

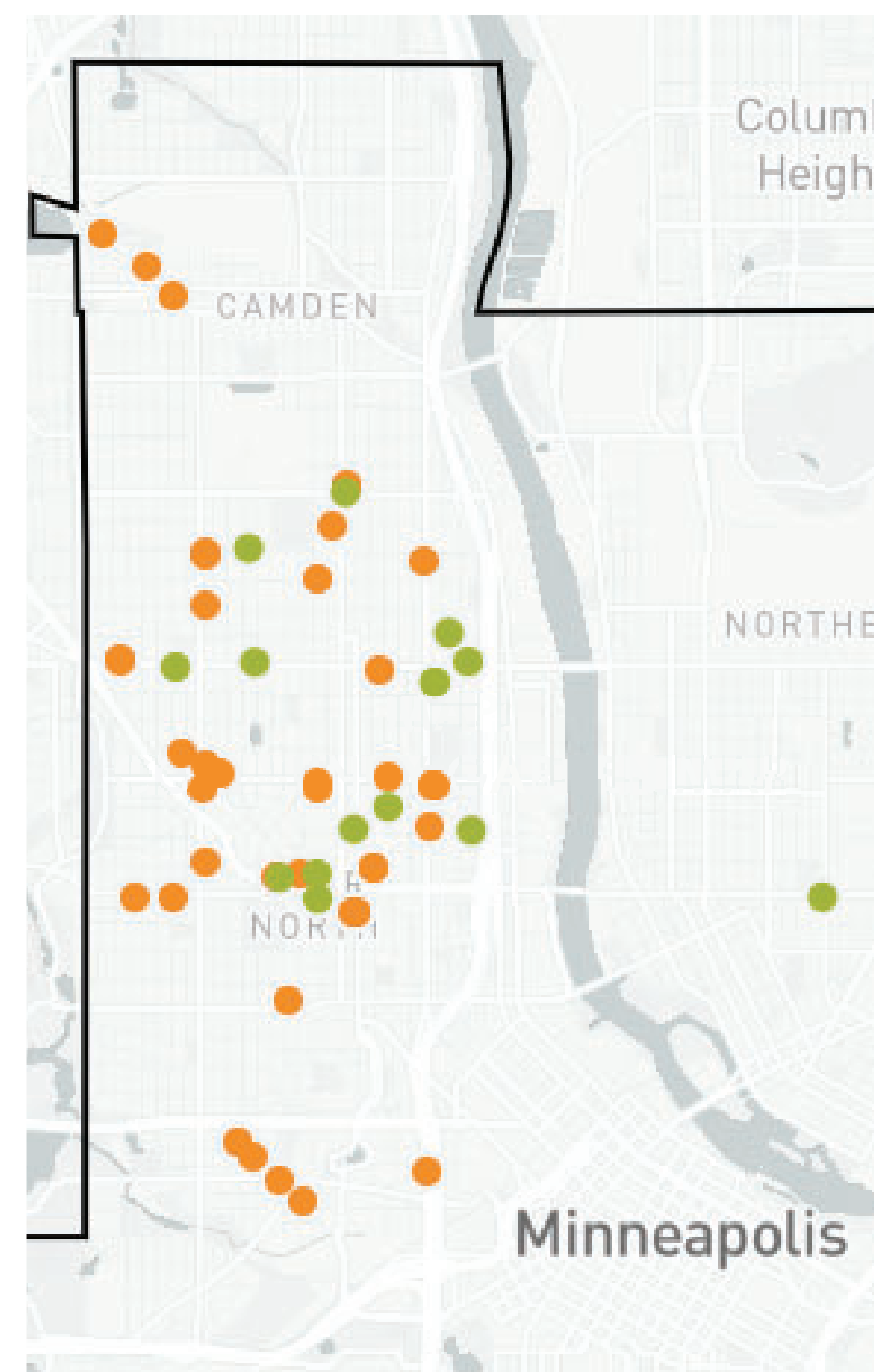
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FOOD + GARDENS

North Minneapolis has been a food desert, with only one supermarket and more corner grocery stores with high prices and processed food. But a second large supermarket is being planned, and a farmer's market is now nearby in the Root District neighborhood. Additionally, there is interest in developing a cooperative grocery store that would distribute locally-grown food.

North Minneapolis is also a hub of active gardening. Organizations like Project Sweetie Pie support more than

thirty community gardens in North Minneapolis that grow healthy food in the summertime -more than any other area in the city. Locally grown food is distributed to needy residents at non-profit community sites, but is not yet at grocery stores. Community interest in extending food production to the winter season has sparked a relationship with the University of Minnesota to develop greenhouses for this climate. As a part of their incubator building, NEON includes a commercial kitchen to support food entrepreneurs.



