

## Twins Preferred Ballpark Site May Wind Up Costing Them

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The preferred site location for the new Twins ballpark may require the club pitching in for land costs.

Hennepin Co. officials have told the Twins that to build on the preferred site location, it will likely require that they assist in paying for the land. As an alternative, six other sites in Minneapolis are being explored as options should the preferred site fall through. The deal is hinging on a stalemate between owners of the land and Hennepin Co. and the Twins regarding the value of the land where the stadium would sit. Public funds only allocate \$90 million for the 8-acre stadium site, and land owners feel that is far below market value. As [reported by the Minnesota Star Tribune](#) :

Hennepin County Commissioner **Mike Opat**, the lead stadium negotiator for the County Board, said he has tentatively identified six sites that could serve as a substitute location for the 40,000-seat, open-air ballpark.

The sites, he said, include a 40-acre parcel near the new Target Co. campus in Brooklyn Park, property owned by the Star Tribune near the Metrodome, and the Farmers Market on the near North Side of downtown Minneapolis.