



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board | 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Milwaukie, OR 97206

AGENDA: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 | **5:30 – 7:00p.m.** | In-Person Meeting at Milwaukie City Hall, **Dogwood Community Room**, 1st Floor, [10501 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222](https://www.milwaukie.gov/10501-SE-Main-St-Milwaukie-OR-97222), with Zoom Option: us02web.zoom.us/j/86748602748?pwd=Z6RjxqaOsYPtD2vVKMwFVcWZ1zxiFV.1

Board Members: Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Heather Baskerville (Vice Chair), Gary Klein, Laura Jenks (Secretary) Virginia Pai, Max Penneck, Avree Hayes, Stella Stastny

City Council: Robert Massey (Council Liaison)

Milwaukie Staff: Adam Moore, Parks Development Manager, (Staff Liaison)

Agenda Items

5:30 – 5:35	Welcome / Land Acknowledgement / Review Minutes	Chair
	<i>The City of Milwaukie respectfully acknowledges that our community is located on the ancestral homeland of the Clackamas people. In 1855, the surviving members of the Clackamas signed the Willamette Valley Treaty also known as the Kalapuya etc. Treaty with the federal government in good faith. We acknowledge that the territory covered by the City of Milwaukie is on the ancestral homelands of the Clackamas people. We offer our respect and gratitude to the indigenous people of this land.</i>	
5:35 – 5:40	Public Comment (General)	Chair
5:40 – 5:45	Naming Policy Check-in	Staff & Members
5:45 – 6:35	Working Meeting to Develop PARB Welcome Packet, Glossary, FAQ, Map	Members
6:35 – 7:45	Park Development & City Update(s)	Staff
6:45 – 7:00	Announcements or Proposals for New Business	Members

Related Meetings & Events:

- **EARTH DAY!** Saturday, April 26: 9:30am
Dogwood Park 11299 SE Main Street: [milwaukieoregon.gov/sustainability/earth-day-2025](https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sustainability/earth-day-2025)
- **NCPRD District Advisory Committee (DAC):** Wednesday, May 14: 5:30pm
Check meeting agenda for updates on location & details: [ncprd.com/public-meetings/meeting-minutes](https://www.ncprd.com/public-meetings/meeting-minutes)

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Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025

5:30-7:00 pm

Bing Cherry Room Milwaukie City Hall

Attendees:

PARB members: Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Gary Klein, Virginia Pai, Avree Hayes, Max Penneck, Heather Baskerville (Vice Chair)

Milwaukie Staff: Adam Moore, Parks Development Manager

Guests: Colleen Rockwell

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Review Minutes:

The meeting began with a welcome, land acknowledgment, and a review of prior meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Virginia. Seconded by Avree. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Agenda Change:

The meeting began with a change to the agenda. The agenda topic of “Milwaukie Bay Park Discussion” was changed to “Milwaukie Bay Park, DAC Update & Discussion”. The order was changed to 5:40 Bee City USA / Earth Day; 5:55 Milwaukie Bay Park, DAC Update & Discussion, Recruitment & Meeting Schedule Check-in”. No other changes were made. Changes were approved by the Chair.

Public Comment:

No public comments were submitted.

Bee City USA / Earth Day:

Virginia provided an update to the Board regarding the planning for Earth Day. The notes from that update are included in the meeting packet. There was a discussion among the board regarding the description of the event on the city website and in the city’s weekly NDA email. It was decided that staff would reach out to Jason Wachs, Riley Gill, and Katie Gavares to work on the event messaging to make sure that it specifically mentioned Bee City USA. The article in the pilot has been updated. Metro will be conducting outreach with attendees for their latest round of Nature in Neighborhood – Community Choice grants at Earth Day.

