



**PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Recognitions/Presentation
 - A. City of Moorhead - 150 Years
 - B. Rushelle Flaten - Office Specialist
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. August 28, 2025
5. Citizens To Be Heard
6. Business
 - A. Reclassification of Romkey Park
 - B. Update on Elements Asset Management System
 - C. Update on Clay County MPCA – Projects
7. Information/Update
 - A. Woodlawn Park Disc Golf Course Update
 - B. Grant Closure/Completion
 - i. Age Friendly MN Grant – Pickleball Conversions
 - ii. MPCA Climate Action – 10 Acres Native Grasses
 - C. Mary's Tunnel / Skating Ribbon
 - D. Golf Course Updates
 - E. M.B. Johnson Park Trailhead Sign
 - F. Park Maintenance Training Update
 - G. Program Summaries
 - H. Essentia Walking Trail

8. Adjourn

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**MINUTES OF THE PARK ADVISORY BOARD
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
August 28, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (5): Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore

Absent (2): Mitch Havig, Erin Gillam

2. Recognitions/Presentation

A. Derek Boman, Park Maintenance Manager

Public Works Director, Paul Fiechtner, introduces Derek Boman, the new Park Maintenance Manager.

B. Ronan John - Eagle Scout Project: Davy Memorial Park

Eagle Scout Ronan John completed a project in Davy Memorial Park and presented his work. Ronan built an 8x8 large chess board in the park as part of his final Eagle Scout Project. He discussed his project, how he raised funding, and how he worked with the city to make this project come to life. City of Moorhead recognizes Ronan John with a Certificate for Outstanding Service and Meaningful contribution to the city.

3. Agenda Amendments

Recreation Director, Sean Brandenburg, requests item 7A be moved to item 6E under Business. Motion to Amend made by Robert Ross and seconded by Brian Haugen.

For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

A. May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Emily Moore and seconded by Robert Ross.

For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion

5. Citizens To Be Heard

6. Business

A. Approval of Woodlawn Disc Golf Course Redesign

Recreation Director, Sean Brandenburg, provides an update regarding the Woodland Park Disc Golf Course Redesign and updates. Director, Sean Brandenburg seeking approval from the park board.

Motion to Approve made by Brian Haugen and seconded by Alexander Aldrich.
For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion

B. Approval of Trailhead Addition at M.B. Johnson Park

Recreation Director, Sean Brandenburg, requests approval from the park board for the construction of a Trailhead Addition at M.B. Johnson Park. The Trailhead would be built by the FM Trailbuilders with costs and supplies provided by the City of Moorhead, Parks and Recreation department.

Motion to Approve made by Robert Ross and seconded by Brian Haugen.
For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

C. Construction Update

Public Works Director, Paul Fiechtner, provided an update regarding the construction projects happening in the City of Moorhead Parks and Recreation department. Updates include the pickleball conversion of the tennis court at Village Green, Centennial Complex Backstop Fencing, completion of the Inclusive Playground Fencing, ADA upgrades to playgrounds, Hampton Park swing set, Engineered Wood Fiber installations for park playgrounds mulch, Woodlawn Park Disc Golf Renovation, Davy Memorial Park Skating Rink for the downtown central area of Moorhead, Moorhead's Smallest Park - Daily Park pollinator friendly habitat - wanting to convert to a bee lawn for shorter plants to provide a safer intersection, Native Grass River Corridor - MPCA Grant, Reimagine Romkey Park, and the Matson Grandstand project.

D. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

Public Works Director, Paul Fiechtner provides an update on the Emerald Ash Borer on the Ash Trees in our area and how it is spreading across Minnesota. We have an inventory of currently of 6,500 ash trees. Nearly 26% have been affected. Our Forestry Manager, Trent Wise, has developed a treatment plan with a three-year cycle. Emamectin benzoate injection is very affective and has been studied extensively. Reducing Ash population to 5,000 trees and planting a new diverse mixture of species. The most impacted parks include Village Green, Ridgewood, Riverview Estates, Angeles, and Horizon Shores.

7. Information/Update

A. 2026 Meeting Dates

The Park Board is possibly looking to change the November 2026 date. Park Board motions to approve the first three dates for Feb. May and August 2026.

Motion to Approve made by Alexander Aldrich and seconded by Emily Moore.
For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore

Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None
Motion

- B. Media – Matson Groundbreaking
- C. Elements XS

PW Director Paul Fiechtner provided an update regarding the new ElementsXS Software

- D. 2025-26 Fall + Winter Activity Guide
- E. Special Events – Upcoming
- F. Program Recap - Summer
- G. Media - Parks & Recreation in the news

8. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Robert Ross and seconded by Brian Haugen.
For 5: Alexander Aldrich, David Marquardt, Robert Ross, Brian Haugen, Emily Moore
Against 0: None
Abstain/Recuse 0: None
Motion

Meeting adjourned at 05:25 PM.



Park Advisory Board Memorandum

Thursday, February 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Romkey Park Reclassification

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information on park classifications and approve reclassification of Romkey Park.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

Romkey Park has traditionally served as a neighborhood park, primarily catering to residents in a one-mile radius of the park. However, recent capital investments have significantly transformed the park's scale, functionality, and appeal. These enhancements include the construction of a new municipal swimming pool, dedicated pickleball and basketball courts, a community sledding hill, a modern skatepark, and several other upgraded amenities.

As a result of these improvements, Romkey Park now attracts visitors from across multiple neighborhoods and serves as a hub for organized recreation, inclusive play, and community-wide events. The expanded facilities and increased usage clearly reflect a shift in the park's role, from mostly a neighborhood asset to a broader community destination. This evolution supports the proposed reclassification of Romkey Park from a Neighborhood Park to a Community Park within the City of Moorhead's park system.

The City of Moorhead classifies parks into three categories:

- **Neighborhood Parks:** Typically under 10 acres, these parks serve residents within a ½-mile radius and offer basic amenities such as playgrounds, open space, and picnic areas. Primary use for quick visits for play, walking, and recreation outings close to home. Stay duration 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- **Community Parks:** Larger in size (10–50 acres), these parks serve multiple neighborhoods and offer a broader range of amenities such as athletic fields, shelters, restrooms, and parking. They are designed to support both programmed and unprogrammed recreation. Primary use for extended stay recreation, sports, family gatherings, and community programming. Stay duration 1-3 hours.
- **Regional Parks:** These are destination parks that serve the entire city or region. They often include unique features such as water access, trail systems, or large-scale event spaces. Typical stays often include 2-6+ hours.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: none



