

Vision Implementation Engagement Results

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Introduction

As the county's population increases and becomes more racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse, gaps are increasing between users and the recreational facilities and services that Parks & Recreation offers. To meet changing community needs and interests, Parks & Recreation developed a new vision for its parks and recreation system:

A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

To help realize this vision, stakeholders were asked to provide input and ideas that will help shape budgeting, planning and community engagement efforts over the next decade. Below is a running compilation of results from various virtual and online engagements beginning January 26, 2021. **Learn more on the project [website](#).**

Compilation and Navigation

This compilation combines results from live/virtual and online survey engagements, totaling approximately 492 to date. Over the course of this engagement some questions were refined or merged and results were combined to include all results. Results are presented alphabetically by question and generally remain as written by the contributor or documented by a facilitator. Minor edits have been made to correct obvious spelling or punctuation errors that affect clarity, remove vulgar words, or protect privacy; and if a survey respondent copied the same response for all or multiple questions, only the first was retained. Word clouds generated via wordart.com.

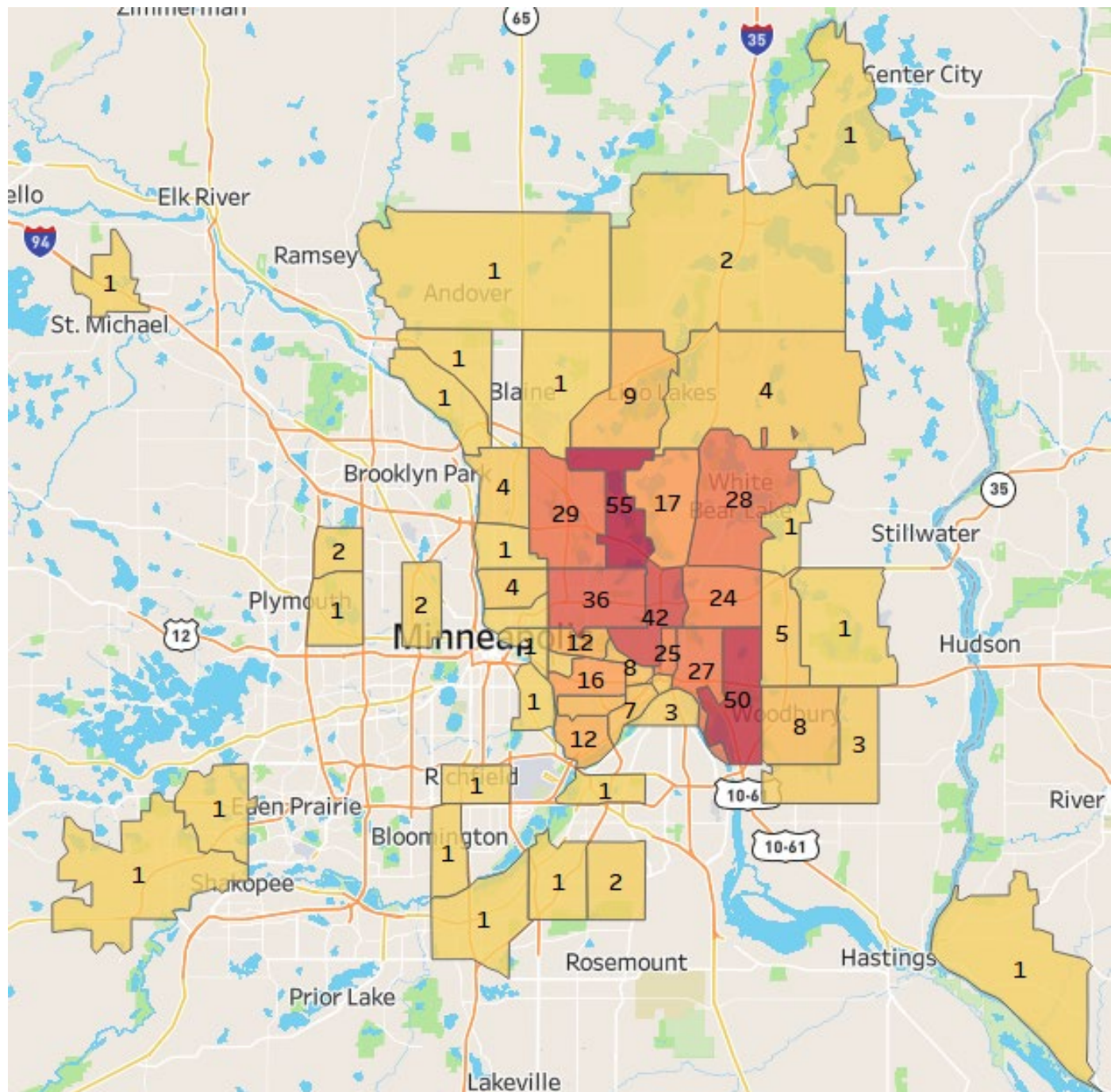
All engagement opportunities included information about the Parks & Recreation system through this or a slightly shorter [video](#), and began with this statement: Imagine it's five years from now and Parks and Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs....

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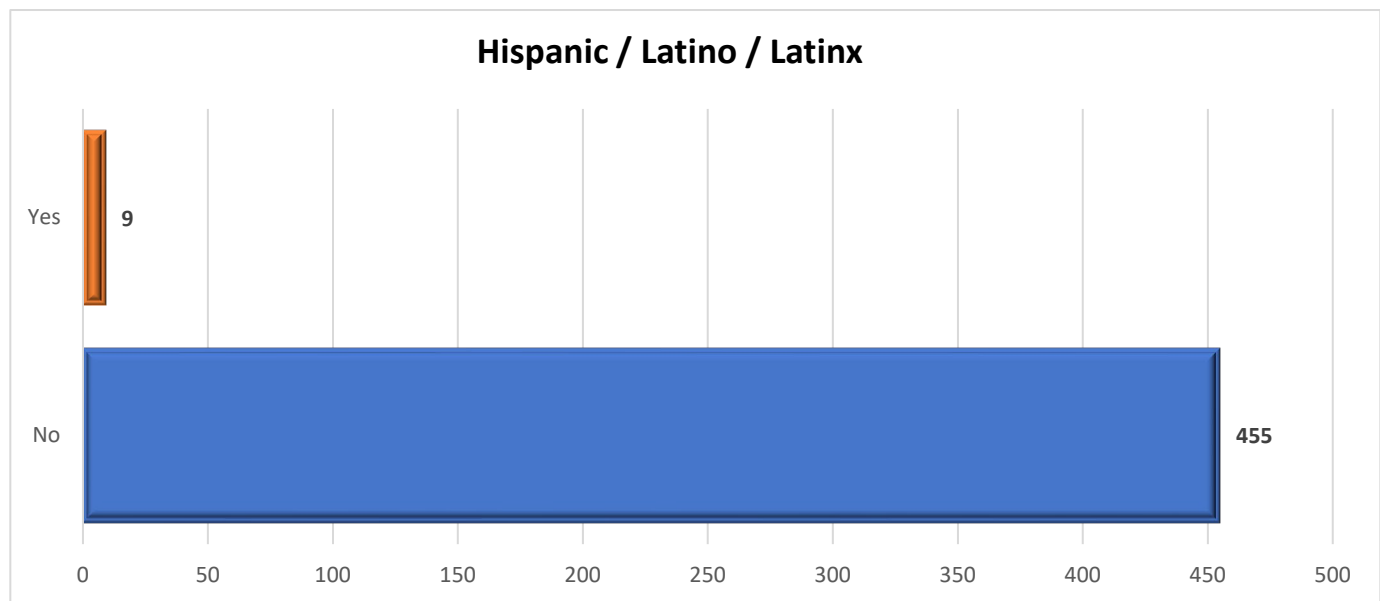
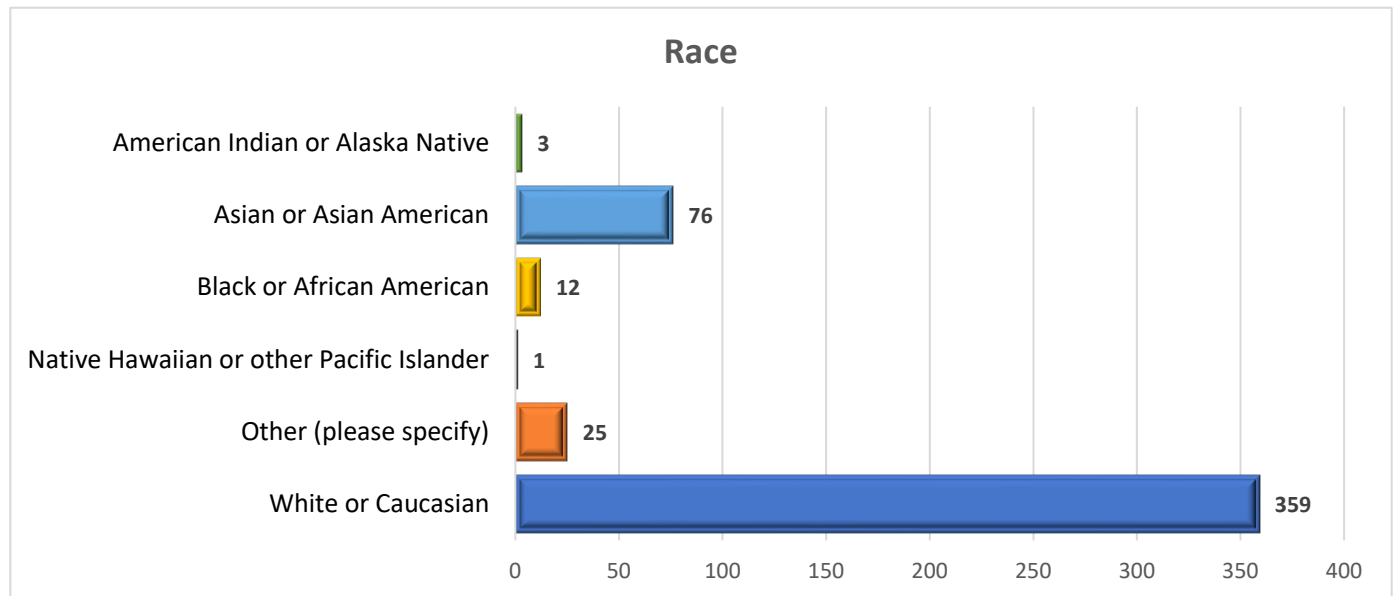
1. Demographics: Home ZIP code

This question was required for online survey respondents and requested for virtual participants. The map below shows the 482 valid ZIP codes provided *except* for 7 in the Albert Lea area south of Ramsey County near the Iowa border. See interactive map link [here](#).



2. Demographics: Race, ethnicity

Responses to these questions were optional. To date, 476 have responded to race and 455 to ethnicity.



1. (Warm-up question) In the last few years, what have you, your family, or friends done in a Ramsey County park, facility, or program?



- Adventures with kids
- advocated with Friends of Island Lake, Inc. for park improvements
- Attended a program through Tamarack Nature Center.
- Attended a Summer camp & Halloween program
- Attended Area Performance Events-music, drama, etc.
- Attended events
- attended graduation parties in rented shelters
- Attended homeschool classes at TNC
- Attended Tamarack Nature Center Program
- basketball games
- basketball, tennis
- battle creek BBQ, Vento bike trail
- Battle Creek bike path
- Battle Creek Dog Park

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| • Battle Creek dog park | • Biking | • Canoeing on lake Phalen & connected waterways |
| • Beach | • Biking | |
| • beaches, | • Biking | • CC Ski, MT Bike, Dog Park, Running Trails, Beaches |
| • bicycle | • biking | |
| • Bicycle | • Biking | • Church Service |
| • Bicycle and walk the Bruce Vento Trail | • biking | • Community engagement means also having a survey represent the diverse population, with 90% being white who filled out the survey so far, how does that represent the diverse population of Ramsey county. Please do better. Go to Hmong village, mail surveys, go to frog town, reach out to people who don't have knowledge that this survey is available to change the course of what community parks can look like in the future and what can represent the entire population of Ramsey county. How are geriatric people able to take this survey when there's limited ability or knowledge or access to this survey. You're reaching out to mostly middle-aged white families. Biased input. Please do better in reaching out. I didn't even know this survey was available or this plan for "change" was occurring until I accidentally stumbled across the link on Facebook. Again, please do better. Thank you |
| • bicycling | • Biking | |
| • Bike | • Biking | |
| • bike | • Biking | |
| • Bike | • Biking | |
| • Bike | • Biking | |
| • bike | • Biking | |
| • Bike | • Biking | |
| • Bike | • Biking along River corridor | |
| • Bike | • Biking in the parks | |
| • Bike | • Biking in the parks | |
| • Bike | • Biking on road and off road | |
| • bike on trails | • Biking, walking, picnic!!!, celebration, youth community engaging, | |
| • bike paths | | |
| • Bike ride | • bird watched | |
| • Bike ride | • Bird watched | |
| • bike ride, dog walk cross country skiing | • bird watching | |
| • Bike rides | • Bird watching, picnics | |
| • Bike rides | • Bird/animal watched | |
| • Bike riding on the Gateway Trail | • birdwatching | |
| • Bike, hike, garden, sledding, tennis | • birdwatching, nature photography, family walks, picnics | |
| • bike, ski, hike | • Birthday party | |
| • bike, walk | • Birthday party | |
| • biked | • boat | |
| • biked | • Boat and ice fishing | • Como Park offerings: lake walk, Como Town, conservatory, events |
| • biked | • Boat launch | |
| • Biked | • Boat launches on lake | |
| • Biked | • Boating | • consulted with park staff on prairie restoration project |
| • biked | • Boating | |
| • Biked | • Boating | • Cross country ski |
| • biked | • Boating | • Cross country ski |
| • Biked Battle Creek | • Boating | • Cross Country Ski |
| • Biked on the paved trails | • Boating | • Cross Country Ski |
| • biking | • Boating | • Cross country ski |
| • Biking | • Boating and Picnicking | • Cross country ski |
| • Biking | • Botanized | • Cross Country Ski |
| • biking | • broomball | • Cross country ski |
| • Biking | • Brought my dogs to the dog park, Walking with and without dogs | • Cross country skied |
| • Biking | | • cross country skied |

- Cross country skied
- Cross country skied
- Cross country skied
- Cross country skied once, snowshoed a few times, boated, kayaked
- cross country skiing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Cross Country Skiing
- cross country skiing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Cross country skiing
- cross country skiing
- cross country skiing and biking
- Cross County Skied
- Cross-country skiing
- cross-country skiing
- Cycling, Cyclocross & Mountain Bike
- Daily dog park visits
- Daily dog park visits to Battle Creek Dog Park
- Daily walks in battle creek dog park
- Daily walks in Snail Lake park, also snowshoeing and skiing.
- Daily walks, bike rides to Kohler Meadows Park and played at park with our kids
- did kids skiing program
- Dig park
- Discovery Hollow and Garden
- Dog park
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- Dog Park
- Dog Park
- Dog Park
- Dog park 3-5 times per week
- Dog park at Rice Creek & Battle Creek CC
- Dog park daily
- Dog park rice creek
- dog park visits
- Dog park!
- Dog park, walking
- Dog park.
- Dog park; wildlife watching; dog walking; biking
- Dog parks
- dog parks - many
- Dog Play
- Dog walk
- Dog walking
- Dog walking
- dog walks
- Dog walks, biking, kayaking, hiking, playground, picnic
- Dog walks, bird watching, ice skating, play soccer in the fields, tennis
- dog walks/hiking
- Downhill skiing, ice skating at arenas, golf, trails for running
- Driven around/through parks
- Driven through as an escape from pandemic claustrophobia
- Eat
- Enjoyed exploring nature in the woods and at the beach
- Enjoyed nature watching
- Enjoyed Tamarack and other playgrounds
- Enjoyment of park
- Exercise Classes at recreation building
- Explored Discovery Hollow
- Family gatherings
- Family party
- Family picnic
- Family picnic
- family picnic
- Family Picnic
- Family picnics
- Family walks
- fish
- fish
- Fish
- Fish, walk, and picnic
- Fished
- Fishing
- fishing
- Fishing and swimming
- Forest bathing
- Frequent walks
- Frog and Toad Survey
- Geocached
- Geocaching
- Go to dog parks
- Go to the dog park
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golf, dog park, county park
- Golfed at RC golf courses.
- Golfed at the Ponds
- Golfed at The Ponds
- Golfing
- Golfing
- Golfing at Ponds of Battle creek with beautiful pollinator gardens and abundant wildlife unlike other county golf course plus a dynamic well-loved golf course as PBC! Please keep this beloved 9-hole golf course gem, a course all ages and diverse backgrounds of people love. This course will be dearly missed after the 2021 season. This course was instrumental in being able to golf during the 2020 pandemic.
- Golfing at The Ponds of Battle

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| Creek | • hiked | • I am one of the stewards for the Battle Creek dog park |
| • Golfing at The Ponds of Battle Creek | • Hiked | • I and my family took numerous walks. I am a runner and have run on multiple trails. My family did some snowshoeing. I've done some nature photography. |
| • Golfing in the past | • Hiked | • I walk almost every day and have enjoyed Fish Creek, Carver Lake and Battle Creek parks & preserves |
| • Golfing, geocaching, ice skating | • Hiked | • I walk my dogs at Battle Creek dog park twice a day every day. |
| • Gone fishing | • hiked | • I walk Villa Park daily |
| • gone for bike rides | • Hiked | • I walk Villa Park daily |
| • Gone on a bike ride | • Hiked | • I'm a St Paul resident who lives near, and uses Como Park almost daily. I'm barely aware of Ramsey county parks, which I've visited seldom, if ever. |
| • gone to dog parks | • Hiked and climbed pine trees | • Ice Fishing |
| • Got hit by a car | • Hiked trails | • Ice fishing |
| • Grad party | • Hiked trails | • Ice skating |
| • Group events | • hiked, preferably with the dogs | • Ice skating |
| • Had a family picnic | • hiked, preferably with the dogs | • Ice skating |
| • had a graduation party | • Hiked, walked, and biked | • Ice skating, picnic, playgrounds |
| • Had a picnic | • Hiked, walked, snowshoed | • identify native plants |
| • Had a picnic | • Hiked/ran nearly every day | • In the winter during the pandemic, we went out to different parks to walk and be outside. |
| • Had a picnic | • Hikes, cross country skiing | • Jogged, walked, had meetings with friends, church events, a jogging |
| • Had a picnic date in a summer evening | • Hiking | • Kayak |
| • had a picnic. | • Hiking | • Kayak |
| • had family picnic | • Hiking | • kayak, paddleboard |
| • had work meeting | • Hiking | • Kayak/paddleboard |
| • Had written, produced, directed, starred, for 14 consecutive years (2001 - 2014) on the stage at Como Park Lakeside Pavilion! | • Hiking | • kayaked |
| • haven't been there yet but looking forward to taking walks and seeing birds and learning how to snowshoe | • hiking | • Kayaked and paddle boarded |
| • Held a memorial service/picnic | • hiking | • Kayaking |
| • hike | • Hiking | • Kayaking |
| • Hike | • hiking | • kayaking |
| • Hike | • Hiking | • kayaking |
| • Hike | • Hiking on trails at Battle Creek | • Kayaking canoeing |
| • hike | • hiking sledding walking with and without dogs | • Kayaking Rice Creek |
| • Hike | • Hiking, fishing, bird watching, mushroom hunting | • Lakes |
| • Hike | • hiking, used the water park, BBQ's, fishing, swimming | |
| • Hike | • Hiking, walking, biking, sledding | |
| • Hike, picnic, mountain bike, cross-country ski | • hiking/walking | |
| • Hiked | • hiking/walking | |
| • hiked | • Honestly, with limited family living locally, I have not done anything at Ramsey County park facilities | |
| • Hiked | | |
| • Hiked | | |
| • hiked | | |

