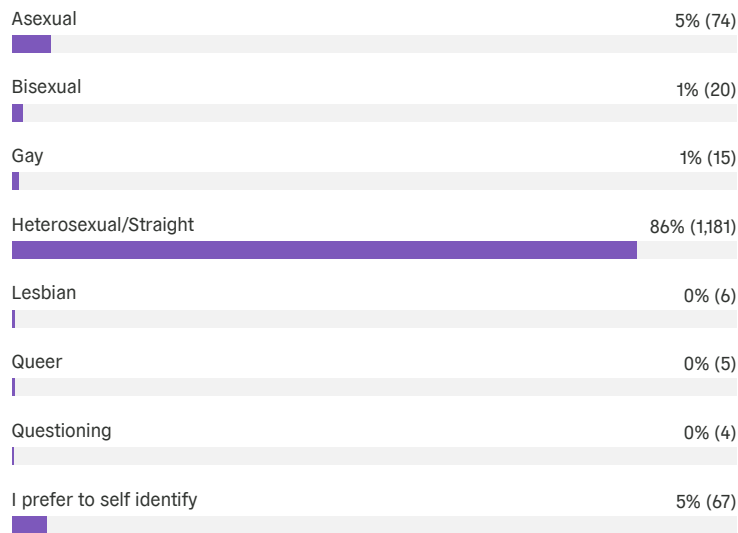
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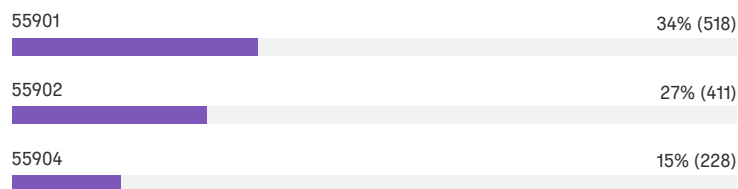
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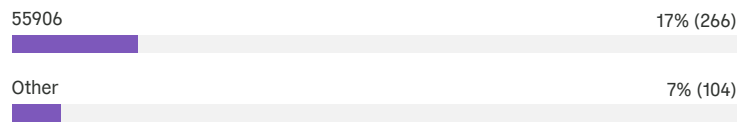


Which term best describes your sexual orientation?



What is your zipcode





Interactive Map Comments Summary

Social Pinpoint is an interactive mapping tool that allows participants to provide comments directly on a map. Visitors to the website can also view, comment, and like/dislike comments left by others on the map. Participants are encouraged to use color-coded markers to indicate whether comments are ideas, concerns, or relate to another topic. The tool was launched alongside the Polco Community Survey in December 2021 and was open for comment through January 2022.

Participation

The site had over 800 unique visitors and 168 comments were left on the map; with the largest proportion (39%) being comments that supported ideas proposed in the 2014 Master Plan.

Mapping Results

The Social Pinpoint map and map comments (below) illustrate a sampling of the feedback received through the interactive map. A full summary of

Comment Icon Key



Here's a New Idea



Keep This in the Plan



I have a Comment



I have a Concern



I don't think we need this...



Map Comments





“Here’s a New Idea” Comments




#	Likes	Dislikes	Comment
1	39	9	How about putting in pickleball courts instead of expanded tennis courts? Pickleball is played as a "drop-in" sport where players come and go as they are able. Very "friendly" to individuals coming to the clinic for treatments. Tennis typically requires you to bring your own partner.
2	16	7	Prefer new dedicated Pickleball courts instead courts shared between tennis and Pickleball.
3	13	3	Add more tennis courts with lights. People are often waiting in line to get in at Soldier's
4	12	14	There is an incredible need for more pickleball in Rochester - and something the board has been approached about for quite some time. Why not make the existing tennis courts "dual use" and then expand additional dual-use courts to accommodate the popularity of pickle ball? Get with RAPA to assist with coordination and layout?
5	12	1	With the YMCA closing this may offer an opportunity to vastly improve the pool complex by moving it and combining with what is currently there, to address the year around need by offering an indoor outdoor complex that is much better than what presently available. This would open the congested racquet sports area without affecting the golf course.
6	10	0	Add lighting to areas for playing racket sports such as tennis, Pickleball, and badminton.
7	10	0	Any pool changes should be to make it more year round. How about an indoor pool area people can enjoy year round instead of 2.5 short months we have today? Other nearby communities have fancy outdoor pools, so why do more of the same? Do something different and better.
8	8	5	Pickleball courts would be an excellent addition to the Soldier's Field complex. The small parking area in front of the tennis backboard should be reworked to incorporate pickleball courts.
9	8	0	Commonly have to wait for tennis court time in the summer. These are the only public lighted courts, please expand.
 10	6	0	I'd love to see a year-round restaurant here with an outdoor patio.
11	5	1	Enlarge the existing Tennis courts and add lighting to allow for night time tennis games.
 12	4	11	I'd love to see part of the space converted to a dog park
13	4	9	The tennis courts are well used, but there never seem to be lots of people waiting, so I'd say they are the right size. Adding pickle ball courts is an excellent idea!
 14	4	0	This is the area of the park that gets the least use. Perhaps consider adding something new here, such as a botanical garden or river viewing area. A quiet place for meditation.
15	4	1	How about holding a High School Holiday Classic hockey game outdoors at Soldiers Field. That could be draw to the park.
 16	4	0	Add bathroom facilities on this side of the park. There is so much activity year around on this side of the park with the playground, memorials, tennis courts, hockey, soccer and more. The only facilities besides the portapotties that are gross is clear on the other side of the park. Its too far to run your little kid when they "really gotta go"! :)
 17	3	1	It would be nice if this were a centerpiece/destination rather than an after-thought. A good restaurant, with a fireplace would draw people in the winter...coffee and hot chocolate in the afternoon after a ski or skate. Lunches and dinner with something other than fried food and sandwiches. A patio in the summer where families could come after a swim, track practice, or dog walk. It seems like the city keeps trying the same sort of restaurant and they never last long.
18	2	3	Additional tennis courts, with pickle ball lines, would be nice. Especially in the nice times of year the tennis courts are often full and this is the only public facility with lighted courts in the area
19	2	0	These courts are very popular as they are the only tennis courts in Rochester with lights. Adding courts with lights would be very popular. The City of Stewartville has more courts with lights than Rochester has!!

20	0	0	Consider using many native plants along the river bank. This would provide habitat for bees, butterflies and birds, and interest for visitors.
21	0	1	Expand the warming ice rink warming house. The current shed is too small for league activities like broomball. A permanent warming house facility would be a welcome improvement. Additional parking access to the rinks and warming house would be a bonus.
 22	0	0	Consider a permanent public art/ land art/ eco art project that provides shade/ seating/ water and ecological habitat for pollinators - maybe an educational component - that is fun for kids to explore - maybe something like this willow dome? This could be located anywhere in the new plan.
 23	0	0	This would also be a great location for eco or land art! Something that uses native plants or trees to create a retreat - as well as a beautiful artistic statement - like the willow dome.
24	0	0	Find an area on the east side of the park away from the houses for a new tournament quality pickleball facility. Adults would travel to Rochester for weekend tourneys and take Discovery Walk from downtown hotels. Lunch break play for downtown workers would be possible. A winter tourney could be a draw too.
25	0	0	Expand playground to "destination" status like the Carson Park playground in Eau Claire for example. Lighting for safety and a great compliment to the expanded pool experience for kids. If there was a Children's Museum near the downtown trailhead of Discovery Walk, maybe families would take a walk.

“Keep This in the Plan” Comments

#	Likes	Dislikes	Comment
1	32	11	Keep 18 Hole Golf Course. "Too much "un-purposed" green space invites vagrancy. How would the new open space be kept safe for casual walkers especially during hours of darkness?
2	26	15	Keep 18 hole golf course
3	25	0	The short grass means skiing (and one hopes, top-notch grooming) is doable even when there isn't much snow (sadly, climate change seems to have reduced our snow cover some). Also, Soldiers Field's central location means it is possible to duck out over a lunch hour and ski a bit while still being able to get back to my desk for the afternoon's work.
4	23	4	Keep 18 hole historic golf course. The course can have designated slow times for walking during golf season and cross country skiing snowshoeing in winter. I liked walking my dog on course in winter to keep geese off. Sadly too many people let their dogs just run without control as if it just a dog park.
5	22	5	Soldiers Field is the most walkable golf course in town and is used by people visiting Rochester and at the Mayo Clinic. I have had many enjoyable rounds with people from out of town that are with patients and need a break from downtown. For years it has been the most played golf course in Minnesota.
6	19	1	18 hole golf course used to be groomed for skiing. Groom the entire course for skiing. You don't have to destroy the course. There is room to the north of tennis course for your park plan.

7	19	7	There is a diverse group of people that use this course as well as visitors. Eliminating the course would alienate this diverse group of users. Additionally, this course is easier for individuals who can't manage the terrain at the other courses.
8	18	13	"Don't destroy. Use the fairgrounds for additional park space. It is centrally located. It doesn't have a golf course to destroy."
9	18	2	Keep this road closed! Makes the park safer.
10	18	0	The new soft surface track is always busy and has proven it can be used as an event space also. This is a wonderful free place for community members and visitors to exercise safely.
11	17	21	There are plenty of other options for golfing in the city. More park space will benefit a wider variety of users rather than devoting this space for one type of recreation.
12	17	3	Love the track and love ice skating all winter. Please leave in the plan! I would love to see some additional infrastructure to support this such as a warming area, skate rental, and refreshments.
13	17	0	It was sad to see the clubhouse empty and not be able to stop in after golf and have a refreshment and some food. A lot of other people use it, too.
14	17	2	Having an 18-hole public golf course downtown is an incredible jewel that should be treasured as such. Many people take up golf later in life, kids return from college and start jobs and begin to enjoy the sport. Visitors are thrilled to discover the course and its ease of access. Skiing can easily occur in winter with properly groomed trails.
15	17	0	A clubhouse with a well-functioning restaurant or pub that caters to groups for all sorts of events on a budget is highly desirable. Year-round would keep interest and attendance up.
16	16	0	We use these rinks nearly daily in winter, they are amazing. Please leave these or other ice skating options in the plan!
 17	14	7	Creating a south entrance and adding a walking or biking path from here to the playground and other parks of the park would be great! Currently users have to go all the way around to Broadway and back around on the north side
18	14	2	Keep Golf Course as is, because there are times when the course at Soldiers Field is the ONLY city owned course open and playable (do to inclement weather).
19	13	1	I don't play tennis but notice that courts always have someone playing there.
20	12	0	The pool always seems busy so it should be repaired or replaced, whichever makes most sense.
21	11	1	Although I can't xc ski much any more, I have enjoyed the level ground for learning how to skate ski for years, along with the nice groomed trails for traditional xc skiing.
22	11	1	This baseball field is used extensively by Rochester Youth Baseball and the greater baseball and soft-ball community. Please keep this in plan.
23	11	0	Love the new rinks! Please keep.
24	10	0	Keep the track
25	10	0	Keep the course at its current size... It is a wonderful place to spend time walking and skiing. We come here multiple times a day in the fall, winter and spring.
26	9	0	Best park in the neighborhood! Please leave it as is in the plans.
 27	9	4	This park connection is needed to improve safety and make better use of the river. Right now to get to the Mayowood trail from this side of the park you have to walk or run through the neighborhood to get to 16th street to rejoin the trail along the river. This would be a great addition.
28	9	0	More tennis courts would be nice, there's often a wait.
29	8	0	Definitely need more tennis courts, they are the only lighted ones in the city
30	7	1	A summer pool with an active swim team is highly desired for use by children and teens. A pool can be the heart of the neighborhood, serving young and old.

