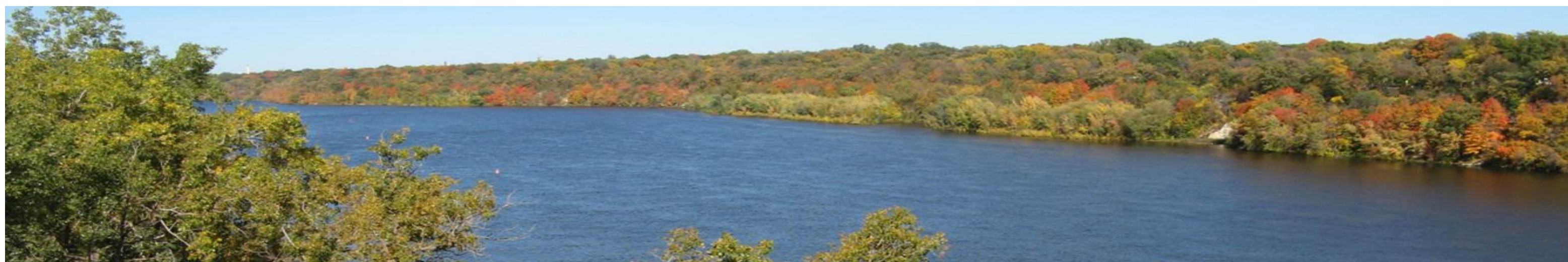


FORD SITE OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLES

- Strong connections to the Mississippi River, within the site and to the neighborhood.
- Natural spaces and active places for people to play, relax, and interact, including the Ford Little League fields.
- Significant greenery, public art, and cultural activities to create an attractive and vibrant community.
- Reflect the heritage of the Ford plant and its employees through design and amenities.



PRINCIPLES FROM OTHER PLANS

PARKS & RECREATION SYSTEMS PLAN (2010)

A 21st Century Park and Recreation System is:

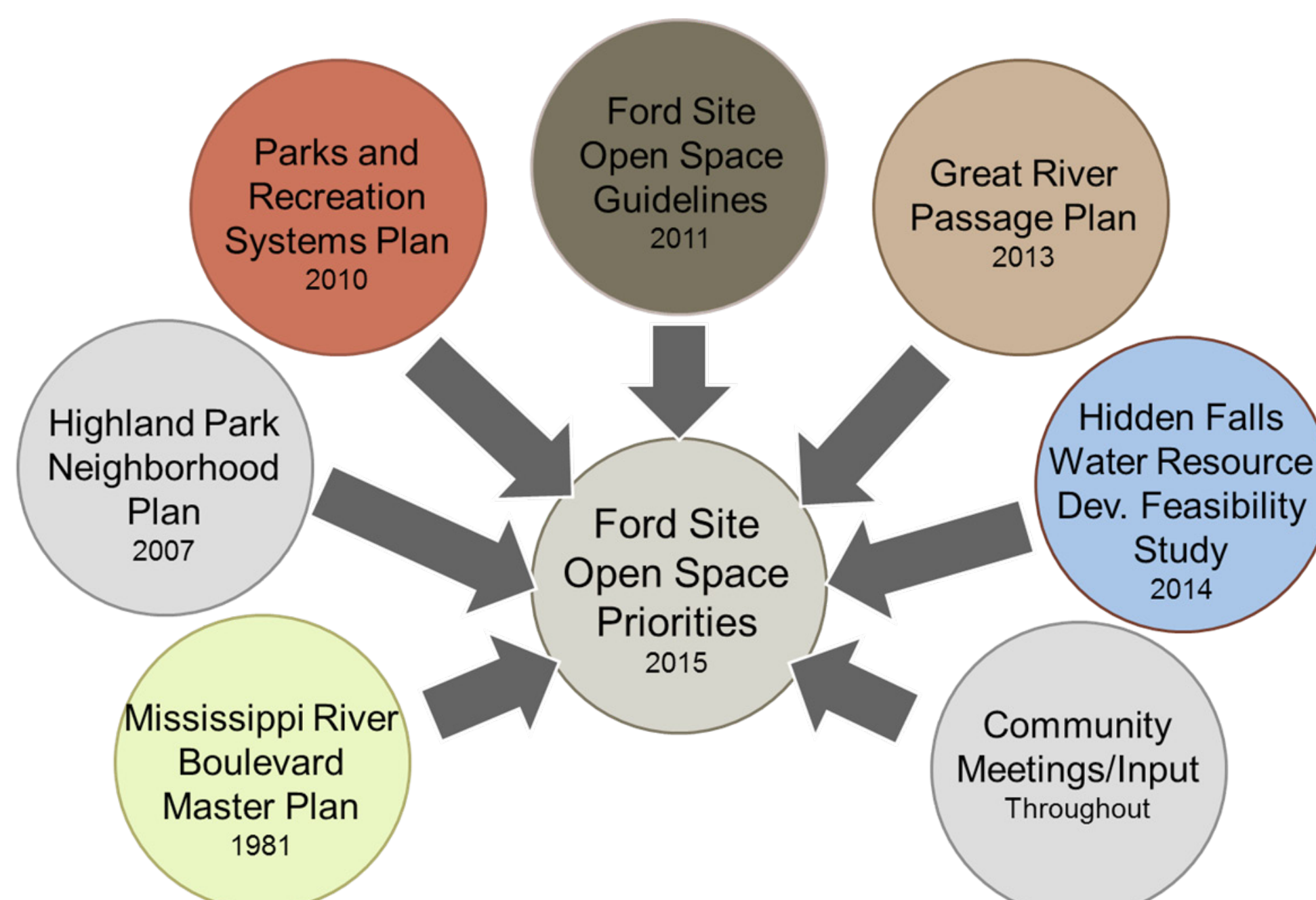
- Activity oriented, not facility-oriented
- Able to respond quickly to change
- Able to provide equitable service
- Sustainable
- Able to capitalize on partnerships
- Organized around linear elements such as trails and greenways

FORD SPACE OPEN SPACE GUIDELINES (2011)

Ford Open Space Guidelines identify...

