

What is the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan?



The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan is a long-range roadmap that will help guide future decisions about parks, recreation programs, golf courses, trails, natural areas, forestry, and community spaces in Cedar Rapids.

Over the next year, the City will work with residents, community partners, and stakeholders to evaluate today's park and recreation system, identify future needs, and establish priorities for the next 10-15 years.

Why does this plan matter?

The comprehensive plan will help the City:

- Understand community needs and priorities
- Evaluate parks, facilities, and recreation programs
- Identify opportunities to improve access and quality
- Guide future investments and improvements
- Create a shared vision for the future of Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation

Conceptual Plans

As part of this planning effort, the consultant team will develop updated conceptual plans for:

- *Bever Park*
- *Ellis Park*



Opportunities for Community Input

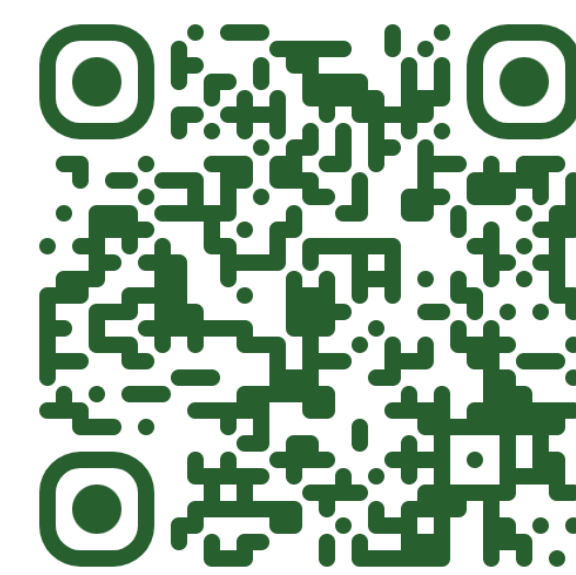
Opportunities for Community Input

Your ideas will help shape the future of Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation. Throughout the planning process, there will be many opportunities to learn about the project, share feedback, and stay informed.

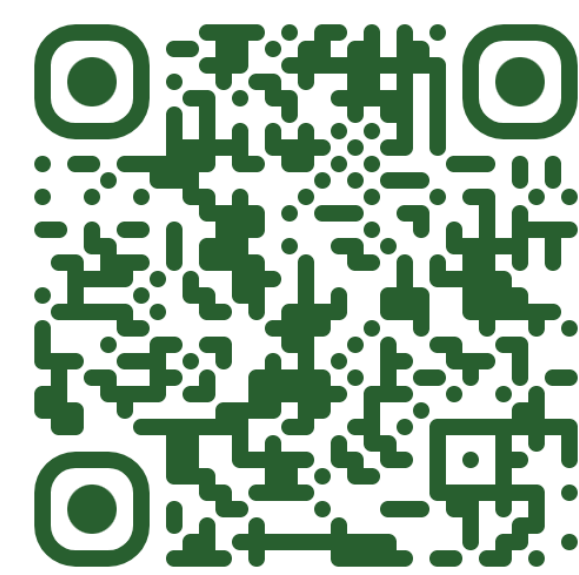
Ways to Participate

- Visit the project website for updates, upcoming events, interactive maps, draft plan materials, and online feedback opportunities.
- Follow Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Attend future public meetings, focus groups, and listening sessions.
- Complete the community-wide survey conducted by ETC Institute.

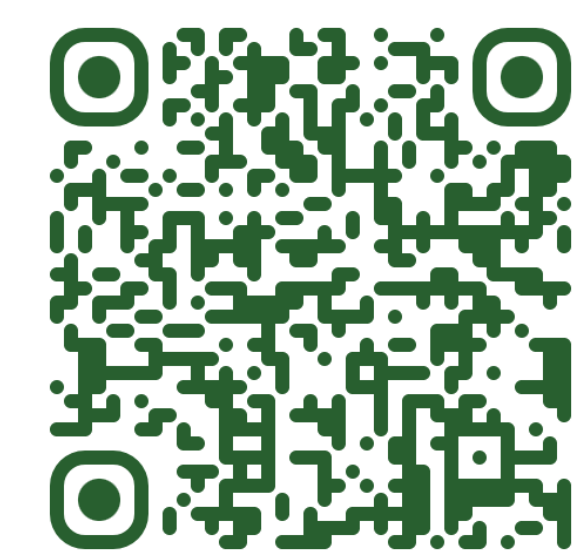
Scan the QR codes to stay connected and participate throughout the planning process.



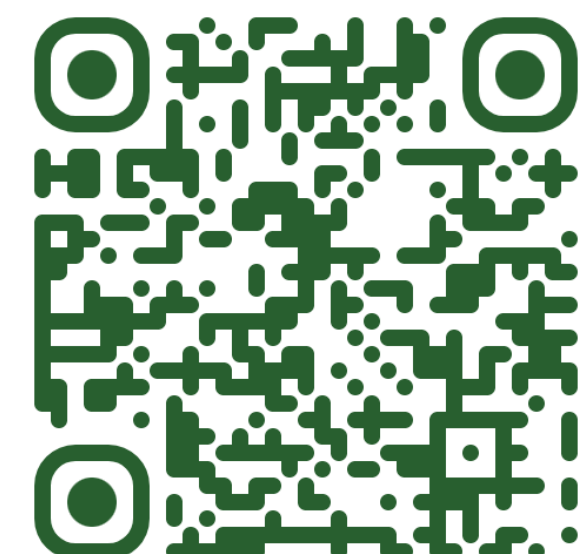
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Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Take the Monthly Poll

What pool and/or splashpad do you and your family visit most often?

