

Northfield Park District
401 Wagner Road
Northfield, IL 60093

**An investment in parks
is an investment in your home.**

Data from the National Parks and Recreation Association shows
that the addition of local parks can increase the value of your home by 10%.



To learn more visit:
<http://northfieldparks.org/about/referendum>
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It Takes a Community to Grow Great Parks.



The Northfield Park District Referendum

Rooted in Community. Growing for Tomorrow.

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On **March 17th, 2026**, remember to vote on the **Northfield Park District Referendum**. This referendum asks for a **0.1% tax rate increase** to fund our Comprehensive Master Plan, strengthen ongoing maintenance, and expand the Park District's capacity to grow.

At the Northfield Park District, we believe the whole is greater than the sum of our parks. That's because our parks are more than just places on a map – they're catalysts for connection, gathering spaces and the backdrop of lifelong memories.

How this Referendum Benefits the Parks.

Execute Identified 2023 Master Plan Projects

The community-driven update to the Comprehensive Master Plan identified the following projects as priorities for the next five years. However, these projects are currently beyond the Park District's available funding.

New Northside Pocket Park - \$600,000

- A new park within walking distance for our northside residents
- Playground, bike repair station, benches, new plantings, woodland overlook
- Intergovernmental cooperation with Village of Northfield (Land Leased for \$10)
- Connection to future Skokie Valley Trail.

Community Center Expansion - \$2-3 Million

- Add indoor space for summer camps and growing youth program (appx 3,000 sq ft)
- Add community meeting/flex space
- Replace roof and address aging infrastructure

Willow Park Restrooms & Maintenance Facility - \$2.5-3.5 Million

- Add outdoor restrooms for park users
- Add heat and water to maintenance facility

Strengthen Ongoing Maintenance and Increase Growth Capacity

Beyond capital projects, this is our moment to enhance maintenance to meet the growing demands of our thriving community. A successful referendum would support the increasing costs of ongoing maintenance and also provide funding to expand programs, elevate our event experiences and acquire land for new parks.

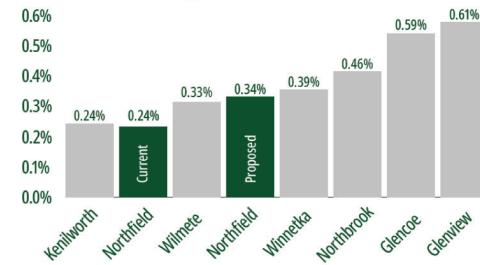


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Proposed Tax Impact

A Limiting Rate Referendum asks for a permanent increase to the Park District tax rate. For this referendum, a 0.1% increase equates to approximately \$30 per \$100,000 of property value - or \$300 per year for a \$1 million home. If successful, this increase would still position Northfield in the lower half of surrounding park district tax rates. For more information on your property value and tax bills, visit the Cook County Assessor's website.

Surrounding Park District Tax Rates



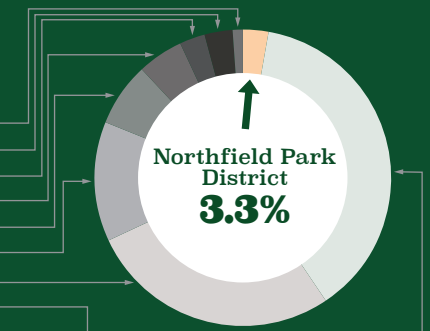
Estimated Tax Impact

Property Value	Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$30
\$500,000	\$150
\$750,000	\$225
\$1,000,000	\$300

Where Your Tax Dollars Go.

Only 3.3% of the total property tax bill supports the Park District — yet it helps fund parks, programs, and spaces used by the entire community.

Mosquito Abatement	0.1%
Library	2.9%
Oakton College	3.2%
Water Reclamation	4.8%
Cook County	6.9%
Village & Township	13.1%
New Trier High School	27.9%
Sunset Ridge School	37.8%



Key Takeaways.

- The Park District has been a trusted steward of taxpayer funds, providing the parks, programs, and facilities we enjoy today while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the region.
- The Park District has been financially responsible since its inception. A property tax referendum is the next financially responsible step to fund Park District growth as well as the continued operation of the highest quality parks, facilities and programs for years to come.
- The Park District is using the community driven Comprehensive Master Plan as a road map for the future.
- A 0.1% tax rate increase equals about \$30 per \$100,000 of property value - or \$300 per year for a \$1 million home.
- An investment in parks is an investment in your home. Data shows that the addition of local parks can increase property values up to 10%.