



## **A ST. LOUIS RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT**

### ***Transformation and Revitalization***

**“PLAY”**

### ***Promoting Lifetime Activities for Youth***

**Revitalizing the Gary New Duluth Recreation Area into a fully functioning Community Center and Recreation Area will provide an ACTIVITY HUB for people of all ages.**

The Gary New Duluth community, the private sector and the City of Duluth are working together to redevelop the building and area into a fully functioning Community Center and Recreation Area. The project area is located adjacent to Stowe Elementary School and in the middle of the St. Louis River Corridor.

#### **Introduction**

The Gary New Duluth neighborhoods are located in the far west portion of Duluth. More than 3000 people live in the community. The community is served by Stowe Elementary School which provides elementary school education for approximately 360 students from the Fairmont area (Spirit Valley) all the way west to Fond du Lac.

**Our plan to improve physical facilities includes the following:**

- **Install new waterline – 6” water line, hydrant and 2” water lines to building - DONE**  
A new water line is required to revitalize the area including the Community Center, a functioning community garden, ice skating and general irrigation for the grounds.
- **Renovate existing building – Community Center – DONE**  
The GND REC is up and functioning! The transformation of the “shack” is amazing. We have a true community center to facilitate community activities & programing, ice skating, and be an organizational meeting place.
- **Dog Park**  
The community is very pet friendly and is supportive of a fenced dog park.
- **Ice Skating**  
Pleasure skating only would be instituted as the nearby community of Morgan Park has three hockey rinks.

- **Baseball field becomes two youth Soccer fields**

The baseball field is not being utilized for organized baseball. Soccer continues to grow and additional fields are needed. We are working with the Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association regarding utilization of proposed facilities. The baseball backstop will remain for pick-up games.

- **Open Turf Play Area**

There will be expansive open turf play areas for a variety of activities.

- **Open Air Pavilion / Bandstand and Picnic Area**

An open air pavilion that can function as a bandstand with a picnic area is part of the Phase 1 plan.

- **Skateboard Park**

A skateboard park is being designed by a nationally recognized skate park designer, Mark Leski aka "The Wizard" is envisioned for the site. The existing skateboard ramps are in poor condition but are constantly in use. Conversations with many participants in the skateboard community indicate that the proposed skate park would attract people from the City and the region.

- **Sport Court**

A fenced multi-purpose sport court including basketball will be built.

- **Community Garden**

The ability to grow fruits & vegetables and also provide an opportunity to teach young people about gardening.

- **Biking**

A place for bikers to stop, rest & enjoy the amenities offered by the park with the extension of the trail / bikeway system to Fond du Lac / along the St. Louis River and future bike lanes on Commonwealth Avenue.

## **Conclusion**

The community is in a period of transition with many new people moving to the community. This project provides the catalyst for bringing the community together, benefiting young people and seniors alike while instilling an overall sense of pride throughout the community.

**You can find out much more information on our web site: <http://gnd.community/> or our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gndcommunity> Volunteers are needed, as are, cash contributions.**

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