You have 50 characters remaining

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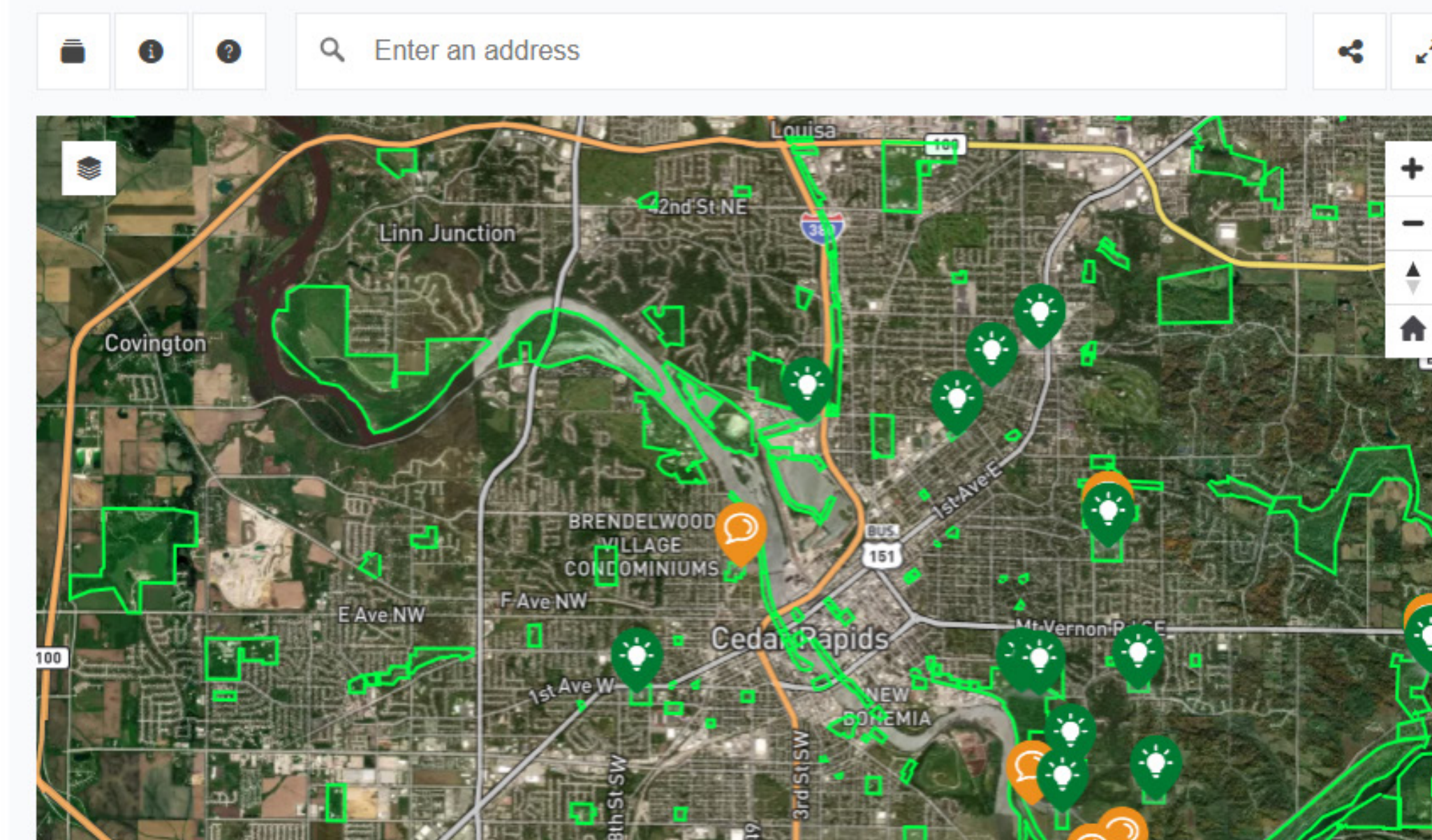
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Use the Interactive Map

Drop a pin on the interactive map to share your ideas and comments with the planning team!

Areas highlighted in green on the map represent City parks and City-owned open space. Please note that not all open space is managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

26 contributions so far



[Click Here to Learn More about Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan?

+ How long will this take?

+ How can I get involved?

Project Team



Next Steps

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2027
Open House 1							
Open House 2							
Open House 3							
Community Survey							
Asian Fest							
Festival Latino							
Staff Focus Groups							
Community Focus Groups							
Public Polling Questions							

Aquatics

Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation offers a variety of aquatic opportunities to help residents stay active, cool off, learn to swim, and enjoy the outdoors throughout the summer. From neighborhood splash pads to full-service pools and aquatic centers, there's something for everyone.

Pools

- *Bender Pool*
- *Bever Pool*
- *Cherry Hill Aquatic Center*
- *Ellis Pool*
- *Jones Pool*
- *Noelridge Aquatic Center*

Splash Pads

- *Cedar Valley Park*
- *Cleveland Park*
- *Daniels Park*
- *Greene Square*
- *Hayes Park*
- *Hidder Park*
- *Jacolyn Park*
- *Noelridge Park*
- *Redmond Park*
- *Time Check Park*
- *Twin Pines Park*

