



Cedar Lake – Lake of the Isles Master Plan

Summary of Feedback on Preferred Park Concept from 6/22/2022 to 7/25/2022

This document is a compilation of the feedback received between the release of the Preferred Park Concept on **6/22/2022 up to 7/25/2022**. **This document is a draft and will continue to be updated as MPRB received additional feedback during this phase of engagement.** Feedback is organized by topic, then location. This document offers a summary of what has been heard to date and not a list of every individual comment. Comments that are bolded have been mentioned more than five times.

Below is a guide to the color-coding, which shows how the comments were heard:

- **Items in red are from in-person engagement**
- Items in black are from the online survey
- **Items in purple are from other sources (email, phone, letters)**
- **Items in blue are from social media**
- **Items in orange are from multiple sources**

Water Quality and Water Amenities

- **Support for water quality improvements**
 - General
 - Rain gardens
 - Tree trenches
 - Underground parkway treatment
 - Help to address flooding
 - Lakes need to be swimmable
- **Support formalizing water access points**
 - General
 - South and east sides of Cedar Lake
- **Support for additional shoreline plants**
- Concern about rain gardens within the limited open space
- Concern about high cost for underground parkway treatment
- Support for littoral edge along southeast Cedar
- Suggestion to add shoreline plants in less used areas
- Suggestion to use only plants native for shoreline restoration
- Concern that shoreline plantings will be too tall and obstruct views
- **Concern that water plants have put a stop or made it very difficult to kayak/paddleboard**
- **Opposition to added dock at Lake of the Isles near W 27th St**
- **Suggestion for additional water access point**
 - Southeast Lake of the Isles
 - East Cedar Lake Beach
- Suggestion for public education related to water quality

- Supportive of water quality being a top priority
- Suggestion to take water quality improvements even further
 - o Southwest Cedar Lake
 - o Northwest Cedar Lake
- Suggestion to remove milfoil from the lake
- Concern about cost for water quality treatment strategies impacting implementation capability
- Suggestion for buffer strips on homeowner lawns
- Suggestion for emergent vegetation along all of the shoreline
- Suggestion to add E.coli levels at docks, not just beaches
- Suggestion to address littering
- Concern about plastics in the water
- Question about whether maintenance like dredging will be needed
- Suggestion for East Cedar Lake Beach restoration as a priority
- Concern that existing canoe rack at East Cedar Lake Beach is unused
- Suggestion to put canoe racks at East Cedar Lake Beach closer to the water

Circulation and Access

Project Areas as a Whole

- Suggestion for two-way bike path all the way around Lake of the Isles
- Suggestion for a connection along the southeast shore of Cedar Lake
- Opposition to two-way bike path segments at Lake of the Isles
- Suggestion to modify parkway roads to increase biking and walking access
 - o Temporary or permanent closure
 - o Narrowing roads
 - o Removing parking
 - o Turn two-way segments into one-ways
- **Support for wider trails**
 - o **Northwest Cedar Lake**
 - o Northeast Cedar Lake
- **Suggestion for additional improved intersection crossings**
 - o Sunset Boulevard near Cedar Lake South Beach
 - o Basswood near Cedar Lake
 - o Cedar Lake parking lot near 25th
 - o W 22nd St (2)
 - o Cedar Lake Pkwy / Cedar Lake Regional Trail intersection
- **Concern about safety for bikers and pedestrians**
 - o Interactions with cars
 - o E-bikes
 - o Shared paths in the winter
 - o Burnham Road
- **Support for increased access for bike and/or pedestrians**
- **Support for proposed two-way bike segments**
- **Support for southern two-way bike segment only**

- **Suggestion to extend north Lake of the Isles two-way bike segment to connect to 21st St and lightrail stop**
- **Support for north Lake of the Isles two-way bike segment**
- Suggestions related to two-way bike path segments
 - o Strong signage
 - o Wider trails
- **Concerns related to two-way bike path segments**
 - o Congestion
 - o **Safety and communication in transition zones**
- Suggestion for an on-street bike lane rather than the two-way segments at Lake of the Isles
- **Suggestion to maximize public water access to all of the shoreline**
 - o Remove private access
 - o **Permanent or temporary bridge across Kenilworth Channel**
- Suggestion to include boardwalk(s)
- Suggestion to reduce car traffic around both lakes
- Apply the Minneapolis modal priority framework to all decisions around transportation modes
- Suggestion to add more walkways
- **Concern that circulation and access plans do not live up to MPRB/Met Council values of inviting a more diverse audience, including older adults**
- Support for intersection improvements
 - o General
 - o Northwest Cedar Lake
- **Concern related to design of intersection improvements**
- Opposition to any intrusive signage or flashing lights at pedestrian crossings
- Concern about bike safety on steep hill between South Cedar Beach and Dean Parkway, suggestion to improve this route to the Midtown Greenway, potentially with a bridge
- **Support for formalized soft surface rather than paved trails, generally**
- **Satisfied with existing width of bike lanes**
- Suggestion to add more bike/scooter rental locations
- Suggestion to add substantial traffic calming measures (speed bumps, raised intersections, bump outs) to any location where bikes and cars must share the road (ex. Dean's Parkway)
- Suggestion to follow the initial park concept b for circulation and access

