



**MADISON
PARKS**

Warner Park

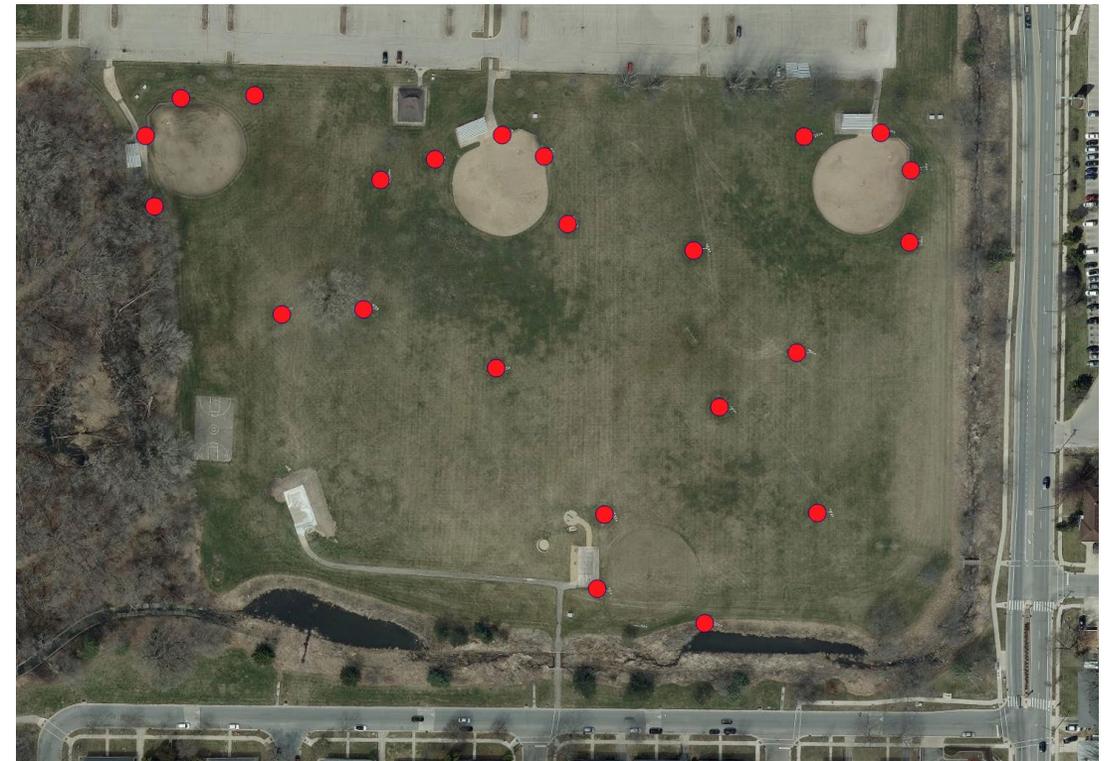
Southeast Recreation Area Development



Background

- Area originally constructed as 5 softball fields in the 1970's
- Existing lighting infrastructure is 40-50 years old and is in need of replacement.
- Light pole locations are aligned for use of fields for softball only and do not allow for full sized rectangular fields

Existing Light Pole Locations



Background



- Softball Fields 2, 4, and 5 have been reverted to grass areas due to low use. The backstops remain.

