

# Cedar-Isles Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #3

*Contemporary History and Community Initiatives*

Monday, November 30th



**Minneapolis**  
Park & Recreation Board

# Land Acknowledgement

We collectively acknowledge that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board system is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region.

We also acknowledge that restrictive covenants were used to deny Black, Indigenous, Asian and in some cases Jewish individuals access to property in surrounding neighborhoods. This had an impact on who was and was not officially welcome in this area.



# Agenda

6:00-6:15pm Welcome & Intro

6:15-7:20pm Community Panel Q&A

7:20-7:40pm CAC Discussion

7:40-8:00pm Public Comment & Wrap up

# CAC Group Agreement

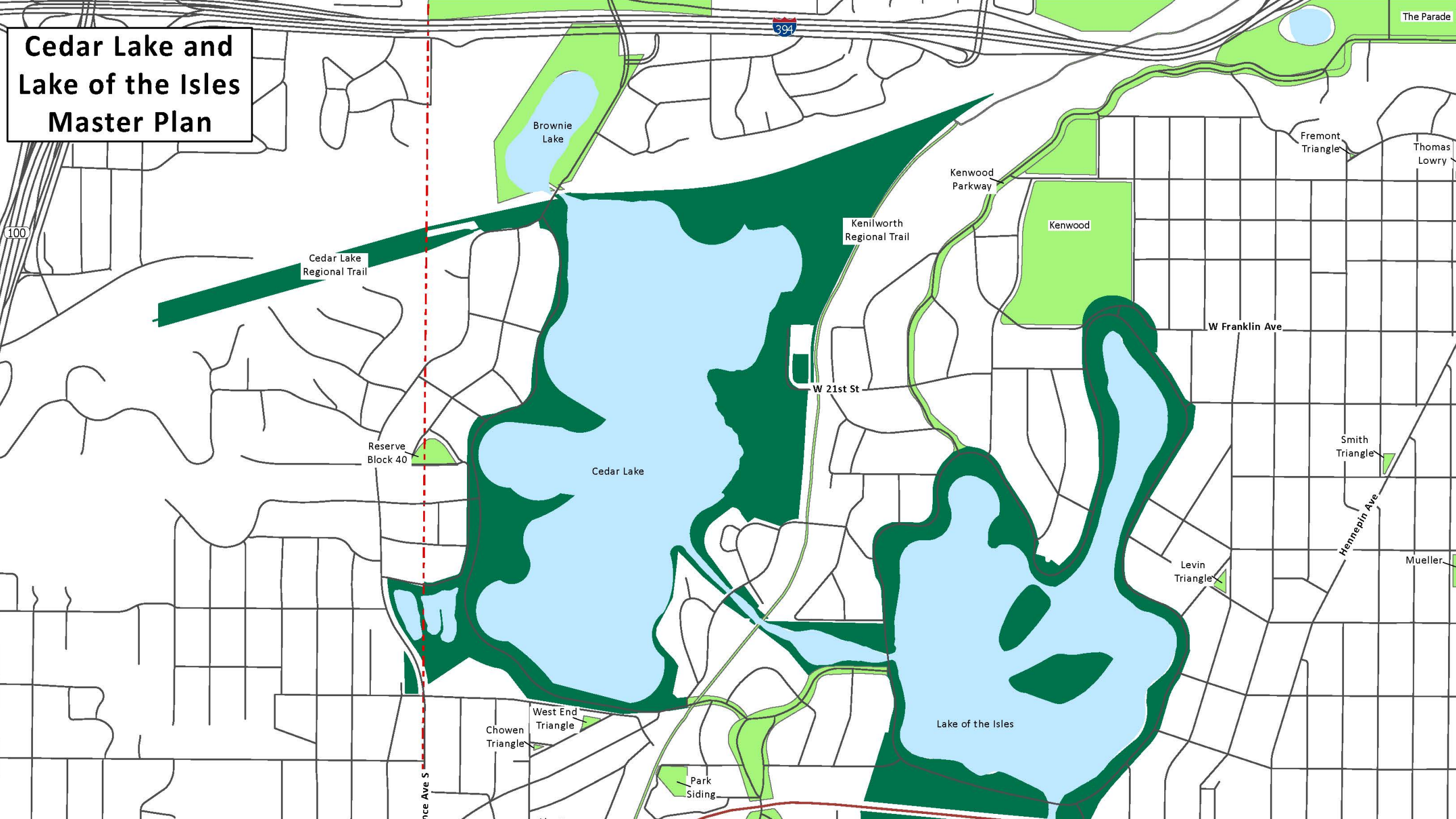
1. Assume good intent
2. One conversation: respect the speaker, actively listen
3. Value different perspectives
4. Speak from your experience
5. Be respectful even if you don't agree
6. Step up, step back

