



Northerly Park Master Plan

Open House – April 24, 2024



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What is a Park Master Plan?



Northerly Park Master Plan Schedule



March/Early April - Site Committee Meetings (2)

April 15 - Public Engagement Kickoff – Social Pinpoint

April 24 – Site Visit and Open House – 5pm to 7 pm at Jerry's Bar and Restaurant

Mid-Late May – Report that Summarizes Issues, Opportunities, Priorities, and Goals of Park

Late May – Preliminary Master Plan with 3 Concepts

June 11 – County Commission Meeting at Angle Inlet – Master Plan will be a topic

Mid-June to early July – Social Pinpoint additional input on Preliminary Master Plan

Early August – Steering Committee Meeting to choose Concept to move forward

September – Compiled Master Plan and Report

September 30 – Approve Master Plan



Where are we at now and when will the plan be finished?

Master Plan Public Engagement



- Social Pinpoint
- Open House
- County Commission Meeting
- Steering Committee
- Project Flyer
- County Website and Facebook pages
- News articles

Northerly Park Master Plan

The Master Plan will be a blueprint to develop a first-class park located at Jim's Corner that showcases the many distinctive features of Northwest Angle.

Timeline

- ✓ **Project Kick-off Meeting**
Mid April - Mid May
- ★ **Initial Online Comment Period**
Mid April - Mid May
- ★ **Public Open House**
April 23 or 24, 2024
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
5:30 pm - Presentation
Jerry's Bar and Restaurant
- ★ **Draft Master Plan Comment Period**
Mid May - Mid June
- ★ **Public Input Meeting and LOTW County Commission Meeting**
June 11, 2024
Northwest Angle
Time and specific location TBD
- ★ **Final Master Plan Completion and Approval**
September 30, 2024

[See less](#)

What's your big idea?

Tell us your ideas on how to improve Northerly Park! (max 140 characters).

Tell us your idea

You have 140 characters left

Screen name *
Enter user name

Email address
Enter email

[Moderation Policy](#)

Submit

17 April, 2024
Jean mellum says:
"Safe interior sign in area, with emergency call capability, picnic table, fresh water (outdoor well- sand point), NW Angle map/information."

17 April, 2024
David says:
"Geocaching"

16 April, 2024
AI says:
"Orienteering course X/C Ski trail
Bike path Observatory deck Dark sky destination area Birding area Picnic area Building for classes"

16 April, 2024
Transparency says:
"Want to see the results of the voting poll"

14 April, 2024
Voodoo Charlie says:
"A dock to park 4 boats to visit park from the lake."

19 April, 2024
Muskie King says:
"Large Muskie Statue"

Why Public Engagement?



- Information gathering
- Gauge level of support
- What are your priorities for this park?
- What are you willing to pay for?

Lake of the Woods Northerly Park Master Plan



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What Is the Northernmost Point in the United States?



Project Summary

Lake of the Woods County is completing a Master Plan of Northerly Park situated at the Northwest Angle. Northerly Park is the most northern park in the lower 48 states. The Master Plan will be a blueprint to develop a first-class park located at Jim's Corner that showcases the many distinctive features of Northwest Angle.



