

APPENDIX B. **Proposed Amenity Improvements**



Notes on Level of Service and Recreation Trends

Historically, park systems were designed based on a national ‘level of service’ model, utilizing amenity-per-population standards established by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA).

Recognizing the growing complexities within communities, the NRPA has ceased to produce universally accepted standards for parks and recreation planning. As one can imagine, a park system in Alaska is much different than one in Florida. As is a system in a rural community of 1,000 or a bustling city of a million. Instead, each community is now responsible for defining its own standards, level-of-service (LOS) metrics, and long-term vision for its parks and recreation systems. This determination should align with the community’s issues, values, needs, priorities, and available resources.

Almost two decades ago, the NRPA shifted away from a single set of standards and introduced a nationwide benchmarking tool for parks and recreation. Today, NRPA Park Metrics stands as the most comprehensive source of data benchmarks and insights for park and recreation agencies. Each spring, we release the widely anticipated NRPA Agency Performance Review, an annual report that summarizes benchmarking data contributed by nearly 1,100 park and recreation agencies to the Park Metrics database.

While this report provides the “typical” (median) nationwide benchmarking figures that may resemble “standards,” a deeper dive into Park Metrics reveals the advantages of peer data and the limitations of the previous one-size-fits-all standards. In this section, we offer historical Level of Service and benchmark data for context, but West St. Paul should not strive to meet any outdated or arbitrary ‘standards.’ Instead, the focus should be on addressing the community’s unique needs, shaped by our demographics, climate, development patterns, culture, and budget.

Furthermore, as trends evolve, we must remain vigilant to changes in participation levels. Although we cannot predict the future, our aim is to proactively anticipate the direction and needs of the community, filling gaps that businesses, schools, nonprofits, and other government agencies have left unaddressed.

| Key | Action | Description |
|-----|------------------|--|
| | Add new | An amenity new to the park |
| | Replace existing | An existing amenity that needs to be completely replaced |
| | Upgrade existing | An existing amenity that needs larger repairs or alterations |
| | Maintain | An existing amenity that requires regular maintenance |
| | Decommission | An existing amenity that will be removed from the park |

Proposed Projects: Athletics

| | Tennis | Pickleball | Volleyball | Baseball/ Softball | Soccer | Football | Basketball | Ice Skating | Hockey | Warming House/ Warming Shelter |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|------------|-------------|--------|---|
| Kennedy Park | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albert-Dodd Park | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Harmon Park | | | | 5 | 1* | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Emerson Park | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1/2 | 1/2 | | |
| Oakdale Park | | | | | | | 1* | | | |
| Haskell Park | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1* |
| Art Park | | | | | | | | | | |
| Poolside Park | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Orme Park | | | | | 1* | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Mud Lake Park | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ice Arena | | | | | | | | | | |
| 150 Thompson | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weschcke Park | 2 | | | | 1/2 | | 1/2, 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1* |
| Marthaler Park | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Dome | | | | 1* | 2* | 1* | | | | |
| Sports Complex | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| Garlough Park | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southview Park | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1/2, 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 |

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| | Add new | | Upgrade existing | | Decommission |
| | Replace existing | | Maintain | | NA |

Proposed Projects: Athletics

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National:
 - Tennis: 1 per 5,800
 - Pickleball: 1 per 13,900
- Local:
 - Tennis: 1 per 3,100 (exceeds standards by 3 courts)
 - Pickleball: 1 per 11,000 (meets standard)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Tennis: Growing
- Pickleball: Growing

PROGRAMMING

- Existing city recreation for tennis and pickleball

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Additional pickleball courts
- Indoor pickleball

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Pickleball could be reaching market saturation
- Neighboring communities and private market are building pickleball courts
- Pickleball noise
- Limited space for new courts
- Financial resources

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Emerson | 2021 Update | Poor | Pickleball (2) |
| Haskell | 2018 Update | Poor | Tennis (1) |
| Marthaler | 2020 Update | Good | Tennis (2) |
| Southview | 2018 Update | Poor | Tennis (2) |
| Weschcke | 2017 Update | Fair | Tennis (2) |



Proposed Projects: Athletics

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Emerson | Replace Pickleball, Add Pickleball | Near-term | High |
| Haskell | Replace Tennis | Near-term | High |
| Marthaler | Rehab & Convert, Add Flexible Pickleball/Tennis | Mid-term | Low |
| Weschcke | Replace Tennis | Near to Mid-Term | High |
| Southview | Decommission, Replace with Community Garden | Near-term | Med |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- While not ideal, to meet demand, Marthaler tennis courts could be converted to a shared tennis-pickleball facility at fairly low cost using moveable pickleball nets.

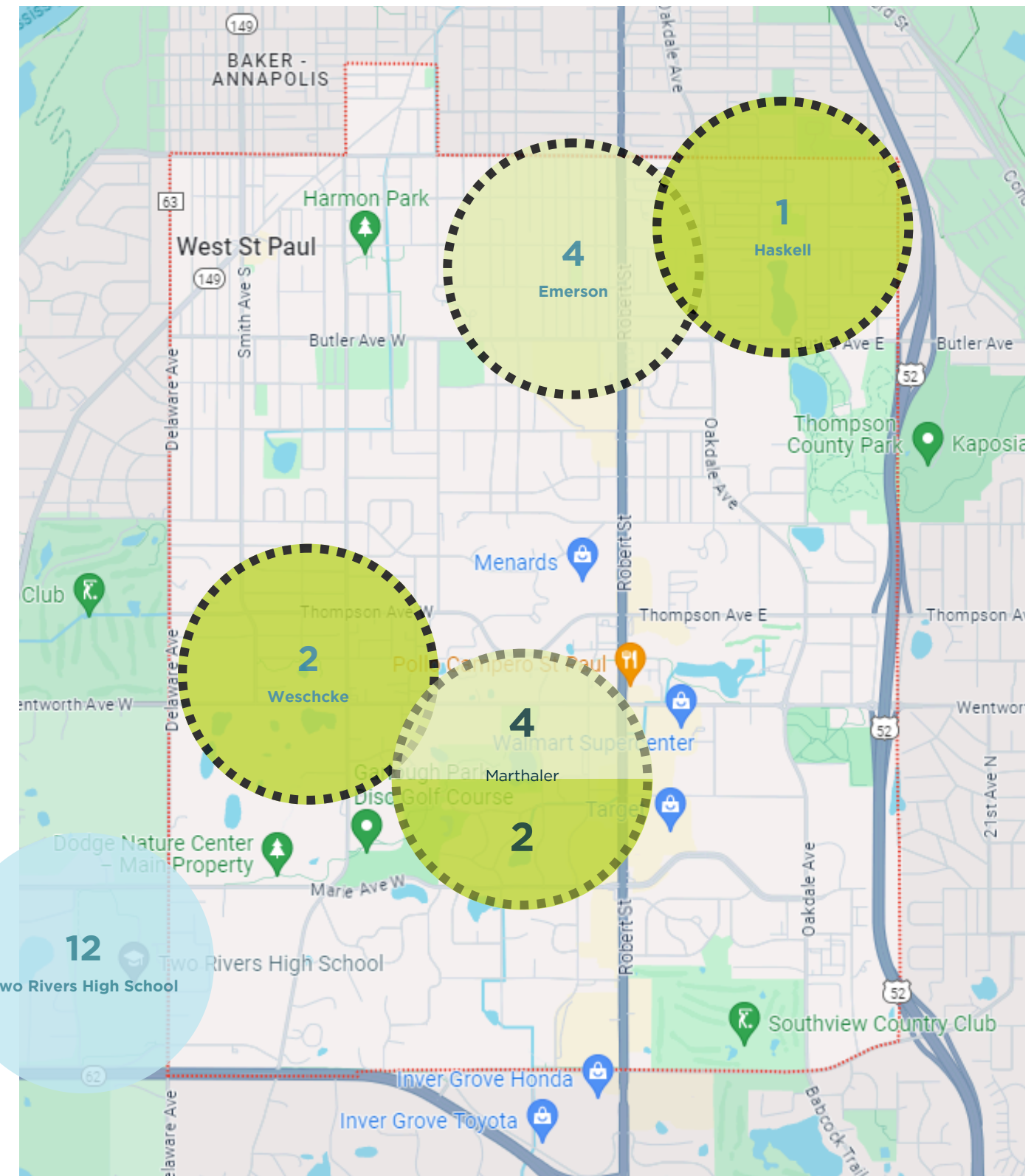
Tennis - City

Pickle - City

Public School

New

Invest / Replace



Proposed Projects: Athletics

VOLLEYBALL - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: 1 per 17,500
- Local: 1 per 22,000 (essentially meets standard, slightly short)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Indoor: Increasing
- Outdoor: Increasing

PROGRAMMING

- Volleyball skills camp at Marthaler Park

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Especially popular with Latino and Asian communities
- Different court/floor considerations

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Sand volleyball can present unique maintenance issues (e.g. broken glass in sand)

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Marthaler | 2019 | Good | Hard Surface |



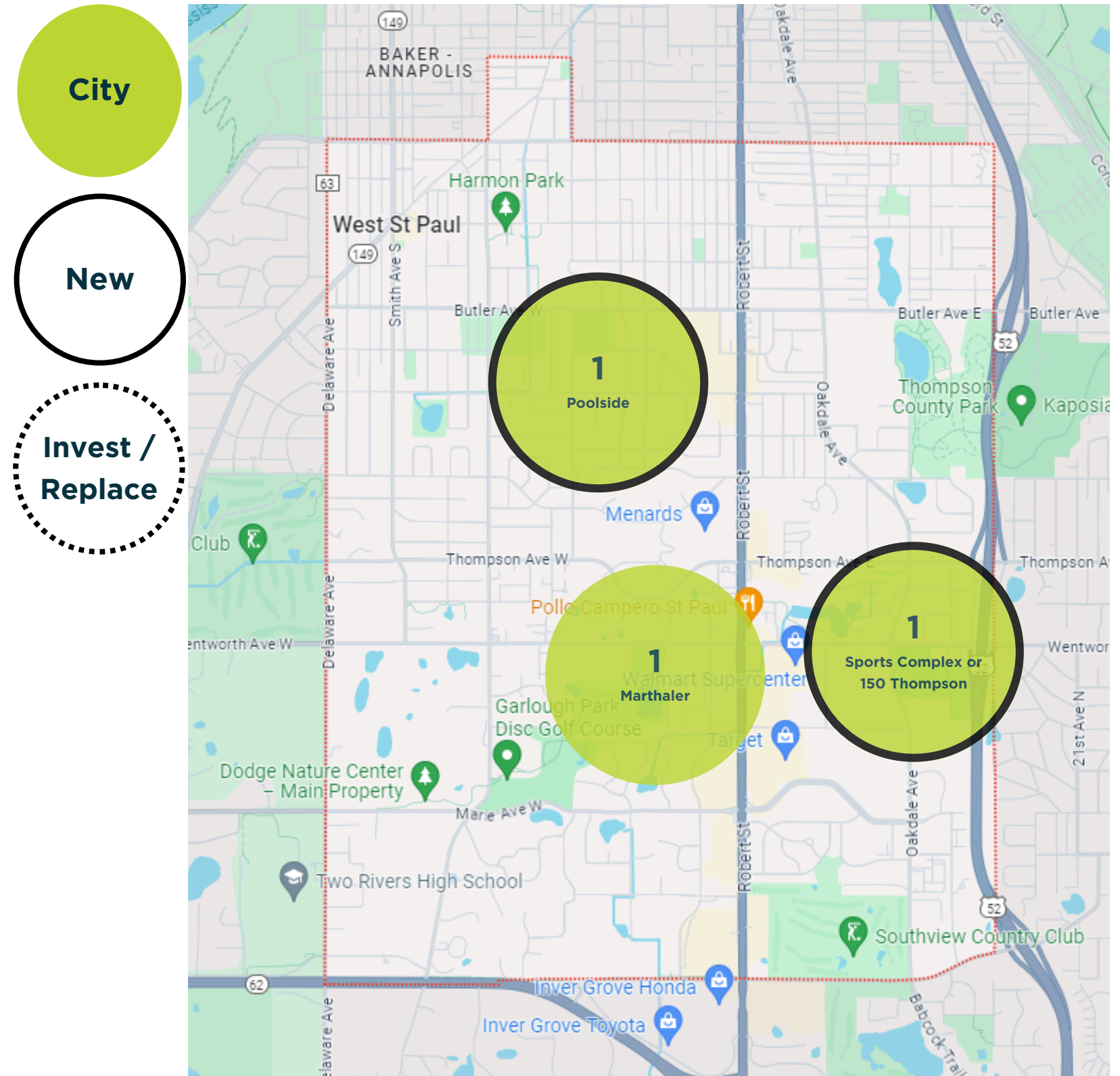
Proposed Projects: Athletics

VOLLEYBALL - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Sports Complex or 150 Thompson | Add | Mid- to Long-Term | Medium |
| Poolside | Add | Uncertain | Medium |
| Marthaler | Upgrade | Long-Term | Low |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- With uncertainty surrounding the design of the pool/Poolside Park, a volleyball court may not be necessary or fit budgets.
- Another option worth further exploration if Poolside or Sports Complex are deemed incapable of supporting volleyball is 150 Thompson.



Proposed Projects: Athletics

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National:
 - Base/softball Youth: 1 per 9,100
 - Base/softball Adult: 1 per 17,800
 - Average Diamond Field: 1 per 13,500
- Local:
 - Base/softball Youth: 1 per 3,700 (exceeds standards by 3 fields)
 - Base/softball Adult: 1 per 5,500 (exceeds standards by 3 fields)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Youth: flat or declining
- Adult: flat or declining

PROGRAMMING

- City-sponsored t-ball programs and baseball/softball skills camp at Haskell and Harmon.
- Two athletic associations offer youth baseball and softball
- One corporate adult league

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Facility upgrades, especially for spectators
- Better utilization and sharing of concession facilities
- On-site storage

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Limited use outside of organized teams
- Fields require large amount of land that receives limited use and few multi-season options
- Fields require maintenance

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|---|
| Harmon | 2014 | Good | Premiere fields, youth (4) and adult (1) with concessions and batting cages |
| Haskell | 20+ years ago | Poor | Youth field, few amenities |
| Sports Complex | Unk. | Good | Adult fields (3), with concessions and batting cages |
| Southview | 20+ years ago | Poor | Youth field, few amenities |



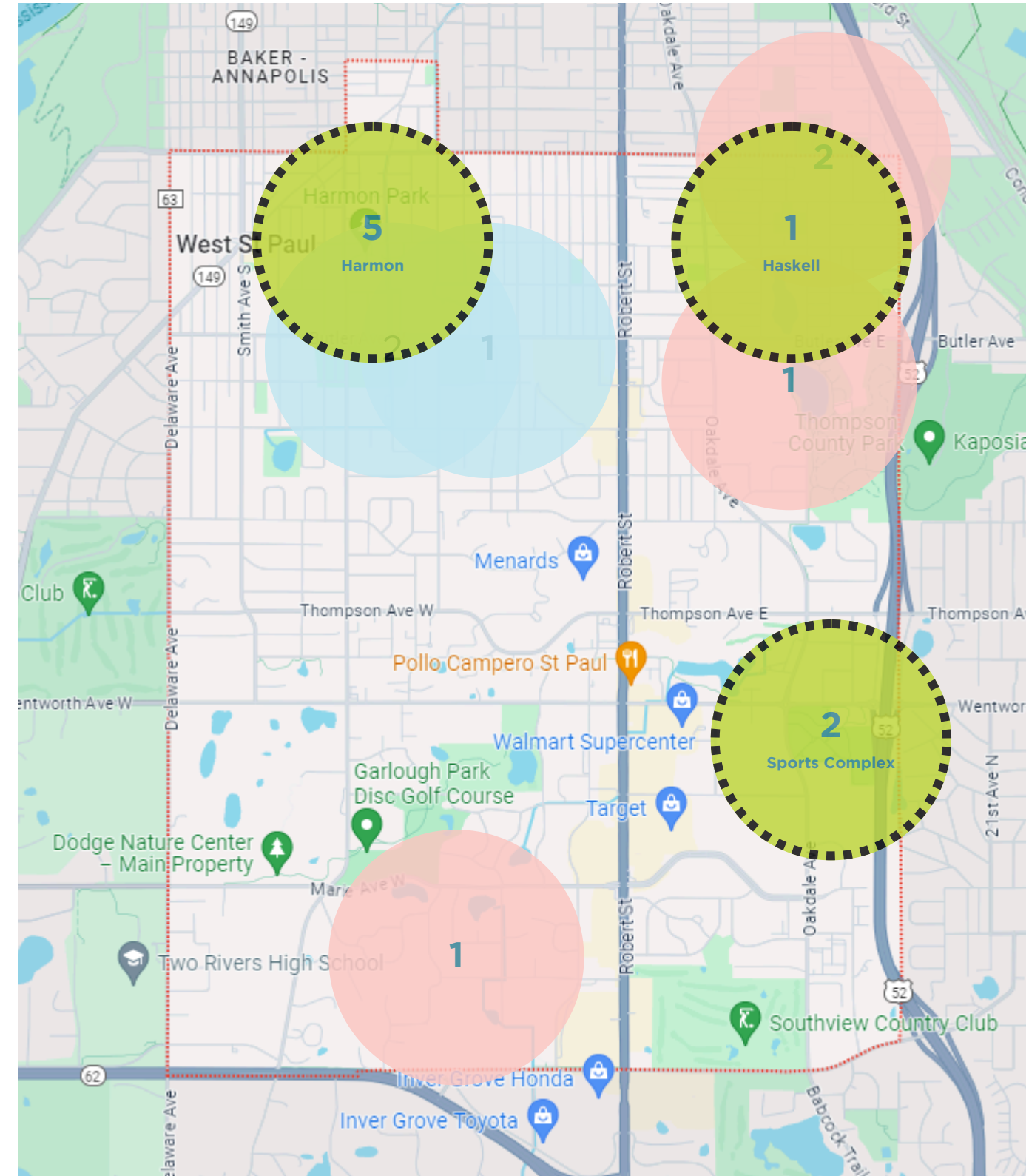
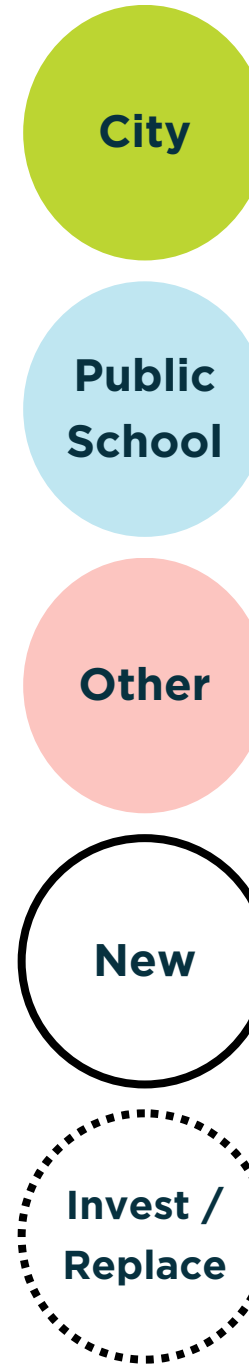
Proposed Projects: Athletics

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Harmon | Invest (5) | Mid- to Long-term | Low |
| Haskell | Replace | Near-term | High |
| Sports Complex | Invest (2), Decommission (1) | Mid- to Long-term | Low |
| Southview | Decommission | Near-term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- The spectator experience and batting cages at Harmon and Sports Complex should be improved.
- The Sports Complex field furthest to the west should be considered for a future dog park.
- At Southview, we propose utilizing the land currently used for baseball as a space for an indoor facility.



Proposed Projects: Athletics

SOCCER & FOOTBALL - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: 1 per 9,200
- Local: 1 per 7,300 (slightly above standard for adult-sized facility if Dome included, calculation does not include youth field at Haskell)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Soccer: Growing
- Football:
 - Tackle: Declining
 - Flag: Growing

PROGRAMMING

- Youth summer soccer leagues ages 5 & 6 and 7-9 for several years at Haskell Park (very popular summer program), Soccer Sports Skills Camp since 2023 at Haskell Park

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Growing desire for space from city's Latino population

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- During wet periods or due to wear, tear, and weather the fields may need to 'rest.' This limits available space. We've also experienced periods in which informal groups ignore posted closure signs.

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------------|--|-----------|---|
| Harmon | 2014 | Good | Hockey Rink: Futsal has used the space in warm months |
| Orme | 2014 | Poor | Hockey Rink: informal soccer use |
| Haskell | 2020 Net Update | Poor | Grass, uneven. Youth. |
| Sports Complex | 2017 Lights and Goals Update | Good | Grass (2), shared adult football/soccer. Can be 4 youth soccer. |
| Dome | 2012 | Good | Indoor |



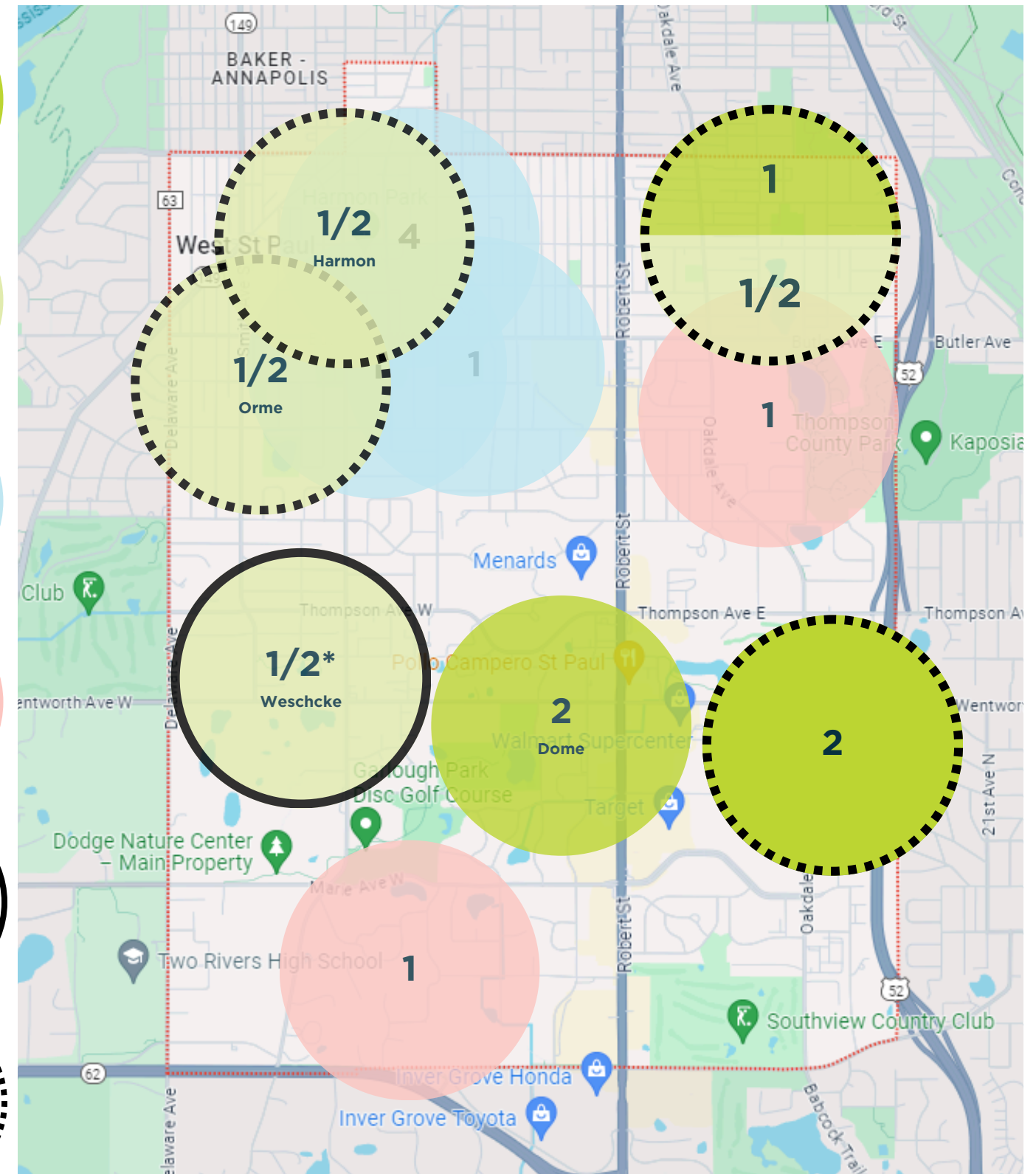
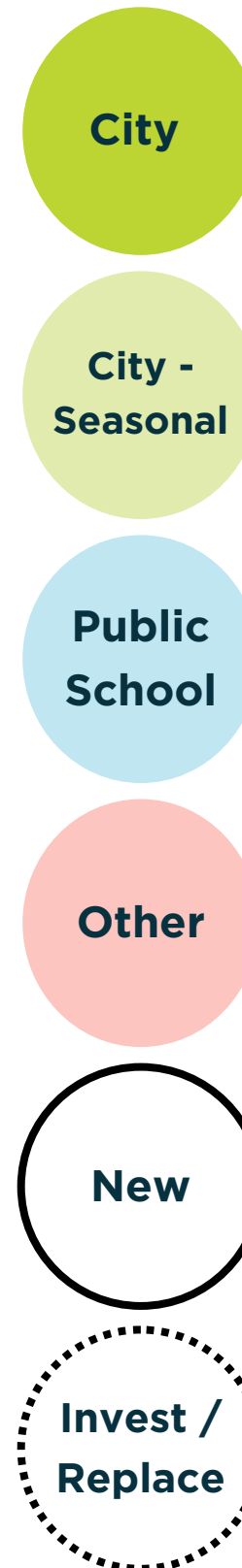
Proposed Projects: Athletics

SOCCER & FOOTBALL

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Harmon | Upgrade rink | Long-Term | Low |
| Orme | Upgrade rink | Long-Term | Low |
| Haskell | Replace | Near-Term | High |
| Sports Complex | Maintain | NA | NA |
| Weschcke | Upgrade rink | Near to Mid-Term | Low |
| Dome | Maintain | NA | NA |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- We assume a soccer field should remain at Haskell but engagement and design may determine a different use for the space
- The skating rink at Weschcke could be considered for youth soccer or another use.



Proposed Projects: Athletics

BASKETBALL - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: 1 per 7,400
- Local: 1 per 4,000 (exceeds standard by 2.5 courts)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Growing

PROGRAMMING

- None

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Need for full court basketball

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Maintain separate basketball for youth and teens/adults
- Some neighbors have safety and noise concerns with full court basketball, which years ago resulted in the removal of some hoops

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Emerson | 2021 Update | Poor | Full court |
| Haskell | 2015 Update | Poor | Full court: one hoop |
| Oakdale | 2015 Update | Poor | Half court |
| Marthaler | 2019 Update | Good | Full court |
| Weschcke | 2014 Update | Poor | Full court: one hoop, half court |
| Southview | 2018 Update | Poor | Full court, half court |



Proposed Projects: Athletics

BASKETBALL - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Emerson | Replace, convert to half court | Near-Term | Med |
| Haskell | Replace, upgrade to full court | Near-Term | High |
| Oakdale | Replace, convert to hoop games | Mid-Term | Med |
| Marthaler | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Weschcke | Replace | Near to Mid-Term | Med |
| Southview | Replace | Near-Term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- If budget and space is limited, the Weschcke courts could be replaced with a youth half court or youth half court and adult half court.
- With several nearby courts, the court at Emerson could be eliminated if budget, design, and engagement warrant.



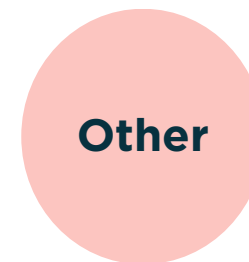
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City - Youth



Public School



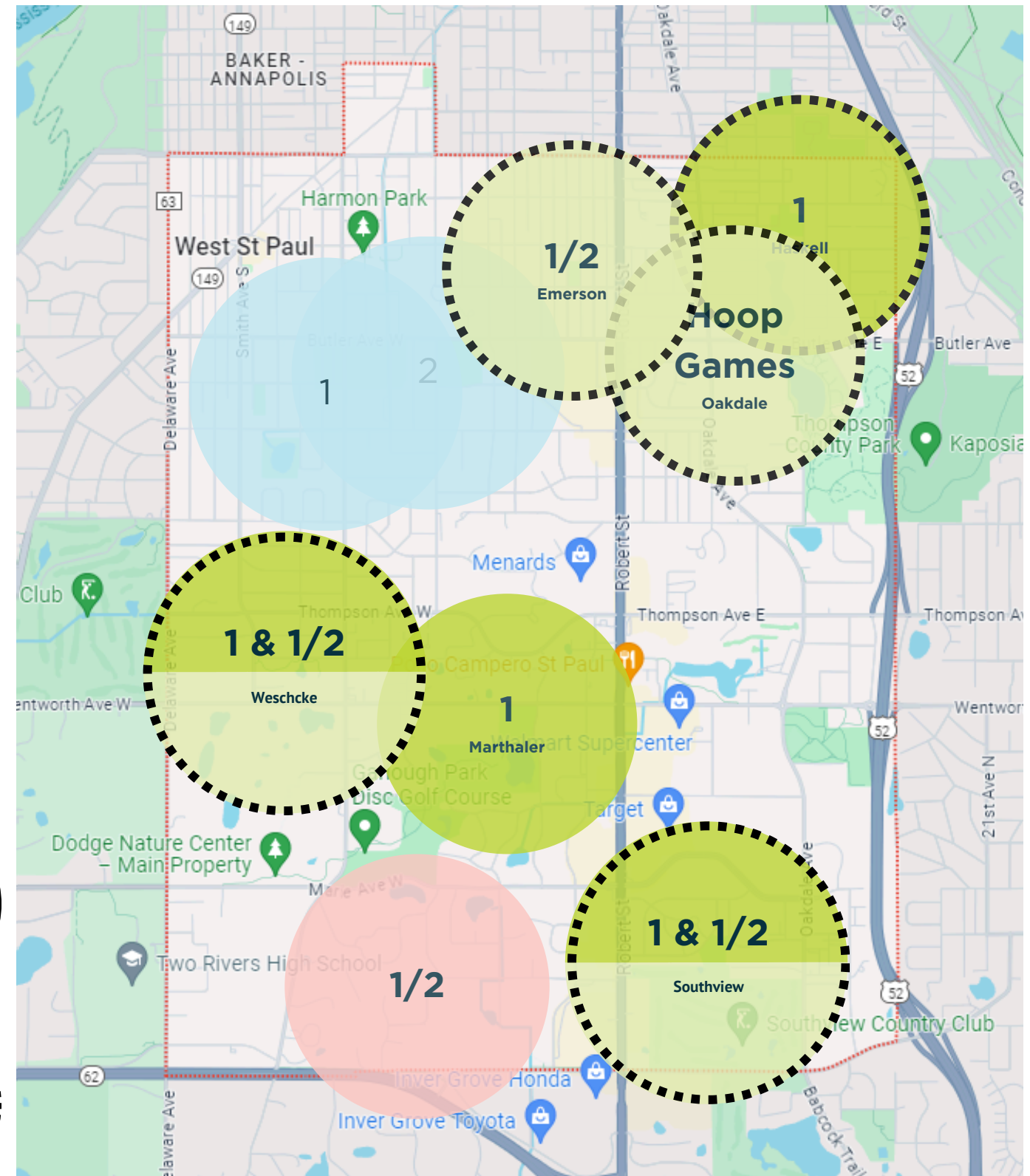
Other



New



Invest / Replace



Proposed Projects: Athletics

WINTER / MULTI-SEASON - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE (Ice rink)

- National (Great Lakes) 1 per 15,800
- Regional (South Metro) 1 per 3,700
- Local Capacity (6 rinks): 1 per 3,700 (exceeds Great Lakes standard by 4.5 rinks, meets regional standard)
- Local Recent Practice (4 rinks) 1 per 5,500 (exceeds Great Lakes standard by 2.5 rinks, below current regional standard)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Outdoor ice skating: Declining
- Outdoor ice hockey: Declining

PROGRAMMING

- WSP partners with Mendota Heights to offer outdoor skating lessons
- We also staff warming houses at Orme and Harmon

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Athletic associations have expressed interest in making improvements to Harmon or Orme, including paved surface, refrigerated surface, and/or roof structure
- Warming houses and winter bathroom access
- Tiered system of icemaking:
 - 1: Harmon
 - 2: Orme
 - 3: Haskell, Weschcke

