

# **CEDAR LAKE/ LAKE OF THE ISLES MASTER PLAN**

**THEMES,  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
AND VISION**

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# INTRODUCTIONS

## **TEN x TEN** landscape architecture

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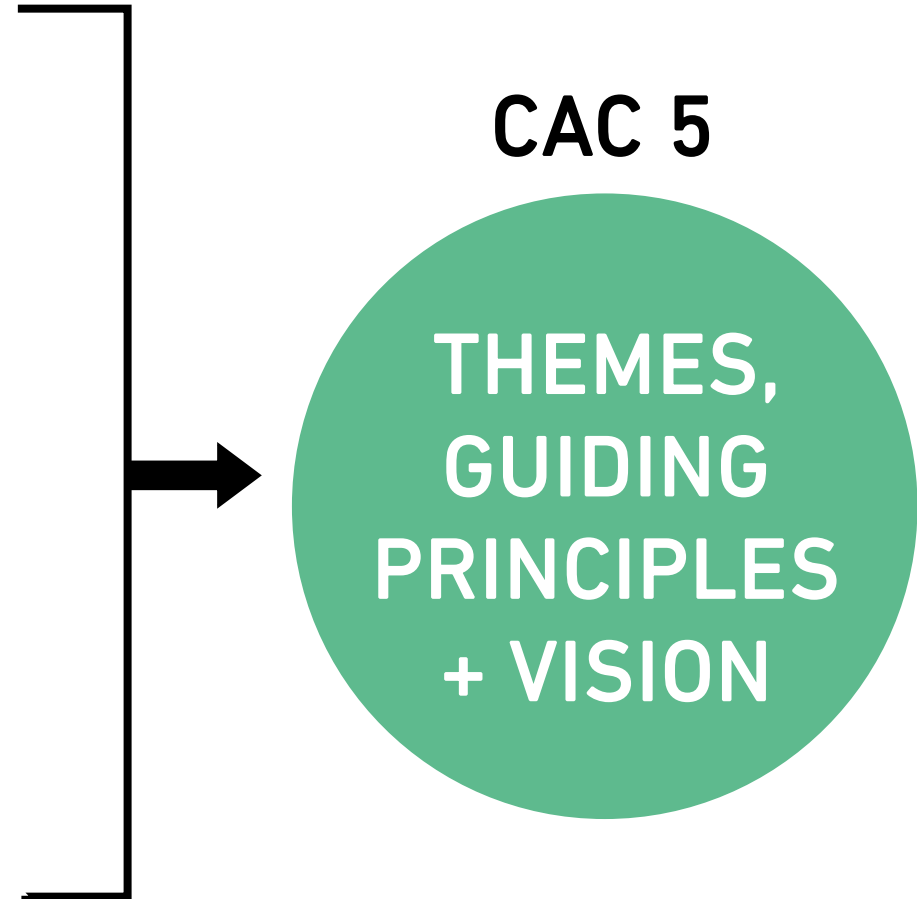
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# DISCOVERY + ASSESSMENT

- CAC 1 Access**
- CAC 2 History**
- CAC 3 Community Initiatives**
- CAC 4 Resilience**

- *Park Uses + Activities*
- *Community Engagement*



# DEFINITIONS + TERMS

- Themes are drawn from recurring **comments and ideas** documented from throughout the CAC and community engagement process that help shape draft project guiding principles.
- Guiding principles embody **core values and offer action statements** for the project that guide decisions throughout the planning process. Guiding principles will evolve throughout this planning process.

# CAC 1 ACCESS: THEMES

## DRAFT SUB-THEMES

Regional connectivity

Inclusive welcome

Legible circulation  
(commuter and recreational)

Intentional wayfinding

Trail networks

Broader invitation  
(social access)

Unique identities of each lake

Future visitor use

Lack of public knowledge  
about existing park assets

Balance access and  
protection of natural areas



## *DRAFT SYNTHESIS*

**Regional  
connectivity**

**Clear  
circulation**

**Inclusive  
welcome**

**Unique  
identities**

# CAC 2 HISTORY: THEMES

## DRAFT SUB-THEMES

Shared agency + ownership

Honor a layered history

Impacts of infrastructure on physical character over time

Balance protection of existing character with future alterations

Traditional versus contemporary uses and connections

Education + Programming

Diverse cultural uses

Indigenous lifeways

Design legacy

Interpretation and storytelling

Mitigate effects of climate change



## *DRAFT SYNTHESIS*

**Diverse uses + users**

**Indigenous lifeways**

**Honor a layered history**

# CAC 3 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES: THEMES

## DRAFT SUB-THEMES

Partnerships

Ongoing initiatives and stewardship

Water flooding history and concerns

Improvements for ADA accessibility and safety

Neighborhood investment

Cues from adjacent planning efforts

Community-led natural areas restoration and maintenance

Increase programming and activation of space



## *DRAFT SYNTHESIS*

**Partnerships**

**Community  
Commitment**

**Stewardship**

# CAC 4 RESILIENCE: THEMES

## DRAFT SUB-THEMES

Animal and bird habitat creation

Extent of lawn areas

Culturally significant plants

Balance restoration opportunities with expanding amenities

Uncertainty about expanded use / overuse in the future

Flood mitigation

Improve water quality

Trail surface types

Invasive species mgmt (misplaced relatives)

