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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW CITY OF DAYTON

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PARKS & TRAILS



Extensive investment was made to the City's park and trail system. New parks featuring unique amenities were selected based on input from neighborhood meetings. Sundance Woods Park (11000 Sundance Woods Blvd) was completed featuring a trail, softball/baseball backstop, shelter and half basketball court. M/I Homes gave land to the City to be developed as a park. River Hills Park (14695 River Hills Pkwy/22 acres) now features 2 pickleball courts, substantial playground equipment, half basketball court, picnic areas, pollinator garden and looped walking trail. The park also benefits from an underpass access to Elsie Stephens Park & Cloquet Island Overlook Park. Elsie Stephens Park (14430 Dayton River Rd) is a new special use park Dayton is developing over phases. The first phase completed this year includes a pergola, paved seating area, performance amphitheatre with electric service, limestone terracing and seating, steps to a river view platform, lighting within the park area and landscaping. Look for events summer 2021! A boardwalk and trail loop are being constructed at Old Orchard Park to make this dedicated land available for passive park use. Work has begun on construction of trail and boardwalk, which will link the Pineview Meadows development to Vinewood Lane and utilizes a City lot that was donated as a park. Project will be completed by Spring 2021. All park improvements are paid for through park dedication, as either land or cash contributions, paid by developers.

Dayton has been hard at work creating direct trail connections into Elm Creek Park Reserve.

While early snow has limited some final paving (until spring), two connection points are graded with gravel for use this winter. Trail connections are located at Jonquil Lane and Co. Rd. 121; Pineview Lane and

Co. Rd. 121 and Three Rivers Park District. Three Rivers Park District started construction on the first leg of the West Mississippi Regional Trail this summer. The first 1000 feet is being constructed between Cloquet Island Overlook Park and Elsie Stephens Park including connection to the underpass and will be fully open Spring 2021.



TRANSPORTATION

DAYTON PARKWAY INTERCHANGE



Dayton Parkway Interchange construction started this spring. This effort is over 20-years in the making to secure funding including Federal and State Bond funds. Work is being completed at the same time as MNDOT improvements to I-94. Construction will be completed by Fall 2021 and will provide Dayton's only direct connection to I-94. Dayton Parkway will connect to County Rd 81 and Brockton Lane. Work this summer focused on grading and building the embankments for the bridge that will start in the spring. This access will open the southwest area of Dayton for new economic development.

PINEVIEW/OAKVIEW LANE & COUNTY RD 121

This was a substantial project and involved collaboration and funding from Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District (TRPD). The partnership with Hennepin County helped to improve the sight lines, safety and traffic control of the intersection of County Road 121 and Pineview Lane. Working with TRPD enabled the City to achieve two much needed access points to Elm Creek Park, which were identified on the Three Rivers trail network master plan.

This project included street reconstruction, ravine stabilization, stormwater improvements, street light improvements, trail construction and trail lighting installation. Improvements to the intersection of Pineview and County Rd 121 included roundabout construction, stormwater improvements and two at grade trail crossings for access into the Elm Creek Park Reserve. Multiple utilities were relocated on Pineview and 121 to allow for the trail alignment and also to accommodate the roundabout at the intersection of Pineview and 121.

County Road 121 is complete with final asphalt wear course, street striping, signage and new lighting for the roundabout, along with stormwater infrastructure and ponding enhancements. The ditch line has been seeded with dormant seed and may need some additional seeding in the spring. Trail access into Elm Creek Park both at the roundabout and Jonquil will be paved in the Spring of 2021.

Oakview Lane; the base course of asphalt is in place and ravines are complete and seeded. Stormwater improvements were installed and wear course of black top will be installed in the Spring of 2021 along with driveway replacements.

Pineview Lane; stormwater improvements are complete. The retaining wall and fence are installed, additional street lighting and trail lighting are in place. The City worked with TRPD to get two access points into Elm Creek Park and to add to the Park Districts plan for a network of trails. Electrical poles on the eastside of Pineview in the trail alignment are being removed and the service is being located underground. Final wear course of asphalt will be installed in the Spring of 2021, along with the completion of the trail along Pineview and into Elm Creek Park.





