








## Memorial

**Classification:** Community Park – est. 1948  
**Size:** 11.5 Acres  
**Location:** 5181 Memorial Trail SE

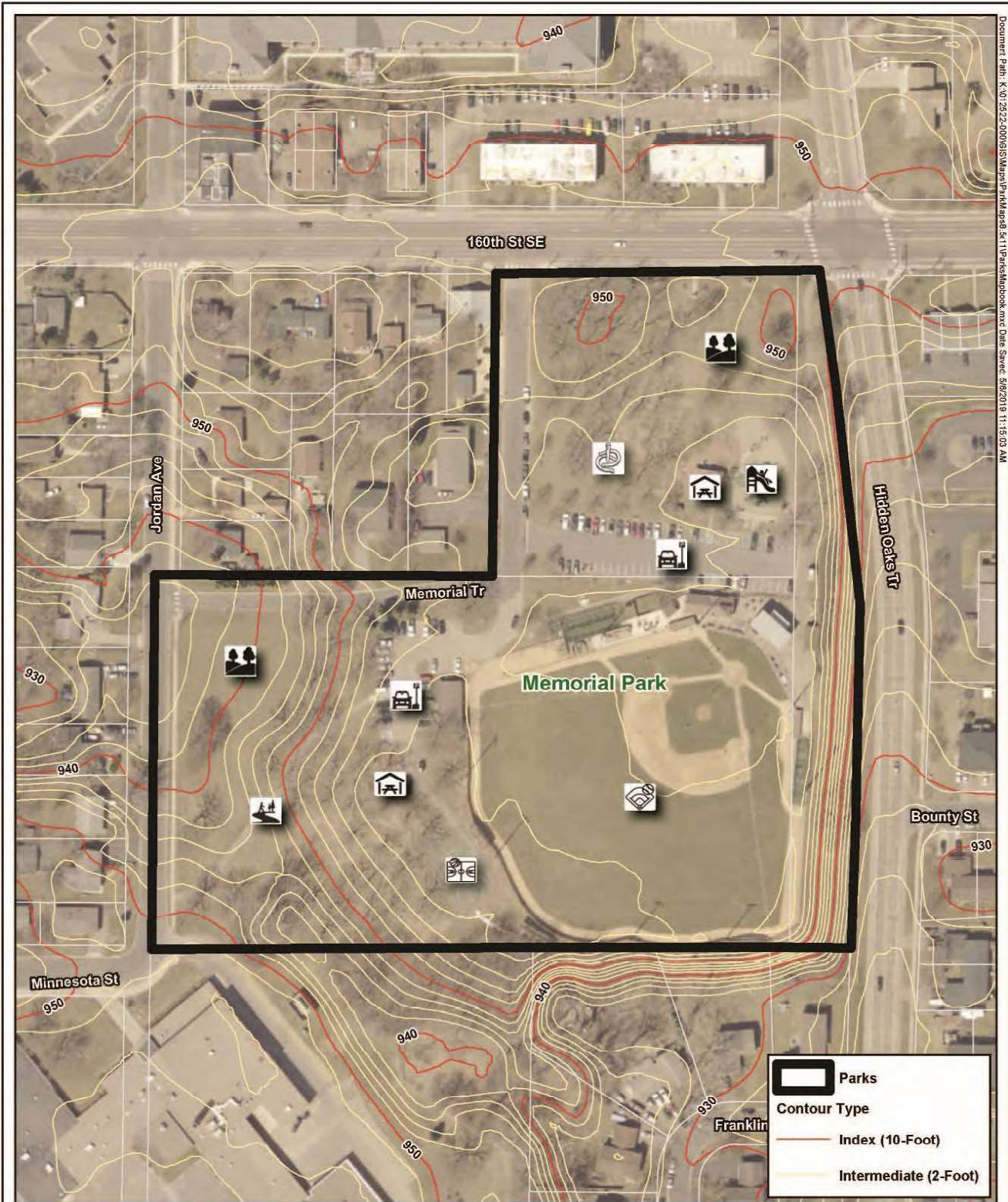
### Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Basketball Court – full
-  Horseshoes
-  Ballfield (Town Ballfield)
-  Parking (92 stalls)

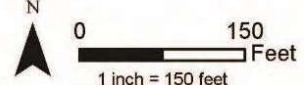
**Description:** This community park contains the Veterans Ballfield also utilized by the High School team. The site has neighborhood park development and is located adjacent to a school with a playground, track and turf field with additional schools located nearby.







**Memorial Park**  
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## Assessment

### Assessment: 41.7%

Overall Condition: The park has a mixture of old and new elements, with some in good condition and others in poor condition.

Design & Character: Though the oak front lawn of the park area is attractive, overall the park lacks proper design and consistent character. The park components are very haphazard, the old shelter structure by the main parking area is unattractive, and the mix of old and new amenities create an underwhelming experience. The parking is inadequate for the ballfield uses. The ballfield has a highly irregular-shaped outfield lacking consistent curvatures.

Accessibility: Most areas are accessible, with some improvements needed in order to be compliant. Playground has sand surfacing (non-compliant) with some rubber areas at access points.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining items as needs dictate until the amenities are in need of replacement. At time of replacement, develop an updated park site master plan in line with community needs for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Recommendations include development of neighborhood park components on the western side of the park. The main parking area should be redesigned for one consolidated parking lot with higher capacity and moved north for better separation from the ballfield. Safety netting should be added in select areas.



## Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not include costs for any ballfield or concessions building improvements
- Does not include utilities (electrical, stormwater, etc.)
- Drinking fountain assumes water service within vicinity
- Parking lot estimate does not include stormwater BMP

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$150,000
Removals	\$50,000
Parking lot reconstruction	\$250,000
New playground equipment, surfacing and container	\$150,000
Basketball full court	\$35,000
Trails and walks (new)	\$40,000
Plaza area	\$100,000
Dumpster enclosure	\$75,000
Site furnishings (benches, tables, grills, bike racks, etc.)	\$75,000
Drinking fountain	\$10,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$3,000
Lawn game courts	\$20,000
New picnic shelter – medium (2)	\$150,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$75,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$1,183,000</b>
20% Contingency	\$236,600
20% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$236,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,656,200</b>





## North Shore Oaks

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park / Natural Park – est. 1968  
**Size:** 5 Acres  
**Location:** 14300 Fisher Avenue NE  
**Programmed:** No

