

**Park Board
Agenda Item 7.C
Meeting of June 3, 2026**



Title: Park System Areas of Need Discussion

Strategic Plan Goal:	To renew and maintain parks and trails
Related Strategy:	Identify areas of the city that are deficient of adequate park or trail amenities
Action Requested:	Provide Feedback
Form of Action:	Report

Summary Statement

Figure 45 from the city's Parks, Open Space and Trail (POST) Plan identifies areas of need in the Minnetonka park system based on three criteria. Staff will provide a revised map to show additional park, trail and open space features to provide a better understanding of areas of need throughout the city.

Recommended Action

Provide feedback

Background

When adopted in 2022, the city's Parks, Open Space and Trail (POST) Plan inventoried all the existing park amenities and recreational opportunities while identifying what locations in the city would benefit from additional resources. Characteristics considered to identify Areas of Need (Figure 45 attached) included distance walked to the park, areas of lower income residents, and areas in the city with higher density of residents. This figure highlighted areas that fell short of these key park location considerations but failed to consider some contextual information such as nearby parks in neighboring cities, areas open to the public such as schools with playgrounds, and regional trails that offered significant recreational opportunities.

Staff will present a revised version of the Areas of Need figure that includes the contextual information listed above and talk through park planning considerations to ensure all residents of the city have access to our important park system.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[POST Figure 45_Original Map](#)

[POST Figure 45_Updated Map](#)