

## Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

To: Common Council

From: Kristine Butteris, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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Subject: Parks and Open Spaces Plan

### Background

In December of 2024, we started our Parks and Open Spaces Plan, having hired on HKGi that is also working on our Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the City.

We would like to move forward with this plan as a map to our needs and to take the next steps for the future.

### Budget Goal

1. Invests in the strategic planning and maintenance of our city buildings
2. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure to ensure safety, quality, and equity
3. Supports employee retention and growth, while also evaluating operations and the associated staffing
4. Fosters community growth by assessing opportunities, stakeholder input, environmental needs, and modern code and policy priorities
5. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

### Financial Impact

There will be some financial impact as we move through our proposed needs for the community.

### Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission that the Common Council approve of this plan.