



**Big Lake Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Strategic Plan
3-Year Perspective – 2026 through 2028**

This **Strategic Plan** provides a practical approach to the goals and activities of the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). The purpose is to guide PAC Members and staff through Big Lake’s priorities regarding the parks and trails system. This Strategic Plan will improve the capacity to measure outcomes.

The PAC Priority: To provide a safe leisure environment along with quality parks, facilities, trails, and services; to preserve and protect open land and water areas that will benefit and improve the quality of life for Big Lake residents now and in the future.

Strategy: Prioritize maintenance, clean up, and beautification of park system.

| Work Plan Objectives | |
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| 1. | <p>Perform routine maintenance (including new mulch/fill mulch projects), clean up, and beautification of the following parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluff • Browns Square • Hidden Rivers • Highline • Hudson Woods • Kellerwood • Lake Ridge • Lakeside • McDowall • Mitchell Farms • Norland • Powell • River Oaks • Riverside Landing • Sanford Select Acres • Shores of Lake Mitchell • Veterans Memorial • Wrights Crossing • Ice Rinks (leased space within redevelopment area) |
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| 2. | Establish a working relationship with volunteer groups who would like to plant and care for flowers throughout the parks and trail system. |
| 3. | <p>Routinely take inventory of tree system and maintain trees within parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of Sherburne County programming, if needed, to ensure a healthy tree system. • Watch for diseased trees and create plans for them (i.e., try to save them or cut and replace them) |

Strategy: Plan for and complete necessary improvements, while taking into consideration the community's wants and needs.

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
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| <p>Playground Installation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shores of Lake Mitchell Park • Lake Ridge Park • Lakeside Park <p>Skate Park at Lakeside Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct skate park • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed <p>Park Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeside Park Flags, Powell Park Donation, Hudson Woods Donation • Create a plan to update all general park signage with current City logo | <p>Mitchell Farms Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct park • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed | <p>Bluff Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct park • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed |

Strategy: Add connections and amenities to ensure the parks and trails system is growing and serving the community's wants and needs.

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
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| <p>Ice Rinks New Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Choose park location • Work with vendor to provide plans/concept • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed | <p>Archery Range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Choose park location • Work with vendor to provide plans/concept • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed | <p>Brom Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans/concept • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council |

The Big Lake PAC was created by Ordinance Number 2002-03, an act of the Big Lake City Council to:

- 1. Serve as a liaison between city government and the community.*
- 2. Serve as a resource for new and existing neighborhoods, groups, and civic organizations seeking information concerning the Big Lake park system.*
- 3. To assist city government in setting open space, land acquisition and development policies.*
- 4. To serve as a body to make recommendations to the City Council relating to specific parks, trails, sidewalks, and open space development.*
- 5. To assist City Council in researching a variety of funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program and related park development.*

| Member | Seat | Term Expires |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Doug Peterson | Chair | Dec. 31, 2026 |
| Jeff Webster | PAC Member | Dec. 31, 2027 |
| Scott Creighton | Vice-Chair | Dec. 31, 2027 |
| Megan Weber | PAC Member | Dec. 31, 2025 |
| Kameron Hanson | PAC Member | Dec 31, 2025 |
| Kim Noding | Council Liaison | Dec. 31, 2025 |
| Lisa Odens | Planning Liaison | Dec. 31, 2025 |



Park Replacement Plan 2026-2028

| Park | Year Built | Amenities | Rating | *Year Replacement | *Replacement \$ Amount |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bluff | 2006 | Playground | 3 | 2028 | \$230k |
| Browns Square | 2024 | Benches – Gazebo | 10 | 2056 | \$65k |
| Hidden Rivers | 2006 | Trail – Overlook | 6 | 2030 | \$30k |
| Highline | 2007 | Playground – Ball Field | 7 | 2038 | \$200k |
| Hudson Woods | 2010 | Playground – Frisbee Golf – Pickleball | 7 | 2038 | \$200k |
| Kellerwood | 2017 | Benches – Trail | 10 | | |
| Lake Ridge | 2026 | Playground – Ball Field | 10 | 2046 | \$240k |
| Lakeside (Skate Park) | 2005 | Skate Park – Benches | *Removed | 2026 | \$300k |
| Lakeside (Playground) | 2026 | Playground – Beach – Shelters – Volleyball – Basketball | 10 | 2046 | \$550k |
| McDowall | | Trail – Benches | 10 | | |
| Mitchell Farms | 1997 | Benches – Previous Playground | *Removed | N/A | \$240k |
| Norland | 2015 | Playground | 8 | 2040 | \$240k |
| Powell | 2022 | Playground | 10 | 2044 | \$240k |
| River Oaks | 2019 | Frisbee Golf – Walking Path | 10 | | |
| Riverside Landing | | Canoe Landing | 10 | | |
| Sanford Select | 2016 | Playground – RC Track | 8 | 2040 | \$240k |
| Shores of Lake Mitchell | 2026 | Playground – Soccer | 10 | 2046 | \$240k |
| Veterans Memorial | 2017 | Sidewalk – Benches – Reader Board | 10 | | |
| Wrights Crossing | 2004 | Playground – Shelter | 8 | 2042 | \$240k |

- ✓ **Park Rating is Between 1-10 (1-Needs Replacement; 10-Excellent Condition)**
- ✓ *** Columns Are Based on Estimations**



Trail Replacement Plan 2026-2028

| Trail | Year Built | Amenities | Rating | *Lifespan in Years | *Replacement \$ Amount |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| McDowall Trail | 2019 | Overlook, bat house, benches | 10 | 30 | \$150,000 |
| Arctic Circle | Unknown | N/A | 8 | 25 | \$15,000 |
| Highline Drive | Unknown | N/A | 6 | 15 | \$75,000 |
| Karen Lane | 2008 | N/A | 8 | 25 | \$15,000 |
| Minnesota Avenue | Unknown | N/A | 8 | 25 | \$50,000 |
| Ormsbee Street | Unknown | N/A | 5 | 10 | \$50,000 |
| County Road 5 | Unknown | N/A | 8 | 25 | \$100,000 |
| County Road 43 | Unknown | N/A | 6 | 15 | \$50,000 |
| *two sections | 2023 | | 10 | 30 | \$50,000 |
| County Road 81 | Unknown | N/A | 6 | 15 | \$75,000 |
| 166 th Street | 2022 | N/A | 10 | 30 | \$15,000 |
| 172 nd Street | Unknown | N/A | 8 | 25 | \$100,000 |
| 205 th Street | 2023 | N/A | 10 | 30 | \$10,000 |

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