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Costs and staff time to flood rinks
- Climate change is limiting ability to make and maintain ice
- Cost to participate in hockey
- Skills and knowledge

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Dodd | Unk | Good | Ice Skating, Underutilized |
| Harmon | 2014 | Good | Ice Hockey and Ice Skating |
| Haskell | 1995 | Good | Ice Hockey |
| Orme | 2014 | Good | Ice Hockey |
| Weschcke | Unk | Good | Ice Skating |
| Ice Arena | 1971 / several | Good | Indoor Ice Skating and Ice Hockey |
| Southview | Unk | Poor | Ice Skating, Underutilized |



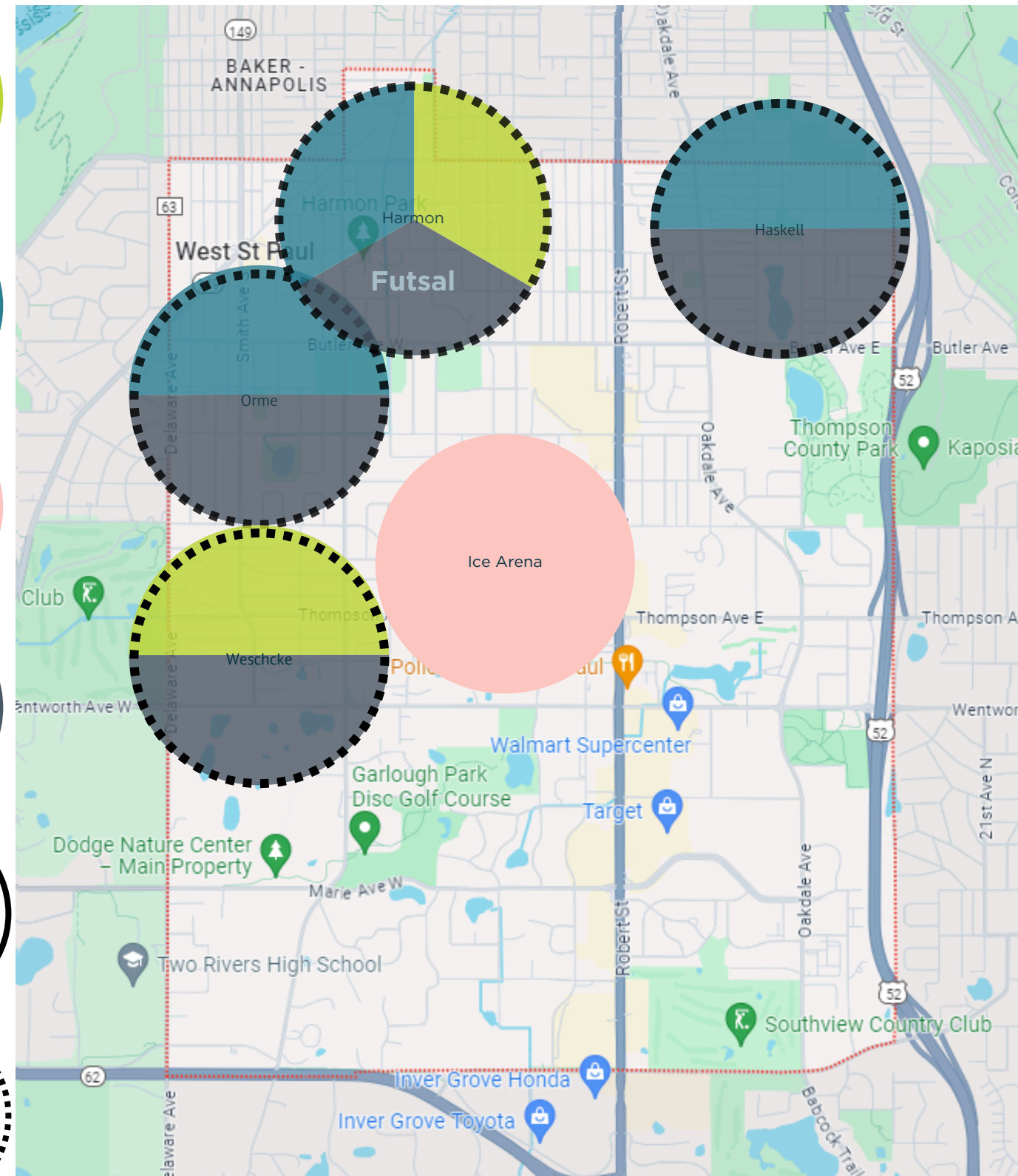
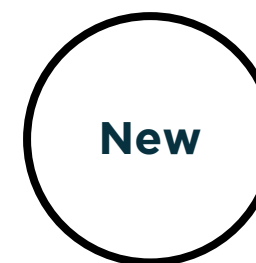
Proposed Projects: Athletics

WINTER / MULTI-SEASON - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Dodd | Ice Skating: Decommission | Immediate | Low |
| Harmon | Ice Hockey and Ice Skating: Explore | Long-Term | Low |
| Haskell | Ice Hockey: Replace, multi-seasonal | Near-Term | High |
| Orme | Ice Hockey: Replace, multi-seasonal | Long-Term | Med |
| Weschcke | Ice Skating: Maintain, multi-seasonal | Mid-Term | Med |
| Southview | Decommission | Immediate | Low |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Indoor ice rink standards exceeded for national (1 per 53,200), Great Lakes (1 per 38,300) and South Metro (1 per 28,100) with 1 per 23,000 in West St. Paul
- Soccer is offered as a warm season solution to increasing utilization of rink space, but volleyball, other games and sports could be considered.



Proposed Projects: Athletics

WARMING HOUSES - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No data
- Local: 1 per 5,500 (in use)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Declining

PROGRAMMING

- The warming houses at Harmon and Orme have been staffed in recent years.

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Higher quality facilities
- Could consider unstaffed, unlocked facilities similar to a heated bus shelter

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- For a city its size, WSP has a large number of warming houses
- Limited use, 2-3 months out of the year
- Traditional warming houses need to be staffed.

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|--|
| Dodd | 1985 | Poor | Basic, Unused |
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Larger, used year-round, includes garage |
| Haskell | 1985 | Poor | Basic |
| Orme | 1985 | Poor | Basic |
| Weschcke | 1980 | Poor | Basic |
| Southview | 1978 | Poor | Basic, Unused |



Proposed Projects: Athletics

WARMING HOUSES - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Dodd | Decommission | Near-Term | Low |
| Harmon | Maintain, expand garage | Long-Term | Low |
| Haskell | Replace, heated shelter | Near-Term | High |
| Orme | Replace | Long-Term | Low |
| Weschcke | Replace, heated shelter | Mid-Term | High |
| Southview | Decommission | Near-Term | Low |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- If possible, creative designs could combine community gathering, winter warmth, and storage needs.



Warming House



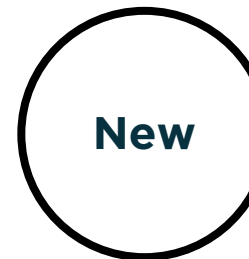
Warming Shelter



Picnic Shelter



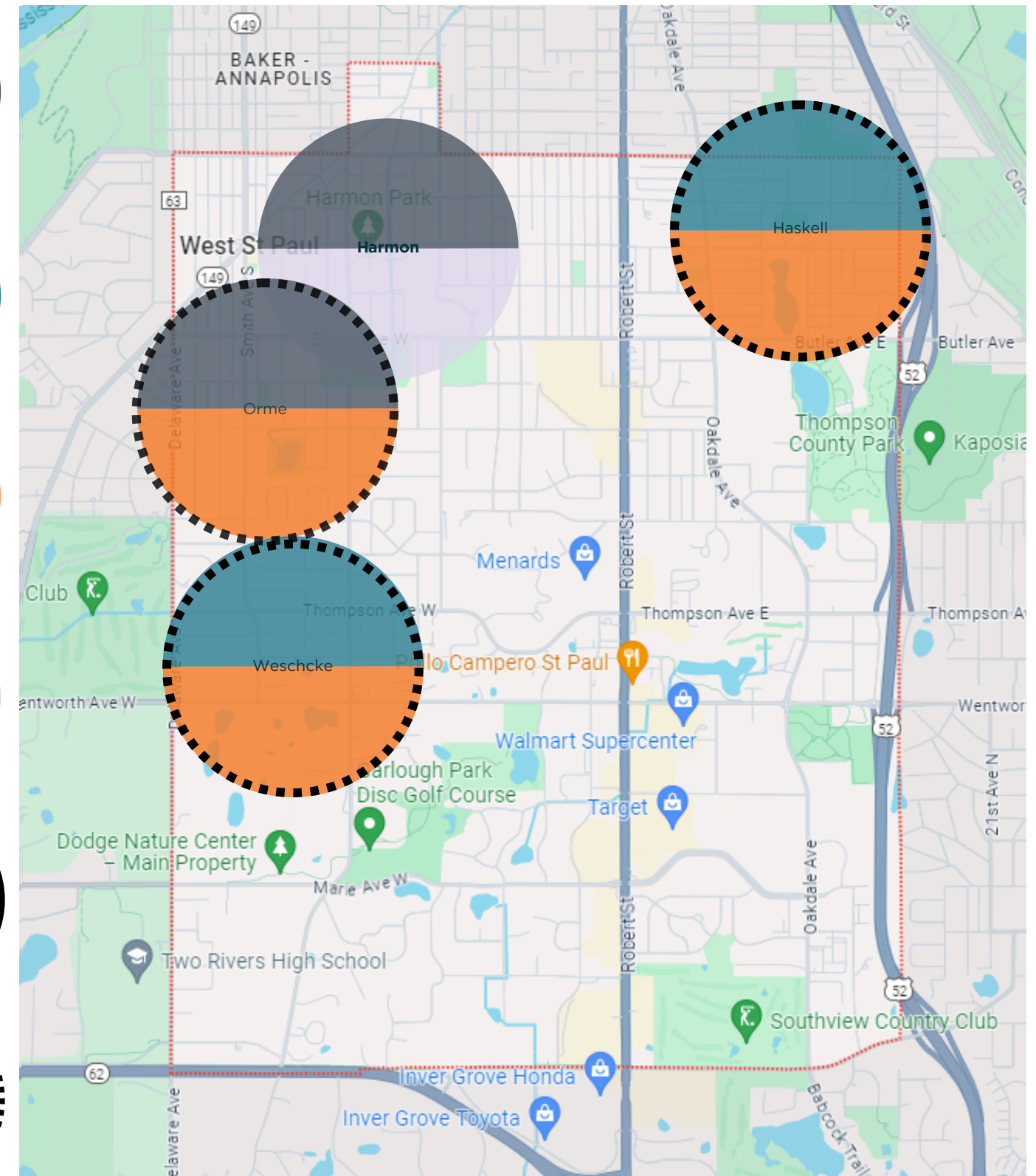
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New



Invest / Replace



Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

| | Playground | Disc Golf | Dog Park | Skate Park | Sledding |
|------------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| Kennedy Park | | | | | |
| Albert-Dodd Park | | | | | |
| Harmon Park | | | | | |
| Emerson Park | | | | | |
| Oakdale Park | | | | | |
| Haskell Park | | | | | |
| Art Park | | | | | |
| Poolside Park | | | | | |
| Orme Park | | | | | |
| Mud Lake Park | | | | | |
| Ice Arena | | | | | |
| 150 Thompson | | | | | |
| Weschcke Park | | | | | |
| Marthaler Park | | | | | Currently unofficial |
| Dome | | | | | |
| Sports Complex | | | Explore | | |
| Garlough Park | | | | | |
| Southview Park | | | | | |

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|--|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Add new | Upgrade existing | Decommission |
| | Replace existing | Maintain | NA |

Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

PLAYGROUNDS - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: 1 per 3,800
- Local: 1 per 1,900 (exceeds standard by 6 playgrounds)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Insufficient data, but lower birth rates could suggest declining number of children in the next generation

PROGRAMMING

- Playgrounds are used for camps and informal recreation programs

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Accessible play features
- Unique designs
- Shade
- Bathrooms

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Balance of risk, skill-building, safety
- Limited space
- Financial resources
- Maintenance

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Kennedy | 2004 | Poor | Small Traditional Playground |
| Dodd | 2004 | Fair | Small Traditional Playground |
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Large Traditional Playground |
| Emerson | 2021 | Good | Small Traditional Playground |
| Oakdale | 2006 | Fair | Traditional Playground |
| Haskell | 2019 | Good | Traditional Playground |
| Poolside | 2000 | Poor | Traditional Playground |



Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

PLAYGROUNDS - EXISTING

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Weschcke | 2005 | Fair | Traditional Playground |
| Marthaler - North | 2020 | Good | Traditional Playground |
| Marthaler - South | 2024 | Excellent | Large Traditional Playground |
| Sports Complex | 2013 | Good | Traditional Playground |
| Southview | 2006 | Fair | Traditional Playground |

Did you know?

WEST ST. PAUL'S MCDONALDLAND PARK

Those who have been around the city for some time may remember the half-acre McDonald's-themed playground south of the existing restaurant.

McDonaldland Parks were popular throughout the country, but West St. Paul's park was the first in Minnesota. Now, many of the play spaces have moved inside.

Even more interesting, Joan Mansfield, was born and raised in West St. Paul. Joan would later marry McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, becoming Joan Kroc. Joan and Ray first met while she played the organ at Criterion Restaurant in St. Paul. A decade later they were married.

When Joan passed in 2003, she passed the majority of their wealth onto the Salvation Army in support of recreation centers.

Unfortunately, all that remains of the West St. Paul McDonaldland is a mural on the retaining wall behind the restaurant.

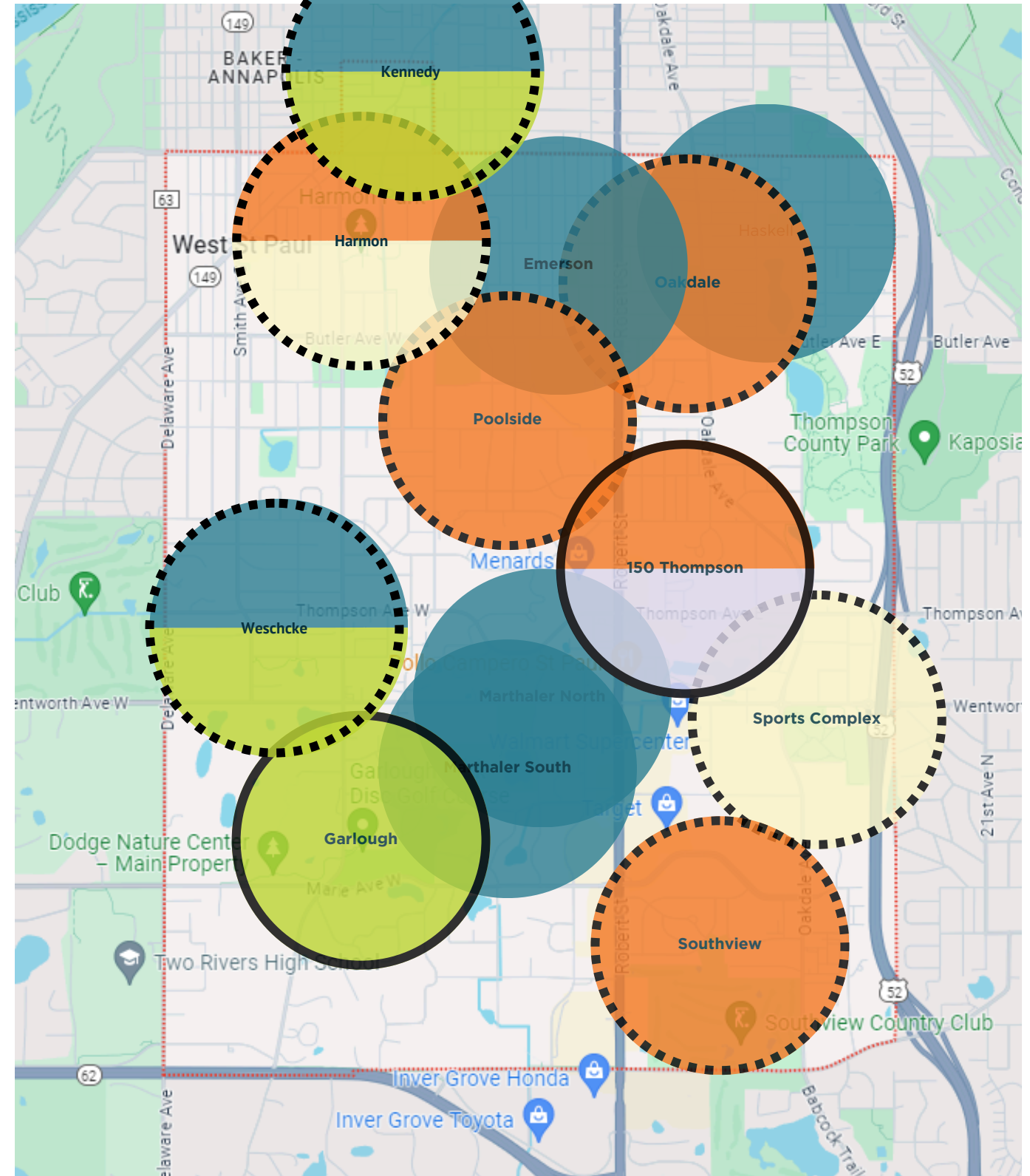
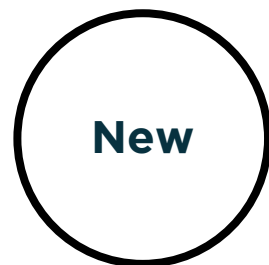
Could we recreate the magic of previous generations?



Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

PLAYGROUNDS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Kennedy | Replace, Nature-Theme & Hillside Play | 2025 | High |
| Dodd | Uncertain | TBD | TBD |
| Harmon | Replace & Convert to Partially Accessible | Long-Term | Low |
| Emerson | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Oakdale | Replace, Reflect Site History | Mid-Term | High |
| Haskell | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Poolside | Replace | Funding Dependent | High |



Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

PLAYGROUNDS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Weschcke | Replace with Nature Play Components | Near to Mid-Term | Med |
| Marthaler - North | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Marthaler - South | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Sports Complex | Replace, Convert to Fully Accessible | Long-Term | Low |
| Garlough | Nature Play | Near-Term | Med |
| Southview | Rehab, Convert to Specialized | Near-Term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- All playgrounds should consider multi-generational play and accessibility features, although due to budget constraints, they may not be fully all-ages and accessible.
- Site limitations and community engagement may generate new ideas or place limits on design.

Did you know?

In the history of humankind, the playground is a fairly recent 'invention.' Up until the late 19th century, play for children was far more informal and nature-based. Kids would play in alleyways, streets, vacant lots, and open space. In fact, the first American playground didn't appear until 1886, when one opened in Boston.

With the Industrial Revolution came heightened awareness of the impacts of city design. By the early 20th century, playgrounds (and parks) became increasingly popular.

As time progressed, playground design evolved with advancements in technology, particularly with the introduction of plastic, and shifting priorities. Safety and accessibility concerns have significantly influenced playground design. The recent focus on free-form and nature-based play stems from the realization that playgrounds may have become overly sterile, losing their imaginative essence and connection to the natural world.

THE EVOLUTION OF PLAYGROUNDS



1880-1900: Sand Playgrounds
Simple play, small spaces



1950-1980: Novelty Play
Rocket ship animals, all made of metal



1900-1930: Jungle Gyms
Anything goes. Metal contraptions.



1970-1980: Wood Towers
Massive wood castles. Splinters.



1930-1980: Modular Play
Individual slides, merry-go-rounds, teeter totters



1990-Today: Plastic Reigns
Safety-first plastic designs

Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

SPECIALIZED - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National:
 - Disc Golf: no data
 - Dog Park: 1 per 43,500
 - Skate Park: 1 per 53,100
- Local:
 - Disc Golf: 1 per 23,000
 - Dog Park: N/A
 - Skate Park: N/A

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Disc Golf: Growing
- Dog Park: Growing
- Skate Park: Declining

PROGRAMMING

- No city programming
- An active group of disc golfers support maintenance and improvements at the course

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Disc golf: The disc golf group would like to see an expansion of the course but site and habitat limitations make that difficult
- Dog park: several apartment buildings have added small dog runs but those are limited in size and not open to the public
- Skate park: There had been a vocal skate park group, but those requests have subsided more recently

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Dog park and skate park: noise and litter
- Limited space
- Financial resources

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Garlough | 2006 | Good | 9-hole course |



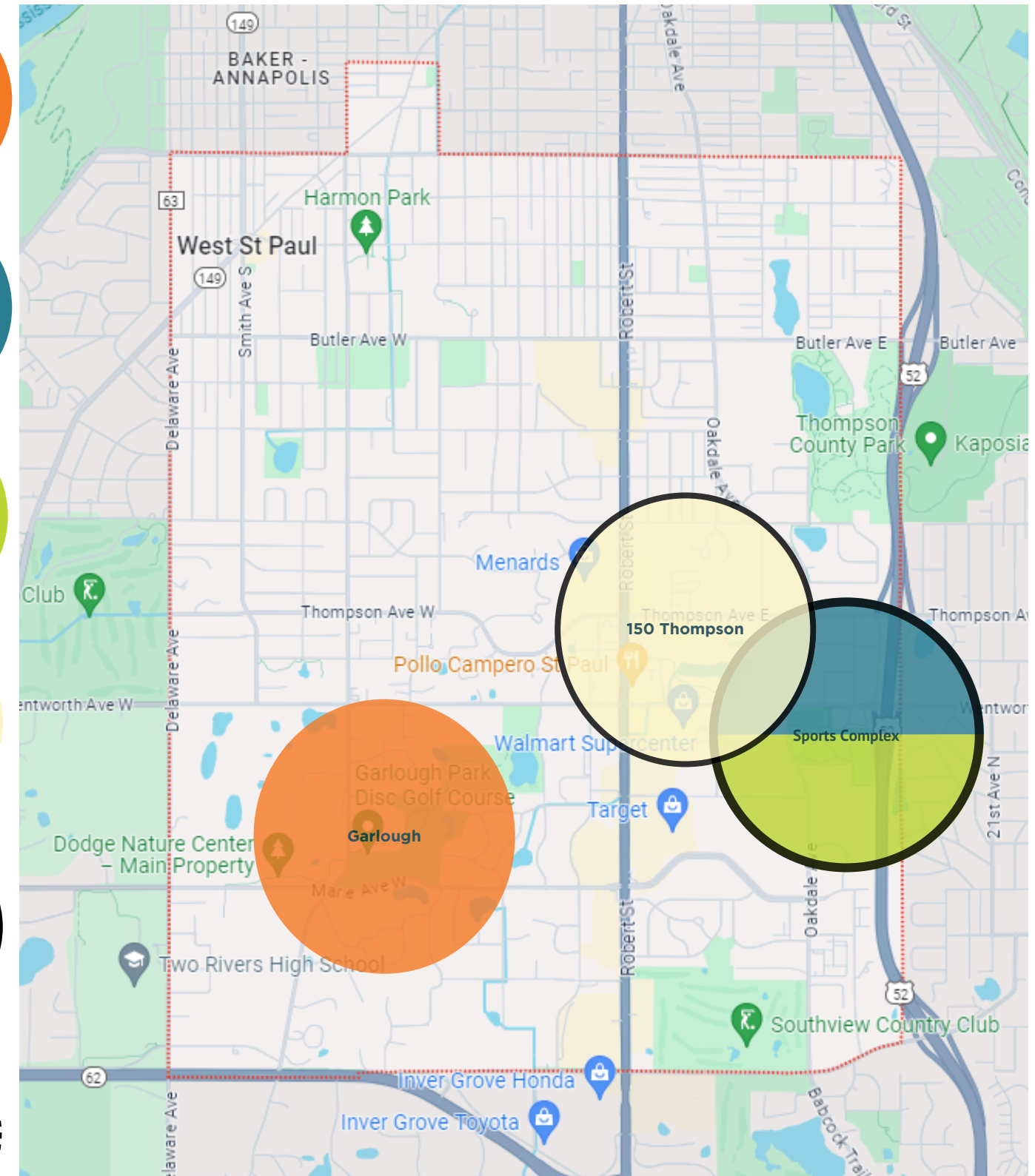
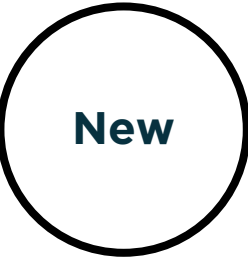
Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

SPECIALIZED - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 150 Thompson | Uncertain | Near-Term | High |
| Sports Complex | Consider Adding Skate Park, Convert Baseball to Dog Park | Long-Term | Low |
| Garlough | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- All three facilities, as the title suggests, are highly specialized. It would be unusual for a community our size to have all three facilities, but not out of the realm of possibilities if local demand and priorities demand.
- Demographic trends would support the need for a large dog park space.
- A skate park at Sports Complex is a low priority given the cost of such a facility
- The baseball field at Sports Complex is under consideration for a dog park due to several factors, including declining baseball, its large size, few adjacent neighbors, and the fact that with an existing fence the cost to convert would be relatively low.
- 150 Thompson could be a space for new amenities such as an urban beach, hammocking, or backyard games.



Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

SLEDDING - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No data
- Local: 1 per 22,000

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- No data

PROGRAMMING

- None

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Officially designate Marthaler as a sledding hill

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Due to insurance limitations, the hill at Marthaler is not designated or marketed as an official sledding hill, however, community members use it as such.
- The 2024 improvement project at Marthaler and dying Ash trees, have created new conditions at the hill that limit winter use.

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Kennedy | NA | Good | Sledding |
| Marthaler | NA | NA | Unofficial Sledding Hill |



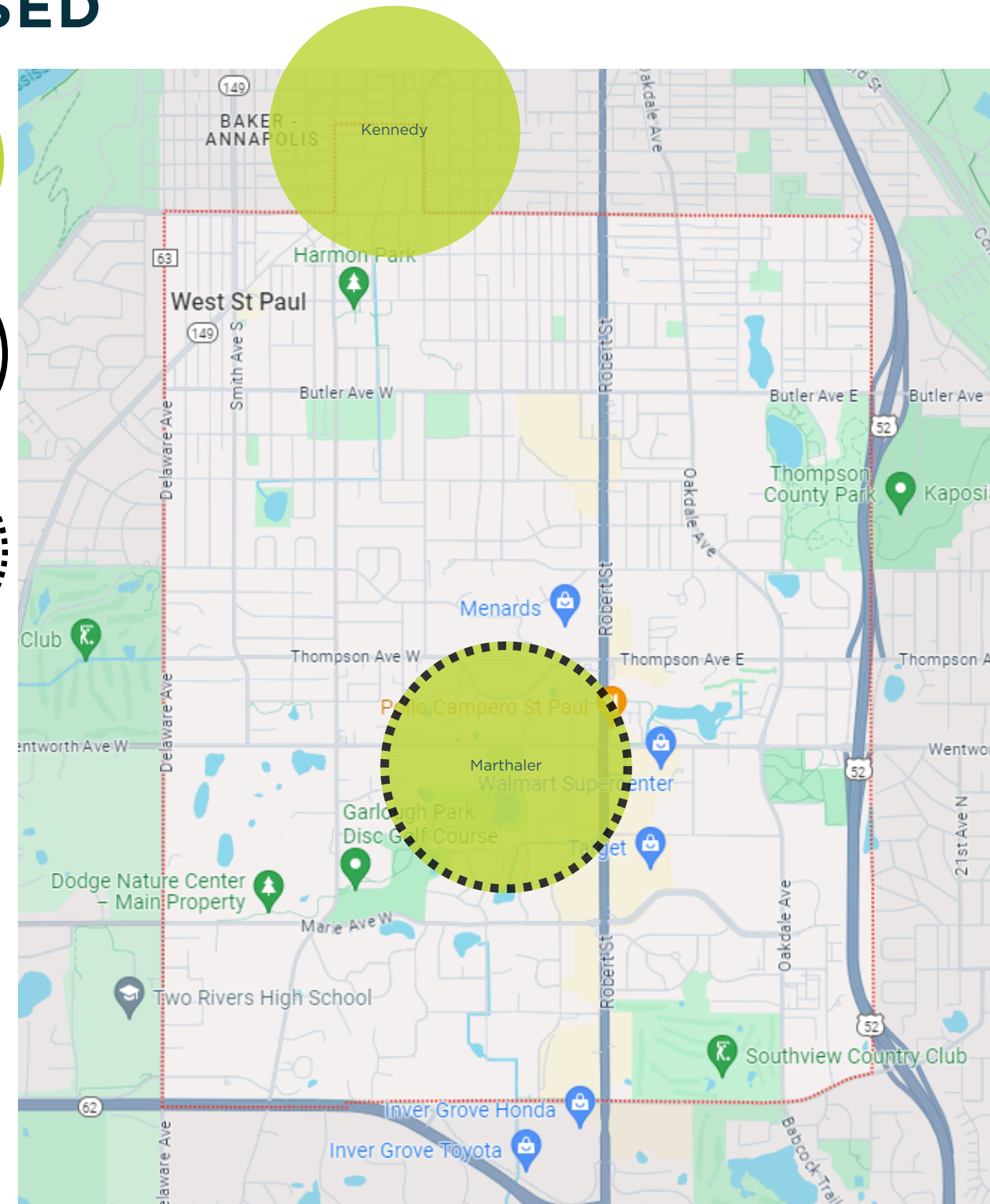
Proposed Projects: Passive & Play

WINTER / MULTI-SEASON - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Kennedy | Sledding Hill: Maintain | Ongoing | High |
| Marthaler | Sledding: Improve, open officially | Near-Term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- To officially designate Marthaler as a sledding hill will require approval by the city's insurer and will likely require significant alterations to the topography.



Proposed Projects: Natural

| | Trees | Gardens & Landscaping | Prairie, Habitat or Low Mow | Community Garden | Water Body Improvements |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Kennedy Park | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | | |
| Albert-Dodd Park | Light Green | Light Green | | | |
| Harmon Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | |
| Emerson Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | |
| Oakdale Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | Light Green | |
| Haskell Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | Light Green | |
| Art Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | |
| Poolside Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | |
| Orme Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | Light Green |
| Mud Lake Park | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey |
| Ice Arena | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | | |
| 150 Thompson | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | | Dark Grey |
| Weschcke Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Marthaler Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Dome | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | | | |
| Sports Complex | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | | |
| Garlough Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Southview Park | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green | Dark Grey | Light Green |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Light Green | Add new | Dark Grey | Upgrade existing | Light Purple | Decommission |
| Orange | Replace existing | Dark Grey | Maintain | | NA |

Proposed Projects: Natural

GARDENS, TREES, & LANDSCAPES - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Birding: Growing
- Hiking: Growing

PROGRAMMING

- Arbor and Earth Day programs
- Schools, county, and partner programs

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Increase natural habitats
- Beautification
- Soil, air, and water quality
- Shade

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Invasive species
- Maintenance

