



Rochester Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Online Questionnaire Comments

In October 2015, an online questionnaire asked participants about their satisfaction with the quality, amenities, and programming of Rochester's parks and recreational facilities. The nearly 2200 responses received provide a comprehensive foundation for guiding development of a system wide plan for parks in our community. The following pages include full comments received directly through the online questionnaire. Most comments have been organized into relevant categories of interest.

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

A few more trash/recycling containers would help

Assessing playgrounds annually or bi-annual for repairs, improvements, or cleaning.

At Watson, benches either broke or with sharp edges, also sprinkler control covers missing at Watson, dangerous holes to step in.

Baseball fields for RYBA should be fixed

Bathrooms are horrendous. Seriously how much do stall doors cost!

bathrooms could be cleaner/better repair

Bathrooms sometimes are locked or not available.

BETter toilets with doors on the women's toilets

Bike trail maint is marginal and trail to trail connectivity is minimal

Bike trails in general are in poor condition.

Bike trails in Northwest Rochester are poorly maintained/very cracked/bumpy & not well connected.

bike trails very cracked and bumpy. culvert heave between homestead addition and homestead trails

bleachers,backstops,benches could use a little work. jagged edges from lawn mowers pushing them out of way to

Bridge decks are in dangerous disrepair

BUG SPRAYING.....I COACH FOOTBALL AT SOUTH POINT PARK AND THE BUGS ARE ABSOLUTLY TERRIBLE

bumpy trails and trails with debris are difficult to rollerblade on

clean bathroom or portable toilets are important

Cooke Park restrooms are terrible.

Could have better maintenance on outdoor tennis courts

Cracked and loose blacktop, bike trails should be updated

Depends on the park

Essex Park prairie area needs burn and less dog traffic

Except for the ballfields at Gage :(

Excessive waste is frequently seen at many soccer complexes which the mowing crew does not attempt to pick up resulting in smaller debris across the field. I have seen hats, Dick's and jerseys mowed over.

Extremely unacceptable response at Youth ball field by John Adams with mound of dirt sitting for weeks - Parents had to level that out. No excuse for that - poor job by Park & Rec for that.

Faster response for tree blockages/over hanging trees

Feel that restrooms could be open year round and more water fountains, barely any water fountains

Fields are great. Courts (tennis, basketball) show wear.

Filthy bathrooms at Silver Lake

Fix Foster Arends Trail!!!!

fungus grows in bath house at soldiers field gross

Garbage and weeds in kids play areas, ie silver lake park.

geese issues need to be better controlled.

Golf clubhouses at Northern Hills and Eastwood are an embarrassment. Not what was promised by the city.

Golf course mowing has been awful since they changed a few years back.

Graffiti removal is very slow

Grass not mowed for Practice on some fields. Hard to run and kick a ball.

grass trails should be maintained by Park and Rec. Not clubs. That a lot of free hours.

Grateful to P&R. We had an issue with our neighborhood park that involved seedy behavior and people just hanging out. An actual shooting occurred. They helped put in an ice rink to increase good activity to keep the bad activity out. Thank you.

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

Hire more works to help with mowing and trail needs if you great parks you need to invest in the people who take care of them!

I appreciate that the garbages are maintained.

I appreciate that the lawn is allowed to grow in the rough of Soldiers Field Golf Course.

I believe ALL parks should get new mulch at the start of each spring or summer.

I dislike seeing mowers out in rain&wet grass times. I understand about schedules, but that seems unnecessary

I don't like the use of herbicides and pesticides in the parks

I mainly use the parks to MTB, ski and recreational bike ride on the paved trails. Without the privately provided RASC maintenance, the MTB and nordic ski trails would be unusable.

I scored these as acceptable but there is definately room for improvement. Playground equipment broken, edging around playground area disrupted, etc...

I think you could mow a lot less area in most parks. Let more go wild.

I wish there were less mowed areas, more natural parkland

I would like to see a little bit more attention to the outdoor ice rinks in the winter.

I would like to see more cleaning of sidewalks in winter for activities

I would like to see more native plant areas incorporated into parks. No point in mowing areas that nobody uses for recreation.

If you provide porta potties they should be checked frequently.

Invasive species control is very limited. Our natural areas are in terrible condition.

it needs outdoor shows frequently and festivals

It takes a long time to get broken things fixed.

I've been to dozens and dozens of ice rinks throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. Maintenance here is the worst I've ever experienced. Ice is terrible and no way to get from warming house to ice. Just brutal.

keeping leaves. debris off trails is poor

Kutsky park tennis courts are the pits. Needs new base and keep courts from cracking (post tension concrete)

lack of lacrosse fields

Landscape (shrub) maintenance is poor and short sighted.

less mowing, more prairie and forest needed

Litter and graffiti are bad

local neighborhood parks need maintenance, cleaning, and updating!! FYI police should patrol park areas more to ensure a nice environment for children and families.

maintain trails for winter use

maintenance and enabling of woodland and prairie plants is low

Maintenance at Mayo field is horrid. Bathrooms are discusting. Filthy!!!

Maintenance in swim lockerrooms at Soldier's Field is poor. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 highest, I rate it a 3

Maintenance workers are sometimes not considerate of trail users when mowing or otherwise maintaining trails

Many trails are undermaintained.

Mayo Baseball Field could use alot of help. The bathrooms are in need of more than a simple repair, especially the ones in the locker rooms!

Mayo Field (while not a literal park but since it's under the parks and rec dept) is dreadful. Bathrooms are in dire need of repair, concessions are so small that accommodating crowds is limited and the scoreboard is missing so many lights that one can't even decipher what the score is during games.

Mayo Field is beyond bad!

Mayo Field is in a terrible need for an upgrade. I have heard two women on separate occasions state they refuse to use the bathrooms at Mayo Field.

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

More chairs at pools would be great!!

More garbage/recycling along walking paths

Mow in the rain, leave huge clumps of grass, moving soccer fields are awful, played several games were it an embarrassment to be on the home team, clumps of grass stopping play, refs/players tripping over badly mowed

Mowing=should not be done near children playing!

Must include snow removal

Nachreiner park has some equipment in need of care

Natural space, native ecosystem maintenance is very poor. Invasive species are abundant and management is very, very limited.

need better swimming facilities

Need more lighted tennis courts. Many Tennis court surfaces in poor condition

Need to better maintain tennis courts

Need to have rubber walkways from warming houses to ice in the winter.

nice job picking up mayo park after summer shows!

North Park playground equipment needs major repair or replacement!

Not much leadership! Workers said they just go thru the motions!

Often there's a need for more woodchips in the playgrounds

Other than Soldiers Field, the tennis courts are in terrible shape. Soldiers are pretty good but the paint is peeling

Parking At Watson Soccer Complex on Saturday Mornings Is Ridiculous

Parks need more garbage receptacles

Parks with bathrooms are not well maintained

Parkwoods Hill Park is not updated. The sidewalk has graffiti on it. Some of the equipment is broken. It's the park that my daughter and I frequent because we live in Parkwood Hills. It's surrounded by \$300,000 homes and

Permanent toilet facilities needed at youth football fields

pickleball courts are VERY unsafe

Pickleball/tennis courts need new surfaces

placing rocks that block access to elderly people at the fishing area by the Zumbro community garden plots was a tragedy, unnecessary and had no effect other than blocking reasonable accommodation for Minnesotans who can no longer exercise their riparian rights to access waterways touching public lands. One person with power arbitrarily made that decision and did nothing to correct it when the senselessness was brought to his attention. There used to be a restored prairie in full bloom in that area but it was nearly destroyed by the contractor that dredged the river (the rocks were purportedly placed to prevent soil erosion from the occasional vehicles that parked closer to the river...they were parked there, often, so people who struggle with mobility could access the river --- which they can no longer do in that location). In the meantime, city vehicles get driven down all the way from up above, disturbing the the recovery of native prairie plants. If a rescue boat ever needs to be launched there, it's going to be a mess. A single person with way too much power had those rocks placed there and it's done REAL HARM to access, health and enjoyment. That's probably not in the manager's job description.

plastic surface of tennis courts are dangerous.

Please dredge silver lake

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Plow the trails in winter

plowing bike trails in winter would be good

Police Presence needs to increase

Pools - overdue for updates

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

Pools are aging and often out of commission

Prairie grass restorations should be burned and prairies should be inter seeded with more native wildflower

restrooms are not open for every game played, specifically kickball 2015

several parks I frequent have garbage blowing around all over since the garbage cans are either overflowing or the garbage blows out through the spaces in the metal. Need new garbage cans that actually contain the

Silver lake goose poop everywhere

Silver Lake Is not pleasant to go to with all geese messes down there.

Soccer fields are sometimes get long and then clumpy. I know you have many areas to take care of. Maybe mow baseball and soccer fields a bit more often or after the dew or plan around rain days. I know its hard. But thank

Soccer fields need repair & are really hard poor turf

Soldier's field memorial tiles inground could use a definite cleaning. The geese were less than kind.

Some are good, others not as good.

Some damage from mowing accidents

Some neighborhood parks don't have equipments for older kids

Some of the ball fiels s need some tlc

Some of the tennis courts are unsafe

Some parks are maintained much better than others.

sometimes the mowers hit the steaks that are holding the small trees up which make them grow sideways

Sometimes there is trash so neighbors pick it up.

sometimes unsure of the safety ... wouldn't let grand children go on their own

Sometimes waste baskets are over flowing

stop spraying cancer causing herbicides.

Swimming pool facility - Soldier's Field, Silver Lake

Swimming pools and facilities need considerable maintenance

Tennis court maintenance needs attention

tennis court surfaces acceptable

Tennis courts at Kutzky Park

Tennis courts could use updating and better maintenance.--particularly at Younge Park and the courts near the Historical Society.

Tennis courts have dangerous cracks and need resurfacing bad

Terrible Maintenance all over the place, including facilities!

The Allendale baseball park was unacceptable. There were weeds in the infield. It was resurfaced after the season started. Drainage was so poor that the kids were standing in mud while waiting to bat. There was no seating for the team or place for them to put their gear so it too sat in the mud. My son didn't even want to play after seeing

The city should drive a street sweeper through the Silverlake parking lots everyday and also have a sweeper go around the lake trail everyday. It's a really nice lake and trail just needs to be cleaned more regularly because of all the geese. It is the most frequented city park visited by visitors and residents and needs to be taken care of

The facilities at Mayo Field at truly sub-par and not a true reflection of our community.

The ground is bumpy with holes--dangerous when kids are running on the fields--especially soccer and the like. Fields are uneven too. Weird drainage.

The lack of work done to keep the pools up to date is appalling. Every year it is not clear whether they will open, due to the lack of care from the city. We need our pools.

The park in ne has not been touched or maintained in 22 years!

The parks in the Homestead neighborhood need some serious attention

The potties at the softball fields we awful all summer

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

The restrooms at Mayo Field baseball stadium are horrible.

The soccer fields could use attention.

The softball fields at Mcquillan are horrendous. It is like playing on cement and someone is going to get seriously hurt as a result.

The swimming pond near shopko north, full of goose poop. Big turn off

The tennis courts at Kutzky are horrendous and a hazard.

The tennis courts need to be repaired at almost every park and we need more lighted tennis courts also. The courts and fencing are in bad shape, unacceptable

The trail around Silver Lake is very broken up and not easy to bike or rollerblade on. Running is sometimes hazardous as well.

the trails systems that connect to Douglas trail are over grown with weeds out by NW

The weeds

there are a few ball fields that have extremely inadequate drainage and are mud pits all summer. they also seem to be the ones without benches. allendale is probably the worst i know of.

There are many trails that are in need of resurfacing

there are several bike trails (41st st for example) where there is grass/weeds growing in the middle of the trail

there is no maintenance on many facilities. they get built and then left. why build more when you can't maintain

Timing of mowing - sometimes mowing is done before 8AM in residential neighborhoods.

Too few bathroom s and cleanliness of the few that are there.

Too many bugs, my kids feels so frustrated.

Too many chemicals on soccer fields and in other areas

too many key trails (hwy14 bridge) are not cleared in the winter. this connects NW Rochester to downtown

Trail maintain in Quarry Hill Park is abysmal--trees have been across trails for years

Trails behind Mayo High School very poorly maintained

Trails in need of maintenance. Sand and gravel on trails often make for unsafe bike travel.

Trash blows out of containers too easily.

Trash is often overflowing so often see animals getting into it or wind blowing it around. Closed containers would trashes are always over flowing.

Tree Branches hanging over trails along most bike paths.

Unnecessary mowing wastes gas and effort,

using a wheelchair can get challenging when the sidewalk/trails are not repaired.

Very little actual grass. Mostly weeds. Most often the bark in play areas are washed out.

We need more pools-both clubs together have over 600-700 swimmers- that's a lot of families age opportunity for revenue. We have quality high school swim teams as well that regularly win the or place in the conference and section meets. That is due to the high quality of the clubs here- that have multiple state and zone champions, and many swimmers that go on the swim division 1 or 3 schools.

Weed control is poor.

Weeding flower beds. Mulching around playground areas. Needs to improve at Meadowlakes Park.

weeds/dandelions are a huge issue in baseball fields like Quarry Hill

why does Silver Park look so neglected, old bathrooms, poor trashcans?

winter time trails needs improving

Would be nice to have player benches at all fields

Would like to have them stop spraying "cides" and mow what grows.

would like to see a high end golf course

Comments Regarding Maintenance *(not categorized)*

would like to see more weed control in the parks...less dandelions and more fertilizer to keep grass healthy.
choke out the weeds with healthy grass

Would love to have more trails plowed in the winter!

would prefer if when mowing, grass and debris is not blown onto trail. Particularly hazardous to rollerblading.
Also, on occasion, trails need to be cleaned off (branches, twigs, rocks, etc)

Younger park needs a facelift.

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

A larger pool that can still maintain competitive swimming but also provide wa water park atmosphere
a splash pad or two would be good, but keep a couple pools
Able to have swim meets
add a waterpark in the quickly growing NW area
Add several splash pads and repair at least 1 pool
Add splash pads
Add splash pads in addition to pools
Add water parks or some form if water entertainment at both locations
And and splash pads. St. Cloud has many and they are fantastic and safe for any ages
Any improvement is good. Splash pads sound fun, more for younger kids
At least one pool if not 2 - think ahead!!
be cost effective, we like the kids pool at silver lake for \$2 / family!!! we'd also like splashpads if they were free!
Better locker rooms in the recreation center
both pools repaired and a large pool with water slides put in
build a huge indoor pool with a lazy river, and a bumper car park
Build another pool in addition. In NW
Build new, better competitive swimming pools and a separate water park
Build Veterans & Emergency Services Museum on closed pool(s) land
cant believe Rochester does NOT have a water park!! Ive been in small towns in iowa with very nice water parks? maybe the casino helped??
central water slide with small pool. Splash pads distributed around city
close 1, keep the other open
Close both and open one large pool, water park and water slides and add splash pads throughout the city.
Close both and replace with two or three other polls at more strategic locations
Close both pool and replace only one with pool and water slides but also open multiple splash pads throughout
close both pools an build an indoor/outdoor water park.
close both pools and open either one water park or multiple splash pads
Close both pools and open larger remodeled water parks in their locstion
Close both pools and open splash pads at multiple locations and open a water park with large pool and slides
Close both pools and open two or three water parks with large pools and water slides, as well as opening splash pads at multiple locations throughout the city.
Close both pools and replace new pools in mutiple locations, waterpark type amenities are really not necessary. The pools must be clean and safe with bathroom and shower facilities.
Close both pools, open a water park, and create some fountains (they have these in Portland, OR). They bring people together in a smaller space and also provide low-income kids a place to play and cool off.
Close both pools, open a waterpark, open a competiton pool, a large pool, and water slides
Close both pools, open one larger scale nice water park and augment it with a few smaller scale splash Larson opposite ends of town geared toward younger children.
Close both pools, rebuild one large pool/Waterpark and a couple small splash padsl
Close both pools, Reopen one , Bus and walk friendly
Close both pools, replace with larger and slides, and splash pads throughout the city
Close both, open a new all ages watermark and also add splash pads at a couple parks.
Close both, open a new one with water park and maintain it!! you are loosing out to Kasson, Byron, Stewartville,
close one and and a waterpark
Close one and consolidate with a large water park and lap pool - see Cedar Falls Aquatic Center in Iowa

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

close one and do a splash pad in it's place
Close one and make one large water park.
Close one and repair one
close one and replace with water park
Close one of the 2 and develop the other into a much bigger useful aquatic center
Close one pool and invest in one or two nice splash pads https://redtricom.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/buffalo-
Close one pool and open splash pads
Close one pool and repair one pool with expansions
Close one pool, upgrade one of the others and make it right so my kids don't have to go to Stewartville, Kasson and so on..come on Rochester!
Close pools, open a water park and a few splash pads.
Close Silver lake pool and update Soldier Field, PLUS splash pads at parks.
Close Silver Lake Pool, keep Soldiers Field Pool open. Build Large New Facility on 55th Street NW, west of 18th "avenue. Pool would have zero grade entrance, blocks for competitive meets, nice concessions area, and a sand
Close silver lake pool, repair soldiers field pool and open a new water park for families.
Close Silver Lake Pool, repair Soldier's field pool, and open splash pads throughout the city
Close Silver Lake, keep Soldiers Field and open new water park with pool
Close soldiers field pool and replace with water park
Close Soldier's Field pool and use facility as a trail/regional bike station. Keep silver lake pool and open a couple
Close Soliders - Fix / Expand Silver lake - use space @Soldiers for DMC master plan
Close the beaches -- they don't seem safe to swim in. Focus on a water park like Stewartville or the RAC.
close the old pools - open a water park with a large pool and water slides (no kiddie pools) and have a splash pad in another area of the city targetted to young families
Close the one used least
Completely redo the existing pools for competition
Consider man-made swimming ponds/beaches
Create a "destination water center" or get out of the business!
definitely do not pour money into the pools, especially to heat them. Maybe build a small, expandable water park and see if it's used enough to make it larger.
depending on location (and convenience), a new larger pool with more amenities would be nice. However, splash pads at multiple locations would also be nice.
DO NOT like the foster arends, unsafe, too many deaths!
Due to crowding, perhaps even add new ones in the outer growing reaches of Rochester.
either option 1 or 2 depending on cost
Either repair or one large but still would like toddler swimming area.
Enclose one of the pools, so it can be used year-round, and make sure it has adequate springboard diving
Enhance both sites with water park features.
Fix one and upgrade one. We usually drive to Stewartville or Kasson, they are so much nicer.
Follow cedar falls ia, beautiful facility, always packed
Have 2 new quality pools, one with a water park
Have an indoor pool for century high school
How much usage is there at both Silver Lake and Soldiers Field? If the use is there, fix both. If not consider other options. As for Cascade Lake... we've been hearing about that for 20 years. I suppose it will be another 20
I am in favor of a water park but will one be enough to serve Rochester and the ongoing escalation of DMC plus surrounding communities ? Also how is it going to be low cost for those underprivileged?

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

I do not personally use the pools but they both seem to be popular (both when I talk to people who use them and when I am in the area). I think it is nice for people to have multiple locations instead of just one, and I think the splash pads would appeal to a much smaller demographic (it is nice to have the larger pools available).

I have no idea where either are...

I like that there are swimming pools in the community. I am not sure what a splash pad is. I don't always like big huge places when water activities are involved. It makes it harder to watch multiple children who are at multiple

I think a city this size needs more than one waterpark and pool combo, I prefer controlled water and swim settings for my young children not the swimming beaches

i think an updated aquatic center and other outlying splash pads would fit rochester's size well

I think it's important for all kids to have access to pools and a single pool in one neighborhood would make it difficult to allow kids from other neighborhoods to use the facilities.

I think Rochester could handle more than one waterpark but I think starting with one would be great as we are losing \$ to Kasson, Stewartville, St. Charles, I think if City does build a water park area they need to think BIG like Apple Valley and not small pool area like Kasson as Rochester has the families to support and the people coming in for various other travels, medical, sports, etc that could lead to revenge. I think a indoor waterpark area

I think that both pools need to be repaired and updated. I also think that there should be a waterpark as well, there are several of them up in the Twin Cities.

I think they both need to be repairs PLUS add new pools or splash pads. There is such a need that it is driving people out to newer, larger aquatic centers like Kasson, Stewartville, etc. This is a big need in Rochester in my

I want both locations to continue to have pool facilities open to the public. In addition, but not in place of, splash pads, etc might be an option.

I would choose between first two choices, but don't know the cost/benefit between them. If it is cost-effective to repair both pools in their existing locations, I would vote for that. You also don't specify a location for a new

I would like either option 1 or 2, depending on what is most fiscally responsible.

I would suggest repairing one and opening a water park w/ pool; however, it would need to be cost effective for tax payers and affordable for everyone (all incomes) to enjoy.

If opening water park needs to have an area not only for rec swimmers but also lap lanes. One will be insufficient to accomodate the needs of all of Rochester

If participation is not high enough close one pool and repair the other

If splash pads are wading pools, add some at a few more parks. That is a positive neighborhood feature many

Improve soldiers field pool and keep silver lake as is

In a combination of some choices, either repair both pools or I do love the idea of an outdoor waterpark that can include a splashpad (if pricing is an issue, maybe somehow separate the two where admission for the splashpad is free, but still available to purchasing guests?). It would be great to have an outdoor waterpark like Apple Valley's in our community. I would be upset to see both pools close as I am a fan of pools and not beaches.

It is difficult to answer as I do not know the numbers of attendees per year. I feel it is important to have varying locations of the pools though.

It would be great to see the Soldiers Field pool continue and/or create a water park or splash pads. My kids have always enjoyed Soldiers Field pool because we live close, but many people use the RAC and Y. Maybe splash

It would have to be a large waterpark. Check out Sioux Falls water

It's important that we have an option for outdoor swimming in the summer. We need at least one 6-lane 50 meter pool in Rochester for our competitive swimming community to train.

keep a pool and update, and splash pads elsewhere

Keep both open, add large zero entry pool with lap lanes and slides. Why am I driving to Stewartville and Kasson to enjoy their slides instead of staying here?

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

Keep both pools open and add splash pads throughout the city
keep both pools or build 1 big facility, maybe at Soldier's field with lap swim opportunities
Keep one of the two pools at least. They fill a great need. Splash pads don't replace a pool.
Keep one open, establish a few area splash pads.
keep one pool and add a splash pad
Keep outdoor pools with adult lap swims at soldiers field! No splash pads if they do not provide fitness swimming options and are not downtown or SE
Keep pools open, but also add splash pads through out the city.
Keep soldiers field pool - close the other one. Should have really had a different plan with the Rec Center. Should have moved the ice rinks to Graham Arena and made the Rec Center into an aquatics center with a bigger competition pool and added indoor waterpark and community 'fun' pool.
Keep the pools, upgrade AND add splash pads! We need both!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Keep two locations
Large water park with learn to swim pool and lap swimming pool
look at adding free areas with spray pad parks
Look at how the RAC zero entry is used. It is full! I spend 600.00 a summer just for the pool
Look at the facility in Spearfish, SD. Awesome Rec Center with killer water park.
Maintain one pool with capacity for lap swimming, preferably Soldier's Field location
MAJOR upgrade of pools - we go out of town because the pools are so much nicer in Kasson and Stewartville! I believe Rochester needs more than one pool though. They need to be an affordable price for families or people will continue to go to Kasson and Stewartville. Splash pads would be a great addition too!
Make a water park on a weekend public transportation route with plenty of parking and no fee or less than 5 bucks, and put splash pads in some neighborhood parks off public transportation and/or away from the water
Make one that older people would enjoy and one that really little kids can enjoy
Make Soldiers Field better large pool and water slide
maybe repair one and open one larger new one
More chairs at pools.
more indoor pools that can be used year round in addition to the Rec Center
More pools for swim teams
Most people go to kasson and stewie now due to conditions at rochester pools
Multi function pool. Adult swim times for Laps.
Multi-age pool /splash park
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natural, salt water or similar pools in multiple locations
Need 2 watermarks to accommodate growing community one will not be enough
Need a huge water park like Owatonna has
need more indoor pools for hugh school swim/dive teams
Needs competitive type diving facilities.
No water parks, please
not enough information offered to offer an opinion
NW outdoor pool that opens at 10:00
One big water park AND multiple splash pads in neighborhoods
One large pool and waterslides AND splash pads throughout the city
One large water park and splash pads added throughout the city.
One new, large water park but keep Silver Lake pool open.

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

One nice pool and a couple splash pads

One pool and several splash pads

One water park with a large pool and water slides if economical

Open 1 large, amazing water park with amenities, I would keep Soldiers Field pool open, also.

Open a large community pools... Multiple pools and kids area in one spot.... Enough to accommodate 1000+ people and charge admissions or season pass nothing crazy \$25 for a season helps cover cost but isn't crazy

Open a water park/pool , but only one pool in town will be crowded, so probably need two.

Open large waterpark with indoor/outdoor facilities with professional aquatics personal running pools!

Open more thsn one water park/ pool but one that is just pool also

open splash pads and a large water park not everyone will fit in the waterpark or can afford it splash pads are a

Open two larger pools in the existing locations.

Open water parks at both locations

Opening a large pool as described above and numerous splash pads for younger kids would be nice.

Option 2 (close one pool & turn other into water park) + splash pads

Or repair & update one and maybe both of them. We don't need a Kasson like facilities but kids and swim teams or repair both. Need something!

Our pools are WAY TOO CONCRETE!! They are uncomfortable and unpleasant. Look at the RED WING POOL!!! We need one like this. PLUS we should have a pool/times at the pool specifically for kids with special needs!!!

Outdoor usage is 3 months at best

Perform an actual feasibility study and cost benefit for the above options instead of just making rash decisions or

Please dredge Silver Lake

Please make a swimming pool big enough for lessons and fitness and team practice

Please repair both pools and splash pads are important!

Pool/water park and some splash pads

Pools are great for younger kids, but a waterpark would be great for older kids

Pools still need to be in place, large indoor and water parks like the Wilderness Hitel in the Dekls, and Duluth

Put new ones in

repair & make new water park

Repair and add pools. Rochester and Mayo have enough capital to provide public pools similar to those in Twin

Repair and add slides, rochester needs 2 locations4 population

Repair AND add splash pads. I love Silver Lake pool for its great location and simple and inexpensive kiddie pools. Yes, we need a water park also.

Repair and add water slides

Repair and enhance both locations - lower fees to increase usage, provide support for lower income folks to

Repair and expand Soldiers Field with water slides/lazy river

repair and expand the pools

Repair and improve both pools. They have great potential the relatively short season and poor maintenance (including basic cleaning) diminishes what are of great value

Repair and improve pools in existing locations and add splash pads in other areas. citys of 30,000 people have better pools and splash pad than rochester! Work with the YMCA. They are doing futuer planning.

repair and open a large pool with waterslides and do some splash pads. Not everyone can easily make it to the pool locations as it is and having one location doesn't serve the speical needs community, a lot of them don't do well with huge crowds and if you only have 1 outdoor pool area you really restrict what families with special

Repair and update both, and open a new aquatic center. We drive to Kasson or Stewartville routinely - there are not enough pools to support the population of this town - there need to be multiple sites, and these need to be

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

Repair and upgrade
repair at least one and build a water park
Repair both and add a 3rd larger indoor/outdoor swimming sports complex
Repair both and add a splash pad at Silver Lake
Repair both and add a water park
Repair both and add some splash pads
Repair both and add splash pools
Repair both and add water park to one or both. zero entry water parks are nice but nothing replaces the fun of diving for pennies in a deep water pool. The exercise you get by actually swimming in a pool as opposed to walking or wading is significant. Also we need pools so that swim teams can use them . Swimming is a lifetime sport that has very few sports injuries associated with it. We need to promote swimming as a fun way to get in
Repair both and also build a city pool with slides.
Repair both and build a new large pool with water slides.
Repair both AND build more!!!!!! We NEED more pools, especially outdoor!!!
Repair both at existing locations but add more for young kids
Repair both in existing location and open water park
Repair both pools plus add a water park with large pool and water slides.
repair both pools and add a large water park
Repair both pools and ADD a large water park at soldier's field. Have more open swimming hours for adult lap swimmers--not just for people who are in swim clubs
repair both pools and add features that will lengthen their seasonal useuse
Repair both pools and add more chairs/tables and large umbrellas to both.
Repair both pools and add more places to swim
Repair both pools and add splash pads.
Repair both pools and also open neighborhood splash pads
Repair both pools and and add diving boards
Repair both pools and build a new aquatic facility. Swimming pools are in dire need in this community.
Repair both pools and expand one with water slides, etc
Repair both pools and expand the facilities at Solider's Field to be a larger water park.
Repair both pools and keep Cascade Pool and Foster Arends
Repair BOTH pools and make one into a large water park w/ slides, etc
repair both pools and one splash pad in town
Repair both pools and open a larger water park with water slides and a larger pool
Repair both pools and open a new one with nice amenities like Kasson pool.
Repair both pools AND open a water park
Repair both pools and open water park
Repair both pools and/or build a pool for Century High School
REPAIR BOTH POOLS AT EXISTING AND ADD MORE!
Repair both pools but increase size and function of one to large recreation and sport/athletic pool
Repair both pools in their existing location + expand with slides and zero entry
Repair both pools in their locations. Add additions to hit like waterslides and have splash pads in those locations.
repair both pools, build a new pool on the north side, add more swimming programs
Repair both pools, upgrade Soldier's with a water slides and family area

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

Repair both pools. Upgrade Soldier's Field so that it can host competitive swim meets which can bring in large quantities of cash to the community through hotel reservations, restaurant sales, and shipping. A swim meet can bring in half a million dollars in ONE weekend. Make silver lake a cleaner location (bathhouse improvements).
Repair both, and add splash pads throughout city.
Repair each pool, but make one into a regional draw with a larger waterpark like in St. Louis Park or Eagan
Repair existing and add neighborhood splash pads
Repair if financially feasible. Century HS needs a pool that can help fulfill very necessary space for HS needs
repair one and replace one with water park
Repair one of the regular pools and then look to a water park that can be used year round.
repair one pool and close other to create large pool & waterpark
Repair one pool and create splash pads and a more accessible indoor pool.
Repair one pool, and add splash pads around town
Repair one pool, repurpose the other pool area.
repair one smaller pool and open one water park
Repair one. Replace other with full fledged water park
Repair pools & add a water park
Repair pools and add splash pads!!!!
repair pools and have them open longer and everyday, have splash pads throughout city.
repair pools at their existing locations and add a couple splash pads
repair pools in existing location and add new water park
Repair pools in their locations, but add water slides & provide shuttle buses for kids in summer to get there
repair SF, build waterpark north side
Repair silver lake pool and improve and make soldiers field an indoor and outdoor water park
Repair soldiers field and close silver lake. Open new water park in addition to soldiers field.
Repair Soldier's Field and get more chairs for patrons. Silver Lake should also be repaired but should also undergo extensive renovations. The bathhouse building should be completely demolished and replaced and concessions should be offered again. I would suggest a partnership with Flapdoodles as it is a popular summer joint and would likely be interested in expanding its reach during the summer months. The pool itself at Silver is very nice and should be maintained. It just needs a new baby pool (perhaps one of those "flooded playgrounds" like those found at many waterparks). Finally, the pool should be made deeper so Silver Lake can offer diving boards once again. The pools need to be differentiated so people will want to visit each. As of now, they both
Repair soldiers field and make some splash pads too
repair Soldiers Field park pool; rethink design of silver lake pool
Repair Soldiers Field Pool
Repair Soldier's Field pool & make larger watermark at Silver Lake or another area
Repair Soldiers Field pool and build an indoor water park where Silver Lake Pool is.
Repair soldiers field, repair and expand silverake pool
Repair the pools and add splash pads
Repair the pools if the demand is there - when I play tennis at SF, it always seems like the pool is full. The beach at Cascade Lake may not be usable - it's become a pooping ground for geese.
Repair the Soldier's Field pool. Rochester boasts of strong swimming programs, and these should be supported. Children need access to facilities where they can develop swimming skills. Building a new large water park or splash pads in multiple locations will be an expense, and will also require costly maintenance and repair. I think the city should start thinking about the city residents/tax payers' needs rather than giving in to pressure from
Repair, expand and improve Soldiers Field pool

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

restore both outdoor pools and the indoor rec center as well

Rochester can not support our large swimming community without our door pools that can be used for swim practice and lessons! There is no value to splash pads. Either fix the pools or make a new and improved facility. How can we be a destination anything without a watermark type facility.