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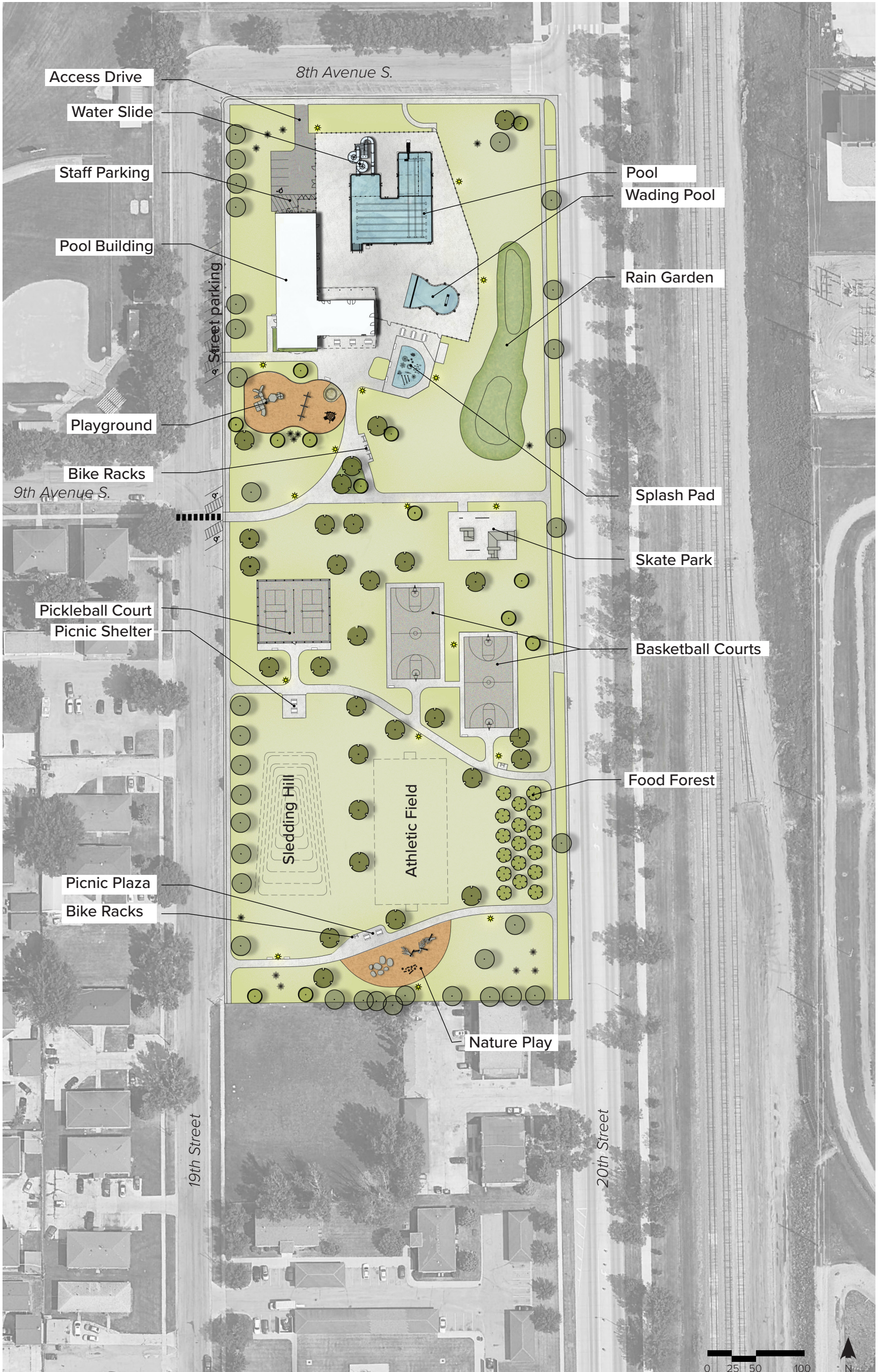
Thursday, February 26, 2026

Department: Parks & Recreation

Submitted By:

Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director
Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director

PARK CONCEPT



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Park Advisory Board Memorandum

February 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Receive Update on Elements XS Implementation

RECOMMENDATION: The Park Advisory Board is asked to receive an update on the Elements XS – Asset Management System for the Parks and Recreation Department and Golf.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

The City of Moorhead has started a city-wide initiative to utilize new asset management software. Elements XS by Novotx was selected to be the software all departments will use. The software allows tracking of assets and other work order management features. With all departments utilizing the same software it will provide a better sharing of data and understanding of the city's assets.

The Park Maintenance division started using the software in 2025 and continues to implement it in daily activities. Employees are able to use the software on the computer and on mobile tablets in the field. This provides the opportunity to update data in real time and track out maintenance activities.

The Novotx Company has highlighted the City of Moorhead in a recent video. The video is found at:

[Moorhead, MN, is Modernizing Enterprise Asset Management Strategy – Novotx](https://www.novotx.com/2025/10/21/moorhead-mn-is-modernizing-enterprise-asset-management-strategy/)

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

Department: Parks & Recreation

Submitted By:

Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director
Derek Boman, Parks Maintenance Manager

Attachments: N/A



Park Advisory Board Memorandum

February 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Receive information on the use of grant funding through Clay County Public Health regarding the allocation and use of funds received from the MN Pollution Control Agency.

RECOMMENDATION: The Park Advisory Board are asked to receive information on the use of grant funding through Clay County Public Health regarding the allocation and use of funds received from the MN Pollution Control Agency.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

In 2025, Clay County Public Health (CCPH) received \$129,540 in funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as part of an environmental settlement for environmental violations from the former Anheuser Busch Agricultural Plant. CCPH will provide \$120,000 for projects in Moorhead to benefit the community. State regulations require CCPH to identify projects, conduct community engagement, spend the funding, and provide a report to the Legislature within one year (by June 3, 2026).

CCPH and City Staff formed a review committee, developed an online survey, and organized three public open houses to allow residents to provide feedback. The online survey had 192 unique responses and numerous members of the public attended the open houses.

Based on feedback provided by the public and ability to implement projects within the required timeframe, the review committee recommended five projects to the Clay County Board:

Project	Estimated Cost
Arbor Day Tree Planting in Woodlawn Park	\$14,574
River Corridor Amenities 5 benches and bike repair station	\$11,215
River Corridor Pollinator / Flower Plantings at existing natural planting sites (15 th Ave N, Original Homestead Park, Riverfront Park, 1-94/Horn Park	\$17,600
Bluestem Bridge and Trail Lighting	\$25,600
Safe Routes to School Crosswalk Painting around Moorhead Area Public Schools	\$80,100 (\$51,011—grant. Moorhead Public Schools has agreed to fund the difference between funds available from the grant and final cost of striping).

The Clay County Board reviewed the five proposed projects and unanimously approved them at their January 26, 2026 meeting. The Moorhead City Council approved the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at their February 9, 2026 meeting, which outlines the responsibility of the City of Moorhead to obtain price quotes, hire



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contractors, oversee project implementation, and manage invoices/payments. CCPH will reimburse grant funds and oversee compliance.

