Location – Current Condition

Upper Father Hennepin Bluff Park – Project Scope Boundary
In 2016 the MPRB approved the Central Riverfront Master plan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide guidance on the redevelopment and enhancement of existing facilities and resources that endeavors to create:

‘A regional park that will connect people to the Mississippi River, restore and enhance natural resources, reveal and interpret past and present nature and culture, engage visitors and adapt to changing social, economic and ecological realities.’
Note: Major bike and pedestrian transit routes will be addressed as part of a larger study conducted in partnership with the City of Minneapolis who has jurisdiction on 6th Street SE and along Main Street.
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FMRI Park Master Plan

1. Improve the sidewalk area along Main Street to provide better access to the river and improve accessibility, safety and views.

2. Provide an improved path along the bluff that feels safe and accessible. Incorporate and align the existing shelter with the path.

3. Build a new performance area that allows for a larger gathering space and is directed away from the river.

4. Build a new band shell away from the sensitive bluff edge in a manner that still maintains the open space of the park.

5. Clarify and emphasize pedestrian and bike circulation at the junction of the Stone Arch Bridge and 6th Avenue SE in a manner that reinforces the historic connection to the rail alignment.

6. Selectively remove degraded and/or invasive vegetation to frame views to the river along the bluff edge.

7. Add a restroom facility and/or visitor orientation.

MPRB and Metropolitan Council have dedicated $1M to phase 1 improvements and rehabilitation for Father Hennepin Bluff Park. Phase 1 will be dedicated to improvements that were identified in the master plan for the upper portion of Father Hennepin Bluff Park. These improvements to include these supporting initiatives:

This could include the following initiatives:

a) Provide a signature entry experience as outlined in the East Bank interpretive plan.

b) Extend 6th Avenue Greenway design and create a programmable convertible street between the 6th Avenue and Main intersection and the Stone Arch Bridge while still allowing University of Minnesota service vehicles and emergency vehicle access.

c) Interpret the historic railroad alignment to promote wayfinding for bicyclists and pedestrians.

d) Eliminate the utilitarian experience of the existing cul-de-sac.

e) Provide a safe, accessible surface for bicyclists and pedestrians while still maintaining the historic cobblestones.
Why are we here today?

MASTER PLAN – Completed 2016

**Community Engagement:**
Seek Broad Input with multiple perspectives from users within the master planning area.

**Design Decision Making:**
Broad Community input and review shape the design of park and park features.

CAC (Community Advisory Council) appointed by elected officials define planning initiatives and guidelines.

**Design Approval:**
Master plan finalized by CAC and presented to MPRB for review, public comment and approval.

Once the master plan is adopted, major changes to scope or design require review and approval by MPRB

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PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

**Community Engagement:**
Seek Broad Input with multiple perspectives from park users and local community.

**Design Decision Making:**
Broad Community input required for Public Prioritization Process to determine budget priorities, schedule and project phasing.

Detailed input from focus groups on specific amenities (ie. Playground) as determined by design team and in compliance with MPRB Design and Construction Standards.

**Design Approval:**
Design plan approved as part of adopted master plan does not require further MPRB approval.

major changes to scope or design require review and approval by MPRB

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DESIGN UPDATE BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT

ON LINE SURVEYS

PUBLIC COMMENT

FOCUS GROUPS

YOU ARE HERE

PAC AND STEERING COMMITTEE DESIGN REVIEW

FINALIZE DESIGN BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT AND BUDGET

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Student Input Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday Jan. 24, 2019  
**Location:** First Congregational Church  
**Address:** 500 8th Ave. SE  
**Topic:** Students share ideas and input.

Native American Listening Session  
**Date:** Saturday Jan. 26, 2019  
**Location:** Pillsbury A Mill  
**Address:** 315 SE Main St.  
**Topic:** Learn Dakota and Indigenous People’s History near Father Hennepin Bluff Park, broaden our definition of history and reconnect with nature, the importance of water and a sustainable landscape.

Environment and Sustainable Landscapes Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday Jan. 29, 2019  
**Location:** Pillsbury A Mill  
**Address:** 315 SE Main St.  
**Topic:** Give ideas on environmental improvements for the park.

Biking and Walking Meeting  
**Date:** Saturday Feb. 2, 2019  
**Location:** Pillsbury A Mill  
**Address:** 315 SE Main St.  
**Topic:** Meeting begins at Pillsbury A Mill, followed by short walk around park to observe biking and walking patterns and share ideas.

Neighboring Residents Meeting  
**Date:** Saturday Feb. 2, 2019  
**Location:** Pillsbury A Mill  
**Address:** 315 SE Main St.  
**Topic:** Meeting for residents who live near Father Hennepin Bluff Park to provide ideas on changes and improvements at the park.

Steering Committee – Design Review  
**Date:** Tuesday February 21, 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday May 14, 2019

MHNA Design Share  
**Date:** Tuesday February 21, 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday April 16, 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday May 21, 2019

NIEBNA Design Share  
**Date:** Tuesday February 11, 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday May 16, 2019

MPRB Staff Design Review  
**Date:** Tuesday May 13, 2019  
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Community Feedback - Themes

access along amenities arch area bandshell bbq better bike bluff bridge chairs conflict connection culture dog edge historic history improve keep landscape lighting location loop main native natural nice park paths ped pedestrian people performance permanent plantings remove restroom river separate space stone street sustainable tables trails views walking water
CONCEPT ENLARGEMENT :: EAST

KEY DESIGN FEATURES:
- Existing paths within ROW to remain
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- New tree plantings located away from bluff
- Minimal modification to existing path alignments and boundaries
- Preservation of existing trees; introduction of new native trees
- Gateway at West and East plazas
- New pedestrian lighting throughout

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CONCEPT ENLARGEMENT :: WEST

KEY PLAN

KEY DESIGN FEATURES:
- Existing paths within FOW to remain
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FEAR PAVING 3.5' OFFSET FROM TRAIL
NEW SIGNAGE MONUMENT
NEW ADA OVERLOOK SEATING SPACE
NEW OVERLOOK SEATING
PEDESTRIAN BLUFF TRAIL - COLORADO CONCRETE WITH SANDBLAST FINISH
INFORMAL NATURE PLAY AREA WITH STORMWATER GARDEN DRY CREEK BED AND CUT LIMESTONE PATH SEATING BLOCKS AND WEIRS
NEW SITE LIGHTING
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Schematic Design: Character Images

Pollinator Lawn

Steel + Wood Pergola Roof at Overlook

Seating Nodes

Art Pavement

Bluff Trail Railing

Nature Playground + Dry Creek Bed

Colored and Sandblast Finish Pavement

Cut Limestone Seating Blocks, Steppers