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| • lots of walks | • off leash dog area | • Picnic |
| • Made out with my girlfriends in the Parking Lots at Como Park! | • off leash dog park | • Picnic |
| • made use of the dog park a lot | • Off leash dog parks | • Picnic |
| • many hours of birdwatching, snowshoed, sketched and painted, | • open space to lay and through the frisbee | • Picnic |
| • Many walks | • Our family has two picnics per year. One in spring and one at the end of summer. | • Picnic and took Grandchildren to park |
| • Many walks, bike rides | • Outdoor Church Service | • Picnic in a rental pavilion |
| • Medallion hunt | • Owl program | • Picnic, swimming, sledding, cross country skiing |
| • Medallion hunt | • Park walks | • Picnic, walking, playgrounds, swimming/splashing, nature walk, forest school, sledding, ice skating |
| • Medallion hunt | • Parks | • picnic, walks |
| • Met family | • Participants in activities offered through Tamarack NC and the HANC | • Picnic: hiked lake Phalen multiple times, biked the gateway to Phalen and around the lake. |
| • Met up with friends to chat | • Photo walk | • picnics |
| • Mini golf and treasure hunts (gnomes, cavemen, medallions, etc.) | • Photography | • Picnics |
| • mostly used walking paths | • Photography | • picnics |
| • Mountain Bike | • Picked Mushrooms | • Picnics |
| • Mountain bike | • picnic | • picnics |
| • Mountain bike | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mountain Bike- a lot | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • mountain biked | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mountain Biked | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mountain Biking | • picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mountain biking | • Picnic | • picnics |
| • Mountain biking | • Picnic | • picnics |
| • Mountain biking | • picnic | • Picnics |
| • mountain biking | • picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mountain biking at Battle Creek Regional Park; road biking on St. Paul Grand Round, through Phalen and Como regional parks; food, beverage and performances at Como Lakeside Pavilion | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Mtn bike | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nature trails | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nature walk | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • nature walk/play | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • nature walks | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nature walks, journaling, meditation | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • nm | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nordic Ski, roller ski | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nordic skiing | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nothing | • Picnic | • Picnics |
| • Nothing, never visited | • Picnic | • place to stop at a calming natural setting to have lunch on workdays. |
| | | • Play golf |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play on playgrounds • Play tennis • Playdates/Visiting a playground • Played at a playground • Played at BC water park and playground • played at park • played at playground • Played at the playground • Played baseball • Played golf • Played golf weekly or multiple times per week • Played hockey • Played on park • Played with the dog • playground • Playground • Playground • playground • playground • playground • Playground • Playground • Playground • Playground and parks with picnics • playground equipment • Playground time • Playground use • Playground, baseball fields, walking, ice skating, basketball, sledding, swimming • playgrounds • Playgrounds • Playgrounds • Playgrounds • Playing in ponds • Pollinator Program • Put on triathlons. • Ran • Ran through several trails several times weekly, took walks, • rec activities • Relax • Rented equipment • rented facility for large family | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gatherings • Rented space for large picnic events • Reserved picnic shelter for Girl Scouts event • Rice creek regional dog park • road biked • Romantic walks • Run • Run • Run • Run, hike • Run/walk • Running • running and biking • Sat in parks and read. • Sat in the park and people watch • seen too many invasive trees and shrubs • several walks weekly, snowshoeing, skiing, biking, fishing, picnics, canoeing, swimming, • Skate with family of 5 on Como lake • Ski • Ski • ski • ski, hike, mountain bike, hang out and enjoy day • Skied • Skied • skied • Skied Battle Creek • Skied on home groomed ski trail on Como lake • skied, sledded • skiing • skiing • Skiing • skiing • skiing • Skiing on XC ski trails and mountain biking in battle creek park, bicycling on city trails, • Skiing, hiking, used playgrounds, golfed • Skiing, hiking, used playgrounds, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> golfed • Skiing, x-skiing, sledding • Sled • Sled/snowshoe • Sledding • sledding • sledding • Sledding • sledding • Sledding • sledding • Sledding • sledding • sledding • Sledding • sledding • sledding • Sledding • Sledding • Sledding • Sledding • Sledding • Sledding and ice skating • Sledding, hiked, explored, picnic, animal hunting with our littlest for tracks • Sledding, Ice skating • Small group meetings, mom group meetings, play dates, picnics, hikes, bike trails • Snail Lake swimming and park • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • Snowshoe • snowshoe • Snowshoed • snowshoeing • Snowshoeing • Snowshoeing • Snowshoeing • Snowshoeing |
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- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- Social work gathering
- Spend time at lakes and parks
- Spent the day with family
- Staff Meetings at Pavilions
- Stand up paddle boarding, playgrounds, beaches, hockey at ice arenas
- Summer camp at Tamarack
- Summer camps
- Sunday Drive
- Swam and waded at a beach, rollerbladed on trails, picnic with family
- Swam Lake Josephine
- Swim
- Swim
- Swim
- swim, paddle board
- swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming
- swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming beach
- Swimming, canoeing, and picnicking
- Swimming, canoeing, fishing, commuting
- Swimming, soccer, kite flying
- swimming/playground areas
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Swinging
- Take a walk and night sky viewing
- Take a walk daily
- Take many walks along the park trails and sidewalks
- Take my dog for a walk almost every day
- Take walks
- Take walks daily; if not weekly
- Taken a walk
- Taken a walk
- Taken many walks in Battle Creek parks
- Taking pictures and sightseeing
- Tamarack Nature Center
- Took a family class
- Took a walk
- Took a walk
- Took a walk
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- Took a walk
- took a walk
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- took a walk
- Took a walk
- Took a walk
- Took a walk at TNC
- Took a walk to see the fall leaves
- Took a walk with family
- took a walk, played disc golf
- Took a walk.
- Took dogs to dogs to park
- Took long walks, biked on regional trails, went birding, went cross country skiing, went hiking
- Took many walks, runs, bike rides
- Took my dog to the dog park
- Took picnics (bird/deer watching)
- Took so many family hikes
- Took the dog to the park
- Took walks
- Took walks
- Took walks
- Top Spin games among friends and family
- trail run
- trail run
- Trail Running, hiking
- Trash pickup
- tried winter sampler (snowshoe, kicksled, cross country ski, and sledding)
- Use Battle Creek Dog Park often.
- Use the dog parks daily.
- Used Battle Creek dog park
- used boat landing
- Used boat launch
- Used kayak at lakes and boat landings
- Used playgrounds
- Used the beach once a week in summer.
- Used the beach/swam
- Used the bike trails often.
- Used the dog park
- used the library
- Used the Off-Leash Dog areas
- Used the playgrounds. The new Battle Creek Regional Park playground and Discovery Hollow play area are now our favorites.
- Used the practice facility at The Ponds (both the driving range & putting green)
- Used the trails year-round
- Used to take the sled dogs out with my sled.
- Utilized programming at Tamarack Nature Center
- Visit Battle Creek dog park
- Visit dog park (daily!)
- Visit Tamarac-kids area, hiking, skiing, sledding
- visited and walked at Tamarack Nature Center
- Visited Como Park, zoo & Conservatory
- Visited Discovery Hollow

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| • Visited dog park | • Walk and Bike ride and roller skating | • walked |
| • Visited dog park | • Walk and run | • walked |
| • Visited playgrounds | • Walk around Phalen Lake regularly | • Walked a trail |
| • Visited the dog park | • walk my dog at Rice Creek North Regional park daily | • Walked alone in the trails |
| • visiting dog parks | • Walk on paths | • walked and biked the trails |
| • Visitors dog park | • Walk on trails | • Walked BC trails |
| • Volunteer for Bills park clean up in spring and fall | • walk on trails | • Walked dog |
| • Volunteer invasive species control, maple syrup ping, education | • Walk the nature trail at Keller Lake during the spring, summer & fall | • Walked dog |
| • Volunteered | • Walk with family and or friends and or dog | • Walked dogs |
| • Volunteered for natural resource benefits | • Walk, bike on trails, swimming at beaches, basketball | • Walked dogs at dog parks |
| • Walk | • Walk, bike, wildlife watching, swim | • Walked in a park. Played golf many times at the Ponds at Battle Creek and Keller |
| • walk | • Walk, bike, xc ski, swim, birding | • Walked in parks |
| • Walk | • Walk, Hike | • walked in the parks with and without a dog |
| • Walk | • Walk, picnic, sledding, classes, art show, attended parties, | • Walked in trails |
| • Walk | • Walk, picnic, sledding, classes, art show, attended parties, | • Walked on trails |
| • Walk | • walk, run | • Walked on trails |
| • Walk | • Walk/bike | • Walked our dog |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked the dog |
| • Walk | • Walk/Hike | • Walked the trails |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked the trails |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked through the parks and trails. |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked to parks |
| • Walk | • Walk/Hike | • Walked trails, walk dogs on trails, visited 3 dog parks with off leash dogs |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked, biked, picked up colorful leaves from ground |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • walked, taken photos, removed invasive species |
| • Walk | • Walk/Hike | • walked/hiked |
| • Walk | • Walk/hike | • Walked/hiked trails |
| • Walk | • walked | • Walking |
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| • Walk | • walked | • Walking |
| • Walk | • Walked | • Walking |
| • Walk | • walked | • Walking |
| • Walk | • Walked | • Walking |
| • Walk a lot in parks! | • Walked | • walking |
| • Walk and bike and ski trails at Battle Creek | • Walked | • Walking |

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 - Walking
 - Walking and biking trails
 - Walking in parks
 - Walking in the parks
 - Walking lakes
 - Walking on natural trails, not asphalt or cement pavement, is an escape in nature.
 - Walking the dog; playing at the park with kids on the playground and fields; ultimate frisbee and volleyball
 - Walking the trails
 - Walking the trails
 - walking trails
 - Walking trails
 - Walking trails, picnic areas
 - walking with and without dogs
 - walking, bike riding, playgrounds
 - Walking, biking
 - Walking, biking.
 - Walking, boating (canoe and kayak), dog park use
 - walking, fishing, swimming, and playing
 - Walking, geocaching, picnics, celebrating Indigenous Peoples
- day at Mounds
 - Walking, hiking, bicycling, snowshoeing
 - walking, hiking, biking
 - Walking, hiking, bonfire
 - Walking, jogging around the Jewel of Saint Paul, Como Lake!
 - Walking, Running, Running with Stroller, Picnic/Grilling, Swimming, Paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, sledding, snowshoeing, rented pavilion, volleyball
 - Walking, sledding, picnics, recently took advantage of the winter samplers
 - walking, snow shoeing, summer day camp, cross country skiing
 - Walking, yoga
 - Walking/Hiking
 - Walking/hiking with kids and dog
 - Walks
 - walks
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 - Walks
 - Walks
 - walks
 - Walks
 - walks with dog (several times a week)
 - WALKS WITH DOG! regular trails and off-leash parks
 - walks with family (occasional)
 - walks with human
 - Walks, hikes, nature hikes
 - walks, hikes, skiing, snow shoeing, canoeing, fishing, biking, picnics,
 - Walks, played at playgrounds
 - Walks, played at playgrounds
 - Walks, played at playgrounds
 - walks, snow shoeing, skating, skiing, biking, fishing, picnics, swimming
- Walks, walks and walks during the pandemic especially. We live across the street of east entrance to Crosby Farm Regional Park
 - walks/hikes
 - watched Birds, hiked in natural trails, watched wildlife
 - Watching my kids play baseball, basketball...
 - watching nature
 - Waterworks, walking at battle creek parks
 - We are seniors. We have enjoyed walking in many parks in the county, especially during the pandemic.
 - We discovered a new county park (Tony Schmidt Regional Park). It was a great discovery.
 - We go to the dog park at rice creek every day weather is decent
 - We like to hike
 - We tried kick-sledding and skiing for the first time with the Winter Sampler program.
 - We walk our dogs daily in Ramsey county parks
 - Went biking
 - Went birdwatching
 - Went bird-watching and hiking
 - Went for a walk
 - Went for a walk
 - Went for a walk
 - Went for a walk with my parents
 - Went golfing
 - Went Golfing
 - Went golfing
 - Went ice skating
 - Went on walks
 - Went sledding
 - Went Sledding
 - Went sledding
 - went sledding at Como Park
 - Went sledding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing
 - Went sledding, walked dog, played on playground, swam at beach

- went swimming
- went swimming
- Went to a dog park
- Went to a park
- Went to beach
- went to the beach
- Went to the park, hiked, skied, sledding, walked the dog, picnic, frisbee
- We've been snowshoeing
- We've hiked, had BBQs, fishing, family gatherings, swim, sledding and played at the playgrounds.
- We've taken many walks, had
- picnics, sat in the park to watch fireworks for July 4th, watched birds, and went sledding
- When for a walk
- Wildlife watching
- Winter fun days
- Winter fun days
- Winter fun days
- Winter Sampler at Kelly Park
- xc ski
- XC Ski
- xc ski
- Xc ski
- Xc ski
- Xc ski at Battle Creek E and W
- xc skied
- XC skied
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing
- X-Country Skiing @ Tamarack NC
- XX skiing
- yes
- Yes, I go for walks daily at different parks.
- Yes. Rice Creek dog park.

2. Where are you going, what are you doing, and when?



Vision: A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A big group indoor space that can have special events • A park circulator shuttle takes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people to the park from around the city • Able to walk/bike to park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilities wherever our home is - on the evenings, weekends, and days off. |
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- All the things I said before that we already do in the parks.
- All year round I am walking my dog and taking her to dog parks.
- Any season, my son and I enjoy fishing.
- At wintertime I like to go on the top of the frozen lake
- Attending a unique community event.
- Attending an art exhibit inside on of the parks facilities.
- Attending community events - concerts in the park, movie in the park, book reading, etc.
- Attending free programming in the parks all over Ramsey County with my family and friends.
- Attending one of many cultural festivals happening around the county year-round.
- Aztec dancing or dancing
- Battle Creek Dog park with my two dogs
- Battle Creek Watershed -- streams and hills. Walking with my wife and imagining hills from Hmong villages back in Laos -- very nostalgic.
- BBQ- Hanging out with friends and family
- Beaches, hiking, picnics, playgrounds, SUP in the summer
- Bicycling connected trails, Bruce Vento extended north of I-694 to make more connections
- Bikeways with no pedestrian, on own path
- biking
- biking
- Biking
- Biking along greenways
- Biking on a trail, getting up to speed and pushing myself physically
- biking on single track dirt trails
- biking on the off-road trails
- biking on trails with my family
- Biking with kids (trails off-road for non-traffic safety)
- Biking with my family at summertime.
- Boat Fishing evenings
- Boating
- boating and fishing with family
- Canoeing and kayaking with family
- Canoeing on the lakes in summer
- canoeing with our family
- CC-skiing in the winter
- Climbing through elaborate tunnels and slides with my children at a playground like chutes and ladders park
- Covered picnic tables, good parking
- cross country skiing in the woods
- Culturally specific programming, youth involvement in decision making. Relevant program offerings. Indoor and outdoor programming.
- Demonstration gardens where the community is learning with Parks staff and with each other.
- Development at Battle Creek Regional Park - take advantage of unique offerings.
- Different ways to garden or outdoor celebrations
- Dog park
- Dog park and walking trails
- Dog parks with access to potable water and good garbage maintenance
- Dog walk
- Dogs at off leash dog parks and all of the above
- Dog park, mountain hiking
- dynamic welcoming places
- Early morning bird walk during spring migration
- Enjoying beautiful scenic views of the waterways and river from battle creek from a nature setting in the wilderness, not with asphalt trails or pavement
- Enjoying my time in reading
- gardens that represent different cultures.
- Enjoying natural areas with wildlife instead of people
- enjoying nature on weekends, evenings & holidays
- Enjoying summer evenings at Tamarack
- enjoying the dog parks (plural!) and many trails
- Enjoying the lakes (swimming skiing surfing fishing)
- Enjoying the outdoors in all seasons
- Enjoying the trails with friends
- entertainment
- Exercising my dog at a dog park
- Exploring trails by bike
- family bike rides
- Family picnic
- Family, friends hike in all seasons...,COVID made us do this!!
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing 3 seasons
- Fishing all year round
- Fishing at an event or program.
- Fishing in the summer with friends
- Fishing off docks
- fishing summer and winter
- Fishing the lake with my spouse
- Fishing with my family at public piers and/or using the public boat launch
- fishing with our kids
- Flying small drone to take scenic photos and video year-round (current not allowed but would like this rule to change)
- Friends and I are hanging out around a large bonfire, drinking beer (appropriately) while local musicians play music on a warm summer night
- Friends and I are hiking trails through native vegetation
- Gardening in a community

- garden. Canoeing in rentable canoes. Hiking through wildflower-lined trails.
- Geocaching and hiking
 - Get off at work and enjoy the park – meditate after the stressful day at school. Very relaxing to get to park.
 - Getting him some exercise
 - Getting in steps with friends.
 - Go for a walk and look at flowers
 - Going for a nightly run or morning run
 - going for a walk on a paved path with outdoor exercise equipment along the path
 - Going for an evening walk to enjoy summer
 - Going skiing and walking winter trails
 - Going swimming with my family who are in town for the weekend
 - going to a sport complex to watch my kids play
 - Going to groomed, lit cc trails, playing golf on newly upgraded courses
 - Going to the Ponds to play golf or the driving range.
 - Golfing 9 holes at The Ponds at Battle Creek
 - Golfing at The Ponds at Battle Creek
 - Golfing at The Ponds of Battle Creek
 - grandchildren @ playgrounds, lakes, walks
 - having my grandchildren swim, skate or play on equipment
 - Healing spaces for all cultures. Different communities coming together to be active (low impact activities).
 - Health classes such as yoga
 - helping coaches at Nordic event
 - helping youth connect with the activities the parks have to offer
 - Hike on natural trails - non paved
 - Hiking (or snowshoeing) on quiet trails through trees and along lakeshores
 - hiking all seasons
 - Hiking and birding, escaping the built environment.
 - hiking and jogging regularly on nearby trails
 - Hiking at Battle Creek Park
 - Hiking in the early mornings in all seasons at Regional Parks.
 - Hiking in the spring
 - hiking in the woods, trails
 - Hiking on an off-leash dog trail
 - Hiking or walking both winter and summer
 - Hiking the trails in Spring Summer and Fall. Cross country ski in Winter. Swimming at beaches, biking on trails. Will be golfing.
 - Hiking with my dog on trails
 - hiking with my wife, looking at birds & wildlife
 - Hiking, playgrounds in the spring. Hiking, playing in the fall.
 - Hitting tennis balls or volleyballs against a return wall
 - Husband or friends are kayaking the river and lakes in late afternoon or sometimes a weekday or Saturday
 - I am at Battle Creek dog park, and there are lots of obstacles for the dogs to do agility courses throughout the park. And there's a bathing station pause station we can spray the mud off our dogs before getting into the car. And across the street the rebuilt the water park so that older kids have more to do they have basketball hoops in the water and a large pool to play volleyball in the water a really cool miniature golf course
 - I am at the dog park at dawn with friends.
 - I am bicycling in off road areas
 - I am biking and hiking on trails
 - I am biking on a mountain bike trail system within a park
 - I am biking the trails.
 - I am biking through natural areas,
 - I am birdwatching in new areas with habitats that attract birds at risk because of loss of habitat due to climate and development.
 - I am canoeing with family.
 - I am cross country skiing
 - I am cross country skiing on a course with man-made snow
 - I am cross country skiing on real, not man-made snow
 - I am Cross Country Skiing, Mountain biking, Ice Skating, Winter Mountain Biking. Nature watching
 - I am engaged with getting kids outside in all seasons.
 - I am enjoying a walk around a lake at sunset.
 - I am enjoying the return of Bobolinks at the grasslands adjacent to Battle Creek
 - I am enjoying wild spaces, seeing wildlife and hearing nature.
 - I am fishing in clean areas
 - I am fishing off a dock at a lake.
 - I am going for a walk through the park to get exercise.
 - I am going on evening walks with my parents so they can enjoy nature and plants and streams
 - I am going to new nature centers and new parks or parks with extended trails.
 - I am going to watch native birds in their habitats.
 - I am golfing at the ponds of Battle Creek
 - I am hiking and cross-country skiing
 - I am in a conservatory filled with indigenous plants and trees while its cold outside (thinking about the Como Park conservatory but focusing on

MN's past)