Staff has obtained official quotes for several of the projects and is waiting for the final MOU to be signed before proceeding.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City of Moorhead will receive \$120,000 in grant funding from CCPH for the projects as outlined above. The estimated costs shown are not final costs as the City is now proceeding with getting final costs from contractors. If costs come in above estimates for projects 1-4, the City will review the related approved 2026 budget to determine if any cost differences could be accommodated with the approved 2026 budget. For project 6 – crosswalk striping around public schools – Moorhead Public Schools has agreed to pay the difference between the grant amount and the final accepted price quote for the services.

Department: Parks & Recreation

Submitted By:

Forrest Steinhoff, Assistant City Planner
Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director

Attachments: N/A

Option 1
Arbor Day Tree Planting
Estimated Cost: \$14,574

Proposed Woodlawn Tree Planting

Project: Plant 100 trees in Woodlawn Park to beautify and enhance the park. These plantings will provide shade for park users, enhance the disc golf course, and provide more habitat for local wildlife.

When: 2026 Arbor Day, taking place between May 18th and 29th.

Who: Forestry division employees along with 4th grade students from local elementary schools will install all 100 trees.

Materials and Cost:

Items	Cost Per Item	Total Cost
100 Bareroot or Potted Trees	\$125/tree	\$12,500
100 T-posts	\$4.89/Post	\$489
100 20 Gallon Tree Water Bags	\$14.058/Bag	\$1,405.8
200 Tree Straps	\$.896/Strap	\$179.2
Total		\$14,574

Proposed Tree Planting Locations



Option 2
River Corridor Amenities
Estimated Cost: \$11,215

Proposed River Corridor Benches

5 benches + concrete bases = \$9,250

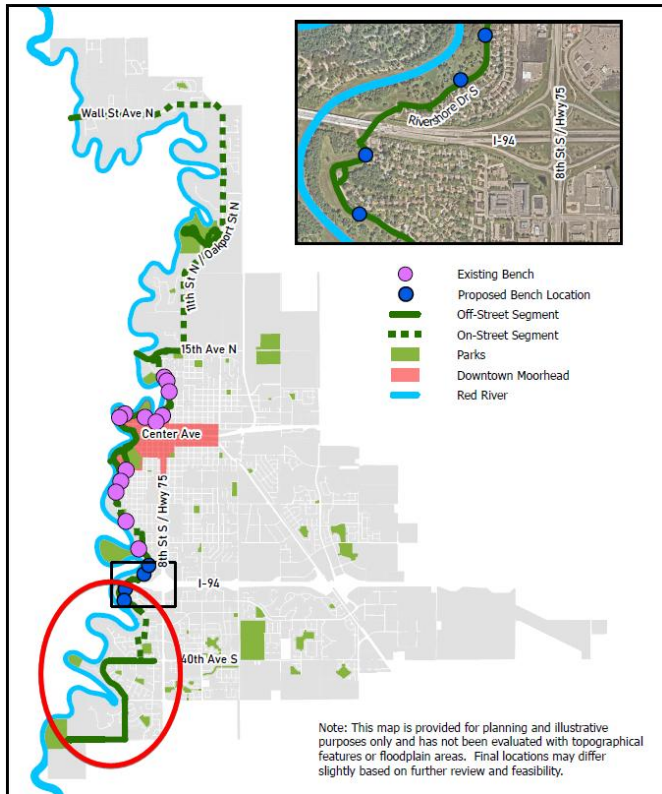
Proposed Bike Repair Station

1 bike repair station with pump = \$1,150 + \$815 = \$1,965

Location: TBD



River Corridor Trail Proposed Bench Locations



Option 3
River Corridor Pollinator Plantings
4 existing sites
Estimated Cost: \$17,600

Proposed Woodlawn Tree Planting - Pollinator & Flower Plantings at existing Natural Planting Sites

Riverfront Park, Original Homestead Park, 15th Avenue and I94/Horn Park sites

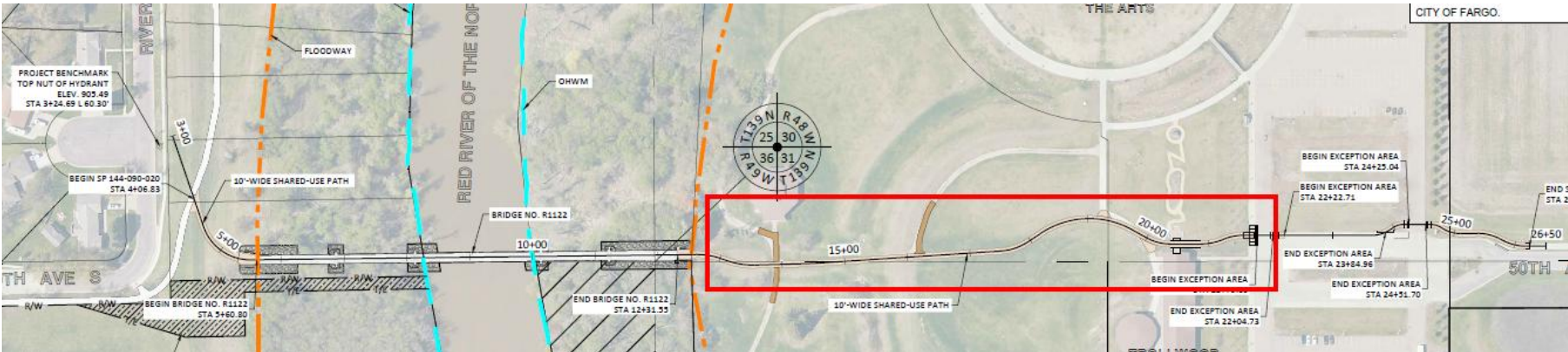
15th Ave N				
	Square Footage:	Acres:	Cost/Acre:	Total:
Soil Scarification:	192,808.55	4.426305928	\$100	\$443
Forb Overseeding:			\$450	\$1,992
Burn:				\$2,500
				\$4,934
Original Homestead Park				
	Square Footage:	Acres:	Cost/Acre:	Total:
Soil Scarification:	278,305.05	6.389049127	\$100	\$639
Forb Overseeding:			\$450	\$2,875
Burn:				\$2,500
				\$6,014
Riverfront Park				
	Square Footage:	Acres:	Cost/Acre:	Total:
Soil Scarification:	261,821.90	6.010645264	\$100	\$601
Forb Overseeding:			\$450	\$2,705
Burn:				\$2,500
				\$5,806
Horn Park / I94				
	Square Footage:	Acres:	Cost/Acre:	Total:
Soil Scarification:	80,582.86	1.849940665		
Forb Overseeding:			\$450	\$832
Burn:				
				\$832
Total:				\$17,587

Option 4
Bluestem Bridge Trail Lighting
Estimated Cost - Lights: \$25,600

Bluestem Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Trail Lights

Anticipated construction – 2027

Advance Purchase Lights – 8 lights at \$3,200/light = \$25,600 (can be ordered/under PO by June 1)



Option 5

Cross Walk Painting Around Moorhead Area Public Schools

***Estimated Cost: \$80,100**

*\$51,011 funded through the MPCA settlement fund. Additional funding has been identified to cover the full estimated cost.

