



# Park and Recreation Commission

Park System and Becker Park Master Plans

*April 5, 2017*



# Crystal Parks and Recreation

- 244 Acres of Parkland
- 27 Parks
- Potential Classification of Parks



Little to no development

Have some or all of the following features:

- Trails
- Boardwalks
- Benches
- 'Nature' Play Area
- Nature Restoration
- Education Panels
- Community Gardens







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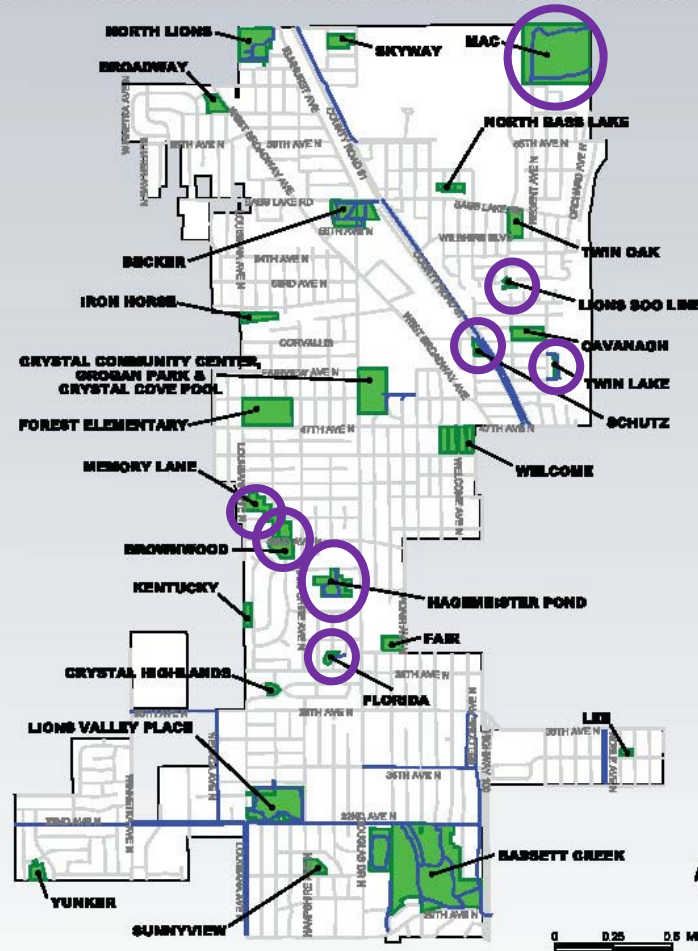
## Passive

- MAC
- Lions Soo Line
- Schutz
- Twin Lake
- Memory Lane
- Brownwood
- Hagemeister Pond
- Florida



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## Neighborhood (13)

Within ½ Mile (10-Minute Walk) From Home  
Have some or all of the following features:

- No or Limited Parking (neighbors can walk to park)
- ‘Regular’ Play Area
- Small Backstop with No Groomed Infield
- Small Soccer Field
- Single Basketball Hoop
- Place for 4-Square, Gaga Pit, etc.
- Small Picnic Shelter
- Community Garden





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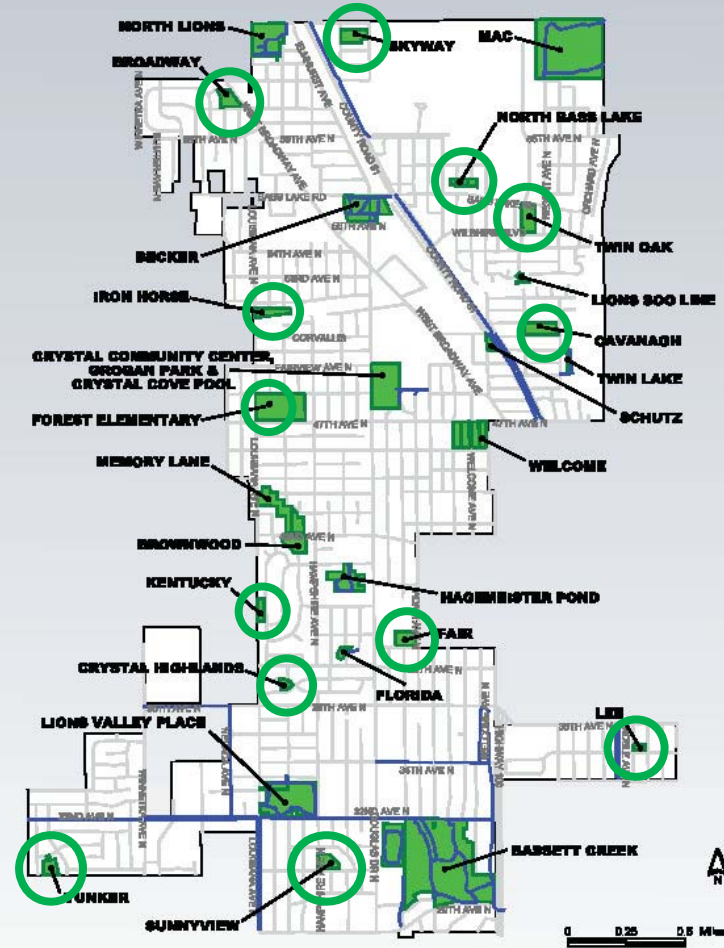
## Neighborhood

- Skyway
- Broadway
- North Bass Lake
- Twin Oak
- Iron Horse
- Cavanagh
- Forest
- Kentucky
- Fair
- Crystal Highlands
- Lee
- Yunkers
- Sunnyview



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## Large Sports and Recreation Facilities

Have some or all of the following features:

- Parking for Larger Events
- Full Size Soccer Fields (1 with lights)
- Full Size Softball & Baseball Fields (1 of each with lights)
- Full-Court Basketball
- Medium / Large Shelters
- 4-Season Buildings
- Ice Skating / Sledding
- Larger Play Area





# Crystal Parks and Recreation Community

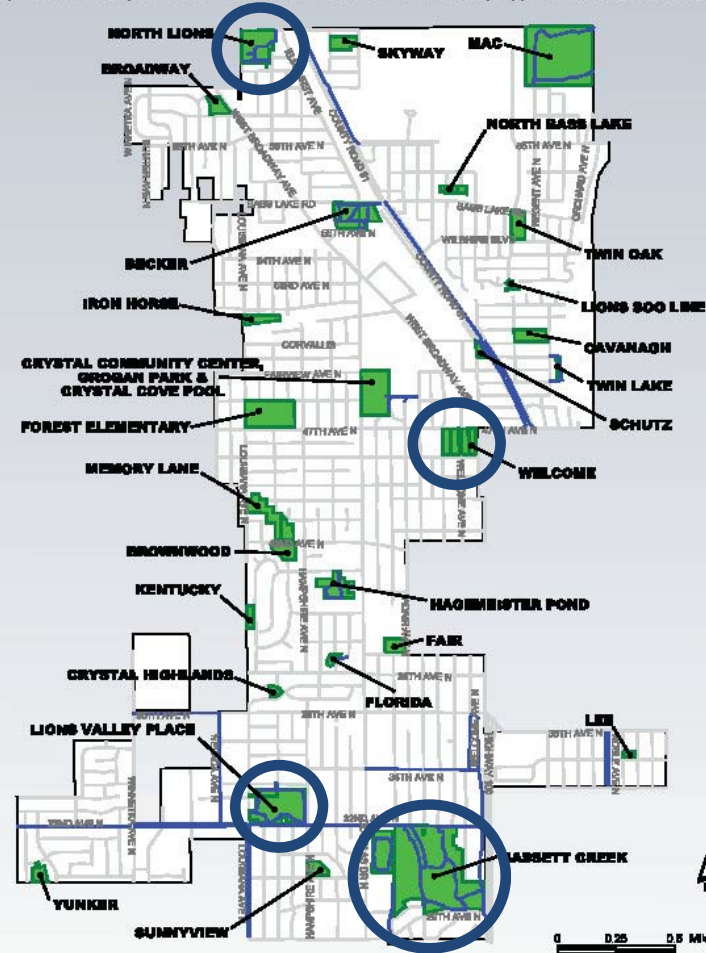
North Lions  
Welcome

Lions Valley Place  
Bassett Creek



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## Destination (2)

### Specialized Facilities such as:

- Community Gathering (Farmer's Market, Events, etc.)
- Easy Access from Bus, Light Rail, Car or Sidewalk/Trail
- Fully Accessible 'Destination' Play Area
- Flexible Performance Area / Lawn
- Water Feature / Spray Pad
- Refrigerated Ice Surface / Plaza During Summer
- Community Center
- Aquatic Center



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## Destination

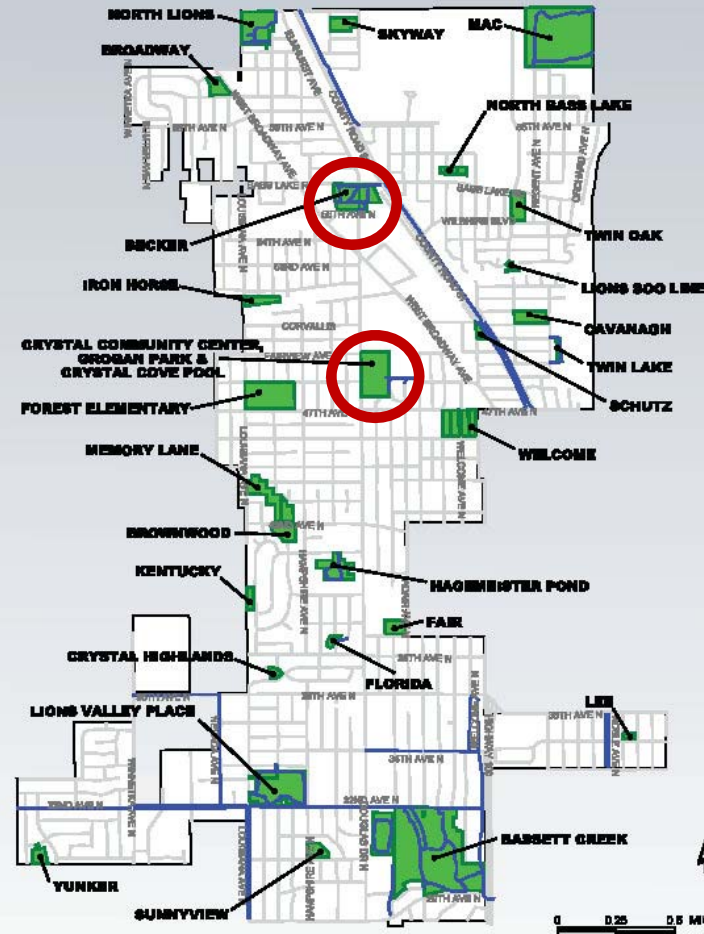
Becker Park

Grogan Park



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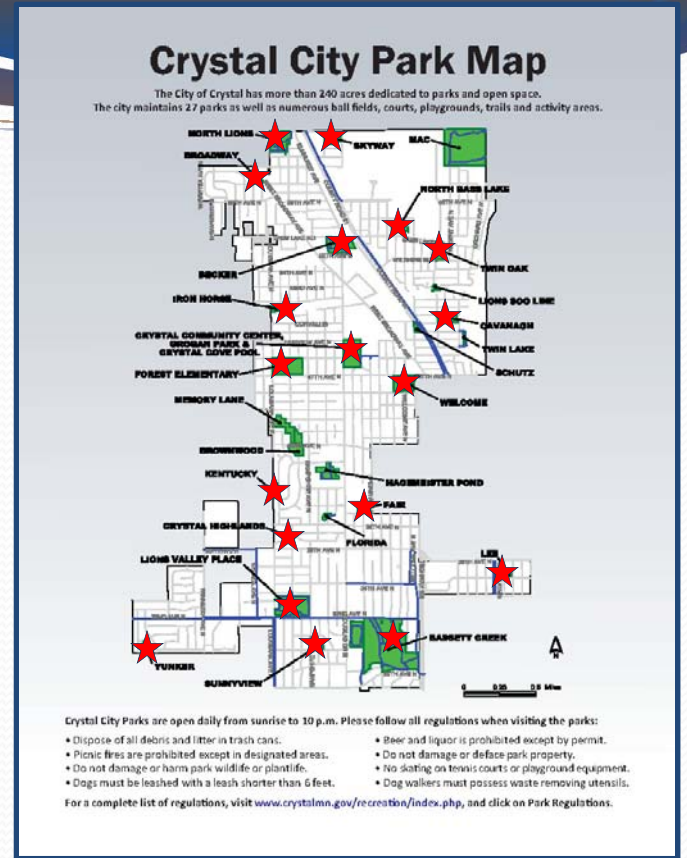
# Facility Assessment Community Parks


*Facilities that support use from outside the 'Neighborhood' should be located in a 'Community' Park.*



# Facility Assessment Playgrounds

- Crystal currently has 19 Playgrounds
  - One in each Neighborhood Park (13)
  - One in each Community Park (4)
  - One in each Destination Park (2)



- Statistically, Crystal needs 7 Playgrounds
- But, playgrounds should be within a ½ mile (10-minute walk) and not require pedestrians to cross an arterial road or 
- Recommend the city have playgrounds in the same general locations as the existing 19 playgrounds





# Facility Assessment

## Picnic Shelters

- Crystal currently has 1 Small Picnic Shelter (30 people)
  - Yunkers Park (1)
  - Some other parks have ‘sun shelters’



- Recommend adding additional Small Picnic Shelters
  - Keep the one at Yunkers Park (1)
  - Add to other Neighborhood Parks
  - Upgrade existing ‘sun shelters’
  - A great Neighborhood Park item





# Facility Assessment

## Picnic Shelters

- Crystal currently has 4 Medium Picnic Shelters (50 people)
  - North Lions (1)
  - Bassett Creek (2)
  - Lions Valley Park (1)
- Recommend keeping all 4 Medium Picnic Shelters
  - North Lions (1)
  - Bassett Creek (2)
  - Lions Valley Park (1)

