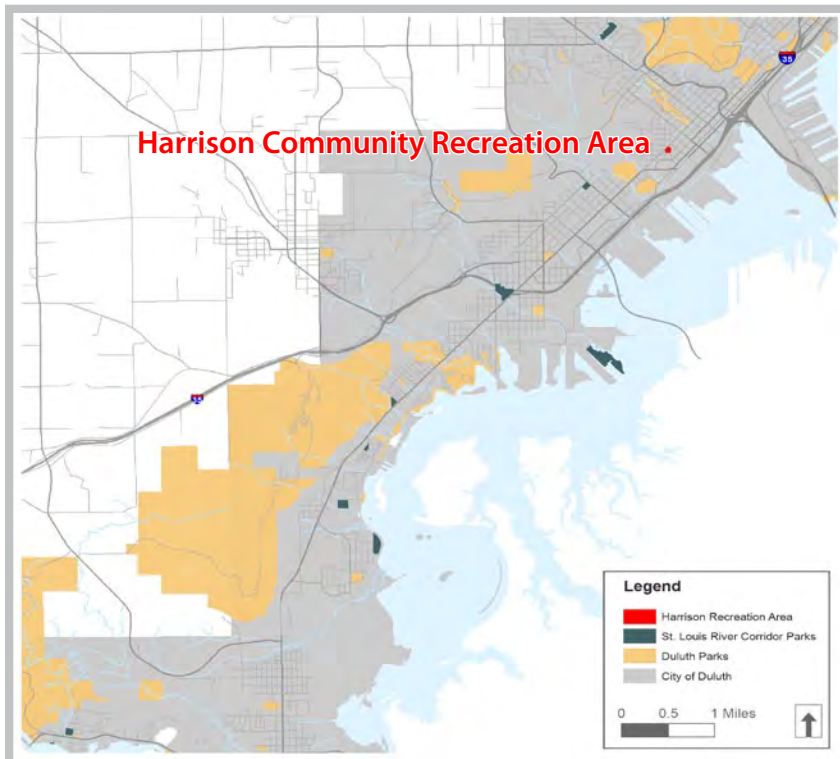




HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA

Summary and Overview

Harrison Community Recreation Area is a two acre park in the Lincoln Park Neighborhood. It is located on W 3rd Street, adjacent to single-family homes and small businesses. The park is busy and active with a playground, community center building, basketball court, tennis courts, softball field, and Miracle Field. A farmers market takes place once a week in the park during the summer months. The park building is heavily programmed. The “front” area of the park along 3rd Street is well-used, while the “back” area of the park (tennis courts and softball field) is underutilized.



HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA LOCATION MAP

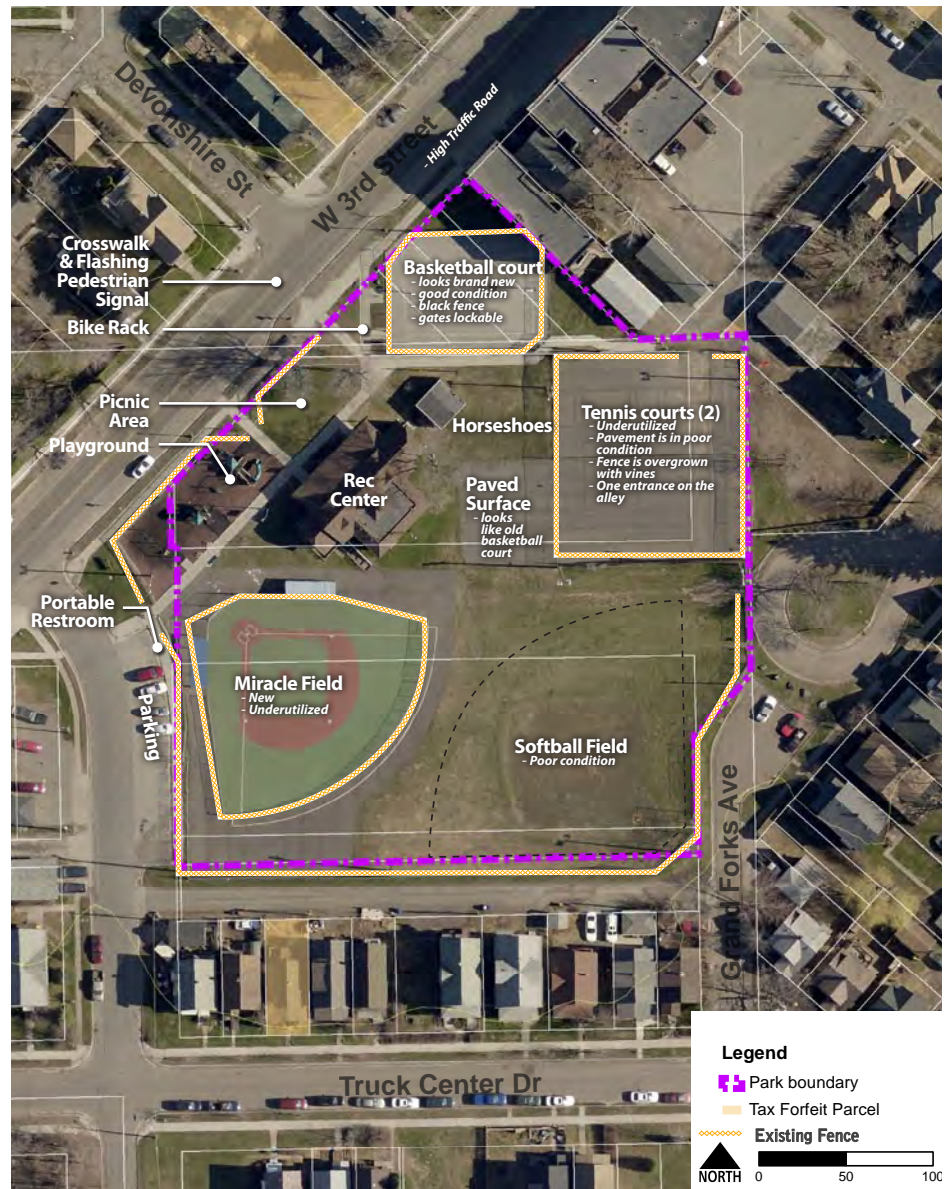
STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