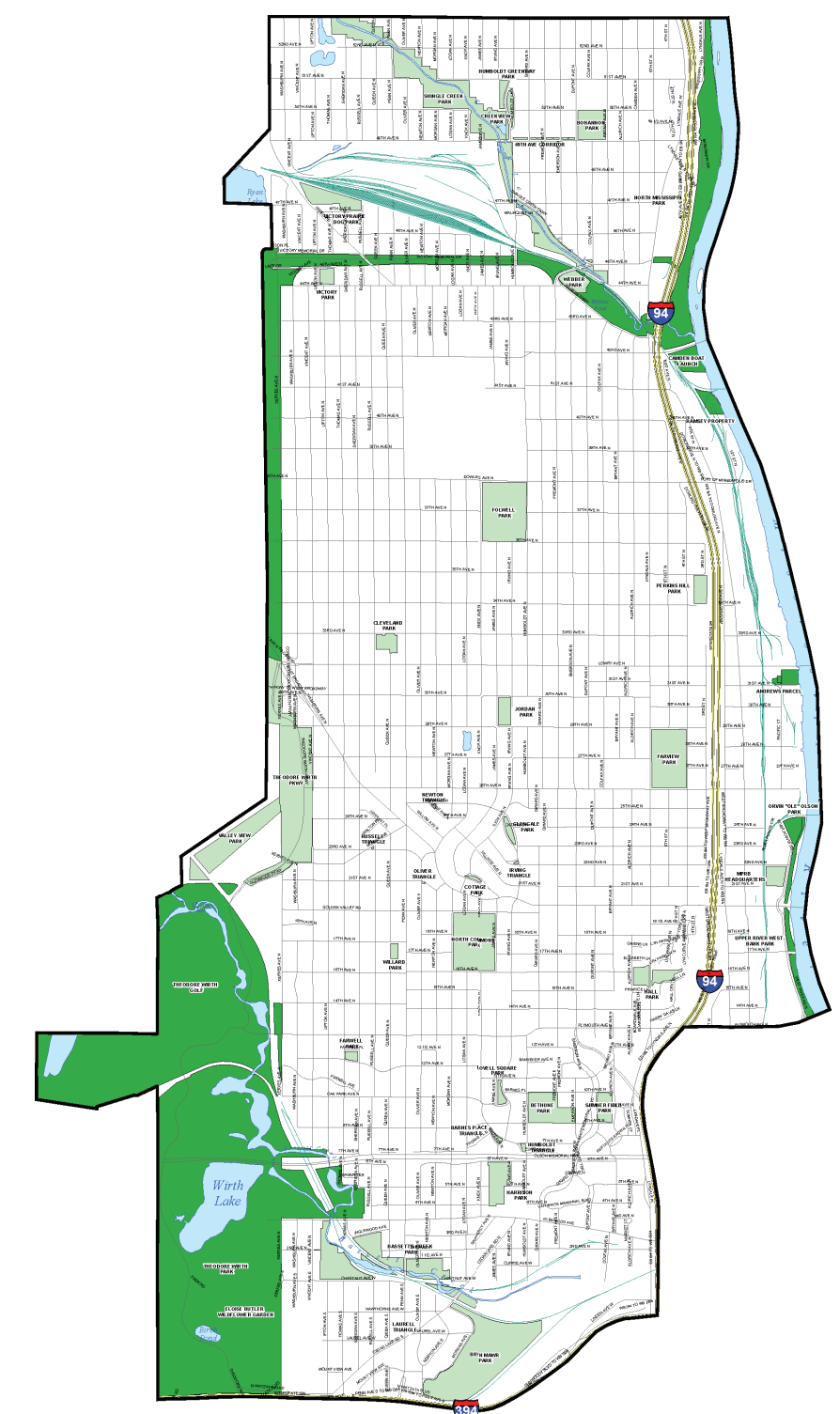
MAP OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY GARDENS (JUNE 2024)

PARKS + WATER

Minneapolis is nationally recognized for its parks and the parkways that connect the city lakes and Mississippi River called the Grand Rounds. While North Minneapolis is also home to two regional parks: Theodore Wirth and North Mississippi. Yet they are not well-integrated with the Grand Rounds system (Theodore Wirth Parkway is at the west edge of the neighborhood, and the Mississippi River is separated from residential area by the I-94

highway). Nevertheless, North Minneapolis's neighborhood parks are recreation centers for the neighborhood children, youth and adults.

The parks support water conservation with such actions as a self-cleaning swimming pool at Webber Park, attention to water runoff in parks and along the river. There are also plans to increase parkland along and access to the river for North Minneapolis.



MAP OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS PARKS

SUSTAINABILITY

North Minneapolis participates in the City of Minneapolis Green Zone, a program supporting sustainability (social, economic and environmental health and justice). The Northside Green Zone Task Force actively supports community gardens, small youth instructional programs about green development, and eliminating pollution from industrial neighbors.

Addressing neighborhood interest in solar energy, Minneapolis Climate Action has joined with Renewable Energy Partners to develop a small community solar array at North High School.

North Minneapolis Bicycle Advocacy Council advances bicycle transportation in North Minneapolis by building safe trails and connections to other areas of the city.



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