

Legislation Text

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Supporting Ramsey County's Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment. (Laid over from July 27, 2020)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul established a joint master plan for Battle Creek Regional Park in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the 1981 Battle Creek Regional Park Joint Master Plan was comprised of four sections, Indian Mounds, Fish Hatchery, Battle Creek and Pigs Eye Lake; and

WHEREAS, regional parks notably contain a diversity of nature-based resources, either naturally occurring or human-built, accommodate a variety of outdoor recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan amendment is to guide long-term development, recreation and programming amenities, boundary expansion and acquisition, engagement, preservation, and management for the Battle Creek section long-term boundary expansion and acquisitions areas of Battle Creek Regional Park within Battle Creek Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 master plan amendment incorporates long-term site, building and infrastructure improvements, recreation improvements, natural resource improvements, access and trail improvements, nature based recreational programming opportunities, park acquisition and boundary adjustments throughout the Battle Creek section of the regional park and future boundary expansion and acquisition areas; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County completed extensive engagement for the master plan from the spring of 2019 to fall of 2021, with the public, recreational groups, community stakeholders, and public agencies identified in the plan, encompassing 7 pop-up events, 2 online surveys, stakeholder meetings, 2 community design workshops, project management team meetings, elected official outreach, 1 virtual community meeting, a 30-day draft concept review, and a 45-day plan review, receiving over 2,000 comments pertaining to all aspects of the plan, which will be placed within the plan and uploaded to the Ramsey County Battle Creek Master Plan prior to its final adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, <u>with the inclusion of the full record of</u> <u>public comment into the plan prior to its adoption</u>, supports the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment