

Vision Implementation Engagement Results – Final Compilation

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Introduction

Background

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 to help shape budgeting, planning and community engagement efforts over the next decade. Below is the final compilation of results from the live-virtual and online engagements that began January 26, 2021 and ran through June 4, 2021. **Learn more and see the accompanying analysis of results on the project [website](#).**

Compilation Overview

Content

Both live-virtual and online engagement opportunities included information about the Parks & Recreation system, either presented or through a short [video](#). Over the course of this engagement some questions were refined or merged; in those cases, responses were combined to include all results. Below are the final set of questions used in nearly all engagements.

A little about you...

1. (Warm-up question, online survey only) In the last few years, what have you, your family, or friends done in a Ramsey County park, facility, or program?
2. Please enter your home ZIP code (required)
3. How do you describe your race?
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian or Asian American
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - White or Caucasian
 - Other (please specify)
4. Are you Hispanic/Latinx? (Y/N)

Vision implementation feedback questions: The seven questions related to vision implementation all 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.....

5. Where are you going, what are you doing, and when? *(For example: My kids and I are fishing on summer evenings. I'm skating in an arena with friends. My friends and I are walking on the winter trails.)*
6. What are you seeing? Hearing? *(For example: I see many of my friends also walking and sledding. I hear birds, frogs, and other nature sounds. I hear children laughing.)*
7. Who else is there? *(For example: Other families like mine. Lots of different people. Many children. Mostly adults.)*
8. What do you love about this? How does it make you feel?
9. What's different from today?
10. How did those changes happen? Who shaped the decisions?
11. What are 2-3 key actions we can take together to get these changes started?

Participation Summary

This compilation includes c. 10,500 responses from 2,086 participants in either a live-virtual engagement or via the online survey.

- 162 people were convened in live-virtual sessions, facilitated and documented by community partners or Ramsey County staff:
 - Ramsey County Equity Advisory Committee members
 - Karen community members, two sessions
 - Ramsey County staff
 - Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Hmong community members
 - Spanish-speaking community members, three sessions
 - People with disabilities
 - Young people of color
- 1,924 people participated via the online survey; beyond the warm-up question and demographics noted above, 846 responded to one of more of the seven vision implementation questions
- All responses are included in this compilation
- The separate **analysis** is for questions 5-11 only, along with those demographics (see project [website](#)).

Methodology, Presentation

Responses to each question are presented alphabetically and generally remain as written by the contributor or documented by a facilitator. Minor edits were made to correct obvious spelling or punctuation errors that affect clarity, remove vulgar words and NA / none / nothing responses where appropriate, protect privacy, and change repeated use of all capitalized responses to upper and lower case. If a survey participant copied the same response for multiple questions, in general only the first was retained.

Because the warmup question does not directly inform vision implementation, those results are at the end of this compilation and are not part of the separate analysis. Word clouds ([wordart.com](#)) for each question show a frequency distribution of the highest-use words, with some adjustments based on question/response phrasing.

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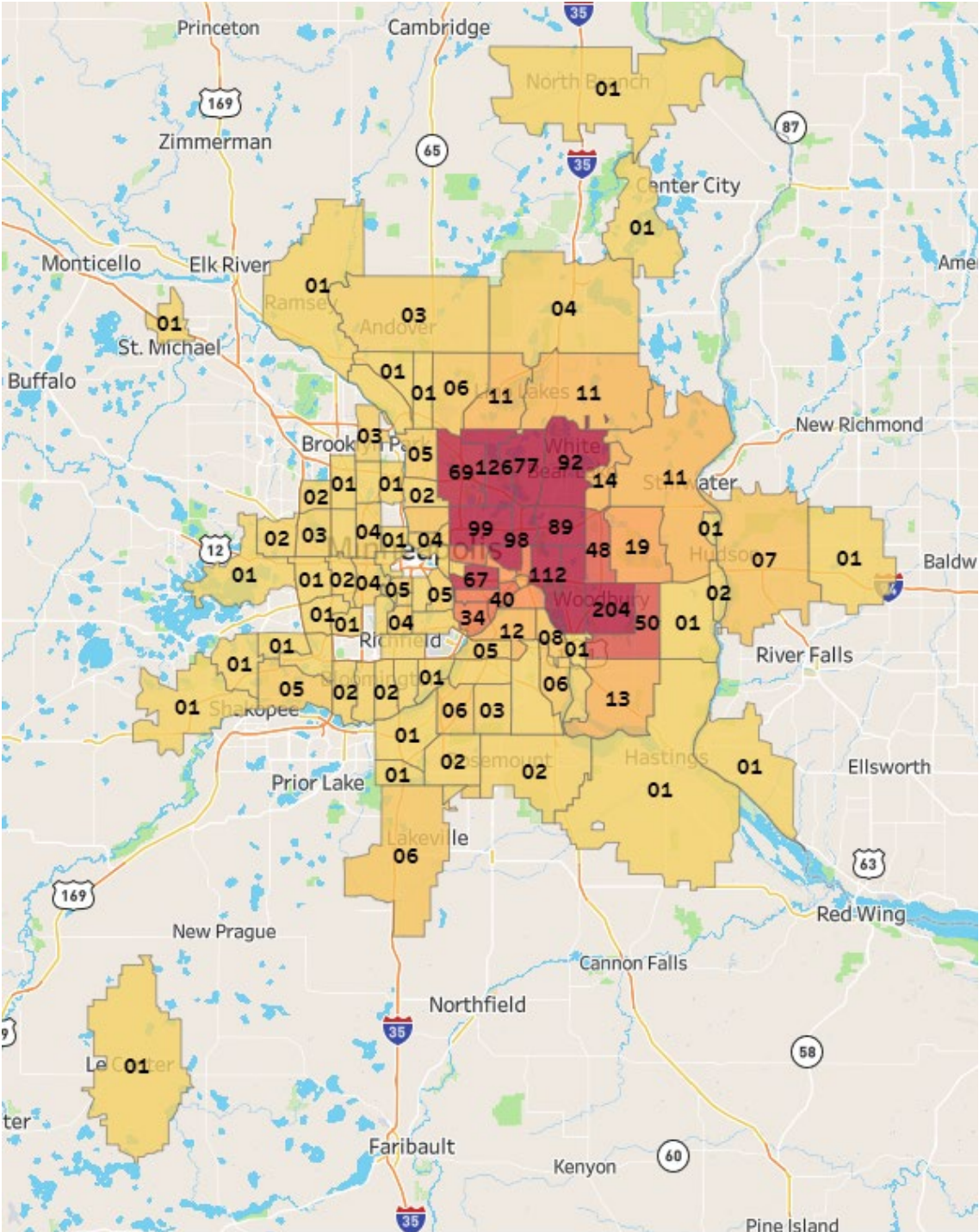
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Results

1. Home ZIP code

This question was required for online survey respondents and requested for virtual participants. The map below shows the 2,085 valid ZIP codes provided *except* for 11 that were well outside the Twin Cities Metro Area. See complete results at the interactive map link [here](#).

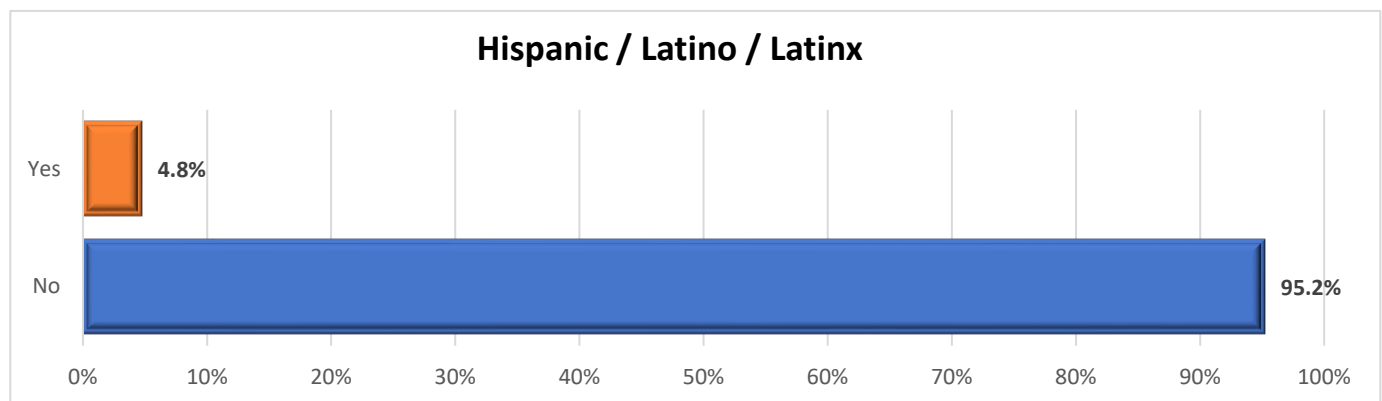
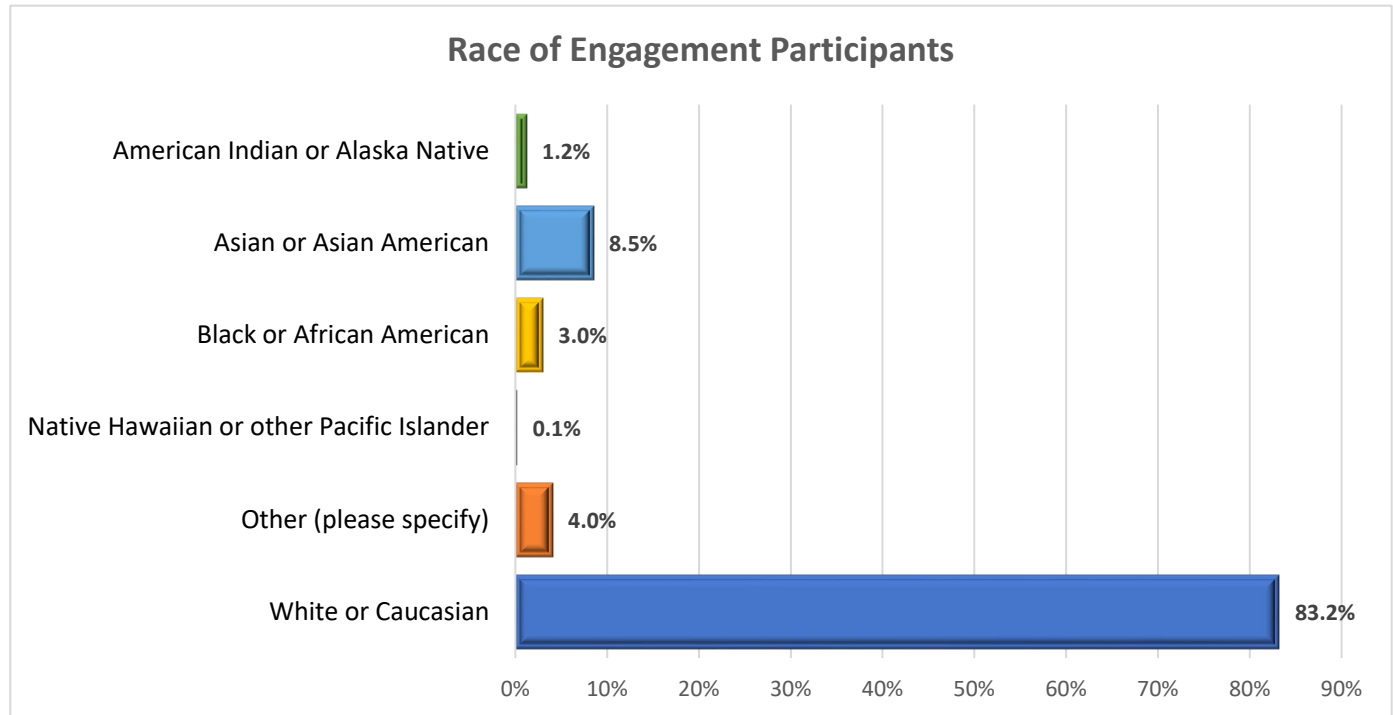
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2. Race, ethnicity

Responses to these questions were optional; 2,017 participants responded to race and 1,998 to ethnicity.

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

Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,950 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs... Where are you going, what are you doing, and when?

- Able to walk/bike to park facilities wherever our home is - on the evenings, weekends, and days off.
- Access to facilities, access to drinking fountains and water to wash your hands and feet,
- All the public golf courses
- 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.
- All year round I am walking, especially on the Battle Creek trails near my house. In the Spring, Summer, Fall, I am enjoying the well-kept 9-hole golf course at the Ponds, especially good for me as I age and 9 holes are the perfect amount for me to complete, and they are affordable on fixed income.
- Am walking the trails with my dogs.
- An inclusive matrix of the park system, without major modifications of the park system.
- and skiing on the trails. I am fishing and kayaking on the
- and use the golf course next to my home
- Any season, my son and I enjoy fishing.
- Archery
- Archery
- As a senior, I walk 2 - 3 miles, 4 times a week
- At a large clean park full of green areas for a picnic and I am grilling with my family.
- At the dog park
- at the tree house play area (for kids and adults)
- At wintertime I like to go on the top of the frozen lake
- Attend a class on native landscaping or foraging.
- Attend a community barbecue.
- Attend a rally for a political cause or candidate.
- Attending a free program at the park
- Attending a unique community event.
- Attending an art exhibit inside one of the parks facilities.
- Attending community events - concerts in the park, movie in the park, book reading, etc.
- Attending festivals/family events
- Attending festivals/family events
- 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.
- Attending public events hosted at county parks for Fourth of July or club events
- 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
- Beaching
- Beaching
- Beaver Lake
- Being able to utilize Pigs Eye Lake through access and improvements
- Beside golf, my husband and I do not utilize the park system
- Bicycling connected trails, Bruce Vento extended north of I-694 to make more connections
- Big group indoor space that can have special events
- Bike
- bike
- Bike riding trails
- Bikeways with no pedestrian, on own path
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking all around Ramsey County on paved paths
- Biking all the trails
- Biking along greenways
- Biking along regional trails
- Biking and Hiking
- Biking and Hiking
- Biking between different parks which are better connected via bike trails and connect to safe lanes on many area roads.
- Biking in parks
- Biking in parks
- Biking in the spring and fall
- Biking on a trail, getting up to speed and pushing myself physically
- biking on long protected trails, many of which could be connected or make a loop
- Biking on off-street trails between parks.
- biking on single track dirt trails
- biking on the off-road trails
- Biking on trails around mid-day
- biking on trails with my family
- Biking on various trails with family
- Biking the trail
- Biking the trails
- biking trails, tennis
- Biking w/ burley and kids bikes during weekdays
- Biking with friends and family on the regional trails.

- Biking with kids (trails off-road for non-traffic safety)
- Biking with my family at summertime.
- Biking with my husband
- Biking, either on roads guilt-free or on trails guilt-free.
- Biking/Walking with friends and family
- bird watching
- bird watching
- Birding in quiet nature areas. Sailing on the lakes
- Birding with a group
- Boat Fishing evenings
- boat launch
- Boating
- Boating
- boating and fishing with family
- Boating with family
- Boating with my family
- Boys skate at Pleasantview when it isn't dark out
- Bringing my grandkids to a driving range
- Bringing our baby to the playground
- Camping in a camper cabin within Ramsey County!
- canoeing
- canoeing
- Canoeing and kayaking with family
- Canoeing on the lakes in summer
- canoeing with our family
- Canoeing, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, bird watching, and enjoying the scenic views and wildlife of Pig's Eye Lake Regional Park
- CC-skiing in the winter
- Celebrations/Gatherings
- Climbing through elaborate tunnels and slides with my children at a playground like chutes and ladders park
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- Closing east shore drive makes it very inconvenient to get to the lake. Lao no one walks or rides in the street
- coaching youth hockey
- Co-founded Flower Power held each year at Mounds park. Found more community gardens on west 7th, St.

Clair and surrounding. Held Flower Power event with Phalen Creek Project to spread awareness on the creek that was built over next to Phalen lake, but still flows and the mission in to ultimately uncover the creek. At my community garden on West 7th, we have chickens, I got really close with all of them last year, especially the rooster but roosters aren't allowed in the city of St. Paul but are in Minneapolis, so we have to rehome the rooster which was incredibly sad for the community garden friends. More blank boards where folks can freely express themselves through art or words, maybe have the board switched out each month.

- completing my "park passport" - promotion to visit as all the parks in the system with a token "prize"
- Course at Ponds at Battle Creek
- Covered picnic tables, good parking
- Crime and taxes have skyrocketed
- Cross country ski training all winter
- Cross Country Skiing
- cross country skiing
- Cross Country skiing
- Cross country skiing
- Cross country Skiing
- Cross country skiing daily on trails or lakes
- cross country skiing in the woods
- cross country skiing in winter
- Cross country skiing with family in winter
- Cross country skiing, ice skating with my family
- Cross-country skiing
- Cross-country skiing in the winter, hanging out under the trees in the summer
- Cross-country skiing with friends
- Culturally specific programming, youth involvement in decision making. Relevant program offerings. Indoor and outdoor programming.
- Day biking with my children.
- 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
- Dog park and walking trails
- Dog park visits at Battle Creek
- Dog park with spouse
- Dog park, mountain hiking
- Dog parks
- Dog parks
- Dog parks on nights and weekends
- Dog parks with access to potable water and good garbage maintenance
- Dog walk
- Dog walking in the park morning and evening
- Dogs at off leash dog parks and all of the above
- Doing a landscape painting
- Doing more cross-country skiing
- Don't use any of the amenities as most are too
- Donating money for underprivileged kids to join the first tee program
- dynamic welcoming places
- Early morning bird walk during spring migration
- Easy modifications should be made to provide access.
- Empty nester - golfing a lot hopefully.
- Enjoy biking / walking the trails nearby
- Enjoy the county
- 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 bike trails that have previously been flooded
- Enjoying family time (picnic, grand kids playing in recreation area
- Enjoying golf with my kids at Battle Creek
- 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 outdoor activities

- Enjoying Parks - nature walks, exploring. Book fairs, children's book fairs
- Enjoying programming, events and activities at Tamarack
- Enjoying restored native habitat and pollinator prairie + native gardens
- Enjoying summer evenings at Tamarack
- Enjoying the beach area by the water
- enjoying the dog parks (plural!) and many trails
- Enjoying the hockey rinks in the winter
- Enjoying the lakes (swimming skiing surfing fishing)
- Enjoying the nature in the area, including ponds
- Enjoying the nature of the golf course at the ponds
- Enjoying the outdoors in all seasons
- Enjoying the out-of-doors with my many minority friends
- Enjoying the trails with friends
- Enjoying trails near our house
- enjoying undeveloped areas
- enjoying undeveloped areas
- Enjoying winter recreation
- Enjoying woods at Sucker with better views of the lake through the further elimination of Buckthorn (removals at Snail Lake were great!)
- entertainment
- evenings and weekends
- evenings and weekends
- Every summer take my children to learn to golf at Ponds at Battle Creek
- Ex. When people were shooting arrows, there should be space so that someone on a wheelchair can still participate in the activity.
- Exercising my dog at a dog park
- Exploring trails by bike
- families will have moved out of the Twin Cities
- family bike rides
- Family bike rides on weekends
- Family cookouts
- family does evening walks and builds communication
- family does winters walks and sledding
- Family dog park
- Family golfing
- Family golfing
- Family is walking the parks
- Family picnic
- Family picnic 1 or 2 times per summer
- Family picnic, reunions, to encourage the use of the facilities and parks
- Family picnicking
- Family picnics
- Family picnics
- Family picnics/park
- Family reunions at pavilions, boating, swimming, kayaking. Fishing
- Family time picnics
- Family, friends hike in all seasons..., COVID made us do this!!
- Family/friends using the playgrounds
- Far away. Did golf at the ponds but no longer available after this year
- Fish
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing 3 seasons
- Fishing all year round
- Fishing and golfing
- Fishing and kayaking and walking in summer
- Fishing and kayaking and walking in summer
- Fishing at an event or program.
- Fishing in the summer with friends
- Fishing off docks
- Fishing on local lakes
- Fishing on summer evenings and day also
- fishing summer and winter
- Fishing the lake with my spouse
- Fishing with <my friends>
- fishing with family
- Fishing with my family at public piers and/or using the public boat launch
- Fishing with my kids in a park this Spring
- fishing with our kids
- Fishing year round
- Fishing, biking, walking, golfing,
- Fishing, golfing, biking
- Five years from now, I will still be lamenting the closure of the Battle Creek Ponds golf course.
- Florida home November to April
- Flying small drone to take scenic photos and video year-round (current not allowed but would like this rule to change)
- For some people it is highly individual how they engage with the system: mental health services, on location in the parks, rather than requiring them.
- For the county park: more communication with the city to help everyday people to not be confused.
- friends & I love to play golf at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Friends and I are birding regional parks year around
- Friends and I are canoeing
- 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
- Friends and I are swimming at beaches
- Friends and I are walking on trails all year long
- Friends and I play golf at all Ramsey County courses
- Frogtown, the river, on a walk, for a swim, sitting on a bench
- From what Zac said, I am reminded of the late Brother Cardenas (who used to move around on a wheelchair), he wanted me to take his picture by the falls, as he could not reach it from his chair.
- Gardening in a community garden. Canoeing in rentable canoes. Hiking through wildflower-lined trails.
- gathering place to meet community
- 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.

- Golfing at all of the great courses
- golfing at battle creek
- Golfing at Battle Creek!!
- Golfing at golf courses
- Golfing at Goodrich G.C.
- Golfing at Goodrich!
- Golfing at Keller G.C.
- Golfing at local golf course
- Golfing at Manitou Ridge
- Golfing at Ponds
- Golfing at Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing at ponds at battle creek
- Golfing at Ponds Battle Creek
- Golfing at Ponds golf course
- Golfing at Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing at Ponds with family
- Golfing at the ponds
- Golfing at the Ponds
- Golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing at The Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing at The Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek with my family.
- Golfing at the Ponds course.
- Golfing at The Ponds G.C., if still open.
- Golfing at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing at The Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing at the Ponds with friends and family
- Golfing at the Ponds with my Kids
- Golfing at the Ponds. Biking trails.
- Golfing at three Ramsey County Courses
- Golfing during the day and evening
- Golfing during the week
- Golfing in Summer
- Golfing in the morning
- golfing more regularly as I retire
- Golfing mornings
- Golfing most weekday mornings
- Golfing nearby golf courses
- Golfing on one of the courses
- Golfing on weekends
- Golfing or going to the driving range at the ponds of Battle Creek golf course
- golfing Ponds at Battle Creek with my wife
- Golfing spring, summer and fall at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing St. Paul courses
- Golfing summer
- Golfing Sunday morning
- Golfing the ponds
- Golfing when the courses are open
- Golfing with family and friends
- Golfing with family and friends
- Golfing with family and friends. Hitting balls at the golf range
- Golfing with family, friends and grandkids.
- Golfing with friends
- Golfing with friends
- Golfing with Friends
- Golfing with friends and family
- golfing with friends and family
- Golfing with friends and family
- Golfing with friends and family (hopefully at the Ponds of Battle Creek.)
- Golfing with friends and family at a Ramsey county golf course.
- Golfing with friends and family at the courses in the area!
- Golfing with friends and new friends
- Golfing with friends at Battle Creek
- Golfing with friends but mostly family.
- Golfing with grandkids
- Golfing with my boys
- Golfing with my brother at Ponds at Battle Creek
- Golfing with my family
- Golfing with my family at any of the 4 county courses
- Golfing with my friends and family
- Golfing with my friends and meeting new people
- Golfing with my friends at the ponds at Battle Creek where we all learned to golf
- Golfing with my friends at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Golfing with my friends,
- golfing with my kids
- Golfing with my kids
- Golfing with my kids at battle creek
- Golfing with my minority friends
- Golfing with my partner at Keller
- Golfing with my sons (9 holes)
- Golfing with my wife on Friday nights after a long week
- Golfing with new friends
- Golfing with retired friends
- Golfing, biking, & walking on my own & with friends.
- Golfing, strolling through parks,
- Golfing, walking, bike riding, picnicking
- golfing; kayaking; walking; events at the parks, especially Long Lake Regional Park
- Good idea.
- grandchildren @ playgrounds, lakes, walks
- Grandchildren play on playgrounds
- grandkids ice skating
- hanging out on a beach with the kids
- hanging out on a beach with the kids
- Have a great 9-hole golf course close by to play
- Having a bonfire
- Having a family event at a park
- Having a family picnic.
- Having a whole day of fun
- Having a whole day of fun
- having my grandchildren swim, skate or play on equipment
- Having picnics with friends
- Having picnics with friends and family
- 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
- hike
- Hike on natural trails - non paved
- Hike trails
- Hikes mid-morning weekdays and week ends
- Hikes with the dog
- Hiking
- Hiking
- Hiking
- Hiking
- Hiking
- Hiking (or snowshoeing) on quiet trails through trees and along lakeshores
- Hiking / walking
- hiking all seasons
- Hiking all year
- Hiking and biking

- Hiking and birding, escaping the built environment.
- hiking and jogging regularly on nearby trails
- Hiking and sledding
- Hiking at Battle Creek Park
- Hiking at long lake park
- Hiking evenings/weekends esp. to bird watch
- Hiking in the early mornings in all seasons at Regional Parks.
- Hiking in the spring
- Hiking in the summer / picnics
- hiking in the woods, trails
- Hiking on an off-leash dog trail
- hiking on natural trails
- Hiking on one of the hiking trails
- Hiking on trails (all year long)
- Hiking or walking both winter and summer
- Hiking the trails
- Hiking the trails in Spring Summer and Fall. Cross country ski in Winter. Swimming at beaches, biking on trails. Will be golfing.
- Hiking the trails on occasion.
- Hiking the woods
- Hiking through parks with my family
- Hiking trails
- Hiking trails at Battle Creek Park
- Hiking with family
- Hiking with my dog and family
- Hiking with my dog on trails
- Hiking with my husband
- hiking with my wife, looking at birds & wildlife
- Hiking year round. Sledding. Canoeing. Camping if possible. Indoor ice skating. Maybe try golf.
- Hiking, paddle boarding on lake Vadnais
- Hiking, picnicking, birdwatching with family and friends
- Hiking, playgrounds in the spring. Hiking, playing in the fall.
- Hiking, safe spaces to explore the parks
- Hitting golf balls
- hitting golf balls
- Hitting tennis balls or volleyballs against a return wall
- Hockey
- Hockey
- hockey - playing or watching in an arena
- Hockey and skating
- hockey at the arenas
- Hope to be playing golf at the Ponds
- Hopefully we'll be still walking and biking.
- Hopefully, golfing at the ponds in a senior league
- Hosting family reunions like we are this summer
- Housing is complex: people living in the parks, how can we best serve them? What is their preference?
- Housing: how can we maximize land to build more housing
- Huh?
- Husband and I using walking trails...all year round if decent weather
- Husband or friends are kayaking the river and lakes in late afternoon or sometimes a weekday or Saturday
- I am a Walker and enjoy well groomed trails. I also walk with my dog and appreciate when other dog owners pick up after their dogs.
- I am able to walk safely (sidewalks) to a RC park
- I am at a soccer field with friends and bleachers.
- 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 at the first ever off leash cat park
- I am bicycling in off road areas
- I am biking and hiking on trails
- I am biking in the summer
- I am biking on a mountain bike trail system within a park
- I am biking on the newly extended Bruce Vento Regional trail through White Bear Lake, and it is connected with Hardwood Trail. In addition, a clear link exists to bike from Lake Links Trail to Vento Trail.
- I am biking riding
- 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 catching fish
- I am cloud watching and not getting ticks
- I am cross country skiing
- 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 cross-country skiing on an easy trail through nature
- I am eating berries I picked near a stream
- I am engaged with getting kids outside in all seasons.
- I am enjoying a walk around a lake at sunset.
- I am enjoying safe well cared for parks
- 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 fishing on nice evenings
- I am going for a daily walk on well-maintained trails. My friends and I are going golfing
- I am going for a walk through the park to get exercise.
- I am going for bike rides on trails in the spring, summer, and fall months.
- I am going golfing with my family. I am riding my bike on the trails.
- I am going on evening walks with my parents so they can enjoy nature and plants and streams
- I am going on walks at Battle Creek

- I am going skiing with my nieces!
- 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
- I am golfing
- I am golfing after work and on weekends
- I am golfing and using the practice range. I am hiking.
- I am golfing at one of the regional golf courses.
- I am golfing at The Ponds
- I am golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- I am golfing at the ponds of Battle Creek
- I am golfing at the ponds of Battle Creek
- I am golfing with friends
- I am golfing with friends
- I am golfing with friends
- I am golfing with friends and kids
- I am grocery shopping with my husband at county farmers market where I can find most items I need to prep our food for the week from local food suppliers with low packaging. In the winter or during bad weather the market moves to an alternative location inside so that it is still accessible.
- I am hiking and cross-country skiing
- I am hiking at Fish Creek park
- I am hiking on a long trail in our parks.
- I am hiking with friends and a beautiful natural path.
- 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 in the dog park with my family at any time of year
- I am invited to join a county community garden group where we tend to our seasonal crops and share knowledge on gardening, nutrition and sustainability. At the end of the season, we provide extra food to shelters and vulnerable populations.
- I am kayaking on a lake
- I am kayaking on the lake
- I am kayaking on waterways that are easily accessible to older adults.
- I am looking for expansion of all Ramsey County bike trails and ongoing maintenance to existing bike trails.
- I am mountain biking on new trails
- I am Nordic skiing all winter long in St. Paul.
- I am NOT at Pigs Eye Lake parkland
- I am paddle boarding on a lake with friends.
- I am participating in fitness classes in the parks
- I am picnicking with family and friends. I am walking
- I am playing a round of golf on a summer day
- I am playing disc golf events in Ramsey county
- I am playing golf on a 9-hole course
- I am playing pickleball. I am snowshoeing.
- I am playing rec hockey with HockeyFinder with my friends and family.
- I am playing sports and activities with friends, ate food, tried new things i never have
- I am playing tennis on free, open court
- I am retired and enjoy people watching in safe areas of South Maplewood. I often watch the wildlife and golfers at the golf course behind my house.
- I am retired and enjoy the parks with our grandkids
- 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 on dirt trails through the woods
- I am running the trails.
- I am seeing and hearing people playing golf; through Long Lake Regional Park I see people using he boat launch, fishing, using the beach (families especially), using the pavilions and picnic areas for family gatherings and other events, other people walking and riding the trails through that park and the Trail Corridor, people accessing Rice Creek near Lexington and J, people going to and using the dog park. I'm hearing people at these locations doing what people do and maybe seeing some birds and other wildlife.
- I am skiing at Battle Creek
- I am skiing in the winter and playing golf in the summer
- I am sledding and skiing.
- I am snowshoeing during a candlelit hike
- I am snowshoeing in the winter in the parks
- I am snowshoeing through woods on a winter day
- I am still in a boat with my partner fishing
- I am still not hitting that overhead throw on hole 7.
- 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 taking walks, enjoying nature
- I am teaching my granddaughter to golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- I am teaching my son to skate on an outdoor ice rink
- 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 using the driving range and golf course
- I am using the driving range at The Ponds
- I am using the trails year-round for biking, walking, hiking, skiing.
- I am volunteering in a new nature center
- I am walking a dog

- 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 my same dog even though he is old now
- I am walking near the recently added former Corrections property and viewing rare birds such as the Bobolink and Kestrel.
- I am walking on a trail with native plants surrounding me
- I am walking on a trail.
- I am walking on a trail.
- I am walking on my own or with friends in the parks
- I am walking on the trails, mostly paved
- I am walking on the winter trails.
- I am walking on the winter trails.
- I am walking on the winter trails. Ramsey county has closed my favorite trail to walkers, made it a cross-country skiing trail only.
- I am walking on trails
- I am walking or biking on trails.
- I am walking over to the Ponds at Battle Creek driving range to hit a quick bucket of balls every night.
- I am walking over to the Ponds at Battle Creek every weekend to golf with other friends in my neighborhood.
- I am walking over to the Ponds at Battle Creek to take golf lessons from their great instructor Dave.
- I am walking the trails
- I am walking the trails year around
- I am walking the trails year around
- I am walking the trails year-round. I am kayaking in the summer.
- I am walking through the parks picking fruit from public orchards.
- I am walking through the woods
- I am walking with friends
- I am walking with friends
- I am walking with friends and kids
- I am walking with friends and our dogs
- I am walking with my dog
- I am walking with my son in a restored natural area looking at flowers, birds, and insects in mid-summer
- 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 bike 3 times a week
- I bike every night thru the parks. In the winter I ski almost every day
- I bike in the Summer on trails
- I can fish from a dock and catch fish without a boat.
- I continue to walk and wander and photograph nature.
- I cross country ski at battle Creek east
- I cross country ski during daylight hours in the winter
- I didn't live there for too long, but I normally meditated at the park and walked around with friends during the summer to just enjoy nature.
- 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 on walks at nature preserves that are free of litter
- I go to the dog park.
- 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 golf at the ponds golf course and utilize their facilities
- I golf in the evenings and weekends
- I golf with my wife and daughter, we make it a weekly outing and meet with friends and family sometimes
- I have enjoyed walking/jogging in the parks.
- I have two sons who love to golf. I'd love to keep it as is
- 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 hike, birdwatch, picnic and kayak
- 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 hope to be able to golf at the different county courses and ice skate at the county ice arenas
- I hope to be golfing at the Ponds. I frequent a number of the golf courses in Ramsey County but have a real fondness for the Ponds.
- I just want to golf at the Ponds
- I like golfing
- I like to drive around the park
- I like to go to the lake near Maryland, because my children can fish, they really like to fish. It would be a Saturday.
- I like to go to the Phalen Beach House, I like it because it has an area where children can swim in the summer.
- I like to play 9 holes of golf with my kids.
- I like to run on trails while my kids bike.
- I like to take walks and look at nature and see the wildlife.
- I like to walk in nature in safe areas.
- 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 may be playing hockey with my grandchildren if capable at that time.
- I plan to go biking and hiking with friends.
- I play golf every week at a Ramsey golf course
- I play golf with my friends
- I relax and release stress in the nature provided by the green in the parks
- I run and hike
- I run in late afternoons
- I see kids learning to play softball for fun - not just competitive. Also, kids learning other sports like golf or skiing that they can do for many years to keep fit.
- I see myself one Saturday afternoon in Maplewood Heights Park, fishing with my family.
- I take my dog on the amazing trails in my neighborhood

- 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 use the Ponds Golf Course 5 times a week
- I use the ponds of battle creek
- I use the trails to commute, shop and for fun
- I usually go sit under the trees and look at the beavers building their housing in the lake
- I walk dog and ski in Battle Creek
- I walk every day on a trail
- I walk in the parks.
- I walk my dog (on leash)
- 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 coaching my 3 kids in hockey in all of the arenas in the fall, winter and spring..
- I will be doing the same as now, hopefully
- I will be hiking, biking and wildlife watching
- I will be still going to the ponds at Battle Creek shooting videos doing virtual lessons and teaching my nieces and nephews
- I will be walking in the parks with my wife and others.
- I will still be golfing, taking walks, and snowshoeing
- I will still hopefully be playing golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek as often as I can, just as I've been doing when the course opened when I was 6 years old.
- I will walk at Fish Creek or Battle Creek twice a week
- I will walk in the parks on the trails and take the grandkids fishing and swimming in the lakes
- I will walk on trails.
- I would be at the park any day of the week; I would enjoy seeing a space where I can play soccer with my children and also a space where we can have a picnic.
- I would be roller skating indoors if it was available
- I would go fishing.
- I would like more information on how to kayak. I see myself engaging in more sporting activities in the parks.
- I would like to be golfing near my house at the Ponds
- I would like to teach my children how to golf at a nice public course
- 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/the family is enjoying free/low-cost amenities i.e., fitness classes, xx skis, etc.
- I'd like to sled with my kids.
- I'd like to walk on paved trails year round
- I'm able to walk to green space with native plants
- I'm at a picnic at Phalen
- 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 enjoying walks with friends and family.
- I'm going golfing with my family
- I'm going skating with friends
- I'm going to a cabin with my family, or camping
- I'm going to be golfing
- I'm going to play golf at the ponds at Battle Creek because it is my favorite course and now has been expanded to 18 holes!!!
- I'm Golfing
- I'm golfing
- I'm golfing about 1 to 2 times per week, and in the next 5 years my daughters will be joining me more and more.
- I'm golfing at Goodrich, Ponds at Battle Creek and more
- I'm golfing at Ponds at Battle Creek with friends and unwinding enjoying the nature there.
- I'm golfing at the Ponds or St. Paul's Phalen golf course
- I'm golfing with friends
- I'm golfing with my friends and their children at The Ponds at Battle Creek
- I'm guiding forest therapy walks.
- I'm hanging out with my family and friends at the park BBQ/picnic
- I'm hanging out with my friends, family is having a BBQ at the park
- I'm kayaking on the lake early in the morning
- I'm mountain biking/fat biking with my family year-round.
- I'm playing basketball on the basketball court
- I'm playing golf at local golf courses
- I'm playing golf at renewed and refreshed RC golf courses.
- I'm playing golf with friends
- I'm playing golf with one friend and two others who will become friends
- I'm playing tennis on well-maintained courts.
- I'm running or walking on the regional trails.
- I'm seeing amazing nature through the seasons—turtles, beavers, owls, moths, and spring ephemerals.
- I'm swimming in a clean lake
- I'm taking a nature hike at Pigs Eye
- I'm taking family for nature walks.
- I'm taking golfing lessons
- 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 taking my dog regularly to RC dog parks.

- I'm taking my friends out on the lake from the public boat launch.
- I'm walking along the lake looking for a good spot to shore fish
- I'm walking in my local park with fun stations for working out.
- I'm walking in the woods safely.
- I'm walking my dog through Battle Creek dog park
- I'm walking on a winter trail
- I'm walking on a wooded trail, my family picnicking in the summer
- I'm walking paths with my dog.
- I'm with friends at a picnic shelter
- I'm with my dogs in a large fenced in leash-free park.
- I'm xx skiing with friends from a suburb
- Ice skate on top of the frozen lake with my brother
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- ice skating
- Ice skating at the oval during winter months
- Ice skating indoor
- Ice skating on a long path of maintained ice that circumvents a lake
- Ice skating with my kids.
- Ice skating, cross country, skiing, hiking, biking,
- I'll be retired, and hopefully golfing more often. My use in the park system may be limited.
- I'm a senior, but I still see myself playing golf at the county's courses.
- I'm attending events, parties and programming in the park buildings and pavilions.
- I'm biking on some new trails
- I'm biking on trails. I'm also having family picnics.
- I'm biking with my kids on a safe trail or lane
- I'm bird watching the eagle nest at Keller Lake
- I'm canoeing on the lake and bringing my canoe back to the rack I have rented
- I'm coaching my roller derby team at a hockey arena once closed to us.
- I'm cross-country skiing at Battle Creek with my family
- I'm cross-country skiing in the winter and golfing
- I'm disappointed when I have to get in my car to be in nature
- I'm enjoying being out in nature during all 4 seasons.
- I'm enjoying sunrises and sunsets.
- I'm enjoying the green space of the parks.
- 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 going swimming with my family at the beach
- I'm going to an outdoor meeting of the local community led park steering group.
- I'm going to the golf course. I'm golfing.
- I'm golfing and going to the driving range at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- I'm golfing at a Ramsey County course
- I'm golfing at the ponds with my nonwhite privileged family
- I'm golfing every morning at ponds
- I'm golfing in the Southeastern part of Ramsey county.
- I'm golfing on a municipal course
- I'm golfing with family and/or friends
- I'm hanging out in a picnic shelter
- I'm having a picnic w my family
- I'm hiking around Pigs Eye Lake. In the winter I'm snowshoeing in Battle Creek
- I'm hiking with my wife, birding with friends.
- I'm ice skating on a large skate trail on a lake.
- I'm learning about other cultures and practices
- I'm learning from other community members
- 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 my family for a grill out, then nature walk
- I'm meeting up with other community interest groups for an evening hike.
- I'm mountain biking on new trails
- I'm mtn biking on single track trails
- I'm Nordic training with friends
- I'm play golf; I'm riding my bike through Long Lake Regional Park and then through the Rice Creek North Trail Corridor and then through the various connecting trails.
- I'm playing disc golf. I'm also taking lessons/classes at parks.
- I'm playing golf on a public golf course
- I'm playing golf with my kids at Ponds because it's 2.5 miles from my house
- I'm playing golf with my kids, grand kids and friends
- I'm playing golf.
- I'm playing golf.
- I'm riding bicycle in summer weather
- I'm riding my bicycle on the bike trails
- I'm riding my bike on a bikes only paved trail by myself
- I'm riding my bike on a trail that safely connects multiple parks.
- I'm riding my bike on trails
- I'm running the trail through woods
- I'm running/walking on Battle Creek trails
- I'm sailing on White Bear Lake.
- I'm skating at an outdoor rink
- I'm skiing and snowshoeing when snow permits
- I'm skiing in the winter months
- I'm skiing on regularly groomed and well-marked ski trails.
- I'm sledding on hills
- I'm sledding with my toddler
- I'm snowshoeing on the trails in winter
- I'm snowshoeing on winter trails
- I'm snowshoeing on winter trails
- I'm still golfing every week with my kids and grand kids
- I'm strolling with family or friends and probably a dog or two.
- I'm taking a golf lesson at the Ponds, then playing a round with my diverse group of friends.
- I'm taking my dog to the dog park. I'm walking.
- I'm taking my grandkids to ice skating and golf lessons
- I'm taking my grandson to play golf for the first time at a nine-hole course, at a special event for caregivers with their children.

- I'm taking my son to the driving range at the ponds at Battle Creek so he can learn the game
- I'm trying snowshoeing!
- I'm trying snowshoeing!
- I'm visiting playgrounds with the kids
- I'm walking and bicycling on the trails in spring, summer, and fall
- I'm walking and jogging on city paths with my dogs
- I'm walking in a Ramsey County park
- I'm walking my dog through the battle creek dog park.
- I'm walking on the many great trails
- I'm walking on the trails in winter
- I'm walking on the trails year-round
- I'm walking on trails
- I'm walking or hiking in the evenings.
- I'm walking outdoors day/evening all seasons.
- I'm walking well-groomed trails during the year.
- I'm xc skiing on man-made snow
- In five years, I see more activities in the parks, in the lakes, not only the trails meant for bicycles or for walking. Our kids need diverse activities, such as swimming.
- In my owned home with my kid and making a lot money then I am
- In my younger days, I attended hockey games and taught my sons to skate at Aldrich.
- In particular, using a clean bathroom whenever and wherever we take a child.
- In summer, I use the golf course to practice. Busy place
- In the early evening
- in the summer (3-5 times per week).
- Indoor events in winter
- Instead of the newest concept park, we are enjoying well-maintained, efficient facilities, night, or day.
- International festivals, food trucks, celebrations!
- Introducing my kids to golf
- Joining a group bike with my family and riding the trails using a bike checked out at the park.
- Just walking in the woods
- Kayaking
- kayaking
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Kayaking and paddle boarding on the lakes and rivers
- Kayaking in the lakes
- Kayaking in the lakes.
- Kayaking in the summer around the lakes in the afternoon
- Kayaking on the lakes
- Kayaking through the chain from Phalen to Gervais to Kolman 🚣
- kayaking with friends or family, rental boats
- Kayaking with my dog
- Kayaking/canoeing on lakes
- keep the course open
- Keller to play golf.
- Kids
- Kids and grandparents are hiking
- Kids and I are boating in summer
- Kids and I are taking dogs to dog park
- Kids and i play golf
- Kids and I ride bikes
- Kids getting natural enrichment that the parent doesn't have to provide - learning, appreciating nature, education, activities, camps
- Kids/family disc golf
- Lake home April to October
- Lap Swimming in an outdoor pool
- Launch boat for fishing
- Learning to golf with the family
- learning to mountain bike with kids
- Less driving
- long bike rides
- looking at native plants
- Looking for some friendship
- Lots of walking with friends for exercise
- Love the walking trails and park system.
- Love to golf and be outside
- Make available access to winter trails or activities
- many lakes. I am going to the Nature center with family
- Maybe walking
- Me and my family are going golfing at the Ponds
- Me and my friends are golfing in the early evening at the local 9-hole golf course
- Me and my friends are playing golf at Ramsey County courses
- Me and my wife take walks
- Me golfing
- Meditation & Breathing: Took a walk, bike ride, played games like; slackline, spike ball
- Meeting up with friends at a new nature center within Battle Creek.
- More biking trails!
- More education, regional and state, what is the difference?
- More equipment rentals - affordable or free (bikes, skates, skis)
- More inclusive classes to be able to learn how to do activities
- More indoor rinks.
- More walking trails
- More winter walking trails that are not converted to x-country skiing
- Most summers I take kids to parks and play catch with them, eat ice cream etc. we are usually in the Minneapolis area over north.
- Mostly I use the park near my home for walking.
- Mountain biking
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- Mountain biking at Battle Creek
- Mountain biking Battle creek Summer, wish there were more trails in Ramsey County
- Mountain biking trails
- mountain biking with friends
- Mountain biking with friends and my kids on evenings and weekends
- Mountain biking, playing golf, or playing disc golf
- Movies in the park
- Mr. C reminded me that social justice work needs to be inclusive.
- Mtn biking single track in the woods and prairies with friends
- My 10-year-old son is also in golf camp at ponds at Battle Creek
- My 10-year-old son is enrolled in golf league at ponds at battle creek
- My boys and I golf in the afternoon in the summer
- My boys and I play disc golf year-round. The courses have become

congested as the popularity soared with covid

- My boys golf at the ponds
- My child is playing on the playground
- 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 are playing at a splash pad park on a warm summer day
- My children would be playing at parks and fishing
- 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 daughter and her friends go ice skating
- My dog like to jump in the lake to catch the ball
- My dogs and I are walking leash less and having fun all year.
- My dogs and I are walking the trails
- My dogs are running in the dog park
- My elderly mother and I are walking at the Sucker Lake-Vadnais Lake Regional Park.
- My extended family is going to an outdoor pavilion for a family dinner/games/gathering.
- My family and friends are at Como or Phalen enjoying paths to walk on.
- My family and friends are gathering at the parks for a picnic.
- My family and friends are playing golf at The Ponds at Battle Creek
- My family and friends are skiing on groomed ski trails
- My family and friends really enjoy all the green space and nature areas
- My family and I are cross country skiing on well groomed trails
- My family and I are exploring Rice Lake Regional Park, fishing and grilling food
- 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 fishing on a dock.
- 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 going on walks on well-maintained trails
- My family and I are golfing at Ponds at Battle Creek
- My family and I are golfing at the ponds in the evening.
- My family and I are golfing at the ponds in the evening. And my husband plays league golf at The Ponds on Wednesday evenings.
- My family and I are having a picnic at a regional park offering lots of green space
- My family and I are hiking on strenuous hiking trails through beautiful natural areas in the fall and spring
- My family and I are kayaking in the summer
- My family and I are learning about nature from a naturalist.
- My family and I are looking for pollinators.
- My family and i are playing disc golf in the cities
- 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 and I are watching movies in the park and listening to live music.
- My family and I do a lot of picnics, hiking, etc. so we've spent a lot of time doing things like that in the parks. I have not yet participated in any organized programming.
- My family and I ice skate
- My family and I will be riding mountain bike trails. Hopefully in Ramsey county.
- My family and neighbors are always walking on the nature trails
- My family and neighbors golf at the Ponds and use their driving range frequently
- My family are walking on the trails and swimming in the lake
- My family goes for walks at Battle Creek park.
- My family has also had several events: family reunions, summer BBQ etc.
- My family have picnics, takes walks around Lake Como and Lake Phalen, and golf with the boys, and run with my brothers.
- My family is biking with easy connections between parks and trails
- My family is camping
- My family is cross country skiing
- My family is cross country skiing on trails
- My family is doing a quick cross-country ski
- My family is doing things together outside
- My family is enjoying a picnic near the lake
- My family is enjoying the winter rec. opportunities at Battle Creek park
- My family is enjoying trails near the water
- my family is fishing
- My family is going to the park to play.
- My Family is golfing a couple times a month. We are also hanging out at the beach.
- My family is golfing at our local course.
- My family is golfing at The Ponds
- My family is golfing together. It is a great way for us to enjoy being outside together, learning a sport, and enjoying nature
- My family is having a birthday gathering including swimming at Turtle Lake.
- my family is hiking
- My family is kayaking on the lake
- My family is kayaking through a waterway
- My family is observing a healthy plant community
- My family is snowshoeing on the trails
- 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 using regional trails to walk our dog and playground equipment used by grandchildren
- My family is walking or biking trails
- My family likes to ice skate outdoors.

