

# Northfield Park District

Rooted in Community. Growing for Tomorrow.

Referendum 2026



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At the Park District, we believe our parks are more than just a places on a map.

- Willow Park
- Clarkson Park
- Community Center
- Fox Meadow Park

Taken together, they're the heartbeat of our community and make residents feel a part of something bigger than themselves. When we strengthen these shared spaces, we strengthen the roots of our community.

**Today, and for generations to come.**



**OUR  
COMMUNITY  
IS OUR  
STRENGTH.**

## An Investment in Our Parks, is an Investment in Your Home.

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Our parks and programs not only bring people together but also enhance property values.

Data from the National Parks and Recreation Association shows the **addition of local parks can increase property values up to 10%**.

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**The bond between our parks and community relies on our shared growth.**

**To support sustainable growth and implement the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Park District will ask residents to vote on a referendum during the March 2026 election.**



# What Will a Referendum Fund?

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A limiting rate referendum would support every aspect of the park district.

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# New Northside Pocket Park

\$600K

- ▶ Playground, bike repair station, benches, new plantings, woodland overlook
- ▶ Intergovernmental cooperation with Village of Northfield (land leased for \$10)
- ▶ Add a pocket park within walking distance for our northside residents
- ▶ Connection to future Skokie Valley Trail



# Community Center Expansion

\$2-\$3M

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



# Willow Park Restrooms & Maintenance Facility Improvements

\$2.5-\$3.5M

- ▶ Add outdoor restrooms for park users
- ▶ Add heat and water to the maintenance facility
- ▶ Strengthen ongoing maintenance



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# Strengthen Ongoing Maintenance

Beyond Capital projects this is our moment to enhance maintenance to meet the growing demands of our community by taking the current places/spaces we love to the next level.

Shown are a few examples of recurring maintenance costs in current market.

**Outdoor Ice Rink**  
**\$5k/year (water)**



**Court Repairs**  
**\$70k**



**PIP Surface Replacement**  
**\$400k**



**Natural Areas  
Maintenance**  
**\$30k/year**



**Baseball Field  
Renovation**  
**\$15k**



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# Increase the Park District's Capacity to Grow

Looking ahead, a successful referendum will enable us to broaden our offerings and respond to the changing needs of our community.

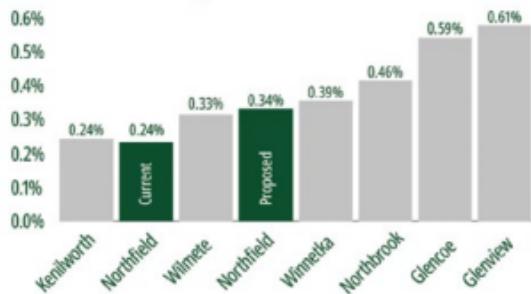
- Acquire land for new parks and green spaces
- Expand programs, services and events



### Estimated Tax Impact

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

### Surrounding Park District Tax Rates



## How Would this Referendum Affect Your Property Taxes?

- ▶ Small Increase, Big Impact  
A 0.1% tax increase means about \$30 per \$100,000 of property value, or \$300 for a \$1M home\*.
- ▶ This would sustain Northfield's position in the lower half of surrounding Park District Tax Rates.

\*property value determined by the Cook County Assessor on your tax bill

