

**PRESERVE**

**2 SAND CASTLE AREA 3 BLUFF**

- + Eliminate dangerous access from Carver's Cave Overlook
- Will be difficult to reduce human intrusion which causes erosion

- + Improve safety along the bluff
- Vegetation hard to manage due to access/safety for workers

**5 VIEWS**

- + Remove vegetation that impedes critical views at overlooks and benches
- + Views are the main reason many visit the park
- + Opportunity to create new view areas

**RESTORE**

**4 CARVERS CAVE OVERLOOK**

- + Install decorative railing along top of stone wall to deter foot traffic
- + Reinstall planting area between parking lot and walk
- upkeep of planting areas

**7 TENNIS COURTS**

- + install new tennis courts
- + new location, keep active recreation together
- are the courts widely used/needed

**IMPROVE**

**1 WESTERN ENTRANCE**

- + Create entry gateway into the park
- + Explore uses for newly acquired parcel on the east side of Mounds Boulevard
- + Connection to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary near WPA wall
- Difficult to find a good location to traverse bluff without disrupting cultural, historical and natural resources

**6 PRAIRIE PLANTING**

- + Remove invasive species
- + Good opportunity to use volunteers
- Difficult to time prescribed burns for management
- Hard to manage planted areas with numerous forbs

**TRAILS**

- + Edge and sealcoat
- + Repair cracks
- + Grand Rounds planning and signage
- Full replacement may be needed in some areas

**SIGNAGE**

- + Entrance/Identifying signs at major intersections
- + Interpretive signage for natural systems, cultural and historical elements
- + Wayfinding signage along trails

**INDIAN MOUNDS REGIONAL PARK  
MASTER PLAN**

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**Opportunities and Constraints  
East**

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North

## PRESERVE

### 2 INDIAN MOUNDS

- + Determine best vegetation and management for the mounds
- Native vegetation management requires burns or herbicide use
- Mounds "lose shape" under native vegetation
- Turf grasses require frequent mowing

### 8 MUNICIPAL FOREST

- + Preserve existing native vegetation through continued invasive species removal
- Some areas hard to manage due to accessibility
- Preserve to what state.. pre-settlement or initial Municipal Forest plantings

## RESTORE

### 3 PAVILION

- + Remove blue handrailing and install more aesthetically pleasing railing
- + Move ADA ramp
- + Restore building structure to accommodate new programming
- ADA ramp is required, where is best location
- What is best use of space?

### 6 ECHO OVERLOOK

- + Replace missing stone caps
- + Renovate the planting areas around the overlook
- May be hard to find matching stone

### 8 MUNICIPAL FOREST

- + Restore the road to Fish Hatchery as a nature trail with signage
- + Restore native vegetation with plantings
- + Restore the stairs as a connection down to the Warner Rd. trail
- construction access to stairs may be challenging

## IMPROVE

### 1 PICNIC AREA

- + Shelters outdated and the pad around them needs to be expanded
- + Play area needs to be replaced with ADA compliant equipment and of regional size
- + Replace worn and missing site amenities
- limit vehicular traffic on trails

### 4 PLAY FIELD

- + Create a space that is conducive to many sports
- Repair holes, depressions, reseed

