



AGENDA
Parks and Natural Resources
Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, July 28, 2025
7:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 4. AUDIENCE INPUT**
- 5. DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Indoor Ice
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates
 - b. Parks System Plan
 - c. Baseball Field Needs
 - d. Director's Report
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**ROSEMOUNT PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 23, 2025**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount Parks & Natural Resources was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Eliason called the meeting to order with Commissioners Bass, McDonald, Bonkoski, Edminson, Burman and Andrews.
Commissioner Speich was absent.

Staff present included the following:
Park and Recreation Director Dan Schultz
Office Specialist Michelle Rambo

- a. Oath of Office

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion by Bonkoski. **Second by** Edminson

Motion to approve Minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular Meeting

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Indoor Ice

The City recently hired JLG Architects to help guide us through some early planning exercises to develop a layout for a one and possibly two-sheet ice complex, a site plan and a cost estimate. The work they are doing will help us with discussions regarding the next steps in the process of considering building additional indoor ice. Staff shared information on the design work and pricing that had been completed as of our meeting on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates

Director Schultz gave verbal updates on Mow Less May, Lawns Re-Imagined, Water Efficiency / Storm Water Rebates, Spring Reuse & Recycling Stats.

- b. Aspen Ridge Development

Motion by Bonkoski. Second by McDonald

Motion to recommend the City Council approve the Aspen Ridge Development plans with the conditions as outlined by staff in the executive summary, along with the recommendation to extend the sidewalk on the east side from 42 to the northern border.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- c. Director's Report

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of May 31, 202: \$5,873,436

Inflows to the Park Improvement fund last month were as follows:

Dedication fees - \$163,300

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$130,105 (park and trail designs, UMore building and Flint Hills Trails)

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rambo
Office Specialist

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: July 28, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Indoor Ice	AGENDA SECTION: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 6.a.
ATTACHMENTS: RAHA ICE, Ice reveiw PP 8 9 23	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, discussion only	

BACKGROUND

For several months, staff have been discussing the need for additional indoor ice in Rosemount with RAHA, City of Eagan and the Farmington Hockey Association. This work was started before there ever plans for the Pond to shut down. RAHA has consistently rented 900 hours of ice from the Pond, which is equivalent to what staff expects they would use at one sheet of ice.

The city recently hired JLG Architects to help guide us through some early planning exercises to develop a layout for a one and possibly a two sheet ice complex, site plan and a cost estimate. The work they are going will help us with discussions regarding the next steps in the process of considering building additional indoor ice.

Included in the packet is information that was sent to City staff from RAHA regarding their needs. Also attached is information that the City has developed regarding ice use in Rosemount. Both documents are currently being updated. Staff will discuss with the Commission ways we can help meet the ice needs of our community.

RECOMMENDATION

None discussion only

RAHA ICE

April 8, 2024

AGENDA

Goal is to determine number of hours for RAHA in given season.

- ★ Evaluate current modeling
- ★ Compare against other associations
- ★ Review current USA standards and impact to modeling

Other Considerations

- ★ RAHA board position on The Pond in the future
- ★ Opportunity to host tournaments
- ★ Impact to ice bills

Next Steps

- ★ Data is shared with Dan Schultz (Park & Recreation Director)
- ★ Review of data and feasibility to determine number of sheets

SQUIRT COMPARISON

- Rosemount teams are similar to other Squirt teams reviewed
- Average numbers across all teams
 - 38% of practices are solo, Rosemount averages 50%
 - 31% of practices are full ice, Rosemount averages 12% assuming Pond is not considered full ice
- **Opportunity:** Impact of starting Squirt early October versus current.

Association	Level	Shared	Solo Full sheet	Solo Pond Ice	Skills	Total Practices	# Practices Full Ice	Percent Practice Full Ice	Percent Solo Practice	Games / Scrimms	Pond Ice
Rosemount	Squirt A	26	6	20	0	52	6	12%	50%	40	20
Rosemount	Squirt B	30	7	17	0	54	7	13%	44%	37	17
Eagan	Squirt	55	10	0	0	65	10	15%	15%	47	0
Stillwater	Squirt A	30	21	0	8	59	21	36%	36%	43	0
Stillwater	Squirt B	30	21	0	8	59	21	36%	36%	37	0
White Bear Lake	Squirt A	17	35	0	6	58	35	60%	60%	47	0
White Bear Lake	Squirt B	23	22	0	6	51	22	43%	43%	43	0
Prior Lake	Squirt A	38	19	0	0	57	19	33%	33%		0
Prior Lake	Squirt B	37	14	0	0	51	14	27%	27%		0
Average		32	17	4	3	56	17	31%	38%	42	

Note: Practices at the Pond are not considered "full sheet" for purposes of this exercise.

PEE WEE COMPARISON

- Rosemount teams are in line with other Pee Wee teams reviewed
- Average numbers across all teams
 - 46% of practices are solo, Rosemount averages 48%
 - 38% of practices are full ice, Rosemount averages 16% assuming Pond is not considered full ice, other associations average 46%
 - Without The Pond, Rosemount solo practices would be near 50% full sheet and solo

Association	Level	Shared	Solo Full sheet	Solo Pond Ice	Skills	Total Practices	# Practices Full Ice	Percent Practice Full Ice	Percent Solo Practice	Games / Scrimms	Pond Ice
Rosemount	Pee Wee AA	31	10	19	0	60	10	17%	48%	51	19
Rosemount	Pee Wee B	28	8	17	0	53	8	15%	47%	41	17
Eagan	Pee Wee AA	49	17	0	7	73	17	23%	23%	47	
Stillwater	Pee Wee AA	15	35	0	7	57	35	61%	61%	41	
Stillwater	Pee Wee B	23	24	0	7	54	24	44%	44%	43	
White Bear Lake	Pee Wee AA	15	44	0	4	63	44	70%	70%	46	
Prior Lake	Pee Wee AA	23	33	0	0	56	33	59%	59%	47	
Prior Lake	Pee Wee B	46	10	0	0	56	10	18%	18%		
Average		29	23		3	59	23	38%	46%	45	

Note: Practices at the Pond are not considered "full sheet" for purposes of this exercise.