### Existing Park Features

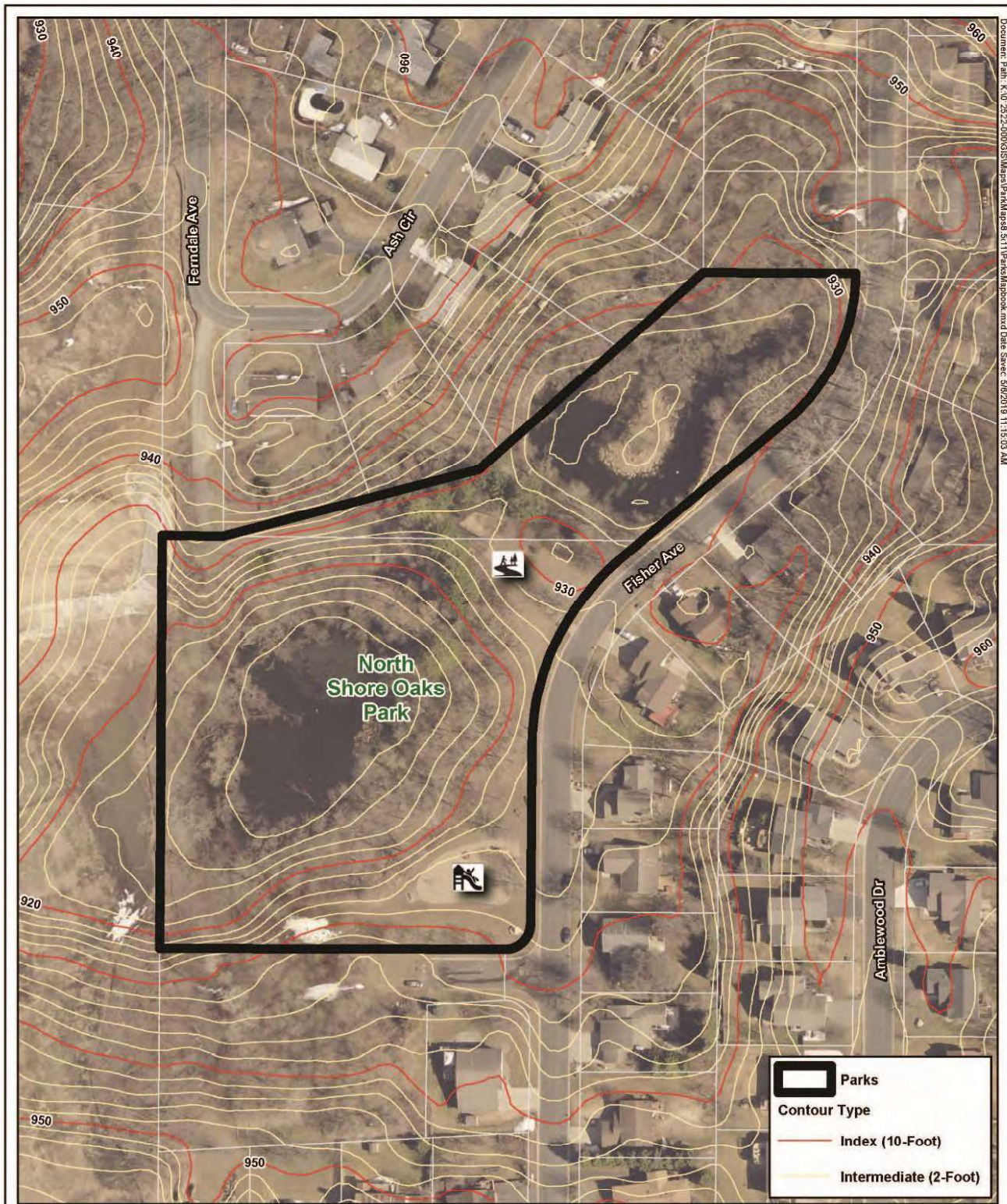
 Playground

 Trails

Description: This site is primarily wetlands with a maintenance trail and a small, outdated playground by the street. The park is located within 1/3 of a mile from Trillium Cove Park as measured along the trail, and within a half mile from Sand Point Beach.



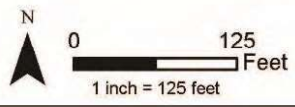




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<b>Contour Type</b>	
	Index (10-Foot)
	Intermediate (2-Foot)



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## Assessment

**Assessment: 8.3%**

Overall Condition: The park is completely outdated and a liability issue.

Design & Character: The park has natural resources in need of management and improvements. The playground offers little to no value.

Accessibility: Not accessible.

## Recommendations

Recommendations include two options.

Option #1: Remove existing playground due to current liability issue and to reduce redundancy in this neighborhood. Leave as open green space with a natural buffer to the pond.

Option #2: Develop an updated park site master plan in line with community needs for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability. Focus should include recreational play elements that vary from those in Trillium Cove. A basketball half court and more challenging or unique play equipment could be considered. Ensure trail connections.



## Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate is for Option #2 if desired
- Does not include utilities (electrical, stormwater, etc.)

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$75,000
Removals	\$10,000
New playground or challenge equipment, surfacing and container	\$150,000
Basketball half court	\$20,000
Trails and walks	\$15,000
Site furnishings (benches, tables, grills, bike racks, etc.)	\$10,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$3,000
New picnic shelter – small	\$40,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$20,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$343,000</b>
15% Contingency	\$51,500
15% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$51,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$446,000</b>





## Northwood

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 1911  
**Size:** 1 Acre  
**Location:** 16731 Northwood Road NW  
**Programmed:** No

### Existing Park Features



Playground



Picnic Shelter

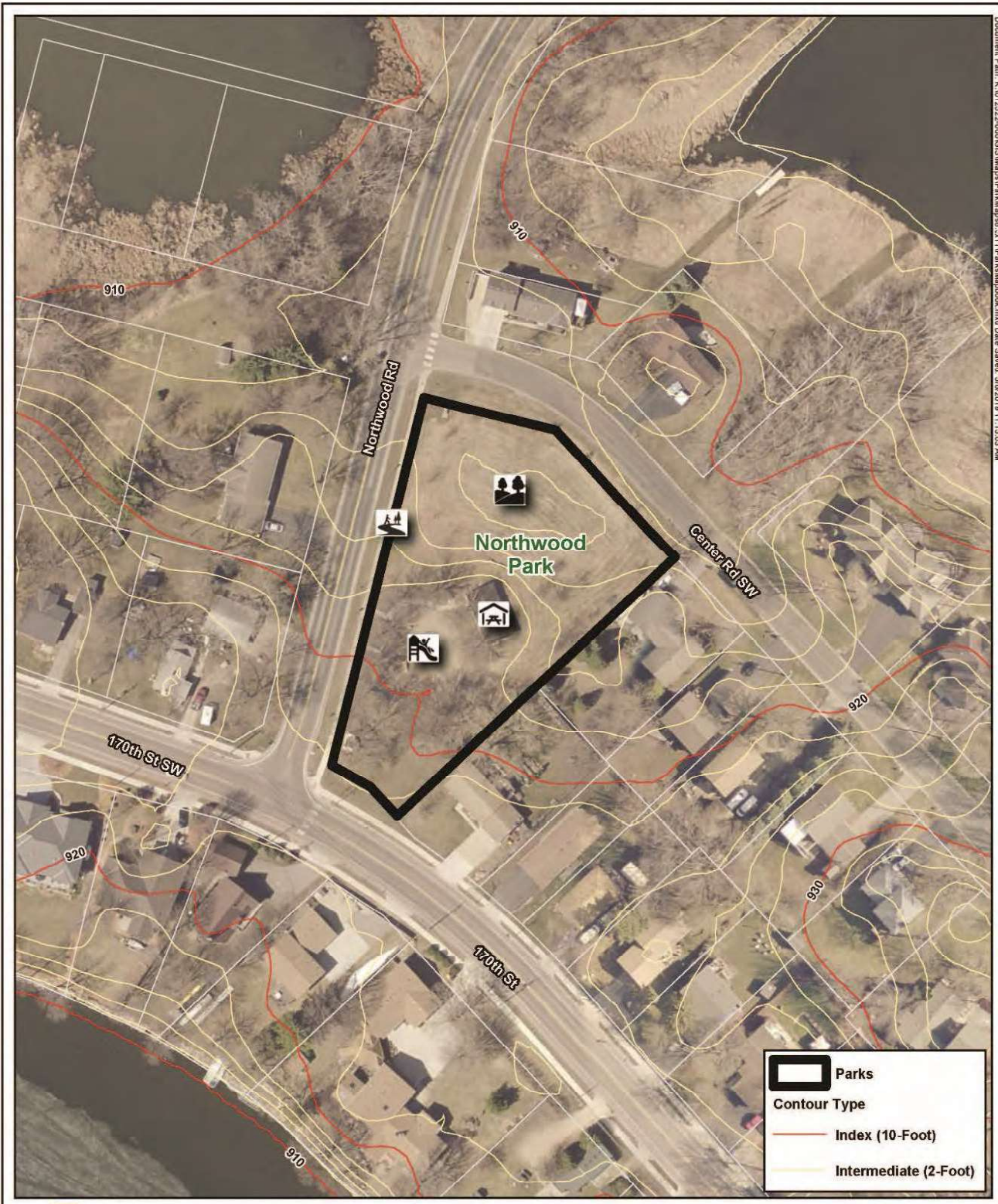


Trails

Description: This small neighborhood park site is located in an older neighborhood along two street intersections and is primarily accessed by walking. Approximately half of the park is lowland with native plantings, potentially for stormwater.







**Parks**

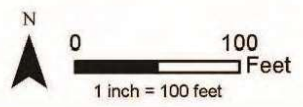
**Contour Type**

- Index (10-Foot)
- Intermediate (2-Foot)



### Northwood Park

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Prior Lake, MN





## Assessment

### Assessment: 45.8% Rating

Overall Condition: The park has is well maintained and in fair condition, though many amenities are older. The picnic shelter has electricity but is very large in comparison to the park space available.

Design & Character: Very basic design and the park is difficult to access by vehicle so main usage is limited to pedestrians. It is close to Spring Lake Regional Park and Upper Prior Lake with a street crossing north of the park for snowmobile to access the lake.