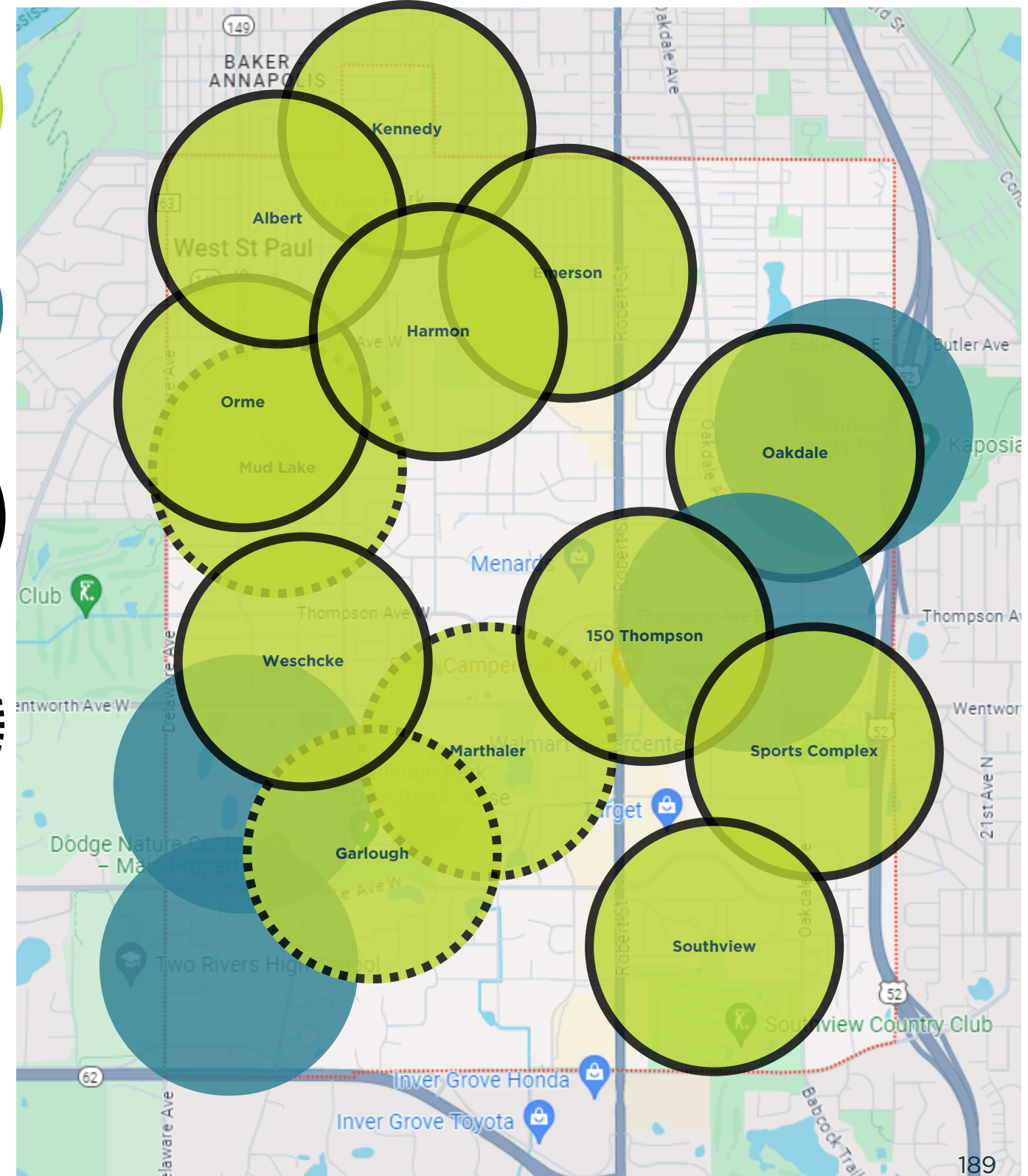
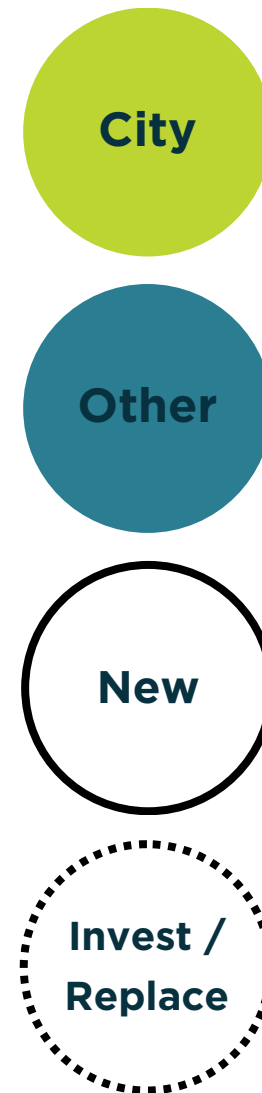
| Location | Install/Update | Condition | Details |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Landscaping and gardens throughout |
| Art | 2019 | Fair | Small garden |
| Poolside | 2021 | Fair | Landscaping in front of pool building |
| Dome | 2012 | Good | Landscaping |
| Sports Complex | 2018 | Good | Landscaping and gardens throughout |



Proposed Projects: Natural

GARDENS, TREES, & LANDSCAPES - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Kennedy | Gardens, Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Near-Term | High |
| Albert | Gardens, Trees | Near-Term | High |
| Emerson | Gardens, Trees | Mid-Term | Med |
| Harmon | Gardens, Trees | Long-Term | Med |
| Orme | Gardens | Long-Term | Low |
| Oakdale | Gardens, Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Mid-Term | Med |
| Weschcke | Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Mid-Term | Med |



Proposed Projects: Natural

GARDENS, TREES, & LANDSCAPES - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 150 Thompson | Gardens, Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Near-Term | High |
| Marthaler | Management | Ongoing | Med |
| Sports Complex | Gardens, Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Mid-Term | Med |
| Garlough | Management | Ongoing | Med |
| Southview | Gardens, Trees, Pollinator Prairie | Near-Term | Med |

Did you know?

THE BENEFITS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green infrastructure includes aspects of parks that contribute to healthier natural environments. Green infrastructure has social, environmental, and economic benefits.

Environmental Benefits

Green infrastructure, such as trees, rain gardens, and prairies, contributes to many environmental benefits. Water quality improves when there is less asphalt and concrete carrying pollutants into lakes and streams. Air quality improves when more trees are planted. Trees and prairies also provide shade and heat absorption, decreasing heat island effects. Finally, wildlife benefits when green infrastructure is in place because of increased habitat connectivity.

Social Benefits

Green spaces have been shown to enhance social ties between neighbors. This sense of connectedness reduces mental stress and improves overall well-being. Green infrastructure has been shown to reduce crime and create a safe place for gatherings.

Economic Benefits

Green infrastructure costs less than conventional gray infrastructure, provides green jobs and reduces municipal water usage and cooling costs.



Proposed Projects: Natural

COMMUNITY GARDEN - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: 1 per 31,400
- Local: None

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Gardening: growing

PROGRAMMING

- None

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Local food options
- Community connections
- Food skills and education

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Aesthetics
- Soil quality
- Access to water
- Storage
- Noise and smells

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
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| NA | NA | NA | NA |



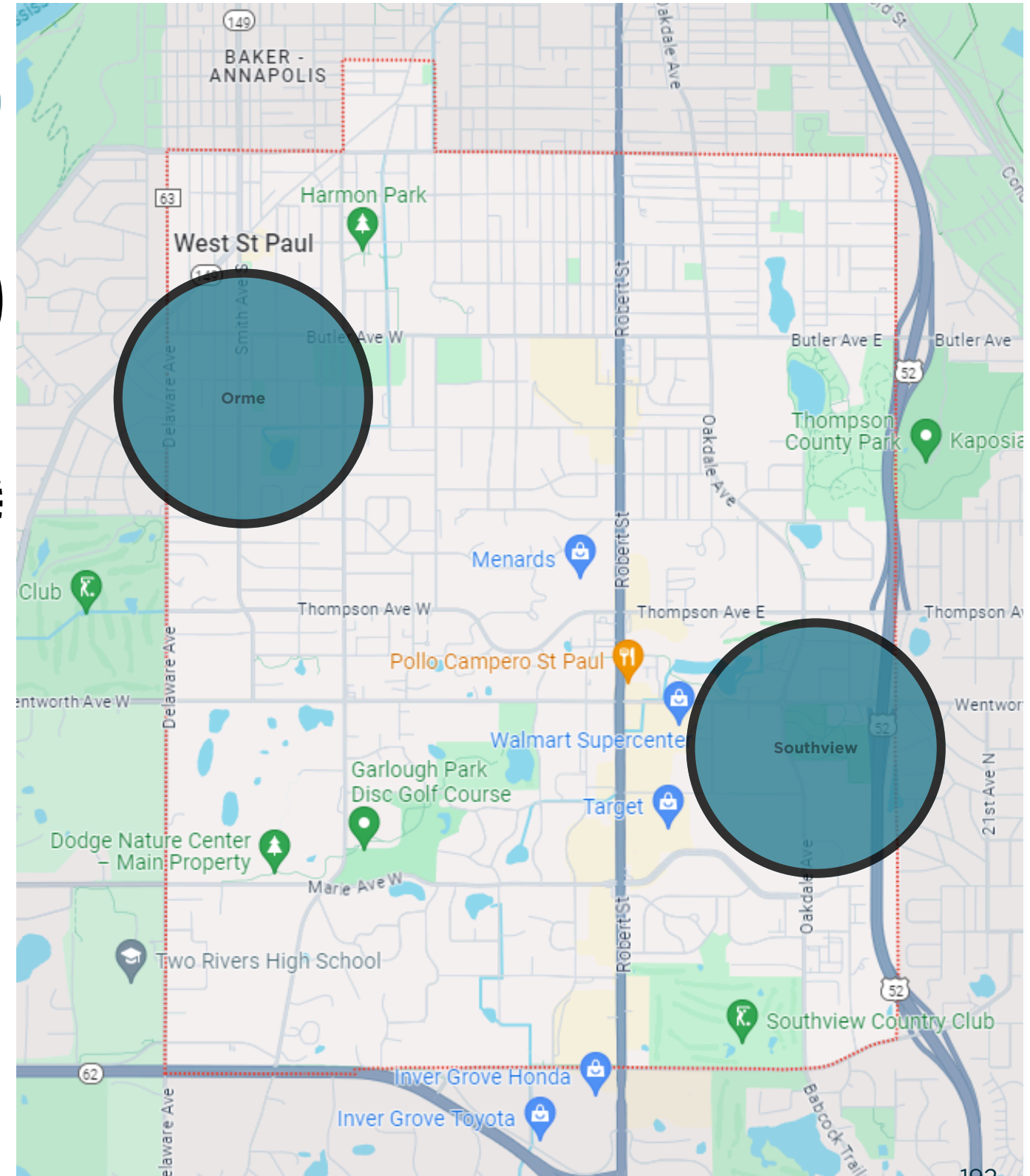
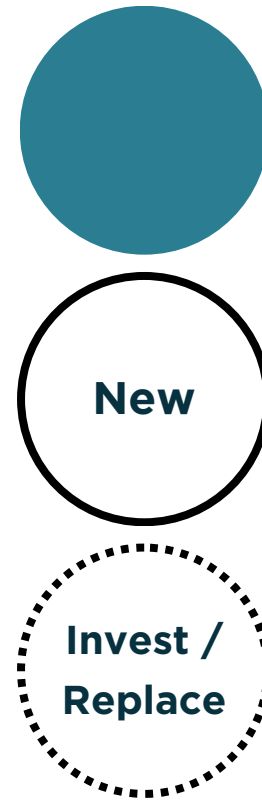
Proposed Projects: Natural

COMMUNITY GARDENS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Orme | New | Long-Term | Low |
| Southview | New | Near-Term | Med |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Funding from foundations or public health could support these efforts.



Proposed Projects: Natural

BODIES OF WATER - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Fishing

PROGRAMMING

- The city has partnered with the MnDNR to stock fish in Marthaler

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Improve water and lacustrine habitat and quality
- Need to work with nearby residents and businesses to reduce use of fertilizers, chemicals, and road salt
- People like to be near or on water

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- “Upstream” impacts on water quality (nonsource pollution)
- Financial resources
- Maintenance
- Invasive species and water health

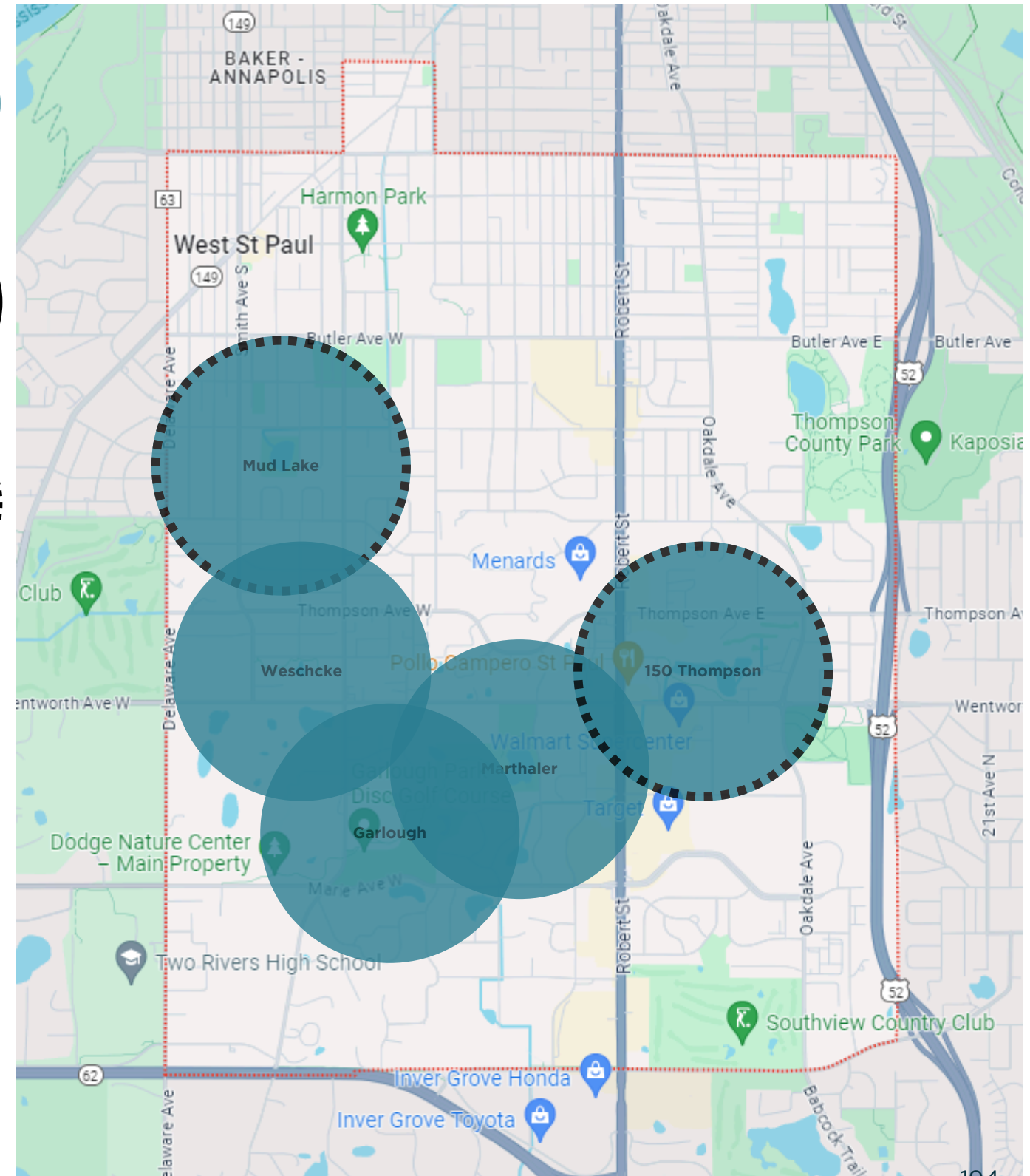
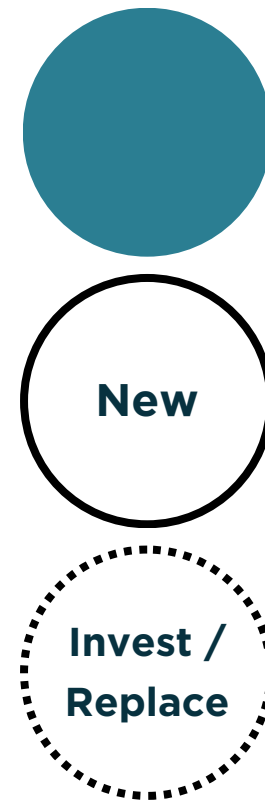
| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| Mud Lake | 1965 | Poor | Small pond, concerns with sediment, water quality, and vegetation |
| Weschcke | 2019 | Fair | Small pond |
| Marthaler | 2024 | Fair | Limited lakeshore vegetation management, new fishing pier |
| 150 Thompson | 2022 | Fair | Water quality and quantity management, soil remediation, boardwalk |
| Garlough | 2024 | Fair | New trail around pond |



Proposed Projects: Natural

BODY OF WATER IMPROVEMENTS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| Mud Lake | Sediment removal | Funding Dependent | Low |
| Weschcke | Maintenance | Ongoing | Low |
| Marthaler | Continued removal of dead trees and lakeshore management | Ongoing | Med |
| 150 Thompson | Continued water quality improvements, pond overlook | Near-Term, Funding Dependent | High |
| Garlough | Continued invasive species management and clearing | Ongoing | Med |



NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Regional, state, and federal funding might support these efforts.

