

# Renovations at Central Park



For more than 20 years, Central Park has been a place to play, connect, learn and have fun. However, after two decades, the facility needs significant updates so that it can continue to attract visitors for years to come.

The city is working with an architect to create a plan for improvements at Central Park. While that plan is primarily focused on addressing maintenance and environmental issues and accessibility of the building, there is also an opportunity to assess how the facility could better meet the community's needs.

## Project Goals



Address maintenance issues and failing/inefficient mechanical and electrical systems



Enhance welcoming environment to increase spaces for visitors



Increase program opportunities for youth, teens and adults/seniors



Update Lookout Ridge Indoor Playground



Increase energy efficiency



Add single/family user restrooms



Increase parking lot capacity



Improve accessibility/ADA features

## Why renovate now?

- It has been more than 20 years since construction and the facility needs to address deferred maintenance items.
- As home to the fifth-most visited library in the metro area (sixth-most in the state) and four school districts, capacity does not meet demand. Spaces are heavily used and in need of updating.
- Allow the gathering space to live up to its true potential of serving the diverse, growing population now and into the future.
- Lookout Ridge playground is in dire need of updates. Common concerns indicate users feel the playground is a desired amenity, but has “old, worn and damaged equipment; lacks natural lighting; has poor sightlines, adding to safety concerns; and is too small/crowded.”

## About Central Park

Located in Minnesota's eighth-largest city, Central Park continues to draw multi-cultural, multi-generational visitors for its unique combination of resources and services provided by the City of Woodbury and our partners: Washington County, South Washington County Schools, the Woodbury YMCA and Stonecrest Senior Living.



## Updates and Potential Enhancements

- Reduce energy consumption
- LED lighting throughout
- High-performance HVAC and electrical upgrades
- Roof and envelope energy reduction enhancements
- Maximize daylighting and daylight harvesting
- Increase multi-purpose space for increasing need to host larger events, meetings and public programs
- Reduce glare for occupant comfort
- Improved acoustics
- Bird safe glazing modifications
- More space for community art displays
- Update Lookout Ridge and include options for children ages 0-3
- Increase programming opportunities for youth, teens and adults/seniors
- Expand and enhance spaces used for English language and life skill learners



*Preliminary designs being considered*

The city is seeking \$15 million in State of Minnesota bonding to support a portion of the cost of renovation and potential addition. Funding will also come from partner contributions to the project, and additional city funding options will be discussed as the project costs are further defined.

## We want to hear from YOU!

We are collecting public feedback about the improvements and potential enhancements at Woodbury Central Park. Please join us at a public open house Tuesday, April 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the facility, 8595 Central Park Place.

A short presentation will begin at 6:45 p.m.



### Provide feedback online

Learn more and provide your thoughts on the project before April 22, at [woodburymn.gov/CentralParkProject](http://woodburymn.gov/CentralParkProject).



## Central Park Renovations Open House

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**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Woodbury Central Park**  
**8595 Central Park Place**



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