	31	7	5	<p>What other type of activity would the space be used for, that encourages the same level of exercise to such a vast number of participants?</p> <p>The funding that is going to be made available should be used for improving what we have currently and not spent on something that is going to provide us with less.</p>
	32	7	6	More gardens - yes
	33	6	6	I suggest you add pickleball courts. They would be used as the sport is very popular especially with retirees.
	34	6	0	Improved restroom facilities for park use are badly needed. The porta potty by the ball field is disgusting and should be removed or better managed.
	35	6	1	Replace or repair and expand the current pool and bath house. This neighborhood pool is easily accessible to many people of diverse backgrounds and is always busy. It needs to remain as part of the plan.
	36	6	0	Adding access in a way that does not disturb the golfers and golf course would be nice.
	37	6	0	This is well used. Lots of families out enjoying skating in the winter. Lots of runners, walkers, soccer players etc in the summer. The new track is great!
	38	6	0	The golf course creates a peaceful mood in the center of town. It's a place shared by golfers, walkers, families and dogs, cross-country skiers, children having snowball fights, eagles, hawks, spotted squirrels, ducks, and Canadian geese. It is a treasure for all of its neighbors in historic southwest, and for the city as a whole, and its size and boundaries should not be altered.
	39	5	0	Golf and pickle ball are a must have.
	40	5	0	Having a place to ski close to the center of town is important for busy people. But it needs to be groomed by people who understand x-country skiing... It has not been well groomed recently (and often takes days to get done after a good snow!!) I agree that dedicated walking trails should be groomed as well, so walkers don't mess up the ski trails. It is easily done. You just have to put the energy into it.
	41	5	0	Rochester is the city of health. Having a walkable golf course in the center of town that beginner golfers, youth, seniors and visitors can enjoy is a treasure. It currently is the most popular public course in town. It would be very short sighted to eliminate this beautiful historic course.
	42	4	8	Renewing historical spaces for current use isn't destroying the past. It is better utilizing spaces to increase enjoyment and participation for a more diverse population. Plus, didn't the course originate as a 9-hole course, with the intention by the American Legion to promote community welfare.
	43	4	2	Like the southern access, if this can be done in a way to not impact golfers and the golf course, it would be nice to allow bikers and walkers to see the course more closely.
	44	4	0	Beautiful track -- a treasure and totally unique!
	45	4	0	As the widow of a fallen officer I am very grateful to see that our region is honoring law enforcement officers. I think Rochester and Soldiers Field Memorial Park is a great place for that to happen!
	46	4	2	This is a wonderful addition to this park - especially next to the Veteran's memorial. The men and women who proudly serve in Rochester, Olmsted County, and surrounding communities need to know we support them - and the sacrifices and risks they take on every day to keep our communities safe. This memorial will also let the survivor families know that we appreciate their sacrifice that never ends, and will work to make sure their fallen hero is never forgotten! Thank you Rochester!!!
	47	3	5	Fully support converting golf course to a 9-hole.
	48	3	0	Let UMR pay for this project piece as part of their connection to the park.
	49	3	0	Fantastic upgrades to the track and field area.
	50	3	1	The placement of this is great. This is a wonderful addition to those who have served our communities, working days/nights, giving up so much time with their family and loved ones to serve, and dealing with all of the challenges they face. I am extremely proud that Southeast MN has chosen our community to honor so many!



51	2	0	Keep the hockey rinks in winter! There is a reason so many NHL players come from the state of Minnesota!
52	2	0	Little league baseball is the quintessential American sport. If anything, this field could use more love and attention. Any city park worth its name needs a baseball field!
53	2	2	As other comments state this is a great addition to the area and a long time coming. It is very important to show support for current officers from the area as well as respect for those that have fallen over the years. Having this memorial here makes sense due to it's proximity to the veteran's memorial. The area is a perfect place for reflection and is within walking distance from Mayo. This is important to the survivors and shows we will ALWAYS remember their sacrifice.
 54	1	6	This space doesn't see much use in its current form. But look how close it is to all the new and exciting commerce and residential stuff!
 55	1	2	Great idea
 56	1	1	Great idea.
 57	1	2	It is great to have a bathroom on the bike path to use during long runs
58	1	0	It would be very nice to add more dedicated tennis courts here without adding pickleball lines. All summer, but especially in the Spring and Fall with school tennis, I drive all over Rochester seeking open tennis courts when trying to play with others. Many times I drive for 30+ minutes from court to court in Rochester all filled, and eventually stop searching and wait for a match to finish before playing. These are also the nicest non-high school tennis courts I know of. Thanks for reading :)
59	1	1	We need to have this to support our law enforcement and remember those who have gave their life to protect those who were unable to protect themselves.
 60	1	0	It would be really nice to have some showy gardens and especially those created using native plants that are beneficial for all sorts of insects. Seating throughout with wandering paths would be nice, too. I love to walk through pretty garden spaces, and there is nothing like that here in Rochester. I always have to drive to the Cities to see outside sculpture or horticultural/botanical/native gardens, but I would really use this space if it were here.
61	0	0	I like all the green grass and the idea of having a large central park and golf course in the middle of town that is very visible. I like the way it is but would be ok with seeing it turn into a 9 hole course. If some of the holes are taken away I would like to see a mini golf course, dog park, frisby golf, and destination outdoor activities. Whatever you do, I would be very disappointed if trees were cut down and grass taken away and parking lots built and hotels and apartments built on it.
 62	0	0	Wonderful idea to utilize the least utilized part of the park.
 63	0	0	Winter activities are sorely missing in Rochester so this would be a great addition.
 64	0	0	Winter activities are sorely missing in Rochester. This would be a great opportunity to embrace the cold.
 65	0	0	Life skills are learned here



“I Have a Comment” Comments

#	Likes	Dislikes	Comment
1	26	4	Pickleball courts here make great sense. Excellent social game with low cost of entry, playable by all ages and ability levels. City-wide, there is great demand for additional (dedicated) pickleball courts.
2	25	10	Please keep the golf course as 18 holes. The course is the "Jewel of the City". There are many other places for trails etc then in this beautiful golf course
3	24	8	There are some fallacies in the 2014 Plan. Comments were made that golf was declining. This is untrue. In 2019, during the pandemic, golf showed a big boost in participation. You could play the game and social distance yourself. I recently saw a report that Golf enjoyed 7% increase over the previous year. Golf is played in Rochester's high schools and at Soldiers field. Many Mayo patients play there as it is nearby and easily walked.
4	18	3	We need a real pool, all of the residents from Rochester go to Kasson and surrounding areas to their pools. We need something that will keep residents here with their kids. Large zero depth kid area with stairs that have water flowing off them, numerous slides, buckets dumping water, splash area. Larger pool with couple diving boards, large climbing walls. Lazy river that goes around, FUN area for all ages.
5	18	1	An expanded REAL pool with slides, fountains, zero entry for babies/toddlers, and a separate pool for little kids and older kids, along with a club house for snacks, is VERY much needed in Rochester. Even the country clubs in the area don't offer this. There is no place like this for families to enjoy. Please consider adding these items to the expanded pool. The Austin, MN country club just renovated their pool and it's incredible (if helpful to see a visual). Thank you.
6	15	5	Either reopen this road to vehicles or tear out the asphalt and make new park space here instead of the golf course.
7	14	3	Any plans to reduce the golf course should include destination additions, like the arboretum at Como park or a destination water park like the Dells or Des Moines. Otherwise the golf course should be left as is.
8	13	3	The x-country ski trails here have not been as well groomed as other parks in town, and walkers/dogs mess up the trails that skiers try to make on their own. Consider having separate areas for groomed skiing and dog walking.
9	13	3	There is plenty of street parking and a parking lot by the tennis court. In many ways this is a neighborhood park and many people in the neighborhood enjoy walking/biking here. If parking is really a concern meter the road and have accessible parking marked off close to the entrance.
10	13	0	Park area near Broadway, north of the golf course, does not seem to be used as often as the other areas of the park, this could be re-purposed for the possible river interaction area, if permitted.
11	12	2	There has been a memorial on park land for firefighters and of course the impressive military memorial cross the street for decades it is nice to finally see this coming to reality to honor law enforcement officers We are so happy to honor fallen officers who sacrificed their lives in service to their communities. Thank you.
12	11	17	You could reconfigure whole number three and shorten whole number four gain more space around the pool area with out eliminating nine holes of golf. A short par three and number three would be welcome
13	11	18	Pickleball courts should be added here. Do not need additional tennis courts.
14	11	12	Are environmental impacts front and center in the decision making process? Water and energy demand? Carbon footprint? Golf is great, but it's exclusive to people with money and time to spare. Remove barriers and provide amenities that benefit all people, the environment, and support and incentivize a healthy, active, light-carbon-footprint lifestyle. No more paved parking!




15	11	3	The golf course is a gem in the middle of the city. It is walkable and makes it accessible to many. The Mayo High School golf team practices here. Please keep all 18 holes.
16	11	2	This is a great addition to Soldiers Field and the community. What a great way to honor those officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to community.
17	11	3	It is about time City Parks partners with area law enforcement to provide a suitable place (no other place would be more suitable than next to the Veteran's Memorial) to honor law enforcement staff that have died in the line of duty. No matter what side of this political issue you are on, the vast majority of the police are good people trying to make their communities a better place. Those that died serving honorably deserve a memorial where the public can learn about them and their sacrifice.
18	10	10	Retain 18 hole golf course!!!
19	10	4	How about a smaller skate park for skateboard or scooters? We need to figure out a way to keep kids entertained outside instead of playing video games and screen time in the warm months of the year.
20	10	1	Tennis courts already have lightning.
21	10	0	Tennis is a sport of lines and precision and having pickle ball lines stenciled over a tennis court is not a good idea. If the city decides to add one or two pickle ball courts, they should be separate from the existing tennis courts. Aside from those at Mayo High School, these are the nicest public tennis courts in town. Rochester has a thriving tennis scene and these courts are always in high demand by players of all ages.
22	9	0	More tennis courts would be welcome and are needed in the area. Courts are often full when I arrive, so I either wait or go to local HS courts, which don't have lights, and I've often been kicked off those for HS practice as well. Expanding tennis would be a great idea!
 23	8	8	More seating for parents on the back side, walkway area all the way around this playground so kids can be better supervised.
24	8	2	Shorting hole #3 changing #4 seems like a possibility at first glance, but must have been made by someone that has never played the game of golf. Taking out the road and parking lot at the Tennis Courts would free up a lot of space for additional courts. The short walk from the large parking area could be a up period.
 25	7	0	Need better lighting here.
26	7	0	We use tennis courts regularly, and often have to wait for a court. Please consider expanding public tennis courts in Rochester.
 27	6	5	Definitely walk around path with seating around the backside of the playground. Too Secluded right now and allows kids to wonder off without being noticed.
 28	6	0	Prioritize creating the multi-use trail that will connect to the remainder of George Gibbs Dr.
29	6	2	Is there any reason the swimming pool complex could not be moved to near the YMCA lawn. By doing this a large area would be freed up for racquet sports development, with a shared clubhouse by converting the cart-port that is not being used much. This would also allow for a much larger pool venue. Just a thought.
30	6	0	Expanding tennis courts is a great idea; I have nothing against pickle ball, but it can not expand at the expense of already scarce public tennis resources. And it's not true that there are no people waiting in line to play tennis - it happens so often!
31	6	4	It's about time that this is being done. The community has generously supported this endeavor, understanding and assuring that this community is protected and those that protect and serve our community here or in foreign lands are recognized and honored. Perfect plan in conjunction with the Soldiers Field memorial.
 32	5	8	WHY is this closed off?? Do something here or reopen it.
 33	5	0	Expand this park with more seating for parents and lights! Lots of kids want to play here when the games are going on but quite dark and with the homeless gather/drinking near the restrooms not very safe.