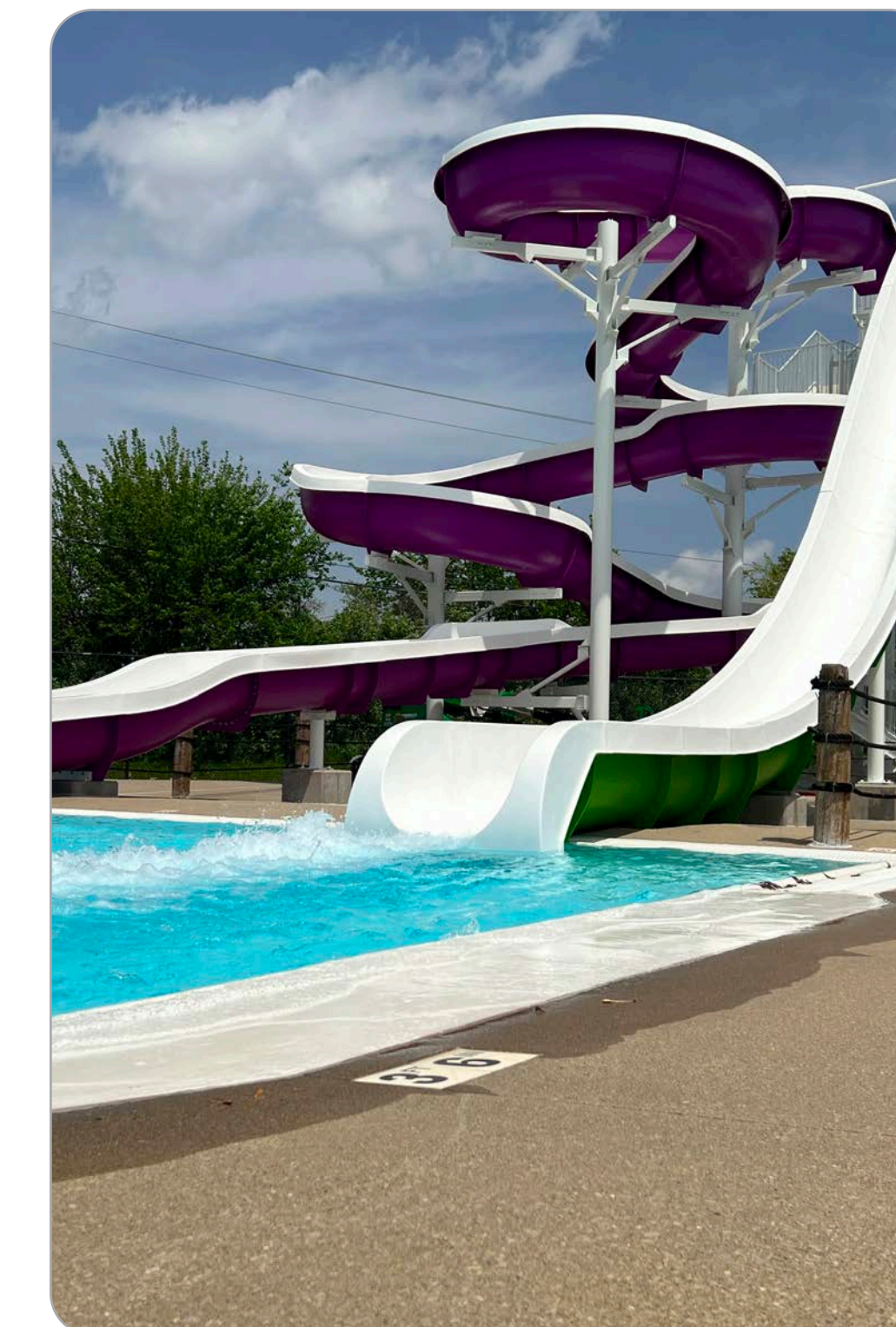
Visit [CityOfCR.com/Pools](https://www.cityofcr.com/pools) to learn more.



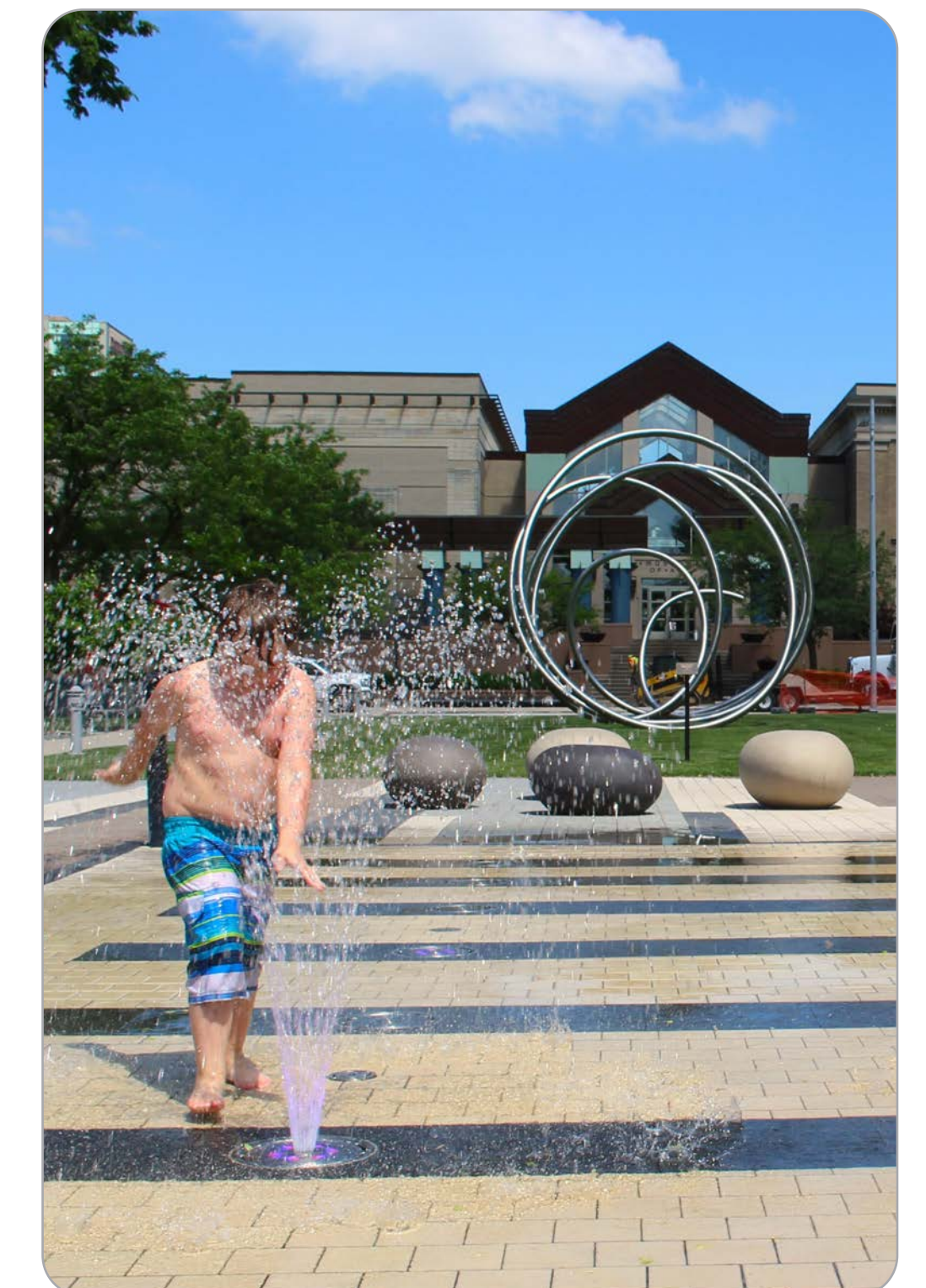
| Bever Pool



| Noelridge Aquatic Center



| Cherry Hill Aquatic Center



| Greene Square

What's your current impression?

