# Building a COMMUNITY Legacy



### HOW DO YOU BUILD A legacy?

We believe this is where the strong belong. Moorhead is a rising metro. We are a growing and vibrant business, academic, and arts community. We have a culture of achievement, rooted in the spirit of curiosity. Here, we choose to be more.

This narrative represents Moorhead's spirit and our ambitions for the future! Our community loyalty and spirit grow from the experiences we have together – in our parks and play areas, public spaces and amenities.

The pages that follow feature concepts and dreams for Moorhead amenities that will offer wonderful experiences for our community. The projects have been identified but not yet funded. If you are interested in making any of these dreams possible, or if you have a vision for a project that has yet to be considered, we would love to visit with you.

Moorhead is indeed a rising metro! Thank you for your interest in investing in our future and asking the question: Where could we grow next?

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### POLICE K-9 TRAINING



The Moorhead Police Department canine teams have a history of excellence. They are a force multiplier with their ability to use their keen sense of smell to locate individuals or specific articles during a search, such as assisting in detecting illegal narcotics. They can also help their human partner in apprehending and gaining control of a suspect.

The Canine Team is utilized to assist the community and is a valuable asset for the Moorhead Police Department. Our Canines are dual-purpose dogs, meaning they are trained for finding narcotics as well as patrol work. They also build relationships within our community through individual contacts and are the star of many group presentations.

**Opportunity: \$30,000** 

### DOG PARK AMENITIES



Moorhead now has two dog parks! Fencing and benches have been installed, but additional dog-friendly structures are needed for our four-legged friends at Centennial and River Oaks Dog Parks. Donated funds will be used to purchase trees, benches, climbing and jumping structures, and more!

**Opportunity: \$200,000 Community Giving Level:** BowWow - \$1,000 or more Top Dog - \$500-\$999 Happy Hound - \$100-\$499

## HJEMKOMST CENTER LIGHTS



Help light Moorhead's skyline. Programmable, color changing flood lights will give the ability to light up the Hjemkomst Center 'tent' for momentous community events, holidays, special occasions, etc.

## **INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND**



Just as Moorhead's Miracle Field (located in Southside Regional Park) has opened baseball to young athletes with mobility challenges, we envision an inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play together. Recreation space with covered play decks, swings, and sensory play equipment with ramps and wheelchair access would make this possible.

#### **Opportunity: \$1 Million**

#### **Opportunities:**

Legacy - \$300,000 Hero - \$50,000-\$150,000 Champion - \$10,000-\$49,999 Leader - \$1,000-\$9,999 Advocate - up to \$1,000 Fence Pickets - \$100 Trees - \$200 Photo credits: Madison's Place Playground Woodbury, MN

### NATURAL PLAYGROUND



The natural playground, led by FM Rotary, will be in downtown Moorhead. The park will provide a unique play environment consisting of elements and textures from the earth such as tree logs and stumps, boulders, plants, paths, and play areas. Visit: <u>fmrotaryfoundation.org/page/natural-playground</u>

### SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL PARK AMENITIES

## **MATSON FIELD**

Photo credits: West Fargo Park District West Fargo, ND





A Master Plan for Southside Regional Park Complex has been partially implemented. The Park is home to a number of Moorhead's youth sporting organizations, including soccer, lacrosse, football, and baseball. Planned amenities include additional parking for 120 vehicles, a large picnic shelter, field lighting, and a championship field with turf, bleachers, and lighting.

#### **Opportunities:**

Championship field with synthetic turf, bleachers, and lighting - \$1.5 million Additional Parking (120 vehicles) - \$300,000 Large Picnic Shelter - \$600,000 Field Lighting for 5 fields - \$150,000 per field or \$750,000 Matson Field is Moorhead's premier baseball complex serving youth to amateur baseball teams and tournaments. A covered grandstand for fans and visitors would replace existing metal bleachers at Matson. A new monument sign would also be part of the project. The preferred design is modeled after one in West Fargo.