Accessibility: Connections from sidewalk to play container and the shelter. Playground has sand surfacing (non-compliant) with some rubber areas at access points.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Recommendations include potentially connecting a trail from the park to Upper Prior Lake and add a fishing dock at the snowmobile access point at Northwood Road NW. Downsize the shelter and when updating the playground, install accessible playground surfacing.

### Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Costs for a fishing pier and trails to the lake are not included






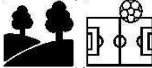

Description	Cost Range
New playground equipment & surfacing	\$100,000
Shelter – small	\$40,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
15% Contingency	\$21,000
15% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$21,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$182,000</b>



## Northwood Meadows

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 2012  
**Size:** 9.3 Acres Park  
**Location:** 2995 Hawk Ridge Road NW  
**Programmed:** Yes

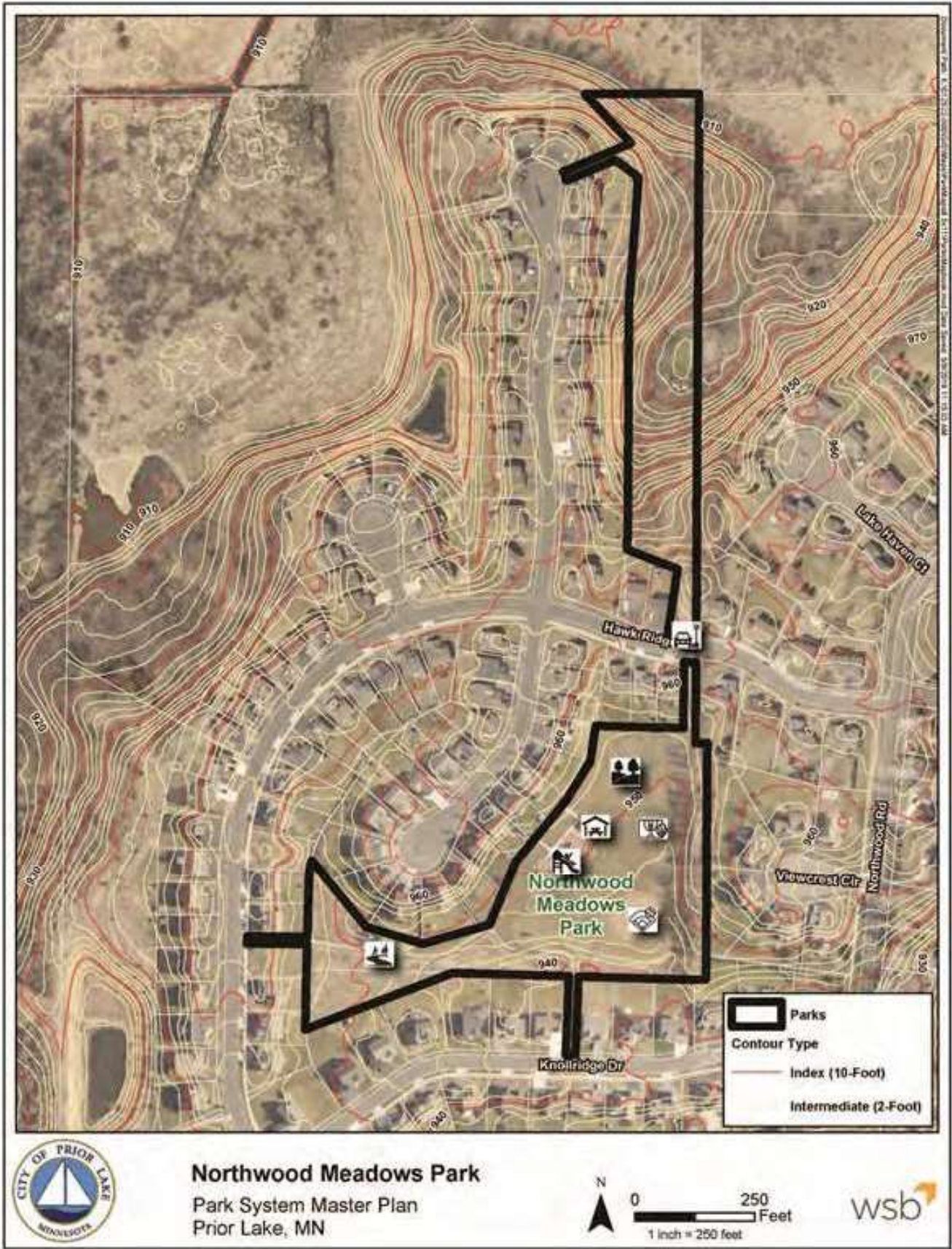
### Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Basketball Court – half
-  Ballfield
-  Open Lawn / Multi-purpose field
-  Ice Skating Rinks

**Description:** This neighborhood park is surrounded by homes and part of a larger open space network with trail connection to Spring Lake Regional Park, though not the most ideal connection point due to the disconnected trail gap along Hawk Ridge Road NW on the west side of the park.









## Assessment

### Assessment: 72.6% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is newer and well-maintained and most amenities are in good to very good condition but the basketball court coating had damage at time of assessment.

Design & Character: Functional design that could be improved with a better layout that would make better use of the space available. Parts of the site have a nice wooded backdrop and some rain gardens in other areas. The ballfield is oriented poorly in terms of play and is a safety hazard for those using the playground. The playground has a separate sand area which is a nice feature.

Accessibility: There are a couple of designated parking stalls along the street with a trail connection and pedestrian ramp. The shelter and playground have trail connections but the basketball court does not. Playground has wood fiber surfacing and a small sand play area.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity and quality.

In the short term, connect the court with a trail. Consider future removal of the agg-lime infield and just allow for larger open turf areas with a simple backstop.

### Estimate of Probable Costs

Trail or walk connection approximately \$10,000.



## Oakland Beach

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 1926  
**Size:** 1.5 Acres  
**Location:** 6675 Rustic Road SE  
**Programmed:** Yes

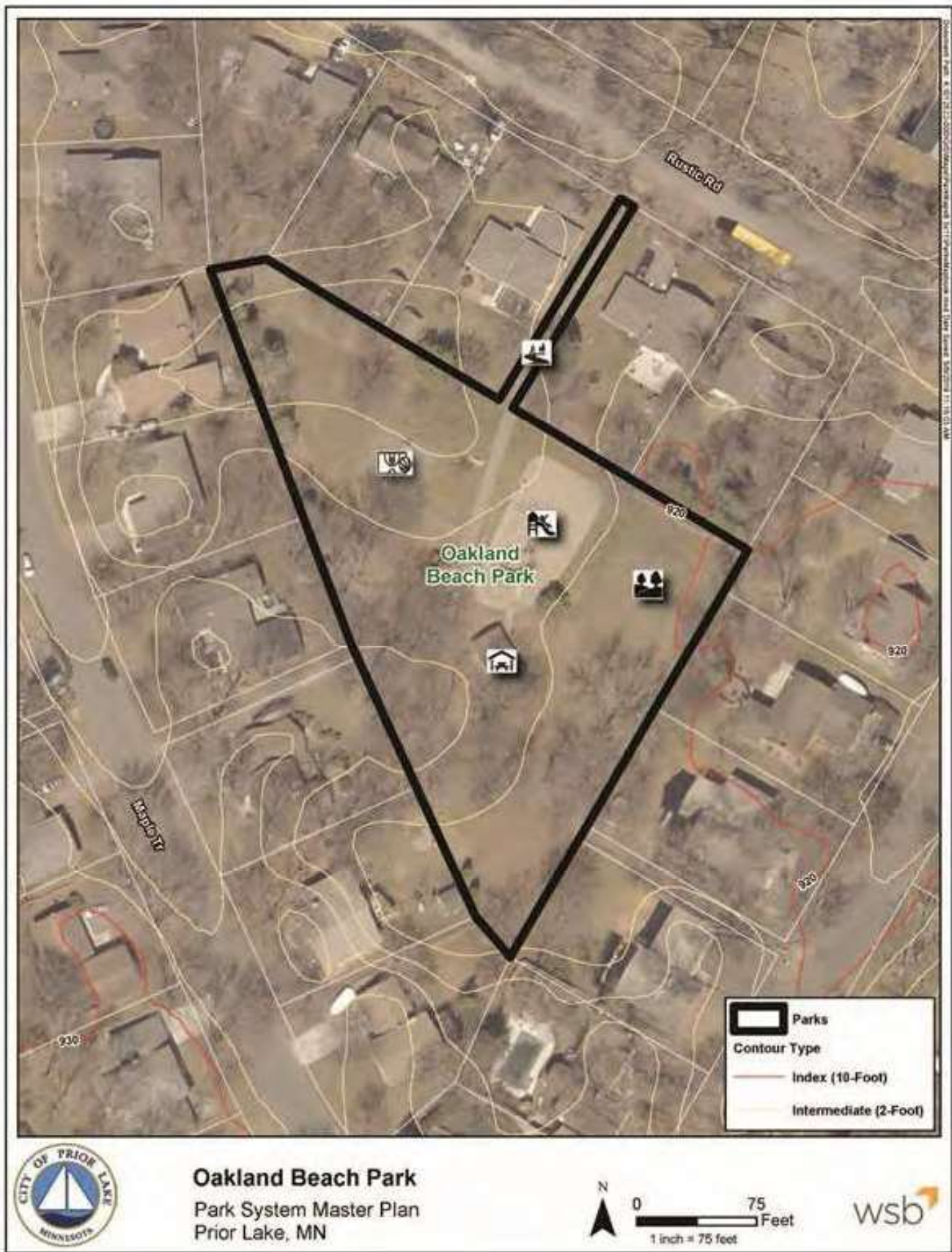
### Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Basketball Court – half
-  Open Lawn

