



Why a park system plan is important

- Develops a clear vision for the next 20+ years
- Assures ideas reflect the needs of the community
- Allows city resources to be used wisely
- Provides support to seek funds from a variety of sources
- Helps guide decisions on park improvements
- Brings safety and accessibility needs into focus



Principles guiding this planning process

- Remove high maintenance activities from smaller parks
 - Recognize we can't offer every amenity in every park
 - Group these types of facilities into larger parks
- Reduce quantity of lower used facilities
- Modify amenities to better meet current needs
- Design to promote active and passive use of the parks
- Design to minimize ongoing maintenance costs



Planning process to date

- Inventory of Existing Amenities
- Comparison to National Standards
- Sort Parks into Categories
- Develop Concept Maps of Larger Parks
- Refine Concept Maps of Larger Parks
- Public Input Throughout the Planning Process



Planning Process to Date

Public Process

Dialog with the community has been an important part of the process. Materials from past discussions is available below.

- [August 2 - North Lions Neighborhood Meeting](#)
- [July 13 - City Council Work Session](#)
- [July 12 - Bassett Creek Neighborhood Meeting](#)
- [June 7 - Becker Park Neighborhood Meeting](#)
- [April/May - Community Event Posters](#)
- [April 19 - City Council Meeting](#)
- [April 5 - Park & Recreation Commission Meeting](#)
- [March 14 - Public Open House](#)
- [February 15-17 - Focus Group Meetings \(12\)](#)
- [December 1 - Winterfest](#)
- [November, 2016 Project kick-off board](#)
- [June 2, 2016 - Becker Park Visioning](#)

Join the Discussion

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Media Reports on the Master Planning Process

- [CCX Media 6.26.17](#)
- [CCX Media 6.12.17](#)
- [Sun Post 4.26.17](#)
- [Sun Post 3.22.17](#)
- [CCX Media 3.13.17](#)
- [Sun Post 3.2.17](#)
- [Sun Post 11.22.16](#)

Passive (8)

Little to no development

Have some or all of the following features:

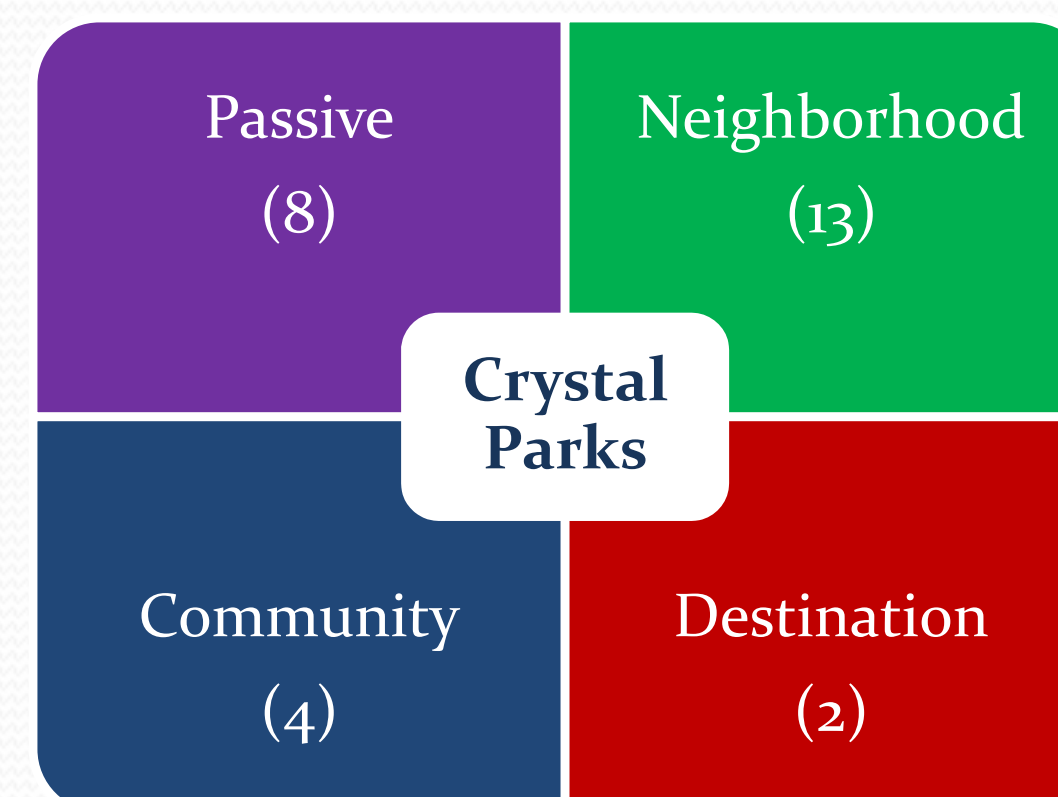
- Trails
- Boardwalks
- Benches
- 'Nature' Play Area
- Nature Restoration
- Education Panels
- Community Gardens