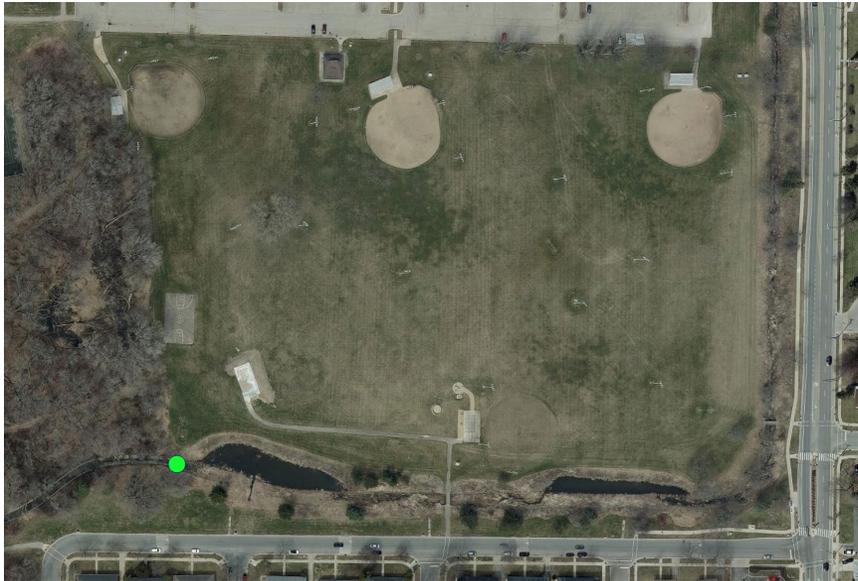
Background

- Parks worked with the Brentwood NRT and volunteer groups to create the pop-up park and All-Wheel spot in 2020 and 2021.
- Parks representatives attended events held at Warner Park in 2021 and 2022 to receive input and feedback on the future of the Southeast Area.



Background

- In 2022, Parks installed a new pedestrian and bike bridge to cross Castle Creek



Existing Site Amenities

- 2 Softball Fields
- Shelter Building
- Basketball Court
- All-Wheel Area
- Gaga Ball
- Grill and seating area



Warner Park Reservation Data*

- 2022
 - Softball: 126
 - Kickball: 5
 - Football: 110
 - Soccer: 226
 - Ultimate: 13
 - Unknown: 21
- 2023
 - Softball: 32
 - Kickball: 0
 - Football: 125
 - Soccer: 191
 - Ultimate: 31
 - Camogie: 19
 - Unknown: 23
- 2024** (current plus future)
 - Softball: 30
 - Kickball: 0
 - Football: 4
 - Rugby: 18
 - Soccer: 53
 - Ultimate: 26
 - Unknown: 1

*Data excludes baseball (Mallards) stadium and events not related to recreational sports

**Current as of 5/6/24

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Project Goals

- Create space that allows for a multitude of uses
 - This will allow Parks more flexibility to adapt to changing recreational trends over time
- Provide paved path connectivity throughout the project area to provide better connections to the rest of Warner Park
- Replace existing lighting system to modernize and re-locate poles to allow for full-size rectangular field alignments
- Enhance “neighborhood park” area for residents to the south of Trailsway
- Add dedicated Pickleball court area on the North/East side.
 - Only current dedicated court area is located at Garner Park on the West side
 - Existing tennis courts are in poor condition and will be removed. The area will be restored to natural area

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Warner Park Southeast Recreation Area Development