*All should be replaced over time*







# Facility Assessment

## Picnic Shelters

- Crystal currently has no Large Picnic Shelters (over 100 people)
- Recommend adding one Large Picnic Shelter
  - Bassett Creek (1)
  - Possibly incorporate restrooms into building





# Facility Assessment

## Basketball

- Crystal currently has 14 full-sized and one ½ Court
  - Full-Court at many Neighborhood parks
  - Full-Court at all Community Parks
  - ½ Court (one basket) at one Neighborhood Park
- Statistically, Crystal should have 4 Basketball Courts
  - Full-court at all Community Parks (4)
  - Full-court at Becker Park (1)
  - Provide ½ Court (one basket) at Neighborhood Parks





# Facility Assessment

## Soccer / Lacrosse

- Crystal currently has 2 Full-Sized ‘Rectangle’ Fields
  - Forest Park (1)
  - Lions Valley Place Park (1)

*A Full-Sized Field is approximately 120 yards x 80 yards (2 acres)*

- Statistically, Crystal should have 4 Full-Size Fields
  - North Lions Park (1) – lighted (and maybe artificial turf)
  - Bassett Creek Park (2)
  - Forest Park (1)

*Smaller fields also at Community and Neighborhood Parks*



# Facility Assessment

## Baseball

- Crystal currently has 5 Baseball Fields
  - Grogan Park (3) – 2 of which are lighted
  - Bassett Creek Park (1)
  - North Lions Park (1)

*Crystal Youth also use Smothers Field (MAC)*

- Statistically, Crystal should have 4 Baseball Fields
  - Grogan Park (3) – 2 lighted
  - Bassett Creek Park – 1 lighted

*May explore potential of lights at Smothers Field (MAC) instead*





# Facility Assessment

## Softball

- Crystal currently has 7 Softball Fields
  - Becker Park (2) – both lighted
  - Welcome Park (3)
  - Lions Valley Place Park (1)
  - Bassett Creek Park (1)
- Statistically, Crystal should have 3 Softball Fields
  - Welcome Park (2) – one lighted
  - Lions Valley Place Park (1)



# Facility Assessment

## Tennis

- Crystal currently has 7 Tennis Courts (all lighted)
  - Lions Valley Place Park (3)
  - Becker (3)
  - North Lions Park (1)
- Statistically, Crystal should have 5 Tennis Courts (lighted)

• Lions Valley Place	(2)		Tennis Complex (4-6)
• Becker Park	(2)	or	none
• North Lions	(1)		none





# Facility Assessment

## Pickleball

- Crystal currently has no outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Recommend adding Pickleball Courts (lighted)
  - Lions Valley Place (2-4) none
  - Becker Park (2-4) or Pickleball Complex (6-8)
  - North Lions Park (TBD) none



# Facility Assessment Disc Golf

- Crystal currently has 1 Disc Golf Course
  - Bassett Creek Park
  - Contains 15 Holes
- Recommend Disc Golf Course remain
  - Expand Course to 18 Holes





# Facility Assessment

## Dog Park

- Crystal currently has 1 'Regular' Dog Park
  - Bassett Creek Park
- Recommend 'Regular' Dog Park remain
  - Bassett Creek Park
  - Move to more wooded area
  - Possibly add small dog area
- Summer dog parks could remain within hockey rinks



# Facility Assessment

## Sledding Hills

- Crystal currently has 2 Sledding Hills
  - Lions Valley Place Park
  - North Lions Park
- Recommend keeping both Sledding Hills
  - Lions Valley Place Park
  - North Lions Park

*Recommend all sledding locations have heated buildings  
and be co-located with ice skating*





# Facility Assessment

## Ice Skating Rink

- Crystal currently has 5 Parks with Ice Skating
  - Lions Valley Place (Community Park)
  - Welcome (Community Park)
  - Broadway Park
  - Iron Horse Park
  - Twin Oak Park



# Facility Assessment

## Ice Skating Rink

- Statistically, Crystal should have 2 Ice Skating Areas
  - Lions Valley Place (Community Park)
  - Welcome Park (Community Park)
  - ~~Broadway Park - remove~~
  - ~~Iron Horse Park - remove~~
  - ~~Twin Oak Park - remove~~
  - Add North Lions Park (Community Park) - *due to sledding*  
*Recommend all skating locations have heated buildings*
- Becker Park could also have 'special' skating opportunity





# Facility Assessment

## Heated 'Warming House' Buildings

- Crystal currently has 8 'Warming House' Buildings
  - Lions Valley Place (Community Park)
  - Welcome (Community Park)
  - North Lions (Community Park)
  - Bassett Creek (Community Park)
  - Broadway Park
  - Crystal Highlands Park
  - Forest Park
  - Twin Oak Park