**Description:** This small neighborhood park services an isolated neighborhood and is completely surrounded by homes so is very hidden. The “Beach” in the name is deceiving, though the neighborhood is along the Prior Lake.







**Oakland Beach Park**  
Park System Master Plan  
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## Assessment

### Assessment: 46.7% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is mainly in fair condition with some amenities and pavements falling into the poor category. Most of the park development is older and in need of replacement in the near future.

Design & Character: Functional design and highly developed for the small amount of park space available. It has considerable shade with mature trees. It once had a skating area which is now open green space and the sand in the playground, though non-compliant for access, is well received by some of the neighbors who keep sand toys in the playground for use. Shelter has electrical service.

Accessibility: There are trail connections to the playground and court but not the shelter. The playground has sand surfacing with some rubber connections.

## Recommendations

The park should be maintained to ensure a higher level of condition until it can be redeveloped due to the fact it is the only park serving this immediate neighborhood.

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Consider downsizing the shelter and have at least a small sand play area. Include hopscotch and 4-square on a half court.



## Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate assumes costs for full redevelopment

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$30,000
Removals	\$10,000
New playground equipment, surfacing and container	\$100,000
Trails / walk	\$20,000
Site furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks, etc.)	\$10,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$3,000
Basketball court – half	\$20,000
New picnic shelter – small	\$40,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$20,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$253,000</b>
15% Contingency	\$38,000
15% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$38,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$339,000</b>







# Pike Lake

**Classification:** Open Space / Natural Park – est. 2007  
**Size:** 34.15 Acres  
**Location:** 4262 Marsh Drive NE  
**Programmed:** No

## Existing Park Features

-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Parking (7 stalls)

Description: Minimally developed community park with a focus on passive recreation, water recreation and natural resource protection. Highly scenic with a stream running through the park and connecting to Pike Lake. A house and outbuilding remain on the north side of the property.









## Assessment

### Assessment: 58.3% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is mainly in a natural condition. There is a new small shelter donated by the Rotary Club that fits well with the setting.

Design & Character: The site has an abundance of natural systems that includes prairie, a stream, woods and the lake.

Accessibility: There is a small parking area and a paved trail is linked to the Rotary shelter.

## Recommendations

Currently the adjacent lands are being developed as residential housing and the SMSC now owns the lands to the north and east that were previously the YMCA Kici Yapi Camp. Working with the developers and the SMSC for optimal trail conditions and a natural transition from the developed homes to the natural parks will be a key consideration.

The city should undertake a master plan process and work with the SMSC to identify trail connections to their property and potential partnership opportunities for programming that would benefit both.

Some potential considerations include:

- Park Nature Center Facility (potentially utilize existing house)
- Unique Nature Play Features
- Trails (paved and natural)
- Seating and Overlooks
- Fishing Piers
- Non-motorized Watercraft Accommodations
- Educational / Interpretive information
- Cross-country Skiing or Snowshoe Trails
- Natural Resource Management (creek, woods, prairie, lake shore)
- Parking (accommodate school buses)

### Estimate of Probable Costs

Cost estimates to be prepared as part of a master plan process.









## Raspberry Ridge

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 1987  
**Size:** 11 Acres  
**Location:** 4010 Lords Street NE  
**Programmed:** Yes

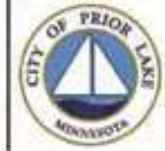
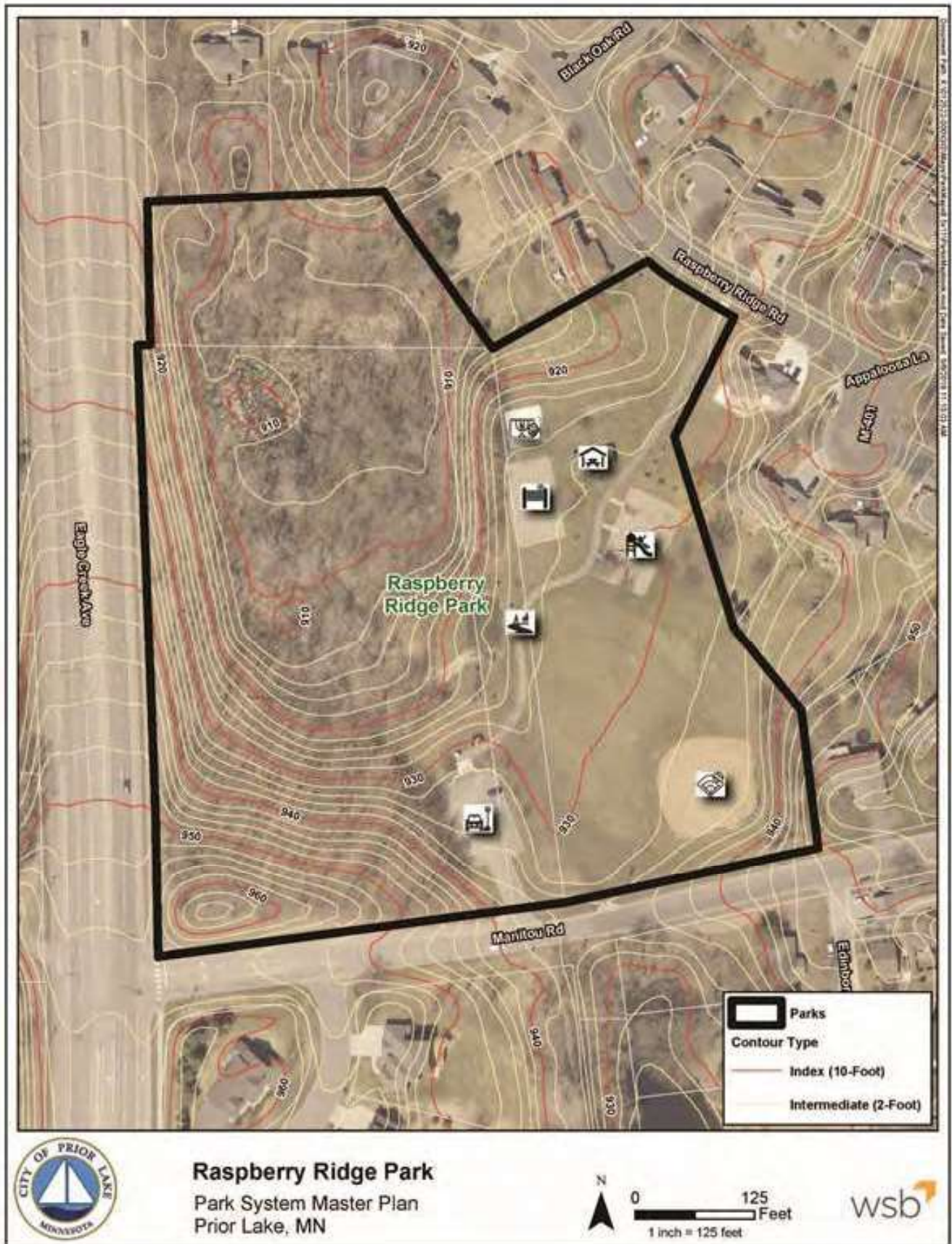
### Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Basketball Court – half
-  Volleyball Court
-  Ballfield
-  Parking (20 stalls)

Description: Large neighborhood park with a mixture of developed recreational amenities and natural resources with woods and wetlands. Key neighborhood park noted as having higher children populations.