Typical crosswalk area & cost: 108 sq. ft. x \$17.00 – Approx \$2,000 / crosswalk (rounded for inflation)

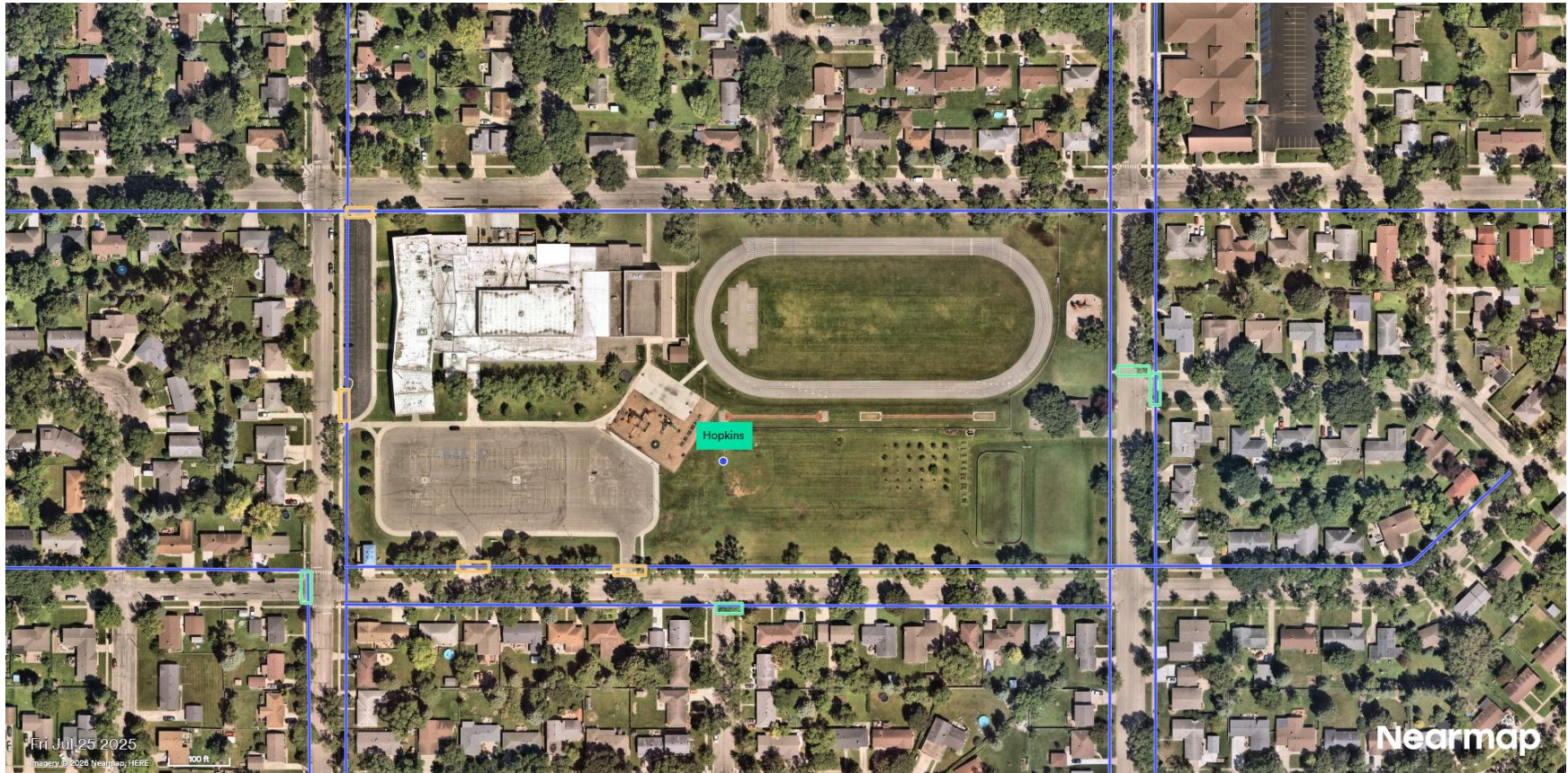
Typical bike path crosswalk area & cost: 180 sq. ft. x \$17.00 – Approx. \$3,100 / crosswalk (rounded)

(Wet Reflective Ground In Crosswalk)

Blue: Safe Routes to School suggested route

Green: Proposed Crosswalk Marking

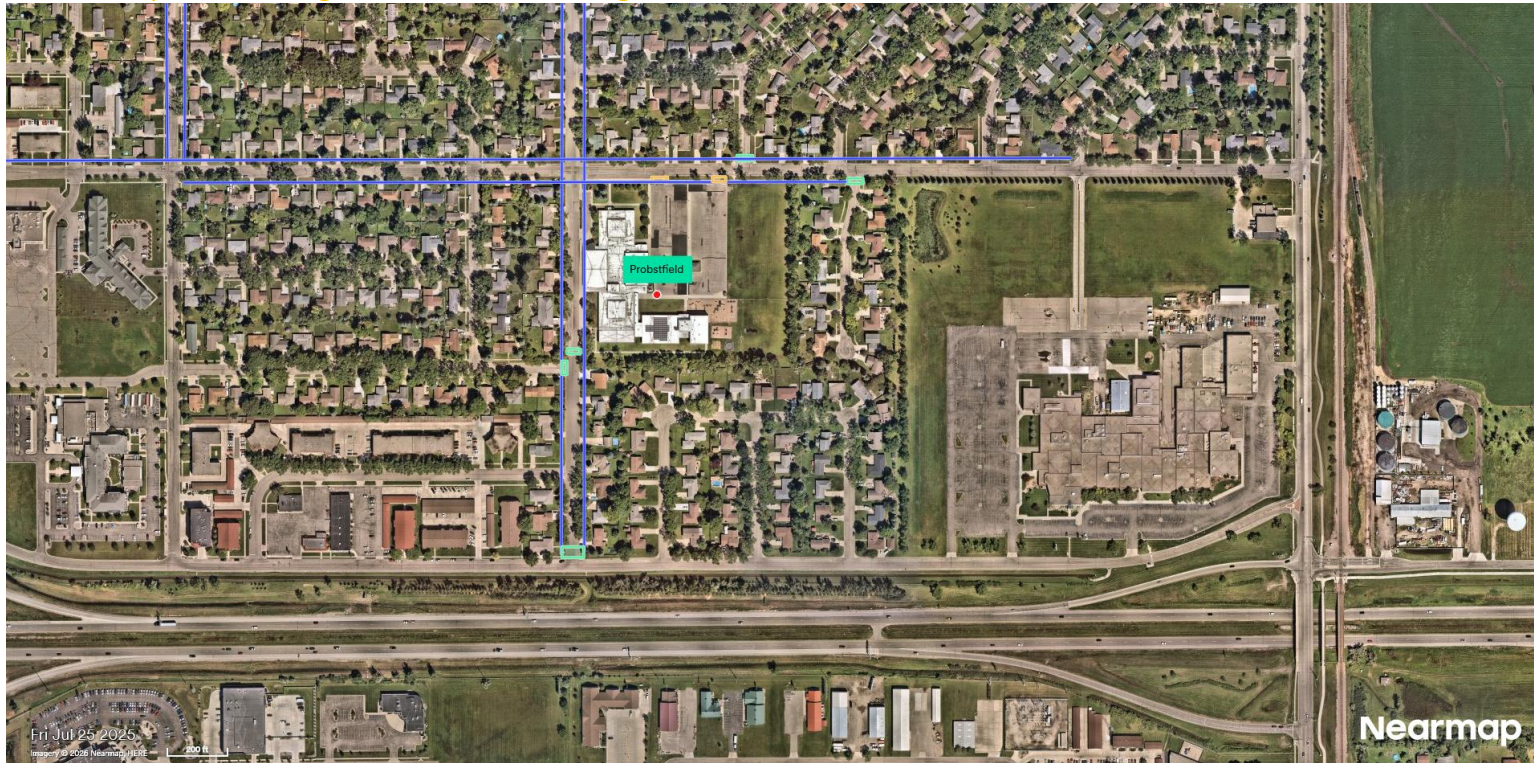
Yellow: Proposed Parking Lot Crosswalk Marking