- My family likes to kayak on summer evenings.
- My family loves mountain biking
- My family loves to golf at Battle Creek and Keller
- My family loves to swim
- My family plays a lot of golf at Ponds at Battle Creek. We enjoy a morning round and evening rounds. My boys took golf lessons through their youth program.
- My family plays hockey in the arenas in the winter
- My family takes regular walks/hikes on the trails system, which is no longer flooded.
- My family will be using the boat launches for fishing and swimming outings in the summers.
- My family will use the trails for hiking and biking and rollerblading.
- My family, my children and I love going to the parks to walk and spend the time. I wish there were more security. Parks are places where happiness and fun should predominate.
- My fiancé and I are teeing it up at the beautiful nine hole
- My fiancé and I go bike riding on nice days in the summer
- My friend and I are enjoying nature
- My friend and I are golfing
- My friend and I are walking a trail having conversation in the fall
- My friends & I are still golfing at The Ponds.
- My friends and are going golfing
- my friends and family are playing golf
- My friends and I are cross country skiing
- My friends and I are cross country skiing on winter trails
- My friends and I are going to a local golf course to play and have fun. Hopefully, Ramsey County won't continue to close their courses...
- My friends and I are golfing
- My friends and I are golfing at Battle Creek golf course
- My friends and I are golfing at Ponds at Battle Creek
- My friends and I are golfing at The Ponds at Battle Creek, a definite top 5 executive golf courses in the entire state.
- My friends and I are golfing at the ponds. And I should add, my minority friend and I are the ones that frequently play at the ponds. Sad, I need to exaggerate that point as the Ramsey county commissioners are race baiters.
- My friends and I are golfing in the summer
- My friends and I are meeting for a hike around a cool park with water features. Along the lake we can learn about carbon sequestration from the natural growing fields
- My friends and I are playing a round of golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek every night of the week
- My friends and I are playing golf
- My friends and I are playing golf at one of the four courses.
- My friends and I are visiting off leash dog parks and then hiking with our dogs, all year. I'm in woodland parks bird watching and walking.
- My friends and I are walking on the nature 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 friends and I golf on evenings and weekends.
- MY friends and I used public access to launch boat.
- My friends and I walk and bike trails in the parks
- My friends are golfing on a course in the summer, going on walks in the fall and spring, and sledding/tubing in the winter
- My friends and I are still golfing at ponds
- My friends are meeting for a support group picnic
- My friends, dog and I are relaxing
- My friends, I and the dog are walking
- My girlfriend and I are going swimming and picnicking.
- 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 grandchildren and I are taking a nature walk
- My grandchildren are playing in the parks
- My grandchildren are playing in the parks
- My grandkids and I are admiring the native plants.
- my grandkids and me are golfing
- 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 grandkids golfing
- My grandson and I fish from fishing pier several mornings per month.
- My husband and I are bicycling on trails so plentiful there is no crowding
- My husband and I are biking in the afternoons before dark.
- My husband and I are biking, walking and bird watching all year at the Sucker Lake-Vadnais Lake Regional Park.
- My husband and I are cross country skiing
- My husband and I are enjoying a day golfing
- My husband and I are enjoying biking on the trails
- My husband and I are going hiking.
- My husband and I are golfing at Keller golf course. And having dinner and a beverage on the patio there
- My husband and I are hiking/bird watching at Tamarack Nature Center.
- My husband and I are kayak fishing in the summer
- My husband and I are out on our SUPs
- My husband and I are riding bikes on the trails
- My husband and I are taking walks on park trails
- My husband and I are walking on trails so plentiful there is no crowding
- My husband and I bring our kayaks to the park lakes and paddle for relaxation.
- My husband and i taking relaxing walk

- My kid and I are biking on regional trails
- My kid and I are walking regional trails and seeing a great transformation in the parks due to a large amount of invasives (buckthorn, garlic mustard, Japanese honeysuckle, wild parsnip) being managed rather harming plant habitat and park ecosystems.
- My kid is riding on a pump track
- My kids and are fishing on summer evenings.
- My kids and I (and extended family) go boating, swimming, and fishing at Long Lake in the summer evenings
- My kids and I are bringing friends to the park
- My kids and I are exploring local trails and kayaking on nice days.
- My kids and I are fossil hunting on the trails by the river.
- My kids and I are golfing at ponds at battle creek
- My kids and I are headed to the park for a picnic
- My kids and I are hiking on nature trails
- My kids and I are hitting balls at the range and working on our putting
- My kids and I are learning to cross country ski.
- My kids and I are mountain biking
- My kids and I are playing disc golf in the winter
- My kids and I are riding bikes on mountain bike trails
- My kids and I are safely biking with a tagalong bike and a burley attachment to me and my partner's bikes.
- My kids and I are using single track mountain bike trails
- My kids and I are using the expanded mountain bike courses in the northern part of the county followed by a picnic and playing on a playground.
- 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 and I attend festivals, events, and scavenger hunts at long Lake during the Weekends
- My kids and I love watching the night sky at Long Lake in the evening hours
- My kids and I walk our trails with our dog. My boyfriend bikes to work every day along the various trails. In summer evenings we swim at battle creek and during the day we have utilized our public beaches.
- My kids and I went out for a walk at the parks.
- My kids and I were fishing
- My kids are attending a variety of free programs hosted by the park
- My kids are attending events to learn how to increase sustainability
- My kids are getting involved in organized programs through the park system.
- My kids are going on playgrounds that are safe for all children
- My kids are hiking and swimming
- 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 golfing
- My kids skating
- My kids, grandkids and I are golfing.
- My kids, grandkids and I are having picnics, hiking and taking walks
- My kids, grandkids and I are skating
- My kids, me, siblings, and parents golf at the ponds at least 6 times per season and use the driving range and participate in first tee
- My mother went for a walk, but I usually skateboarding next to her.
- My partner and I are playing tennis in the fall.
- My partner and I are skiing.
- My partner and I bike trails
- My partner and I golf at the ponds at battle creek
- My partner and I skate at outdoor arenas
- My photography-inclined family members & friends are in a low-use park area to do wildlife photography.
- My son and I are fishing
- My son and I are going fishing on a Sunday.
- My son and I are going to a splash pad at a Ramsey county park.
- My son and I are golfing at Ponds of Battle Creek
- My son and I are taking golf lessons at the Ponds of Battle Creek
- My son and I go to open skate or open hockey
- My son and I hit balls at the driving range at battle creek golf course
- My son and I play golf at battle creek golf course in the summer
- My son is biking at the bike park
- My son is biking at the bike park
- 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 son is swimming in a local lake
- my son, grandson and I are playing golf together
- My son, grandsons and I golf the Ponds often and will continue to do so.
- my son, wife and I golf at Ponds at Battle Creek
- My spouse and I are using a paved biking trail from Summit Hill all the way to Stillwater.
- My spouse and I are waking our dog on park trails in winter and summer
- My whole family golfs once a week at the ponds
- My wife and are hiking on trails
- My wife and hope to be golfing at the Ponds twice a week
- My wife and I are bicycling on regional trails connected to Saint Paul bikeways
- 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 going golfing at The Battle Creek golf course
- My wife and I are golfing at the county courses.
- My wife and I are kayaking in the summer
- My wife and I are walking and biking on county pathways
- My wife and I are walking on the trails
- My wife and I are walking on trails all year round
- My wife and I are walking on trails in the spring, summer, and fall months.
- My wife and I are walking our dogs at the dog park.
- 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 wife and I bicycle on the bike paths.
- My wife and I enjoy daily morning walks
- My wife and I walk our little dog every day and many evenings
- My wife and I walk the Battle Creek park trails at night.
- My wife and kids and I are playing disc golf in a beautiful new Como Park disc golf course.
- My wife and kids walk along with me. This is an outstanding space. The Ponds also preserved habitat for our treasure monarch butterfly and many geese.
- My wife is playing Rec league roller derby in the summer
- My work team and I are renting canoes and life jackets for a paddling staff meeting in the morning.
- My youngest still uses the playground while my older kids and I practice baseball at the park
- Nature Center classes, camp
- Night markets or activities
- Night walks that are safe
- Nine-hole golfing
- Non-traditional Minnesotan outdoor activity that Minnesotans can learn about
- Nordic and skate skiing on groomed trails enjoying the winter season
- Nordic skiing is still important to me, and groomed trails make it easier as I get older. Skating is less important to me, but my teen kids enjoy it
- 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.
- One afternoon at an event with traditional dances.
- One thing I probably won't be able to do is play golf since golf courses are removed and not concerned needed by local officials.
- open skating at an ice arena with my kids
- Open Skating, hockey practice, indoor soccer.
- Or I would be playing disc golf with spouse and friends.
- Organizing yearly event in Summer
- Otherwise, I would be riding bicycles with my spouse
- Our family is enjoying a walk.
- Our family is enjoying a walk.
- Our family is golfing at Ponds it the most affordable golf course in the area and is also part of the Youth On Course program where it makes it affordable for young people to play, \$5-\$15 a round.
- Our family is having a picnic at a park shelter
- Our family is hiking or biking on a paved trail
- Our family is hosting a social gathering.
- Our family is hosting a social gathering.
- 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.
- Our family talking walks in restored native prairies, looking for pollinators.
- Our son is playing hockey at the High School level.
- Outdoors
- 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
- Park circulator shuttle takes people to the park from around the city
- Park walks
- Parking my car at a trailhead / park parking lot to ride my bike
- parks
- Participating in public events, music, discussions, or tours.
- participating in triathlon.
- Pavilions, sledding, crosses country, hiking, snowboarding,
- PBC
- PBC
- PBC
- Picnic at a picnic table
- Picnic at park
- picnic grounds- fireplaces in winter
- Picnic with my family in the summertime
- Picnic with students or friends
- Picnicking
- Picnicking
- Picnicking and relaxing near a lake, golfing
- Picnicking in the parks
- Picnicking with friends and kids
- Picnicking with pals
- Picnics
- Picnics
- Picnics
- picnics on weekends & evenings
- Picnics with family/grandchildren
- Place to Hike, enjoyment of the scenery
- Plan to walk and jog around the trails of the different parks
- Play areas for children and Grandparents
- Play golf and snowshoe
- Play golf at ponds of battle creek
- Play golf at the ponds or other course
- Play golf with friends
- Play Golf with my kids and friends for years at the Ponds Golf
- Play golf with my wife
- played sports and activities with friends, ate food, tried new things i never have
- Playground in summer spring fall
- Playground time with grandchildren

- Playground with my son
- Playgrounds
- Playgrounds with children
- Playgrounds with kids, weeknight evenings or weekends anytime
- Playing 9 at Battle Creek
- Playing 9 holes of golf with my friends at The Ponds
- Playing 9 holes of golf with my kids at The Ponds
- Playing a round of golf with my friends
- Playing a round of golf with my friends
- Playing adult sports in a league (made of individuals not preformed teams)
- Playing at the dog park
- Playing at the nature playground
- Playing disc golf at a permanent course in battle Creek Park.
- Playing disc golf at Long Lake Regional Park in the summer
- Playing Disc Golf in both summer and winter
- Playing disc golf with my friends and family every week. St. Paul is in serious need of some disc golf courses. It's a fun and healthy activity that can be enjoyed by all.
- Playing disc golf, year-round.
- Playing games with grandchildren
- Playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing Golf
- Playing golf
- playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing golf
- Playing golf after school
- playing golf at Battle Creek
- Playing golf at battle creek
- Playing golf at Battle Creek
- Playing golf at Battle Creek
- playing golf at Goodrich
- Playing golf at Ponds of Battle Creek
- Playing golf at RC courses
- Playing golf at The Ponds
- Playing golf at the Ponds
- Playing golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Playing golf at The Ponds in the evening
- Playing golf at the Ponds.
- Playing golf at the Ponds. The only course in southern Ramsey County.
- Playing golf during retirement
- Playing golf hopefully with my grandkids at the Ponds, ideal for children to learn.
- Playing golf i
- Playing golf on the well-maintained county courses.
- Playing golf tennis pickle ball when snow is gone
- Playing golf with friends and family
- Playing golf with friends and family
- Playing golf with my son and daughter :)
- Playing golf, or hitting the range
- Playing golf, riding the bike trails, grandchildren using one of the beaches
- Playing golf.
- Playing Golf. Walking in Summer. Winter trails are too icy
- Playing hockey at many arenas
- playing hockey at the outdoor rink
- Playing hockey in both indoor arenas like the west side rink and outdoor rinks
- Playing hockey indoors & outdoors
- Playing hockey primarily at West Side Arena
- Playing hockey with my family
- Playing in a dog park
- playing on playground equipment
- playing on playground equipment
- Playing tennis and pickle ball
- Playing tennis on nice courts
- Playing tennis with family and friends
- Playing tennis with my friends
- Playing the golf courses of the Twin cities area including the Ponds
- Playing volleyball at a park
- Playing volleyball, pickleball and frisbee with friends and family
- Playing with grandchildren.
- Please Keep The Ponds (Best Golf Course EVER)
- Ponds at Battle Creek is a destination for golfers and families. I see kids and family spend time on the range and in the clubhouse ordering food and drinks. Ponds at Battle Creek is the only sufficient and family-oriented golf range. By taking away this course, the County will lose out financially to private courses which are not family oriented.
- Ponds at Battle Creek. Don't close it. It serves so many people of all backgrounds.
- Ponds Golf course. Love it.
- Practicing my archery skills with my husband
- Program staff needs to be informed about needs of that person, as well as other participants – to educate everyone so it is a good experience for everyone.
- Programming opportunities increased. New faces trying new things.
- Put some action with our words.
- Reading in the park.
- Regarding the comment on housing when we think of the encampment of this past season.
- Regular visits to the off-leash dog park
- Relaxing in shade at lake
- Relaxing on a beach
- rent ice time
- Renting a boat or bike to use at the park
- Renting a kayak for myself or a canoe for me and a family member on a local lake
- Renting a kayak on a summer evening
- 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 a bike
- Riding a bike from town to town
- Riding a bike from town to town
- Riding bike
- Riding bike
- Riding bike in park
- riding bikes
- riding bikes
- Riding bikes on the trails
- Riding bikes on trails in spring through fall
- Riding bikes on trails.
- Riding on safe trails
- Riding on safe trails

- Roller skating in a dedicated outdoor rink with friends and family
- Roller skating in an outdoor rink
- Roller skating!
- Roller-skate with my cousin
- Running
- Running
- Running along trails
- Running and biking on trails with my kids
- Safe archery in park closer to Woodbury
- Safe place to make friends
- Same as I did 5 years ago, I would not change
- Saturday afternoon, at Silver Lake or Island Lake Park. I would like to smell different kinds of food, see children of different races playing together.
- 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
- Shooting with friends at the archery field
- Simulator golf in winter
- Singletrack Biking with my husband
- sitting in public fire pits enjoying a summer night with friends and family
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating
- Skating and biking on the trails
- Skating and skiing in the winter
- Skating arenas
- Skating at Aldrich with friends
- Skating at arena
- Skating in an arena
- Skating in an arena with Grandson
- Skating in an arena.
- Skating in the arena's
- Skating indoor and outdoor
- skating indoors - renting skates
- skating on ponds, lakes
- skating on the lakes
- skating on the lakes
- Skating outside
- Skating with grandkids
- Skating/Hockey
- Ski in early AM (7:30-9:30)
- Skiing
- Skiing
- Skiing
- skiing
- skiing
- Skiing in one of many cross-country ski areas available
- Skiing in one of many cross-country ski areas available
- Skiing in winter
- skiing on beautiful trails
- skiing on man-made snow trails
- Skiing on the winter trails on the weekend.
- Skiing on trails (winter)
- Skiing, ice skating
- Skiing, sledding in the winter
- sledding
- Sledding
- Sledding
- Sledding and skating in winter
- Sledding in the winter
- Sledding with family and friends
- Sledding with my kids
- Sledding/ice skating
- Sledding/ice skating
- Sledging in winter
- Snow shoeing on the golf course
- Snow shoeing, live outdoor music
- snowshoe/snow-walks with family in winter
- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- Snowshoeing
- snowshoeing during the winter days
- Snowshoeing in Battle Creek Park
- Snowshoeing in woodland setting
- Snowshoeing on trails
- Snowshoeing on trails in winter
- Snowshoeing on winter trails
- Snowshoeing with family at a park close to home
- snowshoeing with friends, ice skating on rinks
- snowshoeing, skiing, sledding in winter
- Solo Bike - X country ski
- Some golf
- Some of my family love to fish
- Some part of the park reminds me of Thailand
- Sometimes use playgrounds if w children
- Spend time on playgrounds
- Spending an afternoon with ladies league playing golf
- Spending lots of family time golfing
- Start teaching Kids to Golf
- Still going to the dog park
- Still golfing at the 4 golf courses
- still golfing during good weather
- Still hiking and maybe even mountain biking
- Still meditating and journaling while listening to nature and quiet all around me.
- Still playing golf (and would especially like to still be playing at the Ponds at Battle Creek)
- Still walking
- Stop this insanity.
- Stopping at a food truck (not a restaurant) to eat and have a beer.
- Stopping at ponds, the forest and prairies to look for wildlife.
- Students able to get out in quiet with nature - as a stress reliever
- summer concert on the lawn with a picnic
- Summer daytime canoeing
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming and chilling at the beach
- Swimming and fishing at Lake Johanna, etc.
- Swimming at Battle Creek with kids.
- Swimming at natural lakes in summer not water park
- Swimming at snail lake
- Swimming at the beach
- swimming at the beaches
- Swimming at the public beach
- Swimming boating
- Swimming in summer and ice skating/sledding in winter.
- Swimming in the lakes
- Swimming in the summer
- Swimming with my dog at a dog beach

- Swimming, indoor walking track
- Swinging at local parks
- 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 bike ride with my kids
- Taking a romantic walk in the spring with significant other, and other couples.
- taking a walk
- Taking a walk
- 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 hikes
- Taking my dog for socializing at RC OLDA. The park has a small dog area, lighting, heated pavilion.
- Taking my dog on a walk around lake Vadnais (for some reason many trails are not open to dogs)
- Taking my dog to the dog park
- Taking my dog to the off-leash park and letting her run or cool off in the water
- Taking my grandkids golfing and fishing
- Taking my grandkids to playground
- Taking my great grandkids on nature walks
- Taking my kids sledding
- Taking my kids sledding in the winter
- Taking my kids to summer golf camps and playing The Ponds at Battle Creek golf course.
- Taking my nephews and nieces out fishing
- Taking our dog to the dog park
- Taking our dog to the dog parks year-round
- Taking our granddaughter fishing
- Taking the dog for daily walks - summer and winter
- Taking the grandkids to the water parks, walking & biking on trails, enjoying family picnics, playing golf during retirement
- Taking the kids to battle creek water park
- teaching kids to skate
- Teens are there swimming
- tending the community wild foods/ native food forest
- Tennis, golfing, and walking with friends close to home.
- The arenas have shifted to highest best use - not just ice, but ball sports and games that we have never seen before.
- The democrats have defunded the police
- The family is having a reunion picnic
- The park has special events featuring different cultural foods
- The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course
- The ponds to Golf with friends and family, or sending our money somewhere else if closed
- 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
- The whole family is going for a good long safe bike ride
- There are events and activities for us to explore and try new things.
- There're more ski trails.
- There's more wooded spaces and fewer golf courses.
- this is a dumb question, and I don't know how to answer it
- This is a ridiculous question for how to revamp the golf course. There is no space for good trails or fishing
- To the golf course to play golf
- trail biking- asphalt, not mountain
- trail hiking
- Trail running
- Trail Running an event at the park
- trail walking
- Trail walking/running
- Trail with stops for strength and weight exercise
- Try to leave for a short time to warmer climes in winter
- Try to walk on trails
- Tuj lub
- unfortunately, I am physically unable to golf, bike, or walk anymore, but
- would hate to see anything close to prevent those who are able from using the facilities
- Use open picnic areas
- Use trails for hiking and skiing
- Using a bathroom at the park
- Using a bathroom at the park
- Using dog park
- Using protected bike lanes and off-street trails
- Using the battle creek water park
- Using the bike trails.
- Using the Dog Park
- using the open spaces for a variety of games
- Using the parks year round
- Using the parks year round
- Viewing Mother Nature in its natural state
- Visit dog parks.
- Visiting Playgrounds
- Visiting the dog parks!
- visiting the nature centers, trails and outdoors
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- Visiting the waterpark with my kids, friends and family regularly
- Volunteer for First Tee program at The Ponds
- Waking trails all seasons w dog
- Walk
- Walk
- Walk and bike the trails
- Walk around and point out horticulture.
- Walk around parks
- Walk at the dog park
- Walk Battle Creek parks
- Walk frequently on trails
- Walk on trails
- Walk or drive to view blooming trees
- Walk our dogs every morning in the Fish Creek area.
- Walk the trails at battle creek
- Walk with spouse
- walked and biked Battle creek park
- walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking

- Walking trails with friends all year
- Walking trails year-round in preserve
- Walking trails, fishing if available, using swimming area's if there adequate.
- Walking Villa Park trails daily
- Walking winter trails
- Walking with a spouse
- walking with dog
- walking with family
- Walking with family in nature
- walking with friends & dogs on weekends & evenings
- walking with friends in a nearby park
- Walking with friends, walking dog
- Walking with my dog after work
- Walking with my dog every day
- Walking with my friends
- 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 with my wife
- Walking with my wife 1 or 2 times per week during summer. Biking through and around BC Park solo and on group rides 2 - 3 times per week
- Walking year round on park trails
- walking, fishing, golfing
- Walking, jogging, taking photographs, enjoying nature in the parks year-around.
- Walking, observing nature
- Walking, or Golfing
- Walking, picnicking, using the playgrounds.
- Walking, x country, biking, dog park on the battle creek/Afton park trails
- Walking/ running
- Walking/ snowshoeing on winter trails
- Walking/biking trails
- Walking/hiking
- Walking/hiking for 3-5 miles at least.
- walking/hiking various trails in the system, enjoying the outdoors. Long Lake & Rice Creek most likely
- walking/hiking/biking on trails in spring, summer, fall
- Walking/running by myself in the parks / trails
- Walks
- Walks that are safe
- Walks year round
- Watching
- Watching birds as I walk
- Watching grandkids playing hockey at arenas
- 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 hockey
- Watching my grandkids play baseball/soccer.
- Watching my kids play hockey at Harding Arena.
- Watching my kids play sports
- 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 attending a Pride picnic with our kid and their partner
- We are biking around white bear lake
- We are canoeing on Keller Lake.
- We are canoeing on lakes
- We are cross country skiing
- We are enjoying an added archery range.
- We are enjoying the lakes! Fishing, swimming, water skiing, music by the water at Tally's, skating on the frozen lake
- We are enjoying the parks.
- We are enjoying the sights and sounds of nature and find the RC parks has changed course to care for the flora and fauna in its regional parks.
- We are enjoying trails, ice skating, skiing.
- We are fishing
- We are fishing and golfing
- We are going boating and fishing on white bear and snail
- We are going to known local parks, playgrounds and gyms
- We are golfing on a beautiful spring day at The Ponds of Battle Creek
- We are Golfing together
- We are hanging out on the promenade at Como Lake. We don't need to buy over-priced food from the restaurant to have access to the promenade. And that includes being able to sit on the promenade with our leashed pets.
- We are hiking
- We are joining classes for canoeing, arts/crafts, nature education
- We are kayaking
- We are meeting multiple families for a picnic / BBQ
- We are on updated playgrounds
- We are play on playgrounds.
- We are renting a kayak or canoe and paddling on Rice Creek
- We are riding our bike on bike trails
- We are skating at the arenas with our kids.
- We are still walking, though shorter distances, I fear.
- We are swimming and would love pools, lakes and splash pads!
- We are swimming in clean lakes
- We are using the trails in Northern Ramsey County for all our activities and they are well maintained (unlike now)
- We are visiting playgrounds, beaches, and dog parks
- We are walking at lake Vadnais. Walking our dogs.
- We are walking in all the trails
- We are walking in winter (on plowed trails)
- We are walking our dogs to the dog park
- We do everything in the Ramsey county parks
- We enjoy sledding, ice skating, and swimming, splash pads
- We enjoy snowshoeing together
- We fish but on Gem Lake or WBL. Lots of walking and biking.
- We Fish, We Golf, We go to Battle Creek Golf Course
- we go fishing on weekends and utilize the golf courses a lot

- We go golfing at the Ponds
- We go hiking every weekend, even in the winter
- We go hiking on the natural trails and can ski in the winter.
- We go swimming
- We golf at the BC course on The Weekends
- we golf in league at ponds
- We have a lake to walk all the way around
- We have access to a variety of natural habitat, including the grasslands between Battle Creek Park and the Correctional Facility
- We have been working a lot is informing staff about autism, and how it presents.
- we have family in St Paul, so we utilize parks and trails with them
- We have had picnics in many of the parks. We have gone on many walks, bike rides, and runs in the parks also!
- We hike year-round on trails
- we host graduation gatherings in one of the picnic areas with shelters/kitchens
- We like to visit the range weekly
- We love to go fishing at the river with my family.
- We need to make participants feel welcome to participate in activities.
- We need to make sure people can reach.
- We often go to The Ponds at Battle Creek to play 9 holes of golf. Both evenings and weekends.
- We play golf
- We ride mountain bikes at battle Creek. We use the water park and playground at battle Creek
- We take our dogs to Battle Creek dog park a few times a week.
- We use the driving range and practice green at the Ponds frequently
- we visit a lot of the parks as well
- We walk 2-3 times a week year around. We go sledding with our grandkids 2-3 a winter.
- We walk and bike trails throughout the year
- We walk around the parks
- We walk at Battle Creek park 5-6 times a week with our dog.
- We walk at pleasantview
- We walk on trails
- We walk our dog in a few parks in the south area
- We walk trails
- We will be walking the trails, fishing, skating, and enjoying the parks with our grandchildren. Biking around lake trails
- Weekly golfing with friends or my wife.
- 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.
- We're enjoying a splash pad on a hot summer afternoon
- We're finding play areas with water for older kids (middle school)
- We're going on a walk with the dog on trails.
- What can the land be? What we have now, what needs to change? How can we leverage our park spaces for other uses? (Housing, pretty unique community space, group camp area, picnic areas in the woods
- When I play golf, I enjoy the beauty's landscape at The Ponds and have seen many beautiful sunsets
- When you do the land acknowledgment, the county needs to commit to pipeline 3, which does not align with first peoples' – land acknowledgment: back it up with actions: listening to the Dakota people.
- Wife and I are canoeing
- Wildlife center to walk to and help learn and preserve land
- winter activities - having fun while being warm
- Winter at hockey rinks, walking trails
- Winter evening skiing
- Winter snowshoeing and hiking
- With family/friends, I'm snowshoeing on a nature trail somewhere close to home.
- Working with other people to restore native habitat
- Would like to have a water park pass with a lazy river
- Would love to see 3-4 high quality volleyball sand courts at Battle Creek with adjustable nets. See Lake Elmo city park for building guides!!!
- XC skiing at RC regional parks
- XC skiing in winter on the trails
- XC skiing on open space
- XC skiing through pine stands, deep breath of fresh air
- XC skiing with family at Battle Creek Regional Park
- XC skiing, hiking, biking, paddling, swimming with my family and friends
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing on winter trails
- Your format, don't fix what isn't broke

4. What are you seeing? Hearing?

This question was asked primarily in the online survey and participants could offer multiple responses. There were approximately 1,685 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs... What are you seeing, hearing?

- [illegible]

- Birds
- Birds
- birds
- Birds & Nature
- Birds and frogs in the ponds
- Birds and nature creatures no frogs
- birds and other animals
- Birds and other animals
- Birds and wildlife
- Birds and wildlife
- Birds and wildlife at Battle Creek golf
- Birds are chirping and people walking in nature
- birds calling
- Birds chirping
- Birds chirping
- Birds chirping
- Birds singing
- Birds singing
- Birds, and wind in the trees.
- Birds, animals
- Birds, animals
- Birds, animals
- Birds, bees, squirrels, frogs, wildlife in general.
- Birds, children laughing, deer.
- birds, frogs,
- Birds, frogs, etc.
- Birds, frogs, hawks, eagles, bees
- Birds, frogs, insects, and other nature sounds
- birds, frogs, insects, and other nature sounds
- Birds, nature, enjoying the natural ponds with lily pads at Ponds of Battle Creek Golf course
- Birds, sunshine and people.
- Birds, turkeys, ducks, geese, deer, squirrels, and other wildlife.
- Birds, turtles
- Birds, watching different species of wildlife looking for food and enjoying themselves.
- Birdsong no matter what time of day is just the best
- birdwatching
- blue skies and the sound of my skis in the snow
- Blue skies, green grass, and fresh air.
- boat: sunshine, birds, some distant laughter and play
- Boaters
- Boats and people on the water in summer
- Butterflies
- Butterflies @ Ponds of Battle Creek.
- Butterflies, bees, and mosquito sound
- Celebrations/music
- Change of seasons, trees and plants
- Change of seasons, trees and plants
- Children
- Children
- Children chatter
- Children families and retirees
- Children having fun
- Children laughing
- Children laughing
- Children laughing
- children laughing and having fun
- Children laughing and playing
- children laughing, cheering, and having fun
- children laughing, people talking, bird sounds, frog croaking
- Children playing at the playground and feeding the ducks
- Children running freely
- Children screaming
- Clean and welcoming spaces, where you can hear birds and people
- Clean facilities
- Clean facilities and grounds
- clean healthy water flowing
- clean healthy water flowing
- Clean water
- clean water and well-kept grass, paved paths, park security, children freely playing.
- Clear, clean water in streams, lakes, ponds
- comfortable trails
- Communities meeting
- Communities participating in diverse, year-round programming and activities offered.
- community activity, people using amenities
- Community events like fundraise, religion event for baptism, easter eggs hunting, cultural event, birthday party, graduation party
- Community involvement, fresh air, wide open spaces
- community use
- Concerned about closing golf courses
- course
- Coyote now and again
- Cultural groups attending an activity.
- Culturally relevant activities to attracting more people to come out to the parks and programming.
- Cyclists
- Cyclists
- Deer
- Deer, Turkey, racoon, fox, all kinds of birds, wildflowers, trees, ducks, swans, muskrat, beaver,
- Definitely hearing birds, geese, frogs and ducks.
- 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.
- Digs
- Diverse group at The Ponds at Battle Creek. Both ethnicity and age.
- Diverse group of people enjoying the weather and the game of golf
- Diversity in people (ethnic, gender, age, etc.)
- Diversity of age, gender, race
- Diversity of bird song, and a diversity of people enjoying nature
- Diversity... different people sharing stories of different backgrounds while playing a round at The Ponds. No, wait. That (and everything listed above) already happens at The Ponds.
- docks
- Dog park is busy but not crowded
- Dog's barking
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs barking
- Dogs barking and growling at the walkers.
- Dogs barking and playing
- dogs barking. wildlife scurrying around
- Dogs having a good time
- Drive by the ponds and watch how packed it is

- Driving range
- Duck eggs
- Ducks poop everywhere at the grass and the beach
- Ducks, Geese, Deer and other wildlife @ Battle Creek Golf Course
- Eagles.
- Education about clean lakes and ponds, harms that cause wildlife. Programming in the parks to learn about environmental topics and issues.
- Enjoy being outdoors and using parks year round
- Enjoy seeing birds and wildlife
- Enjoyed watching people enjoy winter activities at Tamarack Nature Center
- Enjoying listening to people on the patio at the ponds golf course
- Enjoying nature
- enjoying the outdoors
- Ensuring a safe surrounding and environment
- Everyone around me has their own re-useable bag. You see neighbors and many other familiar faces and stop to say Hi. There is live music playing, food trucks, and beer and coffee stands.
- Everyone loves ponds
- Everything I heard is the same as before
- Excitement of fish being caught
- Experiencing a wild environment in the city
- Expressions of joy and exhilarations, laughter
- Extensive use, enjoyment, free access, well-kept facilities, appropriate lighting throughout the parks.
- Fabulous prairie flowers and wildlife on golf course
- Fairways, greens and parts i never wanted to visit
- Families
- Families chatting and walking on loops, stopping to chat and enjoy the unique Minnesota ecosystem
- Families enjoying golfing and the sounds of nature
- Families grilling or getting together
- families having fun
- families talking / having fun
- Families walking with dogs
- Families walking with dogs. Deer and wildlife around
- Family and friend Activities
- family conversation
- Feral cats should be eliminated because of threats to birds!
- fire crackling, crickets
- Fish jumping
- Fish jumping and the ripples spreading
- Fish on the end of my line
- Fishing
- Flowers
- Flowers
- For the most part when I go, I see kids still playing basketball and football laughing. Then you have some children that's at the park but sit on their phones all day
- Fore!
- Fore!
- Freeway
- Freeway
- Freeway
- Friendly chatter
- Friends
- Friends
- Friends
- friends
- friends
- Friends and community members
- Friends and families enjoying golf.
- Friends and family enjoying the outdoors
- Friends and neighbors
- Friends and neighbors watching their kids with us
- Friends and others are golfing
- Friends getting exercise while enjoying a round of golf.
- Friends laughing
- Friends laughing
- friends sledding and skiing and walking
- Friends talking
- Friends, birds, frogs, insects
- Friends, family, and neighbors
- Friends, landscaped and natural terrain, green space
- friends/kids talking and laughing
- Frogs
- frogs
- Frogs in the spring are awesome
- Frogs, nature sounds, and a plethora of rare butterflies are at the many ponds at the Ponds
- Gang shootings
- Garbage running over bins
- Gardens, meditative spaces, public art, playground equipment, fire circles and grills, picnic benches
- Gathering meeting friends
- General outdoor sounds. See friends at the course. Enjoying one of only 3 areas in So. Maple wood to relax.
- Gentle water, wind, etc.
- Go out and play golf
- Going into the water on the beach or somewhere on the lake
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf and nature sounds
- Golf and nature surroundings
- Golf and the ponds it's surrounded by
- Golf at Ponds!
- Golf balls being hit
- Golf balls get hit poorly into water
- Golf balls going into a pond. The sound of a well hit golf ball with friends
- Golf balls smack
- Golf course bar is friendly and occupied
- Golf course sounds
- Golf course.
- Golf courses are so beautiful and relaxing
- Golf courses provide beautiful green spaces.
- Golf gives me an opportunity to reconnect with friends - a foursome or an event that we hold.
- Golfers
- Golfers golfing
- golfers swearing (actually having fun outdoors)
- Golfing
- Golfing
- Golfing
- Golfing
- golfing at Ponds
- Golfing at the Ponds of Battle Creek

- Good conversation.
- Good habitat: Healthy forests, native prairies and wetlands, fewer mowed areas
- Good hearted ribbing on bad shots and yelling for joy on great shots
- Grasses blowing
- Great Conversations
- Great nature and escape while on the course. Be a real shame if the county decided to do away with it.
- Great nature scenes while golfing: birds, trees of all varieties, turtles, deer and even the odd fox now and then
- Great opportunities for larger gatherings to happen while still staying safe
- Great ponds and wildlife. Ramsey county residents enjoying the outdoors at a great good course like the ponds.
- great shots
- Green
- Green energy, EV charging station, more bathrooms
- Green space has been spared from urban development
- Green vibrant nature
- Greenery
- Greeting other hikers as we pass
- Groomed greens/ driving range
- Groomed trails/paths
- Group of youth were playing volleyball, children were play tag, some adults are playing golf
- Gunshots
- Habitat has been maintained for birds, butterflies and other species
- Hanging out at BBQ with friends
- happy families
- Happy people
- Happy people/families
- Healthy activity and good natural use of space.
- Healthy woodlands and prairies.
- Hear and see Birds
- Hear bird and frogs, see turkeys and deer, flowers and insects
- Hear birds
- Hear birds and nature sounds
- Hear birds chirping. Sirens of emergency vehicles
- Hear leaves rustling
- hear nature sounds- creeks and waterfalls
- Hear people golfing
- Hear R&B, jazz, blues music at a facility. Indoors in an arena
- Hearing all walks of life interacting together.
- Hearing and seeing birds and other wildlife
- Hearing and seeing birds. Burdock and buckthorn are cleaned up.
- Hearing and seeing people enjoy golf activities with their friends and family.
- Hearing and seeing wildlife
- Hearing birds
- Hearing birds
- Hearing birds and critters
- Hearing birds and other wildlife
- Hearing birds chirping, flowers, and animals out playing
- Hearing birds, animals, wind, water, skis on snow, paddles in lakes, bikes on trails.
- Hearing birds, squirrels and other wildlife.
- Hearing children's' laughter
- Hearing frogs and birds
- hearing kids
- Hearing kids laughing
- Hearing lots of languages being spoken
- Hearing my golf girlfriends chatting & laughing on the course
- Hearing nature
- hearing nature sounds
- hearing nature sounds
- Hearing nature sounds and seeing lots of people enjoying the trails
- Hearing nature, people walking, talking and lots of laughter.
- Hearing peace and quiet.
- Hearing the sound of kids enjoying each other's company while learning how to play sports.
- Hearing waves, loons, ducks, fish splashing. Seeing sun sets, deer, squirrels,
- Herons, egrets, fox, turtles, hummingbirds.
- highlights of fun activities that can be done in each park
- hockey officials
- Hockey skates
- Homeless encampments
- 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 hope to find some quiet, restful places.
- I also see a lot of broken glass in the parking lot
- I also see beautiful butterflies that will no longer have a sanguinary at The Ponds at Battle Creek. Thanks
- I also see happy birds enjoying the open space a 9-hole golf course provides.
- I always see one guy who run without shoes at Phalen Regional Park
- I am a bird watcher, so I am always looking for and seeing birds. Also enjoy seeing animals and people enjoying the parks
- I am for this.
- I am golfing and visiting with friends.
- I am hearing chains smashed by plastic discs and happy families enjoying the game.
- I am hearing families chatting, but it is mostly quiet - maybe hearing local music or artists with a Native background
- I am hearing laughter from kids participating in youth sports.
- I am hearing less toad noise and more birds chirping on regional trails
- I am hearing music, kids are laughing, and some are crying because they don't want to leave the playground.
- I am hearing my siblings laughing and running in the park. I see birds and beautiful flowers all around us.
- 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 listening to birds and observing wildlife at Fish Creek.
- I am looking at a restaurant in the park.

- I am marveling over fall colors
- I am meeting neighbors and making friends playing golf
- I am seeing 500+ members of the Mounds View Irondale Hockey community at the ice arenas.
- I am seeing a great deal of diversity (economically and ethnically) in the parks and golf course (The Ponds) near my home. The ecological balance affords me to experience a variety of birds, plants, deer, and other animals. Since I do not live near my grandchildren, I also get to hear the sounds of children playing and enjoying being out of doors.
- I am seeing a lot of mosquitos
- I am seeing all the ducks, geese, egrets, and other wildlife in the ponds on the course.
- I am seeing diversity in the population utilizing the parks
- I am seeing family & friends running around and enjoying being in the outdoors.
- I am seeing ice lanterns and lights hanging from trees, hearing others talking softly.
- I am seeing increased crime
- I am seeing lots of community at the hockey rinks, they are a place to gather in the winter
- I am seeing lots of undeveloped, natural landscape in the regional parks
- 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 people of all colors and backgrounds playing golf on the excellent Maplewood courses
- I am seeing safe crossings for peds and cycling with clear painted and signed intersections followed by adequate parking at trailheads.
- I am seeing swimmers, lifeguards, others' paddleboards/kayaks/canoes.
- I am seeing trees, flowers, lakes/water. I hear nature. When passing along a shelter or more crowded area, I see and hear other people playing, laughing, talking. I pass some people on the trail but am able to have some areas along the trail where it is quiet and less congested.
- I am seeking other individuals and families
- I am smelling less goose poo at the beaches
- I am trying out snow shoeing for the first time
- I am with high school teams with parent cheering
- I am with my family trying something new (maybe archery or something else active).
- I appreciate the wooded and fresh air of the parks
- I can hear the frogs and owls.
- I do not hear city sounds!
- I do not see damaged from vehicles, overspray of herbicides or unnecessary boardwalks.
- I don't hear cars
- I don't hear and see much because it's winter and quiet and there aren't a lot of people on the trail
- I don't hear many voices - people are enjoying nature and respecting others wishes to be outside in nature.
- I don't see a lot of eroded landscape from bikes
- I don't see any pollution and/or flooding.
- I don't see encroachment into the parks from neighboring landowners
- I don't see large groups of people
- I drive past playgrounds and see children playing and parents chatting (not looking at their phones...)
- I enjoy golfing while enjoying the seasons
- I enjoy hearing families enjoying the playgrounds, having picnics or playing music sitting on a blanket on the grass.
- I enjoy seeing lakes clear of algae and invasive weeds
- I enjoy seeing so many people active
- I enjoy the beautiful golf course with ponds and winding trails
- I enjoy the native plants and butterflies at the golf course.
- I enjoy the nature at battle creek, Phalen, and other parks
- I enjoy the vistas and views on/from the golf course
- I enjoy the year-round nature
- I enjoy walking around the lakes and exchanging smiles with the other walkers
- 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 have made many new friends while playing golf
- I have played golf at the ponds since 2005 and have played with people from all over the world from different cultural and racial backgrounds.
- I have seen many children being introduced to the beautiful game of golf every summer.
- I have several friends and neighbors that use the parks many of all races and ethnicities use the Ponds Golf Course
- I hear & see birds, frogs, turtles, butterflies & more
- I hear / see wildlife and birds in varying areas of sun / shade / meadows / wetlands
- I hear a wide variety of languages spoken and see sign language being used
- I hear ALL of my friends, including ALL my minority friends, laughing heartily at me playing golf along with them
- I hear all of the above nature sounds and children laughing and having fun.
- I hear and see a variety of wildlife
- I hear and see animals and birds.
- I hear and see nature
- I hear and see nature sounds, water, birds, frogs
- I hear and see nature without the noise of busy roads

- I hear and see the return of endangered species because RC Parks have started to care for nature.
- I hear birds
- I hear birds
- I hear birds
- I hear birds and crickets
- I hear birds and frogs
- I hear birds and frogs and other nature sounds as well as people talking.
- I hear birds and frogs and the wind in the trees.
- I hear birds and frogs. I also hear people talking and laughing.
- I hear birds and NOT loud engines, loud voices or music.
- I hear birds and occasionally other walker on the park paths.
- I hear birds and other nature sounds
- I hear birds and other nature sounds
- I hear birds and pollinators.
- I hear birds and see deer in the parks
- I hear birds and see other people appreciating nature
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds and see wildlife.
- I hear birds and squirrels rustling nearby
- I hear birds and the wind whistling in the leaves
- I hear birds chirping
- I hear birds chirping
- I hear birds chirping
- I hear birds chirping, children at the park laughing, and my husband telling me about the big fish that got away.
- I hear birds chirping, friends chatting, children laughing
- I hear birds everywhere
- I hear birds singing
- I hear birds singing
- I hear birds singing
- I hear birds singing and crickets chirping. Leaves crunching
- I hear Birds singing and Frogs chirping.
- I hear birds singing in the spring
- I hear birds singing, frogs, woodpeckers and smell a variety of nature smells.
- I hear birds, breeze, laughing.
- I hear birds, frogs and other nature sounds
- I hear birds, frogs, and other nature sounds.
- I hear birds, frogs, people/kids laughing, talking.
- I hear birds, frogs, toads and leaves blowing in the wind.
- 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. There is 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, laughter, people talking
- I hear birds, see clean water, rabbits, fish, squirrels, snakes, frogs, butterflies.
- I hear birds, see waterfowl and deer
- I hear birds-I catch fish
- I hear birdsong and insect buzzing
- I hear boat engines and music
- I hear cars
- I hear cars because we are losing green space and frogs are sick from polluted water runoff.
- I hear children
- I hear children and birds
- I hear children and birds
- I hear children laughing
- I hear children laughing
- I hear children laughing
- I hear children laughing and enjoying the splash pad.
- I hear children laughing and parents talking while looking on.
- I hear children laughing.
- I hear children playing
- I hear children playing
- I hear children playing
- I hear children playing on the playground equipment.
- I hear children playing, laughing and learning
- I hear conversation between passing walkers/bikers
- I hear dogs
- I hear dogs barking
- I hear families enjoying a family-oriented area
- I hear families enjoying programming.
- I hear families laughing
- I hear FORE
- I hear friends talking and laughing during and after rounds of golf
- I hear frogs and all animals in the lake, boats, nice homes clean bathrooms
- I hear frogs, birds and laughter
- I hear frogs, birds and laughter
- I hear frogs, birds, and bees in the summer. Mostly silent in the winter. Sometimes voices of other people.
- I hear frogs.
- I hear golf balls being hit
- I hear golfers yelling for
- I hear happiness! Laughter, music, singing
- I hear happy golfers enjoying the Ponds 9-hole layout.
- I hear kids laughing and having fun
- I hear kids laughing and see them learning lifelong activities
- I hear kids laughing and yelling and having fun
- I hear kids laughing.
- I hear kids playing
- I hear kids playing.
- I hear kids shouting
- I hear kindness from other park goers
- I hear laughter
- I hear laughter, music, wind, water.
- I hear light traffic
- I hear live music
- I hear live music
- I hear loons, water lapping - NO speedboats, NO jet skis
- I hear lots of birds, frogs, and insects and see healthy, native plants and animals
- I hear lots of birds. I love bird watching.
- I hear lots of birds. I love bird watching.
- I hear lots of different languages being spoken

- I hear lots of diverse people talking and laughing and having fun.
- I hear lots of nature sounds and running 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 many other people having fun at the course
- I hear many people upset about the golf course of the ponds at Battle Creek closing
- I hear mostly natural sounds. I enjoy hearing and seeing others laughing and enjoying the outdoors all year long.
- I hear much nature
- I hear music from local musicians
- I hear music from the live concert going on in the park.
- 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 my skis against the snow.
- I hear nature
- I hear nature
- I hear nature
- I hear nature
- I hear nature
- I hear nature
- I hear nature all around me as I fish
- I hear nature and peace and quiet
- I hear nature sounds (animals, wind, rustling leaves, water splashing)
- I hear nature sounds all around me and residents enjoying the amenities.
- I hear nature sounds and people talking
- I hear nature sounds near the big pond on hole 4
- I hear nature sounds, running water, birds, frogs
- I hear nature sounds.
- I hear nature sounds.
- I hear nature sounds.
- I hear nature, birds.
- I hear nature.
- 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 dogs barking at my dog and my dog being so well-behaved and not barking back.
- I hear other families
- I hear other families
- I hear other families
- I hear other people biking on the trails
- I hear people cheering their grandkids at an event
- I hear people enjoying being outside golfing
- 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 people talking and laughing
- I hear people talking with one another in this community space
- I hear ppl laughing and having fun. I hear birds, leaves rustling
- I hear quiet and see snow
- I hear road pollution
- I hear silence.
- I hear teens and young adults playing frisbee and volleyball.
- I hear the breeze through grasses and trees
- I hear the canoeing quietly slipping through the water
- I hear the chatting and barking at the dog park
- I hear the geese and the frogs.
- I hear the Kestrels calling as they are nest building. I hear the Bobolinks singing their sweet tinkling sound. I hear Spring Peepers and Leopard Frogs. I spy a Fox.
- I hear the laugh of a friend who has struggled with mental health issues enjoying being outside golfing on an affordable course
- I hear the leaves rustling.
- I hear the quiet sounds of nature.
- I hear the soothing sound of water.
- I hear the soothing sound of water.
- I hear the sounds of a busy lake in summer!
- I hear the sounds of nature including birds and frogs
- I hear the sounds of nature, and not the hum and noise of traffic
- I hear the sounds of nature.
- I hear the sounds of nature.
- I hear the sounds of nature.
- I hear the sounds of nature.
- 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 tons of wildlife
- I hear turkeys and waterfowl and loons
- I hear water from the nearby rivers, lakes, or waterfalls.
- I hear water lapping
- I hear water running
- I hear water splashes from fish and birds
- I hear water.
- I hear wildlife (birds, frogs, woodpeckers)
- I hear wind and laughter at the beach
- I hear wind rustling through the trees.
- I hear wonderful laughter and great conversations
- I heard nothing as the water is peaceful
- I heard others talking
- I heard the sounds of nature when I am in the woods
- 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 hope I do not see a wolf or timber wolf.
- I hope I hear dudes slapping some golf balls
- I hope kids will still be playing soccer and softball
- I hope our parks are still fun for various activities
- I hope to still hear birds and frogs
- I hope to still see butterflies and pollinators
- 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 hear children playing.
- I like to look at the waves of the lake
- I like to see other people without being crowded.
- I like to see the sunrise/sunsets. I also enjoy being in nature.
- I listen for bird sounds, hear the wind rustling the trees and enjoy the nature scenery...
- I look and find deer turkeys rabbits birds
- I love hearing birds, frogs, and water moving.
- I love hearing the various birds and watching the
- I love seeing and hearing the animals.
- I love seeing kids practicing golf
- I love seeing nature and beauty all around me while enjoying golf.
- I love seeing the wildlife
- I love the nature at the Ponds golf course.
- I love to hear all nature sounds, especially at Vadnaia
- I love to see and hear nature on the golf courses and around the parks. Dogs walking their owners and children laughing and playing.
- I many others enjoying the weather
- 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 meet family
- I meet with friends on the course
- I need multiple experiences
- I notice plastics on the side of the trail, and I have noticed a buckthorn problem
- I play golf with the friends I've made at the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course.
- I run into people I know. I hear people greeting each other
- I see a big open green space where I can smell nature
- I see a diverse community - young and old, all skill levels, diversity in gender and ethnicity
- I see a diverse set of people (age, ethnicity, ability) enjoying the area.
- I see a driving range full of people from different walks of life
- I see a golf course close to my home, The Ponds.
- 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 habitat fit for native mammals, amphibians and birds.
- I see a huge demand for disc golf, parks are full, and products are sold out
- I see a lack of clean (open air, safe) facilities able to cope with changes due to covid
- I see a lot of hikers, birders, small mammals
- I see a lot of kids sledding at the hill by the battle Creek school
- I see a lot of litter and garbage
- I see a lot of people enjoying the parks
- I see a lot of people walking on the ski trails and the county not enforcing that ordinance
- I see a lot of snow, trees and wildlife
- I see a nicely groomed trail, it's very quiet.
- I see a place where my autistic son can be safe and us adults are carefree cause he is safe to wonder
- I see a ton of my friends on the golf course at Ponds at Battle Creek, having about 6 groups in a row and having a great time on the course.
- I see a variety of plants & hopefully no invasive species
- I see a variety of wildlife in a natural habitat.
- I see a very diverse community enjoying it all. I smell BBQ, hear all kinds of music, see kites, pets, boats, skateboards and things I don't even recognize.
- I see a well-maintained course, with good paths and landscapes of flowers. My friends comment on how beautiful it is and how much they enjoy the natural beauty they are seeing.
- I see adults exercising playing hockey
- I see all kinds of people from all races and walks of life golfing at the ponds
- I see all kinds of wildlife and hear lots of birds.
- I see all kinds of wildlife on the golf courses
- I see all my friends golfing
- I see all sorts of nature including deer on the backside of the golf course
- I see all sorts of wildlife and flowers at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- I see all the kinds of birds that exist today.
- I see all the wildlife on the golf course.
- I see an area with animals, such as ducks, free in the open space. A place to see animals that is different from the zoo. Or if not, to have information on the animals that are in the surrounding area. That would be amazing.
- I see an occasional eagle fly overhead.
- I see and greet other dog walkers
- I see and hear all kinds of birds and see lots of local flowers and insects
- I see and hear birds and wildlife.
- I see and hear birds on the golf course
- I see and hear birds, animals, and non-invasive plants.
- I see and hear kids
- I see and hear owls
- I see and hear wildlife
- I see and hear wildlife while golfing
- I see beautiful green grass, wildlife, wildflowers, birds, butterflies
- I see beautiful plants and flowers
- I see beautiful snow on the trails.
- I see bikers without dedicated lanes
- I see BIPOC families doing various activities
- I see BIPOC families doing various activities
- I see birds
- I see birds
- I see birds and animals
- I see birds and bugs, I hear children screaming
- I see birds, deer, fox, turtles, fireflies, wild turkeys and other wildlife
- I see bunch of kids having fun
- I see children and adults learning about birds at a new nature center

- I see children enjoying a city park
- I see children playing and having fun
- 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 clear water on a well-stocked, well-water-managed White Bear Lake.
- I see clearly designated trails and hearing the ring of bike bells behind me. Signage is clear for when I should stop and when I have the right of way.
- I see coyotes, deer, and other wildlife, and hear birds.
- I see cultural programs, concerts at parks
- I see deer and other wildlife at the golf course.
- I see deer in the woods
- I see deer, birds, rabbits. It's beautiful!
- I see deer, pheasants, turkey and fox on the course.
- I see demand for golf amenities growing
- I see dew on the morning grass, mature trees, well-kept grounds, and a beer cart
- I see diverse people enjoying the parks.
- I see diversity across all axes - race, gender, age, family status
- I see dogs playing while people gather for conversation
- I see dogs running and playing and hear dogs barking and birds singing
- I see ducks and deer and her birds chirping.
- I see ducks and swans in the ponds and lakes
- I see everyone trying new things and maybe overcoming fears. I hear people laughing and having fun together.
- I see families eating
- I see families enjoying a nice day picnicking, non-motorized boats and the value of access to our natural resources.
- I see families enjoying golfing the nine holes together and have a great time
- I see families golfing
- I see families using the parks together
- I see families with pets and tired kids
- I see family and friends
- I see family's having a great time skating and skiing
- I see fishes, ducks, squirrels, bevers, and birds
- I see flowers and trees
- I see friends enjoying picnics together.
- I see friends gathering to play golf
- I see friends meeting to walk/run together.
- I see frogs
- I see golf balls. Golf pins. Fairways. Water.
- I see golfers enjoying time with friends and family. I see kids learning to golf for the first time.
- I see green spaces and wildlife
- I see ice removed from the hockey arena in the summer with a smooth, concrete floor for roller derby league.
- I see kids enjoying sledding down a hill
- I see kids enjoying the outdoors and learning new things about the environment.
- I see kids frolicking around a playground
- I see kids playing in the playground.
- I see kids sledding
- I see kids taking their sleds up the hill yet again and building a bump
- I see kids that would've have otherwise had the opportunity to learn a lifetime sport do so
- I see little to no trash at the park.
- I see lots of bikes on the trail
- 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 geese.
- I see lots of green spaces and some other people enjoying these areas
- I see lots of interested users at The Ponds. Lots of diversity as well.
- I see lots of people at the driving range at the Ponds
- I see lots of people from all backgrounds sharing in the park
- I see lots of people of all ages, color and genders playing golf.
- I see lots of people out enjoying the parks.
- I see lots of people walking
- I see lots of trees and I hear lots of birds and other nature sounds.
- I see lots of trees and ponds.
- I see lots of wildflowers, butterflies and bees
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- I see love of community, I hear people laughing and hugging with joy. People are watering plants, eating food, as a community.
- I see many animals; I see clean water and new apartment complexes.
- 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 neighbors golfing and using the trails
- I see many of my friends also golfing at Battle Creek
- I see many of my friends also roller skating
- I see many of my friends also walking and sledding
- I see many of my friends going golfing at the Battle Creek Golf Course
- I see many of my friends golfing
- I see many people also biking
- I see many people being active
- I see many people enjoy walking around the lakes.
- I see many people golfing
- I see many people out on the trails and using the
- I see many people walking/sledding/skiing.
- I see many residents enjoying the use of the trails.
- I see many wild areas
- I see miles of ski trail!
- I see more & more people using these Facilities
- I see more areas filled with native plants than turfgrass.
- I see more native plants and fewer invasive species.