# Facility Assessment

## Heated 'Rentable' Community Buildings

- Recommend having 4 'Rentable' Community Buildings
  - Lions Valley Place (Community Park) – *replace*
  - Welcome (Community Park) - *replace*
  - North Lions (Community Park) - *replace*
  - Bassett Creek (Community Park) - *replace*
  - ~~Broadway Park – remove - replace with a picnic shelter~~
  - ~~Crystal Highlands Park – remove - replace with a picnic shelter~~
  - ~~Twin Oak Park – remove - replace with a picnic shelter~~
  - ~~Forest Park – remove~~

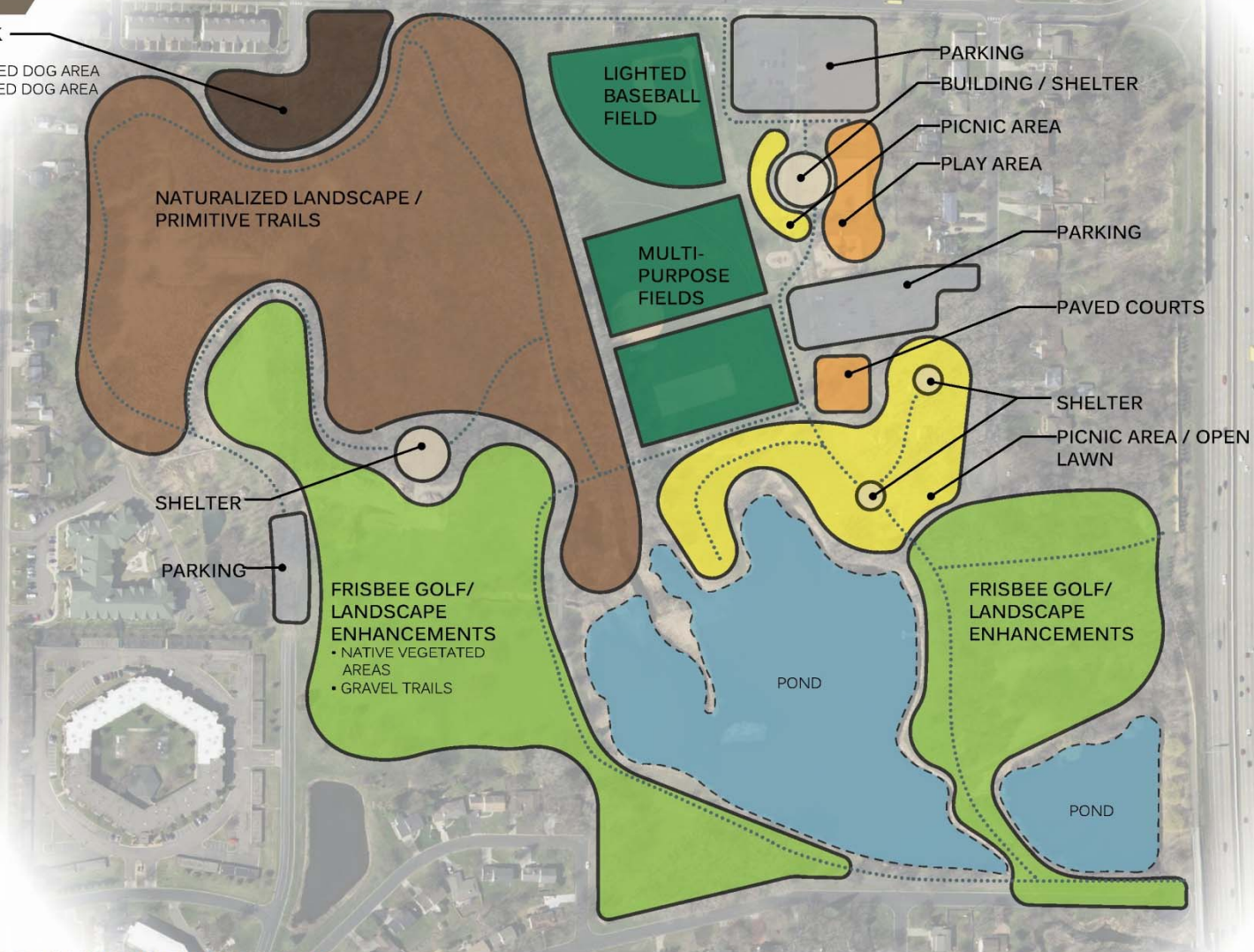


## Bassett Creek Park Concept Plan

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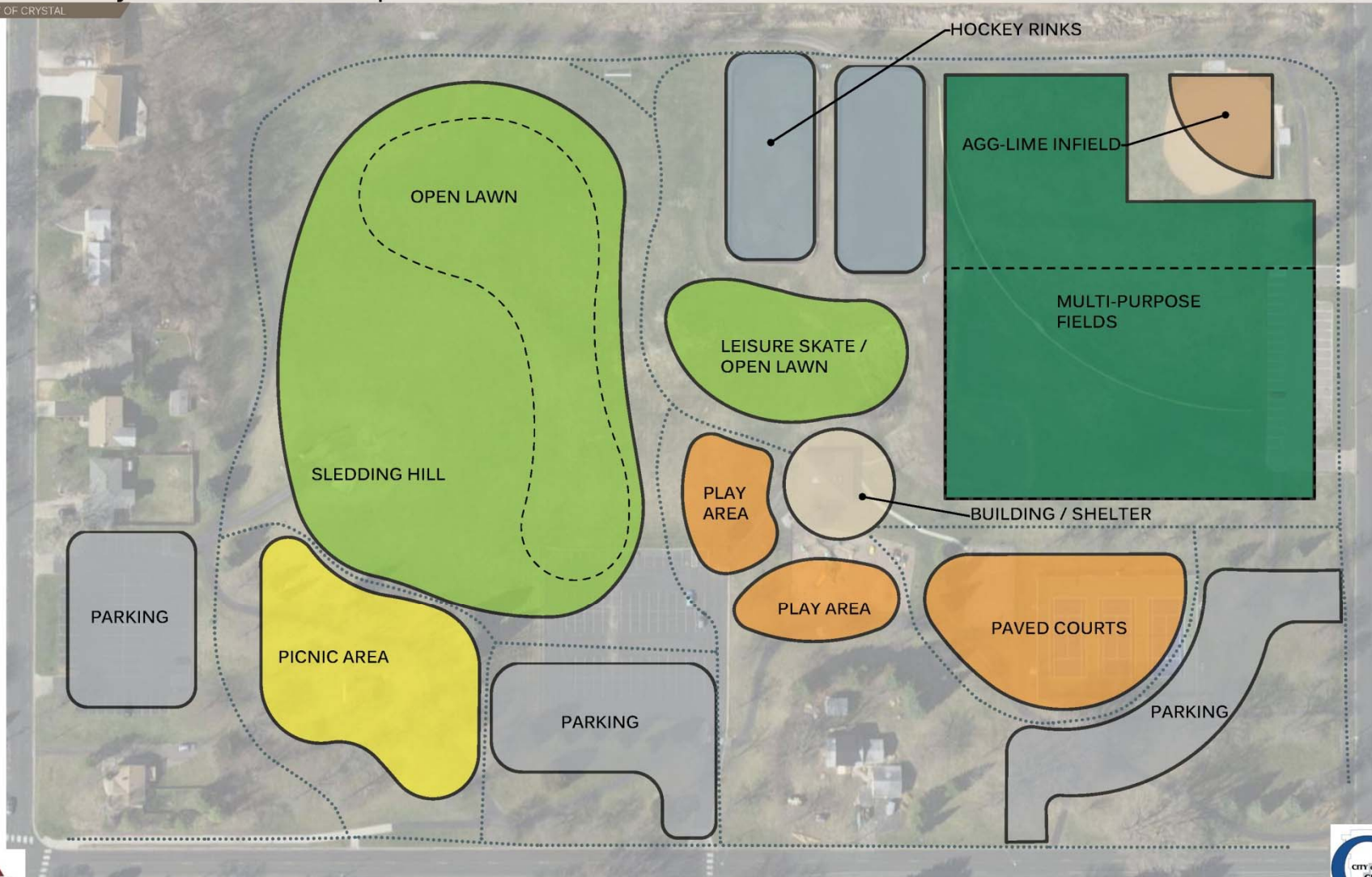
### DOG PARK