Zone 1: Northwest Cedar Lake

- **Suggestion to address circulation in this area differently**
 - o One-way for Cedar Lake Parkway
 - o Closure of Cedar Lake Parkway
 - o Keep the road and paths as is and add better signage
 - o Revisit boardwalk to address safety concerns near the "Section B" line
 - o Section C doesn't do enough.
 - o For Section B, make the upper path one-way for bikes to provide more space
 - o Add tar or boardwalk adjacent to existing trails
- **Support for narrowed parkway road**
- **Opposition to narrowing the parkway road lane widths. Would be unsafe**

- Support for Section B proposal
- Suggestion for traffic calming measures on Cedar Lake Parkway, ex. hardened center lines, raised intersections, flashing beacons, and stop signs
- Concern about making the parkway one-way

Zone 2: Northeast Cedar Lake

- **Suggestion to add a paved trail among the soft surface trails**
- Suggestion to improve and increase access to trails
- Suggestion to minimize access in the natural areas. There are already many trails, don't need more.
- **Suggestion to designate separate pedestrian and mountain bike paths**
- **Opposition to any use of trails by mountain bikes**
- Suggestion to design multi-use trails for bikers and walkers
- **Opposition to formalization of natural trails**
- **Concerned about removal of soft surface trails**
 - o Paths should be for wandering in addition to circulation
 - o Increased traffic with lightrail
- Disappointed to see trails removed, especially the loop on the north side stemming off the Cedar Lake Trail and the lakeside trail.
- **Concern about safety when running alone on the trails**
- **Support for formalizing trails**
- **Concern about paving any trails, want them to stay wild**

Focus Area A: East Cedar Beach

- Suggestion for a paved path from the road to the beach
- **Concern that parking is a problem, sees a need for a parking lot but doesn't want it in the forest**
- **Concern about adding a parking lot, glad it's not in the plan**
- **Suggestion to add an on-street turnaround spot without sacrificing natural areas**
- **Suggestion to improve online navigation and wayfinding**
- **Concern about fast traffic on the roads feeding into the beach**

Zone 3: Kenilworth Channel and Southeast Lake of the Isles

- Suggestion for two-way bike route through the full length of Kenilworth Channel
- Suggestion to go further with improving bike connections to the Greenway and to the surrounding neighborhood

Focus Area B: Kenilworth Channel and Lake of the Isles Connection

- **Support for the trail connections along Kenilworth Channel**
- **Suggestion for Kenilworth Channel pedestrian path to be paved**
- **Opposition to pedestrian trail removal on Lake of the Isles Pkwy bridge**
- Suggestion for paved pedestrian paths on both sides of the Kenilworth Channel
- **Suggestion for a paved bike path on the north side of the Kenilworth Channel all the way through to Cedar**

- Opposition to trail connections through the entire Channel
 - o Suggestion that pedestrian path stop at the Kenilworth Trail
 - o Suggestion that pedestrian path stop at Burnham Bridge
 - o Suggestion that bike connection stop before the Channel and before Kenilworth Place, along Lake of the Isles Parkway
- Support for trail connections along Kenilworth Place
- Suggestion to add an ADA paved path down from the Kenilworth Trail to the proposed trails
- Concern that Lake of the Isles Pkwy bridge is too tight for a two-way bike trail

Focus Area C: South Lake of the Isles Parkway

- Support for dog park pedestrian trail
- Suggestion to move the pedestrian path to the east side of the dog park
- Suggestion to add an access point to the dog park closer to the Midtown Greenway
- Opposition to Parkway bump outs

Focus Area D: Lake of the Isles Pkwy and Bde Maka Ska Pkwy Intersection

- Suggestion to improve this intersection through widening bike lanes, or making the pass under the bridge one way bike, or adding a bike/ped roundabout
- Like the current road network because of the nice planting area in the triangle.
- Could use considerable redesign as a very busy intersection