BANTAM COMPARISON

- Rosemount teams are below number of full ice sheets compared to others.
- Average numbers across all teams
 - 63% of practices are solo, Rosemount averages 55%
 - 39% of practices are full ice, Rosemount averages 21% assuming Pond is not considered full ice
- **Opportunity:** Full ice practices are on average 72% of total practices in other orgs

Association	Level	Shared	Solo Full sheet	Solo Pond Ice	Skills	Total Practices	# Practices Full Ice	Percent Practice Full Ice	Percent Solo Practice	Games / Scrimms	Pond Ice
Rosemount	Bantam AA	26	16	16	0	58	16	28%	55%	61	16
Rosemount	Bantam A	22	7	17	0	46	7	15%	52%	51	17
Stillwater	Bantam AA	8	43	0	5	56	43	77%	77%	43	0
White Bear Lake	Bantam AA	25	50	0	0	75	50	67%	67%	52	0
Average		20	29	8	1	59	29	39%	63%	52	

Note: Practices at the Pond are not considered “full sheet” for purposes of this exercise.

ICE MODELING 2022-2023 SEASON

- Modeling used for determining ice assignments

Teams	Total Practices	% Solo	# Single Sheet	# Shared	# Home Games	Hours per game	Total Ice Hours	# of Teams	Total # Ice Hours
Bantam	60	67%	40	20	16	1.5	74	6	444
Peewee	60	66%	40	20	16	1.25	70	6	419
Squirt	60	40%	24	36	16	1	58	7	406
Junior Gold	24	80%	19	5	16	1.5	46	3	137
15U	60	66%	40	20	16	1.5	74	3	221
12U	60	66%	40	20	16	1.25	70	3	209
10U	60	40%	24	36	16	1	58	3	174
Termite	20	10%	2	18	2	1	13	1	13
Minimite	34	10%	3	31	2	1	21	4	83
Mite	39	10%	4	35	2	1	23	6	141
6U	34	10%	3	31	2	1	21	1	21
8U	39	10%	4	35	2	1	23	4	94
Tryouts									50
Total								47	2411

ICE MODELING WITH INCREASES

- Increased total number of practices by 25% for all
- Shifted shared / solo practice ratio
- Increased number of games / scrimmages
- Updated number of teams for 2023-2024 season

Teams / Event	Total Practices	% Solo	# Single Sheet	# Shared	# Home Games / Scrimmages	Sheet Hours per game	Total Ice Hours	# of Teams	Total # Ice Hours	Difference from 22-23 Season	Increase in Solo Practices
Bantam	75	67%	50	25	20	1.5	93	6	556	112	17%
Peewee	75	66%	50	26	18	1.25	85	6	509	90	19%
Squirt	75	50%	38	38	16	1	72	7	506	100	4%
Junior Gold	30	80%	24	6	14	1.5	48	4	192	55	
15U	75	66%	50	26	16	1.5	86	2	173	-49	
12U	75	66%	50	26	16	1.25	82	3	247	37	
10U	75	40%	30	45	16	1	69	3	206	32	
Termite	25	10%	3	23	2	1	16	1	16	3	
Minimite	45	10%	5	41	2	1	27	4	107	24	
Mite	50	10%	5	45	2	1	30	6	177	36	
6U	45	10%	5	41	2	1	27	1	27	6	
8U	50	10%	5	45	2	1	30	4	118	24	
Tryouts									60	50	
IP Extra									48		
Goalie Clinics									40		
Pre-season Skills									120		
Tourney/Jam (2 tourn + D8)									45		
Total							663	47	2891	520	

Note: Increase in solo practice percentage is based on actual practices scheduled through season.

USA STANDARDS

8U	Squirt / 10U	Pee Wee / 12U	Bantam / 14U
Once a week, prior to or after practice, spend 30 minutes off-ice working on the Fundamental Movement Skills and the ABC's. This can be done through games and challenging activities. Keep it fun!	75 to 80 practices and 20 to 25 games	Twice a week, prior to practice, spend 45 minutes off-ice working on the Fundamental Movement Skills	4-5 ice sessions per week
Group players into top 1/3, middle 1/3, beginner 1/3.	10-12 skaters & 1 goalie per team	All levels should receive same number of ice sessions / touches	80-minute practice sessions
30 – 60 players each practice session	Increases puck touches / participation/ development	4 Ice sessions touches per week	Combined and separate practices for team and position
2-3 ice touches per week	35 games	60 min ice sessions	9-month training and competition calendar
50 min ice sessions	6 - 7 month training and competition calendar = 24 – 28 weeks	7-month training and competition calendar	16 skaters and 2 goalies per team
5 month's = 20 weeks per season maximum		105 to 120 ice touches (70/30 ratio)	120-130 practices and 40-50 games
50 to 60 ice touches per season		80 to 90 practices	16 skaters and 2 goalies per team
Min 16 cross ice/half-ice games & 34 practices		2-3 teams per = 30 - 45 players	Appropriate off-ice training for LTAD stage
Max 20 cross ice/half-ice games & 40 practices		30 to 35 game days	
9 to 13 players/team; no fulltime goalies		Local geographic area	
		15 skaters & 2 goalies per team	

