

Potential projects based on community-wide 2019 Wellness & Capital Improvements Study

1. Bike/Walking Paths/Boardwalks

- Develop map of path system that includes images of amenities, i.e. lighting, benches in clouds.
- Work cooperatively with Village of Frankfort connecting to Old Plank Road Trail through Pfeiffer Road.
- Work cooperatively with Village of Tinley Park, connecting to path along 80th Avenue by widening sidewalk.
- Develop path connections points to all SHSD schools where practicable.
- Incorporate full boardwalk loop through wetlands area at Island Prairie Park.
- Place sunrise/sunset benches along paths – determine distances between benches.
- Determine locations for permanent concrete structure restroom facilities along paths.

2. Trees/Landscape/Pond Maintenance

- Landscape architect to develop list of diverse species of trees for planting throughout District, and provide plan that lists the species and the parks where they are to be located.
- Add attractive natural plantings, i.e. Black Eyed Susans to park signs. Plants can be propagated in the Nature Center greenhouse. Planted areas should not be labor intensive, and may include 5 different types of plants, enabling easy notification and care by seasonal staff.
- Aeration/discuss pond maintenance with Cardno.

3. Playgrounds/Parks

- Develop map of District with concentric circles that reflects national standards for park placement to ensure walkable distance from homes, i.e. ¼ mile.
- Renovate existing parks that have value.
- Install multi-generational swings at each park site.
- Create playground pods designed by Dennis Persic.
- Identify underserved areas, i.e. Walnut Creek, Georgetown, Brookside Glen West, and add playgrounds.
- Replace timbers with concrete borders.
- Add benches.
- Construct fishing pier at Indian Boundary South Park.
- Create large, centrally located wellness park.

4. Security

- Develop lighting plan for every facility/picnic shelter/path/boardwalk. Solar lighting, similar to Brookside Bayou Park, can add security without washing areas with light.

5. Additional Facility

- Consider purchasing or constructing an additional need-based recreation facility to house the District's larger programming, i.e. Before and After School, Dance, and summer camps.

6. Farm

The process would start slowly with strawberry plants, apple trees, and flowers, and expand by establishing perennial crops with volunteer workers. A full organic farm would be a long-term process and would require a dedicated staff person with agricultural background/education.

- Develop budget and plan with renderings.
- 25-50 acre farm
- 3,000 sq. ft. timber frame barn with non-obtrusive glass exposure that includes open space/stage/kitchen/restroom access to barn and site. Structure should have wall that can open to the outside and look native to area, with a simulated weather/rustic appearance. Below is a link to Sand Creek Post & Beam, enabling access to timber frame-style barns
<https://www.sandcreekpostandbeam.com/>

6. *Farm, continued*

- 1,500 sq. ft. aesthetically pleasing picnic shelter adjacent to barn for events that can also be used as a wash area for vegetables grown at the farm.
- 5-20 acre garden area
- Elevated gardens for community use
- Parking lot
- Garage/storage area for maintenance equipment, designed to complement the barn.
- High-end landscaped English garden used for photo opportunities and area for quiet reflection.
- Playground structure (modern architectural concept) with resilient surface, include rope climbing structures,

7. Athletic Field/Complex Renovations

- Union Creek Football Field – Astro turf area for cheerleaders and team line on the far side of the field.
- Union Creek Baseball Complex – Concrete dugout (Beacon Athletics)
- Kiwanis Park t-ball facility
- Water fountains/showers for football and baseball complexes
- Summit Hill Junior High School – 300 person stadium seating

8. Dance Facility – TBD

9. Explore grant opportunities.

10. Explore full development of bike park.