



Big Lake Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Strategic Plan 3-Year Perspective – 2026 through 2028

This **Strategic Plan** provides a practical approach to the goals and activities of the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). The purpose is to guide PAC Members and staff through Big Lake’s priorities regarding the parks and trails system. This Strategic Plan will improve the capacity to measure outcomes.

The PAC Priority: To provide a safe leisure environment along with quality parks, facilities, trails, and services; to preserve and protect open land and water areas that will benefit and improve the quality of life for Big Lake residents now and in the future.

Strategy: Prioritize maintenance, clean up, and beautification of park system.

	Work Plan Objectives
1.	Perform routine maintenance (including new mulch/fill mulch projects), clean up, and beautification of the following parks: • Bluff • Browns Square • Hidden Rivers • Highline • Hudson Woods • Kellerwood • Lake Ridge • Lakeside • McDowall • Mitchell Farms • Norland • Powell • River Oaks • Riverside Landing • Sanford Select Acres • Shores of Lake Mitchell • Veterans Memorial • Wrights Crossing • Ice Rinks (leased space within redevelopment area) 
2.	Establish a working relationship with volunteer groups who would like to plant and care for flowers throughout the parks and trail system.
3.	Routinely take inventory of tree system and maintain trees within parks. • Take advantage of Sherburne County programming, if needed, to ensure a healthy tree system. • Watch for diseased trees and create plans for them (i.e., try to save them or cut and replace them)

Strategy: Plan for and complete necessary improvements, while taking into consideration the community's wants and needs.

2026	2027	2028
Playground Installation: • Shores of Lake Mitchell Park • Lake Ridge Park • Lakeside Park Skate Park at Lakeside Park: • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct skate park • Get recommendation from PAC Ice Rinks New Location: • Survey community • Choose park location • Work with vendor to provide plans/concept • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed Archery Range: • Choose park location • Work with vendor to provide plans/concept • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed	Mitchell Farms Park: • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct park • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed Skate Park at Lakeside Park: • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed Park Signage: • Lakeside Park Flags, Powell Park Donation, Hudson Woods Donation • Create a plan to update all general park signage with current City logo Wrights Crossing Park: • Replace border around playground equipment • Recommendation from PAC regarding material	Bluff Park: • Survey community • Work with vendor to provide plans to reconstruct park • Get recommendation from PAC • Get approval from the City Council • Schedule project to be completed

The Big Lake PAC was created by Ordinance Number 2002-03, an act of the Big Lake City Council to:

- 1. Serve as a liaison between city government and the community.*
- 2. Serve as a resource for new and existing neighborhoods, groups, and civic organizations seeking information concerning the Big Lake park system.*
- 3. To assist city government in setting open space, land acquisition and development policies.*
- 4. To serve as a body to make recommendations to the City Council relating to specific parks, trails, sidewalks, and open space development.*
- 5. To assist City Council in researching a variety of funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program and related park development.*

Member	Seat	Term Expires
Doug Peterson	Chair	Dec. 31, 2026
Mark Lieberman	PAC Member	Dec. 31, 2027
Scott Creighton	Vice-Chair	Dec. 31, 2027
Megan Weber	PAC Member	Dec. 31, 2028
Kameron Hanson	PAC Member	Dec 31, 2028
Kim Noding	Council Liaison	Dec. 31, 2026
Lisa Odens	Planning Liaison	Dec. 31, 2026



Park Replacement Plan 2026-2028

Park	Year Built	Amenities	Rating	*Year Replacement	*Replacement \$ Amount
Bluff	2006	Playground	3	2028	\$250k
Browns Square	2024	Benches – Gazebo	10	2056	\$65k
Hidden Rivers	2006	Trail – Overlook	6	2030	\$30k
Highline	2007	Playground – Ball Field	7	2038	\$200k
Hudson Woods	2010	Playground – Frisbee Golf – Pickleball	7	2038	\$200k
Kellerwood	2017	Benches – Trail	10		
Lake Ridge	2026	Playground – Ball Field	10	2046	\$240k
Lakeside (Skate Park)	2005	Skate Park – Benches	*Removed	2026	\$300k
Lakeside (Playground)	2026	Playground – Beach – Shelters – Volleyball – Basketball	10	2046	\$550k
McDowall		Trail – Benches	10		
Mitchell Farms	1997	Benches – Previous Playground	*Removed	N/A	\$240k
Norland	2015	Playground	8	2040	\$250k
Powell	2022	Playground	10	2044	\$240k
River Oaks	2019	Frisbee Golf – Walking Path	10		
Riverside Landing		Canoe Landing	10		
Sanford Select	2016	Playground – RC Track	8	2040	\$250k
Shores of Lake Mitchell	2026	Playground – Soccer	10	2046	\$240k
Veterans Memorial	2017	Sidewalk – Benches – Reader Board	10		
Wrights Crossing	2004	Playground – Shelter	8	2042	\$240k

- ✓ **Park Rating is Between 1-10 (1-Needs Replacement; 10-Excellent Condition)**
- ✓ *** Columns Are Based on Estimations**



Trail Replacement Plan 2026-2028

Trail	Year Built	Amenities	Rating	*Lifespan in Years	*Replacement \$ Amount
McDowall Trail	2019	Overlook, bat house, benches	10	30	\$150,000
Arctic Circle	Unknown	N/A	8	25	\$15,000
Highline Drive	Unknown	N/A	6	15	\$75,000
Karen Lane	2008	N/A	3	25	\$20,000
Minnesota Avenue	Unknown	N/A	8	25	\$50,000
Ormsbee Street	Unknown	N/A	5	10	\$50,000
County Road 5	Unknown	N/A	8	25	\$100,000
County Road 43	Unknown	N/A	6	15	\$50,000
*two sections	2023		10	30	\$50,000
County Road 81	Unknown	N/A	6	15	\$75,000
166 th Street	2022	N/A	10	30	\$15,000
172 nd Street	Unknown	N/A	8	25	\$100,000
205 th Street	2023	N/A	10	30	\$10,000

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