- I am kayaking on the lake
- I am kayaking on waterways that are easily accessible to older adults.
- I am mountain biking on new trails
- I am Nordic skiing all winter long in St. Paul.
- I am paddle boarding on a lake with friends.
- I am playing pickleball. I am snowshoeing.
- I am playing rec hockey with HockeyFinder with my friends and family.
- I am retired and walking on trails or snowshoeing, in parks that have swing able to accommodate adults, I would use swing sets
- I am riding my bike
- I am riding my bike on regional trails
- I am running and walking with friends on regional trails
- I am running the trails.
- I am skiing at Battle Creek
- I am sledding and skiing.
- I am snowshoeing during a candlelit hike
- I am swimming in clean lakes
- I am taking a lunch break hike during work
- I am taking a walk with my dogs around the lake early in the morning during the summer
- I am taking kids to learn from a naturalist.
- I am taking my dog to a dog park
- I am taking my grandchildren to a playground
- I am there with urban youths in the parks and there is a lot of learning.
- I am trying archery with my daughter
- I am walking and bike riding with my husband and friends.
- I am walking at a Nature center
- I am walking daily and have long retired
- I am walking in nature with my family. The spaces I am around are interactive, accessible and near my house.
- I am walking on a trail with native plants surrounding me
- I am walking on the winter trails.
- I am walking on the winter trails.
- I am walking on trails
- I am walking the trails year-round. I am kayaking in the summer.
- I am walking through the woods
- I am walking, or biking on trails.
- I am watching my grandchildren play in the playground.
- I am watching Swans.
- I am xc skiing with husband, daughters, and friends on dedicated groomed classic trails near Roseville.
- I cross country ski at battle Creek east
- I don't go to the park at wintertime, I have asthma
- I enjoy going for walks in forests.
- I go for a run with my friends
- I go to the park with my siblings and I'm just making sure my siblings are safe.
- I golf at the ponds at Battle Creek 5 times a week, my wife plays 3 times a week most weeks.
- I haven't been to park so long but, whenever I go to park all I do was grill some BBQ and relaxing and sometimes play with water.
- I hope I am kayaking and paddle boarding more
- I hope I will be walking on trails, resting on a bench, maybe picnicking. I am 79 yrs. old now.
- I like to drive around the park
- I like to play 9 holes of golf with my kids.
- I like walking in warm weather and in cold weather. I can be alone, or with my husband, or with friends. I like looking at the native plants and trees.
- I take my grandparents out to go look at flowers, lake and getting some fresh air
- I use my hammock to go read and sleep under the trees
- I usually go sit under the trees and look at the beavers building their housing in the lake
- I walk the trails mornings in summer and afternoons in the winter 3 days a week, fish on the lake a couple times a summer, take boat ride 5 times a summer.
- I walk, I'd like to ice skate but outdoors
- I watch my dog run freely as she enjoys the dog park
- I went ice fishing with my dad
- I went to play soccer and volleyball with my youth group during summer evening
- I went to rent a boat with my friend at summertime
- I will be hiking, biking and wildlife watching
- I will walk on trails.
- I would love to be attending an outdoor concert or festival on park grounds. Especially cultural events that attract people from many communities together.
- I'm attending a party in a pavilion
- I'm biking trails
- I'm building forts in the woods with my kids
- I'm cross-country skiing
- I'm cross-country skiing on a weekend afternoon in the winter
- I'm enjoying more nature programs.
- I'm guiding forest therapy walks.
- I'm kayaking on the lake early in the morning
- I'm mountain biking/fat biking

- with my family year-round.
- I'm swimming in a clean lake
- I'm taking my daughter to the beach and playground with her friends.
- I'm taking my dog for a walk on Rice Creek Trail, and I do bring the winter months, the trail is free of snow and ice. And with the short days, it has lighting.
- I'm walking along the lake looking for a good spot to shore fish
- I'm walking in the woods safely.
- I'm walking on a winter trail
- I'm with my dogs in a large fenced in leash-free park.
- Ice skate on top of the frozen lake with my brother
- Ice skating on a long path of maintained ice that circumvents a lake
- I'm biking on trails. I'm also having family picnics.
- I'm bird watching the eagle nest at Keller Lake
- I'm cross-country skiing at Battle Creek with my family
- I'm fishing off my kayak
- I'm getting year-around exercise by walking/snowshoeing on nature trails. I'm deepening my nature photography skills.
- I'm ice skating on a large skate trail on a lake.
- I'm meeting family and friends at nature areas to eat and socialize at a picnic table, throw frisbees and get outdoor exercise and exposure.
- I'm meeting up with other community interest groups for an evening hike.
- I'm Nordic training with friends
- I'm playing disc golf. I'm also taking lessons/classes at parks.
- I'm riding bicycle in summer weather
- I'm riding my bike on a trail that safely connects multiple parks.
- I'm skiing and snowshoeing when snow permits
- I'm skiing on regularly groomed and well-marked ski trails.
- I'm taking my son to the driving range at the ponds at Battle Creek so he can learn the game
- I'm walking on the many great trails
- I'm walking on the trails year-round
- I'm walking outdoors day/evening all seasons.
- In particular, using a clean bathroom whenever and wherever we take a child.
- In the early evening
- Instead of the newest concept park, we are enjoying well-maintained, efficient facilities, night, or day.
- Introducing my kids to golf
- Joining a group bike with my family and riding the trails using a bike checked out at the park.
- kayaking
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Kayaking and paddle boarding on the lakes and rivers
- Kayaking with my dog
- Kids
- Kids getting natural enrichment that the parent doesn't have to provide - learning, appreciating nature, education, activities, camps
- learning to mountain bike with kids
- looking at native plants
- Looking for some friendship
- Lots of walking with friends for exercise
- More biking trails!
- More equipment rentals - affordable or free (bikes, skates, skis)
- More inclusive classes to be able to learn how to do activities
- More walking trails
- More winter walking trails that are not converted to x-country skiing
- Mountain biking
- Mountain biking trails
- mountain biking with friends
- Mountain biking with friends and my kids on evenings and weekends
- Movies in the park
- Mtn biking single track in the woods and prairies with friends
- My children are participating in nature activities
- My children are participating in the summer junior program at the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course.
- My children, husband, and I are all golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek.
- My dad, husband, and I are snowshoeing on winter trails
- My dog like to jump in the lake to catch the ball
- My dogs and I are walking the trails
- My family and friends are skiing on groomed ski trails
- My family and I are finding places in nature to hike and to see mother nature (birds, butterflies, native veg, etc.).
- My family and I are going for an afternoon hike or bike ride and picking food from a food forest of fruit trees and berry bushes.
- My family and I are hiking on strenuous hiking trails through beautiful natural areas in the fall and spring
- My family and I are learning about nature from a naturalist.
- My family and I are looking for pollinators.
- My family and I are skiing on groomed trails
- My family and I are sledding and

- skating in beautiful natural areas
- My family and I are using volleyball nets
 - My family goes for walks at Battle Creek park.
 - My family is cross country skiing on trails
 - My family is doing a quick cross-country ski
 - My family is enjoying the winter rec. opportunities at Battle Creek park
 - My family is kayaking on the lake
 - My family is swimming, paddle boarding or canoeing, while having a picnic for the afternoon.
 - My family is taking a fall hike.
 - My family is taking long bike rides that pass through a couple of parks
 - My family is walking or biking trails
 - My friend and I are enjoying nature
 - My friend and I are walking a trail having conversation in the fall
 - My friends and I are cross country skiing
 - My friends and I are cross country skiing on winter trails
 - My friends and I golf 3-5 times a week and sit on the patio for drinks and food at the ponds at Battle Creek
 - My girlfriends and I golf in the summer on a ladies league at the Ponds
 - My girls are at hockey practice (every day) with their friends.
 - My grandkids and I are admiring the native plants.
 - My grandkids are canoeing various lakes and streams.
 - My grandkids are jumping around in the splash pad
 - My grandkids are skating for free in an arena
 - My grandkids are snowshoeing
- on a beautiful, sunny winter day
- My husband and I are biking in the afternoons before dark.
 - My husband and I are cross country skiing
 - My husband and I are enjoying biking on the trails
 - My husband and I are kayak fishing in the summer
 - My husband and I bring our kayaks to the park lakes and paddle for relaxation.
 - My kids and I are mountain biking
 - My kids and I are using the trails for walking and biking all year around
 - My kids and I are visiting the playground.
 - My kids and I are walking through a park that has many different types of sports being played, and wayfinding signage in a multitude of languages.
 - My kids are attending a variety of free programs hosted by the park
 - My kids are learning to golf in kids program at the Ponds
 - My kids are learning to play golf at a course, they play hockey in the winter
 - My kids are participating in the Pond youth golf program, experiencing golf with the diverse patrons that currently use the course.
 - my kids are swimming, tubing, and playing basketball and softball with friends
 - My kids skating
 - My mother went for a walk, but I usually skateboarding next to her.
 - My partner and I are skiing.
 - My son and I go to open skate or open hockey
 - My son is fishing during the summer on a weekend evening
 - My son is fishing, i am
- walking...my daughter is a lifeguard
- My son is skating at hockey practice.
 - My spouse and I are waking our dog on park trails in winter and summer
 - My wife and I are biking from one park to the next on well-maintained bike trails
 - My wife and I are enjoying a beer garden at a park like in Munich.
 - My wife and I are enjoying couples League at the ponds at Battle Creek
 - My wife and I are walking on the trails
 - My wife and I are xc skiing on well-maintained trails that are not trampled by people walking down the middle of the trail
 - My work team and I are renting canoes and life jackets for a paddling staff meeting in the morning.
 - Nature Center classes, camp
 - Night markets or activities
 - Non-traditional Minnesotan outdoor activity that Minnesotans can learn about
 - Nordic and skate skiing on groomed trails enjoying the winter season
 - Nothing we don't do now. The parks are inclusive
 - Off leash dog park use, farmer's market
 - On warm days my mother and I enjoy walking through parks. My family often gathers in parks for picnics.
 - Our family spends the summer hiking the trails in battle creek and we consider the park such an asset that we don't consider moving out of the city.
 - Packing foods to go eat at park to increase my appetite
 - Paddling a canoe or swimming in

- clear uncrowded lakes
- Paddling and using boat launches friendly for car topped watercraft
- Participating in public events, music, discussions, or tours.
- participating in triathlon.
- Pavilions, sledding, crosses country, hiking, snowboarding, picnic grounds- fireplaces in winter
- Picnicking and relaxing near a lake, golfing
- Picnics
- picnics on weekends & evenings
- Picnics with family/grandchildren
- Plan to walk and jog around the trails of the different parks
- Playground time with grandchildren
- Playground with my son
- Playgrounds
- Playing at the dog park
- Playing at the nature playground
- playing hockey at the outdoor rink
- Playing tennis and pickle ball
- Playing tennis with my friends
- Playing volleyball, pickleball and frisbee with friends and family
- Playing with grandchildren.
- Practicing my archery skills with my husband
- Programming opportunities increased. New faces trying new things.
- Reading in the park.
- Renting a stand-up paddle board that is at a reasonable price so that all may have a chance to partake
- Renting bicycles and scooter
- Riding bike in park
- Riding bikes on trails in spring through fall
- Roller skating in a dedicated outdoor rink with friends and family
- Roller skating!
- Roller-skate with my cousin
- Running and biking on trails with my kids
- Same as I did 5 years ago, I would not change
- Security First
- See all kinds of people in the park: young people, moms - seating to be able to see people, but be able to observe and appreciate.
- Shaded playgrounds to enjoy in the summer heat
- Skating and biking on the trails
- Skating at Aldrich with friends
- skating indoors - renting skates
- skating on ponds, lakes
- skiing on beautiful trails
- skiing on man-made snow trails
- Skiing, sledding in the winter
- Sledding in the winter
- Snow shoeing, live outdoor music
- snowshoe/snow-walks with family in winter
- Snowshoeing in woodland setting
- Some part of the park reminds me of Thailand
- Still going to the dog park
- Still meditating and journaling while listening to nature and quiet all around me.
- Stop this insanity.
- Students able to get out in quiet with nature - as a stress reliever
- Summer daytime canoeing
- Swimming and chilling at the beach
- swimming at the beaches
- Swimming in the lakes
- Swimming in the summer
- Swimming with my dog at a dog beach
- Swimming, indoor walking track
- Swinging, fishing, boating, playgrounds, volleyball
- Take my daughter to playground – and play with the sand.
- Take my kids out for a walk to stop playing video game and gets some exercise
- Taking a romantic walk in the spring with significant other, and other couples.
- Taking a walk around the lakes or on trails
- Taking dog to dog park in Spring, Summer, and Fall
- taking dog to dog parks almost daily
- Taking my dog for socializing at RC OLDA. The park has a small dog area, lighting, heated pavilion.
- Taking my dog to the dog park
- Taking my great grandkids on nature walks
- Taking my kids sledding in the winter
- Teens are there swimming
- The park has special events featuring different cultural foods
- the problem with being a single senior citizen is that I don't always feel included so i hope in five years there are more activities designed to keep seniors active even if we have mobility issues
- There are events and activities for us to explore and try new things.
- this is a dumb question, and I don't know how to answer it
- trail biking- asphalt, not mountain
- trail hiking
- Trail Running an event at the park
- Trail with stops for strength and weight exercise
- Try to walk on trails
- Tuj lub
- Use open picnic areas
- Using the bike trails.
- using the open spaces for a variety of games

- Visit dog parks.
- Visiting the dog parks!
- Walk around and point out horticulture.
- Walk at the dog park
- Walk on trails
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking
- walking
- Walking a trail
- Walking along paved trails
- Walking and biking with kids and dog, twice a day, every day
- walking around lakes
- Walking at the trails and talking to my partner about our days
- Walking dogs on trails in the spring through fall
- Walking dogs, picnicking, and fishing
- Walking in the Battle Creek Park, picnicking, cross-country skiing.
- Walking in the dog park
- walking in the summer, parks are like large and not crowded
- Walking in the winter to get exercise and fresh air
- Walking my dog at Battle Creek
- Walking on paths and noticing the lack of buckthorn and other invasive species
- Walking on the trails
- Walking on the trails
- Walking on the winter trails
- Walking on trails year-round
- Walking on trails year-round.
- Walking or biking the trails
- Walking paths near water features
- Walking the dog
- walking trails
- Walking trails
- Walking trails year-round in preserve
- Walking Villa Park trails daily
- Walking Villa Park trails daily
- walking with dog
- walking with family
- walking with friends & dogs on weekends & evenings
- Walking with my dog after work
- walking with my friends during all season
- Walking with my girlfriends through different cultures, booths of different cultures representing various cultures of Ramsey County.
- Walking, jogging, taking photographs, enjoying nature in the parks year-around.
- Walking/ running
- Walking/hiking for 3-5 miles at least.
- Watching birds as I walk
- Watching group performances in the park or amphitheater. (example: Gervais Park --extends back to the elementary school nearby. Have seen signs along the trails with information about plants and trees, animals that live in the area. Behind the school, there is a place for dance or musical groups to practice.)
- Watching our kids play baseball at a local park
- Watching our kids play hockey at a local arena
- Watching puppet shows, entertainment in the parks
- Water activities, dog activities
- Water aerobic
- water/boat usage
- We are biking around white bear lake
- We are canoeing on Keller Lake.
- We are canoeing on lakes
- We are going boating and fishing on white bear and snail
- We are joining classes for canoeing, arts/crafts, nature education
- We are renting a kayak or canoe and paddling on Rice Creek
- We are riding our bike on bike trails
- We are visiting playgrounds, beaches, and dog parks
- We are walking at lake Vadnais. Walking our dogs.
- We are walking in winter (on plowed trails)
- We are walking our dogs to the dog park
- We enjoy sledding, ice skating, and swimming, splash pads
- We go hiking on the natural trails and can ski in the winter.
- We go swimming
- We have access to a variety of natural habitat, including the grasslands between Battle Creek Park and the Correctional Facility
- We hike year-round on trails
- we host graduation gatherings in one of the picnic areas with shelters/kitchens
- We ride mountain bikes at battle Creek. We use the water park and playground at battle Creek
- We walk at Battle Creek park 5-6 times a week with our dog.
- We walk on trails
- We will be walking the trails, fishing, skating, and enjoying the parks with our grandchildren. Biking around lake trails
- We're able to access natural and native spaces that help us connect with nature and feel separated from city/suburban living spaces.
- We're bringing the dog to the summer family picnic.
- winter activities - having fun while being warm
- Winter evening skiing
- Xc skiing through pine stands, deep breath of fresh air
- XC skiing with family at Battle Creek Regional Park
- Your format, don't fix what isn't broke

This question was asked primarily in the online survey.



Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

- A diversity of bird song, and a diversity of people enjoying nature
 - A fish jumping and the ripples
- spreading
 - A lack of litter, a clean space
 - A party post-race with friends.
 - Abundant wildlife and restored
- native communities
 - Access to water INSIDE all dog parks.
 - All the above

- All wildlife! Deer, fox, coyote, eagles, owls
- Appropriate lighting at dusk. Flat surfaces to prevent falls.
- Art and artifacts of different cultures (example: traditional Hmong woven basket) on display in parks spaces and facilities. Different ways to attract visitors to a facility that they wouldn't have known about.
- Art and statues embedded in parks spaces and facilities. Hearing others admire the artistry and designs.
- Babies duck follow their mother crossing the road
- Beautiful birds sound
- Bird's nest
- Birds
- Birds
- Birds
- birds
- Birds chirping
- Birds, bees, squirrels, frogs, wildlife in general.
- Butterflies
- Butterflies, bees, and mosquitoes sound
- Children laughing and playing
- children laughing, people talking, bird sounds, frog croaking
- Clean facilities
- Communities participating in diverse, year-round programming and activities offered.
- Community events like fundraise, religion event for baptism, easter eggs hunting, cultural event, birthday party, graduation party
- community use
- Culturally relevant activities to attracting more people to come out to the parks and programming.
- Deer
- Deer, Turkey, racoon, fox, all kinds of birds, wildflowers, trees, ducks, swans, muskrat, beaver,
- Deer, Turkey, racoon, fox, all kinds of birds, wildflowers, trees, ducks, swans, muskrat, beaver,
- Dependent on the experience you seek. Want solitude in nature as well as active areas. Not all high dollar investments.
- Different languages
- Different languages and music from all parts of the world. Smiling faces, laughter, joy.
- Dog's barking
- Dogs having a good time
- Duck eggs
- Ducks poop everywhere at the grass and the beach
- Eagles.
- Education about clean lakes and ponds, harms that cause wildlife. Programming in the parks to learn about environmental topics and issues.
- Everything I heard is the same as before
- Expressions of joy and exhilarations, laughter
- Extensive use, enjoyment, free access, well-kept facilities, appropriate lighting throughout the parks.
- Families grilling or getting together
- Families walking with dogs
- Fish jumping
- Friends and neighbors
- Friends and neighbors watching their kids with us
- Friends and neighbors watching their kids with us
- Friends laughing
- friends sledding and skiing and walking
- Friends, birds, frogs, insects
- frogs
- Frogs in the spring are awesome
- Gang shootings
- Garbage running over bins
- Gardens, meditative spaces, public art, playground equipment, fire circles and grills, picnic benches
- Gentle water, wind, etc.
- Good habitat: Healthy forests, native prairies and wetlands, fewer mowed areas
- Green energy, EV charging station, more bathrooms
- Group of youth were playing volleyball, children were play tag, some adults are playing golf
- Happy people
- Healthy woodlands and prairies.
- Hear and see Birds
- hear nature sounds- creeks and waterfalls
- Hear R&B, jazz, blues music at a facility. Indoors in an arena
- Hearing birds
- Hearing birds and critters
- hearing kids
- Hearing kids laughing
- Hearing lots of languages being spoken
- Hearing my golf girlfriends chatting & laughing on the course
- hearing nature sounds
- hearing nature sounds
- Hearing nature sounds and seeing lots of people enjoying the trails
- Hopefully seeing native wildlife and less non-native species
- Hopefully, I'm not seeing a lot of hikers on the dedicated cross country ski trail, but I feel like it's a lost cause.
- I also see a lot of broken glass in the parking lot
- I always see one guy who run without shoes at Phalen Regional Park
- I am hearing families chatting but it is mostly quiet - maybe hearing local music or artists with a Native background
- I am hearing less toad noise and

