Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild:
Draft Vision, Guiding Principles, and Concepts
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Lake Harriet

Bde Maka Ska/Lake Harriet Master Plan

- Restore existing objects and structures including the JWA hill and along the lagoon, Phineas and Mabel Coops Memorial Terraces and the World War I Memorial Maru.
- Using West Lake Multimodal Study as a guide, work with Hennepin County to view W Lake Street traffic along Calhoun and create more bike/ped-friendly environment.
- Eliminate bicycle trail here and convert to pedestrian trail only underneath the bridge and along the lagoon.
- Restore shoreline and upland vegetation.
-Provide gateway feature
- Provide bike/ped and park/bike connections.
- Provide existing oak trees
- Bus drop-off, loading and ADA parking
- Convert to green space after relocating sailing school and boat launch area.
- Flexible seating and gathering space.
- Relocate metal Whiffle field to south side of the Calhoun Refectory when the sailing school and yacht club are relocated.
- Include small shelter for rental equipment.

Legend:
- Completed Projects
- Proposed Projects
- Park and Rec Projects
- Community Projects
- Transportation Projects
Bde Maka Ska/Lake Harriet Master Plan Recommendations

Equity Recommendations:
- Include universal icons in wayfinding and interpretive signage to improve the experience of park users. Where appropriate, signs may be multilingual, including Dakota and Ojibwe. As part of the theme of story awakening, look for opportunities to share diverse narratives in additional languages as well as English.
- Where appropriate, include diverse community perspectives in crafting and displaying the content of storytelling and historic and cultural interpretation.
- Design decisions implemented within the master plan shall address equity for all users and will be evaluated using racial equity principles.

Historical and Cultural Resources Recommendations:
- Reveal and interpret the natural and human history of the lakes. Expand interpretive programming around the lakes regarding Native American use and history of the area.

Natural Resources Recommendations:
- Consider stormwater management in all new development and redevelopment in the Chain of Lakes, including use of Best Management Practices to reduce runoff and retain and treat stormwater, and green infrastructure solutions where feasible and in harmony with other park uses.

Recreation, Events and Enterprise Recommendations:
- Expand winter programming and recreational opportunities.
- Add comfort facilities around the lakes for park users including restrooms, changing facilities at beaches, bicycle parking, more benches, and other flexible seating. In picnic areas, provide movable tables, additional grills, and adjacent unprogrammed open space to accommodate larger and more culturally diverse gatherings.
Using the community visioning and planning of the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan as a guide, this project seeks to rebuild the historic Refectory building and adjacent shoreline site to elevate the site’s rich history and cultural significance; support the contemporary communities’ interests and well-being; and to be a steward to this unique landscape. Above all, the design of this site seeks to be inclusive to all and to celebrate the diversity of lived experiences of this place.

**PROJECT VISION**

**REVEAL THE LEGACY**
Provide space for performance, storytelling, art and interpretation focused on revealing the untold stories of this site’s cultural history and connecting to the current and future cultural landscape of the region.

**SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIES**
Provide economic opportunity for Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities.

**HONOR LAND AND WATER**
Protect Mature Vegetation. Support the health of the lake and promote native plant species throughout the site.

**FOSTER HUMAN CONNECTION**
Enhance the user experience by designing for physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Provide the opportunity for people to connect with nature and one another.

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Concept A

Concept B

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Concept A
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- additional bike parking
- wheel fun rentals
- interpretive walk
- stormwater/indigenous plantings
- railing table top seating
- seating grove
- solar ready shade structure
- lake promenade
- community tables
- social seat steps
- social fire pits
- solar ready shade structure
- platform and steps to water
- boat launch
- existing dock
- sailing school

LEGEND:
- FOSTER HUMAN CONNECTION
- REVEAL THE LEGACY
- SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIES
- HONOR THE LAND AND THE WATER
- Lake Access Point
- Former Building Footprint

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Concept A

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Concept A – View from the Lake

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Concept A - Entry View
Concept A – Lower Deck

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Concept A – Lower Deck
Concept A – Lower Deck Winter View
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Concept A – Lake Promenade
Concept A - Community Tables
Concept A – Community Tables
Concept A – Restroom and Concession Building
Concept A - Restroom and Concession Building
Concept A – View from Existing Pedestrian Trail
Concept A – View from Existing Pedestrian Trail

- Flexible Vendor Area
- Interpretation & Expression
- Stormwater Infiltration Garden with Indigenous Plantings
- Preserve Existing Century Oaks
- Reveal The Legacy
- Support Local Economies
- Honor the Land and the Water
- Foster Human Connection

Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild
Concept A – Vendor Area
Concept A – Vendor Area
Concept B

Additional bike parking
Wheel fun rentals

Social seat steps

Stormwater/indigenous plantings

Flexible vendor area/performance space

Interpretive walk
Solar ready
Shade structure

Railing table top seating
Community tables

Social fire place

Seating and steps to water

Boat launch
Existing dock
Sailing school

Legend:
- Foster human connection
- Reveal the legacy
- Support local economies
- Honor the land and the water

Lake Access Point
Former building footprint

Drop-off zone
Existing oaks
Stormwater/indigenous plantings
Reduced width ped/bike crossing
Additional parkway lighting

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Concept B – View from the Lake
Concept B – View from the Lake
Concept B - Entry View
Concept B - Entry View

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- Interpretation & expression
- Stormwater infiltration garden with indigenous plantings
- Reveal the legacy
- Support local economies
- Honor the land and the water
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Concept B – Lower Deck

- Railing Seating
- Community Tables
- Covered Seating
- Social Seat Steps
- Interpretation & Expression
- Tabletop Seating
- Seating & Steps to Water

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Reveal the Legacy
Support Local Economies
Honor the Land and the Water
 Foster Human Connection
Concept 2 - Restroom Building
Concept 2 – View from Existing Promenade
Concept 2 – View from Existing Promenade
Concept B - Vendor and Performance Area
Concept B - Vendor and Performance Area

- Stormwater / Native Plantings
- Flexible Vendor Area / Performance Space
- Social Seat Steps
- Interpretive Walk
- Reveal the Legacy
- Support Local Economies
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Concept B – View from Under the Pavilion
Concept B – View from Under the Pavilion
Concept 2 – View from Upper Terrace
Join the Conversation! Brief presentation to start with open Q&A session to follow.

- March 23 from 12-1pm - https://zoom.us/j/97989148288?pwd=QU1pOExqdUNzQWEram1KS1VRSUF0QT09
- March 24 from 5-6pm - https://zoom.us/j/97100944632?pwd=Q0dPK2NsYVRLaERmTXgzUUt5TDhiZz09
- March 29 from 7-8pm - https://zoom.us/j/97259457291?pwd=cnIxSTdPeENkWlFCU0J0bVRNbDhPQT09

Thank you!
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