



PARK BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers (televised)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (*sign-in prior to start of meeting per Rules of Decorum*)
4. Setting the Agenda: Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
5. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2026
6. Action Items
 - A. Review Robinson South PUD Concept Plan
7. Discussion Items
8. Notices and Communications

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LINO LAKES
PARK BOARD MINUTES**

DATE:	March 4, 2026
TIME STARTED:	6:30 p.m.
TIME ENDED:	7:45 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Clark Gooder, Patrick Huelman, Morgan Ross, Kelly Schmidt, Julie Ann Cutts, Megan Mouser
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Uyanga Bayandalai
STAFF PRESENT:	Rick DeGardner, Angela Thorson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gooder called the Lino Lakes Park Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 2026.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026 MINUTES

Mr. Huelman moved to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Cutts. Motion carried 6 – 0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. CLLL Proposal for Additional Ball Field at Sunrise Park Select Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director, summarizes the proposal for the additional ball field at Sunrise Park. There are currently 4 youth ball fields at Sunrise Park. Centennial Lakes Little League (CLLL) is proposing the construction of an additional field. Concept plans and background information were not submitted by February 26, so staff was not able to provide any specific comments pertaining to this proposal. However, staff has developed a list of items for Park Board consideration:

DRAFT MINUTES

- Any additional impervious surface may trigger water quality requirements.
- Any project that disturbs over an acre of soil requires an NPDES permit.
- Staff should review any proposed tree removals.
- This general area has been used by Centennial Soccer Club for practices in the spring and summer, and Centennial football in the fall.
- There are approximately 128 parking spaces. Need to verify whether additional parking is needed for a fifth ball field. City ordinances require hard surfacing such as asphalt or concrete. Gravel is not permitted.
- Need a breakdown of estimated costs.
- What financial commitment does CLLL have, and what amount of funding is needed from the City?
- An additional field would create additional impacts to the neighborhood. Area residents should have an opportunity to comment on any expansion of Sunrise Park.

If the Park Board is supportive, a formal site plan review would need to be prepared and submitted. Planning Department staff would evaluate factors including required setbacks, stormwater management, tree impacts and mitigation, parking requirements, etc.

Pat Mahr, President of CLLL is in attendance.

Mr. Mahr discussed the strong working relationship with the City of Lino Lakes and would like to discuss adding another field to Sunrise Park. He reviewed renovations completed in 2025, including remodeling fields 1 & 2 for fastpitch use, new dugouts, fencing, bases, and benches. Mr. Mahr stated they have a potential solution parking issues but don't have a drawing yet. The proposed field would be located on the left-field side of field 1.

Mr. Huelman asked whether the CLLL group plans to cover the project cost but would want labor assistance from the Parks Department. Mr. Mahr replied yes.

Mr. Gooder asked if any trees would need to be removed. Mr. Mahr replied no.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she is in favor of the additional field and noted that residents have previously had concerns regarding parking.

Mr. Gooder discussed how the CLLL helps clean up the park in fall and spring.

Mrs. Cutts is also in favor of the additional field.

Mrs. Mouser is concerned that the proposed field location seems to have flooding issues.

Mr. DeGardner stated this is a significant change to Sunrise Park and we should reach-out for residents' feedback.

The Park Board consensus is they are in favor of the new ball field if the off-street parking is addressed.

Mr. DeGardner discussed that there is another group besides CLLL that would like to use Sunrise Park for baseball games. Mr. Mahr discussed how much CLLL has invested in Sunrise Park. He stated Friday the fields are mostly open for other teams to use.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she doesn't want to see other groups shut out. When it's time for a bigger discussion, she would like to hear from the other group. I would like to keep this in mind when City Hall Park is built out.

Mr. DeGardner stated he has asked each group to provide data on how many Lino Lakes residents are registered.

Mr. Gooder asked if the middle school ball fields could be used. Mr. Mahr replied CLLL hasn't used those fields.

Mr. Huelman inquired what condition the Birch Park field is in. Mr. DeGardner replied Birch Park is considered a truly neighborhood park and the parking is very limited.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Pheasant Hills Playground Equipment

Mr. Rick DeGardner, summarizes the Pheasant Hills Playground equipment (originally installed in 1996) is scheduled to be replaced this Spring. The Parks Department staff will take care of the removals of the existing equipment, border, and pea gravel. The configuration of the play area will be slightly enlarged with new concrete edging installed by the Parks Department. A certified playground installer will assist the Parks Department with the installation.

Mr. Gooder asked whether the playground includes handicap accessibility. Mr. DeGardner replied that it does; with the use of wood fiber surfacing, the entire structure is ADA accessible.

Mr. Gooder asked whether the proposed color scheme has been used at other parks throughout Lino Lakes.

Mr. Huelman likes the color scheme but mentioned the park equipment could get warm. Pheasant Hills Park benefits from tree cover, which helps with shading.

Mrs. Schmidt asked what's the price for shading equipment? Mr. DeGardner replied, do you have a particular park in mind, noting that costs can vary depending on the park.

Mrs. Schmidt wants to know in general how much one shade sail would cost and suggested Lino Park would be a good candidate.

Mrs. Schmidt discussed Centennial Library parking having a transfer mate to the swings for easier access for wheelchairs. Would like to know the price of adding mates.

Mrs. Cutts expressed concerns that the playground equipment doesn't seem to have a platform from the monkey bars to the climbing wall. For a smaller child the jump could be a little too far for them.

Mrs. Schmidt stated she likes the overall look of the park and expressed interest in adding imaginary play elements in the future.

Mrs. Cutts asked if there are benches included. Mr. DeGardner replied yes, outside of the playground area.

Mr. Huelman stated he would like Shenandoah Park to have a nice entrance to the playground and since Birchwood Acres Park is in close proximity maybe add some different features to Shenandoah Park.

8. NEXT SCHEDULED PARK BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Huelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Mouser.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Thorson, Public Services Administrative Assistant

**PARK BOARD
STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 6.A.**

STAFF ORIGINATOR: Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director

MEETING DATE August 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Review Robinson South PUD Concept Plan

INTRODUCTION

The applicant, Twin Cities Land Development, is proposing a master planned development located on the south side of Main Street (CSAH 14), east of Sunset Avenue NE (County Road 53), and north of Carl Street. The proposed development is bordered by Blaine to the west. The development contains approximately 149.52 gross acres and consists of mix of residential housing and a proposed school.

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing the following mix and number of housing types:

Housing Type	# Units
Single Family 55' lots =	130
Single Family 65' lots =	178
Single Family 80' lots =	8
Row Townhomes =	73
Total Number of Units =	389

The Mapping Northwest Main – Main Street Master Plan was prepared by Kimley Horn in 2025. Scenario 2 is the approved master plan that guides future development in this area. From a parks, trails, and greenway perspective, the Robinson South – Concept Plan is generally consistent with the approved master plan.

A few observations/comments:

1. A public trail system is shown within the development connecting from Main Street and running through open space to the public park system consistent with the Master Plan.
2. The area's development will feature the construction of a segment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail along Main Street. This should be reflected in the concept plans.
3. A local paved trail should be depicted along the east side of Sunset Avenue/CR 53.
4. Figure 10-2, Neighborhood Service Areas of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan depicts

Century Farm North Park to serve as the neighborhood park for this area. The City acquired approximately 6.3 acres of park back in 2011 when the Century Farm North development was platted.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED DIRECTION

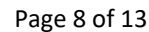
1. Park Dedication cash-in-lieu of land. Dollars will be designated for development of Century Farms North Park. Credit for trail construction to be determined.

2. Trail Connections to incorporate into the design:

- a. The future Anoka County Regional Trail along the south side of Main Street should be depicted.
- b. A trail is needed along Sunset Avenue and should be depicted.

