



2024 Parks Demo Capital Project

June 21, 2024





Action Item

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting authorization to dispose of various capital assets to promote the long-term sustainability

Background

- Milwaukee County Parks (MCP) covers more than 15,000 acres of land throughout Milwaukee County. On these acres of land are more than 460 buildings that have approximately 1.4 million square feet of space.
- While a significant number of these buildings are used for programming, public rentals, or MCP operations, many are no longer used
- Unoccupied buildings are vulnerable:
 - Graffiti
 - Vandalism
 - Arson
 - Continued decline of structures

Background

- In recent years, MCP has been demolishing buildings, assets, and areas of pavement that were adversely impacting parks throughout Milwaukee County
- Removing these assets aligns with MCP 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Objective One seeks to equitably balance the parks system to be sustainable
- Recent removals:
 - Cathedral Square Park Fountain
 - Dineen Park Golf Starter Building
 - Hales Corner Park Shed
 - McCarty Park Score booth



Background



- Planned removals:
 - County Grounds Park Electrical Vault Building
 - Dretzka Golf Course Rope Barn
 - Meaux Park Service Building
 - Rose Park Wader and Comfort Building





2024 Capital Budget

- In the 2024 Capital Budget, MCP received \$500,000 in funding through WP055001 (Parks Demo Capital Project)
- This project calls for Parks to prioritize the demolish no longer in use buildings, assets, or areas of pavement
- Over the past few months, Parks has been working with the Department of Administrative Services' Architecture and Engineering Team to develop priorities for demolition, and has also gathered information on permits, fixture removals, demolition costs
- For some assets recommended for demolition, Parks has set aside funds to develop replacement asset
 - Parks' Engagement Team would work with impacted Supervisors, friends groups, and community members to determine potential replacement options

Cupertino Park – Comfort Building

- 907 square foot building that has been unused for more than 15 years
- This building is located 930 feet north of the South Shore Fish Cleaning station that has restrooms available for public use
- Removing this building would allow for the placement of a new public asset



Manitoba Park – Comfort Building/Utility Building

- 896 square foot building that has not been opened in recent years due to deteriorating condition
- Replacing this building with another amenity such as an open-air shelter or hard surface court could enhance use of the park



Lincoln Park Golf Course – Pump House

- Abandoned pump house has not been used by MCP since the early 1990s
- Removing this 140 square foot structure would remove this from the Milwaukee River floodplain and eliminate a public safety hazard



St. Martins Park – Pavilion

- Building is not used by MCP and has significant safety concerns, including a failing roof
- Removing this 1,190 square foot structure would complement the already removed asphalt pad at this location and provide additional green space at this park



Holler Park Pool Basin

- This facility at Holler Park is no longer in operation by the Easter Seals
- Main building being used by the Office of Emergency Management for short term emergency shelter operations through the Red Cross
- Removing the 7,290 square foot pool basin could provide space for another asset



KK Parkway – Tennis Courts

- These courts are located on KK Parkway between 20th and 22nd Streets
- Are in deteriorating condition and have not been operable for more than 10 years
- Removing these courts would eliminate 31,000 square feet of pavement and provide additional green space adjacent to the 100-year floodplain



Estabrook Park – asphalt path

- Remove this old service road and asphalt path and restore to turf would eliminate approximately 4,650 square feet of pavement



Hales Corner Park – West Parking Lot



- Parking lot on the west side of the park off Godsell Avenue is in deteriorating condition and is not used for any active programming
- Removing approximately 19,000 square feet of pavement would allow for additional green space



Indigenous Peoples' Park – Asphalt Pad



- Remove an asphalt pad and abandoned batting cages would create an additional 12,000 square feet of green space
- Space could be used for another park amenity



Lincoln Creek Parkway and Little Menominee Parkway Conversions



- Parks is currently in the final stages of design of the hike and bike trails to replace the existing parkways at Lincoln Creek Parkway (between 23rd Street and 26th Street) and Little Menominee Parkway (between Appleton Road and Leon Terrace Drive)
- Funding from this capital project would support the demolition efforts of these American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) projects



Next Steps

- Removing these buildings and assets would enhance MCP's long term operational sustainability
- If these projects are approved by the Board, MCP will move forward with the approval process for any demolitions
- MCP will also work to engage the public on any asset replacements at various parks

Next Steps

- Parks and Culture Committee consideration of Action Item

Questions?



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