

**CITY OF CHATFIELD PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**City Council Chambers - 21 SE Second Street, Chatfield, MN 55923**

**March 24, 2025, 5:30 P.M.**

A. Minutes

1. [January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)  
Review the minutes from the previous meeting.

B. New Business

1. [Tennis Courts Discussion](#)  
Consider options for replacement.
2. [MN Driftless Hiking Trail](#)



## PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** March 24, 2025

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**Agenda Item:** January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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**Subject | Summary:**

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**Agenda Category:**

**Submitted By:** Michele Peterson

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**Recommended Motion:** Review the minutes from the previous meeting.

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**Community Engagement and Outreach:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Amount:**

**Ongoing Cost :**

**One-Time Cost :**

**Included in Current Budget?:**

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**FISCAL DETAILS:**

**Fund Name(s) (Operations | Capital):**

**Account Code:**

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**Background:**

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**Attachments:**

[2024.01.27 Park & Rec Notes.pdf](#)

**Park & Rec Committee**

**January 27, 2025**

The Park & Recreation committee met on Monday, January 27, 2025.

**Members Present:** Josh Broadwater.

**Members Absent:** Dave Frank.

**Others Present:** Brian Burkholder and Michele Peterson

**A. Minutes**

1. **Meeting notes from November 25, 2024**, were reviewed with no amendments suggested.

**B. Continued Business**

1. **Robotic Cleaner - Pool:** Member Broadwater reviewed the proposal from Water Superintendent Ryan Priebe to purchase the new equipment. No concerns were raised. A recommendation to move forward with the purchase will be forwarded to the City Council's next meeting.
2. **Groen Park Pedestrian Bridge:** Member Broadwater reviewed the options for this project. Ultimately the conclusion was brought forward to discontinue the project, given the significantly higher installation cost than what was originally estimated. The option to sell the bridge will be brought forward to Council this evening under the Committee Report.

Meeting Date: March 24, 2025

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**Agenda Item:** Tennis Courts Discussion

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**Subject | Summary:** Tennis Courts Update/Rebuild.

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**Agenda Category:** New Business

**Submitted By:** Michele Peterson

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**Recommended Motion:** Consider options for replacement.

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**Community Engagement and Outreach:**

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**Background:** The existing tennis courts were built in 1985/1986 in a partnership between the School and the City. The School provided the land for the courts to be built on, while the City paid for the courts to be built. From that point forward the school has been paying for the maintenance of the tennis courts. The courts are now in need of maintenance, as well the fencing needs attention. Given these costs the discussion was started to consider if the courts should be rebuilt in an alternate location. There are two locations that are currently being considered: Mill Creek Park or Hillside Park. Due to the land donation agreement for Groen Park, that area can not be considered.

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**Attachments:**

[Tennis Courts.pdf](#)

## HS Tennis Courts-relocation recommendation

-Current Dimensions- 120' x 202' (4 courts, roughly 50' x 120' per court)

### Options-City Park locations

1. Groen Park-middle area- Plenty of space. **Agreement No Public Sports Activities**
2. Groen Park-area along County Rd 2- would fit (Access by walking bridge across tributary waterway) **Agreement No Public Sports Activities**
3. Mill Creek Park- area south of south ballfield-Plenty of space. Access by walking bridge across tributary waterway. Currently Disc Golf Course using this area. Limited access.
4. Mill Creek Park-North parking/horseshoe area. Expand parking lot between ballfields.
5. Mill Creek-Across from Horse Arena. Will take away from Western Days horse shows.
6. Hillside Park Area-Space for off street parking and tennis/pickleball courts. Incorporate the trail system through the park between courts and parking lot.

### Future idea-

1. Reduce size down to 2 tennis courts and 2 Pickle ball courts. Space required-120' x 140.'
2. Same size-2 tennis courts and 4 pickle ball courts.