# MPRB Online Forum Guidelines

1. Both CAC members and the public will be given opportunities to speak
  - Please wait for your opportunity
2. Stay on "mute" until you are called on to speak
3. Please don't be anonymous – use your real name
4. We are not recording this meeting



# Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Master Plan



Brownie Lake

Cedar Lake Regional Trail

Reserve Block 40

Cedar Lake

Kenilworth Regional Trail

W 21st St

Kenwood Parkway

Kenwood

W Franklin Ave

Smith Triangle

Hennepin Ave

Levin Triangle

Mueller

Chowen Triangle

West End Triangle

Park Siding

Lake of the Isles

Fremont Triangle

Thomas Lowry

The Parade

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CAC #1  
"ACCESS"

CAC #2  
"HISTORY P1"

CAC #3  
"HISTORY P2"

CAC #4  
"RESILIENCY"

Reflection

Open House

Community Engagement



SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

# Plans, Initiatives, & Improvements

- Chain of Lakes Comprehensive Plan (1997)
- Cedar Lake Park Concept Plan (1997)
- East Cedar Lake Beach Improvements
- South Cedar Lake Beach Improvements
- Lake of the Isles Renovations

# Chain of Lakes Comprehensive Plan

*With the Future of Water Quality in Mind*

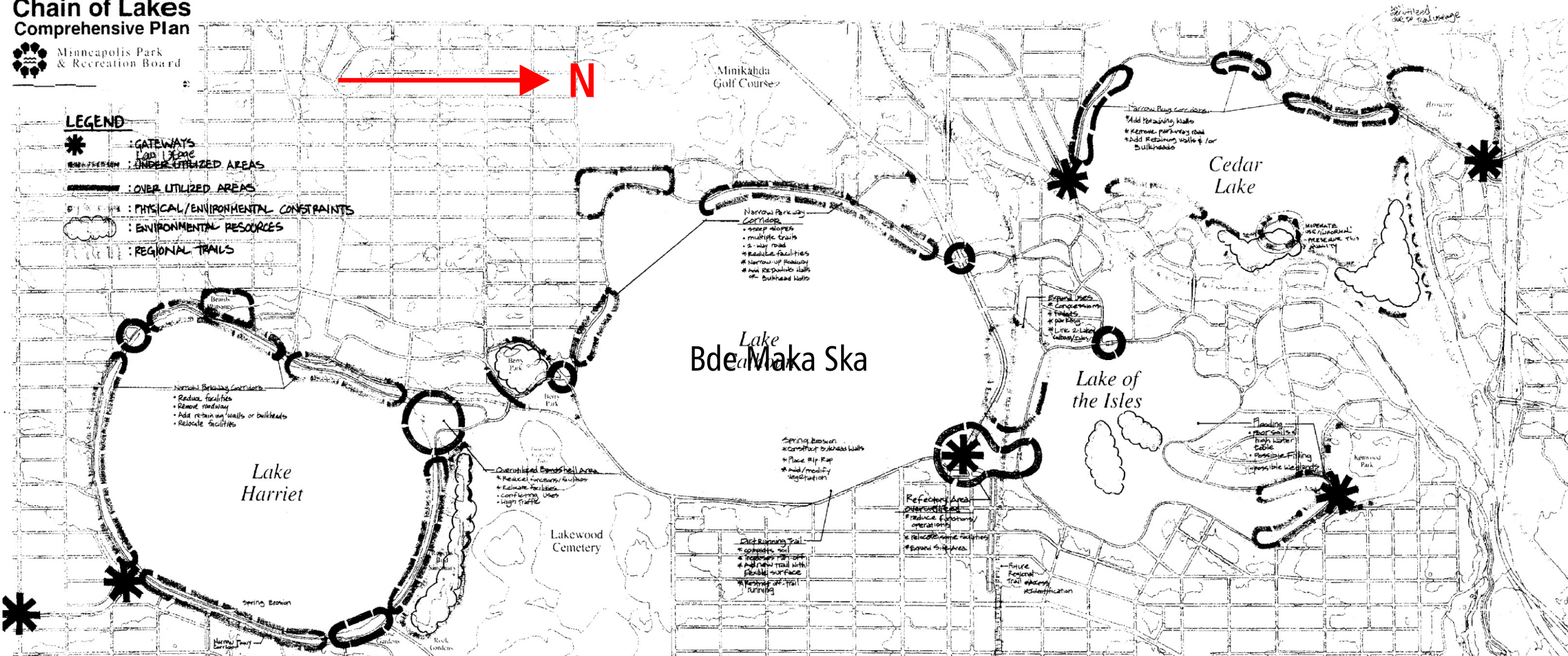
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## Chain of Lakes Comprehensive Plan