- More open space is preferred
- Keep Highland Little League Fields
- Open space should serve multiple functions when feasible
- Open space should support new development and surrounding community
- Inter-connected greenway
- Connect to Hidden Falls

GUIDING DOCUMENTS



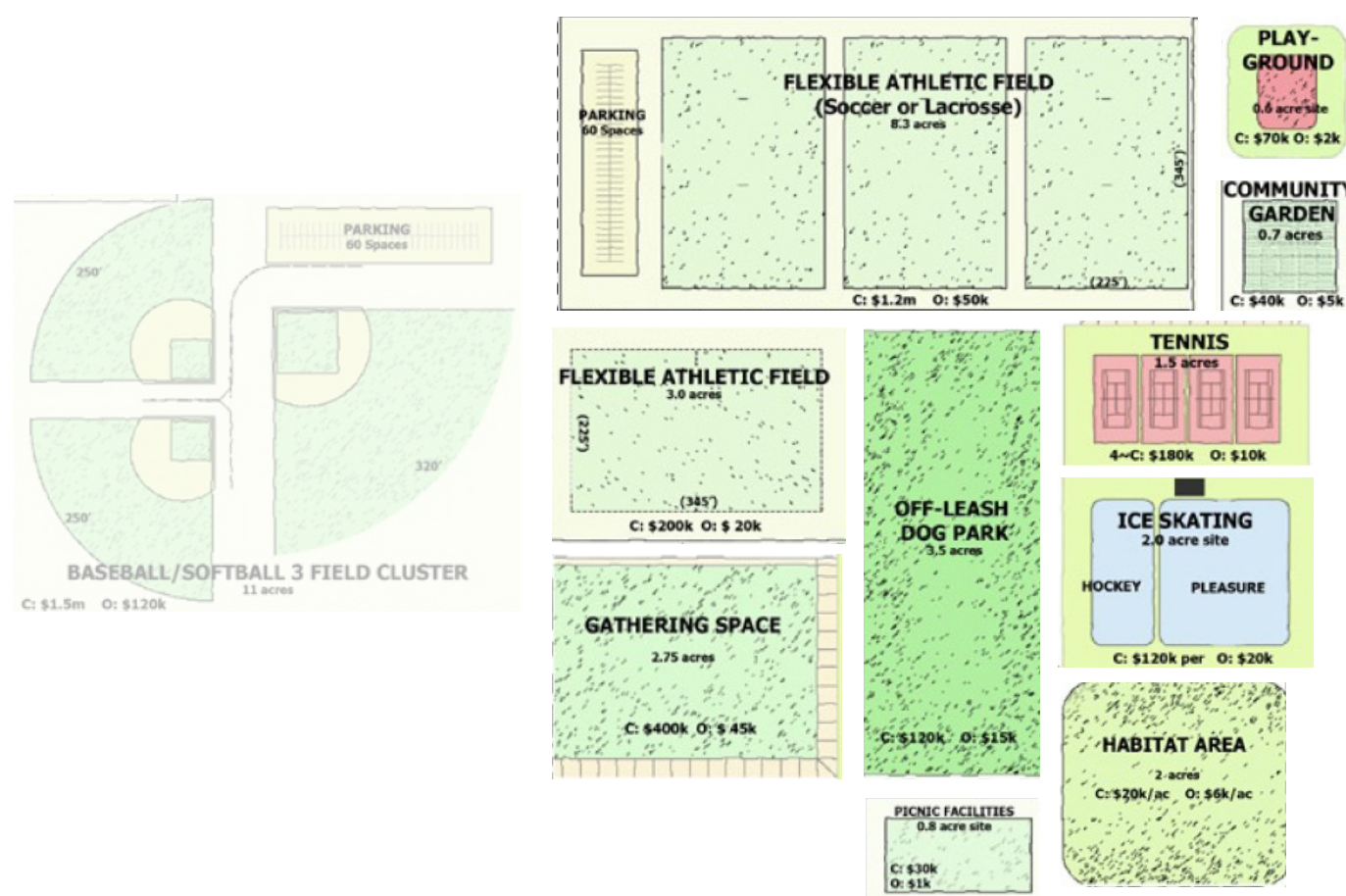


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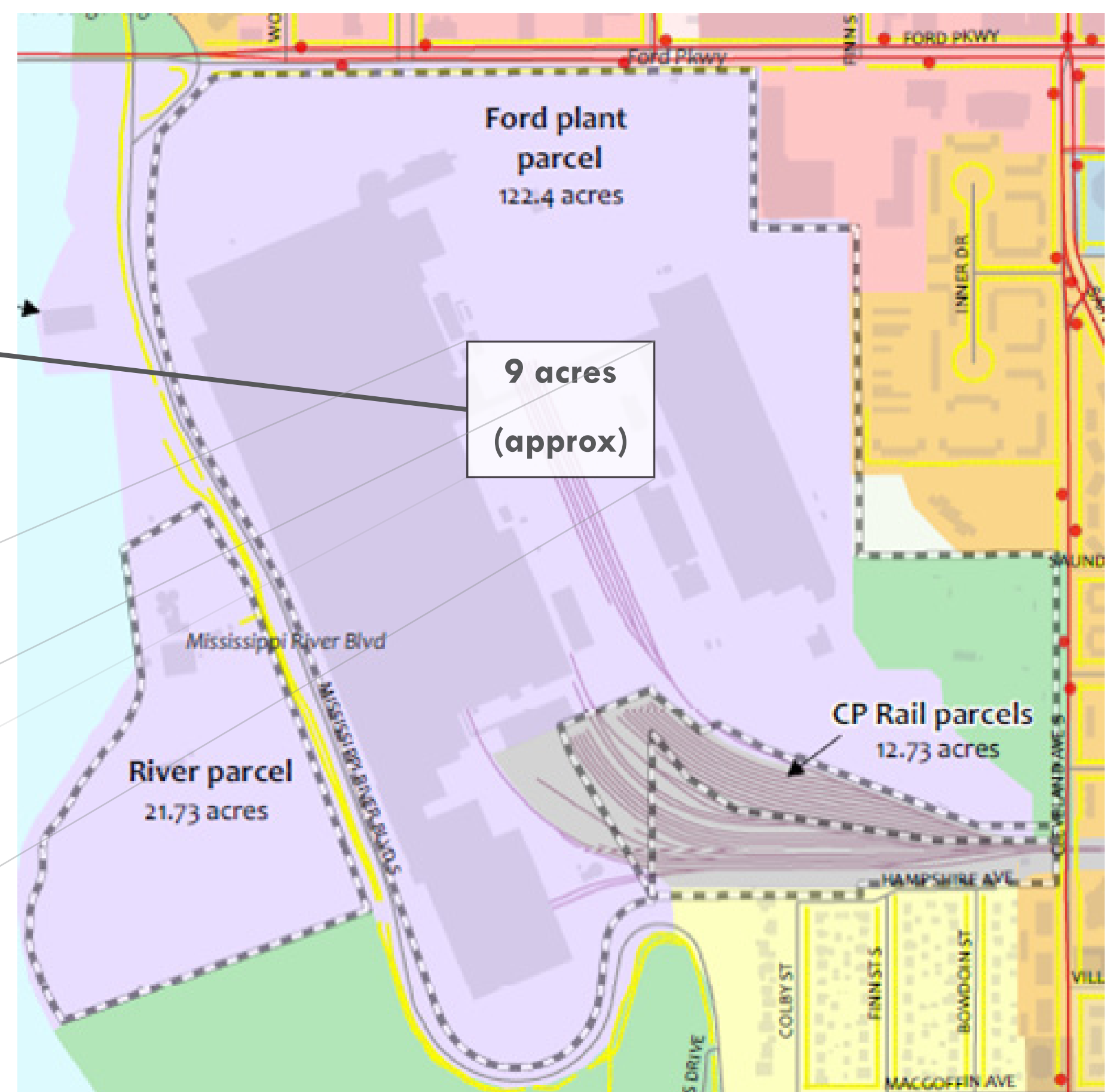