Agenda

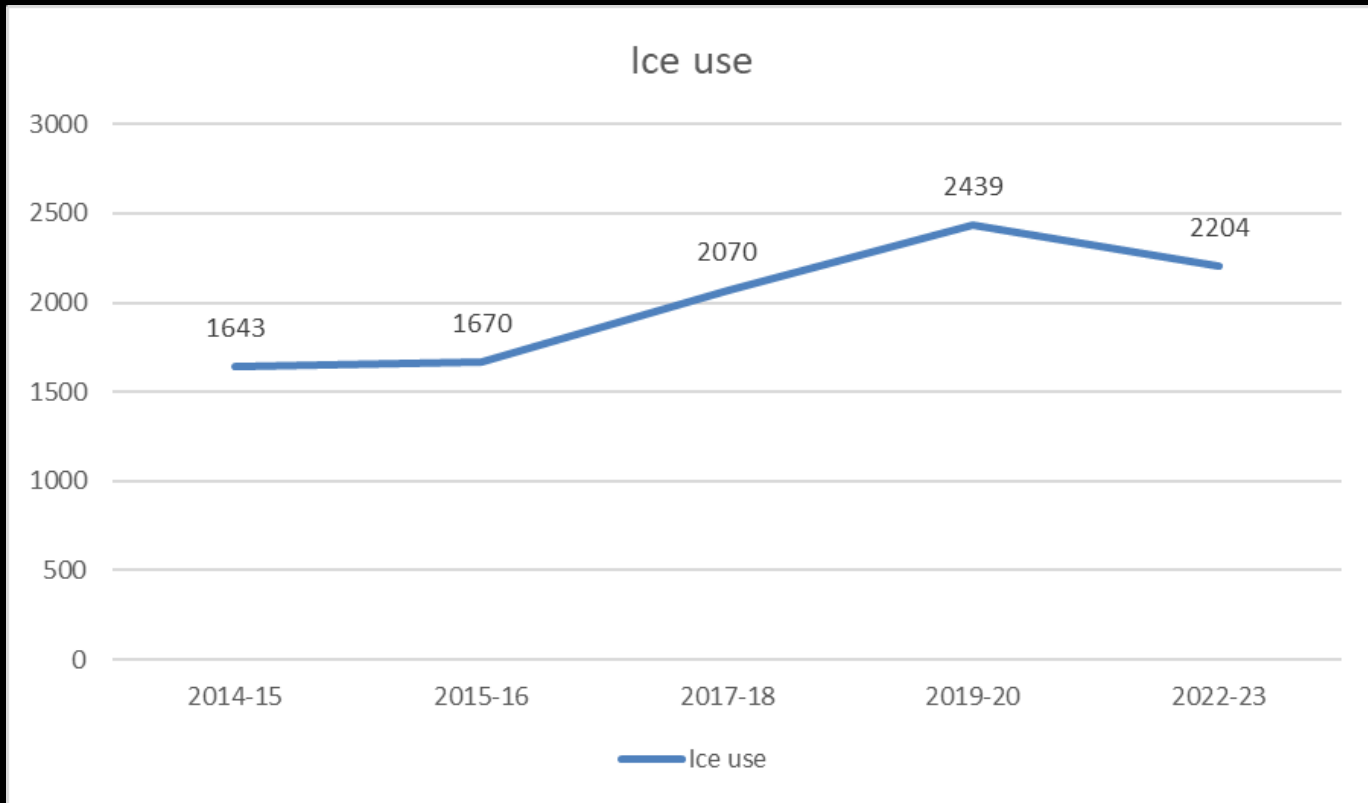
- Overview of current ice hours / rinks used
- Growth projections
- RAHA to help drive the direction
 - Ice hours by team compared to standards
 - Goal to get to total number of ice hours to plan for
 - Rink feedback
- Roadmap to potential solutions

Planning for Future Ice Needs



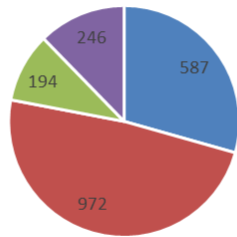
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Past Ice Use



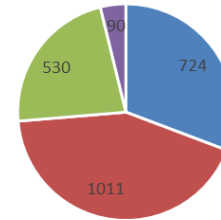
Past Ice Use – Hours Per Facility

2017-18



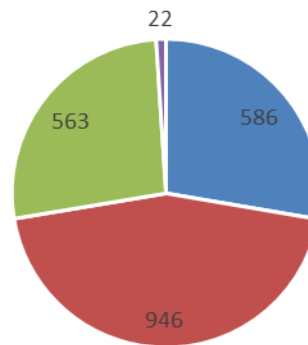
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2019-20



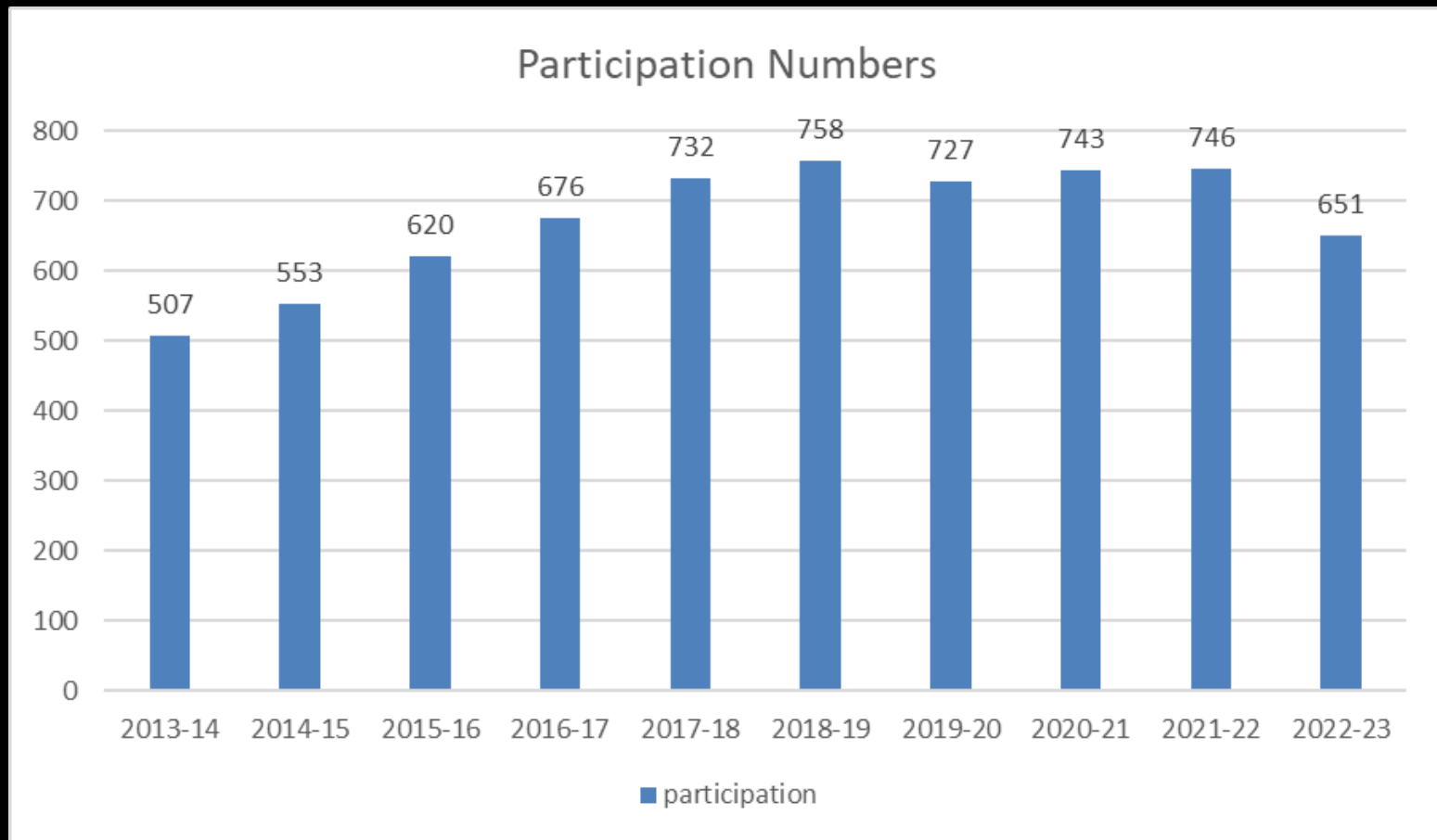
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2022-23



