Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Master Plan – Initial Park Concepts Open Houses (5) Raw Data

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- YES
- If you would like to share thoughts out loud, type YES here!
- Boardwalk SE Cedar Lake exposed to ice out spring
- yes
- Could you describe oak savanna?
- Oak savanna: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rys/pg/savanna.html
- yes
- A savanna community is sort of a transition between a forest and a prairie. In fact, savannas naturally occur wherever forest and prairie meet.
- yes
- How much land does the Park Board own on the east side of Cedar Lake where the docks are?
- What is wrong with having Lake of the Isles continue to be a contemplative, natural environment that people from all over the region come to walk around? The MPRB does not have a good record of maintenance, so building more structures and signage that will become unsightly, outdated and run down seems unwise.
- I would like a minute to talk Ed Kodet
- The Park Board owns a strip of land all along the southeast shore of Cedar Lake. Its width varies, but is about 8 feet at the narrowest.
- Very interested in ensuring ability to walk around all of Cedar Lake.
- I echo what Kathy Low says about Isles — and extend it to Cedar. One of the things I love about the lakes is how they are different. If I want to be entertained, I walk Calhoun; slightly social — I walk Isles; contemplative — I walk Cedar.
- YES (Comment #2 on Circulation)
- Will there still be a paved pedestrian path all around Lake of the Isles? I am concerned about boardwalk safety in the winter.
- If you’re just joining us, welcome! If you want to speak verbally, please type YES here in the chat box.
- Strong concerns about directional restrictions versus traffic calming as means to address pinch points on cedar lake parkway.
- Improvements to trail walk experience around point beach needed, including pathway, width, lighting.
- Connecting to neighborhood to west of cedar is very important. Agreed.
- Cedar Lake Parkway is not a liability to someone who uses
- It everyday to commute.
- I would like to speak to this. I am troubled by the proposal to make the north of Cedar Lake Road one-way. 1) Have there been any issues such as accidents? 2) Wouldn’t all that traffic reroute to France? What do those residents think of that? 3) Doesn’t one-way encourage speed — hence more danger? 4) How would one-way affect emergency access? 5) People who aren’t residents find the area very difficult to find their way around this areas — this would only make it worse. Finally, making CLP one-way would be an extreme inconvenience for those of us who use it to get to our homes!
- I agree fully with each and all of Mary’s comments above.
• Love the boardwalk ideas, as long as they don’t intrude on the habitat too much—these being prime marsh areas for herons and other wildlife. Perhaps the proposed restoration efforts can mitigate this.
• I have un-muted if there is time   Ed Kodet
• It would help calm traffic and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists if part of cedar lake pkwy was converted to one way.
• How does it calm traffic and increase safety?
• Could you address Kathy Low’s point. Lake of the Isles provides a unique experience for the public compared to Bde Make Ska and Harriet. It is quieter and more contemplative. How do you see Options A and
• Yes
• Mary and Steve are both making excellent points here — traffic needs to be calmed through stop signs. This would support the pedestrian crossing paths that need to go in.
• Options B affecting that.
• sorry not work
• I do agree with speed bumps on cedar lake parkway to regulate traffic speed. I also think that it should be a one way.
• Yes
• I have four comments:
• hi Ed, feel free to type them in the chat! Thanks
• How would a soft-surface path be maintained in the winter?
• Yes
• Judy Lund: like I described with the boardwalks, we wouldn't likely maintain soft-surface trails in winter. Today, we don't provide maintenance on our natural trails.
• There is very bad public bus access in Minneapolis to cedar lake area — this would address traffic w/o adding parking spots at expense of green space, especially looking out to 2040
• I have four comments. 1. We think and closure on lake of the Lake of the Isles is not appriopiate. The road has been in plce since the days of the horse and carrage and is a important circulaton amenity. The road is historic and should maintained forever. 2.Please keep as much open turf and water. One of the lakes needs to be more passive than active. A good place to use a park as a place to get away from things.3 Widen the bike paths . Some riders like to go fast and need to pass. Many want go a little slower and enjoy the experience. 4. Please talk about parking. If more amenities are going to be available not all are going to take the light rail. Then there is the huge issue of parking at 21st and the Light rail. There will be many new peope parking at 21st and light rail to go downtown. Thanks
• Has the MPRB seriously considered whether the light rail could damage the lakes? What would MPRB consider “damage”? Or are you thinking that any and all SWLRT traffic would be an asset?

