

AGENDA
Parks, Trails, & Open Space Steering Committee: Meeting #2

6:00	Review Previous Engagement Efforts
6:10	Overview of Parks System Plan Updates
6:25	Review Downtown Design Concepts Related to the Parks Plan
6:40	Review Preliminary Design Principles
6:50	Park Programming Prioritization Activity
7:55	Next Steps
8:00	Adjourn

## Meeting #1 Goals

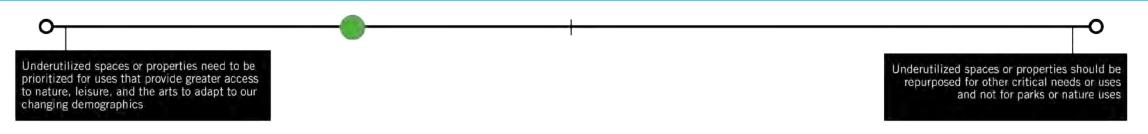
✓ Review Engagement Efforts

✓ Review Guiding Design Principles for Parks Master Plans

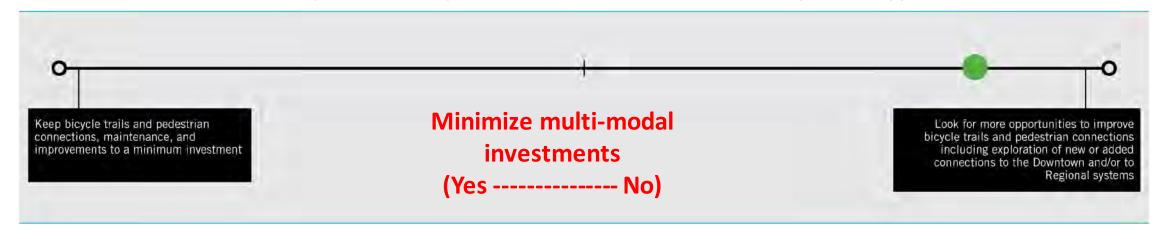
✓ Develop Park Programming Prioritization



## Parks, Trails, & Open Space Steering Committee Continuum Statements

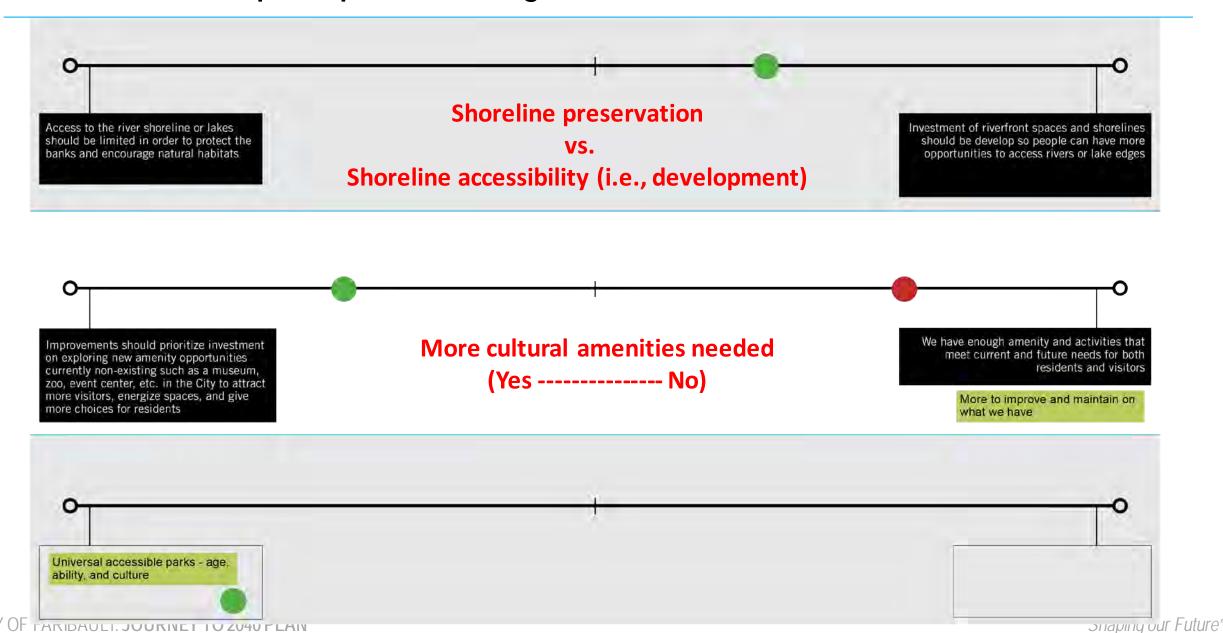


## **Green space development --- vs. --- All other development types**

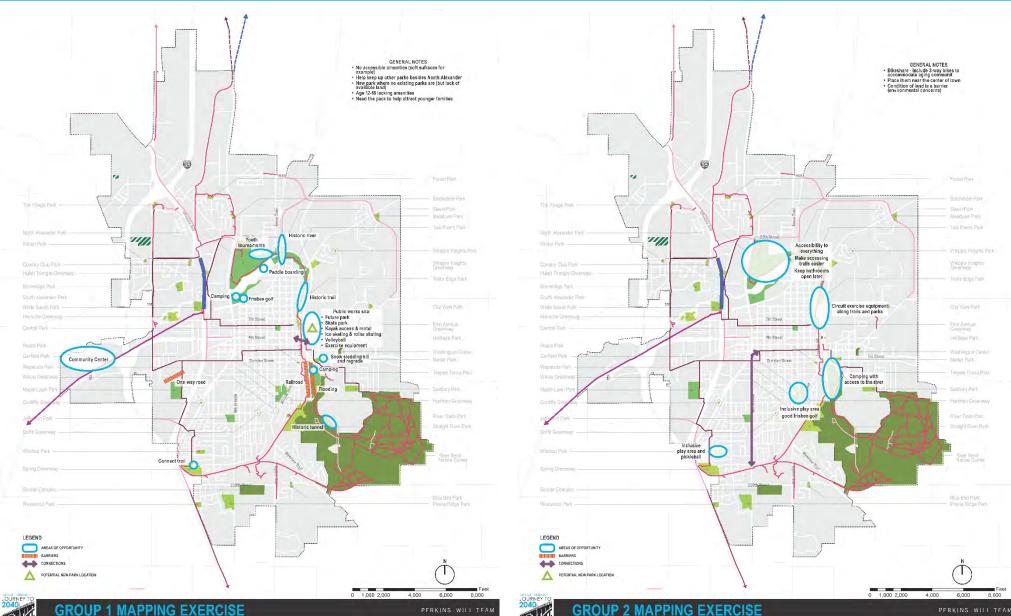




## Parks, Trails, & Open Space Steering Committee Continuum Statements



## Exercise #1: Mapping



## **STRENGTHS**:

- 1. Diversity of parks
- 2. Abundance of neighborhood parks (2) 10. Water
- 3. Multi-functionality of North Alexander 11.BMX track Park (2)
- 4. Soccer complex
- 5. Trails are almost connected
- 6. High community demand (2)
- 7. Dog park
- 8. Trail links to the center of town

