

- What are we doing about the funding needs of our neighborhood parks?
 - **Closing the Gap: Investing in our Neighborhood Parks**

- What does the community want or need to see in our neighborhood parks over the next 25-30 years?
 - **RecQuest**
 - **Service Area Master Plans**

The Future of Neighborhood Parks

The park system has regional and neighborhood parks

- ❑ Regional parks – larger in size, fewer physical amenities, serve broader than Minneapolis residents, local, state and federal funding
- ❑ Neighborhood parks – smaller in size, physical amenities, serve Minneapolis residents, only local funding

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Long Term Sustainability of Minneapolis Park System

- ❑ 2003 – 2013, significant reductions in personnel and resources
- ❑ Over the past 3-4 years one area of focus at the Park Board has been to improve operating efficiencies and streamline our work
- ❑ Strides have been made in identifying and implementing those efficiencies
- ❑ Even so, the 10 years of reductions and the age of the system, significant challenges exist for funding the park systems operating and capital needs

Neighborhood Parks ***Examples of Annual Operations & Maintenance Gaps***

Activity	Quantity	Current Service Level	Best Practice/ Desired Service Level	Additional Cost Best Practices/ Desired Service Level
Mowing	2750 acres	14 day cycle	10 day cycle	\$875,000
Trail Repair	51 miles	.25 miles/yr.	1 mile/yr.	\$625,000
Roof Repair	62 roofs	40-50 years	20-25 years	\$400,000
Building Maintenance	978,017sf	4,167 hours	8,500 hours	\$194,863
Tree Pruning	157 parks	10 year cycle	5 year cycle	\$578,200
Plumbing start up/ Shut downs*	see below	6-8 week start up & shutdown	3-4 week start up & shutdown	\$275,000

Capital Funding Gap

- ❑ More than \$140 million behind (neighborhood parks, golf, fleet, parkway paving and lighting and ITS)
- ❑ 80% of the gap is in neighborhood park capital
- ❑ 2000 to 2015, neighborhood parks are almost \$111 million behind
- ❑ 2016-2020, neighborhood parks capital gap grows by additional \$46 million
- ❑ 2021-2040, neighborhood parks capital gap grows an additional \$304 million

Capital Funding Gap

- ❑ 2000-2040, total neighborhood parks capital gap of \$461 million
- ❑ \$14.3 million annually is needed to meet current neighborhood parks capital needs (2016 value)
 - Currently spending \$4-5 million annually
 - Annual funding gap of over \$9.3 million

What Other Cities Are Facing

- ❑ Park systems across the country are facing similar challenges
- ❑ Older park systems, like Minneapolis's system, are facing more challenges than most given the age of the infrastructures and assets
- ❑ Some cities with rich park systems have tackled this challenge, in different ways

What are We Doing to Address Funding Gap

- ❑ In February 2015 - conducted a community survey about parks

- ❑ May to September 2015
 - Public Meetings on Neighborhood Park Conditions
 - Gather funding model and case study data from other cities
 - Hold public forum on funding model and case study data
 - Conduct additional local research

- ❑ October to December 2015
 - Board of Commissioners consider information gathered
 - By December 2015 - Board of Commissioners make decision
 - Maintain current funding level
 - Private funding
 - Referendum for additional tax revenue