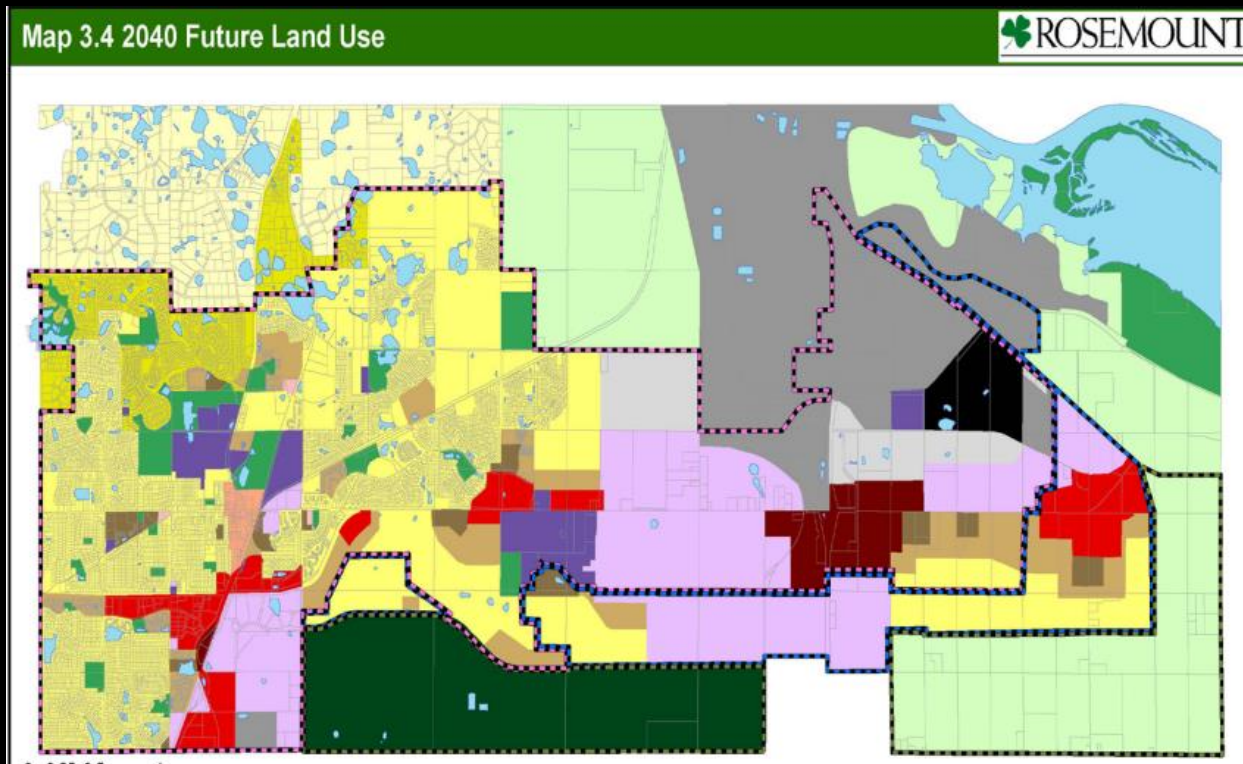
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RAHA Participation