### Estimated Cost-

1. Reduced Size-120' x 140'=16,800 sq ft. @ \$9.00 per sq ft= \$151,200
2. Current Size-120' x 202'= 218,160 sq ft. @ \$9.00 per sq ft.= \$218,160





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**Recommended Motion:**

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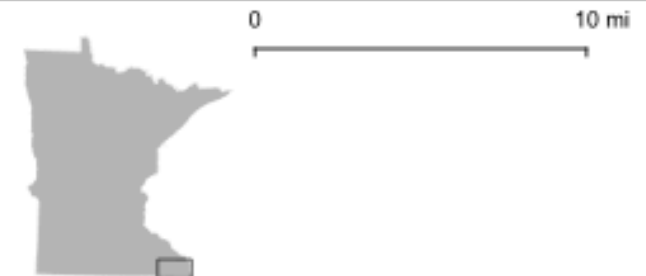
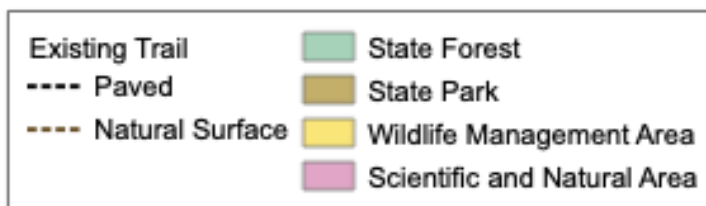
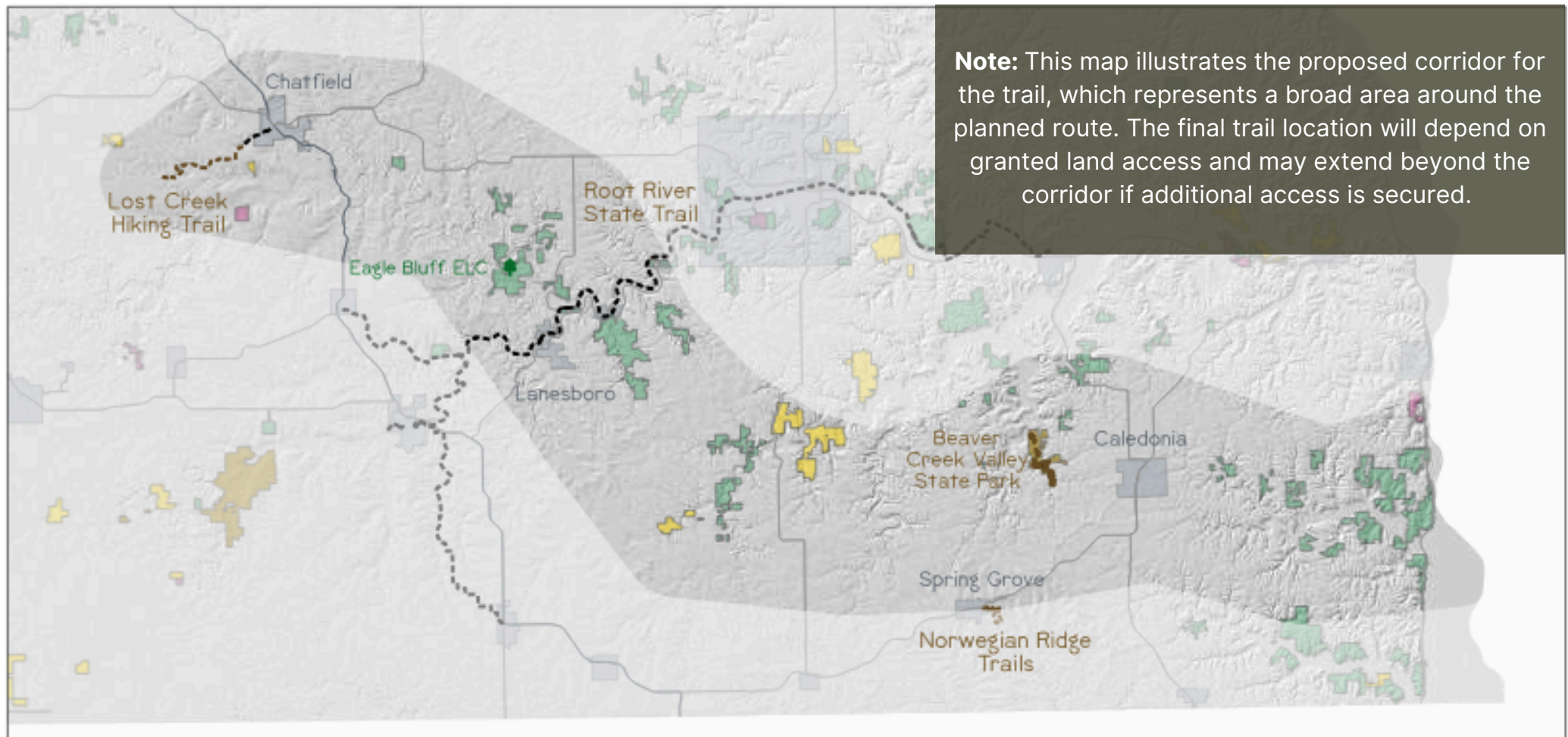
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[CHATFIELD\\_MDHT\\_V2 \(1\).pdf](#)