- I see most all of my friends biking on regional trails
- I see most of my friends walking on regional trails
- I see my children and our family playing golf on a course we love that is minutes from our home.
- I see my family enjoying each other and playing on the playground, swimming, playing games
- I see my friends also enjoying those activities
- I see my friends and family enjoying a round of golf in the sun.
- I see my friends and family enjoying the parks and golf courses
- I see my friends and family laughing. Smiling. Hugging trees. Talking to plants. Connecting with nature.
- I see my friends and hear birds while golfing and probably a few geese.
- I see my friends at the ski course.
- I see my friends golfing with us. I see the beautiful landscaping. I hear the cheers and groans depending on the shot hit
- 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 my neighbors golfing with family at the Ponds
- I see my people hitting golf balls at the Ponds of Battle Creek.
- I see native people hosted the event wearing their traditional clothing, playing their music and drum
- I see native plants
- I see native trees and plants and pollinator friendly gardens
- I see natural plants and wildflowers.
- I see nature
- I see nature covered in white snow and freshly groomed ski paths
- I see nature photographers
- I see nature, natural surroundings
- I see neighbors and young new families
- I see new people who are out making the best of the parks and trails
- I see nice clean sand, no algae in the clear water
- I see no trash because there are plenty of trash and recycling bins located in logical, easy to access places
- I see opportunities to try new things (archery and the tools that go with it, for example) - programs that teach me
- I see other adults fishing, walking, biking, kayaking and learning new things about the environment.
- I see other adults with kids, showing the kids how golf can be fun, on a course that is manageable for all ages and abilities.
- I see other families having fun walking, sledding
- I see other families playing
- I see other families swimming and fishing
- I see other families with their kids.
- I see other golfers enjoying the beautiful golf
- I see other golfers having a good time
- I see other paddlers out on the water. No wake zones are available for safer paddling.
- 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 walking. Mainly Caucasian but I wish things were more multi-racial
- I see other people, birds, wildlife, wind, leaves rustling
- I see other seniors as well as young people enjoying golf and other opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- I see others enjoying being outside
- I see others enjoying themselves.
- I see others golfing
- I see others golfing. There's plenty of wildlife from birds to fowl to deer.
- I see others walking and hear birds, frogs and other nature sounds.
- I see out of touch administrators in Ramsey
- I see owls, deer, turkeys, prairie grasses and wildflowers
- I see parents with children on driving range
- I see parks as large open spaces, with a wide variety of flowers and areas to spend time with my family. I would like to see more spaces for children to practice skateboarding or to play basketball.
- I see people being comfortable interacting with each other. Connecting with nature. Friendly and fun conversations
- I see people enjoying a beautiful neighborhood golf course with their friends and family
- I see people enjoying the outdoors
- I see people enjoying the variety of recreational activities during all seasons.
- I see people enjoying the waking trails in the parks.
- I see people enjoying themselves while golfing.
- 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 gathering
- I see people getting exercise and enjoy being outside
- I see people having fun on the Ponds of Battle Creek hold course as I run along the trail.
- I see people of all ages, sizes, physical/mental abilities, and race/ethnicities
- I see people of all backgrounds using the full golf range at the Ponds (this happens now)
- I see people of all different nationalities, everyone smiling.
- I see people of all ethnic groups all day, every day.
- I see people on the walking path
- I see people planting in community gardens where there was a golf course
- I see people playing games on fields and courts.
- I see people respectfully enjoying the outdoor space.
- I see people socializing
- I see people swimming
- I see people welcoming each other to ALL of the current facilities that Ramsey County and Maplewood provide to ALL said people

- I see places meant for people to meet and talk
- I see playgrounds even the newer ones built to last getting worn down too soon by high demand
- I see ponds
- I see Portland Oregon
- I see recycling and compost bins maintained all year.
- I see restored prairie and other habitats.
- I see signage pointing out plants, trees, flowers
- I see small groups of families picnicking and playing in the nature play areas at a new nature center at battle creek
- 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 tadpoles in the ponds.
- I see tall grasses and water environments
- I see the amazing golf course
- I see the county providing natural habitat for birds, monarchs, pollinators and other wildlife.
- I see the leaving turning colors in the fall.
- 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 Mountain Biking continuing to grow.
- I see the ski trail being well-used, hear people greeting one another, and don't see hikers on the trail.
- I see this course packed every day I am there from really young to the elderly
- I see trails meandering through woods and by lakes
- I see trees and hearing birds and wildlife.
- I see trees and sun
- I see trees, birds, and nature
- I see trees, natural forest, hear birds.
- I see turtles and other wildlife
- I see Turtles that like to sun themselves on hole 4 in the pond and geese that like to hang out on hole 9
- I see very diverse groups of people
- I see water gardens and pollinator friendly plants
- I see well maintained golf courses and parks
- I see well the manicured grass of a golf course on a sunny day
- I see well-maintained bee meadows and native woodland habitats along the bike trail.
- I see wide open spaces covered in snow while cross country skiing
- I see wildflowers and mushrooms
- I see wildflowers blooming in our parks.
- I see wildflowers, trees, eagles' nests.
- I see wildflowers, trees, low undergrowth, water features and lakes.
- I see wildlife (deer, turtles, butterflies, wildflowers) ponds with lily pads.
- I see wildlife and beautiful greenery.
- I see wildlife while walking
- I see wildlife.
- I see young parents watching their kids play in the sandy beaches.
- I smell delicious food from trucks that sell foods from all sorts of cultures
- I smell edible plants
- I sneeze a bit off of the pollen
- I swim in cool clear water
- I think if we are thinking about a vision, if you go to a park, on a busy day, you see very many representative groups.
- I will see plenty of birds and the occasional deer
- I would be having a party, after being isolated, I would be having a party with children.
- I would be having carne asada* (Mexican BBQ).
- I would be in the park with my family, one afternoon.
- I would go grill food at the park.
- I would go to the park and have a big party.
- 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 hopefully still be walking/jogging -- it would be nice to have rest benches along the way for seniors or maybe someone experiencing health issues.
- I would like to see Latino fountain soda place* (this comment was enthusiastically received by other participants).
- I would likely see and hear whatever the sights and sounds are in my surroundings.
- I would love to have a picnic with friends.
- I would love to see bee nests
- I. Don't see lots of cars and houses
- I'd like to be in a hammock in the shade
- I'm alone on the trail because the park is big enough for that to be possible.
- I'm at The ponds at Battle Creek golfing with my friends and their children and seeing all the incredible wildlife and beautiful ponds at the golf course
- I'm heading Birds chirping, frogs croaking & other Nature sounds
- I'm seeing a beautiful clean park full of lively healthy trees and others enjoying the space
- I'm seeing a county taking away a vital part of the community. Especially for young children who enjoy participating in golf camps and golf leagues at The Ponds at Battle Creek.
- I'm seeing a healthy canopy of forest in all stages of life
- I'm seeing and hearing the sights and sounds of a natural environment, uninterrupted by noise or incompatible human activities such as mountain biking.
- I'm seeing dog walkers
- I'm seeing families playing and practicing golf together
- I'm seeing little flowers of prairie smoke, Dutchman's Breeches, or MN orchids
- I'm seeing myself hit a hole in one at ponds

- I'm seeing older or impaired people using small, motorized carts to use new trails
- I'm seeing the heron rookery
- I'd like to hear birds and see all wildlife and see few people.
- If it is still there (which I would hope), the sights and sounds of wildlife at the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course are a beautiful, peaceful gem in our community. These wetlands will have been protected.
- If riding bicycles, nature sounds.
- If roller skating, music to skate to.
- If we take our grandchildren, we will hear them.
- I'm enjoying the exercise of skating
- 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 a bunch of ___ from this so-called survey. Seriously, these questions are meant to gather pertinent information. It's a bleeping joke so far.
- I'm hearing a combination of quiet when outdoors and other areas people having fun.
- I'm hearing and seeing a large variety of birds/waterfowl.
- 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 laughing and having fun with my golf buddies
- I'm listening to the sprinklers and birds early in the morning on a golf course.
- I'm looking for quiet, peaceful outdoor space. a neighborhood space to sit, soak up sun, read a book, picnic with family and friends.
- I'm seeing a beautiful natural scenery with only light impact/development to support low impact people use.
- I'm seeing and hearing the sights and sounds of a natural environment, uninterrupted by noise or incompatible human activities such as mountain biking.
- I'm seeing friends and family while picnicking, hiking or biking.
- I'm seeing less and less young adults taking advantage of the great park system Ramsey County has. When I was younger, all of the ball fields were used on a daily basis for hours each day. That will no longer be the case as I see they are nearly empty today. Hopefully young children be using the many skating rinks available, but I know usage is diminishing. Unfortunately, there are many more options and distractions for the youth of today.
- I'm seeing lots of people using the parks.
- I'm seeing open spaces in Maplewood/Ramsey County
- I'm seeing ponds, duck, geese and songbirds as I walk the golf course.
- I'm seeing wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- 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.
- In the spring I see many geese and ducks with their young offspring in lakes.
- In the summer I see pretty wildflowers blooming by the trails.
- Informational signs.
- Insect, bird, and frog sounds
- insects
- Interactive activity to learn more about the park - history and/or plants
- INVALUABLE green space
- Invasive species diminished.
- I's about what I don't see. congested outside areas
- is interesting because that allows the youth to have one on one interaction with nature and hopefully be more invested.
- it is a wonderful place with much happiness and laughter and sounds of nature
- it is peaceful on a golf course
- It's quiet so I can enjoy the sounds of nature
- It's nice to be outside and just see all the wildlife in the area.
- 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
- Joyful conversations from all the people we meet.
- Just enjoying the outdoors
- Just watching out trying to avoid crime
- keep the course open
- Keep the Ponds open
- Kids
- Kids are playing, planting and learning about what they're planting. Learning how to cultivate the soil.
- Kids enjoying playing, learning about nature
- kids enjoying playing, learning about nature
- Kids laughing
- kids laughing
- Kids laughing
- Kids laughing and parents talking to one another
- Kids laughing at parks
- kids laughing at the playgrounds, increasing them with benches for parents and toilet facilities. Incorporate nature education.
- kids laughing, golfing
- Kids laughter at playgrounds
- Kids of all races playing together
- Kids playing
- Kids playing
- Kids playing
- Kids playing
- Kids playing and adults playing basketball tennis etc.
- Kids playing hockey
- Kids playing in the parks.
- Kids playing, picnic's, walking trails, biking,

- kids skating and learning the game of hockey.
- Kids' laughter. Using imagination
- Lack of cars
- Lack of litter, a clean space
- Lakes and ponds
- Lakes. I see many people walking on the trails
- Large place full of different kinds of flowers, trees, and spaces for families to gather, such as for grilling meat and corn. A clean place.
- laughing
- Laughing
- Laughing
- Laughing and tired breathing with balls being volleyed
- Laughing people
- Laughing smiling
- Laughter
- Laughter
- laughter
- Laughter
- Laughter
- Laughter and music in the arena
- Leaves rustling
- Less traffic noise. Children having fun. Dogs barking. Nature sounds.
- Lighting in areas where it is dark
- Listening to bird calls
- listening to bird calls
- 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 the birds and frogs while hiking. Seeing rabbits, deer, turkeys
- Listening to the birds signing
- listening to wildlife
- Little kids having fun playing hockey
- Little kids, doggies – grill and barbeque, takes – adult work out place.
- Looking around old trees
- Looking for the swans at Sucker Lake
- Lots of beautiful trees and wildflowers. Birds.
- Lots of birds
- lots of birds, small animals
- lots of children's voices as they play tag, soccer, etc.
- Lots of families
- lots of families
- Lots of friends at the parks
- Lots of friends playing in Hockey Games
- 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 nature and animals
- Lots of nature and animals
- Lots of nature sounds, birds in plants including edible berries
- Lots of nature surrounding the area (not a lot of buildings/concrete)
- Lots of nice facilities
- Lots of other people
- lots of others skating and enjoying rink
- Lots of people dumping their unwanted household and yard items near the park
- Lots of people enjoying passive recreation.
- Lots of people from all walks of life
- Lots of people in the parks.
- lots of trees, water and natural sounds
- Lots of voices, including languages other than English
- Lots of wildlife
- Loud and meeting lots of people
- Love Battle Creek Dog Park
- Love hearing birds, frogs, seeing deer and otter
- Love hearing sounds of nature
- Love nature
- Love seeing wildlife
- 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
- Love the sounds at the golf course
- Love the wildlife at the Ponds and the bees and butterflies!
- Lush flowers and native plants throughout the landscape
- Mad residents that you don't listen and need to leave the ponds as a golf course or sell to someone to keep a golf course
- Many friends boating
- Many friends that golf
- Many more BIPOC people participating/enjoying
- many more trees and other native plants
- Many of my friends golf at Ponds at Battle Creek and don't want it to close.
- Many of my friends play golf as I do at The Ponds
- Many of the underserved community will want to enjoy the great outdoor for a walk with their families.
- Many other golfers golfing in the sunshine. The range full of other golfers.
- Many other people and their dogs enjoying the parks.
- Many other people enjoying the area
- Many, many of my friends play golf
- Maybe kids on an area during an event
- maybe silence?
- me and my family are going to the meditation and breathing tent for the sunset with people who want to continue to create world peace
- Meet friends
- Meet up with coworkers at dog park, x country and biking trails.
- Meeting new people
- More bike repair/air filling stations.
- More kids getting into golf because of great starter courses
- More of my friend playing golf
- More people on welfare
- More security in the parks, including more lifeguards during the summer. Lifejackets could be provided. I would like to see bicycles available for rent or accessible for public use, many people do not have a credit card to rent a bike or cannot transport it in their car easily.
- Most of my friends golf. My kids golf.
- Most people are having fun.
- Multiethnic and a wide range of ages as patrons of the golf course
- Mushrooms with different colors
- Music along the trails -- technology to have outdoor music along walking

- Open space
- Open space for groups to spread out
- Open space, nature, green
- Organized sports
- Other children
- Other dogs
- Other dogs enjoying the trails.
- Other families having fun
- Other folks biking and hiking
- Other friendly dogs
- Other golfers
- other golfers
- Other golfers
- Other golfers golfing. Frequent visits by the snack cart
- other joggers & bikers
- other kids my kids play sports with
- Other nature sounds
- Other people enjoying the outdoors
- Other people enjoying the same activity
- Other people mountain biking and enjoying the natural setting
- Other people picnicking
- Other people skating and laughing.
- Other people, nature sounds
- Other skaters
- Other walkers
- Other walkers
- Other walkers, joggers and bikers
- Others doing likewise
- Others picnicking
- Others using the facilities, natural areas along the bike trails
- Others using the system
- others who enjoy the outdoors.
- out with friends
- Outdoor activity
- parents laughing, cheering, and having fun
- Park is big enough to feel like away from the busyness
- Parks are recreational areas, not homeless camps
- Parties
- Party post-race with friends.
- Paved trails at Battle Creek multi use (bikes, walkers, motorized scooters both rentable and accessible)
- PBC
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- Peace with nature
- Pedestrians
- Pedestrians
- People
- People
- People
- 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 enjoying nature
- people enjoying nature
- People enjoying parks
- People enjoying the club house
- People enjoying the golf course
- People enjoying the outdoors
- People enjoying themselves
- People exercising and enjoying themselves in a healthy way.
- People gasping in surprise at great shots
- People getting exercise
- people getting exercise & having fun
- People Golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- People golfing, walking, jogging, skiing
- People greeting each other as they pass.
- people having a good time playing and enjoying
- people having fun
- People hiding in their homes
- People laughing
- People older talking seeing dogs
- People out and about enjoying
- people outdoors.
- people playing golf
- People smiling in nature
- People talking and strolling
- People walking
- People walking and skiing
- People walking, biking
- People were dancing
- Physically, in the parks, creating different, almost like lanes such as spaces with particular areas that attends to people's different learning styles, park could use this more, sensory area, sound: where everyone needs to be quiet.
- picnic areas.
- Picnicking and informal park use.
- Picnics
- Picnics, more hi-tech toys, foreign languages
- Place for children that like skateboards.
- Place with jumping [trampolines].
- Plants
- play areas and more remote/natural areas
- play golf
- Players out in the sunshine
- Playing Disc Golf in both summer and winter
- Playing gold with friends & families
- Playing golf at The Ponds exposes you to the natural wildlife of the area.
- Playing golf with my friends
- Playing with friends
- Police sirens, birds, my neighbors getting their cars broken into at night
- Ponds at Battle Creek is one the most beautiful courses in the city. Water fowl, butterflies it's beautiful and should not be destroyed. Also, the population using the course is always diverse. Young, old, men, women and people of all races. I think the diversity is because of how close the course is to the city of St. Paul and also because it is an affordable place to play golf. Most golf public golf courses in the Twin Cities are almost double what it is to play at the Ponds.
- Ponds is a beautiful course that is good for junior, beginner, and those who want a short round
- Ponds, grasses, bees, tress, ducks, muskrats, geese
- Prairie grass and wetlands
- Propaganda
- Quiet
- Quiet
- Quiet nature - no traffic or loud radios
- Quiet with only nature sounds of birds and frogs
- Quiet, animal sounds
- Quiet, solitude within a natural setting.
- Quiet, sounds of nature
- Quite Laughter
- Racist commissioner
- Range is always full

- Representation from all of Ramsey County
- Restored habitat at Battle Creek
- Roads are obscured from view and it's a safe place for kids to play
- Rolling Fairways and fresh greens
- rotating displays for public art
- Runners
- Running water and splashing
- Sad when I can't escape the pollution and car noises
- Safe space - not dangerous. If something happens be able to connect to police quickly
- safe, clean recreation
- Same
- same for biking
- same thing we hear now.
- Same things I'm seeing now
- scolding refs
- See abreast design of wildlife in my area
- See and hear a sense of community. Students (primary college) coming to learn about the environment.
- See and hear many types of birds
- See and hear many wildlife animals
- See and hear nature
- See and hear nature during golf and biking
- See children sledding
- See deer
- See deer
- See fellow golfers of all races, genders and ages enjoying playing golf and using the practice facility
- See friends
- see gardens
- See many families enjoying the waterpark of all different ages.
- See many people at the driving range at all hours of the day.
- see native plants- less invasive plants like garlic mustard and buckthorn
- See neighbors walking their dogs.
- See neighbors when out walking
- See other families and pets, bicyclist and roller-bladers
- See other golfers
- 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.
- See water rippling in lakes/streams
- Seeing adults and children trying new things and finding something they really enjoy doing
- Seeing all sorts of people from the community golfing on the course, using the practice range and facilities, laughing and getting together in the clubhouse.
- Seeing all walks of live using all the Golf courses.
- Seeing and hearing birds
- Seeing and hearing birds, flowers and wildlife
- Seeing beautiful landscape, trees, and wildlife
- Seeing beautiful plantings of trees and wildflowers
- Seeing birds and other animals in nature
- Seeing birds, nature, and a course in great condition
- Seeing children engaged in fun physical activities
- Seeing families coming out to enjoy each other's company
- 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 friends
- Seeing friends and new golfers
- Seeing friends golfing, hearing nature sounds,
- Seeing joy on people's faces. People are laid back and relaxed.
- Seeing kids playing on the playground
- Seeing many others enjoying the outdoors in all seasons.
- Seeing much less invasive plant life and active support of native plant life.
- Seeing my grandkids playing in a golf program at the Ponds.
- Seeing nature and sports share the landscape.
- Seeing nature by myself or with one or two friends
- Seeing neighbors on the lake
- Seeing other kids playing and laughing.
- Seeing other people golfing and enjoying the outdoors at ponds
- Seeing people smiling and enjoying themselves
- Seeing preserved nature habitats and hearing birds
- Seeing signs and organized trails and landmarks
- Seeing snowmaking in progress!
- Seeing snowmaking in progress!
- Seeing squirrel running around and different kind of birds are flying, and many ducks enjoying the lake.
- Seeing the neighbor discovering the park
- Seeing the parks in use and being taken care of
- Seeing the wood ducks and other ducks
- Seeing trees
- Seeing trees and flowers
- Seeing well-made facilities and paths
- Seeing wildlife and birds
- Seeing wildlife, eagles, waterfowl, fox, raccoons etc.
- Seems to be a very busy course used by all age groups, ethnicities, and genders.
- Seriously
- sharing time with friends and people watching
- Sight-seeing mountains and hearing all the birds chirp, smell of trees
- Silence
- Silence
- silence
- Silence in the winter
- Silly question, I see and hear all the above now.
- Since it's a golf course, I imagine lush fairways, challenging roughs, plenty of trees and water with the animals that go along with them. I would prefer less geese, however...
- Sirens
- Small animals, frogs, turtles, squirrels
- Small park concerts
- Smell flowers
- So, you see many people doing different activities as they enjoy the park.

- Solar panels and energy conservation efforts. There is education about garbage disposal.
- 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
- Sounds of nature
- Sounds of nature
- Sounds of nature and much needed and should be maintained
- Sounds of Nature! Not city noises
- Space for older people to dance danzón* (a Cuban musical genre, popular in Latin America).
- Spending time with friends, watching nature, looking at plant life.
- Splashing water, people laughing and talking.
- Squirrels
- Squirrels biting the woods
- Strong smell of the dirty lake and dead fishes
- Sun on landscape after a snowfall or frost is gorgeous
- sunshine, birds, trees
- surrounded by nature - not everything is commercial/ residential - plenty of green space
- Take the kids to see plants, ducks, turkeys, deer, other critters in the woods.
- Taking in nature from the parks, woodlands, birdwatching, listening to the sounds of nature from crickets, birds, frogs, seeing fish, clean clear water ponds
- Talk to beach people
- Talk to beach people
- Talk to fishing people
- Talk to fishing people
- Teenagers hanging around on swings/steps/climbers/rinks. Flowing water, birdsong, kids
- The air smells great and it would be alarming if a warning was issued to avoid going outside due to air quality.
- The area is wonderful for wildlife, birds, and butterflies
- The beautiful landscapes
- The beauty and quiet of open spaces.
- The birds chirping
- The changing vegetation, the glimmer of light on water.
- The children are swimming
- The creek flowing
- The facility is always busy with local people needing a place to play golf, get lunch etc. A true family fun day.
- The grounds at ponds are absolutely beautiful and have a diverse wildlife and vegetation
- The laughter of friends while sharing a beverage
- The park gets a lot of use for swimming, boating, fishing, and picnicking.
- The parks filled with students like me
- The people of Ramsey County LOVE The Ponds.
- The ponds is always booked and is a beautiful course. Lots of wildlife and "bugs"
- The Ponds is packed! It is one of the best, if not the best, golf track in the Ramsey County system.
- The protected wetlands whistling
- The scenic views are incredible at Saint Paul's largest lake. The birds and wildlife are wonderful to watch. The wildlife includes rare and endangered species and the protected Heron Rookery that is a State Scientific and Natural Area and Sanctuary. Hopefully the dumping of pollutant into the lake will not happen. It would degrade a natural resource that has suffered greatly from being used as a dump. Dumping and use of the park for industrial uses must stop. There is a place for those uses and it is not our parkland.
- The sound of a golf ball plopping into the hole.
- The sound of discs hitting chains.
- The sounds of a ball rattling around in a golf cup.
- The sounds of a driver right off the sweet spot
- The sounds of chains in the distance
- the sounds of nature
- the sounds of nature
- The sounds of nature are probably the most important to me.
- The sounds of nature on a golf course
- The sweet sound of the ball hitting the club.
- The Vietnamese games at Phalen are so interesting.
- The water
- The water of the lakes/rivers with trees, flowers and wildlife
- The wetlands are beautiful to look at, and the birds singing are pleasant to listen to.
- The wildlife in South Maplewood is varied and seems like being in the country or a more rural area.
- The winds blow
- There are also park spaces that are quiet with few people to enjoy nature.
- There are birds. I see clean lakes. I see lake and creek shores with less fishing trash on the ground and no lead sinkers.
- There are deer, fox, coyotes, turkeys, eagles, hawks, turtles, many types of birds.
- There are many kids excitedly waiting to
- There are sustainable elements at all facilities such as solar panels, windmills, water reuse elects.
- There is a community leader who is an expert to learn from and invites me to join a Team's channel where we continue to build relationships and communicate in between meetings.
- There is a daily group called Gratitude walks: You and someone you don't know walk side by side and speak gratitude
- There is a lot of wildlife that utilize this golf course. Especially the Geese and their young.
- There is live music occasionally and there are sounds of nature, but it's otherwise quiet.
- They love the park nearby and a lot of my neighbors play golf

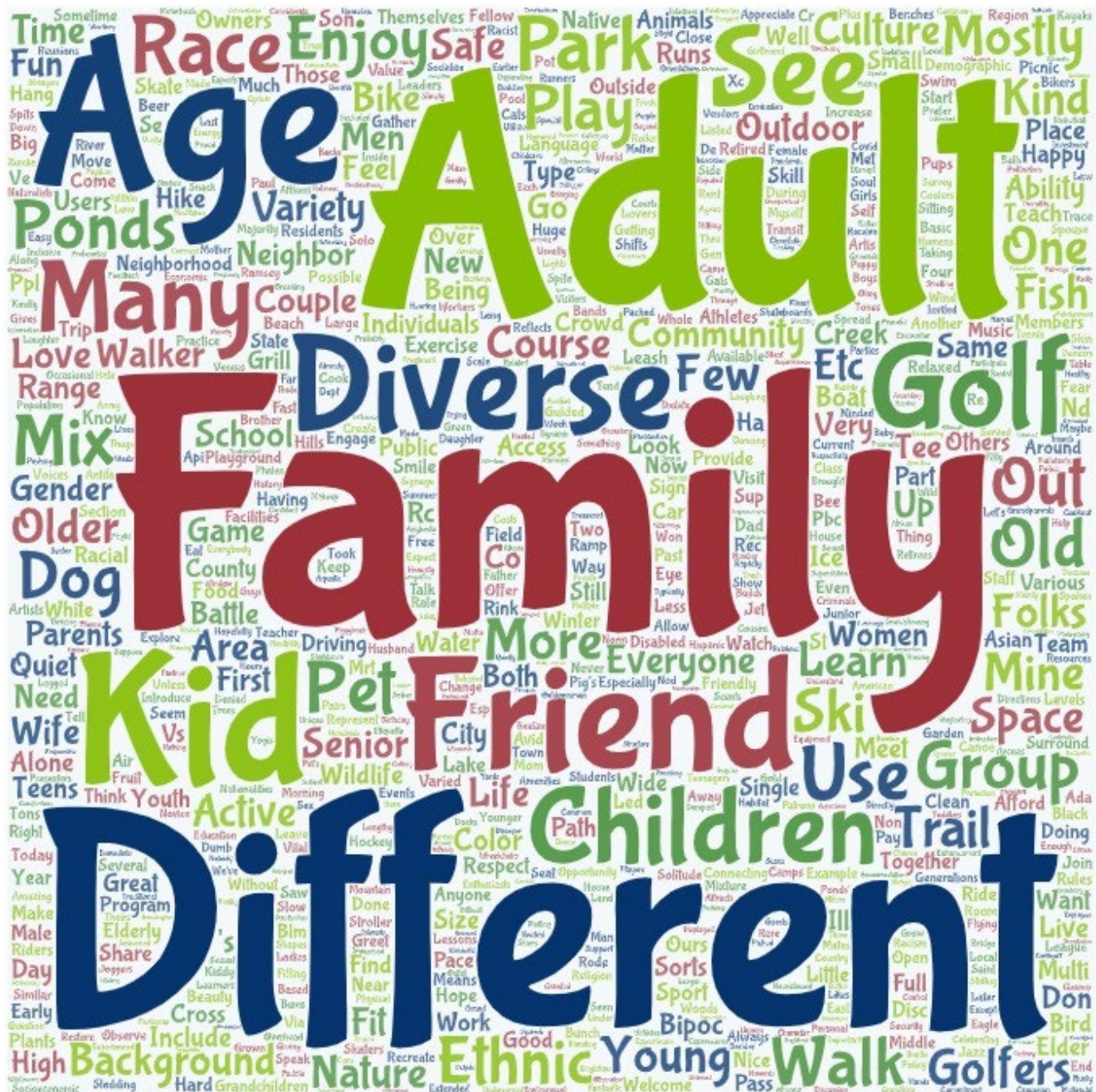
- This is a super weird question
- This is a useless question
- this question is not so good really
- Throughout the trail there are various stopping points where I can scan a barcode to find real-time and updated information about the community or land. Especially information honoring the native tribal communities.
- To have a band playing music like in our towns, in a kiosk.
- Ton of golfers. All ages and ethnicities
- tons of nature...
- Tons of wildflowers and wildlife
- Too many men hogging the rinks meant for kids and the community
- Trails
- Trails that weave among the woods.
- Trash on streets
- Trees
- trees and natural settings; clear lakes
- trees and water (like lakes, streams)
- trees for shade/dappled sunlight and sounds of wind rustling are my fave
- Trees grass other people playing.
- trees rustling
- Trees, birds, frogs, so on
- Trees, prairie grasses, and hearing the wind through the trees
- Trees. Beautiful scenery
- unmechanized nature! (no snowmobiles, power boats)
- usually run into neighbors and friends - especially when snow shoeing on trails
- Variety of birds and raptors
- Variety of natural features interspersed with outdoor art pieces
- various types of trails (bike/walk/hiking)
- Very peaceful time with friends
- Visiting with friends as I walk
- Visitors
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking & biking
- Walking along water - lakes/rivers
- Walking on trails to hear & see critters
- Walking trails are great for waking our dog both on and off leash
- Walking with friends
- Walking with friends
- Walking with friends and family. Hearing the birds and seeing the wildlife. Playing golf and using the driving range at the Ponds
- Walking/hiking and mountain biking together
- Walks on beautiful trails
- Want more Mountain bike trails in Ramsey County
- Watch nature, relax
- Watching all the different types of birds and wildlife at Fish Creek Park.
- Watching all the dogs play at the dog park
- Watching many friends enjoying the dog park
- Watching nature
- Watching the flowers and trees
- Watching the seasonal birds (killdeer, mergansers, ducks) at The Ponds
- Water
- Water
- Water
- Water
- Water
- Water feature
- Water lapping, frogs and birds singing
- Water splashing
- Waterfall sounds
- We are catching fish and seeing wildlife while on the trails and at the lakes.
- We are going to the lake on a sunny day to have a picnic and play some sand volleyball.
- We are having a good time
- We are sledding and skating
- We are surrounded by hundreds of monarch butterflies while at The Ponds at BCGC
- We enjoy areas away from houses and traffic.
- We enjoy friends and each other while in these settings
- We feel safe--there are safeguards, access to emergency call devices, possibly motion-activated lighting in certain areas, first-aid call stations.
- We golf ponds at Battle Creek
- We hear and see nature. We are enjoying paths and safe places to be.
- We hear birds, frogs, and children laughing
- We hear nature sounds.
- We hear nature sounds.
- We hear other bikers, xc skiers, and hikers but not cars
- We hear people laughing and seeing them enjoy their time.
- We hear pleasant social activity noise.
- We hear pleasant social activity noise. Birds and nature creatures no frogs
- 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 birding, seeing birds, hearing birds.
- We love hearing the frogs in the evening
- We love listening to the birds and frogs. We are always on the lookout for migrating loons (they give me great joy!).
- We love to hear the frogs
- We love watching nature change with the seasons, such as trees, flowers, birds, frogs, and other pollinators
- We saw lot of people fishing as well as walking the trails.
- we see birds, deer, fox, ducks, geese, we hear frogs, birds, people laughing
- We see clean beach areas and well-lit trails
- We see families out skiing, snow shoeing and sledding.
- We see greenspace that has less, not more, man-made structures
- We see many people walking the trails
- We see many wildlife. People bird watching and other nature sounds
- We see modern facilities and equipment.
- We see other people walking and enjoying the parks.
- We see people respectfully using/sharing the park i.e., people using trash and recycling receptacles, kind and respectful speech, etc.
- We take my daughters dog to the dog park

- We're seeing people enjoying nature and hearing nature sounds (I guess). People are laughing or just being happy without being restricted due to any policy.
- Well lighted parking lots, more spaces
- Well-maintained paths
- Well-tended golf at Ponds at Battle Creek
- We're seeing birds and small creatures.
- We're seeing emerging flowers and signs of life
- Wetland sounds
- Wetlands
- What?
- When golfing with diverse group, primarily Asians and Blacks, men and women, enjoying affordable open space that produces revenue.
- When golfing, my family is exposed to many aspects of nature. Many of the courses, especially the Ponds at Battle Creek offer unique environments for lots of wildlife.
- When I visit Ramsey county with friends, we will enjoy being in nature at an open field (the one near Shelby Ave but don't know the address).
- While golfing, I will see geese, ducks, turtles, butterflies and the occasional eagle.
- Whistles, skates scraping on ice, cheers of spectators.
- Wide diversity of people in casual conversation
- wildflower and pollinator gardens
- Wildflowers
- Wildflowers, prairie restoration
- wildlife
- Wildlife
- Wildlife
- Wildlife
- Wildlife
- Wildlife
- wildlife (deer, ospreys) present in the area. I don't even mind seeing
- wildlife and listening to frogs croak
- Wildlife and other ppl
- Wildlife and water
- Wildlife I see people being friendly and laughter
- Wildlife, beautiful scenery, loons, birds, other people.
- wildlife, quiet, nature sounds and views
- Wind in leaves
- Wind in the pines
- wind in the trees
- Wind, leaves birds.
- 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
- yes, golf with friends and family
- Yes, to what's written above.
- 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
- You hear nature and can have real life teachable moments
- Youth – teenagers

5. Who else is there?

Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,389 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...Who else is there?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-somethings bringing their grills and beer coolers • A few people • A few young adults and some families • a friend • A Lot more BIPOC folks • A Lot more BIPOC folks • A lot of different people • A lot of different people in small groups. • A lot of diverse groups who have access to opportunities to enjoy our county • A lot of people at the driving range and golfing at The Ponds. • A lot of people who enjoy playing golf as much as I do. Fathers teaching their sons how to play golf • A variety of people • A variety of people • able to get outside on trails. Bikes and skateboards and the like • Acquaintances • ADA Accessibility • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults • Adults & kids from a wide variety of cultures, my dog & other dogs. • Adults and children • adults and children • Adults and children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults and children at the driving range • Adults and children, families • Adults fishing • Adults golfing • Adults golfing. • Adults walking • Adults who respect space, trail etiquette, and quiet • Adults, children both young and old. • Adults, children, seniors, people with disabilities, dogs, groups, people celebrating. • Adults. • Afternoons, parents, teachers, school children filling the area with laughter and community. Meeting new friends. • all age groups are there, kids in the "first tee" program, school teams are playing, all age groups and ethnicities are there • All ages • All ages • All ages • All ages • All ages and all backgrounds • All ages and groups • All ages of people • All ages of people • All ages of people all colors • All ages of people all colors • All ages of people doing different activities. • All ages of people from children to seniors • All ages old and young • All ages, all abilities, all backgrounds. • All ages, all ethnicities, all orientations. • All ages, cross-section of the community. • All ages, especially family groups. • All ages, families • All ages. Young and old • All ages/abilities are able to access and enjoy • All backgrounds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all backgrounds - diverse celebrations, food scents, etc. • All demographics • All demographics representing our county. • All different people • All different people all ages. • All different people. • All dogs are leashed • All examples listed. • All families, kids, adults, elders • All genders • All generations • All generations • All kinds of people • all kinds of people - old, young, all colors and languages • all kinds of people for both golfing & biking • All kinds of people, including city residents • All my friends play at the Ponds • all people • All people from all walks of life • All people, kids, adults, elders • All races • All races • All races • All races and ages • All races and ethnicities • All sorts of people • All sorts of people are around me, all ages and ethnicities • All sorts of people are around. • all sorts of people from young kids learning the value golf rules teach them to me and my friends enjoying a fantastic course and its amenities. • All sorts of ppl: young old, single, families, big parties of ppl • All types are using the trails - but they are using them in a way that respects others - • all types of people • All types of people • All, kids, middle aged, and old |
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- Alone
- Also, different languages on signs, so a sign that says it is welcome to many people
- Always children playing
- Always meet neighbors
- Always meet neighbors
- An adult with their dog or dogs
- An eagle flying overhead.
- An increase in BIPOC using the parks
- and dynamic parks of today.
- Animals
- Animals
- Antifa, BLM
- Any and all
- Anybody and everybody
- anyone
- Anyone that wants to enjoy the parks.
- Anyone who enjoys nature and knows to leave no trace
- anyone who wants to be outdoors. Diversity comes naturally when the space is provided
- Anyone, everyone
- Artis
- As few people as possible: another walker or two who greet us kindly and cheerfully and move rapidly away.
- At golf a mostly adults but also teens learning to golf.
- 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 golf: many different people: Caucasian, Asian, people of color
- 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
- Athletes
- 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
- Benches enjoying the park. People playing tennis and families having a cookout.
- Bikers
- BIPOC families and individuals
- BIPOC Majority neighborhoods should receive the same commitment to the protection and enhancement of natural resources that White and more affluent neighborhoods. BIPOC Majority neighborhoods should have the same commitment of resources to provide trails, water access, signage, parking, boat ramps, that other neighborhoods have. Pig's Eye Lake Park does not have the most basic of access and public accommodation in spite of its lengthy history as a Regional Park. It is way past time that this park has signage including directions and connecting trails that include trail bridge connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. Who else is there are the currently underserved BIPOC Majority neighborhoods that surround this park. The region will also be served by its connection to the MRT and Mississippi River Water Trail. Cleanup and reopening of the boat ramp that has been closed for decades will provide the only boat ramp in the SE part of Saint Paul. Who else will be there are the local and regional residents currently denied access because there has been little if any investment in the most basic of needs for park wayfinding and access.
- BIPOC people
- Both adults and kids
- Brother
- Brothers, friends, kids
- Bunch of folks I don't know! This is a big city.
- Bunch of kids that are learning a game they can play for their whole life through the Ponds' junior programs.
- But still do things on your own
- By myself
- Children
- Children
- Children
- children
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- Children
- Children & adults
- Children and adults
- Children and adults
- children and adults
- Children and adults
- children and adults
- children and adults
- Children and adults, family and friends
- Children at camps
- Children in playgrounds
- Children playing
- Children playing on equipment in park
- Children with parents
- Children with their parents.
- children, adults, families, friends and neighbors of all ages and abilities.
- Children, children
- Children, children, children
- Children, families, seniors
- Children, family, neighbors
- Children, family, neighbors
- Children, women, all different types of people golfing at the ponds
- Children.
- Co workers
- Colleagues
- Community leaders, artists, and gardeners.
- Community members
- Community members, other youth and elders are there enjoying the park with my family.

- community use for all
- Couples
- Couples
- Couples
- Couples, children, youth, adult and elder
- Couples, friends and families are together enjoying the beer garden
- Cousins, friends, and lots of people
- 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.
- Criminals breaking into cars
- Cross country skiing is typically a time of great solitude
- Crowds in some spaces
- Daughters
- Demographic using the golf course is very diverse both male and females of all age groups
- depending on place...lots of kids
- different age groups
- Different communities enjoy the access to park that is provided
- Different cultures and diversity
- Different languages
- different people
- Different skill levels of activity (from novice to experts)
- different socioeconomical levels
- Different types of cultures displayed and honored
- Disabled people
- Disabled people.
- diverse ages and races, mixed groups
- Diverse ages, ethnicities, economic groups.
- Diverse array of children and adults from various cultures.
- Diverse county residents.
- Diverse cross-section of the community
- Diverse crowd of players that you don't find at other golf courses in the area.
- Diverse cultures
- Diverse cultures
- diverse families
- Diverse families
- diverse families
- Diverse families young and old
- Diverse group
- Diverse group of community members also enjoying a snack or taking some fruit home for later.
- Diverse group of golfers. Asians, Hispanic, Black, and White, and of ALL ages.
- Diverse group of individuals golfing at The Ponds
- Diverse group of people enjoying all of the offerings.
- Diverse group of people men and women
- Diverse group of RC residents and fellow park users
- Diverse group of residents
- Diverse group of school students on a field trip learning how to canoe.
- Diverse groups
- Diverse Groups of people
- Diverse groups of people, but especially young people. Most people rode bike or took public transit as there is not much space to park.
- Diverse individuals, groups, and families of all ages
- Diverse park users, various age, race, religion, abilities, gender expressions, etc.
- Diverse people
- Diverse people
- Diverse People
- Diverse people enjoying themselves
- Diverse people enjoying themselves
- diverse people from my community
- Diverse population
- Diverse populations of people. Friends. Family. People I've never met. Pets!
- Diverse spread of people
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity of folks are there, because the costs are on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. There is childcare available for those who need it.
- diversity of people
- Diversity of people are there from all cultures and backgrounds.
- Diversity of race, age, socioeconomic background
- Doesn't matter who, but not too crowded
- Dog friendly people
- Dog owners
- Dog owners
- Dog walkers
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs
- Dogs are there
- Dogs with owners and their family
- Dogs, puppy, and something cats
- Dogs.
- Driving range packed
- dumb question
- Early morning solitude is nice 😊
- Education and entertainment that includes several languages.
- Elderly
- Elderly folks walking
- Elderly people
- Elderly people
- Elders are there.
- Evening, as in the morning, quiet, relaxing wind down time. Others who are looking for the same.
- Every ethnicity is there from young children to elderly
- Every walk of life
- Everybody is on an aging continuum. Walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards all have a place in the parks.
- Everybody!
- Everyone
- Everyone
- Everyone
- Everyone - all ages, all people, the community enjoying a shared green space
- Everyone except the criminals
- Everyone from adults to children to pets and other animals.
- everyone having healthy fun
- Everyone is there!
- Everyone that appreciates the outdoors and appreciates open spaces.
- Everyone that respects the outdoors.
- Everyone that respects wildlife.
- Everyone walking

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone!• everyone! i like seeing the diversity of ages, ethnicities, families vs singletons, etc.• everyone, spaces should be non-threatening and welcoming to all cultures• everyone, spaces should be nonthreatening and welcoming to all cultures• Everyone. All ages and backgrounds.• families• Families• families• Families• families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families• Families & Friends• Families and children• Families and children• Families and children at Fish Creek• Families and friends golfing together• Families and individuals are using the public boat accesses and the trails.• 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 at beaches, adults with or without dogs.• Families at playgrounds• Families at the dog park• Families at the playgrounds and water park.• Families from diverse ethnicities• Families introducing kids to outdoor activities.• Families like mine• Families like mine• Families like mine• Families like mine• Families like ours enjoying time together• Families like ours out together.• Families of all ages and colors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families of all colors, sizes, and compositions• Families of all sorts, mostly adults on the lake, but kids on the beach.• Families of every kind!• families of various backgrounds• Families on the trails• families on the water• Families playing golf.• families that we'll need to keep it vital.• Families together• Families who come from a diversity of backgrounds. Hearing different languages spoken, all blending together, with the common language of laughter and greeting one another with a smile.• Families with children• Families with children• Families with children at picnics• Families with children.• Families with children.• Families with kids, couples, people of different ethnic groups.• Families with little kids, groups of young people, older adults strolling or sitting.• Families, children, other walkers, bike riders• families, friends• Families, friends, retirees• Families, lots of people, children, people with disabilities.• Families, Parents, Children, all kinds of animals and living and thriving nature.• families, singles, black, white, Asian• Families, young women and men• Families.• Families. People of all ages• Family• Family• Family• Family• Family• Family• Family• Family• family• family• Family |
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- Family
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- family
- Family
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- Family
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Family and friends
- Family and friends
- Family and friends
- Family like mine At rink. Lots of young kids
- Family, friends
- Family, friends, neighbors
- Family, neighbors, friends
- Family/friends
- Family/Friends
- family: adults, teens, children, toddlers
- Family's/children, single people, groups of people,
- Fast paced activities
- Father gives little one piggyback ride
- Fellow golfers
- Fellow golfers and friends
- Fellow Nature lovers enjoying the beauty of the natural world, its quiet nourishment to the soul.
- Few kids usually beach with people who work 2nd shifts
- First tee program @ Battle Creek.
- Fit people also running
- Flexibility - changes according to needs (COVID is a good example)
- Folks of various ages, all who love disc golf.
- For fun family outings, other like-minded individuals are there, but not too many to disrupt the tranquility of being outdoors.
- For the winter hike, mostly adults and some older kids; friends, families, grandparents, couples. But not huge crowds of people.
- Friendly people sharing the paths.
- Friendly, considerate people
- Friends
- Friends
- Friends
- friends
- Friends
- Friends
- friends
- Friends
- Friends
- friends
- friends
- Friends, family, a variety of different ages, races,
- Friends, other dog owners
- friends; people enjoying physical activities
- Girlfriend, my kid, and neighbors
- Girls and Boys
- Gives us an opportunity to realize that we all share the same aspirations.
- Golf
- Golf course - mostly adults inside, juniors practicing outside learning the game
- Golf is mostly adults.
- golf mates
- Golf together
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers and friends
- Golfing and walking with my husband. Happy to see young children learning to golf at the Ponds
- Golfing with friends.
- Good mix of adults and kids
- Grandchildren
- Grandkids
- Grandkids, large families, reunions, extended
- Granted this was at Phalen, but I saw a Zumba Class in the park during the shutdown. I wanted to join. I would have been the only male.
- Great exercise
- Great mix of people at The Ponds driving range. All ages and races are there every day.
- Group gathering for a celebration (birthday, graduation)
- Group of school children on a field trip
- Groups enjoying park acuties together
- Groups like the ski skaters should not dictate policy for everyone or get preferential treatment and investment. We also need trails for traditional

- cross-country skiing. Glaring lights should be avoided.
- Groups of all ages, abilities, colors, languages, religions
 - Groups of friends
 - Groups of friends.
 - Groups of people learning about nature.
 - Groups of two walking in the woods
 - groups.
 - Guided activities
 - Guided activities
 - Happy
 - Happy family walking and laughing
 - Happy laughing children.
 - Happy people
 - Happy smiling neighbors
 - Happy smiling neighbors
 - Hard to say.... Other people with free time I suppose.
 - Have everybody has a seat at the table for a discussion on improvement, different voices in the same directions for as many people as possible.
 - have their own space (if possible) and walkers/runners have theirs.
 - High school golf teams
 - High school students were running with their group.
 - High school teams
 - His parents
 - Homeless
 - Hopefully, no one else will be there and we will feel as if we are alone.
 - Hopefully, other people will be allowed to be around
 - Hundreds of kids are at the ice arenas.
 - Husband and friends
 - Husband and kids
 - I agree that to have as many different voices as possible, I also acknowledge that it is very difficult to engage so many different voices.
 - I am hoping to see diversity in all people and relationships
 - I do not see young teens often.
 - I don't have a dog, but I like walking in dog parks to watch them play.
 - I don't see thugs, bums, panhandlers.
 - I expect lots of diversity with languages I do not understand
 - I expect lots of diversity with languages I do not understand
 - I hope the neighborhood attracts the young
 - I mostly see walkers and joggers,
 - I prefer solitude and isolation, so preferably no one is around
 - I see a diverse group of golfers - young, old, and racial diversity
 - I see a number of kayakers, outrigger canoes, and other SUP users enjoying the waterways without fear of being dumped over by jet skis or motorboats. People are fishing. Kayaks are available to rent at an affordable rate so folks who don't own a boat can be on the water too.
 - I see adults without children enjoying adult-only areas.
 - I see all ages with and without kids
 - I see couples, groups of friends and individuals enjoying their game.
 - I see diversity
 - I see employees of the park
 - I see families, friends and animals
 - I see families.
 - I see high school mountain biking races
 - I see large groups enjoying one another for special occasions.
 - I see lifeguards
 - I see many different people
 - I see many families, parents with kids. Lots of different people and cultures. I live on the east side, and we support many cultures that enjoy the outdoors
 - I see many others old and young on the county pathways
 - I see more and more diversification at the parks, which is a good thing, especially for families.
 - I see mostly ethnic groups using the parks.
 - I see multi-racial friends golfing
 - I see multiracial, multi-gendered folks of all ages enjoying skating in a safe practice space.
 - I see my multi-racial friends at the driving range
 - I see my multi-racial friends sledding and walking the trails with their families
 - I see old couple looks so happy and active
 - I see other people and pets.
 - I see other people who look like me
 - I see other people who look like me
 - I see parents out there with their children for the most part.
 - I see people from all backgrounds hitting golf balls at the Ponds range
 - I see people from all walks of life being able to golf at amazing facilities that are also affordable- this is rare and should be treasured
 - I see people from every part of the city in the parks now, why would that change?
 - I see people of all ages, abilities and skin tones.
 - I see races
 - I see single joggers, couples and pairs of people as well as larger groups of women.
 - I see ski races
 - I see ski teams from the area high schools
 - I see small groups of people out hiking and snowshoeing, a mix of kids and adults
 - I see teens gathering to hang out in a neutral space.
 - I see whole families walking, sledding, playing etc.
 - I see women golfing in leagues
 - I think I see the community as a whole: Ramsey Co leaders, city leaders, public feedback from as many diverse groups as possible,
 - 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 will see mostly adults when walking
 - 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.