 34	5	4	Add a few structures of some sort to allow older kids to climb or play nerf with friends while younger siblings are at the playground
 35	5	1	What does proposed park connection here mean? If doing someone sort of path that would be great but don't close up a street. Need more explanation.
36	5	0	"Why does golf course have to be affected to improve pool? There is a lot of space to the north west of current pools for addition."
37	5	10	Let's not forget about the environmental impacts a golf course has with its chemical and water inputs. Particularly as it sits next to a major body of water. Eliminating 9 holes of golf would have significant positive impacts/reduction on resource use as well as pollution entering our ground and surface water.
38	5	0	We need more tennis courts with lights in Rochester. Please expand tennis courts. Pickleball would be awesome - but as separate courts!
39	5	0	More tennis courts are needed since they are lit and very sought after in the evenings of hot summer days (when it's difficult to play with the sun up). Couple benches on the sides of the courts with a canopy would also make for a great experience. Thanks for looking to preserve and improve this great Rochester resource.
40	4	14	Some holes could be shortened to make room for the pool facility while still keeping it a 18 hole.
 41	4	15	You have a park here for parents and children with zero parking. How ridiculous is it to have no parking on this street or a parking lot right next to it??
42	4	1	I do believe some people have forgotten that the branch of the Zumbro River that passes through the park is a flood control project. At present walking near the rip-rap is discouraged.
43	4	3	Please add a gender neutral restroom. They are a benefit to many people but especially to people who are transgender, gender non-binary, and gender non-conforming.
 44	4	0	This playground area needs permanent toilets and water access. The portable toilets facing the street are really challenging for families to use.
45	4	0	Keep it 18 holes and it's easy to walk it to get some exercise will golfing.
46	3	3	I would like to see a bicycle pump track connected to the trail system at Soldiers field park. Pump tracks are fun for all ages and skill levels. Examples: Mama Bear in Bentonville, AR and the Rail Yard in Rogers, AR
 47	3	4	Fine to expand as long as it doesn't expand into green area of golf course.
 48	2	11	Lots of open areas for parking or more playground area.
49	2	1	Soldiers Field Golf Course is perfect for older citizens that chose to walk 18 holes. That is not possible at Eastwood or Northern Hills Golf Course. The removal of the course is nothing more than a DMC land grab and should not move forward in the least. Maintain the course, open a decent eating facility, host a tourney or two, and this will draw more people to Soldiers Field.
 50	2	0	This would be a good place for a community garden or pollinator garden.
 51	1	12	Parking needed similar to the Roy Sutherland park side. Right next/in front to this park.
 52	1	3	Are these walking bridges? How about one across the street and do two across the river instead. Lets figure out a way to save funds with these items.
53	1	2	Do all the commenters in favor of retaining the 18-hole course and utilizing fairground land for more park space realize the fairground is county property?
 54	1	1	Looking forward to the beginning and expansion of a fitness circuit training opportunity along this new pathway system within the park.
55	1	1	Instead of always trying to improve Soilders Field pool maybe you should improve Silver Lake pool and make big splash pad there. It would fit right in with the great playground that's there that is always busy
 56	1	0	This is a good idea if it doesn't damage the golf course. Creating multi-use opportunities is a benefit for everyone.

 57	1	0	Add pickleball here in this small parking lot.
58	1	2	I like the idea of having walking paths along the river and the perimeter of the golf course. This would allow many more people to enjoy the area - away from busy traffic.
59	1	1	Hi, thank you for having this park in Rochester! I personally think it is one of the best parks we have, especially for parents with younger children because of the main playground being fenced in. If there is money in the budget, adding another baby swing or two would be greatly appreciated, as there is currently only one and it is sought after frequently. A nicer bathroom (like the ones at Three Links Lodge by Silver Lake) would also be greatly appreciated if possible. Thank you so much!
 60	0	1	Kids would love some native plants and grasses all around this to explore and play in.

“I Have a Concern” Comments

#	Likes	Dislikes	Comment
1	24	13	I have a major concern to any thought of eliminating any part of the golf course. There are plenty of spaces in the city of Rochester to go hiking/walking/etc, without using the golf course. In regards cost of golf, users pay for play and it shows the need. I understand the need for picnic/ball field/ tennis areas and I support (\$\$) their presence even though I do not use them.
 2	16	16	Why is this in the plan? This is privately owned and a lease from the city. It should not be incorporated into the future plans. It will be obsolete in 50 years, if not sooner.
3	9	0	A homeless man has taken up residence in the dugout here. I wish there were a proper facility he could settle in, so he could get some help and maybe put his life back together. Is there some place?
4	8	4	I have concerns about the noise associated with pickle ball courts. The current tennis courts are occasionally used for pickle ball and at those times the noise carries far and detracts from the tranquility of the park and neighborhood and the enjoyment of other users of the park. Support keeping as tennis courts and avoid any pickleball courts (due to noise) in Soldiers Field.
5	7	20	Why is a memorial to police officers being erected a year after the killing of George Floyd? This would not fly in most cities and really reflects poorly on the values of our town.
6	6	5	Why are these memorial walls heated in the non snowing months?? This summer I touched the wall and was shocked it was warm. Why is this heated and wasting energy? Completely understand when they weather is freezing but in the summer it's a complete waste of funds and energy.

“I Don’t Think We Need This” Comments

#	Likes	Dislikes	Comment
1	38	16	We have plenty of park space already and need to keep this an 18 hole course.
2	29	14	A waste. The golf course is historic as is the track pool tennis courts. Stop destroying history. Don't destroy the 18 hole historic golf course. It is the first golf course in Rochester. Making it a 9 hole course is destroying history. It is only course easy to walk central location and has water running through it. Several times I have golfed with people here going through the clinic. They all say how lucky we are to have this. Other large cities in Minnesota don't destroy their courses.
3	28	7	We don't need to convert golf course to more park space. There is space north tennis courts. The baseball field is not used. Convert that to more park space.
4	22	11	The 18 hole golf course is walkable from Mayo Clinic for patients and visitors. It is centrally located and is a good use of this land, There is plenty of open space at fairgrounds for additional park space.
5	19	12	There are so many open areas around the golf course which could be better utilized as 'park space', and many other areas that are park space which are rarely used currently. Please don't get rid of an area that people pay to use just to make more free open space that people won't use.
6	14	0	We aren't golfers, but we love having such a big open green space to walk around in fall, winter and spring!! And to ski in the winter. It does seem like there are plenty of other areas that could be given over to picnic shelters, etc.
7	12	2	Keep it at its current size... It is good to have a big open green space to walk and ski.
8	9	11	Do not want an access here.
9	9	5	Is this proposing a bridge, I was thinking there was already a walkway. If not access here would be great but seems it would cost a lot! Lets first focus on what matters more. Real pool set up, playground and figuring out the golf course before using so much funds on walking bridges.
10	5	2	The park is fenced and there are a lot of benches for adults within the playground. Comments urging a path/seating on backside would be outside the fence?
11	3	2	Don't support reducing the size of the golf course, and really, removing a piece of green space for some asphalt is not a good idea for this area!!
12	2	1	Shouldn't change this 18 hole course to a 9 hole course, it is special to the city as historic and the uniqueness of the golf course. One of a kind, it's in the middle of the city, it's fairly easy to walk so more walkers means more exercise/less alternate energy use, a river flows through it, has ample "shared" parking (pool, ball diamonds, playground), nearby activities with the shared parking, near all the medical facilities, and I have personally golfed with people visiting just for medicine.



Community Engagement Phase 2

Phase 2 Overview

In June and July 2022, a second phase of community engagement occurred. An online survey was launched and City staff also tabled at a series of in-person community events. The purpose of this phase of engagement was to get input and feedback from the public on the three design concepts that were developed for Soldier's Field, as well as potential features for the Aquatics Facility expansion.

The three Soldiers Field Master Plan concepts were developed to explore ideas for what could be retained, what could be redeveloped, and what could be added. The intention was for the final design concept to include elements from all of the initial concepts, so the survey did not ask for the selection or ranking of the concepts but focused on feedback on individual parts. It should also be noted input was not asked about elements that were proposed to remain the same, such as the track and tennis courts.

Stakeholder Meetings

[Did the City host stakeholder meetings during Phase 2?]

Community Online Survey

A second online survey was hosted through Polco. The survey was advertised to residents and visitors on the City's website **as well as by word of mouth through the Stakeholders' networks [confirm]**. Respondents were asked about their preferences toward the different elements features in the design concepts. Over 1,000 responses were collected. The full survey results are included in the Appendix.