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### LEGEND

- : GATEWAYS
- : UNDERUTILIZED AREAS
- : OVERUTILIZED AREAS
- : PHYSICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS
- : ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
- : REGIONAL TRAILS



Lake Bde Maka Ska

Cedar Lake

Lake of the Isles

Lake Harriet

Lakewood Cemetery

Minikahda Golf Course

Howe Lake

Spring Brown  
 \* Construct beach walls  
 \* Place Rip Rap  
 \* Add/modify vegetation

Dark Running Trail  
 \* construct trail  
 \* improve trail off  
 \* Add new trail with  
 flexible surface  
 \* Remove old trail  
 running

Reflector Area  
 \* Reduce & improve  
 operations  
 \* Relocate some facilities  
 \* Expand Sub Area

Expand Use  
 \* Concessions  
 \* Trails  
 \* parking  
 \* Line to Lake  
 Valley/Isle

Flooding  
 \* Repair soils  
 \* Install water  
 table  
 \* possible filling  
 \* possible weep  
 pipe

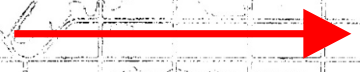
Narrow Parkway Corridors  
 \* Reduce facilities  
 \* Remove roadway  
 \* Add retaining walls or bulkheads  
 \* Relocate facilities

Overutilized Beach Areas  
 \* Relocate concessions/bulkhead  
 \* Relocate facilities  
 \* conforming uses  
 \* high traffic