- 9. Well maintained
- - 12.State trail (3)
  - 13. River Bend Nature Center (5)
  - 14. Lots of youth living in Faribault

## **WEAKNESSES:**

- 1. Geese
- 2. Accessibility within parks (1)
- 3. Accessibility to parks
- 4. Not bike friendly (1)
- 5. Trails are almost connected
- 6. Lack of diversity of play equipment (2) 16. Greenways are isolated
- 7. Safety within various parks
- 8. Budget (1)
- 9. Railroad (1)
- 10. No connections from downtown to greenspace

- 11. Quality and quantity of parking lots
- 12.Lack of modern amenities (2)
- 13. Age appropriate activities (2)
- 14. Marketing of our assets (1)
- 15.No camping
- 17.Lack of water activities (1)
- 18. Not addressing all cultural needs (2)

## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

- 1. Safety call boxes
- 2. Lots of greenspace and unique features (2)
- 3. Splash pad (1)
- 4. Bikeshare
- 5. Economic impact destination for parks (4)

- 6. Lake Faribault
- 7. Potential population growth (1)
- 8. Trails are almost connected (2)
- 9. Regional camping destination
- 10. Public/private partnerships (2)
- 11.Leverage assets (2)
- 12.Beautify

## **THREATS:**

## 1. Complacency (4)

- 2. Flooding (1)
- 3. Population changes (1)
- 4. Investing too much in one amenity

## 5. Budget (4)

- 6. Width of right-of-way and current infrastructure (1)
- 7. Over commitment
- 8. Under utilization (3)

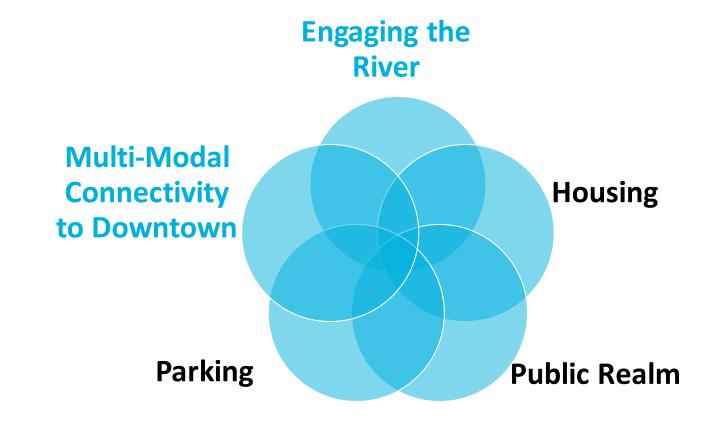
## Downtown Design Charrette – August 15 & August 16



- What is a "Charrette"?
  - Collaborative meeting to sketch designs & explore ideas
  - Goal is to become inspired & make better design decisions

## **Charrette Themes**

• Five major themes emerged from the activities:







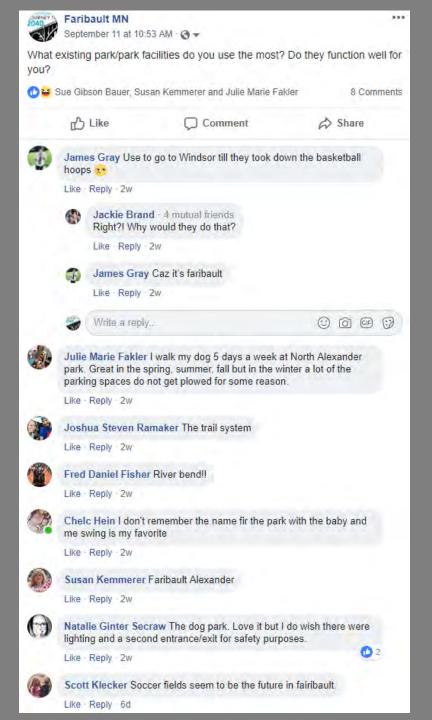


## **Takeaways:**

- Splash Pad (Woodbury, Apple Valley)
  - Large, Inclusive, Multi-Generation Playgrounds (Ames, Mankato, Shakopee, Northfield)
- Basketball with Adjustable Nets (no specific location)
- Hiking/Walking Trails (St. Cloud, CO, Gooseberry)
- Way Park in Northfield (Friends of Way Park Partnership)

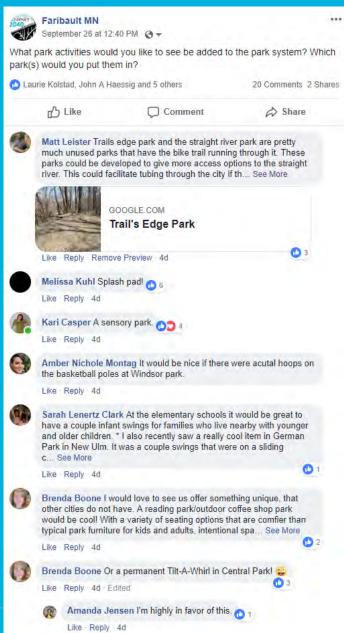






## **Takeaways:**

- Windsor Park
- North Alexander
  - Trails
  - River Bend
  - Dog Park
    - Soccer



