HSP has been utilized twice by the Chicago Park District on an evolving project. In the first iteration in 2011, a private developer approached the Chicago Park District about joint development and management of a two-sheet ice-facility to serve the needs of the southern portion of Chicago. In the second iteration in 2013 through 2014, the second ice sheet was replaced with a gymnastics facility, which had long been an underserved need in the community.

In both instances, CPD enlisted Hunden Strategic Partners to assess the feasibility of the facility. The analysis included a profile of existing ice sport and gymnastics participation locally and regionally, an analysis of current recreational center trends, a study of comparable and competitive facilities in the region, and demand and financial projections of a new facility.

Construction on the 64,000-square foot facility broke ground in 2014 and encompasses seating for 850 to 1,000, skate rentals, concessions areas, meeting and party rooms, viewing areas, offices, restrooms and team locker rooms.

**Client:** Chicago Parks District  
**Time Period:** 2011; 2013 - 2014