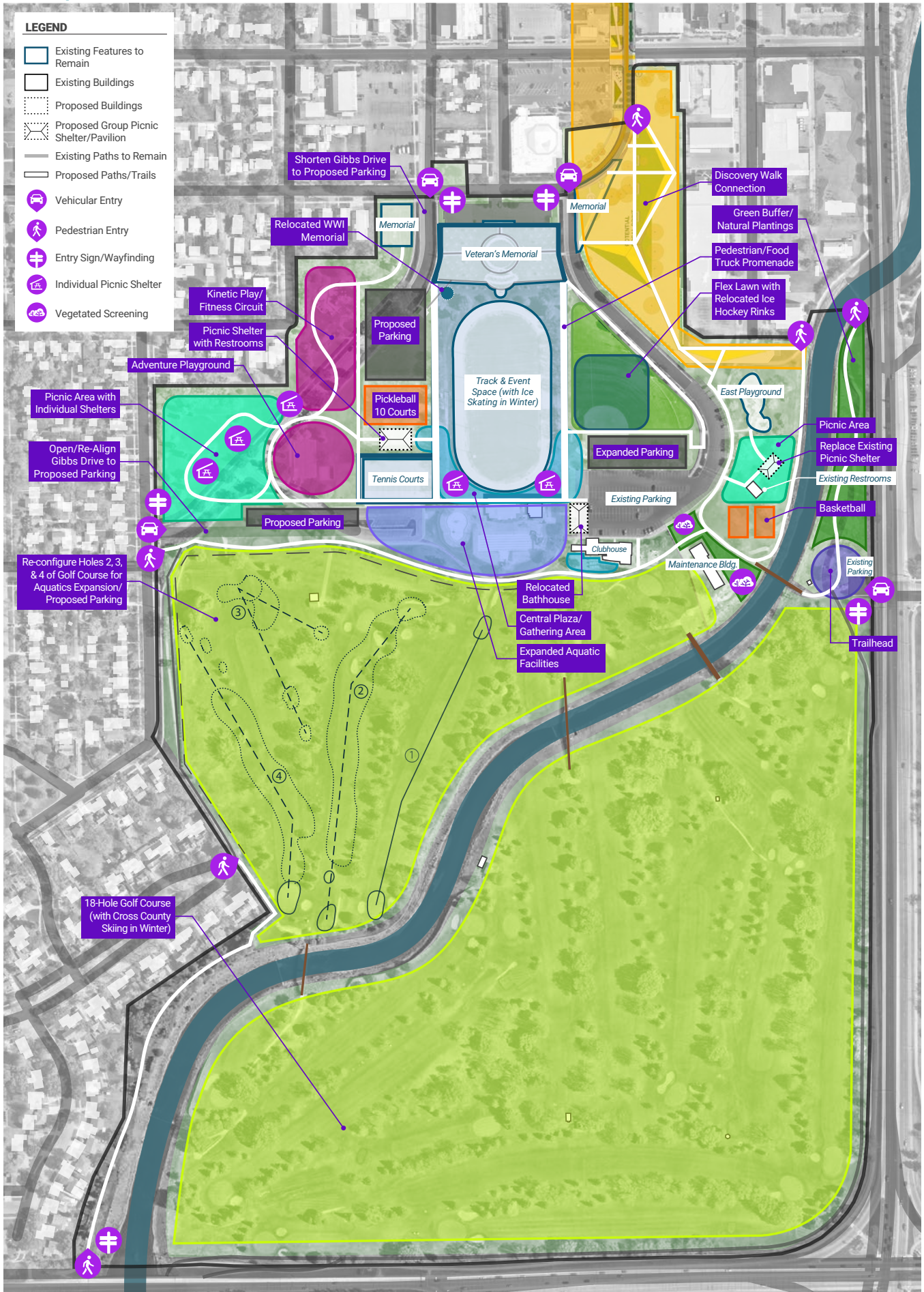
In-Person Events

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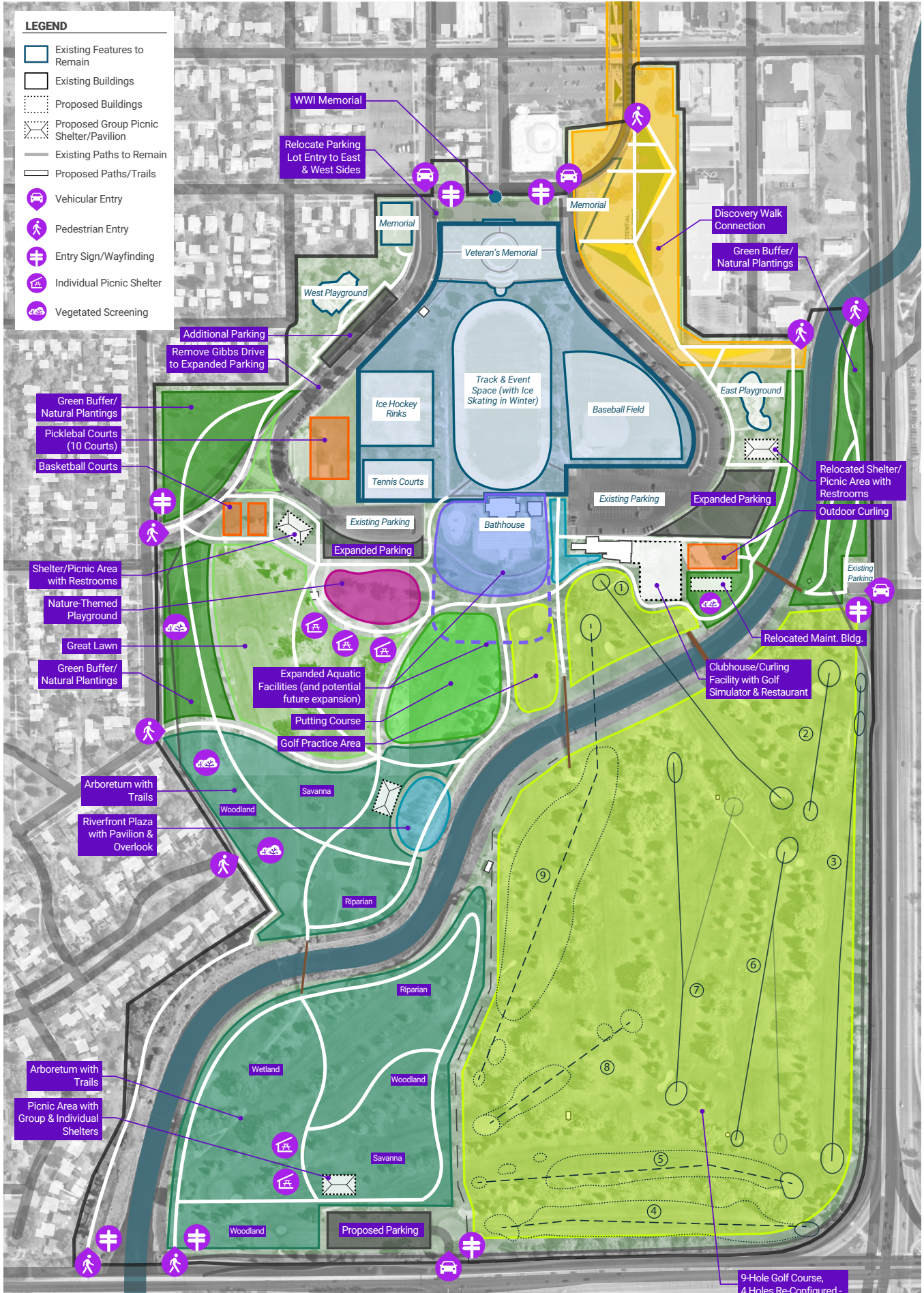
- Thursday Downtown event - June 16 [confirm]
- Rochesterfest - June 24
- Safe City Night - June 28
- Thursday Downtown event - July 7

Verbal and written comments were documented and summarized in the following pages.

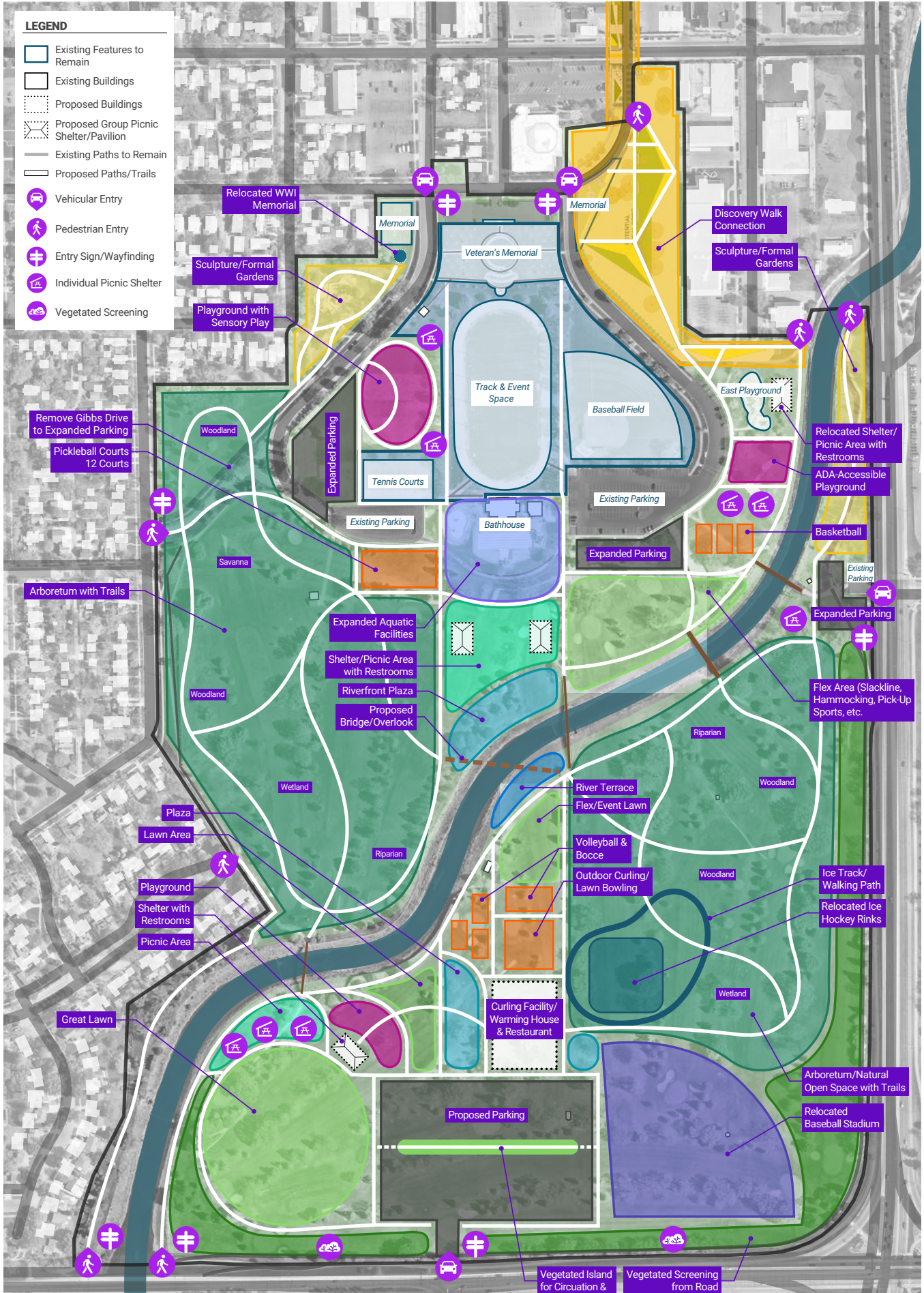
Concept 1 Plan



Concept 2 Plan



Concept 3 Plan



AQUATICS FACILITY

POTENTIAL FEATURES

An expanded aquatics facility was only to be replaced. The bathhouse requires replacement of the splash pad and/or add new features, like a shallow play pool. Help us determine what's most desirable.

EXPANDED SPLASH PAD

Playable Fountain Jets a

Bucket Dump Tower b

Water Arches c

Water Blasters d

Rain Shower Tower e

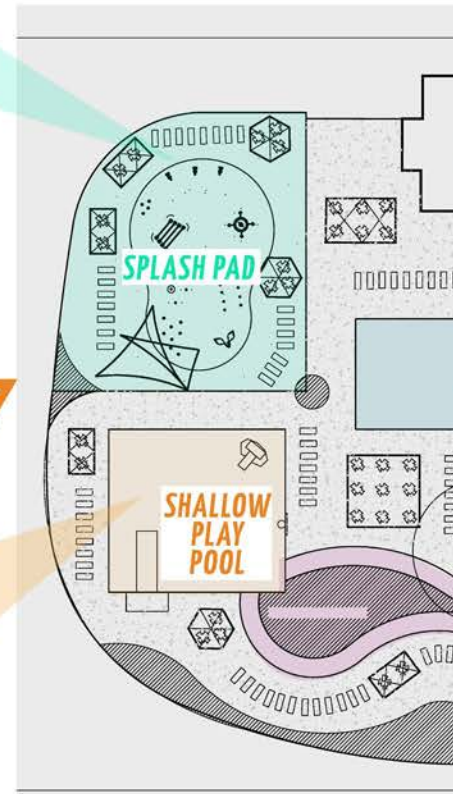


THE CITY MAY HAVE TO PHASE

WOULD YOU PREFER A SPLASH PAD, LAZY RIVER, OR SHALLOW PLAY POOL?

PLACE A GREEN DOT NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.

EXAMPLE



SHALLOW PLAY POOL (0'-4')

Zero-depth Entry a

Splash Jets b

Toddler Slide c

Family Slide d

Basketball Hoop e

Volleyball Net f



LAZY RIVER (3'-4')

Gentle Current for Flotation

Interior Landscaped Island

EXPANSION

SHARE YOUR INPUT!

Scan this QR Code to fill out an online survey!



one of the most requested features throughout public engagement. The lap pool has reached the end of its useful life and needs renovations in order to better serve visitors. In addition to these investments, there may be funds available to improve the splash play pool, lazy river, or diving pool.

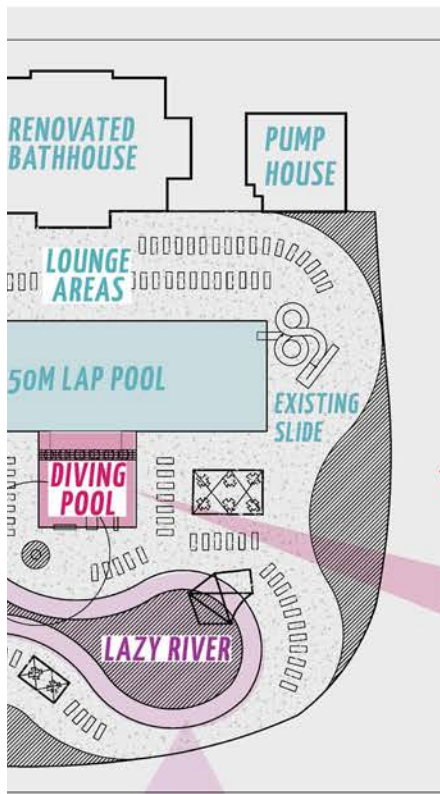
Indicated by marking your highest priority with a green dot. Put red dots next to things you don't think are needed.

THE AQUATICS EXPANSION.

LASH PAD, SHALLOW PLAY DIVING POOL?

YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.

LAYOUT



PLANNED INVESTMENTS

50m Lap Pool (replace) a



Existing Slide (keep) b

Bathhouse (renovate) c



Rental Pavilions d

Shade Structures e



Lounges f

DIVING POOL (4' - 12.5')

Dive Pool a



3m Springboard b

1m Diving Board c

Climbing Wall d



Water Walk e

In-Person Events

City staff attended **four [VERIFY]** in-person community events during the months of June and July 2022, interacting with over 200 people. The City displayed presentation boards of design concepts and aquatics for the public to review and provide comments on with post-it notes or dots. Verbal comments were documented via meeting notes.