- PARKING
- SMALL BREED DOG AREA
- LARGE BREED DOG AREA



## Lions Valley Place Park Concept Plan

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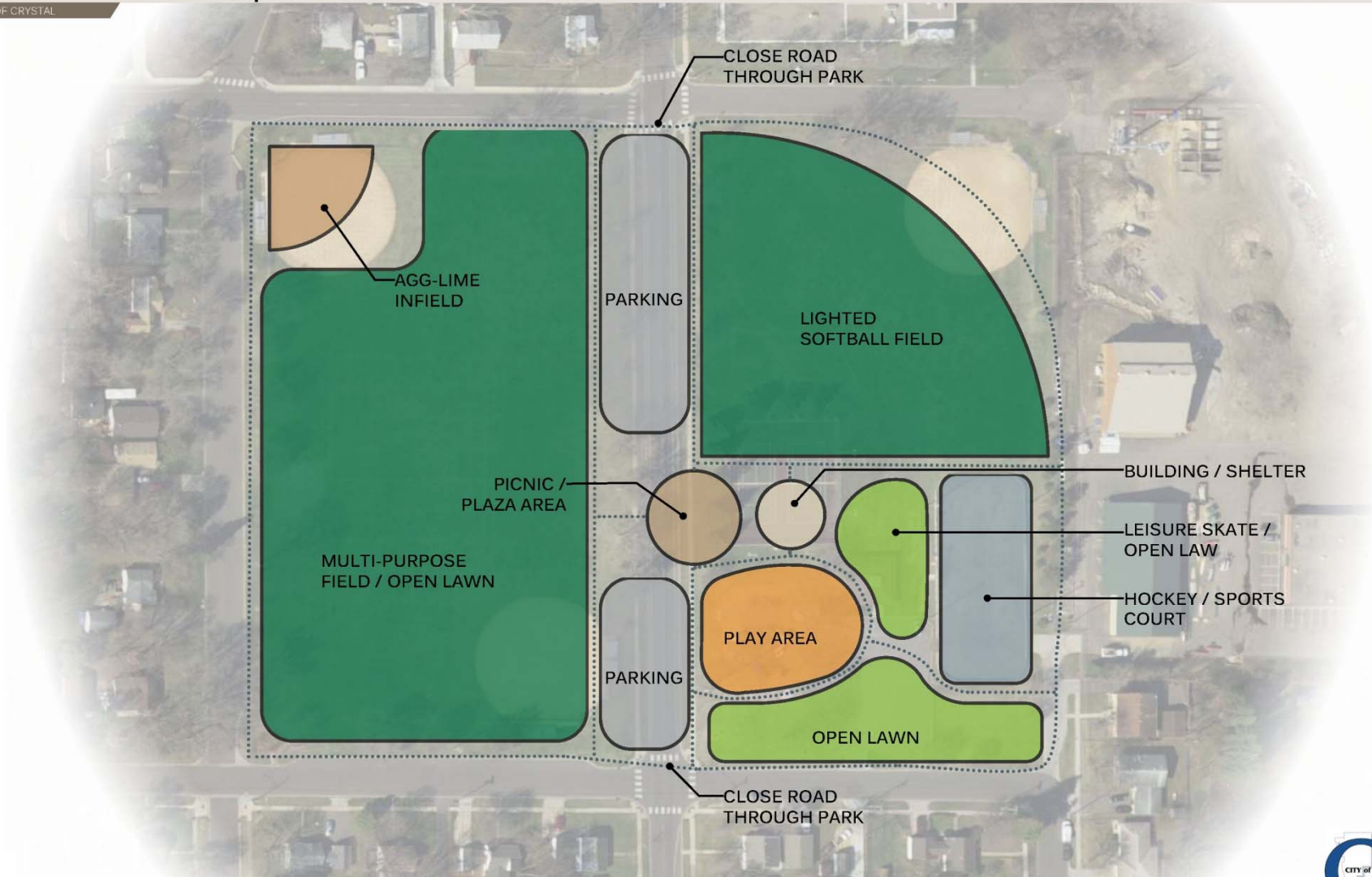
## North Lions Park Concept Plan

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## Welcome Park Concept Plan

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# Facility Assessment Destination Parks

*‘Specialized’ facilities that support use from both inside and outside Crystal should be located in a ‘Destination’ Park*

- Features that provide a significant draw
- Hub of activity throughout the day – all year long
- Can accommodate large community events & groups
- Accessible from light rail, bus, car, trail, etc.



# Facility Assessment Performance Area



- Crystal currently has 1 Performance Area / Building
  - Located on edge/corner of park
  - Contains one large ‘specialty’ building with stage
- Recommend retaining a Performance Area
  - Improve location and type of performance area
  - Incorporate a covered area near the performance area
  - Flexible space for concerts as well as other community events
  - Great lawn would allow for picnics and impromptu activities





# Facility Assessment

## Special Community Building

- Recommend replacing the ‘Specialty’ Building
  - Replace with a 4-Season Building with Restrooms
  - Uniquely designed to compliment other park features
  - Warming house in winter
  - Potential rentable space in summer
  - Potential Concession Stand and/or Skate Rental Area



# Facility Assessment

## Destination Play Area

- Crystal currently has no destination play area
- Recommend adding a destination play area
  - Could be fully accessible to wheelchairs
  - Would be larger than other Crystal play areas
  - Could incorporate unique/artistic designs and features







# Facility Assessment

## Water Feature



- Crystal currently has no 'non-pool' water feature
- Recommend adding a 'child-friendly' fountain
  - Located at Becker Park
  - Could be in multiple locations on site rather than one splash pad
  - Could be motion activated
  - Could have sections stay 'on'
  - Could include colored lights within fountain
  - Would provide white noise to dampen noise from road
  - Could be a way to bring artistic elements into the park