- City currently revising requirement
- Proposed requirement = 9% of land in the development site (not including street area) = 135 acres – 36 street acres = 99 acres x 9% = 9 acres*
- City can NOT require more

*Rough estimate at this time; final # is likely to change



9 acres (approx)

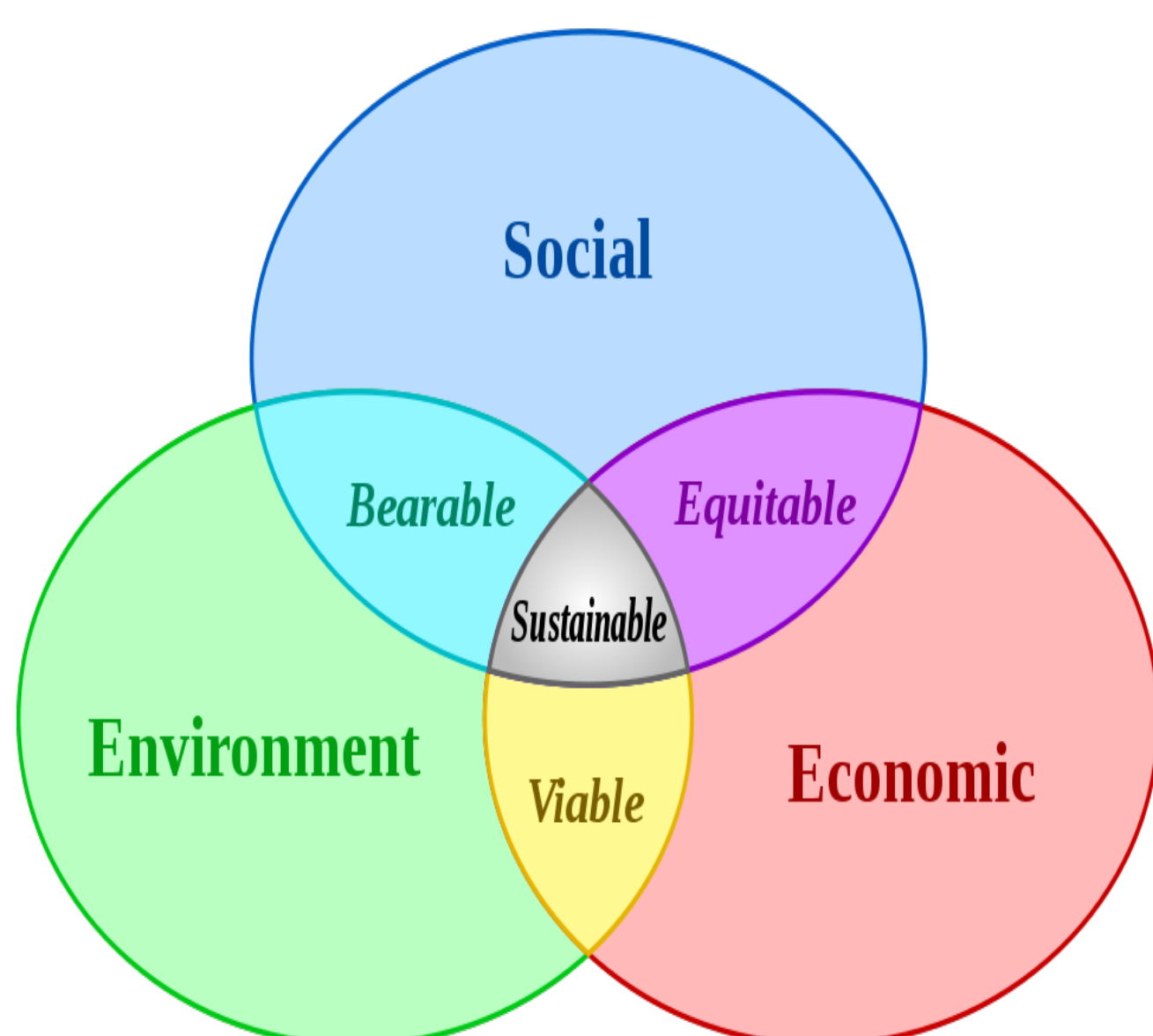


Prioritize which elements you'd like to see in the 9 acres:

Please take three dots and distribute them as you see fit

Flexible Athletic Field 10-20 acres	Creek Feature 10-15 acres	Tennis Court .3 acre	Habitat Area 3+ acres	Dog Park 1+ acre	Community Garden .5-1 acre	Playground .6 acre	Picnic Facilities .8 acres	Other? (Please Write)

TRADEOFFS FOR MORE OPEN SPACE



- Increased public \$ for acquisition
- Increased public \$ to build & maintain
- Decreased land for housing, jobs, services
- Increased density (higher building heights?)
- Decreased tax base (unless density increases)



COMMUNITY CENTER



OBJECTIVE

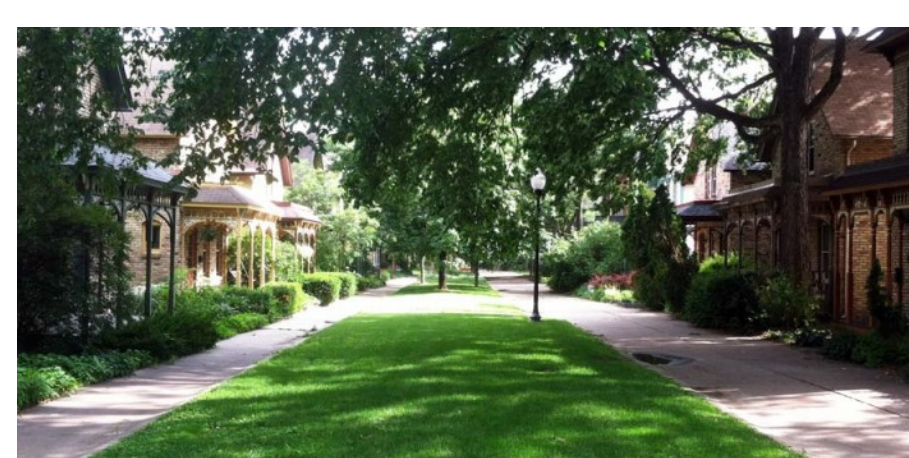
- Create a strong pedestrian and bicycle connection between Highland Park Community Center and the Ford site.

