

Master Plan 2024



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Park District



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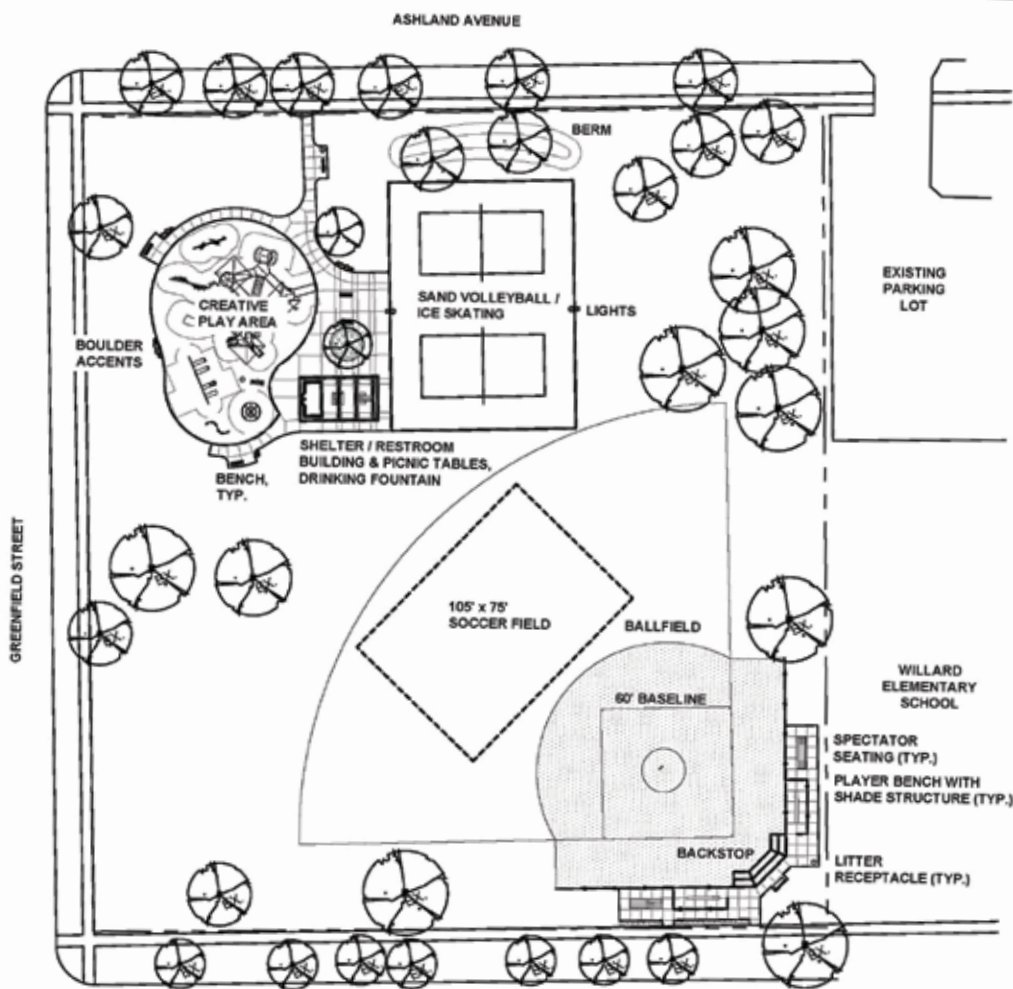
Dear River Forest resident,

The River Forest Park District Board of Commissioners is proud to present the River Forest Park District's Master Plan 2024.

While much work has been completed, this plan includes the Board's vision for the next 3 years. The process in developing this plan has been ongoing for the past 3 years, including inventory and assessment of parks, the review of our 2020 Community Survey results and comments, a ranking of facilities and amenities for the parks, hosting public meetings to solicit resident feedback, and hiring of a design firm to work with the Board on drafting a plan. This work has resulted in significant accomplishments over the past 3 years, and development plans for the near future.

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Plan 2024



Plans in 2025 include redevelopment of the entire park, including:

Relocation and replacement of the playground with a new inclusive playground with a rubber surface.