ATTACHMENTS

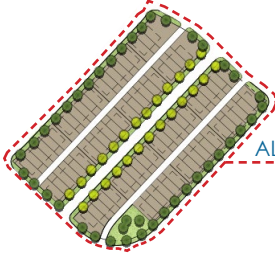
- 1. Robinson South Concept Plan
- 2. Mapping NW Main-Main Street MP Pages 23, 26, 30, 31
- 3. 2040 Comp Plan Figure 10-2



SCENARIO 2

'SOUTH OF MAIN'

TOWNHOME/MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
/ LIMITED NEIGHBORHOOD -SCALE
COMMERCIAL



ALTERNATIVE

STORMWATER DETENTION AREA

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

MINOR DRAINAGE ROUTE

PRIORITY WETLANDS

NATURAL LANDSCAPE

STORMWATER DETENTION AREA

POCKET PARK

GREENWAY SYSTEM & NATURAL
RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AREA

POCKET PARK

PRIORITY WETLANDS

MAJOR DRAINAGE ROUTE

MINOR DRAINAGE ROUTE



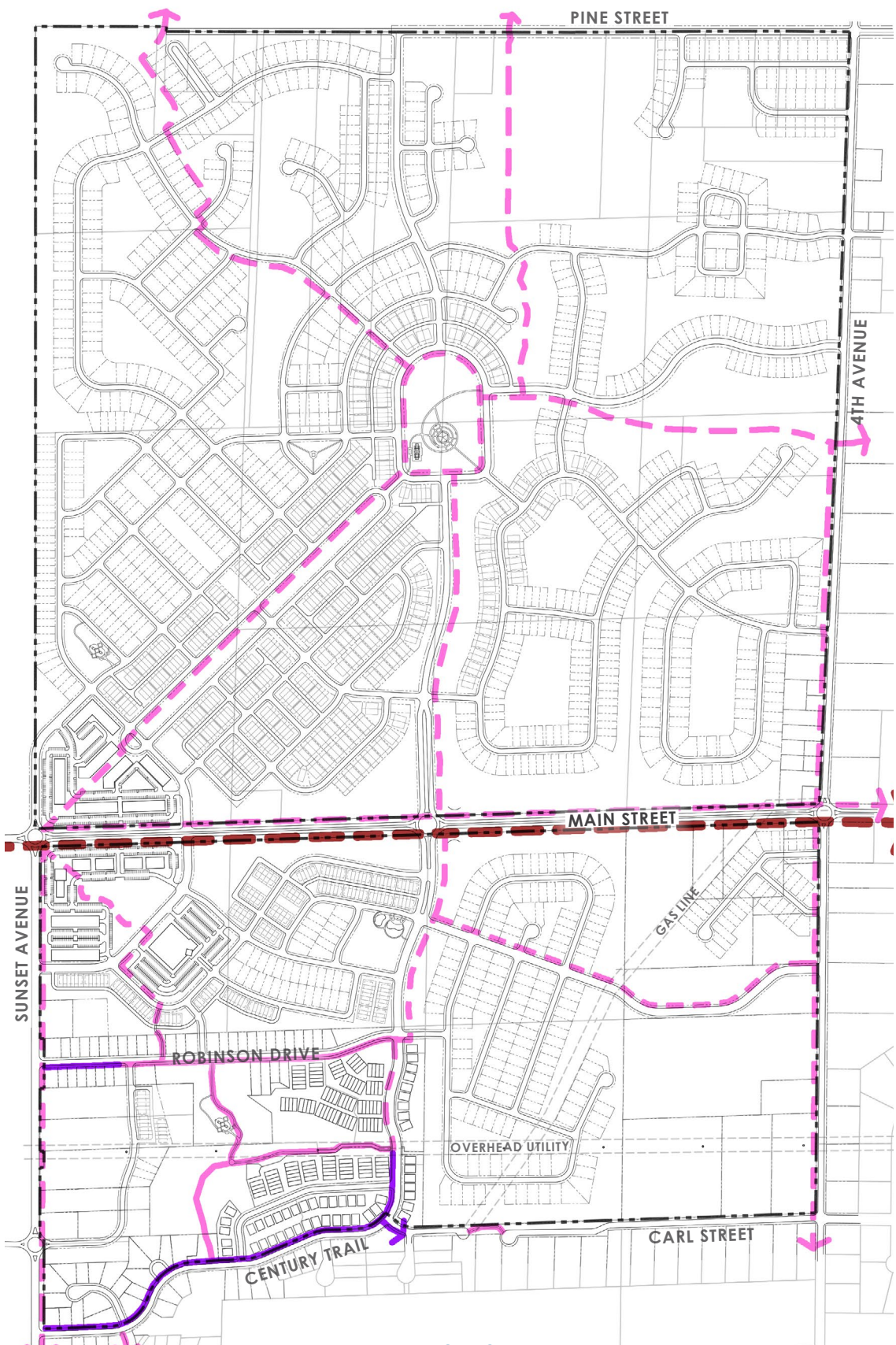
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in nature, for AUAR study purposes only
and do not represent final design.