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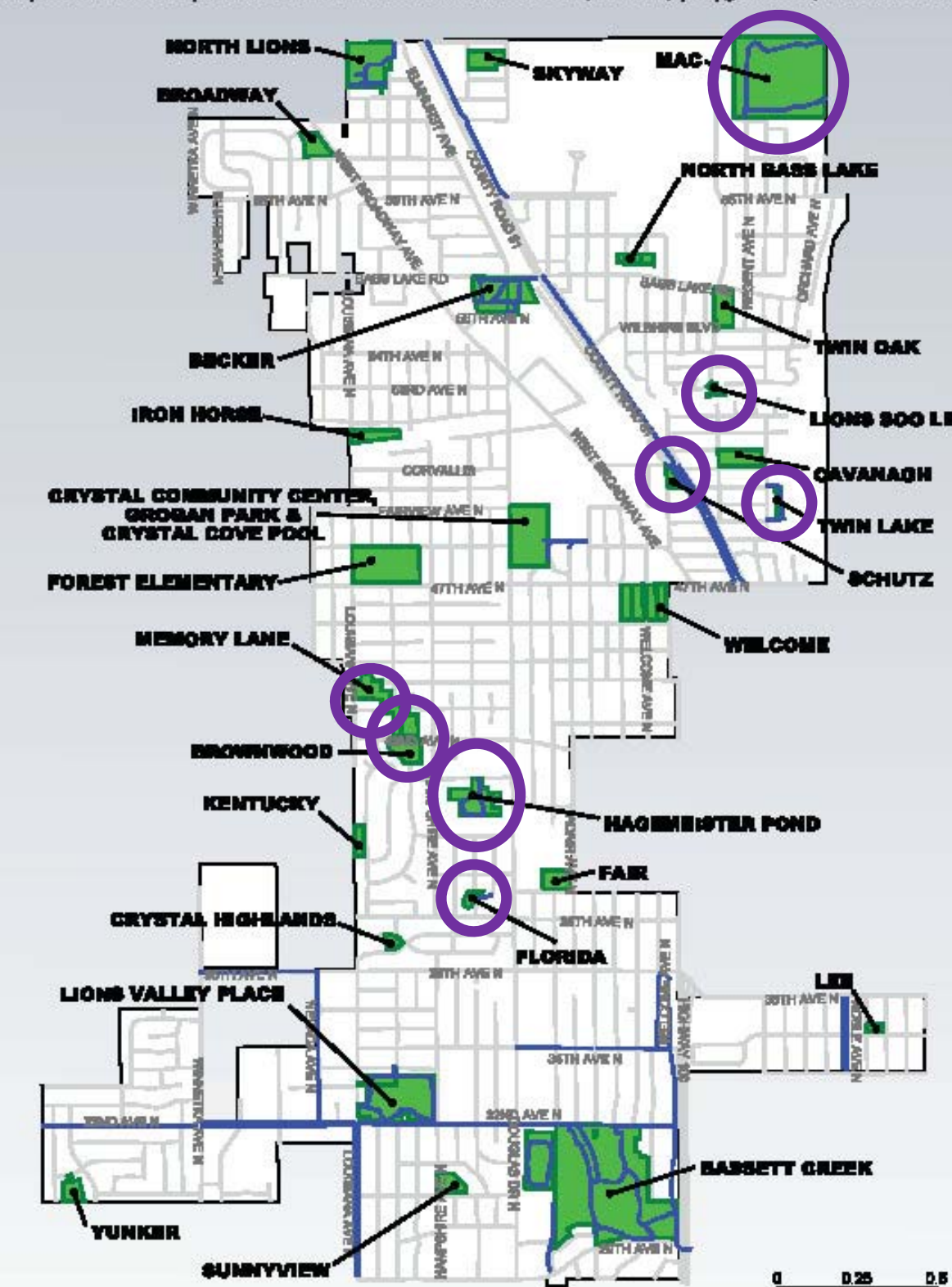
Passive

- MAC
- Lions Soo Line
- Schutz
- Twin Lake
- Memory Lane
- Brownwood
- Hagemeister Pond
- Florida



Crystal City Park Map

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- Dog walkers must possess waste removing utensils.