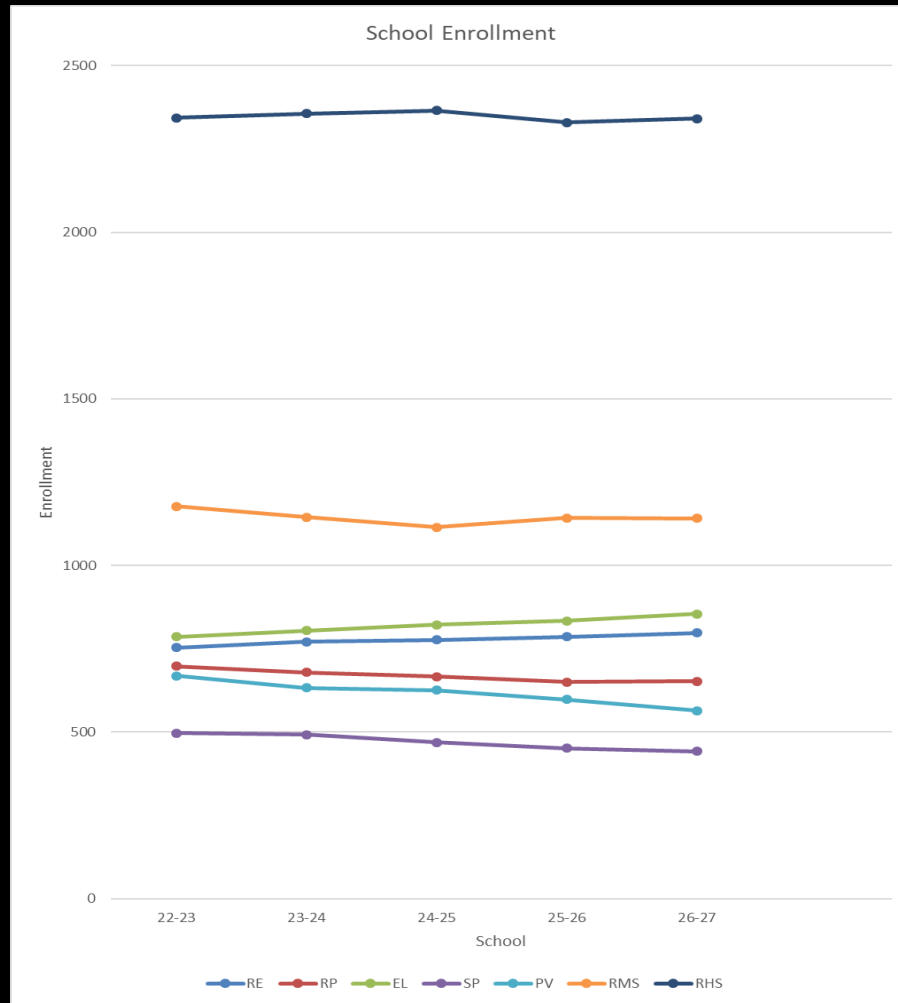


Community Growth

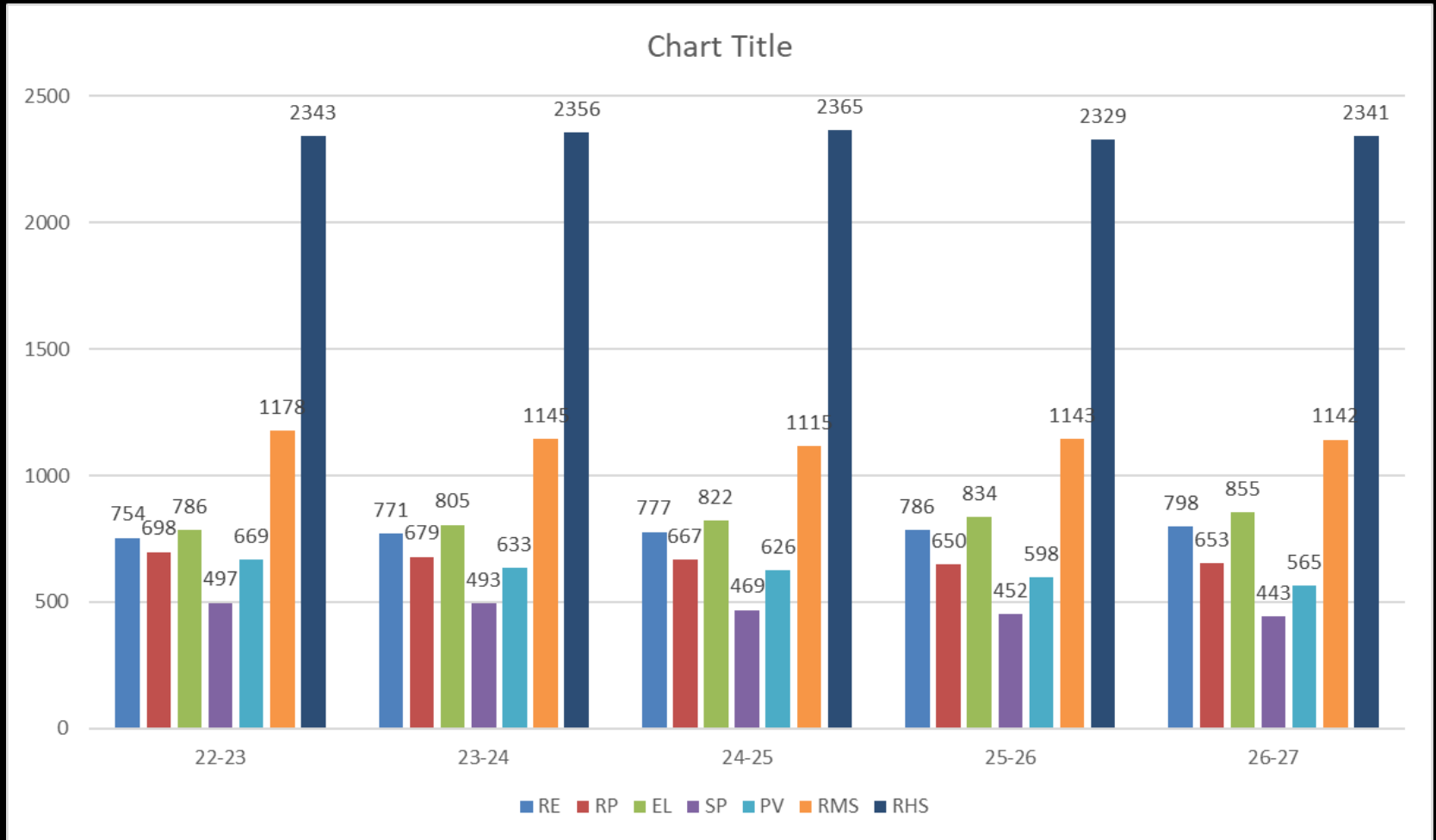
	2010	2019	2020	2030	2040
Population	21,874	24,866	25,900	31,700	38,000