SCENARIO 2 - MOBILITY

TRAILS
A portion of the study area is anticipated to be used for city park use, as well as several greenway systems, which allow for a natural resource enhancement/conservation area. The area's development will feature the construction of a segment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail along Main Street. Upon completion, the trail will span three cities, extend 14.5 miles, and connect to a wider regional trail system. This scenario proposes a network of trails throughout the future development, totaling approximately 41,500 linear feet (LF) of asphalt trail and 5,200 LF of regional trail. The City will work with Anoka County to incorporate the plan's vision of the natural amenities (i.e. water bodies, landscaping, trees) into the design of the trail.

Sidewalks will be installed along all local roads except for cul de sacs which will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

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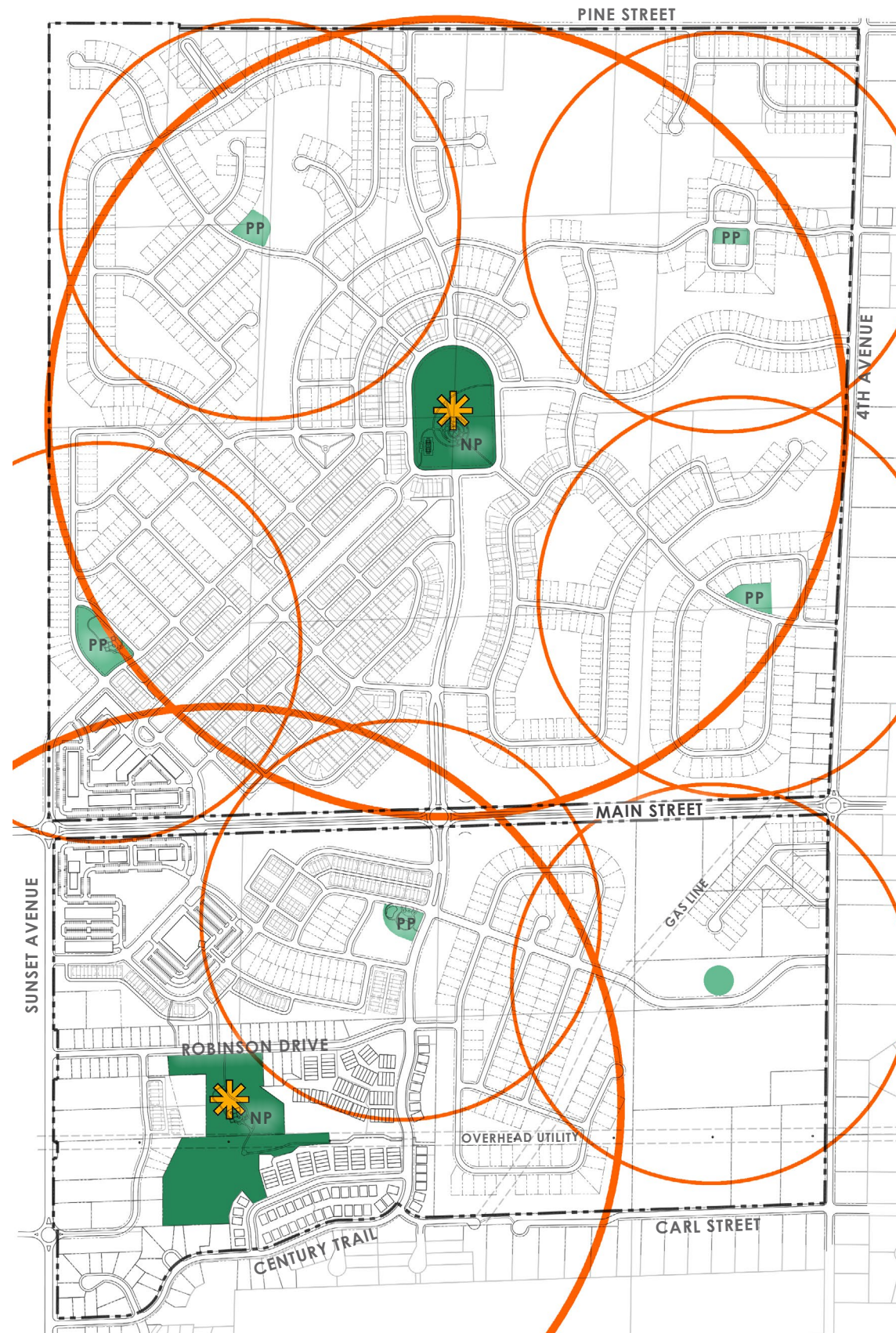