• A vote in favor of reducing turf on Lake of the Isles and rewilding more of this space. Between increased summer heat and increased flooding, the turf is less and less viable. More shade, trees, and marsh would be appropriate going forward.
• Thumbs up to Tim
• Adam what is the widest section of park land on the east side of cedar?
• What kind of paths will go through Kenilworth channel and would there be a bike path also?
• SHPO has initiated nomination of MPLS Grand Rounds to include each of the Chain of Lakes to the National Historic Register. Does this impact present present and future concept plans and was the last Lake of Isles Master Plan (1998) reviewed and considered in the present proposals?
• Judy Lund: I don’t know the exact dimension of the widest spot off hand. And if we have time I’ll let your other question bet answered by Emma and the design team.
• A vote in favor of the floating islands on Cedar Lake. These could be helpful not just for the proposed water quality improvement but also for wildlife: loons, for instance, could potentially nest there. Something they haven’t successfully done at Cedar Lake for years (given changing water levels and boating pressure).
• yes
• Yes, Cedar is a natural lake, with a bit of dredging early for boats.
• Please do respond to my question about how the MPRB views SWLRT. Can it hurt the lakes?
• Would the oak savannah replace the current cottonwood trees and forest that is currently there? Please don’t cut down our trees!
• I would like to speak
• I prefer Option A. Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles are areas that are more natural and places of respite. Other lakes in city can be places with greater amenities. The unique personalities of each lake should be preserved.
• On the topic of winter access to walking paths around Lake of the Isles ... currently the walking path is not plowed in winter, but the bike path is plowed and signposted as dual use for bikes and pedestrians (and mostly used by pedestrians in practice). Would this also be the future plan for bike paths if the walking path is removed and replaced by a boardwalk?
• Yes! Cedar should stay natural! There are plenty of other lakes with amenities, we don't need them to all be the same...
• How does building lake decks and picnic pavilions help with wildlife?
• What is a littoral edge? Please explain again why that is important.
• The entire north side of Cedar was filled in by the railroad so the railroad could have a connection
• Yes (question on wildlife/ecology)
• Here's some additional historical information presented during a previous CAC meeting: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/project_updates/cac-meeting-2/
• Yes (water)
• Leaving things natural is the best for wildlife.
• @ Emma — my comment is on the topic of water quality. Will keep it brief.
• Thank you for the work you have done assembling these plans. In general I prefer the atmosphere of Unique Lakes (option B). I do have a question on the Ice rink/warming house location in the winter. Would additional parking be put in place to support people coming over from the east side of the lake? If not, that seems to isolate people on the east side of the lake and puts street parking pressure on the westside.
• Yes Regarding wildlife
• Yes (bullrushes)
• Has MPRB documented which migrating birds use the bulrush area? And Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles?
• Agree so much with pristine wildlife area of bulrushes and keeping this wild - agree with James comments. Paths, people will runi this area for the wildlife.
• Hi Constance, EIR did do an inventory of the wildlife on site, including birds at the beginning of the process. Madeline, are you able to share a link of this?
• Agree with Mary
• A comment on moving the Isles ice rink to Kenwood Parkway area: Some research may be in order on ice quality before committing to a permanent structure there. The current site freezes early and solid, and this may have informed the rink siting. The proposed area may or may not be as suitable given the stormwater drainage there or natural factors.
• Emma and Constance: Here is the EOR inventory: https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=e90f1a199da043d5aff4e126e62779b2&extent=-93.328,44.9555,-93.3122,44.9618
• Thank you, Mary - all very good points.
• Mary, Very well stated.
• I believe that you can accommodate both wildlife and recreation. Parks are for people.
• Agree with Mary Pattock re lakes are sacred space rather than places to try to funnel in all these additional people. Will the park board take a thoughtful stance and set a standard - what is healthy use and what protects nature? Protect from people who are coming in. Preserve Cedar Lake as a natural area. Agree with Jennette and James.
• Yes, but LOTI too.
• I agree with Mary. Preservation of natural environment and improving water quality should be a priority.
• Agree with Jennette.
• Anybody remember Save Cedar Lake organization?
• We bought the land NE Cedar lake from a railroad entity and donated it to the Park Board
• Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #7
• 1/11/2022, Tuesday
• 6:00-8:00pm
• Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84303708699
• I believe the intention was to have a natural area—not a maximal use area
• I have a question (more general—not wildlife), when you are ready, please.
• yes
• I agree with Mary Pattock and Jeanette Turner 100%.
• In case you missed it... Project page: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/
• Concept survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cedar-isles-initial-concepts
• Does Option A or B allow pedestrian walk paths around the entire lake. Please discuss.
• Cedar lake on the last question
• Concept A is more natural because it pushes all of the pavilions and other traffic to Lake of the Isles. I am struck that the concepts pit Cedar and Isles residents against each other.
• Based on the wildlife survey, can the project team identify existing pristine or wildlife intensive areas that should be protected to protect habitat and ecological function?
• Why does the "natural" plan for Cedar Lake have an "activity hub" at all?
• Kenwood Park master plan is in this document: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/4_park_concepts_e-k_a.pdf
• thanks emma/david
• I would like to see any concept remove the skating rink and boat rental from Cedar Lake. Changes the naturalness of the Lake too significantly.
• thank you emma!
• Thank you so much!
• Thank you for great work and for having this meeting!!
• Thanks
• Thank you Emma!
• Thank you!
• Thank you, Emma, Adam, et al!
• Agreed, James. We need to save Cedar Lake again.
• I like this idea of saving Cedar Lake — not trying too turn it into another Bed Maka Ska or Cedar.
• Agree with James that cedar lake should not have have a path all the way aound