PLANNING

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

The production well has been drilled and all water quality and testing have been completed by the various government agencies for Well 3 in the historic village. Additions to the existing well house on Brockton Lane are being finalized to accept the new water main from Well 3, and additional chemical treatment feeds and upgrades are being completed to treat the raw water. A permanent generator has been installed to protect against power outages interrupting water supply and distribution. The work is expected to be completed in December 2020 or January 2021.

In the north east, the test well drilling is complete and all water quality sampling has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Health. Specifications and designs for a new well house for this site is being prepared for bidding and it is anticipated that this well will be online Summer 2021.

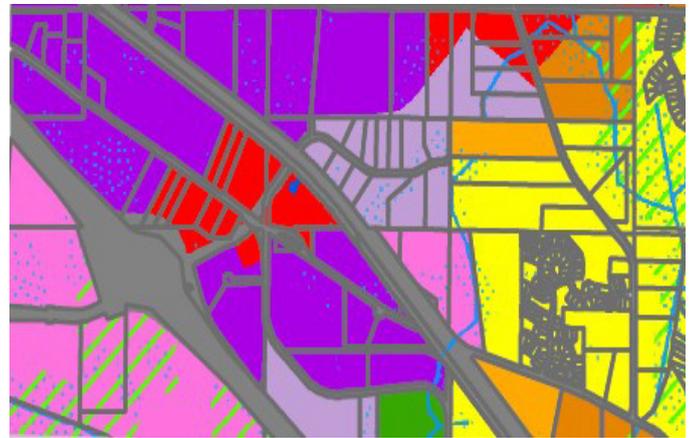
Surface water; the City has participated with 3 other local communities in a preliminary study conducted and funded by the Metropolitan Council, to ascertain the viability of using the Mississippi River as a water source. Currently, this is a very high-level study and no actions have been approved.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATES

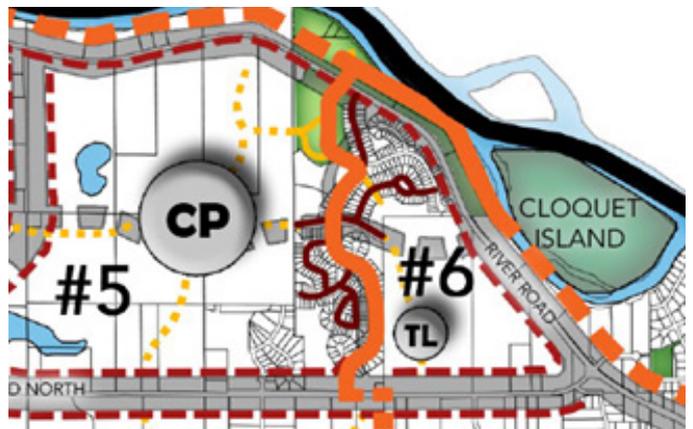
2020 has been a big year for planning with a focus on transportation planning in Southwest Dayton. The interchange is a great opportunity to attract new business to available vacant land. We have created small area transportation plans to help define local road connections necessary to support new development in these areas, and are working with land owners/developers on the existing infrastructure needed for development. We have completed a Dayton Parkway Interchange Small area plan and market study that confirmed the land use for southwest Dayton and is well planned to support future growth in commercial, mixed use and industrial uses. We have completed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan which provides a long-term plan for growth and development of the City through land use, transportation, parks and trails and staging plans. The complete plan is located on the City website at www.cityofdaytonmn.com.

After our comprehensive plan adoption, the City is required to update zoning code and City Ordinances. Stay tuned for possible amendments to residential zoning codes, commercial/industrial codes, as well as natural resources related Ordinances. Amendments to ordinances are a normal part of the process and are important to ensure that our Ordinances fit with market demands as well as state law.