- TRAILS**
- Existing Asphalt Trails
 - Existing Concrete Trail
 - Proposed Trails
 - Proposed Regional Trail

For additional information/ detail, refer to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 10.

TRAIL SYSTEM

SCENARIO 2 - PARK AND OPEN SPACE



PARK COVERAGE AREAS

PARK TYPES

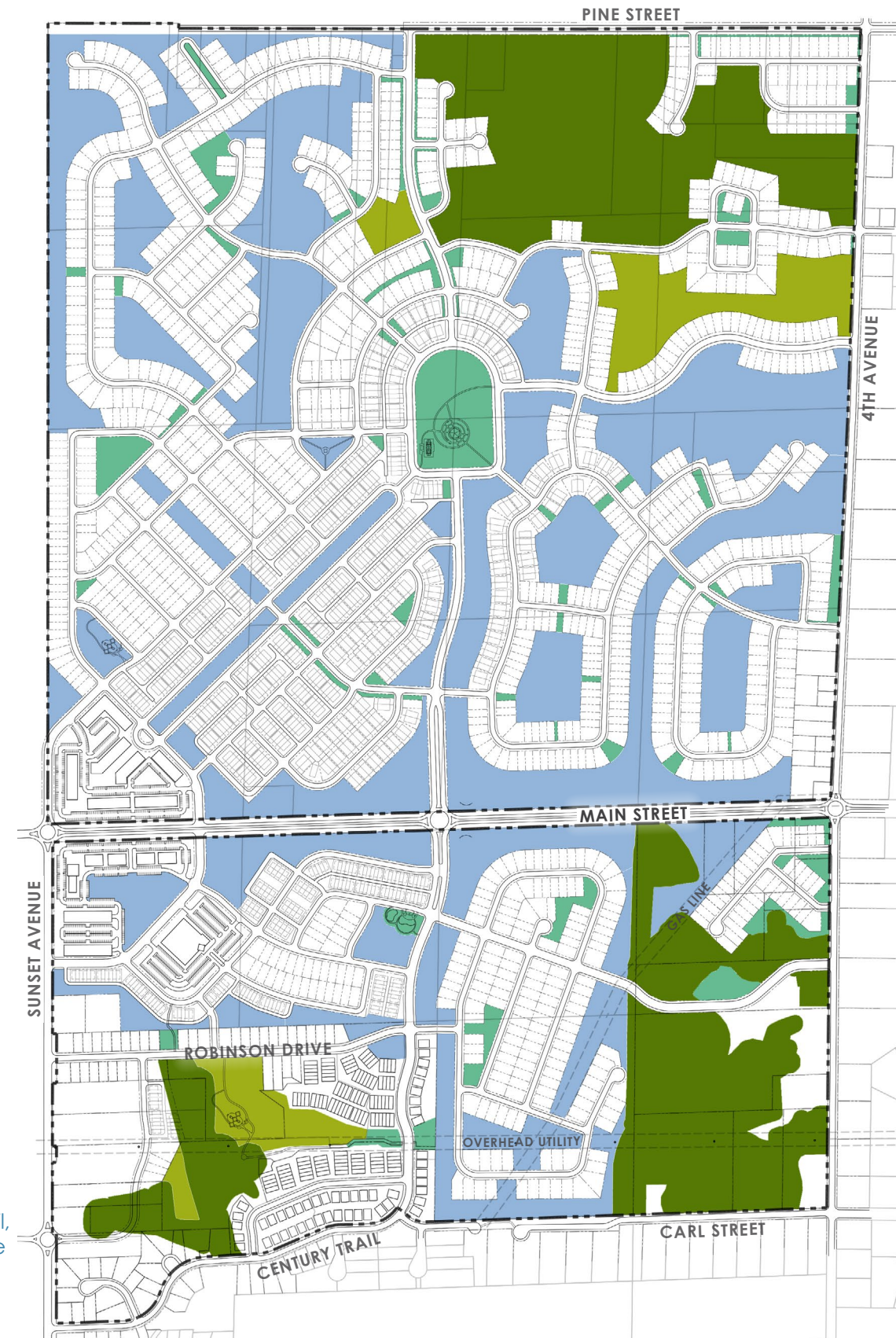
Neighborhood Park (NP)

