

Consideration of approving turf-conversions throughout city park system. (T.P)

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ACTION REQUESTED

The PARC is asked to recommend the approval of a systemwide conversion from turf grass to prairie or direct hardwood seedings. This is a recommendation from Parks staff in order to offset the increased turf maintenance costs that have doubled or tripled in price since last year. Over the next few months, the Parks Department will identify areas that are well suited to convert from turf grass to a sustainable landscape like a prairie or direct hardwood seeding.

REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND

1. **Budget Impact:** General Park landscaping funds are currently budgeted in 2022.
2. **Staff Workload Impact:** Maintenance time to perform conversions.
3. **Comprehensive Plan Impact:** Sustainable park landscapes.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

City staff recommends approving turf-conversion and direct hardwood seeding systemwide to reduce overall operating costs associated with turf maintenance.

SUPPORTING DATA

- Monticello 2040 Plan (click [here](#) to view the plan).