



A ST. LOUIS RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT

Transformation and Revitalization

“PLAY”

Promoting Lifetime Activities for Youth

Revitalizing the Gary New Duluth Recreation Area into a fully functioning Community Center and Recreation Area will provide an ACTIVITY HUB for people of all ages.

The Gary New Duluth community and the private sector are working together to redevelop the building and area into a fully functioning Community Center and Recreation. The project area is located adjacent to Stowe Elementary School and in the middle of the St. Louis River Corridor. This is *not* a City of Duluth project.

Introduction

The Gary New Duluth neighborhoods are located in the far west portion of Duluth. More than 3000 people live in the community. The community is served by Stowe Elementary School which provides elementary school education for approximately **360** students from the Fairmont area (Spirit Valley) all the way west to Fond du Lac.

Our project provides many benefits including, but are not limited to:

Strengthening the “Sense of Community”

- By effectively transforming the park property for the benefit of the community, the people of the community will become stronger, safer and interact with one another.

Direct Use Value

- This category includes team sports, skateboarding leagues, ice skating, various programs and social interaction for people of all ages, special events, picnicking, bench-sitting, enjoying nature, gardening, off leash dog park and more.

Health Benefits

- The site will promote an increase in physical activity necessary for good health. Having a site where an individual can relax in a pleasant environment and increase social interaction also leads to improved mental wellbeing.

Managing Storm Water

- Extensive landscaping will improve management of storm water by capturing and slowing runoff.

Property Values

- Property values traditionally increase the closer they are to a well maintained, functioning recreation area.

Tourism

- The site that is envisioned will draw people to the community. This is very positive for the efforts to enhance the St. Louis River Corridor.

Our plan to improve physical facilities includes the following:

- **Install new waterline**
A new water line is required to revitalize the area including the Community Center, a functioning community garden, ice skating and general irrigation for the grounds.
- **Renovate existing building – Community Center**
The existing building, fondly known as the “shack” is structurally sound. It will be renovated to facilitate community activities & programming, ice skating, and be an organizational meeting place.
- **Dog Park**
The community is very pet friendly and is supportive of a fenced dog park.
- **Ice Skating**
Pleasure skating only would be instituted as the nearby community of Morgan Park has three hockey rinks.
- **Baseball field becomes two youth Soccer fields**
The baseball field is not being utilized for organized baseball. Soccer continues to grow and additional fields are needed. We are working with the Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association regarding utilization of proposed facilities. The baseball backstop will remain for pick up games.
- **Open Turf Play Area**
There will be expansive open turf play areas for a variety of activities.
- **Picnic Area**
A picnic area with tables, grills and a small pavilion is high on the community’s list.
- **Skateboard Park**
A skateboard park utilizing a nationally recognized skate park designer, Mark Leski aka “The Wizard” is envisioned for the site. The existing skateboard ramps are in poor condition but are constantly in use. Conversations with many participants in the skateboard community indicate that the proposed skate park would attract people from the City and the region.
- **Sport Court**
It is envisioned that a fenced multi-purpose sport court including basketball be built.
- **Community Garden**
The ability to grow fruits & vegetables and also provide an opportunity to teach young people about gardening.
- **Disc Golf**
The wooded land adjacent and north of the designated GND Recreation Area would be used for disc golf and walking trails with benches.
- **Biking**
A place for bikers to stop, rest & enjoy the amenities offered by the park with the extension of the trail / bikeway system to Fond du Lac / along the St. Louis River and future bike lanes on Commonwealth Avenue.

Conclusion

The community is in a period of transition with many new people moving to the community. This project provides the catalyst for bringing the community together, benefiting young people and seniors alike while instilling an overall sense of pride throughout the community.

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