Where should the connection occur?

Ford Parkway	Other (Please write)



Which type of design works well for this connection?



On-street bikeway	Widened sidewalks	Car free boulevards	Off-road trail

Supported by:

- Parks and Recreation Systems Plan
- Ford Site Open Space Guidelines
- Highland Neighborhood Plan



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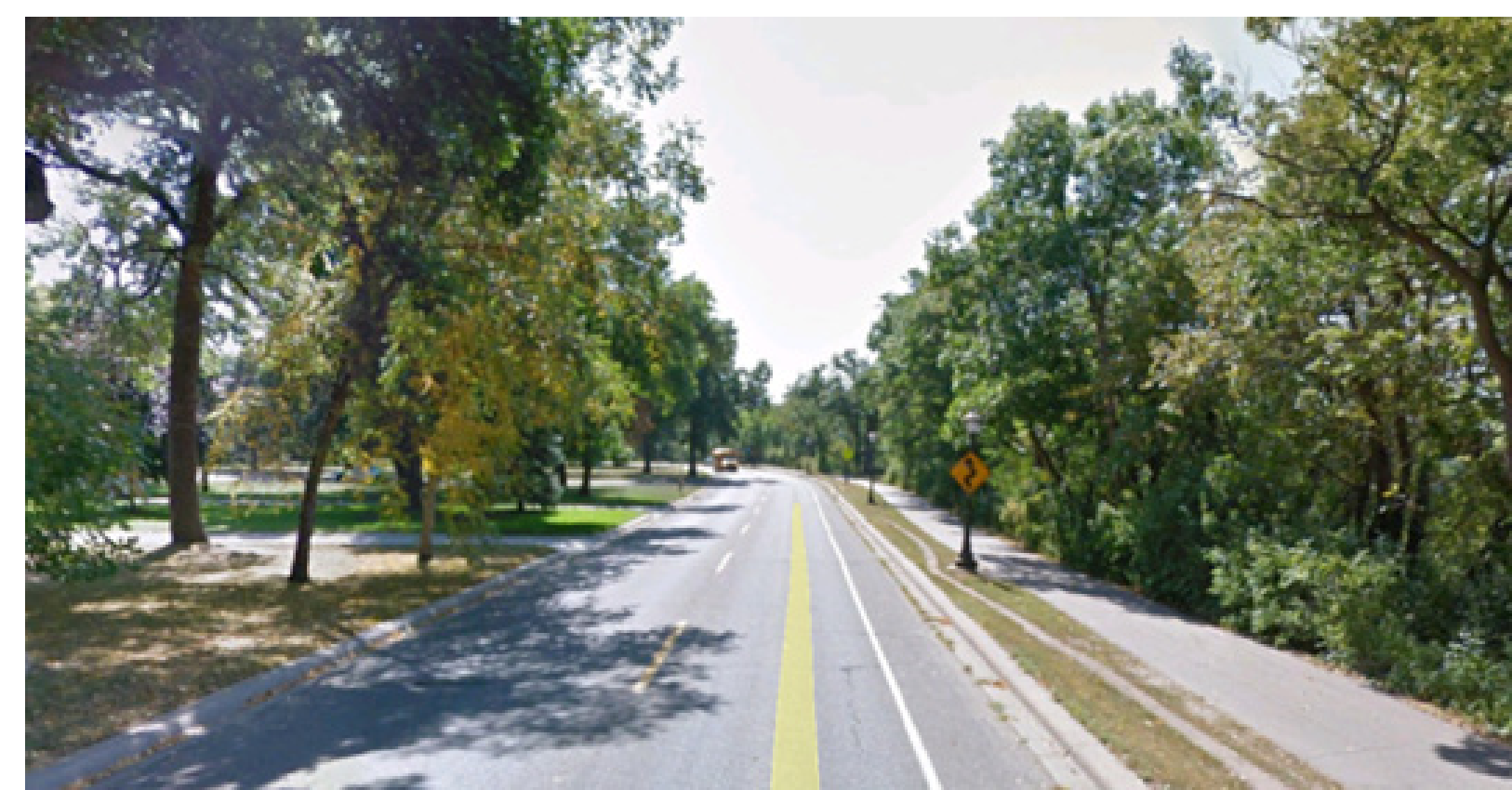


OBJECTIVES

- Limit street intersections and create views to the river
- Create a trail connection across site to Hidden Falls Regional Park
- Improve trail connections at Ford Parkway and create a “gateway” look

Should realignment of MRB be considered to create more space along the river?

Yes	No	Why?

