

Claret Park

Review and Recommendations

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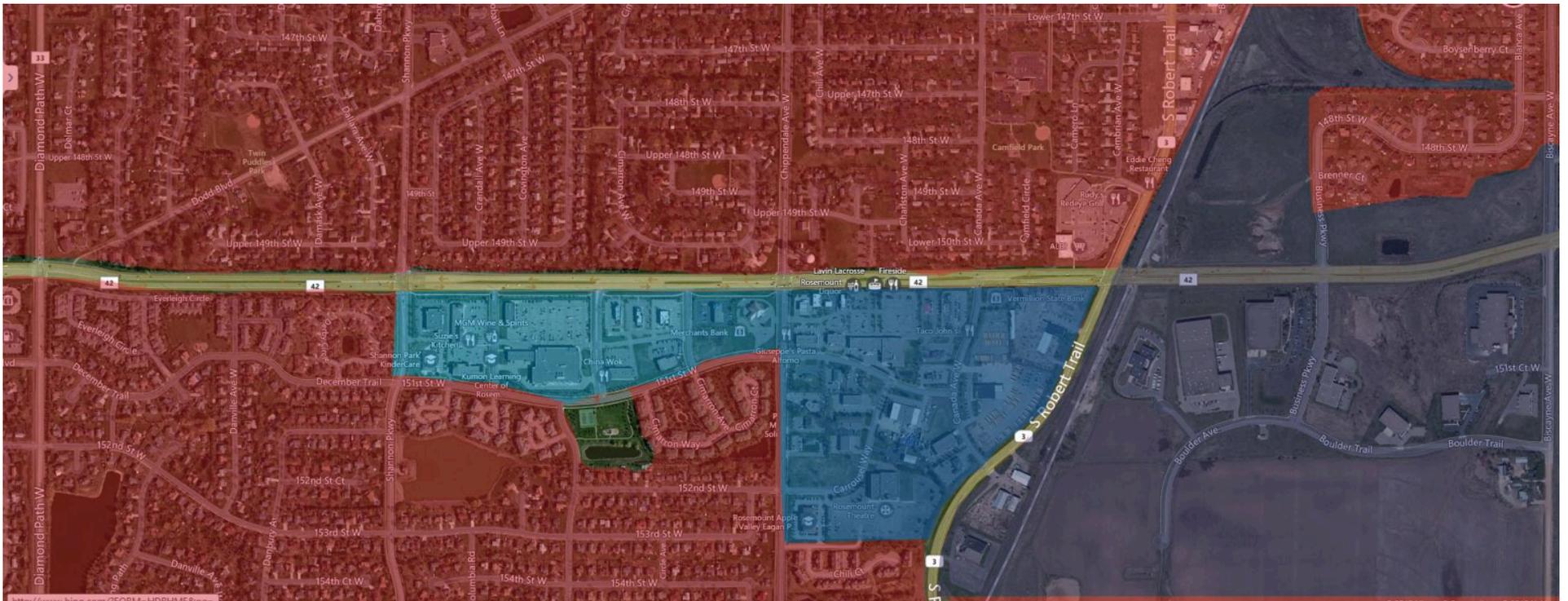
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SWOT Matrix

	HELPFUL (for your objective)	HARMFUL (for your objective)
INTERNAL (within organisation)	S Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popular tennis courts• High-traffic area• On-street parking• Several amenities included	W Weaknesses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No power/water• Limited space• Little tree coverage
EXTERNAL (outside organisation)	O Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Room for constructed shelter• Room for community garden• Increase usage of pond	T Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diminishing usage• No on-site parking• Environmental issues

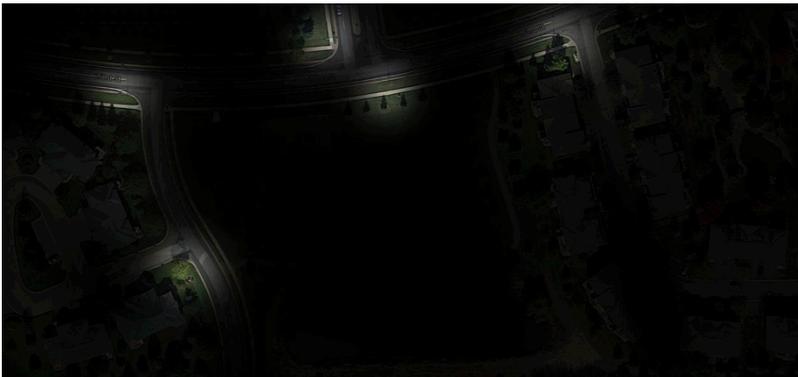
Land Use



Red - residential | Blue - Commercial

Lighting + Safety

- From March 1st 2014 to April 15th 2015 no crime has been reported in park.
- Claret Park is relatively safe.

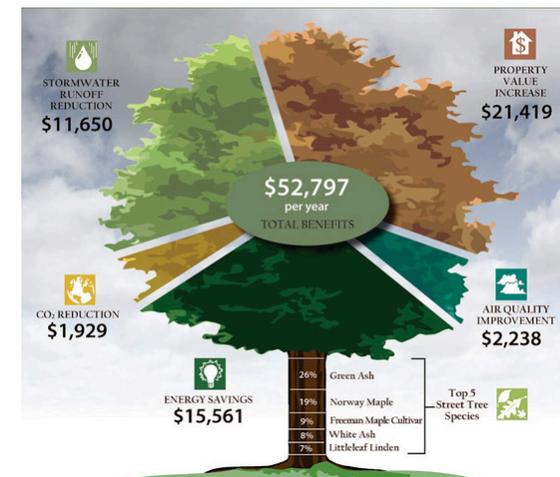


Above image demonstrates visibility in daytime and the nighttime lighting cast by streetlights is portrayed in the image on the left.

