



City of Faribault: Journey to 2040 *"Shaping our Future"*

Parks, Trails, and Open Space Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting #1 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Project Kick Off

Meeting Date: July 26th, 2018 Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Faribault City Hall – 1st Floor Room

Action items are shown as bold, italic, and underlined items.

Meeting Goals:

- *Overview of feedback from Joint Steering Committee Meeting*
- *Overview of Parks Background information*
- *Parks, Trails, and Open Space Opportunities Map Exercise*

POC Attendees: Eric Merrill, Lola Brand, Kevin Hildebrandt, Royal Ross, Mike Schendel, Bart Jackson, Janna Viscomi, Lisa Evert

City Staff: Dave Wanberg and Paul Peanasky

Consultant Staff: Jay Demma, John Slack, and Samantha McKinney

Meeting Overview.

Dave gave an overview of the placemaking activities for downtown that will take place on Thursday, August 16th. These activities will support the design charrette and hopefully draw more people. A pre-event for businesses and organizations interested in hosting an event will be held on Wednesday, August 1st. Dave also informed the group that the location of the charrette has been confirmed: 206 Central Ave.

John explained that Ana Nelson has resigned from Perkins+Will and that Jay Demma will now be the project manager for Journey to 2040.

Using the Results of the Integrating Vision 2040 Joint Steering Committee Meeting:

Jay presented results from the June 21 Joint Steering Committee Meeting. Regarding the Vision 2040 exercise, Jay highlighted the key takeaways from the discussion and how they relate to the parks, trails, and open space in Faribault.

Jay also provided a brief overview of the continuum statements that related to parks and open space. John informed the group that **Perkins+Will will provide a goal summary that meshes the continuum statements with the Vision 2040 statements at the next meeting.**

Overview of parks existing conditions and takeaways:

Jay presented background information on the City's existing park, trails, and open space. Bart noted that including the private facilities, public access lakes and county parks on the regional map would help provide a better context to the parks system. The group discussed the desire to make Faribault's parks a regional destination. The group also discussed camping needs for the community. Camp Faribault is a private facility and is at capacity. Regionally, many of the camping locations are cost prohibitive. Rice County Wilderness Nature Center is a top 10 free site for camping. Many go to Iowa for less expensive camping options. **Perkins+Will will update the regional park map to reflect this discussion.**

Jay also presented the economic impact parks have in the state of Minnesota as well as some park acreage and budget data for the state in comparison to Faribault. The group discussed the findings that there is more park acreage per capita than average but less budget per capita than average. National trends in parks and recreation and demographics of Faribault were presented as well. There was a clarification on the household demographic data. The group discussed ways to improve the parks and improve livability to increase the population.

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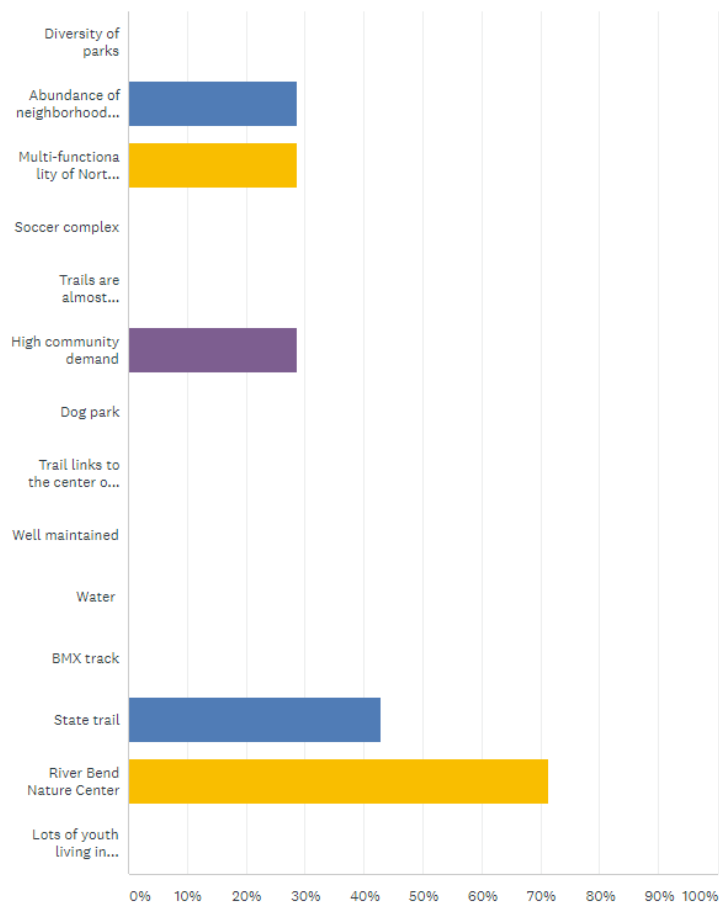
The group split into two smaller groups and performed a parks, trails, and open space mapping exercise. The activity's goal was to identify areas of opportunity, areas of concern, possible connections, and barriers in the park system. Attached are the results of the activity.