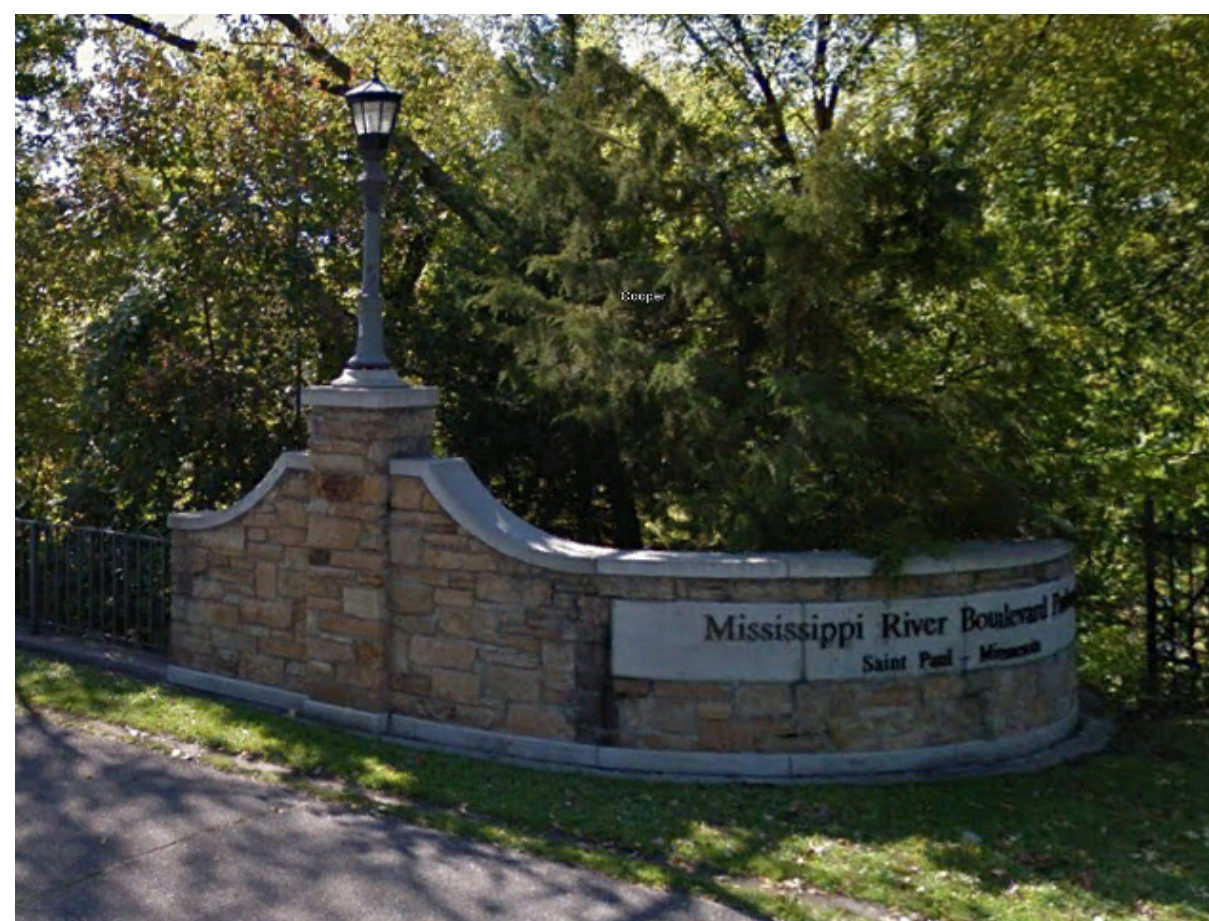


What are important considerations for locating a trail along the east side of the road?

Yes	No	Why?



What would make a nice “gateway” look?



Supported by:

- Open Space Guidelines
- Great River Passage Plan
- MRB Master Plan
- Highland Neighborhood Plan



OBJECTIVES

- Create a direct connection between Highland Park Community and Hidden Falls Regional Park
- Daylight stream into Ford site
- Reduce stormwater run-off damage downstream of falls
- Improve park entrance from Mississippi River Boulevard



How can Hidden Falls complement and be better connected to the Ford site and Highland neighborhood?



The restored Hidden Falls Creek is complemented by a new Mississippi River Boulevard Bridge

Supported by:

- Hidden Falls Water Resource Development Feasibility Study
- Sustainable Stormwater Feasibility Report for the Ford Plant Site
- Parks and Recreation Systems Plan
- Ford Site Open Space Guidelines
- Great River Passage Plan



GREENWAY CORRIDORS



OBJECTIVES

- Create a multi-functional: bike/ped, stormwater, and habitat corridor across the Ford site from north to south.
- Create a bike/ped corridor connecting the Ford Parkway bridge to the rail spur at the southeast corner of the site.
- Use a trail network to connect parks and open spaces within and adjacent to the Ford site.

What types of greenway corridors would you like to see on the Ford site?

	Why?

Supported by:

- Parks and Recreation Systems Plan
- Ford Site Open Space Guidelines
- Great River Passage Plan
- Highland Neighborhood Plan



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OBJECTIVES

- Provide multi-functional park close to residential uses and on the greenway corridor.
- Approximate size is 3-5 acres

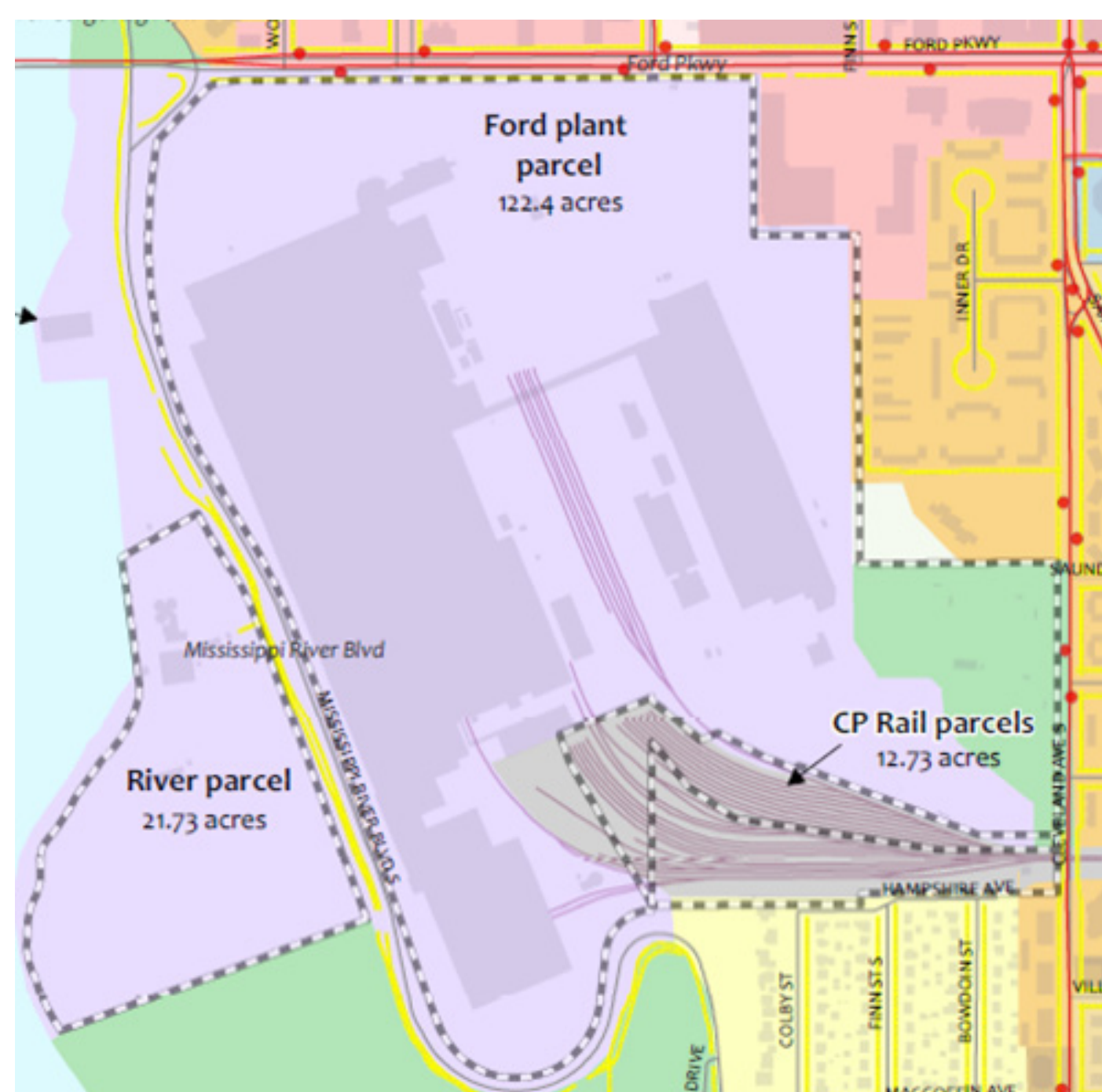


What types of activities would you like in a neighborhood park at Ford?