Amenities and Proposed Land Acquisition

- **Suggestion for permanent bathrooms**
 - o **Year-round use**
 - o **East Cedar Lake Beach**
 - o Lake of the Isles
 - o Cedar Lake Point Beach
 - o North Lake of the Isles
 - o Changing room near beach
- **Support for more/improved restrooms**
- Suggestion for improved restroom maintenance
 - o Cleaners
 - o Available year round
- Indifferent to restrooms as proposed
- **Suggestion for additional amenities**
 - o **Picnic shelters**
 - South Lake of the Isles
 - East Cedar Lake Beach
 - North Lake of the Isles
 - o **Programmable spaces (ex: outdoor classroom, space for food trucks)**
 - o Skate park
 - o Bike skills course
 - o Dog park at Cedar Lake

- Play area at Cedar Lake
- Public art
- Gathering space at Lake of the Isles
- Permanent building(s)
- Small food and drink stand
- Waterslides into the lake
- Enhance mound at northeast Cedar Lake
- Canoe/kayak/paddleboard racks at existing and new water access spots
- **Suggestion to additional site furnishings**
 - Bike parking
 - Benches
 - Electrical hookup
 - Drinking fountains
 - Lifeguard stand
 - Benches and rest stops along the trails
 - Lighting along the trails
- **Support for picnic areas**
- Suggestion to expand picnic areas
- **Support for enhanced welcome entry points**
- **Suggestion for additional signage**
 - Generally and at East Cedar Beach
 - Nature and natural resource restoration/preservation projects
 - Indigenous history
 - Evolution of the beach and lakes
 - Education
 - Marking trails
 - One-way to two-way advanced signage
- **Concern about programming, amenity, and signage impacts on aesthetics, views, wildlife, and/or the landscape**
- **Opposition to signage at entry point (kiosk)**
- **Opposition to land acquisition (the “remnant lands” near Kenwood Corridor)**
- Opposition to permanent structures
 - East Cedar Lake Beach
- Suggestion to add more programming and events
- Suggestion related to detailed designed of picnic tables
- **Concern about any buildings being added**
- **Opposition to adding new amenities at Cedar Lake**
- **Support for not having a boat rental at Cedar Lake**
- **Support for land acquisition along Channel to complete the pedestrian connection**
- **Suggestion for a dog-friendly beach**
- **Support for formal concert area at East Cedar Lake Beach**
- **Pleased that proposed amenities are based around existing uses for East Cedar Lake Beach**

Natural Resources Restoration

- **Support for natural resources recommendations in preferred park concept**
- Suggestion to make improvements to enhance habitat connectivity
- Suggestion to add more trees
 - o Generally
 - o East Cedar Beach
- Support for preservation of trees
 - o Cottonwood strategies at East Cedar Beach
- Concern that contractors can cut down trees even if they've been designated to be preserved
- Opposition to reducing open lawn space
 - o At Lake of the Isles
 - o On the west side of Cedar
- Suggestion to further reduce lawn space
- Suggestion to take habitat restoration even further
- Suggestion for more volunteer support
- Suggestion that more money go to maintenance
- Concern that restoration gestures to something the land never was
- Protect the few natural areas that we have
- Concern about buckthorn
- Opposition to oak savannah restoration because the area never was an oak savannah

Winter Amenities

- **General support for winter amenities**
- **Support for ice skating ribbon**
- **Suggestion for a permanent warming house**
- Suggestion to extend skating ribbon across Lake of the Isles, through Kenilworth Channel, and around Cedar Lake
- **Except for skating ribbon, lukewarm about winter amenities**
- Suggestion for coffee vendor at permanent warming house
- Support for updated warming house
- Suggestion for improved trails and grooming of ski trails
- Happy with how the trails are groomed now

General

- **Support for the preferred park concept**
- Support for minimal approach
- **Opposition to preferred park concept**
 - o Liked previous plans more than this version
- **Support for East Cedar Beach focus area**
- **Concern plan is not representative of regional perspectives**
 - o Heavily favors CAC or adjacent neighbor opinions rather than regional audience

- Does not accommodate a diverse group of visitors and ADA accessibility
- **Plan doesn't accommodate increased visitors from light rail**
- Suggestion to make accessibility a priority
- Make improvements to inaccessible amenities
- Concern about master plan process
- Support MPRB efforts to pay community members from diverse and accessibility communities for feedback to diversify participation
- **Concern regarding impacts to the park on the east side of Cedar Lake from the Southwest lightrail**
 - Traffic and parking
 - Busier
 - Crime and trash with regional visitors
 - Maintenance
 - Ruin area
- **With increased usage from the LRT, prioritize funding to account for more use**
- Concern about increasing maintenance burden
- Suggestion to continue to work with the Native community and prioritize their needs and desires
- Suggestion to meter parking areas
- **Suggested text edits to preferred park concept**
 - Modify title for zone 3
 - Mark all ADA accessible amenities with the orange circle, including docks and bathrooms
 - Existing portapotty near Newton Ave that is not shown