



RAMSEY COUNTY

Ramsey County Board Discussion:

Community Use of Ramsey County-Owned or -Managed Lands

Economic Growth and Community Investment, Policy & Planning

February 26, 2019

Start: 1:30 p.m.

220 Courthouse, Large Conference Room

Agenda

1. Introduction - Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager, EGCI Service Team
2. Presentation - Mee Cheng, Policy Analyst, Policy & Planning
3. Discussion and next steps

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Overview

- Currently, requests from community to use county owned or managed land
 - Case by case basis
 - Responses to community requests varied by departments
- No clear county policy or procedure

Overview

- Types of county land
 - Ramsey County-owned land
 - Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority-owned land
 - State-owned, county-managed land

- Goal: Establish a clear and easy guide on how community can use county owned or managed land

Process

- Met with all Ramsey County departments that manage land
- Met and researched similar land use policies
 - City of Maplewood
 - City of St. Paul
 - City of Minneapolis
 - NeighborSpace (Chicago, IL)
- Met with residents and community groups

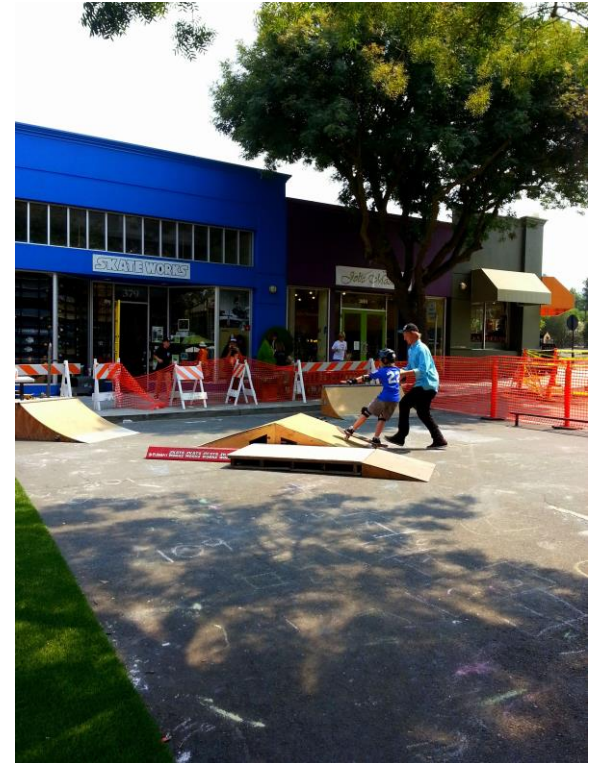
What we heard from community

- Community is interested and has many ideas
- Reduce as many barriers as possible
- Necessary tools for use
- Unclear on which government agencies manage land

Shorter term

Potential types of uses:

- Container gardening
- Community gatherings/events
- Passive/recreation space
- Arts space



Longer term

Potential types of uses:

- Gardening
- Arts space



Action plan and timeline

- Create annual application process with list of eligible, available land
- Create cross-county review team
- Pilot shorter-term use (June 2019 – October 2019)
- Develop communications plan (March)
- List of available land for use (March)
- Advertise available land and application process (March-April)
- Review applications and select users (May)
- Selected users complete required paperwork (End of May)