- more birds chirping on regional trails
- I am hearing nature sounds and maybe water running - not hearing traffic
- I am hearing that The Ponds at Battle Creek is closing. This will be devastating to myself and friends. It is the only course that is lady friendly and is diverse in the county.
- I am hoping that I am hearing birds and frogs as well as other Nature Sounds.
- I am seeing diversity in the population utilizing the parks
- I am seeing ice lanterns and lights hanging from trees, hearing others talking softly.
- I am seeing lots of wildlife, including endangered species.
- I am seeing many diverse sport court systems
- I am seeing more handicapped/disability options for kids and adults
- I am seeing more pollinators.
- I am seeing other people walking as well, taking in the beautiful surroundings.
- I am seeing swimmers, lifeguards, others paddleboards/kayaks/canoes.
- I am smelling less goose poo at the beaches
- I am with high school teams with parent cheering
- I can hear the frogs and owls.
- I do not hear city sounds!
- I don't see large groups of people
- I enjoy seeing lakes clear of algae and invasive weeds
- I have heard rumors that the golf course is closing and that the county is investing millions of dollars in a snow making machine. Just a terrible decision on both fronts that shows to me where the commissioners heads are.
- I hear & see birds, frogs, turtles, butterflies & more
- I hear / see wildlife and birds in varying areas of sun / shade / meadows / wetlands
- I hear and see animals and birds.
- I hear birds
- I hear birds
- I hear birds and frogs and other nature sounds as well as people talking.
- I hear birds and other nature sounds
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds chirping
- I hear birds chirping, friends chatting, children laughing
- I hear birds singing
- I hear birds singing and crickets chirping. Leaves crunching
- I hear Birds singing and Frogs chirping.
- I hear birds, breeze, laughing.
- I hear birds, frogs and other nature sounds
- I hear birds, insects, frogs, chipmunks, and I get to see many of them. I see people picking up their trash and pet waste, and the containers for these are never overflowing. Trash is regularly removed so cans are never overflowing. Restrooms are clean. Three restroom equity for females, an often-overlooked factor in which males can use toilets and urinals quickly but women have to wait longer to use a toilet because women don't have the luxury of using a urinal, they need more toilets than a male population. I'd like to see solar generators on the restrooms and other structures.
- I hear birds, see clean water, rabbits, fish, squirrels, snakes, frogs, butterflies.
- I hear birdsong and insect buzzing
- I hear cars
- I hear children
- I hear children laughing and parents talking while looking on.
- I hear children playing
- I hear children playing, laughing and learning
- I hear conversation between passing walkers/bikers
- I hear dogs
- I hear friends talking and laughing during and after rounds of golf
- I hear frogs, birds and laughter
- I hear frogs.
- I hear kids laughing and yelling and having fun
- I hear kids shouting
- I hear laughter
- I hear laughter, music, wind, water.
- I hear lots of nature sounds, see lots of animals, trees, and wildlife.
- I hear many dogs enjoying the dog park
- I hear many languages on the trails
- I hear music from local musicians
- I hear my kids laughing as they play all sports, in one place
- I hear my kids say, "let's play 9 holes!"
- I hear nature
- I hear nature all around me as I fish
- I hear nature sounds (animals, wind, rustling leaves, water splashing)
- I hear nature sounds.
- I hear nature sounds.
- I hear only the sounds of nature
- I hear only the sounds of nature when I'm hiking.
- I hear other dogs and their people. We make new friends.
- I hear other families

- I hear people cheering their grandkids at an event
- I hear people laughing and see people relaxing and having a good time.
- I hear people speak different languages
- I hear people speaking various languages. I hear music at an outdoor concert or play.
- I hear ppl laughing and having fun. I hear birds, leaves rustling
- I hear silence.
- I hear teens and young adults playing frisbee and volleyball.
- I hear the canoeing quietly slipping through the water
- I hear the leaves rustling.
- I hear the sounds of nature including birds and frogs
- I hear the sounds of water.
- I hear the sounds of wildlife.
- I hear the voices of new friends I meet from the league that I would have otherwise never have known
- I hear the wind.
- I hear turkeys and waterfowl and loons
- I hear water lapping
- I hear water running
- I hear water.
- I heard the sounds of nature when I am in the woods
- I am hearing music, kids are laughing and some are crying because they don't want to leave the playground.
- I hope I am hearing running water in the wind through the leaves on many trees
- I hope I am seeing people swimming in clean lakes
- I keep my child aware and safe because larger animals are making a comeback.
- I know there may be a bathroom nearby.
- I like to go wet up my feet at the beach on summertime
- I like to look at the waves of the lake
- I look and find deer turkeys rabbits birds
- I may see a group picnicking. I may see people dancing to music.
- I may see water, hear voices of children and adults, birds, slapping of water on small boats. I see other adults and children walking and playing.
- I play golf with the friends I've made at the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course.
- I see a big open green space where I can smell nature
- I see a diverse set of people (age, ethnicity, ability) enjoying the area.
- I see a great deal of golfers the past two years at the ponds at Battle Creek. It is the most diverse golf course I have played.
- I see a great number of people walking in the summer and winter.
- I see a lot of kids sledding at the hill by the battle Creek school
- I see a lot of people walking on the ski trails and the county not enforcing that ordinance
- I see a variety of plants & hopefully no invasive species
- I see a variety of wildlife in a natural habitat.
- I see all sorts of nature including deer on the backside of the golf course
- I see all the wildlife on the golf course.
- I see an occasional eagle fly overhead.
- I see and hear birds, animals, and non-invasive plants.
- I see beautiful green grass, wildlife, wildflowers, birds, butterflies
- I see beautiful snow on the trails.
- I see birds and bugs, I hear children screaming
- I see Chinese people celebrated the new year at park with many activities like paddle boat racing, and traditional dragon dance
- I see clean and safe beaches
- I see clean water and parents teaching their children how to fish.
- I see clean water with fish, frogs, egrets, butterflies
- I see coyotes, deer, and other wildlife, and hear birds.
- I see cultural programs, concerts at parks
- I see deer, birds, rabbits. It's beautiful!
- I see diverse people enjoying the parks.
- I see dogs running and playing and hear dogs barking and birds singing
- I see fishes, ducks, squirrels, bevers, and birds
- I see flowers and trees
- I see kids frolicking around a playground
- I see lots of families and elderly out walking
- I see lots of fellow outdoor people enjoying the trails, beaches and river
- I see lots of people from all backgrounds sharing in the park
- I see lots of trees and I hear lots of birds and other nature sounds.
- I see lots of wildflowers, butterflies and bees
- I see many families enjoying nature
- I See many families enjoying the waterpark of all different ages.
- I see many friends at the dog park.
- I see many native plants and natural areas.
- I see many of my friends also

- roller skating
- I see many people enjoy walking around the lakes.
- I see many people walking/sledding/skiing.
- I see miles of ski trail!
- I see more areas filled with native plants than turfgrass.
- I see most all of my friends biking on regional trails
- I see most of my friends walking on regional trails
- I see my friends at the ski course.
- I see my kids gaining confidence as they learn something new. A sport that will be with them for life.
- I see my neighbors (young, old and in between)
- I see native people hosted the event wearing their traditional clothing, playing their music and drum
- I see nature photographers
- I see nature, natural surroundings
- I see neighbors and young new families
- I see other people enjoying nature but I don't feel like it's crowded or like I can't find a place to enjoy the quiet of nature
- I see other people enjoying the trails.
- I see other people, birds, wildlife, wind, leaves rustling
- I see owls, deer, turkeys, prairie grasses and wildflowers
- I see people from different walks of life coming together to play golf. I sense worry and stress melting away as they are swinging clubs on that beautiful green space.
- I see people of all backgrounds using the full golf range at the Ponds (this happens now)
- I see people playing games on fields and courts.
- I see people respectfully enjoying the outdoor space.
- I see recycling and compost bins maintained all year.
- I see restored prairie and other habitats.
- I see smiling faces
- I see some elder picking vegetable and flower
- I see sun reflecting off water, ducks swimming in the lake, glimpse of deer off the trail
- I see the most beautiful little golf course and many people enjoying it.
- I see the most culturally diverse group of people on a Golf Course and using the driving range at the ponds as compared to any other course I've been on in my 51 years
- I see the ski trail being well-used, hear people greeting one another, and don't see hikers on the trail.
- I see trees, natural forest, hear birds.
- I see water gardens and pollinator friendly plants
- I see wildflowers, trees, eagles' nests.
- I see wildlife and beautiful greenery.
- I see young parents watching their kids play in the sandy beaches.
- I swim in cool clear water
- I would hope to see other seniors. I am glad there are activities for families but hope to see other senior citizen taking nature classes or on bird walks and hear
- I would love to see bee nests
- I'd like to hear birds and see all wildlife and see few people.
- If we take our grandchildren, we will hear them.
- I'm having a conversation with my friends on the golf course. The women's league I'm a part of is unlike any available at a public course.
- I'm hearing birds, chorus frogs and other nature sounds all around the area.
- I'm hearing the sounds of kids laughing
- I'm hearing/seeing birds and small wildlife
- I'm seeing a beautiful natural scenery with only light impact/development to support low impact people use.
- I'm seeing friends and family while picnicking, hiking or biking.
- In early morning, the quiet. Nature at its best with no interruptions of outside noises.
- In some places, I hear children laughing & asking questions
- In the afternoons, children enjoying the beauty of nature, asking questions and hoping I can still remember the answers.
- In the evening, because the park police know to kick out the party goers, the peace and solitude of an evening sunset.
- Informational signs.
- Insect, bird, and frog sounds
- insects
- Interactive activity to learn more about the park - history and/or plants
- Invasive species diminished.
- is interesting because that allows the youth to have one on one interaction with nature and hopefully be more invested.
- It's quiet so I can enjoy the sounds of nature
- It's not crowded and everything is clean
- It's quiet and peaceful
- It's quiet, except for the birds
- It's very quiet - just the

- occasional sound of another skier
- Kids are playing, planting and learning about what they're planting. Learning how to cultivate the soil.
- Kids laughing
- Kids of all races playing together
- Kids playing
- Kids playing hockey
- Kids playing in the parks.
- Kids' laughter. Using imagination
- Laughing and tired breathing with balls being volleyed
- Laughing people
- Laughter
- Leaves rustling
- Less traffic noise. Children having fun. Dogs barking. Nature sounds.
- Listening to frog calls after a rain, seeing hawks and birds of prey in an area where there's abundant food for them, a complete ecosystem
- Listening to nature and trees.
- listening to wildlife
- Little kids, doggies – grill and barbeque, takes – adult work out place.
- Looking around old trees
- Looking for the swans at Sucker Lake
- Lots of frustration around the closing in combination with the investing in a snow making machine.
- Lots of green in the summer and lots of wildlife
- lots of others skating and enjoying rink
- Lots of people enjoying passive recreation.
- lots of trees, water and natural sounds
- Loud and meeting lots of people
- Love Battle Creek Dog Park
- Love hearing birds, frogs, seeing deer and otter
- love the birds and other wildlife
- Love the peacefulness on the trails and listening to wildlife
- Love the sound of leaves scurrying in fall
- Love the sound of water rushing at Battle Creek
- Many friends boating
- Many other people and their dogs enjoying the parks.
- More bike repair/air filling stations.
- Most of my friends golf. My kids golf.
- Mushrooms with different colors
- Music along the trails -- technology to have outdoor music along walking trails. Therapeutic and reminds visitors of their homeland.
- Music, vibrance, community and culture.
- My diversely able friends can join me easily
- My family and friends are gathering for sledding and a fire after
- My family is participating in outdoor classes
- Native species and some small, tended garden areas
- Natural sounds and muted traffic noise
- Nature
- Nature
- Nature
- Nature and the sounds it produces. Less traffic noise
- Nature sounds
- Nature sounds
- Nature sounds
- Nature sounds
- Nature sounds and relative quiet
- Nature sounds--birds, frogs. There is low traffic noise.
- nature watching
- nature!
- No leaf blowers!
- Not a lot of flowers and some grass disappear people put their mat on it and play volleyball on top of the grass
- Not being totally isolated, but not in a crowd
- NOT car noises, a quiet space away from roads/bustle, etc.
- Open space for groups to spread out
- Organized sports
- Other dogs
- Other friendly dogs
- Other people mountain biking and enjoying the natural setting
- Other people, nature sounds
- Park is big enough to feel like away from the busyness
- Parks are recreational areas, not homeless camps
- Parties
- People are participating in a wide variety of activities, like walking, biking, running, picnicking, attending a party or program.
- People do not feel safe right now with current crime rates.
- people getting exercise & having fun
- People greeting each other as they pass.
- people having fun
- People laughing
- People smiling in nature
- People were dancing
- Picnicking and informal park use.
- Picnics
- play areas and more remote/natural areas
- Quiet
- Quiet
- Quiet nature - no traffic or loud radios
- Representation from all of Ramsey County
- Restored habitat at Battle Creek
- rotating displays for public art
- Runners
- Safe space - not dangerous. If

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| <p>something happens be able to connect to police quickly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe, clean recreation • same thing we hear now. • See and hear a sense of community. Students (primary college) coming to learn about the environment. • See and hear nature • See deer • see gardens • See many families enjoying the waterpark of all different ages. • see native plants- less invasive plants like garlic mustard and buckthorn • See neighbors walking their dogs. • See people enjoying open spaces • See so many different people, all of them are doing their own fun. • See users of our parks are reflective of our community, opportunity to engage. • Seeing adults and children trying new things and finding something they really enjoy doing • Seeing beautiful landscape, trees, and wildlife • Seeing families together, groups of kids practicing or learning how to ski, mountain bike, swim, play volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, softball, swimming lessons in the lake or pool, dance lessons on the lawn, music in the park, movies in the park. • Seeing joy on people's faces. People are laid back and relaxed. • Seeing neighbors on the lake • Seeing signs and organized trails and landmarks • Seeing squirrel running around and different kind of birds are flying, and many ducks enjoying the lake. • Seeing the neighbor discovering the park • Solar panels and energy | <p>conservation efforts. There is education about garbage disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some kids are crying because they still want to swim and play at the playground, but time for them to go home • Some park looks plain and bored • Some people are fishing for fun • Some people are taking picture of sunrise or sunset • Some people arguing • Sometimes peace and quiet • sounds of birds • Sounds of nature • Sounds of nature • Spending time with friends, watching nature, looking at plant life. • Squirrels • Squirrels biting the woods • Strong smell of the dirty lake and dead fishes • Sun on landscape after a snowfall or frost is gorgeous • surrounded by nature - not everything is commercial/residential - plenty of green space • Taking in nature from the parks, woodlands, birdwatching, listening to the sounds of nature from crickets, birds, frogs, seeing fish, clean clear water ponds • The air smells great and it would be alarming if a warning was issued to avoid going outside due to air quality. • The beautiful landscapes • The children are swimming • The sounds of nature on a golf course • The Vietnamese games at Phalen are so interesting. • The water of the lakes/rivers with trees, flowers and wildlife • The winds blow • There are birds. I see clean lakes. I see lake and creek shores with | <p>less fishing trash on the ground and no lead sinkers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are sustainable elements at all facilities such as solar panels, windmills, water reuse elects. • There is live music occasionally and there are sounds of nature, but it's otherwise quiet. • this question is not so good really • tons of nature... • Trash on streets • Trees • trees and natural settings; clear lakes • trees for shade/dappled sunlight and sounds of wind rustling are my fave • Trees, prairie grasses, and hearing the wind through the trees • unmechanized nature! (no snowmobiles, power boats) • Variety of birds and raptors • Variety of natural features interspersed with outdoor art pieces • various types of trails (bike/walk/hiking) • Visiting with friends as I walk • Visitors • Walking along water - lakes/rivers • Walking on trails to hear & see critters • Watching many friends enjoying the dog park • Watching the flowers and trees • Water feature • Waterfall sounds • We feel safe--there are safeguards, access to emergency call devices, possibly motion-activated lighting in certain areas, first-aid call stations. • We hear birds, frogs, and children laughing • We hear other bikers, xc skiers, and hikers but not cars |
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- We hear the crunch of snow beneath our feet
- We hear the scrap, scrape, scrape of blades skimming across freshly groomed ice.
- We hear the sounds of beer garden music, people celebrating and singing and smell sausage and beer.
- We love listening to the birds and frogs. We are always on the lookout for migrating loons (they give me great joy!).
- We see families out skiing, snow shoeing and sledding.
- We see modern facilities and equipment.
- Well lighted parking lots, more spaces
- Well-maintained paths
- We're seeing birds and small creatures.
- We're seeing emerging flowers and signs of life
- Whistles, skates scraping on ice, cheers of spectators.
- Wide diversity of people in casual conversation
- wildflower and pollinator gardens
- wind in the trees
- With mother and family we hear laughing children playing, blowing bubbles. We look for
- owls and eagles.
- Woods, trails, water
- Yes, children laughing, but also engaging with nature and each other
- YMCA youth programming can have the afterschool youth go out into the parks and have activities designed around the park such as meditation, learning about the circle of life of the park, the idea _ had about creation of a garden
- Youth – teenagers

3. Who else is there?



Vision: A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A diverse group of community members also enjoying a snack or taking some fruit home for later. • A diverse group of residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A diverse group of school students on a field trip learning how to canoe. • A diverse spread of people • A diversity of people are there | <p>from all cultures and backgrounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few people • A lot of different people in small groups. |
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- A variety of dog and bike loving people.
- A very diverse subset of people
- A very wide range of people - age, sex, races, nationalities
- able to get outside on trails. Bikes and skateboards and the like
- ADA Accessibility
- Adults
- Adults
- Adults
- adults
- Adults fishing
- Adults walking
- Adults, children both young and old.
- Adults, children, seniors, people with disabilities, dogs, groups, people celebrating.
- Afternoons, parents, teachers, school children filling the area with laughter and community. Meeting new friends.
- All ages
- All ages and all backgrounds
- All ages of people doing different activities.
- All ages, all abilities, all backgrounds.
- All ages, cross-section of the community.
- All ages. Young and old
- All ages/abilities are able to access and enjoy
- All demographics
- All genders
- All generations
- all kinds of people - old, young, all colors and languages
- All kinds of people, including city residents
- All races
- All sorts of ppl: young old, single, families, big parties of ppl
- Alone
- An adult with their dog or dogs
- An increase in BIPOC using the parks
- and dynamic parks of today.
- Animals
- anyone
- Artis
- At golf my family can all be together outside getting exercise safely during this pandemic. Lots of kids and diversity especially on the driving range.
- At jazz show, other adults, other couples enjoying themselves.
- At the Ponds where I play golf - everyone is there. Lots of kids. The ladies league as older and younger women from different ethnicities. The driving range is FULL of people of different ages and races.
- Athletes
- Athletes of all shapes and sizes
- Bands making music, dancers, public artists, food vendors
- Been there, done that with children so unless they are my grandchildren, I probably won't hang out at a kiddy pool all day to watch children. Ha
- Bikers
- BIPOC families and individuals
- But still do things on your own
- Children
- Children
- Children
- Children
- Children
- Children & adults
- Children in playgrounds
- children, adults, families, friends and neighbors of all ages and abilities.
- Community leaders, artists, and gardeners.
- community use for all
- Couples, children, youth, adult and elder
- Couples, friends and families are together enjoying the beer garden
- Create a culture of kindness in our parks to increase people's experience.
- Creating a culture of what the outdoors means to allow for diverse energy at parks.
- depending on place...lots of kids
- Different cultures and diversity
- Different languages
- Different skill levels of activity (from novice to experts)
- Disabled people
- diverse ages and races, mixed groups
- Diverse ages, ethnicities, economic groups.
- Diverse families
- Dog friendly people
- Dog owners
- Dog owners
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs, puppy, and something cats
- dumb question
- Early morning solitude is nice 😊
- Education and entertainment that includes several languages.
- Elderly people
- Elders are there.
- Evening, as in the morning, quiet, relaxing wind down time. Others who are looking for the same.
- Everybody is on an aging continuum. Walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards all have a place in the parks.
- Everyone
- Everyone - all ages, all people, the community enjoying a shared green space
- Everyone is there!
- Everyone!
- everyone! i like seeing the diversity of ages, ethnicities, families vs singletons, etc.