**Raspberry Ridge Park**  
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## Assessment

### Assessment: 49.5% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is well maintained and mainly in good to fair condition with the exception of the ballfield which is more of a poor condition. There is a swale and low area in the trail that is causing maintenance issues.

Design & Character: Appealing neighborhood park with over half of the park in a natural state with woods and a creek. The park development is primarily functional in design and the ballfield has enough room to be programmed but has a poor orientation for play. There is a tree in the playground container that may be in conflict with the safety fall zone of the equipment.

Accessibility: Trails connect from the parking lot to the playground but some trails do not meet accessibility standards and they do not connect to the court or shelter. Parking lot access aisles need updating to meet ADA. Playground has sand surfacing (non-compliant) with some rubber areas at access points.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Recommendations include considering future adjustments in overall layout to improve the circulation and make better use of space. This is a key neighborhood park that should be kept to higher quality standards.

Some recommendations include:

- Connect all amenities to the trail system, raise trail and add culverts where needed
- Consider new ballfield orientation and upgrade to accommodate being programmed for games
- Consider removal of the sand volleyball court if not desired by residents
- More trees / landscaping around ballfield



## Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate assumes costs for full redevelopment
- Does not include utilities (electrical, stormwater, etc.)
- Assumes volleyball court is left as-is
- Does not include reorientation of ballfield but includes new backstop, players benches with shade covers, and irrigation
- Does not include full trail replacement

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$50,000
Removals	\$15,000
New playground equipment, surfacing and container	\$150,000
Ballfield Improvements w/irrigation (budget)	\$100,000
Trail connections	\$15,000
Site furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks, etc.)	\$20,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$6,000
Basketball court – half	\$20,000
New picnic shelter – medium	\$70,000
Parking lot striping	\$1,500
Landscaping and restoration	\$30,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$477,500</b>
20% Contingency	\$95,500
20% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$95,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$668,500</b>





## Raspberry Woods

**Classification:** Natural Park / Open Space – est. 1994  
**Size:** 22 Acres  
**Location:** 4124 Hidden Pond Trail NE  
**Programmed:** Yes

### Existing Park Features



Trails

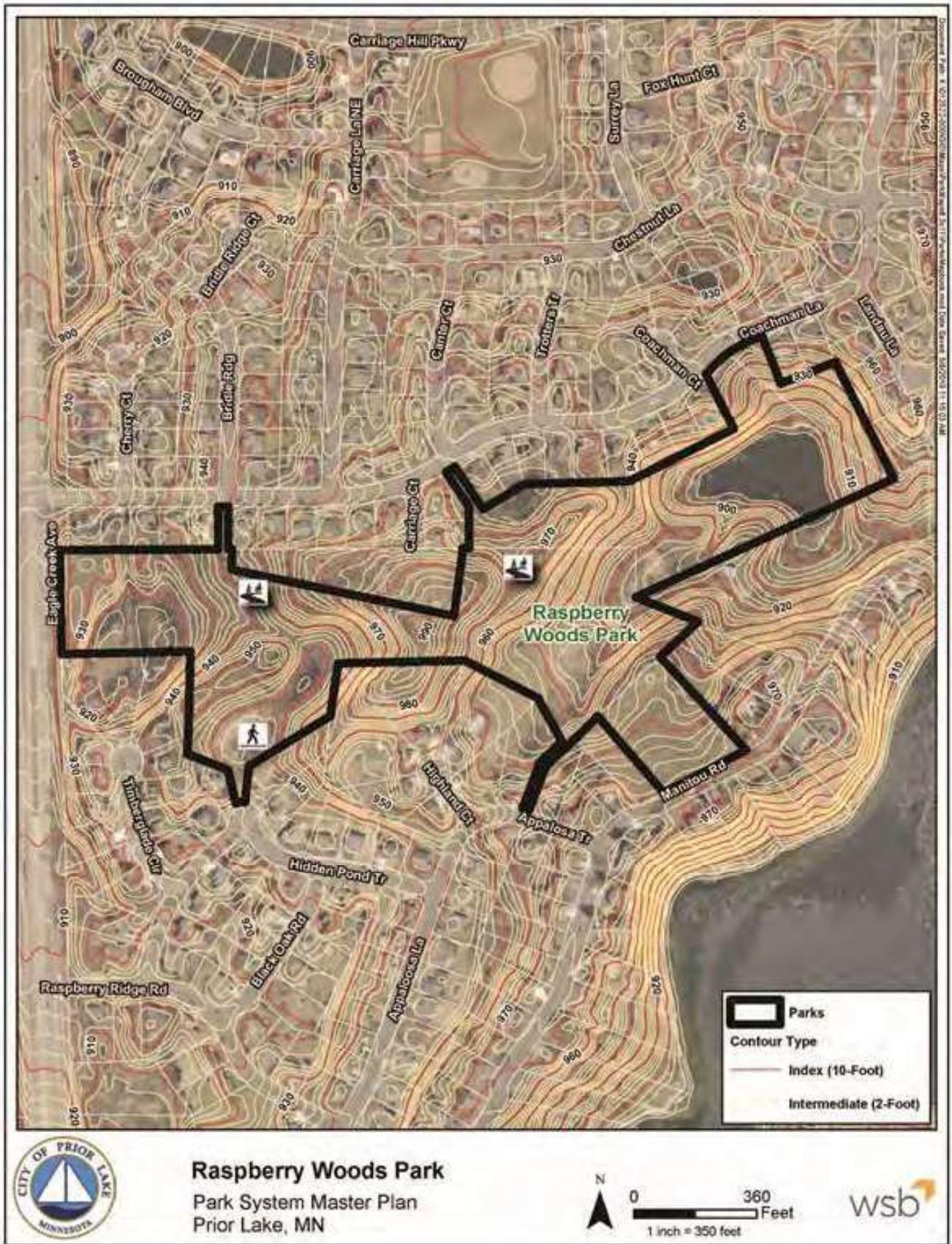


Boardwalk

**Description:** This natural park and open space area contains 22 acres of varying types of natural resources, but are primarily woods with an open lawn space on the south-eastern edge that can be confused with private lots. Paved trails run through the property with some very steep sections. Serves a neighborhood with higher children populations.









## Assessment

### Assessment: 41.7% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is primarily in a natural state that will need ongoing natural resource management. Some trails are in poor condition and in need of stabilization.

Design & Character: Appealing natural setting but there is a lack of park boundaries which causes some confusion in terms of access and park use areas.

Accessibility: Trails do not meet accessibility requirements.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Recommendations include improvements to trails to include stabilization where needed and a good wayfinding signage system to guide users and entrance points. Continue to account for some recreational programs at this site.

### Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate assumes partial trail replacement in existing alignment

Description	Cost Range
Trails (mill and overlay, some reconstruction)	\$100,000
Site furnishings (benches, overlooks, etc.)	\$30,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$20,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
20% Contingency	\$30,000
20% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$30,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>







# Raymond

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park  
**Size:** 2.6 Acres  
**Location:** 2400 Raymond Avenue SW (Jordan, MN)  
**Programmed:** No

## Existing Park Features

-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Parking (3 + 1 HC)
-  Fishing Pier

Description: Park area (once in Jordan's system) that is located along the shores of Spring Lake with a pier, picnic shelter and small parking lot. Recent park improvements were completed with the SLPLWD for native restoration.









## Assessment

### Assessment: 43.8% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is in fair condition, though at the time of assessments had just completed the restoration project so was still not fully established.

Design & Character: Prime location along the lake with a large wetland complex to the south. The parking lot is undersized for any group use at this site. There were a lot of “NO” signs at the entrance of the park which detracts from the overall experience and makes users not feel welcome at the park. There were some interesting chairs on site, likely from residents.

Accessibility: Parking lot does not meet ADA, there is a trail connection to the shelter but not the pier.