Overall Plan

LEGEND

 Bench Locations



Date: 4/22/2024

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SCALE

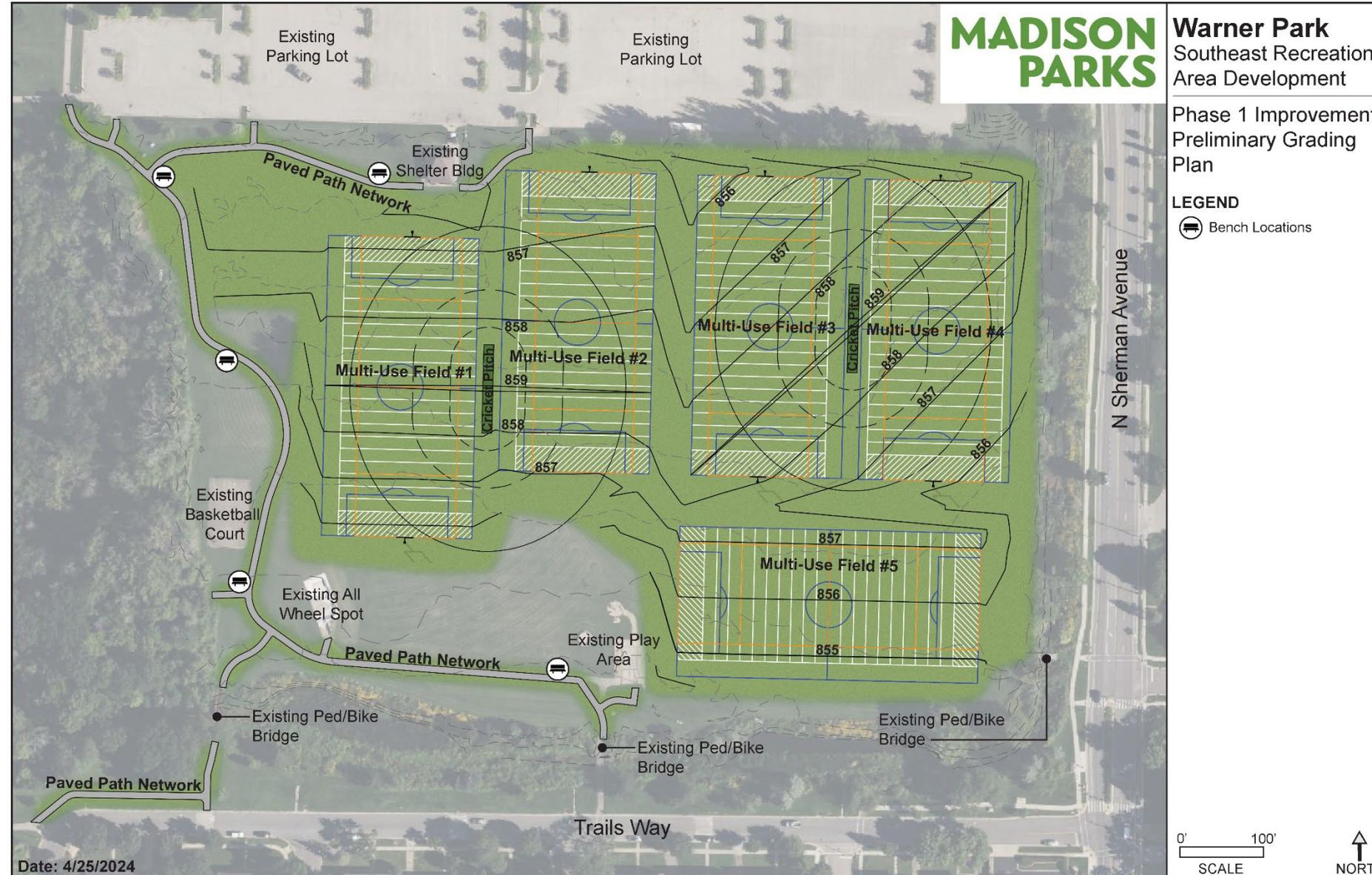

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Project Phasing

- Parks has applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant through the Wisconsin DNR. If selected, the grant would provide \$500,000.
 - Requires 100% (\$500,000) match with City Funding
 - Will cover Phase 1 of construction
- Pickleball Courts
 - Parks has funding available in the capital budget
 - Construction anticipated to occur along with Phase 1

