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LAST CHANCE TO HELP PRIORITIZE BURNSVILLE PARKS PLAN FOCUS AREAS

Survey to Help Rank Community Parks, Recreation Priorities Closes Feb. 16

Burnsville's Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department is responsible for maintaining and developing public parks, facilities, recreation programs/events, and community service programs/events in Burnsville.

In October 2017, the department completed an update to its "Parks and Recreation System Master Plan." The previous plan was developed and adopted in 2000, and established a vision for the park system including maintenance, renovation and enhancements for the next 15-20 years.

Today, with Burnsville's park system mostly developed, the update focuses on redevelopment, amenities, current needs and trends that impact the system. The update was compiled with input from special interest groups, community organizations, park patrons and other residents.

Parks Plan Priorities

The updated plan outlines 10 possible focus areas for Burnsville Parks, Recreation and Facilities over the next 15-20 years. The department is looking for the community's help prioritizing those focus areas.

Residents are invited to take a short survey to rank the 10 items from "Most Important" (1) through "Least Important" (10).

Take the survey at http://tinyurl.com/bvparksplan.

The 10 priorities outlined in the updated plan include:

- High Quality Natural Areas
- Trails, Trail Centers and Connections
- Basic Park Services
- Athletic Fields and Open Space
- Playgrounds and Aquatics
- Sports Courts and Fitness
- Community Facilities
- Recreation Programs and Events
- Revenue Generation
- Communications

For more information or to complete the survey visit <u>www.burnsville.org/parksplan</u>.