Rochester has had two pools since the population was less than 50,000. I would suggest repair both pools in their existing locations AND open one large water park with a large pool and water slides

Rochester is a large enough city that it should have multiple pools and at least one splash pad. We comment that one major thing that is missing in Rochester is a large pool/waterslide facility with multiple slides, pools, wave pool, lazy river, etc. there are tons of these in the Minneapolis/St. Paul suburban areas, but nothing like that in Rochester. I think that would be a welcome addition to anyone with families or anyone traveling and spending

Rochester needs 1 great big water park. Or at the very least one, north and south

so important for older population. My neighbor drives to chatfield for her swimming needs

Somoe of the surrounding small communities(Kasson, Dodge Center, and Stewartville) have great family friendly pools. There should be at least a couple of these in Rochester

Splash pads and 1 pool

Splash pads are a great idea, maybe instead of the silver lake pool?!

Splash pads at more neighborhood parks and large waterpark

splash pads would not service the youngest kids. Keep the soldiers field pool. silver lake one sucks.

Splash pools and water slides do not help the serious swimmers of this community that need regulation pools to train. I strongly feel that at minimum Soldiers Field pool should be repaired and maintained.

Staff beaches with life guards, more open hours, morning especially.

Study Sioux Falls Pools plan. They have a far superior pool system for a compareable size city.

Swimming outdoor is a life priceless memory for childhood. Learning to swim programs that are low cost and available for all are essential for children . More programs with community involvement to keep costs down

Swimming Pools are important recreation facilities for families in the summer.

The city is big enough to add a third pool and make it a huge Waterpark, with lazy river rafts etc.. Bring in more revenue if done right... Think wish Dells style.

The city needs outdoor pools and water parks, but I would like the city to do what is most cost effective and the concept of "splash Pads" is interesting. Might reach more neighborhoods, but how much exercise would

The only acceptable option is to repair both pools, because all children in Rochester should have easy access. However, Rochester should also have an all season water park. Splash pads are great, but they are mainly for

The pools are used by 2 swim clubs in the summer. We need to keep the 50 m pool with an addition of a waterpark. Cedar falls Iowa is a fantastic received pool and competitive swim lanes.

The pools require extensive maintenance. They are dirty!

There are ample opportunities at schools, YMCA, rec center for kids to learn to swim. The lake areas provide

There are much smaller towns surrounding Rochester that have MUCH better outdoor swimming facilities than we do. It would also be nice, like they do, to offer season passes.

There are TWO swim teams that use those pools. Replacing with one pool will not work, unless there are two separate pool spaces at the same waterpark. There are simple things that can be done to encourage the use of the pools that exist, if the repairs are done. 1. POST THE HOURS & PRICES on the fence or building, so that the public can clearly see when they can come swim. 2. Make the locker rooms user friendly. Silver Lake has the men in the individual showers, and the women in the joint shower. The YMCA did that when they managed one year, and it was not wise. 3. Support the sport of swimming, and swim lessos as a good thing to be in. MN is a HUGE competitive swimming state. It's time to recognize and encourage it, not penalize the teams and swimmers by making them raise money while the skaters and hockey groups don't have to. Drowning is a big

What would you like to see for the future of Rochester's aquatic facilities?

There should be an option not to close both pools. Keep at least one open while building other options for water parks. Many smaller surrounding communities have great aquatic centers

These pools are very important for people who do not have easy access to swimming i.e. people living close in town, people who cannot afford the RAC, etc. Please do not close these pools. Foster Arend is not accessible by public Transportation very easily - especially on the weekends, it is not safe without lifeguards, and it is not

This is a community with many families. We need to have an outdoor pool that provides fun and health benefits two Chemical-free outdoor pool like they did at Weber pool in North Minneapolis

Unless it were a very large waterpark, that would not be sufficient. A Waterpark with slides and then repair one of the pools would likely be a better investment.

Update 2 pools do better maintainance with pools

Update and repair both outdoor pools for recreation and lap/competiitve swimming. Swimming is a life skill. Having facilities that allow people of all ages to learn how to swim in shallow and deep water could save a life. Splash pads are fine for relief from the heat, but they won't save lives

upgrade both pools and add a third outdoor pool

Upgrade both Soldiers Field and Silver Lake.

upgrade only 1 pool. not everyone wants to drive far to go swimming and pay hefty entry fee for an

Water park and multiple splash pads

Water park and splash pads

Water recreation and relief from global warming is essential. Have a variety. Perhaps keep one or both pools but use non-chlorinated sanitation for each. This is a new option that is catching on. Splash pads throughout the city is a fantastic idea as well. Can't we modernize the pools and offer splash pads?!

We absolutely need an Olympic sized swimming pool to meet the needs of our two Rochester Swim Teams during summer time. A state of the art water park would also be a fantastic addition to Rochester for our

We are new to the area, and whie a water park would be awesome, only one large facility might not be enough. Perhaps repair and upgrade one pool while planning for the water park also??

We go to Stewartville and St. Charles; lots of options, well kept pools

We have only used Soldiers Field and my kids love it. So I would say repair that one. Not sure about Silver Lake

We need at least one pool for swim team use. Soldiers Field has the heater. I'd recommend taking down the Silver lake pool and replacing that with a fun mini waterpark. And repair the Soldiers Field pool for swim teams

We need either pools or splash pools, but make sure the solution does not create more segregation in the

we need one nice aquatic center, but would be nice to have some splash pads for areas too

We need one splash pad and repair both city pools

we need two pools in the community of our size, if possible both water parks with large pool and water slides.

We very much need public swiming pools for lap swimming, as well as for competitive swiming and diving. Swimming is one of the few lifetime sports that provides adequate cardiovascular fitness - particularly for those

What about indoor pool for families and DMC guests

Whatever it takes to finish Cascade Lake

whatever would service lower income families the best

Why the upsell? Close Silverlake and repair Soldier Field.

Would also like to see splash pads

would like to see a water park with pools for different ages/abilities and water slides within a community center (like the Maple Grove Community Center)

would want to study the financial side before recommending

"Other" Facilities Missing

accessibility, aquatic, indoor, hard court, athletic field, rink, winter, trail, track, dog park, golf, youth, bathrooms, playground, fitness, more parks, lighting, programming, other, natural areas, safety, skate park
Geriatric parks
Handicap friendly
There is no free/afordable place to take my children to play Rec center is all rented out, the Y facilities are poor and we can't afford the RAC.
Adult outdoor games like croquet or bocce ball, more senior swim-fit programs
Well functioning outdoor swim pool for recreation and sport
8 lane 50 meter outdoor pool with diving depth
A better outdoor pool
A big pool like Stewartville and Red Wing
A good outdoor pool / aquatic center. Ours are feeble at best. Having kids that are now grown, this would have been a great asset while they were growing up. I have seen aquatic centers in cities half the size of Rochester that put our facilities to shame. They are are packed all summer long. Having not seen our pools in recent years I would bet the attendance is lacking (all due to the facility or lack there of)
A new outdoor pool. It's sad that Rochester doesn't have a nice pool. I take my children and our programs and we go to surrounding towns as their pools are 100 times better.
A newer lap outdoor pool
an outdoor water park! We have to drive to surrounding towns!
Aquatic center
Aquatic center
aquatic center with 50 yard pool
Aquatic Facilities. None built since 1980's!!!!
Beach
Beach, get cascade lakes ready to go!
Better outdoor pool
better outdoor pool area
better outdoor pools
Better outdoor pools
Better outdoor pools
Better outdoor pools
Better outdoor pools- upgraded
Better outdoor swimming facilities
Better outdoor swimming facilities
Better pools
better pools, hours ect
Better swimming pools
Better, bigger, updated outdoor swimming facility
Both a water park /pool (\$), and a free splash pad (splash fountains at Central Park!)
chemical-free outdoor pool
community pools/water parks
Competition class outdoor swimming facility
Competitive swimming facilities for the community are deeply lacking. A pool area like the National Volleyball Center for public use would be a huge addition to our community and would bring people and dollars into the community.

"Other" Facilities Missing

Comprehensive outdoor swimming pool, we find ourselves traveling to other communities to use their pool
Consolidated outdoor pool
Decent pools. Even a splash pad at a few parks would be amazing. Take a look at Cedar Rapids, they have some great ones. All summer we went. To other towns for their pools - Rochester's are sorely inadequate, especially for young kids.
Decent public swimming pool
fishing lake's
Fishing opportunities
fishing ponds
Hot tubs with pools especially indoor facilities and hockey or pool areas
improved outdoor swiming pools
Indoor pool
indoor pools
Indoor/Outdoor swimming sports complex
keeping outdoor pools going
Kids splash pad
lakes for skiing, boating
lakes/ponds for swimming; beaches
Large, outdoor 50m swim pool with a water park area
Larger pool
Many surrounding smaller cities now have grat water parks, I feel rochester would greatly benefit from a fun and family friendly aquatic center.
More outdoor aquatics spaces that are multipurpose.
More pools to meet the large number of swimmers in Rochester
more swimming pools
multiple function aquatic center with lap pool, multiple water slides and other attractions
Need a outdoor pool nw rochester, or splash park
Need better outdoor swimming amenities
Need better water parks outlying communities provide the best option
Need more outdoor swimming pools
Need more public pools! They are always so packed in the summer.
Need new or updated pools like the ones in Kasson or Stewartville.
Need waterpark and splashpad
Newer, nicer, outdoor pool. Splash pads at parks.
Nice pools like surrounding smaller cities have
Nicer outdoor competition pool and water park like cedar falls
NW outdoor pool
NW outdoor pool that opens at 10:00
Our pools are lacking for size of population and are an embarrassment compared to public pools, water parks and splash pads that exist in smaller communities around here and the twin cities suburb.
Our swimming pools are VITAL to the swimming community, and they are not up to date. The pool at the rec center will be nice, but refusing to update the locker rooms while POURING so much money and space into the hockey locker rooms is ridiculous!
Outdoor pool

"Other" Facilities Missing

outdoor pool facilities
outdoor pool with features and better hours
Outdoor pool/ waterpark
Outdoor pools
Outdoor pools
Outdoor pools
outdoor pools
Outdoor pools
Outdoor pools - need more access, nicer facilities
Outdoor pools - waterpark
Outdoor Pools / Waterpark
Outdoor pools, waterparks
Outdoor pools/ water park
Outdoor swimming facilities
Outdoor swimming pool for swim meets. Could be a big money maker for Rochester.
Outdoor swimming pools
Outdoor swimming pools
Outdoor Swimming Pools are managed horrendously.
Outdoor swimming pools/ water park
Outdoor water park
Outdoor water park i.e...stewartville or Kasson and should include a 50 meter pool that can be utilized for our door swim meets in summer months
Please dredge Silver Lake
Please dredge Silver Lake- rowers
pool
Pool for Century High School
Pool for high school swimming and diving
Pool with waterpark is needed
Pool/Lake swimming areas
Pools
pools
Pools
Pools
Pools
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pools
Pools
Pools
POOLS
pools
Pools
Pools
Pools (modern)
Pools and diving boards
Pools like surrounding towns (i.e. Stewartville, Kasson, etc.)

"Other" Facilities Missing

Pools outdoor
Pools should be improved
pools should be open through labor day.
Pools with diving board
Pools with exciting features--like Kasson or Stewartville or St. Charles
Pools!
Pools! Rochester is big enough that it should have more for a water park! Or two!!
Pools, there are no pools in "greater Rochester"
Pools. With more hours open to the community
Public Indoor swimming pool
Public swimming pools
Quality pools
Rochester needs a water park (I don't count Soldier's Field pool as a water park).
Rowing location
Rowing waterway -clean, safe, usable
Salt water pools
Silver Lake needs to be dredged to be used fully
Splash pad
Splash pad
Splash pad and water park
Splash Pad for families. https://redtricom.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/buffalo-grove-splash-pad.jpg
Splash pad!
splash pad/more features at outdoor pools
splash pads
Splash pads
Splash Pads
Splash pads, community run indoor play space (all over the twin cities)
splash pads, splash zone
splash park
State-of-the-art outdoor swimming facility for children
Swim park like cedar falls iowa
Swimming
Swimming and Pool facilities
Swimming areas!
swimming beaches
Swimming facilities
Swimming facilities
swimming facilities
swimming not enough or adequate facilities
swimming pool
Swimming pool/waterpark
swimming pools
Swimming pools
swimming pools
swimming pools

"Other" Facilities Missing

Swimming pools
Swimming pools
swimming pools
Swimming pools
Swimming pools
Swimming pools
Swimming pools
Swimming Pools - for competition and for leisure
Swimming pools and water parks
Swimming pools are 100% better in surrounding smaller towns
Swimming pools for general public use, open swim and lap
swimming pools that stay open and are not so old they cannot be maintained
Swimming pools with adult lap time, signage for bike trails
Swimming Pools!
Swimming pools!
Swimming Pools! Silver Lake Pool is so dirty we don't go there - and Soldier's Field doesn't have much that is in between - it's either the baby pool or the large pool. We routinely drive to Stewartville or Kasson to swim.
Swimming pools! (Century High School)
Swimming pools!!!
Swimming pools!!!!
Swimming Pools.
Swimming pools.
Swimming pools.
Swimming pools. We need more lanes all over town! We need competition pools with more seating! The rec center should help but more is needed and can bring in money for rochester
Swimming waterpark
The municipal pools greatly need updating. I know this is a significant investment however.
There is a shortage of swimming pools with diving boards.
updated outdoor swimming pool
Updated swimming facility (outdoor)
upgrade outdoor pool/waterpark
Water park
Water park
water park and splash pads
Water park indoor/outdoor preferable
Water park, swimming facilities
Waterpark
Waterpark
Waterpark and splash pad
waterpark is needed and all attraction theme creates revenue and put our city on the map.
Waterpark/pool
We need more outdoor Pools Why are they not on this list???
We need outdoor pools that provide options for activities like the one in Cedar Falls.do

"Other" Facilities Missing

We need public pools that can compete with the smaller towns!
Would be good to have are more extensive outdoor pool than Soldier's Field. Something more like an outdoor waterpark.
All of the neighborhood parks, (50+), do not have what people want: areas to play kickball, croquet, badmitton, volleybal, or sledding hills. the outdoor pools are poor compared to others in Midwest. we moved here from Rapid City, SD, both major outdoor pools are nicer thanRochester's. Partl, it's poor design here in Rochester. I couldn't take my kids to the SFPool when I moved here because I couldn't watch my kids in two separate pools.
an outdoor pool that is zero depth entry and accomdates kids and adults of all ages
Aquatic center, outdoor
I think we need more indoor pool space.
Indoor and Outdoor pools
Indoor and outdoor pools
Indoor and outdoor water parks
Indoor Aquatic facility - Updated outdoor pools
Indoor pool space is seriously needed and more facilities with artificial turf and grandstand seating
indoor pools
Indoor pools
Indoor pools!!!
Indoor swimming & diving facilities (HOURS OF AVAILABILITY!); outdoor swimming and diving facilities
Indoor swimming pools.
indoor water park
Need access to indoor and outdoor swimming pools for lap swimming
Outdoor pools and water parks, indoor pools
Pools. Indoor and our
Swimming facilities, specifically a pool at Century High School
swimming pool in Century High School
Swimming pools- especially indoor but outdoor also
Indoor saline pools. Badminton. Adult team sports
indoor swimming pool, indoor youth athletic courts
Indoor swimming pools with small kid area.
Splash pad park for kids, indoor park for kids
We need some splash pools and better indoor facilities/ things to do for 2-8 year ilds
outside pools which are open longer than memorial day through labor day. Possibly having heated outside pool that allows swimmers to use through end October. Also facilities with floodlights which allows use after sundown especially in the fall
Indoor Pools, bike racks at parks,
Parkwood Hills Park needs new equipment and pools are insufficient in this town
playgrounds with water pads, natural playscapes
Splash park, natural plays cape
Just old simple, (no bells and whistles) swim pool more parks and trails connected shops, coffee, food and parking. Good sports area in one place that holds most of youth outdoor sports as it is a short season but very important. Also a swimming pool or upgrade soldiers field for that perfect summer fun day for the youth. Don't need super water slides and all that but a pool that local swim teams that benefit too. And it creates summer JOBS for college/high school youth.

"Other" Facilities Missing

outdoor swimming pools with slides and other fun equipment for younger kids
We need like a kid's water park deal where the ground is sponge and the water squirts in different patterns. Check out the water park in Dallas.
adult softball fields are in pretty poor shape for a city this size.
Baseball fields
baseball shelters and protective nets between baseball fields to catch foul balls
better baseball dugouts/bench areas
Fields for youth soccer practice would be nice.
Football fields
I'd like to see a baseball field added to the Hart Farms SW park
need more soccer fields for youth players
Not enough baseball fields (60ft - 75ft)
Not enough Soccer Fields
Our kids all play soccer, but there are not enough good fields for practices and games! We need a soccer complex. It can also be challenging to get basketball gym space in the winter.
Permanent Rugby field with goal post!
Rugby field
Soccer fields
Soccer fields
soccer fields
Soccer Fields
soccer fields
soccer fields
Soccer fields
Soccer fields for volume of players
Soccer fields, especially on the NW side
Soccer fields; RYSA doesn't leave enough for Euro Football Club to use
specifically nice (flat-grassy) soccer fields for both practice and games
Specifically soccer game and practice fields
Indoor baseball facility
Indoor soccer fields
soccer fields and parking by them
A large multi sports complex with soccer and baseball fields. Look at Woodbury, MN. They have Bielenberg complex.
Additional high quality soccer fields
Baseball batting cages
completed softball complex
good practice facilities for baseball, open to the public
Lacrosse Fields
Lacrosse fields
Mayo Field has been neglected for years. Nice to see the tax payers paid for a sign to tell us the maintenance facility is back there, but there is NO sign telling someone Mayo Field is back there. With the name Mayo on the baseball field, someone needs to start showing some pride here.
Mayo Field is a must to replace - Why not on the list?
More soccer practice fields for youth soccer

"Other" Facilities Missing

recreational soccer fields for casual and pick-up games
Rugby field
Rugby fields
Soccer
Soccer complex
soccer fiels with goal posts at neighborhood parks. Joyce Park has open green space and kids would love some goals to play soccer
The youth soccer fields need a better pavilion and facilities
Watson youth soccer fields are in poor condition due to adult use on small fields
Rochester needs a large sports complex with numerous soccer fields, multi use fields, outdoor recreation skating (for fun not just rectangular hockey rink), indoor and outdoor water park, competitive pool and diving facilities. Rochester had more than enough tennis and golf facilities.
Permanent athletic complex with co session, toilets, parking
indoor soccer/futsal facility
Batting cages for baseball and softball. Currently, the only place to go is if you have a RAC membership
more soccer fields are needed as well as ice rinks that are marked for skaters. so often both rinks at withers are being used by hockey games that there is not a safe place to just take kids to skate
bathroom facilities, after visiting numerous south metro soccer fields, we are sorely lacking in running water and washrooms
bathrooms
Bathrooms and trashcans
bathrooms at currnt facilities
Bathrooms at parks!!!
bathrooms at playgrounds
bathrooms at Watson Field (Not fond of portable toilets and their location - should have facilities on both ends)
Clean restrooms/outhouses with sanitizer
It would be great to have some toilet facilities in more of the parks.
More restrooms in parks and port a potties in neighborhood parks
more soccer fields with indoor plumbing, verses porta
restrooms
restrooms with running water in parks
Toilet rooms with flush toilets. No more porti-pots! C'mon park department get on board with communities the same size.
18 hole disc golf facilities
An 18 hole disc golf course
Disc golf
Disc Golf Courses
Disc Golf Courses
Disc golf courses
Disc golf courses
Disc golf N of center street
DISC GOLF!!!
Frisbee golf
Frisbee Golf Courses

"Other" Facilities Missing

Frisbee golf courses

Rochester is the largest city in the state without a feasible 18 hole disc golf course. We have to go to Stewartville to play on a below average course there.

We need a NW disc golf course

More disc golf would be nice

Disc golf and dog parks

Add another 18 hole or add to current disc golf courses. Rochester doesn't currently have an 18 hole disc golf. Also consider community centers like Winona , Mn have for everyone.

Concerned about N. Dog Park going away

open areas for dogs to be off leash

Would love another dog park in SW

Need more dog parks with lighting and year-long water

dog parks

Dog parks

Dog parks

Dog parks

Dog Parks

Dog Parks - both super-busy and used year-round

Dog parks are too small, need benches, bathrooms trees. better maintenance

Dog Parks, need larger areas

dog parks, running aras

Fully fenced in dog parks

larger spaces for off leash with dogs

More off-leash areas are needed!

More options where dogs are welcome

Off leash dog areas

Community exercise parks

I recently visited Seoul, Korea and observed that many of the parks had simple workout machines along the trails to help relieve stress, strengthen and stretch as you wandered along. It was wonderful and I think brought more people of all ages into the parks.

I would love to see adult fitness facilities incorporated at youth facilities, so adults have opportunity to exercise while waiting for kids at practice. Graham Arena especially. TV is nice but lets get adults moving

outdoor adult fitness facilities

Functional Fitness Stations along specific trails - ie pull up bar

Fitness facilities for only seniors - wave walking pools, indoor walking tracks for seniors

Wish more facilities where fitness, arts, craft, sports etc were done and area neighborhoods competed in sports rather than just one giant sign up or just come ed.

fitness facilities for adolescents and teens, AND aquatic centers, AND playground equipment for older children

Saw information on exercise equipments on a hiking trail - that would be great

Community exercise parks; toddler focused play areas

nice club house at Northern Hills! It would be great to have as a meeting place after golf

Another golf course

Better paths on golf courses.

DO NOT CHANGE SOLDIERS FIELD GOLF COURSE

"Other" Facilities Missing

Free or inexpensive golf lessons for pre-teens and older
Golf Courses
Golf Courses
Golf Courses
more golf facilities, indoor practice range, and high end course
Not enough golf courses.
One more golf course on the south side of town would be nice
Mini golf courses are a must for Rochester - would be extremely utilized by the community. Additionally, go carting and a water park are must haves for the future
Need better restaurants and longer hours at city golf courses so that you can get something to eat or drink any day of the week. Very poorly run right now. Maybe let the pros run the restaurant as well as the course. Also need to upgrade softball complex to match youth baseball complex!! No comparison- softball has outhouses, baseball has restrooms! Softball had a food trailer, baseball has a concession building!! Get with it youth girls playing softball need same amenities as the youth boys playing baseball!!!!!!
frisbee golf, par 3 golf
Need dedicated pickleball courts not extra lines on a tennis court. Need more tennis parks around town marked for pickleball
pickleball courts
pickleball courts
handball courts/outdoor/indoor
Lack of outdoor basketball courts and really no quality ones
More pickleball courts
Need Pickleball courts. Should not have to use tennis courts which have diferent net requirements, etc. Revamp Cook park tennis courts to Pickleball courts
outdoor pickleball courts
Outdoor pickleball courts
outdoor pickleball courts
Outdoor pickleball courts
Outdoor Pickleball courts
paddle tennis
pickelball courts
Pickle all courts needed badly. Cooke park courts are unacceptable
pickle ball
Pickle ball courts
pickleball at cooke park
Pickleball courts
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"Other" Facilities Missing

Pickleball courts
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Pickleball is the fastest growing sport among the fastest growing population (older adults) yet we have no dedicated Pickleball courts in Rochester, but lots of unused tennis courts. Golf is the other sport in which many seniors can still participate. While mainenance on the courses was better this summer, the clubhouses (especially Northern Hills) need some updating.
racquetball
tennis backboards with good surfaces for practicing
The Rochester community is lacking in pickleball courts. Cities in the regional half our size have twice as nice facilities. With the growing demand for pickleball, Rochester needs to invest in this popular recreational sport!
There are enough tennis courts but most are not usable. The plastic rug is horrible. The courts by John Adams are in terrible shape.
We need more places for Pickleball.
We need pickleball courts in Rochester
World Class Tournament Pickleball Courts
Affordable raquetball courts
indoor public tennis courts would be great. Use through a membership or hourly rates much like golf
Need another source of indoor tennis courts
permanent pickleball courts both outdoor & indoor
pickle ball courts - indoor and outdoor
Pickle ball courts in and outside
Pickleball courts ... both outdoor and indoor
Pickleball courts indoor and outdoor
Pickleball Courts, indoor and outdoor
pickleball courts-need more outdoor and indoor
We definitely need more tennis court with better maintenance. and public indoor tennis courts for the winter or windy days in the summer.
More tennis courts with night time lighting.
Courts to play pickle ball
Pickleball courts
Pickleball courts
Need more outdoor basketball courts and allow youth to practice on quality soccer fields
For a city that's all about health, the rec programs and offerings don't keep up. Public rec centers would be GREAT. The current rec center is pretty run down.
indoor arcade type entertainment facility
Indoor artificial grass facility

"Other" Facilities Missing

indoor baseball cages
Indoor batting cages
Indoor cycling
indoor gyms
Indoor park for the cold winter months (which lasts forever)
indoor playground
indoor roller skating/blading (NOT ice skating)
Indoor turf fields
Indoor winter soccer/baseball training facilities
Indoor soccer, indoor baseball and basketball, indoor skating rink
Indoor playgrounds for older children
Curling Facility
Curling ice
Curling. Would like to see it back. Austin added in 2015
For how popular hockey is in Rochester, we need a better quality 4 season indoor ice rink and training center. Graham 1, 2 and 3 are freezing cold and terribly dated. Graham 4 and the Rec center south rink are the best in town, and far below par what they have in the Twin Cities.
indoor roller skating
Indoor roller skating rink.
Large indoor park, curling center, some kind of separation on trails for walkers vs bikers
Graham Area is need of a major renovation. I would build a modern facility and with multiple rinks and possibly a hotel to promote tournaments and other events on the weekends There is plenty of room. Build on a fresh site and convert Graham into a more centralized fair ground type use or other function or repurpose
Track (not cinder) for running, additional libraries connected to climate controlled park, Indoor walking park/garden
Kids indoor gymnasium or climbing park.
indoor activities/play area for kids during cold seasons
greatly need more lighted tennis courts. four courts in a city this size is not adequate. Light Mayo and JM courts.
Lighted outdoor tennis courts
Lighted tennis courts
Lighted tennis crts
more than one lighted tennis court
More lighted tennis courts,
More lights at public tennis courts would be great!
Outdoors fields with lights for practice of sports
Tennis courts with lights
Tennis courts with Lights - we need more!
dedicated soccer fields and stands w/ lights ie Owatonna at Lincoln Park
need more tennis courts with lights
suggest adding more tennis courts with lights and better maintenance of the public courts
We need more tennis courts and at the very least lights at the high school courts to share with the public. The Graham and Rec Center Complexes need some serious upgrades in the locker-room and officiatin/coaching locker-room spaces. As well as a focus on fan comfort and seating.

"Other" Facilities Missing

Need more lighted tennis courts in NW Rochester!!
Specifically tennis courts with lighting
we need more tennis courts with lights in a town of over 100.000 people
Lit tennis courts, outdoor or indoor
Much larger and more green spaces and multiple pavilions and shelters to reserve with multiple picnic tables and permanent BBQ grill more safe, lighted, paved running/walking trails/paths that are NOT on the auto roads AND an outdoor full size modern synthetic materials track
neighborhood parks
Neighborhood parks
Neighborhood parks--far from our house and I live in town
S.pointe park is in a very nice development with a giant unused space behind the playground i use that as my practice field for football but their is a ton of room....tennis courts..bball courts....whatever it seems like a wasted space with all the kids in the area its very dissappointing
Single Track Mountain Bike Trails - Like Red Wing. More Community Parks located both north and south.
Turn soldier field golf course into a park! It would be the best asset of this town!
Urban Parks
We just don't have enough parks to accommodate population in Rochester. All parks are too small, and many of them I can't access by foot.
We live out SE past Willow Creek. We have 0 parks or recreational facilities. we have alot of open space. Could we build a park there?
More green spaces in general would be nice; more bike paths in particular
Major Community Use / Grandstand / Park
parks, connections to trails (impossible from Historic dr sw)
Winter sledding and or snowboard parks with snow making.
Fishing
It would be nice if there were more natural places like Quarry Hill for hiking and communing with nature
Picnic in natural environment (Essex)
There are so few relatively undisturbed natural areas which are vital to wildlife and valuable to many people/
Woodlands/ forested areas
Designated wildlife observation areas and culturally historic areas
Maybe more gardens and greenery throughout the city. More learning activities
More public benches, small quiet corners with nature
place where there is no smoking allowed, quiet area outdoors
Places for children to have unorganized outdoor play which is so important to their development.
nature play areas - where kids can build forts, etc.
Natural playscape like Oxbow; hiking trails
Nature based play opportunities. Opportunities for adults to be active while watching kids at the play ground. Bike/trail connections between parks and major destinations. Local building materials, like wood, in our park infrastructure (buildings, play equipment, picnic tables, etc), native or edible landscaping.
Natural playgrounds, splash pads!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Large natural areas with hiking trails like Essex park & Quarry Hill
A community this size should have paramount sports facilities. We are behind
A water supply for community gardens would be quite helpful.

