

Central Park

In January 2021, Central Park was temporarily closed due to damage caused by flooding, which significantly impacted people sheltering in the park and resulted in considerable damage to property. In response, the City relocated individuals sheltering in the park to the parking lot at 940 Caledonia Avenue, and Central Park was temporarily added to the list of spaces where sheltering was prohibited in the Bylaw.

Large areas of the park remain susceptible to flooding during periods of heavy rainfall (Attachment A). In September 2022, the temporary sheltering prohibition for Central Park expired.

CONCLUSION

Adopting the Bylaw amendments will align City policy with the Court ruling regarding Beacon Hill Park and support the City's efforts to provide safe, healthy, and quality parks for all citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager.

List of Attachments

Attachment A: Map of Flood Prone Areas in Central Park