#### Opportunity: \$600,000

### BLUESTEM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

### FOOD FOREST



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The amazing amphitheater at Bluestem is home to Trollwood Performing Arts Center and hosts local, regional and national acts for concerts and events enjoyed by the greater metro area and beyond. A pedestrian/bike bridge over the Red River near Bluestem would make it easier for our North Dakota neighbors to partake in Bluestem offerings and reduce traffic congestion during events. It would also further connect the two cities' wonderful bike and pedestrian trail system.

**Opportunity: \$2.5 million** 

The M.B. Johnson Food Forest was planted in partnership with the Moorhead Community Resilience Task Force in 2021. A community food forest is a diverse planting of fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, pollinator-friendly plants, and more that is open for public benefit. Food forests provide numerous benefits -- including public access to fresh fruits, a space for community, opportunities to learn about food systems and nature, and pollinator habitat.

Donations will go toward costs associated with the M.B. Johnson Food Forest, such as signage, maintenance, replacement of trees, or future additions to the forest.

#### Opportunity: \$10,000

### **Opportunities Under \$12,000**

#### **Program Scholarships**

Moorhead Parks & Recreation offers scholarships to underprivileged youth for up to three programs per year as funds are available. Donations to the Scholarship Fund would allow more children to participate, enriching their lives by boosting confidence, supporting active play, and encouraging the growth of friendship and community pride.

**Opportunity: Any amount** 

#### Public Art (Sculptures - Placemaking - etc.)

Celebrate our community through public art and experiences. Public art and placemaking will celebrate Moorhead's story, build interest and create places and spaces where people want to gather. Help activate spaces throughout Moorhead with art and artistic expressions – such as sculptures, murals, dynamic digital art displays – in our downtown, river corridor or other public places. Public Art will celebrate Moorhead's diverse, eclectic and funky culture and be consistent with our Public Art Policy.

#### **Opportunity: Based on scope**

#### Heritage/Interpretive Markers

Heritage markers/plaques are opportunities to communicate Moorhead's local history. These markers will be placed at key areas in historic areas of the City, such as the historic Works Progress Administration (WPA) building (formerly the American Legion), Davy Memorial Park, the Log Cabin, Woodlawn Park, and Bowman Park, as well as other areas along walking paths that provide information about Moorhead's natural environment.

**Opportunity: \$2,500 per plaque** 

#### **Disc Golf Signage/Hole Markers**

Moorhead currently has one disc golf course in Woodlawn Park. Flood-resistant hole markers will enhance the game for this popular free pastime!

Opportunity: \$5,000

#### Benches

Benches provide respite in our recreation areas and may also serve as a tribute or memorial to a loved one.

**Opportunity: \$950 per bench** 

#### Park Identification Signs

Weather-safe concrete signs to replace existing, deteriorating wood signage would clearly identify our parks and welcome visitors for decades to come.

Opportunity: \$2,500 to \$3,000

#### **Bicycle Racks**

Moorhead's many cyclists would benefit by bike racks strategically located throughout the City. **Opportunity: \$850** 

#### **Bicycle Repair Stations**

These deluxe stations give peace of mind to our cyclists by providing tools and an air pump to fix issues that may otherwise spoil plans for a adventurous or leisurely bike ride. Gooseberry and MB Johnson parks currently each have one repair station. **Opportunity: \$1,500 per station** 

#### Street Banners

Recognize and share the artistic talents of local artists and welcome visitors to our downtown by funding street banners. Visual arts have significant positive impact on our identity and sense of community.

Opportunity: \$1,000 to \$5,000

#### **Trees for Parks/Boulevards**

Not only do trees conserve energy, reduce pollution, and enhance our community and neighborhoods, trees may provide a living tribute to honor or memorialize a loved one. A central plaque in the Parks Administrative Office acknowledges each donation.

**Opportunity: \$200 and up** 

#### **City Artificial Christmas Tree**

A 25-foot artificial Christmas Tree would welcome holiday visitors in the Moorhead Center Mall Plaza near the entrance to Moorhead City Hall, serving as the official City Christmas tee. **Opportunity: \$12,000** 

#### Undesignated

The City of Moorhead operates under a strategic plan. As part of the plan, the Mayor and City Council set priorities for capital improvements and community amenities. Undesignated gifts of any size will be invested, with gratitude, in priority projects! **Opportunity: Varies** 

#### How to Donate: www.cityofmoorhead.com/donate

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