Project Schedule

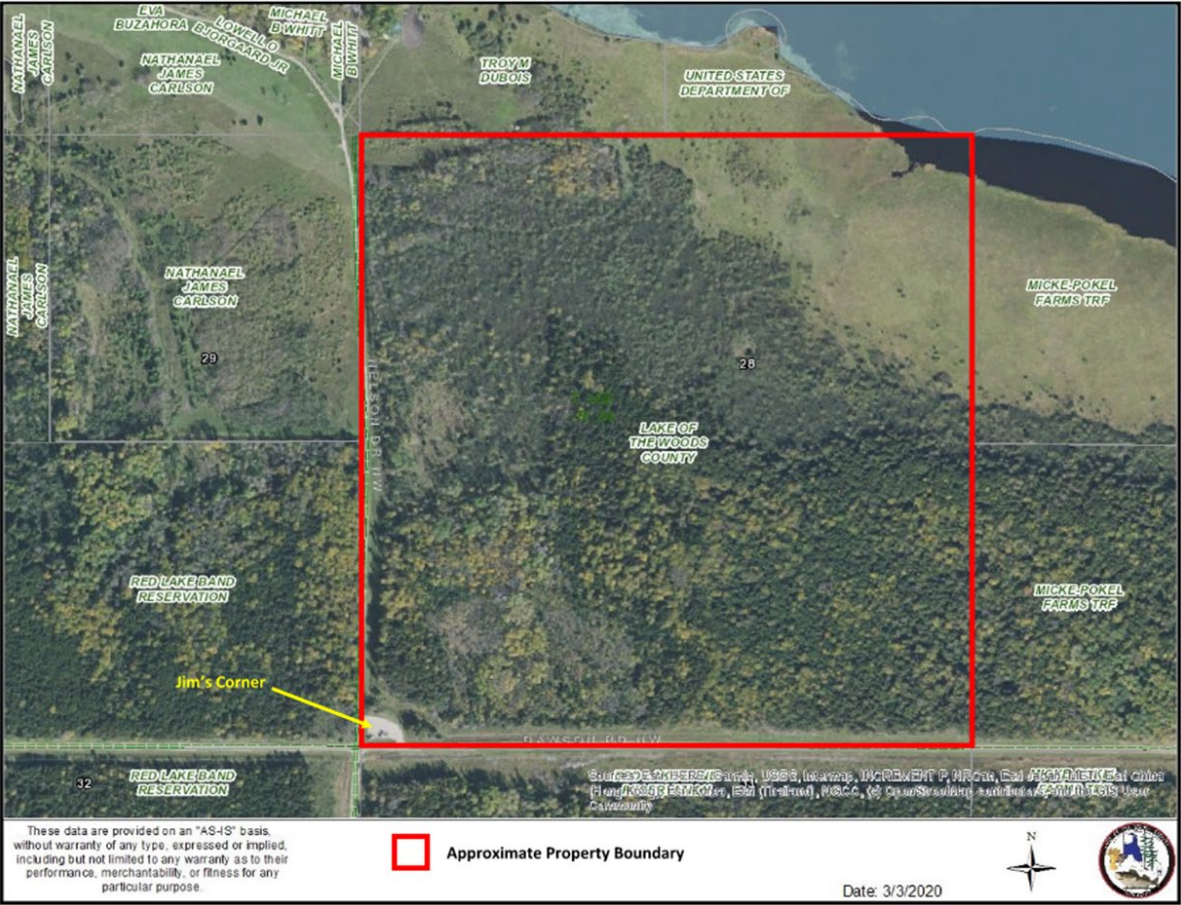
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June 11, 2024
Check project website for time and location updates
- ☐ **Final Master Plan Completion and Approval**
September 30



Provide input and stay informed about the project through the website here!

www.co.lake-of-the-woods.mn.us

Northerly Park Site



What have we heard so far?

- Steering Committee
- Social Pinpoint
- Site Visit



- Elevated Boardwalk
- Look-out Tower
- Interpretative Signage of History of Northwest Angle
- Welcome Center (unmanned)
- Welcome Center (manned)
- Cross Country Skiing
- Fishing Access
- Improvements to Border Check-in



**We want to hear
from you!**

**On Social Pinpoint you can vote for
your favorite idea from the Steering
Committee**

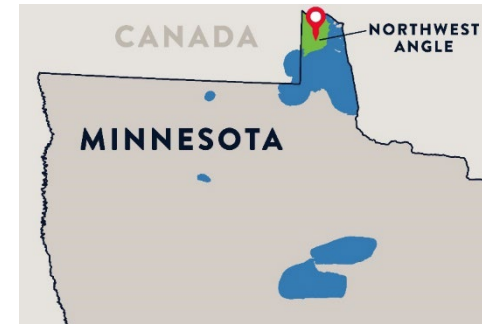
**Please vote for your favorite idea at
the Open House also**

**Open House is April 24 from 5 pm -
7 pm at Jerry's Bar and Restaurant**

Give us your big ideas!



- Social Pinpoint has also asked for other Big Ideas from the Public.
- Please provide us with your big ideas at the April 24 Open House also.



Big Ideas So Far – Social Pinpoint



1. XC Ski Trail/Bike Trail (3)
2. Observatory deck/Dark Sky deck (2)
3. Birding Area (2)
4. Picnic Area (3)
5. Public Landing to Lake and Docks (2)
6. NW Angle Map/Information
7. Geocaching/Orienteering Course
8. Large Muskie Statute (4)
9. Fresh water well
10. Horsefly rides



**Add more comments at Open House
or on Social Pinpoint!**



Preliminary Master Plan



1. Issues, Opportunities, and Goals Report
2. Three concept site plans
3. Renderings of concept plan items
4. High-level cost estimates
5. Draft Public Involvement Report – what are the public's priorities?
6. Public Involvement Phase 2 – Social Pinpoint and County Commission Meeting



Final Master Plan and Cost Estimate



- Finalized conceptual designs
- Detailed Site Maps and high-resolution graphics
- Written narrative providing how master plan meets project goals and public involvement
- Financial plan outlining costs and potential funding
- Mock-up for future signage
- Final public involvement plan



Thank You



Provide comments at Northerly Park Website at
<https://engage.hei.mysocialpinpoint.com/northerly-park-master-plan>

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