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The City of Buffalo Seeks Public Input on Future Park and Trail Investments: Attend an Open House on Dec. 22nd

The City of Buffalo is in the beginning stages of developing a long-range system plan for over 30 city parks, 11.5 miles of city trails, and a variety of recreation facilities and amenities. The plan will identify a vision for the future, including investments in the system over the next 10-20 years. The Parks Advisory Board, city staff, and park planners are interested in how residents and visitors use the parks and trails today and what could be improved or added in the system.

With growing population pressures and evolving community needs, a comprehensive and forward-looking Park System Plan is critical to ensure accessible, responsibly managed and maintained facilities, and long-term strategic investments. This planning process is partially funded by a grant received from the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Plan.

We want to hear from you about your experience with Buffalo's parks and trails.

Please help the city plan by providing your input. The input will be reviewed and considered by city staff and the Parks Advisory Board to help determine priorities for the system plan.

How can you provide input?

In-Person

- Attend a **Stakeholder Meeting** and/or the **Community Open House** on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025. Stakeholder meetings will be facilitated group discussions. The open house will be a self-directed meeting with boards and exhibits with opportunities to post comments and input. City staff and Parks Advisory Board members will be at the meeting for conversations and questions. Meeting schedule is as follows:

Seniors Focused Meeting	1:30pm-2:30pm	Community Center
Youth & Families Focused Meeting	3:00pm-4:00pm	City Center
Community Open House	4:30pm-6:30pm	City Center

Online Survey

- Respond to a questionnaire regarding how you use the parks and trails today and what ideas you have for future improvements—it should take 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey will be open for comments through January 2026. Please spread the word and share this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BuffaloParks2025>

Online Map

- Provide detailed comments on a map of the city. You will also be able to read comments placed by others. The map will be open for comments through January 2026.
<https://us.maptionnaire.com/q/buffaloparksystemplanmap1>

Project Website

- Check the project website to find more information: <https://www.ci.buffalo.mn.us/756/Park-System-Plan>

The planning process began in September of 2025 and is scheduled to be complete in May of 2026.