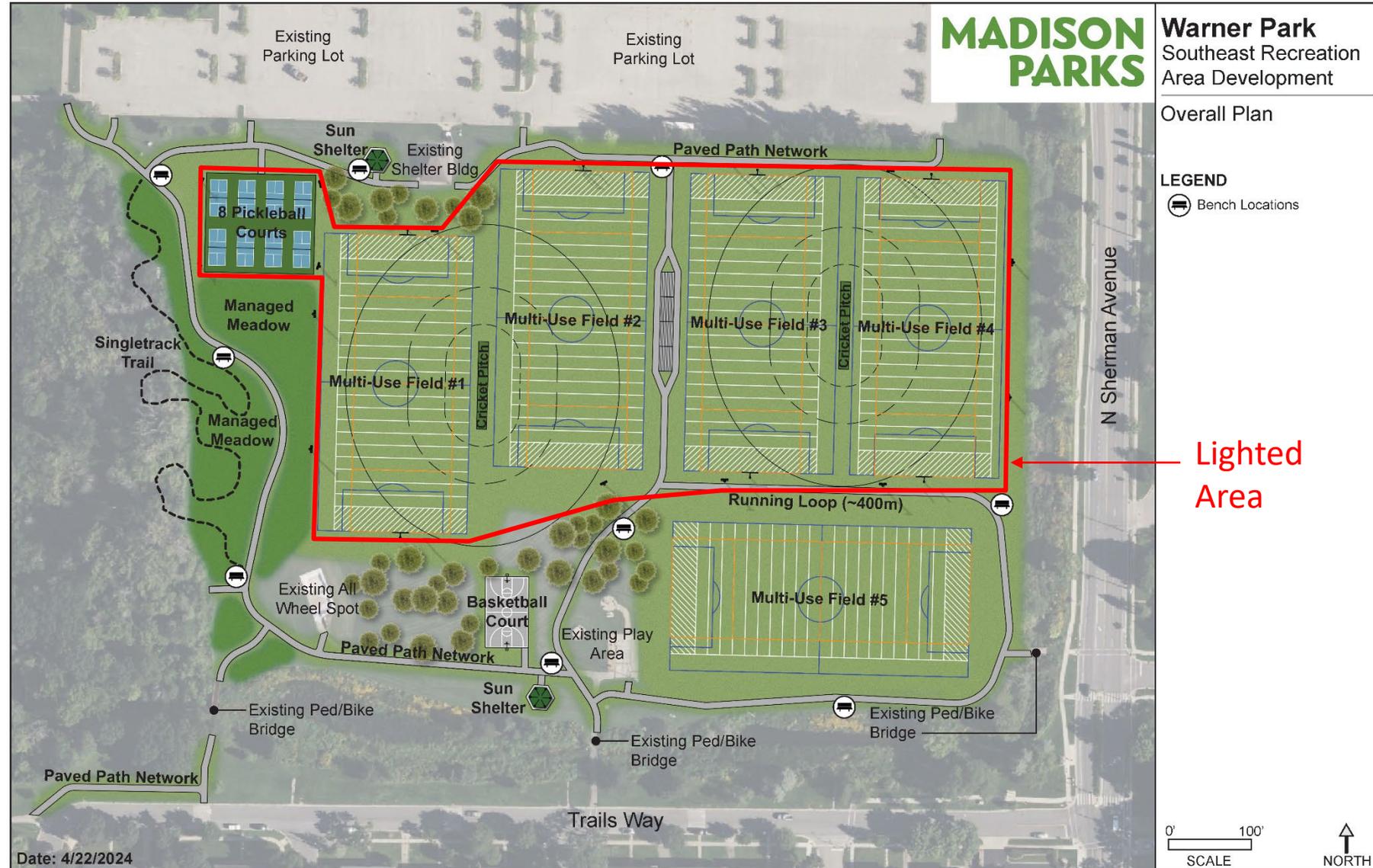
Phase 1

- Removal of existing:
 - Backstops
 - Infields
 - Lighting
 - Tennis Courts
- Field grading to improve drainage and accommodate new field orientations
- Installation of Cricket pitches and goalposts
- Installation of a portion of the overall path network to connect Trailsway to the northern area of Warner Park



Phase 2

- Installation of new lighting system
- New basketball court and removal of existing
- New sun shelters
- Remainder of path network and spectator bleachers
- Singletrack Trail
- Managed meadow and tree planting areas



Project Timeline



Public Input

- Virtual meeting held with stakeholders
 - Wild Warner, MUFA, MSSC attended
- Email notifications sent to all stakeholders
 - Groups which have reserved field space at Warner Park in the past or typically reserve rectangular field space in our parks
- Presentation to Brentwood/Northport Neighborhood Resource Team
- Plan posted in lobby of Warner Park Rec Center
- Plan and project information posted on project website

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