

**Park Board
Agenda Item 7.C
Meeting of February 4, 2026**



Title: Big Willow Park Master Plan

Strategic Plan Goal: To renew and maintain parks and trails

Related Strategy: Provide guidance that aligns with the goals and recommendations of both the NRMP and POST Plan on balancing the conservation of natural resources with providing high-quality recreational opportunities.

Participate in the park & trail projects process and make recommendations to the city council.

Action Requested: Provide Feedback

Form of Action: Report

Summary Statement

A preliminary draft of the Big Willow Park Master Plan is available for review and feedback.

Recommended Action

Review and provide feedback

Background

The Minnetonka City Council approved the updated Parks, Open Space and Trail (POST) System Plan in 2022 after an extensive public engagement effort with the community, the park board and city council. The POST Plan provides a 15-to-20-year road map for planning and implementing park improvements and helps the park board, city council and staff prioritize park improvements, ensuring that the city's parks, trails and open spaces continue to serve the needs of the entire community.

A key recommendation from the Parks, Open Space and Trail (POST) System Plan includes creating comprehensive master plans for all major community parks, including Big Willow Park. Following the 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), staff has contracted with Bolton & Menk and their team of park planners, landscape architects, outreach specialists, and engineers to engage with residents and other key stakeholders and use those findings to create a comprehensive master plan outlining future park improvements to pursue.

Staff will present the first full draft of the Big Willow Park Master Plan, including general goals, park assessment and condition analysis, opportunities and challenges, and improvement prioritization strategy. Staff will update the master plan according to the feedback received. Staff will also collect and respond to feedback received from the community in response to the draft master plan being made available on the city's public engagement platform, Minnetonka Matters. The final master plan will be presented to the Park Board in Quarter 2 of 2026 before being recommended to the City Council for adoption later this year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Big Willow Park Master Plan_Introduction and Executive Summary

Big Willow Park Master Plan_Inventory Themes

Big Willow Park Master Plan_Plan Recommendations

Big Willow Park Master Plan_Design Standards

Addendum