Open House at Lake of the Isles Skating Rink - 1/22/2022
Open House on Zoom - 2/7/2022

- Overview video: https://youtu.be/V8N_IQ272fs
- Circulation video: https://youtu.be/4WaDhYw3jyc
- The priority for the CAC is water quality, by unanimous vote.
- Is it possible to combine aspects of Concept A and B in future concepts?
- Will this process acknowledge that there may be a conflict between increasing access and protection of existing ecology?
- We should restore and preserve LOI and stop right there. LOI already attracts 2 million visitors per year. What is the goal and why?
- yes
- Will the chat entries be part of the notes for this meeting?
- Have you reviewed Phase 2 of the Natural Areas Plan and when will you integrate it into the Master Plan? No I don’t want to speak.
- Thank you for bringing up this important issue of water quality.
- Yes
• Totally agree, “Therese.”
• Excellent points
• Agree with Doug/“Therese”.
• I think this is the key point. We are looking at making this even worse for the ecology which is the true differentiator of our city and parks.
• Closing a portion of the Parkway will push traffic into the neighborhood. What is the plan for rerouting car traffic in this idea in implemented?
• Have you identified any potential “managed natural areas”? Noon I don’t want to speak
• Please include the chat entries into the notes for the meeting
• The area south of East Cedar Lake was originally lake and filled with rubble. Is it possible to create a quality forest without remediation? Has it been determined if milfoil cutting helps the situation in the long run or does it just spread it around?
• well done!
• Tom Morin- what is the maintenance plan?
• is there funding for maintenance of new structures
• Closing parkways does not reduce traffic or miles driven—it just pushes traffic into neighborhoods.
• Are the new paths in the woods by Cedar going to be paved or just maintained as dirt?
• Why would we restrict all pedestrians, walkers, runners, dog walkers etc to a board walk on the north arm of LOI?
• Yes
• Is it true that the Natural Areas staff is one person right now?
• One-way traffic on Cedar Lake Parkway would constitute a permanent detour, rerouting traffic into neighborhoods, and causing more pollution. Can’t traffic-calming be achieved by speed bumps or speed limit? (Personally, I have experienced no issues in that area.)
• Is it possible to include all the access trail like the boardwalk around cedar lake so that everyone can enjoy the lakes while still returning the areas to the natural areas and wetland. I think it’s important to the complete the paths around all the lakes in Minneapolis
• Hi, Madeline, I'm still unclear whether the chat entries will be part of the meeting notes?
• Not sure if this has been covered but I'm curious if a walking/biking path can be incorporated into the east side of Cedar between the Cedar Lake Pkwy and the Canal?
• How will restoration of natural areas incorporate non-fragmentation of wildlife habitat, which is critical for wildlife to survive and thrive?
• I'm pleased to hear no new paved trails in the woods
• The boardwalk at the northern edge of LOI would actually decrease habitat.
• What will year-round structure 6 look like? Size and scale?
• Which areas of Cedar Lake have the consultants identified as prime contiguous habitat areas to be preserved/enhanced?
• If a walking path is put all the way around Cedar, what material would be used on that path.
• Agree with comments on boardwalks
• I think it's important to make paths accessible to everyone. Handicap accessibility, ease of walking for seniors, etc. I think it's a big mistake not to make the paths permanent such as asphalt for use for everyone and to plow in the winter.
great points Keith

Wouldn't a boardwalk contain pedestrian traffic, and allow the land to naturally exist between water edge and landspace?