Below is a summary of the verbal and written comments collected during the in-person events:

- Aquatics was a key item that the attendees were excited about and saw high value with investing in. Many regarding on the aquatics expansion/upgrades, especially the potential lazy river feature.
- There were varying opinions collected regarding golf, both in support of keeping golf and in support of reducing golf, but overall, the majority of attendees expressed in interest in reducing golf (either to 9 holes or removing golf completely). Many comments expressed an interest in sunsetting golf or reducing to a 9 hole course to allow for other uses of the southern portion of the park.
- There were mixed comments on the need for another playground versus expanding the existing playgrounds. However, many attendees liked the adventure playground option and wanted to keep it in the master plan.
- Attendees expressed a strong need for greater ADA-accessibility.
- There was a desire for more access to the river.
- Many comments expressing a need for more trails, especially where there is a lack of trails/connections on the southwest side.
- There were also comments to establish better access across Broadway Ave and 12th Street to serve more neighborhoods
- Recurring comments requested more un-programmed open space as shown in Concepts 2 & 3. There were also multiple comments about wanting a “Central Park” feel at Soldier’s Field.
- There was a strong desire for having plenty of shade at Soldier’s Field.
- Most attendees had positive reactions to Concept 3 even when pointed to the other concepts for review.
- Pickleball was a topic of interest and had support.
- There were a few comments about adding curling.
- Event vendors that commented on the design concepts expressed a need for access to water utilities on the east side of the track (instead of having to provide temporary water during events). There was also a desire for an area for backstock vehicles with power available (suggested in the west parking lot but could be flexible).



Collecting input on the design concepts at a public engagement event in June 2022.

AQUATICS FACILITY EXPANSION

POTENTIAL FEATURES

An expanded aquatics facility was one of the most requested features throughout public engagement. The lap pool has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. The bathhouse requires renovations in order to better serve visitors. In addition to these investments, there may be funds available to improve the splash pad and/or add new features, like a shallow play pool, lazy river, or diving pool. Help us determine what's most desired by marking your highest priority with a green dot. Put red dots next to things you don't think are needed.

THE CITY MAY HAVE TO PHASE THE AQUATICS EXPANSION. WOULD YOU PREFER A SPLASH PAD, SHALLOW PLAY POOL, LAZY RIVER, OR DIVING POOL? PLACE A GREEN DOT NEXT TO YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.

EXPANDED SPLASH PAD

- Playable Fountain (a)
- Bucket Dump Tower (b)
- Water Arches (c)
- Water Blasters (d)
- Main Shower Tower (e)

SHALLOW PLAY POOL (0'-4')

- Zero-dec. entry (a)
- Splash Jets (b)
- Toddler slide (c)
- Family slide (d)
- Basketball Hoop (e)
- Volleyball Net (f)

LAZY RIVER (3'-4')

- Water Walk (a)
- Water Wall (b)
- Water Tunnel (c)
- Water Slide (d)
- Water Spout (e)
- Water Fountain (f)

PLANNED INVESTMENTS

- Form Lounge (a)
- Existing Slide (b)
- Bathhouse (c)
- Rent Pavilion (d)
- Slide Structure (e)
- Lounges (f)

DIVING POOL (4' - 12.5')

- Dive Pool (a)
- Spring (b)
- Trim Dive (c)
- Climbing Wall (d)
- Water Walk (e)

EXAMPLE LAYOUT

Soldier's Field Memorial Park | Public Open House

June 2022

Community Survey Summary

A second online community survey was launched in June 2022 and was open through July 2022. This survey contained 13 questions about the different elements featured in the design concepts, intending to capture respondents' preferences on individual potential improvements rather than a selection or ranking of the concepts. An additional seven questions were asked at the end of the survey to understand the demographics of the participants. The survey was designed to take ten minutes to complete.

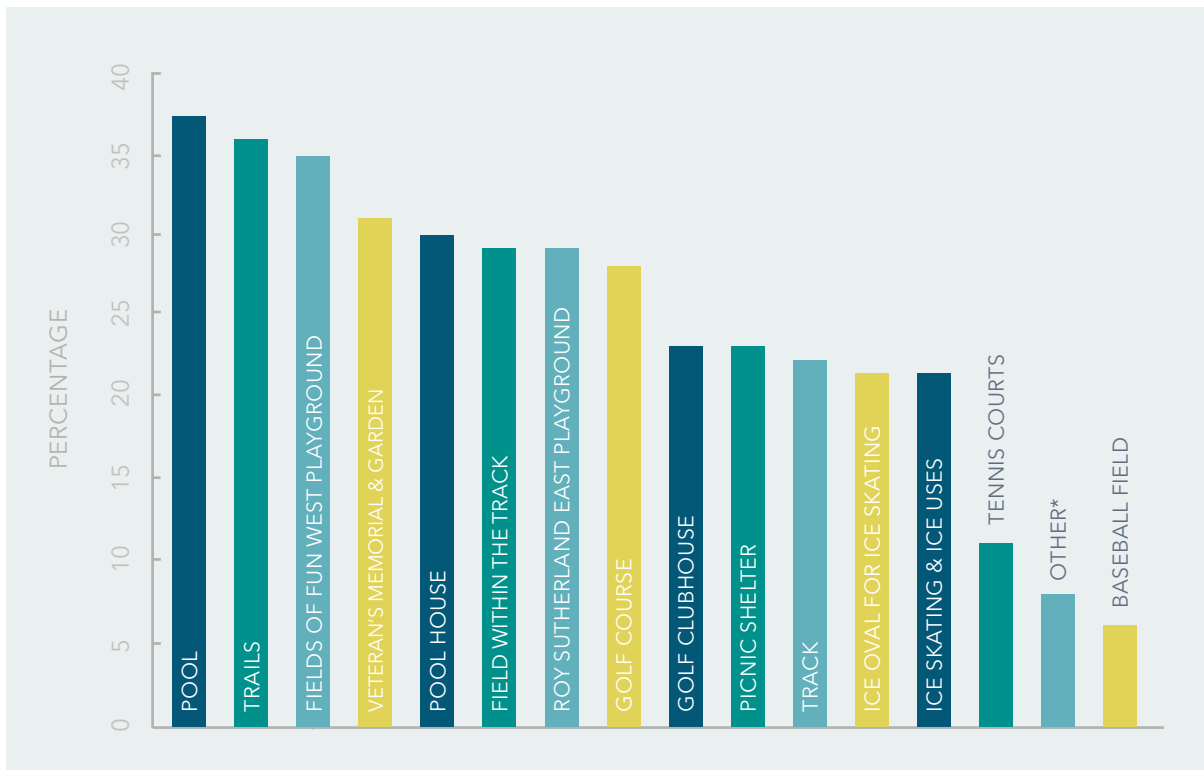
Participation

Over the **three weeks that the survey was open, 1,000 responses [confirm]** were collected. The survey was advertised **through the project website [confirm]**, social media accounts of the Parks and Recreation Department, **and through Stakeholder Groups' networks [confirm]**.

Survey Results

The following is a summary of key questions asked and responses gathered through the community survey. All questions were optional.

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, WHICH FACILITIES HAVE YOU USED AT SOLDIERS FIELD MEMORIAL PARK
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)



*TOP 'OTHER' RESPONSES: WINTER USE, DOG WALKING, ROCHESTER FEST/PRIDE/EVENTS, TRAILS, FLEX LAWN (FOR DISC GOLF, SOCCER, ETC)

THE THREE CONCEPTS EXPLORE ADDING NEW FEATURES TO THE PARK.
PLEASE IDENTIFY UP TO 8 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES TO
RETAIN IN THE FINAL PROPOSED CONCEPT.



RIVER PLAZA WITH PAVILION & OVERLOOK



FOOD TRUCK PROMENADE



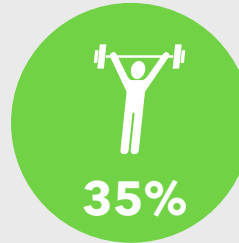
PICKLEBALL



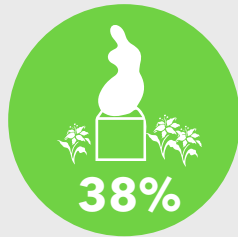
ARBORETUM



GREAT LAWN/FLEX LAWN



KINETIC PLAY/
FITNESS CIRCUIT



SCULPTURE/FORMAL GARDENS



BASKETBALL COURTS



VOLLEYBALL COURTS



GOLF PUTTING COURSE



INDOOR CURLING



BOCCE COURTS



OUTDOOR CURLING

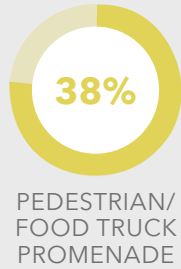
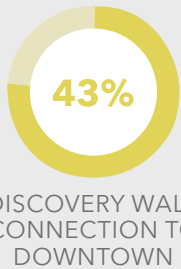
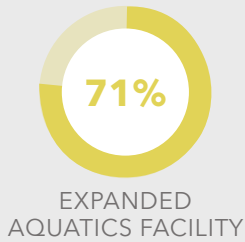


BASEBALL STADIUM



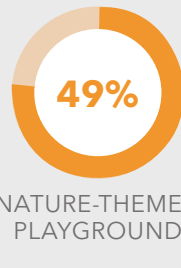
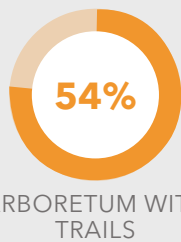
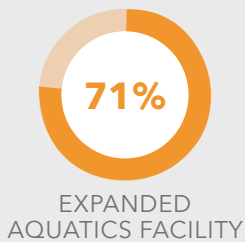
GOLF SIMULATOR

WHICH FEATURES IN CONCEPT 1 ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? (SELECT UP TO 5)



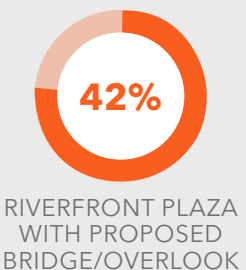
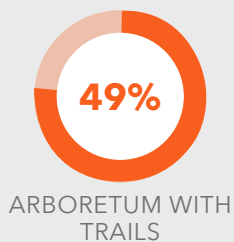
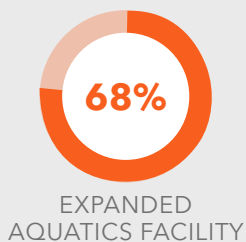
- 35% PICKLEBALL COURTRTS
- 32% PICNIC AREA WITH INDIVIDUAL SHELTERS
- 31% SCULPTURE/FORMAL GARDENS
- 26% KINETIC PLAY/FITNESS CIRCUIT
- 19% FLEX LAWN WITH RELOCATED ICE HOCKEY RINKS
- 15% BASKETBALL COURTS

WHICH FEATURES IN CONCEPT 2 ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? (SELECT UP TO 5)



- 35% PICKLEBALL COURTRTS
- 31% PICNIC AREA WITH SHELTERS
- 28% GREEN BUFFER/NATURAL PLANTINGS ALONG 6TH AVENUE
- 23% PUTTING COURSE
- 17% BASKETBALL COURTS

WHICH FEATURES IN CONCEPT 3 ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? (SELECT UP TO 8)

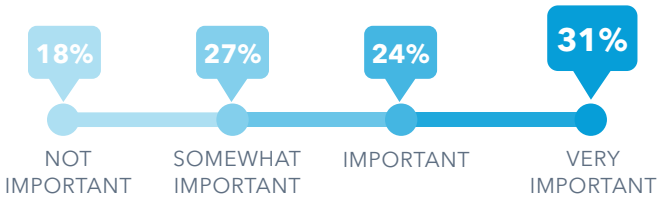


- 38% PLAYGROUND WITH SENSORY PLAY
- 31% PICKLEBALL COURTS
- 30% ICE TRACK/WALKING PATH
- 29% RIVER TERRACE
- 27% SCULPTURE/FORMAL GARDENS
- 27% PICNIC AREAS WITH SHELTERS
- 22% OUTDOOR CURLING/LAWN BOWLING
- 21% FLEX LAWN
- 16% BASKETBALL COURTS
- 15% VOLLEYBALL & BOCCIE COURTS
- 9% RELOCATED HOCKEY RINKS
- 5% RELOCATED BASEBALL STADIUM