								
Splash Fountains	Skate Park	Benches & Tables	Natural Areas	Dog Park	Exercise	Play Equipment	Gardens	Other? (Please Write)

What considerations for location are important to you?

Please use map for reference



Sketch your ideas for a neighborhood park at Ford.



Supported by:

- Community Input at meetings since 2007

There is a high demand in Saint Paul and in Highland specifically for athletic fields, such as:

- Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Lacrosse
- Rugby
- Sepak takraw
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Most fields require:

- about 10 acres
- Facilities like parking, restrooms, viewing areas, and concessions
- Location by major road, on a trail network, and buffered from residential
- \$ to build and to operate on an annual basis

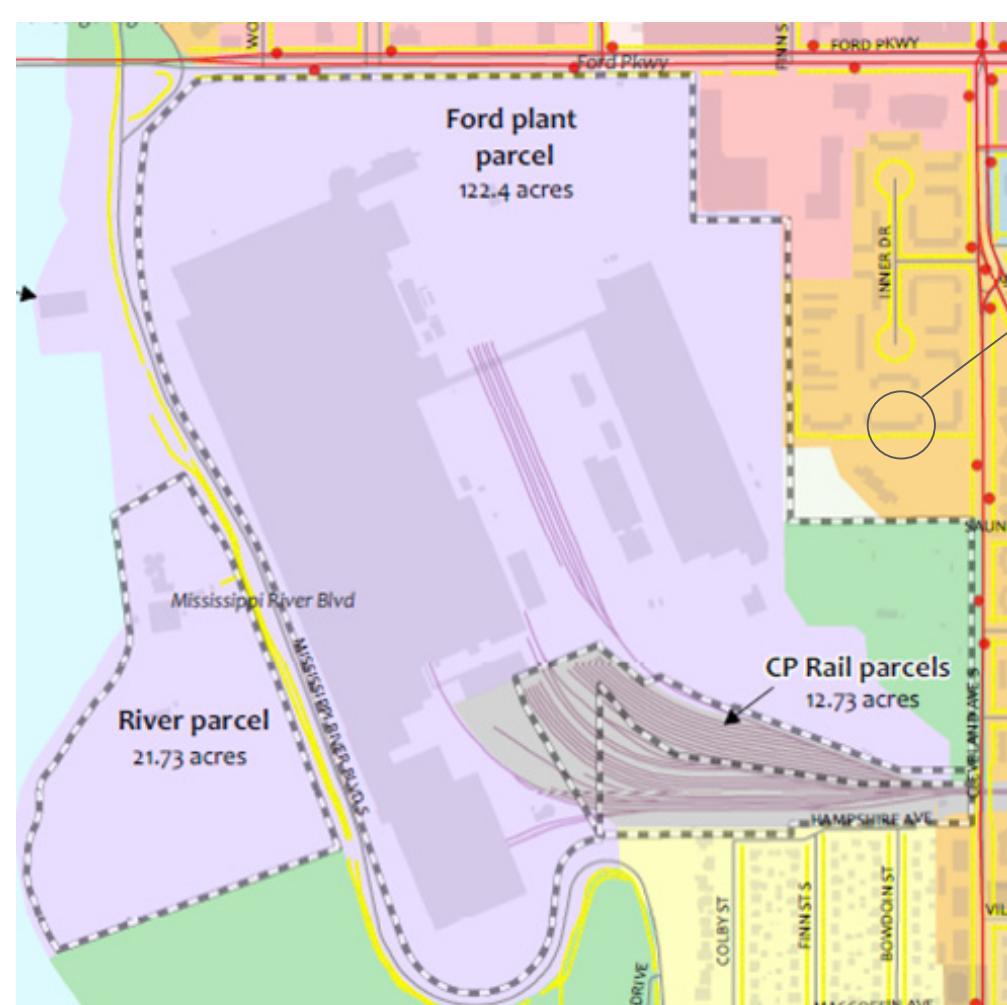
Which types do you think are needed?