Blue: Safe Routes to School suggested route

Green: Proposed Crosswalk Marking

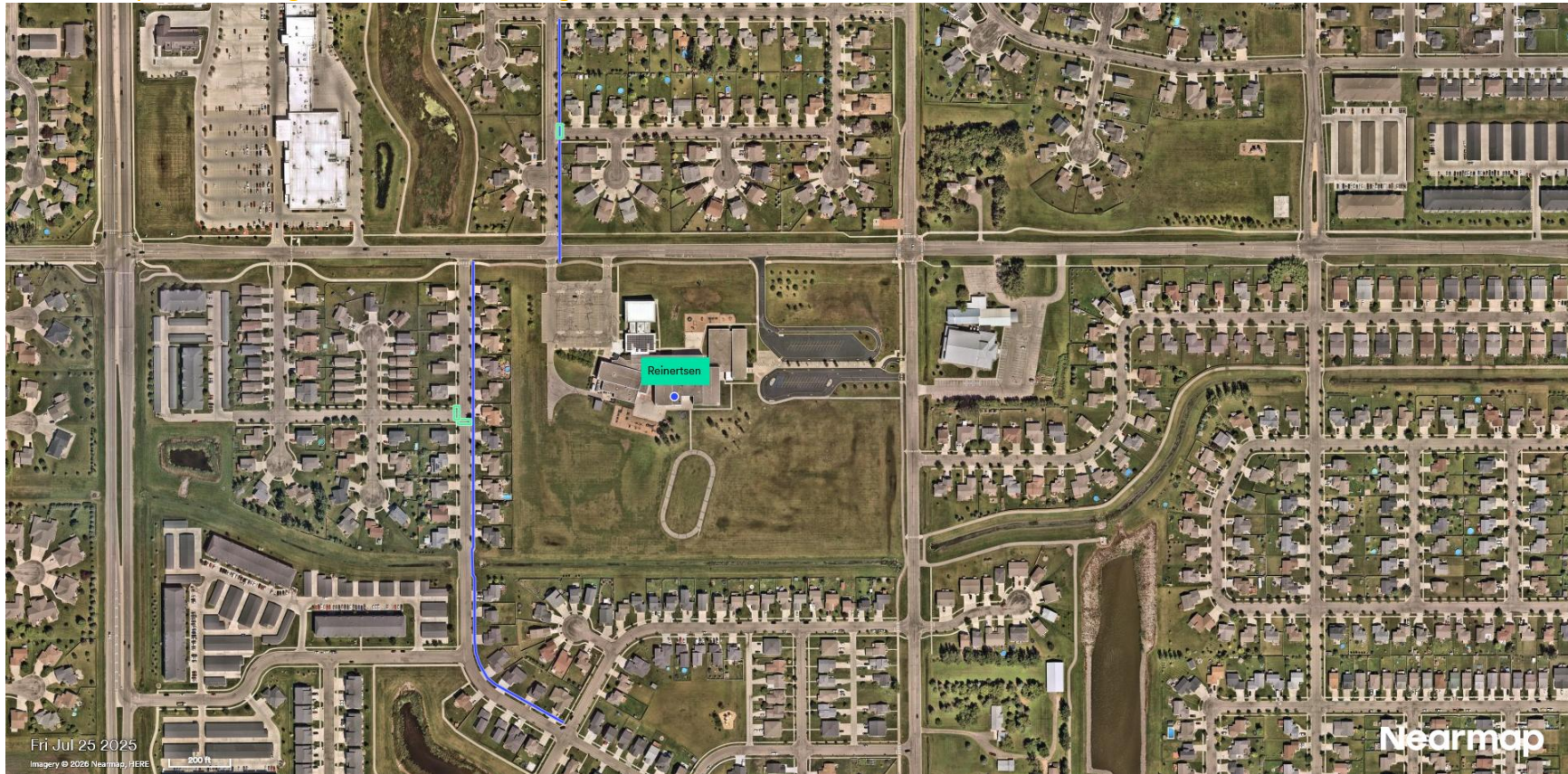
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Green: Proposed Crosswalk Marking