### 5 SOUTH PICNIC AREA

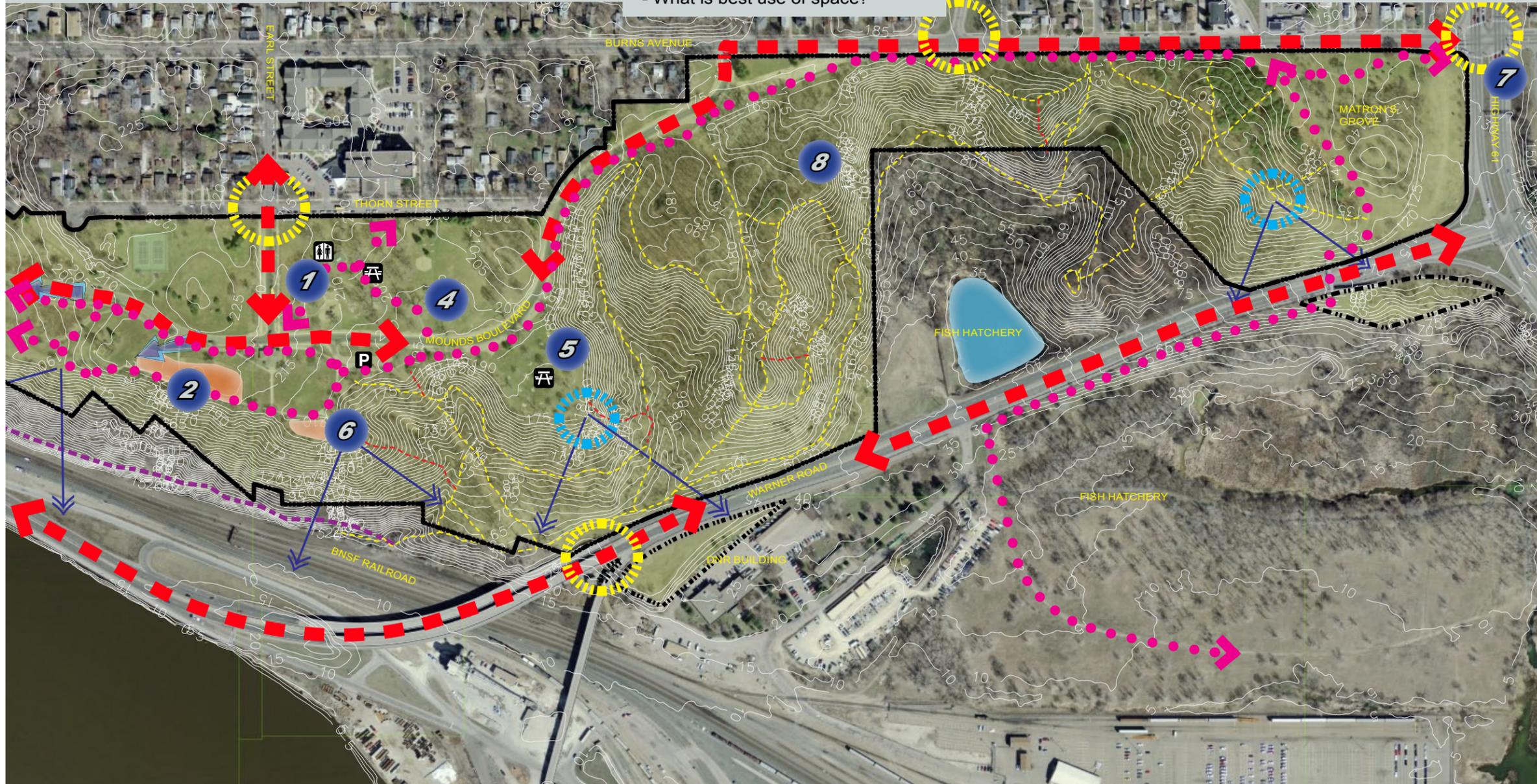
- + Update picnic facilities
- + Create a more formal overlook area
- + Create a natural water feature "perched wetland"
- + Remove dated bollards
- Stop foot traffic down the hill which is causing extensive erosion

### 7 EASTERN ENTRANCE

- + Need to create a formal entrance/identity
- + Improve crossing at Johnson Pkwy
- + Kiosk placement for Grand Rounds
- Street very wide here

### 8 MUNICIPAL FOREST

- + Create other nature loop trails
- + Use the rebuilding of Warner Rd. bridge to create connection into Indian Mounds under the bridge
- +Strengthen trail connections through Grand Rounds planning



# INDIAN MOUNDS REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN

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