

Figure I-3: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Chapter Implementation

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Chapter sets broad policy to create an equitable, safe, connected and sustainable park system for all users.

		Item	Timeline	Funding Sources
Parks, Recreation and Open Space	1	Continue data collection and management efforts using new technology when available, and incorporate into decision-making tools.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkland dedication funds • Minnesota Legacy Amendment funds • Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (limited to high-quality natural areas) • State bonding through Metropolitan Council (for regional parks and trails) • DNR Grants • Watershed District grants • Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants
	2	Seek out customer and resident feedback on needs, satisfaction and trends, and incorporate into decision-making tools.	Ongoing	
	3	Maintain accurate maps that show, at a minimum: city parks, service area, property boundaries, transit access and physical barriers.	Ongoing	
	4	Complete projects that enhance the park system.	Ongoing	
	5	Update the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan in response to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.	Short-Term	
	6	Update the Parks and Recreation System Plan in response to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.	Short-Term	
	7	Update annually the Parks and Recreation Strategic Implementation Plan consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.	Short-Term	
	8	Review adopted master plans for conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.	Short-Term	
	9	Review access and user fees to determine where increases are market-appropriate and where raising or imposing fees would not significantly impact access.	Short-Term	
	10	Develop objective criteria for investment, including, but not limited to, equity, cost-benefit analysis, changing development intensity, and people potentially served.	Short-Term	
	11	Develop objective and updatable methods to identify where there are disparities in accessibility to park assets based on race, ethnicity, income and ability.	Short-Term	
	12	Complete the Parks, Civic and Open Space Zoning Study initiated by Planning Commission Res 14-11, removing the referent to Parks Policy 2.1 in the 2030 <i>Comprehensive Plan</i> .	Short-Term	
	13	Develop a set of measurable performance standards for all community centers, play areas, pools, and other amenities.	Medium-Term	
	14	Develop new ways to engage the public in the use of Saint Paul Public Schools and Parks and Recreation Department land and facilities.	Medium-Term	
	15	Coordinate across City departments to achieve city-wide tree canopy goals.	Medium-Term	

General Timeline Guidelines:

Short-Term (0-5 years)

Medium-Term (5-10 years)

Long-Term (10+ years)