"Other" Facilities Missing

A zip line would be great!
Arboretum
arboretum
Archery course(s) Field & 3-D
Archery Range
Band shell for music
Band Shelter
botanical garden
city waste too much money where not needed and not where needed
Don't mess with Soldiers Field.
fewer golf courses and more multipurpose areas
Food truck park with shelters and tables
Gymnastics
Have you seen woodburys athletic facilities? We look like poor stepchildren
Location of horseshoe courts?
McQ sand volleyball courts need new nets
multi use parks combining grassy area trail skate park. don't just build more. revamp what we have for more purposes
Need an updated stadium to replace Mayo Field. Look at Eau Claire and Madison stadiums as examples.
Need organized and supported volunteer activities in natural areas. There are many who enjoy "working" in the parks as a form of exercise. The position of volunteer coordinator would be helpful both for active people who like to help, and as a means to control invasive species.
NW area could use more of all of these
outdoor music spaces
Park Dept needs land for Veterans and Emergency Services Museum
Please improve Mayo Field
Sand volleyball courts need nicer/finer sand
Seasonal restaurants in parks like Sea Salt and Tin Fish in Minneapolis
stop spraying cancer causing herbicides. also its hard to use shelters when theyre filled with vagrants.
Vendors selling food and and fun things to do like like the paddle boat rentals at Silverlake.
Veterans Museum
We live in NE Rochester and there is hardly anything up here within walking distance.
We need a peaceful Rose Garden
why get more when there are so many that are in serious dispair like Mayo Field (I won't go to the bathroom there EVER!) and the Outdoor Tennis Courts..shameful!
Would love to see more public gardens
Need more parking areas for bike trail access around the city
parking at Watson Field
Parking at Watson Soccer Fields
Parking for soccer and football fields
PARKING LOTS FOR YOUTH & ADULT ATHLETIC FIELDS
The parking at Schmidt Park is non existent. How can there not be parking at a park where kids practice soccer and football throughout the year. And to add insult to injury, neighbors call the police on people parked along side of the road and they're ticket. Ashamed.
Parking for Youth Athletic fields is HORRIBLE, this needs to be changed!!!!

"Other" Facilities Missing

Adult playground
more swings and thing for more spread of age groups
playground areas/equipment suitable for older kids/preteens
playground equipment for taller children
Playground in our neighborhood
The playground equipment is most suited for kids up to about age 8. Need more for older kids.
Play ground programs like in 1970's
Need parks that have more learning equipment for kids. Summer programs for kids at parks. Transport kids to programs when parents work
Playground is needed in century hills the only one there is for older children, toddlers cant use it is unsafe
indoor playground
indoor playgrounds for low income families
Communication of park and rec sponsored classes/activities
Educational programs on nature
I believe we have enough things, its to create new games and draw attention to get the participation.
Large city gathering spot for concerts
more activities suited for the teenage population
Places for informal or sponsored public activities; like concerts, special interest gatherings that are public (ie lantern ceremony each year)
Yoga/dance studios in the rec center, real waterpark with big slides, theme parks, casino, sky zone trampoline park, red robin, p.f. Changs
informal arts & performance space, public gardens, sculpture garden, indoor conservatory for winter enjoyment,
Broomball only outdoor rink
Curling rink!!
curling rink, bathrooms at more of the neighborhood parks, walking trails next to ski trails so people don't hike on ski trails
figure skating rinks for family skating
I would absolutely LOVE to see an outdoor ice rink that didn't have hockey being played on it most of the time and MUSIC!!!
It would be great to have a public outdoor skating rink downtown like the type you see in major metropolitan areas.
No seating on the north rink of the Rec Center makes it impossible for the club to host big events without making hockey leave Graham Arena during the event.
Rink dedicated to broomball!
Roller rink
Roller skating
Roller skating areas - NOT ice skating
The Soldiers Field skating track was awesome last year. I hope that continues every year!
should have all the rinks in Graham park and mega swimming center in rec center
We need a roller rink. More dog parks!
Recreational ice skating, pickle ball courts
Curling club and facilities
curling facility

"Other" Facilities Missing

In comparison to other cities in similar size, our indoor hockey facilities are woefully inadequate
Curling Facility, Short Track Speed Skating program, more winter activity options.
Outdoor ice rink warming houses
Would love outdoor skating rink at kutzky
Biking trails that are next to the road, but completely separate. I feel very unsafe using the bike lanes in the street having seen someone get hit by a car.
More playgrounds that have rubber ground instead of sand or gravel.
There are paved trails near badger ridge, but no safe connection to get across Co Rd 22, so we can't access the main portion of the trails
Safe areas away from water for special needs to play. The park closest to us has very little barrier between the park and the water and the toys are so spread out it makes it hard (Cooke park)
Need a better skatepark.
skate board parks
Skateboard park
Skate parks
skate(board) parks
Skatepark Expansion
Skateparks
skateboard and bike parks
Public running track with synthetic surface suitable for training
Swimming pools, lighted cross country ski trails, running track
ATV, dirt bike and snowmobile trails
bike trails should be cleared of snow in the winter there are lots of bikers in the winter
Hiking Trails/Backpacking Trails (without taking private land to accomplish)
I think we can use all the trails we can get - not for motorized bikes or snowmobiles but for hikers, bikers, and skiers
I wish the sidewalk along county road 22 was plowed in the winter.
I would like to see more off road trails for hiking, trail running, and walks with the dog
more paved trails to the SW end of town
More quality benches next to the bike trails, at Quarry Hill, and at Silver Lake-often times in locations where there are few benches available, they are already in use
plowed winter running trails
Walking Trails
wooded hiking trails
Bike trails connecting the southside of Rochester
Better interconnection of bike trail systems
Better trail connectivity in south east
Bike trail connections
bike trails linking with other surrounding bike trails
bike trails that better get us to needed destinations, that is, not just recreational, but links to downtown and shopping
bridge or path to cross highway 52 on South Broadway, Lighted tennis courts
Connecting bike trails
Cross country ski trails, connected biking trails
Cty Rd 22 trail for Ne residence trail access needed

"Other" Facilities Missing

decent bike route from Stewartville to Rochester - wide shoulders on county 8 may suffice
I live in the scenic oaks subdivision and our trail isn't connected to anything and the way our park is graded makes the field unusable.
Improved access from downtown to parks and trails
More pedestrian bridges
Not enough access to trails from the Northeast, such as by Century High School developments
paved trails that make sense for commuting and not just going around in loops
paved walkways from parking/sidewalks to parks
walking paths around and connecting neighborhoods
we need more ski and off road trails, in addition to paved bike trails/pathways the are directed to the inner city and areas where people work
Would like more links to connect our wonderful biking trails
Off highway trails connecting South of 52 to other trail systems and a SW Dog Park
bridges or alternatives that connect trail systems to avoid crossing busy streets (11th Ave, 16th Ave, Broadway)
this is a dream but more trail overpasses - Broadway crossing at the dam especially is horrible, as I am sure you are well aware
Arc/snowmobile trails threw town so we can go to Stewartville and Preston if we live on the north side of rochester that would be awesome
We need more shared use trails for all to use. Biking, hiking, and skiing. The current segregation is building dividing the community.
Additional trails and quality soccer fields needed
More biking trail and better baseball facilities and maintenance.
Douglas trail would be improved with drinking water availability and a bathroom facility north between dog park and Douglas.
Interactive outdoor learning spaces for kids (kiosks along paths), restrooms along paths, bike parking
outdoor trails with fitness equipment integrated
I would love to see water fountains along the bike paths. I run on these a LOT and would prefer not to carry water on longer runs. Some cities have periodic water fountains along the trails. I also use the tennis courts often, and the Soldier's Field courts are almost always crowded in nice weather. We could definitely use more courts there, and other tennis courts with lights.
paved bike trails that exist need to be better maintained for rollerblading
Bicycle lanes east/west through downtown
bike, pedestrian and vehicle paths should be invested in so they DO NOT CROSS each other. THREE of my friends have been struck by a car while riding bike in the last six months. I was struck by a car as a pedestrian a few years ago. We have existing paths where parallel paths could be placed to keep bikes and pedestrians separate. instead we spent millions of dollars to put bike paths on the roadways. the argument is that over time this will make the city more bike friendly because people will have to drive slower. that won't help the people who die and get injured as a result of poor planning. People say it's too costly to built a city transportation system where bike, pedestrian and vehicle paths do not cross. But it's doable and essentially a one-time startup expense. we can then tout Rochester as a city where you can safely commute. Some will say it's nuts to think a person can walk across Rochester without ever crossing a street. but you can get from Honest Bike Shop to Maplewood Dam or to the Mayo Building without ever crossing a street (unsurpassed and anyways).
snowshoe trails

"Other" Facilities Missing

gravel, dirt, and unpaved trails
Hiking trails
Hiking trails, kayaking route
Public walking trails
Shade tree lined trails
Snow making equipment for ski trails
the more bike trails, the better
trails - don't have to be paved
Trails in the woods
Year round biking walking trails
More disabled access to trails especially by providing close parking to trail access.
Fat tire bike trails, places where we can let our dog play wih the family
running trails with exercise stations
Lighted cross country skiing trails & higher quality adult soccer fields
mountain bike trails would be great, natural playground
unpaved running/hiking trails, also not enough community gardens
Horse trails and vastly improved quality of parks. Large wooded dog parks.
more bike trails and parking for outdoor field sports needed
City park with nature trails, playgrounds, carrousel, bistrots
Signage for bicycle trails, outdoor tracks (sf is a mud pit)
need some type of snow making for winter activities
Sledding areas.
Sledding hills
snowmaking for winter activities
Winter facilities-turf
1. Sledding hills 2. Water park and sand play area just like Winona's! 3. Reasonable, more affordable rental rates for picnic shelters. They are way underused due to high rental rates.
warming houses at the outdoor rinks again
plowing bike trails in winter, and ability to make snow for ski trails
Snow shoe areas separate from ski trails, save Soldiers Field Golf Course!
Winter Walking Trails
Invest in more quality youth baseball fields
With the amount of youth soccer in this town we need high quality fields to hold practices and especially to hold tournaments. The current fields do not compare to the quality of fields in the cities, therefore making it a place where people don't want to come to. The parking situation at the current fields is not adequate.
youth rentable public gym facilities
youth indoor basketball facilities
Got enough
I feel you are doing a fine job
indoor firearms range
More water fountains!
Think most is good

"Other" comment responding to "What are your top priorities for parks and recreation investment in Rochester?"

Handicap friendly
Improve access to parks from neighborhoods
More handicap sports
Outreach to low income areas
Handicapped parks, swings, senior parks, equipment for seniors and Handicapped. Where are tennis courts continue and expand the adaptive recreation program. I it is still being used by our young adult soon with disabilities. it is his social life and provides good physical activity.
A better swimming pool
a large water park (not splash pads; these would not serve the older kids)
A pool/water area with areas for swimming lessons as well as slides, areas for toddlers, etc. We really need both outdoor swimming pools as well as splash pads
a waterpark would be a great value to the community
add splash pad to a park
Addition of outdoor or indoor water park
aquatic areas
Aquatic Center
Aquatic center
Beach
Better and more pools. This should have at least been listed as an option.
Better aquatic facilities
Better aquatic options overall (water slides, lazy river, etc.)
Better outdoor pool/water slides/etc.
better outdoor pools
Better pools
better pools
Better pools at existing locations.
better swimming facilities
Better water park with slides, lazy river, pool, etc
Bigger outdoor pool
chemical-free outdoor pool
Competative swimming facilities
Complete renovation of Silver Lake Pool for the 2016 or 2017 summer. Like I said, I would like to see concessions, a new bathhouse, diving boards, and even a lazy river would be a possibility with all of the space around the pool
consolidated pool/water park
Continued expansion and improvement of all the pools in town.
develop a beach area at Lake Zumbro
Develop at least one major water/pool facility for the area with multiple pools, waterslides, lazy river, etc.
development of a water park suitable for all ages
Dredge silver lake
Enhance outdoor pools to allow for local swim programs and make additions so that it could be a destination for those in the area.
Enhance Silver Laker. Dredge it and restore it to its original glory.
Fishing Docks and Water Access (Multiple per Site)
fix the swiming pools or make new water park.

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Functioning pools
I would like to see the area for the ROCHESTER ROWING CLUB improved. I would like Silver Lake dredged and kept neater so paddle boats/kayaks/etc could be used on the lake. If Rochester wanted to bring in outside recreation -- we should build a 2K rowing course here!!! It would be the only in the midwest (they have one in OK) and we could bring in lots of REGATTAS!! Good money!!
Imore swimming pools
Implement splash pads with existing pools -repair pools and clean them up so more people will use them.
improve both pools and add a couple more, all the small towns have pools and Rochester needs more.
improve outdoor pools
Improve outdoor pools or build a new one
improve outdoor swimming pool maintenance
improve pol facilities
Improve swimming pools! Professionally run pools!
Improve the pools as I stated earlier
Improved outdoor pool facilities
Improved outdoor swimming pool/not just water park
Improved pool facilities not splash pads
improved swimming facilities. Never enough space
Improved, larger swimming venues for competition, recreation and exercise
Improvements to two Olympic-sized pools at Soldier's Field and Silver Lake Park is my my number one priority. A water park with water slides would be an added bonus.
Indoor and outdoor water parks with go carts, laser tag etc., like the Wilderness Resirt in WI Dells, and Duluth, more soccer and baseball fields for kids RYBA, RYSA with seating and shade.
indoor pools
Indoor water park
It's unbelievable that Stewartville, Kasson, Dodge Center and other small towns have vastly superior public
keep outdoor pools
Keep pools for swim teams
Keep the pools going!
Keeping Foster Arends and Silver Lake cleaner - the goose waste is absolutely disgusting and prevents my family from enjoying these otherwise beautiful areas.
Large 50m outdoor pool
Large aquatic center with splash pads/slides
Love the watermark in addition to splash pads. Multiple splash pads are more accessible, but water park would be more popular.
Maintain current swimming pool opprotunities for serious training.
More aquatic facilities
More fishing opportunities
more indoor pools
More pool space
More pools
More pools
More pools
More pools

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More pools
More pools!
More quality swimming pools and waterpark
More swimming pools
More swimming pools
More swimming pools
More water parks
Need an up to date pool(s) that is state of the art and has zero depth entry. Will need to update existing pools as well as some can not pay for a larger waterpark type pool
Need waterpark
Need waterparks
New large water park
New swimming pool with water slides and concession stand
nice modern pool park would a great asset to park system
No splash pads. Better outdoor pool/aquatic center
One large pool - Close Soldier's & Silver Lake. With DMC coming, get this right and make a very nice, family fun, large pool (ROI will be MUCH better)
Outdoor aquatic center
Outdoor competitive pool like in Cedar Falls Iowa and outdoor nordic ski complex like Maple Grove.
Outdoor pool recreation area
Outdoor pool with slides and splash areas
Outdoor pool with watersides, large pool etc
Outdoor Pools
outdoor pools
Outdoor swimming pools with water park area attached. Keep the pool 3-10 feet deep with lanes for lap
Outdoor water park with large pool
outdoor water park with pool
Please build a large waterpark, similar to Cascade Bay in Eagan. It is absolutely ridiculous that we live in a community of over 100,000 people and we don't have a waterpark facility. It should even be an indoor/outdoor facility so it can be used in the winter time. We drive to Kasson, Stewartville, or Plainview to use theirs, which is completely ridiculous. If those communities can afford to have a waterpark, we can afford to have a waterpark. Yes, I understand that they don't pay for themselves and that they are highly subsidized. Build it anyway please. DO NOT build splash pads instead of this. They are good for the little kids, ages 5 and under, but they do not serve the rest of the population at all. Incorporate splash features into the water park in a zero entry pool area to
Please dredge silver lake
Please dredge Silver Lake
Please dredge Silver Lake
Pool
Pool at Century High School
Pool maintenance
Pool water park
Pool water slide park
pools
Pools

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Pools
Pools replaced.
Pools that are functional
POOLS!
Pools!! Destination needs indoor and outdoor facilities!
Pools-splash pad will get old fast. We need large zero entry pool with slides
quality outdoor swimming pool
repair, maintain and expand the outdoor and indoor pools
Repair/Maintain/improve Pools & water park
Replacement of community pools
Swimming pool
Swimming pool maintenance and upgrades!
Swimming pools
Swimming pools to support our large number of swimmers in Rochester
Swimming pools!!
Swimming pools. Splashpads are not worth the investment.
There are better outdoor pools in surrounding smaller communities
there is no reason a city the size of Rochester does not have a LARGE water park. we should not need to travel to other towns. we need a large NEW recreation area.
Third outdoor swimming pool
Top Priority: More competitive swimming pools!
Turn both outdoor pools into a single water park and Olympic size pool
Updated pool to rival Rochester Athletic Club
Upgrade outdoor pool facilities
Upgrade soldiers field pool into waterpark w/ large pool
Upgraded outdoor pools
water park
water park
Water Park
Water park
Water park
Water park
water park with 50 yard pool and slides.
water park with competition swimming pool and continued excellent adaptive park and Rec programs
water park with large pool and slides
Water park with slides and pool
Water park with water slides
WATER PARK!
water parks
Water Parks with bigger pools
waterpark
Waterpark
Waterpark
waterpark with a large pool

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Waterpark, water slides, competition pool
We desperately need more pools (Century and outdoor)
add thrid outdoor pool, upgrade existing outdoor pools, upgrade and expand lockler rooms to Rec Center
Maintaining at least one functioning outdoor pool.
Repair and maintain outdoor pools.
Aquatic Center
Aquatic center
Better swimming pools, indoor and out- not just splash oads
Indoor competition style pool space
Indoor pool space
Indoor pools for high school swimming
Indoor saline pools
Large indoor/outdoor swimming sports complex
More and better indoor pools, please!
Outdoor heated pools or aquatic center
swimming pool in Century High School
More pools, lighted cross country ski trails, running track
More sand volleyball, More indoor pools
The swimming pool are ignored for maintenance, the staff who do are in an uphill battle. With DMC for increased population and for increased needs of local swim clubs we need to get these pools updated and stabilized and consider creating a new concept pool in conjunction with the Rochester School District and perhaps the Y; on a model such as the National Volleyball Center that will create revenue and ease the pool problem in Rochester within the city and school district. The jr high pools are routinely 'down' for maintenance and the high school pools are on their last legs for equipments and tile issues. We have legendary swimming and diving programs in Rochester from the 1950s and 1960s with Olympic legends (Dick Kimball) through to now with the Century boys swim team (which has no pool) with a 14 year undefeated dual meet streak. The clubs in town are growing and will grow more. The residents need pool space for recreation. We need to have a pools that are safe and stable and increased access with new facilities for a DMC and Park & Rec partnership that will provide
Outdoor competition pool and more mountain bike trails
1) Adequate year-round swimming failities at hours that work for the community -- both for adult lap swimming as well as for youth competition - both indoor and outdoor; 2) Adequate clearing of our trailing system to allow for year-round outdoor running.
toddler splash zone
Batting cages
batting cages, whether it be pay per use or whatever are greatly needed in Rochester
benches and better upkeep of ball fields
better baseball facilities
Less soccer fields, more lacrosse fields
More amenities at existing soccer fields
more multi field soccer complexes
More Soccer Fields
more soccer fields
Replace Mayo Field - top priority
Rugby field

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Rugby field.
soccer fields with goal posts
Fix Mayo Field! I go to many games there both high school and summer, and it's a shame how bad it is!
Mayo field baseball park needs MAJOR updating.
Mayo Field upgrade.
Can the Silver Lake park be domed over (like RCTC field) during the winter months?
add restrooms
Bathrooms of some sort into October.
Better and/or more restroom facilities
mor bathrooms
More accessible bathrooms
More Restrooms/Porta-poties at youth athletic fields
Open bathrooms all year round
The restrooms in these facilities are poorly maintained
overhaul Mayo Field do the bathrooms!!!!
benches, water and rest rooms along trails to improve accessibility. A sandpoint powered by solar power at each community gardens location.
Flush toilets, top notch youth facilities with score boards, toilets, handicapped accessible paths, adequate parking, viewing platforms, tornado shelters for teams and families at youth parks during tournaments. We are severly lacking in leadership and we are losing to communities like Sioux Falls, Mankato and so on.
equipment at dog parks
more dog friendly spaces
Open spaces for dogs to run
More community events using the fair grounds - should consider partnering with the county for MUCH NEEDED improvements at the fairgrounds facilities which could be used for multiple events in addition to the fair.
Being a frequent visitor to Mayo Field, we believe that the stands need improvement! The aging facility looks tired, old and run down and not something to be proud of for our city.The scoreboard lights need replacement, the stands are slippery when wet (we have seen people slip and fall on the steps). we feel that this is something
Better lawn maintenance. Silver lake looks over grown and uncared for.
Better planning and maintenance would prevent 'catch up' and forced unplanned spending later. Maintain what complete cascade park as previously planned with all the desired amenities
Face lift of Mayo Field
Graham is a pit. Many other superior facilities for both players and spectators throughout MN. Only good thing is four rinks at one site.
Improve current shelters which have electric
Improve Mayo Field
Improved Facilities! take care of what you got, which you haven't! Quit buying new trucks and use that for some maintenance.
Improved Mayo field-Baseball
Invest in Quarry Hill facilities
Maintaining Mayo Park in its existing form and speaking out against a potential arena encroaching upon that
Many parks look shabby. Improves landscaping, playgrounds, benches.
Northpark park is getting shabby! Please update this and other community parks
Rehab Mayo Baseball field

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renovation and expansion of Mayo Field baseball stadium and facilities
Take care of what we have
Updates to Mayo Field stadium.
Maintain Solders field pool and track
Better maintenance of the local golf courses
A city such as Rochester should be able to afford better tennis courts than Kutzky has. They need to be replaced with post tension concrete so they don't have the hugh cracks. Currently the cracks actually affect the play when the ball hits a crack. Bad news.
The City has to improve Kutzky, Its the tennis hub for southern Mn.
We have a great parks system but it needs extensive improvments. I hope you have seen aThree Rivers Parks District (Elm Grove, Shoots and ladders, Big Woods). Better parks, more ammentities. Quantity is good, quality is really lacking. Need more trees too!
improve current bad financing management of parks
Hire a new company for sanitation. The outhouses are SICK. Also more places in or out for open skating. Everything is always used for hockey.
Repurpose existing Park & Rec areas/facilities to be used year round. For example, can any existing storage building be used for Curling vs. storage ? For example, it is common for Golf Courses to double as a Curling club during the Winter. Soldiers Field is very central.
Community exercise areas
Community Exercise Parks for adult fitness and play
New outdoor fitness and fun pool
with additional amenities there should be low maintence exercise equipment sporatically placed among some of the trails or neighborhoods that have a path in it.
An actual good golf course on the north end of town.
Better clubhouse and restaurants at city golf courses
Better grounds maintenance on golf courses
Better maintained golf courses
golf course improvements
golf course maintenance to improve quality of courses
Golf Courses
Golf courses
Golf Facilities need money spent on them to improve buidlings
Improve golf courses
improve golf courses
Improve Northern Hills club house and get rid of the mold in the basement of the food shop.
Increase Golf Course Maintenance Staff and Budget
Invest more in golf facilities
Keep existing golf courses
Keep our city golf courses!
Keep soldier field golf course
Keep Soldiers Field Golf 18 holes and maintain other courses
Keeping existing golf courses
Maintain all 3 current 18 hole golf courses and learning center.
Maintain current golf courses

"Other" comment responding to "What are your top priorities for parks and recreation investment in Rochester?"

maintain the golf courses, don't get rid of solders field golf
More Golf Courses
More golf courses
More golf courses. The maintenance at Northern Hills and Soldiers Field this year were fantastic.
Mini golf, go carting, water park activities
Indoor golf facilities, putting green, simulators, driving dome, etc.
Improved Pickleball courts.
1.Regulation Pickleball Courts
Basketball Court & Badminton Court
Dedicated PICKLEBALL Courts
dedicated pickleball courts
Improve east park basketball courts...make them full size, keep lines painted, etc.
Improve Pickle Ball Courts
Include pickleball
More and better pickleball courts at Cooke park
More basketball courts
More dedicated pickleball courts, not painted over tennis courts.
More full outdoor basketball courts like east park
More outdoor basketball courts
more pickelball courts
More pickleball courts
More tennis courts - especially on the NW side of Rochester
More tennis courts. They are always full.
more, better maintained pickleball courts
Most of the tennis courts in town are not used during the school day, yet pickleball enthusiasts are looking for a place to play. Why not turn some of these tennis courts into Pickleball courts and encourage seniors/retirees to get engaged in this sport.
Outdoor local basketball courts so we don't have to drive to one
Outdoor Pickle ball courts
outdoor pickle ball courts
Pickle all courts
Pickle Ball
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Pickleball
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pickleball at cooke park
Pickleball courts
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Pickleball courts
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Pickleball courts
pickleball courts
Pickleball courts are needed in Rochester
Pickleball Courts at Cooke Park and future expansion of more Pickleball at Cooke Park and possibly Goose Egg
pickleball courts!
Some dedicated pickleball courts and more tennis courts with pickleball lines
Tennis courts at Cooke park should be made into pickleball courts
There's not a lot of options for outdoor tennis courts in SW Rochester.
more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts-if indoor, would like permanent court lines
Outdoor/Indoor pickleball courts
Pickleball courts - outdoors and indoors
Pickleball courts both indoors and outside
Pickleball courts indoor and most necessary adequate outdoors!
pickleball courts, indoor pools for water aerobics
More trees, improved tennis courts and improved playgrounds. Better outdoor facilities. Eliminate spending millions on golf when families need better pools and cross country skiing facilities. Who golfs anyways? Not the majority of your tax payers!
basketball and other youth facilities in neighborhood parks
"More indoor recreational facilities" for winter time like an indoor shooting range
Better Gym at the Rec Center
Gamehaven recreational facility
Indoor green space and park similar to Central Park in Woodbury.
New clubhouses at Northern Hills and Eastwood.
rec center completion
Increased hours available at the Rec center for lap and rec swim. Most limited availability for pool use in any place I have lived or visited
Large sporting complex like the National Sports Center in Blaine (but with better parking). More indoor recreation centers with swimming pools, diving tank, indoor track facilities for youth training and competition, indoor skating "park" that simulates being outside in nature (like a Frozen river type portion in addition to open portions, so you don't just have to round and round and round). Could you make use of the old meadow lakes golf
Invest in new clubhouses at Northern Hills and Eastwood Golf courses. Large enough to add banquet facilities.
a great indoor play area is lacking! A nice Children's museum
indoor multipurpose space would provide winter options
Cannon Falls has 4 lit public courts compared to Rochester...now compare the population!
A Lighted Tennis Court in the Northwest Rochester
Have another set of tennis courts with evening lightning
Lighted outdoor basketball
lighted tennis courts and replace plastic surface tennis courts with hard surface
Lighting at more tennis courts, water fountains near courts
more lighted courts. Need to play tennis at night when it's not so hot in the summer.
More lighted tennis courts

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More lighted tennis courts in NW
more tennis courts with lights
Outdoor tennis courts with lights
Tennis court in the NW that has lights. Allendale is the most north tennis courts and there are no lights and only
Tennis courts with Lights - thanks!
I live close to bear creek trail in SE. It seems like an opportunity to become a larger park. This is a large unused treed area along the creek. Disc golf, basketball courts, additional play ground, Splash pad, more picnic area, outdoor gym, mini golf. It's wasted space with so much potential for SE
More community parks like Soldiers Field located not just in the center of town. Living in NW Rochester I would like a Community Park like Soldiers Field that is closer to my home.
more parks
riverfront urban parks
Turn soldier field golf course into a park! It would be the best asset of this town!
address invasive species issues in natural areas!!
control invasive species in natural parklands. Put management tools and staff into budget for spraying, cutting, chemical, and training, organizing volunteers who can then supervise one-time volunteer groups from churches,
I would like to see greater focus on dealing with invasive species in parks, such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, especially at Quarry Hill Park.
keep green spaces in downtown
Natural space management (including invasive species)
stop spraying herbicides. it kills the bees and causes cancer. duh.
Need more recreational facilities for teens. A place for them to hang out. More green space.
public art that fits well into natural areas
Natural free play outdoor playground like in Europe
Acquire land for future uses while possible.
Cascade Lake
Concession stands to help off-set expenses
Drinking fountains!!!! I can hardly find any.
Get the geese out of the parks and golf courses
Horseshoe courts for us old ducks...
I believe we need to spend our taxes carefully.
It does not seem to be can overcrowding issue
It would be nice if the shelters had more access to electrical service and plug-ins
Live out of town, do not use.
Make a community flower / rose garden
MORE / THOUGHTFUL SIGNAGE !
More areas to practice archery
more community gardens (added to multiple parks that already exist)
Picnic shelters should be in neighborhood parks not just city parks, with a grill area.
regular clean up of goose excrement
The question is too limiting. To improve Rochester as a whole all of these things need to be taken into consideration and not prioritized depending on individual interests. Rochester as a whole needs to be looked at from a total development point of view not just who has the loudest voice
use no chemicals

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Veteans and emergency services museum land/building
veterans museum
we have nice parks. Do not need to spend more \$\$ on more!
Archery Range, New Larger Ice Arena attached to Civic Center
an aboretum or garden or river walk
Instead of money in the Civic Center, put money into the kids.
Add parking for youth athletic fields, if there is NO parking it's hard to use the facilities!!!!!!
more parking at existing youth fields
More parking at Mayo Park
Need increased parking at existing youth athletic fields and HIGH quality basketball courts at numerous locations in the city that are accessible by everyone not just memberships
Parking at Schmidt Park. Can't believe there's no parking there. It's a joke that police come ticket people who park along side of the road when they're either coaching, or watching their kids. The city should be ashamed of
Parking at Watson Soccer Fields
More accessible parking for handicapped to trails
The parking and facilities at Fuad Mansour are inadequate and are in dire need of improvement. When Rochester has tournaments, we don't even have bathrooms at either Fuad or Watson, other than porta-potties
Indoor playground, curling center, path separation for walkers vs bikers
Add indoor playground
Natural playscape
Band shell for music
Food truck park for community sharing and gathering
live band not seasonal but yearly and install taco truck with variety of foods such cultural differences at the stalls and more active events not just for a specific group. Have a whole foods international outdoor market.
more adult recreation programs
More music in the parks. Music facilities w/power.
permanent bandshell area for Silver Lake park
Recreation programs in summer at parks provide shuttle to events. Do research on what other cities are doing
theres enough paved trails. how about helping youth athletic programs.
Expand Quarry Hill programs and facilities
Better maintenance of outdoor ice rinks.
Better outdoor rinks, adult hockey leagues
Better, more modern ice rinks
bring outdoor rink back to Soldiers Field
Broomball only outdoor rink
Build a dedicated curling club in the city
Curling
curling facility
Curling ice
ice rinks marked for skaters and not hockey games
improve the indoor hockey rinks
It seems over the years, one of the great amenities we had, was the neighborhood ice rink.