School Growth

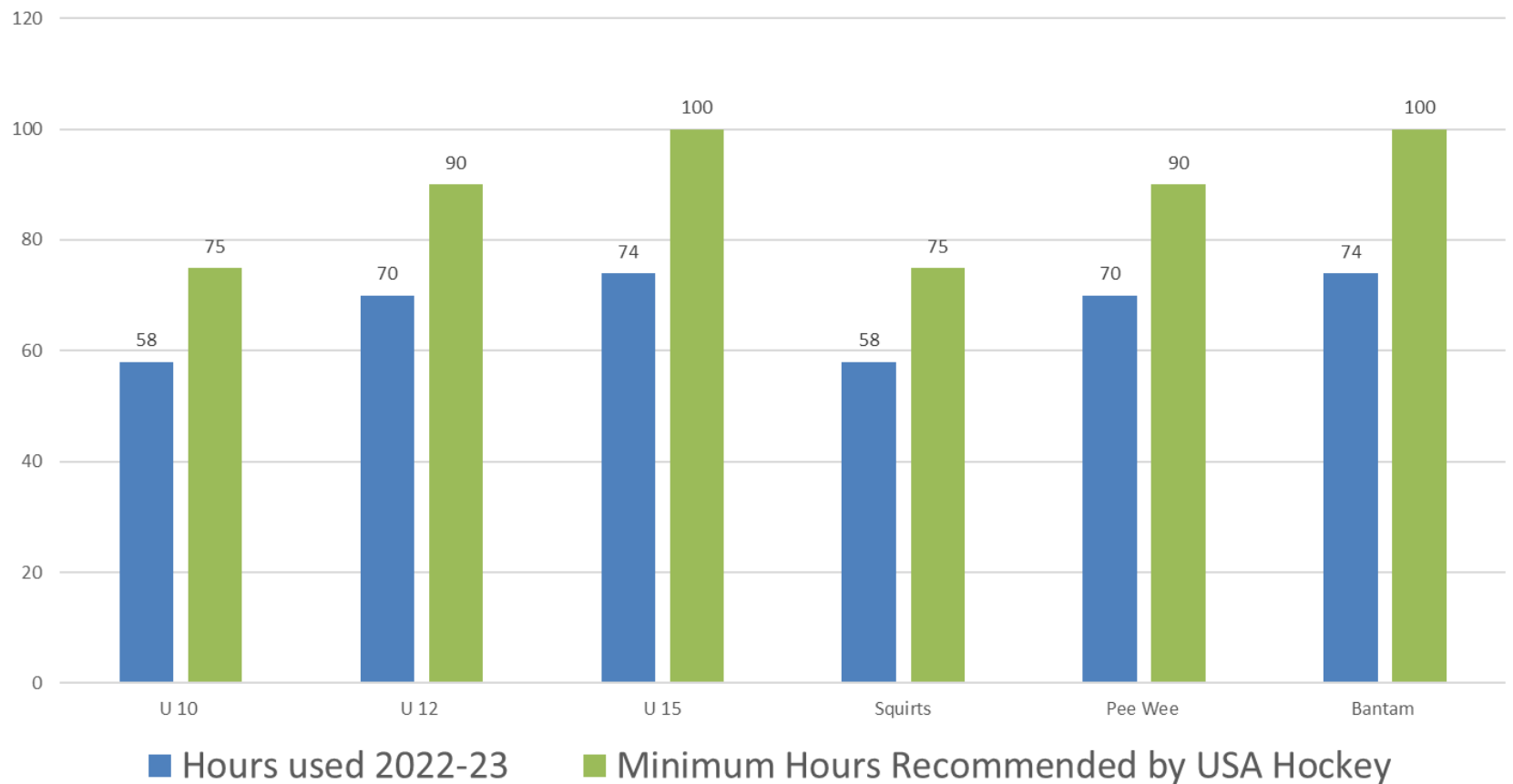


School Growth



Minimum Ice Use Standards

2022 - 23 Minimum Ice Hours Comparison



Historical Review

- 2016 Referendum did not pass (\$8.7 million ask for a single sheet rink)
- Estimated 2023 cost for a single sheet is \$15 million

Input from RAHA

- Goals for RAHA in next 5 – 10 years for ice use?
- How many hours of ice per team?
- Full or shared sheet practices?
- Is cost for participants a concern?

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AGENDA ITEM: Environmental and Sustainability Updates	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.a.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, updates only	

BACKGROUND

Listed below are some happenings in the areas pertaining to environmental and sustainability work that City staff are doing.

- We purchased silverware for use in breakroom kitchens to reduce the amount of single-use plastics in these spaces.
- Staff will be at the Leprechaun Days Midsummer Faire to educate participants about waste, recycling, and water initiatives.
- We also be assisting with management of trash and recycling at the Leprechaun Days parade.
- Staff met with county representatives to discuss accessibility of the food-scrap drop-off site, potential for more accessible options with the renovation of Central Park
- Work is being done behind-the-scenes on grant administration, planning for the 2026 grant, etc.,
- [Adopt-a-Drain](#) (Hamline University CGEE) will be at the [MN State Fair in the Eco Experience](#) building for the duration of the Fair
 - Rosemount is an Adopt-a-Drain member
 - Residents that sign up to adopt a drain at the state fair receive free swag.
- Engineering is working on communications around water conservation for the second half of the summer.
- The City of Rosemount maintains a listing of several rebate and grant programs available to residents, largely related to sustainability improvements.
 - Two programs of note for late summer:
 - The [Rosemount Water Efficiency Rebate Program](#) offers rebates on city utility (water) bills for purchases of replacement toilets, clothes washers, dishwashers, irrigation controllers, and irrigation audits with WaterSense or Energy Star certification.
 - The [Rosemount Irrigation Efficiency Grant](#) offers reimbursement grants of up to \$5000 to HOAs and multi-family residential properties that complete irrigation audits by a certified auditor.
- The [Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization](#), the watershed management

organization that has jurisdiction within Rosemount, now offers a storm drain stenciling kit for residents and groups to check out.

RECOMMENDATION

None, updates only

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AGENDA ITEM: Parks System Plan	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.b.
ATTACHMENTS: LandUse Parks 11x17 10 18 22	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, discussion only.	

BACKGROUND

The 2040 Parks System Plan is intended to act as a user-friendly guide to decision making regarding the future needs, development, renovation and preservation of Rosemount’s parks, trails and open spaces. The Parks system plan is a chapter of the City’s Comprehensive Guide Plan and was developed in 2019. The city recognizes that demographic, recreation and environmental trends will change over the next several years and those changes will affect park, trail and open space needs. This plan will help set the framework for these future improvements and will increase efficiency by establishing a long-term vision and priorities.

