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PARK PLANS
The Southwest Service Area Master Plan creates unique new designs for 40 of 42 neighborhood park properties and triangles in the service area, as well as one regional feature. All the neighborhood park designs appear on the following pages, arranged alphabetically, followed by the regional feature and six potential new park proposals. The plan for each park is displayed as a multi-page “packet” of information that includes the following:

- A description of the history and current character of the park, along with a location map. History excerpted from text written by David C. Smith.
- An aerial photograph of existing conditions at the park, for reference
- A written description of the proposed plan for the park, including some overview of public sentiment during the planning process
- The park plan drawing and key
- A matrix showing general input themes and how they led to the final design
- A cost estimate

The park plans are concepts. That means they do not finalize every detail in the park (e.g., pedestrian crossings shown on plans are document icons and not specific crosswalk painting directions). Subsequent capital improvement projects will require detailed design processes, and additional community engagement will be performed at that time, per MPRB policy. The park plans do not typically locate small features in the park, like benches and signs. Instead, they are a guide to the overall layout of the park and what will be included in the park in the future.

A PARK PLAN DOES DETERMINE:

- The types and locations of facilities
- The general areas of mown and naturalized landscapes and the general location of trees
- The extent and general location of pathways

A PARK PLAN DOES NOT DETERMINE:

- The specific design of facilities
- The exact location of minor amenities such as benches, drinking fountains, and signs
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS INCLUDED IN MASTER PLAN
1. 28th Street Tot Lot
2. Alcott Triangle
3. Armatage Park
4. Bryant Square Park
5. Chowen Triangle
6. Clinton Field Park
7. Dell Park
8. Elmwood Triangle
9. Fremont Triangle
10. Fuller Park
11. Gladstone Triangle
12. Kenny Park
13. Kenwood Park
14. Kenwood Parkway
15. Kings Highway
16. Levin Triangle
17. Linden Hills Boulevard
18. Linden Hills Park
19. Lyndale Farmstead Park
20. Lyndale School Pool
21. Lynnhurst Park
22. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park
23. Mueller Park
24. Painter Park
25. Park Siding Park
26. Penn Model Village Triangle
27. Pershing Field Park
28. Reserve Block 40 Park
29. Rustic Lodge Triangle
30. Saint Louis Triangle
31. Smith Triangle
32. Stevens Square Park
33. The Mall Park
34. The Parade Park
35. Thomas Lowry Park
36. Vineland Triangle
37. Washburn Fair Oaks Park
38. Washburn Avenue Tot Lot
39. Waveland Triangle
40. West End Triangle
41. Whittier Park
42. Windom South Park

REGIONAL PARK FEATURES INCLUDED IN MASTER PLAN
i. Loon Lake Trolley Path

POTENTIAL PARKS INCLUDED IN MASTER PLAN
A. East Lake Gateway Area
B. 31st Street Median
C. West Lake Bus Layover
D. Washburn Water Tower
E. Garfield Lot
F. Linden Hills Trolley Path
LYNNHURST PARK:

Lynnhurst Park appeared in two master planning processes occurring simultaneously:

The Southwest Service Area Master Plan and The Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan. Engagement, design, and planning efforts for Lynnhurst were done collaboratively between staff and design teams of both projects whenever possible. Both processes had different timelines, however a Lynnhurst subcommittee with representation from both CACs did vote on a preferred concept in the spring of 2019, and the SW Parks Plan CAC subsequently voted to support that concept as well.
28TH STREET TOT LOT

LOCATION AND HISTORY
The 28th Street Tot Lot is named for the street on which it’s located, next to interstate I-35W in the Whittier neighborhood. The land was first mentioned in Park Board proceedings June 13, 1968, the same date that the Board of Park Commissioners voted to fight condemnation by the highway department of Wilson Park just west of downtown, which eventually was removed for I-94. The history of the 28th Street Tot Lot is also tied to a freeway. What originally seemed destined to be an empty triangle lot where the I-35W freeway angled eastward at 28th Street was instead leased from the Minnesota Department of Highways by the Park Board in 1968 to create a small play area. The lease has been periodically renewed ever since. In 2013 there was a redesign of the tot lot which included a new sound wall, new play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12, and swings added.

