



Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

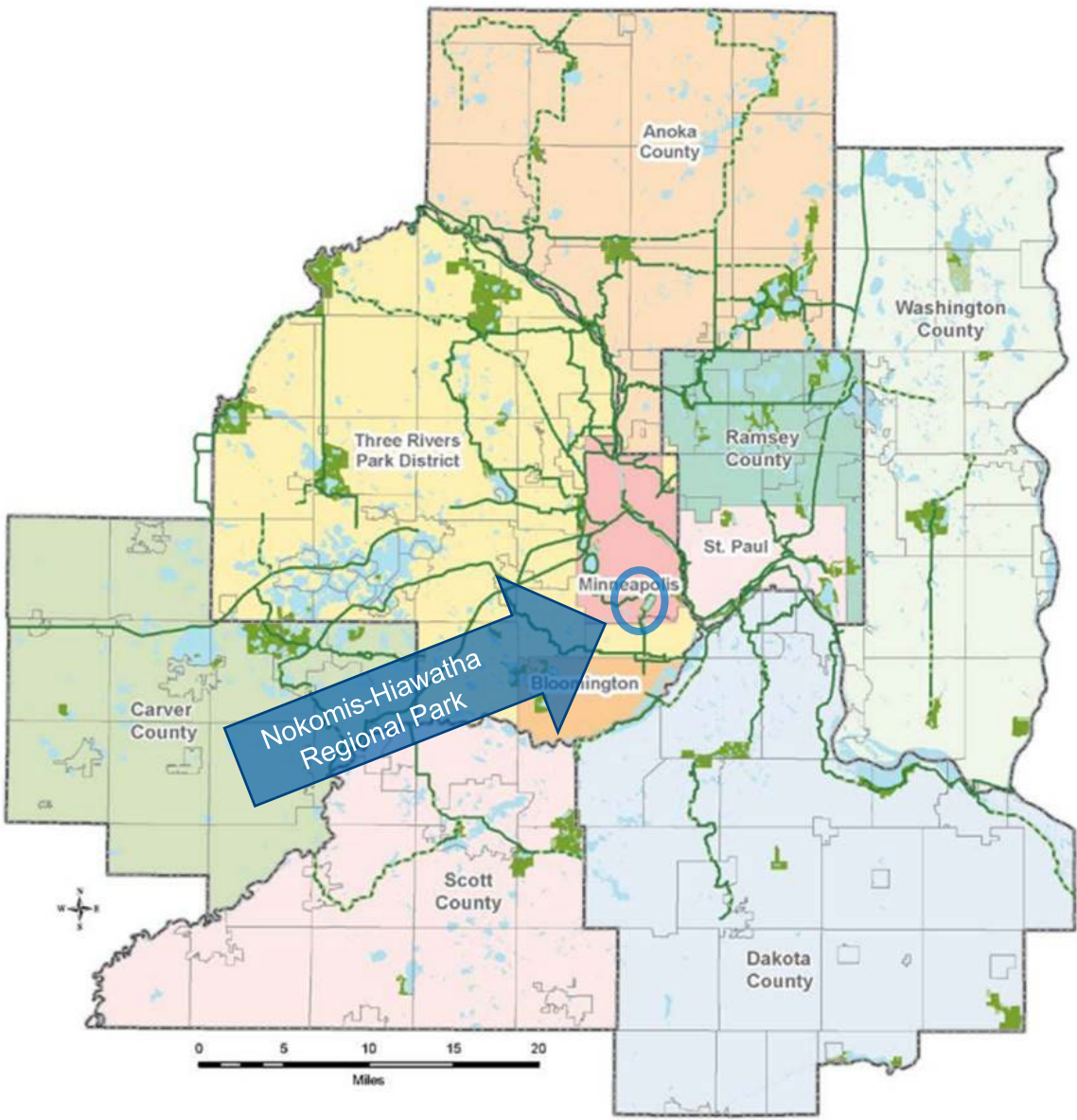
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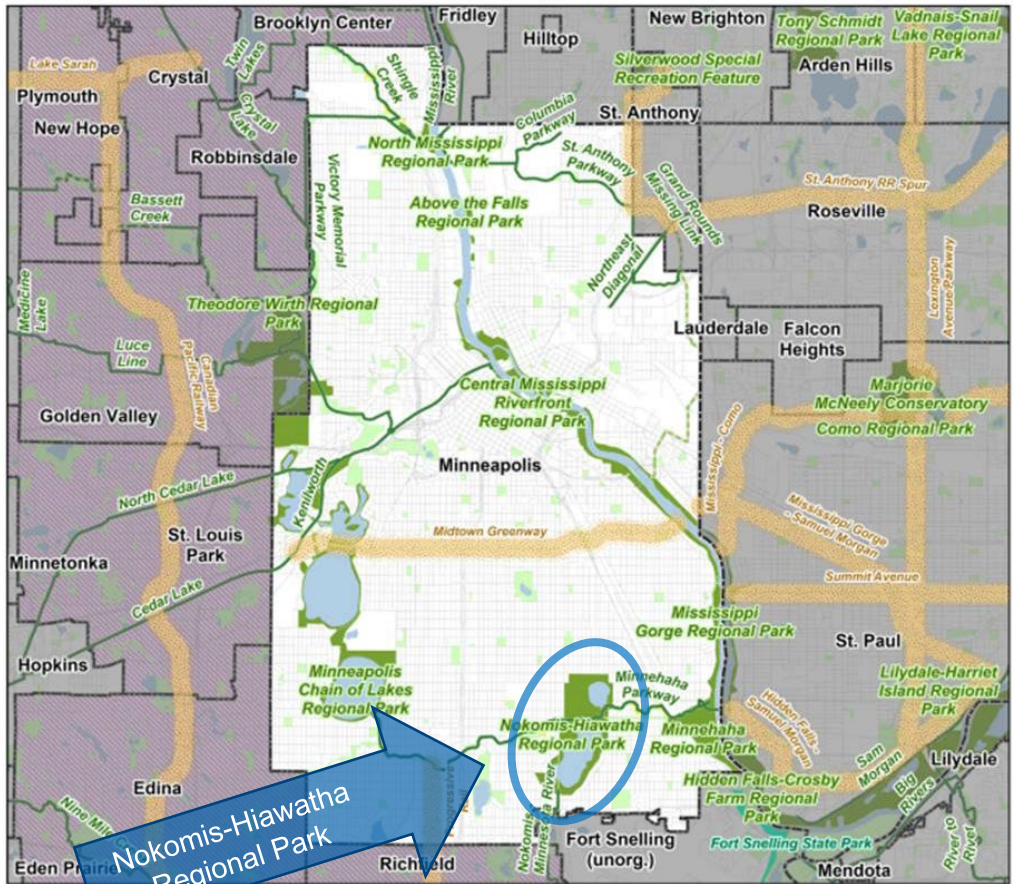
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Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park



Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park within the Regional Parks System



Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park within Minneapolis

Partner Engagement

- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Nearby neighborhood organizations and schools
 - Elected officials
 - Minneapolis Public Schools
- Anticipated project partners
 - City of Minneapolis
 - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
 - Minneapolis Parks Foundation
 - First Tee of the Twin Cities
 - Loppet Foundation
 - Metropolitan Council
- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners approved the plan amendment on Sept. 7, 2022.



Public Engagement and Participation



- Park and trail planning in Minneapolis is rooted in public engagement.
- Planning processes uses many community engagement methods, including several online public surveys.
- Members of the public were invited to attend and participate in CAC meetings.
- Design team added five focus groups:
 - General golfers
 - African American golfers
 - Persons with environmental interests
 - Neighbors living near the golf course
 - Indigenous/Dakota community members
- Draft plan amendment was subject to review and comment by the public, and a public hearing before approval by the Board.

Equity Analysis

- Development of this plan amendment began nearly eight years ago, predating the enactment of the Equity Analysis requirement.
- Community and Equity comprise one of four sets of guiding principles for the plan amendment:
 - Create equitable experiences and spaces that promote community with multi-generational, family-friendly, fun opportunities that are interactive and respectful for all park users
 - Celebrate history in a meaningful way on the site
 - Support sustainability in all aspects of the site, including environmentally, culturally, and economically
 - Reduce barriers and encourage access to a broader set of park users
 - Minimize negative impacts to the adjacent neighborhood, including consideration of impacts to traffic, parking, and noise
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board intentionally engaged youth, the Black community and the Indigenous community.