The following goals have been identified to assist with the development of the plan:

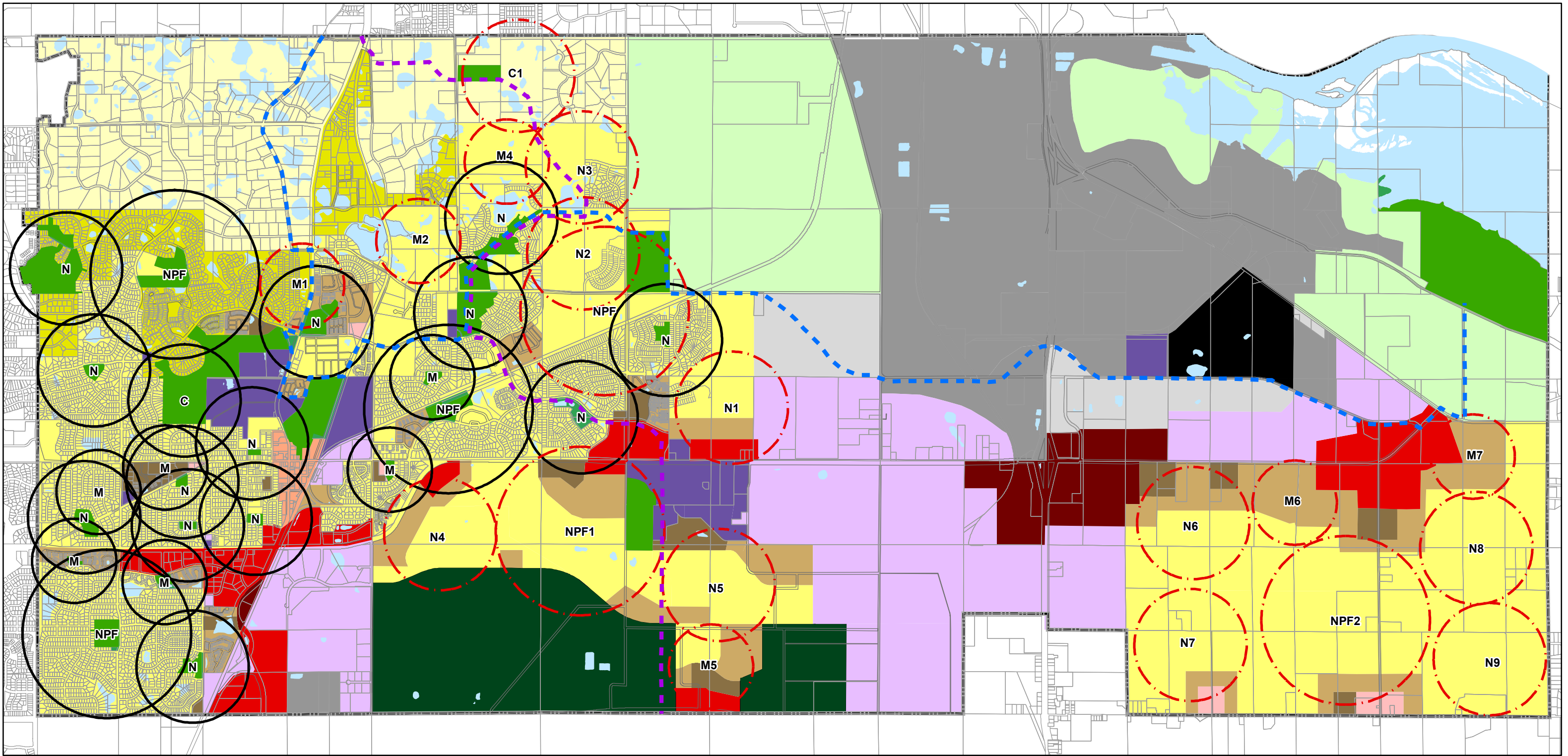
- Continue to develop a comprehensive park, trails and open space system that meets the needs of the expanding community.
- Meet our community’s parks, trails and open space needs through proactive planning, partnerships and responsible spending.
- Continue to create a community that is well connected by trails, sidewalks, bike lanes and other pedestrian friendly amenities which would include more crosswalks and crosswalks with flashing lights.
- Create and follow standards for city parks that include having a park area within ½ mile walking distance of all homes in the urban developed area of the City.
- Preserve, protect and enhance our natural area resources.
- Continue to invest in the future of our parks, trails and open space through high levels of maintenance and an active Capital Improvement Plan.

The 2040 Parks System Plan can be reviewed at City's website on Community Development web page under Planning and Comprehensive Plan (Ch. 9).



























Staff will discuss the process of updating the plan and share some information about the attached Park Planning Map at the meeting on Monday.

RECOMMENDATION

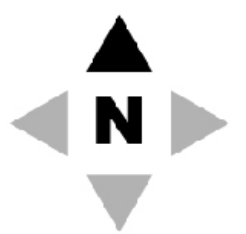
None, discussion only.



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|  Rosemount Greenway |  C - Conservation |  AG Agriculture |  CC Community Commercial |  MDR Medium Density Residential |  LI Light Industrial |
|  Vermillion Highlands Greenway |  M - Mini Park |  FP Floodplain |  AGR Agricultural Research |  HDR High Density Residential |  GI General Industrial |
| Park Service Areas |  N - Neighborhood |  DT Downtown |  RR Rural Residential |  PI Public/Institutional |  WM Waste Management |
|  Existing Park |  NPF - Neighborhood Play Field |  NC Neighborhood Commercial |  LDR Low Density Residential |  PO Existing Parks/Open Space | |
|  Proposed Park | |  RC Regional Commercial |  TR Transitional Residential |  BP Business Park | |

Rosemount Parks, Trails, and Open Space



1 in = 2,983 ft

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AGENDA ITEM: Baseball Field Needs	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.c.
ATTACHMENTS: Site Plan - Umore Baseball 2025	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion recommend the City Council approve moving forward with the development of a full-sized baseball field at the UMore Park Complex.	

BACKGROUND

Staff have been receiving requests from our RAAA and other baseball field users over the last couple of years for the addition of a full-size baseball field at the UMore Athletic Field complex. When the complex was designed several years ago, there was an area set aside for a full-size baseball field. When construction started on the complex, the priority was on youth fields thus we did not move forward on the full-size field at the time.