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Neighborhood (13)

Within ½ Mile (10-Minute Walk) From Home
Have some or all of the following features:

- No or Limited Parking (neighbors can walk to park)
- ‘Regular’ Play Area
- Small Backstop with No Groomed Infield
- Small Soccer Field
- Single Basketball Hoop
- Place for 4-Square, Gaga Pit, etc.
- Small Picnic Shelter
- Community Garden



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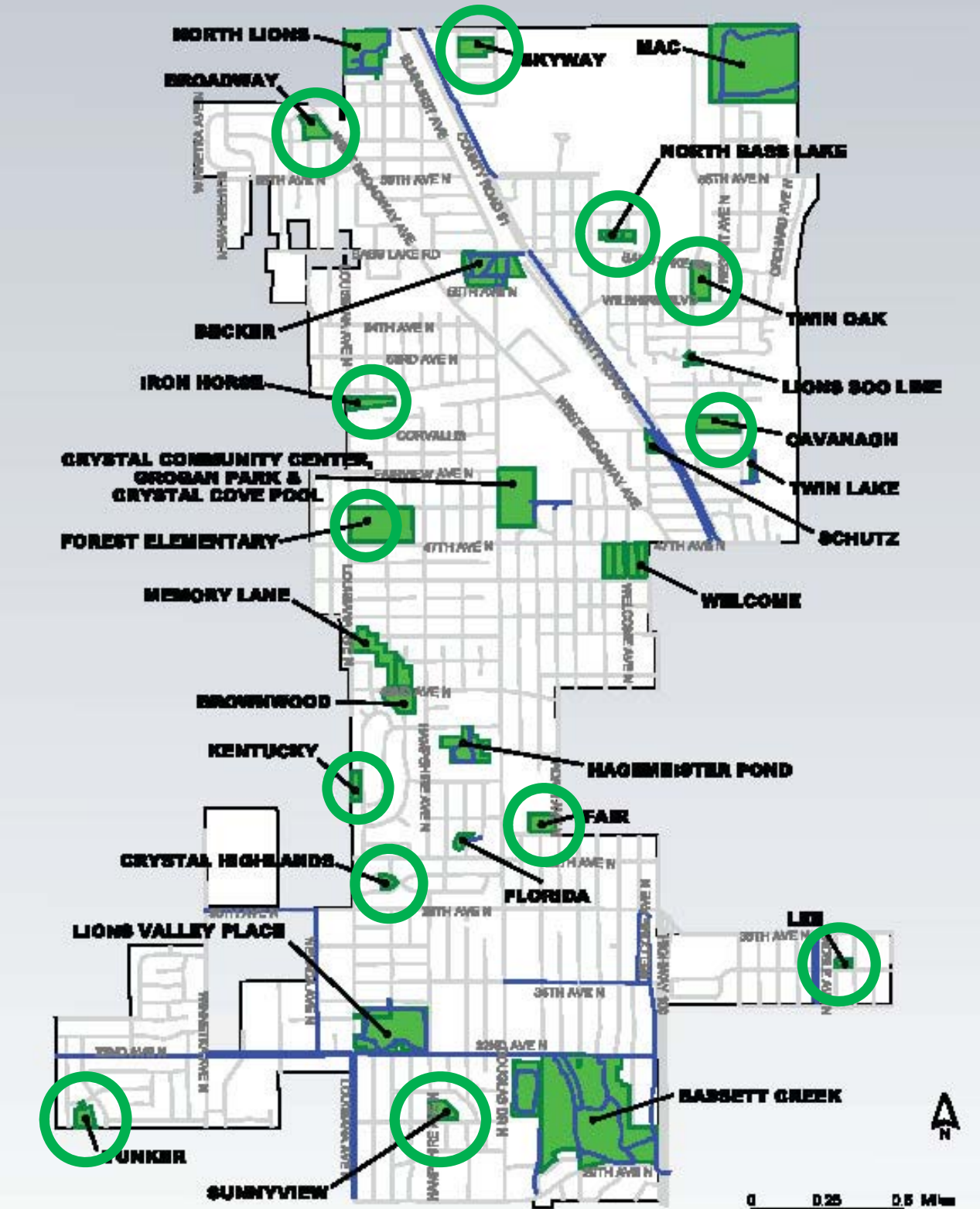
Neighborhood