Overview of Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Exercise:

The group participated in a joint activity that aimed to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) to the parks, trails, and open space in Faribault. Collectively, they brainstormed lists for each of the four categories. After, they were asked to vote on their top two via an online survey. Seven anonymous people responded. The following exhibits are the results:

What are the two biggest STRENGTHS for the parks, trails, and open space system in Faribault?

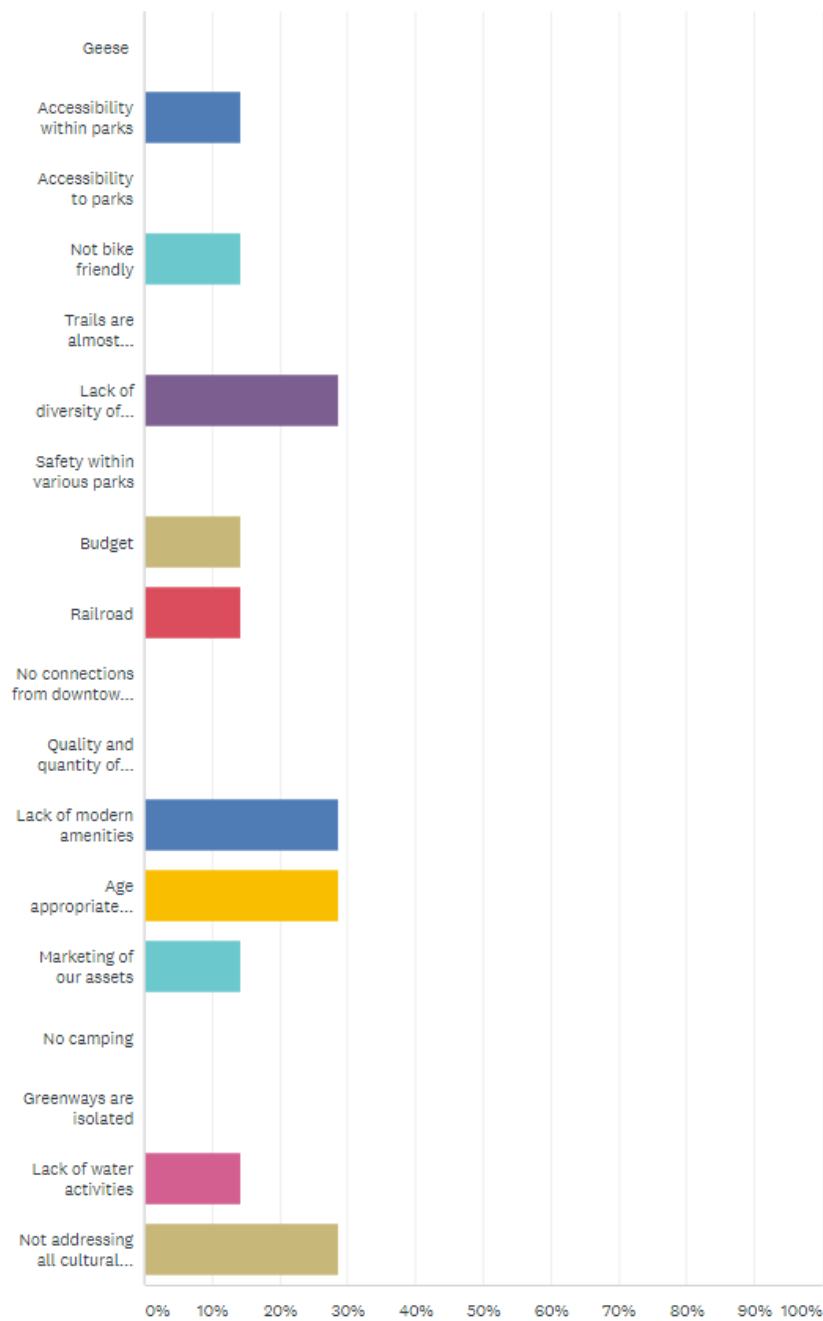
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ANSWER CHOICES ▼	RESPONSES ▼	
▼ Diversity of parks	0.00%	0
▼ Abundance of neighborhood parks	28.57%	2
▼ Multi-functionality of North Alexander Park	28.57%	2
▼ Soccer complex	0.00%	0
▼ Trails are almost connected	0.00%	0
▼ High community demand	28.57%	2
▼ Dog park	0.00%	0
▼ Trail links to the center of town	0.00%	0
▼ Well maintained	0.00%	0
▼ Water	0.00%	0
▼ BMX track	0.00%	0
▼ State trail	42.86%	3
▼ River Bend Nature Center	71.43%	5
▼ Lots of youth living in Faribault	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