- Families
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- Families
- families
- Families
- Families and children
- Families and individuals of all race and ethnicities are there
- Families and people of all ages, all with smiles.
- Families and pets
- Families are fun. Enjoy seeing picnic reunions
- Families introducing kids to outdoor activities.
- Families like mine
- Families like mine
- Families like ours out together.
- Families of all sorts, mostly adults on the lake, but kids on the beach.
- Families, lots of people, children, people with disabilities.
- families, singles, black, white, Asian
- Family
- Family, friends
- Fast paced activities
- Father gives little one piggyback ride
- Fit people also running
- Flexibility - changes according to needs (COVID is a good example)
- For the winter hike, mostly adults and some older kids; friends, families, grandparents, couples. But not huge crowds of people.
- Friends
- Friends
- Friends - with supervision that's not directly related to you (safe to be by self or unsupervised)
- Friends and family including grandchildren
- Friends I'm a senior now and most family members are grown and moved away.
- Friends, other dog owners
- friends; people enjoying physical activities
- Gives us an opportunity to realize that we all share the same aspirations.
- Groups of people learning about nature.
- Happy
- Happy family walking and laughing
- Happy laughing children.
- Happy people
- have their own space (if possible) and walkers/runners have theirs.
- High school students were running with their group.
- High school teams
- Hopefully other people will be allowed to be around
- Hopefully, no one else will be there and we will feel as if we are alone.
- I am hoping to see diversity in all people and relationships
- I don't have a dog but I like walking in dog parks to watch them play.
- I see all ages with and without kids
- I see diversity
- I see employees of the park
- I see families.
- I see high school mountain biking races
- I see lifeguards
- I see old couple looks so happy and active
- I see other people and pets.
- I see races
- I see ski races
- I see ski teams from the area high schools
- I think we want to promote activities that include lots of different people
- I want it to be welcoming for everyone.
- I want it to look like the community came out to recreate and not just one demographic.
- I would like to see people of varied demographic groups able to enjoy the public grounds. I personally don't like lots of shrieking children, but they have a right to use the facilities.
- I would love to see families, esp. children. I also would love to see people of all colors and nationalities at the park. Maybe some of the people would be playing together just by chance.
- I'm hoping people have pets and are being responsible enough to clean up after them
- Ill reputed people
- Immersed in nature
- Individuals, small groups and families
- Intergenerational mixed ages
- It is a very culturally diverse group of patrons.
- Just a few other adults, not lots of people
- Just the birds, fish and aquatic animals and plants, with occasional people at the start and end.
- Kids
- Kids
- Kids and young people are there
- Kids from disenfranchised backgrounds learning to swim, paddle, and be water confident
- kids learning new skills
- Kids playing
- Learners of all ages
- Lot of people
- Lots of different age groups and

- nationalities
- Lots of different kids and families, mostly kids
- Lots of different people
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- Lots of different people
- lots of different people
- Lots of different people
- lots of different people including children
- Lots of different people on the courts
- Lots of different people speaking different languages - they all feel welcome in the space
- lots of different people with different backgrounds
- Lots of different people with room for everyone to spread out and go at their own pace
- Lots of different people, a good mix of children, adults, and young folks.
- Lots of different people, all ages and backgrounds, with many languages spoken
- Lots of different people, both young and old.
- Lots of different people, young and old.
- Lots of different people.
- Lots of different people. Children, teens, and adults. Diverse families like my own.
- Lots of different people. I also love going dancing to bands at outdoor venues. Mostly adults will be at these. I hope there are more dancing opportunities.
- lots of different people: children, adults, multi-gen families
- lots of different people: those with disabilities & from different backgrounds
- Lots of diverse families
- Lots of diverse golfers
- Lots of diverse people from the community
- Lots of diversity of people walking trails and playing golf at The Ponds at Battle Creek.
- Lots of dog owners
- Lots of families with kids
- Lots of kids and adults.
- Lots of kind people
- Lots of mixed ages, spaces where everyone can be together
- Lots of people are fishing and barbecuing
- Lots of people I know from my neighborhood or from my children's schools
- Lots of people of all abilities and backgrounds
- Lots of people. Reflective of the diversity of our communities.
- Love it when lots of families are out together. That's what kids need.
- Many children
- many children and families who did not access the parks previously
- Many children and school groups
- Many different people golf at The Ponds of Battle Creek.
- Many families of different races and cultures.
- Many people of ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS..
- Many young people
- Maybe a few people seem in passing, otherwise just squirrels, rabbits, birds and other winter animals.
- Meet friends there sometimes.
- mix of kids and adults
- Mix of other dogs
- mix of people but space to spread out
- mixed adults, children, families
- Mixture of ages
- More diverse activities available.
- Mornings, other quiet adults
- doing their own thing.
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults and families on the water
- Mostly adults as I am aging and appreciate being
- Mostly adults but some children
- Mostly adults in the parks I frequent
- Mostly adults on the trails
- mostly single or 2 to 3 adults or kids
- Mother pushing a baby stroller
- Multigenerational families together
- Music or food to help to meet new people
- My children and my neighbors
- My co-workers
- my extended family can join us because parking is available
- My family, friends and whoever wants to participate
- My family, other people and dogs.
- My friends and sometime my teacher
- My friends and their families
- My friends and their family invited me to eat with them when I pass by
- My friends' kids utilize the kids golf lessons and leagues at the ponds at Battle Creek.
- My immediate family
- my neighbors
- My old parents are with me walking slowly because they're getting old
- Myself alone for fitness
- Nature lovers like me
- No one
- No one
- Nobody, I'm in the woods alone
- Occasionally I see a neighbor or friend, most people keep to themselves
- Often just me, sometimes other

- riders
- Older adults being brought outside with assistance, and young kids getting to just have fun and be loud and wild in safe areas for them
- Older men and some families
- Older people, retired people
- Other amazing dog owners
- Other animals
- Other dog owners.
- Other dog owners/walkers
- Other dogs
- other families
- Other families
- Other families
- Other families
- Other families and adults and high school team skiers
- Other families and children
- Other families and children
- Other families are there but it is not crowded.
- Other families are there. They are varied in size, age and structure.
- Other families golfing.
- Other family
- Other humans
- Other kids
- Other parents and kids skating
- Other walkers & families, all ages.
- Other walkers & families, all ages.
- Parents and their children
- People exercising
- People from all different cultural backgrounds
- People from all racial and ethnic groups
- People from all walks of life.
- People from other county and states
- People from the city are also biking and xc skiing.
- people from the neighborhoods
- people of all abilities
- people of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages and backgrounds
- People of all ages, but without being crowded
- people of all ages, depending on the activity
- people of all ages.
- people of all colors
- People of all cultures enjoying the space
- People of different races and genders.
- People of many different ethnic backgrounds are enjoying the gold course and range facilities at the Ponds
- People participating in silent sports.
- people representing the diversity/demographics of the area
- People respectful of the rules
- People walking their dogs
- People who are recovering- people who need an outlet.
- People who enjoy the outdoors
- People who speak the same language as me
- People with leashed dogs.
- People with other ethnic diversities. It would be nice if something could be done to make them recognized so that more people of their culture would visit the parks. I think they might feel out of place, which is natural, however, even a slight recognition would make them feel more wanted.
- People with pets
- pets.
- Photojournalist
- Playful Dogs
- playgrounds/picnics more with family/children
- Presenters presenting beehives.
- Historian educating. Native American influence in a nod to the land.
- Quiet areas for relaxation and reflection and to observe wildlife
- Quiet people
- Relaxed
- Room for slow activities
- Rude people who think their mother will be coming to clean up after them
- Safe
- Same as now, a great mix of cultures and families
- Same diverse groups that are in the inclusive
- School children
- See #6
- see another walker
- see families skiing and skating
- Signs near plants in braille
- Some children
- Some couples were holding hands and walking.
- summer different people
- Suspicious individuals
- teachers, guides, learners
- Teenagers hanging at the lake
- the neighborhood gathers in these spaces - all ages/races
- The people are all different and yet are all like my family, the same as it is today and has been for all time.
- The Ponds is full of kids learning the game of golf and the live lessons of hard work and honesty.
- The winter rec hills at Battle Creek are full of kids
- There are a lot of other families, with a lot of diversity.
- There are adults like me, and also groups of school kids on a field trip
- There are many families walking and enjoying the trails
- There are some people, but no lines or difficulty finding space.

- There is no fear for personal safety, everyone is friendly and sober.
 - There is something for everyone here
 - There would be more diverse communities in the parks.
 - Trash cans are maintained and pet's waste is picked up.
 - Troubled youth
 - Various people are engaged in a
- variety of activities - walking, biking, running, photography, socializing, de-stressing, being mindful and/or just connecting with nature.
 - Visitors from far and wide
 - Walking/hiking more with adults
 - When I passed by some elderlies were enjoying their slow walk with of their cultural music on.
 - winter different people
- Women walking alone safely
 - young adults engaging youth in outdoors
 - Young families, elderly people, people from apartments, dog walkers
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4. What do you love about this? How does it make you feel?



Vision: A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A park system - different parts of the system have different features and different types of recreation. • A sense of community and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respecting wildlife and the outdoors, keeping it clean and natural • Ability to be outside • Ability to be outside and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observing other than my own • Access to trails makes me feel good! • accessibility within Saint Paul city limits |
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- Adding community gardens for people that don't have access to it.
- Adding millions for a snow machine is absolutely ridiculous. This will add to a few hundred peoples' wellbeing, meanwhile the golf course sees 25,000 plus people each year.
- After my walk I feel great! I see something new every time
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- And golf
- and there is growth in parks. Conservation is important to Ramsey County.
- Being able to access the woods is very healing. For me it is important to keep a good portion of the land undeveloped to allow the space for birds & wildlife to flourish.
- Being active outdoors or being still in nature brings joy and good health
- being in nature
- being in these spaces makes me feel like part of the community/neighborhood
- Being outdoors in nature, looking at water, plants and people gives me a sense that I belong
- Being outdoors, being in nature
- Being outside in nature
- Belonging
- Belonging to my community
- bringing us close to nature brings us closer together.
- Brings you back to wholeness.
- Budget friendly activities
- Calm
- Calm
- Calm. Warm the of the sun, cool of the shade.
- Calming, relax and having fun on stressing day.
- caring for what's here for future generations
- Clean and safe space to enjoy exercise and being outdoors
- Close
- Close to home natural environments
- Close to nature
- community
- community
- Community
- community integrity/belonging
- Companionship with my dog owner friends. Lots of space for my dogs to socialize.
- connected
- Connected
- Connected
- Connected to community
- Connected to many community members
- Connected to my loved ones who are with me
- Connected to nature
- Connection with neighbors and community.
- Content
- Crisp fresh air and the burning of thighs...little used winter muscles.
- Don't have to pay, low on budget saving money
- During a pandemic to close this place with no plan is head scratching. This is a place to get outside and get exercise and socialization safely.
- Encourages people to prioritize balance in their lives.
- Engaged in my community which makes me feel connected
- Enjoy being able to see many different animals
- Enjoy being out of doors
- Environment
- Everybody is on an ageing continuum. Walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards all have a place in the parks.
- Excited
- excited for more
- Experience nature within metro
- Experiencing nature
- Fantastic!
- feel connected to nature and my community
- feel exhilarated
- Feel good
- feel peaceful & relaxed
- Feeling valued.
- Feeling very happy to share this with my family.
- Feels good to get exercise
- Fenced in large and wooded with small ponds.
- Flexibility - changes according to needs (COVID is a good example)
- Forest therapy is proven to uplift our moods.
- Free entrance
- Freedom
- Freeing to let my well-trained dog off leash in a safe designated dog area
- Fresh air
- Fulfilled
- Gives us an opportunity to realize that we all share the same aspirations.
- Go up and down the hills
- Golfing with my kids makes all of us feel great!
- Good seeing kids learning to play hockey
- Good to relax and have peaceful conversation
- Good. Welcome. Proud of our community.
- Grateful for environmental stewardship.
- Great exercise, beautiful scenery and nature. Calming and exciting
- Great opportunity to open the outdoors for all
- great to be able to get outside and have a place to go in the city
- happy
- Happy
- Happy

- Happy
- Happy
- Happy
- Happy and peaceful
- Happy dogs
- Happy for the opportunity to be accessible for all
- Happy I can do more activities with my dog
- Happy that many people find value in this shared good
- Happy that we are able to enjoy these things no matter what our socioeconomic group.
- Happy to be with family.
- healing, growing, peace, promise
- healthy
- Healthy - out moving, exercising, and for mental health, the green space and the quiet
- Helps restore attention and lower stress.
- Highlight of my day
- Hiking makes me feel free...leave your daily life at home!!
- Hockey and ice sports are a classic Minnesota pastime, it's a great thing to do in the winter and our urban communities could have some very talented skaters waiting to make the national and global stage. Makes me feel proud of home and hopeful that our ice sport traditions might live on in new and diverse groups of residents.
- I also love the ability to find calm spaces between the energetic bubbles.
- I always feel better when I can be outside enjoying fresh air and nature
- I am at peace knowing I can safely walk my parents so they can enjoy the last few decades of their lives
- I am grateful for the work that people before me and people of my generation did to create these spaces.
- I am happy my dog can run around in a big space
- I am happy that my community has areas for these activities.
- I am not afraid to go outside
- I am proud of our community and the earth we share.
- I am relaxed
- I am welcomed and belong here.
- I can get into nature thoroughly without having to drive too far
- I can ski without fearing for my safety because there's no longer off leash dogs and hikers on the trail
- I can't afford lots of equipment. Can equipment rental or free check out be available
- I enjoy feeling like I'm in a forest and no longer in the city
- I enjoy hearing children playing and laughing
- I enjoy people getting to use outdoor spaces that are well cared for.
- I enjoy seeing picnic reunions at parks because they are usually an ethnic group, and it is great to see them enjoying the parks
- I enjoy seeing the seasonal changes
- I feel a sense of peace and belonging in the world when I am in nature with other people
- I feel at home. It's my town.
- I feel connected and safe in my community.
- I feel curious about learning new skills and meeting new people.
- I feel good about being outside and enjoying nature. Also teaching my kids to appreciate being outdoors.
- I feel good being outside seeing other families like ours.
- I feel great about the ability to bike through parks and along the river but also through the city.
- I feel great to have an opportunity to connect with nature not too far from home
- I feel happy and calm with green space and nature
- I feel happy and excited to get to the park
- I feel happy and proud to live here because parks are a priority
- I feel happy that others are enjoying nature
- I feel happy to have something nearby that is freely available to anyone who wants to get outside for fun.
- I feel healthy, connected to nature and my community, relaxed.
- I feel like I know my community better
- I feel like I'm in nature
- I feel like my tax money is being well spent
- I feel lucky to live in an area that values its environment.
- I feel part of the community.
- I feel part of the larger community of the cities.
- I feel peace from being in nature.
- I feel peaceful finding that quiet spot to watch the birds and squirrels and other wildlife
- I feel proud of our commitment to our spaces
- I feel refreshed and unburdened and hopeful.
- I feel refreshed by having people around but not having to interact with them directly.
- I feel so nice to see the beauty of nature
- I feel strong and fit
- I feel welcome
- I have pride in my park and want to bring my family and friends to the park.
- I like seeing others having fun fishing, but we do try to avoid fishing at busy times. We are

looking for a peaceful time.

- I like spending time outside with family and ft
- I like to be outdoors, I used to live on 13 wooded acres and I miss it
- I like to go cook and grill the meat with my friends and family
- I like to see many different of flowers
- I love being in community with others outside, people are always in a great mood when enjoying outdoor recreation
- I love being outside in all kinds of weather
- I love having a local, free place to be where I can interact with people in my community
- I love it that children and adults are connected to nature
- I love it that I can meet with neighbors at parks, say hi to others taking a walk
- I love it that more people spend time outdoors
- I love kids and their energy. They so enjoy the time they get to play at a playground
- I love meeting new people and this is a great safe place to do so.
- I love my weekly golf league, a chance to see my friends get outside, enjoy a beautiful course with biodiversity.
- I love nature
- I love seeing golf as a sport which is becoming more diverse and not just a place for old white men. My kids won't know that's how golf use to be.
- I love seeing lots of different people out and about, but let's face it - Minnesota is not the most diverse place in the world so there's only so much you can do.
- I love seeing my community's diversity and the way other
- cultures use the parks.
- I love seeing people appreciate both nature and winter, and be in awe at the glow of candlelight.
- I love seeing people spending time together, being active and enjoying the sun.
- I love that dogs have a place to run where it feels like you're in the woods, no fences in sight
- I love that everyone feels welcome.
- I love that it makes our lakes and streams more accessible by having shared and low-cost rental resources available. I feel appreciative that I don't have to own a canoe to go paddling or fishing for the day.
- I love that it recognizes that our leaders see the need to represent many cultures, ability levels and ages
- I love that it's a place for people of all ages to enjoy
- I love that my kids are making new friends and learning a new sport
- I love that people are getting outside and appreciating nature.
- I love that the park has free entrance and free parking
- I love that we have a space to let the dogs run
- I love the accessibility and diversity.
- I love the beautiful natural setting.
- I love the communal feel of a big outdoor beer garden where people can gather and have fun as a broader community.
- I love the diversity of this area.
- I love the public investment in nature areas to preserve habitat, and I like being able to get out into nature.
- I love the smells, sounds and sights of nature.
- I love the water. Relaxed
- I love to be in nature
- I love to see people are being respectful by cleaning up after using the park grill and shutting down the fire and throwing their trash away.
- I love to see people are sharing space for the grill
- I need help and guided experiences. I want my kids to fish but need program or event staff to guide us.
- I need nature and we have beautiful places that we haven't developed.
- I really enjoy seeing people out enjoying the recreational resource
- I want other people of diverse background to feel comfortable in Ramsey County parks
- I would love that people have natural areas to go to relax, de-stress and calm down in nature.
- I would love that people have natural areas to go to socialize and relax in nature.
- I would love to have the quiet but many don't recognize this need.
- I'd like to think there could be dedicated spaces for an adult quiet space.
- I'm happy that I have facilities like this in my neighborhood
- If all this is possible it makes me feel great!
- If this is around, I would feel good about people in Ramsey County having access to natural areas to support good mental and physical health.
- I'm almost always able to get to the park without a car.
- I'm glad the parks are actually for everyone.
- I'm happy that the parks are well used, and I notice to see if the

parks are also maintained well based on the amount of traffic they get.