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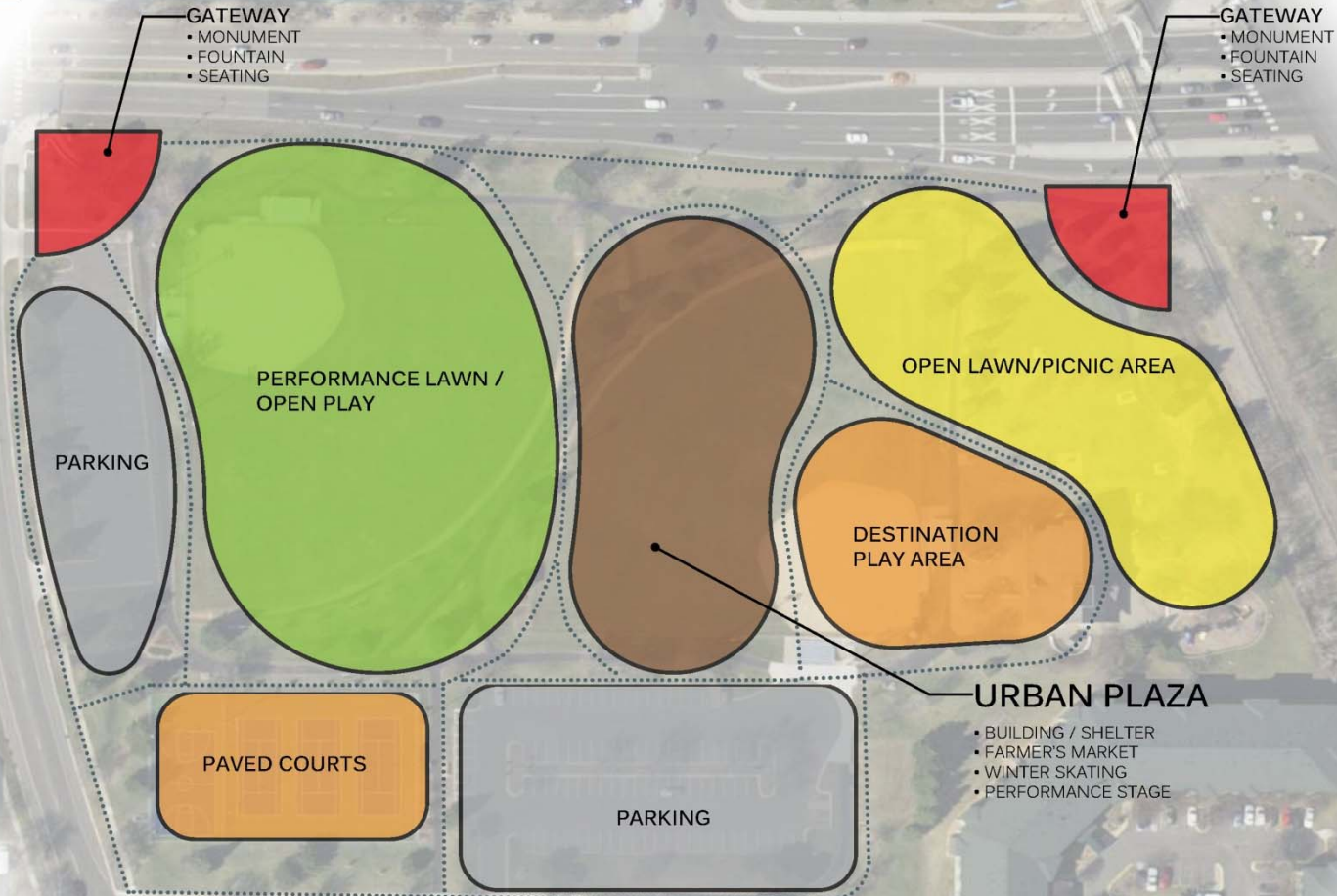
## Refrigerated Ice

- Crystal currently has no refrigerated ice
- Recommend adding a refrigerated ice sheet
  - Located at Becker Park
  - Would allow for skating 4-5 months of the year
  - Would be located on concrete in the central plaza
  - Would be a community gathering area in the summer
  - Could be covered with a fabric roof to keep sun off the ice and provide shade in the summer



## Becker Park Concept Plan

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# Facility Assessment Items Not Fully Reviewed Yet

- Community Gardens
- Citywide Trail System
- Neighborhood Park Amenities
- Volleyball / Bean Bag / Bocce Ball
- Potential New 'Non-Traditional' Activities
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  - Badminton
- Others?







## What are the next steps?

- City Council Update (*April – early May*)
- Prepare Draft Master Plan Document (*April – June*)
  - Include clear vision of parks/trails for the City of Crystal
  - Present draft plan to PRC & City Council
  - Present draft plan to the public for additional input
- Prepare Draft Becker Park Master Plan (*April - June*)
  - Refine concept plans for the park
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- Prepare Final Master Plan Documents (*June – July*)