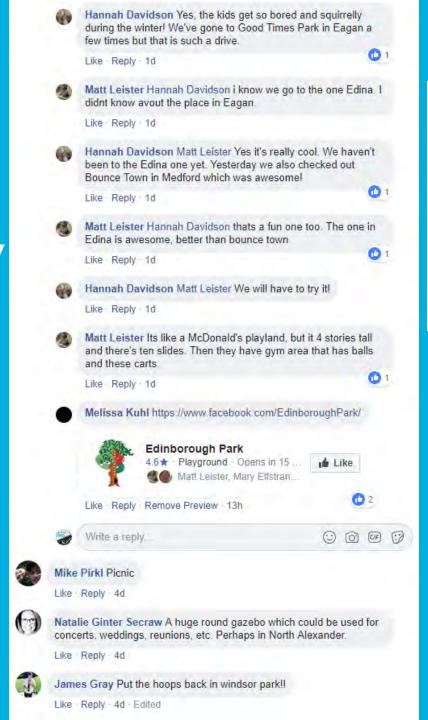




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## **Takeaways:**

- Basketball hoops at Windsor
  - Splash pads
- Unique/fun activities (outdoor coffee shops, zip line, tree houses, etc.)
  - Indoor playground
  - Water activities (trails, paddleboats, etc.)
    - Food and drink







## **Updated Park Profiles**







CURRENT CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS The park is generally in good condition with well maintained fields and disarronds The park is generally in good condition with wear invarianced treats and coarmons. The park is located within the floodplain and has been surrously flooded during the spring order of park 5 years. After Safeth Bood period. The park casures need to be result and needs considerable resources to mantation. There is significant enough about the banks of the Straight River. This is creates a sardy hazard at several highly trafficted locations and firms the planned access to the other controls.

## PARK FACILITY CONDITIONS (SITE VERIFIED)

PICNIC SHELTER NATURE AREAS RESTROOM CANOE LANDING

SOCCER/RUGBY FIELD

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RIVER/PONDS ARCHERY RANGE SEASONAL AMENITIES ● HIGH USE ■ LIMITED ● LOW USE



## NORTH ALEXANDER PARK



SIZE: 131.1 acres CLASSIFICATION : Community Park/Playfield REC CENTER : No SCHOOL CONNECTIONS: None CURRENT PROJECTS: None

CONTEXT

North Alexander Park is a premier, destination athletic park in Farabautt. Located north Farabautt Veoleven. The park is adjacent to and has views of the habout farabautt Veoleven Mill. The landaut Farabay Aquatic Center and Rice County Farabautt veoleven Mill. The landaute Farabautt Veoleven Mill. The sindauth Farabautt Veoleven Rice County Farabautt veoleven for the County Farabautt.

### CURRENT CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS

CURRENT PROJECTS: None

This park is well maintained and is generally in good condition. The fending and half fields is in good condition and operate well for the community. The play area is also in good condition and has two age separated the firment. They share a container. The part are good to condition and has two age separated privileges, and the part of the

### PARK FACILITY CONDITIONS (SITE VERIFIED)

GOOD FAIR POOR PLAYGROUND BASEBALL FIELD PICNIC AREAS SOFTBALL FIELD PICNIC SHELTER 6 HOCKEY ARENA ● RESTROOM TRAILS AQUATIC CENTER FOOD & BEVERAGE SAND VOLLEYBALL RIVER/PONDS FOOTBALL FIELDS PARK & RIDE SEASONAL AMENITIES HIGH USE LIMITED LOW USE

SPRING

## CENTRAL PARK



LOCATION: 510 NW 2nd Avenue SIZE : 2.5 acres CLASSIFICATION : Community Park/Playfield REC CENTER : No SCHOOL CONNECTIONS: None

CURRENT PROJECTS: None

Note: Where is the playground and restrooms?

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The historic park is located downtown and within walking distance to the 200 and 300 blook of Central Ave. Central Park hosts the Parisauxt Hertingle Days and 300 blook of Central Ave. Central Park onto the Parisauxt Hertingle Days and 500 before community events. Farmer's market are held during the summer and fall on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## CURRENT CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS

Overall the park is in good condition and well maintained. The garders and mature trees appear to be healthy. The parties ease do not meet ADA accessability. The band shell and performance area. In very good condition but have a manner of space for seeting. The rear of the band shell is visible to neighbors and could use a buffer of visual emprovement.

### PARK FACILITY CONDITIONS (SITE VERIFIED)

● GOOD ● FAIR ● POOR PLAYGROUND PICNIC AREAS

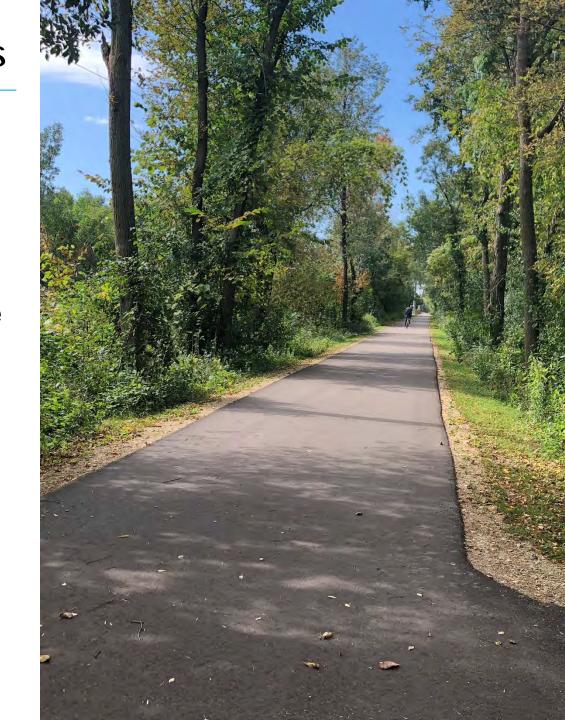
RESTROOM BAND SHELL

### SEASONAL AMENITIES

# HIGH USE LIMITED | LOW USE ● FALL SPRING SUMMER

## National Park Data Trends – Diversity in Parks

- CDC data suggestions Latino population less likely to use park space and less likely to be physically active
- Public parks promote healthy living for those who don't have access by other means
- Data shows providing park space and trails is not enough to promote activity
- Largest barrier to visiting regional parks is lack of awareness



Source: Journal of Physical Activity and Health, 2008

## National Park Data Trends – Diversity in Parks

## Constraints:

- Family Obligations
- Safety
- Weather
- Perceived Racial Boundaries
- Fatigue
- Time
- Cultural Expectations

## Most Frequent Reported Activities:

- Playing with Kids
- Relaxing
- Picnicking
- Walking/Hiking
- Group Sports

## Most Important Park Characteristics:

- Beauty
- Maintenance
- Cleanliness of Facilities

Source: Journal of Physical Activity and Health, 2008

## National Park Data Trends – Diversity in Parks

Preferred Outdoor Recreational Activities:

## African Immigrant Focus Group

- Use Playground
- Walking
- Be with Family

# Hispanic / Latino / Latina Focus Group

- Celebrate/Party
- Picnic/BBQ
- Be with Family

Source: Regional Park Use Among Select Communities of Color, 2014, Metropolitan Council

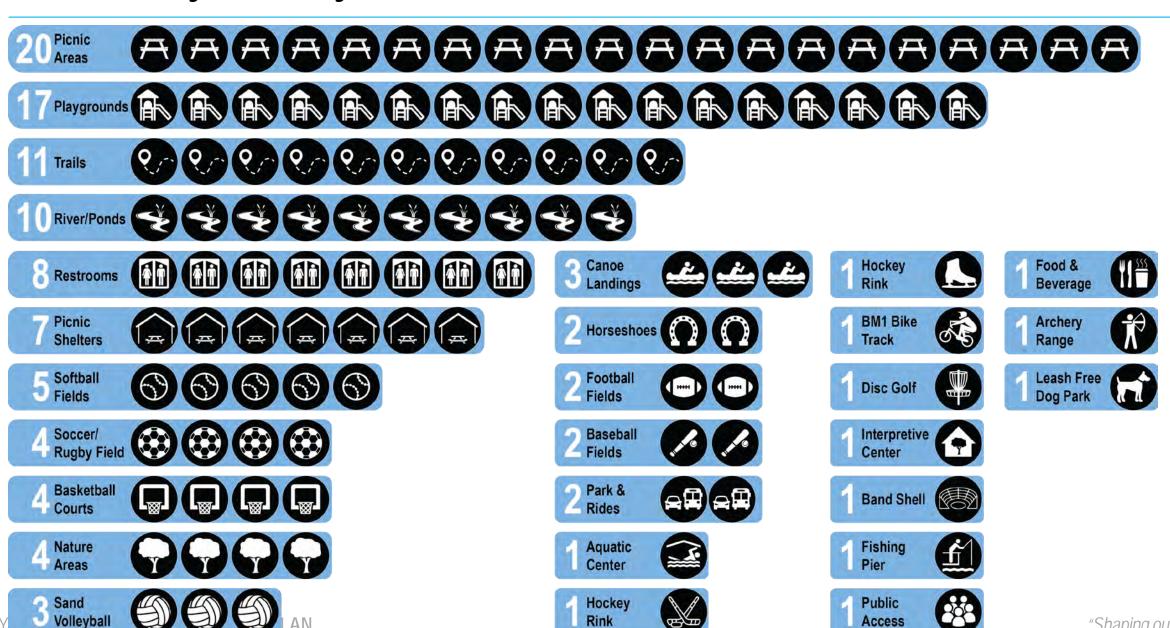
## National Park Data Trends – Facility Standards

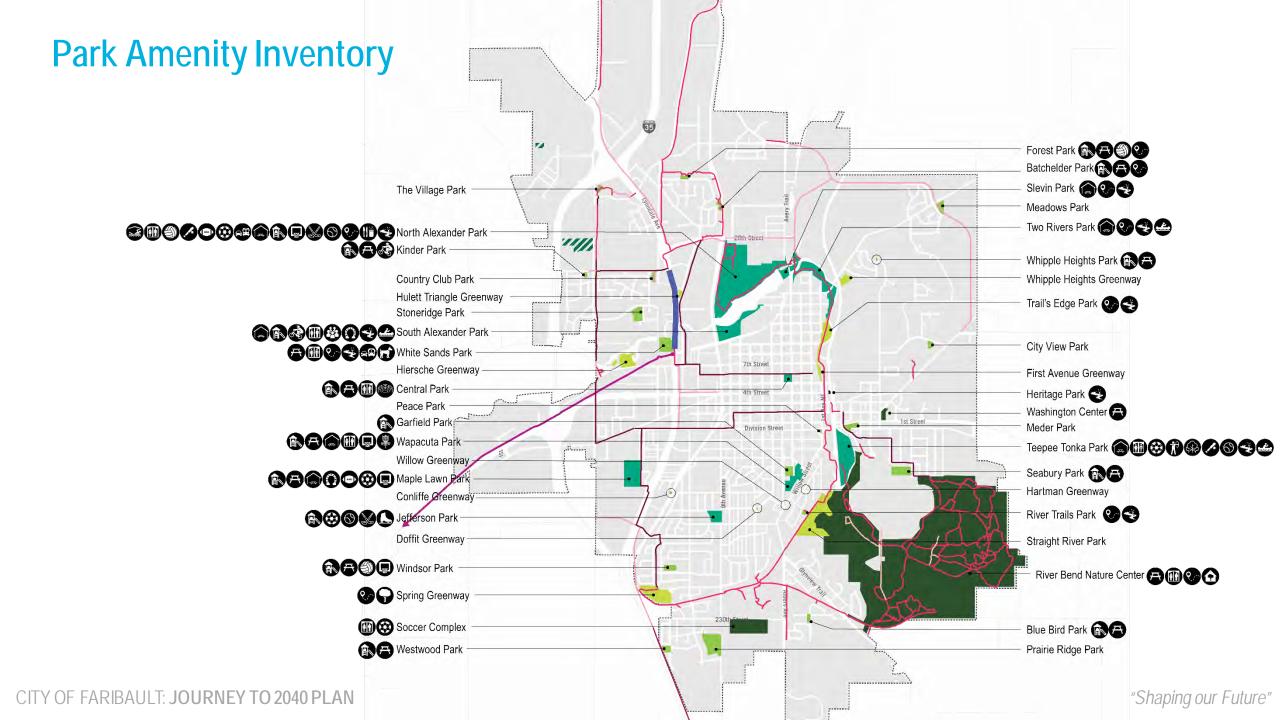
	TARGET WITH 2016 POPULATION ESTIMATE	CURRENT TOTAL IN EXISTING PARKS
Basketball 2.5 Basketball hoops per 10,000 residents	6	4
Community Garden Plots 3.3 Garden plots per 10,000 residents	8	0
Diamonds (Premier & Multipurpose) 1.76 Total number of diamonds per 10,000 residents	4	7
Disc Golf 0.4 Disc golf courses per 100,000 residents	1	1
Playground 2.31 Playgrounds per 10,000 residents	5	17
Skate Parks .4 skate parks per 100,000 residents	1	0
Splash Pads 1.45 Splash Pads per 100,000 residents	1	0
Swimming Pools 2.43 per 100,000 residents	1	0
Tennis 1.8 Courts per 10,000 residents	5	0
Volleyball 1.7 Nets per 100,000 residents	4	3

