

# DESIGNING PARKS FOR EXPERIENTIAL ENGAGEMENT

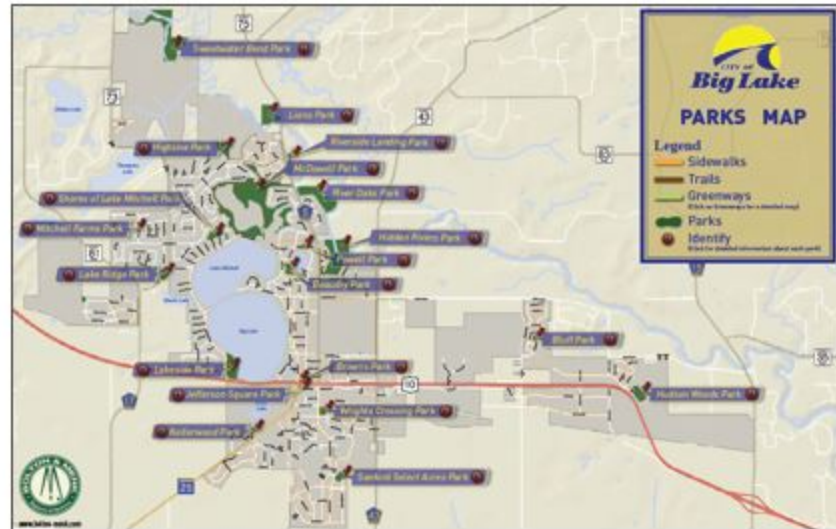
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Course details to be announced in October!  
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## OVERVIEW

- The City of Big Lake has several parks with aging playground equipment that needs to be repaired or refreshed as well as new parks that are being developed.
- The City is interested in exploring alternative designs for these parks by asking the question—is there a way to create a better park experience?
- Students will design a natural playground for the City of Big Lake's River Oaks Park in collaboration with preschoolers at the University of St. Thomas Child Development Center.



City Park Map, Big Lake, Minnesota  
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