"Other" comment responding to "What are your top priorities for parks and recreation investment in Rochester?"

Locate the outdoor skating rinks in neighborhoods where kids can actually walk to them. I live in the middle of town and the closest outdoor rink to us is at the Graham Arena, over a mile away. Needless to say, my kids don't skate outdoors very much.

More outdoor ice rinks

More outdoor skating rinks

Outdoor ice rink

Skating rink

curling center, bathrooms at small parks, snow making equipment for cross country skiing

more outdoor rinks and better use of graham park and rec center

Rochester needs more indoor ice with better spectator and dressing room facilities. Graham is too cold and not in good shape and the Rec Center is still undersized with too much space allocated to the Senior Center and not enough improvement to the dressing rooms.

Outdoor ice rinks with shelter, lights and updated structure/facilities. Also, indoor free volleyball courts for pick up games for adults

Skate ribbon and free yoga in the park

ice skating in the winter

Better maintenance and up keep of outdoor skating rinks.

Improved safety at existing parks and trails

more patrolling of existing parks so users can feel safe

Sadly, so many playgrounds sit empty. As a parent, I am afraid to let my kids go to the park by themselves.

Areas that are not contaminated by weed spraying.

Improve bike lane and sidewalk on 14th St NE from Broadway to North entrance of silver lake park.

Dirt pump track

More tracks. I'm only aware of the track at Soldier Field for public use and as far as I'm aware this track is slated for elimination. We need 400 m (preferably) hard surface track somewhere in the middle of the city to do speed

Public running track!

atv dirt bike snowmobile trails, non paved and paved

better cross-country ski trails

better maintenance of existing bike trails

bike trails that connect to all areas of town.

connecting paved trails above/below street crossings

cross country skiing. mnt biking

Fat tire bike trails

Hiking Trails/Backpacking Trails (without taking private land to accomplish)

improve the bike trails, they are nice but continue to make this city a bike friendly city

Improved aesthetics along the trails, maybe artwork or pop-up workout facilities like other big cities

improved connections and signage between trails

Install pedestrian bridge or underpass at highway 63 at silver lake trail

It would be awesome if there was paved trails that connected people to their neighborhood schools. Ideally I would love to walk my child to school each day but there is no safe way to do so.

More mountain bike trails

More mountain bike trails

more mountain bike trails/stop eliminating the ones that exist

More mountain biking

"Other" comment responding to "What are your top priorities for parks and recreation investment in Rochester?"

more natural hiking trails
More trails
More unpaved trails
Mountain bike trails
Mountain bike trails
Mountain bike trails and better rowing waterways
Mountain Biking Options
mountain biking trails
MTB trails within city limits
non paved trails; hiking, XC ski, mountain bike, etc
We need bike trails from SW to connect to the downtown area
winter trails for XC ski, pave more bike trails in winter for running/walking
connecting bike trails, replacing any soccer fields that are being taken away
1. Clean up goose poop and remove some of the geese 2. cross-country trails
Signage for walking/biking trails
More off-road trails for running; a synthetic surface running track
Atv snowmobile trails
Because of our long winters (5 months), quality outdoor winter activities would greatly improve the appeal of the city. The winter proposals at Gamehaven would be a great boost to this obvious negative for the appeal of Rochester. Snowmaking on cross country ski trails, tubing sledding runs, Fat Bike trails etc would sure be a nicer
cross country ski trail with snowmaking
cross country ski trails with snow making equipment
More Cross country ski trail options
More ski trails
snowmaking for xcski trails
mob trails
more mountain bike trails
more/improved mountain bike trails
Non-paved running trails
Plowing of trails in winter so the tremendous asset of trails we have can be utilized more during the winter
Addition of snow making with kids sledding/snow boarding. Outdoor winter sports need more attention.
More skiing opportunities/ quality
More support for winter sports, snow making
Sledding hill at Quarry Hill
snowmaking to sustain winter outdoor activities
support winter sports more, ie. cross country skiing, outdoor rinks etc. Whatever will encourage people to get outside in the winter
winter park with snowmaking; plowing bike trail system in winter
year round park service officers
Winters get long-we need indoor gyms for young children to burn energy
cross-country skiing with snow making capabilities
encourage development of cross country ski trails with snow making equipment. Keep paved trails in better
More winter recreation opportunities (XC Ski, snow shoe, tubing, outdoor skating)
plow trails iin winter for bikes

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winter clearing of trails.

Winter maintenance of trails

More winter friendly activities and facilities. Not a lot of skating in the downtown neighborhood parks; better connections to existing trails from the core, natural playscapes

1) partner with RASC and other grant writers to build add'l MTB and nordic ski facilities. 2) Ask parents to pay more for youth fields.

I'm a senior citizen so my park usage is limited to tennis and biking. But there is probably a greater need for youth programs/amenities. We don't have children so I don't know the exact need but it seems like there are always lots of kids in the parks.

Amenities for youth and adult sports leagues, particularly aquatics

Summer youth programming in the parks

Affordable youth activities

Kids play options during winter weather

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Adaptive programming for high functioning youth on the autism spectrum. intergenerational physical activities
Bring more attention to offerings.
But they should be more affordable or I should be getting more for my buck.
Coordination with existing youth sports needs to be enhanced/maximized...
Good scope of offerings, but the relationship, coordination could be better communicated regarding City Parks & Rec and organizations.
I did 't know park and rec offered programs and I have lived here 10 yrs.
I didn't know that any of the above existed. That would be a cool thing to include in the "new homeowner" packet that comes in the mail!
I didn't know the city offered swimming lessons. I'm confused by that. I looked into it a few years ago and a worker at Soldier's Field told me "no". Maybe there needs to be more marketing.
I have called and called and called to find more information about adult programs... I am new to Rochester, and NOBODY has called me back!!!! Extremely rude, unprofessional, and unacceptable. Is this city seriously lacking in quality employees???? If so, someone needs to get rid of the current employees and hire someone who can actually do their job. Right now it is terrible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I just feel that things like ski club are unaffordable for the average person. Why is a coach bus necessary? We took a school bus. Community programs should be affordable to the average person.
I would like to see more communications regarding the programs offered
I would like to see more cooperation between the city and Rochester Active Sports Club, especially with regard to the plans RASC would like to implement at Gamehaven Park. I think it would be helpful if the city did some education to make people aware that Gamehaven Scout Reservation is adjacent to, but separate from, the city park. It is unfortunate they share a name because it's confusing.
I'm not really aware of what programs are offered by Park & Rec.
Make these programs more known and easy to locate and sign up. More indoor pool access that does not revolve around swim team schedules.
More advertising for current offerings- many times I have heard of opportunities after the fact. More "clinic" type programs to enhance skills at "xx" activity
Not to have cut off dates for registration if the practice hasn't started yet.
Options for families with low incomes. I haven't been able to sign my son up because of the lack of income I have
Park and rec needs to get the word out about their programs. I didn't know some exist even. Also needs better use of the facilities they have.
programs that would allow more of our working class use.
There seems to be a lot already and you just have to work at it to find them. Some quality issues but you can find stuff to do.
We use many Rochester Youth Programs, but I'd rather see them organized through the city rather than small groups of individuals. Lots of politics, very un-organized.
Swings for people in wheel chairs.
Better Advertising for Tai Chi
Didnt know parks and rec had water aerobics. Where and when

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Walking events that cost less than nothing to participate that use the trails all across the town. Tennis events that pull in many children and adults. Indoor and outdoor. Pickle Ball? I hear it is a rage. The parks are great in Rochester. They make the town special. One move away and you'll understand what you have here. The pools need to be fixed. It would be embarrassing if we did it have outdoor lap pools and fun facilities for kids. Who ever is suggesting that splash areas take the place of pools is asking for more accidental drownings. Add the splash pools too. And provide more learn to swim programs for all children and adults who want to learn too.

Affordable options to private businesses in town like dance, zumba, gymnastics.

Summer activities led by park staff at neighborhood parks. Especially in lower socioeconomic neighborhoods. For older elementary and middle school kids.

I would like to see a better way for individuals to join adult rec leagues like softball and volleyball, other than just posting as a "free agent". Maybe there could be open teams for adults to sign up to create additional teams. I would also like there to be a women's fastpitch league. I would also like to see an indoor roller (not ice) skating rink.

I'd like to see the fee at chester woods park eliminated I'd like to see more bicycling trails I'd like to see the old meadow lakes golf course incorporated into the parks plan

indoor and low cost activities and facilities for families with young children.

more accessible community gardens

Summer league basketball More affordable (free) camps and clinic for sports (Lacrosse, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Dance)

bike riding, roller-blading, or cross-country running

Boys volleyball

Boys volleyball

Boys volleyball

City swim team

Citywide leagues for each sport, and include other city/town leagues then have a se mn champion tournament I

Girls lacrosse

Higher level golf program

Hockey Leagues

indoor hockey league

Indoor tennis

lacrosse

LaCrosse

Lacrosse

Lacrosse

LAX

mixed soccer

More girls sports More basketball

More gymnastic options - days, times, and times of year More times of year or sessions during year of most programs

more lacrosse opportunities

More options for softball leagues-coed

More soccer. More swimming.

More year round program offerings- basketball, baseball etc.

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Offer more than one adult basketball season during the year eg winter & summer
Outdoor adult soccer leagues not held on Sundays, basketball year round.
Outdoor tennis lessons
Rochester could have an amazing soccer program if Rysa and Euro combined. Maybe then the best players would not go to the cities
Soccer
Soccer
soccer, tennis
Sports opportunities for older kids that don't make the high school team. Rec League basketball, baseball, softball, etc...
Swimming
Tennis leagues
track programs
USA diving
Yoga, Soccer, Tennis
More affordable softball programs, youth and adult.
More organized tennis and little cost to families Tennis camps here in Rochester, sponsored by the city, not private tennis businesses. More indoor tennis courts, that are affordable
we need to get back to offering more softball leagues for adults. the program has failed and most people have to go to surrounding small towns to play ball, due to the costs. RSA is not doing a good job and it needs to come back to park and rec and be fairly priced.
A more intensive youth soccer program.
Adult Hockey (Co-ed/Women's) **City League are ridiculously expensive/over priced for quality of league.
Adult Open Hockey Pick Up Game Leagues
baseball, not softball, for men who are fat and lazy but want to play real baseball, not beer or church league softball
City youth baseball, instead of the political mess that is RYBA.
flag football and kickball for grades 1-6
Golf programs for younger children 4-8 years old
Improved youth soccer program (s)
more youth golf programs
Park and rec RECREATIONAL hockey for kids
Swimming opportunities, more running organizations or community events, events for children
Tennis lessons to improve my skill level. Adult fitness for Boomers that are athletic and competitive (pushing seniors to find their maximums)
Youth flag football
Youth soccer
Hockey programs for youth - more affordable options that is.
Junior golf leagues and more trap shooting opportunities
soccer, basketball for children, ultimate frisbee
Winter rec soccer for middle and high school students, not just the academy. Youth curling.
A improved adult softball program. fields, umpire training, and LIGHTING FOR SAFETY. Double header games with an increased fee.
More lacrosse. Less soccer, screw soccer for taking over EVERY flat park in town.
more programs for tennis. we need more courts for sure with lights to be able play at night.

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

We participate in a lot of sports, but usually do so through other avenues -- the Y, RYBA, RYSA, etc. Some of it's due to convenience, the rest is due to facilities.

More basketball leagues, or winter sports

Active older adult indoor programs

adult fitness

adult gymnastics

Any sports that interest young kids. Kickball!

Cheer and football and other sports for little children such as pee wee football or soccer, kids 4+ need to have something to do as well my son was very bummed he was too young and he is \$5.

Cycling for preschoolers

I would like dedicated senior recreation activities, not mixed with younger people for strength, weight control, coordination. The exercises need to be slower and with limited weight training so there is less risk for bones breaking or dislocations.

More activities for kids less than kindergarten such as gardening, music, hikes, story time, games, puppet shows etc

more adult programs

More adult programs at Quarry Hill

More Art and Elderly travels

More athletic organized activities for adults

More entertainment options for little kids. They get lost in the shuffle of big kids.

more events for ages 50+

More indoor options for younger children

More outdoor activities for seniors.

More programs for neighborhood kids in the summer. More skate board/roller blade parks

More programs for tweens and teens or leadership in training programs for these kids to help with existing programs

More programs for young kids ages 12 months- 3 years old

More youth programs especially indoor activities that can be done year round without regard to weather

Senior programs, neighborhood rec, ball etc. Also... Love miracle fields thank you

Senior Rec Programs Indoor walking/running

Something for kids under age 10

Summer youth drop in camps/programs in local parks

There should be more for teens to do when they have free time.

Things/camps for kids that are 12-14 to do in the summer when school is out. Kids this age are too old for the current offerings, but too young to have a job. A nice water park, safer skate park, activities such as ropes courses, archery, and a fun water park would be great.

Young children's track and field, more for elementary age children. There is nothing. Indoor playground!!!!

More kids athletics

Adult Skate. Adult Swim. Better management of Adult Softball and more fields. Get rid of RSA's hold on the fields and all their special pricing & make it fair.

Events for kids during summer at larger neighborhood parks & provide shuttle buses to events. Provide shuttle & swimming passes for families that are struggling to make ends meet.

Recreational football for high school aged students...

children's programs, archery

We play soccer, how about softball for 2-3 graders? Maybe running club, horseback trails would be great.

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Adult Art programs (acrylic painting) drawing , more Focus on adult arts
Better support and coordination with various youth groups. better facilities at most sites would be appreciated
Playground equipment for children older than 5th grade, indoor\outdoor water park, more indoor playground options.
More programs for parents with children under the age of 3. Most programs offered are for preschool age and up. It would be great to have a baby gym of some sort so that parent's can bring their infants and young toddlers somewhere indoors for activities and social interaction with other babies.
More options for youth sports in the summer that are not during the daytime hours. It is almost impossible for working parents to have their kids participate in the community ed sporting camps/events in the summer time.
My family currently consists of a two year old and a baby on the way. It is very hard to foresee what my family will need as it grows in the next twenty years. I imagine we will be looking to the Rochester Park & Rec program to offer youth sports like tee-ball, soccer, swimming, etc. Kids should be able to play these sports at a young age without having to commit to the over-demanding schedules and expectations of traveling sports teams.
pickelball
Additional options for gymnastics
Adventure recreations specialty areas.
All other large cities have pickleball courts, examples are Owatonna, Faribault, Albert Lea, Mankato, Eau Claire, La Crosse. Lets get pickleball courts in Rochester!!
Archery
Archery
Bike racing Ski racing
BMX biking track.
Canoeing and Kayaking
Canoeing and kayaking
Cascade park would be a great spot for paddle sports
Cross country skiing
cross country skiing / mtn biking
Curling
curling
Curling
Curling!
Dance
Disc golf, rock climbing
Field hockey program for girls. Speed skating Larger rowing program
Floor hockey
Geocaching Events!!!!
Given the increased popularity and number of players for pickleball over tennis, the Rochester area should invest in converting the existing tennis courts at Cooke Park into pickleball courts and consider future expansion of pickleball at that site.
Group bike rides
Horseback riding, cross country skiing, bike club

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Hosting more rugby tournaments and making 1 or 2 permanent rugby fields in town for the existing men's and high school teams as well as future tournaments

I would like to see more options for either trap shooting or in particular sporting clays shotgunning options.

I would like to see some additional investment in non-traditional sports such as: skating, mountain biking, climbing, and frisbee golf. People are coming from all over and the traditional MN type sports are not enough anymore.

Indoor Racquetball

indoor roller skating (NOT ice skating)

Kayaking Stand up paddle board canoeing

Life long silent sports like - Nordic ski rentals and instruction, snowshoe rentals Mountain Bike rentals, instruction.

Maybe a rugby club getting started. The Rochester Rogues have a team and are looking for more people.

More adaptive rec programs

More gymnastics

More support for Pickleball

More winter swimming activities like Diving

Mountain biking

Outdoor Pickleball courts similar to St. Cloud

Pickle Ball

pickle ball hiking programs

pickle ball drumming

pickleball

pickleball

Pickleball

pickleball courts

Pickleball for children and adults

pickleball leagues

Pickleball play and Pickleball tournaments

Pickleball round robins by skill level

Pickleball tourneys and leagues

Pickleball, badminton, other water activities

Preplanned Hikes (Hiking Team), Running/jogging teams

Quality pickleball

rock climbing, geochaching through park rec program

Rock climbing; more evening offerings

Rowing on silver lake needs to be supported

tae chi

track & field disc golf footgolf

Trail running, mountain biking, and kayaking triathlon type adventure races.

Ultimate frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate frisbee.

Underwater hockey, youth and adult water polo leagues, dive in movies.

Youth and adult firearms training and indoor shooting opportunities.

Park staff programs free drop in activities to teach kids things to do besides team sports

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

We would love some more mountain bike trails, but I know it is hard here. We would love to see the Rochester Rowing Club grow. My son worked with adaptive recreation. We think this program should be supported and expanded. These families need the help of many. The kids do need a pool, etc, but often are hard to control and look after in an open, public pool environment. We would love to see facilities built specifically for those with special needs in mind.

Additional sports such as rugby, cricket, live outdoor community concerts, outdoor international food market, local bands playing, outdoor or indoor light shows and tournaments for skaters at our local skatepark.

Dodgeball Mountain Bike team/ competitions Bike races Adult swim lessons

more adult skating options and curling.

Mountain biking for youth

Pickleball and perhaps outdoor badminton....."senior sports".

Rochester Youth Cheerleading

trap shooting for kids in school would be fun. Many smaller schools all around Rochester are getting kids involved with shooting. I think this would be great for the non sporting kids. Not all of them are into golf or debate.

Youth cheerleading

Youth flag rugby

Youth touch Rugby.

A archery/shooting range or program held in conjunction with Game Haven's facilities. More free or very cheap intro classes, such as a three day intro to hockey, baseball, etc.

BMX biking, ordinances that ban deceptive financial practices at fitness centers and require fitness centers to accept cash for memberships Security doors installed in Government Center so the skyway can be open 24 hours (currently the government center doors don't open until 8 and close at five which means people can't easily walk to work in winter).

Dedicated Pickleball courts at Cooke Park

More and dedicated pickleball courts

Paddle tennis. The courts are smaller (4 courts in the space a little bigger than one tennis court) and the game is easier to pick up by beginners. Search Fox Hills park, Culver City, CA on Google maps to see paddle tennis courts next to regular tennis.

Pickleball courts complex, better outdoor water parks, finish the master plan at cascade lakes including pavilions, and other structures and paths.....do fireworks there as well

Pickle ball courts Mountain bike trails Soccer fields with goals

We need pickleball courts.

More facilities for Pickleball. We active Seniors need places to play our sports too.

More Pickle ball, more MTB and paved bike trails and nordic ski trails.

dance skating skiing archery

Racquetball facilities More winter activities / Snow tubing

Adult Learn-to-Ice-Skate programs--other ideas to keep office workers engaged in physical activities available throughout the City of Rochester

Bicycle classes, training

Community yoga ? More running groups?

Fitness classes

Fitness classes such as zumba/yoga

Gardening classes maybe .

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Improve swim lesson opportunities and pool option. Drowning is major cause of accidental death and elimination of pools would further diminish the potential to protect our children. Splash pads are not the same as pools.

Learn to swim and adult lap swimming

Lifting and body building programs

More "Nature" related activities and classes (Quarry Hill Nature Center is WONDERFUL !)

More frequent water aerobics classes, Increased availability of inside swimming, Better yoga offerings,

More group activities in the parks...like yoga, group exercises, group runners,etc

More level 6 swim classes

More lifeguarding classes

More opportunity for personal training (for a fee, of course)

more yoga classes; more classes offered outside. Keep parks cleaner.

outdoor group/family exercise classes (yoga in the park, or family aerobics, etc)

Outdoor swim lessons in the summer!

Tennis lessons

Tennis lessons

Tennis lessons or leagues

Things like the co-op is offering like food based programs. Also maybe basic electronics classes?

water aerobic classes @ Y very crowded making an active workout difficult

We offer plenty of sorts ... How about offering nature classes... Guided bird watching, nature appreciation,identifying trees and wild flowers, geocaching, etc

Tennis lessons that offered for a reasonable rate.

Adult fitness/yoga in the open air during good weather.

In summer, some youth sports. Tennis! We had great lessons in other communities that were not given by pros!

Make access to Adult Golf Lessons easier. It is very confusing how to get access to gold lessons currently. Courses need more extensive websites that highlight all the amenities and course maps.

Nature classes and hikes for young children (under 5)

Perhaps some type of self-defense classes for kids? Private ones are very expensive.

Programs for toddlers. Maps and Orienteering courses (like the symbols in the trees at quarry hill).

swimming lessons for children younger than 6 years old

Water arobics, adult golf lesson, volley ball for 55 or over

formalized pickleball instructions, lessons, courts.

Mountain bike lessons

Roller rink with classes please!

Water Polo, and more water classes

painting or ceramics

I have avoided many classes and pools that are over crowded. I think any ice rink or indoor aquatic should also include hot tubs for athletes to recover and heal.

Pools/water fun/swimming lessons.

Community health and wellness activities in the park. Organized pathway walks, organized free yoga in the park, etc. basic life long healthy living skills. Positive use of parks. Also I'd like to see alcohol banned in Kutzky Park unless you have a permit.

Curling instruction and leagues for youth and adults

Art/craft programming

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Concert in the park series for musicians and music lovers.
Increased nature educational programming.
increased opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of natural park areas. Educating both adults and children to appreciate Nature, like the Quarry Hill Nature Center programs.
It would be wonderful to partner with Civic Music for additional musical offerings in the parks. Small concerts, local musicians, etc.
More community celebration events/concerts/festivals
More events teaching children about nature and natural systems..maybe coordinate with Eagle Bluff in Llanesboro.. teaching camping skills.. overnights in natural areas..
MORE LEARNING CENTER SETTINGS LIKE QUARRY HILL NATURE CENTER
More nature programs
More nature programs and opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer in our park system.
more nature related classes at Quarry Hill Nature Center
More on bike education and bike rides for recreation or transportation. More programming in general on how to use existing space like how to ice skate at outdoor places or how to snowshoe, etc
More or changing exhibits at Quarry Hill
more outdoor naturalist programs for kids, like ones currently being offered at Kutzky park
more quarry hill like stuff in other natural park areas
Nature play programming. We love Quarry Hill's science education, and would like to see more support for unstructured play in nature in many locations around town.
Nature programs and gardening programs expanded at Quarry Hill and elsewhere
Park and Rec-related art programs for kids, possibly partnered with natural science.
Park Events: ie naturalist, kid activities, one day programs.
support neighborhoods in putting on music & movie venues like what Slatterly Park does on their own.
Youth education on social media and proper online computer usage
More Community events. Skate Park and disc golf improvements
We love quarry hill nature center and would love to see an expansion or possibly another center with trails similar in a different area of town.
A dream would be to see a quality gymnastics facility developed in Rochester.
A sports complex by the college on hwy 14E that includes 4 indoor ice rinks and gets rid of rink at the Rec Center--NO PARKING THERE!!! Also, add soccer fields to replace the ones at the Heintz Center and include parking. Stay away from the Civic Center and any place downtown.
Add venues that will bring visitors to Rochester on the weekends, year around. They are worth the investment!
additional groomed trails for cross country skiing
An aquatic center
Better more systemic arena or area for youth sports outdoor and indoor with swimming. And it all combined to food and parking. Think outside the box and remember our weather season.
Better outdoor pool/aquatic facilities
Better outdoor waterparks with bigger pools
Better swimming facilities year round
Big community sports complex like in the Twin Cities?
Clean up the area by Mayo Field.

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Community exercise areas/fitness parks and coordinator to help run activities at those areas would be a great way to get adults out and playing with their kids.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/12/08/fitness-parks-cities/1755249/>

Expand and clean up hockey rinks, baseball and softball fields so Rochester can host National tournaments. Instead of satellites, have real buildings with toilet facilities. Better garbage disposal

High quality publicly accessible year round batting cages and athletic training facilities - a place to do skills training, weight training, performance training, etc.

Hiking Trails/Backpacking Trails

Horseshoe courts & League type play not longer than 4 weeks. Bad-mitten courts with checking equipment out from concession stands with a returnable deposit.

I don't have an informed opinion on this, since I don't know what other communities provide. However, I know there is more demand for outdoor basketball courts. Lots of Rochester citizens play on the school district playgrounds, and there need to be more places for pick up basketball games.

I have seen outdoor adult fitness equipment in other cities, these would be great to have on Rochester trails.

I would like an indoor recreation facility that allows for open ended playing, not just basketball, hockey & volleyball.

I would like to have more indoor options during the cold months of the year.

I would like to see a better pool facility for the summer. We often would go to neighboring cities to use their pools during the summer when the kids wanted more than "just swimming".

I would like to see more off-leash dog spaces, especially on trails. This need is not met especially in county parks.

I'd like to see Cascade Lake finished (making it as large as possible) and activities related to that.

Improved swimming facility(ies)

Indoor complex for baseball/softball. RCTC dome is very expensive to rent.

Indoor exercise facility

Indoor recreational facilities for people who do not belong to the DAN or the RAC.

Indoor skating rink

Indoor, all season, facilities that offer a wide variety of physical activities would be nice.

intergrating workouts with trail system

It would be great to have a larger waterpark.

Large Water Park for kids and teens. Reasonably priced to get in.

Mayo field not only for the Rochester Honkers but also for the high school teams that could use the field and also the independent leagues that use the field

more campsites, mini golf

more cleared trails in the winter for walking

more indoor activities; indoor trampoline?

More indoor tennis options besides just the RAC and RCTC. Also, I think the city should sponsor RAC-type facilities. We need more open spaces/parks.

more lap swimming opportunities, fitness equipment at the rec center that could be used

more open space/trails and/or access all seasons at Soldier's Field-moving forward to decrease the amount of space that golf / golf course takes up for this prime city park.

More pools

More public basketball courts

more trails

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

More trash cans for some park that don't have any or enough there.
Mountain bike trails and grooming for fat bikes in winter
Need high school indoor swim space for century high school
Need rollerskating rink somewhere!
Need to more places for water activiies
Nice track facility outside, integrated fitness amenities
Not nearly enough indoor pool space for High School teams, let alone club teams and community education. A good share of the existing pools are in disrepair and/or are not suitable for competition. A new swim facility is desperately needed at Century High School
Not necessarily other programs, but something needs to be done about the grass space for soccer. RYSA cannot continue to occupy all space for soccer fields.
Off season training facility for sports teams in Rochester to be able to better compete with teams out of the cities.
Open gym availability for basketball programs for those enrolled in that activity.
Outdoor workout equipment in parks. Splash pad in soldiers field area
Outside community recreation. Pools for swimming in summer months. The RAC is the only decent pool in town it is packed!
Physical fitness stations at various points on an outdoor walking path and an indoor place with workout center and smooth, even walking path, and a balance challenging walking path, as well as an indoor pool for adults.
Real nice field some where new for rugby please. Thank you
Soccer Fields
Splash pads for kids.
The mini park by Meadow park apts. is well used and seems to cause no problems. It needs expansion.
The outdoor running track as soldiers field could be improved to a rubber running surface.
The tennis courts at Kutzky park need to be re-done to provide an updated, state of the Art facility for hosting Girls and Boys tennis tournaments as well as a possible State or Regional tournament for USTA. The courts need to be re-done, and better spectator areas need to be constructed.
The two soccer programs require adequate indoor fields for the winter.
There is a huge lack of swimming facilities in Rochester. Even with the Rec Center back on line, this does not meet the needs of the community.
Very disappointed to see Soccer fields lost to RCTC parking lot expansion. I would like to see field turf options and lighted fields
Water facilities in the NE part of town besides the Rec Center.
Water park
Water park
water park is high on list
We don't utilize the Park & Recs programs, but do use the facilities. I would prefer the city spend more money keeping the facilities in good shape, and then allow other groups to offer the programming in that space through rentals or agreements.
We need modernize the community pools in this city. Children must learn how to swim and not enough is done in the public schools. I have lived in other states that have beautiful indoor water parks that are a great resource for parents with children.
We still need a park in our neighborhood!! Forest Knoll...the ball has been dropped somewhere on this....

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

We would really like to see splash pads through out the city. Also Our neighborhood park is terrible for the size of our neighborhood. You can barely have 5 families there. Very very small !!! Fox trails neighborhood.

Wintersport park

work out facility

Would be nice to have more RAC Neighborhood type facilities that can be used by families during winter months or rainy days.

would like to see a zipline course, mini golf course (quality), climbing wall/facility

Would like warming house at the dog park(s) for the really bitter months

My biggest concern is the swimming-pool situation. I am happy a new lake is opening up but I am very dissatisfied with the current hours of operation with the two city pools.

More trails both in city to get around and out in the country

Programs for students in middle school, splash pads

Public indoor availability of courts and workout areas during the winter months. They need to be clearly publicized and made available to understand.

Women's waterpolo and a pool for Century High School to use

A track and field club for youth.

I would like to see an indoor sports facility for off season training for youth

There is so much research connecting active kids who have sustained exercise and heart rates to have multiple benefits in health, academics, self esteem among other things; yet where can a 9 year old be active through the colder season when the great outdoors aren't appealing? We have a top notch medical facility, yet our community is not supporting healthy lifestyles for our children! Please consider an aquatic center, with part indoors for year round use; an exercise center where children are welcome to participate; parks that engage older children to be active; or any other programs that would promote kids being active. Girls on the run would be a great program for Rochester to participate in.