These parks bring people together to recreate and socialize close to home. Providing a balanced set of amenities that appeal to a range of individuals is important to meeting park needs and new recreational trends. Active, non-programmed recreation remains the mainstay of neighborhood parks. General coverage area of residents served is 1/2 mile radius, or between a 10 and 15 minute walk.

Pocket Park (PP)

These parks tend to develop on small, solitary, irregularly shaped lots and serve hyper-local residents and are typically maintained by an HOA. Elements could include benches, tables, fountains, simple playgrounds, monuments, historic markers, art installations, flower beds, and community gardens. General coverage area of residents served is 1/4 mile radius, or between a 5 and 10 minute walk.

For additional information/ detail, refer to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 10.



OPENS SPACES

OPEN SPACE TYPES

High Priority Wetlands

Wetlands

Stormwater

Open Space

For additional information/ detail, refer to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Chapters 7 and 10.

SCENARIO 2 - PARK AND OPEN SPACE

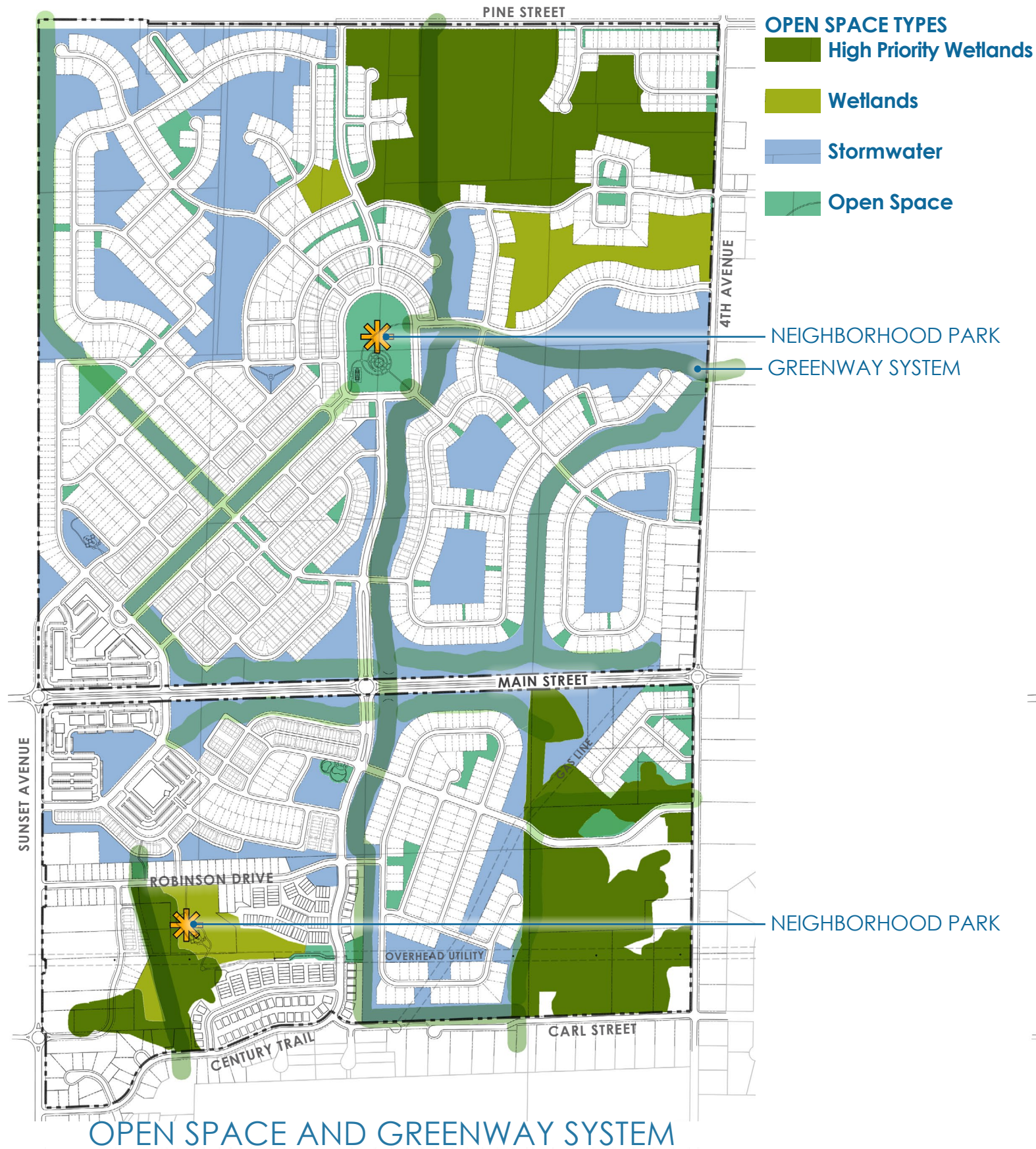
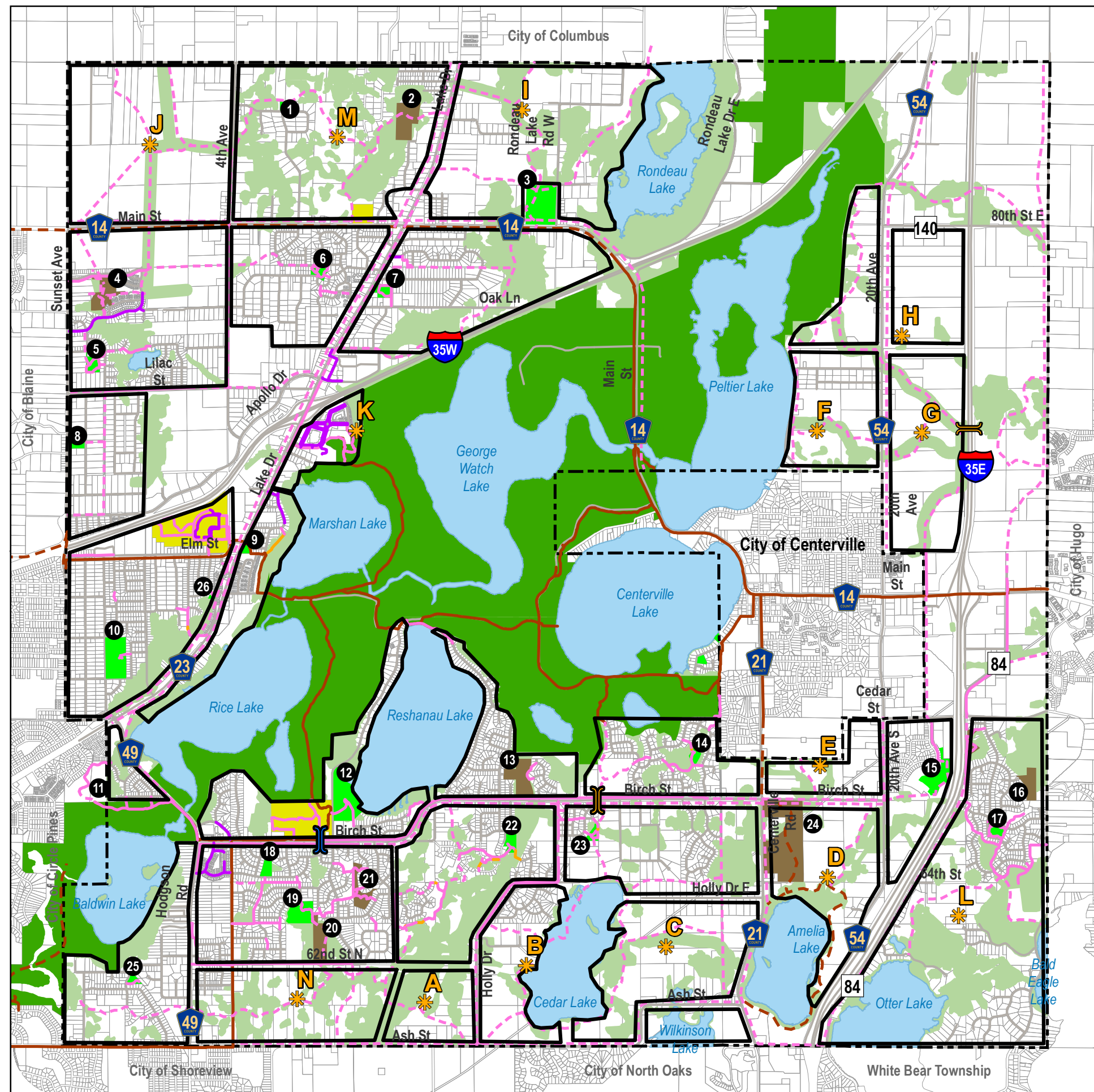


Figure 10-2 Neighborhood Service Areas



Legend

- Future Neighborhood Park Search Area's
- Existing Tunnel
- Proposed Tunnel/Bridge
- Existing Asphalt
- Existing Concrete Trail
- Existing Boardwalk Trail
- Proposed Trails
- Existing Regional Trail
- Proposed Regional Trail
- Greenway System
- Undeveloped Park City Property
- City Parks
- Regional Parks
- School
- Neighborhood Park Service Area
- Open Water
- Municipal Boundary

1 Arena Acres Park	10 Sunrise Park	19 Birchwood Acres
2 Wollan Park	11 Rice Lake Estates	20 West Shadow Ponds O/S
3 City Hall Park	12 Country Lakes Park	21 Reshanau Lake Estates O/S
4 Century Farm North	13 Quail Ridge Property	22 Birch Park
5 Behm's Park	14 Pheasants Hill Park	23 Brandywood Park
6 Highland Meadow Park	15 North Pointe Park	24 Recreation Complex
7 Lino Park	16 Clearwater Creek O/S	25 Woods of Baldwin Park
8 Sunset Oaks Park	17 Clearwater Creek Park	26 Wenzel Famrs Park
9 Marshan Park	18 Shenandoah Park	