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER
Bound by an alley to the west, the I-35W soundwall to the east and 28th Street to the north, this small triangular shaped park of about 20,000 square feet has always felt cozy and somewhat tucked away from view even though it faces a somewhat busy street. On two sides the park is surrounded by single- and multi-family homes. In 2017 the aging play equipment was removed and the site became a staging area for a major I-35W re-construction project which is still underway at the time of this writing. Through an agreement with MPRB, Hennepin County and MnDOT plans to reconstruct much of the park space after I-35W re-opens, following the design lead of this master plan.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN
This park will now host an exciting new asset in the Minneapolis park system – the first public do-it-yourself (DIY) skate spot. Called for in MPRB’s adopted Skate Park Activity Plan, a DIY skate spot will provide flexible space for trying out different skating techniques and creating or adapting new amenities. Shade structures and climbable boulders provide seating comfort and also separate the skate area from a small play area in the NE corner, surrounded by native plantings and tree cover. The vertical soundwall of the future I-35W onramp will display public art images and help to bring eyes onto the park. In the creative spirit of the goals of the Skate Park Activity Plan, the art wall could also be used as a backdrop for projecting films during events, or for showcasing new and emerging artists’ work. A new multi-use trail connection links 28th St E with the Midtown Greenway just to the south of the park, increasing bike access and supporting recreation activity in the space. With the functional reconfiguration of this space into a DIY skate park, a future change in the official park name may also be considered.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS
South of the park, the Midtown Greenway is a car-free walking and biking path that connects the Whittier neighborhood to the Mississippi River to the east and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park to the west. Washburn Fair Oaks and Clinton Field parks are only a four-block walk to the north, while Mueller, Bryant Square, and Painter parks are just over a mile to the west and southwest.
KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Creation of a DIY skate park will require updating several Park Board policies and procedures as called for in the Skate Park Activity Plan, including limits on skate element height, recreational liability, and construction requirements. The park sits on leased DOT land – a longer term lease or ownership could be explored. Reconstruction of the park following highway completion should be done in close collaboration with Hennepin County and MnDOT. Building a trail connection to the Midtown Greenway will require cooperation with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and the City of Minneapolis.
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PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. DIY SKATE PARK
2. PUBLIC ART ON EXISTING WALL
3. NATURALIZED AREAS
4. SHADE STRUCTURES WITH CLIMBABLE BOULDER SEATING
5. PLAY AREA
6. MULTI-USE TRAIL (work in conjunction with the City and MNDOT to connect multi-use trail to Midtown Greenway)

NOTE

Concept shows reduced park size based on future interstate I-35W improvements
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**aquatics**
- No comments

**play**
- Existing play area not desirable
- Interest in a play area here
- Interest in climbing walls
- Traffic safety concerns for small kids
- Support play area
- Smaller play area retained
- Climbable boulder seating added
- Native plantings and trees added between play area and street

**athletics**
- No comments

**courts**
- No comments

**winter**
- No comments

**landscape**
- Interest in pollinator gardens
- Interest in increased tree canopy
- Support pollinator habitat
- Native plantings and trees added between play area and street

**other**
- Interest in concrete skate or bike park
- Strong support for skate park, expand it
- DIY skatepark added
- Support youth activities here
- Shade structure added instead of shelter
- Interest in covered shelter
- Concern a shelter will be a safety issue
- Public art added to soundwall
- Safety concerns – sightlines against wall
- Support art on soundwall
- Off-road multi-use trail added, connecting to Midtown Greenway
- Interest in public art
- Support for Greenway connection
- Needs seating
- Interest in bike trails
- Alley not a through street – bike trails should be off-road
- Climbable boulder seating added
- Not a good picnic location

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**28TH STREET TOT LOT PROCESS**

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ALCOTT TRIANGLE

LOCATION AND HISTORY
Alcott Triangle is located in the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood (CIDNA) at St. Louis Avenue and W 29th Street. The land was planned to be a park as part of the West End Addition to Minneapolis in 1887 along with West End Triangle nearby. In 1927 the Minneapolis City Council voted to turn the triangle over to the Park Board, which learned of this decision a little more than two weeks after the Council meeting. Two months later however, the Park Board decided that the property wasn’t useful as a park and suggested that the School Board may have use for the land in conjunction with Alcott school, a two-room schoolhouse built in 1921 and named for American author Louisa May Alcott, which sat directly west of this land. A year later the School Board asked the Park Board for the title to the land, but the Park Board still did not officially own the land at that time. MPRB records do not indicate when it officially accepted title to the land from the city. Alcott School closed in 1940.

The Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood has always taken a strong community interest in the four park triangles located within its boundaries (Alcott, Chowen, West End, and St. Louis). In the late 1990s CIDNA proposed planting and wayfinding improvements to the triangles as part of an Action Plan through the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program. 

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER
This 0.26 acre triangle contains a variety of types of trees, a few benches, and a park name sign. Unlike the other triangles within this neighborhood there are no sidewalks or paths running through it, so there are no clear entry points. The city sidewalk running along the south side of West 29th Street ends abruptly right before encountering the northwest corner of Alcott Triangle. Along the western edge of the triangle are groupings of trees which visually separate the park from the residential yard immediately next to it. The largest part of the triangle is the west end, containing tall older trees and an open green space with two benches in the middle facing each other. The eastern side has younger trees and contains the park name sign. While most of the triangle has trees bordering it, the southwest corner has a notable gap which adds to the open feeling of the central green space.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN
The new design extends the currently incomplete sidewalk along the entire length of the north side of the park and adds interpretive signage next to the park sign at the eastern end. The center of the park remains mostly open with flexible seating, a small nature play area, and an open play area in an informal and overlapping arrangement. The neighborhood has expressed interest in a water spigot. The existing tree canopy ringing the outer edges of the park remains.
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PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES
1. SIDEWALK
2. NATURE PLAY AREA
3. FLEXIBLE SEATING
4. OPEN PLAY AREA
5. INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

EXISTING FEATURES
A. PARK SIGN

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| No comments | No comments | No aquatics planned for this park |
| Kids play here now | Support open play space, light touch nature play | Open play space remains |
| No comments | No comments | Nature play area added |
| No comments | No comments | No athletics planned for this park |
| No comments | No comments | No courts planned for this park |
| No comments | No comments | No winter amenities planned for this park |
| Like open green space | Keep it simple and open | Open grass area remains |
| Interest in urban agriculture | Split support for urban agriculture | Urban agriculture not planned for this park |
| Interest in pollinator gardens | Concern if bees close to children playing | Pollinator gardens not planned for this park |
| Don’t develop it | Not supportive of bike station or restroom | No bike station or restroom planned for this park |
| Used now for neighborhood gatherings | Support park history | Interpretive signage added, can include history |
| | | Flexible seating added |
| | | Sidewalk gap filled to improve pedestrian access |
| | | Interest in water spigot |

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ARMATAGE PARK

LOCATION AND HISTORY
Maude D. Armatage Park is located west of Penn Avenue S at 56th Street in the Armatage neighborhood. The nearly nineteen acres that the park and adjacent Armatage Montessori School sit on was purchased in 1948, and was planned at the outset to be a collaborative project following a resolution by the Park and School Boards to develop new park and school complexes together. The driving force behind this increased collaboration starting in the 1920s was Maude Armatage, for whom the park is named. Armatage was the first woman to serve on the Park Board and holds the record for longest continuous service from her election in 1921 (the first citywide election in which women were allowed to vote) until retirement in 1951 at 81 years old.

Although the project had been planned in the 1920s it was delayed until 1952 due to the Great Depression, World War II, and protests from property owners in the area who opposed the additional taxes that would be needed to support the new facilities. When the project was finally built in 1952, it was paid for by assessments on property in the neighborhood. Acquiring the land was cheap compared to the costly expenses of developing the site for athletic fields. Intensive grading was required in order to level the land because the western border of the park was significantly lower. The original park improvements including regional athletic fields, a wading pool, tennis courts, warming house, and shelter completed in 1954. A parking lot and bleachers for the athletic fields were added in 1955.

The park shelter was enlarged in 1962-63 and was replaced by a recreation center in 1977. In 1979, the baseball fields and softball fields were rebuilt. Significant renovations to the park came in 1997 with the addition of a new parking lot and gym attached to the school and recreation center which opened in 1999. In 2000 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program provided funds to create a public art piece, “Garden Party,” a bronze and steel gateway arch created by Scott Wallace. In 2004 improvements were made to the fields and tennis courts, and a skate park was added. In 2010-11 an irrigation system was added to the diamonds and fields and the hard courts were resurfaced.

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER
Armatage is a large, busy, well-loved and well-used neighborhood park which always has some activity going on. It is bounded on the east by well-trafficked Penn Avenue S and is at a lower elevation than Penn, but level with the neighborhood that’s to the west. This elevation change creates steep slopes along the eastern and southern edges of the park. The majority of Armatage itself is flat, which works well for the many sports played there. There are seven diamonds, including one with a grass infield used for high school baseball supported by a Twins grant. With the current configuration all diamonds face into the center with overlapping outfields. In that center space there’s room for soccer, flag football, and other field sports to be played. The diamonds and fields in
the northern end of the park are more worn due to the large and popular ice-skating rink installed over them in the winter. Dividing the two main areas of the park is a tree-lined path running east and west through the center, which provides a connection between Penn Avenue and the Armatage parking lot. This path also connects to the sidewalks that surround the park perimeter, providing options for several different sized walking loops.