Throughout the year, the City has processed a high volume of home improvement permits including decks, remodels, and basement finish projects, as well as new construction permits. 2020 also saw continued development from already approved projects (Brayburn Trails, Sundance Greens, and Cypress Cove). Most development areas use a phased approach to construction and slowly construct infrastructure and roads to match market demands. 2021 will likely see continued development in these areas as lots are purchased by builders as well as new land development approvals when the moratorium on development expires in February 2021.



DETAIL OF LAND USAGE MAP



PARKS AND TRAILS LOCATION MAP

ADMINISTRATION

CITY STAFF UPDATES

Great improvements were made during the challenges presented to all of us due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. In March, City staff developed a Pandemic Response plan that aided the City in making a decision on closure of facilities and methods that could be employed to keep City staff and residents safe while providing great customer service. City Hall closed for a short time in the spring but has been open for business all through the summer and fall. We have implemented some time saving measures such as electronic permits that has resulted in a faster permitting review time. City Council and Commission meetings are all accessible via Zoom meetings.

Dayton staff managed three elections this year including the Presidential Primary, August Primary and General Election. Absentee voting was strong at each election with a record set during the general when 1,553 voters were served at City Hall before election day.

This summer all municipalities in Minnesota received Federal CARES funding based on population. Dayton's allocation was \$457,466. Funding was to be used for pandemic response purposes. Dayton used this funding in a variety of ways including PPE, special equipment for police and fire department to improve protection of staff, ventilation improvements at City facilities; equipment to support staff's ability to work from home, and small business emergency grants to businesses directly impacted by the Governors orders shut down.

The City also entered into a partnership with Access Networks/Netwave Broadband to expand high speed internet to areas of Dayton underserved and lacking high speed internet. The City provided funding for infrastructure of the wireless system on an existing tower. The City also funded, together with the school district, a wireless stadium system at Dayton Park Properties to support students with distance learning. Access Networks is responsible for the system and subscribers. For more information, please email info@netwavebroadband.net or call (952) 209-0900.

ACTIVITY CENTER UPDATES

Despite the challenges that 2020 brought, particularly for community events, the Activity Center was able to host a small selection of socially distanced programs & activities. These programs included the Spooky Walk & Ghost Hunt, Drive-Thru Tree Lighting & Coat Drive, Choose Your Own Activity Adventure, Winter Wellness Kits as well as several "I Spy" activities at local parks. The Activity building also received CARES funding for necessary technology upgrades to support upcoming Zoom classes for Seniors.

Looking forward to 2021, we are highly anticipating additional programs and events Zoom and in-person. Events to watch for include an Egg Hunt, Movies & Music in the Park, Ghost Hunt, and Tree Lighting. For more information, please continue to visit our website at www.cityofdaytonmn.com and view the Activity Center page.



CITY SIGNAGE

PROJECT BACKGROUND

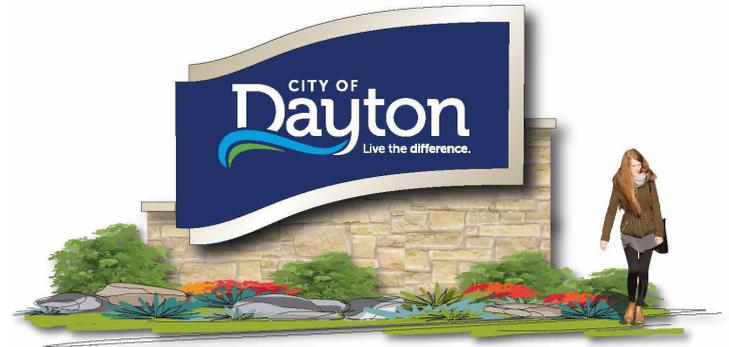
Dayton has never had a unified signage plan or design, and consequently signage in the City has grown organically and does not present a cohesive design or implementation strategy. There is not a standard for the various sign types required within the City, which can range from very large monument signs with landscaping, to smaller park identifiers and trail finding markers and everything in between. Each of these styles should present the viewer with a visual experience that they can identify as being specific to the City of Dayton.