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| Skyway | Kentucky |
| Broadway | Fair |
| North Bass Lake | Crystal Highlands |
| Twin Oak | Lee |
| Iron Horse | Yunkers |
| Cavanagh | Sunnyview |
| Forest | |



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Community (4)

Large Sports and Recreation Facilities
Have some or all of the following features:

- Parking for Larger Events
- Full Size Soccer Fields (1 with lights)
- Full Size Softball & Baseball Fields (1 of each with lights)
- Full-Court Basketball
- Medium / Large Shelters
- 4-Season Buildings
- Ice Skating / Sledding
- Larger Play Area

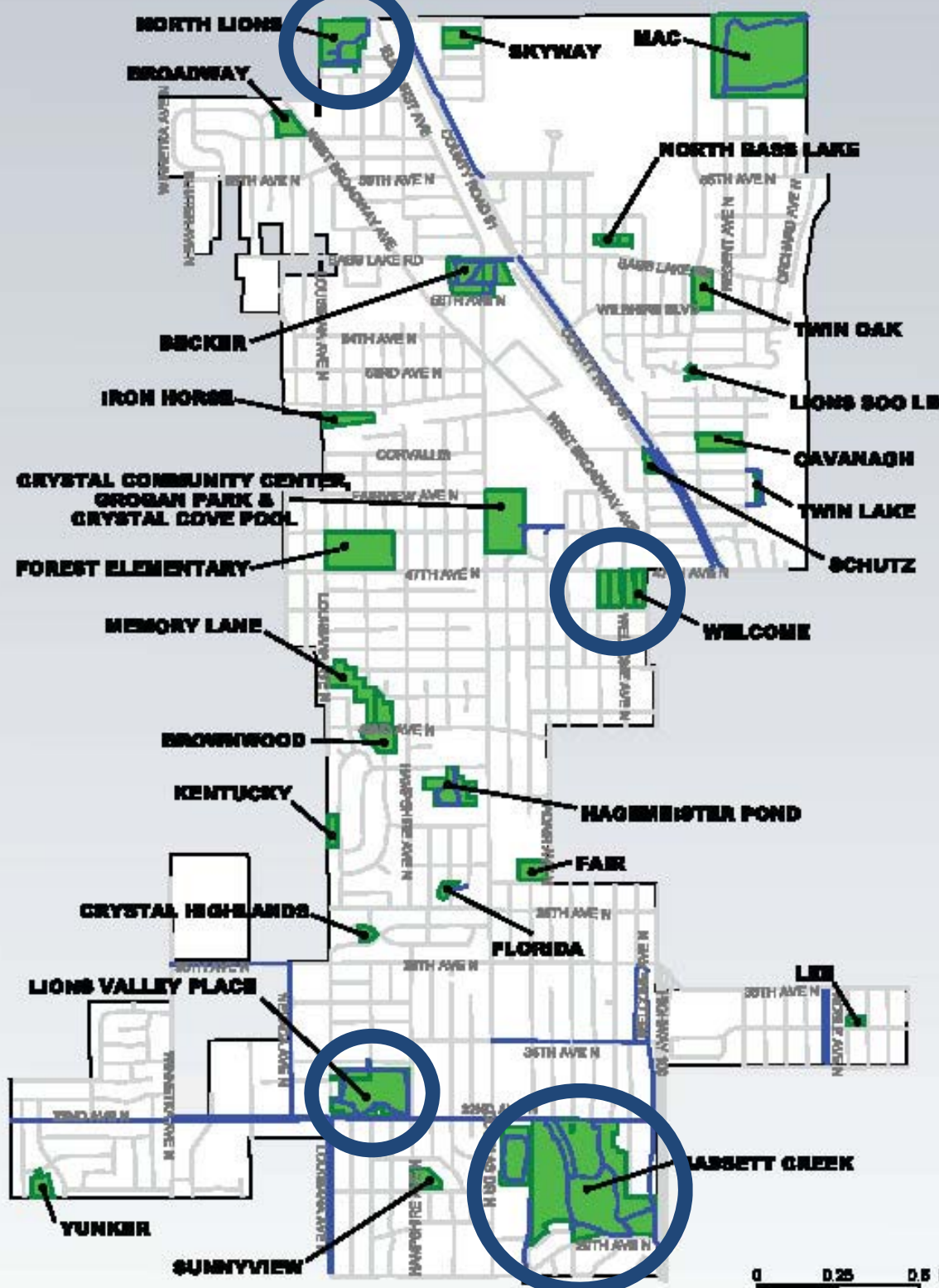


Crystal Parks and Recreation Community

North Lions
Welcome

Lions Valley Place
Bassett Creek

Passive (8)	Neighborhood (13)
Community (4)	Destination (2)