We live near Cedar Lake and asked the city biologist, Mike Sorensen, to review the waters near our home when we thought we had identified Starry Stonewort, an invasive species. After a wade in the lake, he found what he called a “pristine” ecosystem, with native stonewort (not invasive), flat-stem pondweed, coontail, busy pondweed, sago pondweed, and a narrow-leaf pondweed. Perfect waterfowl habitat. Sadly, the bulldozers “restoring” (?) the manmade channel area tore up much of this area during work this past fall. They also tore out many aging trees that provided habitat for wood ducks, pileated woodpecker, great horned owl, etc. Why? How will we protect the existing lake ecology when installing and maintaining more of these projects? We need more science, and less politics. How will this process of revisioning recalibrate to include science and protection of the lakes, rather than park “development”?

Boardwalk compromised by ice out and we do have snow and ice. How do you shovel them? Ice out can take out board walk

Well said Keith! Prioritize animal habitat and water quality over more built stuff for humans

They don't clear the sidewalks now, so I don't see how it would happen in the winter?

My understanding is that closing a portion of the Parkway is proposed to free up space for events, NOT for traffic calming purposes.

Water quality is dependent upon salt used on streets and by homeowners and dumped in and around the lake as well as runoff. How can the park board work with other watershed entities on this?

Yes

It doesn’t sound like any single person is in favor of more permanent structures on the lake.

It looks like there is

How do you reconcile ever-increasing park use with sharply restricting turf areas? LOI is an urban park.

have you explored the more bountiful land available at southern Kenwood park?

Would there be any room in the plan for a small permanent structure by Cedar Point Beach? Just something small with refreshed picnic options and a bathroom, for example.

Do you have visitor data for the warming house? I’m interested in a permanent structure on Isles as a concept but an concerned that fewer people will get to use a structure on the west side of the lake.

(High use in the winter because you can travel across the lake but inaccessible to the bigger populations in the summer.)

What consideration being given to the historic aspect of the parks? For example, part of the original Theo Wirth plan was to minimize structures. Or is there no interest in preserving the original concept?

let’s ask the ducks, geese, herons, muskrat if they want a boardwalk

What makes Cedar Lake so special as a city lake is that it has unparalleled natural beauty. I am concerned that we preserve this natural beauty and ecological integrity. In particular, boardwalks would detract from this.
• If Cedar Lake Parkway was one way northbound from Sunset to the stoplights south bound traffic would be diverted to France, a through street/county road and Lake Street. This would free a traffic lane to accommodate bikes, movement of the peds to the bike path, removal of the ped path and planting of native vegetation from lake to the current bike path. It would also help with the horrendous traffic problems on Dean Parkway that at times back up traffic from Lake Street to Lake of the Isles.

• What would be done to address the homeowners who have put docks into the lake and make sure that they don’t disturb any habitat or potential habitat restoration.

• Both circulation concepts for north/east Cedar Lake pedestrian connection through currently the only “natural” area remaining - esp. #2 Unique - will have negative impact on existing flora and fauna. This is inconsistent with protecting, preserving, and respecting the “natural” and secluded character of Cedar Lake. Many have commented in previous CAC meetings about the high value placed on this unique, nearly wild “natural” space, which will be greatly diminished - if not destroyed - by either plan. Loss of this one remaining natural, nearly wild area along the north and east edges of cedar lake by the introduction of increased foot traffic, possibly on paved/groomed/signposted pathways, will result in a tragedy of the commons situation where the significantly increased numbers of individuals with access to the unique and beautiful shared resource will ultimately deplete and destroy it. Please preserve this one remaining natural area. I can never be reclaimed.