What are the two biggest WEAKNESSES for the parks, trails, and open space system in Faribault?

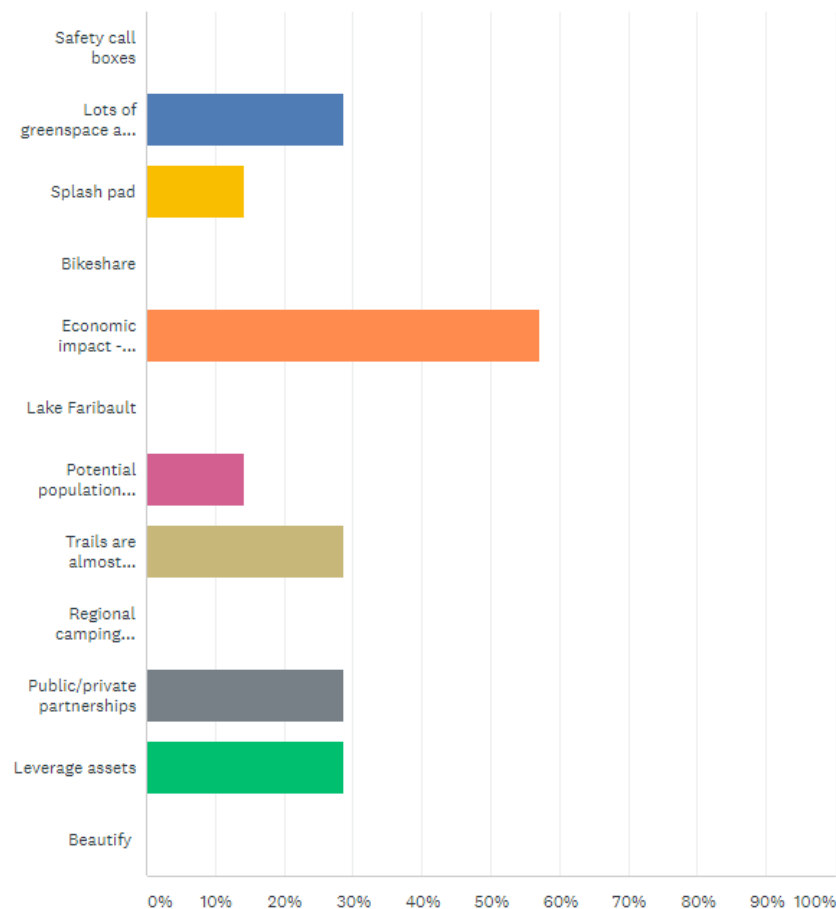
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▼ Complacency	57.14%	4
▼ Flooding	14.29%	1
▼ Population changes	14.29%	1
▼ Investing too much in one amenity	0.00%	0
▼ Budget	57.14%	4
▼ Width of right-of-way and current infrastructure	14.29%	1
▼ Over commitment	0.00%	0
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What are the two biggest OPPORTUNITIES for the parks, trails, and open space system in Faribault?