Youth track

adaptive ice skating, additional adaptive rec opps for children, more family restrooms that are better maintained

better indoor and outdoor facilities for pickleball

Climbing center

indoor pickleball courts

Indoor soccer/futsal programming and facilities. The two existing options - the dome and Soccer World - are booked and do not provide enough space for indoor soccer practice through the winter months.

More indoor and outdoor pickleball

Need Pickleball courts in Rochester. It is a fast growing sport and needs to be recognized and responded to in Rochester.

Pickle all courts need improvement

Pickleball courts

pickleball facilities,leagues

We'd like to see more pickleball courts--outdoors and inside.

More bike trails. More dance parties! :)

More hours of lap swim available. More outdoor tennis courts with lighting available (willing to pay a meter) Neighborhood court available in NW northwest of Allendale. That section of town is has no courts.

indoor courts / out door ice skating

More indoor activities during winter months for children. Also the outdoor pools need major renovation to meet family needs. They are poor in quality from age and not hygenic

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided
More mountain bike and a winter ski area cross country with snow making
Outdoor skate trail that converts to a roller blade trail.
Water park, more winter activities
do you have family swim lessons?
Family activities
Family exercise programs similar to what Dr. Joyner and his family did with the Rochester PE program.
family service opportunities
Indoor parent/child physical activities...chance for families to spend time together in an active manner (not parking kids in day care while adults are active and then having parent sit and watch kid).
indoor playground/picnic area for families. Not just for babies and preschoolers, like Edina
More family rec activity offers. Examples: Family kickball league for older kids (10+) Family golf lessons Things a family can do together than just adults or just kids.
Supervised summer playground activities - free drop by at local elementary schoolyards or neighborhood parks. My family is grown but it is important to support young families in my neighborhood.
Family fitness for 9-11 age group
More recreational activities for children & families.
Loosely structured family sports/play, neighborhood kickball, kite flying in green space areas, parkour and free running, fishing ponds
More adult and family nature adventure programs
Discovering nature around us
I think just more natural, green spaces.
I would like to see more boulevard trees on the SW on the neighborhoods adjunct to Memorial Parkway, the gateway to Soldier's Field, Plummer House and, for many people, Mayo. These neighborhoods are cute and we ought to keep them beautiful. In addition, the historic SW could benefit from an evergreen forest on the open areas across 12th from the Apache Mall and the retail businesses.
More green space, such as hillsides that are otherwise being developed, to preserve Rochester's charm. More bike paths that connect (those lanes are death traps!)
More interesting natural settings and trails
More nature/outdoor related programs
natural play parks
Not recreation programs but improved landscaping and facilities
Please dredge Silver Lake
Stop spraying herbicides.
More natural setting for older adults to enjoy the outdoors that is well lit.
Accessible birdwatching leaders, flora and fauna guided walks with benches to rest at and paved trails for some.
Spring flower guided walks Tree ID sessions
Orienteering, partner with the cub scouts. Make the existing park awesome. Families stick in Rochester but I am so unimpressed with the quality of most parks. I am so invested and willing help make these facilities a better and stronger feature of the community.
Scavenger hunts
Adopt a Park
Bicycle drop off/pickup stations.
Bicycle touring of Rochester
Dog related programs

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Drone/quad copter fields

Field day events for kids. one time programs instead of whole season sports programs. Nature day programs in community parks. Any programs in neighborhood parks. Outdoor movies and other events.

Fishing ponds. Other popular angling sites are crowded

I haven't given this total thought but I would just challenge Park & Rec to constantly reviw what other community's, similiar to our size, are doing and explore that. Overall, our family is involved in school events so we don't have the time to utilize all the Park & Rec programs. Not saying anything bad, just can't fairly comment on them. I trust that Park & Rec is constantly looking to see how they can improve existing programs and what new ones should be tried.

I love the programming at quarry hill. I'd love to see more of that spread throughout the city.

Kindergarten activities

More help to the youth athletic associations

My children are grown, but I would love for the children in the city of Rochester to have the opportunity to participate in Park and Rec summer programs. Growing up in Meadow Park, my siblings and I would go to Ben Franklin just about every day where high school students brought out board games, crafts and large motor activities for neighborhood children to play.

My family uses private facilities that are not offered by the city.

nothing should be added that is currently provided by the ymca

Outdoor activities

Petting zoo or deer park, star gazing availability on clear nights (telescopes and guide), more interesting hiking trails.

Slide the city, sky zone trampoline park

The kids play sports through RYSA and RCYBA.

Veterans Museum

We use Mayo's DAHLC to complement

We use xcounrty ski trails, in/out tennis, in/out basketball, golf, in/out swim, water aerobics, in/out skating.

We're not residents of Rochester. We live in st. Charles. We would like to see park and rec soccer better developed in our community without having to travel all the way to Rochester for practices

tennis, canoeing, archery, track, more sports small courses for the summer and more one day events like punt pass contest, easter egg hunt, etc

More fishing, hiking and hunting opportunities.,

lap swim hours soldiers field pool

Kids swimming lessons in the summer during non-working hours. 9-330 is impossible for working parents.

more adult lap swimming at Rec Center after work

More availability for swimming, especially year round!

More flexibility in swim lessons for youth

More opportunities for adult lap swimming!

more swim time, less hockey

Recreational sports that do not require such a big time commitment. We wanted a summer little league that just met once a week for a short practice and then a game. We also wanted less time commitment for recreational soccer. It would be nice to have practice for 2 hours once a week and then a game rather than two nights of practice at one hour a night. I think this might help recruit volunteer coaches as well. It's hard to give up three days of your week for something.

The programs are mostly scheduled assuming one parent is home with the kids during the day. I would love to be able to do the programs at times that are after work for me and my husband

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

I would love to see more low income kids playing Rochester youth sports. Not only for kids who qualify for free/reduced lunch, but the single income families who are excluded from Rochester youth sports because they simply cannot afford it! I'm a single parent, and can barely afford hockey! My kid can't tryout for a higher league because there are more costs involved, ie: travel, taking time off work to get to another town! Smaller siblings being dragged to different cities, loss of sleep, loss of homework hours! Equipment is so expensive. Let's focus on getting the kids off the streets and onto the playing fields. Some of the poorest kids, and the kids coming from broken families have the strongest drive. Just because you can waive sign up costs, doesn't mean they will be able to play, it helps, but it is still not affordable. Sometimes equipment is one persons whole paycheck. As Rochester's getting bigger and bigger it seems to me something is missing....kids playing sports! RYHA, RYFA, RYBA etc...let all the Rochester youth play, not just the privileged. Rochester has so much potential, let's find a way to do this.

Summer outdoor basketball leagues!

day camps for kids during the summer

Not all senior programming occurring during the day time hours - some evening courses available, such as water aerobics.

Summer camps. Day camp type where you do activities, crafts, etc.

It would be nice to have an option for open hockey on weeknights. It's good that there's one at 11:30 AM at the rec center, but I think an evening one would be more accessible by more people maybe. I think ice curling would also be a nice program addition.

An indoor Broomball League would be nice

As mentioned before, developing better winter outdoor options

Cross country ski options like Hyland Park.

cross country ski programs/events

curling

Curling

Curling

Curling Club

Curling. Austin and Owatonna both have facilities, why not Rochester.

Development of Gamehaven park as a winter sports center

Downhill Ski and Cross Country Skiing

Downhill Skiing

It would be nice to have more options for activities during the winter months

more support for winter sports, I support the gamhaven plans proposed by RASC

more winter activites

more winter outdoor activities: snowshoeing, nordic skiing

Nordic skiing

Offer Nordic Skiing or other outdoor winter activities.

Would like see more opportunities for ice skating for kids. We use the Rochester Athletic Club for most lessons and court times.

More outdoor winter activities in our parks and golf courses (like snow shoeing, skiing, etc). Outdoor youth tennis during the summer, this can be a great way to engage minority youth too. More active opportunities for middle and high school students during out off school times like after school and during the summer during the day.

Cross country skiing Running Bike racing and riding Mountain biking Kayaking Canoeing

Other Programs/Events Suggest Be Provided

Curling, Speed skating, Lawn Bowling, Street Hockey or Inline Hockey(Leave rinks boards up somewhere, like on an unused Tennis court. Is it me or is Watson Soccer Complex not used as much as it used to.
Sledding hills, heated outdoor pools, warm water pool for aerobics
Cross country ski trails Introduction to golf for adult beginners
I would like to see Nordic ski Lessons at a complex like Highland Park Bloomington.
Cross country ski trail with snowmaking
Cross country ski trails
Learn to ice skate. Better outdoor facilities
more of outdoor skating and skiing area for beginners.
More snow show space, weekend golf rangers to speed play and promote good golf cart use, well maintained bike trails - some trails are randomly closed and no alternative route provided
More winter sports another dome. Way too crowded No more hockey arenas.
skating ring
Snow making capabilities for nordic skiing
Snowboard terrain park
better use of space by bike trails for teens to enjoy safely. pleasure ice skating trail downtown. if Chicago can do it so can we. no place to launch tubes or kayak on river by mayo woods. safe fun free alternative. Support and really move forward with Gamehaven Park tubing biking, skiing, etc
More swimming lessons in the winter and other winter activities such as cross country ski trails, snowshoe trails etc.
I don't know what they would be though.
not sure

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Events Attended
All swim meets at the rec center- like the 500 other swimmers in some meets
Competitive swimming and diving
Go to a half dozen Honker's games per year and Ice Hawks
Go to many high school games at Mayo Field, which as stated before, you should be ashamed. I won't use the women's bathrooms ever, and my husband complains about the mens..and he's a guy and they can go anywhere
Golf and fast pitch softball
High school sports
Honker baseball games
Honkers
Honkers
Honkers Baseball
Honkers Baseball
Honkers Baseball and Ice Hawks Hockey
Honkers games
Honker's Games
Honkers, Icehawks, high school events and so on
Masters swimming
My kids were active in MYSA soccer, but are grown up.
Orcas at soldiers field swim practice, triton at soldiers field pool
Rochester honker games
Rochester Honker baseball games
Rochester Honkers and Rochester IceHawks
Rochester Honkers baseball
Rochester Honkers games
Rochester Ice Hawks and adult hockey
Rochester Rogues men's Rugby and Century high school's boys and the new this years girl rugby teams
Rochester Rowing Club
Rochester Swim Club Orcas (Swimming takes place at both the REC Center and Soldier's Field
RYBA
RYBA baseball tournaments
RYBA,RYFA,RYHA, school league basketball
RYSA
RYSA
RYSA soccer games, Farmer's Market
Special Olympics
swim meets
Swim meets
swim meets
Swim meets at Recreation Center
Swim meets??
Swimming competitions
swimming meets
Triton, orcas
Youth sports (league, travel, High school)

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Events Attended
Please dredge Silver Lake
quarry hill owl banding, other birding programs
Volunteer days in parks
walking the wonderful, lovely Silver Lake trail
Adaptive sports
Adult soccer
Audubon sponsored activities, quarry hill classes
Baseball
Basketball tournament
Bike riding
Biking
Broomball tournaments
Charity sport tournaments
City league volleyball
cycling, cross country skiing
Disc golf tournaments
First Tee
fun 5ks
Go for the Gold 5k
Golf
golf at all public courses
golf related
Golf tournaments
Golf, Softball, Bowling
Grandkids soccer, baseball & football games
Gravel road and mountain bike events
group bike rides
Hockey
HS MTB race at Gamehaven
I Do NOT Want to have the Mayo Civic Center renovated for Hockey!!!!!!
I used to run marathons. Continue to play tennis, racquetball and bike.
Jr. hockey
Med City mafia
More golf events
Mountain bike races
Mountain bike races
Mountain Biking and skiing events
Pickleball
Pickleball
pickllball awareness for kids this past summer
Pool tournaments
Quarry hill programs
Red ball
Rochester All City Golf Championship
Rochester all city golf turniment

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Events Attended
rochester tennis league
Rochester Youth Sports
Rowing
senior golf
skiing
Soccer
Summer baseball
Swim meets
Swim meets, cross country, track
Swimming
Swimming
swimming competitions/meets
Swimmingh events
Take the grand kids to play
Tennis
Tennis
Triathlon
Triathlon. Swim meets
triathlon
Triathlon club events
Triathlons
USTA tennis events
Walking, bicycling, birdwatching
youth rec soccer
Youth soccer
Youth sports and high school music and sports events
Youth sports, Track Meets, Star of the North Games
add facilities so that Silver Lake can be a second venue for community events like Rochesterfest
anything at the peace plaza
Block parties, Litter-Bit-Better, holiday events like Halloween, Christmas, etc, Arbor Day, etc.
county fair
county fair, events at QHNC, Oxbow, etc
Cultural events at IHP
cultural events; Thursdays on First
Fall Festival & Creatures of the Night
Family activities
Farmers Market
farmers market
Farmers market (outdoor)
Farmer's Market; Thursdays on First
Gold rush
I attend some school sponsored events--arbor day, field trips to Quarry Hill
Kids specific events
Memorial activities military and law enforcement
Olmstead County Fair

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Events Attended
outdoor movies, neighborhood get-togethers
Parades to hear the high school bands play
Play dates at parks, outdoor events
PrideFest
Pridefest
programs at Veterans Memorial
RNeighborhood
Seasonal celebrations
Thurs on 1st, co. Fair
Thursday on 1st.
Thursday's downtown and Pickleball
Thursdays on 1st
Thursday's on 1st
Thursdays on 1st and 3rd,
Thursdays on First
Thursdays On First
Thursdays on first
Thursdays on First
Thursdays on First
Thursdays on First
Thursdays on First
Thursday's on First
Thursday's on First
Thursdays on First
Thursday's on First is really nice.
Thursdays on First, Cinco de Mayo, and Irish Fest
Thursday's, farmers market
Triton and Terra Locco sponsored events.
Volleyball, Rochesterfest
Winter Festival
Winterfest
Greek Fest, Swim Meets, Adult Hockey Tournaments,
County Fair, Night out, Musical event like orchestra and symphony
Art Blitz
Arts events, theater
Concerts
Country Jam event at the fairgrounds
History tours
I would like to attend the down by the riverside music, but Sunday evenings are not good. I do attend Thursdays
Music and Movie in Slatterly Park, Cultural events
Recovery is Happening, music events, and the Creative Salon
small music venues--riverside too crowded
Thursdays, Art or fundraising types of events
use to love movies on the barn by historical society
Anything pet-friendly

Events Attended

community education

Dog actives

EAGLES CANCER TELETHON, DRUG ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Fundraising for Paws and Claws

None of these I have 3 kids under 13

None, because I don't know what is going on....

RNeighbors volunteer events

Volunteering for youth events

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

a better level of minor league hockey
A National Rugby tournament! Des Moines Iowa hosted USA national rugby club 7's championships last year! Rochester is hosting the Minnesota small school and D2 collegiate playoffs first round this year witch is great, it is the fastest growing team sport in the US and a new Olympic sport.
Additional national sports tournaments to bring additional revenue to the city
Baseball tournaments
big completion swim meets
big tennis tournament
Bring in a minor league baseball team
CC ski races. Our nordic kids team is growing. This gives them something to aspire to.
Championship level college swimming and diving meets
Complex like Schwanns in Blaine , MN
Coummunity sponsored archery tournaments
drag racing
golf
Golf tournaments
Hosting larger either regionally or nationally sport tournaments
Hosting more youth tournaments, rock climbing championships, pro-hockey games, fireworks from Assisi Heights
If we had better and more soccer fields we could draw other soccer tournaments
Improving Mayo Field for the Rochester Honkers - the facility is old and falling apart
Indoor pool for century high school
Larger National caliber competitions
Lower Level Pro Sports (Arena FB; AHL Hockey,
Minor League Baseball
More basball related funding and tournaments.
More gymnastics events
more skateboarding & Parkour based events
more youth state tournaments
National tournaments in hockey, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, softball, basketball.
New baseball facility for Rochester honkers
New baseball stadium
Olympic training and pre-Olympic competition events.
Out door speed ice saking
outdoor swim meets
robotics competitions
Semi pro golf tournament
Shooting clay or target competition
Swim Meets
Tennis tournament
The events that arise out of having a Professional Sports Teams and a Residential Four year college or university with Division 1 athletics
Track club, more than just the all comers track meet that the RTC puts on.
Ushl team and updated arena. Will bring in many great attractions. Waterpark
USMS Open Water Mile, Nationals
Winter snow sports events

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

With enhanced aquatic facilities, the City could avail of regional and national competitions that the Rec Center cannot handle due to facilities (which are being updated, not expanded) and space. Much like the National Volleyball Center model, a pool facility shared by the high schools and the Y could be revenue off-setter and a Rochester marketing gold star to bring major competitions to Rochester and away from the University of

xc ski competitions, X-games

youth sport tournaments

a city with the nickname "med city" should be a leader in green living. stop spraying nasty stuff on kids parks.

environmental education incorporated into park events

expand tree planting, organic foods and gardening

Explain how Climate change is effecting our local ecosystem,.. also the need for nontoxic lawn and garden care.. how we preserve the bees.. care

extensive clean up of silver lake park areas

family service opportunities

Geocaching Events!!!! It can provide economic benefit through tourism!

More educational equipment at parks for kids

More green space and saving park space for downtown as well as suburban areas

More natural spaces throughout the city. Even an empty lot can become a beautiful natural area.

More organized volunteer events in each park. Rotate where the event is held, so public can visit and learn about each unique park and how to help Nature in their own yards and public land. Tie in with clean air, clean water,

More volunteer events like Litter-Bit-Better, invasive species removal activities, edible foods harvest events (and cooking/eating opportunities), community reading (like community level book clubs) connecting the RP Library, the Little Libraries and playgrounds, etc. Connect school walking routes to bike trails and local parks, etc. Engaging neighborhood when developing new facilities (like the wooden playground at Soilders Field) and then using local materials to develop them connecting with local artists and craftsman.

naturalist programs, kid day programs, field day events

Please dredge Silver Lake

Why not use community offender/jail service hours to maintain the parks and trails? Ask Chester Woods how they do it. Develop a "Friends of the Park" program for volunteers.

year round diving

A good triathlon. Rochesterfest triathlon has faded from being a good event to being mediocre. Don't use Final Stretch to organize it. They don't do a good job at any race.

Additional road races (running)

Adult Hockey Tournaments

Better Pickleball Courts

Better support for existing events--Med-City marathon and races like it would be more popular if runners weren't jammed onto bike paths instead of closing roads.

Better use of the Civic Center. It has been a joke for many years. I think you need a new way of thinking. The existing Civic Center is NOT the problem. A new HOCKEY arena for 30 dates a year is ridiculous unless you utilized this building for dates and events like the Excel Center. Expect the Excel Center is only 60 minutes away and holds 20,000 people. So let's forget the silly idea and improve what we have now and get people that can

Bicycle events

Bicycle races and tours.

Bicycle races, ski races

Bike Event

Bike event like Mankato River Ramble

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

Bike events
Bike races
Bike racing events held in the city
bike rentals
Bike riding events. Bike rides. Bike races, 30,60 and 100 miles. Road and off road races
Bring in MGPA for once a while improve the golf courses.
Broomball tournaments
Century Bicycle Ride or Gravel Cycling
Color run, mud run
Courts for pickleball only
Cross Country skiing
Cycling races (criteriums, road races)
disc golf
Dodgeball
Drag Racing at the Airport
Equestrian park
Family days where kids can try a variety of sports
Family friendly community bike rides
family/group bike rides
Hiking events
Host Mudderella!
I like the group zumba lessons downtown!
indoor facility for swimming and for both easy and challenging bumper car roads. Coordinate transportation between common sites.
Inflatable races in water
kids "intermurals" free/fun
Kids roller derby
Large bike rides
Large indoor recreation facility that has a number of physical activities like Shenanigans in LaCrosse or Grand more 5 k
More adult hockey's do more lacrosse, less soccer.
More biking events
More marathons and triathlons
more organized running/biking events that will bring people to Rochester (regional or national races)
More running events for kids
More running/fitness centered activities
more swimming, lighted cross country ski trails, all city track soldiers field
Mountain bike races
Mountain Biking and skiing events
Mud Run
Organized cycling events
Outdoor trails and mountain biking
Pickle ball tournaments
Pickleball
Pickleball

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

Pickleball events
Pickleball tournaments
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Pickleball tournaments
Regatta Events - please ask the rowing club about this possibility. It would be a great addition to our community.
Regattas. Brings in much outside traffic and money for the city
road bike racing
Rowing regatta and high school mountain bike races
Slide the city- it's a race
Spokane WA has this awesome basketball community tourney once a year that many many folks participate in. You might check it out. Also love that there is outside exercise classes. That would be cool if bigger too.
Sports for high-school age (for those that don't make school teams)
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer walk
Susan Koman three day Walk for the Cure
trail running events
Warrior dash
weekend bicycle tours/rides around city/county
Wife Carry race in conjunction with a non-profit to raise money - add as part of Rochesterfest.
Winter ski races like the Birkie
Zombie Walk, Support community events like United Way, Dog festival, We are on the right track but we need to improve th vestivals we have. Better dedicated farmers market.
PARKS, PAVERS, BENCHES, TREES THAT COULD BE BOUGHT IN REMEMBRANCE OF A LOVED ONE
All kinds of clean fun for all ages--e.g. Red ball
always looking for childrens/youth activities free or reasonable cost
An art festival would be nice.
An outdoor all day or weekend music festival
Any events that bring people to Rochester on the weekends and during the week. Well worth the investment
Better festivals
Better publicity of current events.
Brewery tasting
Bring Taste of Rochester back to Soldier's Field
Change the format of Rochester fast to be more like Sturgis Falls days found in Cedarfalls Iowa
Children's events.
Childrens festivals.
Christmas parade! Miss these from Appleton, WI. Movie night at the pool.
City Wide Car Show
Cultural Events that showcase diversity
Downtown Farmer's market, food truck festival, concerts
Events on Lake Cascade (when finished)
Expand Thursdays on First More food carts at the Peace Plaza
Fall Festival during MEA week. It would give folks a reason to stay and out of towners a reason to come to
Family friendly
Family Friendly events
Family fun
Food festivals

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

food festivals
Food fests like in Honolulu
Food tasting
giant on street water slide on one of the days of rochesterfest
Health Expo
holiday events and more than one parade!
holiday festivities
International Fair celebrating Rochester's diverse heritage
kidfest, artfest, foodfest
Larger farmers market, large annual craft show in the park
LGBTQ Pride, More summer events
like to see more and better events with rochester fest
Mini festivals in neighborhood parks
More activities and fundraisers for families
More children based festivals
more cultural events
More ethnic food events, Senior/child paired events
More Farmer's Markets throughout the city in addition to the downtown market.
More indoor winter activities
More kid events
More music festivals, keeping cost in mind, or offering a variety of music festivals at varying costs. Also, outdoor pursuits, expanding Quarry Hill, having more natural outdoor places for exploration, learning, or relaxing
More outdoor events in general. More catering to and respect for dog owners and dogs. Would like to see poop bag dispensers in more parks.
More small events like "Down by Riverside" during the week
More theme based events at Civic Center
more uniting activities.
more winter/cold weather activities
Multi-cultural festival
Music festival. Food truck festival
Neighborhood park based ice cream socials, corn on the cob and watermelon fests
new arena at MCC
nothing specific, Maybe more on Cinco de Mayo and just keep the downtown hopping like THursdays
Oktoberfest
Open Streets, like they have in Minneapolis
outdoor winter activities
Outdoor winter barbecue contest !
Parks and Rec could sponsor ethnic outdoor events simultaneously to the ethnic festival, such as Greek fest, etc.
renaissance fair here rather than the city and permanent outdoor food vendor trucks and indoor international food market bigger than city provided structure.
Rendezvous at one of city parks
Ribfest,
Slide the City
Taste of Rochester?
Taste of Rochestet with music and American ethnic

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

try Christmas market again
Winter time festival
Would LOVE to see Thursdays on 1st & 3rd go longer or have similar events into the early fall
Yes! Decorate Silver Lake Park for the Holidays and have a drive or walk thru in the month of December as they do in La Crosse at Riverside Park and at Phalen Park in the Twin Cities.
youth pride events
3-4 Talent contests with the last event by the best from the first 3.
An outside concert arena/amphitheater to be made, the city can present big concerts.
Anything for entertainment!
art based events
Art events
art festival
Art in the Park
Art in the street
Art parade
Art/ trade sales
art/craft fairs with many vendors.
Arts and Crafts Fair, such as Fargo, ND
Better (and more) concerts
Better concerts
Better concerts. More outdoor music.
Big music fest
bigger concerts of ALL types not just Christmas and Country music. Don't be afraid of youth people music (rock).
Bigger National musical talent at the Civic Center that will draw larger crowds than the Statler Brothers.
Blues Festival
Bring Christian artists to Down by the Riverside.
Bring more GOOD bands into the Mayo Civic Arena.
Bringing people like the gaither vacal band here. Or one's like Shania Twain or even Joey And Rory.
Campfires with songs and skits for families to attend.
Center for the Performing Arts
Christian Music Festival (like Sonshine, Joyful Noise)
Concerts in neighborhood parks by local groups and schools.
expand down by the Riverside to run more weeks during summer
fun kids activities, some music is not for the kids
Having more rock concerts and gun shows
Higher end art/craft fairs
higher level concerts and plays
Large music festivals
Larger concerts and sporting events
More art and flea market type events closer to downtown
More art festivals
More art festivals (do we have any?) More music, theater, etc.
More community music and dance
more concerts
More concerts

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

More concerts (jazz, blues, alternative)
more concerts with easier parking
More coop with Civic Music and other local performing groups
More entertainment every weekend
More free or affordable performing arts. More opportunities for local artists to showcase.
More live music would be nice.
More outdoor art exhibits and or installations
More theater/arts and music.
music (bands) festivals at Quarry Hill
Music concerts and fests
Music, art, wellness activities - family friendly
Musical festivals and art festivals in the parks
Outdoor art festivals with vendors like Thursdays on First but on the weekend. Maybe twice a year.
Outdoor concerts
outdoor concert's by bigger act's..
Outdoor local arts events. We love all of the music being presented, but we can utilize local theatre and artists
Outdoor movies, more music (maybe local groups in local parks)
Outdoor movies. More at the history center.
outdoor theater
Photography club. Recreation isn't only about sports.
Regional draw music festival
Small concerts with Twin Cities bands, and a replacement event for the previous St. John's block party
Summer bandshell concerts (NOT downtown!), maybe use Civic Music?
Weekend music festival in grassy area
More music fests and unpaved trail races and events
Music festivals, More volleyball tournaments
Large attractions that occur at the Target Center or Fargo Dome
More outdoor arts or theatre events, family friendly events, community and park workouts for all,
seasonal festivals, art festivals
Ann off-road reaction park for motorcycles, ATVs and side by sides
Any community building events -- and a parternship with the schools. We also need more indoor activities in the
Anything dog related!!!!
Assisting small businesses that want to provide recreational activities for citizens by removing barriers, financial assistance and special financing. Ease up on all the restrictive building codes so more recreational/entertainment venues would come to the city!!!!
be open to partnerships
Definitely splash pads through out the city
Dog contests
Dog friendly events
Get rid of Thursday's on First...stop trying to bring people downtown during the work week. Draw people in on the weekends instead with Saturday and Sunday on First...make it worth people's time to come in from Winona...emulate Madison, WI farmersmarket!
Hire Townsquare Media to run your events
hot air balloon races
I'd like to see more private business activity based on demand than a city program

Are there other events you would like to see the City explore?

Just keep exploring - Be open to anything
Law enforcement memorial park. There needs to be a place to remember
more September things to do
More things where dogs are welcome
Neighborhood park programs, instead of city wide. Maybe partner with and encourage the existing
Only if they do not cost the city anything to put on.
stopped attending Down by the Riverside because people are allowed to stand in front of stage and block
The Rochester Parks are very nice! Thank you!
Unsure without more time to consider
yes, look at the surrounding communities for ideas, if they can afford it Rochester should be able to
Yes, please improve your facilities and stop spending so much money on golf.
Can't think of any right now
http://xperienceadventures.com/
More than I could list
No, P&R should support groups - not lead them
Sufficient events. Would like to see fairgrounds or other grounds redeveloped to handle larger events that wear down existing community/neighborhood parks rather than leaning heavily on Soldiers Field & Silver Lake. These parks serve roles for their neighborhoods as well as a larger community draw.

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Central location/website for walking, running, different sports clubs looking open for people to join
cultural appropriateness for the diverse populations in Rochester, what would get more people out using the parks, kids in open spaces
Discriptive signage positioned so as to helpful and understandable ! "MORE IS BETTER" and appreciated !
Diversity activities from different cultures
Equipment for rent at parks possibly
had no idea you offered rec programs and I've lived and raised children here for 14 years. Add some publicity.
Handicap swings, senior parks equipment
I am concerned about the costs -- seems like volleyball keeps getting more and more expensive.
I believe there needs to be more indoor affordable play opportunities for 4-10 year old children (something like the eagles nest in Edina, or a roller skating rink), splash pads are great outdoor ideas as well. Rochester could also benefit from more youth soccer fields as well.
I would like to see more handicap accessible equipment, toys, etc! This is the med city, let's get with the times.
I'd like for there to be more handicap accessible swings/equipment available at the parks.
IHP is being managed by non natives and non natives are planning for its future. American Indians have been totally left out of the equation.
Keep up the good work but strive to reach all communities with relevant activities.
Kids and seniors need spaces to enjoy the outdoors.
Lower cost of volleyball leagues
Merksting. I am confident I am not familair with all that is offered, made available, by Rochester Parks and Rec.
More access to 'open' skates or use of recreational facilities that don't include simply after 9 p.m. at night.
More adaptive for autistic kids, to play on teams
More resources for adaptive rec program and to serve kids with disabilities
Not sure if parks and rec has any affiliation with transportation, but it's pretty hard to attract people to events and facilities when the city bus lines don't operate on weekends, when most people are off work and events are
Rochester Parks & Rec needs to address more than family and youth needs--taxpayers without children have few meaningful opportunities in the current structure, and the maintenance of usable resources like paved trails is minimal at best. RPR needs to provide significant opportunities for nonparents to engage beyond paying for
Should allow set up for church crusades such as a tent revival
Some fees are high, like adult softball and teams are going to surrounding cities to play. Can this be addressed?
The fees to play in the sports leagues are too high in my opinion. Decrease cost and get more teams.
There are a lot of rumors about what will be happening to the North Dog Park as 55th Street is updated. Where can we get accurate information?
To have more facilities avaiabel for Non-Profit charity organization with lower or no cost
use for all, not just in privlidged areas.
try to stop focusing only on youth sports and concentrate on lifetime fitness for all ages and abilities. look for ways to engage people who use walkers and wheelchairs and need a safe place to exercise.
I would like there to be a way to cross county 22 on a pedestrian/bike overpass around Valleyhigh Rd NW.
More trash and recycling receptacles. There is a lot of litter at many parks! Maybe more signage to help people remember to keep our parks clean.
WE ARE AGING and need to change to meet all needs. Pickle ball is enjoyed by young and elderly--great across the ages sport.
Multigenerational activities; parent child classes

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Skate Park Expansion and support of Salute to the 4th activities. More open communication with Park & Rec heads and the community
there is alot in Roch. for families with very young kids but very lacking in area of young teen to young adult
I would like to see additional signs posted at the garden areas to keep pets out, I have a plot at the Zumbro SW garden plots and I drive by that area several times a day and see people walking with their dogs unleashed around the gardens, I have found dog feces in my garden several times, I don't think people should be able to allow their animals to roam freely around the gardens and not clean up after them, they also step on my plants. Pets should not be near the gard plots, there are walking trails near by that they can use.
Communities are not connected. There is no way to connect SW Rochester to the trail system without riding or walking on narrow roads with no sidewalks or shoulders...Mayowood Road, 18th Ave. Those two corridors connect huge populations but there is no way to get to the bike trails without crossing or walking on dangerous roads. Youth softball, football, soccer and baseball are all connected to RCTC and MnScu. So at any time those fields can be snatched up (and it's happening right now), with no plan to replace those fields. We need a dedicated youth complex to accomodate all of those sports for the long term with dedicated facilities. Why should I donate money to youth football or softball knowing that RCTC could take those fields and put in a
Have more mixed neighborhoods (not so restrcitive for commercial). work on nature walks ,also downtown
I think better advertising for smaller/out of the ordinary activities is needed (art fests, demos in parks, etc). I love Down by the Riverside and it's location, but we need a band shelter. For local concerts and plays.
Unlocked restrooms at all parks
Bathrooms and water available at more parks.
Bathrooms facilities at parks are sorely lacking
Drinking water at the soccer fields
Fall base ball all bathrooms were locked. Or bathrooms closer to fields, not two blocks away
I am impressed with Rochester's Parks. It is one of the reasons we moved here. I would like to see more water fountains at the sports facilities.
More acceptance of well-behaved dogs in recreational areas. Water fountains placed throughout parks to encourage less use of plastic water bottles. Water fountains that include an additional fountain at ground level
More bathroom facilities needed at the youth softball/baseball tournaments
More bathroom facilities on south side of Watson fields.
More lighted tennis crts
More shelters in parks, lights on paths in parks (perhaps solar powered)
Need more trash recepticals along trails. And doggy waste bag dispensors would be great too.
Not sure who is in charge of the porta potties, but my family spent a considerable amount of time at fields 5 and 6 at the baseball complex. Usually one if not both of the potties were dirty and needed attention. We host several teams from out of town and it's embarrassing. There are no other facilites to use that are close so we are forced to deal with it. Sometimes it was dirty for an entire weekend Friday-Sunday.
Parks need to have bathrooms, water fountain, and waste/recycling baskets.
Please add walkways from warming houses to ice.
please put an outhouse on the south side of Watson field. my dad uses a walker and field 5 is a long ways away from existing outhouse
Please replace the metal garbage cans that have spaces between the slats--the garbage blows out and all over
Potties removed from mc quillan field 1 when season is still in progress. Long way to other bathroom. Difficult with children and elderly.
snack bars @ baseball fields not just the main complex

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The single biggest frustration I have is lack of water when i'm on the trails. I always carry water, but there are very few places to fill up -even on a 20-mile route!
the Watson soccer field out houses need to have hand sanitizer...really gross.
Update current parks with ammenities. We live nearby "Splash" park (Northgate Park) and it's water fountain is a popular place in the summer time. To my knowledge this is the only site in Rochester to offer this.
Water fountains and bathroom facilities at more of the parks. When the weather is hot we like cold water to hydrate with plus this would eliminate/reduce the amount of bottle watter people use which would help to
Watson Sports Complex really needs restroom facilities.
Would like more bike racks, and in places it makes sense for commuters.
would like port a potties in the neighborhood parks especially while there is football or soccer practice there
would love to see more tennis courts with lights
The restrooms near the park shelters are poorly maintained
I would like to see improvements at Cooke park. Incorporating pickleball courts, lighting, and wind protection.
As an older adult, I love the outdoors, including fishing. Adding fishing areas with parking and restrooms.
1) There has been no new public aquatic facility in Rochester since the 1980's, when the population was One-half what it is today. 2). Soldier's field pool (described in this survey as "outdated and in need of repair") is the NEWEST public pool in Rochester. 3) There is no public pool in Rochester where I can go to swim laps after work. 4) Since the last pool was built in Rochester 30 years ago, the city has added 3 indoor hockey rinks, a 'national' volleyball center, 3 football stadiums, multiple soccer fields/complexes, softball fields, cross-country ski and bike trails. All great, but no investment in swimming/diving. 5) Century high school does not have a pool, requiring the bussing of students to JM and Mayo for daily practice. 5). Local divers must drive to Winona (30 miles) for practice. 6). The JM pool, nearly 60 years old, twice as old as the Soldier's Field pool, is outdated and in need of repair, BUT IS THE ONLY POOL IN ROCHESTER THAT CAN HOST HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING/DIVING COMPETITION. 7) The multimillion dollar Rec Center repairs will bring that 40 year old pool up-to-date, but will not increase
A larger, affordable water park for kids/families and additional outdoor tennis courts are the two areas that we feel are lacking.
Better pools
Better swimming pools for competition
Build a new water park!
Build better swimming pools
Century High School swimming facility
Current outdoor waterparks are poor compared to smaller local towns.
Do not get rid of the existing pools, so much of our history has been removed already keep these pools!!!!
Fixed outdoor swimming pools, and add one to Century High School
I have two young kids which speaks to needs for our family. The primary rec activity for the family is swimming and the only pro for Rochester pools is the proximity. We prefer to visit pools in surrounding towns, easy to understand preference for newer facilities. I try to play tennis 1-2 times a week after kids are in bed which means I need access to public courts with lights. There are four such courts in Rochester and they are frequently fully occupied with a wait when I am able to play. It's frustrating, especially coming from a small town (10,000 people) that had eight lighted courts so more than double a city of 100,000+. It doesn't add up and unfortunately it creates a long wait and/or unnecessary driving for a location that is not available.

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I love the variety of facilities and activities offered as it reflects the variety of needs in the community and contributes to what makes Rochester so livable. Our children are small so our use focuses on playgrounds and pools. I love the splash pad idea and also want to see the pools replaced. As they get older I look forward to using the facilities and activities more appropriate for older children.
I really think the pools need to be a large focus of the master plan. Silver Lake pool attracts so few people that something needs to be done there soon. I think that both pools should absolutely be maintained, they just need
I think rochester is falling behind in the area of swimming availability. I know many Rochester residents who go to swim in Stewartville or Kasson because the facilities are so much nicer. We have a huge need for swimming space for our wonderful swim team programs as well. I would hate to see Rochester continue to lose involvement in swimming(recreational or competitive) due to better options in surrounding communities.
I would loke to see Century High School have a swimming pool place in.
If you look at Cedar Falls, IA, you can find information on what they did with an amazing pool facility that benefited the entire community.
Improve the outdoor pools and stop running them in to the ground, if you do not improve they will drop people using them.
Make the pools more exciting! Make them more accessible! Let's create a strong summer swim culture!
More pools for swim teams to practice
More swimming facilities.
My family moved to Rochester 7 years ago, chosing Rochester over the Twin Cities, mainly because of the public swimming facilties available at convenient times - early morning and mid day. I have been impressed with the age group swimming programs that use the public facilities and the positive impact that these programs provide
Need a new out door swimming pool to accommodate the largest swim club in the state and can also hold meets at the pool. Lots of money comes into the community when you can have these types of events.
Nice indoor pool facility
Not enough pool space for 2 large club swim teams. This town has a very large swimming population.
Our city needs a big water park to represent our fine town as Kasson and Stewartville have both seen their own flourish. We also need an OHV recreation park or the thousands of motorcycle, ATV and side by side enthusiast
Our pools are terrible.
Outdoor pool upgrade
Outdoor water park and pool is a must
Please don't eliminate large pool swimming area. Kids can't learn to swim at splash pads and they may be the only access that some kids ever have to swimming. A clean, well maintained pool is a benefit to everyone who
Please keep the outdoor pools functioning. An improved outdoor water park at Soldiers field would be great for the community
Please update pool facility
Pool is most important need-indoor being addressed and outdoor needed
Pools are a necessity. My son works with adaptive park and rec and they need a pool.
Pools need to be a priority!!!
pools!!!
Rochester has a significant swimming and diving presence in the upper Midwest yet we are greatly under-funded in pool space and facilities. This is something that needs to be addressed, especially with the limited options throughout the winter months.
Rochester rowing club needs to be supported. They have huge potential and the fire station should be given to
Rochester's growing swimming community needs additional pool space

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Splash pads would be AWESOME
Swimming facilities- Rochester could host state swimming meets with a large enough pool and spectator seating for both youth, high school and adults.
Swimming pools are an investment beyond the reaches of the individual and we highly encourage the City to maintain the public offerings that we have.
Swimming programs bring in money to the city. It would be great to have the facilities to match the meets that
Taking away the existing pools and replacing with splash pads would take away swimming lessons and teams for hundreds of families. This would be a horrible mistake!
The city has two great pools that, with better maintenance, can be real benefits to the community.
The need for a water park either indoor or outdoor is so great. Look at MOA. People use pools. It will pay for it
The pool system is awful and needs to change. Either get rid of the pool or have it open and functional. We are stuck in between.
The pools could be more accessible to more families.
There are so many swimmers in this town, that we can't fit them into the pools we have. The pools that we currently have (besides the Rec Center) are failing. The high school pools are old as well. We need more water!!!
Water park
Water park!!!!
water/beach/pool activites==especially adult hrs. in the summer

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We are not keeping pace with our former reputation as the best Parks & Recreation Departments in the State. Our aquatic facilities are dragging down the entire enterprise and missing a revenue off-setting opportunity by proactively addressing the situation with a new national volleyball center model pool and diving facility and updating and stabilizing the pools that we do have but are crumbling. There has not been a new public pool in the City since the 1980s. Rochester's population was 45000 at that time, we are now over 100,000. Soldier's Field pool, build by the WPA in the 1930s was renovated at that time but in such a way that revenue off-setting for hosting swim and diving competitions was no longer possible. The pool is in a poor state with pump and filter issues and water slides and fountains in difficult condition. For pure recreation this pool is hardly able to be used, but is the best we have. Silver Lake is well positioned but in the same condition issues without ability to host revenue off-sets for swim/diving competitions or without staffing to maintain opening hours to benefit the community. The Rec Center is having a multi-million dollar make-over, however, the bandaids being applied only stablize the 40 year old facility, they have cut any expansion and the cut the budget so that the swimming and diving community now has \$500,000 to raise to finish the details of that facility. The local community of aquatics has a lot of skin the game but there seems no awareness or appetite for enhancing/increasing the facilities to the financial benefit of the City. Since the last pool was built, Rochester has buildt 3 indoor hockey rinks, 3 football stadiums, the National Volleyball Center in part managed by Parks & Rec, multiple soccer facilities, and tremendous cross country and bike trails. The most successful high school sports program in the history of Rochester is currently the Century high school boys swim team who are undefeated in conference dual meets since December of 2003. 17 years. They have fielded teams that have won 13 Big 9 conference titles in a row and 8 of 9 Section titles and more.....the point being Century HAS NO POOL. The swimmers and divers at Century must car pool to practices at Mayo or JM. Divers in Rochester car pool to WINONA for practice. Without belaboring the district issue of no pools and pools that are also old and crumbling (John Adams and Kellogg pools have been closed this Fall due to maintenance issues, Willow Creek has also been down through out the year. The JM pool was built in the 50s and the Mayo pool in 1967--all in great need of facility help). The opportunity to partner with the District and Parks & Rec (and possibly the Y) for a pool facility that could host/harbor all the Y program, all three high schools for practices and meets, be able to host competitions of a national level seems to have a lot of potential. With the growth needs we are at right now--no pool space and

- WE NEED A WATER/ THEME PARK
- We need an indoor pool for century hs
- We need either better pools or a nice big waterpark - i travel to surrounding towns in order to go swimming cause our pools here suck!
- We need more facilities for the competitive swimmers in Rochester, our demand has outstripped the availability
- We need more pools
- We need to add more area attractions. If we are going to have people coming from around the country/world. We need to have activities for them to do. An big indoor/outdoor waterpark with hotels nearby always works
- We need to address the lack of pools as swimming and water aerobics are lifetime sports. With swimming being one of the fastest growing sports in the state, this will only get worse if not addressed.
- With the number of swimmers in this town, I think the city and schools should focus on better facilities for them.
- Learning to swim is a life safety skill. Summer lessons are only offered during the workday. Would love more accessibility for working parents
- Please expand the area for Adaptive Parks and Recreation and build a pool for Century High School
- More splash pads, lighted tennis courts

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A better outdoor public track, better sand at the sand volleyball courts, more sand volleyball courts in neighborhood parks, a better aquatic center (swimming pool), more trash cans on trails, Improve the bathrooms at the park pavilions!!! No doors on the bathroom stalls -really????

Why wasn't there an option for a water park facility in the "top three priorities" section of the survey. Have you already decided you don't want to build one? If so, that is big mistake. Also, there wasn't an option for more outdoor basketball courts. There are not enough of them in the neighborhood parks.

Please do not get rid of outdoor or indoor pools. Please repair them, at a minimum. There are MANY swimmers in town who will suffer without pools.

Swimming pools poorly run, maintained poorly and no learn to swim

The pools and running track needs immediate attention. The maintenance of both is appalling and losing either would be a huge loss for our community.

The pools need to be updated and improved. For a community like Rochester, the current situation is inadequate and embarrassing.

Focus on pools and playground maintenance. The old sand play equipment in Nachreiner park is pathetically Splash pads, natural playgrounds, better playgrounds, indoor playground, trampoline park, etc. There is nothing for kids especially in cold months!!!

In the past, we have had collegiate-level and masters-level swimming and diving competitions at the Rec Center. In order to continue, and to support the growing interest in diving in the area, we need to have adequate 1-meter and 3-meter diving facilities.

To finish the pool at the rec center

We attend a yearly outdoor swim meet in Cedar Falls, IA or Brookings, SD that is highly attended and for small towns they have fantastic facilities. Rochester needs something to draw people in. We already have the swim clubs in town that can host the meet, we just need the facility. Smaller towns than ours have them, why don't we? We are losing people to smaller towns to their park/rec areas in the summer because they have the facilities, let's keep that money in our community. Also, have a park and rec department that utilizes their facilities. The Rec center sits empty a lot of the time, use that space!!!

For a city the size of Rochester, the condition of the public outdoor pools and number of them are a shame. Unfortunately you need to add a pool in NW where a large population of families reside. Neither public pool is easily/safely accessible for children via bike or walking. More public tennis courts with lights. There is almost always a wait at Soldier's Field in the evenings from April-Sept. Have more opportunities for indoor/outdoor

Repairing Silver Lake Pool and maintaining that for families in that neighborhood would be great to see since it's right by the park. I'd also like to see more indoor public facilities for family pick up basketball games or birthday party events for kids. Gymnastics floor possibly as well for public use (open gym) and rental would be nice to see as well. What I'd most like to see are more large crowd-drawing concerts and sporting events in Rochester.

Pools, concerts

We really need a bigger, more attractive outdoor swimming complex that can be used both to teach swimming (which saves lives) and family entertainment

three things, outdoor competitive pool, Nordic winter sports complex, and improved neighborhood parks with more activities possible.

My biggest disappointment is that surrounding towns like Kasson and Stewartville can have awesome aquatic centers, and a small city the size of Rochester does not offer anything similar. I'd also love to see a lighted outdoor rink/sledding hill with warming houses

Outdoor water park with 50 meter comp pool and winter cross country skiing with snow making like maple

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the pool system seems to be ill-managed: I cant seem to understand as to why thr pools close during the hottest time of the year. I am also baffled by the refusal to clear snow from all trails. Finally, a safe north Broadway crossing is necessary for a true city wide trail system.

Permanent rugby field with permanent goal posts

The softball fields need to be better taken care of. I would also like to see the kickball league have double headers every night. Most games only last 30 minutes and the season is short so it would make it more worth

A couple of permanent rugby fields to host national tournaments and for the existing teams to use.

A dedicated rugby pitch with extended goal posts would be nice. I also like the idea of a few splash pads around the city for children to play in.

A nice baseball facility... Like the ones all over the cities

Again, something needs to be done about the monopoly that RYSA has on all soccer fields in town. There is no reason that one organization should ave that much power and control over community common areas.

Are 2 soccer clobs in Rochester, yet almost every soccer field is limited to one club (RYSA) despite substantial growth and participation numbers in other club (Euro). Rochester soccer fields should be available to both soccer organizations serving rochester youth!

Better practice fields for youth soccer.

Concern that with the growing soccer population, fields will become limited.

Faud soccer fields/Ryfa fields and Watson are great because of the multiple fields in one location. Have more of large outdoor sports facilities as the city grows (e.g. out Hwy 14 east, SW Rochester, NW Rochester). Miss the sledding hill at Eastwood.

Field development for soccer is a must. The adults need their own area.

I would like to see a baseball field added to the Hart Farms SW park.

Increased baseball facilities to host tournaments.

Lacrosse Fields, Take care of non-traditional sports fields (its not uncommon for lacrosse fields to have ankle/shin deep weeds.

Lacrosse is a growing sport nation-wide, and the facilities in Rochester are completely inadequate. It's a wonderful sport for girls and boys, and we should devote field space for practice and games.

Large need for more soccer fields. We use these all spring, summer, fall.

loss of soccer fields in recent years

more soccer fields

More soccer fields are needed where the adults in town are not taking over them every night and ruining them, specifically at Watson. Also, soccer is not just about the Fall Tournament as stated in the previous question, only 3/4 teams from Rochester get to participate in that.

Please ensure there are sufficient youth playing fields.

Please stop taking away youth soccer fields. RYSA participation continues to grow; there should be more fields, Rochester's soccer fields are abysmal compared to smaller cities like Faribault and Owatonna. It is embarassing when we host large events like the State Tournaments and our fields and parking lots are in such bad shape. We can do better than that!

shortage of youth baseball fields

Soccer fields are great practice not a problem as we use eyota lsd grounds for that soft ball fields are well kept

Soccer fields being removed for parking lot when soccer is on the rise. No wonder Rochester kids are forced to travel to cities to participate in tournaments every weekend. Missing on attracting people to this area.

Soccer is the #1 growing sport and many kids from outside of Rochester are travelling to Rochester to get training. The # of fields isn't growing with the # of kids/adults playing in Rochester.

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Take away some soccer fields an make them lacrosse fields.
The mini park by Meadow Park apts. need soccer space and baseball/softball
the soccer fields are heavily, heavily used, frequently there are no free goals or space for use in the evening. More are needed.
The softball fields at McQuillin should all be in the same quality of shape. Fields 6&7 are very rough, have standing water if we have had rain, the infields are also not watered down. also why can we not have
There are not enough quality youth baseball fields in Rochester (for traveling baseball).
too much use of Watson soccer fields
Very disappointed in the handling of John Adams ball field - those youth and parents deserved better. Staffing - I hope the City Council gives you the resources to assure quality in a timely fashion.
We did not have access to soccer fields for any of the practices this season in RYSA. On top of this, our space was very limited as the green area was shared with four youth football teams.
we need more soccer fields.
We need some very nice soccer lax fields and some nice fields that we can host tournaments on. ie Owatonna . Maybe even a turf field that could be used for multiply games throughout the year.
While the RYFA fields are immaculate and well maintained, there are several youth baseball fields in significant disrepair and needing more infield dirt to stay above water. Some of these fields have such bad puddles they are unplayable in mild conditions. Recommend if the city cannot maintain weekly, keep a pile of dirt at the field allowing coaches to backfill holes and assist so kids are safe.
Would like to have more space for soccer specifically. Lost space across from Heintz center for building, Fuad field 1, cascade lake park, etc. Going in wrong direction.
Youth baseball fields (not RBC) are poorly maintained (e.g., Cooke, Willow Creek, East Park). They also need electric pitching machines like up in the Cities for the coach-pitch, early kid-pitch years. More off-road paved trails would be nice for family biking. Outdoor hockey rinks should be better maintained and offer some sort of warming house or bench, some place to sit and get skates on/off. Pools are terrible. Kasson and Stewartville or other cities are far superior. Picnic shelters could be spruced up. Most heavily used areas (YMCA park, Silver
youth sports fields and limited parking around them
Youth turf football field
City baseball fields for youth need better maintenance. Fields need benches, need to be mowed, infield
Soccer is growing in our community and the U.S. as a whole - the city should grow with it and consider lighted fields. Baseball is lit; Football has scoreboards/etc, light the soccer fields.
We need better soccer fields with bathroom facilities (not outhouses) and drinking fountains.
Pick the youth fields and running tracks and POOLS!
Soccer and football are very crowded, more space is needed for practice and games. We need a pool with more features and we need splash pads thought the city. Quarry Hill is awesome. There was suppose to be a park in Century Hills southern portion and where/when will it happen?
More soccer fields & goals/walls, and care (protection) and maintenance of existing fields and facilities.
Improved opportunities for fishing on the local reservoirs would be a bonus as well (maybe that's the county's
Please don't take away sports areas for kids (soccer fields, etc). Please support the First Tee program for golf.
Please maintain paved trails more in the winter.
Additional soccer fields and tennis courts

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More playing fields for sports - we have been involved with youth soccer for 10 years and have seen the amount of space available for soccer practice/fields decrease. One of the fastest growing areas in the city is NW Rochester in North Park area. The closest tennis courts are over by John Adams, there are no lights for the courts and there are only 2 (I believe). It would be nice to see an expansion of tennis courts, basketball courts, open fields for soccer/football/other sports in the far NNW area of Rochester.

We need more well maintained baseball fields and more well maintained basketball courts.

Desperate need for more soccer fields. We do not have enough and the ones we have are in poor shape. We are at risk for losing events like the fall state soccer tour ey

Many of the youth practice field are bad to the point of unsafe and dangerous

More soccer fields for the youth in the city. Watson and Fuad work well but Fuad fields are going away with RCTC expansion and the Watson fields get used and damaged by adults that are not part of any paying program in town. The fields are Game Use Only but nothing is done to restrict their use so then the youth in town have to play on torn up fields that they are paying a fee to play on

My children play youth sports in Rochester. The baseball fields need serious attention. RYBA does an excellent job with what the have but the vast majority of fields are very poorly maintained and need to be updated with amenities. Even simple things like bathrooms and garbage are poorly designed

Please maintain the soccer to ensure there adequate space for the youth soccer activities.

please take better care of our baseball fields, including school fields

The baseball and softball fields are in desperate need of attention. Every year people are hurt with avoidable injuries. Drainage is always a problem at McQuillen (specifically 6&7), as is the quality of the infields. The RYBA fields are very neglected and are poor enough to teach children poor fielding techniques.

There needs to be significant improvement in the youth baseball fields across Rochester. A majority of the fields have uneven surfaces in the infield and/or outfield that result in significant issues when it rains. The many fields not properly leveled result in days of standing water and mud. It becomes very difficult to run effective practices in these conditions. If the fields were properly leveled, the water would run of the fields to areas that necessary

Too much overall use of Watson soccer fields. They cannot be maintained properly with so much use, especially from adults.

We need better facilities at the soccer complexes! Water would be a huge bonus! Fields are over used and in bad shape...non scanctioned soccer ruins the goal mouths and fields. Benches are ruined and dangerous at

Youth baseball fields are poorly irrigated. During the wet season, many of the fields are flooded and unusable by the RYBA causing cancellations.

Youth baseball fields, especially Allendale is awful. Muddy and grass in the infield, grass was not cut. Hazard

QUALITY soccer fields - there is a difference between a quality field and goals plopped on a rectangle of grass.

We've lost some fields (M2 at Fuad is a big one) lately. It would be good to have another large, multi-field

That we are loosing to many fields to parking lots, and there is not enough parking at current locations.

Youth football has one site. It shares parking with soccer, forcing many people to park across a busy/uncontrolled Collegeview Road. When I drive home from football, Watson is empty. Figure out how to play larger kid soccer on the small kid soccer fields at Watson during the Fall, to alleviate traffic/parking.

Youth soccer fields need to be expanded. Need dedicated pickleball courts.

More fields for soccer and baseball. Concerning the RYBA complex either take it on 100% or hand it over to RYBA to manage. Two chiefs don't work. Fields 5 & 6 need immediate attention but now I hear the Softball complex is getting a \$300,000 shed. You need to take better care of what you currently have before you can think bigger.

There are not enough usable soccer fields in or near the city for large tournaments. I would like to see additional indoor activities offered during the winter months to youth and families without large price tags attached.

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My biggest concern is the paucity of tracks outside of the high schools. My next concern is the lack of trail system extending westward from the city. Country Club Road and Salem Road would benefit from paved paths to protect runners and bikers from vehicles. Additionally, it would be nice to see snow removal from the trails in the winter and the status of the trails posted on the Parks & Rec website so runners know they are clear.
As mentioned previously, and I'm not sure how it would be done, but limiting the amount of geese and their waste at Silver Lake and Foster Arends so the walking paths and beach, respectively, can be used by the whole
Clean silver lake.
Dredge out Silver Lake. PLEASE!!!!
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everything is way too focused on man-made stuff, we need more natural areas; visit Duluth's city parks to see
Gavehaven is an excellent project and should be supported fully. A natural area on the north side would be
Green spaces!
I appreciate all your tree planting efforts. Congratulations for keeping Rochester green.
I really enjoy natural areas to run and play in and would like Rochester to preserve these areas to make sure they are saved for the next generation. Sometimes I believe cities become tied up into the stereotypical type of park with a jungle gym and paved trails and I believe diversity in parks is the best way to preserve our lands.
I think Rochester needs an Open Space/Natural Space management plan and management resources. I also hope Rochester Parks and Recreation can become a community engagement tool that brings together this growing and developing community as a crown jewel of a healthy and livable community.
I think that we do a nice job on our parks..we could move to more natural turf that would require less maintenance. We need to continue planting as many trees as possible to maintain a healthy urban canopy, and we need to protect and support groups such as the Friends of INdian Heights (am not an official member but appreciate their work tremendously) in their effort to maintain this treasure in our city.
I think the biggest thing is that we need to clean up Silverlake more.
I worry that developers don't have to plan for enough park space and it gets neglected
I would like to see better removal of wild parsnip along the bike trails especially Cascade Lake bike trail between West Circle Drive and Hwy 52.
I would like to see greater focus on dealing with invasive species, such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, especially at Quarry Hill Park.
I would like to see more large natural areas like Essex Park and Quarry Hill. Two areas that come to mind are the former Meadow Lakes golf course and the natural area and park around IBM if it becomes available.
If we don't start fighting back again Buckthorn, Garlic Mustard, Oriental Bittersweet and other invasives our natural areas, both flora and fauna will be depleted of native species. Many of the seeds are carried through park lands by humans, dogs, deer using the trails, Education of public is very important. The DNR, MN Extension, etc, work at this in state parks. The City should have a means to teach also.
I'm really concerned about kids "rolling" on the ground on sprayed fields as well as run-off contamination for the river and streams.
Include natural water features if possible also diverse mini ecosystems
Keep and add green space
Keep and expand green spaces. Upgrade existing sports facilities.
Keep the green spaces - especially downtown - Mayo Park, Central Park and Soldiers Field - add if possible downtown green spaces.
more natural set aside land

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More nature areas that are dog and family friendly
More nature parks with hiking-people are so connected to electronics that they need to get away from that and quiet their minds, and it needs to be close to their homes.
More places like quarry hill. Clean up silver lake, I don't go there bc it's so gross.
more trees in hart farm park
More value placed on passive recreation and natural areas
My husband and I live near Essex Park and treasure this (more or less) natural space. Some areas need to be left rather wild and natural, quiet, dark at night, and free of bicycle, motor vehicle and dog traffic. Even Essex has taken a hit in recent years, but is still a sylvan retreat for those who treasure access to this as we do. Let's allow for preservation of those such spaces that we already have, and provide space for more in lieu of so many overdeveloped and crowded parks and oodles of programs.
Of the few natural areas in Rochester, many are overrun with invasive species like buckthorn, honeysuckle, garlic mustard, etc. These invaders choke the area and make the forest feel and look yucky. Please address this problem as it will only get worse!
Plant more boulevard trees in newer neighborhoods...Boulder Ridge Drive NW
please do not allow trees and green space to be diminished.
Please dredge silver lake
Please dredge Silver Lake, it's very nasty. Full of goose poop and algae blooms.
Please dredge Silver Lake. It's disgusting. -rowers
Please provide area where we can connect with nature. 7 mile park in nicollet County in an excellent example of what we need in the area
please stop using chemicals
Provide ability for those living along the trail to receive resources for better aesthetics of bordering grounds. A re-planting of trees from the mass that was removed this summer, particularly in the old neighborhoods along Soldiers Field and along the trails.
Rochester park and rec and community ed are great. With our city growth, I'd like to see park/rec growth too. I've talked about Rochester park/rec/comm ed to family outside of town and MN and their jealous. Would like to see natural park areas and sanctuaries w/in the city. Keep it up!
Silver Lake could be utilized better and more cleanly
Teaching/training nature survival skills, wildlife observation/identification skills, Park clean-up/maintenance volunteer programs
The Park System contains a lot of noxious weeds, contrary to the tall grass and weed ordinance. It would be good to address this at the sites.
The wildflowers that were placed around the perimeter of silver lake should be removed. They are an eyesore as they look like weeds more than flowers. They harbor more mosquitoes around the walking trails in the evenings. I would be nice to be able to see the edges with something more like large river rocks.
Trees. More trees everywhere.
very concerned with the dredging project for Lake Zumbro and even Silver Lake
We need to look at our changing world, and adapt to why bees are dying off in record numbers.. how our actions effect nature.. and what we can do to,be more in harminy with it. We need more oprintation to natural systems and our responsibility to be caretakers of the natural world. More participation, hands on.. get teens involved in Park surveillence and maintenance.. thye can get school credit for their work.. planting etc.
Well kept clean city
Would like more natural areas, feel like we already have too much emphasis on sports in the parks in Rochester.