What's your dream?

Golf

Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation operates three 18-hole golf courses and Mini Pines Miniature Golf, offering enjoyable experiences for golfers of all ages and skill levels. Whether you’re learning the game, improving your swing, or looking for a championship-caliber round, there’s a course for you.

• **Ellis Golf Course**

- Known as the “Crown Jewel” of Cedar Rapids golf, Ellis blends historic charm with modern amenities, including a clubhouse and event center.

• **Gardner Golf Course**

- A welcoming course with rolling terrain, wide fairways, and a relaxing atmosphere that’s enjoyable for golfers of all abilities.

• **Twin Pines Golf Course**

- One of Iowa’s busiest municipal golf courses, Twin Pines is recognized as a PGA Family Course and is ideal for beginner and intermediate golfers.

• **Mini Pines Miniature Golf**

- Located at Twin Pines Golf Course, Mini Pines offers a fun and affordable miniature golf experience for families, friends, and golfers of all ages.

Visit [PlayCedarRapidsGolf.com](https://www.playcedarrapidsgolf.com) to learn more.



| Ellis Golf Course



| Ellis Golf Course Clubhouse



| Gardner Golf Course



| Twin Pines Mini Golf Course

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Parks

Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation maintains **nearly 100 parks** that provide places to play, relax, explore nature, gather with friends, and enjoy the outdoors. Our park system includes a variety of park types, each serving different needs throughout the community.

Park Types

- **Mini/Pocket Parks (10 parks)**
 - Small neighborhood parks with seating, landscaping, and play features.
- **Neighborhood Parks (34 parks)**
 - Local parks with playgrounds, picnic areas, courts, walking paths, and open space.
- **Community/Signature Parks (16 parks)**
 - Larger destination parks with athletic fields, trails, shelters, recreation facilities, and event spaces.

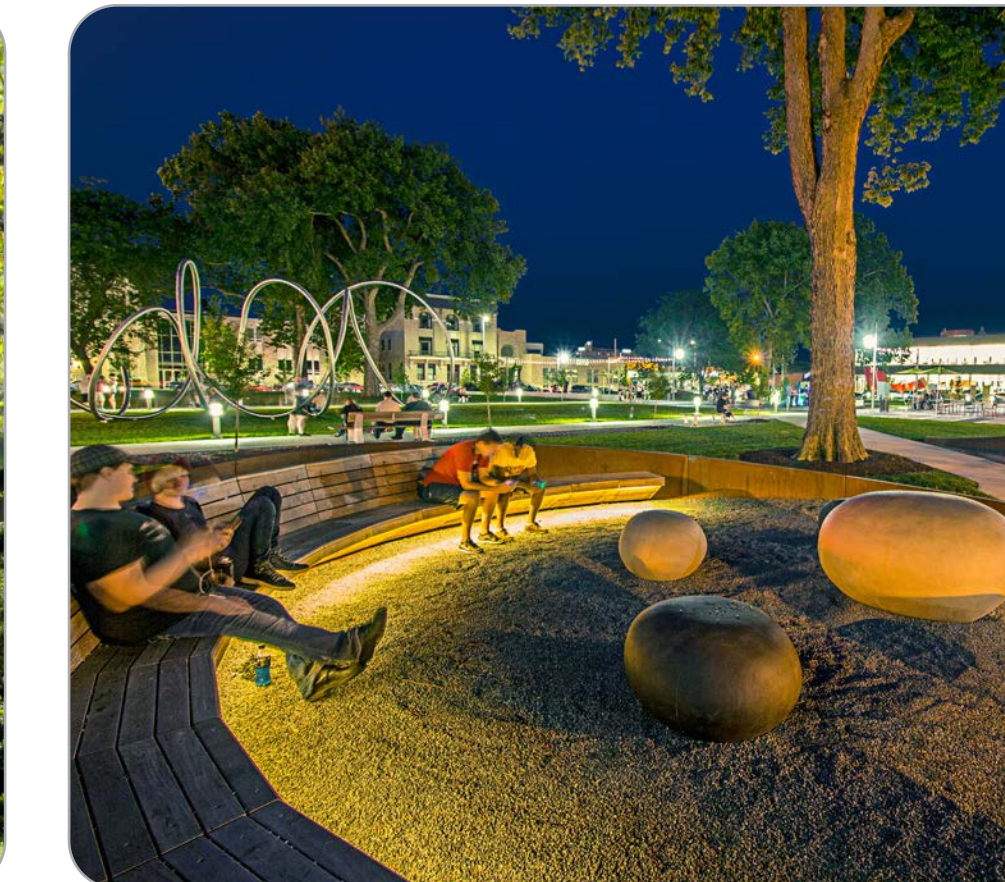
- **Pollinator Parks (1 park)**
 - Native habitat areas that support pollinators and wildlife.
- **Naturalized Parks (5 parks)**
 - Parks featuring native vegetation, meadows, and woodlands with limited maintenance.
- **Detention/Open Space Parks (6 parks)**
 - Open green spaces that help manage stormwater while providing passive recreation opportunities.
- **Nature Preserves (0 parks)**
 - Protected natural areas focused on conservation and habitat preservation.

The system also currently includes three sports complexes, two greenways, three dog parks, and more!

Visit [CityOfCR.com/Parks](https://www.cityofcedar-rapids.com/Parks) to learn more.



