

MISSION STATEMENT - Revised 11/14/12

Mission Statement:

To develop an overall master plan for Victoria Park that protects the unique natural environment of the river bluff, incorporates pedestrian friendly connections, and provides opportunities for sustainable community wide recreational and open space needs.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Revised 11/14/12

CONNECT:

C1) Provide attractive, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Mississippi River, Sam Morgan Regional Trail, and adjacent neighborhoods.

- + Restore and stabilize existing trails from top of bluff to edge of Mississippi River
- + Explore providing ADA compliant access from top of bluff to river's edge, possibly through use of funicular
- + Provide trail access between Victoria Park and Crosby Regional Park.
- + Connect neighborhoods west of 35E, north of West 7th and east of Otto Avenue to Victoria Park by extension of sidewalks and a pedestrian and bicycle trail
- + Provide way finding trail signage

C2) Connect storm water systems flowing into site through creative design that becomes a site amenity and educational opportunity.

- + Investigate use of storm water for irrigation
- + Provide interpretation of storm water systems
- + Explore wetland types and opportunities
- + Explore creation of pond and/or flowing stream
- + Explore use of rain gardens for storm water management

C3) Enhance ability of site to connect to wildlife and support migratory flyway

- + Infill with overstory plantings and understory planting using native materials
- + Provide bat houses, chimney shift towers, blinds, trails and/or other birding opportunities

C4) Provide visual connection to Mississippi River

- + Develop overlook at bend of river above Shepard Road
- + Develop overlook "Patrick's Memorial Mound"
- + Provide strategic clearing and openings in tree canopy for views
- + Provide telescopes at each overlook
- + Provide interpretive and educational information at each overlook

C5) Provide ease of transition between active and passive uses

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ENHANCE:

E1) Provide enhancement and protection of unique river bluff landscape along south edge of site.

- + Stabilize eroded area using native plantings wherever possible
- + Provide strategic access points down bluff to minimize degradation of bluff
- + Manage storm water to prevent concentrated runoff down bluff
- + Meet Critical Area requirements
- + Enhance site through use of sustainable materials and green technologies where possible

E2) Provide overall site remediation and clean up to meet MPCA standards for recreational use and ensure soil fertility.

- + Test all soil brought onto site as fill to insure absence of contamination
- + Remediate soil through proper testing and incorporation of organic matter to insure fertility, proper drainage and absence of compaction

E3) Enhance opportunities for connecting Victoria Park to its' historical roots

- + Research historical significance of park site
- + Provide interpretive/educational opportunities
- + Utilize public art to reflect history of site and impacts of flooding
- + Explore use of existing booms along river

E4) Enhance site through introduction of vegetation

- + Provide community gardening opportunities and explore community orchard idea
- + Provide vegetation to attract/detract wildlife
- + Provide shade
- + Utilize native plant materials to greatest extent possible

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ACTIVATE:

A1) Provide a variety of recreational options for all ages, all abilities, and all seasons.

- + Provide children's play area
- + Provide water play (splash pad) feature
- + Provide outdoor adult exercise stations
- + Provide opportunities for water based activities (fishing, kayaking, canoeing) and provide lockable canoe/kayak storage racks and rental locker storage
- + Provide opportunities for lawn sports such as bocce ball, lawn bowling, horseshoes, kite flying, frisbee, etc.
- + Provide opportunities for nature based recreation
- + Provide amphitheater for performances and presentations at site
- + Provide interactive public art
- + Provide trails to be used for specific seasonal use including snowshoeing and winter birding, sledding
- + Provide opportunities for hard court recreational use (basketball, tennis, etc)

A2) Provide multi-purpose athletic fields.

- + Coordinate field requirements with other neighborhood recreational facilities (including Palace Rec. Center, West 7th Community Center, Riverside)
- + Coordinate field requirements with adjacent Nova Classical Academy

A3) Provide picnic facilities

- + Provide picnic shelter with rest rooms
- + Provide separate picnic area(s) and consider adjacent business park users
- + Investigate suitability/legality of providing outdoor fire pit and community bread ovens
- + Provide sufficient parking
- + Provide wireless internet access

A4) Provide educational and nature interpretive opportunities

- + Provide boardwalk over wetland
- + Provide controlled access points to environmentally significant areas for observation and interaction

“PARKING LOT”

- 1) Funding
- 2) Friends Group
- 3) Maintenance
- 4) Think about park name

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