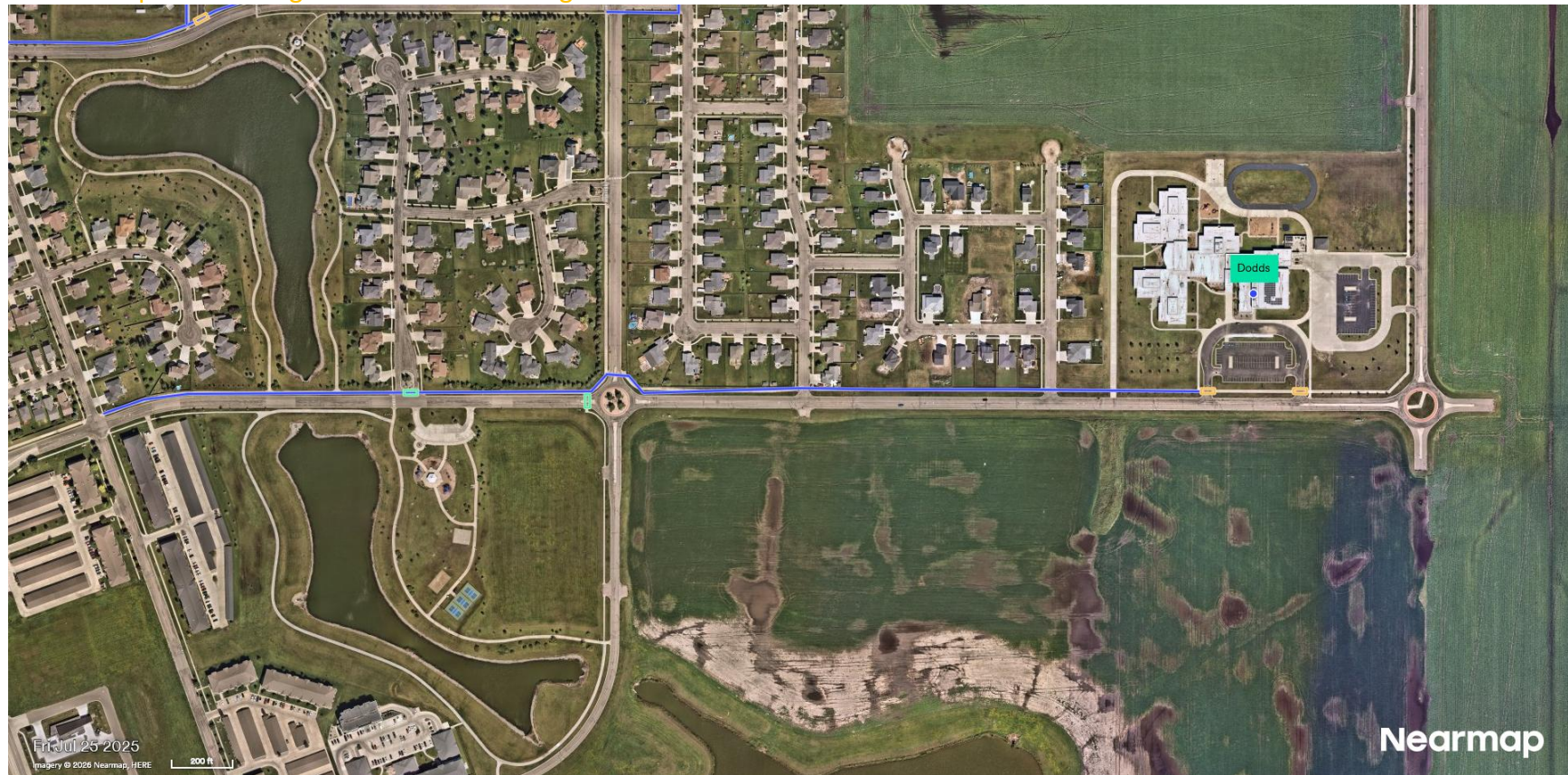
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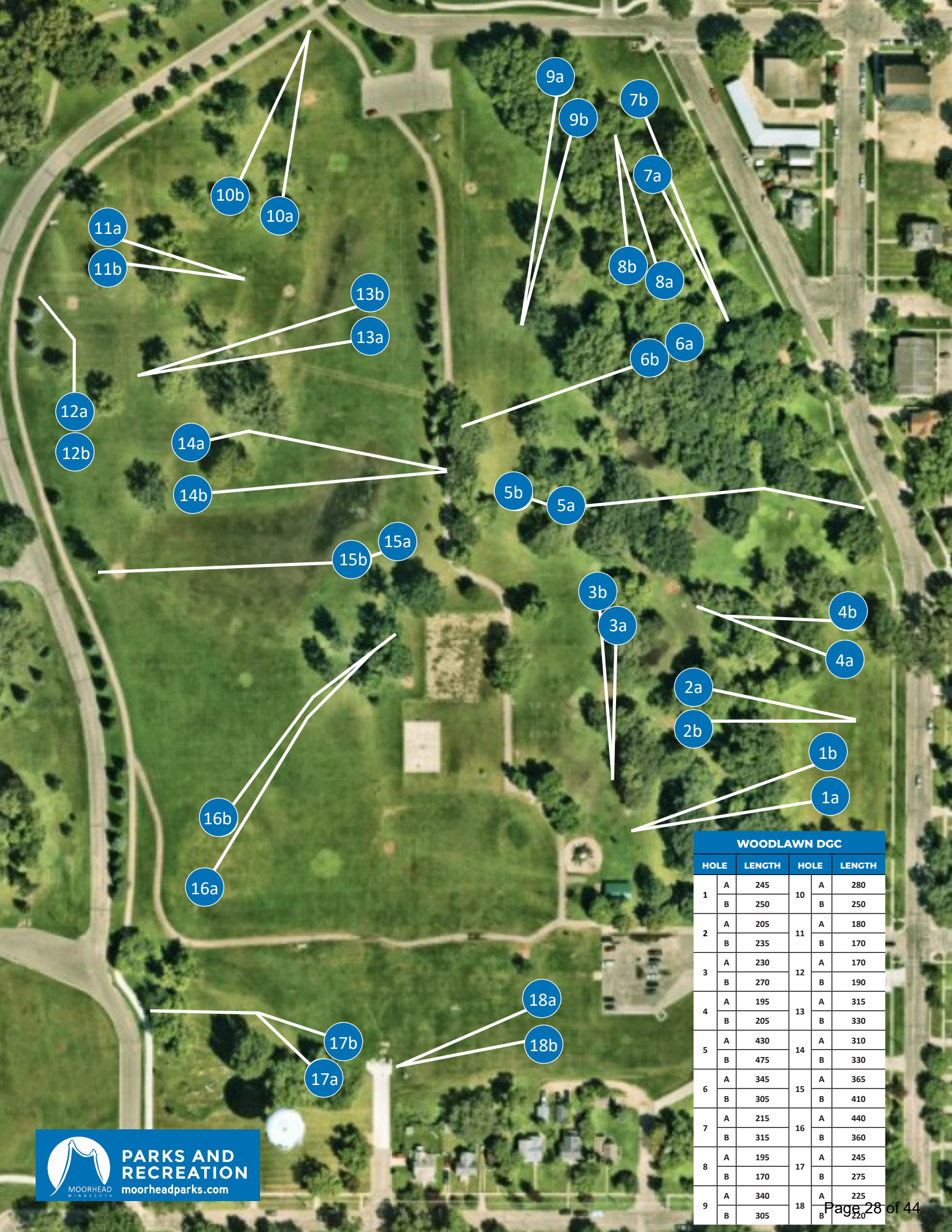
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School	Number of Street Crossings	Estimate	Number of Bike Path Street Crossings	Estimate	Number of Parking Lot Crossings	Estimate	Total Estimated Cost
Robert Asp	5	\$ 10,000.00	0	\$ -	3	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Ellen Hopkins	4	\$ 8,000.00	0	\$ -	4	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Probstfield	5	\$ 10,000.00	0	\$ -	2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Dorothy Dodds	1	\$ 2,000.00	1	\$ 3,100.00	2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,100.00
S.G. Reinertsen	3	\$ 6,000.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Horizon	4	\$ 8,000.00	0	\$ -	3	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Mobilization							\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	22	\$ 44,000.00	1	\$ 3,100.00	14	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 80,100.00