- Lots of people. Reflective of the diversity of our communities.
- lots of retirees
- lots of wildlife and native plants
- lots of wildlife and native plants
- Lots of wildlife including pollinators are there.
- Lots of young disc golfers and couples
- Lots of young kids
- Love it when lots of families are out together. That's what kids need.
- Mainly children
- Many adults and children
- Many adults love golf and not private courses or memberships
- Many adults with children
- many areas that are secluded, peaceful and not over-crowded!
- Many children
- Many children
- Many children
- Many children
- Many children and adults skiing.
- many children and families who did not access the parks previously
- Many children and school groups
- Many children. Many adults
- Many different ages
- Many different cultures
- Many different ethnicities
- Many different families and individuals
- Many different people enjoying the park in lots of ways
- Many different people from old to young
- Many different people golf at The Ponds of Battle Creek.
- Many different people of all socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Many different people, adults and children, mixed ethnicities
- Many different people: ages, races, nationalities
- Many different races and ages. I already see a good variety of ages and races while enjoying the Ponds At Battle Creek and other golf courses
- Many dogs
- Many families
- many families and couples are there as well
- Many families go to the driving range at the ponds.
- Many families like mine
- Many families of different races and cultures.
- Many families, fishing, picnicking, all ages
- Many friends are experiencing the same outdoor experience fresh air
- Many guys and gals enjoying golf
- Many of the diverse families, young and old, of the neighborhood, as well as others from surrounding counties.
- Many of the friends we've made playing
- many other families
- Many other families and friends doing many activities outdoors
- Many other golfers and golf range users
- Many other purple and families
- Many others enjoy the area for golf.
- Many people enjoying the space
- Many people from the surrounding cities play golf at the ponds
- Many people from various backgrounds and races
- Many people of all ages
- Many people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Many people of different ages and ethnicity
- Many people of different backgrounds use the park
- Many people of different backgrounds who like to play golf
- many people of different races, ages, etc... are golfing.
- Many people walking for exercise.
- Many people young and old
- Many seniors and families
- Many walkers and runners are sharing the trails
- Many young people
- Many, many families
- Maybe a few people seem in passing, otherwise just squirrels, rabbits, birds and other winter animals.
- me
- Meditation teachers, yogis, gardeners, food, cooks, community leaders.
- Meet friends there sometimes.
- Melting pot of international people.
- Members of the community within Ramsey County. For example, I live in an area of a high concentration of Somali, Hmong, API. So, if/when they feel comfortable/happy at a park, then I'm happy.
- Men and Women
- Men and women, surprisingly diverse
- Might encounter hikers or walkers or other runners
- Might encounter others, but it's not crowded.
- Mix of adults and children
- Mix of age and race
- Mix of children and adults
- Mix of kids and adults
- mix of kids and adults
- Mix of other dogs
- Mix of people and ages
- mix of people but space to spread out
- Mix.
- mixed adults, children, families
- Mixture of adults and kids
- Mixture of ages
- Mixture of ages - small children to grandparents and beyond
- Mom, dad, <friends>
- More BIPOC people of all ages enjoying the parks and different activities
- More BIPOC staff/administrators in parks
- More diverse activities available.
- More information in different languages
- More loading docks, lots of hills for sledding
- Mornings, other quiet adults doing their own thing.
- Most spaces should be free or inexpensive for those who can't afford it.
- Mostly adults
- mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly Adults
- mostly adults
- Mostly adults

- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults
- Mostly adults and adolescences
- Mostly adults and families on the water
- Mostly adults as I am aging and appreciate being
- Mostly adults but I don't go to the playground
- Mostly adults but some children
- Mostly adults in the parks I frequent
- Mostly adults like myself
- Mostly adults like myself
- Mostly adults on the trails
- Mostly adults since I tend to walk in early morning and during work or school hours.
- Mostly adults some children and some high school/college age humans
- Mostly Adults with a few children
- Mostly adults, a few older teens.
- Mostly adults, but some kids with their parents
- Mostly adults. Kids in the First Tee programs.
- Mostly adults. White folks. In parks I see picnics with more types of families and people.
- mostly families
- Mostly other adults
- Mostly other adults
- mostly single or 2 to 3 adults or kids
- Mostly single walkers at Fish Creek
- Mother pushing a baby stroller
- Multi-generational
- Multigenerational families together
- Multiple different cultures of various backgrounds
- Multiple of family and friends that also love golf
- Music or food to help to meet new people
- My boyfriend
- My brothers and our kids, grandchildren.
- my children
- My children and my neighbors
- My coworkers
- My co-workers
- my daughters are with me
- My dog & other well-behaved dogs
- my extended family can join us because parking is available
- My family
- My family
- My family
- My family
- My family
- My family & friends
- My family and friends
- My family and friends
- My family and friends
- My family and friends
- My family and friends
- My family and friends.
- My family and kids
- My family and those of my neighbors
- My family, friends and whoever wants to participate
- My family, other people and dogs.
- My family.
- My friend
- My friends
- My friends
- My friends
- my friends along with those that may be new friends to meet
- My friends and family
- My friends and family love The Ponds. We play it every other week.
- My friends and family of all races and colors
- My friends and golf buddies
- 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, as avid ponds golf enthusiasts
- My friends, families, and strangers
- My friends' kids utilize the kids golf lessons and leagues at the ponds at Battle Creek.
- My girlfriend
- My granddaughter is walking with me
- My grandson
- My group of friends
- My husband is the with our dogs, people of many cultures fishing and enjoying nature being as one
- My immediate family
- My kids
- My kids
- My mom and dad
- my neighbors
- My neighbors are playing golf with me
- My old parents are with me walking slowly because they're getting old
- My parents
- My relatives, friends and families
- My son and daughter in law
- my spouse and dog
- My wife and 12-year-old daughter ride with me as well as friends
- My wife, daughter and friends.
- Myself alone for fitness
- Native trees, wildflowers, birds, mammals, insects and other wildlife
- Naturalists who can teach you about the environment
- Naturalists who can teach you about the environment
- Nature lovers like me
- Nature, family and friends
- Need security: More, not less police
- Needs to be a safe place since it backs up to a residential neighborhood
- Neighborhood
- neighbors
- Neighbors
- neighbors
- Neighbors
- neighbors
- Neighbors walking
- Neighbors who also love nature walks and runs
- Neighbors who want to socialize their dogs as well as themselves
- Networking groups
- New Americans of all types
- No children but my spouse. We are now 82.
- No comment
- No one
- No one
- No one but nature
- no one else
- no one using motorized vehicles
- No racism/racist
- No racism/racist
- Nobody, I'm in the woods alone
- Not a lot of people
- Not so many people

- other seniors walking
- other seniors walking
- Other spaces not crowded
- Other walkers
- Other walkers & families, all ages.
- Other walkers.
- Other walkers.
- Other walkers. Individuals and families
- Other women
- Others doing similar
- Others including Seniors
- Others on the lake are using SUPs, canoes, fishing boats
- others with an appreciation for nature and being outdoors
- others with an appreciation for nature and being outdoors
- our adult friends
- Our dog
- Our family
- Our friends
- our friends and family
- Our town house community are older people over fifty and most are over 65 and retired. It has been a great place to walk despite not having sidewalks or walking paths very close by. over 65.
- Out of town guests
- Out with family
- Outdoorsman
- Outdoorsman
- Parents
- Parents and their children
- Parents and their children
- parents, friends, family
- Parks and activities should be safe for all ages.
- Partner
- PBC can be a very kid friendly place, great for everyone.
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People alone and in groups
- People cook food, play games, and enjoy being in community.
- People enjoying outside
- People exercising
- People fishing and other water sports
- People from all different cultural backgrounds
- People from all economic classes
- People from all racial and ethnic groups
- people from all walks of life
- People from all walks of life enjoying the golf course.
- People from all walks of life!
- People from all walks of life.
- People from all walks of life.
- People from every sector of our community. Just last year, I golfed with an Asian man at the Ponds. He was hilarious.
- People from many ethnic backgrounds
- People from many ethnic backgrounds
- People from other county and states
- People from the city are also biking and xc skiing.
- People from the neighborhood come to the dog park
- people from the neighborhoods
- people of all abilities
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- people of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages
- People of all ages and backgrounds
- people of all ages and backgrounds
- People of all ages and backgrounds
- People of all ages and backgrounds
- People of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.
- People of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.
- People of all ages and ethnicities. Families and groups of friends.
- People of all ages and race
- People of all ages play, practice and are taking lessons at the Ponds.
- People of all ages, but without being crowded
- people of all ages, depending on the activity
- People of all ages, races, and abilities.
- people of all ages.
- people of all colors
- People of all cultures
- People of all cultures enjoying the space
- People of all ethnicities and cultures
- People of all ethnicities and cultures
- People of all genders and ages, animals at the parks. Diverse group of men, women and children at the Ponds, but not as much diversity at Keller.
- People of all kinds are there, including single people because parks aren't just for families.
- People of all parts of the World.
- People of all races
- People of all races
- people of all races & gender.
- People of all races and ages are hanging out on the beach and on the water.
- People of all races, ages and abilities respectfully enjoying nature with low impact activities like walking or snowshoeing
- People of all sizes
- People of all sizes, genders, colors enjoying themselves
- People of all types are there from experienced golfers to people who are just learning to kids who are playing to families looking for a new lifelong activity for exercise.
- People of different cultural backgrounds
- People of different races and genders.
- People of many different ethnic backgrounds are enjoying the golf course and range facilities at the Ponds
- People participating in silent sports.
- People quietly and respectfully hiking, wildlife watching
- people representing the diversity/demographics of the area
- People respectful of the rules
- People that want to be outside
- People walking their dogs
- People who are recovering- people who need an outlet.
- People who enjoy the outdoors
- People who have similar interests
- People who speak the same language as me

- people who will talk to each other, meet new folks
- People with dogs
- People with dogs
- 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
- People with physical mobility issues. People who use mass transit or any mode other than driving a car solo to the park or rec area.
- People working out
- People working to restore native habitat and cleaning up garbage and other pollutants
- People working to restore native habitat and cleaning up garbage and other pollutants
- People.
- Pets
- Pets
- Pets
- Pets
- Pets enjoying the pet friendly space.
- pets.
- Photojournalist
- Planning is being completed and led by diverse teams.
- Playful Dogs
- Playground has most variability
- playgrounds/picnics more with family/children
- Playing Disc Golf in both summer and winter
- Please don't close the ponds—it's more than a golf course it is a sanctuary for nature
- Ponds- families, adults and kids of all races
- Presenters presenting beehives. Historian educating. Native American influence in a nod to the land.
- Pups with the owners
- Pups with the owners
- Quiet areas for relaxation and reflection and to observe wildlife
- Quiet people
- Racial makeup that reflects the county's current racial makeup.
- Ramsey county natives
- Relaxed
- Rental of ice fishing houses or equipment
- Respectful families and people walking with their leashed four-legged friends
- Respectful families and people walking with their leashed four-legged friends
- respectful multi-users
- Respectful people
- Respectful people
- Retired adults enjoying the benefits of another state
- Retired adults like me.
- Retired people and families too.
- Right now, I see several different races and family golfing and using the practice area learning how to play golf. I hope to continue to see this.
- 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
- Same people that are there now.
- Same people who go to Ponds of Battle Creek today. A diverse crowd contrary to what a couple of ignorant commissioners think.
- School age kids and sport teams
- School children
- Security
- security
- See #6
- See above
- see another walker
- see answer to 6.
- see families skiing and skating
- See families using grills not enough grill spits
- See families using grills not enough grill spits
- Seniors
- Seniors
- Seniors, families, and young adults biking.
- Several families like mine
- Several other families
- Signs near plants in braille
- Single people
- Sitting on the benches along the paths enjoying nature
- Ski trails still seem adult middle age, often white although harder to tell with clothing
- Skiing is mostly adults with a few kids trying to learn the sport.
- small children on the playground
- Solo adults in nature
- Some adults supervising
- Some children
- Some couples were holding hands and walking.
- sometimes no one, ability to get out in nature
- Sometimes pass by a family fishing
- Spaces for children who don't have yards to play and explore
- Spaces should be safe for everyone
- Spaces should be safe for everyone
- Sporting events
- Spouse
- Spouse and friends
- Staff at RC P&R are diverse and inclusive. The "co-directors" represent minority groups that are vastly increasing in participation.
- Strangers who I get to play around with
- Students studying
- summer different people
- Survey who really lives near that park. Engage the people who live near there and may not be engaged with the parks, explore some outreach engagement.
- Suspicious individuals
- Swimming
- Talking and hanging out with my friends
- teachers, guides, learners
- Teenagers
- Teenagers hanging at the lake
- The community
- The community.
- The crowd is diverse. All kinds of people enjoying the public amenities
- the neighborhood gathers in these spaces - all ages/races

- The only mixed groups I have observed is at golf courses and where this is mostly true is at the Ponds of Battle Creek which is no longer a golf course of Ramsey County which means you have missed the boat
- 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 people who use PBC golf course are as diverse as the neighborhood that we all live.
- The ponds at Battle Creek is a huge part of the community.
- The Ponds is full of kids learning the game of golf and the live lessons of hard work and honesty.
- The Ponds is the golf course with the most Diversity I have ever seen in the cities. You should be proud of that.
- The Rusty Patched Bumble bee for starters.
- The winter rec hills at Battle Creek are full of kids
- There are a lot of kids there golfing, both in organized teams and on their own.
- 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 lots of middle-aged men at the golf courses, occasionally women and children
- There are many different people (ages, ethnic, and financial groups). That is the beauty of the Ponds at Battle Creek all people of all ages and ethnicity are welcome and come and enjoy the beautiful golf course.
- There are many diverse people and families that would love to see The Ponds at Battle Creek remain a golf course.
- There are many families walking and enjoying the trails
- There are mostly other adults when I am there, but I know that the county has programs at other times to introduce younger people to the game of golf.
- There are people of all ages
- There are people of all ages and genders, family groups and just friends having a good time.
- There are programs from all over, even connecting Minneapolis.
- There are some people, but no lines or difficulty finding space.
- There is a verity of ages at the golf course. That is what is important. The Ponds is for everyone learning or playing golf. I especially like that.
- 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.
- This Could change if people don't feel safe
- Those who are on ski trails are skiing - NOT walking on the groomed ski trails
- Three of my friends.
- To go running or snowshoeing, not too many people are there to better enjoy the outdoors.
- To so wildlife photography, not too many people are there to scare off the wildlife.
- Tons and tons of other golfers
- Trails more adults, white and older. Also, performance athletes
- Transportation to access different places and spaces to explore
- Trash cans are maintained, and pet's waste is picked up.
- Troubled youth
- Ummm... lots of ages and races both male and female
- Unaccompanied children
- Unhorsed neighbors
- Varied demographic mix
- Variety of age groups
- Variety of ages
- Variety of dog and bike loving people.
- Variety of people
- Variety of people
- Variety of people
- Variety of people - different ages
- Variety of people of varying ages and ethnic
- Variety of people.
- variety of users
- Various people
- Various people are engaged in a variety of activities - walking, biking, running, photography, socializing, de-stressing, being mindful and/or just connecting with nature.
- Very diverse clientele is at the golf course. Lots of kids too.
- Very diverse group of people
- Very diverse subset of people
- Very wide range of people - age, sex, races, nationalities
- Visitors from far and wide
- Visitors from the region as a meeting and recreations destination
- Walking is a diverse ethnic and age group.
- Walking/hiking more with adults
- Walks are mostly adult-centered. My kids hate hiking.
- We have a mix of adults and children ages 8 to 69
- We see people of all backgrounds enjoying golf. It is a sport for all ages and people will play the sport for 50 years if introduced early in life.
- When golfing at The Ponds, seeing ages from 8 to 80's of all genders and groups.
- When I passed by some elderlies were enjoying their slow walk with of their cultural music on.
- while at the golf course i see all kinds of diverse people.
- While golfing, I will see a diverse population of adults and children every time
- While skating I see kids snow sledding and a few determined skaters and walkers
- Wide range in age
- Wide range of folks
- Wide variety of representation from our community, all ages, genders, and races enjoying the game of golf.
- Wife
- Wife
- wife
- Wife
- Wife
- wife
- Wife and friends
- wife, children or friends
- Wildlife

- Wildlife
- Wildlife
- winter different people
- Women and men
- women feel safe at parks alone
- Women walking alone safely
- Would love to see more diversity
- Young Adults
- Young adults
- young adults engaging youth in outdoors
- young adults playing volleyball and other games
- Young adults, children, senior citizens, families
- young and old adults.
- Young families gather at the hockey rinks
- Young families, elderly people, people from apartments, dog walkers
- young people exercising
- young people relaxing
- Young professionals
- Young, old, all races using the golf facilities.
- Younger adults
- younger families
- Younger people
- Youth and adults
- Youth and senior golfers from diverse community
- Youth learning how to play golf

6. What do you love about this? How does it make you feel?

Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,446 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...What do you love about this? How does it make you feel?

- Ability to be outside
- Ability to be outside and observing other than my own
- Accepted
- Access to trails makes me feel good!
- accessibility within Saint Paul city limits
- Accessible parks and rec facilities
- Accessible to anyone and everyone
- Accomplished
- Active
- 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
- Air is clean
- Alive
- All families, kids, adults, elders
- All of my hobbies are relaxing.
- ALL parks have diversity - not just "that" one for those folks.
- All people, kids, adults, elders
- Always love improvement of already great parks
- Always makes me feel good to see people out being active and enjoying family and friends
- And golf
- and there is growth in parks. Conservation is important to Ramsey County.
- Another silly question- perturbed on why you would ask this question
- As a resident of Maplewood and Ramsey county I am very grateful that this golf facility is near my home and family friendly
- As a taxpayer, I want to see the parks and recreational activities used as much as possible. Some cultures are very family based, and the park system helps strengthen those bonds.
- As someone who has golfed for over 40 years, I love seeing kids learn a game they can play their entire lives.
- As the parent of younger kids, I love that there are plenty of trash cans and bathrooms year-round!
- Ashamed of the good guys who let all this happen
- At ease.
- At my age is the best source of entertainment and exercise
- At one with the world
- At peace
- Athletic challenge
- Beautiful
- Beautiful views
- beautiful, well-painted 9-hole golf course that is quick to play
- Being a healthy and active person as I age. Makes me feel that my county is playing a role in my health.
- 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 able to enjoy nature
- Being able to golf a fantastic course with great staff and excellent maintenance of the course.
- Being active outdoors or being still in nature begins joy and good health
- Being in a county/city which sees the values upholding natural beauty and making those areas a common part of people's lives
- being in nature
- Being in nature. It makes me feel happy and content to see nature all around
- Being in the park or exploring park resources provides an outlet to be outdoors in nature, but also to participate in health activities with family and friends.
- being in these spaces makes me feel like part of the community/neighborhood
- Being out on the water is relaxing - until the jet ski zooms by
- Being outdoors and close to home, along with a little more competition than just a walk, run, or bike.
- being outdoors and enjoying a game with friends and family
- Being outdoors helps me appreciate what's important in life and is a good stress relief
- Being outdoors in nature, looking at water, plants and people gives me a sense that I belong
- Being outdoors makes me feel happy, connected, distressed.
- Being outdoors on a golf course is the most relaxing activity next to being in the middle of a lake fishing
- Being outdoors, being in nature
- Being outdoors, getting exercise, etc.
- Being outdoors, getting some exercise, enjoying friends' company
- Being outside and enjoying recreation.
- Being outside in natural setting
- Being outside in nature
- Being outside refreshes me and helps me cope with the daily rat race we live in
- Being outside, makes me feel refreshed
- Belonging
- Belonging to my community
- Best driving range!!
- Biking is a great way to get outside and get some exercise
- Birdsong makes me happy as do wildflowers
- Breath
- bringing us close to nature brings us closer together.

- Brings people together on a regular basis
- Brings you back to wholeness.
- Budget friendly activities
- Builds and strengthens community
- Builds and strengthens community
- Calm
- Calm
- Calm
- Calm
- Calm and low stress.
- Calm and low stress.
- Calm, centered, included in my community.
- Calm, happy, nourishing.
- Calm, happy, nourishing.
- Calm, peaceful happy
- Calm, peaceful, filled with joy and connected to creation.
- Calm. Warm the of the sun, cool of the shade.
- Calm/Relaxed
- Calming, relax and having fun on stressing day.
- Carefree, relieved, relaxed
- caring for what's here for future generations
- Catching up with friends
- change of seasons
- Clean and safe space to enjoy exercise and being outdoors
- Close
- Close knit
- Close to home natural environments
- close to home, no violence
- Close to nature
- Close to nature
- Close to nature
- closeness to nature, understanding of connections to it/ dependency
- Comfortable
- Communion with neighbors
- Community
- Community
- Community
- Community
- community
- community
- Community
- Community and fellowship
- Community based
- Community based
- community integrity/belonging
- Community involvement = community improvement
- Community togetherness
- Companionship with my dog owner friends. Lots of space for my dogs to socialize.
- Connected
- connected
- Connected
- Connected
- Connected to community
- Connected to many community members
- Connected to my loved ones who are with me
- Connected to nature
- Connected to nature in a positive way.
- Connected to nature in a positive way.
- Connected to the world, lots of nature and all kinds of people
- Connected with community
- connected with community
- Connected with nature
- Connected with nature
- connection to self, to each other, to the community, to nature. makes me feel at home. makes me feel safe when I know I'm part of something bigger. I can contribute and help.
- connection with nature - rejuvenation - soul replenishing
- Connection with neighbors and community.
- Content
- Content
- Content
- content to see wild spaces preserved for the future
- content; getting to nature in our own back yard is a huge gift
- Contented
- continuing to grow the great sport rather than see it die due to the lack of facilities.
- Convenience and up north feel
- Convenient and challenging
- Convenient to where we live
- Crisp fresh air and the burning of thighs...little used winter muscles.
- Destressed
- Different types of cultures displayed and honored
- Diverse
- Diverse and so vibrant
- Diverse and so vibrant
- Diverse group at the Ponds
- Diverse people
- Diversity
- Diversity and Inclusion at the Ponds
- Diversity at the Ponds
- Diversity of what's being offered to a must for now and in the future. It needs to cater to both the old and young alike. Staying true to preserving nature should be top priority
- Do ever use outside but we have our outdoor fitness's - in Madison Wisconsin all indoor gyms go to the parks
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- Do not like memberships
- 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.
- During the pandemic, I saw people enjoying parks more than ever.
- Early morning quiet, not a lot of people
- easy access
- Emotionless
- Encouraged
- Encourages people to prioritize balance in their lives.
- Energized
- energized
- Energized but relaxed.
- Energized.
- Thrilled Engaged in my community which makes me feel connected
- Enjoy being able to see many different animals
- Enjoy being out of doors
- Enjoy that I have several parks to choose from within a 1-mile radius of my home
- Enjoy the nature
- Enjoy time with friends and family

- Enjoying all seasons and the outdoors year round
- Enjoying friends' company
- Enjoying nature in many ways
- enjoying outdoors in MN.
- Enjoying the green areas within the suburbs
- Enjoying the outdoors
- Enjoying the outdoors is the best
- Enjoyment
- Enjoyment
- Environment
- Everybody is on an ageing continuum. Walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards all have a place in the parks.
- Everyone is enjoying the opportunities
- Everyone should be able to enjoy our parks!
- everything
- Everything
- Everything it makes us excited
- everything. Golf is awesome
- Excited
- excited for more
- Excited to see them playing
- Excited to where I live
- Exercise
- Exercise
- Exercise
- Exercising in our parks is a daily activity that helps with my well-being.
- Experience nature within metro
- Experiencing nature
- familiar with the people
- Families can all get together to play the great game of golf while enjoying what nature provides while teaching life lessons which can be applied to all areas of life
- Family friendly without drugs and alcohol
- Family time
- Family time is important, so I love it
- Fantastic
- Fantastic!
- Favorite activity
- Feel calm and at one with nature
- feel connected to nature and my community
- feel exhilarated
- Feel good
- Feel good that certain people get to enjoy the parks, but the golfing community is finding it hard to enjoy nice/entertaining golf courses.
- feel peaceful & relaxed
- feel relaxed
- feel relaxed
- Feel relaxed on the golf course getting a round in
- feeling good about getting out & being active.
- Feeling of camaraderie
- Feeling of community
- Feeling of community and involvement.
- Feeling of equity - owning a resource together as a community
- Feeling refreshed and energized and ready to return to the regular chaos of everyday life a while longer.
- Feeling valued.
- Feeling very happy to share this with my family.
- Feels good
- Feels good I can golf and spend time with family
- Feels good to get exercise
- Feels good to get outside and be active
- Feels good to get outside and be active
- Feels great to be able to golf so close to home
- Feels great, everyone is having fun, getting exercise, enjoying affordable golf.
- Feels homie.
- Feels like a close nit neighborhood
- Feels like a community
- Feels like community
- Feels like I'm in the right spot for our congested times
- Feels like making a difference in kids' lives
- Feels relaxing
- Feels safe
- Feels safe / secure at golf courses
- Fellowship
- Fenced in large and wooded with small ponds.
- Find another way
- Flexibility - changes according to needs (COVID is a good example)
- Focused, distracted from daily life.
- Forest therapy is proven to uplift our moods.
- Fortunate that my grandkids have the same opportunities to learn new things like their parents
- Free
- Free
- free but kept up, no garbage on the ground
- Free entrance
- Free to be present to the moment
- Free, refreshed, healthy
- Freedom
- Freeing to let my well-trained dog off leash in a safe designated dog area
- Fresh air
- Fresh air
- Fresh air and being outside
- Fresh air and exercise is great
- Fresh and healthy
- Friends and family
- Frustrated
- Fulfilled
- Fun
- Fun
- Fun
- Fun
- Fun
- Fun with friends
- Fun, outdoor activity to share with friends and family.
- Get to enjoy nature
- Getting away from the city while in the city
- Getting outdoors and having golf facilities and parks is great for my physical wellbeing.
- Getting outdoors is great for me mentally
- Gives us an opportunity to realize that we all share the same aspirations.
- Glad that PUBLIC resources are available and used by EVERYONE
- Glad to be outside
- Go up and down the hills
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf
- golf connects us with family
- golf connects us with friends
- golf connects us with nature
- golf course

- Happy place.
- Happy relaxed atmosphere
- Happy that many people find value in this shared good
- Happy that my tax money is being used properly.
- Happy that this is offered in this part of the county.
- Happy that we are able to enjoy these things no matter what our socioeconomic group.
- Happy to be close to nature.
- Happy to be with family.
- Happy to see diverse people enjoying nature and
- Happy to see families together and enjoying nature
- happy to see land preserved & put to good use.
- Happy!
- Happy!
- Happy, energetic, and excited
- Happy, safe, calm
- Happy. Great course!
- Happy....healthy...sharing the outdoors with others.
- happy; seeing the community using a public space brings connection
- Having trails close to home would fill a large gap in recreational opportunities.
- healing, growing, peace, promise
- Healthier community
- Healthy
- Healthy
- Healthy
- Healthy
- healthy
- Healthy - out moving, exercising, and for mental health, the green space and the quiet
- Healthy activity safe and close to home
- healthy and fit
- Healthy due to walking
- Healthy.
- Helps look forward to each season's uniqueness
- 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.
- Homes will be maintained and property values
- Hope the trees at Owasso are providing some shade! Was sad to see the nice trees removed!
- Hopeful
- Hopeful
- Hopeful
- Hopefully a safe experience
- However, it's what politicians have created
- Humanity
- Humans have taken way too much away from nature for leisure activities that harm nature like playing sports, technology, and having pets. We need to work to give back to nature and we will get more in return.
- 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 able to get exercise to stay in shape
- I am always happy to see people enjoying and appreciating 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 feeling happiness
- I am glad to see such a variety of folks learning this lifelong sport.
- I am grateful for the work that people before me and people of my generation did to create these spaces.
- I am happy and at peace
- 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 happy to see people gardening
- I am happy to see people meeting and talking
- I am not afraid to go outside
- I am proud of our community and the earth we share.
- I am relaxed
- I am thrilled that snowmaking is increasing the use of cross-country ski trails.
- I am welcomed and belong here.
- I appreciate the care taken to keep the bike routes up.
- 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 cannot afford to live on a lake or golf course, but the beauty of it is unmistakable. Visiting these places makes me feel OK about living in the hood on the East Side.
- I can't afford lots of equipment. Can equipment rental or free check out be available
- I cherish the green space we have left and highly value it with so many new buildings going up
- I do not see this happening at Goodrich, Manitou Ridge, and Keller.
- I don't ask for many services from Ramsey County, but I do golf and bring my dog to dog parks. I think I pay more in taxes than the cost of services I receive; taxes and services don't have to be perfectly even but please don't reduce my services.
- I don't like any of it
- I enjoy being paired with strangers and exchanging golfing tips and ideas.
- 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 everyone having fun
- I enjoy seeing others enjoy the environment.
- 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 enjoy the company of other people

- I feel a sense of peace and belonging in the world when I am in nature with other people
- I feel active and healthy
- I feel alive and grateful to be partaking in an outdoor sport
- I feel at home. It's my town.
- I feel at peace
- I feel at peace, and I am looking at a large clean lake with many green hectares.
- I feel blessed to live in a rich natural environment. I don't like the element of crime that exists in our area.
- I feel calm and relaxed
- I feel calm, pleased, happy
- I feel connected and safe in my community.
- I feel connected to my community
- I feel connected to my community by having a local place to be active at
- I feel connected with myself
- I feel content
- I feel content spending time outdoors
- I feel curious about learning new skills and meeting new people.
- I feel encouraged and happy knowing there are accessible green spaces.
- I feel free and happy.
- I feel good
- I feel good about being outside and enjoying nature. Also teaching my kids to appreciate being outdoors.
- I feel good because I love having a place in nature with activities I can do with my kids.
- I feel good being outside seeing other families like ours.
- I feel good to be outside in a safe urban environment
- I feel good when people treat these spaces with respect
- I feel grateful to have lots of amenities in our neighborhood to share with my wonderful neighbors
- I feel great
- I feel great about the ability to bike through parks and along the river but also through the city.
- I feel great seeing everyone enjoying nature and one another
- I feel great seeing such high interest in golf especially with the younger people and minorities who always seem to be there.
- I feel great to have an opportunity to connect with nature not too far from home
- I feel great. Walking and playing golf are wonderful activities
- 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 seeing other people outdoors
- I feel happy seeing other people outdoors
- I feel happy that others are enjoying nature
- I feel happy to be paying taxes that create public spaces for all of us to enjoy
- 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 joyful! and peaceful and healthy.
- I feel like I have a strong community that sees each other
- 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 a place that values what its citizens enjoy, that is why the Ponds should remain open so that it can continue to be enjoyed by all and so that it can bring in money for the county
- I feel lucky to live in an area that values its environment.
- I feel much better when surrounded by nature
- I feel part of the community.
- I feel part of the larger community of the cities.
- I feel part of the larger community when enjoying the golf courses and bike trails with others.
- 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 proud of the county and citizens for putting an end to littering and various discarded trash
- I feel proud of the County for adding more parkland and paved trails
- I feel refreshed and unburdened and hopeful.
- I feel refreshed by having people around but not having to interact with them directly.
- I feel refreshed.
- I feel relaxed and calm
- I feel relaxed.
- I feel relieved. Being outdoors is my free anxiety medication
- I feel removed from the bustle of the city.
- I feel safe
- I feel safe and connected, loved.
- I feel safe as a solo female.
- I feel safe in whatever park I'm in.
- I feel safe when people know each other
- I feel so nice to see the beauty of nature
- I feel strong and fit
- I feel that ALL are valued, safe, supported, and invited.
- I feel that every child should have an opportunity to learn the game at a reasonable cost.
- I feel that our communities value their connection to nature
- I feel tired, a good tired after my long walks
- I feel very fortunate to have trails and parks so convenient.
- I feel welcome
- I feel worried about climate change
- I feel worried about habitat and green space loss
- I forget the things that I may be stressed about
- I get a chance to reconnect with wildlife. When the pandemic started, I could not go to the park due to me being scared of getting COVID.

- I get to see a part of nature that I wouldn't otherwise see just driving/biking through parts of the city.
- I grew up golfing Keller and Goodrich. I prefer the Ponds because it's a beautiful challenging course that I hope with a little common sense will still be there.
- I have found the Ponds at Battle Creek a huge community builder and supporter. I love that families gather and play a sport together. The leagues build community and friendships. The Ponds at Battle Creek functions much like a local park in that it provides community and interaction in a unique way surrounded by the peace of nature.
- I have pride in my park and want to bring my family and friends to the park.
- I know there will be SOMETHING going on down the way.
- I like disc golf
- I like getting outside but I hate being around tons of people, especially in the park or on a trail
- 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 friends
- I like that people feel comfortable and safe with the current culture
- I like the ability to be outdoors on safe pathways without leaving the city where I live
- I like the community togetherness
- I like the fact that the parks are there for everyone
- I like the quiet, peaceful places in nature where I can unwind and connect with nature
- I like the wilderness feeling, like I am the only one there.
- 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 go to the parks so that my kids can stay away from electronics for a few hours. My kids will finish the school year online.
- I like to see families, couples, friends doing things together.
- I like to see many different of flowers
- I like to see people doing unorganized things - not scheduled youth sporting events.
- I like to see single people and families congregating in the community
- I live for Golf. Please do not close The Ponds golf course!!
- I live in a condo so it my chance to be outside.
- I love being able to live closer to others.
- I love being in community with others outside, people are always in a great mood when enjoying outdoor recreation
- I love being in nature
- I love being outdoors when the weather is warm
- I love being outdoors, the smells, sounds, fresh air
- I love being outside
- I love being outside and being active.
- I love being outside in all kinds of weather
- I love being outside in green space in the middle of a great metropolitan area
- I love exploring nature close to home
- I love getting exercise outdoors all year around. This helps reduce my stress and relaxes me.
- I love getting outside and enjoying the fresh air
- I love golf and seeing golfers of all ages, races, sexes, etc.
- I love golf with everything inside of me and playing at the Ponds at Battle Creek makes me feel invincible!
- I love having a local course that wants kids to play
- I love having a local, free place to be where I can interact with people in my community
- I love having areas near me to enjoy nature.
- I love having golf accessible
- I love having these parks for my walks
- I love hearing the sounds of nature like birds, frogs and others. That relaxes me and makes me feel like living and visiting the right places for good physical and mental health (for myself and my family).
- I love hiking in Vадnais regional park, smelling the pine forest and listening to the birds and frogs, seeing eagles flying overhead
- I love how calm I feel when I am in nature.
- I love how everyone can use the facilities
- I love immersing myself in the wild areas listening to nature sounds
- I love it because the course is amazing and closing it down would be a shame
- 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 kids have a place nearby to mountain bike
- I love it that more people spend time outdoors
- I love it! Has a community feel!
- I love it's screen-free and can be used year round
- I love keeping the kids active and engaged in team sports in the winter
- I love kids and their energy. They so enjoy the time they get to play at a playground
- I love living in an urban area close to St. Paul with open spaces.
- 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 nature and having my community have many dedicated areas for nature and physical activity
- I love seeing and being surrounded by the greenery, vegetation and wildlife of outdoors. It makes feel very peaceful.
- I love seeing families doing activities together.
- 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 kids pushing themselves and taking risks and experimenting

- 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 from all different background and age groups golfing at the same course
- I love seeing people having a good time, relaxing and enjoying others company.
- I love seeing people outdoors, moving and enjoying themselves.
- I love seeing people spending time together, being active and enjoying the sun.
- I love spending time with my family and friends - brings me joy
- I love spending time with my two boys on the golf course
- I love teaching my children to love the outdoors.
- I love that a nice golf course exists close to my home that is open to everyone
- I love that beautiful walking trails are available to me so close to home.
- I love that being out in nature will foster a love of nature in children
- 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 each social interaction is now more precious
- I love that everyone feels welcome.
- I love that I am learning and feel included through an ongoing platform.
- I love that I am moving and exploring. I also love that I have a great excuse to take a break to learn about something new along the stopping points. This helps me to stop and enjoy the outdoors.
- I love that I am surrounded by others who are also avoiding packaging and supporting the local economy.
- I love that I can enjoy being outdoors even if I'm not with a group of people.
- I love that I can experience nature right in the city.
- I love that I can golf 2 miles from my home.
- I love that it is close and convenient to my house
- I love that it is close and well kept
- 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 it's the only course in the near area and it's a place where anyone can play and relax affordably and enjoy the outdoors
- I love that my 16-year-old just grabs his clubs and heads to the Ponds with his buddies to hit balls. He's staying out of trouble and enjoying the outdoors.
- I love that my community has nature spaces
- I love that my kids are making new friends and learning a new sport
- I love that on the golf course, there are places that you can totally forget you are in the city. Not even car traffic noises.
- I love that our County recognizes the importance of green space and a healthy planet to enjoy the outdoors.
- I love that our park system, and the amenities (water park, golf courses, walking trails) are a place that we can all come together in this great American fabric of diversity.
- I love that our parks offer many varied opportunities
- I love that people are getting outside and appreciating nature.
- I love that Ramsey County has a vision that is intertwined to the towns and cities that it encompasses.
- I love that the County takes future generations in mind when planning projects, particularly as it pertains to sustainability, climate change, and our children's futures.
- I love that the course provides a place where the game is more accessible to more people than it would be elsewhere.
- I love that the mountain biking trails are getting upgraded.
- I love that the natural resources are protected and respected by the community.
- I love that the park gets used as much as it does
- I love that the park has free entrance and free parking
- I love that The Ponds at Battle Creek is a place where all people are welcome.
- I love that the Ponds isn't a "white old people's" golf course.
- I love that there is plenty of shade in the summer, and good hangout/chat spaces for older kids.
- I love that this is exciting and encourages people to try new things and step out of their comfort zones.
- I love that we have a space to let the dogs run
- I love that we remove the stigma of golf only being for "rich" people. By having golf be present in our county parks system, we bring the chance to EVERYONE to enjoy the sport without having to be a member of an exclusive club. that makes me feel GREAT.
- I love the access my community has to something free and local that we all care about
- I love the accessibility and diversity.
- I love the accessibility of parks to all kinds of families
- I love the accessibility of parks to all kinds of families
- I love the atmosphere of how happy everyone is
- I love the beautiful natural setting.
- I love the beauty and peacefulness of this outdoor setting. It makes me happy to know that I live in a county that values areas like this.
- I love the close proximity to my house where it doesn't feel like it takes

forever to get there. It is just part of my neighborhood.

- 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 convenience to access it next to my house
- I love the diversity and ability to do so either solo or with a group.
- I love the diversity of this area.
- I love the early mornings so that the trails are peaceful
- I love the ease of access - good parking and connected greenways
- I love the exercise and tranquility of cross-country skiing
- I love the golf course, so it makes me sad
- I love the Golf Courses!! None should be closed!!!!
- I love the great facilities - well maintained and easy to access
- I love the nature with its beauty.
- I love the numerous animals you can come across during a round of golf.
- I love the opportunities to enjoy nature and outdoor recreation.
- I love the options that our community has. Golfing, Walking, Fishing
- I love the outdoors
- I love the outdoors and sharing it with friends
- I love the people and that it isn't exclusive of exclusionary
- I love the people and the scenery of the course
- I love the ponds at Battle Creek. It's one of my favorite places in the cities. I have been a member and normally play more than 30 times a year there.
- I love the Ponds golf course as it blends a challenging course with a beautiful setting. There is a diversity of golfers who frequent the course.
- I love the public investment in nature areas to preserve habitat, and I like being able to get out into nature.
- I love the quite of Fish Creek
- I love the scenery and how peaceful it makes me feel.
- I love the smells, sounds and sights of nature.
- I love the solitude of the trails in the woods
- I love the water. Relaxed
- I love the wild aspects of the park. It makes me feel relaxed.
- I love to be in nature
- I love to go to the park and that my children play a lot and also get to play with other children.
- I love to see all kinds of people enjoying the outdoors and natural environment.
- I love to see grandparents teaching their grandkids to golf
- I love to see my friends and meet new ones. It gives me a chance for exercise in a fun environment!
- I love to see our tax dollars going into the community that people use.
- 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 love to see people learning about the outdoors and natural resources.
- I love to see so many diverse users at The Ponds
- I love to see the diversity, and I am happy
- I meet new people.
- 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 need variety, so multiple locations to visit
- I pay steep taxes and get very little for it
- I really enjoy seeing people out enjoying the recreational resource
- I really like going to the parks, because where I live there is not a lot of space for my children to run and play. These are safe areas. I like that they can be away from the telephone and internet, be in nature. That is what I like about the parks.
- I see families, friends and animals
- I still love nature and I love seeing people using it.
- I think it's great that for so many years the Ponds of Battle Creek has served so many people both young and old.
- I think that the arenas are teaching our kids to
- I think the only way I could be happy is if this is a nature or wildlife space for kids to learn and facilities to protect our nature so close to the cities
- I use my photographs for subject matter for painting.
- I usually bring an extra bag to pick up trash that I see especially plastic
- I want it to feel safe
- I want other people of diverse background to feel comfortable in Ramsey County parks
- I want people enjoying nature
- I want to see people care about the environment and the services it provides to us.
- I will be 83 in 5 years. Hopefully, I can still use the parks
- I would like to feel safe doing the activities
- I would like to feel welcomed
- I would like to feel welcomed
- I would love seeing conversations, Makes me feel wholesome,
- 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 be thrilled if there were single track mountain biking opportunities in these parks - but I'd LOVE even more if there was better control of the buckthorn and garlic mustard.
- I'd like to think there could be dedicated spaces for an adult quiet space.
- I'm energized by nature
- I'm excited about living in St Paul
- I'm happy that I have facilities like this in my neighborhood
- I'm safe and connected with people across the county.
- I+C11:G31 would like to feel safe doing the activities

- If all this is possible it makes me feel great!
- If I have to drive to use it; it is not far to go
- 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 that adult women and nonbinary people are being given a space to play a sport we care about.
- I'm glad the parks are actually for everyone.
- I'm grateful for wild spaces and enough green space to grow with our children
- 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.
- I'm happy we have these places
- I'm happy we thought about including all ages and races in our County plan.
- I'm honored that I can help build kids' enjoyment,
- I'm proud of my County's investments in healthy recreation and multi-modal transportation.
- Immersed in nature
- Immersed in nature
- In harmony with nature
- In nature
- included
- Included
- Inclusive
- Inclusive
- Inclusivity and opportunities for all backgrounds is important
- Inquisitive
- Inspired
- Integrated
- Integrated and peaceful space with appropriate use to not damage the natural area
- Interested
- Invaluable during pandemic
- invigorated
- invigorated and cool on a hot summer day or wet and comfortable on a cold winter day.
- It allows my family to enjoy the outdoors in all seasons of Minnesota.
- 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 me such joy just thinking about how amazing our parks could be in 5 years.
- It brings peace and an opportunity to connect with and enjoy the outdoors
- It brings people together to be active outside.
- It feels calming
- It feels good to get out and move!
- It feels good to see families like ours (BIPOC)
- It feels good to see lots of different people doing different activities
- It feels great to be able to have this. Why are they closing the Ponds if it made \$300k last year? Doesn't make much business sense to me.
- It feels life giving.
- It feels like community. And all are included and welcome
- It feels like Norman Rockwell painting with more diversity.
- It feels safe and welcoming.
- It feels safe and welcoming.
- It gives me a sense of peace, quiet evenings and safety
- it helps me to heal from trauma
- It is a great feeling that we all share, and it feels very safe.
- It is a great golf course that we all like in Woodbury
- It is a nice, clean, and a variety of things one can do
- it is a very relaxing and enjoyable part of our day
- It is a wonderful place that is used by many residents who don't want it closed!!
- It is also affordable for everyone, including families and senior citizens
- It is awesome to see!
- It is BEAUTIFUL, inexpensive, accessible, and fun
- It is free
- It is great to have golf courses close to home
- 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 invigorating
- 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 and seeing birds and wildlife are a pleasure.
- It is refreshing to take in the sights and smells of the trees and plant life surrounding the trails.
- It is refreshing to the soul to be outdoors.
- It is refreshing, relaxing, and fun.
- It is refreshing, relaxing, and fun.
- It is very easy to access and free
- It is wonderful to have open space for recreation.
- It is wonderful to see the great crowds of people enjoying walks and picnics!
- It is wonderful to spend time in nature
- it just feels good to be outdoors a lot
- It makes me feel adventurous and supported
- It makes me feel at ease, happy.
- It makes me feel at peace with the world.
- It makes me feel calm and relaxed.
- It makes me feel connected with my community
- It makes me feel connected with nature.
- It makes me feel free
- It makes me feel free
- It makes me feel good to be able to teach my kids how to golf at a place I played at growing up
- It makes me feel good to know that there are still some active parents out there that still play with the kids.
- It makes me feel good to see others be in and respect nature
- It makes me feel great that the County has such wonderful recreation facilities, that LL Regional Park is a wonderful area in the midst of the urban area, that the trails enable me to ride through open "natural areas". And I'm pleased that the facilities at LL

Regional Park are used in a way similar to what is done by people with the means to "have a cabin" up north. I've seen and had similar experiences at the "county parks" but not within the last 12 months.