Aesthetic characteristics of planting



## *DRAFT SYNTHESIS*

**Improve  
ecological value**

**Expand  
restoration**

**Water quality**

**Manage +  
Protect**

# ENGAGEMENT THEMES

## DRAFT SUB-THEMES

Highlight unique features of each lake, embrace unique identities

Preserve what works

Inclusive welcome

Better wayfinding

Appropriately sited and expanded amenities

Reduce user conflicts and increase safety

Diverse communities reflected in space

Gathering space with flexible program areas

Connections to water

Multi-generational amenities

Improve water quality

Expand natural areas



## *DRAFT SYNTHESIS*

**Diversify amenities**

**Intuitive + Safe**

**Inclusive + Accessible**

**Gather + Connect**

**Protect the wild**

**Improve Wayfinding**

# COMPILED SYNTHESIZED DRAFT THEMES

## Access/Circulation

Regional connectivity

Clear circulation

Inclusive welcome

Unique identities

## History

Diverse uses + users

Indigenous lifeways

Honor a layered history

## Community Initiatives

Partnerships

Community Commitment

Stewardship

## Resilience

Improve ecological value

Expand restoration

Water quality

Manage + Protect

Diversify amenities

Protect the wild

Gather + Connect

Inclusive + Accessible

Intuitive + Safe

Improve Wayfinding

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES (DRAFT)

1. **PROTECT:** Restore and invest in natural resource resilience to improve water quality, mitigate flooding and diversify habitat.
2. **INVITE:** Welcome a broader audience with clear arrival nodes, anticipate future visitors, provide intuitive orientation, and focus "gateway" amenities and gardens at high-traffic locations.
3. **CONNECT:** Create flexible circulation networks (bike, pedestrian, and vehicular) that can adapt over time. Clarify and improve connections to water.
4. **TELL STORIES:** Acknowledge a layered history and share authentic stories through interpretation, design and stewardship.
5. **CELEBRATE:** Honor the many ways people use parks and create new opportunities for gathering, programming and use that celebrate the unique identity of each lake.
6. **RESPECT:** Maintain current uses and valued amenities while accommodating desired improvements.

# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1

Restore and invest in natural resource resilience to improve water quality, mitigate flooding and diversify habitat.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 2

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 3

Create flexible circulation networks (bike, pedestrian, and vehicular) that can adapt over time. Clarify and improve connections to water.



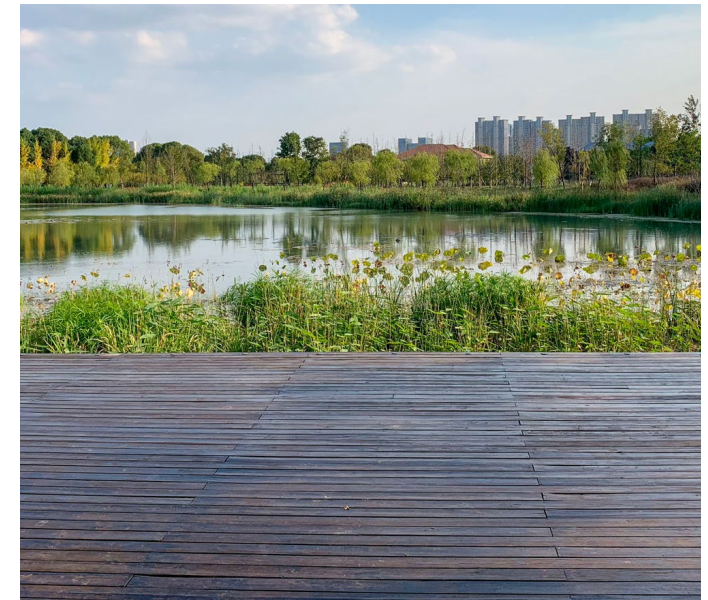
# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 4

Acknowledge a layered history and share authentic stories through interpretation, design and stewardship.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 5

Honor the many ways people use parks and create new opportunities for gathering, programming and use that celebrate the unique identity of each lake.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLE 6

Maintain current uses and valued amenities while accommodating desired improvement.



# VISION STATEMENT (DRAFT)

Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake, as part of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, contributes to a vital, urban natural system that sustains people, wildlife, wetlands and forests.

The master plan is an opportunity to reinforce ecological resilience, celebrate unique recreational infrastructure, tell authentic stories, and build stronger relationships between humans and the lakes.

*This vision statement draft is a point of beginning. We will continue to evolve this statement together throughout the planning process.*