Ecological Functions of Claret Park

Public parks provide valuable assets to surrounding community

- Trees are integral to parks' benefits
 - Purify water
 - Cool surrounding area
 - Fixate carbon
 - Reduce run-off and erosion
 - Improve air quality



Phase One

- Initial improvements
- Changes able to be made over short period of time
- Diminished effect upon overall character of Claret Park

Access (Phase One)

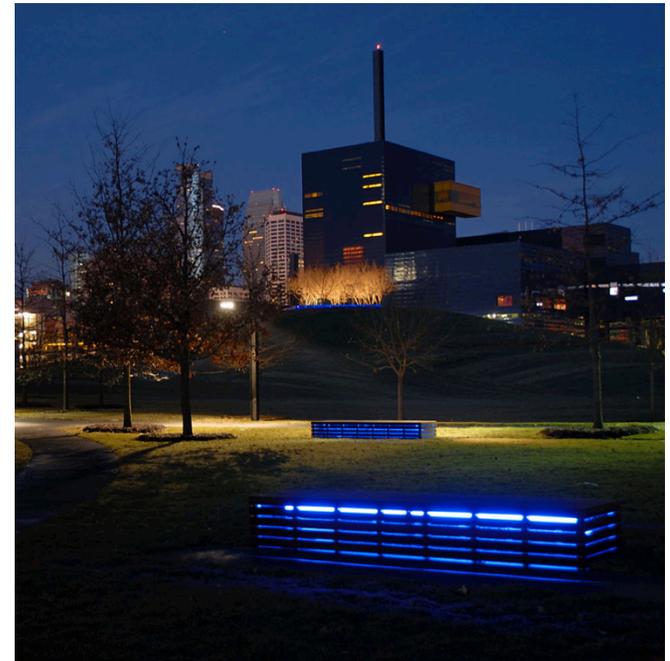


- Create better pedestrian/bike access through:
 - Clearly-marked bikeway on 151st St.
 - Visible crosswalks on adjacent streets
- Put wayfinding and signage in the commercial area leading to park
- Emphasize the multiple entrances to park (residential/commercial)

Lighting (Phase One)

Summer Night Lights program reducing crime reports by almost half.

- Could implement LED's.
 - long lasting and use much less power than standard incandescent bulb.
- Could be powered by solar panels, meaning no connection to electrical grid.



Community Gathering Spaces (Phase One)

- Connect the park to city water supply and build a hydration station with a water fountain & garden
- Upgrade and develop the path around the park to an exercise track.
- Create an exercise circuit with adult equipment
- Add bicycle parking, waste and recycling bins



Ecological Functions (Phase One)

Place 2-3 bat houses around the pond

- Inexpensive
- Bats can carry diseases, and without proper shelter they will nest under the overhang of residential houses
- Bats eat mosquitoes, which have a breeding ground in the stagnant waters of the pond.
- Mosquitos can be a pest for people visiting the park, and potentially carry disease.

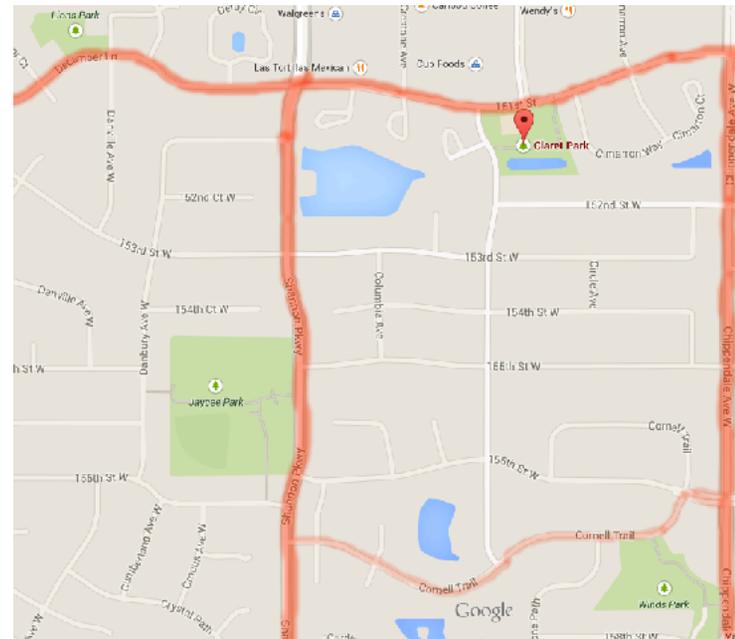


Phase Two

- Continuation of ideas presented in Phase One
- More large-scale alterations
- More cost-prohibitive

Access (Phase Two)

- Create network of bikeways and pedestrian connections between Rosemount parks
- Implement traffic calming measures on 151st St., such as lane-narrowing and curb extensions at intersection next to park



Community Gathering Spaces (Phase Two)



Install Large Multipurpose Structure

- > Sheltered raised deck with Seating & Social Gathering space,
- > Open floor deck for Activities, > Patio seating, > Close proximity to playground,
- > Community bulletin board.

Can also include: Bike parking, dog waste bags, waste and recycling bins

Ecological Functions (Phase Two)

- Create more natural shade with broad leaf trees
- Encourage biodiversity through increased planting



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- Rain gardens around the park grounds
 - >Native vegetation
 - >Attract pollinators



Engage the Community

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- Invite the community to assist in park renovations
 - allows for them to have a sense of ownership and keeps them coming back
- Introduce Art into the park
 - Collaborate with the Art Council of Rosemount for unique pieces

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Introduce Programs in the park

- Physical fitness classes
 - Yoga, Tennis, Pickleball and other workout classes
- Community Garden
 - Bring community together to plant and maintain a public garden

Wrap-Up & Questions

Thank you!