Milwaukie Bay Park, DAC, Update & Discussion:

Councilor Robert Massey provided an update on the Listening Sessions with the Board of County Commissioners. Councilor Massey stated that the goal of every 2:2 meeting was to “Get another meeting”. The Councilor expressed that the meetings and discussions were going well, and that Milwaukie’s City Council was focused on separating the funding and construction of Milwaukie Bay Park from the discussion of Milwaukie’s park governance and membership in NCPRD. Council’s Park and Green Space goal calls for Milwaukie Bay Park to be substantially completed by the end of 2027.

The Councilor explained that two state-controlled grants for the park were rescinded by Oregon State Parks because the State felt that the project would not be completed before the grant funds expired in the fall of 2026. The state did stress that re-application for the project would be accepted. Councilor Massey stressed patience with the process and allowing more time for these issues to be worked out in the 2:2 discussions.

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Chair Ali Feuerstein asked if it was possible for the city to do the Milwaukie Bay Park project itself and if the city did, that would the planning and design of the project have to start over? Staff Liaison Adam Moore explained that the project would not necessarily need to start over, though funding, construction, and other IGAs or strategies would be necessary.

Colleen Rockwell asked about the acronym IGA. It was explained that IGA stands for Intergovernmental Agreement. Liaison Moore explained that there had been a construction and funding IGA developed for Milwaukie Bay Park though those agreements had lapsed.

Gary Klien expressed concern over the length of time it was taking to get Phase 3 started and was very concerned regarding the loss of the two grants.

Chair Feuerstein provided an update on the DAC and NCPRD's park System Plan. Her update included a discussion within DAC and NCPRD regarding the need for additional funding and potentially an additional levy for NCPRD funding. Chair Feuerstein stated that NCPRD's current level of funding is one of the lowest in the state and inadequate to NCPRD's needs. The Board Chair advocated for partnership throughout the district and DAC.

A discussion amongst the board members shifted to ways in which PARB may be able to build a bridge with other sub-areas of NCPRD and DAC instead of writing another advocacy letter to the Clackamas Board of County Commissioners. Several strategies were considered including helping other sub-areas organize and build their "Friends of" groups. Vice Chair Heather Baskerville expressed that she felt that it was most important for PARB to organize themselves as PARB has three relatively new members and with have four seats change over as terms for Ali Feuerstein, Gary Klein, and Max Penneck will be ending on June 30 and there is currently one vacancy.

It was discussed and generally agreed by the board that the April PARB meeting would be a working meeting to begin the development of a new member's welcome packet which would possibly include a map, frequently asked questions, glossary of terms and definitions, and other PARB orientation information. The board also discussed the possibility of hosting a partners' picnic in a local park or green space this spring or summer to share organizing lessons learned.

Park Development Updates:

Park Development Manager Moore shared that spring clean up and additional safety inspections are underway in all three new parks. All water systems in the park have been turned on by the City's General Contractor, Paul Brothers, Inc in the three newly developed parks. Balfour Park will require some additional construction punch list work.

Discussions continue around Milwaukie Bay Park's First Fish Herons Public Art Project along the river. The art project was a gift to the City from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Conceptual designs are being refined and the project moves forward through the City's Engineering Division. A presentation of the First Fish Heron's project can be seen on the City's YouTube Channel.

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Announcements or Items for Future Meetings:

Chair Feuerstein requested that the Parks and Recreation Board explore designing “swag” for the board members.

Meeting Adjourned 6:58

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2025 Earth Day MILWAUKIE

Saturday, April 26
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

South Main Street Plaza
Next to Dogwood Park,
11299 SE Main St.



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Learn more and register to volunteer by April 23 at milwaukieoregon.gov



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Share your parks and nature ideas for your neighborhood!
Comparta sus ideas para diseños de parques y áreas naturales en su vecindario.



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Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods community choice grants put community members in the lead to imagine, design and choose parks and nature projects. Your ideas and votes have the power to help shape the future parks and natural areas in your neighborhood. **Metro will invest \$2 to \$3 million in projects imagined by you and your neighbors.**

Come at any time! We have activity stations for all ages where you can:

- Share stories!
- Engage in inspirational activities!
- Brainstorm and submit your ideas!
- We have landscape architects to help!