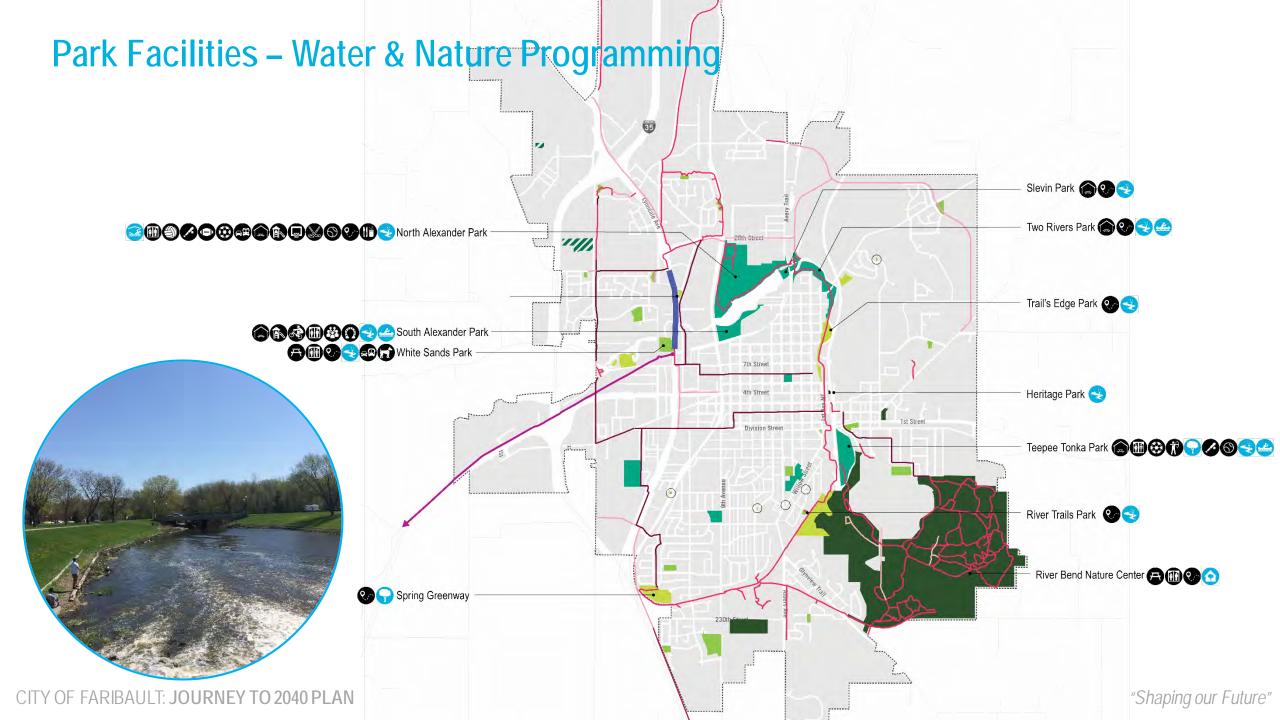
Source: Center for City Park Excellence, The Trust for Public Land