In the northernmost area of the park east of the school there are two tennis courts, one half-court basketball, and a somewhat shaded picnic area. Near these park features are a small parking lot, blacktop space, and playground which belong to the school and mark a boundary between the park and school. The school, situated north and west of the park, is connected to the Armatage Recreation Center at its southern end. The recreation center is accessed via a parking lot in the southwest corner of the park. West of the recreation center entrance are a wading pool and more play areas. The whimsical public artwork “Garden Party” by Scott Wallace welcomes visitors who can walk underneath it on their way to the play area. Armatage is home to one of the first skate parks installed in the Minneapolis park system.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN
The design team approached Armatage Park not only as an individual site, but also as part of a four-park interconnected group with a strong focus on athletics, primarily field and diamond sports. The four parks are Armatage, Kenny, Pershing Field, and Linden Hills. Of the four, Armatage is designated as a “diamond sports focused park” with the improvement of three existing multi-use diamonds and the installation of a premier baseball diamond with removable fence at the southern end of the park. From a design and programming perspective, this balances with nearby Kenny Park which is designated a “field sports focused park”. At Armatage all the diamonds will be served by new batting cages and pitching mounds, along with a recreation and athletics focus on baseball, softball and other diamond sports. It is intended that the outfields at Armatage will not be reserved for field sports.

New picnic shelters and picnic areas will be available at both ends of the park, and an enhanced pedestrian crossing at W 57th Street will welcome pedestrians into the center of the activity. The existing skate park will be expanded and enhanced with concrete built-in features. A cross-country ski loop will meander throughout the park during winter. To the north, a year-round multi-use rink will provide flexible court space in summer and ice skating in winter. An additional ice sheet will be laid out to the east for hockey, skating, and pond hockey. Existing tennis courts remain with pickleball striping added. A full-court basketball added next to them to replace the half-court. A new orchard/urban agriculture area fills in the tree canopy in this area.

In front of the south entrance to the school, the play area is converted to a universal play area with accessible surfacing and shade structures, connected to an updated wading pool in its existing location.

Surrounding the entry to the recreation center will be a new entry plaza which can double as an outdoor classroom with seating and shade. The neighborhood has also expressed interest in the addition of adult exercise equipment. This new design will provide a variety of upgraded play and recreation opportunities to school students, neighborhood, and visiting users alike.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS
Less than a block to the east is Penn Model Village Triangle where proposed improvements will increase safe street crossings for those walking and biking to Armatage. Kenny Park and the Washburn Avenue Tot Lot are both located less than a mile away and can be accessed via the 54th or 60th Street city bikeways. Armatage is just a few blocks south of Minnehaha Creek and the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail. Heading east connects to the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park and the Grand Rounds, creating a continuous, off-road recreation experience for many miles.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES
Following full development of both Armatage and Kenny Parks, recreation activities should be planned collaboratively in order to support the respective diamond- and field- focused aspects of these parks and the amenities they provide their shared community. Armatage shares a property boundary with a school, so improvements should be coordinated with the Minneapolis School Board.
ARMATAGE PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS

PLAY AREA
PUBLIC ART GATEWAY
WADING POOL
RECREATION CENTER
PARKING LOT
SKATE PARK
BASEBALL DIAMOND
BATTING CAGES
HALF-COURT BASKETBALL
MULTI-USE FIELDS AND HOCKEY/SKATING RINK
TENNIS COURTS
MULTI-USE DIAMONDS
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ARMATAGE PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. PICNIC SHELTERS AND PICNIC AREAS (3)
2. PREMIER DIAMOND WITH REMOVABLE FENCE OPTION (1)
3. PITCHING MOUNDS (2)
4. CROSS COUNTRY SKI LOOP (in winter)
5. BATTING CAGES (4)
6. ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
7. EXPANDED AND RECONSTRUCTED SKATE PARK
8. MULTI-USE DIAMONDS (3)
9. ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
10. UNIVERSAL PLAY AREA WITH ACCESSIBLE SURFACING AND SHADE STRUCTURES
11. UPDATED WADING POOL
12. ENTRY PLAZA/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
13. YEAR-ROUND RINK (multi-use courts in summer and ice in winter)
14. HOCKEY/SKATING AND POND HOCKEY RINK
15. ORCHARD/URBAN AGRICULTURE
16. FULL COURT BASKETBALL (1)
17. TENNIS COURTS WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING (2)

EXISTING FEATURES

A. RECREATION CENTER
B. PUBLIC ART GATEWAY
C. PARKING LOT
### ARMATURE PARK PROCESS

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#### 1: General Input

**Spring-Winter 2018**

- **Aquatics**
  - Pool needs shade
  - Support for updated pool
  - Updated wading pool in same location

- **Play**
  - Interest in zip line
  - Needs better wheelchair accessibility
  - Support for universal play area
  - Universal expanded play area with accessible surfacing replaces existing play area in same location