Saturday. Sábado.
May 17, 2025
1pm-4pm
 Gladstone Library

Sunday. Domingo.
June 1, 2025
11am-2pm
 Milwaukie City Hall

Saturday. Sábado.
June 7, 2025
11am-2pm
 Oregon City Library

Scan for more information.
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¡Participe en talleres para generar ideas!

Los fondos de elección comunitaria de Nature in Neighborhoods (Naturaleza en su Vecindario) de Metro ponen a los miembros de la comunidad al mando para imaginar, diseñar y elegir los proyectos que recibirán fondos. Sus ideas y sus votos tienen el poder de ayudar a darle forma al futuro de los parques y áreas naturales en su vecindario. **Metro invertirá entre \$2 y \$3 millones de dólares en proyectos imaginados por usted y por sus vecinos.**

¡Participe a cualquier hora! Habrá actividades para todas las edades donde podrás:

- ¡Comparte historias!
- ¡Participar en actividades inspirantes!
- ¡Imaginar nuevas ideas y compartirlas!
- ¡Estarán arquitectos de la naturaleza disponibles para ayudar!

Food! ¡Comida! Activities! ¡Actividades! Prizes! ¡Premios!

OregonMetro.gov/CommunityChoice

Updated: 3/7/2025

Talking points and FAQ

Nature in Neighborhoods community choice second round

Main points

- The Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants gives the people of greater Portland a direct say in which parks and nature projects to fund in District 2.
- Community members will come up with the project ideas; they'll work with Metro and local governments to develop those ideas into viable projects; and then they will vote on which projects will get funding.
- Ideas can be submitted at oregonmetro.gov/CommunityChoice
- Anyone in the region over the age of 11 can submit a project idea and vote for the projects they want to see funded.
- The Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants will award \$2 to \$3 million in funding to fund projects with budgets between \$10,000 and \$250,000. The exact number and amount of grants will depend on projects community members' support and project scope.

Frequently asked questions

Where is the second round of Community Choice Grants being awarded?

The second round of the Community Choice Grants is being held in a stretch of Metro District 2 on the east side of the Willamette River. The grant program area includes Milwaukie, Johnson City, Gladstone, Oregon City and the North Clackamas County Parks & Recreation District.

What is the process for selecting projects?

The Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants participatory process has three steps: idea collection, project development and community voting. Through each of these steps, the grants team works directly with community members to collect ideas, create viable projects and provide information to voters picking their preferred projects.

Idea collection: During this first phase, community members will be able to submit their ideas for parks and nature projects in District 2. Metro will hold a series of community events and online information sessions. Community members can learn more about how to submit a project idea and the types of projects that qualify for the grants. We want this process to be accessible for community members who may have never created a project or applied for a grant. The idea submissions will be much simpler than standard grant applications.

Metro will also conduct a community survey about what types of parks and nature projects community members want funded. This survey will be of folks in District 2. Metro will then play matchmaker to find local projects that meet these priorities.

After collecting project ideas, Metro staff and partners will sort through the ideas based on the state rules and parks and nature bond criteria. Feasible projects that meet these requirements will move on to the project development phase.