Relocation of the sand volleyball courts/ ice rink.

Construction of permanent bathrooms and a 20'x20' shelter.

Construction of a sitting area between the playground, sand volleyball courts and shelter.

Construction of a new 60' baseline ballfield to replace the ballfield at Willard School.

Construction of new soccer fields.

This project is currently in the design phase with a projected start date of June 15, 2025. The Park District has applied for a \$600,000 OSLAND Grant to support this project.

CONSTITUTION PARK



KEYSTONE PARK

Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Replacement of the 5 tennis courts with 5 new tennis courts. Two of the tennis courts have been dual lined with 4 pickleball courts with portable pickleball nets. The remaining 3 tennis courts are dual lined with a single pickleball court. Replacement of the old tennis court lights from metal halide to LED. This project was supported by a \$23,500 Com Ed Grant.

Addition of a basketball hoops area, including the installation of 2 basketball hoops.

Replacement of the four 54' long batting cages with 2 new 60' long batting cages and 2 new 60' long portable batting cages at ballfield #1 (spring, 2025)

Development of a drainage swale as required for stormwater management. The base of the swale will be maintained as a wild-flower area.

Conversion of the Keystone Concession space into a shelter.

Replacement of the Keystone East athletic field lights from metal halide to LED. This project was supported by a \$55,000 Com Ed Grant.



Plans in 2025 include: The Park District and Dominican University are in discussions for a partnership to convert ballfield #2 infield to synthetic turf. As part of the 10-year partnership, Dominican University will be contributing \$200,000 towards the project. This field would become the home site of Dominican's Women's Softball Team. Pending Board approval, the project would move into the design phase with a projected completion date of September 1, 2025

MEMORIAL PARK

Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Reconstruction of the bocce courts, including expanding the seating area.

Addition of new park benches.



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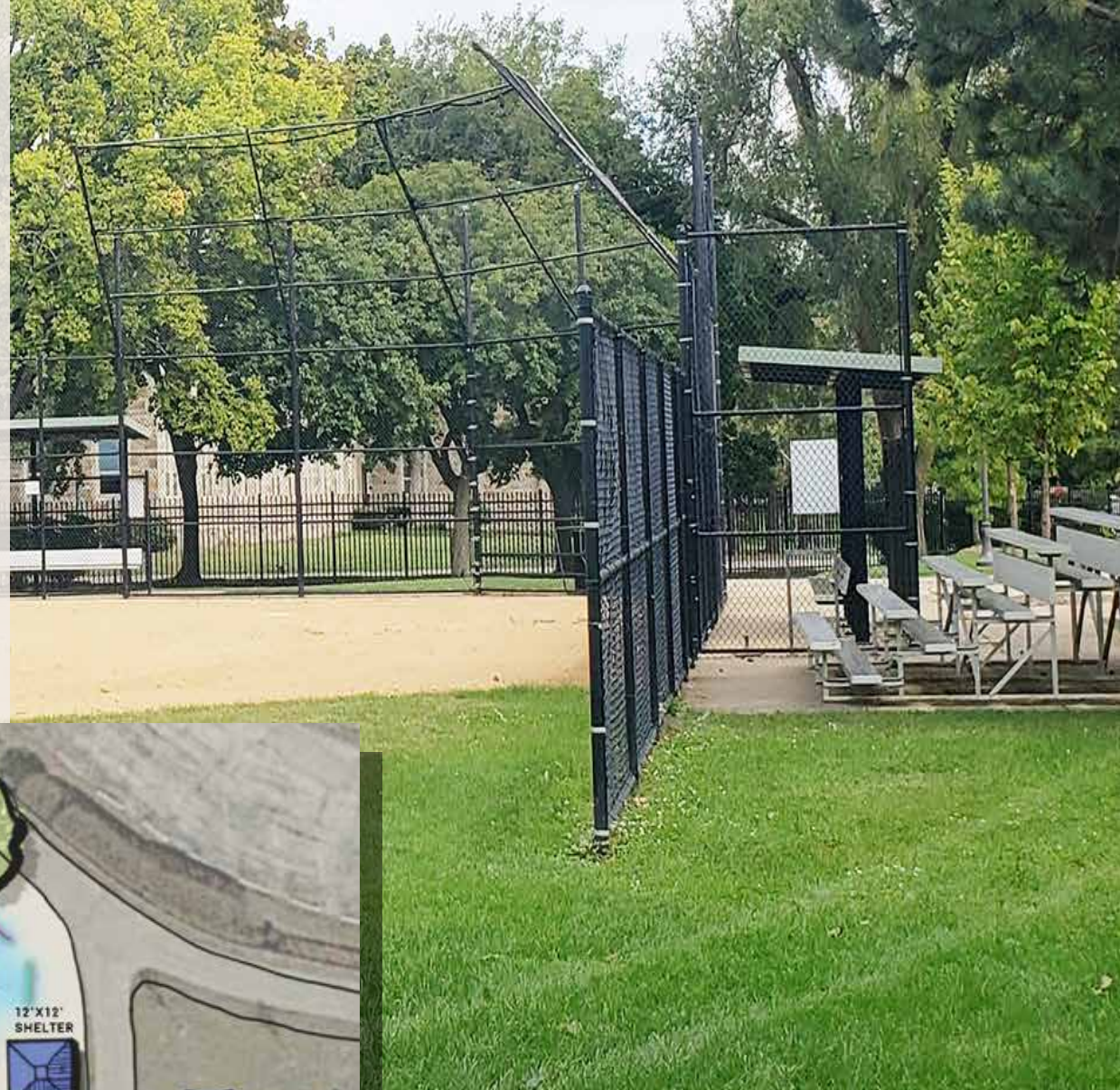
Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Replacement of the of the path on the west side of the park with a new asphalt path.