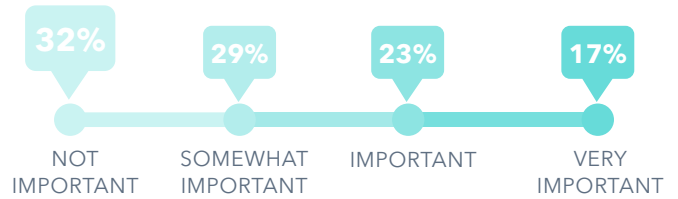
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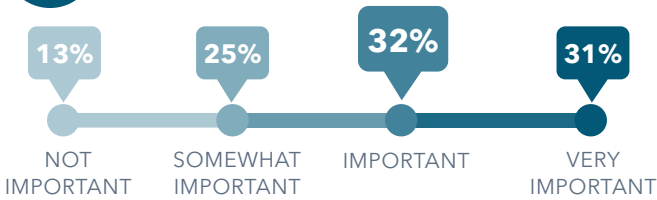
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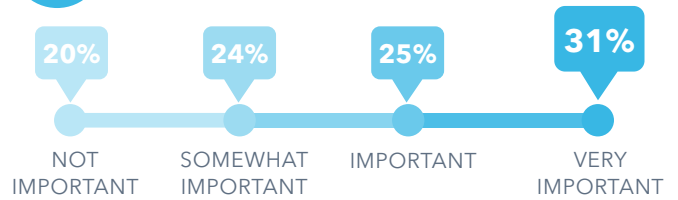
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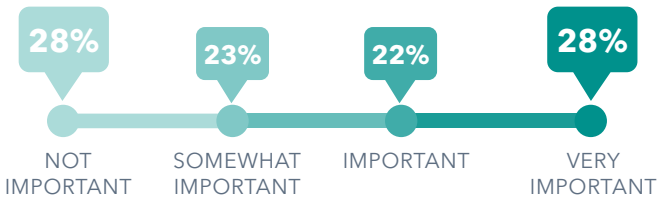
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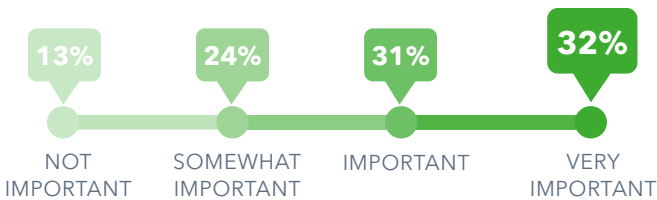
RETAIN 50 METER POOL



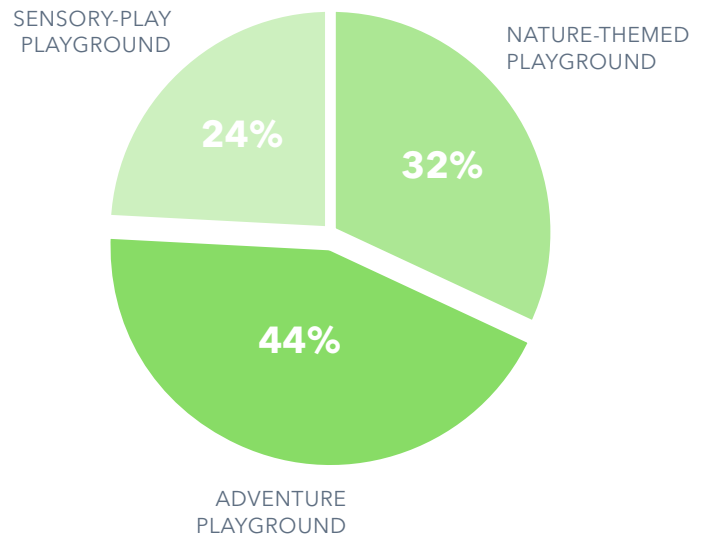
LAZY RIVER





THE 3 CONCEPTS EXPLORE IMPROVING THE BATHHOUSE (AREA WHERE YOU CAN CHANGE AND USE THE RESTROOM AT THE POOL). HOW IMPORTANT IS A RENOVATED BATHHOUSE TO YOU?



THE 3 CONCEPTS EXPLORE THREE NEW TYPES OF PLAYGROUNDS. PLEASE RANK YOUR PREFERRED TYPE OF PLAYGROUND.



 Polco will be unavailable 7-10pm CDT today for a planned upgrade 

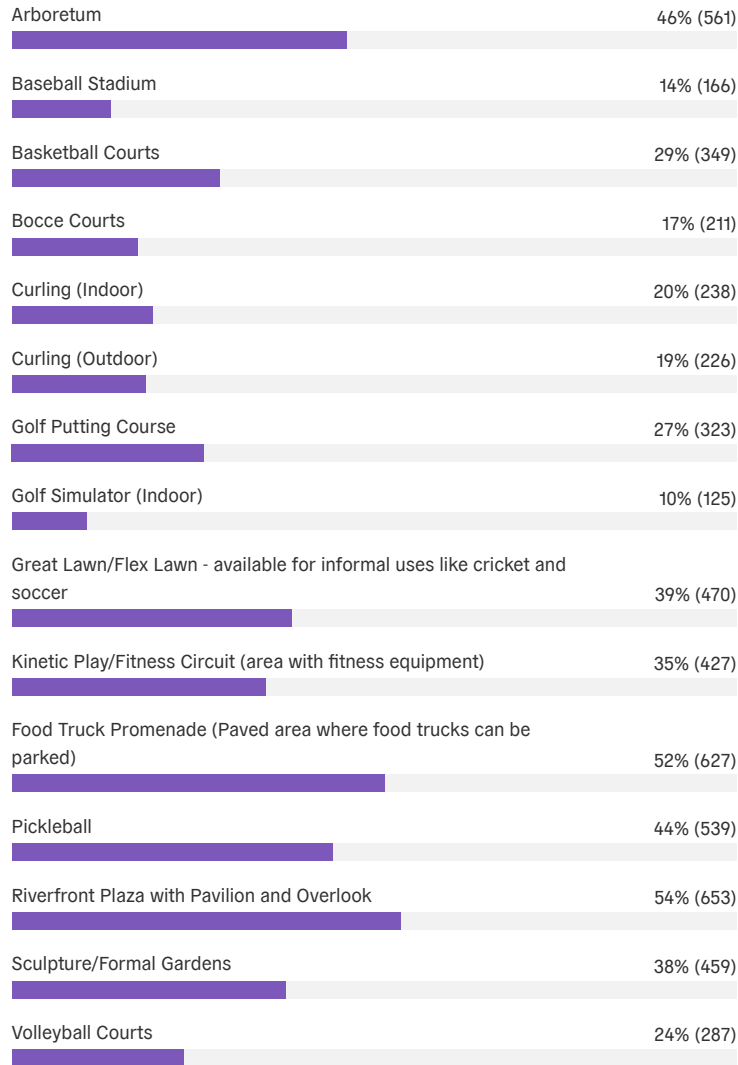


Soldiers Field Memorial Park Master Plan Update - Concept Survey

Survey Results
FINAL

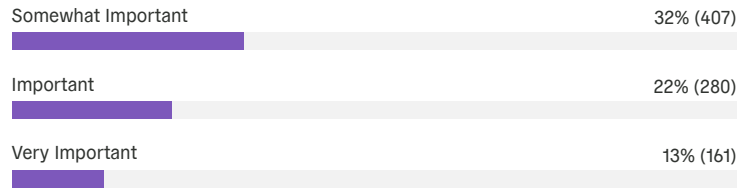
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The three concepts explore adding new features to the park. Please identify up to 8 of the most important features to retain in the final proposed concept.



The 3 concepts explore adding different amounts and types of open areas/spaces - flexible, un-programmed green space or lawn space. Please select how important it is that the final concept includes more open space than the park offers today.

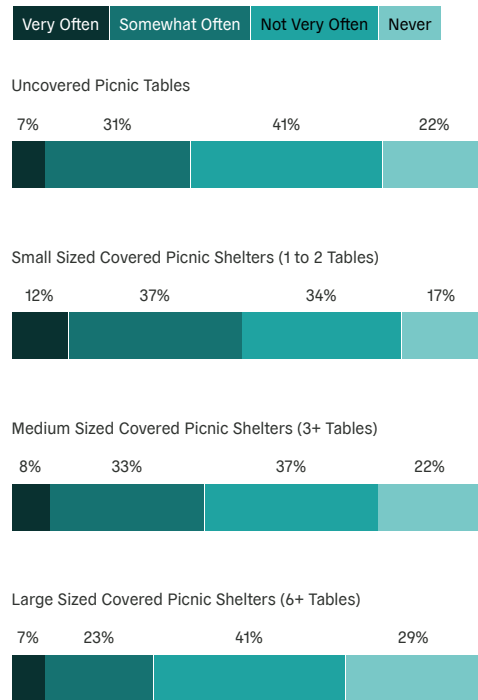




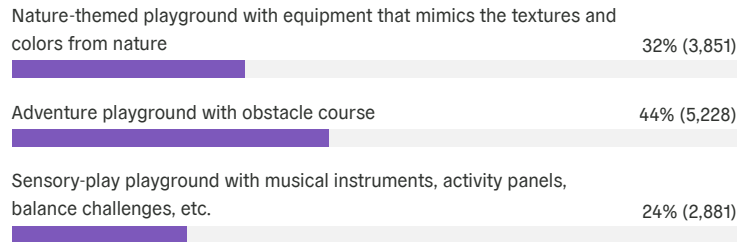
The concepts explore adding different types of picnic areas. Please rank the following options by how frequently you would use them.

Question	Very Often	Somewhat Often	Not Very Often	Never
Uncovered Picnic Tables	7%	31%	41%	22%
Small Sized Covered Picnic Shelters (1 to 2 Tables)	12%	37%	34%	17%
Medium Sized Covered Picnic Shelters (3+ Tables)	8%	33%	37%	22%
Large Sized Covered Picnic Shelters (6+ Tables)	7%	23%	41%	29%

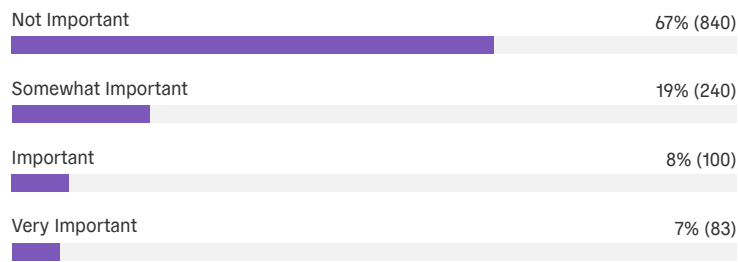
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The 3 concepts explore three new types of playgrounds. Please rank your preferred type of playground.



One of the concepts explores repurposing the existing baseball field next to the track, how important is it to you that the existing baseball field be retained?

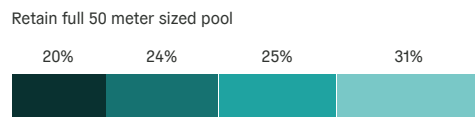
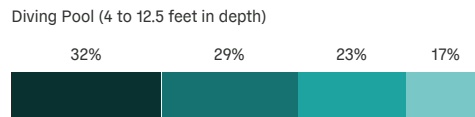
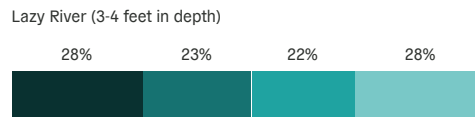
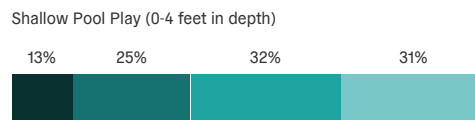
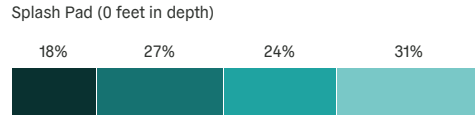


The concepts explore the renovation and expansion of the park's aquatics facilities. Please help prioritize by ranking the following potential improvements.

