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Hidden Falls - Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan Pop-Up Meeting at National Public Lands Day

Summary of Survey Results

September 22, 2018

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Hidden Falls Park

National Public Lands Day is a day to celebrate and appreciate parks. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and many other organizations team up for a national celebration of our public lands. Families are welcome to the Mississippi River to try fishing, climbing, archery, biking, and more. The event has free outdoor activities and all equipment is provided.

133 responders, 200 popsicles handed out



- Asked similar questions to online survey but slightly different results (133 responses)
- More mentioned fishing and picnic as their typical activity
- Most common word is “nature” – keep it natural and undeveloped
- Signage, upkeep, and security were common themes as well
- Want more events with free activities where there’s a crowd and it feels safe; more winter programs
- Comments about National Public Lands Day, some were about the Ford Site, wanting a playground

Visit <https://www.stpaul.gov/hidden-falls-crosby-farm-master> for more information.



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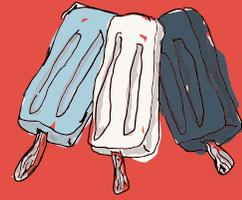


National Gold Medal Award



POP UP

MEETING



Hidden Falls / Crosby Farm Regional Park is located along the Mississippi River in St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Paul Parks and Recreation is asking for public input on priorities for a master plan of this regional park. For information on the master plan project including timeline, please visit <https://www.stpaul.gov/hidden-falls-crosby-farm-master>

1) What activities do you typically do at Hidden Falls / Crosby Farm Regional Park? (please circle)

- walking or running
- fishing
- study plants or trees
- biking, rollerblading
- volunteering
- picnic, barbecue, group gathering with food
- canoeing/kayaking
- study animals or birds
- Other (write in): _____

2) Rank these potential improvements from most likely to improve your use of the park (1 or lowest number) to least likely (9 or highest number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More shelters or picnic areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve trail surfaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve river access (places to touch the water) | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive species management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor signs that describe the park | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor signs that describe the park (interpretation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New directional signage / wayfinding | <input type="checkbox"/> Build an Environmental Learning Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write in): _____ | |

3) What is your longer term vision for Hidden Falls / Crosby Farm Regional Park? What would you like to see here in the future?

4) Have you been to a city meeting before? Please circle one. Yes No

5) Was Pop Up Meeting an easy and engaging way to be a part of city planning? Yes No

If you would like to stay involved with the Hidden Falls / Crosby Farm Master Plan process, or receive future updates, please share your email address: _____

POP-UP MEETING

NATIONAL PUBLIC LAND DAY – September 30, 2017

HIDDEN FALLS - CROSBY FARM REGIONAL PARKS

P.A.R.K. BUCKET LIST

PRESERVE

The unpaved trails to continue walking in nature

Safe to have kids toss rocks in the river

Lots of nature in the city

I like the nature here. I like the roads of the river and how I feel like I am miles far town.

Everything was beautiful

Keep waterfall access

Picnic shelter

I love everything (10 yrs. old boy)

I love the river (10 yrs. old girl)

Love the trails across to river boating

Love the trees

Everything

Trails

Green space

Shaded areas

Bathrooms

Places to sit by the river

Fishing

It's great to have a bathroom here

I like being able to walk/jog/bike from Hidden Falls to Crosby and back

The blacktop is quite bumpy in place, could use repaving

I wish the non-paved sand or dirt trails near river could be improved.

More signs

WE enjoy the trails

We enjoy the trails

Archery

Bike ride

ADD

More hikes like nighttime would hike we did over the winter

Nature Playground

More classes for Parents with kids

Activities for kids- adults – all ages

Music

Make it more accessible
Accessible fishing
A new shelter closer to the water
Pollinator habitat waypoints
Safe bike routes
A park for younger children when
More grills
Need better grill iron for bbq
Archery
Nature Education
Signage about plants, animals, bugs
Maps of parks near locations
Nature scape playground
A small playground for smaller children
Little free libraries
Climbing, archery , obstacle course (9 and 6 yrs. old)
Kaya station
More hiking trails
Better bike paths fo the river so we can hike to the park
More events like the National Public Land Day
Better lighting in the evening
I would like to see a bike elevator for the hill
A bridge connecting Fort Snelling and here so you can switch between the two
Picnic shelter close to the water
Nature playground
It needs a playground
Places to sit
Update map for Hidden Fall to show where the fire pit is
Playground
Nature Playground
Canoes and deck for fishing
Nature Playground or regular playground
Drinking Fountain
Zip lines(4 years old kid)
Go-carts
Need better making o hot o share trails by bike and pedestrians
Add playground to the hidden falls for gatherings
Add fire rings
Improve bathrooms

REMOVE

The fire pit at Crosby shelter is useless/
It's hard to hold conversation o large groups talk

KEEP IN MIND

More large rocks closer to the shore/hidden falls
More signage trail marking to the falls and at the river
Accessibility for people with limited mobility
The voices of historically marginalized people
Renewable energy, carbon zero models/ Ecology
Better wayfinding signage
Talk to youth
Consider other languages to include on signage etc.
We love the beach and waterfall but often there is garbage in the water