- » New basketball court is in good condition
- » The Miracle Field is in good condition and has the opportunity for more scheduled programming
- » Recreation building is well used, opportunity to improve outdoor space for picnics/gatherings
- » Large, flat grassy area where softball field is located is rarity in west Duluth, opportunity to better utilize this space for open play
- » Lighting exists on tennis courts and softball field
- » Farmers market is opportunity to expand food program with community garden plots, demonstration gardens, or greenhouse
- » Stone walls, ornamental fencing, and park building provide welcoming feel to the park

ISSUES:

- » Softball field is underutilized and in poor condition
- » Fencing creates barriers to circulation
- » Tennis courts are in poor condition and underutilized
- » Recreation building has water issues in the basement
- » Playground surface is unsafe
- » Lack of parking during events and large gatherings
- » Lack of clear circulation/connectivity through the park
- » Some invasive species (Japanese knotweed) and weedy areas exist along fencing

EXISTING CONDITIONS



HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA SITE INVENTORY

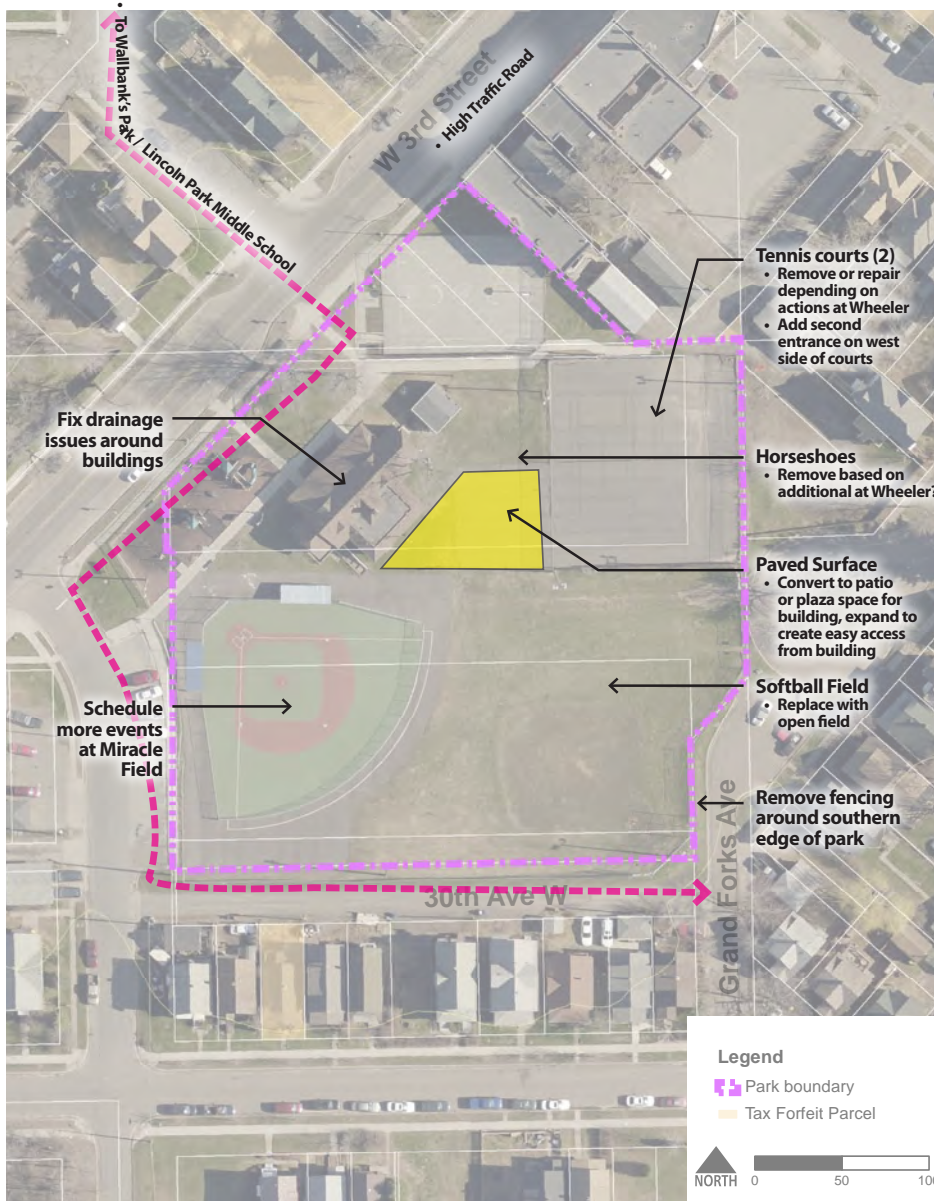
Existing Conditions

The northwestern half of Harrison Recreation Area is generally in good condition: the playground, park building, basketball court, and Miracle Field are all well used and maintained. The southeastern half of the park is underutilized and has not been updated in years: the softball field, tennis courts, and former basketball court pavement are in fair condition, but could use major improvements if further use is to continue.

The park has lots of fencing, which makes it feel isolated and enclosed. The fencing along with dead-end streets and alleys on the south and east sides of the park make it a barrier to connectivity in the neighborhood.

Needs Assessment/Input Summary

At the stakeholder and community meetings, a desire was expressed for every



The basketball court is in new condition



The community center is highly utilized



The open space north of the community center is utilized for a farmer's market



The miracle field is highly utilized

HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION ARE PARK SITE ANALYSIS

park in the corridor to have basic amenities, including a bench, a picnic table, and a grill. Harrison does have the need for additional benches, picnic tables, and grills, especially in coordination with an outdoor patio and gathering space adjacent to the recreation building. Wayfinding and directional signage to each park, within each park, and to nearby trails are also desired as a way to promote the parks. Trail connections and better connectivity to schools around Harrison are desired. Although an enhanced crossing exists across 3rd Street, some residents still find it dangerous to cross the street there.