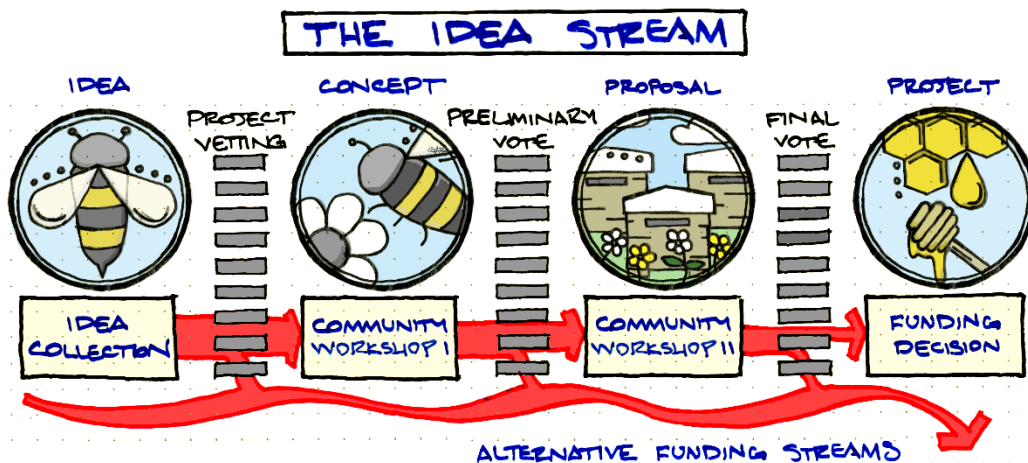
Project development: This is when projects are taken from a simple concept to a complete project proposal, including construction designs, a budget and other information community members will need when voting on possible projects to fund.

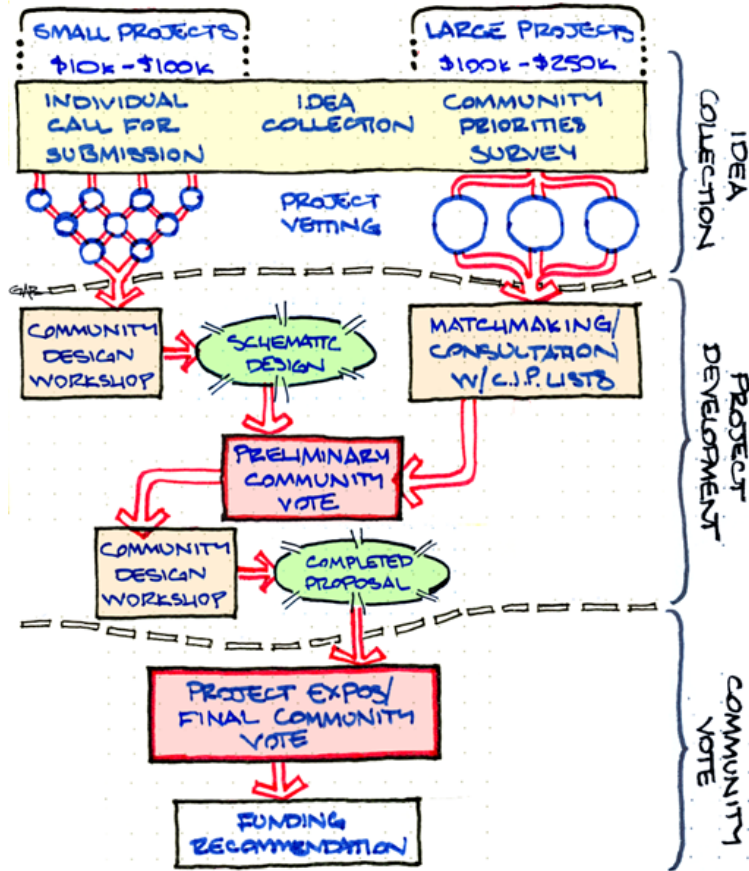
Community members who submitted ideas will have the opportunity to work with professional park planners and conservation scientists to develop their ideas. If the person who submitted an idea is able to be part of the development process, staff will do their best to create a feasible project based on the idea. Community design workshops will pair community members with staff from local park providers, including North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District, Oregon City, Milwaukie, Gladstone and local water and conservation districts. Community members and parks and nature staff will work together to create complete project proposal.

Community voting: After project proposals have been fully developed, those ideas are presented to the community for two rounds of ranked-choice voting. The first vote will be limited to people who live in District 2. The second vote includes all of greater Portland. Anyone in greater Portland 11 or older is eligible to vote. In-person voting will be available in District 2 and community members may also vote online through a secure voting platform.

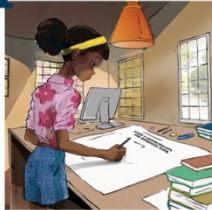
The first round of voting will narrow the pool of projects. Those projects will then be further developed to provide more detail and plans.

