

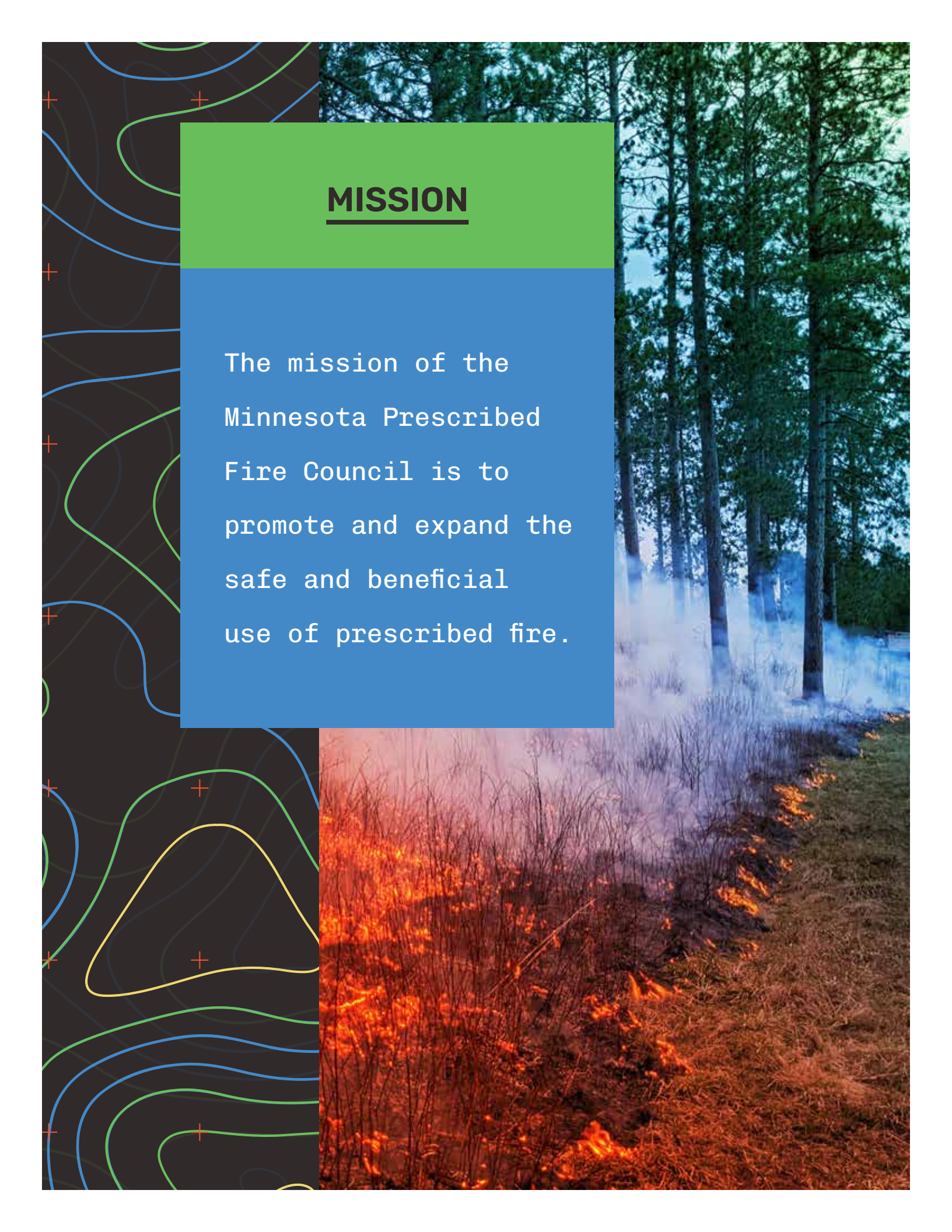


**Minnesota
Prescribed
Fire Council**



STRATEGIC PLAN 2025–2029

DEVELOPED: July 2024 **FINALIZED:** December 2024



MISSION

The mission of the
Minnesota Prescribed
Fire Council is to
promote and expand the
safe and beneficial
use of prescribed fire.



VISION:

We envision a culture where prescribed fire is valued, accessible, and applied across all fire-dependent landscapes in Minnesota, regardless of ownership or agency affiliation.