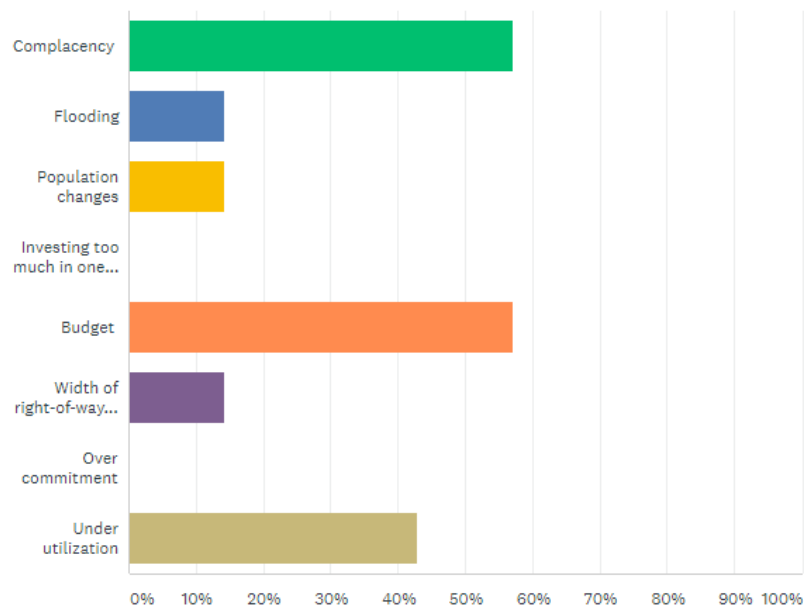
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ANSWER CHOICES ▼	RESPONSES ▼	
▼ Safety call boxes	0.00%	0
▼ Lots of greenspace and unique features	28.57%	2
▼ Splash pad	14.29%	1
▼ Bikeshare	0.00%	0
▼ Economic impact - destination for parks	57.14%	4
▼ Lake Faribault	0.00%	0
▼ Potential population growth	14.29%	1
▼ Trails are almost connected	28.57%	2
▼ Regional camping destination	0.00%	0
▼ Public/private partnerships	28.57%	2
▼ Leverage assets	28.57%	2
▼ Beautify	0.00%	0
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What are the two biggest THREATS to the parks, trails, and open space system in Faribault?

