



## St. Anthony Village Parks and Environmental Commission 2024 Work Plan - Draft

The Parks and Environmental Commission is a five member advisory commission, appointed by the City Council and is charged with the following duties (City Code Chapter 32, Section 32.25):

- (A) To prepare, revise, and maintain a comprehensive, long-term plan for the redevelopment of parks within the city. This plan shall be viewed as a working document that serves as a framework and reference to future redevelopment;
- (B) To make recommendations to and advise the City Council and staff regarding park and environmental issues and ideas;
- (C) To establish priorities and recommend a phasing plan and schedule for implementing innovative park and environmental initiatives improvements, renovations, and plans;
- (D) To work with other communities to explore cooperative arrangements to develop connecting routes in the form of bikeways, walking paths, and corridors of green space wherever possible;
- (E) To investigate funding sources, including requests for increases in the city budget, designated for parks, green spaces and environmental initiatives;
- (F) To seek new areas for additional parks, natural areas, walking paths, bikeways, and green space corridors;
- (G) To generate community involvement in the development of parks, environmental initiatives and their elements;
- (H) To review and recommend revisions to the operation and maintenance of city parks and environmental initiatives; and
- (I) To periodically review, re-evaluate, and update the comprehensive park and environmental initiatives plan to reflect current and future park needs of the city.

In 2024, the Parks and Environmental Commission will focus on the following items:

- Continue education & outreach in conjunction with community and regional organizations to promote sustainability, such as:
  - Arbor Day and Tree City activities for residents and city contractors about tree diversity, climate resiliency, expanding the City's tree canopy, and proper planting techniques
  - Water conservation initiatives working with Rice Creek and MWMO watersheds, and partner with schools for water conservation poster contest
  - Use of the organics drop off site, recycling and waste reduction
  - Sustainability Fair at the Community Center
- Complete annual walk-through of all City parks
- Review annual Parks Capital Improvement Plan
- Continue collaboration with Citizens for Sustainability to enhance City green space, including with parks cleanup and pollinator plantings
- Support Climate Plan implementation
  - Xcel Energy Partners in Energy program
  - Active Transportation Plan
- Joint meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission
- Exploration of a dog park in the city
- Enhance Silver Point Park parking accessibility and future amenities
- Formulate long-term plan for "Well House Park"
- Continue engagement with Three Rivers Park District on programming at Silverwood Park