

## Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board launches project to create long-term plan for all Minneapolis neighborhood parks east of the Mississippi River

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is seeking applications from the public to serve on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the East of the River Park Master Plan. This planning project will guide long-term capital improvements, management and operations at all Minneapolis neighborhood parks east of the Mississippi River (Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis). Community members that offer diverse perspectives across race/ethnicity, age, physical ability, income and interest are encouraged to apply.

The East of the River Park Master Plan is a unique opportunity to build community and create a shared responsibility for a comprehensive vision for Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis parks for the coming decades. It will take a complete look at all outdoor park facilities, create improvement plans for each neighborhood park, and guide decisions on capital improvements—including [NPP20 funding](#) allocations.

The CAC will work with MPRB staff, the Youth Design Team and consultants over the next 12-18 months to make recommendations to MPRB Commissioners. It is our hope that the CAC and the park

planning in general will be a process that harnesses diversity, allows the community to actively contribute to MPRB decisions and actions by creating an inclusive environment in which community feedback is embraced and acted upon.

You may pick up applications in person at each of the seven recreation centers in Northeast/Southeast: Audubon, Bottineau, Logan, Luxton, Van Cleve, Waite, Windom. Spanish language applications are available, and MPRB will translate applications into other languages upon request. For more information about the Youth Design Team reach out to Carrie Christensen, Project Manager.

Project details and CAC applications are linked below. They are also available online at <http://www.minneapolisparks.org/eastoftheriver>, or by contacting the MPRB Project Manager, Carrie Ann Christensen, at 612-230-6540 / [cchristensen@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:cchristensen@minneapolisparks.org).

[East of the River Park Plan CAC Application](#) [Online Application]

[East of the River Park Plan CAC Application](#) [PDF]

[East of the River Park Plan Project Page](#)

[NE/SE Park Map](#)

CAC applications are due on Aug. 25, 2017. CAC members will be appointed by elected officials, neighborhood organizations and MPRB staff through an application process.

In addition to serving on the CAC, there will be many other ways to get involved in the project:

- Sign up to receive email updates by subscribing at [www.minneapolisparks.org/subscribe](http://www.minneapolisparks.org/subscribe). If you are already a subscriber, add “East of the River Park Plan” to your subscription preferences. Email updates are the best way to stay informed about meeting dates and other opportunities for engaging in the process.
- Engage with CAC members at CAC meetings; each meeting will offer space for public comment.
- Attend other public meetings. Though they have not yet been scheduled, MPRB expects numerous community meetings from Fall 2017 through Spring 2018. Sign up for email updates to stay informed.

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