• Nicely said Curt

• In plan B can there be less board walk and a longer on land path as there is quite a bit of Park Board land on the SE corner of Cedar Lake. Widths are from 12.5' to 87'. 3/4 of the length is from 25' to 87'. This would be less impact to the shoreline and habitat.

• that was in response to the other comment

• apologies

• The area on the SE corner of Cedar Lake has fertilized lawns and docks. If there is not a boardwalk how will these bad practices be stopped? I do like the boardwalk for accessibility.

• the current warming house on Isles is unattractive. what would a new, year-round one look like?

• We will be including the verbal and chat feedback into the community engagement summary we’re updating/providing to the CAC in advance of CAC meetings.

• Emma. You do a great job

• If a boardwalk bridge crosses the channel, how would kayakers and canoers cross in the summer and how would XC skiers cross in the winter?

• 8 feet narrowest park board land SE Cedar Lake

• I agree 100% with Constance. This questions/comments/answers should be on the public record and available to all.

• Has the Park Board done surveys or counts of existing flora and fauna as a baseline for understanding the potential impact of these plans?

• The current warming house on LOI is an eyesore. What is the rationale behind making it permanent?

• Nice idea Paul with having a land path on the SE corner with a small boardwalk

• The goal of the park board is to help and encourage people to recreate throughout the park system. The more people we get involved for the health of the city the better. Restricting access
or trying to reduce use is ridiculous. Allowing access to all MPRB areas without unnecessarily disturbing wildlife should be a goal. Paths are a good thing!!!