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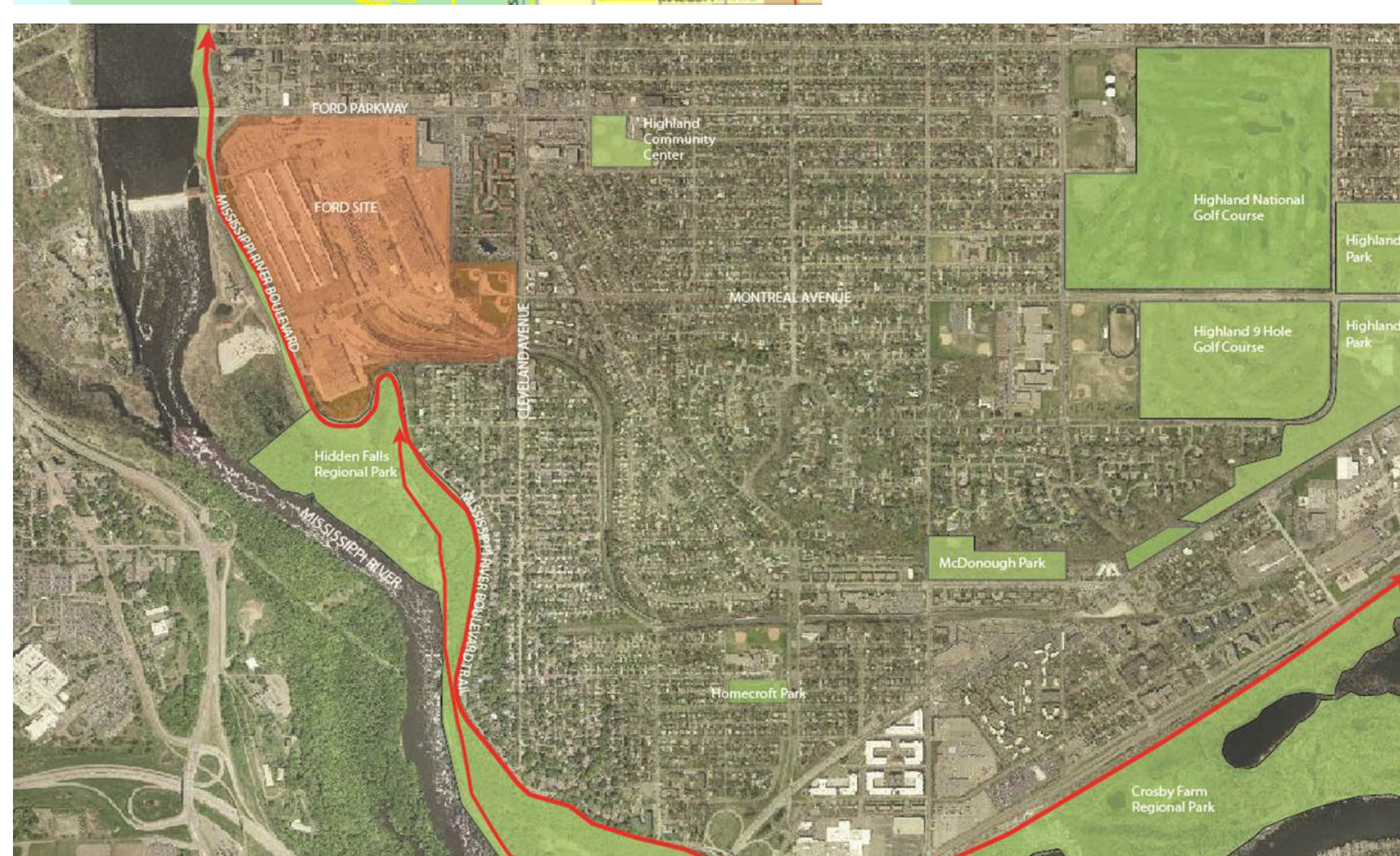


Soccer	Softball	Baseball	Multi-Purpose	Emerging Sports

Where and how can fields be provided in the community?



Please place your sticker, draw a line, and describe why

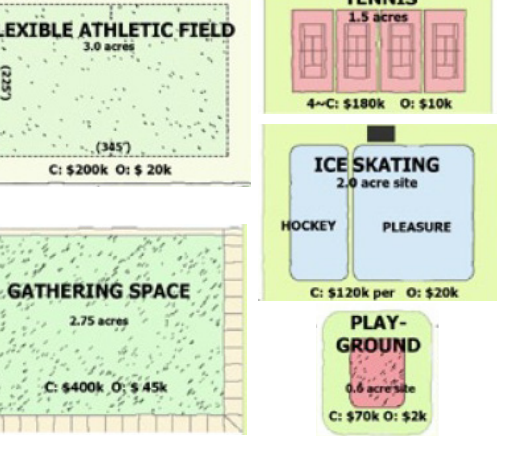
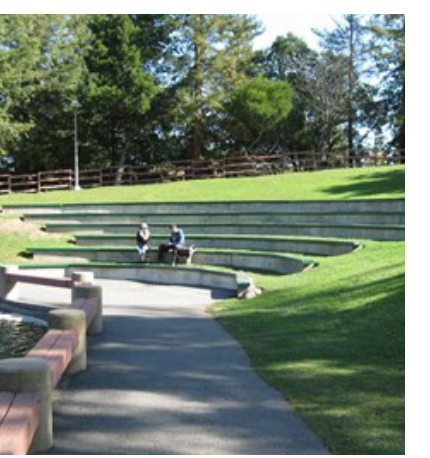


OBJECTIVES

- Create central plaza and gathering space that hosts multiple activities year-round
- Locate the plaza near Ford Parkway and existing commercial/retail
- Make some of the edges car-free, with convertible or “delivery only” streets



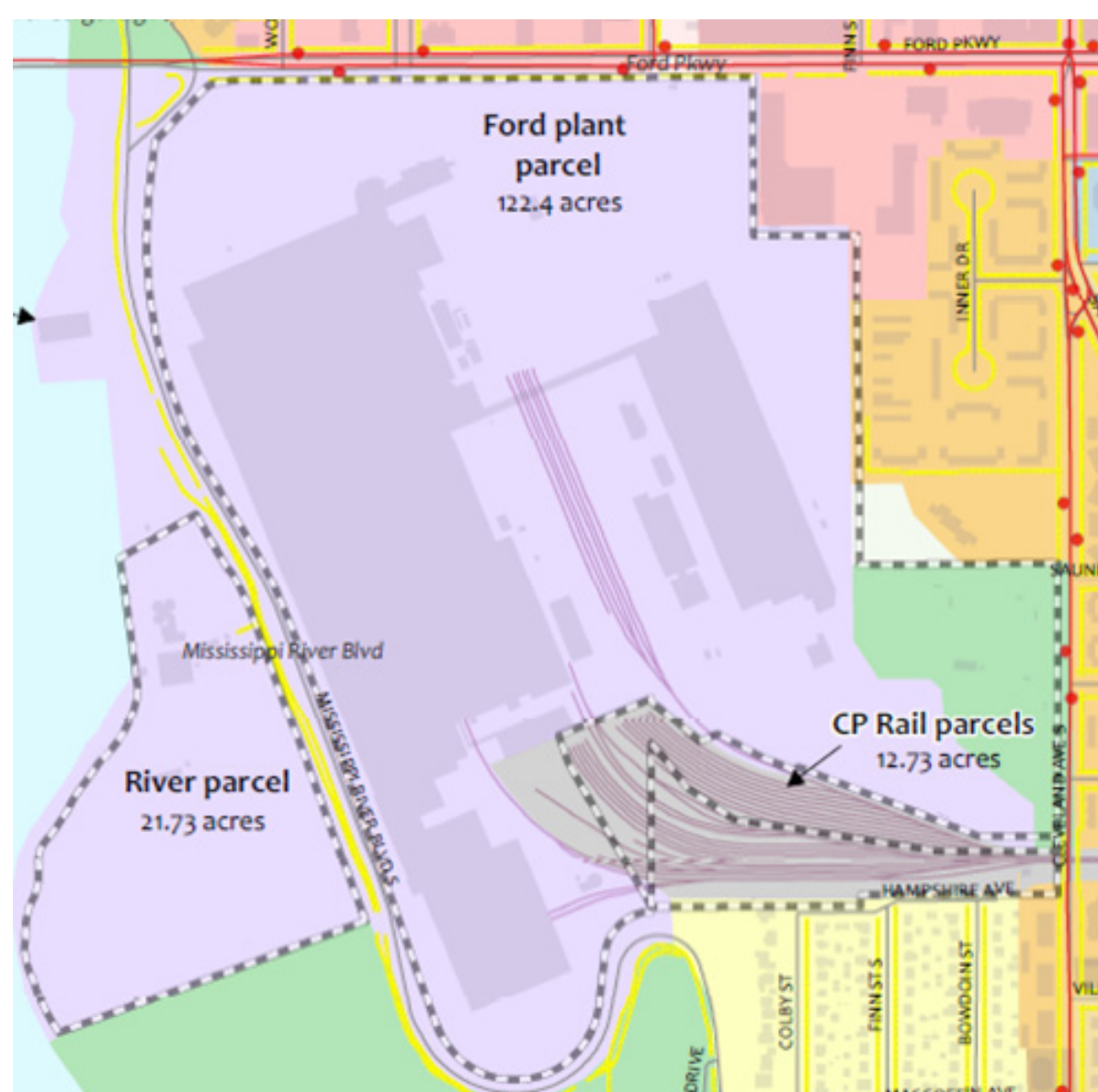
What types of activities would you like in a civic space at Ford?



