



# 2023 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

## Project Information Sheet

# NEW NORTHSIDE POCKET PARK & PLAYGROUND

### PROJECT SCOPE

The Park District and Village of Northfield have adopted an intergovernmental agreement permitting the Park District to develop a pocket park in the Tower Road right-of-way just south of Temple Jeremiah. The proposed park will include a small playground, benches, drinking fountain, bike rack, woodland overlook, landscape enhancements and screening, as well as connections to the nature walking trail and future Skokie Valley Bike Trail.

### RATIONALE

#### OBJECTIVE

Address Underserved Planning Areas Within the Park District

#### JUSTIFICATION

There is a noticeable lack of neighborhood parks (i.e. "walk-to destinations") within Planning Areas 1, 2, 4, and 5. The Park District desires to better serve all areas of the community. In order to offer new and exciting opportunities for recreation, NPD is committed to acquiring land to expand its offerings.

#### STRATEGIES

- Evaluate vacant / open parcels for possible land acquisition(s) to create new mini parks or neighborhood parks within Planning Areas 1, 2, 4, and 5
- Provide outdoor space closer to residents
- Address amenity deficiencies or expand offerings at new parks
- Minimize property acquisitions encumbered by undevelopable land
- Explore collaborative opportunities with the Village of Northfield
- Explore land purchase or lease / joint park development
- Develop internal tool identifying key parcels that may be ideal targets for acquisition
- Improve access to nearby parks in underserved areas
- Improve connectivity between planning areas through trail development in collaboration with Village trail plan

