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# Highland Bridge PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING FIVE** 

01.19.2021

#### RYAN CONFLUENCE



IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE

City of St. Paul

Department of Parks & Recreation



#### **AGENDA**

Introduction

Overview of Parks to Date

- Final Park A Design
- Final Park C Design
- Final Park B Design
- Final Park D Design

Park Naming Process

Park Amenities update for park system

Next Steps

- Construction update
- Future site visit for PAC



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#### **Project Background**

#### Ford Site Project Studies

Since 2006, when Ford Motor Company announced its intent to close the plant, the City of Saint Paul has been working actively to plan for the site's future.

#### **Professional Studies**

- A total of 14 professional studies conducted by the City and additional studies by Ford Motor Company have examined a wide range of topics, such as the potential of industrial reuse, a geotechnical analysis of the tunnels under the site, open space priorities, sustainable design, stormwater management, and traffic impacts.
- The studies were essential to understand opportunities for and limitations on the redevelopment of the site economically, environmentally, socially, and within the context of the community. The studies identified infrastructure efficiencies, costeffectiveness, opportunities for environment design and conservation, and how to strike a balance between development and the creation of vibrant public spaces
- The Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan, adopted by the Saint Paul City Council in 2017, is the culmination of a decade of planning for the site. It provides a framework to guide mixed-use redevelopment of the 122-acre main assembly plant parcel and the adjacent 13-acre rail yard. It does not include the 22-acre river parcel ("Area C").

#### Community Engagement and Adoption

Since 2007, the City has been seeking the community and other stakeholders' visions and priorities for the Ford site. The thousands of ideas and suggestions that we have received over the past 10 years, and through more than 140 public meetings of all sizes, have shaped the redevelopment framework for the site.

https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/planning/ford-site-21st-century-community

#### **Role of Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The Parks Advisory Committee provides volunteer opportunities for stakeholders to share insight and resources and serve to build and sustain relationships between the community and the City of St. Paul. Members of the PAC are expected to represent the views of park users and to work collaboratively with each other and the project team to provide insight, feedback and information to the community about the project.

#### Responsibilities of PAC members include:

- Become knowledgeable about the Project and its goals,
- Understand and represent the park and recreation needs of the community and park users,
- Act as community liaisons for the project,
- Provide feedback on the park plans,
- Help identify priorities and needs within the Park System and within their communities,
- Provide insight on the direction of Park development,
- Report back to the community, on the design process, information presented, and the development of the parks,
- PAC members are expected to attend and participate in PAC meetings throughout the design process.

#### **Highland Bridge Park System**

#### **City Parks**

- Park A
- 4) Park B
- <sup>5</sup> Park C
- Park D

#### **Civic Parks**

- Outlot B
- Outlot C
- Outlot D
- 7 Shared Bike/Ped Paths



#### **Highland Bridge Timeline | Milestones**

- Park A and Park C
  - Stormwater Construction Started in Park A and C
- Outlot C & Outlot D
  - **Construction Started**
- Park B and Park D
  - 100% Plans Completed
  - Construction 2022

#### **Questions or Comments?**

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#### Comments to Date – what we have heard

#### **Highland Bridge Park Designs**

**Public Survey Comments** 

We utilized the comments from the public to direct and finalize the final design and amenities for each park as part of the overall park system. Factors relating to budget, fit and overall park system needs also played a role in the final layouts. Full comments are available on the City's website under the Community Engagement documents for the project.