- **Athletics**
  - Fields need improvements
  - Support for diamond pinwheel
  - Premier diamond with removable fencing option added
  - Three multi-use diamonds retained
  - Pitching mounds and batting cages added
  - Fields removed. Armature becomes a ‘diamond-focused park’ to balance Kenny as a ‘field-focused park’

- **Courts**
  - Interest in pickleball
  - Support for tennis
  - Tennis courts remain
  - Full-court basketball added
  - Year-round rink added: multi-use courts in summer and ice in winter

- **Winter**
  - Ice needs improvement
  - Keep ice, hockey – support for both
  - Retain winter ice rinks in same general location
  - Year-round rink added: ice in winter and multi-use courts in summer
  - Add cross country ski loop

- **Landscape**
  - Need more shade
  - Support shade
  - Tree canopy expanded

- **Other**
  - Like skate park here, needs upgrades and expansion
  - Strong skatepark support
  - Skate park expanded
  - Middle walkway retained
  - Public art retained
  - Entry plaza/outdoor classroom added
  - Shade structures added
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**BRYANT SQUARE PARK**

**LOCATION AND HISTORY**

Bryant Square Park is located in the South Uptown neighborhood (formerly Calhoun Area Residents Action Group or CARAG) between West 31st and 32nd Streets, and South Bryant and Aldrich Avenues. Bryant Square Park was referred to as “8th Ward Park” until it was officially named for its location and poet and journalist William Cullen Bryant in 1907. The Park Board agreed to complete the purchase in 1904 after the neighborhood improvement associations promised to fill in the park land before asking for improvements to the space. The land for the park was at a very low level, and the neighborhood had a hard time filling the land even when it was used as a garbage dump for a time. Finally in 1912 enough fill was purchased, trees were planted the following year, playground equipment was added in 1914, and the open field was used for football, baseball and as a skating rink in the winter.

Following years of Superintendent Wirth advocating for a shelter in the park, in 1928 the Park Board hired Harry Wild Jones to plan and build a recreation shelter. That shelter was replaced in 1970 by a new recreation center. In 2008 an amphitheater, the Bryant Square POPS (Public Outdoor Performance Space), was built into the hillside south of the park’s recreation center. In 2012 two multi-use sports fields were renovated with funding and dozens of volunteers provided by Toro and the Minnesota Twins. In 2016 several public art mosaic panels designed by artist Sharra Frank and created with the help of community members were installed on the building’s exterior walls. The wading pool was redone in 2018 with a zero depth entry, and the playground was updated in 2017.

*Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith*

**EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER**

Bryant Square offers a multitude of recreation options within its 3.66-acre bounds: courts, aquatics, play areas, fields, open space, picnic areas, public art, a recreation center, and winter activities. In the southern half of the park are multi-use diamonds and fields in the summer which are converted to a skating rink and hockey rink in the winter. Field lights in this area support year-round park use, particularly in dark winter months.

In front of the building’s north entrance are shade gardens and tree-covered walkways. The northern half of the park contains the majority of the park’s amenities: a parking lot, a newly reconstructed pool, play areas, half-court basketball, the two-tier amphitheater, and picnic areas. The wading pool and play and picnic areas are very popular in the summertime when the park buzzes with activity, especially when there is music played regularly in the amphitheater. Toward the center of the park stands the recreation center, decorated with colorful mosaics depicting the seasons, presenting a warm welcome to the interior of the park. In front of the building’s south entrance is a labyrinth of seat walls and planters which provide some shaded areas to sit and relax but also serve to block easy access to...
the building and prevent more flexible use of the entrance plaza. The neighborhood organization saved a beloved dolphin sculpture from the center of the old pool when the new one was constructed, and plans to hire artist Sharra Frank, creator of the building exterior mosaics, to cover it in mosaic tiles. It will then be installed next to the park's central walkway where it can continue to be enjoyed.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

Bryant Square's unique mix of recreation, music performance, art, and natural areas is enhanced by this updated design. Many spaces are created to be flexible as there are multiple uses all vying for space in this park. To accommodate more intensive field use, one diamond is removed. Winter ice hockey remains but is reoriented to face east/west. The play area remains as it is today. The popular amphitheater is enhanced and expanded from a quarter circle to a half, and behind the stage area a new shade structure with electrical connection can be used as either a stage extension or a picnic location. An expanded picnic area is added just to the north of the shade structure. At the top tier of the amphitheater to the west a new orchard/urban agriculture zone provides shade and access to food. It also acts to buffer noise around the reoriented amphitheater. The plaza with its multiple seatwalls and planters at the south entrance of the recreation center is reconfigured to remove existing obstacles, improve sightlines and access, increase usable space, and provide a more welcoming entry. The walkway leading east from the entrance becomes a "public art walk", encouraging expansion of this park's unique collection of mosaics and sculpture. At the north end of Bryant Square the parking lot is reduced in size to accommodate re-located half-court basketball, pollinator gardens, and a community garden/urban agriculture zone.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS

Painter Park is located just a few blocks walk to the southeast. Bryant Square is only two blocks south of the Midtown Greenway which provides connections to the Chain of Lakes and Grand Rounds trail system. Beyond the Greenway, the city's Bryant Ave S bike boulevard connects to Mueller Park a mile to the north and to Lyndale Farmstead Park roughly 10 blocks to the south.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

There are no known land use or coordination issues at Bryant Square Park.
BRYANT SQUARE PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Recreation Center
- Multi-Use Diamond
- Half-Court Basketball
- Multi-Use Fields
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Areas
- Play Areas
- Wading Pool
- Hockey/Skating Rink

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BRYANT SQUARE PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

1. Multi-use fields (1-2)
2. Orchard/urban agriculture zone
3. Enhanced and reoriented amphitheater
4. Shade structure/stage extension
5. Enhanced entry plaza with planter beds and seating
6. Expanded picnic area
7. Public art/“art walk”
8. Reduced size parking lot
9. Community garden/urban agriculture zone
10. Naturalized planting (pollinator garden)
11. Half-court basketball (1)

EXISTING FEATURES
A. Multi-use diamond (1)
B. Hockey/skating rink
C. Play areas
D. Public art
E. Recreation center
F. Picnic area
G. Wading pool and mechanical building

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**CHOWEN TRIANGLE**

**LOCATION AND HISTORY**
This triangle is located at Chowen Avenue and 28th Street in the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood. It was purchased along with West End Triangle in 1911 from Alfred Dean and his brothers, who had donated most of Dean Parkway and sold most of William Berry Park to the Park Board. Following its acquisition, the triangle was named after Chowen Avenue which runs along its western side. In 1915 the triangle was curbed, graded, and seeded and a sidewalk was added. Trees and shrubs were planted in 1916.

The Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood has always taken a strong community interest in the four park triangles located within its boundaries (Alcott, Chowen, West End, and St. Louis). In the late 1990s CIDNA proposed planting and wayfinding improvements to the triangles as part of an Action Plan through the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

**EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER**
This 0.06-acre triangle includes a single sidewalk on the west side, turf grass, and several trees which make it a cool and shady spot to relax. This triangle is a neighborhood gathering spot due to the homes surrounding it on all sides. It’s a popular spot to bring dogs to play on leash, and it’s not uncommon to find children’s toys left by surrounding neighbors for all to use.

**THE PROPOSED DESIGN**
Chowen Triangle remains primarily grass open space under existing tree canopy, with flexible seating integrated into an open play space. Three new native planting areas soften the corners and reduce carbon footprint by reducing the square footage that requires mowing. The existing sidewalk on the west edge of the park remains.

**CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS**
Chowen is only two blocks south of Cedar Lake Park and the Grand Rounds system of trails and parkways. Although located only a short bike ride from the Midtown Greenway, railroad tracks currently prevent a direct and safe trail connection from this park to it. These same tracks also separate Chowen from Park Siding Park and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park. With the introduction of SW light rail train which will utilize these tracks, careful and collaborative planning of bike and pedestrian crossings is required to provide safe access to both east and west sides.

**KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES**
There are no known land use or coordination issues at Chowen Triangle.
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PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. NATURALIZED AREAS
2. FLEXIBLE SEATING
3. OPEN PLAY AREA

EXISTING FEATURES

A. SIDEWALK

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Clinton Field Park

Location and History

Located at 26th Street East and Clinton Avenue, Clinton Field Park is tucked away in a leafy corner of the Whittier neighborhood, just a block from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Washburn Fair Oaks Park. Clinton Field is a park today because the Park Board agreed to demolish one of the grandest buildings they owned. Clinton Morrison donated the home and estate of his father in 1911, with the expressed hope that the land would become an art museum. At the same time William Washburn, whose estate was across the street from Morrison’s, sold his own land to the Park Board, the eight acres that their home stood on and all the buildings on the property including Fair Oaks, one of the grandest mansions in the city. Following the death of Mrs. Washburn in 1915 the Park Board acquired the property, named Washburn Fair Oaks Park, demolishing the barns and greenhouses on the estate but the mansion continued to stand for several years although it was never maintained and fell into disrepair. While the building deteriorated the grounds around it became used as a playground, and neither a distressed mansion nor children’s active use of the space were appreciated by the neighborhood. Eventually the mansion deteriorated so much that residents offered to give the Park Board money to buy a new playground if they would demolish the Fair Oaks mansion. The Park Board accepted the offer and began to consider sites for a new playground in the neighborhood. The mansion was demolished in 1924, but the purchase of Clinton Field was not completed until 1926, and Washburn Fair Oaks continued to operate as a playground in the interim.