- It makes me feel great that we have a great place in our community that everyone including our youth can enjoy
- It makes me feel happy and whole that everyone can enjoy and benefit from the space.
- It makes me feel healthy
- It makes me feel healthy
- It makes me feel hopeful
- It makes me feel hopeful
- It makes me feel like there is a community that supports me
- It makes me feel optimistic, we can have somewhere to enjoy with our family and with our community.
- It makes me feel proud to utilize a county amenity such as the ponds. That is so inclusive to every race and creed, sexual orientation.
- It makes me feel relaxed -- and happy about being able to exercise in a nature setting
- It makes me feel safe
- It makes me feel wonderful. Nothing better than being in nature watch a disc/frisbee fly through the air.
- It makes me happy
- It makes me happy
- It makes me happy so see so much diversity, so many young people learning to play golf and so many people loving the outdoors and loving life
- It makes me happy to live in the area
- It makes me happy to see all types of people golfing
- It makes me happy to see lots of people and their dogs enjoying time outside.
- It makes me happy to see so many people using the outdoors and building relationships with and appreciation of nature
- It makes me happy.
- It makes me happy.
- It makes me healthy
- It makes me love life.
- It makes me sad and upset knowing that the Ponds is scheduled to close.
- It makes me see the full breadth of the county population
- It pleases me to find others out enjoying the area
- It rejuvenates me.
- 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 would be wonderful if Pig's Eye Lake and other neglected areas of the Regional Park System finally ensure access and at least basic trails, parking, water access, picnic tables and bathrooms. The public should not have to wait years for these basic services that have been denied for decades. The Regional Park System can do better serving the underserved. Talk is cheap. Actions are what matters.
- It's a community space where everyone is welcome and valued
- It's a never-ending challenge.
- It's a place we can all safely get together
- It's a wonderful atmosphere
- It's better for people to be outside and active
- It's calming to listen to nature and observe
- It's fun to have a favorite shirt course to get a quick round in.
- It's great exercise
- It's great to have a place like The Ponds
- It's home and they make you feel welcome without discomfort or judgment
- It's nice to see the world in its natural state where everything isn't developed
- It's peaceful
- It's the only golf course around where kids can learn to play a lifetime sport.
- It's a beautiful game that makes me happy to play while enjoying nature.
- It's a coming together.
- It's a coming together.
- It's a great way to keep people cool and bring them together.
- It's a place of quiet meditation and reconnecting to nature. I live by a gun range and that often drowns out the birds and other sounds of nature.
- It's a safe and welcoming community gathering space where I can meet my fellow community members.
- It's a wonderful feeling being able to enjoy the great outdoors in a well-maintained atmosphere.
- It's close to home, great course and beautiful
- It's close to my south Maplewood home and not a 30-minute drive
- It's free or with low-cost rentals
- Its free, with free parking and access!
- It's great having it so close by our home
- It's great to reconnect and maintain friendships.
- It's great to see families engaging in sports together
- Its left wild!
- It's nice to have a place where you can see more people getting into the game and making it more diverse.
- it's outdoor recreation that can be enjoyed by friends and family, and it's also an opportunity to make new friends
- It's really important for people to be out in nature. Makes all of us feel better.
- It's the best of both worlds (urban/rural).
- JOY
- Joy
- Joy
- Joyful
- Joyous
- just want to connect with nature and get outside more
- keep the course open
- kept up.
- Kids are seeing the diversity in the community.
- Know these spaces are vital for people to experience nature and healthy activities

- Large tracts of natural habitat restore my spirit.
- learn to skate and teamwork. Makes me happy to
- less isolated--even during non-pandemic times, this was the case
- Less stress
- Life is good.
- lifelong memories
- Lighted area safe for longer periods
- Like a community that's well taken care of.
- Like being out in the fresh air
- Like finally having a decent place to roller skate indoors that isn't 20+ miles away.
- Like I had a fun relaxing day.
- like I have a nice quiet place to go to get away
- Like I'm up north in the woods.
- Like my tax dollars is being well spent the community.
- Like our county is taking care of the natural resources
- Like the exercise
- Like the politicians and money hungry real estate developers didn't win a battle for once.
- Like walking in the woods with my wife
- Live beaching and the sunrise like and Shoreview
- Live river walk classes at waterpark at Como - why it's closed is crazy- went to one in Owatonna all last summer - feel strong and fit
- local
- Lot of memories and evenings on the golf course. Daughter would be extremely sad if they were to close
- Lots of family similar to mine, kids, adults, and dogs
- Lots of programming for adults, children, families to enjoy
- 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 on the golf course being one with nature
- Love being outdoors
- Love being outdoors all year round
- Love being outdoors in the fresh air.
- Love being outside
- Love being outside, with loved ones, enjoying a sport we all love, at a course right near our home.
- Love being outside.
- Love Fresh air and open space
- Love getting "out of the city" to enjoy nature
- Love golfing and community activities
- Love golfing and skating outdoors in the sunshine and seeing other people.
- Love having access to park facilities
- Love having places where lots of people can be together
- love it
- Love people enjoying nature while golfing
- Love seeing children enjoy nature
- Love seeing people get out and walk the golf course
- Love seeing the beautiful open spaces and parks Ramsey County has created and protected from development.
- Love spending time with everyone outside
- Love that different local cultures are represented.
- Love that everyone feels welcomed
- Love that golf helps financially support other non-revenue park and rec activities
- Love that golf provides all ages, income levels, races and genders the opportunity to enjoy healthy outdoor recreation.
- 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 people are using the parks.
- Love that Ramsey is recognizing their past while creating opportunities for future residents
- Love that we are taking care of these spaces to leave a legacy for future generations
- Love the calm
- love the community
- Love the different choices depending on the season
- Love the driving range
- Love the families
- love the family and community atmosphere
- Love the golf course
- Love the green space, course, and all-around environment.
- love the joy
- Love the nature
- Love the new facilities and great sandy beaches! I hope they are well maintained!
- Love the outdoors
- Love the outdoors and the activity of golfing
- love the outdoors, the smells, the sound of wildlife
- love the peaceful atmosphere
- love the Ponds golf course
- Love the quiet
- love the quiet
- Love the trails and nature
- Love the variety
- Love to golf
- Love to golf and be out in nature
- Love to see people getting out
- Love where I live
- Low traffic noise.
- Low-cost activity
- Maintain the grass
- Make you feel like it is a diverse community sharing common activities and enjoying the outdoors.
- Makes me calm
- Makes me feel a part of community
- Makes me feel alive to be able to ride my bike on off road mountain bike single track.
- Makes me feel at home, wanted and respected
- Makes me feel at peace
- Makes me feel good that the county values diverse opportunities for public recreation.
- makes me feel good to be around family
- Makes me feel good to be outside with my friends
- Makes me feel good to see friends once a week.
- Makes me feel great knowing people are out enjoying the golf course.

- Makes me feel great on the good shots and frustrated on the bad. But the good shots, the beautiful course and the joy of being outside have me golfing again
- Makes me feel great to be outdoors
- Makes me feel happy to be outside and exercise
- Makes me feel healthy, peaceful, connected
- Makes me feel like Ramsey County is actively searching out ways to welcome everyone
- Makes me feel love. makes me feel like I can be happy. i can create and feel what happiness is there is other escapes from reality into a happier one
- Makes me feel part of a larger community of diverse people.
- Makes me feel serene
- Makes me happy to be outside, golfing with friends & enjoying the scenery.
- Makes me happy to see children playing
- Makes me very happy
- Makes me very happy
- 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 good.
- Makes you feel valued (in the process)
- Making memories with family or friends
- meeting new people
- Meeting new people, making new connections with RC users and RC staff at events/programming. We all end up in parks for a common reason.
- meeting people from a diverse group of communities
- Minimal traffic from planes/vehicles
- Mom, dad, <friends>
- More access for impaired
- More access—age wise
- More confidence. More safety
- More hopeful if people start living in balance with nature and each other
- More loading docks, lots of hills for sledding
- More relaxed
- More successful, check off goals in my life, and just more happy with life
- 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)
- multi-generations recreating together
- My dogs can run freely with no leash
- My family and friends
- My family and I love using the ice arenas for hockey!
- My friends, families, and strangers
- My mom and dad
- My mother golfed so I golf. It reminds me of her.
- My relatives, friends and families
- N/A
- Natural low maintenance usable park spaces
- nature
- Nature
- Nature and it make me feel at peace
- Nature close to home! Don't have to go far to get in the woods.
- Nature in an urban setting
- Nature is awesome
- Nature is healing
- Nature is important for human mental and physical health.
- Nature is nourishing and so is art.
- Nature is nurturing
- 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
- Nature lovers
- Nature- protected from noise pollution, calm
- Nature reminds me of my hometown, Puebla.
- Nature, family and friends
- Nature, flora and fauna, just being out in it...
- Nearer to nature
- Nervous
- Nice facilities and areas for kids to play.
- Nice to hit the range or play a quick round
- Nice to see people especially seniors outdoors enjoying themselves
- Nice to see youngsters out and about, learning a skill, learning patience
- Noise refuge WITHIN the city
- Not looking at houses
- Not trusting
- Now that is getting warmer, I cannot wait to go to the park.
- Often times feel one with nature and Roads less traveled
- On trails "like I have the place to myself!"
- One of the few activities my wife and I can do together
- One with nature
- Open inclusive environment
- open space
- Open space
- Open spaces feel peaceful & safe
- Open spaces help with depression
- Open spaces in southern Ramsey county.
- Openness and wilderness up close
- Options
- other and keep areas clean.
- Other families in nature
- Other families just like mine
- Out of the house
- Out with family
- Outdoor activities that actually raises county revenue
- Outdoor activity
- Outdoor places get an immersion in a multi-cultural community.
- Outdoor space is vital to raising healthy children!
- Outside
- Outside. So good.
- Park system - different parts of the system have different features and different types of recreation.
- Parks and nature are calming for a lot of us, allows me to unplug from daily life and the "busy-ness" of life in an urban area
- Parks are a place to go to relax and meet people.
- Parks are LITERALLY the greatest thing the government created. Nature should be available to all!
- Parks programs offered closer to urban communities and more accessible (proximity, free, access)

- Relaxed.
- Relaxed.
- Relaxed. Renewed. Some exercise tired happy
- relaxed; being able to have some summer fun a short distance from home is wonderful
- relaxing
- relaxing
- relaxing and enjoying the summer night with friends and family, being able to find a nice outdoor space to sit by a fire, enjoy a cigar, look at the stars for those of us who live in a condo or apartment complex is nice
- Relaxing, energizing, and opportunity to learn (interpretive displays).
- Rental of ice fishing houses or equipment
- Restful
- Revived
- River water moving my kayak is a party in a boat. I love having a picnic on a sandy shore. So relaxing.
- Road noise and pollution is a concern
- Safe
- Safe
- Safe
- Safe
- Safe - energized
- safe for kids i.e., off road, away from traffic
- Safe inviting
- Safe inviting
- Safe place to be and enjoy
- Same as current, with more stuff
- Same thing we feel now when we're at the parks.
- Satisfied about where I live
- Scared
- Secure
- Secure
- see the people enjoying family time
- Seeing different people
- seeing kids enjoy exercising rather than sitting at home on the couch or getting into trouble.
- 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
- Seems like everyone is getting along
- Sense of community
- Sense of community
- sense of community
- Sense of community
- Sense of community and connection
- Sense of community and respecting wildlife and the outdoors, keeping it clean and natural
- sense of community makes me feel good.
- sense of community reassuring
- sense of peace and prosperity
- Sense of space
- serene
- Shared experience with friends
- Since my friends and I don't have young children, don't like to hike, and not big swimmers. I love the idea of spending 4-5 hours outside in the beautiful summer weather, playing a sport I enjoy with 3 of my best friends.
- Skating is great winter exercise, when it can be tough to exercise
- Skating, playgrounds, swimming, and Tamarack are more intense because it can be busy and there are lots of families. It makes me happy to see everyone having fun.
- skiing gets me energized
- Smell
- Sneazy
- So close to home and the ability to enjoy nature.
- So good! My happy place, Zen away from all the hustle and bustle of busy jobs and city life.
- So well-kept and maintained. Staff is super friendly. Incredible driving range and perfect greens
- Social time
- Socialized
- Some parks are close by my house
- Sometime people offer free foods and drinks
- Sounds like a nice place to be outside
- Sounds of nature
- space that is well loved will make a community proud
- Spaced apart tee times
- Spending time outdoors on a golf course, in nature, is my cathedral. I feel free of stress and appreciative of the beauty of nature and our planet. I feel alive.
- spending time with family and friends
- spending time with other people
- Sports, and rentals so that kids can participate.
- Sporty
- Staying active
- Stress levels decrease.
- Stress reliever, exercise for the body and mind
- Studies show that having ten trees on a block provides satisfaction and decreases crime
- Sunshine, friendly people, and clean beaches
- Sunshine...it makes me happy. Biking on trails...beautiful trees, flowers.
- Surrounded by good company
- surroundings and our neighbors. We help each
- Talk to random people
- Talking and hanging out with my friends
- Tax money well invested/spent
- Thankful
- Thankful
- That our gov't officials ACTUALLY listened to what people asked and kept The Ponds open, for in addition to bringing diverse groups of people together for a couple of hours and being the home of all kinds of invertebrates (some of which are endangered, i.e., the Rusty Patched Bumble bee), it is also an important, valuable watershed. This will be important in the decades to come to alleviate flooding with the onset of more/stronger severe rain events.
- That people are appreciating being out in a less developed landscape
- That people are enjoying nature
- That people are enjoying nature
- That Ramsey County supports golf makes me feel happy and willing to drive to their properties to support.
- That recreation especially golf can be enjoyed well into your senior years.

- That someday all walks of life can live together like they play together on the golf course.
- That we as a community of people care about our
- The ability to get outside with a variety of exercises and engaging with a variety of people.
- The ability to relax in nature close to home.
- The ability to shape the future and what I want to see/experience in my community that makes it better for everyone.
- the area, the environment
- The camaraderie and ability to hang out with friends and play a sport I love but stink at.
- The challenge
- The chaos and camaraderie make me smile
- The course is in great condition and super fun for kids and adults
- The cultural diversity seen at the parks makes me glad I live in a diverse community
- The diversity
- the diversity is fantastic
- The dog park makes my animals happy
- The excitement and freedom the dog park gives my pet
- The excitement from the community
- The fact that we live in an area which values nature, getting outside and appreciating the natural beauty in the world.
- The flowers and plants are beautiful
- The freedom to be still. The ability to create and think about what peace looks like. what it feels like. understanding my peace is through breath
- The golf courses and parks are beautiful and generally well cared for. I especially love the bridges at the Ponds on the 4th hole.
- The happy sounds of people playing, laughing, enjoying their families. So much of life is bad news, work, stress it's helpful to get away from that.
- 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 idea of making it better
- The joy of throwing discs and seeing new people learn to throw discs. Makes me feel grateful and happy.
- The natural areas along the bike trails; the ability to live in the metro and use trails without motor vehicles and have access to trails through areas that feel "natural", the fact that others also use the trails. As a golfer, I like the fact that there are decent, public access courses in the metro.
- The natural spaces around me bring me peace and calm
- The nature and ability to exercise in it.
- The park offers free water fountain to drink
- The parks are my lifeline. I see it as mental health treatment. The parks on the east side of St Paul are the best! Please do not take our greenspace away.
- The parks offer something for everyone to enjoy
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is one of the finest 9-hole establishments in the state. It's truly a gem to have it so close by.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is perfect for my skill level and time availability
- The Ponds course is used by young and old.
- The Ponds course that I play the most it's wonderful to see the great diversity and people learning to play a game that I love.
- The ponds is a great place for young people
- The Ponds is located so close to Saint Paul it draws the entire community.
- The Ponds of Battle Creek attract butterflies in the gardens.
- The Ponds of Battle Creek is one of the few courses that is very welcoming and not intimidating!! One of the FEW!
- the quiet and serenity of nature
- The recreation and natural beauty
- The restrooms are usually clean and stocked
- The scenery is great! It makes me feel really good to golf there and get some outdoor activity in.
- The sense of escaping from urbanized settings to enjoy nature so close to home
- 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 are opportunities for everyone to use the facilities
- There is a lot of excitement
- There is a spiritual element to the natural beauty of the green areas of this area.
- There is community everywhere I turn.
- There should be many options for families
- There would be a feeling of a sense of ownership.
- these parks are really great and a pig part of wanting to live in the twin cities
- These physical activities keep me healthy.
- This decision to close the Ponds at Battle Creek is devastating to my family and friends.
- This indicates that this will not happen in the future.
- This is a good place to be and I'm glad I live here
- 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.
- Time for adult activities as kids are
- Time with nature and less stress

- togetherness
- Totally useless question!
- Transportation to access different places and spaces to explore
- trying new things physically
- Unsafe and anxious
- Valued
- Variety of experiences, not just one purpose
- Very nature focused
- View
- Walk
- Walkability
- Walking in the evening is pleasant and relaxing
- Walking outside in the fresh air surrounded by nature!
- Want people to feel welcomed and a sense of belonging.
- Warm
- Watchful
- We are all happy and having fun
- We are privileged here in Minnesota surrounded by so many lakes
- We do not need any more concrete in this neighborhood!
- We feel connected to a universe that contains many species and forms of life; to the changes in the sky; to the seasonal variation in the lives around us, and in our own.
- We feel safe
- We have lots of fun with our neighbors and their families
- We like being active and getting exercise
- We love nature, makes me feel at peace
- We love playing here every summer
- We love solitude. We love to be surrounded by nature, a part of nature.
- We make a summer list that includes many outings to parks and trails around Ramsey county.
- we need more people to appreciate nature and know that we all share this one world.
- We walk the talk
- Welcome
- Welcome
- Welcome
- Welcome, safe, relaxed.
- Welcoming
- Welcoming to all
- Well maintained
- Well maintained trails and facilities
- Well maintained trails are a bonus.
- Well-maintained open greenspace
- What I like about my vision is to spend time with the family members I have close, and what makes me happy is to look at my children being happy and enjoying nature.
- What I like about the outdoors is my kids can enjoy nature.
- What I love about it is that nature allows people to be calm and when we take care of nature it makes it fun to enjoy. It brings joy and peace because nature has been tampered with so much whether it's stuff in the river or trash around parks. The feeling of safety is present as well.
- What's not to love about a day of golf
- When I do use a private vehicle, motorized or human powered, I don't worry about where it is parked.
- When people have positive experiences outside, they start to care about the environment around them
- Who designed this questionnaire?!?!?
- Who wrote this survey? Should I write a poem?
- Why do more people not use this, it's incredible!
- Wonderful
- Wonderful that the city kept ponds open
- Younger
- Youthful
- Zen

7. What's different from today?

Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,456 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...What's different from today?

- A lot less invasive plants
- About the same
- absolutely nothing, the golf course is still there with some technology improvements to the driving range
- Abundant wildlife, fauna, flora, community gardens,
- access by some form of transit
- access is easy for everyone
- access to more people - maybe bus transportation to and from parks at certain times
- Accessibility for all
- Activities
- activities keep quality of life.
- ADA nationally states that RC P&R has the best systems in place for a diverse disables community.
- Added mountain bike trails
- Additional trails and Snail Lake water issues resolved
- affordability youth sports.
- African American and Hmong American kids are also out xc skiing and biking
- After school youth golf leagues are using the Ponds of Battle Creek.
- All families, kids, adults, elders
- All ice rentals are at OJ and State Fair
- All kinds of people feel safe and comfortable being alone in these peaceful, beautiful parks.
- All my friends are still going to Battle Creek Golf Course
- All of the greenways are connected.
- All OLDA's have water for dogs, drinking and washing - just like Rice Creek has
- All paths are above water
- All people enjoying the trails, golf course
- All people getting along, no loud music
- All people positively interacting, laughing and respecting their surroundings.
- All people, kids, adults, elders
- All projects take sustainability and 100% renewable energy in mind
- 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.
- And experiencing the great outdoors with nature all around us and our children
- and fun community that love playing
- Appreciate nature the planning and animals
- Archery: was there access to someone on a wheelchair? I did not see that on the picture.
- Architectural designs are technologically advanced, solar panels, going green
- art installations
- As we age, we need more opportunities to be outside
- Availability, no fees, organized events
- Badged advocates soliciting reactions about what's working and what isn't
- Basic needs such as housing are secured.
- Battle Creek Golf course is still open
- Bean bag toss, volleyball, badminton, and horseshoe rentals.
- Beautiful Trails and Facilities
- Being the only 9-hole course around this area, I think it will get nothing but more business.
- Better access
- Better access
- better access for those who can't drive
- Better advertising, so locals and beyond know what's there
- Better behaved people
- Better behaved people
- Better bike trails
- Better conditions
- Better connections and extensions of trails, especially in underserved areas
- Better facilities that are open (at least partially) all year
- Better kept
- Better lighting
- Better lighting
- Better maintained
- Better maintenance
- Better maps of trails posted at the park with, perhaps, mile markers so runners and walkers can calculate distance
- Better public transportation
- Better security
- better security
- Bigger fishing areas
- Bike lanes and trails have significantly more traffics and are used by commuters going to work.
- Bike or snowshoes rentals in the park.
- Bike park
- Bike park
- Bike racks and security.
- Bike rentals at very, very low-to-no cost for kids
- 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.
- bikes only paved trails with no dogs
- Biking
- Biking trails or mountain biking
- BIPOC people living in joy
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- bird watching area in summer
- Boardwalks connect the trails over areas that flood.
- Boat rentals
- Boat rentals
- Bocce ball courts
- Building for hosting ski events...
- Buildings are well maintained
- Busier courses, welcoming more individuals
- Can the sidewalks be cleared completely, so everyone has access? A person on a wheelchair avoids certain

areas of the city as they know it will be unpassable.

- can't imagine cause some people's ideas are wild and if they have the backing, they get what they want
- Canoe and kayak rentals.
- Celebrate birthdays at the ponds at Battle Creek golfing
- Certain facilities are closed
- Change in scenery
- Cheaper for activities that cost money
- 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
- city. Laughing would be great
- Clarity about what's allowed and what's not...but more is allowed than before.
- Clean
- Clean
- Clean restroom
- Clean up lakes to boat and fish.
- Clean water and places to put ashore for having a picnic lunch or swimming
- Cleaner
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- Cleaner
- Cleaner
- Cleaner areas
- Cleaner beaches
- Cleaner parks
- cleaner parks with easier parking
- Cleaner playground equipment
- cleaner water
- Cleaner water and air, scattered benches along the trails are a nice feature
- Cleaner, better maintained, less geese!
- Closed golf course that no longer provides affordable golf to kids, teens, people with lower income
- Community amenities in south Maplewood
- community connection = staying rather than scattering
- Community events
- community involvement: more involvement of people might make it less sterile
- community led decision making
- 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.
- Connect people in the know who can relay that information (to others).
- Connection between trails
- Connection to the workforce of parks & recreation
- Continue junior golf programs, keep kids involved for free.
- Continued preservation of parks and golf course
- continuing place of community
- Creating a brave space (beyond safe) where it feels like home
- Creating friends that will last a lifetime.
- Crime is up
- crowded and polluted.
- 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.
- Damaged trails repaired and flooded areas restored.
- Designated dog beach where we can swim together
- 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 cultures displayed and honored
- Different types of food and cultural events.
- Diminished mobility
- Disappointed the current facilities are gone
- Disc golf course replaces or co-exists with all golf, youth programs for this are available
- Disc golf courses throughout Ramsey County!
- Diverse audiences
- Diverse community members learning to golf
- Diverse participants
- Diverse people- comfortable with each other
- diverse staff representation in parks (see staff folks out and about - can ask questions/ be welcomed- with some sort of identification)
- Diverse work force is a county wide goal.
- Diversity growing
- Do a better job redeveloping blighted properties within the urban core instead of selling valuable land to property developers.
- Do not get rid of the golf course!
- Dog park is less eroded. Trails are not being created every 25' apart.
- Dog park somewhere around here
- Dog parks are well-maintained
- Dog parks provided water and bags for the dogs
- Dog parks, Battle Creek stays the same
- don't close any courses
- Don't know
- Drones are allowed
- dumb question
- During COVID-19, individuals were contracted to work and identify needs and what was missing so the public health response would be adequate.
- Easier access
- 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
- Education about nature and learning what is around us and how we can preserve it.
- 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
- Engage with trusted community members.
- Enlist non-profits to bring programming to parks
- Environmental pollution (air, water, land) has not increased
- Equal quality and safety across communities
- 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.
- Especially around lakes
- Even more diverse groups of people are enjoying golf at Ponds of Battle Creek
- Even more kids getting scholarships
- Even more women learning the game of golf
- Events/activities that are culturally relevant or targeted to a more diverse community
- Everybody I talk to loves that golf course
- Everyone can enjoy nature
- everyone is happy and enjoying the facilities that are there.
- Everyone is more aware of all the services and amenities the parks offer.
- everyone is welcome, everyone is comfortable being there
- Everything around the scenes.
- Everything is clean and people are still using the neighborhood
- Everything is labeled in the different languages the park visitors use.
- Everything is the same with the exception of different plantings
- Expanded dog park, larger size and more areas, ample parking
- Expanded trail systems
- Facilities are expanded to comfortably welcome growing populations and more users
- Facilities are in great shape
- Facilities are patrolled more frequently and cleaner
- Facilities are totally accessible to handicapped individuals
- Facilities are well maintained.
- Families
- Families enjoying mn
- families enjoying time- seeing skating
- Families having events in pavilions and using water features
- family classes/programs/activities at wider time availability
- Family fun filled with laughter
- family oriented activities
- Few doing anything getting boring
- Few lake or trail patios
- Fewer contributors
- Fewer golf courses
- fewer invasive plants
- fewer invasive species
- Fewer manmade structures
- 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.,
- Food options
- For golf, I would like to see a more diverse group playing. More younger and non-white
- For rent, they have the ability to participate.
- Forum where I can see bands play live music.
- Free
- Free (or greatly reduced) mini-golf range so that kids and families can play together.
- Free activities
- Free programming and opportunity to try new and different things.
- Free Wi-Fi for remote working and students
- Free Wi-Fi in the parks, resource centers, and parks leaders being present and visible to assist community members.
- Friends and family
- Friends that I've made in our community
- from all over the world and from the inner
- Fun
- Garbage cans are emptied in a timely manner (sorry, sometimes the trash is overflowing at the park)
- Gathering area
- Get as many ideas as possible from various people.
- Glad they kept the Ponds golf course
- Go to the driving range with my kids to teach him about golf and life at the ponds at Battle Creek golf
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf community continues to grow and contributes more than ever to the wellbeing of Ramsey County
- Golf course closing
- Golf course has gps carts
- golf course is still thriving
- Golf courses are better maintained.
- golf courses are seen as a public amenity, not a profit center. They shouldn't be required to turn a profit to justify their value to the community.
- Golf courses are thriving
- Golf courses are updated and vibrant
- Golf courses continue to be well maintained and available
- golf courses in good shape to play
- Golf courses open and prospering
- Golf courses remain open
- Golf Driving ranges
- Golf for everyone is available at reasonable rates
- Golf is affordable and accessible to all
- Golf is on the rise due to the pandemic. It is critical that this resource be available to all diverse groups.
- Golf is sometimes perceived as something for wealthy white men, and I'm so glad the county has made these efforts to make this sport more accessible to so many by adding club rentals, affordable greens fees for youth, and other outreach into the community
- Golf is still widely available and affordable!
- Golf membership bundles
- Golf opens many doors to wonderful relationships. Underserved children should have access to affordable and quality facilities and programs like the ones offered at the Ponds.

- Golfing
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- Golfing at PBC
- Golfing at the Ponds at Battle Creek
- GPS on golf carts
- Grandkids, large family reunions, extended
- Greater diversity of people & families
- Greater interconnection between green spaces for bikes and walkers
- Greater Multiuse areas
- green space is closer to home. Outdoor areas are not confined to large parks, they are local and fit into communities.
- Green space.
- greener
- 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
- Hard to get tee times at all county courses
- Have more art classes, introductions to new sports or games that can be enjoyed outside.
- 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
- Healthy populations of wildlife-invasive species control
- hearing ice cream trucks and music
- hearing the wind and birds
- Higher utilization
- Hiking trails in the winter!!!!
- Homeless
- Hope it doesn't change much
- Hope it's the same
- Hope more of the same
- Hope to hear the same joyful sounds of friends/family gathering for fun.
- Hopefully better integration of the natural space at the battle Creek regional park
- hopefully more intentional care for nature and people.
- Hopefully more people now that covid will be gone
- Hopefully more people taking advantage of the parks
- Hopefully not much of anything
- hopefully not over built and rear done is still useful
- Hopefully nothing
- Hopefully nothing and I am still golfing at the Ponds.
- Hopefully nothing different
- hopefully nothing is different at the Ponds golf course, just more people of all walks of life golfing
- Hopefully nothing is different. We are fortunate for what we have currently
- Hopefully nothing, Ponds at Battle Creek is still there, and we are enjoying every second of our round
- Hopefully similar
- Hopefully still the Ponds at Battle Creek good course even if not part of Ramsey County.
- Hopefully the golf course will still be there
- Hopefully the Ponds of Battle Creek will still be open
- Hopefully the Ponds will still be going strong
- Hopefully the same scene
- Hopefully there's not a pandemic - it's hard to think ahead to what normal will look like.
- Hopefully they are improved and invested it
- Hopefully, much is the same
- Hopefully, their fears won't ruin it for the rest of us
- I also think of hiring, actually bringing diverse people as employees.
- I am a senior. I need walking paths and golf courses
- I am fearful that the open spaces that people need for a healthy life will diminish leaving people fewer and fewer options
- 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 am seeing people of all races enjoying themselves just like I do and that includes golfing!
- I am seeing the golf courses thriving and those areas used as ways to open the door for individuals and families to learn about other county amenities.
- I am unhappy that Ponds of Battle Creek
- I assume my skating skill will have declined a little, but I hope to still be able to enjoy it.
- I believe it will be much the same as it is
- I bike friendly county with open access to sports and recreational activities that enhance the quality of life of its residents
- I can access it in a way that doesn't require I drive a car and park my car at my destination.
- I can golf bird and insect watch in the summer and ski, snowshoe in the winter
- 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.
- I can still golf at The Ponds at Battle Creek, Goodrich, Manitou Ridge, and Keller
- I can think of people knowing about the space, what activities are available.

- I cannot hear cars.
- I do not want to see The Ponds closed
- I don't see much difference unless the county closes or opens new courses
- I don't think a big change is necessary.
- I don't know what it will look like. I have lived here for 38 years, and I love the
- I don't know what kind of programming is offered. The vision statement is vague.
- I don't know.
- I don't see an appreciable change
- I eat lunch on the range there every day in the summer and enjoy being outside
- I envision it to be the same as now. Hopefully it is.
- I feel that I am a part of something through community organization
- I feel this question was answered above
- I get additional options at exercising
- I go to Island Lake Park. I would like to see more culture. I would like to smell different kinds of food being grilled. I would like to see more multicultural areas. The area is not very multicultural.
- I grew up in the Como Park area between the Fair grounds and the Park. South Maple wood reminds me of the area with the Many trees and Great people.
- I guess we'll all be older, playing golf
- I have a baby and meet other parents for activities
- I have no desires for changes. I like what we currently have
- 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 cars because you tore down the golf course
- I hear different languages being spoken
- I hear families gathering, laughing, enjoying the day
- I hear lots of birds and see lots of little critters around the lake
- I hope affordable housing is built by the workhouse, the ammunition plant and totem town. Square miles of space for hundreds if not thousands of units.
- I hope I will still be able to golf at the Ponds.
- I hope in 5 years from now we still have the same amount of parks or more.
- I hope it is safe place to be in 5 years, I often go alone
- I hope it is similar, with a cleaner and maintained look.
- I hope it remains the same and is still peaceful, safe, quiet, and property values have been maintained
- I hope more people are getting their friends and family involved in outdoor activities
- I hope people are better at keeping their dogs on a leash
- 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 hope that I am still there and the sounds have not changed very much.
- I hope that it is similar to today, with some possible improvements to the hockey arenas.
- I hope the open space is maintained
- I hope the ponds is exactly like it is now.
- I hope the Ponds is still there!
- I hope the Ponds remains open to serve this part of Maplewood and Saint Paul. It is an asset to this part of town
- I hope there are opportunities for the elderly, including golf courses that are easy to navigate.
- I hope there is more opportunity for mountain biking
- I hope to be still golfing at ponds at Battle Creek
- I hope to see more community outreach programs bringing golf, cross country skiing and group fitness activities like tai chi and kite festivals
- I hope trails in the woods are the same
- I hope very little has changed and that open spaces stay open
- I imagine it will look much the same with some upgrades as needed.
- Ramsey County does a great job with their parks
- I imagine longer fishing docks
- I imagine maybe there are more nonwhite folks enjoying the parks.
- I know where to find park offerings and locations
- I like that the lakes a walking paths are there, even though I can't take part.
- I like to visit the upgraded facilities
- I picture it looking similar to today
- I see active people enjoying the outdoors. There are more, well maintained trails and opportunities
- I see basketball courts.
- I see better grills. Sometimes children can get their fingers stuck when opening the grill. I would like to see them made out of cement or stone, they would last a lot longer and would also be more hygienic.
- I see families, friends and animals
- 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 kayak rentals at the water and a yoga class on the grass.
- I see more activities as the diverse cultures bring their own flavor to the parks.
- I see more beautiful flowers/ gardens / sculptures
- I see more culturally diverse young people on the golf course
- I see more diverse families looking to cool down and stay active
- I see more diversity in the future on the golf courses and in the parks.
- I see more minority people
- I see more older kids and teens
- 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 see soccer fields.
- I see the park filled with people interacting, laughing, playing, eating, planting trees, implementing ways to learn and connect
- I see this area becoming a newer Chicago. Parks are not open, kids are not using those that are.
- I see well maintained parks open to all.
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- I still see it as being a great place for kids of all nationalities and genders learning the great game of golf.
- I still see the kids having fun playing hockey
- I still see young and older enjoying nature, the outdoors and the game of golf.
- I think it could stay as is
- I think it is about the same as it is today, hopefully some of the parks are improved like the tennis court in south Maplewood
- I want to continue having a great spot for a quick round. My grandkids will be old enough to play and I envision teaching them why I love the game.
- I want to continue to be with all my neighbors and amazing
- I want to enjoy nature and see more trees be growing. I want to hear the quiet and wonderful sounds of nature.
- I will avoid all Ramsey county courses
- I will be doing more outdoor activity in 5 years, I'll be retired.
- I will not give another penny to Ramsey county if they close the ponds
- 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 it if they could focus a little bit more in the fishing areas. Licenses are too expensive. I paid last year, and I could not go out.
- I would like more shore fishing or piers available
- I would like to see a playground based off a tree house for kids.
- I would like to see an indoor soccer field.
- I would like to see benches with positive messages and with different cultures to learn from other cultures.
- I would like to see mini golf courses for children. There are places where you can golf now, but it is too expensive for children.
- I would like to see more programs, activities for all the family, like art, games, dance and sports.
- 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 smooth trails or sidewalks in the nature.
- I would like to see some sports like soccer and others for teenagers.
- 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 peoples 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 would visit the parks more in winter if there were more closed areas and with low costs.
- I'm afraid that some want to close certain aspects of the system, why destroy areas that work and provide outdoor activities for the people of the county
- I'm getting information and updates about events and how to engage.
- I'm not sure it will be too different.
- I'm seeing people continuing to enjoy the ponds at Battle Creek
- I'm sorry, but these questions seem quite repetitive so answer is still the same - I'm seeing less buckthorn and invasive plants
- Ice rental is cheaper
- Ideally it will be cleaner. The county does a great job, but the users of the park do not always clean up after themselves, which is a bummer
- Ideally nothing golf course wise; we want the ponds to stay
- If affordable housing goes into the Ponds location, I see destruction of a beautiful nature preserve. More strip malls with pawn shops and smoke shops and a more blighted part of South Maplewood. There is a ton of affordable housing all over southeast Ramsey county. Look at the Battle Creek area of McKnight and Afton. What a train wreck, look at Sun Ray and the area off of Suburban and 94. I've lived here for 20 years, and those neighborhoods have only gotten worse. We need golf courses and more upscale businesses to increase property values. The 3M campus is 1 mile away and yet the area around it is struggling. There is nothing appealing to the people who work there that want them to live near campus they all live in Woodbury, Hudson, Lake Elmo, Stillwater. Ramsey County needs to rethink what's best for their community. Destroying a beautiful nature preserve, that allows affordable recreation to a downscale community is mind boggling to me. This area is in need of revitalization not affordable housing. There is plenty.
- If developed less wildlife
- If it has to be different then it should be nature related for the full family without needing to add more indoor buildings or parking
- If the golf course is shut down, many of my friends will go elsewhere.
- If there are specific communities the county is already or want to begin working with, does the county know?
- If we could have classes to learn how to ice skate, so that we can be motivated [in winter].
- If we had concession stand selling hot chocolate, I would feel more inclined

to go out in winter. If there were classes or an approach to the community showing us the ice rinks, hockey, how to skate I would feel more inclined to engage. We only know about soccer. If we knew what resources are available to support those families that cannot afford ice skating classes, we would be more interested in other sports.

- I'm 5 yrs older. Otherwise not much different.
- I'm hoping for all the same except for perhaps more biking opportunities.
- I'm hoping your vision is similar to
- 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.
- I'm seeing more families of color, having a great time. I hope the parks aren't taken for granted, and I know some families will see the opportunities to use the park as a blessing. I also see the decline of organized sports activities.
- I'm seeing more people enjoying the ponds at battle creek
- I'm walking with my adult friends and may rest on a bench
- Improved and well-kept facilities.
- Improved facilities
- improved neighborhood access
- In 5 years, I'll be 80. I hope to still be playing golf, as my mother did until 85.
- In five years, I hope I'm a better golfer 😊
- In general, more opportunities for everyone: designing a building, those using specific adaptive equipment, is there storage space?
- in the arenas and trails for walking
- Inclusion diversity

- Increase your ability to bring awareness to people, so more people know (about what is available).
- increased habitat for native species, including predators
- Indigenous leadership
- Interconnection of resources and groups to help communication, ideas, outcomes and results.
- Invasive plants gone or minimized
- Invasive species are controlled.
- Investment in facilities.
- 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 doesn't serve just a very small, very niche group of people (i.e., golf course). That initial need can exist, but it MUST serve more than one purpose if the people who use the facility is still a very niche group of people.
- It is all the same
- It is much easier to access Pigs Eye lake park. It is possible to snowshoe on the paths in Battle Creek.
- It looks like a beautiful little 9-hole golf course.
- It looks similar to what I see now just more accessible
- 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 a lot cleaner because everyone is working together to keep it clean. There are plants, herbs, trees, life, etc., everything just exists the way it's supposed to.
- It's clean
- It's cleaner
- It's easier for people to get to the park even if they don't have a car
- It's the same as it is now and was 100 years ago

- It's very similar to what I remember it being, but hopefully even more young families continue to frequent this course.
- It's about time the playground was updated, it's been 20 years
- It's green space for walking while playing golf.
- It's not different! It's still the beautiful golf course!
- just for golf
- Just like today isn't much different than 20 yrs ago.
- Keep it the way it is
- keep the course open
- Keep the golf course in the south region close to me, it's affordable
- Keep the golfing facilities - they are a regional treasure the draw people together
- Keep the Ponds open
- Keep the Ponds open as a golf course.
- Keep things like they are now lea
- Keeping as much green space, of all varieties and uses, available to as many people as possible. More cultural and fun events held at the parks.
- Keeping open areas for recreation is critical for young people to enjoy the environment
- Keeping the parks and land as they are today
- Kid friendly bike park
- kids are older playing soccer and flag football
- Kids being nice to other kids that are other races.
- Kids playing golf
- Kids playing on the playground equipment.
- Lake
- Lakes are not overtaken by invasive weeds due to help with monitoring the boat launch and cleaning of boats etc.
- Land has many more uses rather than just golf
- Large groups congregating together are welcome and accepted (a post Covid world)
- Larger groups and families enjoying the county

- Lead is removed from fishing tackle so wintering swans don't continue to die from lead poisoning.
- Leaning on staff to come up with ideas such as starting an Outdoors BIPOC group, partnering with others, connecting, to opportunities; empowering staff who might be connected in diverse ways.
- Leave as is
- Leave the ponds. It is perfect.
- Leaving me alone
- Less activities with kids
- less buckthorn and invasive species
- Less car sounds
- Less cars
- Less catering to rich golfers and the poor land use of golf courses
- Less city encroachment
- Less crime and riff raft before
- Less crowded, more trails and exercise stations on the walks
- Less developed areas left to be more natural for nature lovers
- less encroachment and no motorized vehicles of any kind
- less erosion and litter. More respect
- Less freeway noise
- less grass
- Less greenspace
- Less gun violence
- Less litter
- Less litter
- Less litter in the parking lots of cub foods, Walgreens, gas stations and fast-food marts.
- Less mosquitoes
- Less nature to see
- Less need for cars
- Less open space
- Less or no golfing courses since people think it's not needed but should be available.
- Less parking and golfing
- less pavement
- Less people going to the parks
- Less people looking peaceful
- Less people looking peaceful
- Less softball and soccer
- Less space to gather
- Less suspicious activity
- Less trash blowing around. No dog crap.
- less turf mowing
- Let's bring a local artist to put on a show.
- 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.
- Local citizens are PROUD and boast about our parks - they have all been there many times.
- Looks similar but the facilities have been updated
- Lose all of the above
- loss of golf courses
- Loss of peacefulness
- Lots of family similar to mine, kids, adults, and dogs
- Love the idea of more art, concerts, etc. enabling senior/less abled folks to enjoy the outdoors!
- Lower fees
- maintain the buildings
- Make the trails safer and the parking lots
- Many more friends and families who live nearby using all the facilities
- Many of the parks are hard for families with limited transportation to get to
- Many people will not go to the cities due to crime
- Many small signs identifying things and telling history
- massive volunteering base
- Maybe a little "fresher" and well-kept facilities.
- Maybe a mini golf spot.
- Maybe more community gardens
- Maybe more diverse people, but still basically the same calm.
- Maybe some lights to extend the hours in the winter months
- Maybe the course has expanded to add another 9 holes.
- Maybe using technology to help make sure the parks are safe, free Wi-Fi and other interactive resources.
- Measuring not by profit but by use by a range of stakeholders
- Messaging (is critical).
- mine
- mobile services at park locations to better serve new Americans.
- mobile services: school assistance, and even some mobile dentistry occurs in some metro areas.
- Modern playground equipment
- Modern playground equipment
- Mom, dad, <friends>
- More "wild" land i.e., Native plants, natural shorelines, less cut grass
- More acceptable feeling for people of different race or gender
- More access to parks any trails
- more access to winter recreation - open skating/hockey, skiing, etc.
- More accommodating
- More active community and more diverse
- More active participation
- More activities for girls.
- More amenities
- more amenities (kayak, canoe rental) = more activity = more dynamic
- more amenities; fishing poles near the fishing pier, sleds to borrow at the sledding hill, kayaks to rent at the boat launch, etc.
- More and better facilities of all kinds.
- More and more people playing golf and using the trails
- More archery ranges
- More areas connected to other bike trails.
- More areas have been restored to native habitat.
- More areas to walk indoors and out.
- More areas where children can bike.
- More bathrooms open longer
- More bathrooms open longer
- More bike commuters
- More bike paths in Ramsey County that connect all over
- More bike trails
- More bike/walking paths to connect all of the parks and facilities

- More Bikes
- More biking trails
- More BIPOC people as park staff and administrators
- More BIPOC people in the parks
- More boat access
- More boating PPP
- More cars
- More children
- More children around
- More children golfing with first tee program
- More children involved
- More children playing at parks
- More classes; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, gardening, composting, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.
- More commuters.
- More congestion because the number of players grew faster than our current infrastructure
- More connected partnership with organizations who have a passion to their specialty
- More connected trails to larger areas
- More connective bike paths
- More crowded
- More cultural education events like Hmong and Indigenous culture
- More cultural programs to see the members of our community
- More culturally appropriate games
- More culturally diverse
- More decorations, flags of other countries; decorative benches; more multicultural areas.
- More dirt trails, less pavement
- More disc golf opportunities in the county
- More disc golf!
- More diverse community of golfers - senior and youth programs
- More diverse ethnicity.
- More diverse groups of people
- More diverse groups of people
- More diverse people
- More diverse population
- More diverse population.
- More diverse wildlife.
- More diversity at golf course
- More diversity due to affordable golf options for underserved communities
- More diversity in clientele
- more diversity in golf
- More diversity in people I see
- More diversity in people I see
- More diversity in scenery and people
- More diversity in what is offered at parks (trails good for wheelchairs and strollers, unpaved trails, off leash dog areas, nature areas)
- More diversity of people and wildlife
- More diversity of people enjoying the golf course and hiking trails
- More dog parks
- More dog parks with hiking areas
- More driving ranges
- More educational programs about importance of nature
- More employee to help keep the park neat
- More environmental groups involved
- More equity and development of the East side to other neighborhoods in Saint Paul like Highland Park and Mac Groveland
- More events and activities
- more facilities
- More families on trails and in the parks
- 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 friends golfing
- More Golf
- More Golf
- More golf
- More Golf
- More golf course
- More golf courses
- more golf leagues
- More golf programs
- More golfers
- More golfers and golf opportunities.
- More green space
- More greenspace
- More greenspace
- More groomed trails
- More guided activities
- More guided activities
- More habitat restoration
- More handicapped access
- More handicapped access
- More hiking
- More holes of golf
- More homes and people
- More houses and apt. No beautiful parks
- More housing
- More if the natural world.
- More if the natural world.
- More inclusive feeling for BIPOC
- More information in different languages, for example, this survey!
- More interactive learning facilities along trails, in parks.
- More interpretive signage about local ecology
- more kids playing golf
- more leaves
- More lights around the bicycle paths.
- More live music.
- More loading docks, lots of hills for sledding
- More local trees and plants such as bee pollinators
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- More miles of trails per location
- More Mountain bike trails at other Ramsey county parks
- More Mountain biking and better playgrounds in the northern part of the county.
- 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 plantings
- more native plantings
- 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 areas are protected and included in the parks
- more natural settings
- More natural trails
- More nature more secluded
- More nature paths and gardenized landscaping
- 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 nature, less building of apartments, makes me sad
 - More noise
 - 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 outreach effort to connect with varying different community groups.
 - more of the same
 - More off leash dog parks in manageable sizes (battlefield is way too big)
 - More off-road bike trails, this is something my kids love to do
 - more off-road mountain biking options
 - more open green spaces
 - More opportunities for recycling/composting
 - more opportunities to explore new and different activities.
 - More opportunities to race throughout the summer season.
 - More organized activities (programs, non-motorized boat rentals, fishing programs, etc.) from county employees.
 - More outdoor concerts for dancing
 - More outreach to at-risk communities
 - More outreach to underserved boys and girls.
 - More park kind
 - more parks
 - More parks
 - more parks
 - More parks and facilities for outdoor recreation
 - More parks and green space
 - More parks and green space, especially in
 - More parks are connected via trails/bike paths around the county.
 - More parks connected by trails?
 - More parks IN St. Paul
 - More parks with more picnic areas.
 - More paved trails connecting parks (e.g., the southern metro has great biking trails -- bike from Mpls to Carver County!); I'd love to see Ramsey county get some connected trails to access
 - more people
 - 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 are engaged with nature not just a few golfers
 - More people are engaging in organized community building sports like disc golf
 - More people are moving into the area.
 - More people are using the outdoors in a wide variety of activities.
 - More people comfortable in natural setting
 - More people enjoying the golf properties
 - More people enjoying the parks and golf courses
 - More people enjoying their time at the ponds at battle creek
 - More people have engaged in learning about each other's cultures and customs. We aren't siloed into separate groups that all look like alike within a group. I'm hearing more and more people who are listening intently to one another and working to move forward together.
 - more people having 1st park experiences
 - More people invested in our parks through volunteering
 - More people know that the parks are spaces that they are welcome at
 - More people of all nationalities getting out for activities
 - More people out
 - More people patriciate to help clean up the park
 - More people putting input to make the park looks cleaner and prettier
 - More people using public services.
 - more people using the facilities
 - More people using the parks
 - More people using the parks during winter
 - More people using the parks.
 - More people using the space
 - More people want to play 9 holes and have practice range. All the golfers I know love this course because it plays quite a bit different from each set of tees.
 - More people with kids are enjoying the woods at places like battle creek
 - More people/ populated
 - More pickleball/volleyball courts and access to them
 - More picnics
 - more places and days to use free snowshoes (and other winter gear)
 - More playgrounds, swings and slides, since they can get too crowded.
 - More prairie, less lawn/grass
 - More programs
 - More programs for kids
 - More programs for kids and adults like nature classes
 - More public activities
 - More public restrooms
 - more public scholarships for arena and golf course use or resident discounts
 - More public summer camps.
 - More racial- and gender-inclusive spaces
 - 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 safety in sidewalks and bike lanes.
 - More Security
 - More security around our car park.
 - More seniors
 - More signage about local wildlife / history / preservation or importance of natural spaces
 - More signs of direction and park rules
 - more sites making snow as climate change brings new challenges
 - More ski areas
 - More ski areas
 - More ski trails, maybe providing an opportunity for clubs
 - More smiles