GOALS:

Build a community of prescribed fire practitioners that prioritizes relationship building, the transfer of diverse knowledge, and meaningful collaboration.

Advocate for policies, legislation, and other changes that create a supportive regulatory and liability environment for beneficial fire implementation.

Ensure accessible training for prescribed fire.

Grow awareness and support for beneficial fire in MN through education and outreach.

Support on-the-ground implementation of beneficial fire.

Grow Minnesota Prescribed Fire Council brand and administrative capacity.

VALUES:

Collaboration – We accomplish more together.

Innovation – We approach challenges in new and creative ways; challenges should not be addressed solely using the same kind of thinking that created them.

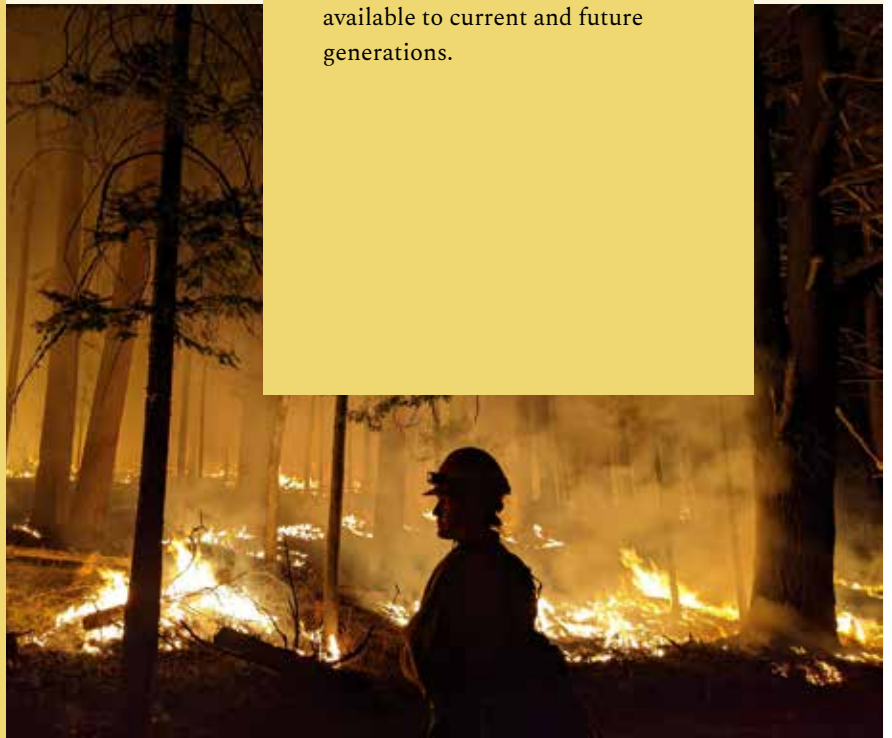
Inclusion – We welcome diverse knowledge, experience, and cultures.

Community – We grow together through the exchange of ideas, expertise, and place-based knowledge.

Service – We are an organization led by a volunteer coalition of the willing.

Relationships – We sustain fire-dependent lands and communities that sustain us.