This park was named for its location on Clinton Avenue, not for Clinton Morrison who set in motion the events that led to the park's acquisition. It was named Clinton Field because the original plans in 1926 were to extend the park to the west or north to make it large enough to include a playing field and a small shelter, but this never happened. It had a skating rink and warming house in its first year as a park.

The next time any improvements were done to the park was nearly thirty years later after World War II. Clinton Field was included on a list of playgrounds that needed extensive improvements, but for years did not receive funding from the Minneapolis City Council. Finally, in 1955 half the park was regraded for a small playing field and another area was paved for a basketball and volleyball court. At the same time playground equipment, a drinking fountain, and picnic tables were installed. In 2000, in response to a community request for a historical Chinese garden in Washburn Fair Oaks, both Washburn Fair Oaks and Clinton Field were master planned, however neither of those plans were acted upon.

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

Existing Conditions and Character

Sandwiched between an I-35W soundwall and high-density housing, this small park feels secluded despite the many people living around it. A main walking path connects a small plaza on the southwest corner diagonally toward the center of the park at a slight
incline. This path ends by wrapping around a play area and exiting northwest onto Clinton Ave. To the east of this diagonal path is a small patch of asphalt with basketball hoop, an aging sand volleyball court, and two half-court basketball areas facing away from each other. The remaining eastern third of the park is open field space with fatigued turf grass. While the park is mostly level, there are steep slopes on the east and south sides, where fencing keeps park users and stray balls out of the streets below. This unfortunately creates limited sightlines from the park to the areas beyond the fence, creating potentially unsafe hiding spots and pockets of reduced visibility.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN
The play area will remain in its current location, with the addition of native plantings and trees to the west edge and a community garden to the south. Excess pavement wrapping around the play areas is removed to soften the edges and create more play space. A new paved trail runs east/west connecting the play areas to stairs leading to S 4th Ave. North of this trail a picnic shelter and picnic area with flexible seating spread out under expanded tree canopy. To address safety concerns, and increase visibility, the park is graded in three levels which step down from the high point of the picnic shelter in the northwest, to street level at the southeast corner. This will provide picnic and play area users views of the entire park and the streets beyond. The volleyball court is removed and the middle terrace level includes a new full court basketball and an open grass play space that can be used for informal sports and games. The lowest terrace includes two multi-use sport courts which can accommodate futsal and other court games. A raingarden along the entire eastern edge will capture stormwater coming down the terrace levels.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS
Clinton Field is only a block away from Washburn Fair Oaks, and an easy walk of several blocks to either Stevens Square Park to the north or the 28th Street Tot Lot to the south. Whittier Park is just under a mile to the west. Equally close are Peavey Field and Stewart Parks to the east, however I-35W prevents easy direct access, offering only occasional pedestrian and bike crossings. Lake of the Isles and the Grand Rounds are two miles directly west, most easily accessed via the off-road trails of the Midtown Greenway which can be accessed less than a mile south of Clinton Field.

KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES
Clinton Field Park shares a border with residential neighbors and future park improvements should be coordinated.
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CLINTON FIELD PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. PICNIC SHELTER
2. TERRACED LEVELS (to allow views from the shelter down to the street)
3. PICNIC AREA WITH FLEXIBLE SEATING
4. NATURALIZED AREAS
5. OPEN PLAY SPACE
6. COMMUNITY GARDEN/URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONE
7. FULL COURT BASKETBALL (1)
8. MULTI-USE SPORT COURTS (2)
9. NATURALIZED PLANTING (raingarden)

NOTE:

PARK IS RE-GRADED INTO 3 LEVELS, FROM SHELTER AT HIGHEST TO SPORT COURTS AT LOWEST. ALLOWS REMOVAL OF EXISTING BORDER FENCING.

EXISTING FEATURES

A. PLAY AREA
B. STAIRWAY
C. ENTRY PLAZA WITH SEAT WALL AND PARK SIGN
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### Aquatics
- No comments
- No aquatics planned for this park

### Play
- Existing play area too sparse/simple
- Play area gets used
- No comments
- Play area remains, is expanded

### Athletics
- Interest in open play space/field
- Support open play space/field
- Open play space/field retained

### Courts
- Interest in futsal court
- Support for multi-sport courts, futsal
- Multi-sport courts added that can also support futsal
- Interest in multi-sport court
- Support for full court basketball over two half courts
- Half basketball courts replaced with full court
- Existing half-court basketball gets used
- Interest in full-court basketball
- Existing volleyball not used
- Volleyball removed

