



ATHLETIC FIELDS

FORD SITE
A 21st Century Community

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
- Tuj lub

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?

Please take three dots and distribute them as you see fit



Soccer	Softball	Baseball	Multi-Purpose	Emerging Sports
5 dots (3 pink, 2 green)	3 dots (2 pink, 1 orange)	10 dots (5 pink, 5 orange)	15 dots (8 pink, 7 orange)	3 dots (2 pink, 1 green)

Lacrosse



Where and how can fields be provided in the community?



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



NO BARRIERS
specific playing conditions but a part of the population (the community of other areas)

Consider moving athletic fields to the Highland east corner

I think using up this space for other things would not be good decisions

Space for soccer fields, yoga, lounge, cycling, sports

Turf all-weather for soccer or multi purpose

More fields to connect Monticello Creek with south part of the park

the ball near the road Greenway/Highland Connection

the main fields @ Highland Comm. Center

There should be fields provided by the neighborhood and not a regional park

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the lower fields, do located just like a block, low income? (what are some other options)

It is too early to decide if we will depend if the neighborhood starts young families or mostly elderly



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Not sure a large multi-purpose rec will serve more people - more efficient use of space

Pickleball is a multi-use sport we can consider

to come in the future? growing sport in U.S.

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Put more space for soccer fields

Multi Purpose

Multi Purpose for all people

Highland of Highland 2 athletic fields

Field possibly located at Highland (at end) of road

Keep the field and use it for other things

LBAP THERE

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)

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What considerations for local location are important to you?

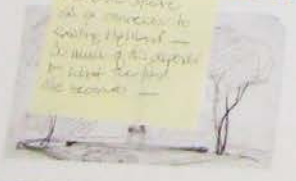
Please use map for reference



Handwritten notes on sticky paper:

- Ford Parkway too busy for civic square, need quiet area
- Quality over Quantity
- Not a skate board
- Skate park
- Public art
- Community theater
- Music
- Proximity to Ford Parkway

Sketch your ideas for a civic space at Ford.



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- Location: A-III, B-I, C-III, D-III, E-I
- gateway
- notice of events
- entry way
- identify H.P.
- Proximity to Ford Parkway so that it's not too tucked away from the neighborhood



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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)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind Lands (Behind) • Montreal Ave (when construction) → Elevated over ground for road • Does it even need to happen? • Depends on open space area location <p>NYC style bike/lane trail/bike</p>



Which type of design works well for this connection?



On-street bikeway	Widened sidewalks	Car free boulevards	Off-road trail
<p>Keyhole and an agent</p>			

It is safer for all ages if the bike lane is off the road. More people can enjoy it.

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Auto 25mph Speed Limit

Community center south of center was elevated w/ canopy

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More along Saunders mo. which goes right into the little league fields • Montreal w. (Dobson) • south side of Ford property • separate like pedestrians as trail • south of the church (could then south on Cleveland to the ball field) • then put bike trail on Cleveland



straight west through apartment driveway

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don't make the connection on Ford park - use street to road transition

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GREENWAY CORRIDORS




























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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?

Have open
translucent
trails and
bicycle
paths in
stream

Why?

          
            
  DEDICATED BIKEWAY Is the site big enough to still connections be made on the edges?

Provide the
Stream
to be Ford look
to provide

I like the idea of
we need more plants
and plants - especially
native plants and wild
flowers

Connection to the
boundary conditions
could be an open
space

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#1 
#2                
#3            
#4     

We have defined
the letter O

It would be
great to
divert the
stream

1. This corridor of
functionality includes
natural, native &
underground landscaping
with a designed
function, separated
for safety
+ provides functions
to provide water
to the site

Dina Seale
Natural area
or rain forest
to give green
in the site

From the Ford
Site to under site
with natural
landscaping

Edge of site
way finding

more formal
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Use of red
lines as a
connecting
greenway
to provide
a path

This was
essential to
connect the
two sides of
the city

Facility for
safety
with natural
landscaping
to provide
a path

Make streets safe
for kids
through
the site

Look at
greenway in
Minneapolis
+ connecting
sites

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HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK

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OBJECTIVES

- Create a direct connection between Highland Park Community and Hidden Falls Regional Park
- Daylight stream into Ford site *absolutely! Right*
- 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?