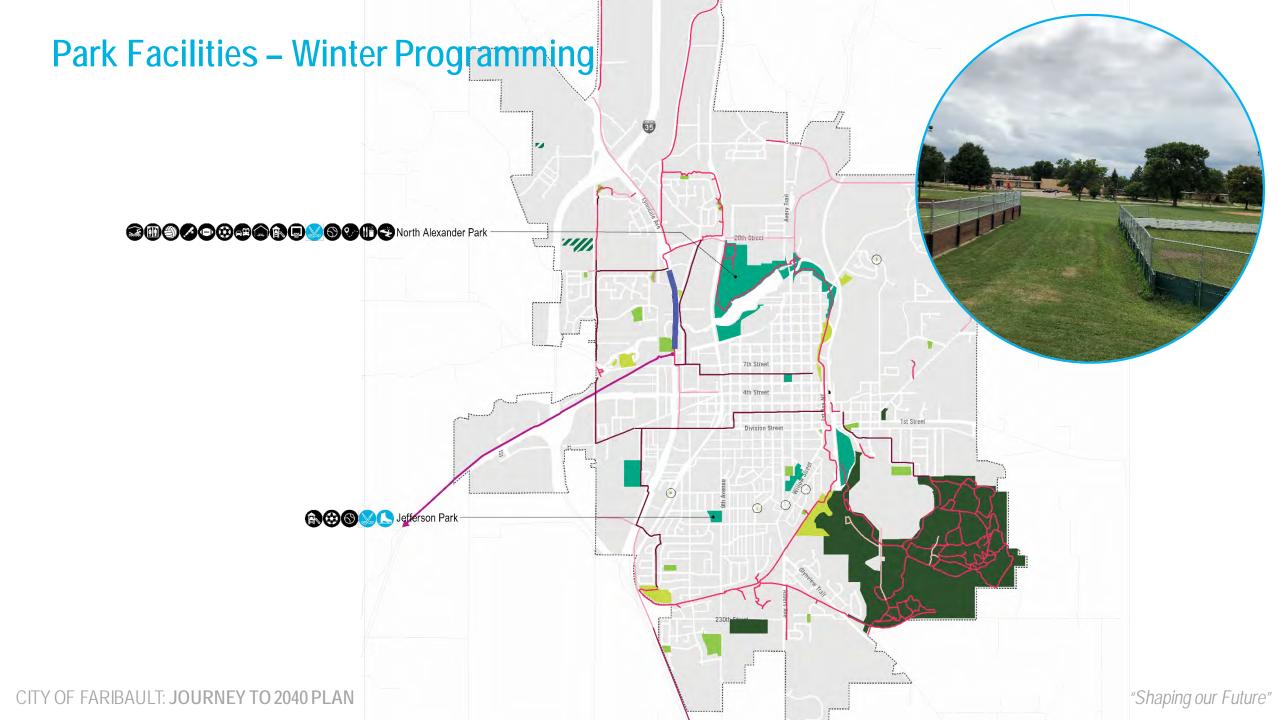


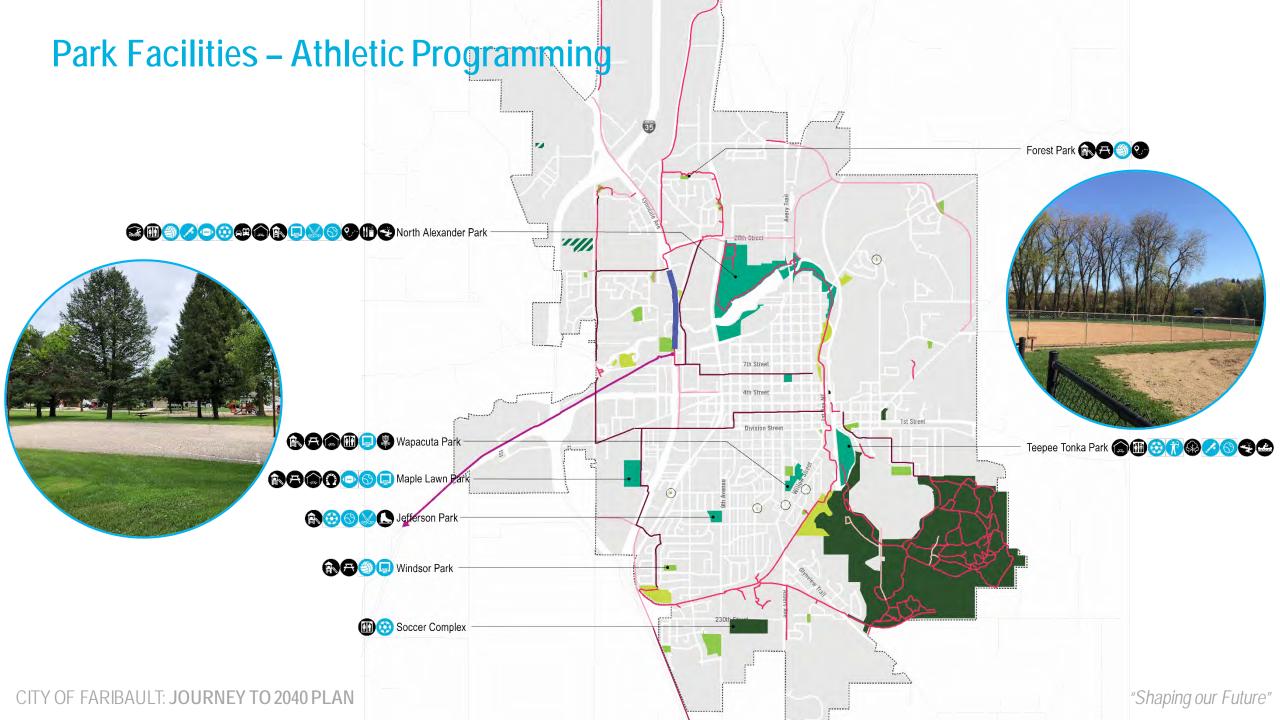
## Park Amenity Inventory

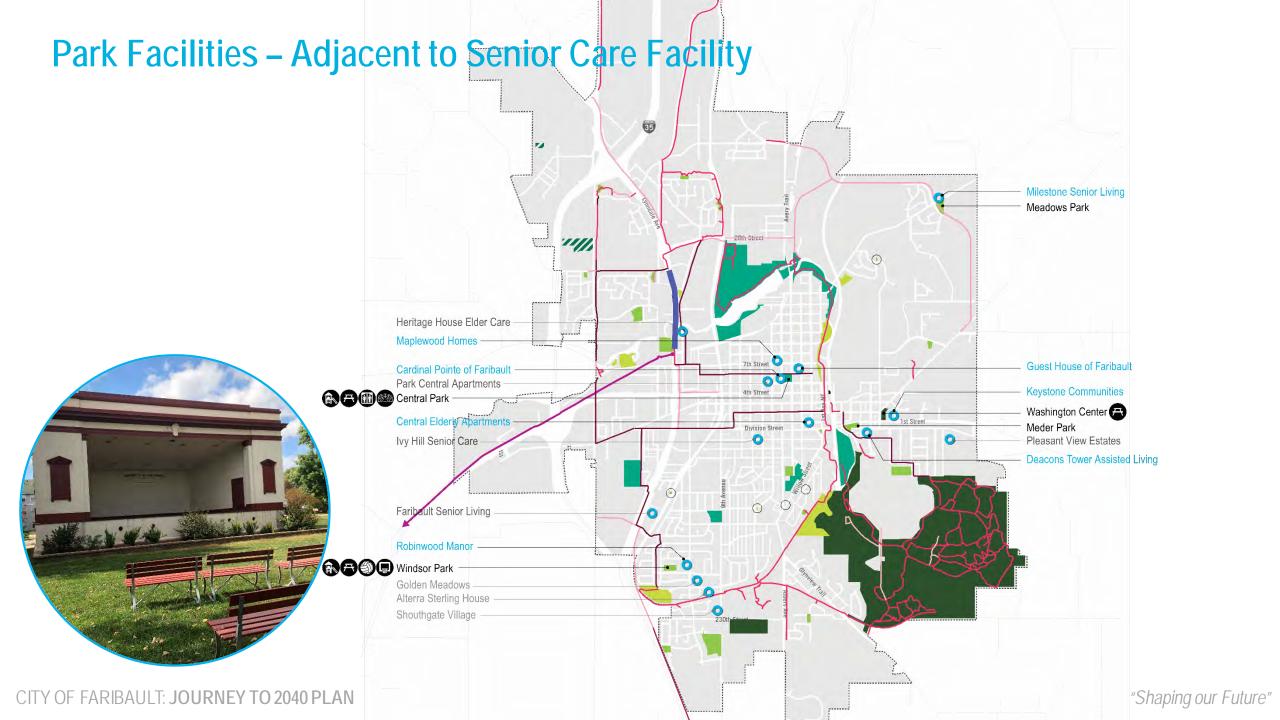


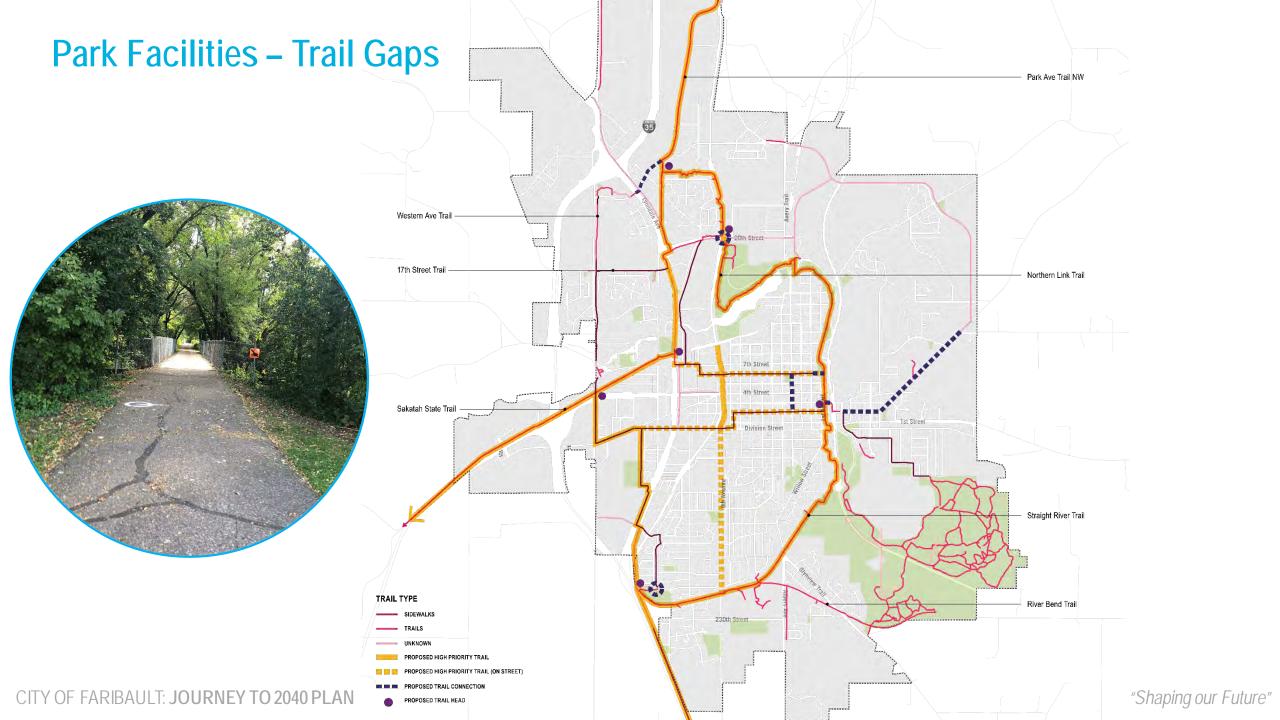






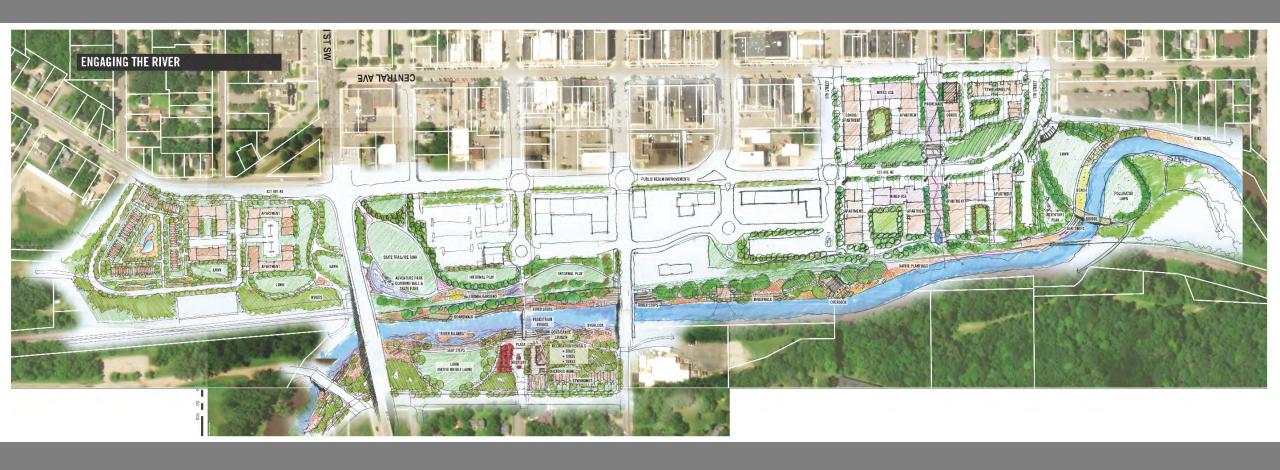




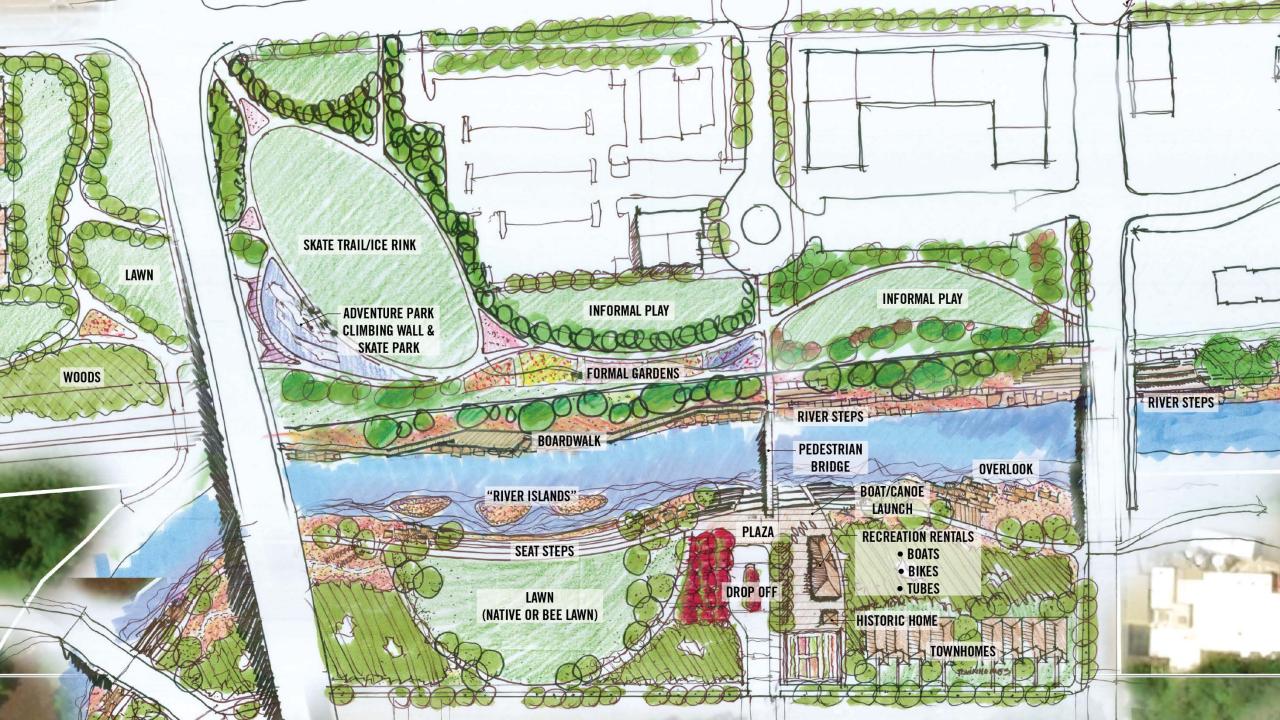


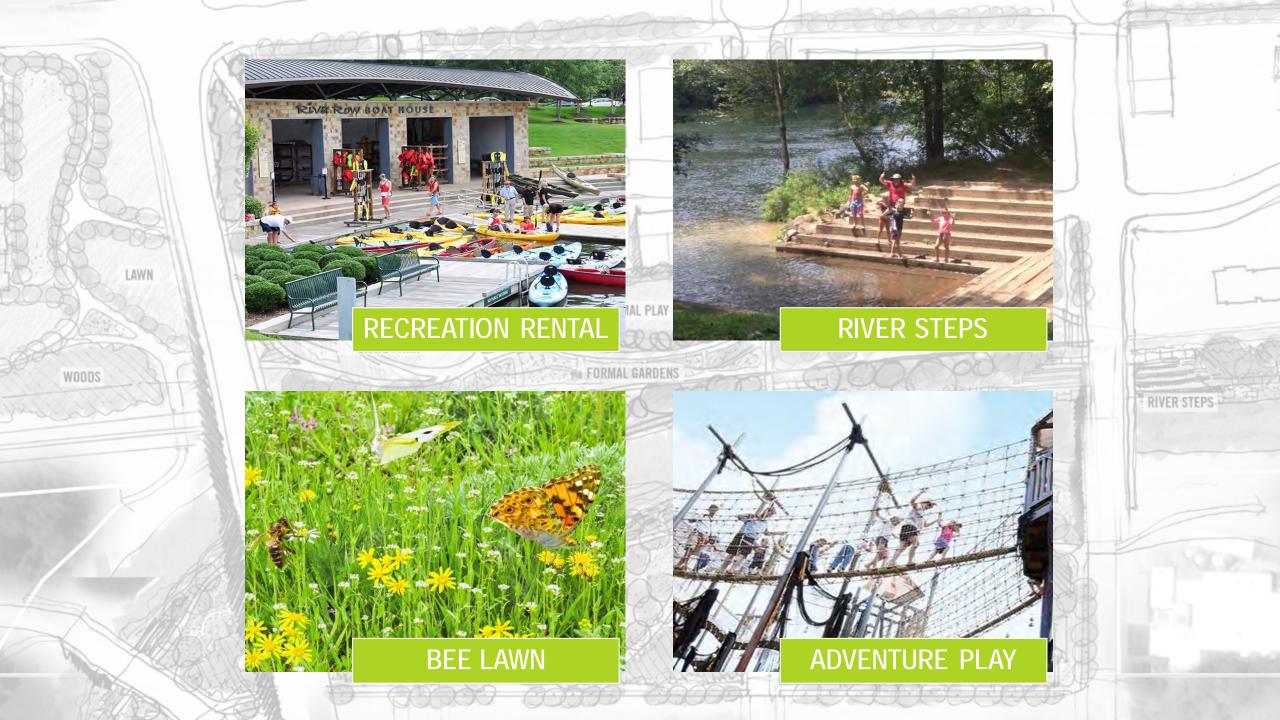


## **Engaging the River**





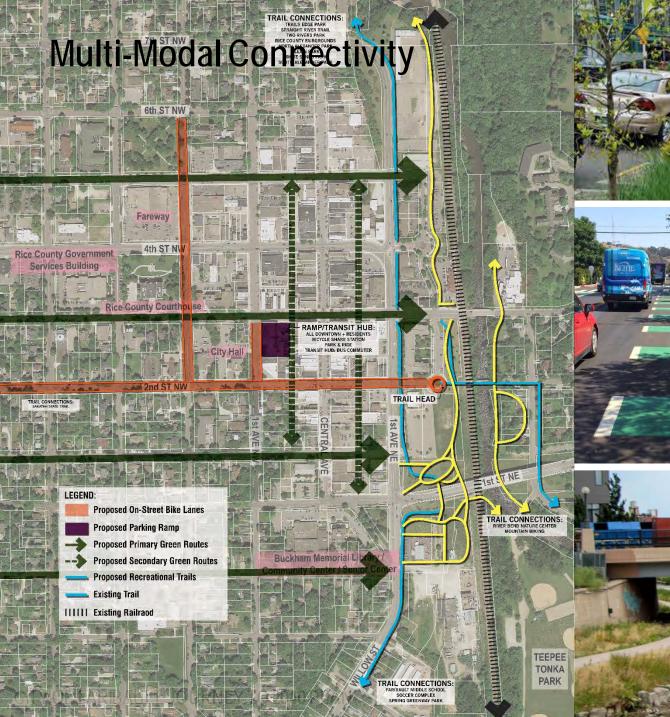


























## WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN?

### **Preliminary Design Principles**

### A set of guidelines/principles to be applied to the system-wide plan:

- 1. Diversification of park facilities
- 2. Improved connectivity within the park and trail systems
- 3. Accessibility for all
  - Multi-generational activities throughout the City
  - ADA compliant facilities
- 4. Gathering spaces
- 5. Connection to the natural spaces and activate the river where possible
- 6. Sustainable approach
  - Ability to respond to events in the community



### **Programming Priorities Activity**

#### Materials:

Each table has a large ring sheet and a bag of facility chips

#### **Process:**

- 1. Tables have **15 minutes** to place chips on the various rings based on their preferences and group discussion
- 2. Support facilities such as light fixtures, bike racks, restrooms, etc. are assumed to be present as part of basic park operation and are not included in this exercise
- 3. There are blank chips so additional site facilities can be added
- 4. Not all the chips have to be used!

# STOP

REPORT OUT (10 min)

## REDUCE THE CHIPS TO NO MORE THAN 5 PERRING (10 min)

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### **Next Steps**

✓ PSC Meeting #3 – Early November (TBD)

Community Forum #2 (Parks Focus) – Mid November (TBD)









