

Presented at Norton Park United Methodist Church

January 28, 2026



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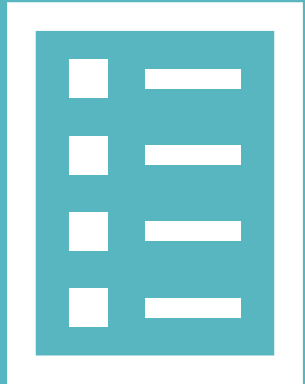


Norton Park

PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN 2026

Agenda

6:00 – 7:00 PM



Welcome and staff introductions

- Briefly highlight process and previous feedback
 - Review plans for improvements
 - Questions and discussion
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- Share some thoughts on playground options on your way out!



How We Got to Today



- 2014 St. Louis River Corridor Initiative
- 2016 Park Plan
- April 2024 Community Meeting
 - Identified park priorities
 - Additional building information requested
- January 2025 Community Meeting
 - Presented results of building assessments
 - Confirmed park priorities
- March 2025 submitted grant application



Guiding Goals & Priorities



Goals

- Address deferred maintenance
- Create a high-quality neighborhood park
- Inclusive, accessible, and family friendly

Community Identified Priorities

- Replace playground
- New pavilion for community gathering
- Useable open greenspace
 - Keep vehicles out of the park
 - Improve drainage