## Recommendations

As one of the few public locations to access the lake, this site should be planned and improved to accommodate users for a better experience. Depending on the limitations of future development, some general recommendations include:

- Trail connections to amenities and pier locations
- Non-motorized watercraft launch and storage
- New shelter with electrical and potentially a fire pit or outdoor fireplace
- Improved / expanded parking to accommodate a minimum of 8 stalls
- Benches for seating and viewing the lake
- Informal fishing platforms (boulders)
- Interpretive trail (along existing loop trail)
- Consider pedestrian bridge and trail connection across channel to the east
- Naturalize shoreline



## Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not include bringing in utilities (electrical, water, etc.)
- Parking lot expansion does not include stormwater BMP
- Pedestrian bridge excluded pending feasibility study

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$75,000
Removals	\$10,000
Trails / walks	\$5,000
Site furnishings (benches, storage racks, etc.)	\$30,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$10,000
Boarding dock	\$25,000
New picnic shelter – medium	\$70,000
Parking lot expansion	\$10,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$10,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$245,000</b>
20% Contingency	\$49,000
20% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$49,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$343,000</b>





## Rice Lake

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park  
**Size:** 16.8 Acres  
**Location:** 3439 Skinner Street SW  
**Programmed:** Yes

### Existing Park Features

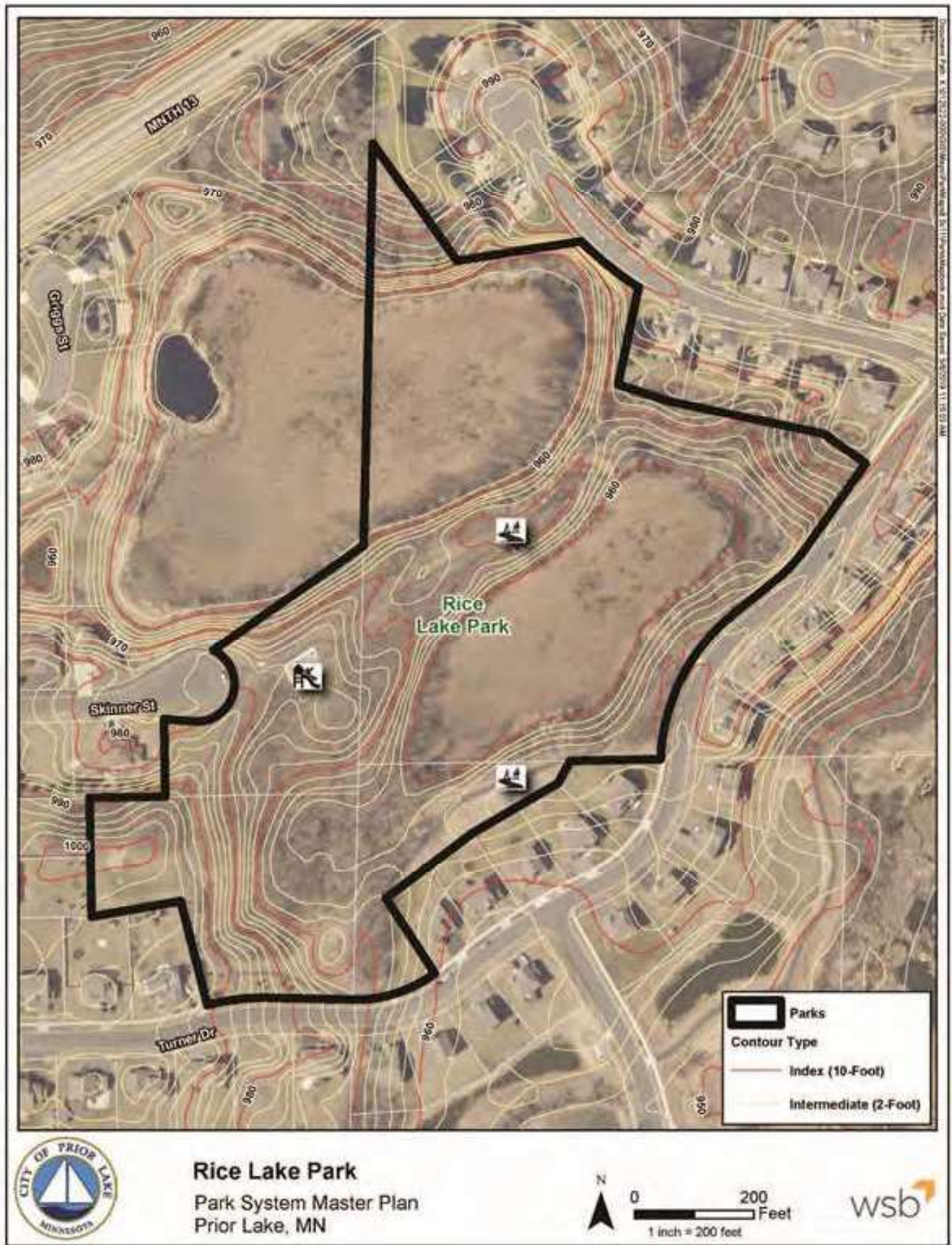
 Playground

 Trails

Description: Neighborhood park development within a greater natural resource setting that has a developed play area off of the Skinner St. cul-de-sac as well as some circuit play elements along the loop trail system that spread out use and make this park more unique. Key neighborhood park noted as having higher children populations









## Assessment

### Assessment: 83.3% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is well-maintained and most amenities are new so they are in good condition.

Design & Character: Appealing neighborhood park design. The playground blends with the natural surroundings and the circuit elements are appealing. The trails allow this park to help serve the neighborhoods around Crystal and Rice Lake that are currently lacking in developed recreational spaces. The “treehouse” piece is very interesting, but the location makes it feel disconnected and part of the private lot rather than part of the park.

Accessibility: Trail system around the wetland complex provides access to many of the amenities, though some trail segments likely exceed slopes for ADA requirements and some pods along the trail need improved connections. The treehouse does not have a trail connection.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Focus on mosquitoes and noxious plant control. Several improvements could be added to improve the experience, though this is not high on the overall priority list.



### Estimate of Probable Costs

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Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate assumes costs for minor improvements

Description	Cost Range
Swingset	\$6,000
Trails / walks (added)	\$15,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$10,000
Picnic shelter – small	\$40,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>
15% Contingency	\$10,600
15% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$10,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$92,200</b>





## Rotary Gateway

**Classification:** Special Use Park  
**Size:** 0.63 Acres  
**Location:** 4666 Dakota Street SE  
**Programmed:** No

### Existing Park Features



Picnic Shelter



Trails

Description: Special use mini-park with specialty gardens that act as a gateway connection between downtown Prior Lake and Lakefront Park.





**Rotary Gateway Park**  
Park System Master Plan  
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## Assessment

### Assessment: 61.1% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is well-maintained but some amenities are in need of repair or replacement.

Design & Character: Appealing gateway to Lakefront Park with seating, gardens, art, and water feature.

Accessibility: Trails are very steep in some areas, not meeting ADA standards, and can also be hazardous during wet and icy conditions.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Work with partners for ongoing maintenance of gardens. If possible, a less steep trail connection would be worth determining.

### Estimate of Probable Costs

Estimates to be prepared in conjunction with an updated design if an alternative trail alignment is desired.



