- More snowshoeing options
- More space opportunities
- 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 subsidized youth opportunities at the golf courses
- More swimming and fishing
- More tennis and pickle ball courts
- More time together as a community
- More to do
- More traffic
- More trails
- More trails
- More trails
- 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 more wildlife
- More trails more wildlife
- More trails that are dirt and not paved
- More trails to run
- more trails/better maintained
- More trash clean-up
- more trees
- More trees
- more trees
- More Tuj Lab Courts
- More variety in activities and programming.
- More variety in age, race, and ethnicity
- More variety of native plants, insects and animals
- 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
- More walking paths
- More walking paths
- More walking trails connecting longer routes
- More water play! We have very limited water play (outdoor pools -- really it's Como and one wading pool in Roseville) and no splashpad/0-depth entry water play areas. If we want to go swimming at a pool, we have to leave the county.
- More water quality education
- More welcome signage in multiple languages in parking areas to welcome residents and visitors
- More wildflowers
- More wildlife and prairie grass/perennials
- More young people and people of color enjoying the game of golf
- More youth programs to grow the game of golf
- Most likely golfing somewhere else if the ponds is closed
- Most of the "development" has taken place in the country parks which have less areas of natural areas to preserve.
- Much Bigger parks with lots of people
- Much longer drive to golf. Probably head east to Washington County because it's closer.
- Music bands
- My arthritic toes will probably be a little more painful!
- My family and friends
- My family and friends are enjoying all the things we have grown to love and enjoy. Especially golf.
- My friends, families, and strangers
- My grandchildren will be old enough to join me
- My husband is relaxing
- My kids can enjoy a variety of programs
- My mom and dad
- My relatives, friends and families
- NATIONAL Park and Rec organizations are quoting and using our examples as what the nation should be doing.
- Native plantings, no buckthorn or other invasives
- Native plants are prioritized over turfgrass, with turf given specific places rather than being the default.
- Natural planting and less lawn
- Nature centers and programs are re-opened.
- Nature is more mature
- Nature, family and friends
- 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.
- Need more clean spaces
- Neighborhood overcrowding
- New activities for kids through programs each summer
- New homes all over.
- Newer facilities spread out across all parks and cities
- Nice paths
- Nice signage
- Nicer place maybe a full 18. Better chilling faculty
- NO Buckthorn anywhere!!
- No cars/traffic making noise
- No changes
- No changes.... it's all good
- No covid
- No covid!!
- No difference
- No difference than today. Active people continue to be so.
- No different
- No e parks
- No facemasks
- No fireworks- only barbecues on the fourth
- NO flooding - all trails are above water
- No Gangs
- No golf course for the ponds at battle creek
- No golf park, housing instead.
- No late night or early am rentals for kids' hockey

- No masks needed!
- No one feels out of place or like they don't belong. The skies are clean and clear.
- No one feels safe enough to go to the parks these days. Just look at the multi-million-dollar Frogtown Community Center and what happened there. You can put lipstick on a pig, it's still a pig. Until these gangbangers are off the streets and out of the parks, there's not much sense in improving places they hang out. Unless of course, you feel that these thugs deserve a nicer place to shoot at each other.
- No pollution and all parks and facilities are clean
- No rapes
- No shootings
- No stabbings
- No trash around
- No trash around
- No trash in park areas
- No troubled youth smoking pot in parks
- No unsupervised children
- Noisy.
- Non-motorized boat use is allowed at Sucker-Vadnais Lake.
- Non-motorized recreation on sucker and Vadnais lakes.
- not a lot
- Not a lot of activity to do during the wintertime and too cold
- Not enough equipment for the amount of children and parents
- not much different from today for golfing, it's a tried-and-true way to enjoy a few hours of outdoors with friends
- Not much different, but more; a variety of micro-environments, as "wild" as possible.
- Not much different. Folks getting outside
- Not much is different from a people perspective but more nature and more opportunity to forage from nature.
- Not much, I hope.
- Not much. I like it the way it is.
- Not so many pet restrictions! —rules are confusing. Why pets on west side of Vadnais and sucker, but not on east side??
- Not sure I hope it stays the same
- Not worrying about the car being broken into in the parking lot.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing - the parks are inclusive and dynamic for anyone who wants to use them
- Nothing as the Ponds at Battle Creek is already there.
- Nothing different.
- nothing if the golf course stays
- Nothing is different about the golf course. It is perfect right now.
- Nothing is different and everything has stayed the same
- Nothing much has changed in southern Maplewood, it's perfect the way it is.
- Nothing needs to change
- Nothing needs to change
- Nothing, I plan to continue to play golf at Keller.
- Nothing. I enjoy it as it is!
- Nothing...leave the Ponds golf course as is!
- Number of patrons has grown
- OLDA's have a fenced in playground area for kids
- On my vision? My vision is simply more of the same with excellent maintenance, development of active use facilities in the parks, interpretive centers, walking and biking trails, family gathering places, public access to aquatic features (beaches and boat launches). I don't use the ice arenas, but I certainly like the fact that they are there for those interested to use them. What I'm seeing and hearing is much like what I see and hear now. Apologies for not being more creative or "visionary". Ramsey County Parks (in all forms and dimensions) are a fantastic amenity for living in the Metro and make it possible to live in this miserable climate.
- One of the biggest differences I see is that the kids are not out there as much as they should be! Or as I stated before if they are there they are on their phones.
- One thing that I heard a lot this past winter: sidewalks are not accessible, parking ramps, when ice is removed it may not consider different needs of users of the sidewalks.
- Open space
- opportunities to learn about gardening, about fruits and vegetables, understanding ways to make natural products as well as herbs and earth remedies
- options for rentals
- Or kids, or loose 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.
- Other families in nature
- Other families just like mine
- Our community is safer!!!
- Out with family
- Outdoor programs - guided walks
- Outdoor rinks are covered, protecting from snow & sun
- Outdoor water area like splash pad or community pool in north Ramsey county
- Outside activities have increased because of the pandemic but I believe this level will remain high even after the pandemic subsides
- Park advocates are available to introduce people to new ways to engage with the resources.
- Park facilities and equipment are in great shape

- park services are provided in connection (holistically) with other county services
- Park staff are actively interacting and encouraging visitors to try different activities
- Parkes have been replaced by housing for the homeless that looks like barracks and there's not public transportation.
- Parking is plentiful and well-marked.
- 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 cleaner
- parks are easier to find and access, even without a vehicle
- Parks are lauded as the quality-of-life powerhouses that they are! This is accomplished equitably and in connection to other RC services
- Parks are open and accessible to all
- Parks are plentiful and can be reached on foot or walking so less auto traffic
- 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.
- Parks today are opposite of my description for the future
- Parts of the golf courses are used for frisbee golf
- Paths are smooth
- Paths are well-marked, and trail maps are available for free download
- Pathways are paved and upkept
- PBC
- PBC
- people are angry at the Ramsey county commissioners
- People are happy, children laughing
- People are learning together
- People are out more to enjoy the outdoors
- People are primarily getting groceries and resources from local sources. Local markets are more convenient for the public than a big box store.
- 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 are still enjoying all the beauties of nature while the county/city continues to promote enjoying the outdoors for physical and mental health benefits
- People are trying to sell their city homes
- People do not know (what is available, or where they are).
- People don't have to wear masks in community
- People don't call cops
- people enjoying the outdoors
- People enjoying, appreciating nature.
- People from different races and communities are interacting in natural, organic ways. Not "forced".
- People may be looking for space for particular activities.
- 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 take notice that the county is taking action for improving and adding trail infrastructure!
- People volunteering and planting things
- People will take ownership - if someone drops something, the next person will pick it up.
- People won't be outside enjoying the community
- People working in community gardens to feed people
- PEOPLE. The parks have succeeded in bringing more folks to the yard.
- Perhaps a pay-to-play disc golf model, helping to sustain the park maintenance
- Pigs Eye lake area is useable for neighborhood
- Pig's Eye Lake would have trails, water access, restored habitat, wetland restoration, pollution removal, industrial uses would no longer encroach on parkland, lake depth will be restored. There will be a series of trails within the park and connecting the park to adjoining neighborhoods. There will be signage identifying it as a park, wayfinding will direct people to the park. There will be water access for small boats, trails, picnic tables, bathrooms, and places to park. A plan will be in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of the rookery and other wildlife in the park and to restore habitat including aquatic habitat. It is a beautiful area today but will be a much healthier and accessible going forward. It will be recognized as a natural resource crown jewel.
- Places for teens to be safe
- Planned closure of the Ponds of Battle Creek would be a great lose to the community.
- Planning so that everyone can use the space they want to use, without having special accommodation: there was an inclusive approach in mind, when these structures were built.
- Plants and shoreline are completely restored
- Playgrounds and facilities built with cultural considerations.
- Playgrounds are updated
- Playgrounds offer more accessible options, and variety of play (e.g., sensory friendly play, nature-informed play, climbing structure)
- Playing golf
- Playing golf. Love the sport
- Point of interest
- Police
- Ponds at Battle Creek golf course still exists.
- Ponds at Battle Creek is an 18-hole golf course
- Ponds at battle creek is still open. It is a great 9-hole course that offers a lot of practice and fun. My son and daughter are participating in the kids first tee program

- Ponds at Battle Creek is well funded and cared for
- Ponds at Battle Creek somehow remains open, and my friends and I can play golf at our favorite course in the area.
- Ponds at Battle Creek will still be flourishing, and my children will still be using the course along with me
- Ponds better be there
- Ponds better still be there
- Ponds golf is open, rather than closed as planned
- Ponds is still there to golf at
- Ponds of Battle Creek remains open
- Ponds of Battle Creek stays open
- Ponds of Battle Creek still exists
- Ponds of BC golf course closed for no reason
- Ponds still open!
- Pools
- Population is probably older but
- Pretty much the same.
- Private space is being bought and taken over by businesses. Soon there will be no reason for people to stay to do things they once enjoyed about the community.
- Probably not enough snow for snow sports
- programmed outdoor events.
- programs going on throughout the spaces
- Promote league play for juniors, men and women's and couples leagues.
- Promote the parks more
- Property was gobbled up by developers.
- public fire pits with chairs around them is something no one thinks to do, having a space like this would be great for those in the community who don't have a private yard
- Public lands more equitably available to more people
- Public safety; don't harass Black youth
- Public transit makes it easy to access all county parks
- Public transportation that stops at all parks
- Racial and Health Equity Administrators: each service teams hires one to support their efforts on advancing racial equity – helping them shape the project scope and keeping race at the forefront what we do.
- Ramsey County has plans to close Ponds Golf Course. This makes me sad...
- Ramsey county is clueless
- 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.
- Realistically, we'll probably lose parks
- Recognizing our diverse society including the playing of the game of golf
- Recycling bins & trash available
- Rental of ice fishing houses or equipment
- Rental watercraft are available at an affordable rate.
- Restoration of native plant communities
- restored natural balance
- Restored prairie.
- Restrooms available
- Rural and Urban dwellers are playing and singing together. They leave transformed and have new friends.
- Rusty patch Bumble bees are flying nearby. Monarchs are flitting.
- Safe
- Safe and accessible
- Safe borders
- Safe neighborhoods with golf priced for the working man
- Safe place to play and have family get togethers.
- Safe spaces for women are maintained are increases
- Safer
- Safer
- Safer
- Safer spaces
- Safety
- Safety at battle creek needs to improve
- Sailing classes for youth
- Same
- Same
- Same as above
- Same as before
- Same but only with a small dog park area
- Same look
- Same people as today, not going to change as most people who use the facilities will continue to do so
- Same recreation areas with added features.
- Save the open spaces.
- See above - this is the same question 7
- see above answers
- Seeing a more diverse group of people
- Seeing better and improved facilities.
- Seeing even more people at these facilities.
- seeing expanded park lands, paved trails and benches
- Seeing kids explore their minds, having kids pursue their talents and dreams.
- seeing less trash and litter
- 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.
- seeing/hearing more wild flora and fauna
- self-guided walks & learning opportunities
- Senior citizens will be playing nine-hole golf, a great sport for aging citizens.
- Senior exercise equipment
- Seniors, families and students have a golf course maintained that island that you don't need to be rich to play it or have it take all day for those who work or go to school
- Sense of shared community
- Shade
- Show good example to other after using park stuff
- Sidewalks added to more roads to encourage community walking connections between neighbors and parks (Rice and Hodgson especially)... With trees/foliage near roads so that roadways don't feel so wide that it is hard not to speed (think Tanglewood vs 96)

- Signage? What is the language used?
- Signs include several languages, including braille and iconography.
- Signs with explanations of what you are seeing
- Silver Lake is another very beautiful park. But all the classes on offer are in English and are expensive. You can also go fishing there, but I would like to see people from the park that could assist you and help you to know the different areas of the park, maybe also to teach you how to fish. It would be nice to have more areas to eat food. They also offer concerts during the summer, but they are not multicultural. I would like to see people get to know our folklore or our original music.
- Similar to now due to the great interest in golf from all groups that as demographics change, increased interest in golf by people of color, women and youth.
- Situation, people I'm around, and the environment I'm in
- Skating
- Skating open/parks open and accessible
- Small areas and too populated.
- Smells of grilled food
- Snow making so the season starts earlier
- Snowmaking
- Snowmaking is happening
- Snowmaking is happening
- Snowshoe trails
- 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
- So, we do not end up with every able-bodied people who are white, middle class and not diverse.
- Solar power for park buildings and athletic fields
- Solar power is being generated
- Some are set up better
- some art in smaller parks
- some dog parks but not to the exclusion of other activities (fencing precluding other uses)
- Some parks are more diverse
- Some people are avoiding using these spaces in winter as they know it is not cleared for their needs.
- Some rinks none of that because no one takes care of the ice at some outdoor rinks
- Some sort of security reassurance for the existing neighborhoods
- Some trails specifically prohibit biking yet almost all residents of Ramsey county have a bike and enjoy riding
- Someone somehow will have figured out how to deal with algae on lake without chemicals
- Something community related at the old fire station in south Maplewood
- son, wife, son in law and grand kids
- Spaces for teenagers, elderly, people with disabilities
- speed up pace of play
- Splash pads
- still areas to ice skate
- Still clean
- Still golf there
- Still golfing!
- Still playing golf with my friends at Battle Creek Ponds.
- Still safe - community service patrols especially to parking lots - no thefts
- Still the same as the past with modern updates.
- Still very diverse but more people
- Stop planning to turn Ponds at Battle Creek into housing
- Stop with the general listening sessions and select key initiatives and involve the people with the passion
- Stress inclusiveness and strongly reach out to the community to bring more people in
- Such as parks and recs programs
- Sunshine
- Support youth golf Programs at the Ponds of Battle Creek Golf Course.
- Swimming pools
- Talking and hanging out with my friends
- 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.
- Taxes are higher
- Technology that incorporates learning
- Technology that incorporates learning
- Teens have a place they can safely get together, cost free.
- Ten years ago, when we talk about the general public, we think in my workplace about the specific audience: we think of the individuals in groups: BIPOC, elders,
- Tennis courts.
- Terrible maintenance at the river trails.
- That decision makers finally realize it's not either or.
- That would generate higher utilization if people had easy access to that information.
- The access to my sport of choice has changed and more people of color are engaged
- The area is close to being natural
- The baseball field is actually mowed and maintained
- The beach isn't as busy
- The channels between lakes are maintained and not so full of sediment as to barely move between lakes
- The climate continues to change and so do the plant and animal communities.
- The combination of two disc golf courses at both Battle Creek Park and the Ponds would make for a World Class Disc Golf destination.
- The cost incentivizes all in the family to play golf.
- The county has many departments.
- The county is beginning to think outside the box.
- The county will maintain its golf courses, allowing lots of access for its residents, at an affordable price
- The county will maintain its investment in the hockey rinks, creating lots of ice time opportunities for residents and nice facilities
- The county will regularly groom the cross-country trails to provide a great experience
- The course has expanded since it is already packed as is
- The course has matured so beautifully

- The crowd at the golf courses is even more diverse
- The dedicated groomed ski trails are only for skiers. Hikers have their own trails. There's no conflicts
- The difference is not shocking, but PLEASING. "Of course there are more diverse families". That is what this region is about. This is what everyone wants.
- The dog park is essentially unchanged. Simple fenced place for dogs to run around
- 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 existing activities don't need to be sacrificed for new ones.
- The fear of closing the ponds is gone. We are still able to gather there for family time.
- The game of golf is growing
- The golf course is more diverse, busier, and full of great people enjoying recreation with others and the outdoors.
- the golf course is open year-round, not just for golf
- The golf course is still there
- The golf courses add more space for community. Make it inviting so people linger
- The golf courses and still around and haven't been sold off to developers
- The golf courses have been turned into multiple use spaces
- The golf courses have continued to mature with larger trees, etc.
- The golf courses remain well maintained and open to the public
- The golfing might be done on a different course or courses.
- The grasslands and other native habitats are further restored. Prairie plants such as Puccoon and Lupine are blooming.
- The green space is still there and available to use.
- The grounds are kept clean, there are waste receptacles available and not overflowing
- The land wasn't sold off to build houses, etc.
- The last 15 years the Ponds of Battle Creek have improved in atmosphere in the whole area!! Bringing and teaching kids how to golf. It is a respectable game, and teaching manners and techniques is important. I wish all sports were like that.
- The NAACP is having a national outdoor festival in Ramsey County. They have heard about the participation and positive experiences. Folks from all over MN attend.
- The natural areas, parks and golf courses have all been protected and the county and city has proven the ability to restrain from making the short-term decision to destroy them.
- The natural landscape of the regional parks has been preserved.
- The new trees have matured; there is a nice amount of shade in the summer.
- The only splash pad is in west St Paul.
- The park closes early due to covid
- The park looks cleaner
- The park police will be people of color.
- The parking lots are safe
- The parking lots are semi busy during the winter!
- The parks are more accessible
- the parks have grown, and facilities have improved with more flowers and benches.
- The parks stay intact and are not closed to develop housing as what is planned for ponds of Battle Creek. The Battle Creek golf course closing is one of the saddest things I can imagine the parks doing.
- The parkways remain well maintained and may incorporate safety features such as lighting and emergency call stations
- The Ponds at Battle Creek golf course is not in danger of being closed
- The Ponds at Battle Creek golf course would be thriving and offering an active golf course for all to enjoy.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek have great kid programs that even to this day my grown sons talk about. They bring their friends and will one day bring their families and children to the golf course. It's family and generationally focused.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is a necessity. We do not need any more low-income housing.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is amazing as is, and it really doesn't need to be changed.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is still going strong.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is still in existence with many people enjoying a challenging course.
- The Ponds at Battle Creek is still open
- The Ponds at Battle Creek remains a 1st rate practice area & golf course.
- The Ponds GC is still open.
- The ponds golf course and 18-hole course
- The Ponds golf course is gone. And in its place is low rent housing. Low-income people and more crime.
- The Ponds has been saved and this nonsense is over.
- The Ponds has been scrapped for no clear reason except hostility to golf and golfers
- The Ponds is no longer under threat of closure. The county has committed to keeping the community resource open and available to all!
- 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 ponds is still open
- The Ponds is still open and filled with wildlife, bees and butterflies
- The ponds now has 18 holes. It is now not only outperforming Goodrich and manitou but also Keller
- The Ponds of Battle Creek is still a ball golf course, but also has disc golf there too.
- The Ponds stays and makes everyone happy
- The regional parks have not been developed with a lot of buildings, play areas, etc.
- The renovations are finished, and all the debris is gone.

- The Rice street entrance to Sucker Lake is easier to access on foot by the local community
- 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 same, well taken care off
- The ski trails are groomed, but not grooved
- The space is being used by more people due to the lack of green space elsewhere.
- the students are now young parents
- The surroundings are more mature
- The things mentioned above are enjoyed by many including those who are much younger.
- The trails are better maintained in the winter to avoid slippery conditions
- The trails are wider, to better handle 2-way traffic
- The trails around Snail Lake are NOT under water and are repaved.
- The trees mature. The ones that once golfed there as children are now there with their kids.
- The walk paths are better maintained,
- The water quality of ponds is improved
- The way I see it, all the green areas and parks are going to be replaced by low-income housing.
- 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 "no wake" lakes
- There are available bags for collecting
- There are certain things you can do: building relationships with organizations that serve key populations.
- There are couples' (and family) activities at the golf courses
- There are cultural games, activities and artifacts that reminds my family of their homeland.
- There are currently no significant mt bike trails in Ramsey county.
- There are fewer recreational and more natural areas.
- There are gardens and nature centers and community meeting places
- There are kayaks, bikes, xc skis to use.
- There are lifeguards/staff in parks to welcome people.
- There are lots of different people in the park
- There are many places where information can be available.
- There are more activities in the park
- 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 bike trails close to me
- There are more birds, more trees, more people interacting with nature.
- There are more diversity of people using the parks.
- there are more families and couples enjoying the outdoors
- There are more family friendly activities such as golf, swimming, etc.
- There are more flowers and pollinators
- There are more opportunities to participate in learning events
- There are more outdoor facilities for healthy, socially distanced activities as needed
- There are more people because everyone enjoys well kept, easily accessible and safe parks.
- There are more people taking advantage of these resources
- There are more people who look like me
- There are more programs and events
- There are more sidewalks in neighborhoods to provide safer walking paths to get to the parks
- There are more staff reflecting the population working at the park.
- There are more swings, trees to climb, tables and benches for multiple groups. In addition to soccer/basketball courts, there is casual game equipment like slacklines or tetherballs. In addition to big playgrounds, there are semiprivate spaces like clusters of benches or boulders under trees.
- There are more trails and improved trails.
- There are more trees
- There are more wooded or open areas just for nature
- There are native plants there
- There are new fun things to try.
- There are opportunities for people without families to enjoy the park system.
- There are opportunities to learn about the natural environment within the parks.
- There are places of gathering and places of quiet
- There are places to buy food and drinks from
- There are playgrounds for children that are younger, since most playgrounds are for big kids, they do not think of children younger than 3 years.
- There are snowmaking capabilities, so that I don't have to worry about poor snow conditions
- There are very few trails for off road biking in Ramsey county
- There better be ponds still there.
- There is a back 9 at the ponds woot woot!!!
- there is a consistency between signage at parks so I know what to expect
- There is a disc golf course.
- 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 a permanent disc golf course installed. Food trucks are a common occurrence.
- There is a way for people without families to join together and enjoy park amenities.
- There is better access to lakes and rivers for putting kayaks in the water.
- There is finally Disc Golf in Ramsey County Parks
- There is greater diversity and inclusion.
- There is information about the area. Visitors gain knowledge and history of the land, wildlife and animals that call this space home.

- There is less noise from cars and motorcycles and noisy mowers and leaf blowers.
- There is less trash
- There is less trash
- There is literally no point in getting rid of the golf course, I have never heard a single negative thing about the course
- 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 deference given to parks and trails instead of highways and parking
- There is more green area, less litter in alignment with population growth.
- There is more high-quality habitat for wildlife
- There is more information about the land and the culture of where we are and how they lived.
- There is more lighting for safety
- 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 is the option to draw landscapes, paint or put own theatrical productions where families can participate.
- There seems to be a mistake impression that golf is not a sport that appeals and is made available to everyone
- There should be better communication about this.
- There will be more hiking and biking trails so I can commute and exercise in nature and breath fresh air and hear an animal and stop breathing in so much pollution
- There will be more people biking on trails
- There will be several food forests for residents to gather from
- There would be an indoor roller rink.
- There would be more disc golf holes.
- There's a new disc course in Como park. Everyone is playing and having fun
- There's a new generation of children learning and enjoying life
- There's no longer any worry that this golf course will be closed. It is announced that it will be open for the foreseeable future.
- They are closing the ponds
- They've destroyed several beautiful golf courses to put up housing they could put somewhere else.
- Things are good as is.
- Things are not too manicured
- This approach expands the opportunities for a wide variety of people, more diverse, it may be hard to explain to others.
- This is a very dumb survey
- 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
- To have more security in parks and lakes, to have more lifeguards available for the community in the summer.
- To many people
- Today there are very few trees downtown on the sidewalk
- tons of biodiversity/ wildlife. No invasive species.
- too many houses, cars & apartment buildings.
- Too many people are fishing and not a lot of fishes
- Too much land at Como- our revenue goes to Roseville
- total lawlessness
- Trail markers have improved
- Trails
- 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
- Transportation to access different places and spaces to explore
- Trash pickup by volunteers on a regular basis
- Trees
- Trimmer trees, more colorful flowers
- Undergrowth is managed more assiduously to prevent invasive plants like Buckthorn
- Unfortunately, the County has restricted a premier walking trail to cross-country skiing only. Shame on you!
- Universal design
- Unknown what will happen
- Unsure, I imagine there are changes to continue to engage and be inclusive for all
- Upgraded facilities
- Use of technology to allow residents to access information in a variety of languages including way finding.
- Valuable land & watersheds weren't sold off to meet a short-term deficit. This land is now a better host for native plants & animals, but one people can still enjoy.
- Vandalism
- Very inclusive use.
- Very little difference from today
- very little differences
- Video surveillance
- Visitors are immersed in nature
- Volleyball nets sand courts - diverse
- Walking
- Walking
- 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 actually go tubing, but I would like to go out more in the snow to be more active.
- We also ask challenging questions, so do departments think of the impact on racial equity? Giving them guiding question. It is collective work.

- We are getting beyond racial divisions. We are creating more opportunities for BIPOC residents but are doing it in a way that doesn't reduce services offered to other residents.
- We are still doing those same things
- We can also gather at the other sights as well, but they are not threatened as is the Ponds.
- we don't touch what we have
- We have kids now, so we're playing with kids in the park
- We have to wear mask
- We will be 87 and probably less active!
- Website with more pictures and videos of the features parks
- Welcome atmosphere for all.
- Well maintained and connected bike trails with great rest areas (rest rooms), well maintained public access beaches such as at Long Lake Regional Park,
- Well maintained winter trails for runs and walks
- We'll probably lose wildlife
- What I'm hearing is more wildlife due to more emphasis on native vegetation and habitat support.
- 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 is different is that golf courses are now viewed as a valuable asset for all generations.
- What level of engagement are we asking for the community?
- What?
- What's different from today is that there are more natural areas for public use.
- What's different is a stronger emphasis on having more natural areas that have more environment and less developed stuff.
- What's different is that there is greater signage, education and inclusiveness to encourage more usage.
- When messaging it is important, so it is not excluding some people, but to target the audience that you need to learn from
- When more people go to the park, I feel safer
- Who's there is a continuation of Ramsey citizens and visitors who want to enjoy being outside.
- Wildlife
- Wildlife feels comfortable in the parks, too.
- Wildlife, but I see on NextDoor people are afraid of the coyotes which have always been here along with the deer and turkeys, and they complain about them eating their plants.
- will close!
- 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.
- Woods
- Working with racially, ethnically diverse people, and bringing them to the decision-making table is a major effort at Ramsey County.
- Would like a nature center in Battle Creek
- Would love to see it expand and have more lessons, league, junior league, etc.
- Yoga for kids at the lake
- 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 :)
- You ripping down a profitable golf course and beautiful green space for condos makes me sick
- you want to tear down a great golf course and add housing
- You would save a lot of youth from being labeled "at risk," you would see less kids being killed.
- Young kids and their parents.
- Younger people involved with outdoor parks and sports fields available for everyone to enjoy
- Youth golf programs continue to flourish
- Youth unable to learn about the game of golf
- Zumba in the park. Baseball.

8. How did those changes happen? Who shaped the decisions?

This question was asked primarily in the online survey and participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,106 responses to this question.

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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.

***Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs...How did those changes happen?
Who shaped the decisions?***

- A lot of actions to make it happen. community shaped the vision and government and community leadership made it happen.
- a love of golf by all of us
- A nonpartisan equitable group of residents
- A partisan position was taken on what should be a non-partisan community goal
- A strong-willed person that runs things
- Access to golf courses
- Accountability from patrons
- Action and impact reports provided for community members, greater assessments of where people are spending their time and investing in those facilities
- Activities are professionally developed and staffed at a variety of times
- Add dirt trails (hiking/trail running trails) to accommodate ADA requirements (rather than taking away paved trails)
- Adding safe bike trails and lanes (i.e., protected or above-grade)
- Additional trail connections added, and dedicated trails on some roads
- Affordable activities
- Affordable baseball
- Affordable hockey
- Age
- Aging
- All 4 golf courses are kept intact and updated regularly to keep current and continue to grow
- All changes need to take into account our environment
- All families, kids, adults, elders
- All of the people who want to keep it open because it would be stupid not to
- All of the true stakeholders, particularly people who live here.
- All of us. There should be input from the community.
- An idea board on the website, easy, simple. Volunteer coordinators through the park board
- and ability to have and maintain
- Anti-litter laws were enforced.
- Any changes should be shaped by the community
- Any Ramsey county residents worked together to make decisions
- Apparently, representatives that don't live here make the decisions
- Appropriate funding
- Appropriate funding
- appropriate site prioritization
- appropriate use of Legacy monies for natural resources
- as Ponds of Battle Cr Golf Course, I
- 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.
- Asking people when they are using the parks
- Assertive surveillance to ensure respect of others and the park
- Audubon and other environmental organizations
- available financing
- balance
- Because politicians, like the County Commissioners, wanted to control people
- Because Ramsey County Parks Board took initiative to remove buckthorn and invasive - even doing public outreach to inform about what and why. These outreach opportunities could also encourage private property owners to remove invasives on their own lands and help support the missions of area watershed organizations, too,
- Better investment and organization of volunteers
- Better signage and access to Pigs Eye -- both on Warner and near the entrance itself.
- Better web design team
- BIPOC and immigrant communities were represented in advertising
- BIPOC community
- Board funding
- Board members
- Board members
- Board recognizing opening up the parks to races allows more people to experience the parks.
- Budget
- Build more greenways
- Building and maintain sports courts
- Building Less housing
- Business interests and the politicians that support them typically win over citizen and environmental concerns
- Business leaders' donations for improvements
- buy more land for parks
- By getting more feedback from county residents about what is wanted in parks.
- By making open spaces available.
- by not bulldozing golf courses for condos
- By not closing this place down. It's more Important to so many people then to tear it down and build houses
- By not removing golf courses filled with beautiful landscapes and nature to instill section 8 housing.
- By Ramsey County parks listening to what people want when attending a park.
- By received feedback and surveys from the community
- by thinking outside the box and not just building another playground for kids that goes unused or random park

- benches next to nothing that go unused
- Carafe folks have taken an interest in seeing change
 - Certainly not with the County's help as they are trying to close this wonderful course
 - Change brought about by the citizens who attend the parks and leadership and those who put out promotional rhetoric.
 - Change is not always good
 - Changes happen because youth get involved. Elders are strong advocates, too.
 - Changes happen by having a strong, shared vision of a city that is not dominated by cars.
 - Changes happened because politicians didn't listen to their constituents. Too many people moved in, and the open spaces went away.
 - Changes happened by listening to the people.
 - Cities
 - Citizen feedback was taken into consideration when planning and prioritizing projects.
 - Citizens
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 - Citizens and decision makers Had the foresight to consider the impact for many generations as opposed to their personal short term subjective beliefs
 - Citizens and decision makers showed the strength to support the idea that making parks, nature preserves, and golf courses are much more beneficial to people long term physical and mental wellbeing than the short-term benefits of industry and housing
 - Citizens and government
 - citizens' desire for Nature based parks
 - City
 - City
 - City and county leadership
 - City and county officials
 - City and county officials
 - City council
 - City Council
 - City Council
 - City council members
 - City council members shared their vision
 - City council that listened to the people
 - City council. Parks and Rec board members.
 - City councils have made no wise decisions without fair community input
 - City employees that listened to its constituents
 - City leaders and community leaders
 - City leaders and community members
 - City planning
 - City, MORC
 - City/ county govt. Input from neighbors
 - Civic governance with help of elected or public employees to navigate decision making
 - Civil unrest.
 - Climate Change
 - Closed minded city officials who only think about their own needs above what the community of South Maplewood really wants.
 - Closing The Ponds doesn't make sense. It's used by people who are learning a new sport and by seniors who have paid taxes for years.
 - Collaboration
 - Collaboration between cities and the county
 - Collaboration with community
 - Commissioners
 - Commissioners
 - Commissioners having a plan before taking action
 - Commissioners that LISTENED
 - Commissioners visiting the area before making rush decision
 - Common sense prevailed.
 - Communication throughout the community?
 - Community
 - Community
 - Community
 - Community action or neighborhood action
 - Community activism!
 - Community activists, politicians and, last but not least by all means, Real Estate Developers
 - Community and Government
 - community and government making bold and brave decisions.
 - Community and organization involvement
 - Community and Ramsey County together
 - Community asking for change
 - Community awareness of options that exist
 - Community clean ups help keep things clean in a regular basis
 - Community conversations
 - Community engagement
 - Community engagement to get behind ideas
 - Community events
 - community feedback to leadership to provide more programs
 - Community forums guided by local govt leaders and community volunteers
 - Community funding
 - Community funding
 - Community groups
 - Community in the area
 - Community input
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 - Community input
 - community input, like this survey.
 - Community involvement
 - Community involvement of varying demographics in guiding future planning
 - Community is consulted and has the same decision-making power
 - Community keeps it clean
 - Community leaders
 - Community leaders
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 - Community leaders
 - community leaders
 - Community leaders
 - Community leaders and organizers working closely with Parks and Rec

- Community meetings, virtually and in-person plus online surveys
- Community members
- Community members
- Community members
- community members
- Community members
- Community members and volunteers
- Community members being engaged in the process and having their input implemented into the decision-making process.
- Community members engaged with the process
- Community members feedback-
- Community organization
- Community organizations
- Community organizations
- Community organizations that represent all sorts of cultures and backgrounds
- Community organizers on the ground. Don't assume we know what they want. What do different groups want?
- community outreach and involvement (cleanup etc.)
- Community people who live in these areas
- Community residents connect with common interests
- Community residents who want to preserve the natural resources.
- community support
- Community surveys determined needs
- Community users and local partnerships
- Community voiced their interest and the board heard it
- Community voices
- Community voices
- Community volunteers
- Community volunteers
- 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
- Concerned citizens and park natural resource staff.
- Considered limited use of lake Vadnais
- Consolidation and coordinated park and trail systems with other counties and cities
- Construct more nature playgrounds.
- Could be climate and also people
- Council/Parks & Rec leaders
- Country promoted cross country skiing and its facilities (if you build it, they will come)
- County
- County and city officials.
- County and complainants
- County attorney
- County board
- County board
- County board
- County board appropriates funding for necessary improvements
- County board doesn't close the course
- County board listening to people
- county board made bad decisions
- County board members
- County commissioners
- County commissioners already said that they have no time for "rich", old, white men
- County Commissioners and Parks staff listened, and the parks stayed open and continued to offer services.
- County Commissioners and public
- County Commissioners did not make false claims about golf being a "white person sport"
- County commissioners left the parks alone
- County Commissioners listened to their local constituents
- county commissioners need to be voted out and replaced
- County commissioners realize that the golf course is an amenity
- County commissioners some who support Parks and Rec services for all county residents and those who have another agenda.
- County commissioners stop using race and rich/poor as an excuse to close the course
- County commissioners who listened to their constituents.
- County contract with mobile food vehicles
- County decided to close golf course that actually makes money
- County did studies on ice rink usage and polled hockey parents and others in community about what they want
- County enforces the no fireworks rules in partnership with fire dept
- 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 executives protect and preserve and expand these amenities FOR ALL
- County expanded total acreage of parkland
- county improved trail maintenance and grooming
- County invested in apprehending and fining litterers
- County leaders
- county leaders/budget deciders
- County manager who actually does boots-on-the ground research before creating a budget.
- County managers worked to keep funding for the facilities
- County officials
- county officials used divisive language
- County park and rec staff making changes
- County parks and rec, perhaps focus groups of community members
- County Parks Board, Legislature, Citizen involvement
- County parks organizing w local cities
- County placed more trash/recycle barrels
- county publicizing parks and encouraging use, much like current recycling billboards
- County put in more maps and placards
- 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 studied golf course usage and polled golfers about what upgrades would be most meaningful
- County upkeeps more regularly
- county working with cities
- County, city, state, and private groups work together to make snowmaking a reality.
- Courageous leadership to tackle the sometimes (unreadable).
- Course managers
- Covid shaped the boredom
- Create activities and spaces that appeal to older kids
- create new trails, enforce dog rules
- Create trails for all skill levels, including skills parks for beginners and experts alike
- Created opportunities to solicit proposal from the community/non-profits
- Creative people who love to work with kids
- Current leadership to understand role in standing beside communities that are underrepresented
- Decisions from the community and county teams
- 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
- Demand for the popular and growing sport of golf, idling with the well managed and affordable Ponds.
- Demographic shifts and climate change
- Designer
- Develop golf academy
- Developers were held to high standards
- Development of commercial and residential
- Dictated ice crews or a change to let people volunteer
- 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
- Different types of cultures displayed and honored
- Distribute money more evenly in city, Highland versus east side example
- Districts
- Districts
- Diverse community members in ALL levels of the process
- Diverse community members leading the process
- Diverse residents, businesses are aware of programs and services parks has to offer.
- Diverse staff
- Diverse voices were heard and followed. People championed efforts.
- DNC
- Do not close the Ponds
- Do not close The Ponds at Battle Creek...a terrible idea if we want everyone to enjoy the game of golf TOGETHER
- Dog lovers
- Dogs were outlawed.
- Doing things that affect the ecosystem
- don't close any courses
- don't close the Ponds? I'm not sure why you are doing this.
- Donation from the people who use the park and wanting to improve it
- don't sell park land
- Driven by mgmt
- Drop-in classes to help people learn new ways to be in nature
- During winter it gets dark early, and people cannot see when running and walking, will like to get more stress light in the parks
- Each family enjoying using parks and recreational
- Economic conditions, police, new people
- education
- Elders, people with disabilities, artists and local businesspeople all had a voice.
- elected officials
- Elected officials that prioritize Parks & Recreation
- Electing officials who care about the same things
- embrace the lifetime sport of Mountain biking
- 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
- Engagement activities boosted
- 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
- engaging volunteers to plant flora
- Evaluation of current spaces,
- Everyone
- Everyone has to take charge
- Everyone in the community had a say
- Everyone of all ages. Both county workers and volunteers
- Everyone. Not a handful of people sitting in closed door meetings.
- 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
- Facilities managers

- Facility operators, users, neighbors, general public, parks and recreation staff leadership.
- Families
- Families with children with disabilities
- Families, teens, children have input.
- families.
- Father Time can't be expected to heal this arthritis
- Father Time may have had something to do with my decline in skating skill and speed!
- Feedback from the user
- Field trips to clean up parks
- Fight for green space
- Financial backing.
- 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.
- First tee program
- First Tee Program
- Focus on research / community needs
- Focused use of tax dollars
- Folks got the schools involved and other community groups that work with multiple generations
- For a change like this to happen, it will mean putting our differences aside and forming strong partnerships with others in different communities. It will also be essential that we value each other's opinions.
- Forward thinking community members not council members who are not in touch with every aspect of the city
- 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
- Frequent visitor surveys
- Friends and family
- Friends of Battle Creek
- Fund the maintenance of the facilities
- Funding contributors
- Funding from State Lottery proceeds.
- 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 obtained for extending the trails.
- Funding was provided for development of more natural areas.
- Funds from the city/taxes.
- General public has lack of vision for the future needs of open space
- Get high school and college advocates involved
- Get homeowners on lake to agree? Or use Rice Creek or something similar (a "nature lake") where speedboats/jet skis wouldn't be an issue.
- Get politicians who support law and order
- Get the naturalists involved.
- Give more opinion on what you think especially the public
- Golf
- Golf course management.
- Golf course staff and Volunteers from men's and women's clubs at Ramsey County golf courses.
- Golf course superintendent
- Golf courses turned into community parks
- Golf is booming and a popular choice now - especially for non-white residents
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers
- Golfers!!!
- Good landscaping decisions in 2020 have led to beautiful surroundings that put families at ease naturally.
- Good leadership
- Got rid of the current idiotic leadership and law and order was restored to the county.
- Governing bodies of people with less and less appreciation for the necessity of these spaces
- Government
- government decisions
- Gradual growth and learning
- Grandkids, large families, reunions, extended
- Grants
- grassroots changes
- Greater communication with community members - clarity in cause and effect of actions taken
- Greater investment in support personnel
- Greed and need for power.
- Groups like Wild Ones and native plant societies supported the change to more native plants.
- groups. Funding given by corporations
- growth
- Guided by community input not just by what one or two people may want.
- Help school classes spend time here, then have them bring their parents
- Helping shape decisions are partners that were included like major watershed organizations, Metro Conservation Corridors, and others.
- Honest open dialogue and outreach to BIPOC families/people
- Hopefully a new board of commissioners
- Hopefully a strong economy will help
- Hopefully no-one. I don't understand why people feel the need to shut down a loved course.
- Hopefully taxpayers and not politicians.
- Hopefully the community's input
- hopefully the people that live in the county
- Hopefully these changes were influenced by ideas from the communities
- Hopefully those who actually use the facilities.
- Hopefully, some well-informed managers. Sometimes the public, but too many cooks spoil the broth.
- hopefully, the youth sports organizations will be heavily involved in any of the conversations
- Hopefully, these changes were influenced by ideas from the communities
- Hoping the county comm do not take our parks away for housing. They should quit spending money and then we could keep our parks. I will vote for anyone that will preserve our park system
- How to get diverse families in the park - P&R connect with families in shelters.

- Parents and kids have access to those services.
- Humans caused the climate change.
 - I am Asian American. Love ponds
 - I am not sure.
 - I assume those managing the Ramsey County budget decide to apply funds to maintain and improve P&R resources
 - I believe all changes were the result of ill-informed District County Commissioners.
 - I believe the past year will help make changes to be more diverse
 - I can help!
 - I did not envision "changes". To the extent the parks are maintained, improved, and enhanced, those things happened through leadership provided by Parks and Recreation staff and leadership, which engages and consults with the broader community. The decisions get shaped in the usual way: government officials (staff and elected officials) have their own thoughts and visions, attempt to get a sense of what the broader public wants, test their ideas with that public, listen to those who participate and speak up, consult with those directly affected, and so on. The decisions sometimes get shaped by those with a particular interest in a particular activity, with groups or organizations that have a highly focused interest, and some outreach to the broader constituencies.
 - I do not know
 - I don't know
 - 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 don't see why anything will change. Golf is a lifelong sport. When you learn it young, you'll enjoy it forever.
 - I feel like Society in general, these children are growing up on YouTube and tablets because there are too many young parents now a days.
 - I feel powerless
 - I have heard there has been a very unfair process deciding unilaterally to close the Ponds. This is not inclusive.
 - I have no idea.
 - I helped to prevent it from closing by using the amenities a lot and replying to surveys and signing petitions to keep it open
 - I hope the citizens voices are heard in regard to keeping green spaces including Ponds of Battle Creek
 - I hope the people who live in south Maplewood have made the decisions for what is best for them. It seems that we are often ignored by the Current Ramsey County Commissioners. We are a diverse group of people, and the area has people of many income levels. But this appears to have been ignored.
 - I hope there's limited change to the Ponds property.
 - I presume the local government made those changes happen, with input from members of the community.
 - I see families, friends and animals
 - I shaped the decision with my input today
 - I suspect some developer has his eye on this valuable piece of real estate and engineered its demise, utilizing county board member hostility to golf and golfers
 - I think many of changes took place with increased immigration, as the parks provide a benefit to be enjoyed by all, regardless of ethnicity, financial status or position. No one person or activity shaped the decisions. Unfortunately, everything seems to be moving much faster, driven by technology, social media, etc. such that people are no longer taking the time to slow down and enjoy the benefits of a quality park system that is right in front of them.
 - 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.
 - I worked with Ramsey County Parks and Rec and a few disc golf friends to help design and install the new disc golf course.
 - I would hope that my preferred activity would finally have a place.
 - I would imagine the course board
 - I would like to participate. I am bilingual and I work as an interpreter, and I would like to support this effort.
 - I would move out of Ramsey County for these taxes I pay, and to some degree the resentment I have toward those who won't work.
 - I'd say community input, but I don't think it current commissioners listen.
 - Identifying court locations and available land
 - If any changes are made, I hope the people make them.
 - If it's gone it's due to political people not listening to residents
 - If the Ponds are not there, then it is because the decision makers don't know who is out there golfing and what it means to have a nice green space in your neighborhood.
 - If, for instance, the County decides to close the Ponds, I would suspect that private interests are involved in that decision and would ultimately be the beneficiary.
 - Ignorant self-absorbed politicians
 - I'm not completely sure how these changes would happen. Maybe it would start with the parks and rec director doing some community outreach (especially to young people) to see what kinds of new activities they'd be interested in.
 - Implement changes for areas using master plan, engage public and all staff.
 - Implement to build more paths
 - Implementing universal design
 - in our community.
 - Include parks info with yearly recycle info or property tax statement
 - Includes those who are active park goers now and those who don't access parks now (to understand why)
 - Increased communication about restoration projects (signs, meetings, other outreach)
 - Increased parental involvement with youth.
 - Increased Police

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- Indigenous leaders
- Individuals who use the trails or the PBC golf course
- Information was available in different languages
- infusion from the county---plantings, classes, including the various communities
- Input from community
- Input from less-vocal users were considered
- Input from people who use the parks regularly.
- Input from the community.
- Interest groups (fishing, recreational sports fans, ERGs were brought into the discussion of what was allowed.
- Invest in community amenities in the area
- Investment in trails and xc ski centers and snow making
- It is essential to have equitable allocation of resources. It is essential that neighborhood residents and the broad public are essential members from the outset of planning. Pollution cleanup and habitat restoration are vital to healing the earth and ensuring the best possible habitat and public experience in our parks.
- It is not the public decision to close it. Only a few represent want to pocket more money
- It is up to the County Board to keep it.
- It will only change if you take the course for other reasons.
- It's just a mostly low-cost enjoyable sport
- It's protected wetlands why would you close it
- it's all in the plan - make it action
- It's life
- Jobs
- Joint effort between government and the public
- Junior Golf Programs
- Keep Battle Creek golf course open
- keep the course open
- Keep the course open
- Keep the facilities updated
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open and active. It's vision and purpose is about community and family. It's a beautiful golf course that brings healthy activity to the community.
- Keeping affordable golf courses available for upcoming generations
- Keeping parks funded
- Keeping the golf courses!
- Kept pushing and staying focused
- Kept the ponds golf course open
- 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.
- Lack of foresight and stupidity.
- lack of vision outing people 1st.
- Lake Managers keep lakes clean & stocked
- Land use decisions --developers, district councils, environmental councils
- Lawmakers
- Leaders of today recognized that golf is a public amenity just like tennis courts, bike paths, swimming pools, etc.
- Leadership
- Leadership with passion for active outdoor activities
- Learn barriers to use, learn about cultures and what's important to them. Include them in the decision-making process.
- Learn from other cities — check out the gathering place in Tulsa
- Led by the park department with
- led by visionaries
- Less nature and green space
- Let people make the decision
- Let's convene the Latino community more to meetings to present these ideas and so to get together to improve our parks.
- Let's get together members of different organizations and parents.
- Let's include Parks & Recreation staff.
- Let's include the park leaders.
- Let's include the police, like Commander Barragan. She is from Saint Paul and highly involved with the Latino community.
- Let's organize a meeting in the park and discuss ideas.
- Life happens
- Likes virtual town halls.
- listen to people's requests
- Listen to the community
- Listen to the residents.
- Listening to residents
- Local communities
- Local community feels ownership of their local parks
- Local government
- Local pamphlets going to the residents to mail back their opinions/votes
- Local parents
- local residents continued advocating for improvements
- Local staff and activist groups
- Looking at other success stories like Three Rivers, State of Maine - for disc golf
- Lots of family similar to mine, kids, adults, and dogs
- Lots of land available in the parks, just make more groomed trails. (note - oak leaves are a problem, so when possible, avoid heavy oak areas!)
- Lunatics keep the Ponds golf course
- Mail surveys to Ramsey Co residents? - include info/surveys with prop tax statements?
- Maintain communication with the public - surveys, town hall forums, emails, etc.
- maintenance focus ensured that things are kept up well
- major reduction in weeds, algae
- Make events out of reshaping our parks
- Management that listens to county employees.
- Many communities spoke up
- Matured the existing spaces
- Maybe there could be some activities/ easy competitions, or presentations for people of different backgrounds and colors.
- Me
- Me and my family sharing our experiences with others, inviting them to join us?

