NEW DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS

LAND ACQUISITION POLICY:

The following policy for land acquisition should be considered by the Department to help the city acquire park land for the future that allows the Department to buy land based on a set criterion versus because an opportunity came along:

1. The proposed land supports an unmet need in the community and is located in an under-served area of the community for that classification of park.
2. The land is adjacent to an existing park or trail and will provide greater access for the community to enjoy the resource.
3. The land supports a recreation facility needed in the community such as nature center, regional playground facility, and/ or a sports complex which is an unmet need.
4. The land supports a connectivity route for an existing or future trail extension.
5. The land is adjacent to a school where the value can be maximized by the school and the Parks Department for needed programs.
6. The land supports and protects environmentally sensitive areas in the city and needs to be protected.
7. The land is donated, and it meets one of the top six criteria listed above.

WHISPERING OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN SHAKOPEE