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natural play areas for kids like they are doing in New York city...
Get rid of the weeds around Siler Lake and use Sentenced to Serve people to clean the bike path with power washers. I'd love to sit by the lake, but I can't see with all the weeds growing so tall
I am very concerned that the city of Rochester is even considering building a hockey arena behind the Mayo Civic Arena, and the beautiful site of Down by the Riverside concerts. Please don't let them destroy all those wondering 150 year old mature oak trees!!!! Put a hockey areana anywhere but there!!
Disc golf has had a bad stigmatism with it for many years. Many communities have helped us to move our sport past this. Three rivers parks district in the twin cities is a great example of the future of disc golf. I'm a rochester native and would love to see us change the negative thoughts that are associated with this great sport. It's less expensive than most park options for both the city and the participants. It has less of an impact on the environment then other options such as ball golf or anything paved or the construction of buildings.
Ensure Golf courses continue operating --Golf pays for itself unlike other offerings
find large natural area for championship disc golf venue
Golf is a dead end and should be minimized. It takes too much away from the overall effort for the number of people it serves.
I would like sodiers field golf course kept in its entire location as 18 hole golf course
I would like to see more options for Frisbee Golf besides slaterly park and east
Investing in the local golf courses could be a huge income generator as the city grows.
Keep the city golf courses active and improve as needed
New club house at northern Hills
Please keep Solders Field Golf Course 18 holes.
We need a nice Disc Golf course in town. The two SE ones are fine but they are nowhere near the level that Stewartville has in Bear Cave
affordable golf
I don't like the golf cost discrepancies between younger and older adults. It should be the same. I can't afford to buy a season pass every year.
More use of golf courses at reasonable prices-especially for non members who play only a bit due to health
Mini golf, waterpark and go carts
Please don't get rid of the golf courses - any of them! More/updated Aquatic facilities are needed - eventhough they do not generate much (if any!) money, I consider them a "need to have", not a "nice to have".
Keep all golf courses operating and continue to improve them. Also keep existing green space especially in and near the downtown.
Increased manpower and budget for golf course maintenance.
Keep golf courses well maintained. Noticed an improvement in all 3 this year. We have grandkids that use parks and like to see things for all ages .
Keep funding the golf program, Graham arena is in dire need of an overhaul (paint, mold removal, updating), Rec Center rinks need updating (can not keep ice frozen near boards).
a nicely groomed disc golf course could bring in revenue. Many Rochester players would pay for daily or year passes if it meant a nicer course. preferably in an area with more elevation then the existing east park & slater courses. Indian heights area might be a good place for such a course.
More/better disc golf courses and running trails (non paved)
Get rid of the outdoor basketball courts, they attract trouble.
Improved tennis courts at kutzky park.

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It would be nice to have a large tennis court area (similar to Kutzky) on the NW side of town (further north than Kutzky) that does not require a membership to use
My grandchildren love to play basketball when they visit my home at Meadowlakes. A hoop would be nice at the need more outdoor tennis and basketball cours.
Need tennis courts by Gibbs Elementary / North Park
Rochester Tennis League has been very successful at offering tennis play to a large number of community members from all age groups, races and economic background. The use of public courts has significantly increase due to this. This a great social fitness that should be supported. Rochester should maintain or increase the number of courts and lighted courts available to the community. If Kutzky need to be closed due to surface and flood issues the courts at Soulders should not become a fee based facility. I pay but don't think peopleshould be discouraged from playing by a \$10 fee. That is too high. They also do not remain open for the use of evening
Tennis is a family sport for all ages. Here in Rochester we are not meeting the needs of the tennis community. The needs of the tennis community needs to be a priority. The schools do a great job during the tennis season, but after that there is very few courts and indoor courts that most families can play at because of the cost to play indoors during the winter and fall. This needs to be looked at
Thank you for your service. As I know may people play tennis in Rochester and we are very short on public courts with lights.
We need more indoor basketball courts like at the RCTC Fieldhouse.
you need more pickelball courts
Adding more tennis courts with lights
I think the city is doing a good job. I would like to see more lighted, well maintained, tennis courts in town.
lit tennis courts for nighttime play - currently only Soldiers Field has them, but could use more
More lighted tennis courts, especially in the Northwest area (North Park, etc.)
More tennis courts with lights
more tennis courts with lights
Need to have repaved tennis courts with fence wind block and would like to see more courts with eveningg time lightning to be used if desired.
Improving the area's for tennis.. Thank you.
The tennis backboard area at Soldiers Field could use new paving. It's not a smooth surface, so it's difficult to
Again, many parks look shabby. Would prioritize landscaping, playgrounds, & benches, etc.
Aging facilities. Rebuild rather than adding on.. No community centers. We don't compare to cities facilities, which is not ok considering the taxes we pay here...
Better maintenance at SE dog park. Grassy area is muddy (needs sod) mulch side needs the mulch spread better. More seating
Better maintenance of existing facilities
bridges at NH golf course are in dire need of fixing
Cleaner facilities, port a pottys r overflowing at locations
fix the gravel lot at Fuad - the road into that lot is horrendous and must be repaired
General maintenence. For example, softball fields become very unsafe through out the summer. Some maintenance to keep the infield soft and playable. Not just dragging them daily. Like you do when the sports commission has a national tournament here.
have a better way to move the benches before mowing , aluminum seems to get torn or ripped to the point of being dangerous to use for kids or adaults

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I love the parks and trails. My top priority concerning them is that they continue to also be a top priority with the city as far as development and maintenance and available abundance green space in our growing metro area
Improve existing facilities and expand. Was soccer tournament director for many years. Cities teams are reluctant to come visit and often complain about poor amenities.
Improve existing facilities. Especially graham arena, soldiers field and silver lake. Those facilities need updates and more staff.
It seems the Park department is more concerned with constant expansion and more facilities with bells and whistles than affordability and sustainability. I don't hear the community outcry for more facilities and cost from the general community. I don't see a need to expand as much as maintain and improve what is available.
Keep Mayo Park green so the concerts in the park can continue to thrive...they are the newsletter in the crown of Rochester summer leisure time activities.
Keep the parks clean and with water fountains and free of graffiti
Maintain and fix what we have... Do NOT build more...
Maintaining the existing parks before building new ones
Maintenance of existing facilities!!!!
Maintenance of what we have already is important. We have so much to choose from-Thank you.
make most of what we already have, more purposes for each park, more shelter, more benches
mow the weeds at silver lake.
Need to allocate more funds for parks & recreation to maintain and improve facilities and services.
Need to keep costs in check. That's the number one priority. Maintain what we have and don't expand too
Note that I am an avid golfer and outdoorsman. Maintain what we have, because we have a lot. If the goal is to promote a certain activity to increase city income, (golf, music, tournaments, etc) then please do. If individuals or small groups whine about limited variety or conditions of areas that would e a l
overall cleanliness could be better, trash pickup, hosing down the paved areas
Parks and playgrounds could be cleaned more often.
Please do park maintenance more often. mow athletic fields, remove trash, empty restrooms, etc.
Please ensure that you're maintaining your facilities and stop wasting money on green maintenance for golf
Rental shelter spaces are run down
Silver Lake should be a premier park it is shabby looking! Why is the trashy looking boat rental business allowed in a public park?
Some area of the park system just look "tired"and in need of a overall lift,but in general Rochester is a beautiful place to live/visit.
Some parks seem better maintained than others. Recommend cleaning up Silver Lake & riverfront. Geese are a problem. I know Rochester loves our honkers, but there's just so many and are a nuisance that it takes away from enjoyment of parks & natural areas. Overall love the parks system.
sports facilities are outdated compared to twin cities
The maintenance and upkeep of our city parks and ball fields is very poor. P&R has no excuse for letting weeds over take our ball fields and allowing grass to grow so high that balls are lost in the outfield. P&R needs to show more pride in look of this city. Allowing parks and open fields to be filled with mowed grass clumps thick enough to be baled, shows no pride. When the mower blows cut grass out into the streets, over sidewalks, parking lots and paths, get a blower and clean it up. Have some pride!
The park near my home (North Park) is old and in need of replacement/updating. I frequently go to other parks that are further away because the quality at that park is poor. There are so many families in that area, please

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The playground at Parkwood Hills Park is dated and in bad repair - not structures leaning, graffiti, splinter. It needs to be replaced or fully refurbished.
The tax payers have a significant capital investment in our parks system, lets dedicate more resources to maintain them at a higher level. The current staff do a great job with the resources they have but we need to do
There are good things in place right now. It is just a matter of taking it to the next level with better amenities in those locations.
trash, loiterers, and graffiti in my neighborhood park are terrible.
Tree care and clean-up of fallen branches, sweepers/dryers at some tennis courts
I feel that the existing parks are simply "grassy areas." Not many amenities speaking as a whole park system. Mayo park for concerts has far too much goose droppings to be useful I feel.
Maintenance with port a potty always around. A lot more benches and respecting the field for who team uses it and not just screw them they did it
my major concern are the restrooms for the parks are disgusting, broken and dirty.
Updated shade, hard courts better maintained no super sized cracked, more water places for summer and better ones overall
Better maintenance and expansion of the pools in town and possibly a water park
Maintain indoor AND outdoor swimming pools to support swim lessons and fitness swimming that can not be supported by splash pads.
Maintaining large areas like quarry hill and building a large pool facility
Better maintenance of youth baseball/softball fields across the town. More mountain bike trails
Again - maintaining Mayo Park in its existing format and not allowing it to be encroached upon by a potential arena. There's a shortage of green space in downtown.
Litter pickup & trash removal - important to keep the city and parks clean.
The wooden equipment at Three Links Park is in need of repair or replacement. Children need natural areas to explore and trees to climb. More climbing structures in parks would be great.
The condition of the ball fields and golf courses is getting pretty bad, we need to water more and fertilize these more, and maintain the ball diamonds
Maintain tennis courts... do not resort to plastic surfaces.
Paid over \$200 for Kutzky Tennis Center membership which has the worst tennis courts in SE Minnesota. Bad lighting. Alendale tennis courts posts are raised from the frost, cracked with big holes in the fences.
This city needs to invest in the tennis court situation in Rochester. Kutzki is in such bad shape. They need to be plowed up and start over or relocate to the north end of town. The golf courses need just general up keep. Cart paths, updated club house. Gps carts so they don't get stolen or damaged.
Tennis courts surface need attention and lighting option when Kutzky staff not there
The mulch in several play areas need freshened up. Also, maintenance of the existing playground equipment.
We live near the Parkwood Hills neighborhood park and would love to see that park equipment updated!
Better maintenance and updated playground equipment at some locations. Updates to accommodate toddlers and handicap access.
Cleaner parks, more security for parents and children (I've had multiple experiences of being harassed or witnessed inappropriate behavior from teenagers and adults at the parks in Rochester when playing with my
I love that Rochester has two outdoor pools. The reason I don't take my kids is that it is filthy and the guards are not watching what is going on. It is disheartening that great facilities that just need some updates due to age are do under utilized due to the stigma of the uncleanliness and poor staff.

Please share with us additional needs, concerns, or opportunities you see for Rochester's Parks and Recreation System.

I would really like Parkwood Hills park redone. It's falling apart. It's convenient living in Parkwood Hills and having a park that we can walk to. I worry about my daughter being cut on some of the equipment or being
In general, many of our park facilities look "tired". Restrooms at most need updating. Courts have cracks which are a safety issue for whatever sport they're used for.
Maintenance and preventing crime-bear creek park and loitering so keeping parks safe. Ensuring that each neighborhood has a park
Please maintain what we have. Add better connections to the trails if possible. Add additional features and amenities as you can
Please maintain/fix Rochester bike trails/paths. This is what I use the most, and NW Rochester trails need much improvement!
The recreation part is doing well, with maintenance a constant challenge. But we need more well equipped spaces for outdoor music & art that are not downtown!
Needs:better up keep of fields, buildings for toilets, better garbage disposal, a lot more trees planted around the fields for shade, and additional hockey arenas for more tournaments. Put money into kids, and resources instead
We have some beautiful parks- anyone that's lived elsewhere can tell you that! Please focus on improving the playgrounds we have while also adding any necessary components to the park system. A healthy park system supports healthy families on so many levels.
complete restoration of what remains with in Mayo park to include the return of the mayo brothers and WW to the site that was built for them. No more land must be removed from this park or central park as well as the restoration of the Mayo Ball field. Also, no parking allowed next to any of our parks to include mainly our solders field park so that parents, children, people walking, running, or on bikes feel safe to move about freely from all
Continued upkeep at mayo field. Scoreboards etc.
I am disappointed Mayo Field is not mentioned in the survey. Needs to be replaced.
I regulalry attend baseball games at Mayo Field and frankly an embarrassed by the maintenance and quality of this facility. When we have attended ball parks in other cities, we are put to shame. This is a facility that brings many people into our community and it does not leave a very positive impression. I strongly believe updating this facility should be at the top of the list for the Parks and Recreation department.
Keep and update/improve Mayo Field
Mayo Field Grandstands have to be replaced. They are an embarrassment to the community to have a ball park that old and decrepit.
Mayo field is embarrassing as we welcome visiting teams and families to the field. The locker rooms are small and inadequate. There is potential to really expand in this area. Note the success at Lacrosse.
Mayo field is in really bad shape - we should look at building a stadium that Rochester could be proud of
Mayo field is in terrible condition for college level competition
Mayo field is in terrible condition. It's is a shame the city let it get to the point that it is.

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Mayo Field is outdated, dirty and has safety concerns. It is not of the quality expected for a destination medical center city. Rochester is fortunate to have such a program that brings collegiate baseball players and their families/friends to Rochester from all over the country (and last year they had a player from the Netherlands so Rochester games were webcast to Europe!). The stadium seating is rusty. Every time fans stomp their feet I cringe because the stands may collapse. The restrooms are old and dirtier than reststop restrooms along the highway. The concession stand is too small and results in lines that wrap around making evacuation from the field a safety concern. Instead of a clean, lovely experience, attendees are treated to an old, dirty facility with garbage trucks stored on site. Parking is a problem anytime there is a convention or other gathering at the Civic Center. All of these issues are barriers to enjoying baseball there, and encourage primarily only die hard fans to return. The Parks and Recreation board should visit other Northwoods league sites such as the St. Cloud sports complex and their field and amenities where the St Cloud Rox play. Their facilities are far, far better than that in Rochester!!! If Rochester had facilities like St Cloud, Rochester residents and visitors, as well as the players own families would attend more games and would share positive experiences regarding the setting with their friends,

Mayo Field needs a major upgrade to the facility. The restrooms, lockerrooms and dugouts are inadequate. The Honkers are an important and vital part of this community and it is not a good facility. Why not upgrade the facility and actually pursue a Minor League team to come to Rochester?

Mayo Field needs improvements other cities support northwood league we seem to not field needs updates

Mayo Field needs more space for concessions, games for fans, and good seating. The existing stadium seating is dangerous when wet and the bathroom facilities are poor. We need a 'fan zone' with games and concessions. Also some cool outfield grass seating would be great for kids to run around and catch home run balls.

Mayo field needs parking and better seating and bathrooms. Advertise more.

Mayo Field upgrade, signage for out of town attendees - should be added to a bonding package so we have a facility similar to what Duluth, Fargo, etc. have.

Mayo Field, where the Honkers play, could use some updating. Scoreboard didnt seem to be working right at the games we attended. More restrooms would be nice too.

More parking for Honkers games and update woman's bathroom at Mayo Field

My kids participate in a few sports and so do we. Why wasn't Mayo Field listed on this survey? Don't you care? it seems yo care only about Volley Ball, Hockey and Softball. You have a great opportunity to promote Rochester, and it seems you act like a small town when those towns have better facilities. Facilities is your fault and lack of maintaining them. I don't pay taxes so i can see fancy Park and Rec signs and new trucks every year!

Please update and improve Mayo Field. The bathrooms are terrible, the concession areas need work, and the area around the park has poor flow. Team clubhouses are old and need updating/expansion.

Rochester Honkers - Mayo field needs to be redone. Mold is in the bathroom and the facility need to be completely redone.

The facilities at Mayo Park (baseball field) are horrible. I have been to other cities with much better seating, boxes, concession stands, and restrooms. The restrooms are just horrible (smell and look) and the doors on the stalls don't always lock. Especially if you want this to be a DMC city! How can you attract more people to the Royals and Honker games with facilities that were built long ago. The small parks in the city could really use some picnic tables so if you take your children/grandchildren there, you can have a nice picnic. Better lighting

Update Mayo Field where Honkers play!

Upgrade Mayo Field. We need a better stadium. It is to old for the Honkers!!!

Again..land and building for MN Vets and Emergency Services Museum...a certain local and tourist draw

Please consider adding a Law Enforcement Memorial, it is something that is very important and well deserved.

veterans museums

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would like to see you work with the Rochester/Olmsted Law Enforcement Memorial Assc. to bring a regional memorial to Van Hook area.
Law enforcement memorial at soldiers field
A standpoint or old-fashioned water pump at the Zumbro community gardens would be wonderful. Rochester should partner with Mayowood Gardens to make it into a restored version of what it once was and a nationally known botanical exhibit garden.
additional rock climbing facilities
At this time are taxes are high enough.
Being new to the City, I am very impressed with the Parks and Recreation. As you can see I don't participate much at this time but will gradually become more involved in activities. Thank you for all you do!!
Check out the new Central Park in Mishawaka, IN. It's amazing, and well attended! Would love to see something more like that in Rochester!
Coaching needs help... Maybe coordinate with Winona state and their teaching program to get those students to also help coach. I have asked a local principal and he said he would be more inclined to hire someone that also coaches in the community.
Community involvement (example: allot each neighborhood "x" dollars to spend on their area's parks and have them vote or give input on what gets improved.)
Community rose garden
Do not merge with the County Parks - you have a different mission.
Great system overall.
I am impressed with the Rochester Parks system and would like to maintain this level of quality.
I think I have already mentioned some. Thank you so much for asking for community input.
I think Rochester does a great job with its Parks and Recreation. I would like to see it grow, maintain and improve all that it provides.
I think the Park staff are amazing, open minded and helpful. This was not always the case. Thank you.
I'm excited to hear more about the plans for the old fire hall at silver lake
Indoor and outdoor paintball parks that could be rented since the cost of renting space for these businesses is too high for them to open facilities in Rochester. Be willing to work with small businesses that have recreational acitivity ideas but need the support/backing of the community/city. It seems like existing facilities are built but then not maintained or cleaned so that citizens want to continue to use them.
It needs major improvement....
it would be great to see something like in st. paul Como Zoo & Park. has a zoo, gardens, entertainment. Be known for something other than Mayo Clinic.
It's all great!
It's fine asking those who live here these questions but shouldn't we ask some other communities what they have found that works well?
Let's get kids moving! I know pediatric neurocognitive physicians who share this desire and need this for local patients as well as those who travel here.
Maybe a zoo. A mixture of both quarry hill and oxbow.
Maybe sand volleyball court on the northwest side as well.
more in depth interviews!!! some people that make it past the interviews, just cant handle most of the kids.
Need mire staff to help with coaching
NEED TO KEEP UP WITH THE CITY GROWTH

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Need to place the Mayo Brothers back in the amphitheater behind Taylor Arena. Terminate any relationship with Hammes Group.
No concerns or recommendations.
no concerns, I enjoy the city parks, wide open spaces and efforts for adult programs
No concerns. They are very nice especially the track and Soldiers Field area along with Essex Park. Thank you!
None,great job being done already.
Our neighborhood park has sand which is good apart from it can get slippy, dirty, and the kids drag it into the house!!! (Eagle ridge park)
Parks and Rec should narrow its focus.
Parks are good for the city...the more the merrier....ways for people to interact with others
Please reference other comments, these are glaring issues with our community!
right now my children are under 4. i imagine my answers would change in the next couple of years.
Rochester has a fine Park and Rec. system.
Rochester is the nicest city I've ever lived in considering parks, trails, atheletic fields for youth sports, etc. Please keep this a priority!
Roller Skate facility
see # 11
see answer in other on question #8
See previous comments.
take advantage of the strength of RYBA
The lack of top level sports venue is a major concern. The city will never be a true destination without them.
To have the passion for all the facilities not just what appears to be pet projects of those in charge
U guys suck. 90 dollars for a shirt n hat for baseball is a joke
We have very nice facilities here in Rochester so I hope we can keep them.
You do a good job, Thanks
Improved roads at Fuad fields for parking.
More parking needed at RYSA soccer fields!
Parking at Watson Soccer Fields
Parking is main concern for grandparent attendies.
The parking at Schmidt Park is non-existent. When complaints are made to Police about them writing tickets to those who volunteer or watch their kids play, they're rude. How can the city not have parking at a park. And then promote police to write tickets to those who are using their facilities. What a joke!
Youth soccer places a lot of pressure on parking and facilities quality. Great news for the sport, but the facilities need to keep pace.
Better parking at Fuad Mansour - propoer facilities with bathrooms and covered shelter at Watson Soccer fields and Fuad Mansour
Parking is a huge issue from the soccer fields to the football fields, Please don't tear down the 2 city pools....keep
There needs to be more parking at the Rec Center and there never should be an ice hawks game and a swim meet scheduled at the same time. There is never enough parking for one event let alone two.
More parking areas near bike trails for better trail access.
accessible parks, parks in neighborhoods
Another fully fenced dog park. The south one uses a creek as a barrier, so I don't dare go with my greyhound, and the north one is often very busy, and not the easiest to get to.
Cascade Lake - can't wait for this to be finished. Can anything be done to speed up the schedule?

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I endorse further exploration for developing recreation area at Gamehaven site!
I see the need to increase the number of community parks in the city. Soldiers Field and Silver Lake park are great places for families but they are located only in the center of the city. Rochester has grown and will continue to expand. Because of this we as a city need to developed parks such as these not just in the center of the city but also in both the north and south ends of the city. Rochester also needs to expand and provide single track mountain bike trails such as Red Wings (Soldiers Memorial Park) or Lebanon Hills Regional Park near
Need more toddler parks like arendale. Ne roch needs community garden space. I love to help with it
Need to finish cascade park
Our neighborhood is older and does not have a park anywhere nearby - would love to see one - SE Rochester, Marion Road between 20th st and 52
personally i feel s.pointe park has a giant grassy waisted space.....seems like a waist....dog park...bball courts....tennis courts....whatever could be added should be.....its a very nice area and seems like a waisted giant land of grass past the playground
Please finish Cascade Lake ASAP. Before expanding any other services. Make it as big as possible.
Please invest in Quarry Hill to upgrade and enhance it.
River park
Sculpture Park
There should be larger spaces for dogs to run.
We have enough parks
Park at Eastwood on Hwy 14 seems like a waste of resources, rarely is anyone there. Need parks with educational equipment especially in lower income areas and Elton Hills
Concerned about N. dog park being built on. Lighted fields for Soccer and Lacrosse, Field Turf facilites
More fountains and pocket parks.
This is a great system and much of the park property is well maintained. I, inside the urban city area, would like to see the parks in /near the downtown core better maintained for goose poop, greater access to multi-use open space, improved pools with expanded hours, cross-country trails (groom the golf course and other parks.) Thank you for all the hard work to preserve, maintain and plan for our parks.
as the city grows so does the need for more parks/playgrounds and children's equipment.
Complete Cascade project from years ago, fireworks should be from Assisi Heights for the whole city to see, more programing
Mayo Park does not need a ice rink in the back. I think important to keep the green space. Beautiful park, peaceful and an ice rink would ruin that atmosphere.
It would be great to see the plans for a winter park at Gamehaven come to fruition. Also, it would be great to see a "bike trail 2.0" regarding the aved trails around town. There is a good foundation of trails from the 1990's, but there are many bad spots (i.e. crossing Broadway) that keep the trails from being a truly great system.
More parks like Indian Heights. All nature trails
NEED ADDITIONAL PARKS AND DOG PARKS AND MORE BIKE TRAILS TO KEEP BICYCLISTS OFF THE ROADS, ALSO NEED MORE OUTDOOR SWIMMING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN ALL QUADRANTS OF ROCHESTER
It seems as though the NW area could use more parks and indoor facilities, mountain biking trails,

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As an avid tennis player and rochester tennis league organizer I would like to see proportionate expansion of public tennis facilities with growth of the population of this town. Population went from 75,000 20 years ago to 106,000 now and number of tennis courts stayed the same. Many courts are not well kept and cracks can be dangerous for those daring to play there (Goose egg one example). Some courts are taken over by pickle ball league with plans to convert them to pickle ball only courts (Cooke park). Rochester has only 4 courts with lights. For example a tiny Cannon Falls MN has same number of lit courts as Rochester. Adding more quality courts that would be maintained well and adding some with lights would be great. Rochester tennis league has 150 active players every summer and sets up 2000 matches every year out on public courts. So claim that tennis courts are not used enough to invest in them are just false. Growing Rochester population has a very big and dedicated

As earlier stated, I think Pickleball is a missed opportunity.

Build some pickleball courts

Cities with first class pickleball courts in MN include Albert Lea, Edina, and Owatonna. Rochester should have first class facilities which would bring in lots of visitors for tournaments, etc.

dedicated pickle ball courts

I have found great opportunity for fun and exercise with the pickleball club. However, there are often many people there and only 2 courts available at Cooke Park, so some players move to the courts at Goose Egg Park. However, we lose the opportunity to 'mix' players as we would if we had enough courts at one location. The pickleball club provides a great opportunity of being able to play, without having to 'find' others to play - because there are always club members there who want to play.

I think the sport of Pickleball is growing in this community for all ages, but especially the senior community.

more full time pickleball facilities

More pickleball courts

more places to play pickleball

Pickle ball court development needs to be a priority. This is a fast growing sport for all ages and is great to keep seniors active and healthy.

Pickleball courts at Cooke Park on 7th Street NW

pickleball is a wonderful game for all ages so we need more pickleball courts

Please build better Pickleball facilities. Over 100 people are interested in this project

We have a growing number of active pickleball plaers and are in need of organized play and dedicated courts. Look up the fastest growing raquet sport in History....PICKLEBALL

We have many pickleball players in Rochester with no pickleball courts. We need courts!!

We need pickleball courts

We really are excited and hope to get 6 dedicated Pickleball courts at Cook Park.

With the significant growth of the sport of pickleball and the decline of tennis participation, there is a great opportunity to convert some tennis courts to pickleball courts.

World class outdoor pickleball courts and utilizing the National Volleyball center could bring in large

Would like better Pickleball courts and more of them

You have many seniors that enjoy pickleball but have inadequate facilities for a city this size.

outdoor and indoor pickleball courts. connections of some bike trails as well as upgrade - many are so cracked, bumpy, etc... (trails verses bike lanes on road!)

I have seen a future plan in the paper where there is no playground at Soldier's Field at the end of 1st Ave. That would be a huge mistake. That playground is used by many people year round and is extremely busy in the summer. It is used by YMCA programs and many other groups during at least 3 seasons of the year. Please don't Park in Baihly hills needs kids swing not just bsby

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could we update Nachreiner parks wooden play equipment? maybe add a toddler small slide/climber? also a few diggers for the sand, we'd love it!! thanks
another facility like pipsqueeks.
I would like to see covered playgrounds so kids can play outside no matter the weather
It would be nice to have more playgrounds at places like Faud where younger siblings can play during games.
Not enough playground equipment for toddlers.
I have 4 children and one of our favorite activities is traveling to different playgrounds throughout the community. We are very disappointed in Rochester's upkeep and quality of playgrounds. Not to mention that there is very little creativity and thought towards how children play. It seems as though Rochester's playground are all very similar in style and lack any unique features. We occasionally head on up to the cities to seek out some fun play structures and don't see why we cannot have some of these opportunites in Rochester.
Please upgrdae the playground at Quarry Hill park. Silver Lake playground (wooden toddler area) is in need of many repairs. Simply raking wood chips to even out fill and sweeping sand off sidewalks and structures would be an improvement.
activities (Fri & Sat night) for teens & pre-teens. Indoor roller skating or roller blading
Add baseball for older (high school students) or adult rec baseball
Adult rec seems to take a major backseat to kids' programs.
Again, I would just like to encourage the System to allow other groups who specialize to offer the majority of the programs. There are so many areas that are ignored until the expense is too great to fix and then it is a fight to
An actual band to play in this town. The Civic Band under Chuck Blaettner is terrible.
Bigger national niche sporting events
Concerts is smaller parks
Concerts of contemporary music, not has-beens from a decade ago...
funding to get existing programs/facilities on par with other communities
I think the Parks & Rec maintains existing facilities well. New neighborhoods (where there is greater land able to be developed into parks with expanded facilities) are being developed with small, neighborhood focused park/playground that are not serving the city's needs. City should be very selective to community events at Soldiers Field & Silver Lake as these serve neighborhoods as well & may not be able to handle larger growing community events (RochesterFest, etc). DMC has an important & ability to voice significant input, but the downstream effects may not receive attention. Thank you.
i think the rochester Park departments are well staffed but under work loads, better management of staff is needed to get the most of tax dollars. i see this at the Grahmam, rec center, park maintenace and winter snow
I would like to see some sports (volleyball, softball, kickball, more miniature golf ranges, dance for seniors)
It would be nice to have some type of system where all different sports where offered in the summer and have high school kids who were in these sports help out with these programs. Yes you would have to pay the high
Love down by the riverside, but sunday night is just too hard. Move this thing to Thursday or the weekend and it would be a fabulous event for those visiting Rochester
More art--sculpture, poetry, etc.
more family based programs/events
More outdoor activities. Possibly collaborate with Townsquare Media to use this space. They're very
No new hockey team! Support the Ice Hawks!
Parks and Rec facilities should be programmed through Parks and Rec personnel. Affiliate organizations should not be profiting by programming facilities.

