

Master Plan



Lake School Park

Master plan recommendations were distilled through the process described above along with input from the community and city staff. The recommendations for Lake School Park are shown within the park below and listed with potential timeframe for implementation and order of magnitude cost on the following page.

The tennis courts in Lake School are the most used in Creve Coeur, and expanding the courts into a tennis complex was found to be a high community value improvement. The expanded courts at Lake School would

replace the courts at Conway Park and consolidate the city's tennis facilities. ADA accessibility to the courts can be added to the new complex. Adding pickleball striping to existing courts is a low cost, high value improvement that can be implemented in the short term before the new complex is built.

An approximately 800ft walking trail around the perimeter of the park will increase the amount of walking paths in the park system. Additional research will be needed to determine the exact alignment of the trail in relation to existing topography. The playground at Lake School is not only dated and in disrepair, but not up to current safety



Figure 8: Illustration of Location for Recommended Park Improvements



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standards. For this reason, removal of the playground is designated as a near term project. Through discussion with city representatives, the planning team determined the best allocation of resources is to invest in improving the other playgrounds in Creve Coeur Parks rather than replacing the playground at Lake School, which would require extensive and expensive grading to

LAKE SCHOOL PARK RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS		
Improvements to Existing Facilities	Timeframe	Order of Magnitude Cost
Improve Signage	0-3 years	< \$25K
Remove Playground	0-3 years	\$25-100K
Convert Restrooms to Year-round Use	0-3 years	< \$25K
Historic Lake School Building Renovation	6-10 years	\$250-750K
Considerations for New Facilities	Timeframe	Order of Magnitude Cost
Pickleball Striping	0-3 years	< \$25K
Perimeter Walking Path	3-6 years	\$25-\$100K
New Tennis Complex	3-6 years	>\$750K
Interpretive/Education	6-10 years	< \$25K

Figure 10: Recommended Improvements with Timeframe and Order of Magnitude Cost

make the potential playground safe and accessible. The master plan recommends investing the funds available for Lake School Park into improving its assets: it's tennis courts and unique historic building. Renovating the Lake School Building would allow park users to enter the building for scheduled tours and events, similar to the Tappmeyer House at Millennium Park. This would expand the park's program offerings and preserve this unique feature from which the park gets its name. Interpretive and educational elements can be adding at the time of renovation to further increase the community value of this historic facility.

Improved signage is part of an overall park system improvement project that is already included in the city's capital improvement plan. Converting all park restrooms to year-round use was found to be a strong community desire and is included as a short term project. Performing this renovation to all four unheated park restrooms at the same time may save the city money.

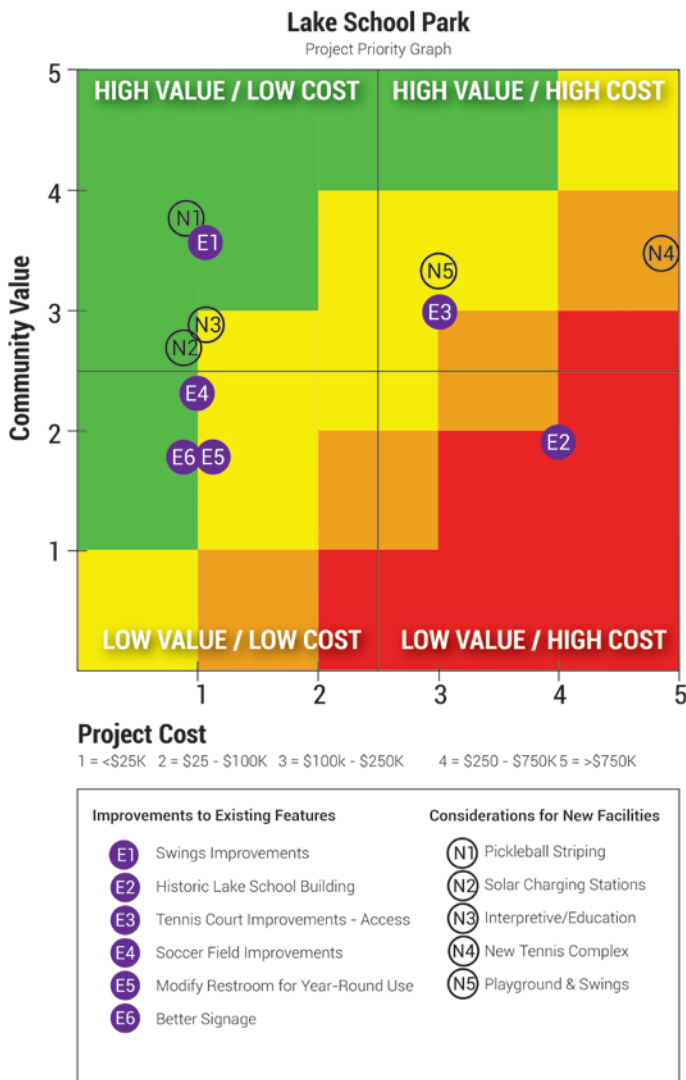


Figure 9: Community Value Vs. Cost Scatter Chart