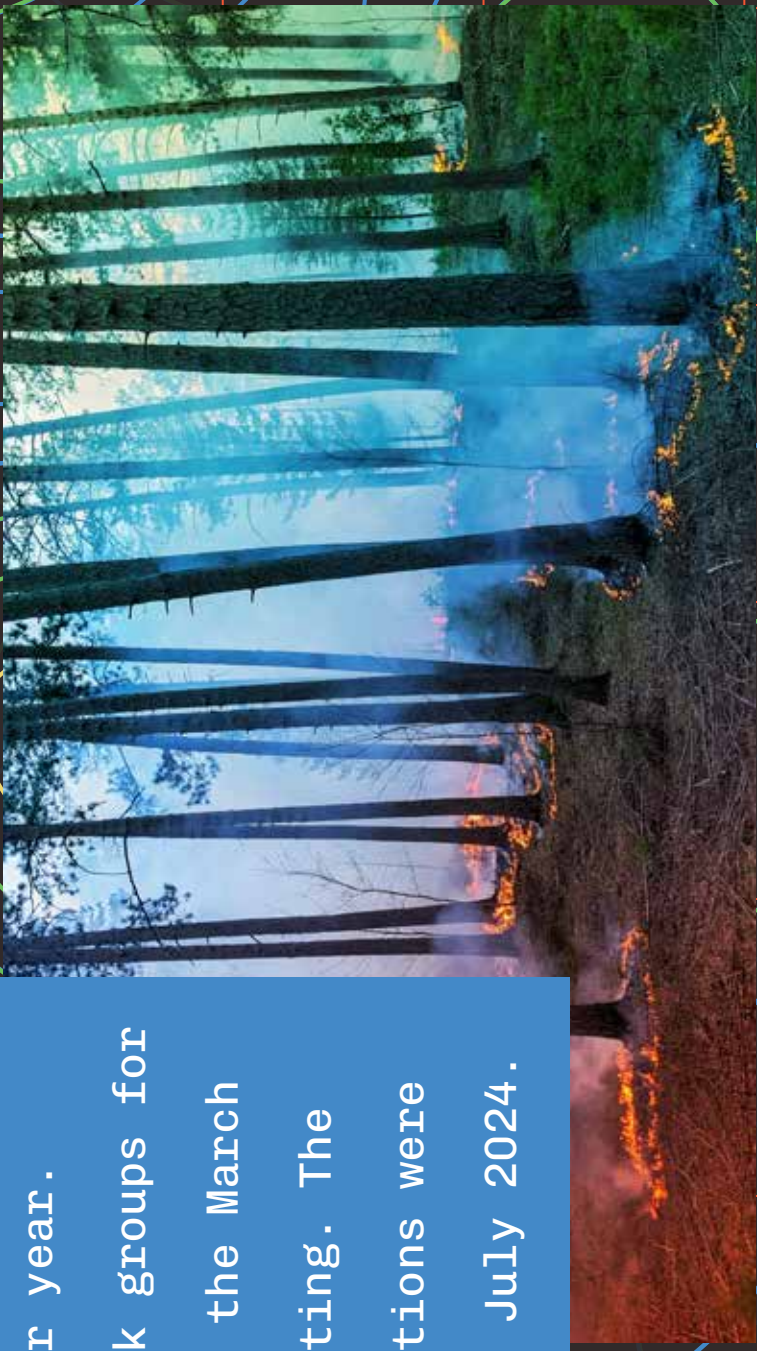
Access – We make beneficial fire available to current and future generations.



ACTIONS

Review and assign tasks at the beginning of each calendar year.

Announce work groups for each year at the March business meeting. The following actions were identified in July 2024.



Goal 1

Build a community of prescribed fire practitioners that prioritizes relationship building, the transfer of diverse knowledge, and meaningful collaboration. LEADS: LANE JOHNSON, JACK MCGOWAN-STINSKI

2025

- Host annual PFC meeting.
LEAD: LANE JOHNSON
- Host social/informal networking events
- Host one field trip annually
- Use member-led burns as demonstration opportunities – annually
- Facilitate PBA formation
 - Support efforts of PF
LEAD: JASON ANDERSEN
 - Connect to national PBA leaders (via FLN) – FLN staff send info to PFC officers

2026

- Step 2 of Support efforts of Pheasants Forever F (Jason Andersen) and SWCDs (Mary Jo Youngbauer)
- Host social/informal networking events
- Host annual PFC meeting.
LEAD: LANE JOHNSON
- Host one field trip annually
- Use member led burns as demonstration opportunities, 1 annually

2027

- Host social/informal networking events
- Host annual PFC meeting
LEAD: LANE JOHNSON
- Host one field trip annually
- Use member led burns as demonstration opportunities, 1 annually

2028

- Host social/informal networking events
- Host annual PFC meeting
- Host one field trip annually
- Use member led burns as demonstration opportunities, 1 annually

2029

- Host social/informal networking events
- Host annual PFC meeting
- Host one field trip annually
- Use member led burns as demonstration opportunities, 1 annually

Goal 2

Advocate for policies, legislation, and other changes that create a supportive regulatory and liability environment for beneficial fire implementation. LEADS: MATT GRAEVE, LANE JOHNSON

2025

- Invite legislators to demo burn(s) and/or fire field tour
- Develop strategy to advance CPBM program legislation, including funding appropriation
 - Step 1: Identify reasons why bill did not advance
 - Step 2: Learn from other states' lessons for CPBM program development and legislative efforts

