

# Legislative Proposal 2026

Strengthening Brooklyn Park's BioTech District



## The challenge

Brooklyn Park is Minnesota's sixth-largest city, home to a vibrant and diverse population where over 60 percent of residents identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Despite its strengths, including a history of innovation and community investment, the City struggles with a modest tax base and has not received the same level of state and federal investment as other similarly sized cities.

**In 2024, the Minnesota Legislature established the BioTech Innovation District, creating opportunities for significant, equitable public investment and tax base growth.**

However, Brooklyn Park needs concrete investment to build out infrastructure, bolster workforce development activities, and more, to make the District a reality.



*Brooklyn Park's 245-acre BioTech District is anticipated to grow over 10,000 jobs and 3,000 housing units.*

## The proposal

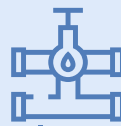
The BioTech District presents a unique opportunity for a collaborative governance structure with a shared vision among private sector partners, government, educational institutions, and other stakeholders.

Securing legislative support for placemaking initiatives will create a vibrant environment that attracts talent and promotes interaction – two ingredients critical for districts to thrive.

## Why it Matters

The BioTech District will address local economic disparities and position Brooklyn Park as a hub for innovation, contributing to regional and statewide economic growth. The District will also bring new shopping, dining, and entertainment experiences for residents.

Brooklyn Park's robust workforce assets, three established colleges, and award-winning training programs make the city an attractive location to develop talent, nurture startups, and create economic opportunities.



### Water infrastructure funding

Allocate \$4.5 million for critical water infrastructure improvements to support development and \$10 million for the construction of a water tower.



### Workforce Development Funding

Allocated \$1M over 2 Fiscal Years for continued funding for BrookLynk Job Readiness Training and Career Pathways Programming to grow program outreach from 300 participants to 600 participants over time.

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