- Immersed in nature
- Inquisitive
- invigorated and cool on a hot summer day or wet and comfortable on a cold winter day.
- It brings me great joy to see children of all kinds, colors, and shapes playing together. I also receive much joy from seeing families having a good time, seeing people of different backgrounds reach out to each other.
- It brings people together to be active outside.
- It feels like Norman Rockwell painting with more diversity.
- It is GREAT! For one thing, it has educated me more about all the many different parks in Ramsey County that I was kind of aware of, but not really. Now I am more so! Thank You!
- It is nature amid city noise
- It is nature amid city noise.
- It is nice to see families out and about and enjoying the outdoors
- It is refreshing to take in the sights and smells of the trees and plant life surrounding the trails.
- It is very easy to access and free
- It is wonderful to see the great crowds of people enjoying walks and picnics!
- It is wonderful to spend time in nature
- It makes me feel calm and relaxed.
- It makes me feel connected with my community
- It makes me feel free
- It makes me feel healthy
- It makes me feel hopeful
- It makes me feel relaxed -- and happy about being able to

exercise in a nature setting

- It makes me happy to see lots of people and their dogs enjoying time outside.
- It makes me happy.
- It seems the goal is to get rid of ice-skating rinks and golf courses owned by the county. I beg that you just sell them if that is the plan to allow them to keep open.
- It would be great if the county would break out of its bubble of arenas, beaches, and golf courses and accepted that bikes can roll on something other than blacktop.
- It's calming to listen to nature and observe
- It's a safe and welcoming community gathering space where I can meet my fellow community members.
- Its free, with free parking and access!
- Its left wild!
- It's really important for people to be out in nature. Makes all of us feel better.
- just want to connect with nature and get outside more
- Kids are seeing the diversity in the community.
- Large tracts of natural habitat restore my spirit.
- less isolated--even during non-pandemic times, this was the case
- Less stress
- Lighted area safe for longer periods
- Like my tax dollars is being well spent the community.
- Like the exercise
- Love being in an area that feels like the woods, with no bikes or joggers or skiing around
- Love being in nature in a safe beautiful place
- Love being outdoors all year

round

- Love being outside
- Love having places where lots of people can be together
- love it
- Love that different local cultures are represented.
- Love that everyone feels welcomed
- Love that I can bike there and easily secure my bike.
- Love that it is free and public. Love that it is safe.
- Love that my community is there. I meet many different people and enjoy their company.
- Love that Ramsey is recognizing their past while creating opportunities for future residents
- Love the calm
- love the community
- Love the families
- love the family and community atmosphere
- Love the green space, course, and all-around environment.
- love the joy
- Love the nature
- love the peaceful atmosphere
- Love the variety
- Low-cost activity
- Maintain the grass
- Makes me feel at peace
- Makes me feel like Ramsey County is actively searching out ways to welcome everyone
- Makes use of scarce land resources for the nutritional value of the community. It makes me feel more connected with the land and feels like more value is being provided by the Ramsey County forests than just untouched nature alone.
- Makes you feel valued (in the process)
- More variety of dog friendly places

- Most/all(?) of these places feel accessible using other modes than cars (i.e., connected to larger bike systems/ped walking trails/transit)
- My dogs can run freely with no leash
- Nature is important for human mental and physical health.
- Nature is nourishing and so is art.
- Nature is so important. I want to feel like not every single piece of green space has to be developed.
- nature is supposed to be relaxing
- Nervous
- Not trusting
- Now that is getting warmer, I cannot wait to go to the park.
- Open inclusive environment
- Open spaces feel peaceful & safe
- Openness and wilderness up close
- other and keep areas clean.
- Outdoor places get an immersion in a multi-cultural community.
- Outside. So good.
- Parks programs offered closer to urban communities and more accessible (proximity, free, access)
- part of a community
- Part of an active and healthy community
- Particularly because of COVID, being gathered with people sounds amazing
- Particularly because of COVID, being gathered with people sounds amazing
- Peace
- peace in the heart for sure, some joy and relief from life's day to day struggles
- Peaceful
- peaceful
- Peaceful
- Peaceful
- Peaceful and relaxed
- Peaceful, away from the commotion
- Peaceful, content, calm, senses open
- people are being physically active
- people are being social
- people are enjoying nature
- People can gather together again.
- People, especially underserved, enjoying the natural world and feeling safe
- Physical activity
- places to get away from noise & crowds
- Protective - securing green spaces adds so much to value, and once they're gone, they're hard to get back
- protects open land for use
- Proud
- Proud - green spaces show a dedication to people instead of just commerce
- Proud of my community
- Proud that our public assets are inclusive of the diverse needs of the public.
- Provides a critical venue for physical, mental and spiritual health
- Quiet areas close to home
- Refreshed
- Refreshed, restored, renewed, calmed, de-stressed
- Relaxed
- relaxed and active
- Relaxed solitude
- Relaxed, fortunate, healthy, lucky
- Relaxing, energizing, and opportunity to learn (interpretive displays).
- River water moving my kayak is a party in a boat. I love having a picnic on a sandy shore. So relaxing.
- Safe
- Safe
- safe for kids i.e., off road, away from traffic
- Same thing we feel now when we're at the parks.
- Scared
- Seeing different people
- Seeing newly established pollinator areas at parks makes me proud that my community is caring for our monarchs and bees
- seeing others enjoy the amenities and spending time with family/friends
- sense of peace and prosperity
- Smell
- So close to home and the ability to enjoy nature.
- Some parks are close by my house
- Sometime people offer free foods and drinks
- spending time with other people
- Sports, and rentals so that kids can participate.
- Stress levels decrease.
- Sunshine...it makes me happy. Biking on trails...beautiful trees, flowers.
- surroundings and our neighbors. We help each
- Talk to random people
- That we as a community of people care about our
- The cultural diversity seen at the parks makes me glad I live in a diverse community
- The hiking trails continue to sustain me throughout the year. They are my gym and my place of meditation, and extension of my home. I feel at peace when I'm there.
- The park offers free water fountain to drink
- The parks offer something for everyone to enjoy
- the solitude
- the spaces where there is

community

- the spaces where there is quiet
- Therapeutic space
- There are indoor facilities that offer a wide variety of programs that are free or very affordable.
- There are many ways to encourage physical activities -- playgrounds designed for children as well as exercise playgrounds for adults.
- There is a lot of excitement
- There is community everywhere I turn.
- There would be a feeling of a sense of ownership.
- This decision to close the Ponds at Battle Creek is devastating to

my family and friends.

- This is good. Let's use the parks wisely.
- This is not a reality. I don't really understand what the vision is here. It appears you're throwing a bunch of stuff at a board, and say 5 to 10 nine years down the road this is what it could be. I would like for the board to come up with an actual vision and plan and articulate it in a way that doesn't seem so backhanded. I have lost all faith in Ramsey county over the course of the last couple years.
- togetherness
- trying new things physically

- Variety of experiences, not just one purpose
- View
- Want people to feel welcomed and a sense of belonging.
- Warm
- We love solitude. We love to be surrounded by nature, a part of nature.
- We walk the talk
- Welcome
- Welcome, safe, relaxed.
- Welcoming to all
- When I do use a private vehicle, motorized or human-powered, I don't worry about where it is parked.
- Zen

5. What's different from today?



Vision: A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

- A designated dog beach where we can swim together
- A more connected partnership with organizations who have a passion to their specialty
- Abundant wildlife, fauna, flora, community gardens,
- access by some form of transit
- access to more people - maybe bus transportation to and from parks at certain times
- Activities
- Added mountain bike trails
- African American and Hmong American kids are also out xc

- skiing and biking
- All kinds of people feel safe and comfortable being alone in these peaceful, beautiful parks.
- All of the greenways are connected.
- All OLDA's have water for dogs, drinking and washing - just like Rice Creek has
- All people getting along, no loud music
- All the dog parks have access to water inside the parks.
- Amphitheaters so that parks and community orgs and residents can host a plethora of programming.
- Architectural designs are technologically advanced, solar panels, going green
- Basic needs such as housing are secured.
- better access for those who can't drive
- Better conditions
- Better maps of trails posted at the park with, perhaps, mile markers so runners and walkers can calculate distance
- Bike racks and security.
- bike trails are fully connected for limited to no on-road riding
- Bike trails connect poorer communities in St Paul with the river trails and parks.
- Biking trails or mountain biking
- bird watching area in summer
- Building for hosting ski events...
- can't imagine cause some people's ideas are wild and if they have the backing, they get what they want
- Change in scenery
- Check, Why do all the Black kids sit together in the cafeteria book for reference. Different ethnic and age groups intermingle seamlessly. Don't need protection of homogeneous community.
- Children are having new activities outdoors
- Clean restroom
- Clean up lakes to boat and fish.
- Clean water and places to put ashore for having a picnic lunch or swimming
- Cleaner
- Cleaner beaches
- cleaner parks with easier parking
- cleaner water
- Cleaner water and air, scattered benches along the trails are a nice feature
- Cleaner, better maintained, less geese!
- Community participation
- Community's cleanup day, classes for kids for a variety of sports, fishing and include our elderly in these activities with kids for good health, maybe partner with a nursing home and the parks.
- Connection between trails
- Connection to the workforce of parks & recreation
- Creating a brave space (beyond safe) where it feels like home
- Currently they don't allow snowshoeing at the Ponds in the winter, but it would be a great spot. Much of Battle Creek is either paved or cross-country trails in the winter.
- Different languages being spoken and signs in different languages
- Different levels of disparities - accessible by transportation - connection and/or pathways between schools and parks, and connections between other parks (physically and academically)
- Different people or leaders be consulted to develop new events and new spaces
- Different types of food and cultural events.
- Diversity growing
- Dog park is less eroded. Trails are not being created every 25' apart.
- Dog parks provided water and bags for the dogs
- Don't know
- Drones are allowed
- dumb question
- Easier to book a tee time.
- Easier to know that these resources exist, perhaps better signage or advertising campaign.
- Easy access to hiking and biking trails that are well maintained
- Elementary to college students and learners of all ages are learning in parks spaces
- Emphasis on cleaning up after enjoying the parks—less garbage that needs to be cleaned up
- Enlist non-profits to bring programming to parks
- Environmental pollution (air, water, land) has not increased
- Equipment rental would be nice
- Equipment to participate in activities that require it available and no or low cost to all
- Equipment to pick up garbage as you walk.
- Everyone is more aware of all the services and amenities the parks offer.
- Everything around the scenes.
- Everything is labeled in the different languages the park visitors use.
- Expanded dog park, larger size and more areas, ample parking
- Expanded trail systems
- Facilities are totally accessible to handicapped individuals
- Families enjoying mn
- Families having events in pavilions and using water features
- family

- classes/programs/activities at wider time availability
- fewer invasive plants
- fewer invasive species
- Fewer people as they are spread out on more trails
- Floating in an inner tube at the beach is allowed. I like when beaches don't have lifeguards because I can do this.,
- Free (or greatly reduced) mini-golf range so that kids and families can play together.
- Free programming and opportunity to try new and different things.
- Free Wi-Fi for remote working and students
- Garbage cans are emptied in a timely manner (sorry, sometimes the trash is overflowing at the park)
- Greater diversity of people & families
- Greater Multiuse areas
- Groups have adopted portions of the park and aim to beautify and or reintroduce native species above what the county is able to do
- happy sounds balanced with quiet spaces
- haven't been there yet because I've been busy working and now am avoiding crowds because of Covid. Also, so many things require online registration and while I have a laptop issued by my job and I am trying to learn how to use a smartphone with no customer service backup, i would hope there could be quiet spots for people who want to connect with nature as well as spots where children can be noisy and no one cares
- Hiking trails in the winter!!!!
- Hope it's the same
- Hopefully, much is the same
- I am limited on where I can mountain bike, courses have not been developed in this area
- I am limited on where I can ski due to the weather
- I am not scared that developers are going to turn open spaces into gated communities with McMansions.
- I am seeing a park that is less manicured and more natural - the green short grass is great but there is so much of it and it costs a lot to maintain
- I am seeing more green houses or conservatories, maybe a community garden
- I am seeing more parks with different languages being used and naming the park something other than an English word
- I cannot hear cars.
- I don't know what kind of programming is offered. The vision statement is vague.
- I have only heard of candlelit hikes at the state level, so if they are already happening in the county, they're not advertised well enough.
- I hear different languages being spoken
- I hear lots of birds and see lots of little critters around the lake
- I hope programming and areas with fees are accessible to all.
- I hope that as more people come to enjoy the parks, they appreciate the beauty of the parks and want to help maintain them.
- I imagine longer fishing docks
- I imagine maybe there are more nonwhite folks enjoying the parks.
- I see active people enjoying the outdoors. There are more, well maintained trails and opportunities
- I see greater participation and activities representing all of our cultures, even if I don't initially recognize/relate to those activities. It might spark my curiosity!
- I see more beautiful flowers/ gardens / sculptures
- I see more minority people
- I see more porta potties where I'm parked.
- I see more shoreline that is suitable for fishing
- I see more water access for my kayak, paddle board and canoe
- I see old people going on walks together and being active
- I see people being active
- I see people biked/bused/took the train here.
- I want to enjoy nature and see more trees be growing. I want to hear the quiet and wonderful sounds of nature.
- I will probably move. I do not care for urban sprawl, too many people. I really enjoy the open spaces in Ramsey County.
- I would feel more safe -- not distracted / anxious about my safety while walking alone
- I would like more shore fishing or piers available
- I would like to see no trash at parks and boat ramps. People unloading boats should put recycle containers in recycle bin and trash in trash bin. In 2020 I see bags of cans and bottles in the trash because people don't take time after unloading the boat.
- I would like to see worm containers and fish line in garbage, not left at shore. I would like the sale of lead weights outlawed
- I would love to see even more kids from all walks of life learning

- golf
- I would love to see people who have not interacted with people's who do not look like themselves interact with others who are different.
- I would recommend the county leaders getting out and recognizing that what they think they're proposing is already happening.
- I'm getting information and updates about events and how to engage.
- If the golf course is shut down, many of my friends will go elsewhere.
- I'm seeing areas that are specially developed for introductory experiences for families. Families have ways to learn how to interact with nature. There are ways of helping people understand how to use the dog parks. Currently (not 5 years in the future) parks, including the dog park are getting increased usage with no help in understanding how to act. There are increased incidents of bad human and canine behavior. So in the future it is desirable to have things in place to help people learn.
- improved neighborhood access
- In five years I hope I'm a better golfer 😊
- Island Lake County park has a cross-country ski trail, a boardwalk across the lake, nature activities for children in the two adjacent elementary schools, a nature education program and/or center, bird houses in the park, more erosion control and shoreline remediation on the lake
- It bothers me if people don't clean up after their dogs or picnics.
- It looks like a beautiful little 9-hole golf course.
- It sounds like I will have to find a different place to golf with my kids. For some reason the county decided to close the best 9-hole golf course in the state!
- It's very similar to what I remember it being, but hopefully even more young families continue to frequent this course.
- It's not different! It's still the beautiful golf course!
- Keep the golf course in the south region close to me, it's affordable
- Lakes are not overtaken by invasive weeds due to help with monitoring the boat launch and cleaning of boats etc.
- Large groups congregating together are welcome and accepted (a post Covid world)
- less buckthorn and invasive species
- less pavement
- Less people going to the parks
- less turf mowing
- Let's be respectful of the other visitors.
- Let's follow guidelines of the park.
- litter left by others, and bags for dog
- Little Free Libraries in all county parks!
- Living so close to The Ponds of Battle Creek, I think it would be a travesty if that golf course that is already built, paid for and has been voted the best 9-hole golf course in the state of Minnesota for many years running is not part of The Five-Year Plan and beyond for Ramsey County parks.
- Looks similar but the facilities have been updated
- Love the idea of more art, concerts, etc. enabling senior/less abled folks to enjoy the outdoors!
- Many of the parks are hard for families with limited transportation to get to
- More security around our car park.
- mobile services at park locations to better serve new Americans.
- mobile services: school assistance, and even some mobile dentistry occurs in some metro areas.
- more access to winter recreation - open skating/hockey, skiing, etc.
- More accommodating
- More areas connected to other bike trails.
- More areas have been restored to native habitat.
- More areas to walk indoors and out.
- More bike trails
- More children
- More children playing at parks
- More connected trails to larger areas
- More cultural programs to see the members of our community
- More diverse people
- More diversity at golf course
- More diversity in what is offered at parks (trails good for wheelchairs and strollers, unpaved trails, off leash dog areas, nature areas)
- More dog parks with hiking areas
- More employee to help keep the park neat
- More environmental groups involved
- More events and activities
- more facilities
- More families. Parks and trails have been extended or connected to other existing

- parks.
- more free skate times - because there will be more people.
- More inclusive feeling for BIPOC
- More interactive learning facilities along trails, in parks.
- More miles of trails per location
- More music in the parks. Phalen used to have Shakespeare in the streets and puppet shows. Keller could have music at one of their shelters, Phalen also. North St Paul Casey park does it every summer and it's great.
- More native plants, less invasives. More habitat. More focus on doing good for the environment.
- more natural areas are protected and included in the parks
- more natural settings
- More natural trails
- More nature signage, labeling tree types, watch for types of scat, ideas for adults who may not know how to start that conversation with their child.
- More non-white people feel comfortable using the facilities. More people are appreciating the native plants and trees. Trash cans are never overflowing.
- more of the same
- more off-road mountain biking options
- More off-road bike trails, this is something my kids love to do
- more open green spaces
- more opportunities to explore new and different activities.
- More opportunities to race throughout the summer season.
- More outdoor concerts for dancing
- more parks
- More parks and green space
- More parks connected by trails?
- More people
- More people
- More people
- More people and more diversity of people using the system (ages, sizes, backgrounds, socioeconomic status, abilities, etc.)
- more people having 1st park experiences
- More people invested in our parks through volunteering
- More people out
- More people participate to help clean up the park
- More people putting input to make the park looks cleaner and prettier
- More people using the space
- More people with kids are enjoying the woods at places like battle creek
- More pickleball/volleyball courts and access to them
- More picnics
- more places and days to use free snowshoes (and other winter gear)
- More public restrooms
- more public scholarships for arena and golf course use or resident discounts
- More racially and ethnically diverse families in parks, from inner city.
- More racially diverse park users
- More recreational opportunities like at Battle Creek in the northern half of the county
- More residents enjoying spaces
- More restroom stops
- More safe areas
- More Security
- More signs of direction and park rules
- more sites making snow as climate change brings new challenges
- More ski trails, maybe providing an opportunity for clubs
- More smiles
- More snowshoeing options
- More spaces designed for different cultures and demographics - fishing, community gardens, paved paths for the differently abled and the aging
- More sports facilities to meet rising demand, and leagues that cater to Sunday participants-- Sunday non-participants (avoiding choice between sports and worship).
- More tennis and pickle ball courts
- More time together as a community
- More trails and more connections between them to make the adventure even easier to access
- more trails connecting parks
- More trails for walking and biking
- more trails/better maintained
- More trash clean-up
- More trees
- More variety in activities and programming.
- More variety in age, race, and ethnicity
- More variety of sports (high and low impact) that is representative of different cultures that communities play in their cultures/home countries.
- More visibility of parks/trails. Is there a way to include plants from other cultures. Path in Washington County included poetry by incarcerated women along the trail -- it was uplifting and connected me to learn more about incarcerated women.
- More walking paths
- More walking paths
- More water quality education
- More welcome signage in multiple languages in parking areas to welcome residents and

- visitors
- N/A
- Native plants are prioritized over turfgrass, with turf given specific places rather than being the default.
- Nature/naturalist programs are offered at all sites, multiple times a month.
- Naturescapes and public lands are actually being put to use to feed community members, and teach self-sufficiency in growing food sustainably. It looks similar to a regular forest but the trees and bushes produce food that is used by residents and pruning and management is done by volunteer residents or students learning about horticulture/permaculture.
- NO Buckthorn anywhere!!
- No covid!!
- No facemasks
- No Gangs
- No one feels out of place or like they don't belong. The skies are clean and clear.
- No trash in park areas
- No troubled youth smoking pot in parks
- No unsupervised children
- Non-motorized recreation on sucker and Vadnais lakes.
- Not a lot of activity to do during the wintertime and too cold
- Not so many pet restrictions! — rules are confusing. Why pets on west side of Vadnais and sucker, but not on east side??
- nothing
- nothing
- Nothing - the parks are inclusive and dynamic for anyone who wants to use them
- OLDA's have a fenced in playground area for kids
- options for rentals
- Or kids, or lose animals.
- Organics recycling containers at parks
- Organized sports (golf, hockey, etc.) have a more diverse group of young participants that connect with one another via sports.
- Park advocates are available to introduce people to new ways to engage with the resources.
- Park staff are actively interacting and encouraging visitors to try different activities
- Parks & Rec staff are present in the parks with programming for those new to the area or for families with children
- Parks are better signed but still natural.
- parks are easier to find and access, even without a vehicle
- Parks are recognized as the solution to community issues (homelessness, education disparities)
- Parks engaging with partners like Eastside Athletics organization.
- Parks growing
- Parks spaces are not only green spaces. Some spaces have become places for residents to call home.
- People are happy, children laughing
- People are learning together
- People are SHARING trails during the winter months. There is plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the park without being threatened by skiers
- People are smiling and happy and open and accepting to all.
- People don't have to wear masks in community
- People from different races and communities are interacting in natural, organic ways. Not "forced".
- people of all ages and ethnicities
- feel safe and welcomed in nature
- People of all ages would be welcome.
- People put things in recyclable containers.
- People relaxing and having fun
- People will take ownership - if someone drops something, the next person will pick it up.
- Plants and shoreline are completely restored
- Playgrounds and facilities built with cultural considerations.
- programmed outdoor events.
- Public transit makes it easy to access all county parks
- Ramsey county trails are seamless with city of Saint Paul trails and state trails.
- Rather, what is the same? Maintains a balance between designated activity areas and natural trails, etc.
- Reading gardens where people gather individually or as groups, learning, sharing, and building community with each other.
- Recycling bins & trash available
- Restoration of native plant communities
- Restored prairie.
- Safe
- Same as before
- Same but only with a small dog park area
- Same look
- Seeing kids explore their minds, having kids pursue their talents and dreams.
- seeing lots of other families on the trails
- Seeing more people using the space
- seeing people be active
- Seeing variety of people, all ages and abilities, who feel safe and enjoy the parks.
- self-guided walks & learning opportunities