Proposed Projects: Community

| | Park Shelters | Indoor Facilities | Gathering Plaza | Aquatics | Concessions | Art & Placemaking | Parking | Trails/Sidewalk | Bathrooms |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Kennedy Park | Light Green | | | | | Light Green | | Light Green | |
| Albert-Dodd Park | Light Green | | Light Green | | | Light Green | | Light Green | |
| Harmon Park | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | Light Green | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Emerson Park | Light Green | | | | | Light Green | | | |
| Oakdale Park | Orange | | | | | Light Green | | Orange, Light Green | |
| Haskell Park | Light Green | Explore | | | | Light Green | Explore | Orange, Light Green | Explore |
| Art Park | | | | | | Light Green, Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | |
| Poolside Park | | Dark Grey | | Dark Grey | Teal | Light Green | | Orange | |
| Orme Park | Light Green | | | | | Light Green | Teal | Teal | |
| Mud Lake Park | | | | | | Light Green | | Light Green | |
| Ice Arena | | Teal | | | Teal | Light Green | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | |
| 150 Thompson | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green | Light Green |
| Weschcke Park | Light Green, Teal | | | | | Light Green | | Dark Grey | |
| Marthaler Park | Dark Grey 2 | | | | | Light Green | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Dome | | Dark Grey | | | Dark Grey | Light Green | | | |
| Sports Complex | Dark Grey 3, Teal 1 | | Light Green | | Dark Grey | Light Green | Dark Grey | Dark Grey | Dark Grey |
| Garlough Park | Dark Grey | | | | | Light Green | | Dark Grey | |
| Southview Park | Light Green | Explore | | | | Light Green | Explore | Orange, Light Green | Explore |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Light Green | Add new | Teal | Upgrade existing | Light Purple | Decommission |
| Orange | Replace existing | Dark Grey | Maintain | | NA |

Proposed Projects: Community

PARK SHELTERS - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local:
 - Park Shelter: 1 per 3,700
 - Park Pavilion: 1 per 11,000

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Gatherings: Growing

PROGRAMMING

- Shelters are used for public and private use
- Shelters play an important role for recreation programs when inclement weather occurs

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Growing interest and demand in shelters
- Users seek additional amenities like bathrooms, electric, and grills

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Litter, vandalism, and misuse
- Noise
- Parking

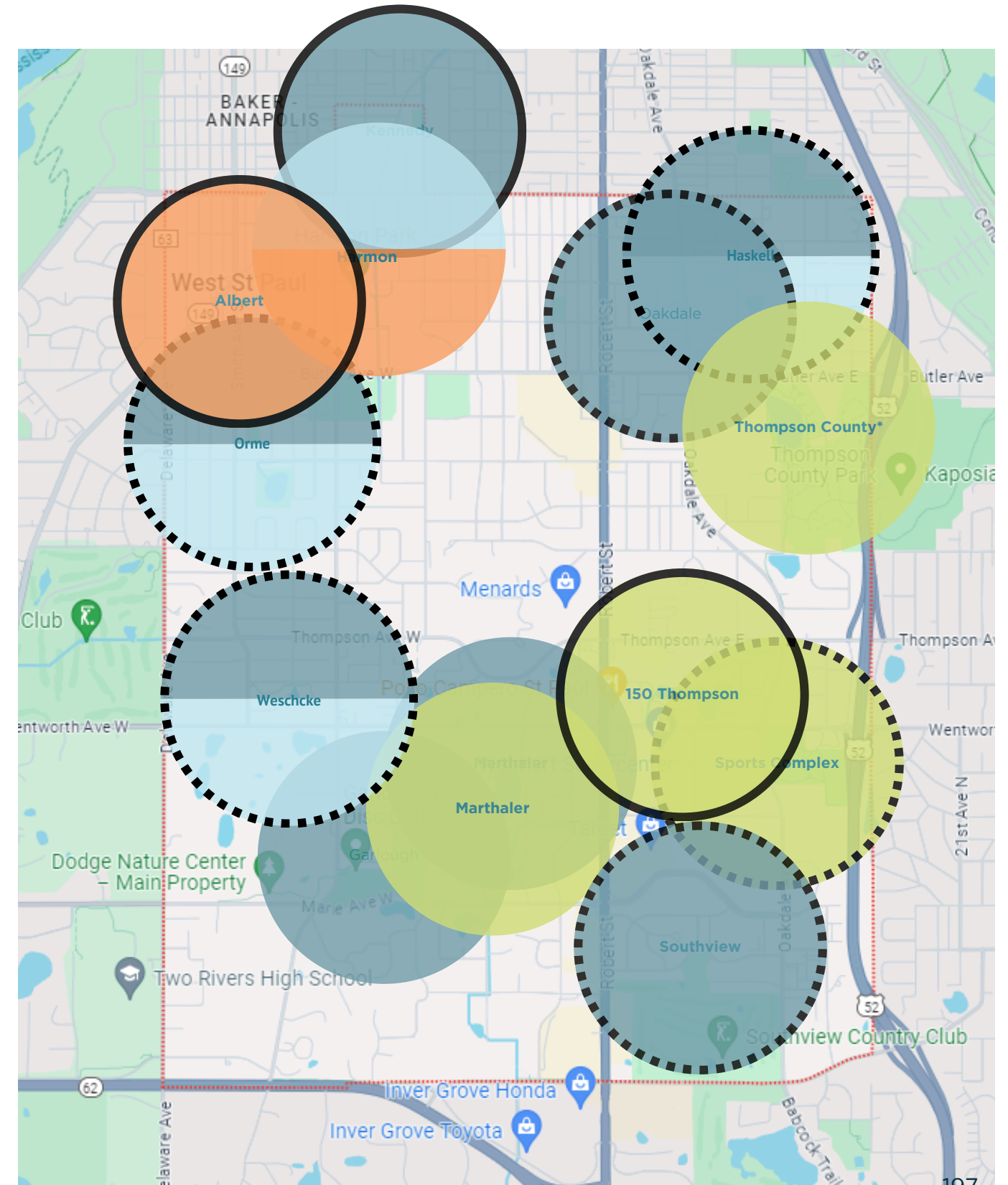
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| Harmon | 2024 | Good | Pergola |
| Oakdale | 2010 | Good | Small Shelter |
| Marthaler | 1992 | Good | Large Shelter |
| Marthaler | 2024 | Excellent | Pavilion |
| Sports Complex | 2013 | Good | Small Shelter (playground) |
| Sports Complex | 2018 | Good | Small Shelters (parking lot) |
| Sports Complex | 1985 | Poor | Pavilion (horseshoe) |
| Garlough | 1994 | Good | Large Shelter |
| Southview | 1996 | Fair | Small Shelter |



Proposed Projects: Community

PARK SHELTERS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Kennedy | Add, small | 2025 | High |
| Albert | Add, pergola | 2026 | High |
| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | Med |
| Haskell | Add, warming shelter and picnic space | Near-Term | High |
| Oakdale | Replace, shelter | Mid-Term | Med |
| Orme | Add, warming shelter and picnic space | Mid-Term | Med |
| Weschcke | Add, warming shelter and picnic space | Mid-Term | Med |
| 150 Thompson | Add, pavilion | Near-Term | High |



Proposed Projects: Community

PARK SHELTERS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Marthaler | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Sports Complex | Update, pavilion | Mid-Term | Med |
| Sports Complex | Maintain, shelters | Ongoing | Low |
| Garlough | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Southview | Add, shelter | Near-Term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Will need to explore creative solutions to warming house-picnic shelter concept.
- Sports Complex pavilion will be converted into a multi-purpose facility in phases as funding allows
- Need to consider maintenance, maintenance vehicle access, water, trash, and safety

Proposed Projects: Community

INDOOR FACILITIES - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National:
 - Recreation Center:
 - Indoor Gym: 1 per 20,000
 - Ice Arena:
- Local:
 - Recreation Center: None (short 1)
 - Indoor Gym: None (short 1)
 - Ice Arena: 1 per 23,000 (meets need)

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating

PROGRAMMING

- Harmon Neighborhood Center is heavily used for programs and rentals

NEEDS & DESIRES

- More space and storage
- Classrooms and kitchens

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Cost
- Maintenance
- Staffing
- Vandalism and carelessness

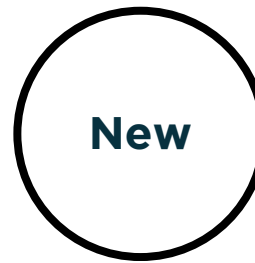
| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
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| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Small flexible space, kitchen, bathroom, and storage |
| Ice Arena | 2022 | Fair | One sheet of ice, lockerrooms, dryland space, conference room, concessions |
| Dome | 2012 | Good | Covered athletic fields, offices, lobby |
| Pool | 1999 | Good | Bathhouse |



Proposed Projects: Community

INDOOR FACILITIES - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | Med |
| Haskell | Add* | Funding Dependent | Med |
| Pool | Renovate | Funding Dependent | High |
| Ice Arena | Renovate | Funding Dependent | Med |
| 150 Thompson | To be determined | Funding Dependent | High |
| Dome | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Southview | Add* | Funding Dependent | High |



NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Building construction, maintenance, and operations is very expensive
- Realistically, it's likely the city will only be able to construct a building at Haskell or Southview.
 - *Further study needed
- Decisions regarding the building at 150 Thompson will be determined during the planning process.

Did you know?

THE MANY TYPES AND STYLES OF INDOOR RECREATION BUILDINGS

Communities provide a diverse range of indoor recreation facilities, each designed to address the specific needs of the community. In West St. Paul, there is a clear interest in more indoor spaces for gathering, learning, and recreation, particularly a large community center. Although a full-scale center may be beyond the city's budget, we recognize the necessity for additional indoor spaces and amenities. We may need to explore innovative solutions, which could involve multiple indoor facilities across the city. By integrating these spaces with our placemaking initiatives, art programs, events, park design, and park shelter strategies, we believe we can significantly enhance community connections and improve "third places."

For this plan, we propose the following options for indoor spaces:

- Neighborhood Center
- Recreation Center
- Resiliency Hub
- Community Center

The city is also studying other facility improvements (city hall, fire station) that may present opportunities to incorporate community or recreation space.



NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Amenities: Small multi-use space, kitchen, bathrooms, storage

Use: Limited recreation programming (under 25 people), private rentals

Size: 1,500-3,000 square feet

Revenue: Private rentals

Staffing: Unstaffed

Public Access: Closed unless programmed



RECREATION CENTER

Amenities: Small multi-use space, gym, kitchen, offices, bathrooms, storage

Use: Recreation programming, open gym, private rentals

Size: 15,000-20,000 square feet

Revenue: Private rentals

Staffing: Staffed

Public Access: Open to the public



RESILIENCY HUB

Amenities: Multi-use space intended for climate adaptation

Use: Recreation, community, health and/or social services, cool/warming spaces, power generation/backup, classrooms, kitchen, recreation space

Size: 30,000-100,000+ square feet

Revenue: Limited private rentals

Staffing: Staffed

Public Access: Open to the public



COMMUNITY CENTER

Amenities: Combination of large multi-use space/classrooms, gym(s), fitness studio, indoor playground, kitchen, offices, bathrooms, storage

Use: Recreation programming, open gym, private rentals

Size: 40,000-100,000+ square feet

Revenue: Membership dues, private rentals

Staffing: Staffed

Public Access: Typically membership-based

Proposed Projects: Community

GATHERING PLAZAS - EXISTING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- No standards

PROGRAMMING

- Farmers market
- Arts and craft market
- Music in the park
- Community gatherings and celebrations

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Strong desire for charming, cozy, and unique gathering spaces

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Cost
- Maintenance
- Successful plazas require programming
- Lighting, safety
- Parking, access

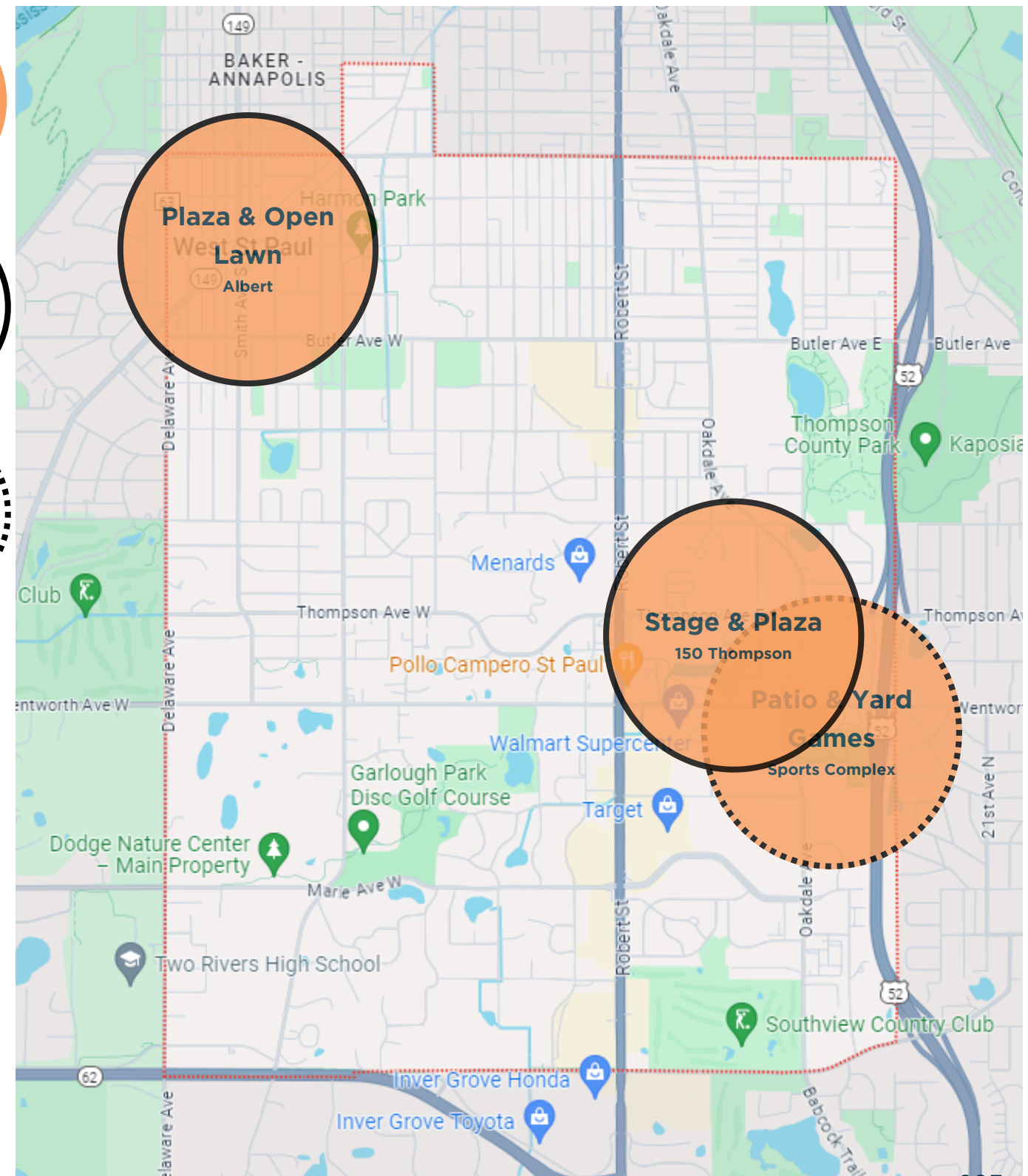
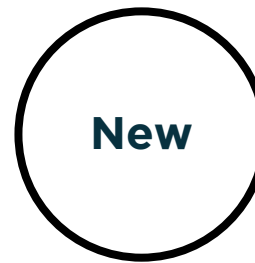
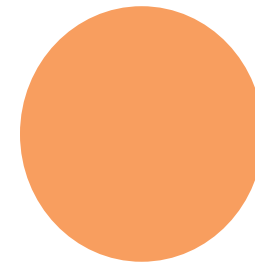
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| None to Date | NA | NA | NA |



Proposed Projects: Community

GATHERING PLAZAS - PROPOSED

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Albert/ Dodd | New, seating areas, gardens, open lawn | Near-Term | High |
| 150 Thompson | New, likely to include a stage, activated plaza, and promenade | Near-Term | High |
| Sports Complex | Renovate horseshoe pavilion into multiuse space, consider adding horseshoe and bocce next to pavilion, along with shaded picnic space | Mid- to Long-Term | Med |



NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- All three projects will require extensive planning and design
- To be successful, the spaces will need to be programmed
- Aesthetics and placemaking are critical

Proposed Projects: Community

AQUATICS

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National:
 - Splash Pad:
 - Pool: 1 per 20,000-40,000
- Local:
 - Splash Pad: 1 per 22,000
 - Pool: 1 per 22,000

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Swimming:

PROGRAMMING

- Open swim and water exercise classes at the pool
- Summer programs utilize splash pad and occasionally pool

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Revitalize the pool
- Crowd management and maintenance of splash pad
- Swimming lessons

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Cost
- Maintenance
- Staffing of the pool
- Challenges of season extension

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Splash Pad |
| Pool | 1957 | Poor | Pool and Bathhouse |



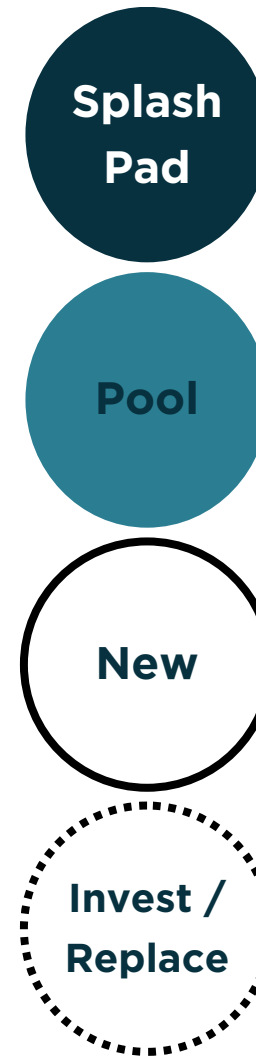
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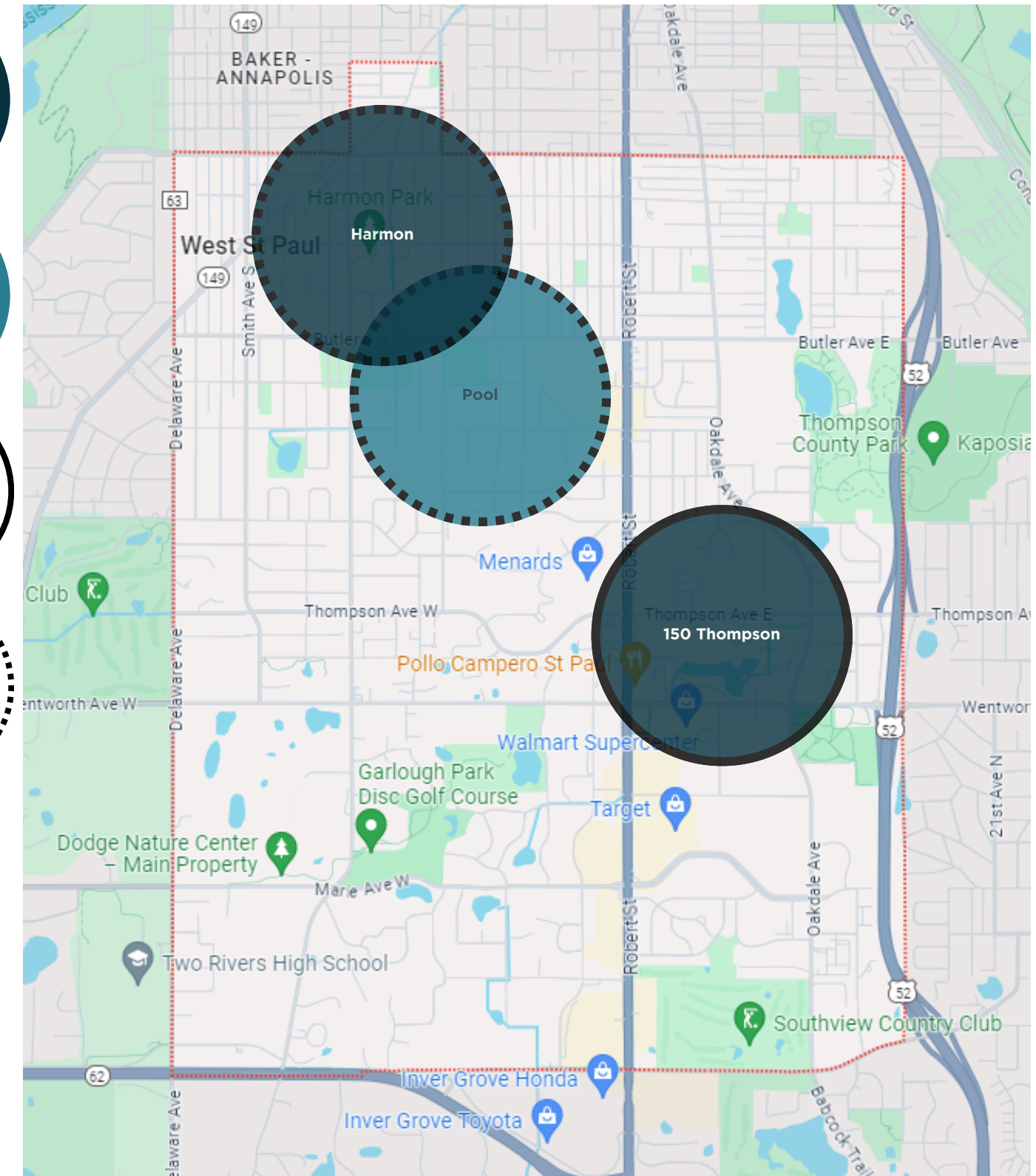
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| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | High |
| Pool | Uncertain | Funding Dependent | High |
| 150 Thompson | Water Feature | Near-Term | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- We are in the process of conducting a feasibility study at the pool. The study will help us determine future options.
- The 150 Thompson development could include some type of water feature such as a water play area, fountain, or stream.



Proposed



Proposed Projects: Community

CONCESSIONS

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Insufficient data

PROGRAMMING

- Athletic associations have offered concessions during games
- City run concessions at the pool

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Greater accessibility / sharing of facilities
- Storage

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Facility management
- Storage and safety of food

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Concessions with storage and pergola |
| Pool | 1999 | Fair | Concessions inside bathhouse |
| Ice Arena | 1997 | Good | Indoor |
| Dome | 2012 | Good | Concessions in lobby |
| Sports Complex | 1985 | Good | Concessions with bathrooms and covered picnic area, and soccer/football building |



Proposed Projects: Community

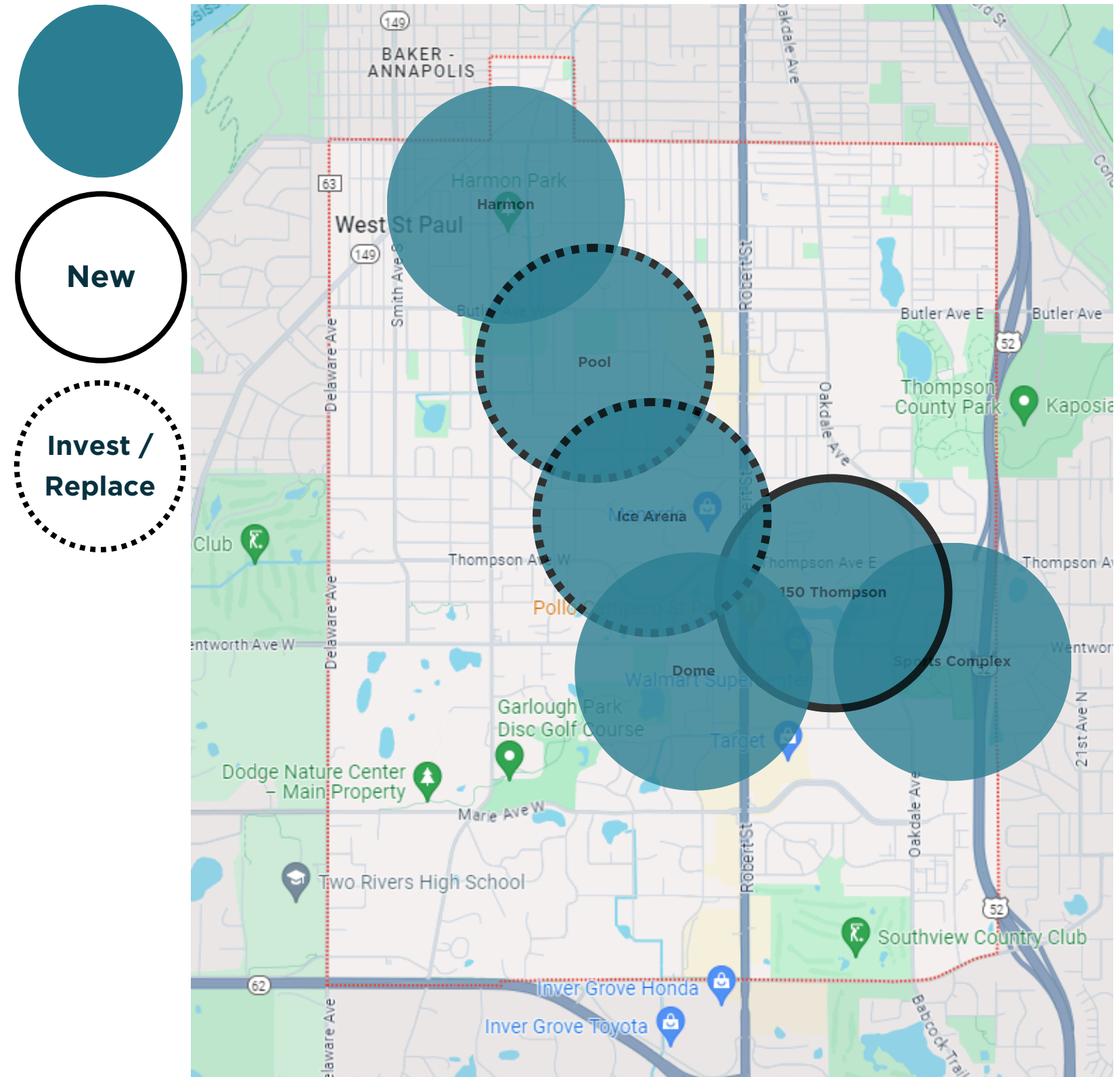
CONCESSIONS

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Pool | Renovate | Funding Dependent | High |
| Ice Arena | Renovate | Funding Dependent | Low |
| 150 Thompson | New | Funding Dependent | Med |
| Dome | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Sports Complex | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- We are thankful to our athletic association partners who currently utilize concession spaces. We want to ensure safe, equitable, and healthy access to these spaces.
- Formalized lease agreements are needed for the use of these spaces, and this should include provisions to consider shared use.
- Equipment replacement is considered a routine necessity.
- Dome concessions room has been rented to a private office user.

Proposed



Proposed Projects: Community

ART & PLACEMAKING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Art: Growing
- Placemaking: Growing

PROGRAMMING

- City works to incorporate art into some programs and events
- Arts Committee and community partners have offered arts
- Businesses and neighbors have promoted placemaking

NEEDS & DESIRES

- More art, music, programming
- Improved aesthetics and beautification

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Cost
- Maintenance
- Taste and preferences

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Kennedy | 2024 | Good | Street Mural |
| Art | 2020 | Fair | Public Art |



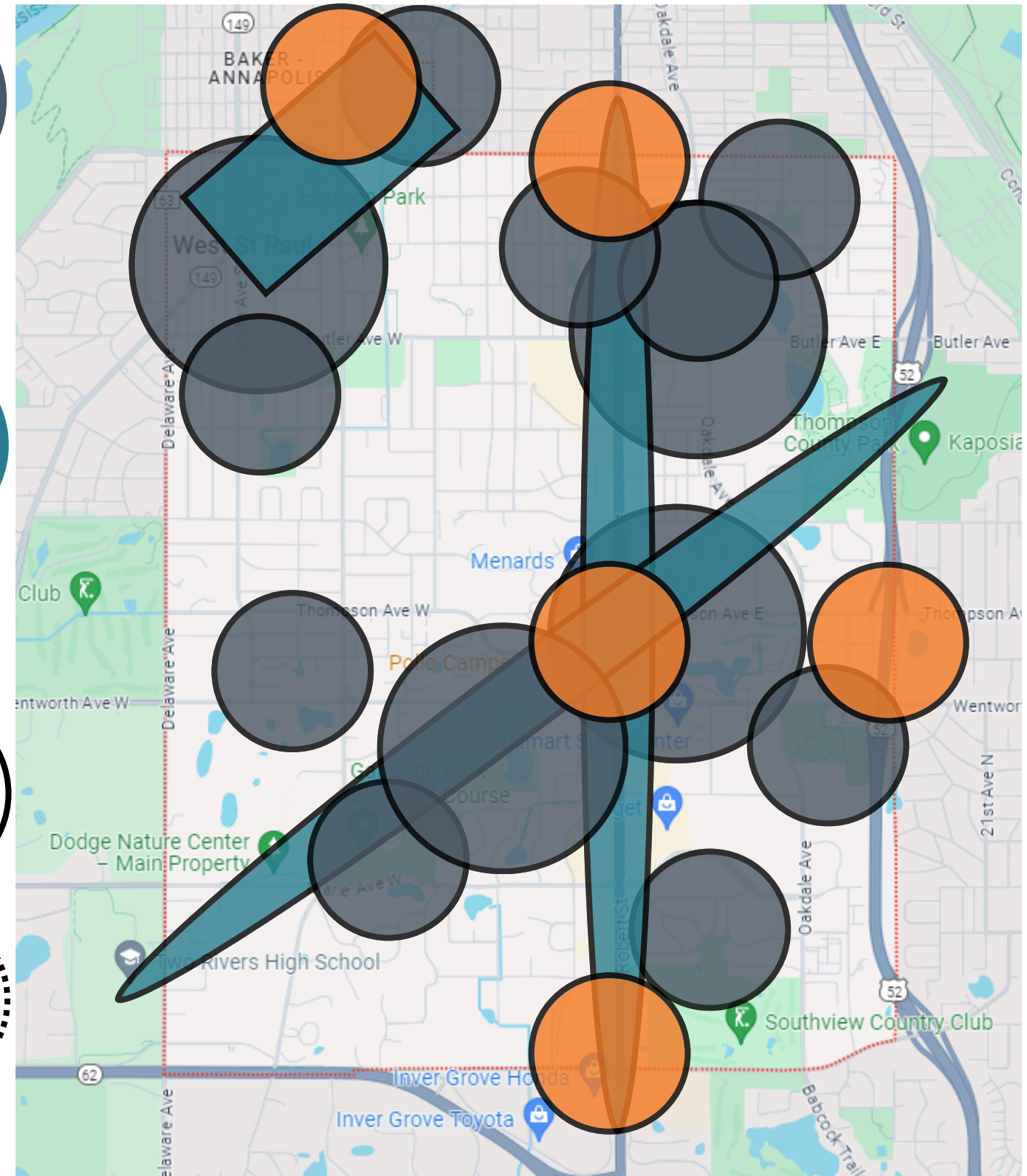
Proposed Projects: Community

ART & PLACEMAKING

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------|
| Neighborhood Parks | Add, seek opportunities at all neighborhood parks | Ongoing, funding dependent | Low |
| Albert | Placemaking and district identity | Near-Term | High |
| Art Park | New, expand. Location for rotating art pieces. | Ongoing | Med |
| 150 Thompson | Significant placemaking and art | Near-Term | High |
| Gateways | Develop engaging visual elements and cues to convey points of arrival and the city name | Ongoing | Med |



Proposed



Proposed Projects: Community

ART & PLACEMAKING

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Smith-Dodd | Add, partner with businesses to add art, murals, pocket parks, and beautification | Ongoing | High |
| Robert Street | Add, partner with businesses to add art, murals, pocket parks, and beautification | Ongoing | High |
| River-to-River Greenway | Add, partner with Dakota County to add art and destinations along the greenway | Ongoing | Med |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Nearly everything can be a canvas for art
- More success will be found with strong partnerships between city, county, businesses, and art advocates

Did you know?

ART & PLACEMAKING DRIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Times have evolved, and people are now on the lookout for the unique, the innovative, and the daring. A well-landscaped, vibrant, and distinctive space tends to attract attention. To stimulate economic growth in a retail area like Robert Street, it's essential to draw in new shoppers. Consumers are willing to travel to places that stand out from the crowd.

By incorporating art and placemaking, we can enhance the visibility of Smith-Dodd and Robert Street. Increased attention leads to greater investment opportunities.

We envision the West St. Paul segment of the River-to-River Greenway as a distinctive, arts-focused destination for enjoyment and exploration.

Just as people journey to shop and recreate in charming locations like Lanesboro, Franconia, Stillwater, and Red Wing, they will soon be drawn to the unique attractions of West St. Paul.