In June 2019, staff advertised for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for signage designs and 7 proposals were received. Staff took the initial proposals and applied a scoring system to narrow applicants down to 3 finalists. The 3 finalists were reviewed by a panel consisting of staff, council, EDA, and residents. After discussion it was agreed that the Visual Communications proposal (although not the lowest bid) offered more value to the City than the other options. Visual Communications' experience with similar projects and the complete list of services they offered as part of their base bid, made their proposal stand out.

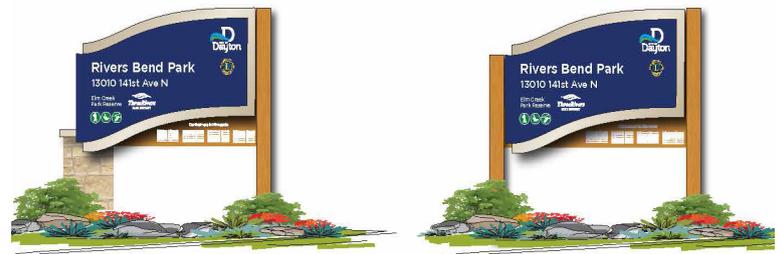
At the January 14, 2020 Council meeting, Council approved a contract with Visual Communications to produce a design and implementation plan for City wide signage. A committee was formed from Staff, Council, Park Commission, Planning Commission, EDA and residents of Dayton, to review and comment on initial concepts, and complete a survey of preferences regarding color, landscaping materials and graphic elements amongst others. The Survey was also shared with Staff and all of the comments tabulated to refine designs to the 3 most popular designs. Comments for each of the designs were also incorporated to produce a second set of revised concepts. These concepts were presented to members of the committee on November 16, 2020. These concepts were ranked in order of preference, and a recommendation for the preferred signage identified for Council approval. Lighting and materials were also discussed and recommendations made. City Council approved the signage design at the November 24, 2020 meeting.

Signage designs and specifications are being developed for the new City entrance sign on the Dayton Parkway Interchange. This sign is expected to be installed in early 2021 in time for the opening of the Parkway. It is anticipated that this sign will make an impressive entranceway into the City of Dayton.

FINAL SELECTION



CITY MONUMENT SIGNAGE



PROPOSED CITY PARK SIGNAGE



SIGN TYPES B4

OPTION BASE

OPTION BASE

PROPOSED PARK INFORMATION SIGNAGE

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



2021 will likely see the continued development of residential projects approved in 2020. Cypress Cove and Lone Gardens, east of River Hills, will likely submit future final plat applications. Brayburn Trails, in south Dayton, could see additional development work continue. Additionally, Balsam Pointe, a town home development in northeast Dayton, will likely commence development and construction work in spring of 2021. The City will continue efforts to attract new commercial and industrial business development in South Dayton as a result of the Dayton Parkway Interchange project. We continue to see an increase in development interest and look forward to seeing development plans come to fruition. Ziegler CAT secured initial approvals for their use of an existing parcel on Territorial Road and will likely start improvements to the property in spring of 2021.

2020 CARRYOVER PROJECTS

- Dayton Parkway Interchange – completion and Grand Opening
- Pineview/Oakview – complete trails and remaining work
- Wellhouse #1 Modifications – final completion and startup
- Pavement Management Plan
- Stormwater Modeling
- Diamond Creek Subwatershed Assessment – finalize report

2021 PROGRAMMED PROJECTS

- Well #4 – production well and wellhouse
- West Mississippi Regional Trail, easement acquisition, Historic Village to Elsie Stephens Park
- Dayton Parkway Extension (CSAH 81 – 117th Ave)
- French Lake Area Infrastructure (Peony Ln, 118th Ave, Troy Ln extension, regional pond)
- Develop plans for Donahue Dells Park Improvements
- Develop plans for Hayden Hills Park (new)
- New events at Elsie Stephens Farm (summer)
- Zoning ordinance updates
- Install new City signage at Dayton Parkway Interchange
- Economic development efforts to bring new businesses to Dayton





CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings typically occur the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings generally begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd. Check website for details on meetings.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings typically occur on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road

PARKS COMMISSION

Meetings typically occur on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meetings typically occur once per month on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road

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