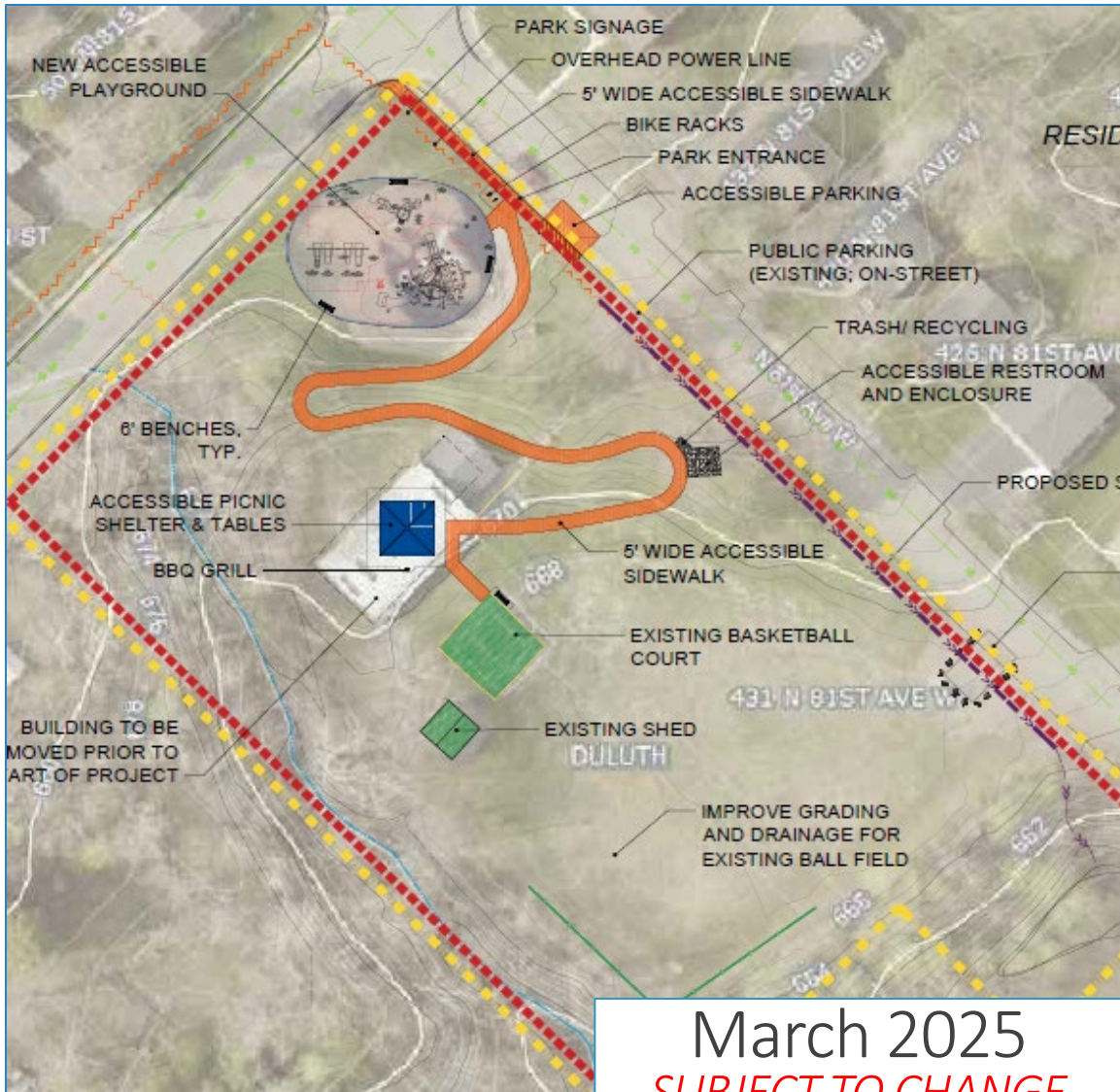
Pavilion Location

During process of design, concerns about pavilion location came up:
“Up” by playground vs. “down” in old building location

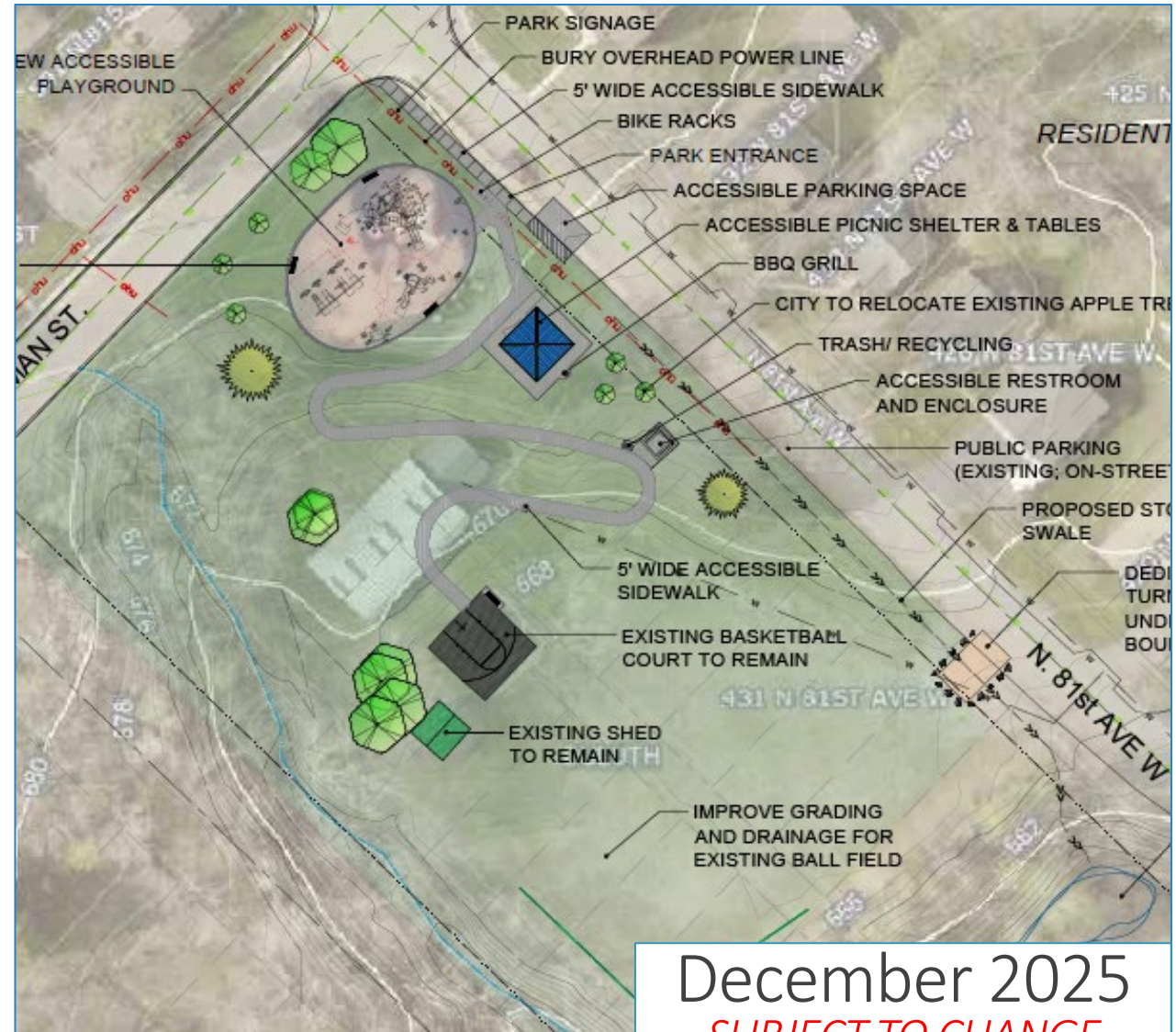
Considerations

- Sightlines and visibility
- Shallow water table
- Flexibility for daily use and events
 - Shade for playground supervision
 - Surrounding lawn space