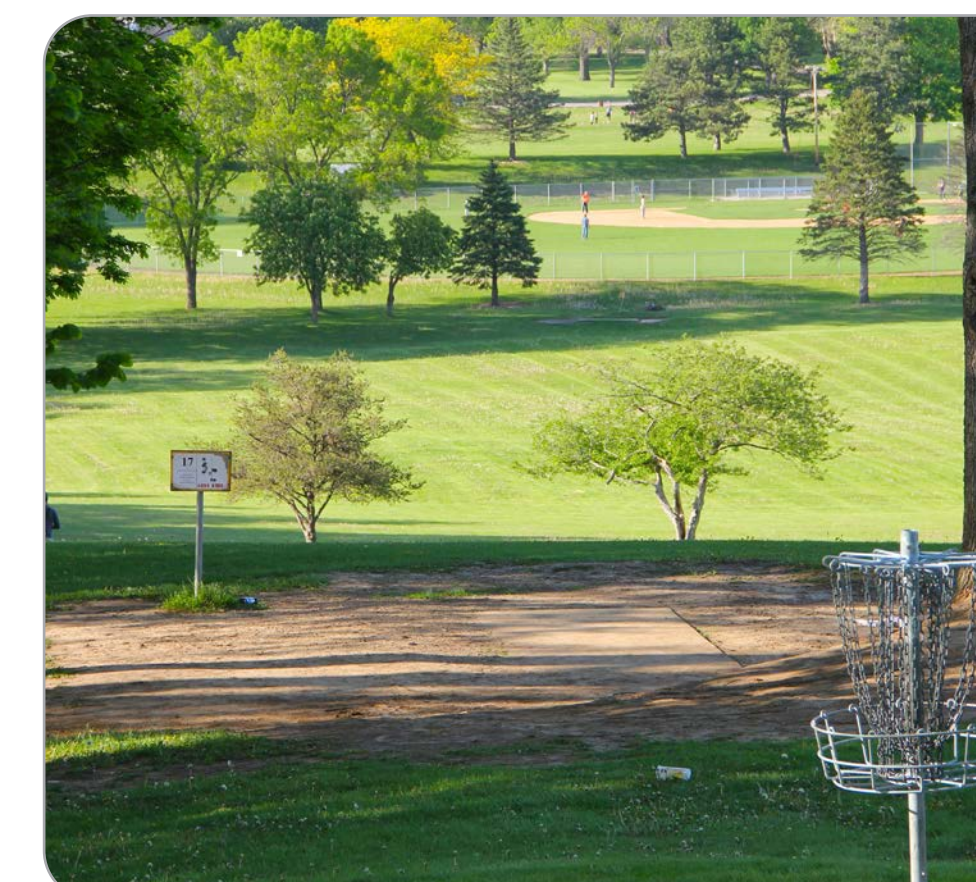
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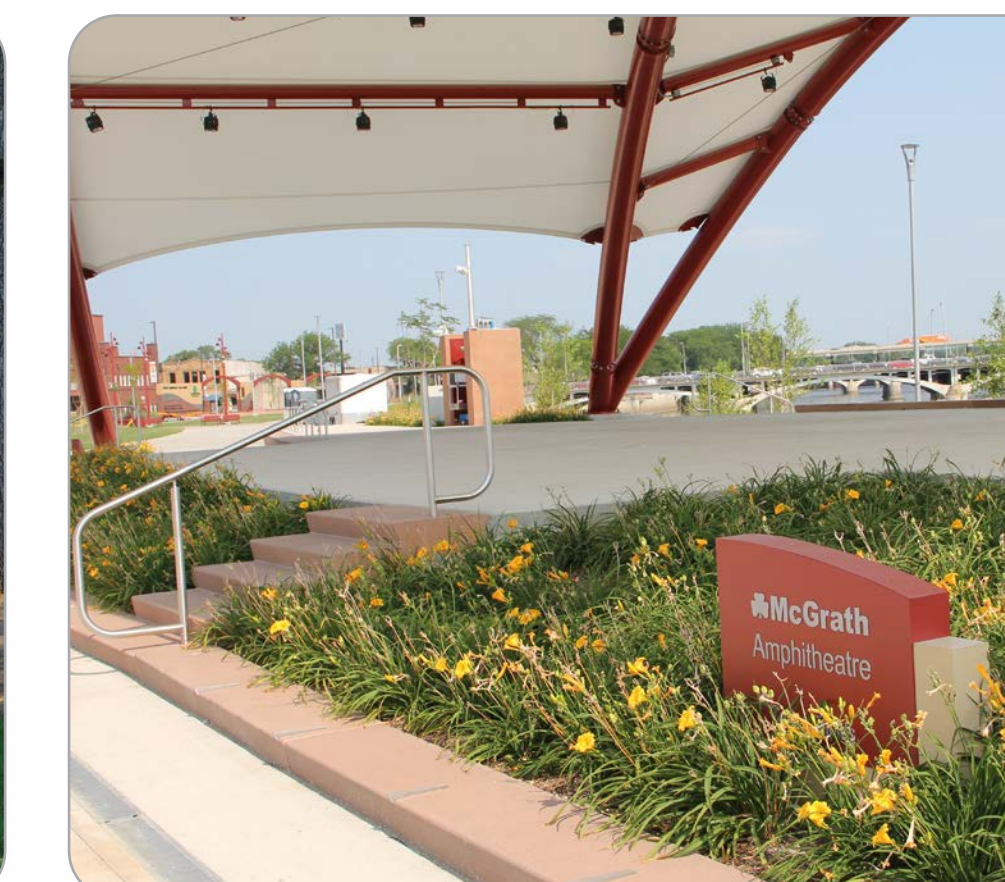
| Greene Square