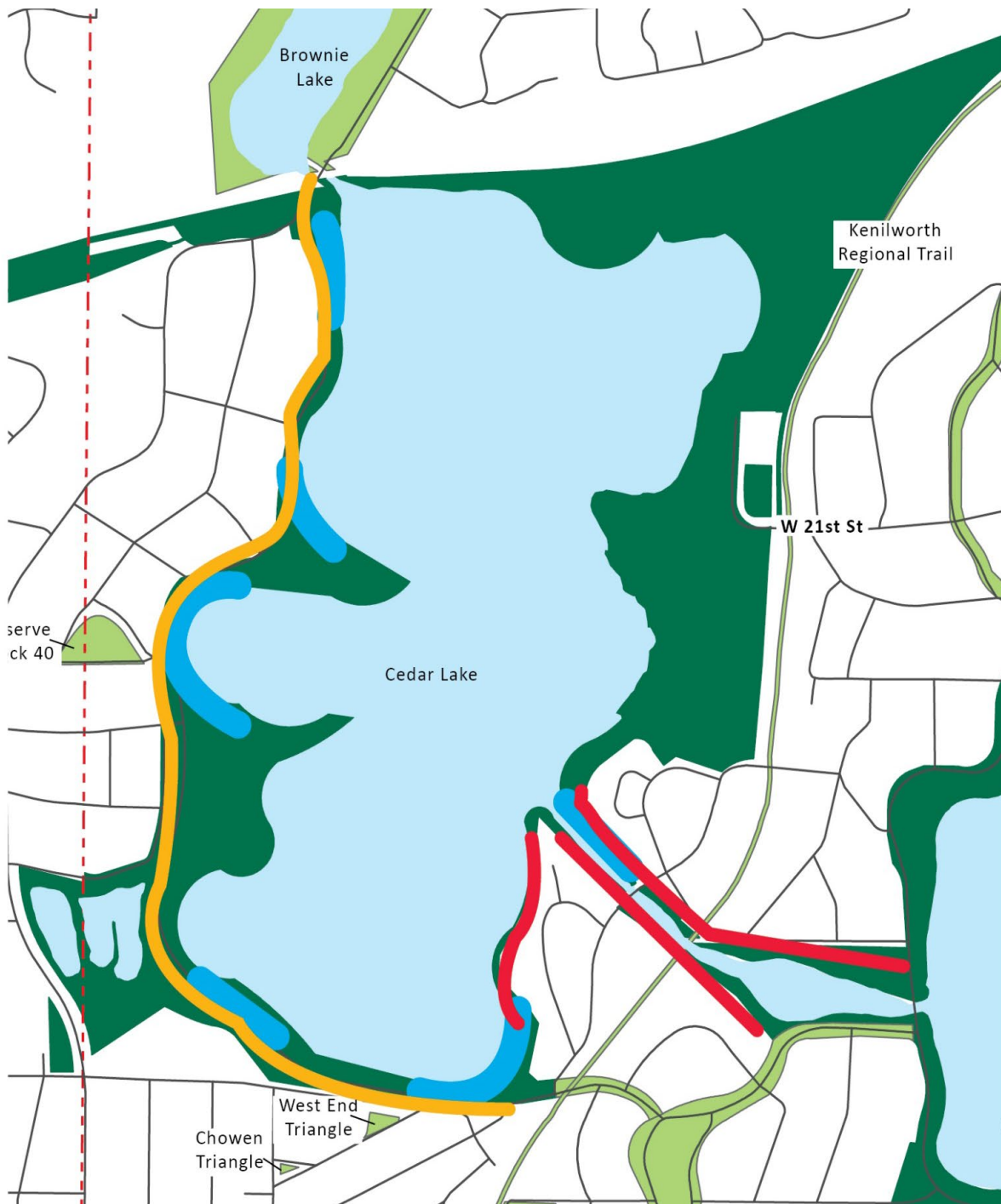
Narrow Bay Corridors  
 \* Add retaining walls  
 \* Remove parking lot  
 \* Add Retaining walls for  
 bulkheads

IMPROVE USE/FORMAL  
 PROGRAM FOR  
 QUALITY

Overutilized  
 beach trail usage



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## Water Quality

- Erosion control, low-impact seasonal path
- vegetative filter, stabilization
- Lake Edge, vegetative filter, low-impact seasonal path

## Transportation (vehicular, bicycle)

- Two-way vehicular circulation and bicycle circulation

## Recreation (walking, hiking, kayaking)

- Improve connections between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake
- Proposed "soft surface" walking path along the southeast shore



## Water Quality

- Erosion control, low-impact seasonal path
- Vegetative filter, stabilization
- Lake Edge, vegetative filter, low-impact seasonal path

## Transportation (vehicular, bicycle)

- Eliminate duplicate roadway to gain more parkland
- Maintain one-way vehicular and bicycle circulation

## Recreation (walking, hiking, kayaking)

- Restore lawn and trees (north arm)
- Improve connection and recreation opportunities between [Bde Maka Ska] and Lake of the Isles
- Pedestrian Bridge at 26th Street



Lake of the Isles  
Renovations (2000s)

# Renovations completed

- Raised bike/ped paths and park land to address 100-yr flood plain
- Stabilizing shoreline
- 300-400 trees planted
- Seeded turf
- Renovated bridge decks
- Addition of benches