"Greenway" bike connection from Highland Park
Second time

Handwritten notes on green sticky paper:

- Create a direct connection between Highland Park Community and Hidden Falls Regional Park
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- Reduce stormwater run-off damage downstream of falls
- Improve park entrance from Mississippi River Boulevard
- Create a greenway bike/ped path from Highland Park to Hidden Falls
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- Sustainable Stormwater Feasibility Report for the Ford Plant Site
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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?

Private owned & multi-use

Baseball & Softball fields

Use and could use more of the site for fields

Use for more than baseball - include concessions or other uses

Private owned & multi-use

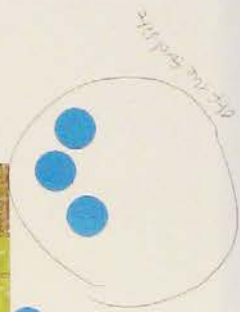
Private owned and operated. Use for more than baseball - include concessions or other uses.

What considerations do you think are important for location?

Please use maps for reference



Keep the baseball fields (include the area of the baseball fields + concessions area + other uses)



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Adjacent to major arterial road and on trail network

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLVD

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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?
		<p>Create more space for a bluff top park</p> <p>Prefer moving MRB to west when possible.</p> <p>Moving MRB to east would create a lot of open space - allow space for separated trails and provide a potential destination for an new neighborhood.</p> <p>By adjusting the Hidden Falls Regional Park boundary to include part of the Ford Site, the City could access state-funded regional parks & park programming serving CHS.</p>



A once in a century chance to establish relationships. Best recommendation is to split the road to equalize quality of surrounding parking conditions.

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

Site/View/
 Recreation should be on east side of road. Access across the river is key.

Location can shift
 that would allow for more open space and views.

Bring some considerations to neighborhood.

Since the bluff line is currently across shifting the road east provides 70% of open space to use from the road as is.



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Trail should be on east side of road - better view of river.

Location can shift that would allow for more open space and views.

Bring some considerations to neighborhood.

Since the bluff line is currently across shifting the road east provides 70% of open space to use from the road as is.

Maximize the natural connection to Hidden Falls Park.

pay attention to visibility for all users - use color like blue.

NO trail on east side and access - think the bridge area that has a better view.

Trail going north.

support the pedestrian link.

Make the trail a nice gateway. Don't be too busy.



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NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

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- 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?

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put next to police station near pool

The green is the best for the park. The green is the best for parking areas. There is a large area for a dog park.

What considerations for location are important to you?

Please use map for reference



All water falls into the river for dog park

Put in a dog park near the river. The river is the best for the park. The river is the best for parking areas. There is a large area for a dog park.

I would like to see a community park with other amenities like a tennis court, a large open space, and a dog park.

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I think a fountain is a good idea.

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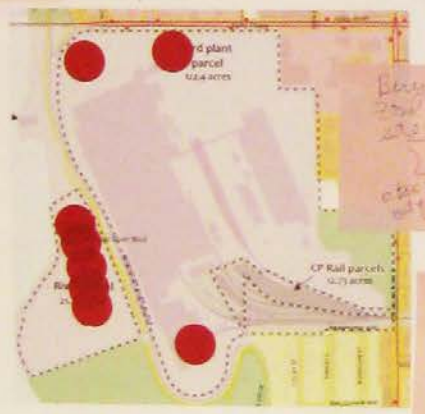
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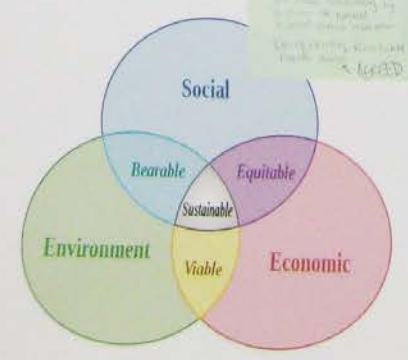
9 acres (approx)

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

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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)
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TRADE OFFS 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)

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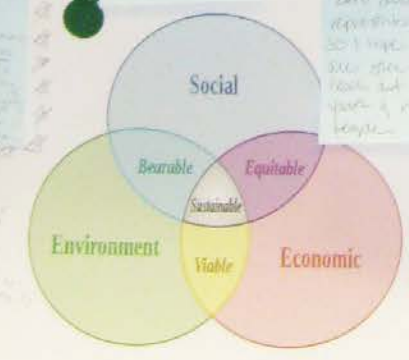
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