New park benches and garbage cans.

Reconstruction of the north ballfield infield, removing the grass infield, reshaping the field for 60' baselines, and fence upgrades.

Sewer upgrades on the south ballfield infield to improve drainage.



Plans in 2025 include: Pending Park Board approval, the Park District plans to construct a splash pad adjacent to the playground and expand the Priory Center program room. The expanded program room will be used for year-round fitness and wellness programming and serve as a summer camp site. This project is in the design phase with a projected completion date of December, 1, 2025.



Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Replacement of the playground with a new inclusive playground with a rubber surface.

Replacement of the street barrier with new bollards.

WASHINGTON COMMONS

WASHINTON SQUARE

Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Repainting of the tennis courts with new USTA court colors (to match the Keystone Park tennis courts).

Construction of a sitting area at the tennis courts.



WASHINGTON TRIANGLE

Accomplishments in the past 3 years:

Installation of a metal ornamental fence along Washington Blvd.

Installation of a new drinking fountain, including a bottle fill and dog bowl.

Development of 2 micro soccer fields.



Plans in 2025 include: Addition of a shelter area.

The background is a detailed architectural site plan for Keystone Park. The plan shows various sports and recreational areas, including a 'CREATIVE PLAY AREA' with a central structure, a 'SAND VOLLEYBALL / ICE SKATING' court, a '105' x 75' SOCCER FIELD', a 'BALLFIELD', and a '60' BASELINE'. Other features include 'BOULDER ACCENTS', 'LIGHTS', 'EXISTING PARKING LOT', 'WILLA ELEMEN SCHC', 'SPECTATOR SEATING (TYF)', 'PLAYER BEN', 'SHADE STRU', 'LITTER RECEPTAC', 'BACKSTOP', 'GREENFIELD STREET', and 'BOULDER ACCENTS'. The plan also shows several circular tree symbols and a 'TYP.' label.

Beyond 2025 . . .

The Board of Commissioners are looking at a number of conceptual plans for Keystone Park that would make this park a community destination. Under consideration are the following projects that may be completed together or individually:

- Closure of Keystone Avenue between Lake Street and Central Avenue to create a unified park, including a plaza with a water feature.
- Construction of a high school size gymnasium attached to The Depot with a 2-lane indoor walking track, bathrooms, and office space.

The success to implement these plans will require community feedback and referendum support. The Board will be engaging in public feedback and conducting a community survey to gauge our resident support in the near future for these projects.