Proposed Projects: Community

PARKING

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Insufficient data

PROGRAMMING

- N/A

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Parking for events and programs
- Accessibility

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Utilization of land
- Cost
- Maintenance
- Safety

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Large parking lot |
| Orme | None | Poor | Alley and parking |
| Pool | 1999 | Good | Two parking lots |
| Ice Arena | 2024 | Excellent | Large parking lot |
| Marthaler | 2021/2024 | Excellent | New south parking lot |
| Sports Complex | 2017 | Good | One large, one medium parking lots |

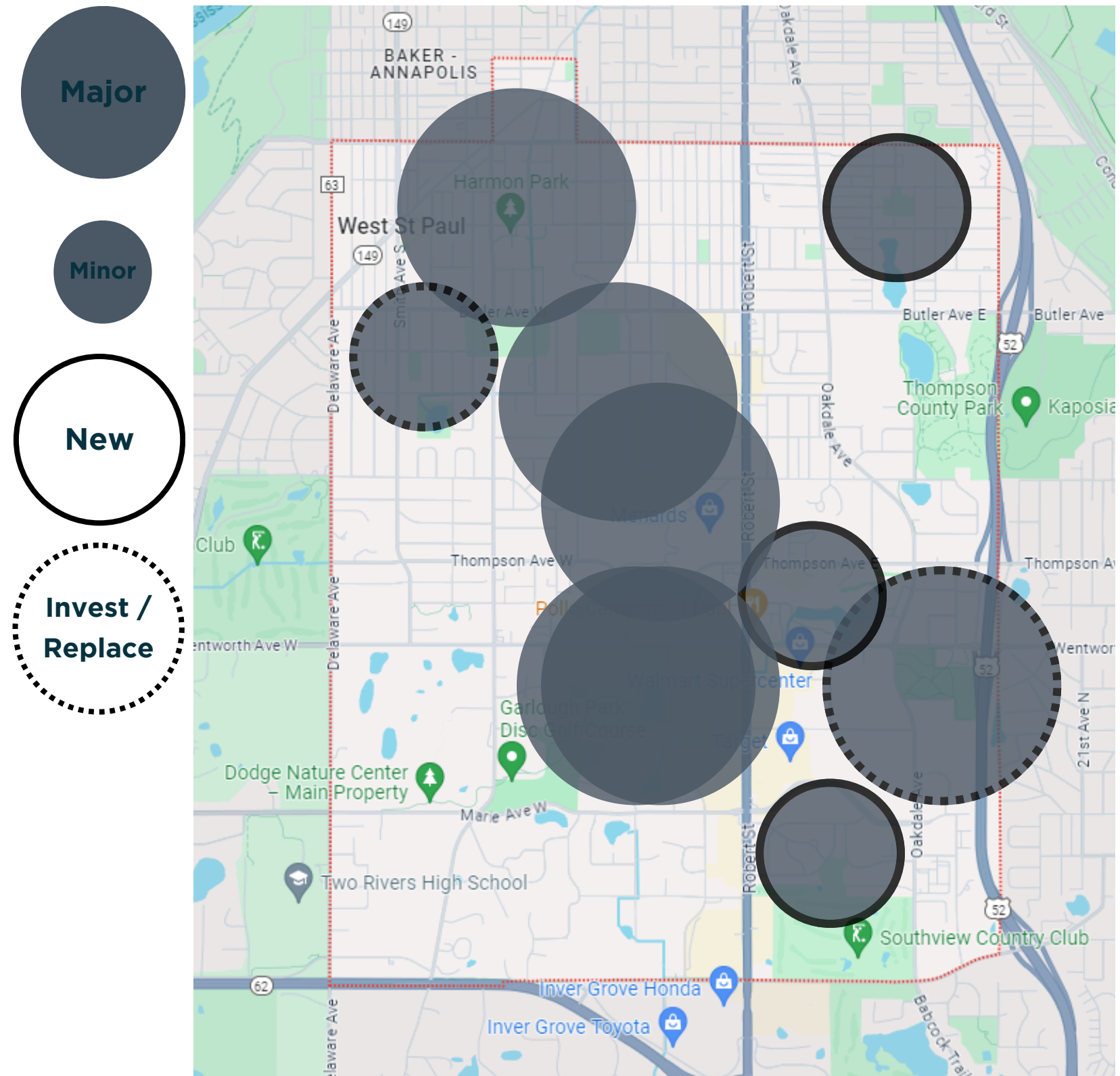


Proposed Projects: Community

PARKING

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Haskell | Add small parking if building added | Near-Term | Med |
| Orme | Update parking/alley | Long-Term | Med |
| Pool | Dependent on pool design | Funding Dependent | High |
| Ice Arena | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| 150 Thompson | Add with development | Near-Term | High |
| Marthaler | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Sports Complex | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Southview | Add small parking if building added | Near-Term | Med |

Proposed



Proposed Projects: Community

TRAILS

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Insufficient data

PROGRAMMING

- N/A

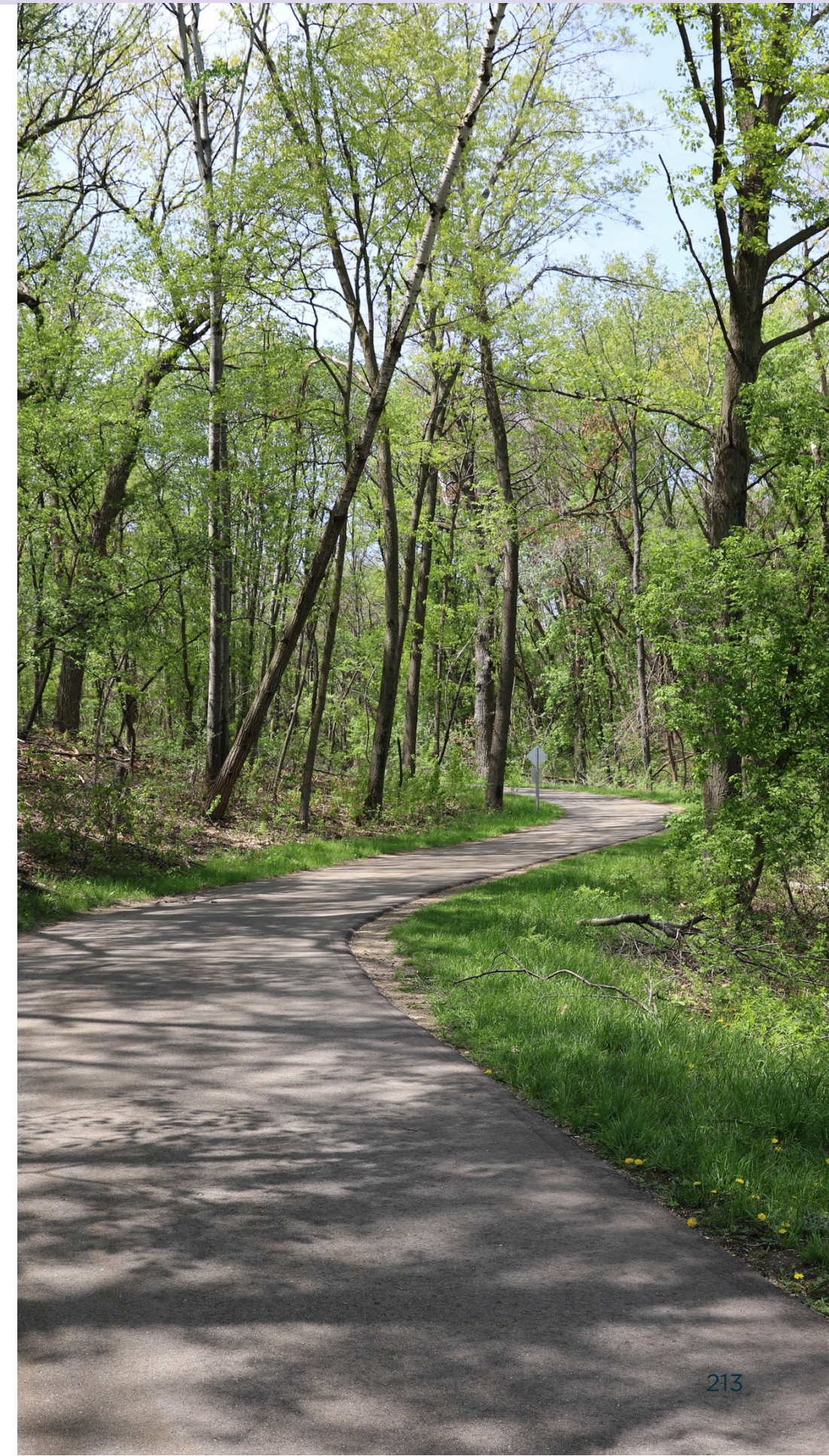
NEEDS & DESIRES

- Better connections for those walking, biking, rolling, and using transit
- Accessibility
- Internal park loops
- Community loops
- Connect parks to destinations like schools, commercial, and regional trails

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Utilization of land
- Cost
- Maintenance
- Safety

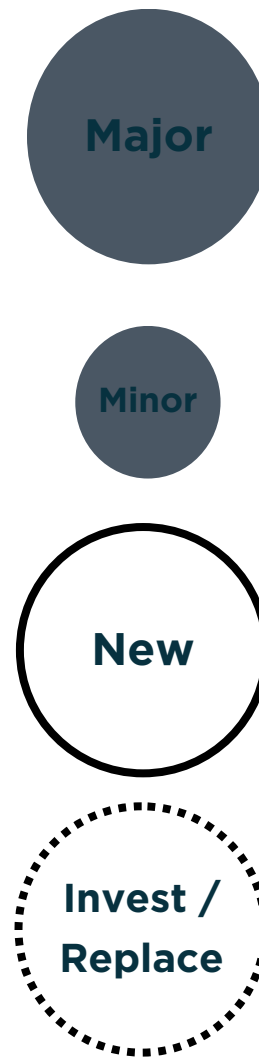
| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Pathway/Trail |
| Haskell | Unk | Poor | Pathway/Trail |
| Poolside | Unk | Good | Pathway/Trail |
| Weschcke | Unk | Good | Pathway/Trail |
| Sports Complex | 2017 | Good | Pathway/Trail |
| Marthaler | 2023 | Good | Pathway/Trail |
| Southview | Unk | Poor | Pathway/Trail |
| River to River Greenway | Varies | Excellent | Regional Trail |



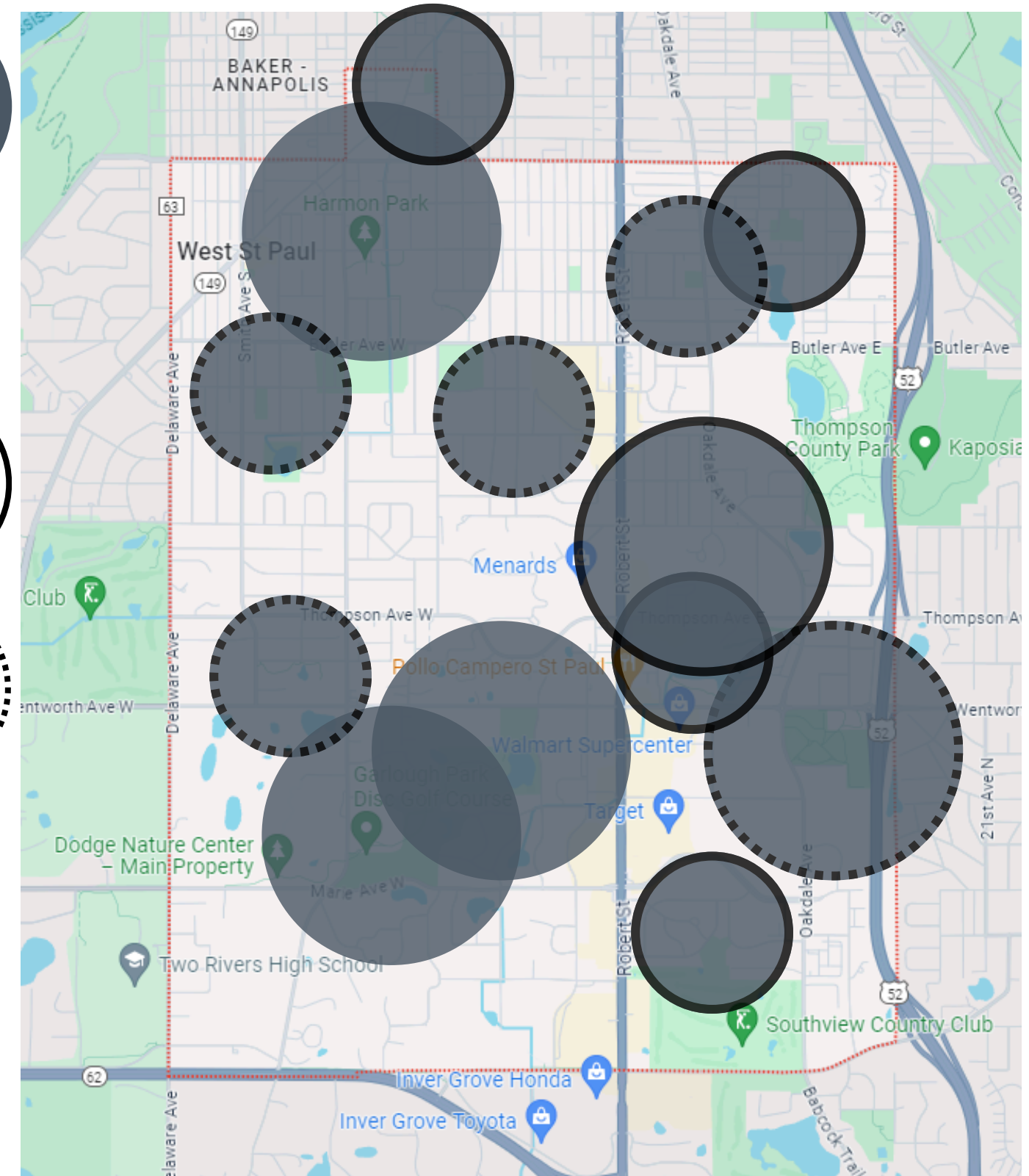
Proposed Projects: Community

TRAILS

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Kennedy | Install | 2025 | High |
| Harmon | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Haskell | Upgrade/Replace | Near-Term | Med |
| Oakdale | Upgrade/Replace | Mid-Term | Med |
| Poolside | Dependent on pool project | Funding Dependent | High |
| Weschcke | Maintain | Near-Term | Med |
| 150 Thompson | Add with development | Near-Term | High |



Proposed



Proposed Projects: Community

TRAILS

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| Marthaler | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Sports Complex | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| Southview | Upgrade/Replace | Near-Term | Med |
| Trail Loops | Explore system of enhanced sidewalk/trail to connect parks and destinations | Ongoing | Med |
| Regional Trail | Partner with county to enhance River-to-River Greenway, explore north-south greenway | Ongoing | Med |

Proposed Projects: Community

BATHROOMS

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- National: No standards
- Local: No standards

PARTICIPATION TRENDS

- Everyone, multiple times a day

PROGRAMMING

- None, thankfully

NEEDS & DESIRES

- Bathroom facilities, especially where youth and seniors gather

CONCERNS & LIMITATIONS

- Season extensions as climate changes
- Winter bathrooms near rinks and sledding hills
- City has experienced some vandalism and safety concerns at bathrooms

| Location | Install / Update | Condition | Details |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Harmon | 2015 | Good | Plumbed |
| Marthaler | 2024 | Excellent | Plumbed |
| Sports Complex | 1986 | Good | Plumbed |
| Haskell, Emerson, Oakdale, Marthaler, Sports Complex, Garlough, Southview | Annually | Good | Portable Bathrooms - Spring-Fall |
| Haskell, Orme, Weschcke | Annually | Good | Portable Bathrooms - Winter |



Proposed Projects: Community

BATHROOMS

| Location | Planned Action | Timeframe | Priority Level |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Harmon, Marthaler, Sports Complex | Maintain | Ongoing | Low |
| 150 Thompson | Add plumbed | Near-Term | High |
| Haskell and/or Southview | Add plumbed if building added | Near-Term | High |
| Kennedy, Haskell, Emerson, Oakdale, Marthaler, Sports Complex, Garlough, Southview | Spring-Fall portable | Ongoing | High |
| Haskell, Orme, Weschcke | Winter portable | Ongoing | High |

NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- In an ideal world, we'd be able to offer bathrooms year-round at all community and neighborhood parks

Proposed