| Hughes Park



| Jones Park Disc Golf Course



| McGrath Amphitheatre



| K9 Acres

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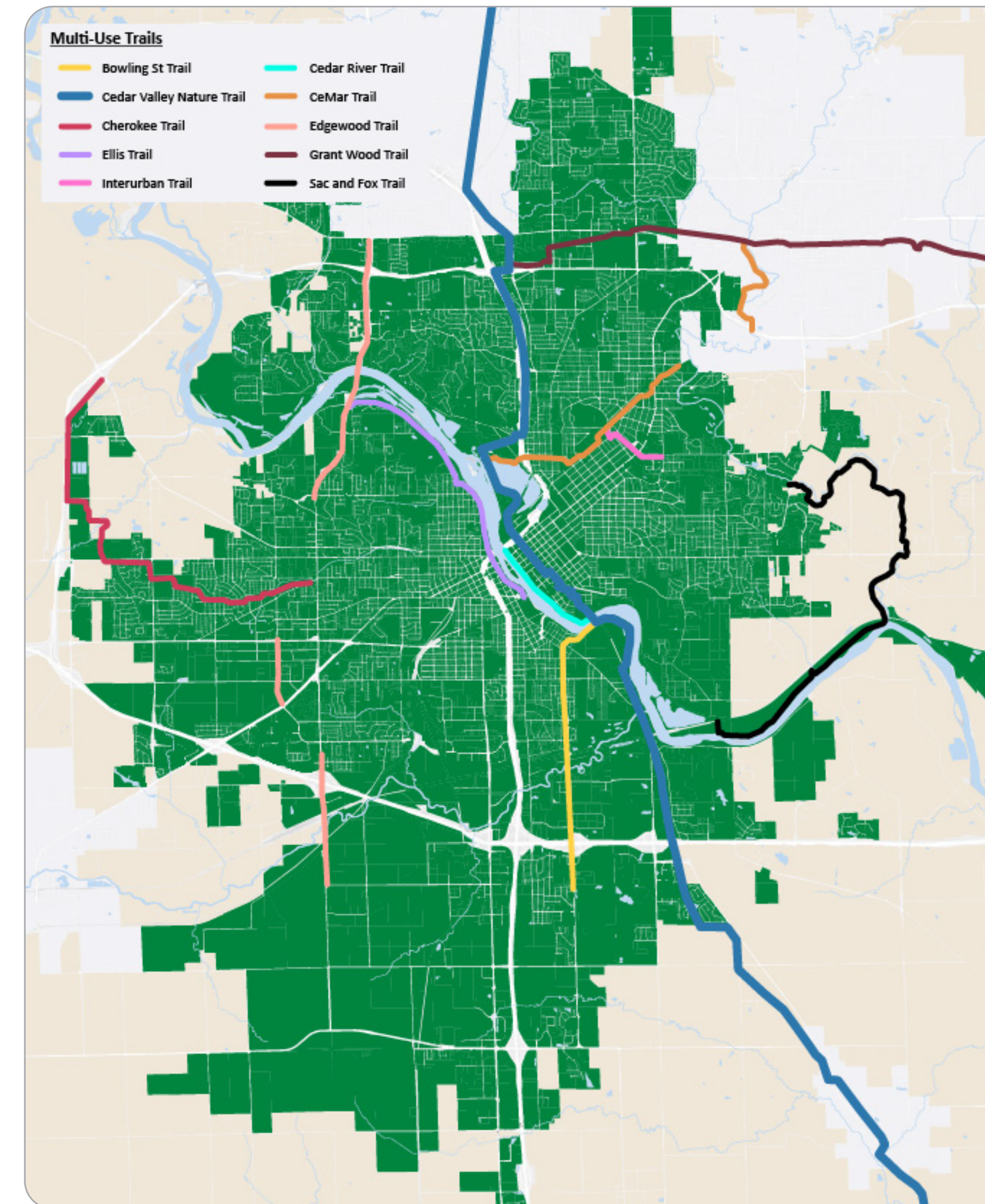
Trails

Cedar Rapids offers miles of asphalt, concrete, and crushed limestone trails that connect neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, and destinations throughout the community. Whether you're walking, running, biking, skating, or enjoying nature, the trail system provides opportunities for recreation, transportation, and outdoor adventure.

Trail types

- Recreational trails (walking, running, biking, and inline skating)
- Walking trails in parks
- Mountain biking trails
- Cross-country ski trails
- Seminole Valley Cross-Country Course
- Mount Trashmore Trails (managed by the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency)

Visit [CityOfCR.com/Trails](https://www.cityofcr.com/trails) to learn more.



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Specialized Facilities

Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation operates a variety of unique facilities that support recreation, history, athletics, education, special events, and community gatherings. These destinations provide opportunities for residents and visitors to learn, play, compete, and connect throughout the year.

Facilities

- Northwest Recreation Center (1340 11th Street NW)
- Old MacDonald's Farm (Bever Park)
- Ushers Ferry Historic Village (3801 Seminole Valley Trail NE)
 - Ushers Lodge (Facility Rentals)
- Jones Park Lodge (2901 Fruitland Blvd. SW)
- Ellis Clubhouse & Event Center (1401 Zika Ave. NW)
- Noelridge Greenhouse (1250 Collins Road NE)
- Tuma Sports Complex (3239 C Ave., Marion, Iowa)
- Tait Cummins Sports Complex (3000 C Street SW)
- Ellis Harbor (2550 Ellis Blvd. NW)
- Veterans Memorial Tennis Center (1309 8th Ave. SW)