Development Concept

Vision

The Hiawatha Golf Course property is a unique destination providing a welcoming and equitable park experience for both the surrounding community and regional park users that is ecologically responsible, addresses water management needs, and is respectful of the site's natural and cultural history. Park development will have a long-term focus for year-round passive and active recreation, where golf and other recreation will interface with ecology and art to provide for a flood-resilient design that is accessible, connected, and celebrates the spirit of Minneapolis.



Development Concept *continued*



Storm sewer diversion and trash collection
 (A) Stormwater Terrace

Water management area and maintenance access

See the backyard neighborhood park enlargement

Underground Groundwater pumping system
 (B) Pumping as a Resource

9-hole, Par-36 golf course
 (E) Island Respite

(G) A Connection to Water

Community gathering
 Renovated clubhouse
 Event space
 Dog patio
 Water access/rentals
 Boat storage/launch
 Shore access
 Golf facilities

(C) All Are Welcome/
 (D) A Place to Learn

See community gathering space enlargement

Enhanced golf practice areas

Driving range

Snowmaking cooling and distribution system

(I) Celebrating Minnehaha Creek

The north shore
 Dock
 Boat storage/launch
 Picnic area
 Passive open space

Natural surface trail (F) *Telling Our Story*

Bridge/Boardwalk, typ.

Observation tower (H) *Urban Nature*

Nokomis Hiawatha Regional Park Master Plan 2015

Overall Estimated Cost

- There are no anticipated acquisition costs associated with the plan amendment.
- Total estimated development cost associated with the plan amendment is \$43,000,000.
- Total estimated annual operations and maintenance cost is \$281,000.
- Taken together, the total estimated cost associated with the plan amendment is \$43,281,000.

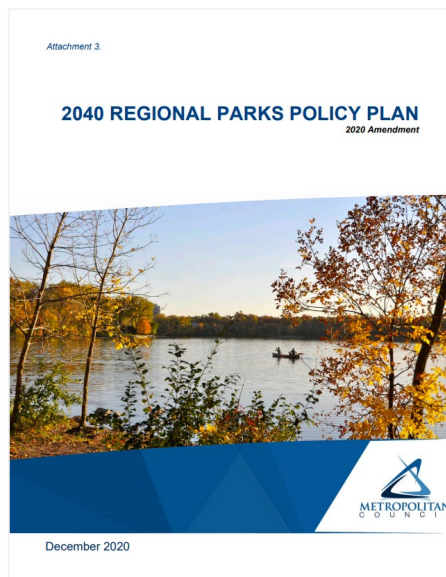


Rationale for Proposed Action



The Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment is consistent with the requirements of the:

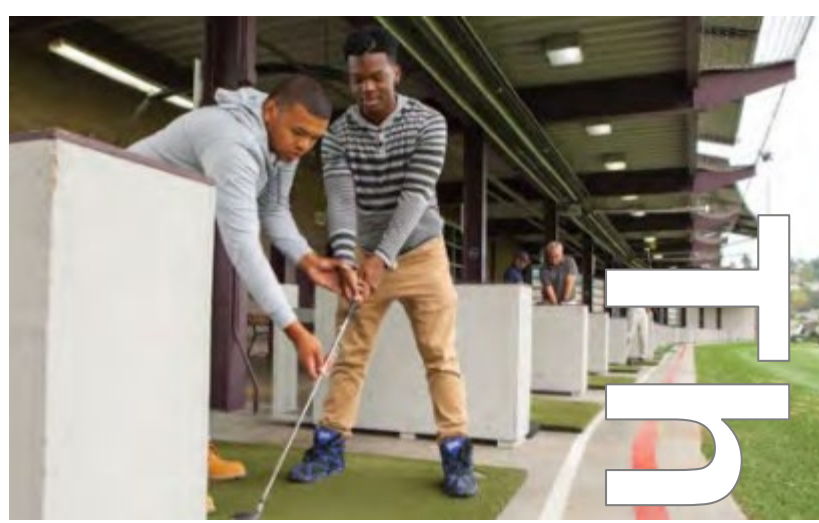
- *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
 - Chapter 5, Planning, Strategy 1
- Other Council policies



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment.
2. Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any project at this location, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.



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