March 2025
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December 2025
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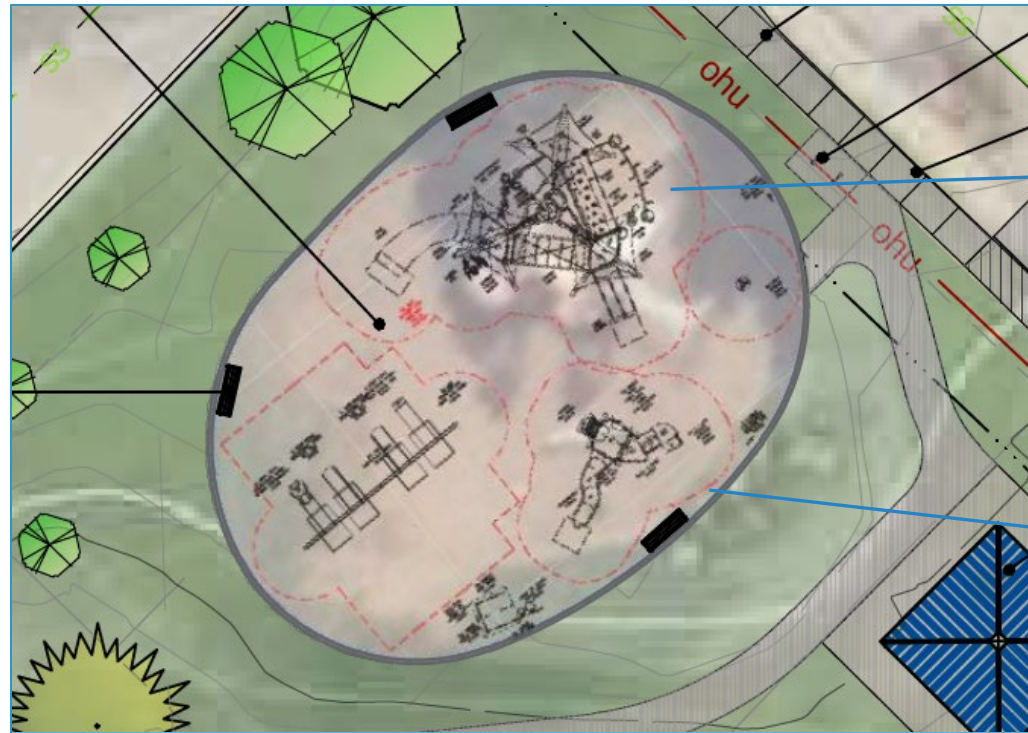
NORTON PARK
431 N. 81ST AVE W
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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Playground

- Currently have two vendor options
- Low cost/best value will determine selection
- Both designs include:



Play area for
ages 5-12

Play area for
ages 2-5

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Next Steps

1. Enter grant agreement with MN DNR
2. Develop construction documents
3. Bid the project this spring, then construct!

Right-of-Way Alley through park will be vacated
You may see public notices posted

Elements of the design that may still change:

- Accessible route from playground to basketball court
- Specific playground features



Questions?

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- Thank you!
- For more information, please visit the Norton Park Project page: duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-trails/current-projects/norton-park/
- Webpage includes a comment form, or feel free to reach out!

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Norton Park



Project Status: Planning

Project Overview:

Norton Park improvements are based on recommendations made by the City Council approved St. Louis River Corridor Neighborhood Parks Mini Master Plans, passed in June 2016. Norton Park is a three acre neighborhood park in the Norton Park Neighborhood northwest of Grand Avenue.

Norton Park is one of thirteen parks along the St. Louis River Corridor that was identified as part of the larger St. Louis River Corridor Initiative. In 2014, the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative was funded through a 0.5% tax on food and beverage and a 0.5% tax on lodging (Half-and-Half tax). Planning efforts for the Initiative included completing plans for Norton Park and other neighborhood parks within the Corridor. These previous efforts resulted in the St. Louis River Corridor Parks Mini-Master Plans, which were adopted in June of 2016.

Project Update:

We are excited to see improvements at Norton Park come to fruition after many years of patience. It is time to revisit the proposed park improvements to gather your input before final decisions are made for



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