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Destination (2)

Specialized Facilities such as:

- Community Gathering (Farmer's Market, Events, etc.)
- Easy Access from Bus, Light Rail, Car or Sidewalk/Trail
- Fully Accessible 'Destination' Play Area
- Flexible Performance Area / Lawn
- Water Feature / Spray Pad
- Refrigerated Ice Surface / Plaza During Summer
- Community Center
- Aquatic Center



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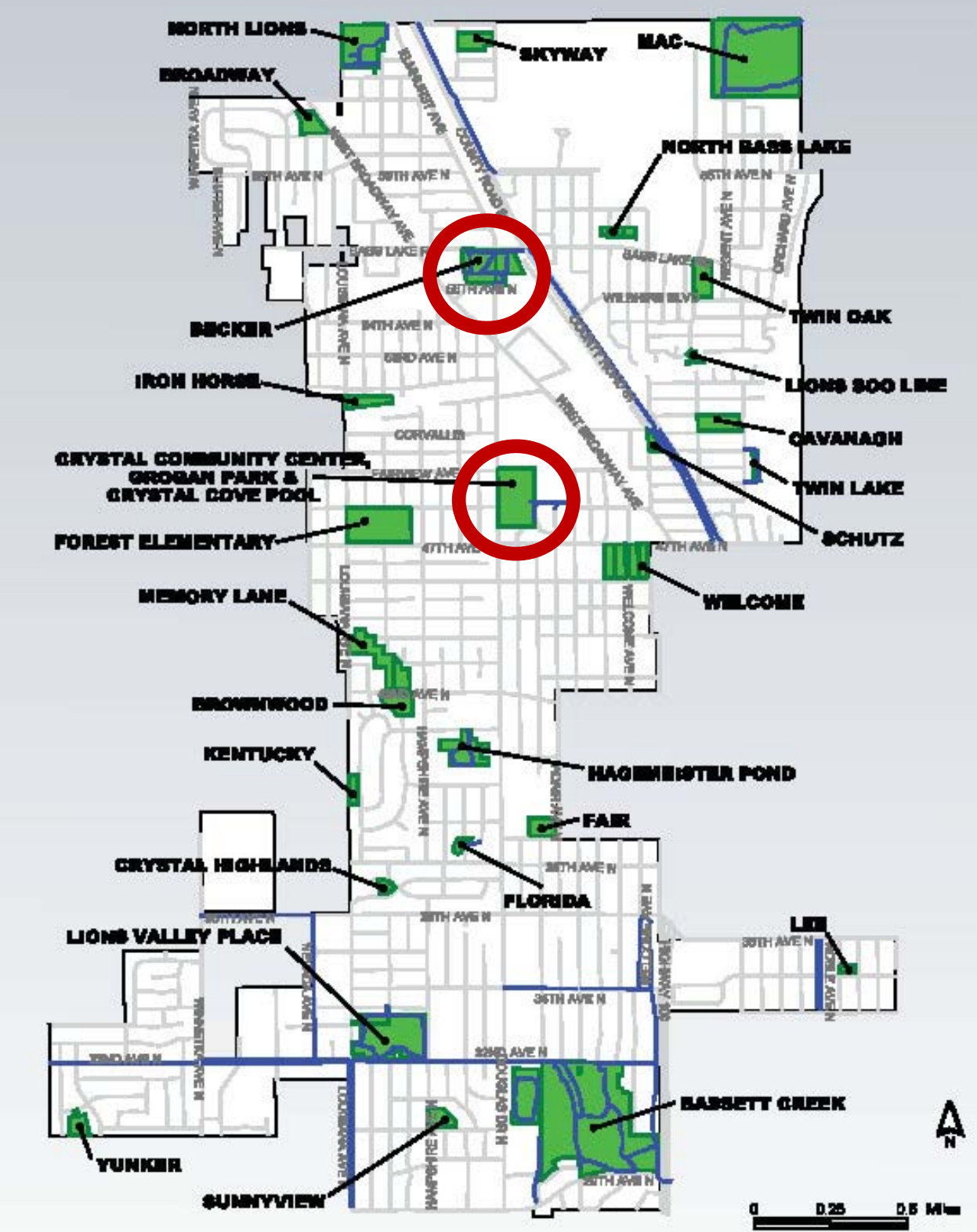
Destination

Becker Park Grogan Park



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Proposed Amenities within Crystal Community / Destination Parks