Question	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Splash Pad (0 feet in depth)	18%	27%	24%	31%
Shallow Pool Play (0-4 feet in depth)	13%	25%	32%	31%
Lazy River (3-4 feet in depth)	28%	23%	22%	28%

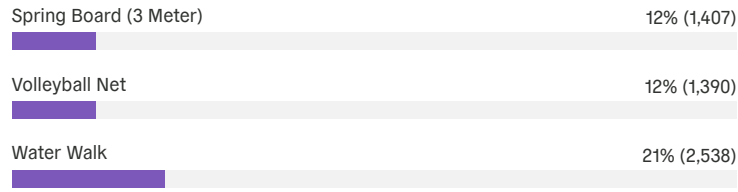
Question	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Diving Pool (4 to 12.5 feet in depth)	32%	29%	23%	17%
Retain full 50 meter sized pool	20%	24%	25%	31%

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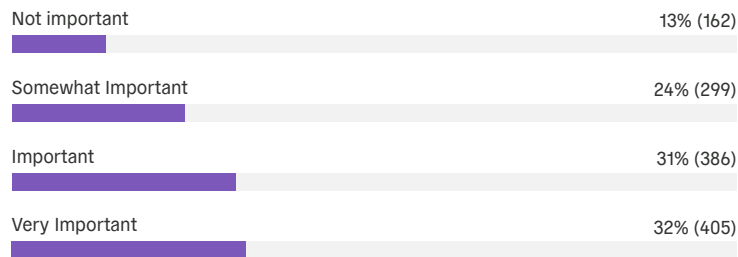


The renovated aquatics area would include features for older children. Please rank the important of the following features:

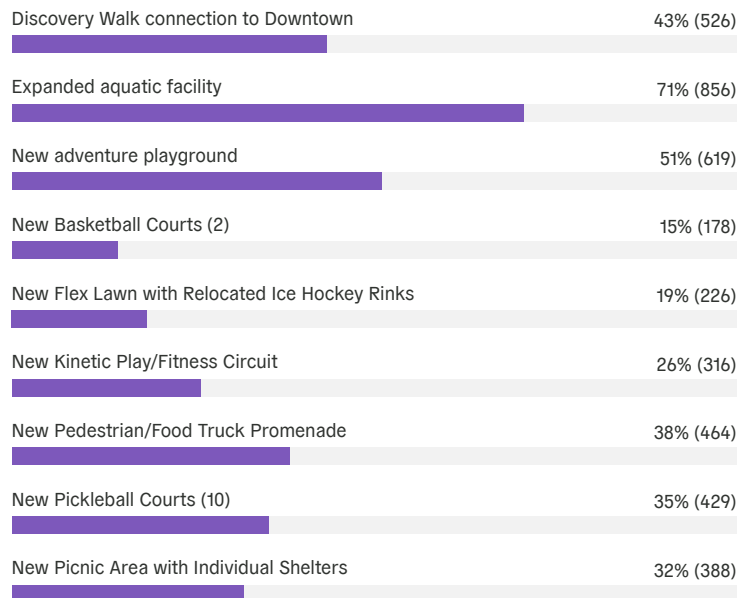


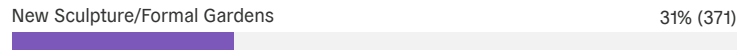


The 3 concepts explore improving the bathhouse (area where you can change and use the restroom at the pool). How important is a renovated bathhouse to you?

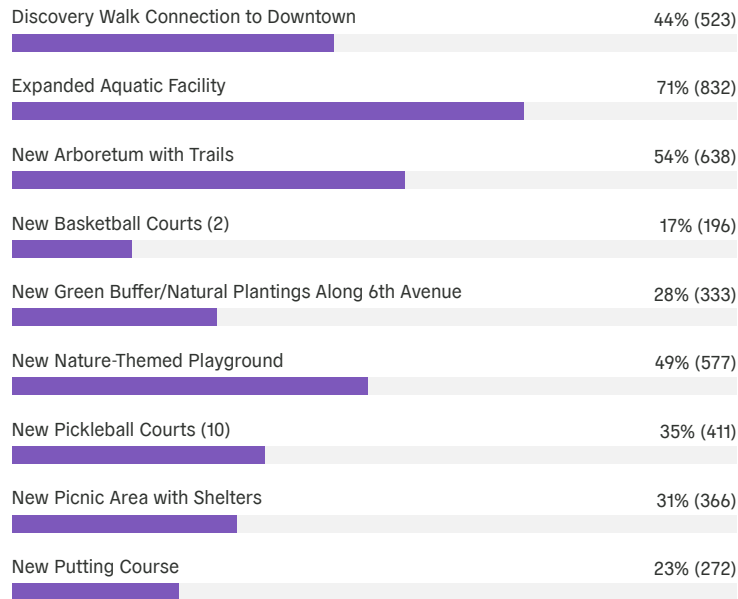


Which features in Concept 1 are most important to you? (Select up to 5)

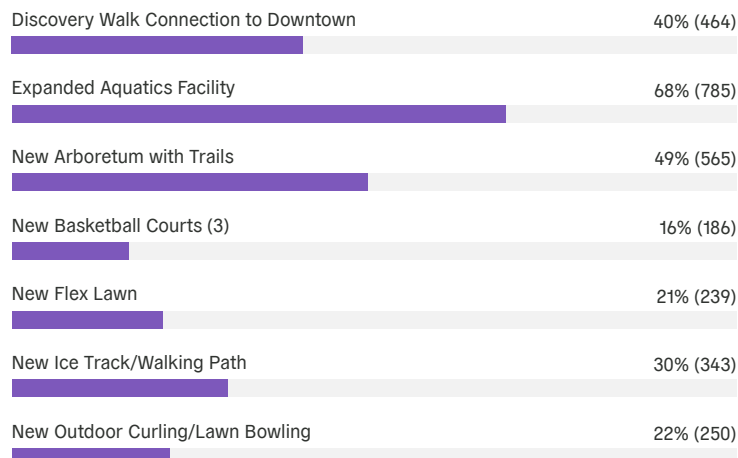


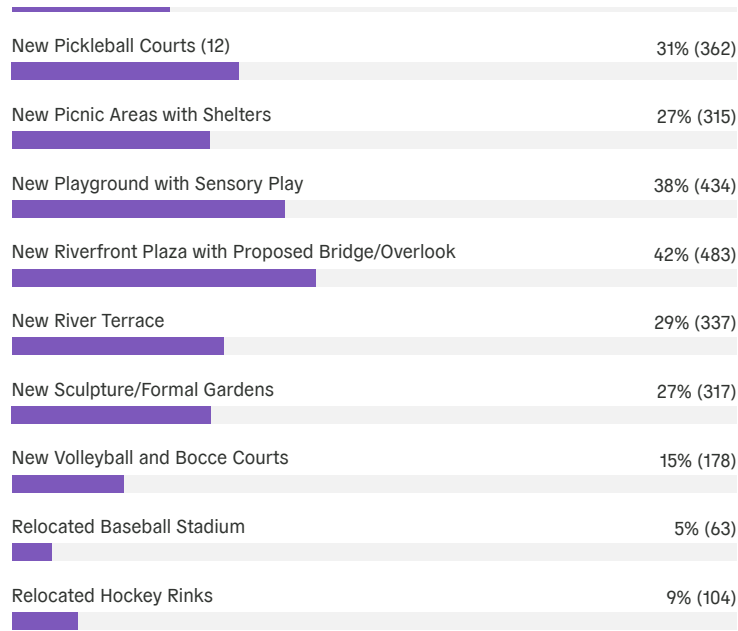


Which features in Concept 2 are most important to you? (Select up to 5)

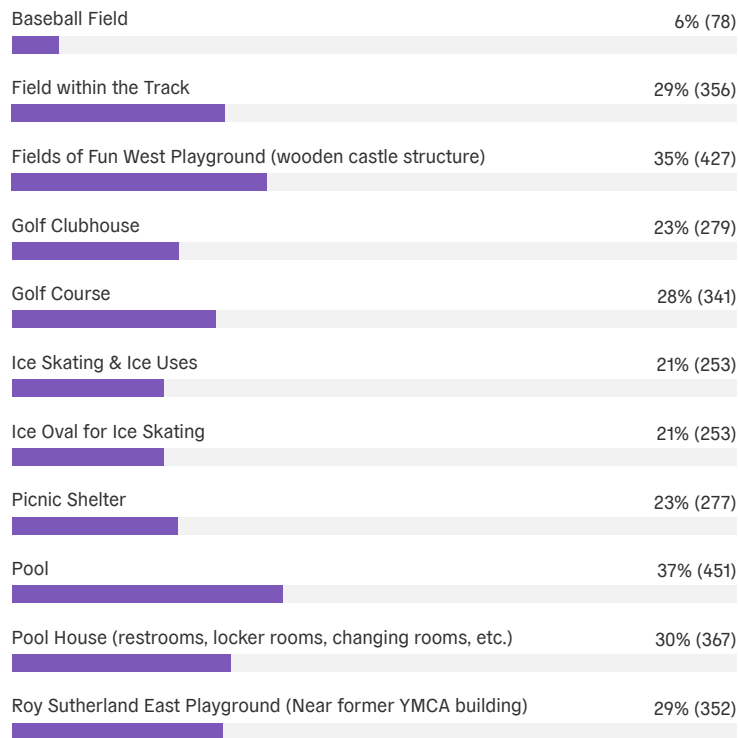


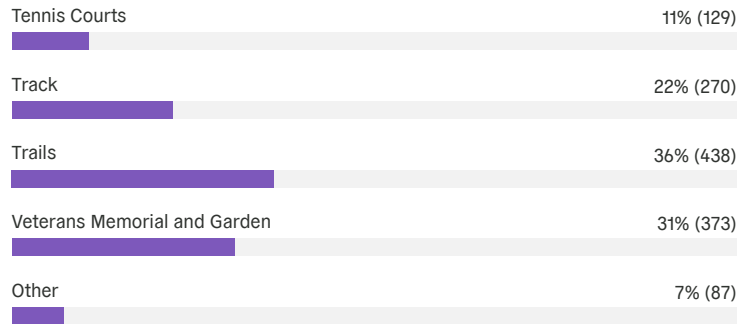
Which features in Concept 3 are most important to you? (Select up to 8)





In the last 12 months, which facilities have you used at Soldiers Field Memorial Park (select all that apply)





If selected other, please share that here.

Winter use with dogs

Bike Parking

Bike rack parking, this should be expanded and prioritized

I used soldiers Field the most on winter because the golf course becomes available for walking. I'm very much in favor of the 9 hole course. It's a great compromise and allows more people to enjoy the nature so close to downtown.

None, have not been to the city center.

Winter access to golf course w dog!

Non-sheltered picnic table

Rochesterfest food trucks

The Field of Fun West playground is a city Jewel and NEEDS to remain or expanded. It is the only playground of its kind in town.

Parking should be reduced if not totally eliminated. There is way too much parking as it is. The cars pollute, make the park inaccessible due to sprawl, and put park users in danger. Please poll users on parking next.

I did not see indoor curling listed in concept 2. That is the thing I would like to see most!

Curling!!!!

I have used the cross country ski trails in the winter.

Central area for pride festival

my family has lived in rochester for 40 years - our preference is to 100% keep this as the current beautiful and rare gem of a full 18 hole golf course PLEASE -

Lawn areas for frisbee and ball playing with my dog. Cross country skiing on the golf course when groomed. Track use in winter when iced.

Cross country skiing

Covid

There isn't an area for this above but an indoor curling space would be ideal and I would greatly desire it!!!!

Went to pride

Flex lawn for frisbee, kite flying, soccer

Pokestops and Gyms via Pokemon GO.

Move the Aquatics center to the old Seneca space. Parking will be better and more accessible. Save the golf course. Please.

Concept 3 has no golf course. Unacceptable!!

This survey is incredibly biased against retaining the 18 hole golf course. In the very 1st question, which things are important to you, golf isn't even listed. You've eliminated the highest use choice from this survey. You've obviously made your choices. How incredibly disturbing this is.

Golf course, all 18 holes each time, and if the size of the course is reduced I and a number of people I play with will look to spend our time playing golf in another community. Any intrusion into the golf course boundaries is simply going to place unmanageable demand on the remaining golf division's product. We were here when S.M.F.G.C. was closed for the Flood Control Project the over demand was an unmanageable problem. The addition of a learning center will not off-set the problem you will be intentionally causing.

I don't golf but I know many who do. I love the open green space and the option of a flat course near downtown for visitors and seniors - don't remove it, please, we have plenty of other green space for these types of "extras" ...they don't all need to be at one spot!!!!

The bike trails and bridges in this area need 100% improvement. The trails original trails in this area for biking are so. Bad, along with Silver Lake trails. Rochester is over looking so many small improvements and looking at big projects to send tax payers money. So many simple things but Rah Rah Rochester go big or go home. Ridiculous

Please try to balance the tradition, existing facilities with new ideas. Retain some of the history. Thank you for seeking input.