# Minnesota Driftless Hiking Trail

## Proposed Corridor



# BUILD STANDARDS

In wooded areas, our design standards call for:

24 - 30" Tread

4 - 5' Clearing Width

8' Clearing Height

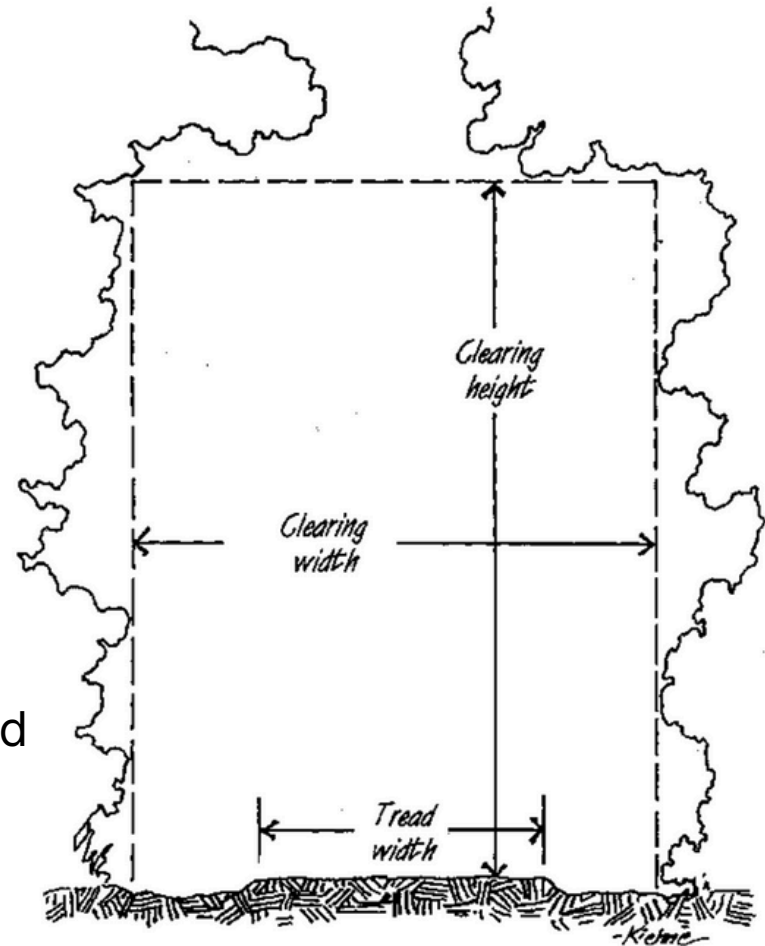
Other landscapes have other standards:

30" Mowed path in grass

Obstruction free on logging roads/shared trails

Very narrow where ATV access is being guarded against

To read the full report: [Build Standards & Guidelines](#)







CHATFIELD  
(PROPOSED ROUTE)

The Minnesota Driftless Hiking Trail is an effort to establish a 100+ mile backpacking trail through the Driftless Region of Minnesota, in the style of the National Scenic and Recreational Trails, supported by volunteers and operating as an independent organization

JAC'S BAR GRILL  
CARLY MAE'S BAKERY  
HONG KONG RESTAURANT

**MAP KEY**

- MAIN ROUTE
- ENTRY OPTION ONE
- ENTRY OPTION TWO
- LOST CREEK TRAIL