



PARKS & RECREATION STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN UPDATE

OVERVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING

January 11, 2022

PLAN OVERVIEW

5-year plan update required by Michigan DNR for grant eligibility

Required components:

- Inventory of park properties, amenities, and programs
- Accessibility assessment
- Public input
- Current funding sources and partnerships
- Goals, objectives, and action plan

Major accomplishments in Grand Rapids parks since 2017:

- Passed evergreen millage for park development & operations
- River For All restoration and development plans
- Connecting children to nature through partnerships
- Acquired 46.8 acres of new green space, including key riverfront and Neighborhood of Focus properties



PLAN UPDATES

2017 MASTER PLAN	2022 MASTER PLAN UPDATES
New Department mission, vision and values	» Integration of 2019 City strategic plan
Local context	» Role of parks & recreation in COVID-19 response » 2019 Parks Millage
Park system inventory & analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological framework 	» Updates to inventory, staffing, and projects completed » Updates to accessibility and equity
GOALS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Network • Healthy Community • Neighborhood Investments • Sustainable System 	GOALS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Network • Healthy Community • Neighborhood Investment • Sustainable System » River opportunity sites » Updated recreation priorities » Priority park case studies » Parks operations plan
Making It Happen – implementation plan	» Equity-centered 5-year capital investment plan



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Spring-Fall 2021

- PhotoVision Instagram campaign
- Public Agency Community Catalysts
- Movies in the Park
- Grand Rapids Neighborhood Summit
 - Mackay-Jaycees
 - Richmond
 - Riverside
- Park Walks
- Focused Community-Inspired Design for 4 Priority Parks



PRIORITY PARK CASE STUDIES

Site master plans that apply plan outreach themes and create a community vision for future development.

- Roosevelt Park Lodge
- Riverside Park
- Ball Perkins Park
- 32nd Street site



Riverside Park boathouse, restrooms and event space



New nature trails at 32nd St green space



Conceptual design for renovations to Roosevelt Park Lodge



Enhanced walking and biking trails at Ball Perkins Park



UPCOMING MAJOR PROJECTS



MLK Lodge



Sullivan Field



Grand River Edges Trail

TIMELINE



12/10/21

Draft plan available for public review
Start of public comment period

12/14/21

Set Public Hearing

01/05/22

Parks Advisory Board final review and approval

01/11/22

Public Hearing

01/25/22

Commission consideration for plan approval

02/01/22

DNR Deadline for plan submittal

2022 – 2026

Plan implementation