Public input focused on the need to better utilize the spaces in the park, especially the tennis courts and softball field. There is a desire for an improved playground, more open play space for free, active recreation, as well as more park amenities. Lighting is desired throughout the park.

Community gathering space and garden plots are desired to increase access to fresh food in the neighborhood. Paved areas should be removed and more greenery added throughout the park.



FIGURE 2.28 HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA MINI-MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

Concept Plan & Recommendations

The concept plan for Harrison includes the removal of the tennis courts and softball field for the addition of community gardens, a picnic area, a new trail connection, and space for a potential greenhouse to be managed by a partnership organization. The removal of fencing and addition of shade trees should improve the overall appearance and feel of the entire park. Additional minor improvements are noted throughout the park.

Phasing & Cost Estimates

PHASE 1: SHORT-TERM



FIGURE 2.29 HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA SHORT-TERM PHASING

ACTION			COST
#	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	
5	Demolition	Remove/Relocate Existing Horseshoes	With Wheeler costs
8	Vegetation	Community Garden Plots	\$15,000
9	Circulation	New Walkways	\$3,375
11	Vegetation	Add demonstration garden	\$15,000
13	Circulation	Install New Park Wayfinding Sign	\$2,000
15	Vegetation	Plant New Shade Trees	\$9,600
16	Demolition	Remove Existing Miscellaneous Fence Components	\$2,500
17	Circulation	Stripe On-Street Bike Path	\$1,800
18	Demolition	Remove Existing Tennis Courts, Fence, and Pavement	\$20,000
19	Furnishings	New Picnic Tables (5)	\$10,000
Total Short-Term Improvement Costs			\$79,275

PHASE 2: LONG-TERM



FIGURE 2.30 HARRISON COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA LONG-TERM PHASING

ACTION			COST
#	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	
1	Circulation	Enhance Pedestrian Crossing Amenity	\$10,000
3	Recreation	Replace Play Surface with Poured-In-Place Rubber Surface	\$63,000
4	Circulation	New Sidewalk - 4' Concrete	\$38,500
5	Recreation	Create Natural Play Area	\$50,000
6	Vegetation	Plant New Ornamental/Fruit Tree	\$2,800
7	Building	Space for new Greenhouse	TBD
9	Circulation	New Walkways - 10' Concrete Connection from Patio	\$5,000
10	Lighting	New Pedestrian Lights	\$16,000
12	Vegetation	New Pollinator Gardens	\$5,850
14	Circulation	New Paved Trail Connection - 6' Concrete	\$26,400
20	Circulation	New Patio	\$49,500
21	Vegetation	Open Lawn	\$5,000
Total Long-Term Improvement Costs			\$272,050
Total Short-Term Improvement Costs			\$79,275
Total Improvement Costs			\$351,325