- Me and my neighbors
- members of the community voicing concern over plans to remove existing golf courses and the board listening to those voices.
- Met Council helped shape the vision and decisions.
- Misguided social justice advocates
- Modeled after chutes and ladders park
- Modeled after successful canoe rental programs
- Modeled after successful outdoor skating rinks
- Mom, dad, <friends>
- Money
- money
- Money grabbers, skiers pay, hikers don't.
- More access is given, transportation to parks
- More accountability in government spending so not as much waste of tax dollars.
- More analysis was performed to confirm how diverse golf and Ponds actually is
- More awareness of park offerings
- More funding
- More gardens
- More golf programs for women including introduction days
- More housing, more people
- More kids golfing and getting outdoors
- more land put aside for parks that are not developed
- More loading docks, lots of hills for sledding
- 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 offerings available to wide groups of people
- More outreach to teens, job programs
- More parking was available to welcome more people
- More people were involved
- More picnic areas
- More social responsibility by those who might prey on park visitors
- More spaces for people to grill, play games, and enjoy the park
- More summer camps available, expand camps beyond Tamarack
- More walking streets
- Mosquito control treating better
- Most progressive out of office
- Multiple agencies working together.
- Music is a wonderful way to try to reach people; music in which people take part or help make.
- My family and friends
- My friends, families, and strangers
- My mom and dad
- My relatives, friends and families
- Native Americans who deserve to have their stolen land returned and restored to pre-European habitat
- Native plants and animals given the ability to thrive by people being respectful of their homes.
- Natural resource managers
- Naturalists and biologists.
- Nature has run its course along with proper management of the golf course
- Nature lovers helped shape the decisions to keep some areas natural
- Nature, family and friends
- Nature/biology mentorships
- Nearby community has a say in changes
- Need to redesign indoor parks where you can feel like you are in the south or Hawaii
- Needs assessment of neighborhoods that considers access to parks, vehicles, etc.
- Neighborhood groups
- Neighborhood groups
- Neighborhood organizations
- Neighbors
- Neighbors giving input along with city and county staff
- Neighbors, community together
- Neighbors, families
- Neighbors, Maplewood city council, Ramsey county
- New board members
- Nicer amenities, our community
- No change required, only allowing South Maplewood to enjoy its golf course that already exists.
- No changes
- No changes have happened. This question is making an assumption.
- No changes, just maintenance.
- No changes, Ponds at Battle Creek was saved, and all is still right in the world.
- No idea
- no idea
- No one came in and screwed it all up. Why mess with something that's already perfect?
- No reason to change what works well now.
- nobody
- nobody
- Not a large change but needs to be maintained to keep it nice for everyone.
- Not closing Ponds at Battle Creek
- Not closing the golf course
- Not me because no one will listen to me
- Not people who live here
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure
- not sure
- Not sure how to answer this
- Not sure who made these poor decisions
- Not sure who manages outdoor ice
- Not sure, but I question Commissioner's decisions as it seems they do not listen to their constituents but rather use their own interests to move agenda.
- Not sure.
- Not the golfers or people who lived by the golf course
- Not the residents
- Not us because apparently residents can't vote on these topics. Just the commissioners
- nothing
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing needed to happen
- Obviously, the Ramsey County Board.

- Offer multiple types of way finding and activity finding - maps, digital resources, etc.
- Offerings more organic and less traditional.
- Open meetings with residents and council
- Opened more trails to dogs
- Opportunity to provide input - town halls.
- Originally, I signed a petition to develop a golf course. I don't know who shaped that decision to close it, but I certainly wasn't asked.
- Other families in nature
- Other families just like mine
- Our community takes ownership
- Our community. Educate us
- Our local leaders
- Our local leaders
- Out with family
- 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 be more inclusive of diverse population
- Outreach to minority groups
- Outreach to underrepresented groups to build comfort between them and outdoor recreation
- Overall lack of understanding that once these places are gone, we don't get them back. They are gone.
- P&R Administration
- P&R has buses or transportation to give people access.
- Parents and other people at Ramsey county schools
- Park administrators/staff are committed and working to increase equity in the park systems of
- Park and Rec didn't listen to taxpayers
- Park and Rec volunteers and supporters
- Park and Rec.
- Park board members.
- Park board?
- Park boards spent the energy to learn about the needs of their community.
- Park boards, city and county officials, public safety officials, park users, the community.
- Park employee who has to clean up after park users
- Park staff and community members worked together to welcome and incentivize usage
- Park staff explaining what they are doing and inviting the community to participate, when possible
- Park users
- Parks and Rec do not seem to address the real issues at hand. Unless the problems are addressed in 5 years we will be known as MiniChicago. Parks will not be appreciated.
- Parks and Rec got older people and people who golf involved their planning.
- Parks and rec make plans, enlist help of residents.
- Parks and Rec worked with MORC to create those trails
- Parks commissioners preserved and invested in our facilities and parks
- Parks department sends out call for volunteers to accomplish various tasks. Volunteers awarded for specific number of hours by property tax coupons, gift cards to businesses.
- Parks have to be located in areas that people can walk to. Centrally located or on a route.
- Parks leaders and community members
- Parks listens to nature
- Parks listens to residents
- parks moved quickly to help combat climate change
- Parks promoted parks to various groups of people.
- parks staff and community investing in something bigger than themselves
- Partner with Minnesota off Road Cyclists
- Partnered with other civic organizations to help realize the vision.
- Partnerships with paddling groups helped expand the interest
- Partnerships with schools, community centers, cities, nursing homes, cycling and ski shops, sports clubs
- Partnerships, enforcement and tax incentives between city, county, chamber of commerce and local industries
- 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
- patrons
- patrons
- patrons
- Pay someone to educate people about trash at boat ramp especially in evenings
- People
- People
- People
- people are interacting laughing
- People at events in Ramsey county
- People at parks in Ramsey county
- People attending public meetings
- people driving these decisions seem indifferent to the division they have created instead of building unity from common goals
- People failed to prioritize conservation
- 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 that hate golf.
- People were heard and what they wanted
- People who appreciate the need for open natural areas
- People who are truly aware of the environment, not just taxes and money
- People who care about the park.
- People who enjoy the peace of nature.

- 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 who pay the taxes in city where the park is located
- People who work hard to keep what little natural areas we have natural and not developed
- People whose taxes help pay for the upkeep of the parks.
- People with short-term, self-centered agendas.
- people, leadership teaching values about what's important
- Perhaps involving ethnic groups to get input on what they need for their culture.
- Petitions
- Pets
- Physical activity supported
- Plan for different uses in different areas.
- Planning for enough picnic tables to accommodate population growth.
- Planning for the next 50 years
- Plant trees
- Please stop these false ideas. The parks are dynamic and inclusive to all those who want to use them.
- Police and Mayor
- Police the problems
- Political figures
- politicians and people power
- Politicians listened to their constituents/residents
- Politicians need to use common sense.
- Politicians realize that having a quality 9-hole golf course enables children and seniors to enjoy golf, a very popular lifetime sport. And they realized that without supporting golf our whole community suffers
- Politics
- Politics and greed for those who benefited from the change typically the developers
- Poor decision by County Commission
- poor management by officials
- Population
- Powers that be started listening to the people in the community. community play areas for young families. Golf or boating facilities for older folks.
- Presentations to interested public
- Preserving green space
- Preserving parks, green space, golf courses
- Pride, strong family & community values
- Private business
- Private business
- Private company took over the golf course.
- Professional designers, hire people to do this so it gets done right.
- Professional parks staff
- professional staff (legal, planners, designers, ecologists)
- programs for underserved to learn and use facilities
- Promote opportunities and programs
- Promotion by Ramsey County
- proper decisions made for all
- Public
- public input
- Public input
- Public input
- Public input
- public input to public officials, ongoing review
- Public pressure
- Qualitative feedback from residents identifying their wants and needs.
- Question doesn't make sense
- 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 co
- Ramsey County
- Ramsey County along with community input help shaped these decisions
- Ramsey county and the Mounds View Irondale Youth hockey association worked together to improve the ice arenas for hundreds of hockey families to use.
- Ramsey County Board?
- Ramsey County Commissioners
- Ramsey County created close partnerships to make local suppliers more accessible
- Ramsey County fences off a small dog area
- Ramsey County hires more people of color and gives them decision making power
- Ramsey County leaders are the primary shapers of how this vision will happen.
- Ramsey County residents who live near, support and utilize the parks and facilities.
- Ramsey county residents!!!
- Ramsey County started listening to the residents who directly use the amenities.
- Ramsey County started prioritizing land for recreational use instead of development
- Ramsey county taxpayers. County Commissioners reacting to residents' requests.
- Ramsey County working more with the community to put their input
- Ramsey in partnership with the cities.
- Rangers, state parks people collaborating
- RC
- RC
- RC gave funding to BIPOC orgs to re-do/design parks and space
- real community people designed the changes
- 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
- Reimagining who these spaces are built and maintained for
- Reinforcement that this is an investment in our community
- Reinvestment in more popular uses-away from low use expensive things like grooming snow and ski trails

- Removing parking and pavement
- Rental of ice fishing houses or equipment
- Replace things not used as much by community like golf courses with parks
- Representative of county
- Representative of county
- Reprioritization of budget
- Residents
- Residents
- Residents - voting for people who support parks and green spaces
- Residents and government working together
- 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 and visitors
- Residents of RC I hope
- Residents who live in our community.
- Residents who use the Ponds of Battle Creek Golf Course
- Residents, elected official.
- Resource investment and support
- Responsible management
- Rich people
- Road Diets 4--> 3 and more walking infra
- Run programs on ecology/nature/sports/recreation through the schools, parks, community centers to ensure broad outreach and skills for all
- Save The Ponds and Island Lake Golf
- Save what's good and we'll utilize p
- Science based decisions
- See below. Give folks a reason to be engaged, either a stipend or ownership of a small find for activities or improvements that are important to their neighborhoods.
- 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.
- Sell the Ponds of Battle Creek property as a golf course.
- Shaped from community feedback, maybe work with local school groups or sports orgs
- shifted from expensive hockey facilities
- Similarly, if the County significantly raised the fees to the Golf Courses to pay for them, it would negatively impact the diversity of the program. Smart investment into community outreach programs to bolster use of all county facilities is what is needed.
- Simplify experiences — people don't have as much time
- Slowly
- Smart leadership
- Smart people deciding to maintain a good course
- Smart people that recognize all the needs of the community
- 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
- Social media 30 sec, multilingual spotlights to show offerings
- Society
- Some leaders
- Some of my favorite courses may have closed, forcing me to find new courses.
- Some parks don't have enough information and no interesting thing to do
- Some type of security, whether patrolling or cameras
- 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.
- Sometimes improvements mean keeping what is great and bringing back things that used to be there.
- Sponsors
- Sports court
- Staff input
- State
- State Government/Agencies
- State/county/city
- Strong leadership
- Stupid leadership from county board.
- Support from community
- 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
- Swim and fishing lessons program
- 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.
- Talking and hanging out with my friends
- Tax dollars and Commissioners. Getting rid of The Ponds golf course is a huge mistake. I golfed it today and the course was full. The course is very well managed and has a lot to offer golfers of all ages.
- Tax money
- Taxes funded the improvements
- Taxpayers made decisions
- Teachers could work with park systems
- teaching value of Minnesota outdoors
- Team effort of community and elected decision makers
- That's a very good question
- The affordable options at RC golf properties enables everyone to enjoy golfing.
- The area around the Ponds have made the whole area better quality to live and work and play. Taking away this area to build more apartments will bring ugliness and concrete. Where do kids go now? You keep taking playgrounds and good areas away from kids.
- the board creates a rental office
- The board decided to keep Ponds open, in part because it has the range, a uniting feature not found at Goodrich.
- The change to close it down was CHANGED! I hope whoever has the power to change that decision has done something by the fall of 2021.

- The changes are actually lack of changes along with improvements and maintenance.
- The changes happen because more people are using the parks
- The changes happened because community members came together with one voice and asked for what they needed in order to take advantage of all the park system has to offer.
- The changes happened because these ideas were given higher priority in Ramsey County operations.
- The cities and our elected leadership in partnership with the county
- The city
- The city
- the city advertises rentals
- the city and county actually listened to the overwhelming amount of people that enjoy battle creek golf course, who have pleaded for years now to keep what has been here for a very long time! The politicians had 0 control over this decision because the people spoke, and they listened and didn't do anything because nothing needed to happen except status quo!
- The city board
- The city council without votes.
- The city needs to get better organized around how to distribute money in the city.
- The city of Maplewood
- the city prioritizes the parks
- The commissioners it appears has a vision that they believe will get them re-elected.
- The commissioners listening to the community and seeing what the ponds offers
- The commissioners woke up and realized closing the course was a TERRIBLE idea!
- The community
- The community
- The community
- The community
- The community
- The community
- The community
- The community advocates
- 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 people in charge
- The community and people who live there
- The community and the leadership of the parks and rec department, responding to community feedback.
- The community asked for more hours/open days at facilities
- the community helps make things happen but needs the support of the gov't to see it thru
- The community itself is more directly involved in moving forward. The County Board often acts too monolithic in their decisions.
- The community providing guidance to local authorities
- The community should shape the decisions
- The community support has shaped the decision
- The community supported this diverse course (one of the most diverse I've seen as a person of color who golfs).
- The community that shares the place and from volunteers
- The community though general elections
- The community weighing in
- The community weighing in
- The community who enjoy golf but also value the natural wetland and uniqueness of that area when it is next to the monstrosity that is Woodbury.
- The community, municipal leaders and park authorities.
- The community.
- The community. I believe those changes would have to be made by the County, but we all vote, and I imagine that we can all participate during the election cycle to decide on those changes that would need budgeting and planning if they are going to be made in the next five years.
- The community. Taxpayers. Elected officials making the right decisions for the county.
- The Council for Ramsey County Parks & Recreation
- The council listened to the citizens.
- The countless people who want to keep the course open.
- The county commissioners listen to the golf patrons and realize they've made a mistake
- The county
- The county
- The county allowing the course to stay
- The county and city working to preserve The Ponds at Battle Creek.
- The County Board listened to the residents!!!
- The County Board, Parks and Rec Officials make changes happen on the ground, but the public should be shaping the decisions. No one sector of our community should be ignored or catered too. Balance!
- The county commissioners except the person who represents the southern part of the county of the city of Maplewood
- The county forcing change
- The county helps maintain these facilities
- The county kept the golf course open
- The County lead the way by listening to its citizens.
- the county listens to the residents of the county
- the County park staff listened and responded.
- The county thinking it needs to make money. Government isn't in that business. The governments job is to provide equal opportunities to all people
- The county worked to dismantle white supremacy
- The decision-making process could be informed by a survey, sent to Ramsey

County residents, with questions about what changes should be made. This could be done electronically. All of this with the support of the Parks & Rec department.

- The decisions are shaped by initial ideas from the Country landscape designers and then through a series of community feedback meetings. Then the plans are adapted by the landscape architects.
- The decisions were shaped by a combination of resident input with the approval from a REASONABLE Ramsey County Board
- The dig owners who have been wanting one for a very long time at rice creek
- The employees, the learning programs like The First Tee and the incredible environment with all the wildlife and scenery
- The funding was available to maintain the parks and hire staff.
- the golf course remains
- The golf course reopened after closing in 2020.
- The golf course wasn't closed in 2021 and Ramsey County commissioners could see the benefit of what the course means to the community and loyal customers.
- The golf courses are the only county parks I use, and I pay for that privilege.
- The government
- The government
- The government and the public.
- 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 Highway Dept installed sound walls
- The immediate community. Not politicians with an agenda.
- The leaders of the communities.
- The leadership has paid attention to the various voices in the community, carefully weighing not just economic realities, but the importance of ecological, cultural, and geographic

needs. (By geographic needs, I mean paying attention to all of the county, including the southern edges.)

- The legislature bonds for the Winter rec area.
- The members of the community shaped those decisions.
- The MN Legislature stopped being stingy and allocated more money to county park systems.
- the natural order of things
- the outdoor recreation areas and wildlife areas we have now must still be available in the future. I hope the residents shape the decisions and not the politicians
- The P&R board supported ponds at Battle Creek
- The park board and county council need to listen to a broad array of voices - not just the "squeaky wheel" that complains the loudest
- The park board funded a course designer, baskets, and cement tee pads.
- The park board, but I understand if they cannot; some have no vision.
- The parks and rec team!
- The parks department invested in improved mapping and trail-marking efforts, and offered "learn to snowshoe" events
- The people
- The people
- The people also kept all nature centers and outdoor facilities the same
- The people have continued to pursue keeping areas available for recreation.
- The people in. Ramsey county not just the city council or park board
- The people kept the parks safe
- The people of Ramsey county and their interests to the board and committees.
- The people of the community who live there and need recreational activities to flourish.
- The people of the Twin cities didn't want to lose a great golf course
- The people voiced their preference
- The people who come to the and love to golf there
- The people who live close by and use the trails most often.

- The people who live in the area, their voices were heard by the local government or said decision makers for the county
- The people who lived in the area had the greatest say in how local space was used, not council people who live 30 minutes away
- the people who run the park system
- The people! Not just a select few decision makers.
- The pine tree area near Highway 94 is cleaned up and disc golf holes are installed there.
- The politicians did their job.
- The ponds is self-sufficient that serves many diverse generations. Doesn't make sense.
- the progressive left abused their power, and the "good guys" didn't do enough to stop them.
- The public
- The public and people who uses them shape them
- The public must have a say in what facilities are important to them rather than public policy by constituents who do not use the facility
- The public shaped decisions.
- The public, but we can't do it without property tax money
- the Ramsey council
- 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 RC Parks started to listen to feedback.
- the residents of Maplewood 100% decided that the golf course should stay. The people decided to Get rid of the prison instead!!!!!!
- The residents!!
- 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.
- The wrong people
 - There is usually a clear winner in the pavement vs parklands debate
 - There was no Disc Golf in any Ramsey County Park until now
 - 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 decided to keep the golf course open so the community can be served, and children can learn this lifelong sport
 - They designer of the park
 - They didn't change
 - They do not seem to care for the masses. To give themselves a raise while cutting expenses is curious to me
 - They have one vision. One.
 - 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.
 - they referenced the best research available
 - They won't happen if you take golf away from Ramsey county.
 - Things can stay the same
 - Thinking and making decisions. It helps to get outdoors and walk or golf.
 - This area is becoming one of the haves and have nots. I pay taxes while others are on programs that encourage them not to work.
 - This change happens when we as a collective take part in taking care of nature and abolishing policies that hurt and harm nature and the people who live in those neighborhoods. Everyone shapes this decision from community to legislators.
 - This is a great & diverse course - do not close please!
 - This would be made possible by not closing The Ponds at Battle Creek.
 - 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 changes happened because the ponds at Battle Creek was recognized as a successful course and is not shut down
 - Those who benefit the most from the parks.
 - Thoughtful city and county leaders decided to make sustainability a priority
 - Through focused improvement projects by local parks dept; direct taxes to this!
 - Through Ramsey County planning and funding. Hopefully with input from the community. All people, kids, adults, elders
 - Through Ramsey County planning and funding. Hopefully with input from the community.
 - Time
 - Tired of the status quo same things
 - to use what is available.
 - Trails updated for changing water levels
 - Transparency in investments and use of tax dollars
 - Transportation to access different places and spaces to explore
 - uninformed county commissioners
 - Users
 - Using funds to save and provide amenities and activities for diverse neighborhoods
 - Using the land across the street, the community.
 - Vadnais water district.
 - Valuing people over profits; green land use over pleasing rich golfers
 - Voice of residents
 - Volunteerism
 - Volunteers
 - Volunteers
 - Volunteers and various board members.
 - volunteers from the community
 - Volunteers in parks
 - Voters
 - Voters
 - Voters decide what the county can afford and what the people want.
 - want that place to remain as is.
 - Was listened to
 - We all shaped the changes. We all made ourselves better and invited someone else to join in. it's fun. It's a great community. you laugh, eat good food, learn about yourself, and heal
 - We can't fight government so why try
 - We need to engage young pre-teens
 - We need to fund a splash pad.
 - We remembered to be and experience peace. It starts with breath. we focused our attention back on us and our breath and connect with each other
 - We remove fear and accept love. if we are hurting isolated, we are all hurting. if we hurt together. we can grow together. Through meditation, breath, and experiences.
 - We the people
 - We the people who have roots in our community
 - We the taxpayers of our community
 - We the taxpayers who have supported our community to make it one of the best areas to live in and raise our families
 - Welcoming environments
 - Well Ramsey Co Commissioners are planning to close The Ponds, thereby taking away an avenue for folks to be outside
 - Who
 - Who indeed? Popular desires are so shifting, and people don't realize that what they need in the parks is not what they will want in ten years!
 - Who knows?
 - 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 options available people choose
- With the help of MORC and volunteers
- With the help of the county and its communities
- Working group of community citizens
- Working together to clean up and restore our city lakes.
- Working with diversity and inclusion experts, university professors, and other community experts to discover and display interesting facts for community engagement.
- Working with local groups such as MORC, the county was able to plan and build sustainable trails for riding
- 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?
- www.kpleagues.com
- You and users shape the decisions.
- You didn't close it.
- You say white privilege. Not true
- You?
- Young people got a chance to learn the game of golf at the Ponds at Battle Creek.
- Young people, especially older kids and teenagers, especially girls, were asked what would make them feel safe and welcome. Families with younger kids were consulted about facilities like bathrooms, changing areas, splash pads.
- Youth
- Youth programs for golf. Maybe youth golf leagues
- Zero tolerance for lawbreakers

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

Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 1,459 responses to this question.

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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.

Imagine it's 5 years from now and Parks & Recreation is making great progress on this vision. Thinking about yourself, family, and friends in Ramsey County parks, facilities, and programs... What are 2-3 key actions we can take together to get these changes started?

- 24/7 open park with a lot of light on at night
- access is easy for everyone
- Accountability in upkeeping resources
- Acknowledge what's missing now.
- Acquire more land
- Actively search for key members from different community groups. Ask who should be at the table who isn't represented.
- activities at county parks/facilities.
- Activities for all age groups.
- Activities/sports representing different cultures -- engage with these communities
- ADA nationally states that RC P&R has the best systems in place for a diverse disables community.
- Add additional areas as activity increases.
- Add mini golf
- Add more bathrooms
- Add more native plants.
- Add the golf course to the ski pass
- Add water to existing parks!
- Adding more walking trails
- Adjust the budget
- Advertise this course more on your websites and questionnaires like this.
- Advertising on billboards, bus stops, and commercials on TV.
- Advertising what's offered at the parks
- Advisory board? I use the various parks 5-6 times a week, year-round (and for the past 20 years) and I am particularly familiar with my local park. Draw on knowledge of people like me!
- Advocate
- Advocate for more resources
- Again, PLEASE do not close the Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course.
- All families, kids, adults, elders
- All people, kids, adults, elders
- allocate funds for improvements
- Allocate funds to make trails
- Allocate space and resources
- Allow residents to vote on clear public items
- Allow Shared use of trails
- Allowing that I am not seeing much in terms of "changes" but instead more of the same and more of the new and different this is tough to answer. Obviously, build support for the value of the park system, publicize the amenities to build broad support, include all people of all "types" and not exclude those who are currently out of favor. Inclusive means inclusive of all. A key action might be not to frame the discussion of The Ponds GC as pitting one "group" of a particular "racial and demographic type" against others in the County.
- Also, community engagement - online
- And also, about the wildlife and protect the wildlife and the forests
- Any appeared underused areas consider better promotion/incentives to use them.
- Applicable programs and why it is important to have peace of mind, connection to nature, connection to community
- Approve a new course in Como park.
- Approve the money
- are already made up.
- Ash trees are managed, but not at the expense of other maintenance for the urban canopy.
- Ask a participant to represent their neighbors and collect names of those willing to be advocates
- Ask business experts in the targeted recreational segments and ask them to volunteer to help or give advice.
- Ask citizens/residents to take personal responsibility in helping to keep up with our parks and trails.
- 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 input
- Ask for input
- Ask for volunteers
- ask for volunteers
- Ask for volunteers for habitat restoration
- Ask for volunteers for habitat restoration
- 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 kids in schools to do videos in Native languages
- Ask people waiting for public transit what they wish for in parks
- Ask the community where sound barriers should be installed
- Ask the residents of the area what they want before deciding to close the beloved golf course on Century Ave. & Lower Afton.
- Ask those using the parks!
- Ask those who live by the trails what they want/need - and ask us to invest in volunteering, personalizing...
- Ask youth in the community (12-19-year-olds) what they want from their parks. They are the future supporters of the park system
- Asking BIPOC youth what they want from county parks n rec.
- Asking for input in different languages
- Asking for more funding
- asses the need for upgrades- tables, grills
- Assess your programs and practices with an equity lens
- Assure funding
- At golf course book tee times further apart.

- Attending these meetings, offering honest feedback, asking questions, and signing up to lead when/where necessary. Listen to residents of the community, get county decision makers on board
- Authorize the parks department and provide funding to restore natural spaces. Reduce the development footprint.
- awareness of all the parks have to offer
- back away from tearing down existing resources (golf courses, wooded areas)
- Be aware that golf is a game that can be played for life by everybody.
- Be involved in decision-making
- Be involved in decision-making
- 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.
- Begin visualizing golf courses as more than just a golf course.
- Benches and tables
- Better access to trails
- Better fund maintenance of parks and facilities
- Better funding
- Better maintenance of ice-free parking and sidewalk areas for winter use.
- Better surveillance in parking lots
- Bike friendliness county.
- Bike lanes are plowed in the winter and East Como Lake Drive does not go back to being a car lane.
- board that can make the proper decisions
- Breathe
- Bring free youth golf lessons (think tee it up) to the county courses.
- Bring it to the people.
- Bring more diverse people from the city to all decision-making spaces as leaders
- Budget \$\$ for playground improvements/updates
- Build a back 9 across the street
- Build another nine holes on the north side of the Ramsey County Correctional Facility
- Build more disc golf courses
- Build more exercise stations along pathways
- Build More Golf Course
- Build more Tui Lab courts, close golf courses
- build public firepits that are open at night
- Butt out.
- buy more land for parks
- by doing this people will remain in the city.
- Call for feedback from citizens often and through a wide variety of mediums
- Call the park recreation and give out more feedback
- Call up Minnesota Roller Derby (queer, female friendly Ramsey County sports team embedded in the community) and brainstorm OTHER activities with them
- Cameras and signs to educate recycling properly
- Caring about the environment
- Cater to all age groups
- change attitudes about who "owns" county parks (whole county vs immediate neighboring property owners)
- Change plans to place housing at beautiful Ponds at Battle Creek
- Citizens must be willing to spend the money for the good of all.
- City backs the police
- City Council
- Clean after your dog.
- Clean and safe facilities for everyone to use
- Clean up after ourselves and our pets
- Clean up trash
- Cleaner water
- Cleaning up the community 2. Re-examine policies that harm the community and nature 3. Help bring life by planting what's needed (fool, herbs, etc.) and leaving things alone when it doesn't need to be messed with.
- cleaning, more events for the community, more events for teens to help their growth mentorship programs, volunteer opportunities
- Cleanliness of grounds
- Clear Signage
- Close more streets for fun and community building and recreation
- Close parkways around lakes
- Come up with a plan before anything is done
- 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
- Commit resources to programming for children, families, and older youth
- Commit time and resources to many changes happen.
- Commit to a sound plan.
- Commit to taking action.
- Communicate
- 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 early
- Communicate opportunities to volunteer in parks.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate.
- Communication
- Communication is important.
- Community
- Community announcements
- Community engagement
- Community engagement with representatives who care about more than increased development of parks
- community forums
- Community input
- Community input opportunities
- Community input valued
- Community involvement
- Community involvement in selecting how the space evolves. Especially taking into account the people that

- own home right on the golf course as it will impact their property value
- community led decision making
- Community meeting
- community meetings
- Community meetings
- community member/driven goals
- community members and volunteers
- Community outreach and building the connection to the value that these amenities provide
- Community use of parks really increased during COVID, updating amenities will help this persist.
- Community visioning sessions, especially focused on communities who have been underserved.
- Comprehensive donation program with transparency or where funds are allocated
- Conduct disc golf training at Conway Rec Center and Battle Creek Rec Center (four sessions at once per week) and then host a "tournament" at Battle Creek Park (temporary course) for the class participants and the general public. I have connected with ___ at the Sanneh Foundation and ___ at Ramsey County Parks and Rec to carry out this plan in 2020. The pandemic pushed the implementation out to 2021.
- Connect to greencorp members?
- Connections with community groups
- Consider a fundraiser or donation drive to acquire more winter equipment.
- Consider all ages of people who
- Considered limited use of Lake Vadnais
- Contact food truck association of MN
- contact the right authorities to make this happen.
- Continue operating parks and golf courses.
- Continue Ponds at Battle Creek
- Continue soliciting input from community
- continue the excellence at the courses
- Continue The Ponds at Battle Creek as a golf course, rather than destroying this unique gem
- Continue to allow space for community input and feedback. Listen and really understand the needs of the residents.
- continue to ask community what we want in parks
- Continue to identify partners and find champions.
- Continue to keep revenue generating recreational spaces open.
- Continue to maintain the parks wonderfully
- Continue to make it affordable and accessible to the public.
- Continue to provide programs like the 1st Tee at Ponds at Battle Creek
- Continue to provide things for the youth to do, they are the future
- continue with snow-making implementation plans
- Continued upkeep and care
- Control the buckthorn
- Convene families with children with disabilities and create universal design around their unique needs
- Convene specific community groups together at the opening of an area.
- Convert them into bikeways/trails
- convince the county board to change their decision to close the ponds at battle creek by using it a lot and making it profitable so it can remain open.
- Coordinate aquatic weed treatments with KGSK Save Our Lakes Initiative
- Corporate money
- County backs the police
- County Commissioners listen to local constituents
- County Commissioners visit the Ponds at Battle Creek and witness the vast diversity it brings to the community
- county driven goals (which align in purpose)
- County involvement with MORC
- County needs to prioritize keeping/creating/buying land to connect the parks together for pedestrians and bikers so people can easily go from one park to another without a car
- County needs to work more with cities and towns to utilize land and create biking/walking paths WITH trees along these paths for shade
- Create a local volunteer base for each park
- Create a means of making it happen
- Create a proposal
- create a regional park and trail organization to cover all parks and cities and state
- Create a way to include each other in activities. Find a reason to come together to make something new, fun, different
- Create action
- create activities that are fun and attract different community members
- Create an easy process to offer individual fitness classes
- Create bike lanes on roads
- Create bike lanes on roads
- Create family and couple golf memberships. (A couple's membership costs less than two individual memberships, for example.)
- create individual park "Friends" groups
- Create informational and promotional material in multiple languages
- Create interesting and safe environments for walkers, bikers and playgrounds.
- Create more opportunities for young families of color to enjoy the amazing game of golf.
- create more trails that sustainably built and meant for multi-purpose
- Create multiple pathways to gather input
- create safe environments
- Create the change through our minds, our connection, our breath, our unity, and start with the BREATH. You cannot do anything without the breath.
- Create work programs that actually address social issues.
- Creating children's activities can achieve diversity.
- Crime prevention by county
- crowded courses - fees will be increases
- Cut stuff that is not being used or is underutilized, so that your budget is better spent
- Cut unnecessary spending
- Decide
- Decide on a vision and plan of action
- Decide on exact locations
- Decide on exact locations

- Deciding it's something worth doing (removing invasives) and securing resources to do it
- Decrease mowing and chemical use
- Dedicate safe spaces for BIPOC to practice culture-related necessities
- Defend Police
- 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 land areas throughout the county and find community experts to lead and organize the people. Advertise through normal channels.
- Designate parks for single track to be created
- Designed mtn bike trails
- develop a plan that addresses sustainability
- Develop a reasonable set of rules to allow safe and respectful drone operation
- develop plans
- develop plans
- Developer an appreciation for Mother Nature in future generations
- Different types of cultures displayed and honored
- Discuss
- Districts call for volunteer action in the parks, form groups for specific things in the parks, i.e., pick up trash, maintain bike trails, staff an information kiosk on heavy use days.
- Ditto
- diverse staff representation in parks (see staff folks out and about - can ask to questions/ be welcomed- with some sort of identification)
- Diversify everything
- Divert the tiny amount of funds it would take.
- Do large amounts of human-centered design. Ask people what they feel and see in parks and how they use them.
- Do most built development in the Country Parks
- Do not change, you are serving the
- Do not close Battle creek golf course
- Do not close Ponds at Battle Creek!
- Do not close the course.
- Do not close The Ponds at Battle Creek.
- Do not close the Ponds at Battle Creek. It is a money-making course NOW. Moreover, it is being enjoyed by all races and income levels. It is simply not true that this course is only serving white people with higher incomes.
- Do not close the Ponds of Battle Creek
- Do NOT close the Ponds.
- Do not close The Ponds. My tax dollars pay for a lot of things to help those who are disadvantaged. In addition to helping those who are less fortunate, I feel like some of my tax dollars should go to things I enjoy doing as well.
- Do NOT get rid of the Ponds
- Do not make decisions in a vacuum
- Do not use green spaces like golf courses for more housing
- Do not want any changes - leave the
- Doggy bags.
- Don't be above the people
- Don't build houses on open space/including golf courses.
- don't close any courses
- Don't close Ponds
- Don't close Ponds at Battle Creek
- Don't close Ponds Golf Course!
- Don't close the golf course.
- Don't close The Ponds
- Don't close The Ponds at Battle Creek
- Don't develop parks/country property for housing
- Don't force a social engineering agenda.
- Don't get rid of the golf course
- Don't give away current open space to development.
- Don't remove the ponds of battle creek.
- Don't sell the land
- Don't take away anything and above all, do not build housing where we have parks and golf courses.
- Don't take away the golf course
- Don't wait and get overly political—take actions
- Donate if needed
- donate whatever we can financially and our time
- Don't build houses or apartments
- Don't change open space development for additional commercial properties
- Don't change the golf course.
- Don't close a park area to develop housing area. Can never get the public use land back.
- Don't close any existing courses! It's the dumbest ___ thing I've ever heard that you are closing the Ponds!
- don't close any of these amenities.
- Don't close Battle Creek golf course
- don't close battle creek golf course
- Don't close the Pond golf course
- Don't close the ponds at battle creek
- Don't close the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course
- Don't close the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course
- Don't close the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course
- Don't do a lot of development in the Regional Parks
- don't get rid of golf courses
- don't remove the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Don't remove the ponds golf course.
- Don't remove the ponds golf course.
- Don't remove the ponds golf course.
- don't restrict trails to only one activity, such as cross-country skiing.
- Don't rush changes. Get them right.
- don't sell park land
- Don't shut down the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Don't shut Ponds @ Battle Creek GC
- Don't take away ponds at battle creek so there are more golf options
- Don't take parks, golf courses, green spaces away.
- Don't turn parks into housing, where it will cost more to clean up and where it's next to a shooting range. Where's the equity in putting housing next to a correctional facility and shooting range?
- Draw up plans and visions
- Draw up plans and visions
- Dredge the channel between Gervais and Kohlman lake
- Earth day 2022 install natural plantings with the partnerships
- Educate people in taking care of the environment
- Educate public as to why changes are occurring.
- Educate the community on how to use trails properly

- Educate the disenfranchised. Involve them in the decisions.
- 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!
- Educating and training staff hired
- Educating the public about invasive plant species
- education
- Education about nature and realize its value is far greater than money and material goods.
- education for others to accept bicycles
- Education, changing our lifestyle: reduce pollution and waste
- Elect new commissioners
- Elect new county commissioners
- elections
- Eliminate feral cats and as many coyotes as possible.
- Eliminate housing projects
- Embrace diversity
- Employ people to be stewards of the land. If it's seen as a respectable benefitted career people will be interested. Volunteers are not a solution
- Empty trash bins
- encourage community involvement with community functions; use community members to do the work-build, clean up, restore
- Encourage diverse economic classes to enjoy Ponds and Battle Creek
- Encourage family cycling
- Encourage folks to get out of the house
- Encourage participate from particular user groups the county knows are missing from the table.
- encourage Ramsey county kids passes and discount days for kids to enjoy nature and be active in parks and rec activities
- 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 dog rules
- Enforce existing laws
- Enforce laws
- Enforce littering laws and issue stiff fines
- Enforce noise ordinances.
- Enforcing park safety and rules
- 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.
- Engage residents who support the PBC to be ambassadors for promoting the golf course
- Engage the disc golf community. We are huge and growing by the day.
- Engage volunteers to maintain trail systems
- Engage with local support groups such as MORC
- Engage youth.
- engaging and having people on committees working toward these visions
- engaging with community groups
- Enjoy nature
- Enjoy the simple things that Nature has to offer.
- Enlist those who use the facilities to help
- Ensure budget for changes is maintained
- Ensure we continue land use where it's been effective
- Environmental education
- 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
- Evaluate and audit goals results
- Events held in the parks
- everyone is welcome, everyone is comfortable being there
- Examine your holes in service locations, who is not using the parks and why.
- 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 it to 18 holes
- Expand Nature programming to underserved groups.
- Expand parking (e.g., Long Lake Regional Park) to new or secondary entrance points into the parks.
- Expand the clubhouse
- Expand the resources you have for everyone.
- 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.
- Express the importance of saving some wildlife in what is a very city-orientated location.
- Extend brad p's contract with Ramsey county until a deal could be made to acquire the land so the golf course can stay for years to come
- Facilitate public transportation to parks
- Fair programs/ specific purpose structures plans
- families
- Family outings at parks
- Feel included and love the designed. Some streetlights in places that can get really dark.
- fewer women will take up golf due to unavailability of tee times
- Fill out more surveys
- Fill out survey
- Find a Common Goal/ Cause
- Find a key contact person to strategize and build these partnerships with above

- Find a leader who can champion the vision
- Find another property where low-income housing can be built, therefore allowing for a continuation of The Ponds at Battle Creek.
- Find other areas to replace
- 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 for kids' programs
- Finding high density areas without safe/walkable access to trails
- Fine/club people who litter.
- fire problematic employees who refuse to learn
- 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
- Flood email or mass text every other day; broom the rinks; if you don't have the staff call for volunteers in the community
- Focus on keeping the Ponds open, a golf course that is loved in the Twin Cities that also brings in money to support the county and its visions for the future
- Focus on the children and young adults.
- Focus on what is needed/wanted by most
- Folks reached out to Twin Cities Paddlesports, Minnesota Dragon Boat Club, Lower Phalen Creek Project, with "know your watershed" events; worked with other formal and informal groups to brainstorm options.
- Follow the Master Plan Maplewood spent 50,000 creating. It's a good one suggesting a purchase of an eco-van or bus that can take kids or meet kids and travel to a variety of locations within the county.
- Follow the rules of the parks
- Follow through.
- 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
- Free golf clinics
- Friends and family
- fully embrace mountain biking
- Fund public transportation so everyone has the opportunity to easily visit Regional Parks.
- Funding
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- Funding for habitat and water quality restoration
- Funding.
- Fundraisers - e.g.: run every park event, sign-up fee, get a t-shirt when done -something like that! Buy a local ski pass (in addition to MnPASS, get a ski hat, etc.) Or fundraiser fairs in parks, or BBQs or food truck, etc.
- Further develop training facility at Ponds golf course
- Gain a sense of responsibility
- Gather artists, growers, crafters, etc. in a central location where people can gather and access goods.
- Gather data
- Geocaching - allow more caches
- Get access improvement for Pigs Eye Lake
- Get additional feedback on how people want to find out information about the parks
- Get feedback from residents.
- Get input from golfers and course staff
- Get input from the park neighbors. Do they have certain needs or concerns?
- Get it on the agenda and plan to
- Get kids from the neighborhoods around parks into the parks.
- get media involved
- Get money for projects
- Get more Golfers Feedback
- Get more people interested
- Get neighbors to voice support
- Get people together where they are
- Get rid of current county leaders
- Get rid of some red tape.
- Get rid of the person who wrote this survey
- Get the community involved to increase buy-in
- Get the people within the community involved
- Get together some round table meetings of people that use each park.
- Getting the community's input
- Go back to having the inmates provide the maintenance for the ponds
- Go into schools and find out what from a child's perspective would make the parks more accessible and appealing
- Go there and see how beautiful it is and how it is a true asset to the community
- Golf
- Golf at The Ponds
- golf course as it is!
- Golf is for everyone. All ages
- Golf is not a wealthy sport and can be enjoyed by all
- Golf more
- Golf more
- Golf more
- Good question. Letter to editor? Discussion with Ramsey county board??
- Greater social media presence and contact information for community members rather than an emailed survey
- Greet and encourage people no matter their race or background
- Group activities.
- group decision-making
- Group meetings online
- Group meetings online
- Grow with the technology through parks and recreation
- Guided walks

- Happy family, happy community
- Happy to do volunteer work to help achieve above items
- Have a park person officially assigned to promote amenities and good behavior on social media.
- Have an "interested in helping" sign-up
- Have areas geared toward families and children and for adults who want to enjoy amenities without kids around.
- Have events for fun and community building
- Have events to recognize the grief we are experiencing in a community that kills black men. Have these events all over the metro area.
- have free introductory classes or programs on a recurring, predictable basis that matches bus/transit schedules
- Have kids/teens create park ideas
- Have more music/musicians playing if possible - of all ages and levels of performance talents.
- Have more programs and areas for beginners - this will increase diversity of users in park. Have programs that introduce people to kayaking, skiing, trail running, etc. Free "Come out and try it!" days.
- have more wood chip type trails for hiking
- Have open, honest discussions and not make decisions that are thrust onto a surprised group of residents.
- Have Ramsey County focus on infrastructure
- Have signs telling how we can identify invasive species and who to contact.
- Have the commissioner come to South Maplewood the talk with the people and understand that the golf course is important to many of them.
- 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 the park.
- Help clean up the park
- Help keep parks clean and safe
- Here you've got me. We can resist the desire to make everything 'new.'
- Highwood is very unsafe
- hire for diversity
- Hire forward thinking managers and directors
- hire instructors
- Hire the youth to do the work.
- Hiring more BIPOC
- Hold small focus group discussions
- hope you can keep the Ponds open....it is a very nice facility for those who can use it, and I foresee an increase in the popularity of golf after being down for several years
- Host community members and invite leaders in the park spaces
- Host group golf clinics and family fun activities in partnership with orgs and influencers in cultural communities
- I can access it in a way that doesn't require I drive a car and park my car at my destination.
- I can't do anything about this
- I contact Parks and Rec as well as Ramsey County when I see something that shouldn't be there.
- I don't know.
- I don't see a need for any significant changes to the outdoor spaces near my home
- I fear you won't and that your minds
- 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 hope to be able to enjoy walking around Ramsey County lakes, assuming the paths are maintained in good condition
- I not sure who to reach out to if I have questions or suggestion
- I put my photos on Google maps and literally thousands of people see them.
- I see families, friends and animals
- I see no positive changes coming from this county board to benefit taxpaying contributors to our community
- i think we need to work on preserving
- I try to briefly encourage and praise the staff when I meet them in the parks.
- Identify a certain radius around these parks and conduct mailings/surveys of residents within a given radius.
- Identify areas of need (using data and community input)
- Identify money losing ball golf courses and convert part to disc golf.
- 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 safety concerns and facility issues
- Identify some open space suitable for trails.
- Identify strategic partners
- Identify that outdoors offers professional opportunities. Communicate to our residents the opportunities that exist for employment and careers in recreation.
- Identify the ice arena that needs the most work and convert it to a roller rink.
- If it isn't broken - why fix it
- If it's not broken don't fix it!
- 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 taking away any green space, including golf courses, replace with green space in the same neighborhood
- If the County continues to pour outdoor rinks age will take care of the rest
- If there isn't already an event planning committee, with both county staff and community members, form one.

- If this course closes the county just cut off hundreds of kids access to the game and the ethics that come along with it. 18-hole courses are predominantly used by adults with no designated practice areas or instruction for kids. It would be a travesty if this closes. What are the plans for the old Hillcrest Site??!!
- If you're not busy enough in your job, please find a different one.
- I'm not sure
- I'm not sure citizens have much say or that our actions and voices are heard when we "speak for the trees"
- Implement
- 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 maintenance.
- improve public transit options!
- Improve water for fish and wildlife habitats
- improve water quality
- Improve water quality for recreation
- improve wayfinding
- In force noise ordinances.
- Inaction would be a great first step. Keep it the way it is.
- Include diverse partners at the table
- Including all communities
- Increase access to children in underserved communities to be introduced to golf
- increase and promote winter recreation
- increase awareness of trail system
- Increase community decision making
- increase maintenance funding for trails
- Increase native plantings and restoration
- Increase Police Funding
- Increase public awareness of the value green space has
- Increase wildlife habitat by using less mowing/chemicals in the parks.
- Increased funding
- Increasing the volunteer pool, especially training volunteers to provide programs in education around nature that abounds in all our parks.
- individual actions
- Indoor spaces like Como Conservatory
- Indoor winter parks and restaurants with views
- Inform people when we see something wrong they did
- Informing residents of the amenities and options available.
- Initiate a citizen park board with 10-20 active participants who can assist the local government with planning and execution of the changes
- initiatives into motion. Asking for help from
- 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
- Invest in community engagement. Invest in opportunities for community activities
- Invest in maintaining the sports fields
- Invest in maintenance
- Invest in our youth programs.
- invest in smaller, lots of smaller community parks. Like Bellaire Park or the ball fields and play area on McKnight and Spruce.
- Invest in the course instead of tearing it down
- Invest in The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course.
- Invest in the sheriff's office.
- Invest in youth programs
- Invest to what we already have
- Invest wisely and bear in mind cost of
- Invite Latino, Hmong, & Indigenous to meetings to create time and space to build larger programs
- 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 people to participate
- 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
- Involved BIPOC communities and give the decision-making power
- It doesn't serve just a very small, very niche group of people (i.e., golf course). That initial need can exist, but it MUST serve more than one purpose if the people who use the facility is still a very niche group of people.
- It one of the very few budget courses in the Twin Cities area.
- It probably takes more funding to maintain the sites a little more than they are now.
- It seems it's tax income over people's needs.
- It sounds like you are assuming that these "changes" are going to be implemented regardless of what I think
- It was a complete waste of 4 hours for 9 holes.
- 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 nice to continue golfing at the courses I enjoy most, including The Ponds at Battle Creek
- It Would be really Cool to do Something Like A Light Show in Phalen Park During Wintertime So More People Would Go To The Park
- It's mostly free
- It's mostly free
- Iterative process - willing to try new things on a trial basis, learn and improve
- It's already started.
- 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

- just leave things the same as they are
- Keep Ponds of Battle Creek Golf course open
- Keep "starter" golf courses open so they are accessible to all, especially kids, women and seniors, and BIPOC
- Keep a choice for kids to learn a sport besides football
- Keep a variety of opportunities for all ages
- Keep access and equity at the forefront
- Keep all golf courses open
- Keep all public open spaces
- Keep all the golf course
- Keep all the golf courses open
- Keep as much green space and nature as possible so people can get out.
- keep Battle Creek Golf
- Keep Battle Creek golf course open
- Keep Battle Creek Golf Course Open
- Keep Battle Creek Open
- Keep Beauty and nature. Stop tearing down. For profit!
- Keep bonds Battle Creek open
- Keep BRB golf management
- Keep cars out of parks
- Keep courses open
- Keep equipment and facilities maintained.
- Keep going back to residents
- Keep golf and trail open and funded
- Keep golf as a sport in middle school and high school.
- Keep golf course and driving range and all jobs and revenues
- Keep golf courses and arenas open to generate money for all of the playgrounds and trail systems.
- Keep golf courses open
- Keep green spaces
- Keep green spaces available; don't develop
- Keep informing people of upcoming opportunities to provide feedback
- Keep investing in new playground equipment
- Keep investing in ponds at battle creek
- Keep it going especially the lit driving range
- Keep multiple golf courses open
- Keep open parks and places that slow us to be in nature
- Keep or acquire some wild areas
- Keep our parks, beaches, trails, and golf courses clean and maintained.
- Keep our smaller regional golf courses available for senior
- Keep parks clean
- Keep people in Saint Paul's rather than moving to suburbs where these items are accessible
- Keep people informed
- Keep Ponds at Battle Creek
- Keep Ponds at Battle Creek open
- Keep Ponds golf course
- Keep ponds open
- Keep ponds open!!
- keep prices affordable.
- Keep some areas less developed with minimal upkeep
- Keep supporting golfers
- Keep the areas maintained
- Keep the areas natural
- Keep the community focus through golf
- Keep the community strong by supporting, protecting, and keeping the golf course active through the years.
- Keep the course
- Keep the course
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- Keep the course
- Keep the COURSE it's a GEM that I drive to from Mpls.
- Keep the course open
- Keep the course open please
- Keep the course open, the other 2 you are throwing money into aren't near as nice
- Keep the course open.
- keep the course open. The driving range is packed all the time delivering a lot of revenue.
- Keep the easier courses like The Ponds open.
- Keep the golf course
- Keep the Golf Course
- Keep the golf course
- keep the golf course
- 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 golf course in tip top shape to attract paying customers
- Keep the golf course open
- Keep the golf course open to the public
- Keep the golf course open, it's one of last wildlife refuges in the city
- Keep the golf course open.
- Keep the golf courses!! Kids love golfing, just as much as adults do.
- Keep the Golf facilities available
- Keep the park system safe and clean and maintained.
- Keep the parks and courses be, develop unused land for other projects that activists need!
- Keep the parks and golf course funded
- keep the parks clean
- Keep the parks clean and updated.
- Keep the parks free from violence
- Keep The Ponds
- Keep The Ponds
- Keep The Ponds
- Keep the Ponds
- Keep the ponds
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek
- keep The Ponds at Battle Creek
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek golf course open. The investment has already been made for this wonderful 9-hole course surrounded by nature's beauty, and it is such a great place for South Maplewood.
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open
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- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open or sell it/leave it to the city. It's obviously making money now, it's the most racially/economically diverse crowd I've seen at a golf course, and the course supports a lot of wildlife.
- Keep the Ponds at Battle Creek open!
- Keep The Ponds at Battle Creek open!!!!!!

