

State Fiscal Year 2024
Arts and Cultural Heritage
Fund Annual Report

Tuj Lub Court Improvement Project
at
Keller Regional Park

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation

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Administering Agency This grant is a pass-through grant administered by the Minnesota Department of Administration. More information from this agency can be retrieved from Sarah Hernandez, Portfolio Supervisor, sarah.hernandez@state.mn.us

Project Tuj Lub Court Improvement Project at Keller Regional Park

Project Description The original courts were constructed in 2016 at Keller Regional Park with a combination of funds from Ramsey County, the City of Maplewood, and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Funding. To inform the design, Parks staff gathered feedback from local Tuj Lub club members as well as did a site visit to Westminster, Colorado where the only other formally designed courts are located in the country. Since completion, play has been increasing and the court materials are deteriorating. In addition, court design and technology has been advancing. The Colorado courts have recently been upgraded to utilize an artificial turf surfacing along with the addition of support facilities.

A meeting was held on site in July of 2021 with local Tuj Lub players, Ramsey County parks staff, and elected officials to discuss steps for implementing improvements and site amenities. A conceptual redevelopment plan was produced to illustrate how a field reconfiguration could accommodate artificial turf, and the desired supporting amenities to make the Keller Tuj Lub courts a premiere Tuj Lub facility for not only the State, but regionally as players use the facilities from other states such as Wisconsin, Colorado, and North Carolina.

Due to overall cost of improvements and amenities, FY24 ACHF funding is planned to complete remaining design components and initial construction improvements such as contractor mobilization, mass site grading, and installation of stormwater management components.

Project Funding This project is funded by a State Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for \$480,000.

Project Duration Project began on 1/1/2024 and is not yet completed. This report covers activities performed during State Fiscal Year 2024.

Project Full Time Equivalents 0 FTE's were funded with this project.

Project Information Additional information about the project can be found on the project's webpage - <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/parks-recreation/planning-construction-restoration/keller-regional-park-tuj-lub-courts-improvements-project>

Project Expenses During Fiscal Year 2024

- **Design:** \$70,162
- **Construction:** \$0

The next phase (construction) of the Tuj Lub Court Improvement Project at Keller Regional Park will be completed within Fiscal Year 2025.

Project Measurable Outcomes

- 1) **Design:** Complete design and construction plans for Tuj Lub improvements.
- 2) **Construction:** Complete initial construction improvements consisting of contractor mobilization, mass site grading, and installation of stormwater management components

Project Evaluation and Assessment Methods

- 1) **Design:** Review and approve completed construction plans and specifications.
- 2) **Construction:** Review and manage initial construction activities for contractor mobilization, mass site grading, and implementation of stormwater management facilities.

Project Outcomes and Assessment Methods

- 1) **Design:** Achieved proposed outcomes (Achieved 100% of outcomes).
 - a. Project design was completed including final construction plans, specification, permits and approvals in Fiscal Year 2024.
- 2) **Construction:** Achieved none of the proposed outcomes (Achieved 0% of proposed outcomes).
 - a. No construction activities were completed in Fiscal Year 2024. Construction outcomes and assessment methods will be reported on during Fiscal Year 2025.