## Sand Point Beach

**Classification:** Community Park – est. 1976  
**Size:** 19.25 Acres (DNR 2.6 acres)  
**Location:** 14349 Crest Avenue NE

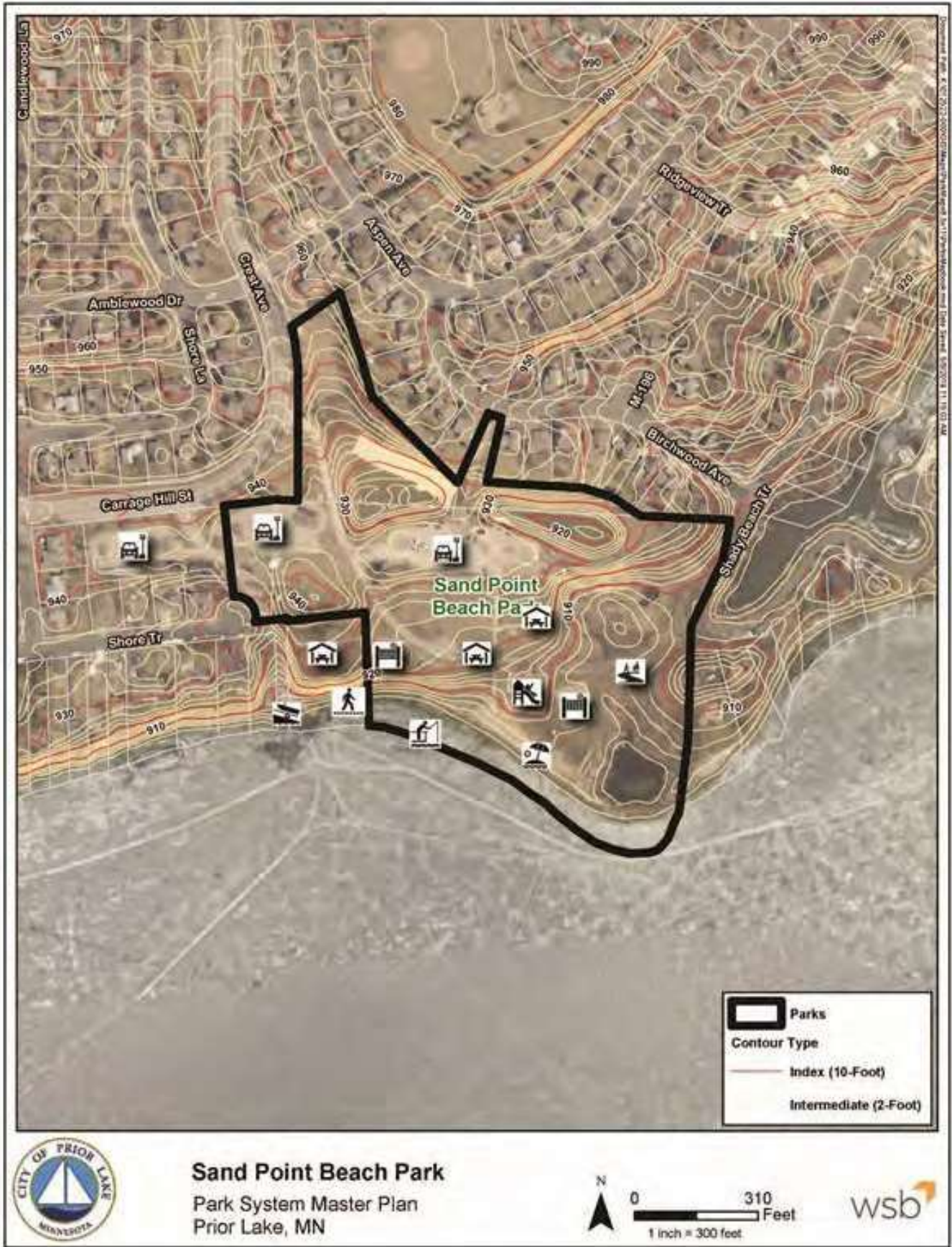
### Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Boardwalk
-  Horseshoes
-  Volleyball Court
-  Fishing Pier
-  Beach
-  DNR Boat Access & Parking
-  Parking

Description: Community park along the shores of Lower Prior Lake with a special use for lake and water related activities. This site includes an adjacent DNR boat launch with shared land use areas. Currently there is a fee for the beach parking lot for cars, but not at the DNR lot for boats and trailers.

A project with the SLPLWD has utilized park space to accommodate a water treatment area in the park.







## Assessment

### Assessment: 41.5% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is well-maintained but many amenities are older and in fair to poor condition and are in need of replacement.

Design & Character: The park lacks an inviting and appealing design. It does not make best use of the space available in terms of pedestrian and vehicular circulation and the amenities are generally scattered around the site.

Though separate, the DNR boat launch area is not well designed which causes frustration and difficulty for those trying to get watercraft into the water. The boat and trailer parking do not meet the length needed for the size of trailers currently parked in the lot and the entrance drive to the park versus the boat launch can be confusing.

Accessibility: Overall lack of accessibility. Trails are very steep in some areas and a lack of trail connections to amenities. The parking lot does not have ADA parking stalls that meet requirements.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include developing an updated park site master plan for both the park and DNR site together in line with community needs for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

It is also recommended that the city either account for a park usage fee in lieu of a parking fee or get rid of fees altogether to be more equitable. Currently the site is free to anyone who can walk to it, which includes middle to high income neighborhoods, whereas the lower income areas are far enough where vehicular use and the related parking fee would apply.

Some general considerations include:

- Reconfigured parking for DNR and park (account for food trucks, food delivery services, drop-offs, etc.)
- New concessions building with meeting rooms, storage, etc.
- New group shelters with restrooms (2)
- Improved lawn games (bocce ball, horseshoes)
- Improved volleyball (3-4 preferred for tournaments)
- Smaller open air shelters or shade structures
- Splash pad
- Inclusive playground
- Improved beach experience
- Loop trail system
- Improved docks and piers

### Estimate of Probable Costs

Estimates to be prepared in conjunction with an updated master plan design, though may range from \$12-\$15 million depending on programming.







# Sand Point Park

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 1979  
**Size:** 6 Acres  
**Location:** 5675 Cedarwood Trail NE  
**Programmed:** No

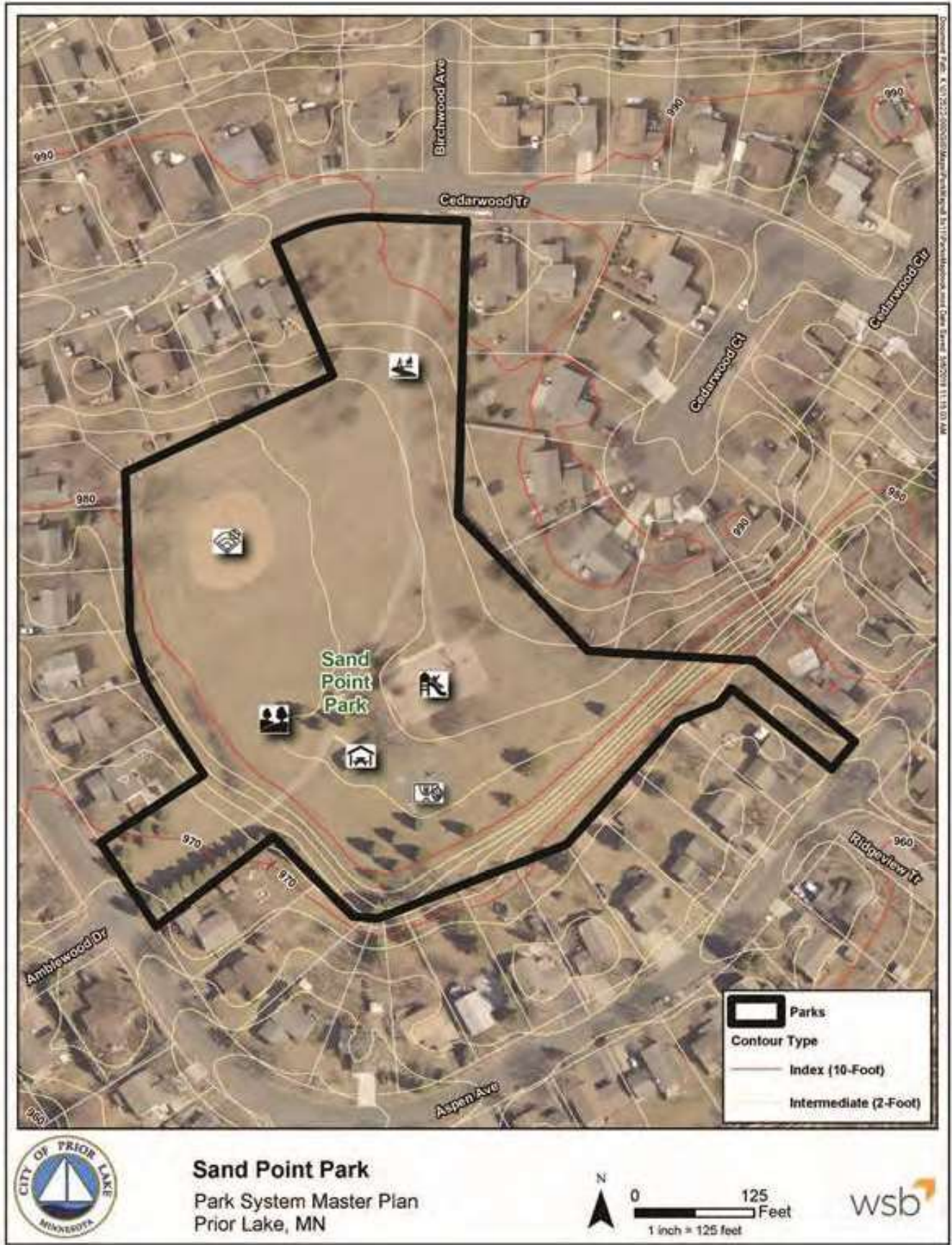
## Existing Park Features

-  Playground
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Trails
-  Basketball Court - half
-  Ballfield
-  Ice Skating

Description: Neighborhood park with a full amount of recreational amenities located by Sand Point Beach.