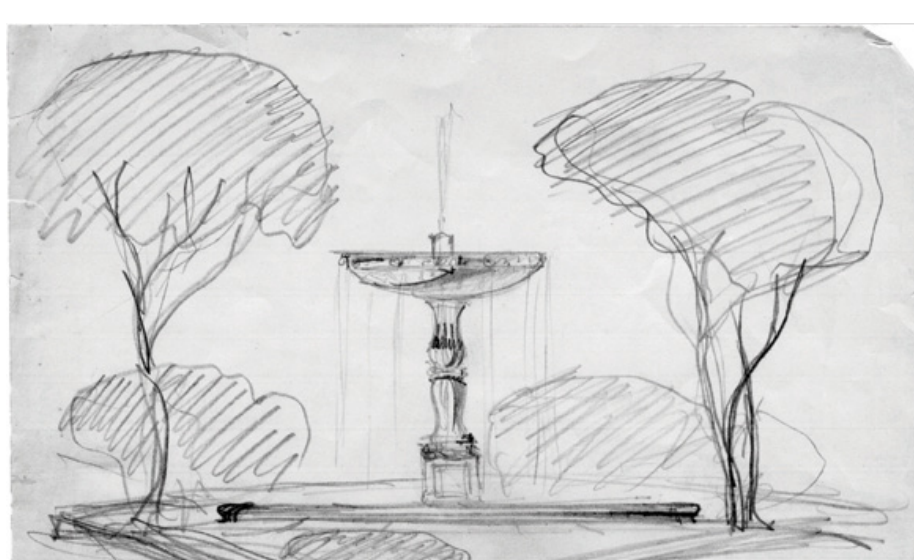
Splash Fountains	Skate Park	Benches & Tables	Public Art	Skating Rink	Amphitheater	Events	Market Space	Other? (Please Write)

What considerations for location are important to you?

Please use map for reference



Sketch your ideas for a civic space at Ford.



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OBJECTIVES

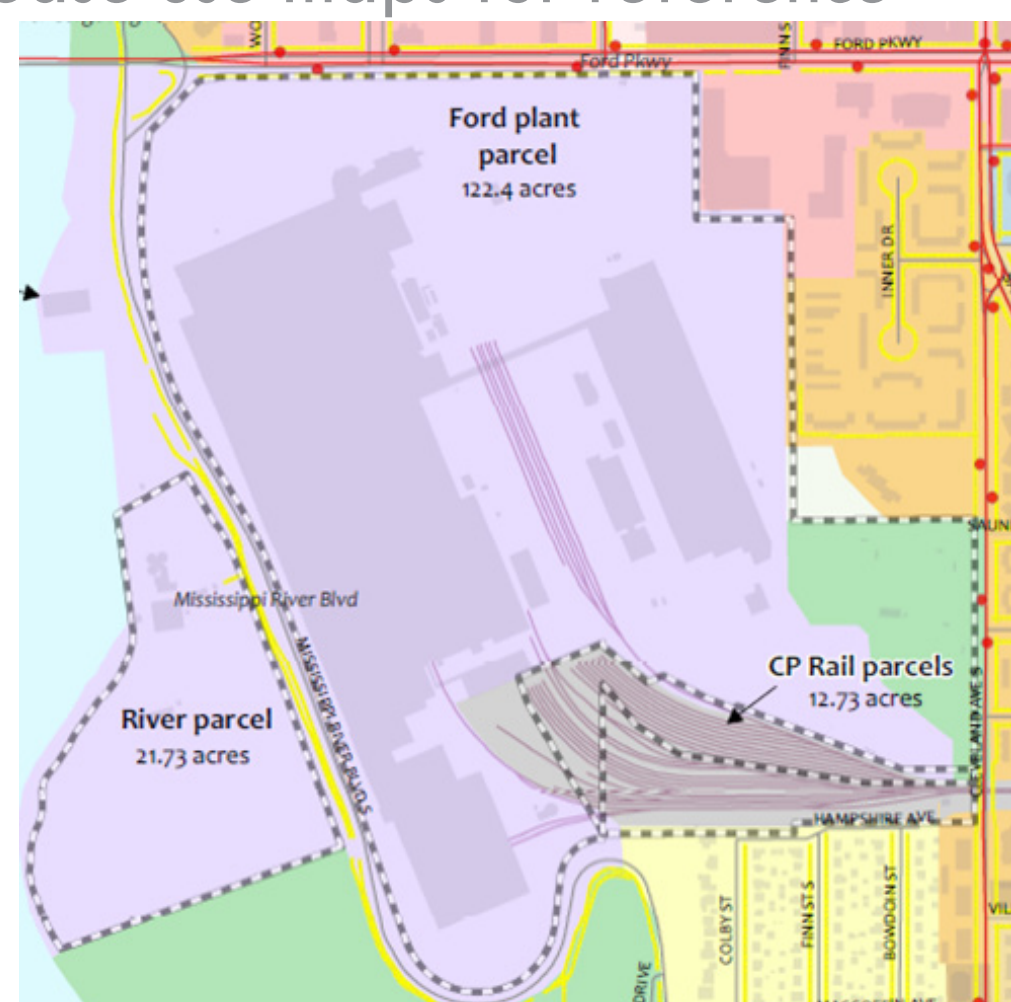
- Support facilities should include parking, concessions, restrooms, and batting cages
- Locate fields adjacent to major arterial road and on trail network, and buffer from residential
- To remain privately owned and operated



What do you think is important for the future of the fields?

What considerations do you think are important for location?

Please use maps for reference



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