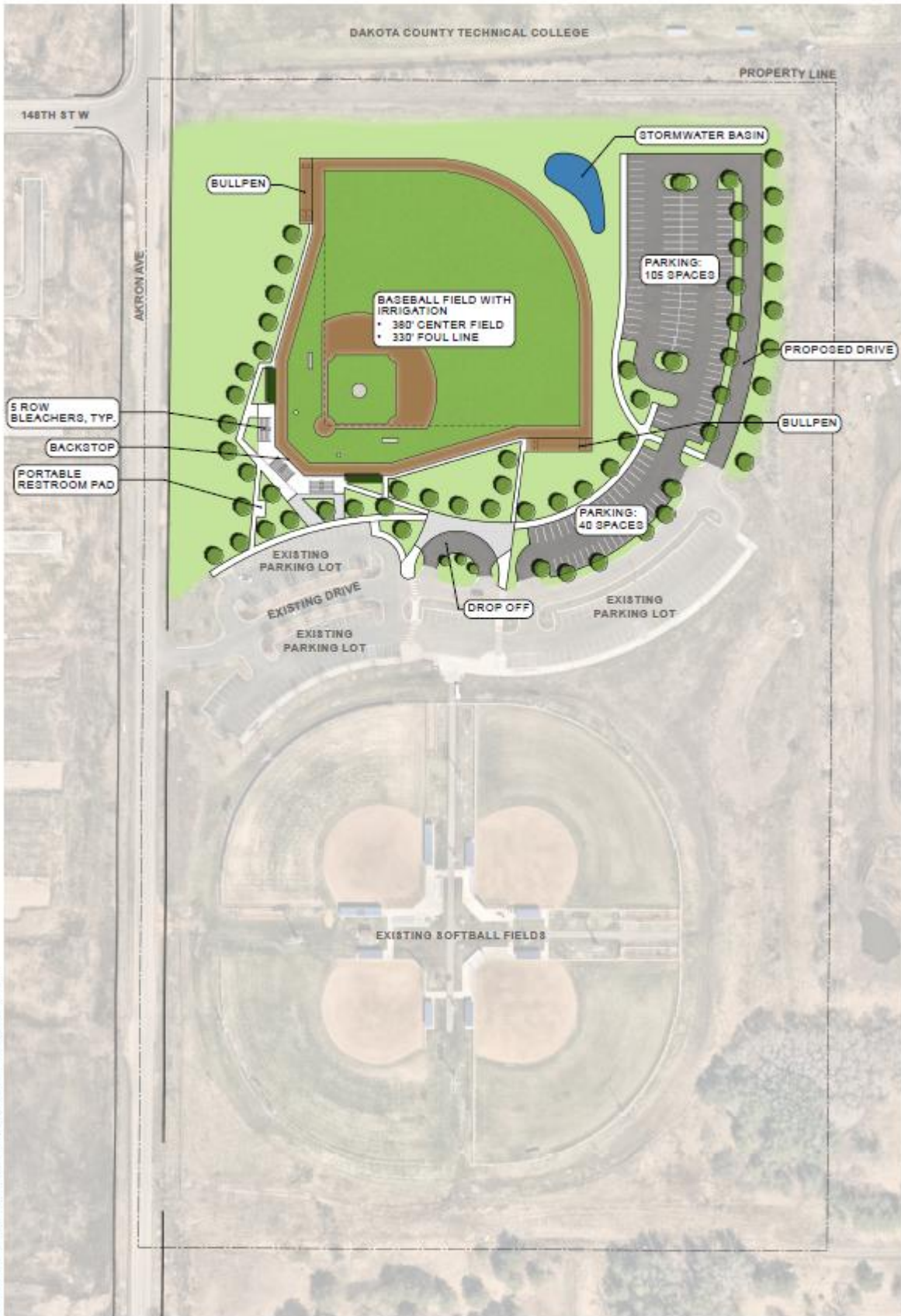
The city does not own or operate a full-size baseball field and user groups need to rely on District 196 fields which are the oldest in the district. They also eliminated a full-size field when they built the Irish Dome.

With the new middle school construction, they will be adding a full-size field there and also adding another full-size field at the old middle school, but this is just replacing what they have already had, not adding to the system of fields.

At the meeting on Monday, staff will provide additional drawings and a cost estimate for a new baseball field at the UMore Complex.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the City Council to approve moving forward with the development of a full-sized baseball field at the UMore Park Complex.



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AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.d.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, Discussion only.	

BACKGROUND

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of June 30, 2025: \$6,258,776.97

Inflows to the Park Improvement Fund last month were as follows:

Dedication fees – \$165,300

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures – \$44,802 (park and trail designs, UMore Building and Flint Hills Trails)

E-Bikes, E-Scooters and E-Moto Machines – I’m sure like staff, you have all seen an increase in the use of E bikes, e-scooters, e-moto machines in our community. Currently, motorized modes of transportation are not allowed on City trails. Because these types of equipment are becoming a norm, staff would like to start discussions on how to keep people (users and non-users) safe while on our City trails.

National Guard Remodel – Work continues to move forward on the Armory and RCC remodel projects. They are moving into the final phases of the project and should be done by the end of August.

Dunmore Greenway – We still have several moving parts to tie together before this one is ready to go to bid. Joint Powers Agreement with the County, Right of Way permit from MN DOT, construction easements from residents and the final completion of the detailed plans and specifications. The plan is still for the City to design and deliver the project, while Dakota County will pay for the cost of the trail construction.

Bonaire Path Trail - Staff were recently notified that we will not be getting funding for this project through a DNR grant. We are now planning to move forward with internal funding and get the project bid as soon as possible.

UMore Park Building – The project is nearing completion and everything should be wrapped up by early August. Things look great, and many groups will benefit from the building as soon as it is

operational.

Flint Hills CAC - The Flint Hills CAC is accepting applications. The Community Advisory Council to Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery (CAC) is a thoughtful and committed group of volunteer citizen representatives working to fulfill the organization's vision of creating open dialogue between the community and the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. The CAC empowers residents living near the Pine Bend refinery to provide input and collaborate with Flint Hills Resources on environmental, safety, and operational issues and projects. If you are interested in applying, let me know.

RECOMMENDATION

None, discussion only.