

Mission Statement:

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

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Revised 12/13/12

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
- + *Provide seamless transition between private and public space that invites public into Victoria Park from Otto Avenue*

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 *that result in healthy urban wetland*
- + 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
- + *Utilize bird safe design methods*

C4) Provide visual connection to Mississippi River

- + Develop overlook at bend of river above Shepard Road *and explore developing as community space*
- + Develop overlook "Patrick's Memorial Mound"
- + Provide strategic clearing and openings in tree canopy for views *while maintaining bluff stability*
- + Provide telescopes at each overlook
- + Provide interpretive and educational information at each overlook

C5) Provide ease of transition between active and passive uses

C6) *Utilize Sustainable Sites Initiative as reference for sustainable design of Victoria Park*

C7) *Provide safe and appropriately sized parking opportunities at Victoria Park*

MEETING #3 VICTORIA PARK

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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 *and to match plant material to soil type*
- + 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
- + *Research site in relation to Dakota Pre-settlement history*

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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VICTORIA PARK

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ACTIVATE:

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

+ *Potential opportunities may include:*

- *Children's play area*
- *Water play (splash pad) feature*
- *Outdoor adult exercise stations*
- *Water based activities (fishing, kayaking, canoeing)*
- *Lockable canoe/kayak storage racks and rental locker storage*
- *Lawn sports such as bocce ball, lawn bowling, horseshoes, kite flying, frisbee, fencing, etc.*
- *Opportunities for nature based recreation*
- *Amphitheater for performances and presentations at site*
- *Interactive public art integrated into recreation*
- *Trails to be used for specific seasonal use including snowshoeing and winter birding, sledding*
- *Opportunities for hard court recreational use (basketball, tennis, etc)*
- *Opportunities for observation (seating)*
- *Rental of kayaks and canoes*

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
- + *Provide associated field amenities*

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 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