WOODLAWN DGC					
HOLE		LENGTH	HOLE	LENGTH	
1	A	245	10	A	280
	B	250		B	250
2	A	205	11	A	180
	B	235		B	170
3	A	230	12	A	170
	B	270		B	190
4	A	195	13	A	315
	B	205		B	330
5	A	430	14	A	310
	B	475		B	330
6	A	345	15	A	365
	B	305		B	410
7	A	215	16	A	440
	B	315		B	360
8	A	195	17	A	245
	B	170		B	275
9	A	340	18	A	225
	B	305		B	220



WOODLAWN PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

View an online map at udisc.com
or by using the QR code



HOLE

1b

245 FEET

HOLE

1a

245 FEET



Age Friendly Minnesota Grant - \$69,319

Tennis to Pickleball conversions at Hansmann Park and Village Green Park

Hansmann Park



Village Green Park



MPCA Climate Action Grant -\$14,200

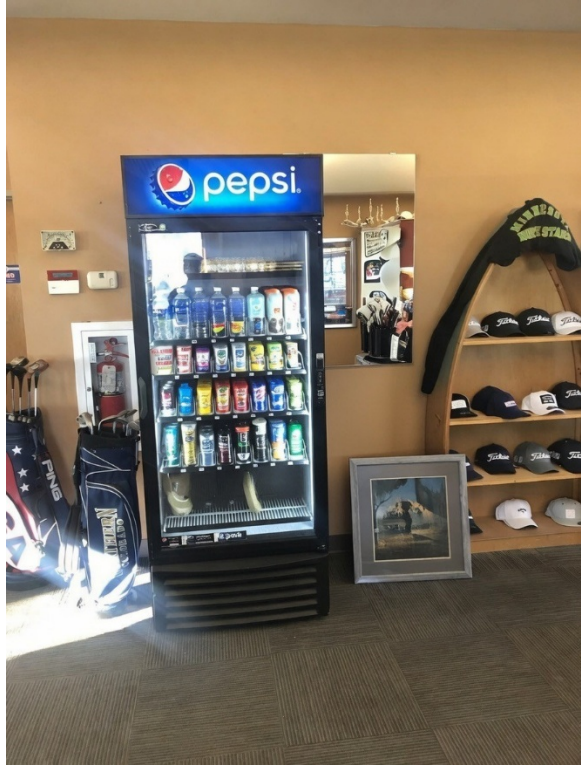
Convert 10 acres of existing turf grass along the Red River corridor to native grass

Five Locations













2026 Park Maintenance Training and Certification



Certified Playground Safety Inspector

The CPSI training teaches individuals to recognize playground safety issues and hazards, on equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods.



Certified Pool Operator (CPO) certification is a legal requirement for operating public swimming pools in MN, and 25 other states. It provides operators with the basic knowledge to manage, maintain and operate public pools in a safe and hygienic manner.



A Pesticide Applicator License is a state-issued certification that authorizes an entity to apply restricted use pesticides and herbicides, while demonstrating the user understands safe handling, proper application methods, and environmental protection.



SAVE THE DATE!



Celtic Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10 am-4 pm | Doors 9:30 am | \$5/ages 10 and under free
Hjemkomst Center - 202 1 Ave N, Moorhead, MN

Community and regional performers, lyrical Celtic music, dancers' impressive footwork, engaging stories of Celtic lore, fencing demonstrations and more! Visit informational booths, shop Celtic vendors and feast on traditional cuisine!

This activity is made possible by the Fargo-Moorhead Convention & Visitors Bureau (FMCVB)



PROGRAM SUMMARY - FALL AND WINTER 2025-2026

Program	Dates	2024-25	2025-2026	24-25 vs 25-26
Aquatics				
Swim Lessons	Sept-Nov	83	91	+8
Athletics				
Basketball	Jan-Feb	41	50	+9
Figure Skating	Oct-Feb	372	377	+5
Flag Football	Aug-Sept	342	392	+50
Open Gym	Oct-March	45/day	45/day	0
Pickleball	Oct-March	\$6,405 revenue	\$3,115	ongoing
Sports Sampler	Oct-Nov Feb-March	53	52	-1
Tae Kwon Do	Sept-Feb	38	10	-28
Volleyball	Aug-Sept	26	27	+1
Fitness				
SAIL – New program	Feb-March	NA	21	+21
Water Exercise	Sept-Feb	31	33	+2
Neighborhood Recreation Centers				
Art Classes	Sept-Jan	37	42	+5
After School Program	Sept-Dec	25	29	+4
Outdoor Skating Rinks (7 locations)	Dec-Feb	3893 (62 days) 63/day	3833 (47 days) 81/day	+18/day
Red Cross Babysitting	Sept-Feb	18	28	+10

AQUATICS

SWIM LESSONS

Attendance: 91

Fall Swim Lessons are held on Saturday mornings at the Moorhead High School. This year we offered private lessons to meet the growing interest of one-on-one instruction. All these classes filled quickly, with us holding a total of 28 private lessons. We offered Preschool-Level 5 for our group lessons. This summer we are excited to bring back Parent/Child classes. We are unable to offer these at Moorhead High School due to the lower water temperatures. We also offer Adaptive Swim and Level 6 during the summer session to continue supporting swimmers at every stage of development.



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Attendance: 50

Youth basketball participation increased by nine from 2025. This program introduces the basketball game focusing on skills and drills for 1st and 2nd graders, and a 2nd ground of 3rd and 4th graders. Like volleyball, this is a 6-week program where we focused on skill building the first 3 weeks, and then did skill review and scrimmage games for the next 3 weeks. For the scrimmage games we tried to keep the teams as even as possible but noticed that splitting the teams up each day did dip into actual game time a little bit. Next year, we will likely try to assign the kids to a team throughout our game session to optimize the time on the court playing.