| NW Rec Center



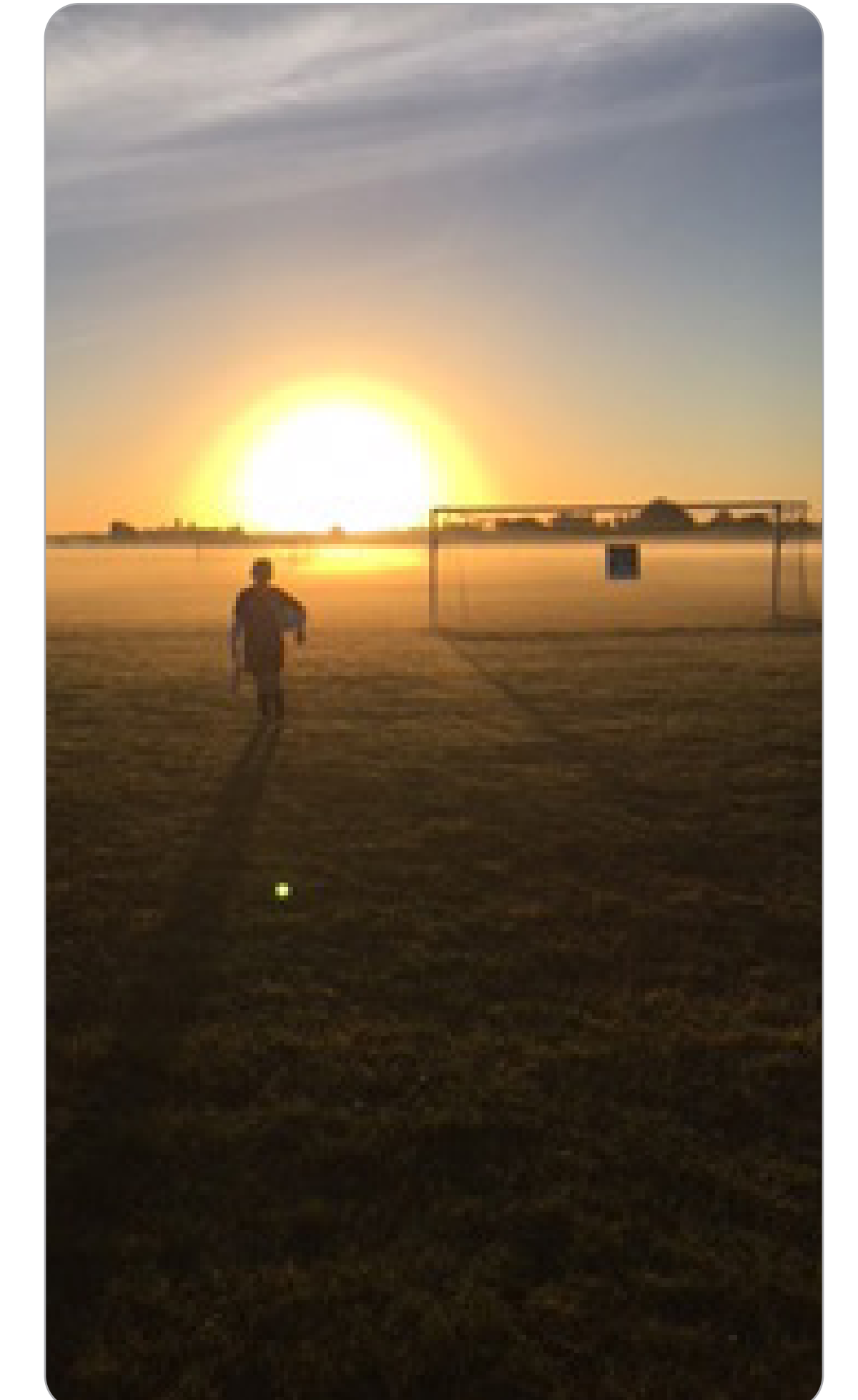
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Recreation Programs

Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation offers year-round programs, leagues, camps, special events, and activities designed to be welcoming for all ages and abilities. These opportunities help people stay active, learn new skills, build relationships, and enjoy their community.

Programs include youth and adult sports, aquatics, therapeutic recreation, special events, volunteer opportunities, and Rollin' Rec, which brings free activities to neighborhood parks throughout the summer.

As part of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, we're looking at how recreation programs can continue to meet the changing needs of our community for years to come.

Visit [CRRec.org](https://www.crrapids.org/crrrec) to learn more.



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Forestry

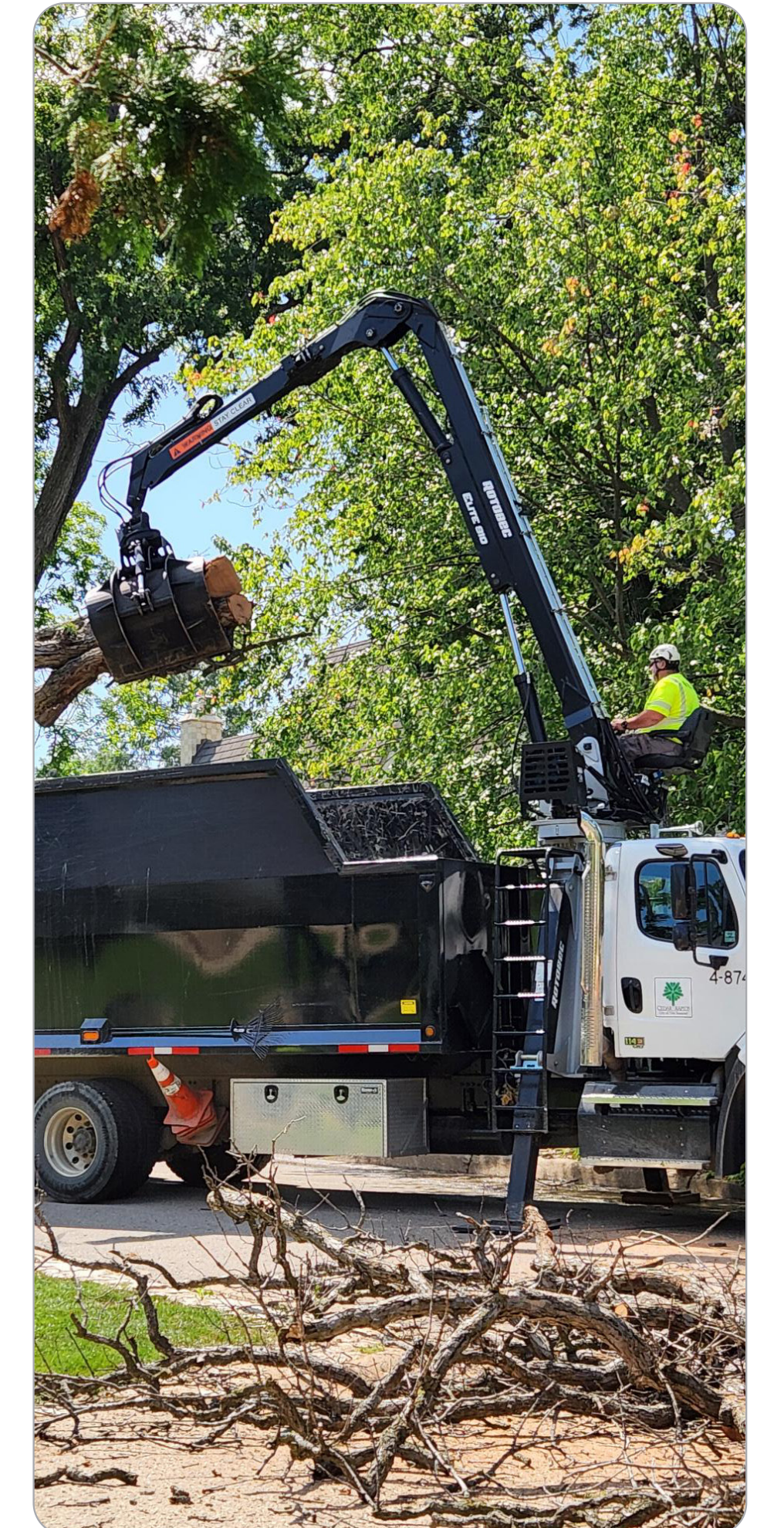
A healthy urban forest makes Cedar Rapids healthier, greener, and more resilient. Trees improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, provide shade, support wildlife, and enhance parks and neighborhoods throughout our community.