- Sense of shared community
- Show good example to other after using park stuff
- Smells of grilled food
- Snow making so the season starts earlier
- Snowshoes, skis and other equipment is offered for free or reduced cost rentals, so all residents can appreciate the outdoors, and activities that a history of only being for the privileged.
- So quiet during the wintertime
- Solar power for park buildings and athletic fields
- some art in smaller parks
- some dog parks but not to the exclusion of other activities (fencing precluding other uses)
- Someone somehow will have figured out how to deal with algae on lake without chemicals
- Spaces for teenagers, elderly, people with disabilities
- Still clean
- Stop with the general listening sessions and select key initiatives and involve the people with the passion
- Tamarack--- way better trail markings needed as it gets confusing - need trail markers on the trails themselves, so when you choose a route, you know you're on the one you intended.
- Teens have a place they can safely get together, cost free.
- The channels between lakes are maintained and not so full of sediment as to barely move between lakes
- The dedicated groomed ski trails are only for skiers. Hikers have their own trails. There's no conflicts
- The dog parks are maintained by paid staff instead of volunteers and are kept clean.
- The entrances are more accessible
- The equipment has been updated
- The grounds are kept clean, there are waste receptacles available and not overflowing
- The new trees have matured; there is a nice amount of shade in the summer.
- The park close early due to covid
- The park looks cleaner
- The parking lots are safe
- The parking lots are semi busy during the winter!
- The Ponds is open, the county commissioners realize their public courses are providing an opportunity for a diverse set of residence to learn and enjoy the game of golf
- The safety of our county around our parks needs to be a priority. It is getting to the point where we do not feel safe even going for walks at the park. Vehicles are being taken at gunpoint quite frequently. What is being done about this?
- The trails are better maintained in the winter to avoid slippery conditions
- The trails are wider, to better handle 2-way traffic
- The trees mature. The ones that once golfed there as children are now there with their kids.
- The water quality of ponds is improved
- The winter area at Battle Creek isn't built yet. Right now it's just one downhill sledding hill and they don't make snow.
- There are available bags for collecting
- There are cultural games, activities and artifacts that reminds my family of their homeland.
- There are fewer recreational and more natural areas.
- There are kayaks, bikes, xc skis to use.
- There are lifeguards/staff in parks to welcome people.
- There are more activities in the parks to choose from, including concerts, art events, etc. (To attract people who aren't into outdoor sports/activities.)
- There are more flowers and pollinators
- There are more outdoor facilities for healthy, socially distanced activities as needed
- There are more programs and events
- There are more staff reflecting the population working at the park.
- There are native plants there
- There are opportunities to learn about the natural environment within the parks.
- There are snowmaking capabilities, so that I don't have to worry about poor snow conditions
- There is a good system for park-maintenance (e.g., trash, volunteer "maintain a park" assistance).
- There is a greater diversity of people present.
- There is better access to lakes and rivers for putting kayaks in the water.
- There is information about the area. Visitors gain knowledge and history of the land, wildlife and animals that call this space home.
- There is more activity and exploration happening around the Mississippi River and Rice Creek, including an MSP-STP connected greenway bikeway over the Mississippi River, maybe

even the Ford dam is gone and restored to rapids and kayaking competitions are happening on the river.

- There is more lighting for safety
- There is mountain biking in the northern half of the county.
- There is programming in community, not just in parks spaces
- There is signage and information about the spaces I'm in. (example: I visited the Maplewood Nature Center and they have signage about the land, plants as I walk through nature.)
- There is snowmaking at Battle Creek that extends the season.
- There should be better communication about this.
- There will be more people biking on trails
- Those without bikes have a place where they can rent one for the day. Same with canoes and kayaks
- thoughtful year round use of golf courses
- Too many people are fishing and not a lot of fishes
- Trails are in excellent shape
- trails are well developed
- trails are well maintained
- Trails that don't flood
- Trails will start getting crowded
- transit options to and from sites with promotion of mass transit as a normal way to access sites, for example bus schedules and links
- Trimmer trees, more colorful flowers
- Unfortunately, the County has restricted a premier walking trail to cross-country skiing only. Shame on you!
- Unsure, I imagine there are changes to continue to engage and be inclusive for all
- Use of technology to allow residents to access information in a variety of languages including way finding.
- Visitors are immersed in nature
- waste for the time you ran out and need one.
- Water is clear and clean.
- Water levels down (in Sn Lk/Vadnais pk)
- Water spigot for the dogs
- We have to wear mask
- Welcome atmosphere for all.
- Well maintained winter trails for runs and walks
- What I'm seeing is that there is more public environmental education to encourage Ramsey County citizens to get out more often to natural areas.
- What's different from today is that there are more natural areas for public use.
- What's different is that there is greater signage, education and inclusiveness to encourage more usage.
- When more people go to the park, I feel safer
- Wildlife feels comfortable in the parks, too.
- winter fat biking!
- With what I am hearing there will be nothing. This plan to remove park land (golf course) for housing is not encouraging.
- You cannot lessen the number of activities my family and friends and I are currently doing. By closing down golf courses and ice-skating rinks you are absolutely driving my family and friends away from the county.
- You could make a big circle that connects parks around the county :) I can rent a canoe and canoe on the spot without delivering a rented canoe. All of the parks are connected with safe routes and trails.
- You would save a lot of youth from being labeled "at risk," you would see less kids being killed.

This question was asked primarily in the online survey.



Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

- A lot of actions to make it happen. community shaped the vision and government and community leadership made it happen.
- A strong-willed person that runs things
- Accountability from patrons
- Additional trail connections added, and dedicated trails on some roads
- All of us. There should be input

- from the community.
- An idea board on the website, easy, simple. Volunteer coordinators through the park board
- appropriate use of Legacy monies for natural resources
- ask communities who don't have good access how to increase access
- ask for volunteers to build trails (MORC)
- Ask the kids - they are your future. Tune into see what they COULD be doing in 5 years.
- Audubon and other environmental organizations
- available financing
- Better investment and organization of volunteers
- BIPOC community
- Board funding
- Board recognizing opening up the parks to races allows more people to experience the parks.
- Build more greenways
- Building and maintain sports courts
- Business leaders' donations for improvements
- buy more land for parks
- By Ramsey County parks listening to what people want when attending a park.
- By received feedback and surveys from the community
- Change brought about by the citizens who attend the parks and leadership and those who put out promotional rhetoric.
- Changes happen because youth get involved. Elders are strong advocates, too.
- Changes happened because politicians didn't listen to their constituents. Too many people moved in and the open spaces went away.
- citizens' desire for Nature based parks
- City
- City and county officials
- City leaders and community leaders
- City, MORC
- Civic governance with help of elected or public employees to navigate decision making
- Civil unrest.
- Collaboration with community
- Communication throughout the community?
- Community action or neighborhood action
- Community and Government
- community and government making bold and brave decisions.
- Community and organization involvement
- Community awareness of options that exist
- Community funding
- Community funding
- Community input
- community input, like this survey.
- Community involvement of varying demographics in guiding future planning
- Community leaders
- Community members
- community members
- Community members
- Community members and volunteers
- Community organizations
- community outreach and involvement (cleanup etc.)
- Community residents connect with common interests
- Community residents who want to preserve the natural resources.
- community support
- Community surveys determined needs
- Community was involved. Leaders advocated.
- Community would have a voice at the table to make decisions to bring changes through the Board of Commissioners and Parks & Rec department.
- Comprehensive community engagement and needs assessment
- Concerned citizens
- Consolidation and coordinated park and trail systems with other counties and cities
- Construct more nature playgrounds.
- County
- County and complainants
- County executives and boards have to be committed first of all to parks and nature and its growth. They have to be willing to give up on always developing.
- county improved trail maintenance and grooming
- County managers worked to keep funding for the facilities
- County parks and rec, perhaps focus groups of community members
- County resources were re-prioritized
- County staff and partnerships with local city officials and staff
- County staff enacted the plans that were shaped by feedback from people especially in the neighborhoods surrounding the park.
- County, city, state, and private groups work together to make snowmaking a reality.
- Courageous leadership to tackle the sometimes (unreadable).
- Created opportunities to solicit proposal from the community/non-profits
- Current leadership to understand role in standing beside communities that are underrepresented

- decisions shaped by Ramsey County, State bonding, donors, and volunteers
- Decisions should be made by people with the experience and education in this field with input from citizens
- Decisions were made by the taxpayers who pay dearly for parks funding
- Decisions were not based on senior needs only
- Define clear expectations for community engagement, move away from just counting people. state the need "hire" organizations to deliver
- Different cultural and ethnic leaders in these decision-making spaces
- Different people and leaders to be brought onto the team to help drive the work forward
- Diverse residents, businesses are aware of programs and services parks has to offer.
- Diverse voices were heard and followed. People championed efforts.
- Dog lovers
- Donation from the people who use the park and wanting to improve it
- don't sell park land
- During winter it gets dark early and people cannot see when running and walking, will like to get more stress light in the parks
- Elders, people with disabilities, artists and local businesspeople all had a voice.
- Enforcement. The county sheriff in Dakota county patrols cross country ski trails. Ramsey county sheriff should too. And enforce skiing on ski only trails
- Engage proactively with the KGSK Save Our Lakes Initiative and help maintain the treasure that is the Phalen chain of lakes
- Engage the community in master planning.
- Engaged BIPOC communities
- engaging families in the neighborhoods, but also those who are NOT local to any of the services, how can they access countywide recreational options?
- Engaging people on what they want to have
- Everyone
- Exchange programs between communities, where programs teach kids about tuj lub and also ice skating. Philanthropic donations provide skate and equipment rentals for communities that can't afford it. Crime diversion programs include a requirement for students to participate in organized sports as part of their probation. Decisions are shaped by the community who is not currently using the resource to make it more accessible, as well as the coaches and sports organizations that run the events.
- expanding hours for programming to accommodate working families
- Feedback from the user
- First step is to check in with the community where this will be located to make sure it will be of use. The decisions should be shaped by the community with the help of a third party so no one is influenced.
- Focus on research / community needs
- Focused use of tax dollars
- forward vision
- Foundations like the City of Lakes Loppet extending xc ski outreach to poor communities
- free equipment and camps or group lessons for new activities
- Fund the maintenance of the facilities
- Funding- programs etc.... that pay for all of the parks budget. You can't have such wonderful, maintained hiking trails and nature areas without the money coming from somewhere. I want to enjoy both.
- Funding was provided for development of more natural areas.
- Get politicians who support law and order
- Get the naturalists involved.
- Give more opinion on what you think especially the public
- Good landscaping decisions in 2020 have led to beautiful surroundings that put families at ease naturally.
- Gradual growth and learning
- Grants
- Groups like Wild Ones and native plant societies supported the change to more native plants.
- groups. Funding given by corporations
- Hopefully some well-informed managers. Sometimes the public, but too many cooks spoil the broth.
- How to get diverse families in the park - P&R connect with families in shelters. Parents and kids have access to those services.
- I don't know how this happened. I don't know who made this terrible decision. It makes no sense at all.
- I don't know who make the decisions.
- I don't know.
- I have no idea.
- I think that currently the loudest voices get heard. It would be great to find a way to hear from

- the quieter folks. I really don't know how we could educate people before they use the parks but one way would be to work with schools & get kids on board.
- Identifying court locations and available land
 - Implement changes for areas using master plan, engage public and all staff.
 - Implementing universal design in our community.
 - Includes those who are active park goers now and those who don't access parks now (to understand why)
 - Increased parental involvement with youth.
 - Input from less-vocal users were considered
 - Investment in trails and xc ski centers and snow making
 - it's all in the plan - make it action
 - It's life
 - Key component to move forward livelihood
 - key player: Friends of Island Lake, a local 501(c)(3) organization
 - Kids, young adults, seniors/elders are involved and engaged in decision making.
 - Land use decisions --developers, district councils, environmental councils
 - Led by the park department with
 - led by visionaries
 - Likes virtual town halls.
 - listen to people's requests
 - Local community feels ownership of their local parks
 - Local government
 - local residents continued advocating for improvements
 - Mail surveys to Ramsey Co residents? - include info/surveys with prop tax statements?
 - major reduction in weeds, algae
 - Maybe there could be some
- activities/ easy competitions, or presentations for people of different backgrounds and colors.
- Me and my family sharing our experiences with others, inviting them to join us?
 - Modeled after chutes and ladders park
 - Modeled after successful canoe rental programs
 - Modeled after successful outdoor skating rinks
 - Money
 - money
 - Money grabbers, skiers pay, hikers don't.
 - More access is given, transportation to parks
 - More gardens
 - More money went into trash management. People of color were consulted on ways the parks would be more welcoming to them. Perhaps getting more people who work for the park system to be people of color will help make the parks more welcoming to people of color.
 - More outreach to teens, job programs
 - More people were involved
 - More picnic areas
 - More social responsibility by those who might prey on park visitors
 - More walking streets
 - Multiple agencies working together.
 - Music is a wonderful way to try to reach people; music in which people take part or help make.
 - N/A
 - Naturalists and biologists.
 - Nature/biology mentorships
 - Nearby community has a say in changes
 - Neighbors, community together
 - nobody
- nobody
 - Not me because no one will listen to me
 - not sure
 - Offerings more organic and less traditional.
 - Open meetings with residents and council
 - Opportunity to provide input - town halls.
 - Our community. Educate us
 - Outlaw or put large deposit on cans and bottles
 - Outlaw sale of lead weights nationally
 - Outreach programs in schools or partnerships for field trips etc.
 - Outreach to minority groups
 - P&R has buses or transportation to give people access.
 - Park and Rec.
 - Park board members.
 - Park boards, city and county officials, public safety officials, park users, the community.
 - Park employee who has to clean up after park users
 - Parks have to be located in areas that people can walk to. Centrally located or on a route.
 - Parks leaders and community members
 - Parks promoted parks to various groups of people.
 - parks staff and community investing in something bigger than themselves
 - Partnered with other civic organizations to help realize the vision.
 - Partnerships with schools, community centers, cities, nursing homes, cycling and ski shops, sports clubs
 - Parts of the park were preserved as forest for hiking with minimal other activity, while other parts were set aside for lots of people
 - Patrols by park security, signage

- that displays emergency contact info for park personnel
- Pay someone to educate people about trash at boat ramp especially in evenings
- People
- People from all parts of the community
- people giving feedback, possible enforcement or more staff labor would be needed.
- people have opportunity to participate in park management decisions, and those decisions are explained to the public
- People in the community
- People respond. What are the concerns/needs of those who don't attend.
- People that created buildings and how they are made
- People who care about the park.
- People who live in the neighborhood participate in park activities and decisions.
- People who live nearby the parks and those who travel to them by car but would like to ride bikes or walk.
- People who love nature
- People whose taxes help pay for the upkeep of the parks.
- Perhaps involving ethnic groups to get input on what they need for their culture.
- Plan for different uses in different areas.
- Planning for enough picnic tables to accommodate population growth.
- Please stop these false ideas. The parks are dynamic and inclusive to all those who want to use them.
- Presentations to interested public
- Professional designers, hire people to do this so it gets done right.
- professional staff (legal, planners, designers, ecologists)
- proper decisions made for all
- public input to public officials, ongoing review
- Public pressure
- Ramsey and Hennepin Counties, Minneapolis and Saint Paul worked together to leverage relationships with the railroads and other infrastructure owners to execute construction of a greenway bridge, biking and paddling communities provided input with a plan to make biking and paddling programs for urban youth more accessible.
- Ramsey County fences off a small dog area
- Ramsey County working more with the community to put their input
- Recognizing parks can be space to heal from noise pollution or other issues in the community and help with other health concerns
- Reduced barriers to use, ex public transportation to Tamarack, outreach where people live
- reduced COVID transmission
- Residents - voting for people who support parks and green spaces
- Residents and park employees and elected officials
- Residents and the parks dept realized nature programs were only serving some (mostly white) county residents and spoke out.
- Residents and the parks dept wanted to connect all residents to their county parks and worked with local transit to make those connections.
- Residents of RC I hope
- Residents who live in our community.
- Resource investment and support
- Rich people
- Science based decisions
- See who lives in the area of the park and ask the community (by survey) what to name it. Maybe speak to a few elders in the community and see what they think it could be called and then have the community take a survey.
- Shaped from community feedback, maybe work with local school groups or sports orgs
- shifted from expensive hockey facilities
- snow-making capabilities were implemented at Battle Creek
- So quit spending on new, non-evidence based social programs and invest in parks and keep it free for everyone
- Some leaders
- Some parks don't have enough information and no interesting thing to do
- Someone smart enough to actually see the beauty of the Ponds golf course and how so many people of all ages and backgrounds enjoy it.
- Someone who truly understands that this isn't just about golf.
- Sports court
- Strong leadership
- Support quality of life law enforcement
- Supported key organizations to start something, make progress
- Surveys such as this, but not everyone will know this survey exists
- Talk to the different populations in the community to ask for specific words in different languages and for pronunciation of those words so we can all learn.

- Taxes funded the improvements
- the board creates a rental office
- The changes happen because more people are using the parks
- The changes happened because these ideas were given higher priority in Ramsey County operations.
- the city advertises rentals
- the city prioritizes the parks
- The commissioners it appears has a vision that they believe will get them re-elected.
- The community
- the community and city mapped/completed trails
- The community and county board decided to save some money on fertilizer and manicuring the lawn and put that money in educational programs. The grass no longer being manicured has been specially selected (near roads or corners of the parks) to become a prairie and natural flower area which is great for pollinators.
- The community and funding were provided to create these spaces for biking and cross-country skiing
- The community and the leadership of the parks and rec department, responding to community feedback.
- The community supported this diverse course (one of the most diverse I've seen as a person of color who golfs).
- The county commissioners listen to the golf patrons and realize they've made a mistake
- The county
- the County park staff listened and responded.
- The dig owners who have been wanting one for a very long time at rice creek
- The funding was available to maintain the parks and hire staff.
- The golf course reopened after closing in 2020.
- The government
- The government made a plan incorporating listen sessions and feedback.
- The group supporting parts has a strong advocate at the state level for funding and big picture decisions.
- The legislature bonds for the Winter rec area.
- The members of the community shaped those decisions.
- The people! Not just a select few decision makers.
- The politicians did their job.
- The public, but we can't do it without property tax money
- The Ramsey County Commissioners come to their senses and keep this treasure of a golf course for South Maplewood and Ramsey county for their constituents in the area to continue to use
- The squeaky wheel.
- The surrounding community
- The teachers
- The U of M CFANS, SPH, and Humphrey Public Policy programs, Ramsey County, community garden groups, hunger relief partners, and community members near park sites came together and identified suitable sites and management plans to install permanent food plots in parks throughout the county. Food is gleaned by visitors, or harvested more intensively and distributed for school food programs or hunger relief.
- These changes happened because Ramsey County partnered with more stakeholders to generate out-of-the-box ideas to create and open these spaces.
- These decisions were shaped by Ramsey County, regional and state stakeholders.
- They designer of the park
- They do not seem to care for the masses. To give themselves a raise while cutting expenses is curious to me
- They include the public (as in this survey) and make sure there is good communication. I think people here value nature and parks so much. They want to be part of the process.
- Things can stay the same
- Those changes came about with action from our representatives and swift planning
- Those changes happen because people starting to complain about not having enough space to use the benches and grill.
- Those who benefit the most from the parks.
- Trails updated for changing water levels
- Vadnais water district.
- Volunteerism
- Volunteers
- Volunteers
- Welcoming environments
- Whoever reads this will hopefully enact beautiful changes to better the elderly people who may fear walking or enjoying daily activities outside
- with help from the current users as well as reaching out to other Ramsey county residents
- With the help of MORC and volunteers
- Working together to clean up and restore our city lakes.
- Would like more police cameras in all parks
- Would like people to be more towards actions that are being

- made.
- wow are you looking for kudos
- for stuff that hasn't happened?
- You?
- Zero tolerance for law breakers

7. What are 2-3 key actions we can take together to get these changes started?



Vision: A dynamic, community-centered system that provides opportunities for our ever-changing community to engage with inclusive and welcoming parks and recreation sites and programming.

Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ • 24/7 open park with a lot of light on at night • A ladies learn to golf clinic to interest more women from all | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • backgrounds to join the fun • Acknowledge what's missing now. • Actively search for key members from different community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • groups. Ask who should be at the table who isn't represented. • Activities/sports representing different cultures -- engage with these communities |
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- Adjust the budget
- Advertising on billboards, bus stops, and commercials on TV.
- Advocate for more resources
- allocate funds for improvements
- Also community engagement - online
- Ask business experts in the targeted recreational segments and ask them to volunteer to help or give advice.
- Ask community members for ideas and needs,
- Ask diverse community members what they would like to do in the parks, what their vision is.
- Ask for volunteers
- ask for volunteers
- Ask for volunteers on the website.
- Ask hard questions and be ok with tough choices to make sure a diverse set of recreation options is available to support our community.
- Ask people waiting for public transit what they wish for in parks
- Ask youth in the community (12-19 year olds) what they want from their parks. They are the future supporters of the park system
- asses the need for upgrades- tables, grills
- awareness of all the parks have to offer
- Be more specific in your questions. Dream mode is nice but that doesn't get response from the neighbors who live all the time next to the park. Let's pick a specific park you're starting with and get ideas for that. This dream fulfillment survey isn't being specific about anything and seems more like fluff.
- Be respectful to each other
- Be welcoming in parks instead of fearful of others.
- Better funding
- Better maintenance of ice-free parking and sidewalk areas for winter use.
- Better surveillance in parking lots
- board that can make the proper decisions
- Budget \$\$ for playground improvements/updates
- buy more land for parks
- Call the park recreation and give out more feedback
- Cameras and signs to educate recycling properly
- change attitudes about who "owns" county parks (whole county vs immediate neighboring property owners)
- Citizens must be willing to spend the money for the good of all.
- City Council
- Clean up after ourselves and our pets
- Cleaner water
- Come up with an actual plan before marching forward and closing down the courses and rinks.
- Comes out of people's taxes
- Comfortable and easy path for disabled people to access
- Communicate a cleaner park starts with each of us, with me.
- Communicate and ask questions to those directly impacted by a new (or remodeled) park
- Communicate opportunities to volunteer in parks.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate.
- Communication
- Community
- Community input
- Community meeting
- community member/driven goals
- Community visioning sessions, especially focused on communities who have been underserved.
- Consider a fundraiser or donation drive to acquire more winter equipment.
- Continue soliciting input from community
- Continue to identify partners and find champions.
- Continue to keep revenue generating recreational spaces open.
- continue with snow-making implementation plans
- Continued upkeep and care
- Control the buckthorn
- Coordinate aquatic weed treatments with KGSK Save Our Lakes Initiative
- county driven goals (which align in purpose)
- Create a local volunteer base for each park
- create a regional park and trail organization to cover all parks and cities and state
- create individual park "Friends" groups
- Create more opportunities for young families of color to enjoy the amazing game of golf.
- create safe environments
- Crime prevention by county
- Cut stuff that is not being used or is underutilized, so that your budget is better spent
- Decide on exact locations
- Design with accessibility to all in mind.
- Designate an area of a lake (long lake?) to place signs and a fence and rope course
- Designate parks for single track to be created
- Designed mtn bike trails
- Develop a reasonable set of rules to allow safe and respectful drone operation
- Do large amounts of human-

centered design. Ask people what they feel and see in parks and how they use them.

- Do not change, you are serving the
- Doggy bags.
- Don't close The Ponds
- Donate if needed
- DON'T CLOSE THE PONDS AT BATTLE CREEK
- don't restrict trails to only one activity, such as cross-country skiing.
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- don't sell park land
- Draw up plans and visions
- Dredge the channel between Gervais and Kohlman lake
- Educate the community on how to use trails properly
- Educate the people. Put up come manner so that people can perhaps take a flyer at different points on walking trails, or take one racks at buildings at the parks. Also, with the advent of technology, we can reach people by technology, just like how you reached me with this survey! Good Luck and Success!
- education
- Education, changing our lifestyle: reduce pollution and waste
- Embrace diversity
- Empty trash bins
- encourage community involvement with community functions; use community members to do the work- build, clean up, restore
- Encourage folks to get out of the house
- Encourage participate from particular user groups the county knows are missing from the table.
- encourage restaurants, beer

gardens, bike and xc ski shops to locate in parks and on trails

- Encouraging field trips and programs in nature that connection people
- Enforce laws
- engage communities with schools that will use facility
- Engage community members
- Engage more with county staff who live near and regularly use their local county parks. They are both employee and citizen and have a more vested interest (maybe?) in working towards a common goal - from both angles.
- Enjoy nature
- Enjoy the simple things that Nature has to offer.
- Equity conversation can come to a place of healing (holistic wellbeing)
- Establish a rollout plan and adhere to deadlines
- Establish partnership with key non-profits
- execution of plans
- Expand communication with the public about what opportunities exist (various park "levels" intro today was enlightening)
- Expand free rental, many families are low income (free lunch eligible) and can't afford their own equipment or are new to the country and never experienced what Ramsey county has to offer.
- Expand hours arena are open.
- Expand Nature programming to underserved groups.
- Expand parking (e.g., Long Lake Regional Park) to new or secondary entrance points into the parks.
- Explore creative ways to enhance funding (because improvements cost money) by allowing those with the means to do so to have,

maybe, naming rights for pavilions? Something like that.

- Facilitate public transportation to parks
- Family outings at parks
- Feel included and love the designed. Some streetlights in places that can get really dark.
- Fill out more surveys
- Fill out survey
- Find a key contact person to strategize and build these partnerships with above
- Find out how that looks to them. Grassroots up. What does it look like to diverse communities.
- Find park and green space deserts and plan more parks
- Find space to create mountain bike trails
- Find youth groups like Girl Scouts who will monitor trash in the parks and monitor the cleanliness of restrooms.
- Finding high density areas without safe/walkable access to trails
- Fishing for fun only, not for eating
- Fix the trail system that is underwater in Snail/Vadnais. It's criminal nothing has been done in years.
- Fix the water drainage problem
- Flags of the ethnicity
- Focus on what is needed/wanted by most
- Follow the rules of the parks
- For large, regional parks, interactive, electronic maps and pathways to attractions, etc.
- For skiing, form something like what the Loppet org does but have it be Ramsey focused
- For those that have limited family - what is the attraction to go to different events?
- forward thinking and decision making

- forward vision and a commitment for world class parks
- Foster partnerships with schools
- Fund public transportation so everyone has the opportunity to easily visit Regional Parks.
- Funding.
- Geocaching - allow more caches
- Get input from the park neighbors. Do they have certain needs or concerns.
- Get kids from the neighborhoods around parks into the parks.
- Get more people interested
- Get neighbors to voice support
- Get rid of some red tape.
- Get together some round table meetings of people that use each park.
- Go into schools and find out what from a child's perspective would make the parks more accessible and appealing
- Golf at The Ponds
- Good question. Letter to editor? Discussion with Ramsey county board??
- group decision-making
- Grow with the technology through parks and recreation
- Guided walks
- Have a park person officially assigned to promote amenities and good behavior on social media.
- Have an "interested in helping" sign-up
- have free introductory classes or programs on a recurring, predictable basis that matches bus/transit schedules
- Have more music/musicians playing if possible - of all ages and levels of performance talents.
- Have Ramsey County focus on infrastructure
- Have signs telling how we can identify invasive species and who to contact.
- Having a calendar of the activity they have in the park and the screen slideshow of the history of the park.
- Having siren sound when something big happen
- Help clean up the park
- Host community members and invite leaders in the park spaces
- I don't know.
- I go to the rec centers, how do I know about the larger parks further out to experience nature, etc.
- i guess I'm not really sure - some volunteer organization already happens at my nearest park but i think some county-level additions would be helpful
- I not sure who to reach out to if I have questions or suggestion
- Identify a certain radius around these parks and conduct mailings/surveys of residents within a given radius.
- Identify parks that are under used or declining in use or close to populations that will benefit most from increased park use.
- Identify priorities and approve funds
- Identify that outdoors offers professional opportunities. Communicate to our residents the opportunities that exist for employment and careers in recreation.
- If Ramsey County is absolutely going to sell out for additional tax base, let the course stay open until the point when the excavators come in to flatten the land for housing. The last thing we need in Ramsey County is another Golf Course like Hillcrest that is now just growing tumbleweeds at what used to be a beautiful course. I know that's not a Ramsey County owned property but let's make sure this property at the ponds of Battle Creek doesn't look like that in five years
- If there isn't already an event planning committee, with both county staff and community members, form one.
- implement the plan!
- Improve communication strategies so that more parts of the diverse communities receive county information. Current communication efforts are minimal and really seem to serve the informed.
- improve public transit options!
- improve water quality
- improve wayfinding
- Include diverse partners at the table
- increase and promote winter recreation
- increase awareness of trail system
- Increase community decision making
- increase maintenance funding for trails
- Increase wildlife habitat by using less mowing/chemicals in the parks.
- individual actions
- Indoor spaces like Como Conservatory
- Inform people when we see something wrong they did
- Informing residents of the amenities and options available.
- Input on trail locations
- Install more signs to direct user groups to appropriate trails
- institute a fee for the dog park system
- Interdepartmental collaboration.
- Interview the people who are at the parks on any given day. Don't

- just rely on e-surveys.
- invest in city centered parks for serenity and prosperity
- Invite leaders into process and ask them to advocate for resources to make the changes.
- Invite mixed race groups to give public demonstrations in the parks: dance groups, drum corps, martial arts, music groups, actors doing short plays, comedians
- Invite some of the wonderful nonprofit groups like We Win to bring folks out to the parks?
- Invite them to the table.
- Involve communities of color and underrepresented groups
- It will be nice to see a bamboo little house with Karen traditional clothing, little space look like farm with cows and buffalo.
- It Would be really Cool to do Something Like A Light Show In Phalen Park During Winter Time So More People Would Go To The Park
- Iterative process - willing to try new things on a trial basis, learn and improve
- Join and volunteer in youth groups
- Join clubs to help plant trees and flowers
- Just give the go ahead give me an area, some fencing and let me get park volunteers to put the area up under Ramsey County supervision
- Keep golf courses and arenas open to generate money for all of the playgrounds and trail systems.
- Keep parks clean
- Keep the golf course and find a way to keep driving it to be the key place for diversity and kids as it has been for me and my friends and family.
- keep the parks clean
- Keep the Ponds open
- Keep The Ponds open
- Keep the ponds open and make it a priority to keep prices low so more families of lower income and diversity have a place to go. Adding low-income housing between a correctional facility and shooting range is just laughable and shameful.
- Keep up the current parks and ensure safety. Car backings are scaring most people now.
- Keep up the great work!
- leadership
- legislation where required
- less pesticides/herbicides
- Leverage lottery funds for projects
- lighting expansion (we have such short days in the long winters)
- Like it the way it is.
- list. Find ways to promote neighborhood pride.
- Listen better to your public
- listen to all
- Listen to people.
- Listen to the people regarding the Ponds.
- Listen to the people. In my observation more often than not these surveys are lip service to make people think they have a say and the powers that be do what they want anyway
- Listen to those volunteers
- listening and taking actions
- listening seminars with local residents
- Long- term Funding/investment
- look at successful examples like Van Cortland park in the Bronx as to how to encourage budding naturalists, this survey is a good idea, and advocate with voters for the money to bring the plans into being
- Look at the demographics and how that might change in the future.
- Look at which parks are being used and then examine the why and how
- Look for additional opportunities to recreate. Not every park has to have all the activities, but Battle Creek shouldn't be the only water feature/mountain biking location.
- Look to local native plant societies to be partners in converting turfgrass to native plants.
- Maintain for using trails and facilities
- Maintain nature
- Maintain open spaces.
- maintain what we have, the trails in particular
- Maintenance
- make hockey self-supported
- Make it accessible for everyone (abilities, cost, proximity, transportation)
- Make sure all members of the community are involved in change - do not rely on those with privilege and power (white people) to make all the changes on behalf of the entire community.
- Make things safer in our county.
- Mask up
- Maybe have news programs regularly feature a park and the amenities available?
- Meaningful, sustained relationship building with groups who are not likely to be the dominant voices in community-outreach listening sessions.
- Meditation center
- Meet with athletes for their input.
- Meet with Nature center employees to see what is needed

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| for improvements | built on to developers to start laying curb and gutter | relationships with communities like mountain biking with kids, etc. |
| • Model for our children the change we want to see. | • nothing | • Pass laws and ordinances that help enforce our duty to nature and make it easier to punish those who litter |
| • Money | • nothing | • Perhaps setting up committees involving residents for discussion. Hold community events to get the vision out (fun events that include families), |
| • More art frames | • Notion to heal mental and physical health | • Persons do follow thru |
| • More Black/African American elders and leaders in parks and connected to city rec centers | • Openness and kindness and compassion to our neighbors and those we meet outside | • Pick up trash, make the parks clean by not littering |
| • More county promotion of the benefits of green space for our health and the quality of our environment | • Opportunity to bring the community in to help make decisions to move forward | • Place high priority on access to outdoor spaces |
| • More kids' hockey and golf programs | • Organize "meet the park" excursions to get people to try activities they wouldn't normally start | • Plan to expand with MORC |
| • More kids' programs | • Outreach programs to bring people uncomfortable with parks into parks. | • Plan trails and help them get made. |
| • More off-leash dog parks. | • Outreach to urban Ramsey County- see very little info as a resident of St Paul | • Plan well |
| • More opportunities for community feedback | • Paddle sports - boat launches have parking for vehicles without trailers or signage for where else to launch paddle craft | • Plant more trees |
| • More park guard's, information stations | • Park Police Presence | • Planting more flower that would last year around |
| • More park staff and maintenance crews | • Park rule with translation so some people don't committed crime that they don't understand | • PLEASE PLEASE DO EVERYTHING TO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES. |
| • More seat, more benches, butterfly gardens, clean up the allies, sliding and tubing. | • Parks and Rec be proactive in developing relationships with community and supporting community driven efforts i.e., Parks and Rec attending community events and meetings | • Police |
| • More space for sport activity, so people don't kiss the grass | • Partner more with local cities in whose boundaries the county parks sit. | • Police in parks |
| • More support for dog parks | • Partner with environmental or conservation organizations or other partners for resources and expertise. | • poll parents at WIC clinics about needs for kids (swimming lessons etc.) |
| • More trash cans | • Partner with health care sector to work together in creating healthy communities | • pop-up surveys of actual park users |
| • more volunteering opportunities | • Partner with schools, nursing homes, sports clubs, local police departments to build | • preserve the grasslands between Battle Creek Park and the Correctional Facility and include them in the Park |
| • More youth programs | | • Prioritize dog park maintenance and upkeep because they are widely used in the community. |
| • Multiple modes of input gathering both in the parks and at other places near the parks (like grocery or drug stores) to find out who uses them or doesn't - and why | | • Prioritize funding equity initiatives in the Parks. Partner with municipal parks as well to ensure alignment in equity strategies across the larger park system (regardless of jurisdiction.) Be a leader in wayfinding! |
| • N/A | | • Promote outdoor and nature |
| • Native American and Indigenous community | | |
| • Nature-focused activities | | |
| • No drinking alcohol and smoking | | |
| • No mixed use trails | | |
| • No need for change. All the parks are open to anyone who wants to use them | | |
| • No picking flowers | | |
| • Not to sell the land this beautiful Golf Course has already been | | |

- appreciation.
- promote the parks to all groups of people
 - Provide dedicated funding for engagement and innovation
 - provide funding to support partnerships, set-up a model
 - Provide guided opportunities for public to participate
 - Provide more opportunities for low-income housing within the County.
 - Public meetings to take about a vision.
 - Publicize public meetings better
 - Put parks in under-served areas.
 - raise additional funding required
 - Ramsey County can work to better advertise parks & rec activities and residents who use RC parks (like my family) can encourage others to join in. I didn't know about half the opportunities that were shown in your video. That information needs to be better spread out to the community.
 - RC can identify ways and places to strengthen current natural areas and opportunities, perhaps through getting input from RC citizens and businesses. Not all natural/rec areas have to be huge.
 - Reach out to drone pilot groups in the area to establish best practices for safety and enjoyment of the park space by all (including drone pilots)
 - Reopen the golf course and keep my parks in the south side open
 - Reopen the Ponds at Battle Creek
 - Report crime
 - Report people who don't clean up after using park facilities
 - Representation on the workforce
 - Representative input committees - balance of those near parks and those who are not, and age/race representation
 - Request for more security guards or police, so parents will feel more safer
 - Research how White Bear Lake created there dog beach
 - Research successful models
 - Residents who are choosing to use the facilities as provided
 - Robust volunteer program aimed at engaging groups
 - Safe, welcoming environment of like people
 - Safety in parking lots-fulltime working cameras
 - Safety, safety, safety. Actually listen to your constituents.
 - School visits to talk with students about what they would like to see in a park, what are their favorite activities, what does their 'dream' park look like, etc.
 - Schools and businesses can sponsor events
 - Schools organizing programs at the parks
 - Seek out input from underrepresented communities
 - Seeking funding
 - Send out specific information and ask for feedback.
 - Sending out letters to Ramsey county homes for ideas. Not everyone sees this from Facebook.
 - Share the ideas/concepts widely with all communities
 - Sharing ideas
 - Show diversity in representatives
 - sketched proposed layouts of any changes
 - Smaller parks for specific purposes (courts) or trail connections
 - Solicit a tax-free contribution toward OLDAs for people who can afford it and would choose to donate to see improvements
 - made
 - Solid volunteer base to support the parks and heighten community ownership.
 - Start by brainstorming 10-15 different activities you can do this summer & fall, then let the community provide input (and potentially other ideas as well), then execute on those ideas
 - Start small and work with race directors who have successfully produced races in particular parks the opportunity to add an event.
 - Start snow making at Battle Creek Park
 - Station people at parks to survey individuals to see what they want to experience when they visit the parks and gauge their interest in volunteering
 - stay informed
 - Study usage of existing facilities and amenities to find possible parts to retire to make room for new spaces that are welcoming to everyone
 - Summer year round
 - Summer year-round.
 - support local residents committed to improving the parks
 - Support these groups to outline their needs and jointly define action items. Follow through with these communities
 - surveys
 - Surveys can collect data
 - Surveys such as this are a good idea
 - Talk to my children how to stay clean and health
 - Talk to people while they are using facilities to gather input
 - Think about new, non-traditional partners (community orgs, businesses, etc.).
 - This is excessive!!!

- This questionnaire is a good start.
- time and materials
- To be community-centered, volunteer opportunities are expanded, marketed and some key volunteer spots made available only to RC citizens/businesses. RC citizens/businesses should have/get/receive greater benefits because we're paying for these things with our taxes.
- to remove invasive plants
- Trade/cultural program exchange program to help engage communities in space we
- True engagement across the board not to just check the box.
- Try not to ruin good ideas with negative 'what if' scenarios.
- Understand the demographics surrounding the park and observing what they need to bring to supplement what the park is currently missing.
- Understand the history of all areas
- Understand the needs of diverse abilities and consider them now not as an afterthought
- update master plans
- Use ecologists to conserve, protect and restore the natural resource base of the parks
- Use Legacy parks and trails funds for natural resources
- User commitment to help other users in need
- Vending machine for water and health food and drinks
- Visit
- Visit the dog parks to see what would be needed for improvements to area, if any; \$\$ for dog park maintenance and improvements to nature areas
- visit the parks
- Volunteer
- Volunteer time to pick up the trash at the park
- Volunteer to help parks
- Volunteers
- Volunteers can be funded
- Vote
- Vote to keep The Ponds open
- voting
- We can hold town halls to hear from the community more on what they want
- we have been asked for input in the past & the results seem to be all over the map. Most people want amenities & see that as improvement. Others think more signs & rules help. I think that any action steps should include clear focus on maintaining the integrity if the natural resources and helping people understand how they can help with that.
- Welcome sign at the entrance with different languages
- Work to improve public transportation to parks, provide no cost options for transportation, facility use and participation in events.
- Work together toward common goals.
- Work with Healthy Communities team in Public Health and others to scope a reasonable sized plan for a food forest and start planting. Will take three or four years before it becomes productive so start a pilot now and document the results for more insight in years to come!
- Work with other agencies DNR, city and state to find projects.
- Work with other organizations that are committed to making more livable cities through bike lanes/paths.
- Work with Ramsey county sheriff on patrolling skiing only trails