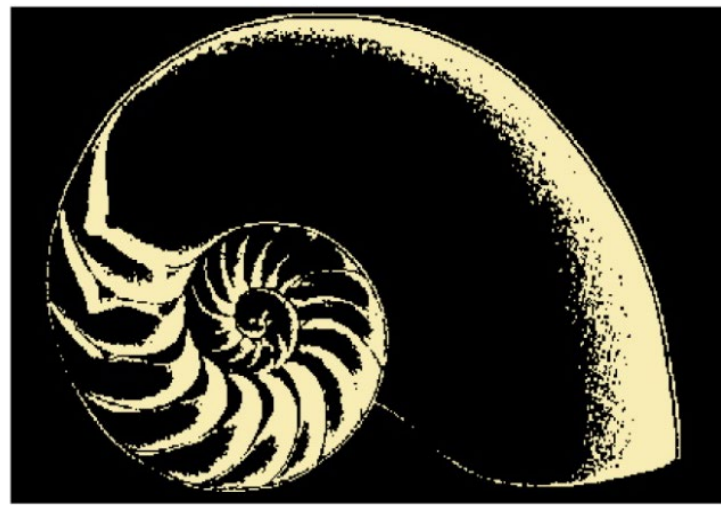




# Cedar Lake Park Association



- Create and nurture a park at Cedar Lake with a thriving nature preserve and connecting trails and greenways.
- Provide opportunities for people to learn to live in community with nature and one another.
- Continue to foster citizen leadership and private involvement in the development and management of the park and trails.
- Support similar efforts throughout the metro area and beyond.

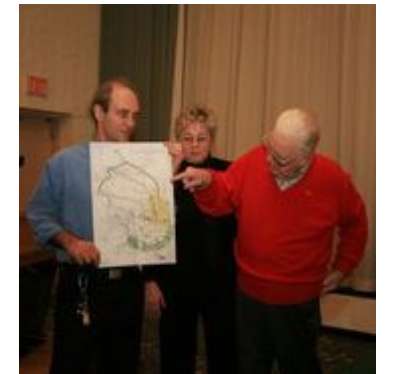


*"Vision for Cedar Lake Park is to restore the lands and waters and create a new Community with Nature through which we can transform ourselves, our city, and our society."*



- Savanna
- Maple/Basswood
- Wet Forest
- Wetlands
- Trails







East Cedar Lake Beach



2000s

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

# HIDDEN ACOUSTICS

AT EAST CEDAR LAKE BEACH

**Sunday, May 26**

*Foreshore Quartet (Jazz)*

**Sunday, June 23**

*Gypsy Mania Hot Club Quartet (Jazz)*

**Sunday, July 28**

*The Good Intentions Bluegrass Band*

**Sunday, August 25**

*Roe Family Singers (Old Time/Americana)*

**3:00 - 4:15 PM**

SPONSORED BY:  
KENWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
AND CEDAR LAKE PARK ASSOCIATION





**Underutilized shoreline**

*Ideal boat traffic from canal to beach*



**Heavily congested beach & swim area**  
**(lots of small kids)**

Cedar Lake  
East Beach  
Sandy spot for swimming



**Use floating sign (buoy) to discourage boat parking during swimming season**



**MPRB placed canoe rack here without community input on location**





*Recommendation that  
the amended concept  
plan for Cedar Lake South  
beach be included in the  
Cedar-Isles Master Plan*

- Maintenance of existing amenities
- Host community-building events: solstice celebration, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Juneteenth, concerts
- Ecological
  - Tree canopy expansion
  - Water quality improvement
  - Educational programming – limnology, bird watching, turtle nesting/hatching
- Amenities
  - Canoe racks and launch
  - Chairs, picnic table, grill(s), and benches
  - Shade and lounge lawn improvement
  - Public art

# Panelists

## Keith Prussing

- President of Cedar Lake Park Association, Cedar Lake Concept Plan

## Claire Ruebeck

- CIDNA Board Member, South Cedar Beach improvements

## Will Stensrud

- KNO Board Member, East Cedar Lake Beach improvements

## Emma Pachuta

- MPRB, Lake of the Isles Improvements

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. Dark, silhouetted clouds are scattered across the sky. In the background, a dark silhouette of a tennis court with its net and posts is visible against the horizon. The overall mood is calm and serene.

# CAC Discussion

# Questions

1. What are your takeaways from the panel today?
2. What contemporary values do you see reflected in this work? Are there any gaps?

A sunset scene over a body of water with a dark treeline in the background. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The water in the foreground is dark with gentle ripples, reflecting the light from the sky. The text 'Public Comment' is centered in the middle of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Public Comment

# How to share your feedback

- **Share your feedback verbally:**
  - Up to 1 minute
  - Write "Comment" in the chatbox and we will call on you in order
- **Share your feedback through writing:**
  - Write your feedback in the chatbox



**THANK YOU for participating!**

**Questions or comments?**

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