Sports Fields & Amenities	Proposed Quantity	National Standard Per Population
Baseball Field	4	4
Softball Field	3	3
Rectangle Sports Field	4	4
Full Basketball Court	5	4
Tennis Court	6	5
Pickleball Court	8	n/a
Hockey / Skating Area	5	2
Sledding Hill	2	n/a
Rentable Building with Restrooms	5	n/a



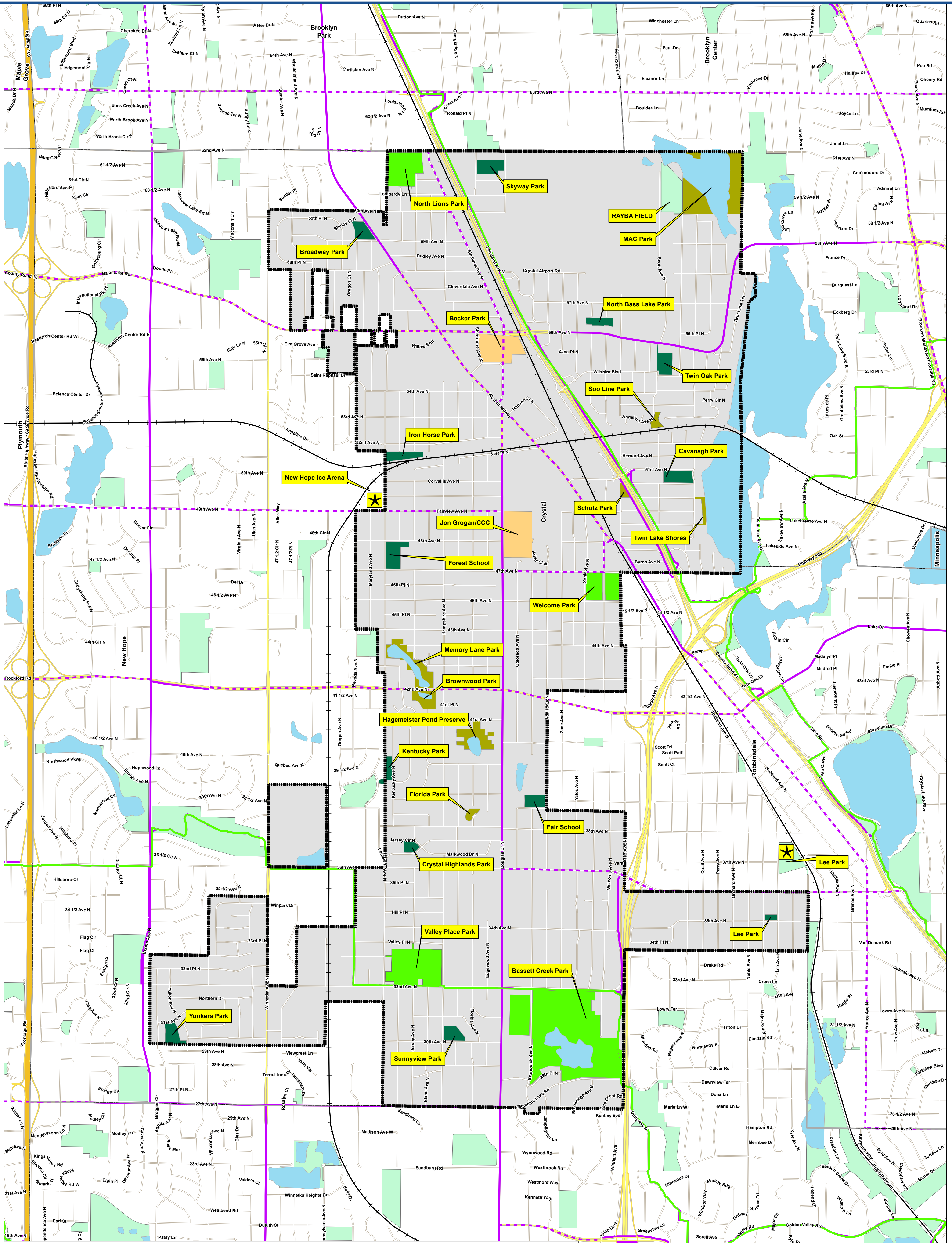
Range of Construction Costs for Various Park Amenities:

• Picnic Shelter With Concrete Pad	\$50,000	-	\$125,000
• Rentable Park Building With Modern Restrooms	\$600,000	-	\$1,200,000
• Ballfield With Lights and Irrigation	\$450,000	-	\$550,000
• Rectangle Field With Lights and Irrigation	\$300,000	-	\$400,000
• Playground Area With Curbing and Surfacing	\$150,000	-	\$300,000
• Full Basketball Court	\$40,000	-	\$50,000
• Hockey Rink With Lights	\$150,000	-	\$300,000
• Tennis Area (6 Court)	\$400,000	-	\$550,000
• Pickleball Area (8 Court)	\$350,000	-	\$500,000





PARKS AND TRAILS MAP



LEGEND

TRAIL TYPES

- EXISTING**
- TRAIL
 - REGIONAL TRAIL
- PLANNED**
- TRAIL

PARK TYPES

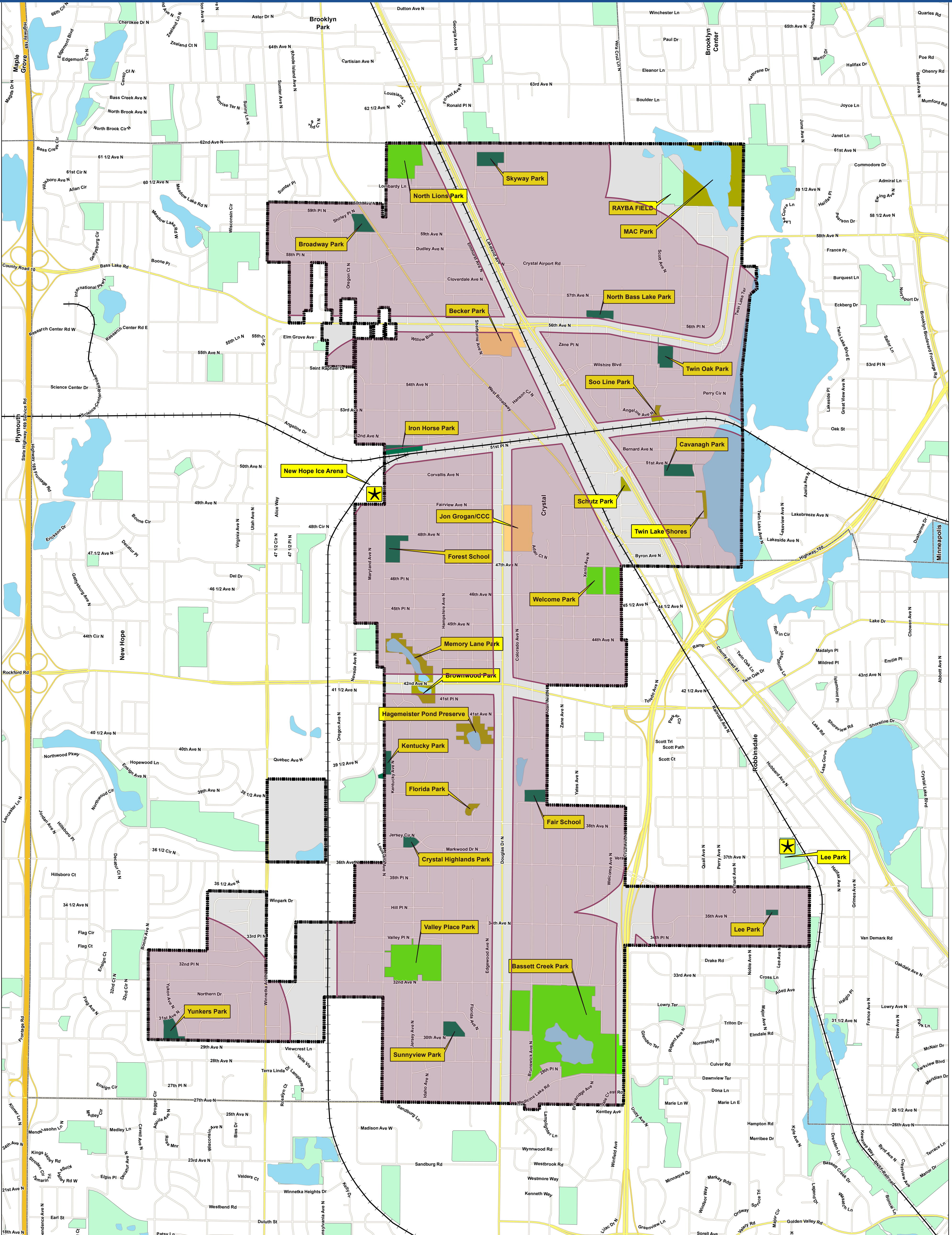
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- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- PASSIVE PARK
- DESTINATION PARK
- PARK BEYOND CITY LIMITS