### Winter
- No comments
- No comments
- No winter activities planned for this park

### Landscape
- Interest in urban agriculture
- Soil too compacted for urban agriculture
- Community garden/urban agriculture zone added
- Interest in pollinator gardens
- Support naturalized areas
- Native plantings and raingarden added

### Other
- Interest in covered shelter/pavilion
- Support for shelter
- Addition of a picnic shelter in the Northwest quadrant—with terraced views to allow view from shelter to the street.
- Need better activity pattern
- Support tiered regrading concept
- Picnic area to the east of the shelter, with flexible seating. Located at the highest graded level for optimal views.
- Safety/crime concerns along 4th Ave – need better sightlines
- Existing border fencing removed
- Path gap is filled connecting Clinton Ave to S 4th Ave
- Park is re-graded into 3 levels, improving activity separation and removing visual barrier to S 41 Ave

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**CLINTON FIELD PARK PROCESS**

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN
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DELL PARK

LOCATION AND HISTORY

A linear park located just west of Lake Harriet and north of Beard’s Plaisance, Dell Park is sandwiched between W 44th and W 45th Streets along Thomas Avenue South in the Linden Hills neighborhood. Named after the topography of the area, this median of tree-lined green space sits inside of a valley approaching Lake Harriet. Dell Park was established in 1907 following the Park Board’s approval of a petition from the Linden Hills Improvement Association to acquire and maintain the land, with the understanding that the Improvement Association would first “suitably curb and fill (the park) to grade with good soil”.

In 1909, Superintendent Theodore Wirth presented the ambitious idea of establishing a waterway, linking Bde Maka Ska and Lake Harriet with navigable canals. One of the proposed ways to connect the Chain of Lakes through these channels was a canal south from Bde Maka Ska along Washburn Avenue to 43rd Street, then east to Thomas Avenue and along Thomas to 45th Street, where it would turn east, connecting with Lake Harriet. This plan would have removed Dell Park from the map, turning it into a waterway between the lakes. This was not Wirth’s preferred design option, favoring a concept which would have created a channel and lock adjacent to Lakewood Cemetery in order to navigate the seven-foot drop between Bde Maka Ska and Lake Harriet. This connection was ultimately never pursued due to the infeasibility of the plans.

Excerpted from history written by David C. Smith

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Dell Park appears as a large median in the center of Thomas Avenue South, separating south from north-bound traffic and single lanes of on-street parking. The park is a large swath of turf grass filled with a variety of deciduous and coniferous trees, some young and some mature. In this respect it resembles Stinson Parkway in NE Minneapolis, although much shorter in length. Dell Park contains no internal paths or formal entry points. It is very close to the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, but has no sidewalk connecting to it directly. The small park feels somewhat hidden, with single-family homes close on each side of Thomas Avenue and tall tree canopy increasing the feeling of seclusion from nearby busy streets and parkways.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The median, roadway, boulevard, curbs, and on-street parking profile of Dell Park will remain essentially unchanged. Improvements include adding entry signs and improved pedestrian crossings at both the park’s north and south ends to increase visibility and enhance pedestrian safety. The most significant proposed change to Dell Park is the improvement of the parkland just north of the Beard’s Plaisance tennis courts, to include raingarden plantings and a sidewalk extension with pedestrian crossing to connect Dell to Lake Harriet Park and the Grand Rounds.

The existing tree canopy of Dell Park will remain and be supplemented by both pollinator gardens and the planting of fruit and nut trees to create an orchard/
urban agriculture area. Where the median is at its widest, an open area/community gathering space provides room for informal neighborhood gathering and events.

**CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PARKS**

Improved pedestrian crossings support the immediate connection to the many amenities of Beard’s Plaisance and Lake Harriet Park. Waveland Triangle is just under a mile to the west, and a potential park connection to it via a “Linden Hills Trolley Path” project is proposed at the end of Chapter 4. The proposed enhanced pedestrian crossing at W Lake Harriet Parkway will connect users to the Grand Rounds trail system.

**KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES**

Installation of an enhanced pedestrian crossing of Lake Harriet Parkway will require coordination with MPRB’s Bde Maka Ska – Harriet Park Master Plan.
DELL PARK - PROPOSED PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES
1. Extended pedestrian path
2. Naturalized area (raingarden)
3. Enhanced pedestrian crossings
4. Entry sign
5. Open area/community gathering space
6. Expanded tree canopy (plant fruit and nut trees among existing trees)
7. Naturalized plantings (pollinator gardens in open areas as space permits)

EXISTING FEATURES
A. One-way drive lanes and on-street parking
B. Sidewalk and boulevard
### 1: General Input
**Spring-Winter 2018**

*Input themes prior to initial concepts*

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