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Partner with other recreational organizations and those skilled in grant writing to maintain, improve and expand park facilities
Please keep soccer programs. RYSA is by far my favorite.....non competitive and fun. . They way sports should be. Not turning 3 year olds into pro athletes.. Also community Ed programs in the middle school bring a bad crowd. I can't even put my kids in it. Not a good group
Quarry Hill use to do more trips, events and programs. I would like to see these return.
Rochester youth sports needs to assign families to nearest field to their home address, or atleast in the quadrant of their home. RYBA very poorly manages this, team assignments and home fields, late notifications of where teams will practice at, and very poorly represents rochester park and rec.
Scheduling--the demand for facilities is greater than the availability. When fields are rented, we often still have to share with others, yet there is no discount for the fee.
Should have a weekly summer festival like St Cloud has that is family friendly.
Some organization of recreation is always helpful (e.g. Pick up ball every Saturday at 10am at east park)
Stop letting RSA control the softball. They are a group of assholes bent on control and overcharging
Thank you for the quick removal of the barbed wire fences found at Quarry Hill. I think it would be great to allow amateur musicians/performers to play at different locations along Silver Lake--probably through a free or very low- cost permit. This way there would likely be a variety and you would know who's out there and where they
The current adult softball program is a joke. It is much too expensive, so there are no longer enough teams for multiple leagues and even playing abilities. My women's team will be looking elsewhere.
There are many more opportunities out there for youth and adult tournaments to be brought into Rochester. These tournaments bring revenue into the city which helps our local businesses
Think big. Look at Blaine http://www.nscsports.org/ It would mesh well with DMC. Many events are on weekends when Rochester has excess hotel rooms.
We need more art activities and classes in town
Would like to see more youth tournaments that brings the city hotel and other revenues, especially youth baseball. Most cities this size have more baseball facilities.
You should look into Geocaching!!! It can provide economic benefit through tourism!
Youth programs at hours that are available to those who work in Rochester but live outside of the city; it's hard to get out of work and get the kids to the program on time.
please take back adult softball and improve it so it can grow again. RSA doesn't change people or opinions and nothing changes for players. Youth baseball neighborhood fields are pretty poor quality for what we pay. mowing and dragging fields should be much better.
Scheduling needs to be watched at Watson as when we have rysa there and there is baseball Parking is impossible the amount of us that use it for rysa keeps going up
More neighborhood parks/playgrounds, more festivals
Shared food truck park. Could be located in soldiers field area. Could include a band shell. Also could bring live theatre festivals to the city.
Again, if we're going to base this city on health and medicine, we should have world class recreation facilities. Cities like Denver have rec centers in many neighborhoods, not just at one location.
As mentioned before, add baby gym or more indoor activity opportunities for children 3 and under with their
I want to see the Rec Center completed as soon as possible.
More neighborhood rec centers where classes and activities can take place. Update facilities at parks. So old and new pool at rec Center is great. update the aesthetics. There will be high profile events there. and it looks

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The RAC is expensive and the Y is rundown and managed poorly. If there was a nice community center that was reasonable and had good options for kids older than toddlers, it would be great! The outdoor parks are wonderful but there is not a lot to do during the long winter months. An indoor place for families to go would be great!

There does not seem to be much professional thought put into the renovation of the Rec Center!

We can't expect to compete with team from the Twin Cities (Soccer, Lacrosse) without more extensive indoor permanent athletic facility and a waterpark

With the expansion of the Rec. Center, even though the pool is being expanded, it sounds like from an email I received, that I need to look at other locations for the Swim Team to practice in. Isn't the point of having a community pool to offer to everyone not just the swim teams? Disappointed in doubling the pool size that this if Rochester grows as fast as it is projected, I hope the fields and indoor rec areas can be expanded to meet the demand.

I hope the rec center update makes the rec center better....with the quality of Rochester sports (hockey) teams, we need better facilities. Would love to see a USHL team here! Mayo Field should be next for updates...other teams in the Northwoods league have much better facilities. The Honkers deserve better...as do the fans! Please plow more trails in the winter...I love to run outdoors, and it is difficult in the winter with only so many trails cleared. LOVE the outdoor ice rinks- wish they could be resurfaced more frequently. Thank you for all you do! Really an excellent parks department. Just would like to see some updates to our major facilities. Had never thought of it before, but would be neat to have a bigger water park facility like Kasson's. I enjoy the Rochester pools, but to have something like what Kasson has, would be very worthwhile for Rochester!

There was an ice skating rink at a park near our house, it's been gone a few years and now we can't just walk a few blocks to skate we need to drive.

We should have a very good curling center. This is an activity that can be played and enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. It involves skill, promotes socialization and can NOT be played without a curling center. The only reason that more people don't ask for curling is they haven't discovered how much fun it is to play. As soon as they experience it, they will enjoy it. It is a lot more fun than bowling.

Better hockey facilities - additional soccer fields as participation is rapidly growing

Build a new multi ice rink facility like Blaine and close Graham Arena (and use just for the fair, 4H, etc.). In the meantime, better care needs to be taken at Graham and Rec Center in the bathrooms and locker rooms. Disgusting and embarrassing. My kids play traveling hockey and soccer, and I have never encountered worse bathrooms/locker room upkeep than in Rochester.

Outdoor ice rink maintenance is deplorable and an embarrassment.

Update Rec Center South Rink. Once addition is complete, remodel old office area, West seating. If you want to install more community gardens, do not take away park space, but use untapped areas, such as vacant areas.

Specifically for the outdoor ice rinks in the winter, I think it would be nice to make sure there is a skate-friendly path to the rink from the warming house, and good skate friendly floors in the warming house. Where I grew up, and dependent on the terrain, they would bank some snow around a large area and flood the area for the figure skaters, which gives them a nice place to skate AND gives you a nice path to the hockey area. I think it was better this last year, but flooding should be done in the morning so that the ice can set up well both while it's colder and before the kids get out of school, so that it's not soft when they start skating, which can ruin the ice. It would also be helpful to supply some large steel push shovels (something like the super pusher at <http://www.rinksystems.com/products/accessories/ice-maintenance.html>) to be kept safely in the warming house.

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See previous comments about indoor ice (hockey) facilities being insufficient. Not enough ice, quality of facilities is low, dressing rooms are undersized. Also, youth soccer fields are in the worst shape of any we have visited. Other communities where our team played (New Prague, Apple Valley, Northfield, Shakopee, Lakeville, etc) spend more effort in turfgrass maintenance and it shows. We have played on some very nice, lush fields. In Rochester we have fields that have holes and large areas without grass.

More indoor hockey rinks More tennis courts

I can't stress enough the need for better quality ice rinks that are modern, and that are not below zero inside. Fans don't want to be uncomfortably cold. If you added a walk/drive thru Holiday light display and Holiday festival at Silver Lake in December, the results could bring in visitors from all over and generate tens of thousands of dollars in donations for whatever cause is appropriate. Local businesses could sponsor some of the festivities or displays. The festival of trees is nice, but old hat. We need something more festive that's for the majority. We driver to LaCrosse to see Riverside Park's display every year. Do something similar, just better.

always a need to keep the areas safe for everyone

Better police presence at parks. Often see illegal activities by young people while at parks.

I use the trails on a daily basis (running/biking), and my children use the playgrounds (mostly at Kutzky park). The number one reason for my dislike of the parks in Rochester has nothing to do with amenities or maintenance; there are almost ALWAYS drunks, homeless people and loud parties at Kutzky park (which is my neighborhood park). They take up the picnic shelter and the picnic benches nearly every day, there's no way I could ever pay to rent the shelter for a party because they are always there. I have seen this at other parks as well such as the Kutzky ball field, Cook Park and various places along Cascade Trail.

I worry about the times we see remnants of illegal or illicit activities at our parks, such as pornography, condoms, beer, etc...

improved parks (silver lake park) to meet safety standards

Make them safer for young kids

more awareness from gen. public re: bikes, motorcycles, safety thereof on streets.

More police patrols

More security. I don't use the running/biking trails as much due to safety concern. Utilize more police force in safety do not let people / gangs use our parks just to hang out and scare people who want to use the parks for their intended purpose

safety for the children (and adults) in the Parks - I've never sees any police or neighborhood friendly patrol excepte when reported problems

Safety in Kutzky Park (esp. park shelter)

Safety/security is an issue. Kids cannot always play at parks because of concern for crime. Also people not keeping dogs on leashes is a problem- I won't even take my kids walking on the back side of quarry hill anymore

Smoking restrictions - especially during Rec Center hockey games. We have to walk past a bunch of smokers standing just outside of the doors. Parking at Rec Center has often been a nightmare and we've now lost so

The Rochester Parks and Recreation System must address the abuse of facilities by Somalians by the Miracle Field off of Essex Parkway. Although it is sad to say, the loitering and drunken behavior (with daily calls and visits from the Rochester Police Dept.) subsided completely once the pavilion picnic tables were removed. Please consider taking that same action next Spring/Summer when the gangs begin gathering there. Just don't put the picnic tables out, and maybe they will not smash bottles and litter and spray paint the walls on grounds paid for

The security at city parks, namely downtown, needs to increase. Hire police officers and have them patrol the trails and park more often.

Would prefer if dogs were required to be on leash at all times in city parks and on the trails

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More benches at ALL Sporting Venues. Most time games are early morning and the ground is wet kids must sit on ground since only one bench and 0 kids do not fit on one bench. And the safety of that one bench is questionable

Parks need better after dark lighting and more police presence on patrol and on bikes as pairs in closed park security and upkeep

Young park is a very busy park but it is unsafe and has not been updated in years. It also needs a picnic shelter.

In desperate need of better maintenance and safety in the parks, especially in the evenings and nights. Need opportunities for fishing, especially for children below age of 16.

Ban liquor in Kutzky Park. Clean out the homeless people. Better cleaning up of garbage. More winter concerns re safety of paved trails

More safe biking trails around the edges of Rochester.

Lighting along trails - there are enough light posts but they seem to be only partially lit (every three) when we need them. This is mostly a problem in the fall/winter. I understand the need for energy savings but safety should trump that. I use the trails to walk to work in the mornings and in the fall/winter it's dark. Maybe light every two rather than every three as a compromise?

The lighting of the trail along Cascade Creek needs to be assessed: the lights stay lit until 1 or 2 am, but from 5-8 am (when people are using this trail for recreation and commuting to work), only every 3rd light is lit. As sunrise gets later, this becomes hazardous (especially once there is snow and ice on the trail). Also, I was out running a few weeks ago, and the lights along Cascade Creek to the NE (off of 3rd Ave NW, just south of where Cascade Creek branches from the Zumbro) weren't lit at all. It was 7:30 in the evening, it was pitch black, and I couldn't

Be careful how you proceed with the golf. Soldier's Field is the gem of Rochester. Don't let this course be used for a sledding hill. Oh wait, the a LEVEL piece of ground and something like Judd Hill has the elevation for a sledding hill. Soldier's Field is NOT YOURS to goof around and try silly hip new age plans! It is OUR golf course.

DO NOT ELIMINATE THE SOLDIERS FIELD RECREATION AND GOLF COURSE

Do not get rid of Soldier's Field golf course! Shovel the rinks when there is snow before broomball games, support referees when there are acting out players!

Do not make changes to Soldiers Field

Do NOT remove or change Soldier's Field Golf Course.

I am very upset that the soldier's field golf course remains as an 18 hole course rather than being reduced to a 9 hole course. That is very valuable space that the neighborhood would love to use. Additionally, although SF is considered a community park, historic southwest doesn't really HAVE other neighborhood parks, so it does need to serve the needs of the neighborhood specifically as well as the city as a whole. I don't want to see any more space from that park lost, especially to monuments, etc.

I love the Rochester Park system. I live near Soldiers Field and enjoy that park almost daily. I also travel through Rochester on the trail system visiting many parks around town. The park system is one of Rochester's best assets and I cringe every time a city official or public commentator suggests that the park system should be self-supporting or a profit center. Our park system adds to the quality of life for everyone. If we start to dismantle the park system we will lose things they we can never get back. Of special interest to me are: Public Pools, these are a must and should be repaired and maintained. Golf courses, they may cost some money and may not be used by everyone but they do add to the quality of life by providing green space and an amenity that many look for when choosing to move to Rochester. Soldiers Field Park & Golf Course cannot be dismantled and sold off for museums, college buildings or other uses. It is the heart and soul of Rochester and must be preserved

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<p>I personally was upset to see that the plan for soldiers field is to continue its use as s golf course. This is a beautiful downtown space that is being used by a very small minority of the population that happened to have a loud voice. In general I believe if we are going to use public spaces for golf courses the greens fees should be priced to where it doesn't cost the city any more to maintain the course than it would any other city park. In</p>
<p>Invest in Soldiers Field as a festival and concert venue.</p>
<p>Keep Soldiers Field Golf Course as is.</p>
<p>Must keep soldiers field golf course</p>
<p>Need better maintenance of soldiers field golf course, tree trimming</p>
<p>Need to allow Soldiers Field to remain as both a neighborhood (primary need) & community park. Should explore more natural areas for picnics/hikes/walks.</p>
<p>Need to make better use of facilities in the winter. For example, groom cross-country ski trails in all of the golf courses, flood the tracks for winter ice skating as was done last year at Soldier's Field. Please do not take away any active green space to put in a dog park. It's been my observation that when dog parks are put into parks, then the people tend to drive there, sit while the dogs run and then drive home instead of walking the dogs as they must otherwise do. Dog parks seem in direct opposition to public health desires to make people more</p>
<p>Please avoid adding roads and big parking lots to Soldier's Field and other parks. Kids need pools and playgrounds. Replace playing fields with landscaped spaces where people can walk and sit in shade.</p>
<p>Please do not take away the Soldiers Field Golf Course.</p>
<p>Please don't destroy Soldiers Field golf course. It is a wonderful, walkable course in the downtown area. Many patients & visitors use this.</p>
<p>Please keep the track and large field at Soldiers Field. It gets so much use and is the only thing like it in the town. It is nice to maintain the park's founding heritage as a youth rec facility.</p>
<p>Really want to see Soldier's Field golf course developed into a community area instead of golf course</p>
<p>Rochester is a great city with many parks and recreation opportunities. Personally I think general improvement of existing parks should be a priority. Also I think Soldiers field could be vastly improved as the central park to Rochester. Add very nice splash pad, high end bball courts, high end tennis courts, high end track, add variety of aesthetically appealing elements for year round usage.</p>
<p>Soldier's Field is our neighborhood park (located within 2 blocks of my home). Any changes to this city park need to take into consideration that there are a number of people who would be impacted. The park has become increasingly busy with tennis leagues, baseball/soccer/football practices and ultimate frisbee. This means less space for free play. The tennis backboard at soldier's field needs replacing and it is unclear why they removed a court a few years back as the courts are always full. I was concerned that Rochesterfest in soldiers field would damage the grounds but found this to be less of an issue. I appreciate the park board limiting the hours on loud music as there are homes nearby and sounds carry through the neighborhood.</p>
<p>The golf course at soldiers field should become a city park with playgrounds and nature trails</p>
<p>The park system is a very good start that should be maintained and expanded. The parks and associated recreational activities are significant draws for recruiting and keeping people in Rochester. The island of Soldier's Field and the golf course should be protected are enhanced, but I hope that space isn't lost to more buildings. Parks are an asset that if lost can't be replaced.</p>
<p>The Soldiers Field master planning process was very disappointing. The process was well done, but Parks missed a tremendous opportunity to reconceive the use of the golf course land for use as a urban park. Also, as has been pointed out,</p>

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Turn soldier field golf course into a park! It would be the best asset of this town! All European cities have a park in the center. There are not enough people using the golf course! It would be one of the best things the Rochester parks and recreation system could do for the city and its people!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We live by soldiers field and use it several times a week. Please don't take our pool, golf course or track away!

Our parks must stay accessible to our neighborhoods. Soldiers field and the YMCA are very important right where they are located.i am also hopeful that the fairground not be divided and turned into a parking lot.

I would like to see Soldiers Field pool Repaired, Silver lake pool is not used as much but would like to keep both pools going

Flag football was a welcome addition, however during play this season there was no consistency with regard to the rules. Certain refs called rules one way and others did the opposite. There needs to be a more uniform method of calling the games. In addition I utilize the public golf courses quite a bit. I am happy with their current state but have concerns if Soldier Field is closed as this is going to force more play on the other courses, resulting in more difficulty obtaining tee times and keep in the courses in good condition.

I do not want to see the city lose Soldiers Field downtown. It's so nice to have the open space and a maintained area that is visible to everyone. In addition, we do need LAX fields but placing them in SE Rochester is a very poor decision. I do not want any child (age 8-18) to be in what has historically been an area of higher crime. Just because the city has the property does not make it appropriate for all activities. The SE area should only be used

You stabbed us in the back on soldiers field improvements, got input and then ignored it for a few rich old white guys. Dangerous gaps remain in trail system. Clear trails in winter.

I would like to see the Cascade trail cleared during the winter months. It is heavily used and would benefit a LOT of people.

connect trail system with Chester Woods and other parks throughout the area

connections between the trail system and bike lanes needs improvement. Too many bike lanes end without an option for riders to safely get anywhere.

continue expansion of bike trail system with access to all recreational areas city-wide

Continue to develop stops along river trail and connect to more trails, destinationaps for recreation, commuting expand trails, anywhere, everywhere

extend trail system to SW neighborhoods

I would like to see a trail access to the area in Rochester south of Highway 52 and north of Highway 63 specifically scenic Oaks southern woods area.

the current trail system lacks connectivity

There is a nice trail system in place, but it would be nice to see it more connected to downtown by dedicated bicycle lanes. I would commute to work by bicycle rather than car if there were safe bike lanes on the roads. It would also be nice if the trail system included an easy way to get to the area just north of Civic Center Drive by

There is enough soccer, baseball, hockey. Bike trails are a good idea for all levels of activity.

Walking trails in neighborhoods, connections to current bike trails to facilitate bike commuting and biking

We live in the Century Hills Neighborhood and would like to be connected to the city by the bike trail system.

Would like to see paved trails connect and extend out to housing near RST airport

more paved trail access to parks, more paved bike trails

The trail system could use better care. The golf courses were better this year but half the tee boxes need to be rebuilt and the little things never get done. The Graham's and REC are an embarrassment compared to metro area facilities. How do you remodel the REC and not replace the 1970's seating? If you look at Woodbury, Eagen, Lakeville our facilities are welfare like.

I herd of how much is wasted on trail designs and poor management. thats depressing. it's our tax dollars.

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I would like to see better paved trail maintenance. They are adequate for bikes for difficult for rollerblading.
Paved Trail maintenance (along northern West Circle by Costco), seriously - a curling league... even if it is on arena ice. Check out Chaska's new curling facility drivn by Park Board.
I would like to see a path connecting far SW Rochester neighborhoods like hart farm with the trail system. 18th is dangerous for bikers/runners.
clear trails year round
I would like to see the trail system maintained during the winter for use. Other big cities located in the Metro area maintain their trails year around.
plow bike trails in winter for winter commuting, snow making for cross country ski trails
The city has a wonderful trail system during the summer. The very limited clearing during the winter makes it unusable, especially at a time when there are no other options. The city is woefully behind in supporting swimming -- both fitness swimming and competitive swimimng; as well as diving. Our pools are ancient at best and limited in their capacity. We have so few that open hours are severely limited or frankly unworkable for
Adding more trails and sidewalks, especially so that outer neighborhoods can connect to major trails, is very important to our family. Also, it is unclear how the city supports many activities. (i.e. I didn't realize RYSA soccer had anything to do with Parks and Rec.) Perhaps this connection needs to be promoted.
Bike paths are in need of repair, we need more bike lanes in high traffic and residential areas so make riding to nod from a bike path is safe
bike trails first and foremost need work. My family lives SW and we are secluded by dangerous roads and seriously want to move to access bike trails. A simple bridge over 52 and a trail out to 40th st S would be prudent to prioritize for a large enough portion of the population to be worth the investment. Please and thank you.
Connect bike trails
Connect trail system wide
connecting city bike trail system with other cross country trails for longer/safer rides, another "quarry hill type" nature recreation site
Connecting scenic oaks sw neighborhood to city trail system
continue connecting bike trails in the area, Rochester to Eyota and on to the County Rd 9/Elgin/Plainview trail.
Expand the bike trail system; have a bike bridge across Broadway at Silver Lake Dam.
Extending the bike trail system is great for recreation AND safe commuting.
I live NW, Badger Ridge, there's currently no great way to connect to the bike trails with my young family from our neighborhood. I think it's important that all neighborhoods can safely have access to the city bike trails. Also, it'd be nice if bike trails could better link into downtown. If you're coming from the west, the trail system goes north as you get close to downtown as compared to into DT.
I really appreciate the bike paths. It would be great to increase connectivity with parts of the trail system that run through town, such as the jog between Kutzky Park and Cascade Lake.
improve/expand bicycle riding trails and paths
Increased bike trails that connect to all areas of the city
It would be great if we could develop more hiking/backpacking trail systems -- I think something like the Superior Hiking trail would be a great addition to this area. Most likely it would require a mix of public and private land owners working together to create. We have such a diverse natural ecosystem that something like this would be popular for both those hiking just for the day or those that like to hike multi-day trips.
More bike trails connecting to current system.
more bike trails, interconnection of bike trails
More biking trails.

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More paved paths in the always growing NW Rochester, for example along Valleyhigh Dr out to 50th and 60th Ave. Also more parks in those neighborhoods. We are excited for the Cascade Lake development to be finalized and was disappointed that it's been pushed back again.

More trail connectivity

More walking/jogging/bike paths, and open/cleared for winter use. Really looking forward to Cascade opening!

My wife and I bike to work together from NE Rochesters and the bike trails are world class downtown. However my wife works on the south side of Hwy 52 and 63 and there is no bike path. A bike path that connects the north and south parts of the city over Hwy 52 needs to be a priority just like the path over 14

Natural trails need to be somewhat groomed better.

P&R has a great series of bike trails but they are limited in that they are "out and back" based. They do not often make large, safe loops for families to take (ie without major road crossings). Combining the great trail segments into connected loops would greatly increase the value of Rochester trails as destinations vs functional use trails. Also, downtown trails are very limited in scope. Having at least one bike only trail West to East and North to South through downtown would help with access.

put a bike trail in from the water tower down the hill to the park area (for strollers and bikers) and use hillside for another disc golf location

See <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/pdf/stip/2015-2018%20STIP%20FINAL.pdf> Sequence Number 1032 (Project Number 159-090-020) for an example of a short-sighted plan that is a waste of money. This route has steep grades (some greater than the ADA 5% rule). It's goal is to connect Quarry Hill to Chester Woods; these are two destinations - not where people live. It follows highways and goes through lightly populated rural landscapes including active farmland. Landscape that is boring, honestly, and dangerous for

Separate bike paths next to every road.

South of 52 is disconnected from the trail system into the heart of Rochester. With the growing multi-family by the Shoppes on Maine, and the future planning for Game Haven, this should be a priority.

The bike lanes are awful. Who designed those and what were they smoking?

the bike trails need more upkeep and need to have better plans, some just end without connecting to other trails, the same for the bike lanes. There should be a way to get from west bound 7th St NW to the Cascade/Valleyhigh trail without having to cross the road to get on the bridge over 7th St.

The city of Duluth has done a great job of making the city bike friendly. We need to model our development plans along the lines of the work they have done. Their work has garnered national recognition.

The town is expanding to the NW, yet the two mountain bike trails are on the southern edge of town. Douglas Trail does in a pinch, but is not well maintained and is shared with horses and the mess that goes with them.

This is more of a county park request (like Gamehaven)...snowmaking or the ski trails. Thank you

Trails connecting the SW side of town with downtown area

Wider trails where traffic is heavy. Keep brush/debris off trails.

Work better with DNR, Public Works, and County to manage and expand bike and pedestrian system. Provide better access to facilities, do not cater so much to car drivers

would love even more bike trails, specifically to connect to Chester Woods

I live in the manorwood lake 7th subdivision and would love to see a bridge directly attaching to the trail to improve access to cascade lake trails and parks. I know this is echoed by the rest of the surrounding

Expanded mountain biking trails and regular bike/running trails. Better/more available restroom facilities

A great town needs great trails and parks. The driftless region is special, and there should be more natural areas highlighting our area

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<p>We recently moved out of the city limits and our children have fledged, so we are not using the parks nearly as much as we used to (when kids were involved in rowing, volleyball, swimming, etc) , with the exception of bike trails. My greatest concerns are preserving the natural environment - tree planting, wildflowers, reduce use of pesticides and herbicides, year-round environmental education in an engaging way. Partner with arts organizations and multicultural groups. Emphasize our heritage and history. Community involvement through public notification system (maybe social media, or a column in newspaper) about highlights in the parks system --unusual bird sightings, or first bluebells, or more mushrooms, blackcaps are ripe along the Douglas Trail, for instance</p>
<p>The park and recreation department has been very good about fixing bike paths or mowing alongside them very quickly and in a timely manner when I have called about issues.</p>
<p>A lot of the bike paths are showing their age. Especially the one on west circle drive.</p>
<p>Maintenance of some of the paths in tough shape, example along west circle drive, in front of Mc Donalds is in really bad shape.</p>
<p>More paved trails near major roads to encourage alternative transit. More water slides, equipment access for water activities-kayaking, canoeing. Improved tennis court maintenance and more courts.</p>
<p>The Douglas trail is in need of repair between 50th Ave and 60th Ave NW.</p>
<p>20 year plan = walking/hiking trails and destination Pickleball Center</p>
<p>We love Minneapolis parks and spend many weekends up there using it. It would be great if Rochester's trails connected different parts of the city better. The seasonal restaurants in Minneapolis parks, run by local chefs that also have local music is a offers community connectedness</p>
<p>More off road trails to connect destinations would be great. I would love to bike to work but have no safe way to</p>
<p>I would like to see the trails well lit at night for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
<p>Continue to expand bicycle/walking/ski trails. Clear more of the bike trails in winter</p>
<p>Continue to maintain the trails the city has in the winter. Whether that means plowing them to run/bike or creating cross country opportunities...</p>
<p>Extreme disappointment of the off-limits of flat walking trails in Quarry Hill Park during winter months.</p>
<p>Keep current paved trails cleared of snow and ice</p>
<p>Keep the entire trail system open in the winter for use</p>
<p>Really think there could be more bike trails in Rochester that could have snow removal</p>
<p>Trails and bike paths are not maintained in the winter. If you are going to bill residents for not clearing sidewalks, maintain your own.</p>
<p>A better bandshell for community concerts, support neighborhoods to take ownership of their parks through grants which would foster new events.</p>
<p>A city this size having no outdoor bandshell (covered/lighted stage outdoors) is a testimony to lack of cultural experiences for everyone! Not everyone in this town is a sports fan. Drawing in people of diverse interests is lacking when the focus of most activities is sports. There's a distinct discrimination toward those with musical interests when only one sorry looking venue allows for outdoor performances.</p>
<p>a couple more regulation sized baseball fields. at least 2 nice ones with infield grass. another nice softball complex to hold more and larger girls softball tournaments. souix falls is dynamic at this</p>
<p>A large city wide sports complex. Include basketball courts, baseball fields etc</p>
<p>A larger baseball complex for youth teams - some of the fields around Rochester are pretty bad.</p>
<p>Better facilities at youth softball complex need to be equal to baseball complex</p>

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Does the possibility of constructing a \$55 million to \$75 million arena to lure a USHL team count? Having 30 to 35 hockey games per year is a waste of money. Brad Jones said the facility would be used about 135 times per year. For what? A few high school basketball games? Indoor football? What a joke. The Section 1 high school tournament? I suppose, but that would be a handful of games. Big name concerts aren't going to come here. It
I think the way things are in this city is great. Though, I do think kids need some excitement. If kids ever want to go on rides, they have too to the cities or somewhere else. We have county fair once a year. A water/amusement park would be nice. Just a thought.
I would like to see a larger baseball complex for the elementary age children playing in RYBA
Major sports complex a huge need. More natural parks rather than cookie-cutter playground parks throughout the city - think differently than in the past
More athletic venues that bring people to Rochester during the weekends
Rochester is missing the "one" grand location for bigger events
the softball complex needs to be completed.
We need larger sports facilities (indoors and outdoors) to be able to offer a wider range/better sporting events as well as concerts at these facilities/sites.
Well, it would be good to mitigate against a hockey arena encroaching on Mayo Park. Thanks.
The tennis courts and clubhouse at Kutzky Park are an embarrassment - replacing these should be a top priority!!
improve the tennis center Kutzky park
New Soccer & Baseball complex. To host Rochesterfest soccer tournament. Instead of Southernwoods and Withers. Complex big enough with ample parking to match. Saturdays at the Heinz Center in the fall (yikes) I have 10th grader now, so I probably won't see it in my time with her (playing traveling soccer) . Faud was nice, no parking now. But we need to do this for the future children.
A safer sledding hill is needed, maybe with a tow rope. Like Judd with no poles and obstacles
Better activities for the winter to keep kids active outside
Continue to create space for active play year around. Space that also brings the community together - young and old. Look to some Canadian examples (Ottawa).
Gamehaven Winter Plan with snow making as mentioned
If the city still owns the "old" ski hill off county road 8, I could see a great opportunity for a beginners ski/snowboard or sledding hill. My biggest concern is the improvement to keep the quality of the fantastic facilities we already have. My second concern would be the mighty dollar. What sources do we have set for funding the improvement of the Roch. Park & Rec. Dept.?
More winter activities, both indoor (open basketball courts, etc) and outdoor (ski trails, fat biking trails).
Please get more for winter! Pave more trails for running/walking; dangerous running in street. Winter park w/snow making would be great.
really great summer activities and facilities, very limited outdoor winter activities
Rochester needs more and better sledding hills.
Rochester P & R system has predominantly focused on sports and activities for the warm months leaving and essentially shuts down for 4 months offering nothing to sustain outdoor activities in the winter. Having a snowmaking capability to sustain winter activities as cross country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing is a strong
Sledding Hills
There are some great places that are well maintained but it would be greatly desirable to have a cross country trail/park with snow making equipment for all winter use
Winter activities like snow biking and sledding.
Winter sports area including slidding, skiing, tubing and cross country skiing

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Snow removals
Allow walkers during the winter on all 50% of trails in Essex park. Xcountry skiers don't own park.
rental for winter equipments and a ski man made mountain in rochester or in its neighboring townships and a giant waterpark that will put us on the map and a rollercoaster theme park.
Develop game haven in to 4 season park with x country skiing and mountain biking
More opportunities outside both for kids and adults during the winter
The major thing Rochester is still missing is a curling club. Owatonna (much smaller than Rochester) has had a successful and thriving curling club since 1968. There are enough curlers in and around Rochester (including many Canadians who work at Mayo Clinic) that it should be readily apparent that there is a sufficient nucleus to build and maintain a successful curling facility in this city.
plow more trails in winter
A lighted winter recreation trail for XC Ski and Snow Shoeing would help get more people out and active in the
More cleared paths in winter. Permanent farmer's market location in a city park, i.e. Soldiers Field.