- Keep The Ponds at Battle Creek open, it's not just a bunch of old white guys, it is very diverse and has wonderful learning programs for young people and gets people outside enjoying the beautiful outdoors.
- Keep The Ponds at Battle Creek open.
- Keep the ponds at Battle Creek up and running
- Keep the Ponds course open just as it is. NO changes required.
- Keep The Ponds for golfing
- Keep the Ponds GC open
- Keep the Ponds Golf course
- Keep the ponds golf course
- Keep the Ponds golf course
- Keep the Ponds golf course
- KEEP the ponds golf course and preserve the green space and wildlife supported there
- Keep the Ponds golf course open.
- Keep the Ponds golf course open. It is special to many of us. I see more diversity in golf than ever before.
- Keep the Ponds golf course so everyone can play
- Keep the ponds golf course.
- Keep The Ponds golf course. My kids love it!!!!
- Keep the Ponds of Battle Lake!
- Keep The Ponds Open
- Keep the ponds open
- Keep the ponds open
- Keep The Ponds open
- Keep the ponds open
- 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 the Ponds open.
- Keep the ponds open.
- Keep The Ponds open. Golf is not a sport for the elite, it's for all. I think Hockey is a more elitist sport and more expensive. Same with cross country skiing. Folks with disabilities and in wheelchairs can play golf.
- Keep the Ponds open. Look around So. Maplewood and see what you offer the residents for their tax dollars. Outside of the park land in the area, nothing. A strip mall, a Sun Ray that is in danger based on closed shops. Virtually no shopping outside of discount shops. All of our clothes shopping goes to Washington County. I don't see that changing so let us have our golf course. To add revenue, you could groom it and open it to cross country skiing.
- Keep The Ponds open. Stop turning this into a white privileged thing. Yes, some whites do use this facility. Is there something wrong with allowing this recreational opportunity?
- Keep the Ponds opened
- Keep the Ponds! And keep up the good maintenance of the golf courses!
- Keep the Ponds. My wife and I went to the first hearing or whatever it was with the Ramsey county commissioner held in a small library which could not contain half the people who showed up. The response to the statements for keeping the course were received with little more than boredom from the Council basically it seemed like a done deal except for Victoria Reinhart
- Keep this gem of a course. It is the best 9-hole course here on the east side. People love it and can golf it in 2 hours. Time with all of us is important and this time on the Ponds course is perfect. Thank you for asking and considering what I have to say.
- Keep trails in good shape and clear or ice and snow
- Keep up the current parks and ensure safety. Car backings are scaring most people now.
- Keep up the great work!
- Keep walking paths in good condition
- Keep what people love
- Keep with parks upkeep
- Keeping The Ponds open to serve the southern edge of the country and the affordability to those of limited means (retired, immigrants getting on their feet, middle income))
- Keeping things clean and safe
- Know that all of our decisions should be based on the impact for many generations and the protection of our natural areas are critical and very important for the long term.
- Ladies learn to golf clinic to interest more women from all backgrounds to join the fun
- Leaders who care about the CLIMATE leadership
- Learn from other cities doing it right
- Learn to hike/snowshoe events are promoted to local orgs and the schools, with class field trip outings designed all season long, equipment rental options are expanded
- Leave it alone, it does not need fixing.
- Leave Minnesota. Poorly managed and no accountability.
- Leave ponds of Battle Creek open
- Leave the beautiful parks alone
- Leave the city
- Leave the golf course alone
- leave the golf course as is. don't want a barren eye sore in our community
- Leave the golf courses as is. We hear lots of people laughing and having fun,
- Leave the parks along
- Leave the parks and open land alone.
- Leave the Ponds as a golf course
- Leave The Ponds as is. It's a beautiful facility and is always busy.
- Leave the Ponds Golf Course alone
- leave the Ponds of Battle Creek a golf course
- Leave the Ponds of Battle Creek Golf course intact. Provides jobs for neighboring jail for groundskeeping!!!!
- Leave things like they are now
- Leave your political agenda behind
- legislation where required
- Less crime
- Less driving
- Less focus on "amenities"
- less pesticides/herbicides
- Less vision and value add and more maintenance and upkeep on what we have.
- Let communities decide what happens within their neighborhood since
- Let people use indoor bathrooms.
- let the people decide
- Leverage lottery funds for projects

- Lighted driving range is nowhere else on the east metro
- lighting expansion (we have such short days in the long winters)
- Like it the way it is.
- Like the other Ramsey County courses, upgrade golf carts and equipment on a yearly basis
- list. Find ways to promote neighborhood pride.
- Listen
- Listen
- Listen
- Listen
- Listen better to your public
- listen to all
- Listen to citizens who think ponds at Battle Creek is better than the other golf courses in the portfolio
- Listen to each other
- Listen to everyone, being so called woke does not make your decisions correct. Instead of taking already formed green space. Utilize unused retail spaces for affordable housing for people in need
- listen to folks they have some experience
- Listen to our community
- Listen to people from the community
- Listen to people who live nearby
- Listen to people.
- Listen to residents
- Listen to residents not politicians
- Listen to residents, not just hear them
- Listen to residents.
- Listen to the communities that live near or use the resources.
- Listen to the community
- Listen to the community
- Listen to the community
- Listen to the community and what we need
- Listen to the community. Don't tell us what we want.
- Listen to the golf customers.
- Listen to the people
- Listen to the people
- Listen to the people
- listen to the people I know that is what your website says but I don't really hear much. Just see the changes
- Listen to the people of this community that have worked hard all their lives to make it the best that we can to raise amazing families that care about our surroundings
- Listen to the people regarding the Ponds.
- Listen to the people that live in this amazing community
- Listen to the people who live here
- 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 the people...actually listen.
- Listen to the public, and not just a discussion panel or committee. One good example is the intended closure of the golf course - The Ponds at Battle Creek. This is a big mistake. If the decision makers would take the time to listen to a cross section of people, they would see and understand the benefit and impact on the community.
- Listen to the residents in the southeast area of the county
- Listen to the residents of the areas effected
- Listen to the residents that live in the immediate area being considered for development.
- Listen to the residents who live in the area, not outsourced consultants
- Listen to the residents.
- Listen to the residents.
- Listen to the users of the amenities
- Listen to those volunteers
- Listen to us the people that voted you in!
- Listen to we the people that have pride in our green spaces and recreation areas that help our children to become responsible adults that will continue to take great care of our community
- Listen to your constituents
- Listen to your constituents. You decide to close The Ponds despite enormous objections.
- listening and taking actions
- listening seminars with local residents
- Listening to everyone
- Listening to what taxpayers are saying.
- Lobby for funding
- Local citizens are PROUD and boast about our parks - they have all been there many times.
- Local leaders who aren't in it for profit
- Long term commitment to keeping the ponds open
- 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 things in person before making decisions
- Look at what other park systems do like Three Rivers
- 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 for busy streets with lots of foot traffic
- Look for land in the city
- Look to local native plant societies to be partners in converting turfgrass to native plants.
- loss of golf courses only puts a strain on the remaining courses
- Lots of family similar to mine, kids, adults, and dogs
- Lower taxes
- Mailed leaflets/pamphlets
- Maintain appropriate spaces and environments for birds and wildlife, not all of which needs to be easily accessed by people.
- Maintain for using trails and facilities
- Maintain healthy trees, etc. for animals.
- Maintain nature
- Maintain open spaces.
- Maintain parks and golf courses.
- Maintain the current Golf Courses
- Maintain the current golf courses.
- Maintain the golf courses to a high standard

- Maintain the Ponds at Battle Creek facility
- Maintain the trails and parks in good shape
- Maintain what we have and do not let development diminish the parks and open spaces we have
- maintain what we have, the trails in particular
- Maintaining current parks and trails
- Maintains the golf course and driving range
- Maintenance
- maintenance.
- Make a factual study of what's needed and make an investment in the right areas.
- Make a plan.
- Make all decision-making steps transparent.
- Make available programs for learning from one another about the diversity of economic and cultural groups within our county.
- Make communities safer
- Make facility improvements where needed.
- make hockey self-supported
- Make improvements to current courses needed to provide a quality product
- Make it accessible for everyone (abilities, cost, proximity, transportation)
- Make it affordable for all
- make it easy to have civil discussions
- Make more public trails
- Make more public trails
- Make more youth groups, make a new Community center for the kids, and have a lot of different events in the summer.
- Make parks accessible to all. Get information out vulnerable people and cultures who don't use the parks. Outreach and include them in your future planning.
- make parks activities more accessible
- Make parks safer.
- Make proposal, get broad input, make decision.
- Make streets more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Plant fruit trees and shrubs in parks and public spaces. Communicate and market these changes.
- 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 sure sustainability is kept in mind 100% of the time
- Make sure they are well kept
- make the council accountable to all their constituents, not just their preferred areas
- Make the investments! Plant the trees! Let the native plants recolonize
- Make things safer in our county.
- Make trail bridges a funding priority at the Capitol
- Making sure we keep the space as green as possible for our planet and the wildlife that relies on the space
- Market the product.
- Mask up
- massive volunteering base
- Maybe have news programs regularly feature a park and the amenities available?
- Maybe more founding
- Maybe the city should be more accessible to our Latino food trucks.
- Maybe us that we are getting together in these sessions should convene and talk and then bring them more concrete ideas to those that can make changes possible in the parks.
- Maybe we can create a Facebook page or a WhatsApp group to find out about park events. I work all the time and I would like to have a resource to be informed and also involved.
- Maybe we need to teach our kids and others that not everything depends on the city. We need more civic education. In our countries we are not used to think that this work belongs to all and that this is a service for all.
- Meaningful, sustained relationship building with groups who are not likely to be the dominant voices in community-outreach listening sessions.
- Meditate
- Meditation center
- Meet with athletes for their input.
- Meet with Nature center employees to see what is needed for improvements
- Meetings of community members
- Metro Transit Busses are given signal priority at traffic lights to usher in a more efficient transit system where transit users have more free time and a greater connection across the county.
- Model for our children the change we want to see.
- Mom, dad, <friends>
- Money
- Money
- Money
- Money
- Money targeted to these efforts
- Monitor golf course usage and expand as the need arises.
- More (and better serviced) trash and recycling receptacles
- More accountability across the board
- More accountability across the board
- more advertisements of where the locations/facilities are
- More advertising of the parks and the amenities. Showing different races using the facilities.
- More art frames
- More Black/African American elders and leaders in parks and connected to city rec centers
- More children's programs
- more communication
- More community volunteering
- More county promotion of the benefits of green space for our health and the quality of our environment
- More engagement with the community
- more events at the parks
- More focus on natural features
- More funding into city trails and cameras to feel safer
- More groomed cross country ski trails (again, those of us close to the city have to drive to places like Tamarack to ski... more access, closer to where we live and don't need transportation to access!)

- more intro programs for people of different backgrounds to learn a variety of things
- More kids' hockey and golf programs
- More kids' programs
- More loading docks, lots of hills for sledding
- More off-leash dog parks.
- More open space not less
- More opportunities for community feedback
- More outreach to the community for input.
- More park guard's, information stations
- More park staff and maintenance crews
- More regional trails
- More seat, more benches, butterfly gardens, clean up the allies, sliding and tubing.
- More signage
- More space for sport activity, so people don't kiss the grass
- More support for dog parks
- More trash cans
- more volunteering opportunities
- More winter clearance of trails
- More winter heated outdoor restaurants in parks
- More youth programs
- Most ethnic golf facility in area
- Motivate our youth to have more contact with nature. They spend all their time on their cellphones.
- Move beyond the meetings and get changes made!
- Move low-income housing to another location near metro transit.
- 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
- Multiple options for children, county lead activity
- Multiple park options to support multiple interests
- Music at nears park but at the lakes
- My family and friends
- My friends, families, and strangers
- My mom and dad
- My relatives, friends and families
- NATIONAL Park and Rec organizations are quoting and using our examples as what the nation should be doing.
- Native American and Indigenous community
- Nature Programming
- Nature, family and friends
- Nature-focused activities
- New county manager.
- New leadership.
- No activities allowed.
- No changes needed
- 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
- No rezoning of remaining open space
- No unilateral county decisions without city leadership/voter input.
- Not certain
- Not close the ponds
- Not close the ponds
- Not close the ponds
- Not close the ponds golf course
- Not get rid of the golf course
- Not just one & done
- Not sure
- Not sure. But I'd like to still be able to enjoy the golf course.
- Not take any more green space. Children need to be able to enjoy Mother Nature. Offer free golf, skiing and any other slot to keep kids outside instead of sitting in the house watching TV and playing games on their phones.
- Not take away activities that already exist
- Not to sell the land this beautiful Golf Course has already been built on to developers to start laying curb and gutter
- Notion to heal mental and physical health
- Obtain land in areas that need protection.
- Offer lessons to kids and adults.
- Offer many activities
- Offer more fun outdoor activities at the lakes for children and local families
- Offer the use of land to a city with funds.
- Opened more trails to dogs
- Openness and kindness and compassion to our neighbors and those we meet outside
- Opportunity to bring the community in to help make decisions to move forward
- Organize "meet the park" excursions to get people to try activities they wouldn't normally start
- Other families in nature
- Other families just like mine
- our facilities to have for the children and
- Out with family
- Outdoor activities for physical and mental health
- Outlaw dogs.
- Outreach programs to bring people uncomfortable with parks into parks.
- Outreach to more diverse populations
- Outreach to urban Ramsey County- see very little info as a resident of St Paul
- Paddle sports - boat launches have parking for vehicles without trailers or signage for where else to launch paddle craft
- Park Police Presence
- Park rule with translation so some people don't committed crime that they don't understand
- park services are provided in connection (holistically) with other county services
- Park watchers
- 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
- Parks are lauded as the quality-of-life powerhouses that they are! This is accomplished equitably and in connection to other RC services
- Parks boards / community leaders - nature conservancy
- Partner more with local cities in whose boundaries the county parks sit.
- partner with city courses
- Partner with corporations as needed to help fund or match money

- Partner with environmental or conservation organizations or other partners for resources and expertise.
- Partner with health care sector to work together in creating healthy communities
- Partner with Maplewood, Woodbury and St. Paul to create and support a nature center-reopen Maplewood Nature Center
- Partner with RCCF to start natural plantings.
- Partner with schools, nursing homes, sports clubs, local police departments to build relationships with communities like mountain biking with kids, etc.
- Partnering with boy and Girl Scout troops to help with park maintenance
- Partnering with local schools to develop sports a
- Pass laws and ordinances that help enforce our duty to nature and make it easier to punish those who litter
- Patrol parks and trails
- Pave more trails for accessibility
- PBC
- PBC
- PBC
- Perhaps Ramsey County can stop arbitrarily making decisions and listen to the people who live and/or play there.
- Perhaps setting up committees involving residents for discussion. Hold community events to get the vision out (fun events that include families),
- Perhaps with improved inclusion and less prejudice more people will take pride in their surroundings
- Persons do follow thru
- Pick up trash, make the parks clean by not littering
- Place high priority on access to outdoor spaces
- Plan for where we have dynamic water conditions
- Plan scavenger hunts/challenges to get people to the different parks
- Plan to expand with MORC
- Plan trails and help them get made.
- Plan well
- Planning and discussing with the community on their thoughts and ideas.
- plant more trees
- Plant more trees
- Plant more trees, keep natural landscape
- Plant more wildflowers
- Plant trees gardens
- Planting more flower that would last year around
- Play
- Please contact me at 651-442-5511 and/or dabillig1@mmm.com.
- Please do NOT close any golf courses. Give them the ability to figure out how to recover from recent losses and realize they can be a great benefit to the county park system.
- please do not tear up green spaces
- Please keep the golf courses
- Please save the Ponds at Battle Creek. It is a gem, and you can't get it back once it is gone.
- Please save the Ponds golf course.
- PLEASE, please do everything to not make any changes.
- Police
- Police in parks
- Police presence
- Police with power
- poll parents at WIC clinics about needs for kids (swimming lessons etc.)
- Poll the community on their feelings of having that open space in what is a constant building on building community to the east.
- Poll those that live and use the parks
- pop-up surveys of actual park users
- Post signs along the regional trails for residents to become involved.
- preserve golf courses
- Preserve green space over more housing or retail
- Preserve spaces for nature areas and local neighborhood sports fields
- Preserve the community's outdoor resources
- preserve the grasslands between Battle Creek Park and the Correctional Facility and include them in the Park
- Preserve the land
- preserve the open spaces
- Preserving green space
- Prioritize access for underserved communities and people.
- Prioritize areas to improve
- Prioritize climate action and get people moving in ways that don't involve a car
- Prioritize dog park maintenance and upkeep because they are widely used in the community.
- 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!
- prioritize natural spaces over lawns
- Promote
- Promote diversity in golf
- Promote outdoor and nature appreciation.
- Promote swimming beaches with instruction and lifeguards
- promote the parks to all groups of people
- Promoting First Tee and other youth programs at the county courses.
- Proper funding through the county budget
- Protect Pants and Rec properties. No net loss!
- protect the areas we have today, especially the golf courses
- Protect the corrections grasslands and Ponds golf course from development.
- Provide a safe environment
- Provide dedicated funding for engagement and innovation
- provide funding to support partnerships, set-up a model
- Provide funding.
- Provide guided opportunities for public to participate
- Provide PAID mentorship opportunities for BIPOC people/youth
- Provide soft programming to interest others in Nature.
- Provide the Ponds additional years of support to prove its monetary and community value
- Public input
- Public meetings to take about a vision.
- Publicize options. Maintain areas for

- publicize park programs through schools and other community organizations
- Publicize public meetings better
- Publicize the parks, trails and golf courses
- Put it to a vote.
- Put parks in under-served areas.
- Put The Ponds at Battle Creek up for sale so it can remain a golf course.
- Put together a committee of Leaders and Citizens.
- Put up billboards or signs to advertise or on radio/tv
- Put up the code and the website, gather facts
- quit expanding housing where outdoor activities are taking place.
- Quit using race as an excuse for an unpopular agenda
- Quite trying to force people to do things
- raise additional funding required
- Raise awareness of needed changes
- raise awareness of the facilities
- Raise awareness with neighborhoods about the benefits of bringing disc golf to the parks
- Ramsey County can develop policy that will prioritize the health of the parks, facilities and programs that is LONG term - not short term (think climate change).
- Ramsey County can form citizen/business committees to provide fresh ideas and proposals to make our parks, trails, facilities, programs more nature, human and educationally focused.
- Ramsey County can recognize that a healthy environment is a task on its own, not part of pushing "inclusivity" of differing cultures.
- 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.
- Ramsey County has the ability — GO
- Ramsey County Probation can use Sentence to Serve to eradicate the Invasive buckthorn.
- 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 ALL people, engaging and educating them on the value of a variety of outdoor activities.
- 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)
- Reach out to Minnesota Roller Derby
- Reach out to MORC.
- reach out to stakeholders
- Reach out to the Hmong community about pain points or concerns of why they would stay away
- Reach out to working families not just retired people who are available
- Reach people where they are when asking what features they want-- talk to people in the parks, and also bring input gathering to other public places (libraries, schools, bus stops, rec centers)
- Realize that Parks and Recreation is one area where innovation isn't exactly needed
- Realize we all want a better place
- Recognize the value of ponds at battle creek
- Recognize the variety of entertainment needs of a healthy community
- recreation.
- Recruit more kids to play golf. Especially from the cities. Offer the driving range for a super discount for them.
- Recruit people of all ages to do the planning
- Redevelop run-down/vacated areas (there are a lot of them) for housing and leave the open spaces alone.
- Reduce car usage in city
- Re-envision better community use of Battle creek ponds
- Re-evaluate other courses.
- Regarding The Ponds, keep doing what you are doing. The venue is packed with diversity daily.
- Remember all people who have given support for years as well as newcomers.
- Remember to maintain the parks, keep that as part of the plan because that takes money too.
- Rental of ice fishing houses or equipment
- Reopen the boat ramp access to Pig's Eye Lake
- Reopen the golf course and keep my parks in the south side open
- Reopen the Ponds at Battle Creek
- Repair trails and maintain drainage.
- 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
- Repurpose all the golf courses and move the money to funding greener and more economically inclusive endeavors
- Request for more security guards or police, so parents will feel more safer
- Request for need
- Request for volunteers to brainstorm ideas, put together sub committees
- Research how White Bear Lake created their dog beach
- Research successful models
- Research successful models
- Residents who are choosing to use the facilities as provided
- Retain ponds at battle creek golf
- Reverse decision on The Ponds at Battle Creek and get rid of Manitou Ridge instead.
- Reverse the decision to close The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course; invite more organizations to hold their outdoor events/picnics at the Ramsey County Parks and publicize what's available
- Reverse the plan to close The Ponds at Battle Creek

- Reviewing VIABLE options with the community
- Robust volunteer program aimed at engaging groups
- Run
- Rural and Urban dwellers are playing and singing together. They leave transformed and have new friends.
- Sadly, most of the safety and cleanliness issues are caused by the public, so unless people start to respect and care more....
- Safe Spaces for families and children are needed have a diverse committee to figure out what that looks like
- Safe, welcoming environment of like people
- Safety for all
- Safety in parking lots-fulltime working cameras
- Safety, safety, safety. Actually listen to your constituents.
- Save areas for those who want silence.
- Save Ponds at Battle Creek
- Save Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course!!
- Save the environment
- Save the golf course!!
- Save the golf course!!
- Save the golf course!!
- Save the Ponds
- Save the Ponds at Battle Creek
- schedule more classes for people to learn how to do activities AND also learn about the availability of equipment
- 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
- Security at parks, especially in the evenings
- See above
- Seek funding from various sources.
- Seek funding to support the program goals
- Seek out input from underrepresented communities
- Seeking funding
- Seize the means of production.
- Self-sufficient golf should stay
- Send out a survey asking what folks would like to see. Leaving it open ended to get specific feedback.
- Send out specific information and ask for feedback.
- Send survey around about specific changes.
- Sending out letters to Ramsey county homes for ideas. Not everyone sees this from Facebook.
- Seniors have no transportation to state or fed parks and list the go fishing program
- Set aside land
- Set input gathering strategies (good start here) and timelines and stick to them. The round and round in the decision making on Ayd Mill Road left too many hopes dashed.
- Set up strong ongoing relationships with community organizations, especially BIPOC orgs
- Shake some of the Ramsey County Board members out of their myopic agendas.
- Share the ideas/concepts widely with all communities
- Sharing ideas
- Shorter courses are easier to navigate for seniors, as well as beginning golfers.
- Show diversity in representatives
- Show respect for green space
- Show up.
- Showing real care for people who live in the area.
- Signage / informational plaques in multiple languages
- Simple investments that have high impact
- Sit down and meet face to face with the neighborhood residents
- 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
- Solicit input from Cale Leviska or Chuck Kennedy, who have designed other MN Disc Golf Courses
- Solid tax base.
- Solid volunteer base to support the parks and heighten community ownership.
- Sometimes it's best to leave well enough alone. Invest in the upkeep of all facilities maintaining their quality.
- Special events
- Specific community groups to discuss topics of interest.
- spend a few dollars to keep it going.
- Spend the money as a long-term investment not an annual budget item
- Spending priorities
- Sponsor community activities like kite festivals and bike rides, fun runs, etc.
- Sponsor some classes
- Start a campaign to raise funds from the disc golf community to buy disc golf equipment
- Start a community discourse on what we want to see happen in the park.
- start actually listening to the people
- Start adding lots more walking trails
- Start asking local governments for a place to out one.
- 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 fundraising now for future projects
- Start listening to people that the Ponds golf course is not losing money. Tell the "people" that want it closed down for other purposes that it doesn't make sense to do that.
- Start looking at areas where course can be installed
- Start neighborhood level food events at these parks and invite specific neighborhoods for free food and conversation
- 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

- Start weekly events
- Start youth golf leagues
- State and city Funding
- 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 engaged with the community regarding the value P&R brings to the county
- stay informed
- Staying focused
- Stop administering last-minute surveys in the hope that the people impacted by your short-sighted decision making don't have a chance to provide feedback.
- Stop building housing on Courses
- Stop building structures and trails, enhance the natural areas.
- Stop development.
- Stop electing politicians who don't care about the environment or believe in science.
- Stop expecting others to do our work for us
- Stop focusing on the future when the Now could be managed better
- Stop listening to disingenuous NIMBYers
- Stop making assumptions
- Stop making decisions behind closed doors
- Stop making everything about race.
- Stop making it political for personal gain
- Stop promoting sports and focus on doing something far more productive and rewarding instead like restoring nature or having community gardens
- Stop the closing of ponds at Battle Creek which makes money and provides golf for children and adults. Tear down the correction facility across the street and build housing if it is necessary
- Stop the closure of already enjoyed publishing areas.
- Stop thinking about taking away open space to build more housing
- Stop trying to change things
- stop using divisive language
- Stop wasting money on consulting firms to force a singular vision and listen to the people
- story on news about facilities, pictures/testimonials about how clean and 'safe' they are
- Study usage of existing facilities and amenities to find possible parts to retire to make room for new spaces that are welcoming to everyone
- Subgroups/task forces
- suburbs are building large recreation facilities. Ramsey needs to step and do the same.
- Summer year round
- Summer year-round.
- support golf in general
- support junior golf
- Support law enforcement
- support local residents committed to improving the parks
- Support Police
- support the current facilities we have worked to build
- support the First Tee Foundation
- Support the opinions of the people
- Support the police
- Support these groups to outline their needs and jointly define action items. Follow through with these communities
- Survey what programs are most attended/which ones are not.
- surveys
- Surveys are one thing that will help.
- Surveys can collect data
- Surveys such as this are a good idea
- Take a look at the support this golf course has received from the community after being targeted to close
- Taking care of our parks better
- Talk or join to someone who listens to concerns or suggestions
- Talk to my children how to stay clean and health
- Talk to people while they are using facilities to gather input
- Talking and hanging out with my friends
- Targeted partnerships btw the parks and minority groups. How to make folks who don't grow up camping feel comfortable in nature.
- Targeted programs for BIPOC
- Taskforce from every heritage to be inclusive of everyone's needs
- Taxpayers decide how to allocate funding
- Team up
- Team up with local partners to increase park use. Corporate or community center golf discounts. Student discounts. ADVERTISE.
- Tear up grass areas that are not used (boulevard)
- Tell whoever is leading the charge to remove the Ponds at Battle Creek that it would be the biggest mistake they ever made.
- Thank you for asking for community input!
- Thank you!
- The board made up its mind and that was that. Abominable.
- The community also needs to do some of the hard work. Many parks have been improved and we do not know and then we do not take care of them. We should also make an effort from our part.
- The difference is not shocking but PLEASING. "Of course, there are more diverse families". That is what this region is about. This is what everyone wants.
- The golf courses promoted and participated in the Youth on Course program, then formed youth advisory committees to partner in planning
- The Latino community is not that used to going to the parks. Work is too time consuming.
- the mindset of government leaders must change to recognize the benefits that golf courses provide to the community, even to non-golfers.
- The NAACP is having a national outdoor festival in Ramsey County. They have heard about the participation and positive experiences. Folks from all over MN attend.
- The public hearings in the ponds were a sham.
- The surveys were a sham.

- there is a consistency between signage at parks, so I know what to expect
- These are tough questions!
- Think
- Think a little longer term...
- Think about affordable active recreation for our residents like the Ponds
- Think about new, non-traditional partners (community orgs, businesses, etc.).
- Think about the population that live in the area and ask them what THEY want not people who have no idea how we live in the area of South Maplewood.
- Think big. Nature and opportunity for all children.
- This "survey" is a touchy, feely joke. Get serious and do some serious groundwork and lay out reasonable options that people can actually respond to, not ask "how they're feeling" about the park. I regret my tax dollars support this garbage. And guess what, I'm a die-hard Democrat.
- This is a good step in the right direction
- This is excessive!!!
- This questionnaire is a good start.
- This survey is very difficult to do. Also, why didn't we hear anything about it until now?
- Time
- 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
- To use the parks more so that we can see the changes we want.
- tons of biodiversity/ wildlife. No invasive species.
- Town hall meetings
- Trade/cultural program exchange program to help engage communities in space we
- train staff about white supremacy
- Transit friendly destinations
- Transparency for community members for how decisions and investments are being made
- Transportation to access different places and spaces to explore
- True engagement across the board not to just check the box.
- Try finding something else to do than "visioning".
- Try not to ruin good ideas with negative 'what if' scenarios.
- Understand that golf is affordable
- 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 long-term effects and impacts that a politically motivated decision made now will have in the future
- Understand the needs of diverse abilities and consider them now not as an afterthought
- Unite and work together
- Universal design
- update master plans
- Update the chipping range and expand it
- Update website to better showcase features of the parks
- Updated buildings, trails, signage
- Upgrade parks and golf courses.
- Uplift the course
- Use ecologists to conserve, protect and restore the natural resource base of the parks
- use existing funds
- Use Legacy parks and trails funds for natural resources
- Use our voices as a community
- Use parks
- Use the facilities more
- User commitment to help other users in need
- Value and protect the natural world over financial and personal project desires
- VARIETY without taking away activities
- 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
- Visiting schools and talking about leaving no trace
- voice our opinion
- Volunteer
- Volunteer opportunities, of a couple hours
- Volunteer time to pick up the trash at the park
- Volunteer to clean the parks.
- Volunteer to help parks
- Volunteers
- Volunteers
- Volunteers can be funded
- Vote
- Vote for commissioners who are responsive to the people and what they want not some theory on what's good for them.
- Vote NO to closing The Ponds.
- Vote NO to destroying green space for development
- Vote out McDonough, the world doesn't need people who think like that.
- vote out of power all progressives, and weak republicans
- Vote out politicians that are believe in social engineering
- Vote to keep The Ponds open
- voting
- voting for officials that will put these
- Wake up the commissioners, or whoever it was responsible for this decision.
- Walk
- Walking surveys of those using the resources
- We all need nature
- We can all make it a point not to litter
- We can be respectful of each other's spaces
- We can be respectful of each other's spaces
- We can encourage community and club participation to give caretaking responsibility to community members

- We can hold town halls to hear from the community more on what they want
- We can offer our larger spaces for multi-use such as Battle Creek (disc golf)
- We can support and promote open air and green design
- We can take care of nature by not destroying it when we see it
- We had to wait at every hole for at least 15 minutes
- 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 of the natural resources and helping people understand how they can help with that.
- We need education on how these things work...
- we see the deer visiting our gardens.
- We see the geese resting watching the golfers, and
- We will all be better served if the county drops the "Parks and Recreation Vision"
- Welcome sign at the entrance with different languages
- Welcome signs and welcoming people. Don't hire grumpy people.
- Well, giving citizens more than a couple hours to provide input would be helpful.
- Whatever it takes
- Where I am nothing needs to be fixed.
- Why close the Ponds????
- Work for the people
- Work groups
- Work to expand the golf course
- Work to improve public transportation to parks, provide no cost options for transportation, facility use and participation in events.
- Work together to make the best decision on use of open space.
- Work together toward common goals.
- Work together with youth sports associations on changes needed in the ice arenas and parks.
- work together, not split by race, income or gender
- Work with bike orgs in the Cities to finish out the countywide trail system
- work with golf rangers
- 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
- Work with teachers to engage students in community services
- Would love to see those who are passionate about nature and recreation help provide programs for families
- you're destroying our community
- Youth golf programs
- 🌲🌲🌲 trees

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This question was asked almost exclusively in the online survey. Participants could offer multiple responses; there were 3,870 responses to this this question.

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| • 4th of July | • Attended Tamarack Nature Center Program | • Bike | • Bike ride |
| • a lot of practice balls on the range which is always busy if the weather is decent | • Attended youth sports | • Bike | • Bike ride |
| • a lot of walking sledding with my grandson golf at the Ponds | • Baseball | • Bike | • bike ride, dog walk cross country skiing |
| • Adventures in Cardboard camp | • Baseball | • Bike | • Bike rides |
| • Adventures with kids | • Baseball Field | • Bike | • Bike rides |
| • advocated with Friends of Island Lake, Inc. for park improvements | • Basketball | • Bike | • bike rides |
| • All plus played golf at the Ponds | • basketball games | • Bike | • bike rides |
| • Also taken walks on the trails | • basketball, tennis | • Bike | • Bike rides |
| • Appreciate the opportunities for golfing at The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf | • battle creek BBQ, Vento bike trail | • Bike | • Bike rides |
| • Archery | • Battle Creek bike path | • bike | • Bike rides through the parks via paths |
| • archiving, skiing | • Battle Creek dog park | • Bike | • Bike rides, picnics, had family photos taken |
| • At one time, water activity | • Battle Creek Dog Park | • Bike | • Bike riding on the Gateway Trail |
| • Attend festivals | • Battle Creek dog park | • Bike | • Bike riding, hiking and walking on the paved and unpacked trails |
| • Attend festivals | • Battle Creek driving range & golf | • Bike | • Bike riding, hiking and walking on the paved and unpacked trails |
| • Attended a party at the park | • Battle Creek Park every Saturday to walk the dog | • bike | • bike trails |
| • attended a picnic | • Battle Creek park trail walk | • bike | • Bike, hike, garden, sledding, tennis |
| • Attended a program through Tamarack Nature Center. | • Battle Creek Water Park | • Bike | • bike, ski, hike |
| • Attended a social event at Keller Park GC clubhouse and belong to a club that regularly holds events at Central Park in Roseville | • BBQ in parks | • Bike | • bike, walk |
| • Attended a Summer camp & Halloween program | • Beach | • Bike | • bike, walk, kayak, xc ski, |
| • Attended Area Performance Events-music, drama, etc. | • Beach | • Bike | • Biked |
| • Attended events | • Beach | • Bike | • Biked |
| • Attended golf league at ponds golf course | • beach | • Bike | • Biked |
| • attended graduation parties in rented shelters | • beach | • Bike | • Biked |
| • Attended hockey games. | • Beach access, open space, golf, mountain biking, Nordic skiing | • bike | • Biked |
| • Attended homeschool classes at TNC | • Beach/swimming | • Bike | • Biked |
| | • Beaches | • Bike | • Biked |
| | • beaches, | • Bike | • biked |
| | • Been to graduation parties | • Bike | • biked |
| | • bicycle | • Bike and skied the trails | • biked |
| | • Bicycle | • Bike and walk | • biked |
| | • Bicycle and walk the Bruce Vento Trail | • Bike in parks | • biked |
| | • bicycle, launch kayaks and fishing boat, hike | • Bike in/through Indian mounds park and in Bruce Vento | • biked |
| | • bicycled in parks and city streets | • bike on trails | • Biked |
| | • bicycling | • bike paths | • biked |
| | • bicycling | • Bike ride | • Biked |
| | • bicycling | • Bike ride | • biked |
| | • bicycling | • Bike ride | • biked |
| | • Bike | • Bike ride | • biked |
| | | • Bike ride | |

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attended a graduation party, looked at the river and the stars, played frisbee golf, cross country skied, had a Scout bonfire, volunteered at a cleanup event, did a fun run	• Had a picnic	• Held a memorial service/picnic	• Hiked
• gone to dog parks	• Had a picnic	• Hike	• Hiked
• Gone to play or relax	• Had a picnic	• Hike	• hiked
• Gone to RC golf courses	• Had a picnic	• Hike	• Hiked
• Gone to splash pad	• Had a picnic	• Hike	• Hiked
• Gone to the Park	• Had a picnic	• Hike	• Hiked
• Gone walking at Battle Creek Park at least 2 times/week	• had a picnic	• hike	• Hiked
• Got hit by a car	• Had a picnic date in a summer evening	• Hike	• Hiked
• Grad party	• Had a picnic especially during fall	• Hike	• Hiked
• Graduation party	• Had a picnic in parks	• Hike	• Hiked
• Graduation picnic shelter	• had a picnic, went for a run, played at the playground	• Hike	• Hiked
• Grandchild played on playground	• had a picnic, went for a run, played at the playground	• Hike	• Hiked
• Grandkids to parks frequently	• had a picnic, went hiking, went sledding, went golfing	• Hike	• Hiked
• Grandkids to playground	• had a picnic.	• Hike	• hiked
• Group events	• Had birthday parties and picnics	• hike	• Hiked
• Had a birthday celebration	• had cookouts	• Hike	• Hiked
• Had a family party, hiking, biking, swimming, sledding	• had family picnic	• hike	• hiked
• had a family picnic	• Had multiple family gatherings	• Hike	• Hiked
• Had a family picnic	• Had picnic at Battle Creek bike path. Played golf at the ponds of battle creek over ten times.	• Hike	• Hiked
• Had a family picnic	• Had picnic at park next to Como zoo	• hike	• Hiked
• Had a family picnic	• had work meeting	• Hike	• Hiked
• Had a family picnic	• Had written, produced, directed, starred, for 14 consecutive years (2001 - 2014) on the stage at Como Park Lakeside Pavilion!	• Hike	• Hiked / walked
• Had a golf class	• Hammocked	• Hike	• Hiked and climbed pine trees
• had a graduation party	• Hammocked	• Hike	• Hiked at battle creek
• Had a lunch	• Hangout with friends	• Hike	• Hiked at Battle Creek Park
• had a lunchtime picnic	• Hangout with friends	• Hike	• Hiked at Battle Creek Regional Park
• Had a picnic	• Hangout with friends	• Hike Battle Creek trails	• Hiked daily
• Had a picnic	• have a 4- and 7-year-old. we use the parks a ton for sledding,	• Hike trails	• hiked in dog park
• Had a picnic	• Have a walk	• Hike, Fish	• hiked in dog park
• Had a picnic	• Have taken a walk.	• Hike, picnic, mountain bike, cross-country ski	• Hiked on a nature trail
• had a picnic	• haven't been there yet but looking forward to taking walks and seeing birds and learning how to snowshoe	• Hike, picnic, mountain bike, cross-country ski	• Hiked several trails
• Had a picnic		• Hike, sledding, play at park, kayak, swimming, wedding reception	• Hiked trails
• Had a picnic		• Hike/bike/snowshoe	• Hiked trails
• had a picnic		• Hike/walk	• Hiked, birdwatched
• Had a picnic		• Hiked	• hiked, dog walking, picnic, exercise, meet friends to walk, enjoy the color/nature
• Had a picnic		• Hiked	• hiked, dog walking, picnic, exercise, meet friends to walk, enjoy the color/nature
• had a picnic		• Hiked	

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- Ice Fishing/Fishing
- Ice Hockey with District 10
- ice skated, utilized dog park
- Ice Skating
- ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating, picnic, playgrounds
- identify native plants
- I'm a 78-year-old widower who golfs frequently on the Ramsey Co. courses with friends and family.
- I'm older, so have only used the parks to golf. I was much more active with the Ramsey County parks four years ago, when I lived in Shoreview.
- In the winter during the pandemic, we went out to different parks to walk and be outside.
- Interactive children's activities
- Is the Como Zoo a Ramsey County facility?? I've done that.
- It's my Number 1 practice facility for my golf channel and my preparation spot for qualifiers
- It's a great course for my young children learning to play the game.
- Jogged, walked, had meetings with friends, church events, a
- jogging
- Jogging/walking enjoying nature
- Just hung out, went swimming.
- Just hung out, went swimming.
- Katie
- Kayak
- kayak
- Kayak
- Kayak
- Kayak
- Kayak
- kayak, paddleboard
- Kayak/paddleboard
- kayaked
- Kayaked and paddle boarded
- Kayaking
- Kayaking
- Kayaking
- Kayaking
- kayaking
- kayaking
- Kayaking canoeing
- Kayaking Rice Creek
- Kids at playground.
- Kids Golf lessons
- Kids park
- Kids park
- Kids played in golf camp/I golfed
- Lakes
- Listen to music
- looked for animals
- Looked for wildflowers
- Lori
- Lots of golf
- Lots of picnics!
- Lots of picnics!
- Lots of walks
- lots of walks
- Lots of walks!
- Lots of walks!
- Love golf
- Lunch at a park with friends
- Made out with my girlfriends in the Parking Lots at Como Park!
- made use of the dog park a lot
- Mainly used the parks for walking.
- Many hikes
- many hours of birdwatching, snowshoed, sketched and painted,
- Many walks
- Many walks and picnics at Battle Creek Park as well as use of the dog parks
- Many walks in Battle Creek Regional Park
- Many walks on the trail systems in Battle Creek area
- Many walks, bike rides
- Maplewood city park
- Medallion hunt
- Medallion hunt
- Medallion hunt
- Medallion hunting
- Medallion hunting
- Medallion hunting
- Meeting in park
- Meeting place
- met a friend for a picnic at the park
- Met family
- Met friends for outdoor conversations mn
- Met up with friends to chat
- Met with friends for walk and picnic
- Met with friends in bubble during pandemic
- Mini golf and treasure hunts (gnomes, cavemen, medallions, etc.)
- Monitoring duties at Joy Park Nature Preserve through the Maplewood Nature Center
- More golf
- More golf at the Ponds
- Most of all I love the 9-hole golf course at The Ponds at Battle Creek. It offers a unique golf experience and a great way to enjoy the sport in a timely manner. It is an absolute jewel in the area.
- Mostly golf - 4-5 times per week. Some walking on Battle Creek Regional trails.
- mostly used walking paths
- Mountain Bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain Bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain Bike- a lot
- Mountain bike its single-track trails
- mountain bike, biking on paved trails, hiked, cross country ski, canoe, swimming
- Mountain biked
- mountain biked
- Mountain Biked
- Mountain Biked BC Park
- Mountain biked, golfed, hike,
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain biking
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain biking
- Mountain biking
- Mountain biking
- 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
- Mountain biking, cross country skiing, kayaking
- Mtn bike
- My family and friends very much enjoy utilizing the golf courses in Ramsey county and consider the green space provided extremely valuable to the area.
- My family and I have gone to the golf courses together, including the driving ranges and the golf courses in general.
- My family has played golf numerous times at Ramsey County facilities
- My house backs to Ponds of Battle Creek golf course and I enjoy watching the golfers.

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| • Rode a bike | • Running | • ski, hike, bird watch, fish, bike ride | • Sledding |
| • Rode a bike | • Running / biking 3x times a week | • ski, hike, mountain bike, hang out and enjoy day | • Sledding |
| • rode a bike | • running and biking | • Ski, walk daily, playground, wildlife viewing, picnic | • Sledding |
| • Rode bicycle | • Running at Battle Creek Park | • Skied | • Sledding |
| • rode bicycles | • Running, walking, | • Skied | • Sledding |
| • Rode bicycles | • sailed small boat, swimming | • Skied | • Sledding |
| • Rode bike | • sailed small boat, swimming | • Skied | • Sledding |
| • Rode bike trails, golf | • Sat and painted the landscape | • skied | • Sledding |
| • Rode bikes | • Sat in parks and read. | • Skied (battle creek) | • Sledding |
| • Rode Bikes | • Sat in the park and people watch | • Skied Battle Creek | • Sledding |
| • rode bikes | • Sat on a blanket and read | • Skied on home groomed ski trail on Como lake | • sledding |
| • Rode bikes and went XC skiing | • Schmidt | • Skied on Paths | • Sledding |
| • Rollerbladed | • seen too many invasive trees and shrubs | • Skied on Paths | • sledding |
| • Romantic walks | • Set-up two temporary disc golf courses at Battle Creek Park (starting and ending at the pavilion). Walking, Biking, Golf (Ponds of Battle Creek) | • skied, sledded | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Several walks | • Skiing | • Sledding |
| • run | • several walks weekly, snowshoeing, skiing, biking, fishing, picnics, canoeing, swimming, | • Skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Sitting in park and reading paper | • Skiing | • sledding |
| • Run | • Skate | • Skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skate with family of 5 on Como lake | • Skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skated at ice rinks | • skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skated at ice rinks | • skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skating | • skiing | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skating | • skiing at Como park and kids' lessons. Como zoo and conservatory. Sledding on some of the park hills | • Sledding |
| • Run | • Skating | • Skiing on XC ski trails and mountain biking in battle creek park, bicycling on city trials, | • sledding |
| • Run, hike | • Skating, golfing | • Skiing, hiking, used playgrounds, golfed | • Sledding |
| • Run, picnic, hammocks | • Ski | • Skiing, x-skiing, sledding | • Sledding |
| • Run, sledding. | • Ski | • Sled | • Sledding |
| • run, walk, kayak, cross-country ski, sledding | • Ski | • Sled | • Sledding |
| • Run, walk, ski, golf | • Ski | • Sled/snowshoe | • Sledding |
| • Run/walk | • Ski | • Sledding | • Sledding |
| • Run/walk | • Ski | • Sledding | • Sledding |
| • Running | • Ski | • Sledding | • sledding |
| • Running | • ski | • Sledding | • sledding |
| • Running | • Ski highland golf course, swim, Battle Creek park ski Nordic | • Sledding | • Sledding |
| • Running | • ski, hike, bird watch, fish, bike ride | • Sledding | • Sledding |
| • running | | • Sledding | • Sledding |

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| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk | • Walk on walking paths, |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk | picnic |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk | • Walk park trails |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk | • walk parks |
| • walk | • Walk | • Walk 12 | • Walk regularly at Battle |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk a lot in parks! | Creek Park |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk a lot in parks! | • Walk the nature trail at |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk a park | Keller Lake during the |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk and bike and ski trails | spring, summer & fall |
| • Walk | • Walk | at Battle Creek | • Walk the park off McKnight |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk and bike on county | and Afton |
| • Walk | • Walk | pathways | • Walk the parks everyday |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk and Bike ride and | • Walk the paths at Battle |
| • Walk | • Walk | roller skating | Creek Park |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk and bike through parks | • Walk the trail |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk and bike through parks | • Walk the trails |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk and bike through parks | • Walk with dog |
| • walk | • Walk | • walk and bike through parks | • Walk with dog, |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk and run | • Walk with family and or |
| • Walk | • walk | • Walk around Highland Park, | friends and or dog |
| • Walk | • Walk | Crosby, Bike along the river | • Walk with friends |
| • Walk | • walk | • Walk around lake | • Walk with our dogs |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk around lake Phalen | • Walk, |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk around Park | • walk, bike and use Ponds at |
| • walk | • Walk | • Walk around Phalen Lake | Battle Creek Golf |
| • walk | • Walk | regularly | • Walk, bike on trails, |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk Battle Creek park | swimming at beaches, |
| • walk | • Walk | • Walk Battle Creek parks | basketball |
| • Walk | • walk | • walk bike | • Walk, Bike, primarily in |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk bike | Battle Creek, and Indian |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk daily | Mounds Park |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk dogs | • Walk, bike, wildlife |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk golf sledding snowshoe | watching, swim |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in Applewood park | • Walk, bike, xc ski, swim, |
| • Walk | • Walk | each day for 30 minutes | birding |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in park | • Walk, dog, exercise, fitness |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in park | • Walk, dog, exercise, fitness |
| • Walk | • walk | • Walk in park | • Walk, enjoy nature, events |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in park - Battle Creek | (music, fairs, etc...) |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in Parks | • Walk, golf |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in parks | • Walk, golf |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in parks | • Walk, golf and bike |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in parks | • Walk, golf driving range |
| • walk | • Walk | • Walk in the park | • Walk, golf, picnic, family |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in the parks | reunion |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk in wildlife areas. | • Walk, Hike |
| • Walk | • Walk | Biking. Birding. | • Walk, hike. |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk my dog at Rice Creek | • Walk, picnic |
| • Walk | • walk | North Regional park daily | • Walk, picnic, ride bikes |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk on paths | • Walk, picnic, sledding, |
| • Walk | • Walk | • Walk on trails | classes, art show, attended |
| • Walk | • Walk | • walk on trails | parties, |

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- Went sledding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing
- Went sledding, walked dog, played on playground, swam at beach
- went sledding, went ice skating
- went sledding, went ice skating
- went swimming
- went swimming
- went swimming
- went swimming
- Went swimming and used playgrounds!
- Went to a dog park
- Went to a park
- Went to a park
- Went to a party
- Went to beach
- Went to beach
- Went to dog park
- Went to Driving Range at Ponds at Battle Creek a few times
- Went to many nature parks
- went to nature centers, beaches
- went to nature centers, beaches
- Went to the beach
- Went to the beach
- went to the beach
- went to the dog park
- Went to the library
- Went to the park, hiked, skied, sledding, walked the dog, picnic, frisbee
- Went walking
- Went walking played golf a lot
- We're in our 70's and utilize the Shamrock Park in Shoreview for walking and biking and live close to the Rice Creek Regional Park for biking and walking.
- 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
- We've taken walks, taken a dog to the dog park, had picnics, taken photographs, joined family and friends, played golf and used the driving range.
- When for a walk
- When on a walk at Battle Creek Indian Mounds park
- While we don't golf, we have on multiple occasions
- taken guests staying with us to golf at PBC golf course.
- Wildflower walk
- Wildlife watching
- Winter activity
- Winter fun days
- Winter fun days
- Winter fun days
- Winter fun, tubing
- Winter nature walk
- Winter sampler activities
- Winter sampler activities
- Winter Sampler at Kelly Park
- winter sledding
- Work picnic at pavilion
- Worked at the Ponds for 2020 season
- Worked out at the WB YMCA
- X country skiing
- XC ski
- XC ski
- XC ski
- XC ski
- XC ski
- XC Ski
- xc ski
- XC ski
- XC ski
- XC ski
- X-C Ski
- XC ski at Battle Creek E and W
- xc skied
- XC skied
- XC skiing
- XC skiing
- XC skiing
- XC Skiing and Mtn Biking ang golf
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing
- X-country skiing
- X-Country Skiing @ Tamarack NC
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- yes
- Yes, a variety of those activities have been enjoyed by our family.
- yes, family reunion at park
- Yes, I go for walks daily at different parks.
- Yes, mainly golfing
- Yes, many times
- Yes. Rice Creek dog park.
- yes. we like to take walks in the parks
- YMCA
- Zoo and Conservatory