During the final vote, several in-person voting opportunities will be held in District 2. There, community members can learn more about the projects and cast their votes. Community members may also vote online for the final vote.

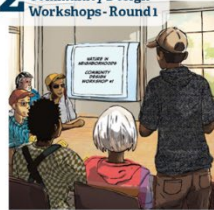




1 Project Idea Submission



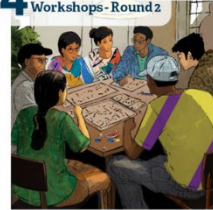
2 Community Design Workshops - Round 1



3 First Vote



4 Community Design Workshops - Round 2



5 Project Expo



6 Final Vote



7 Grants Awarded



8 Build



Are there limits on what kinds of projects can be funded?

Yes, there are. The short answer is the project has to be a physical structure or piece of land that is publicly owned. Because funding is from Metro's parks and nature bond, it needs to be something that supports nature, connects people with nature or does both.

One of Metro's roles in this program is to help take the great ideas in our community and shape them into something that meets the rules governing capital bonds.

Under Oregon law, money from a bond can only be used on capital projects, which means buildings, infrastructure or land. Metro can't use the bond for things like nature education programs, small restoration projects or repairs to existing buildings. However, Nature in Neighborhoods has education and outdoor experience grants and community stewardship and restoration grants that can fund these types of projects.

Who is eligible to vote?

The first vote will be limited to anyone living in District 2 who is 11 years old or older. For the final vote, anyone in greater Portland 11 years old or older is eligible to vote for their favorite projects. For both votes, voters will provide Metro their age and ZIP code to verify their eligibility.

Both votes will be ranked-choice.

Who can submit ideas?

Anyone in greater Portland 11 years old or older can submit project ideas. Metro will ask participants to provide their age and ZIP code.

How will people be able to vote?

Voting will be done online and in person. Metro will hold several small events in community spaces where voting can be done in person.

Is the Community Choice Grants program replacing the standard Nature in Neighborhood's grants?

Nope. The Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants are open now. We expect the majority of the bond's grant dollars to be awarded through the capital grants program. And the Nature in Neighborhoods nature education grants and community stewardship and restoration grants are going strong.

How will the project advance Metro's racial equity goals?

A consistent goal at Metro is to reach communities that governments have not listened to or whose needs and goals have not been prioritized in the past. Often, these are communities that have been harmed by government actions. That harm is often ongoing.

To repair and build relationships between these communities and Metro, we are committing staff time and resources to meaningfully engage with communities of color, Indigenous community members, folks with low incomes and the disability community. The grants team is working with partners in District 2 to create workshops and project expos that build trust and ensure Metro hears from these communities.