## Assessment

### Assessment: 40.6% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is well-maintained but many amenities are older and range from fair to poor condition and are in need of replacement.

Design & Character: The park has a nice setting with some mature trees along the perimeter of the park. The ballfield has a poor orientation for games.

Accessibility: Trails are very steep in some areas, not meeting ADA standards. There are trail connections to the shelter and playground, but not the court. Playground has sand surfacing (non-compliant) with some rubber areas at access points.

## Recommendations

General recommendations include maintaining, repairing and replacing items as needs dictate, which can be phased in, for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

At time of replacements, consider some layout adjustments for improved circulation and connectivity and possibly reorient the ballfield if this is ever considered to be programmed. Consider an internal trail loop and potentially add a trail connection through easement on SE end of park at Aspen Avenue NE. With Sand Point Beach in close proximity to this park, don't over-duplicate or over-develop the playground.



## Estimate of Probable Costs

The estimates shown are based on projects of similar size and characteristics and are not based on an actual design or site unknowns. It assumes work is completed by a licensed, bonded contractor shown in 2023 dollars with general contingency and design fees, as applicable.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Estimate assumes costs for full redevelopment
- Does not include utilities (electrical, stormwater, etc.)
- Ballfield costs assume new orientation to include backstop, players benches with shade covering, players bench fencing, and irrigation

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$100,000
Removals	\$20,000
New playground equipment, surfacing and container	\$150,000
Ballfield	\$150,000
Trails	\$60,000
Site furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks, etc.)	\$20,000
Interpretive / wayfinding signs	\$6,000
Basketball court – half	\$20,000
New picnic shelter – small	\$40,000
Landscaping and restoration	\$40,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$606,000</b>
20% Contingency	\$121,200
20% Design, Engineering & Permits	\$121,200
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$848,400</b>





## South Shore

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park – est. 2009  
**Size:** 1.4 Acres  
**Location:** 2968 South Shore Drive  
**Programmed:** Yes

### Existing Park Features



Playground



Picnic Shelter

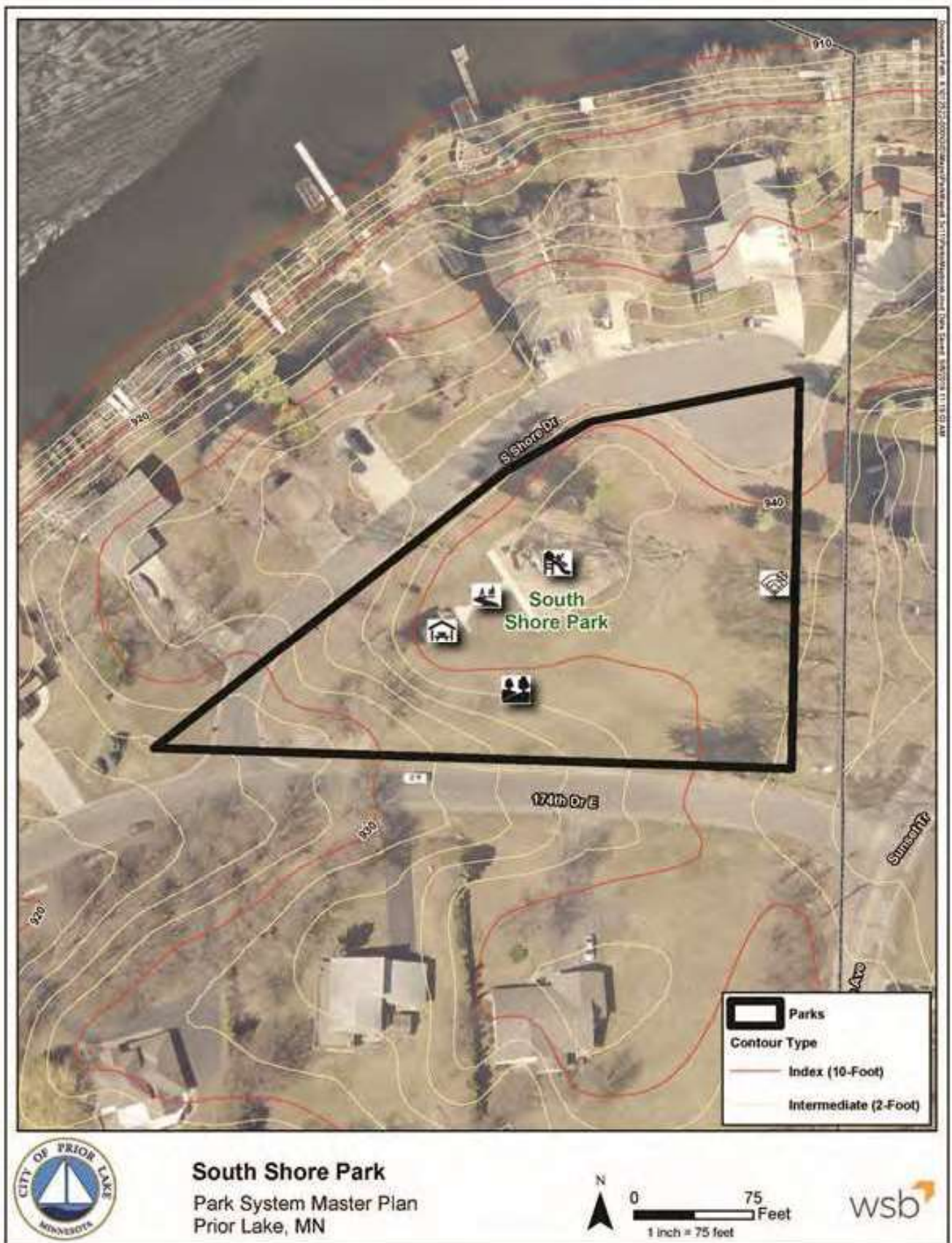


Trails

**Description:** Small neighborhood park that sits up on a hill and primarily only serves the adjacent homes in this area. A lack of any kind of parking allowed or a conflict with boat and trailer parking in the street makes this park feel very inaccessible and very private.







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## Assessment

### Assessment: 40.3% Rating

Overall Condition: Park is in fair to poor condition and amenities are older and will need to be replaced in the near future.

Design & Character: The park is surrounded mainly by streets, sits up on a hill and is lacking proper trail connection to the street.

Accessibility: The park is considered completely inaccessible.

## Recommendations

If Sunset Hills park is decommissioned as a park, recommendations include developing an updated park site master plan in line with community needs for improved connectivity, quality and sustainability.

Recommendations include adding a couple of parking spaces with an accessible route to the developed amenities due to the distance from the park to many residents in the neighborhood service area.



## Estimate of Probable Costs

The estimates shown are based on projects of similar size and characteristics and are not based on an actual design or site unknowns. It assumes work is completed by a licensed, bonded contractor shown in 2023 dollars with general contingency and design fees, as applicable.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Assumes Sunset Hills is decommissioned for a more robust improvement at this park site
- Assumes backstop removal, not replaced
- Does not include utilities (electrical, stormwater, etc.)
- Parking does not include stormwater BMP

Description	Cost Range
General earthwork and erosion control	\$75,000
Removals	\$10,000
New playground equipment, container & surfacing	\$150,000
New picnic shelter – small	\$40,000
Trail connections	\$8,000
Parking (3 stalls)	\$15,000
<b>SubTotal:</b>	<b>\$298,000</b>
20% Contingency	\$59,600
20% Design & Engineering	\$59,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$417,200</b>