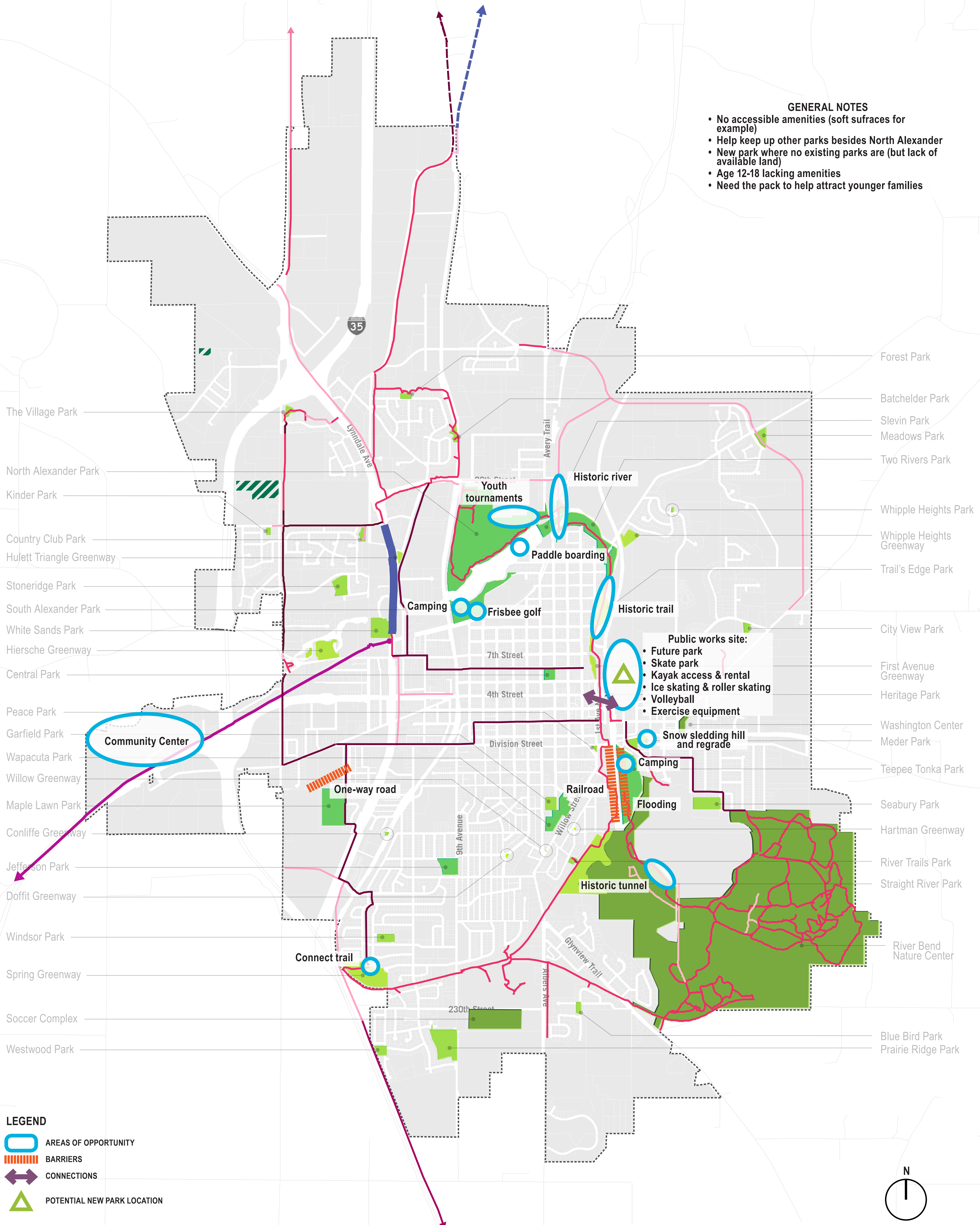
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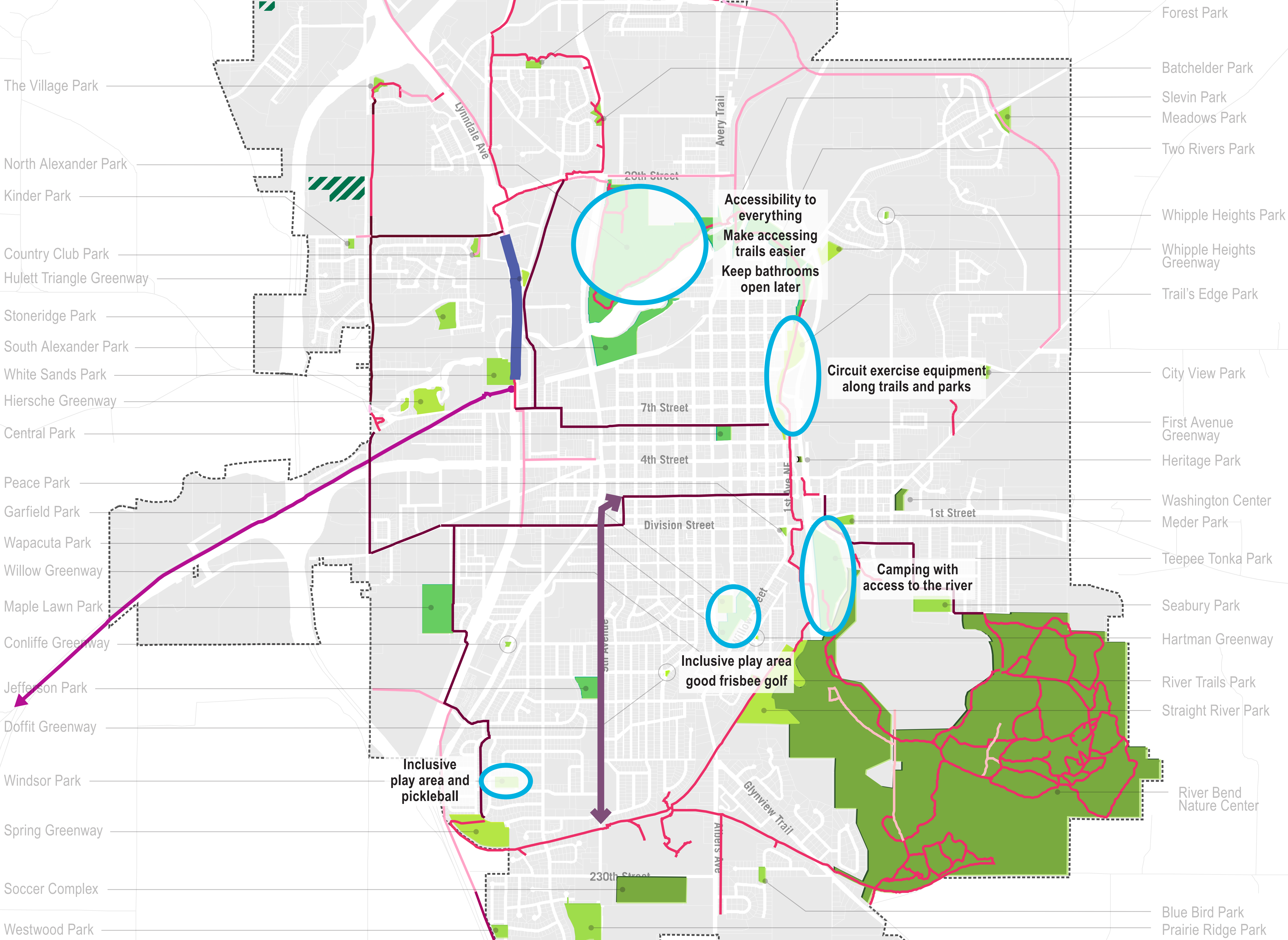
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- GENERAL NOTES**
- No accessible amenities (soft surfaces for example)
 - Help keep up other parks besides North Alexander
 - New park where no existing parks are (but lack of available land)
 - Age 12-18 lacking amenities
 - Need the pack to help attract younger families

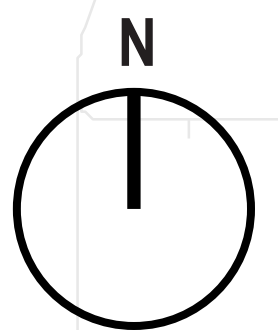


GROUP 1 MAPPING EXERCISE

- GENERAL NOTES**
- Bikeshare - include 3-way bikes to accommodate aging community
 - Place them near the center of town
 - Condition of land is a barrier (environmental concerns)



- LEGEND**
- AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY
 - BARRIERS
 - CONNECTIONS
 - POTENTIAL NEW PARK LOCATION



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GROUP 2 MAPPING EXERCISE

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