

1 WESTERN ENTRANCE

- Park lacks formal entrance
- Trail to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Swede Hollow, Downtown
- Circuitous route to BVNS
- Newly acquired parcel at Plum and Mounds not used



4 CARVERS CAVE OVERLOOK

- Renovated in 1996
- Planting beds between parking lot and walk removed
- Graffiti on monument
- Weeds growing through cracks
- Native planting area in poor condition



6 PRAIRIE PLANTING

- Moderate quality
- Many small trees and invasive weeds
- Mostly forbs, with Kentucky Bluegrass the predominate grass



2 SAND CASTLE AREA

- Dangerous foot trails from Carver's Cave Overlook
- High erosion from foot traffic
- Sand piles at bottom of bluff
- Graffiti, hang out spot



3 BLUFF

- 125' sheer drop in some areas
- Vegetation hard to maintain due to location
- Unobstructed views of natural sandstone bluffs



5 VIEWS

- Some views overgrown
- Excellent view down Mounds boulevard framed by trees
- A main use of the park is the viewshed



7 TENNIS COURTS

- Restored in 2005
- In fair condition



TRAILS

- Installed in 1996
- Many cracks
- Overgrown edges



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1 PICNIC AREA

- Worn area about 10' out around picnic shelters
- Some grills missing, in poor condition
- Play area installed in 1988
- Play area not ADA compliant
- 25 + Picnic tables
- Restroom installed in 2001



2 INDIAN MOUNDS

- Vegetation varies from brome to a mix of native plantings
- Fencing in good condition
- Signage may need updating



3 PAVILION

- Roof replaced in 2003
- Structure in need of repairs
- Blue handrailing out of place
- Ramp in poorly placed location
- Pavilion not used/programmed



5 SOUTH PICNIC AREA

- Stormwater overflow
- Area can be wet
- 19 picnic tables
- Views overgrown
- Some dead trees



4 PLAY FIELD

- Open field used more for soccer, volleyball/katow and tujlub
- backstop rarely used

7 EASTERN ENTRANCE

- No signage denoting a park on the eastern portion of the park



8 MUNICIPAL FOREST

- Colored areas show native vegetation
- Other vegetation mainly disturbed deciduous forest
- Steep slopes hard to manage
- Extensive invasive species removal since 2008
- Many foot trails, no actively managed trails
- No interpretive signage



LEGEND

- Restored prairie
- Oak woodland-brushland
- Oak forest
- Wet ash swamp
- Oak savanna
- Planted coniferous trees
- Foot Trails
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- Views
- Views (from car)
- Water run-off

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