As part of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, we're looking at how we can care for and grow our urban forest for future generations.

Forestry Services:

- Tree planting and care on City-owned property and right-of-ways
- Hazardous limb removal
- Wood cutting permits

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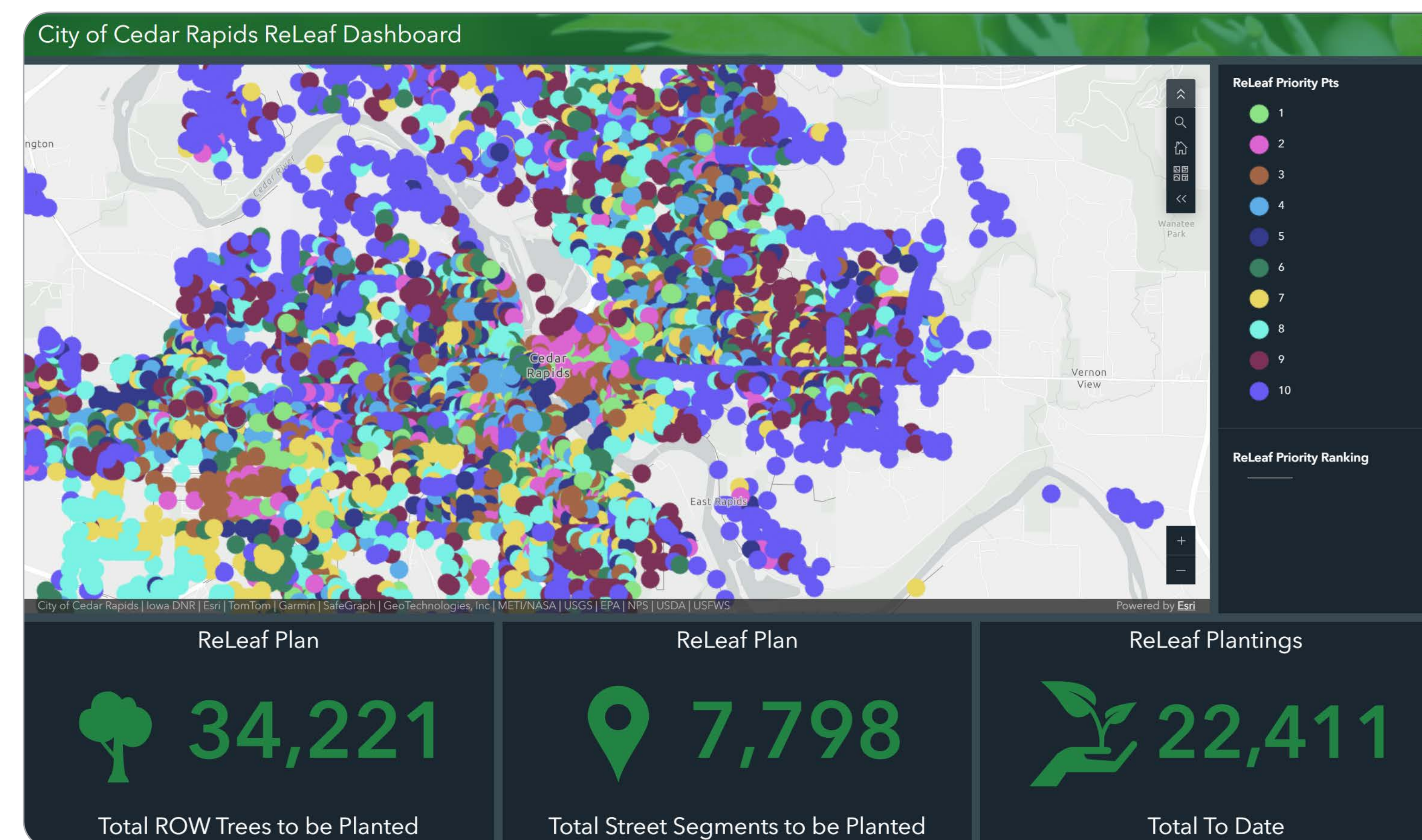
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ReLeaf Cedar Rapids

The August 10, 2020 derecho damaged or destroyed more than half of Cedar Rapids' tree canopy. ReLeaf Cedar Rapids is the City's long-term effort to restore our urban forest and build a healthier, more resilient community.

As we develop the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, protecting and expanding our tree canopy remains an important priority. Your feedback will help shape the future of Cedar Rapids' parks, trees, and natural spaces.

Learn more at CityOfCR.com/ReLeaf.



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