- I’m excited about the idea of limiting the car traffic that can otherwise circumnavigate Lake of the Isles! Currently there are people who joy ride at unsafe speeds around the lake and other people who choose to commute on it. In its current configuration the street section of the parkway creates unsafe conditions for other people who use the lake. Looking forward to what the staff presents!
- This new method of response is not functional.
- Limiting car traffic will only move traffic into neighborhoods. It’s also not an equitable solution because many people can only reach this regional park via the parkways.
- Recreation is only one part of the Park Board’s mission. Another part is “The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board permanently preserves, protects, maintains, improves, and enhances its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations of our region including people, plants, and wildlife.”
- I think those were great statements from Ron
- I think part of these plans regardless should layout how the parks board will reclaim their land from the homeowners around cedar lake
- I also think those were great comments from Ron!!!
- Part of water quality answer is cedar and Isles are up stream from BadeMakaSka and Harriet and filter water before it goes down stream
- I understand that the pathway around the north end of Cedar will be soft material. What will the pathway be made of around the homes on southeast side. Where will it be? Is this boardwalk?
- putting a bridge across the kenilworth entry to cedar would be a crime, ruining one of the prettiest viewsheds in the entire chain of lakes . . . in either direction on skis, kayak, canoe, sunrise to sunset.
- I have lived in East Isles/Lowry Hill 40+ years. The proposals for LOI are alarming. Inspite of previous comments, permanent structures, activity hubs, picnic pavilions, boardwalks and the lion’s share of most of these ideas will change the character of our treasured lake and surrounding park forever. Surely, there are alternative ideas that focus on the restoration and preservation on the lake.
- It is extremely expensive to move the warming house in and out $10,000 I seem to remember. A firm figure would be helpful.
- I agree with increasing circulation around the lake. Paths are great. A land path on the SE corner of Cedar with a small boardwalk would be awesome.
- Limiting car traffic around the lakes limits access to the disabled and elderly. A drive around the lake has provided enormous enjoyment for my 93 year old Mom who can no longer walk the lake. Restricted car traffic would indeed increase car traffic through the neighborhood.
- I think part of these plans regardless should layout how the parks board will reclaim their land from the homeowners around cedar lake! Ditto to this!!!
- Putting the warming hut in and out, is not likely to be more expensive and time consuming than daily upkeep.
- All added Structures provide still more "canvases" for taggers. The graffiti on the Bridge is ongoing. Permanent structures will be defaced.
- I would like to speak.
- A question for our Park Board Members: What kind of cost / benefit analysis will be used for measuring these re-envisioning options?
- The bridge on the SE side of Cedar Lake over the channel that would connect paths could be high enough for (skiers, canoes, etc) to travel underneath!!! It's a great idea and could be designed with wood and be beautiful!!!
- Why is Cedar's water quality "c" and degrading, when Harriet and B'de are "A".
- It is not possible to funnel greatly increased numbers of people through what is essentially a wildlife sanctuary area and expect to retain a wildlife sanctuary area. The Tragedy of the Commons is sadly quite real.
- Yes
- Yes 😊
- Yes
- yes
- Upsetting homeowners who pay the taxes to make these plans possible seems like the wrong way to go. Not every lake has to have the same loop - cedar is unique and that's what's so fun to explore there
- I totally disagree with James Kirkham and believe we should have access for all on each lake!!
- Agree with Ron - keep the uniqueness of Cedar without a path all the way around, no bridge over the channel, there isn't room. Keep the natural beauty of Cedar.
- I disagree with James also. The public needs access.
- Cedar is unique! And everyone deserves the best access to participate in its uniqueness. Allowing people to circulate the lake would do just that
- People can circulate Cedar Lake today
- and access it
- Agree with Cole!! Cedar is unique! And everyone deserves the best access to participate in its uniqueness. Allowing people to circulate the lake would do just that
- There is very little wildlife in this area. Other than off leash dogs. How about no path and no people on the SE corner of Cedar Lake? Native vegetation only. We don't
- It seems to me many people on the planning team view LOI as a city lake that should be a tourist destination. In fact, LOI is surrounded by a residential neighborhood. While we welcome visitors, I am very concerned that the proposed plan will change the the character of the lake for the worse.
- The pandemic has resulted in an enormous increase in visitors to the “wild” part of Cedar. It is probably being loved too much. Clearly we all need wild. How do we best protect it?
- Being able to walk around the lake is not necessary for people to access the lake and participate in its uniqueness. In fact, the uniqueness of Cedar Lake is supported by not demanding a path around it.
- I agree with Jesse re Sydney. Structures do not enhance..
- Emma - you do an amazing job facilitating and fielding questions. Thank you.
- Total agree with Jesse. Thank you for your perceptive.
- I agree with Jesse - the natural world should be the priority and then the public. Fewer structures.
right on jesse, natural beauty wins over manmade stuff any day, that’s what connects us
In view of our existential climate crisis, why should there be any question about water quality
and other environmental issues being the top priority? Governments making “compromises” as
a result of political pressure is exactly why we are not making progress.
I too agree with Jesse's point about the potential negative impact of structures.
Agree with Jesse.
There is a pair of great horned owls that has roosted in the south part of Cedar woods for the
past half dozen winters. They won’t live there if a paved path is put in place. Somehow they
have survived the devastation fro the SWLRT. More “hard” park development on the east side of
Cedar will make this worse. How do we protect these owls and the nature that supports them?
Than you Jesse for your comments
Thank you Curt - I am worried about those owls too.
Source of the water into the lakes .... So important
What is the source of the information about the owls not tolerating paved paths? I assume you
are talking about nesting. What size buffer is required?
Format was fine
Thanks for having this conversation and thank you for listening to the feedback.
Thanks Emma!
Thanks everyone!
Thank you
Huge thanks for listening .. input is messy and as long as the plans evolve in a way that reflects
the priorities everyone is expressing we’ll all be incredibly thankful!
Thank you!
this was a terrific discussion. thank you.
Project page:
https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/
cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/
I agree with Jesse.
Initial draft park concepts: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/wp-
content/uploads/2021/12/2021-12-12_12_Cedar-Isles_Initial-Park-Concepts_final.pdf
My email: epachuta@minneapolisparks.org
It is a moral issue!!!
There are several volunteer teams that are removing buckthorn around Cedar Lake, enhancing
littoral edge is vital and this master plan can achieve it
Great points on the ecology of the lake...ows and all. We are on the verge of becoming the City
of ENDANGERED Lakes. Case in point: SWLRT. Let’s keep Jesse’s observation about the
irreversibility of these decisions and their impact on the future. What will these ecosystems be
for future generations? And how will that affect our city’s quality of life for citizens and overall
economic viability? Thank you for the robust discussion this evening.
Online survey for initial draft park concepts: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cedar-isles-
inital-concepts
The area around Cedar Lake, especially the east side, is very unnatural. The north end of the
lake was filled.
• YES!!! YES!!! YES!!!!
• Agree with Jesse to be cautious about building structures and entertainment spaces in a park - a park is a place to enjoy nature - there are other places for entertainment

Open House at Lake of the Isles and Bde Maka Ska Parkway – 2/26/2022