FIGURE SKATING

Attendance: 377

Figure skating continues to be a strong program with sessions offered Oct-Dec (162 participants); and Jan-Feb (215 participants) at the Moorhead Sports Center. The January sessions typically see more participation year by year, but both sessions still have room to grow. We offer Monday evening and Saturday morning time slots. The Saturdays are where we see most of our skaters, as it gets to be late for our group on Monday nights when we compete with high school, Concordia, and youth hockey for ice usage. When the Learn to Skate session wraps up in February, we remain on the ice for a few extra weeks in preparation for our annual Ice Show event where skaters from our program, and the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club showcase their skills. This event will take place March 20-22. The Ice Show will have 140 participants this year, with 80 of them from our Learn to Skate program, 10 from our adult skating program, and 50 advanced skaters from the Figure Skating Club.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Attendance: 392

Flag football program continues to grow, up 50 kids from last year. With the increase in participants, we added two extra fields this past season. We play in the outfields of the baseball fields at Southside Regional Park, so we do have a little challenge distinguishing which field is which when having multiple flag football fields on each baseball field but will look into some new signage this coming year. This is a coed program offered for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. The kids get split between K-1st grade, 2-3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5-6th grade. Most of the players are in the two younger levels. 4th grade is when kids can start playing tackle football, so we typically end up with two-three teams at the two older levels. These teams compete against Fargo and West Fargo teams on their game nights. The program takes place at Southside Regional Park in August - September and teams typically get 10 practices and 6-8 games depending on whether cancellations. Barnesville and DGF participants continue to sign up through our program, while practicing in their communities and coming to Southside for games. This program relies heavily on parent volunteers; we ended up with close to 30 teams and we try to get 2-3 coaches per team. Without their help, this program would not be possible. It has been increasingly hard to recruit parents, and some only help because we are in need and not necessarily because they have a strong football background. Which is why these practice plans we create go a long way in assisting the kids increase their skill and enjoy their experience.



OPEN GYM

Our free open gym program continues at Ellen Hopkins. We used to split between the two locations but are now at Hopkins on Saturdays from 10 am – 3 pm. This location works out much better for us anyways as we can offer two separate gyms for basketball and volleyball players. We average about 40-50 kids per day.

PICKLEBALL

Open pickleball was held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from October – beginning of April at the Community Life Center (CLC) inside the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. We charge \$5 to play, or players can purchase a \$40 punch card if they are going to come regularly. Each fall it tends to be slower, but we have a consistent contingent of players each day, as the sport continues to grow, even with the new Courts and Pints location. Revenue is down a little bit this year, but we have seen steady play the last few months where the gap should close as we wrap up in April. In addition to open play, we partnered with the Fargo-Moorhead Pickleball Club to lead a few introduction classes. They will also be assisting with a

youth clinic again this summer! In 2007, the City of Moorhead contributed \$170,000 to help build the gym we use at the church, and our programming hours are billed off of that money we contributed. As of December 2025, we have about \$36,000 left on that. With our current programming schedule, that will likely be expended in the next 2-3 years. At that time, we will have to start paying a rental fee for this program.

SPORTS SAMPLER

Attendance: 22 (Oct – Nov); 30 (Feb-Mar)

Our fall sports sampler saw a slight dip in attendance compared to last year, but part of that was in part due to us lowering the amount of kids we take to not overwhelm staff. This program is for kids ages 3-6 years old with our 3-4 year olds together, and 5-6 year olds together. The younger group fills up nicely most sessions, but have been hit and miss with the older kids. In the fall we had just 8 kids in the older group, so we changed times a little bit to try and accommodate an earlier start. Our spring sessions starts Feb 24 and both age groups filled up with the new start times.



TAE KWON DO

Attendance: 10

From September to February we continued to partner with NW Martial Arts on our Tae Kwon Do program numbers took another sharp hit this past fall, with just 10 participants. Speaking with the owner, we are going to halt this program for a little while. They may be moving gym spaces soon, and with our attendance numbers not being what they once were, we think participants are signing up elsewhere. Moorhead Community Education offers a Tae Kwon Do program, so it is worth a conversation to see how that attendance has been. It may be best, to offer a session similar to our other athletic programs once or twice per year, and then provide information to participants on how they can continue with a gym if wanting to.

VOLLEYBALL

Attendance: 27

Our volleyball program participant held pretty steady, with just one more participant than last year. This is a coed program that serves kids in 3rd-6th grade but we had all girls this past season. This is a 6 week program where we focus on skill introduction and building the first 3 weeks and then add in more scrimmage type games after that. We had some real positive feedback this past season, and the staff did a great job. We are going to start a couple weeks later in 2026, to see if attendance will increase with a bit longer time marketing in the brochure.



FITNESS

SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life)

This class is a new fitness offering for ages 65+. The free class focuses on improving quality of life through balance, strength and fall prevention exercises. The class includes an educational component that provides practical tips on home safety, fall prevention, and safe movement techniques. Participants gain a better understanding of how balance changes with age and learn strategies they can apply in everyday life to maintain independence. Instructor certification requires a two-day class, teaching a class observed by a trainer, and CPR/First Aid/AED. We have a second session scheduled for April-May. We plan to continue offering this class on a more regular basis due to the interest and positive impact it provides.

WATER EXERCISE

Attendance: 33

This class combines cardio and strength exercises to increase flexibility, range of motion, and tone your body. Our Aquatics Specialist provided modifications of exercises that were advanced for some in groups to continue to push those who felt comfortable. We hold this class on Wednesday evenings to accommodate the HS swim meet schedule. We will be purchasing different weight barbells to accommodate those who want a more challenging workout. The next session of Water Exercise will be held this summer at the Municipal Pool.

NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTERS

ART CLASSES

Attendance: 42

All art classes are held at Alm Park and are open to ages 6 and up. We offered a variety of engaging options including a parent/child class, adult painting, clay and collage. Our Art Coordinator continues to do an excellent job creating a diverse lineup of classes for all skill levels and age. This spring we are offering five classes and we hold six summer art camps throughout the summer.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Attendance: 29

We had another great year with the After School Program at Village Green Park. This program is partially funded by the Community Development Block Grant, so offers free participation. Program staff were highly effective in building positive relationships with the participants and intentionally planning activities around the individual needs and interests of the kids. Daily snacks were provided, and participants enjoyed a variety of structured games and activities that promoted social interaction, physical activity, and fun.

OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

The outdoor skating season was shorter than usual due to warm temperatures in early February. The warmth significantly impacted the ice conditions, preventing us from being able to reopen. We closed for the season on February 11. Throughout the season, we had 7 staffed warming houses. Morningside and Riverview Estates were popular locations this winter. The sledding hill at Riverview Estates is a great amenity; we tracked over 350 kids using it during warming house hours. Even though the season was short, the overall number of skaters each day increased over last winter. Each location had skate guides available for younger kids to use while learning to skate.

Park	Hockey	General	Days open	Average per day
Morningside	596	178	47	16
Riverview	397	249	47	14
South	420	186	47	13
Ridgewood	478	153	47	13
Village Green	299	151	47	10
Hansmann	314	121	47	9
Lamb	266	25	47	6
Total	2770	1063		
Total Attendance:	3833			

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Attendance: 22

This course teaches youth ages 11-14 the skills needed to be a professional and reliable babysitter. It includes an American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification that is valid for 2 years. We continue to collaborate with a Family, Friend, and Neighbor Navigator at Lakes and Prairies CAPLP in Moorhead to provide free resources to each of our participants. They have provided backpacks that include a first aid kit, thermometer, flashlight, crank radio and more items that help keep a safe environment for the children. We will continue to offer this class year-round.