2026

- Develop strategy to advance CPBM program legislation, including funding appropriation
 - Step 3: Develop policy brief and talking points
- Organize lobby day at state capital for PFC

2027

- Develop feasibility assessment for Prescribed Fire liability reform
LEAD: LANE JOHNSON

2028

2029

Goal 3

Ensure accessible training for prescribed fire. LEADS: JACK MCGOWAN-STINSKI, ELI SAGOR

2025

- Establish an MOU with MNICS to provide for recognition of training offerings led by PFC members not affiliated with an agency
LEAD: MARK PLANTZ
- Develop CPBM curriculum
- Develop 'training portal' - comprehensive list of agency and non-agency offerings OR link to Tall Timbers led project
- Job approval authority training for prescribed fire (NRCS)
LEAD: MIKE LYNCH
- Offer annual S130/190
- Training videos for landowners
LEAD: JASON ANDERSEN

2026

- Identify education institutions to partner with (to offer training to students)
- Offer annual S130/190

2027

- Offer annual S130/190
- Annual CPBM training workshop – two tiers of training for professionals and homeowners (TPE model)

2028

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2029

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Goal 4

Build support for beneficial fire in MN through education and outreach. LEADS: JASON ANDERSEN, JACK MCGOWAN-STINSKI

2025

- Identify where outreach events are occurring – advertise via FB page and seek opportunities for PFC involvement
- Understand concerns of forest industry and other parties not at the table.
LEADS: ELI SAGOR, LANE JOHNSON
- Educational videos for landowners
LEAD: JASON ANDERSEN
- Create page of resources on PFC website
 - Step 1: Link to existing pages like Dovetail's "Arrowhead Fire Adapted Communities"

2026

- Identify existing curriculums that can be/are tailored to MN and advertise/provide to K-12 teachers
 - Consider FireWorks curriculum
- DNR landing page for teachers

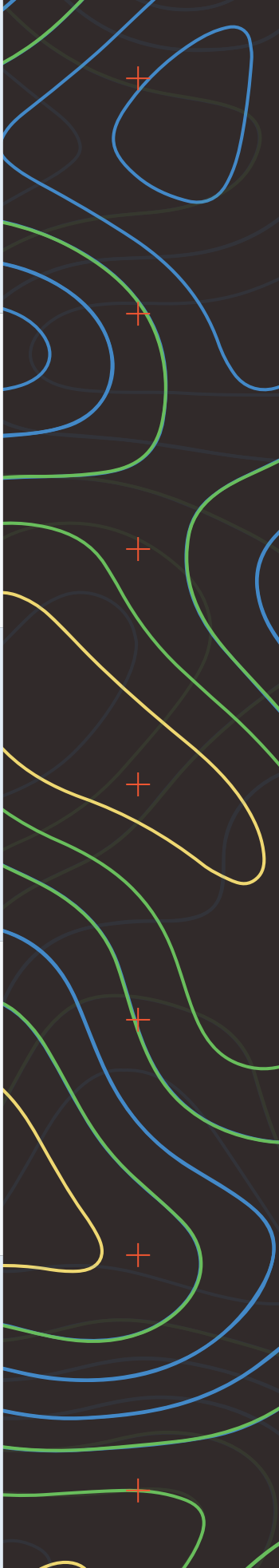
2027

2028

- Host a Fire Festival in the next 3 years.
LEAD: GLORIA ERICKSON

2029

Goal 5		Support on-the-ground implementation of beneficial fire. LEAD: ALL PARTIES		
2025	- Present Fire Needs Assessment to MNICS - Development centralized way to track prescribed fire acres - Update on status of project. LEAD: JIM WILSON	2026	- Link to tracking of prescribed fire acres (year 1) on website with a training on how to use - Monitoring training	2028 2029
Goal 6		Grow MNPFC brand and administrative capacity. LEAD: MIKE LYNCH		
2025	- Maintain web and social media presence - Step 1: Make website mobile friendly - Investigate benefits and costs of 501(c)(3) status - Logo and Branding - Step 1: contact Jason Andersen's suggested graphic designer - Step 2: request FLN funding to create logo - Create sub-committees to lead bodies of work	2026	- Maintain web and social media presence - Step 1: Recruit social media manager	2027 2028 2029



ABOUT:

The MNPFC July 2024 Strategic Planning Session was held July 16th, 2024 at Hyland Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District.

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