Food trucks

Rochester Fest Concert

Playground and uncovered picnic tables

Flex space for soccer

Dog walking in winter

Walk dogs in winter off leash on course

RochesterFest

The field of fun is the absolute best park in town for kids. It is always full and used. Please retain it! Also I am a former college golfer who loves to play golf weekly at public courses and still never use the soldier field golf course. I truly believe this space as so many better potential uses as outlined by the plans.

Playground and picnic areas

Golf course in winter for dog walking

Festival attendance

Open lawn areas for picnic.

walking on sidewalks several times a day, biking on trails

I and hundreds others would be at Indoor Curling 6 months of the year.

An aquatic center is a must. North Mankato recently opened a beautiful aquatic center that has plenty of space for large groups. I would love to see Rochester build something comparable.

The park

Dog walking on golf area seasonally until kicked off by golfers

The main space I use would I think be called the "flex zones" in this context. The open green area around/within the track, near the west playground, as well as the baseball outfield when that's not being used.

Add more lit tennis courts. Keep pickleball away, make it a crime to tape or chalk the tennis courts with additional lines! Leave golf course as is.

Golf course all 18 holes!

I only use other areas during Rochester Fest and 4th of July.

None, the park currently has nothing of interest for me.

please leave all 18 holes of golf. It is a treasure in the center in town. No arboretum

Pride and rochesterfest

NONE OF THE ABOVE - DO NOT REMOVE THE 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE! I DID NOT CARE FOR THIS SURVEY - SLANTED TO SAY THE LEAST!

Walking

Dog walking and skiing golf course in the winter

Keep it a neighborhood park. Don't need arboretum!

Event space/pride fest

Rochesterfest

KEEP GOLF PLEASE

I would love to see more ADA accessibility with the playgrounds and trails.

The Memorial.

Never. Lacks handicap accessible places.

Keep the full 18 hole golf course

Improvements to the Golf course.

Leave the pool as is and fix the leaks. Need a new pool filter building. Stop there. Don't waste your money and all the other stuff.

Snow shoeing

Parking area and trails on Broadway by the old Kmart building. We frequently park there and walk across the bridge to have picnics. **** Since there is no other place to put it, have you considered racquetball courts now that the YMCA closed? I'm all for all the outdoor things that are proposed, but most of those cannot be used year-round. The racquetball courts can be used all year for racquetball, volleyball, handball, pickleball, etc. The dimensions for those courts are roughly the same.

We used the solider field tennis courts to play pickleball several times when Cook park was full. Used chalk to sketch lines.

Taped lines for Pickkrball

Walking and skiing with dogs in the winter. During the day and in the evening.

RochesterFest

Rochesterfest activities

Rochester Fest

I would have used pickleball courts extensively if they were available

You are making a terrible mistake if you take away the treasure that is Soldiers Field Memorial Golf Course.

Nothing

Sidewalk trails

None really. Food trucks during rochester fest

Please keep the existing golf course. We have enough parks and open spaces in Rochester. Golf is a sport for all people, young and old. The current course is great for beginner and senior golfers due to its layout.

Dog walking

Bike trail

Restaurant at the SF clubhouse. Putting green that already exists. This survey does not allow choices for KEEPING and UPDATING the current golf course and club house.

This survey was found in my junk mail. I wonder how many people actually were able to complete the survey due to not finding it. Perhaps a mail in survey would be better.

Simply pass through it as a desired bicycling route. It would be fantastic if instead of a golf course we had an expanded green space which included greater access to the river banks.

golf course in winter for x-country skiing and snowshoeing

We went over and taught families pickleball a few times on the tennis courts.

Cross country skied in the golf course

Please have access on the south side without an 18 hole course. This blocks out almost the entire park and doesn't allow access. Skip the baseball field. Expand the water park and add pickle ball courts.

I did not see a place for general comments. If possibly moving or removing the golf course is an option, I think it should be strongly considered. Golf courses are not environmentally friendly and I feel Soldier's Field should have more resources that are accessible to the residents in that area who might not have access to transportation. What are the needs of the local residents? Do they need a place for their kids to be safe and engaged? What resources might they need that they cannot regularly get access to at school, work, etc. like basketball courts, soccer fields, running/walking trails, etc.? Are local residents in the Southeast area of Rochester being asked about their needs? They might not have access to technology to be able to fill out this survey.

We actually taped tennis courts to play pickleball.

Have used the cross country ski trails in the winter

None

Frisbee golf course

You don't give a selection of which concept you like best.

Only used these facilities the one night we attended Rochesterfest

Parking is so difficult I tend to stay away

Need a bigger ice skating/roller skating path. Check out Maple Grove, MN central park for ideas. Their playground is great too. Three Rivers District has amazing things.

Flower, meditation gardens!

Golf course area in the winter to walk my dogs.

Playground

Cross country skiing

Waterpark like every other town surrounding Rochester

None

I would like to see a large park they have in the cocities. Our playgrounds in rochester are small and lacking adventure/variety

Events

Golf course during winter for hiking and walking

Open space

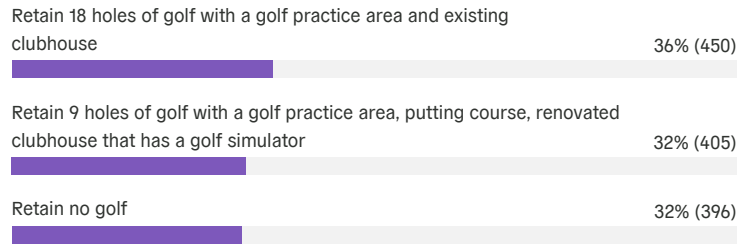
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I would have used Pickelball courts if available. Traveled out of town for Pickelball.

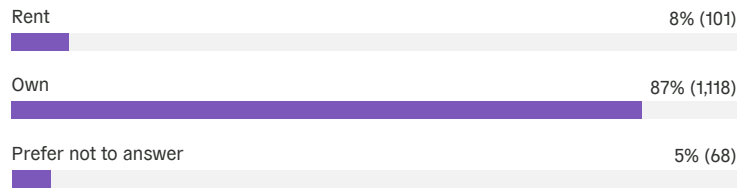
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We really need a new pool and water park. Rochester is so boring for young adults and kids

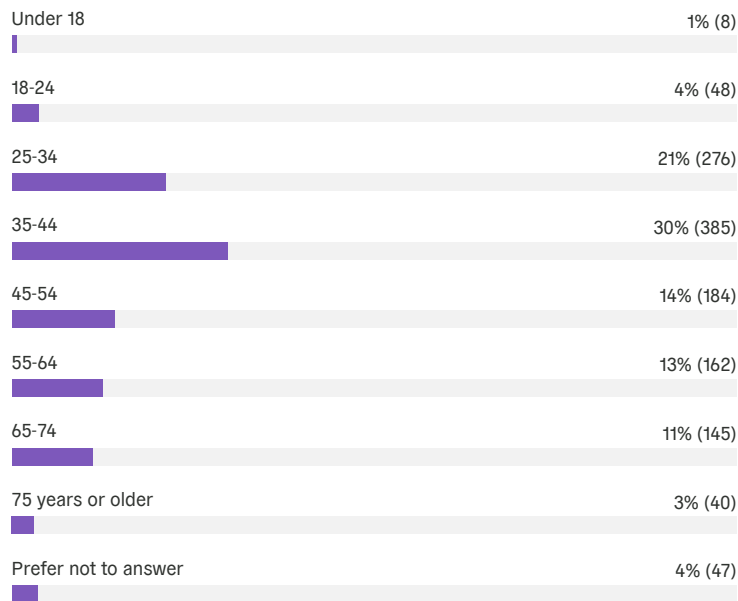
The 3 concepts explore different approaches to golf. Please select which approach you think should be explored in the final concept



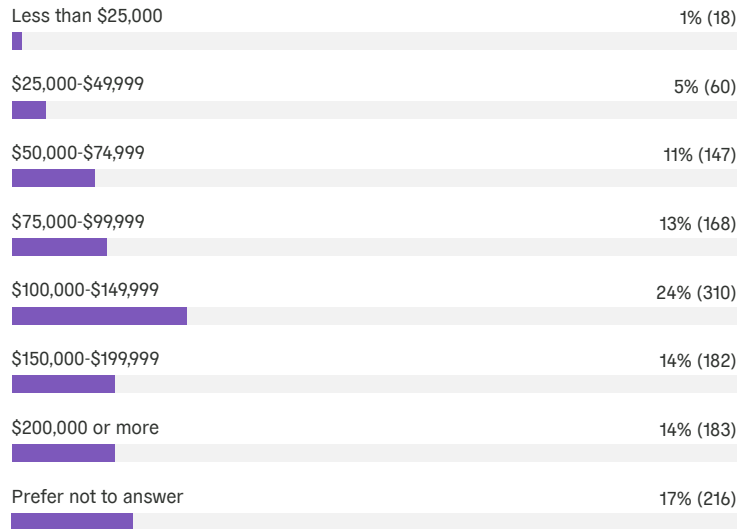
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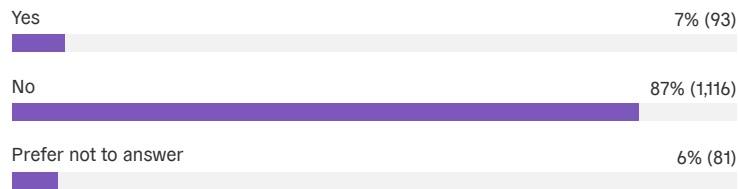
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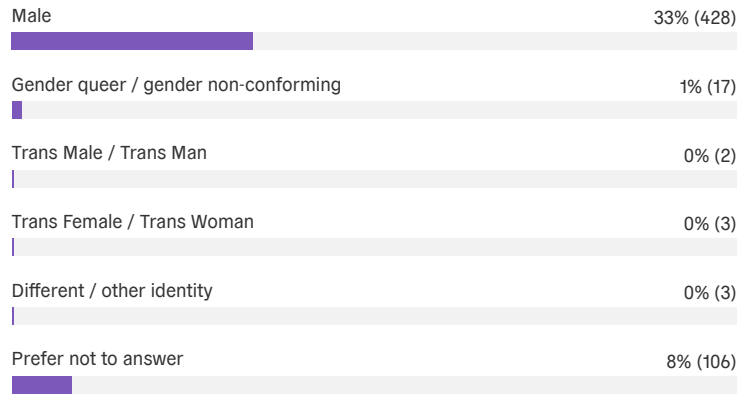


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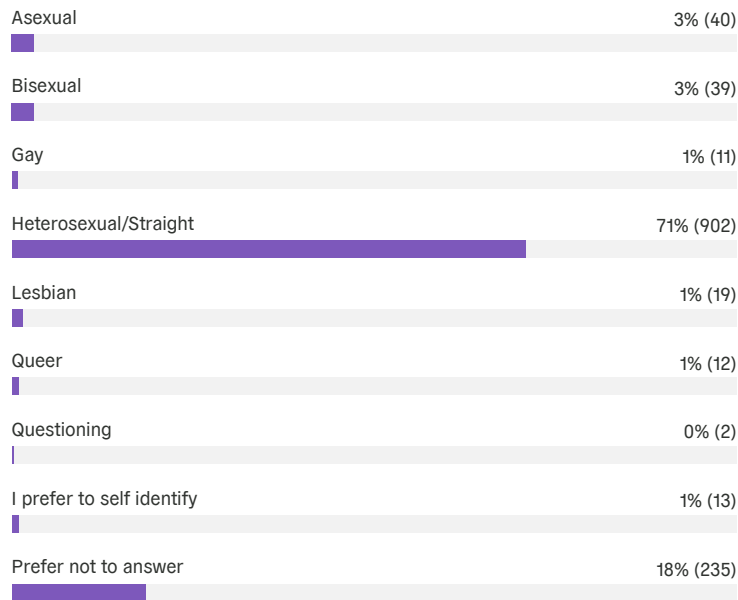


What is your current gender identity?





Which term best describes your sexual orientation?



What is your zip code?



