Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment: Background & Process

Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee 12/15/2021





Today's topics:

- Site background (review)
- Master Plan process
- Other processes to come
 - o Pre-development
 - o Development
- What you will see in January
- Upcoming schedule



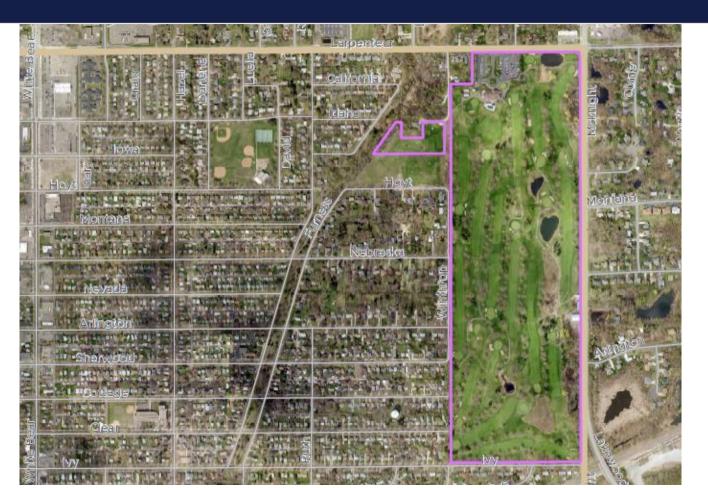




 112 acres on the East Side



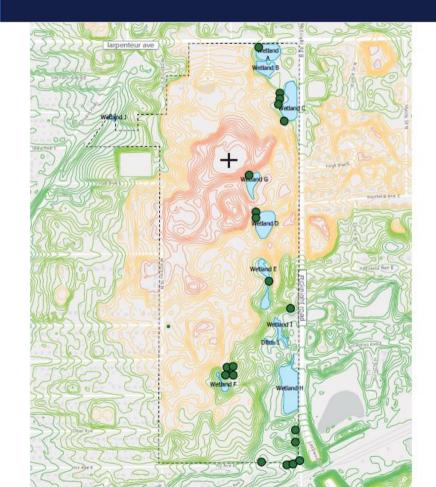


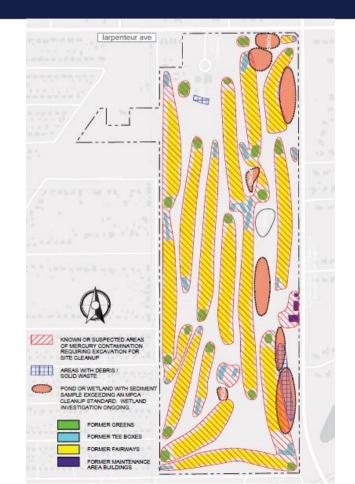
















- Native Americans (Dakota land for 1,000s of years)
- Agriculture (1800s-early 1900s)
- Golf course (1921-2017)
 - Pollution (mercury, petroleum)
- Pipefitters/Steamfitters Local 455 ownership (2011)
- Purchase by St. Paul Port Authority (2019)



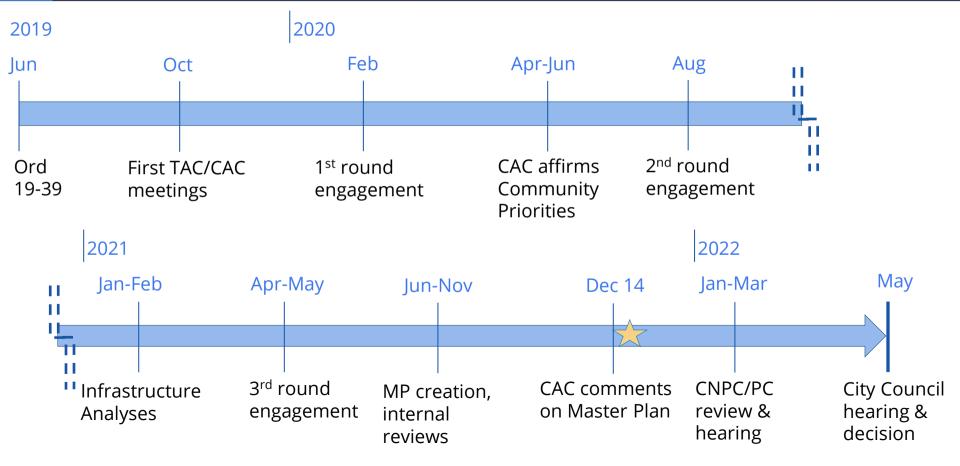


Ordinance 19-39

- Approved \$10M in bonding to finance the SPPA's purchase
- Set expectations:
 - Land sales will generally pay for development
 - No Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or other City subsidy for infrastructure
 - Exception #1: advanced energy infrastructure (e.g. solar or geothermal)
 - Exception #2: affordable housing funding
 - ~20 acres of parks and open space (5 acres active park)
 - Substantial industrial, w market for ~1,000 jobs and ~1,000 housing units









Advisory Committees

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - City staff, partner agencies, SPPA staff, consultants
 - Reviewed preliminary infrastructure analyses (water, sewer, transportation, storm)
 - Reviewed draft master plan layouts, images, and text for policy conformance and technical/regulatory feasibility
 - Many will continue with AUAR (environmental review) process
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - 11 members, including residents, topical experts
 - Co-chaired by Planning Commissioner Anne DeJoy
 - Guided community engagement
 - Adopted 20 community priorities after 1st round of engagement
 - o Provided its input on the master plan



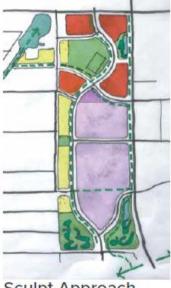
How we got here



Conservation Approach



Re-Shape Approach



Sculpt Approach





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JOBS FOCUS









Community Engagement

- 3 rounds of engagement
- Multiple venues: Open house, online presentations, online surveys, 8 popups, conversation circles w CM Yang
- Initial round advertised by 4,000+ postcards to residents (including renters)
- ~700 engagements total





Other Processes: pre-development

- Environmental review (AUAR)
- Wetlands impact/mitigation approvals
 - State
 - Watershed district
- Platting
- City Park design
- Development agreement?
- Infrastructure permits/ site plan review/ building permits





Other Processes to come: physical development

- St. Paul Port Authority will develop industrial areas themselves and bring in others to develop housing areas
- Site grading/remediation (late 2022/2023)
- Above-ground construction 2023+
- 8-10 year absorption, depending on market conditions





Package for January CNPC

- Staff memo
- Master plan
- CAC's letter commenting on the MP
- Rezoning
- Zoning Code amendments on 3 topics
- Comprehensive Plan amendment



Tentative Upcoming Schedule

January 5 CNPC review, recommend release

January 21 PC review, release

February 10 Parks & Rec Commission review, comment

March 4 Public hearing at PC





