

Your input is needed!

Opportunities to review Draft Master Plan Concepts for a potential future Sherburne County Park



How to Provide Input

**Attend a public open house* at the Sherburne History Center
10775 27th Ave SE, Becker, MN**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

At the open house, draft master plan concepts will be displayed for review. You may provide input to County staff and project consultants regarding your thoughts on the concepts.

*If you plan to attend the event, please RSVP for a time slot by visiting:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4AA4AE28A4FF2-public>

or email gina.hugo@co.sherburne.mn.us

Please plan to follow current COVID-19 guidelines for safety, including wearing masks and social distancing.

There will also be an opportunity to view the draft concepts online and provide input. It will be available in early April. Check the County website at that time for information.

Find project information and links to materials and engagement methods on the County's website:

<https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/604/Parks-Recreation>

This is the second of two public input phases. The planning process is expected to be finished in June of 2021.

If you have questions regarding the project, contact:

Gina Hugo, Sherburne County Parks Coordinator at

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Project Information

Following engagement received in January and February, the Sherburne County Parks Department has developed draft master plan concepts for a potential future County park on the shore of Big Elk Lake in Palmer Township. The potential park would complement and add outdoor recreation facilities to the County park system, such as camping, nature exploration, water recreation, and trails. The 430-acre property is currently in private ownership, and the owners are collaborating with Sherburne County staff on the master planning process to fulfill the wishes of the late owner, who desired that the land would become a public park. The private property has rich historic & cultural value.

The master plan will be structured to meet requirements established by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (<https://www.gmrptcommission.org/>) for regional park designation. If approved, the master plan would allow Sherburne County to apply for funding to acquire the property for public use. The master plan will focus on ideas that create facilities for outdoor recreation, such as trails, picnic areas, and fishing piers, as well as restoration efforts to provide wildlife habitat and natural landscapes.



The property is located along the north side of Big Elk Lake in Palmer Township.

The property is privately owned and not accessible to the public.