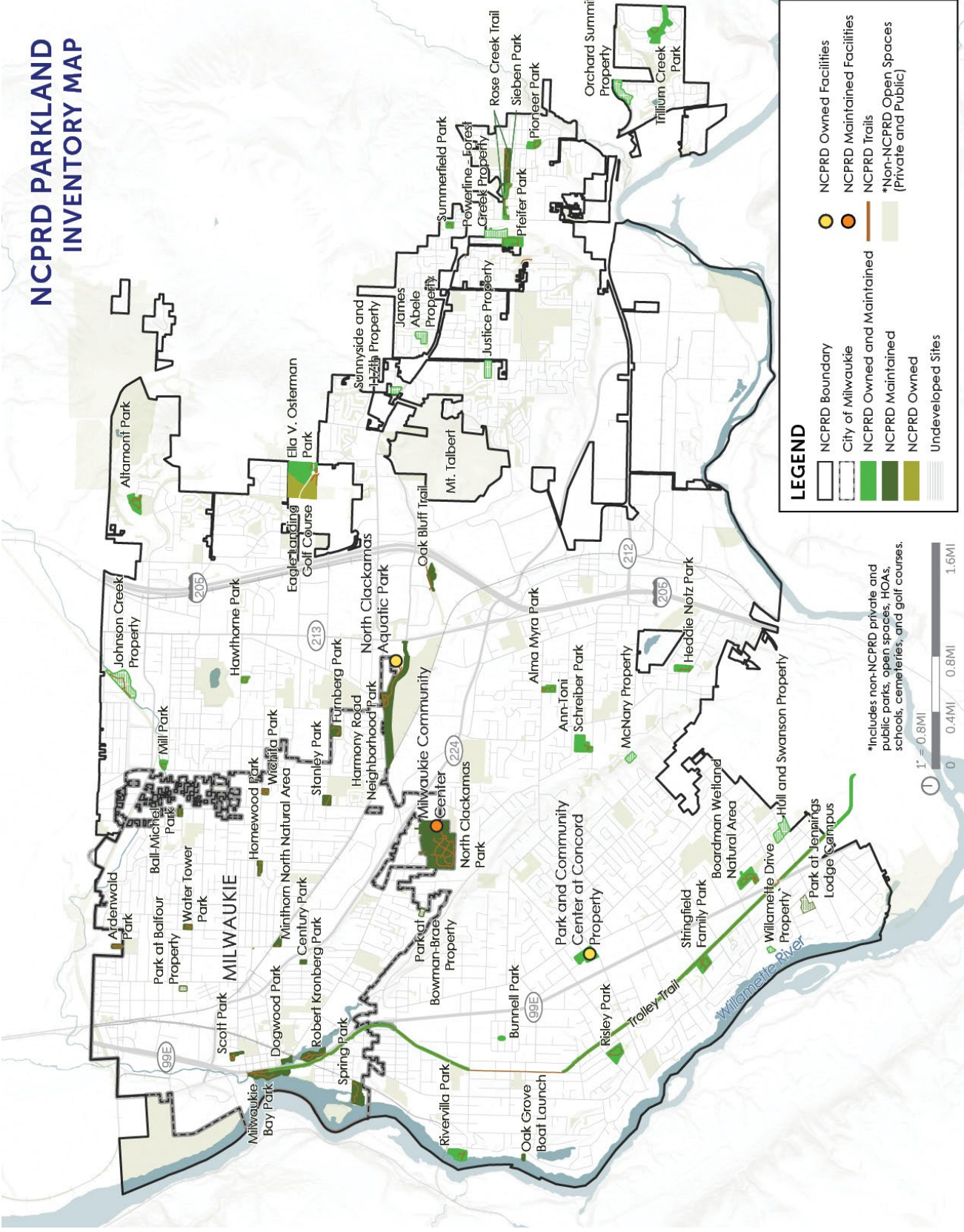
The hope is these efforts will lead to project ideas that meet the needs of these communities, which will also improve parks and nature for everyone in the region.

Along with these focused community engagement events, there will be events for the entire community to share their project ideas and vote on their favorite ideas from their neighbors.

Our Parks

NCRPD Park System Inventory		
Classification	# of Properties	Acres
Community Park	5	68.47
Neighborhood Park	15	73.73
Pocket Park	10	8.38
Special Use Area*	1	0.36
Natural Area	4	17.32
Trails and Greenways	3	30.20
Undeveloped	12	37.8
Total	51	253

*Special Use Area does not include Eagle Landing Golf Course = 17.51 acres and only includes Oak Grove Boat Launch = 0.36 acres



NCRPD PARKLAND INVENTORY MAP

LEGEND

- NCRPD Boundary
- City of Milwaukee
- NCRPD Owned and Maintained
- NCRPD Maintained
- NCRPD Owned
- Undeveloped Sites
- NCRPD Owned Facilities
- NCRPD Maintained Facilities
- NCRPD Trails
- *Non-NCRPD Open Spaces (Private and Public)

*Includes non-NCRPD private and public parks, open spaces, HOAs, schools, cemeteries, and golf courses.

1" = 0.8MI