RAILROAD

AREA OF INTEREST OUTSIDE OF CRYSTAL



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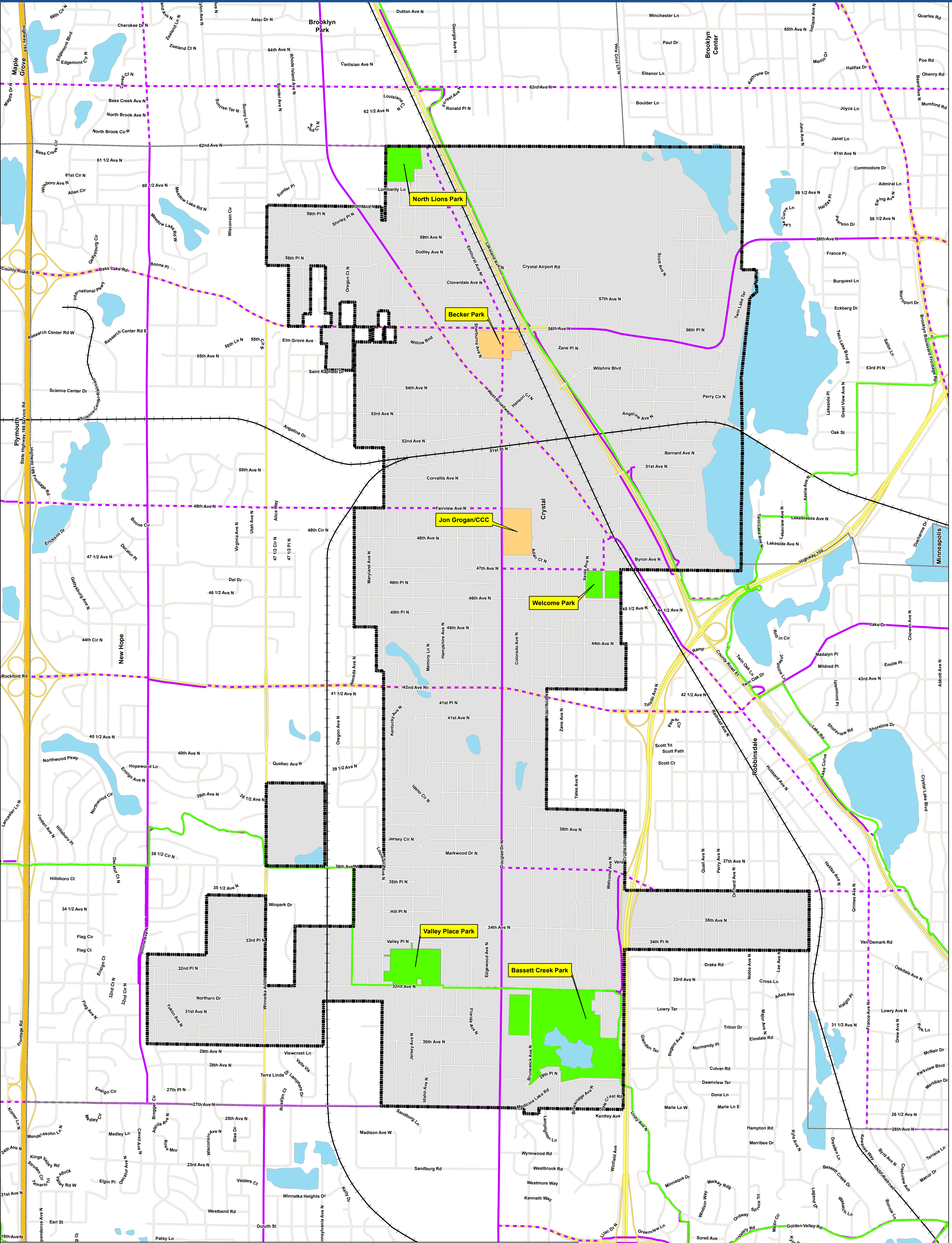
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- COMMUNITY PARK
- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- PASSIVE PARK
- DESTINATION PARK
- PARK BEYOND CITY LIMITS

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- WITHIN 10 MINUTE WALKING DISTANCE (1/2 MILE) OF DEVELOPED PARK
- RAILROAD
- AREA OF INTEREST OUTSIDE OF CRYSTAL

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TRAIL TYPES

EXISTING

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PLANNED

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