#### Park A – Skate Components













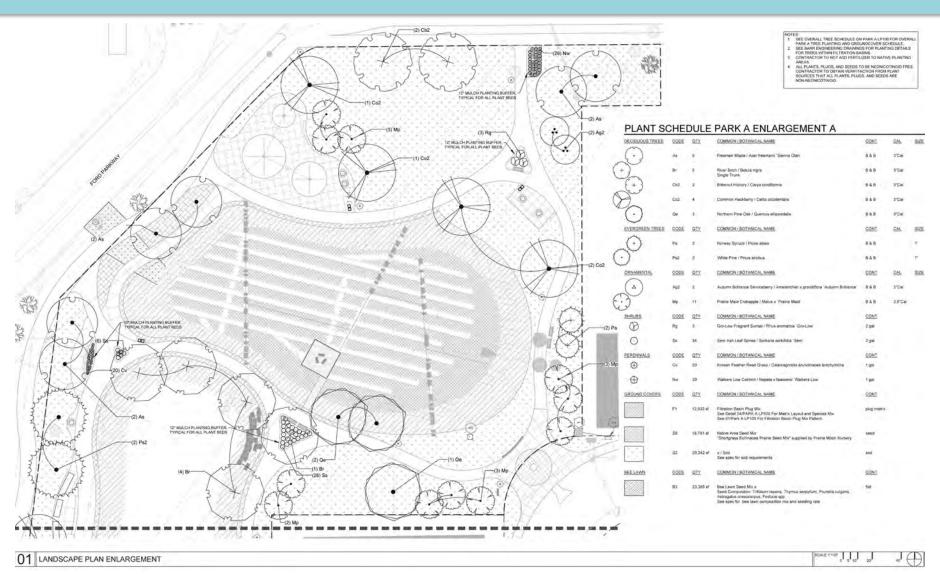




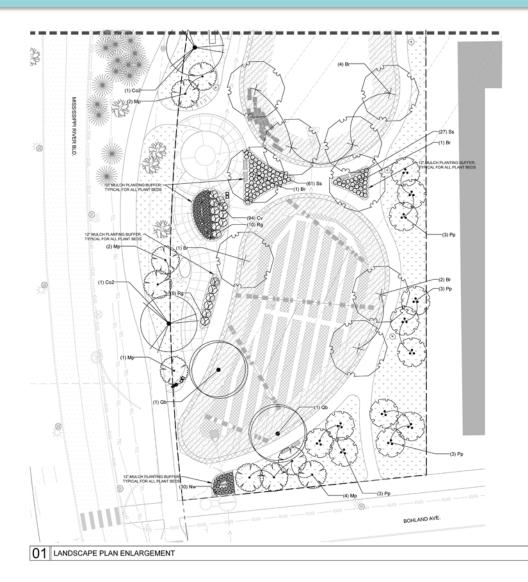


## Park A – Park Components

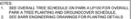








PLANT SCHEDULE PARK A ENLARGEMENT B											
DECIDUOUS TREES	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT	CAL						
<b>(</b> +)	Br	9	River Birch / Betula nigra Single Trunk	8 & 8	3°Call						
( <del>)</del>	Co2	2	Common Hackberry / Celtis occidentalis	B & B	3°Call						
(:)	Pp	12	Prairie Gold Aspen / Populus tremuloides 'NE Arb'	8 & 8	2.5°Cal						
$\odot$	Qb	2	Swamp White Cak / Querous bicolor	8 & 8	3°Call						
<u>ORNAMENTAL</u>	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT	CAL						
$\odot$	Мр	9	Prairie Maid Crabapple / Malus x 'Prairie Maid'	8 & 8	2.5°Cal						
SHRUBS	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT							
Ø	Rg	16	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac / Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'	2 gal							
0	Ss	89	Sem Ash Leaf Spirea / Sorbaria sorbifolia 'Sem'	2 gal							
PERENNIALS	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT							
•	Cv	94	Korean Feather Reed Grass / Calamagrostis arundinacea brachytricha	1 gal							
$\oplus$	Nw	30	Walkers Low Catmint / Nepeta x faassenii 'Walkers Low'	1 gal							
GROUND COVERS	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT							
	F1	5,441 sf	Filtration Basin Plug Mix See Detail O4/PARK A LP500 For Matrix Layout and Species Mix See 01/Park A LP103 For Filtration Basin Plug Mix Pattern.	plug matrix							
	Se	5,678 sf	Native Area Seed Mix "Shortgrass Echinacea Prairie Seed Mix" supplied by Prairie Moon Nursery	seed							
	52	27,001 sf	x / Sed See spec for sod requirements	sod							
BEE LAWN	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT							
	В3	1,533 sf	Bee Lawn Seed Mix x Seed Composition: Trifolium repens, Thymus serpyllum, Prunella vulgaris, Astragalia: crassicarpus, Festuca spp. See spec for bee lawn composition mix and seeding rate	flat							



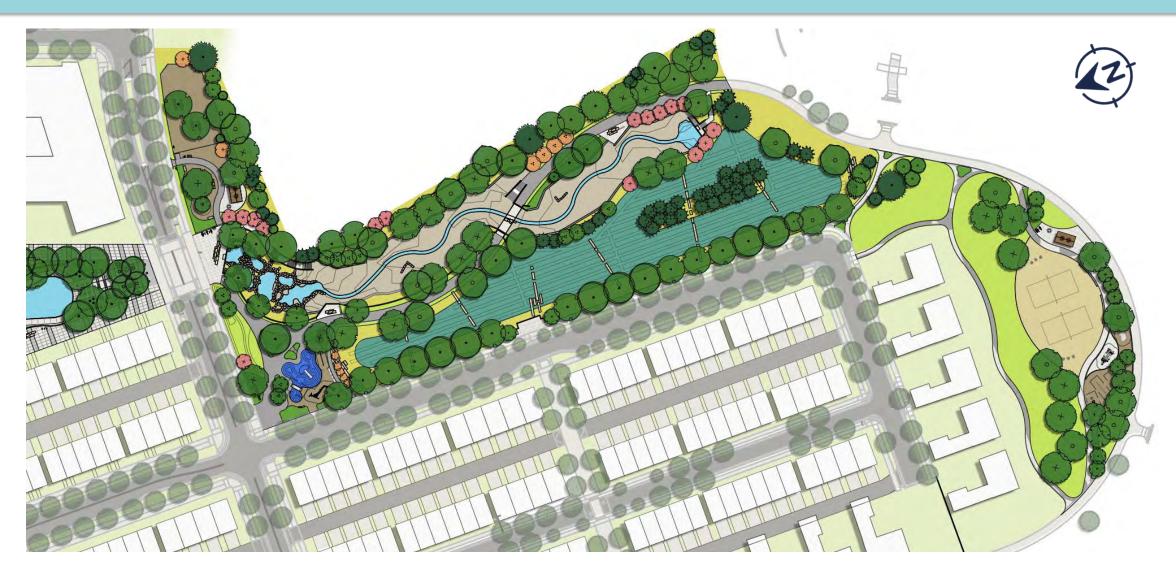
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ALL PLANTS, PLUGS, AND SEEDS TO BE NEONICOTINOID FREE
CONTRACTOR TO OBTAIN VERBITACTION FROM PLANT
SOURCES THAT ALL PLANTS, PLUGS, AND SEEDS ARE



SCALE: 1"=20" 0" 5" 10" 20" 40"











#### **Design Park C – Ravine Character**







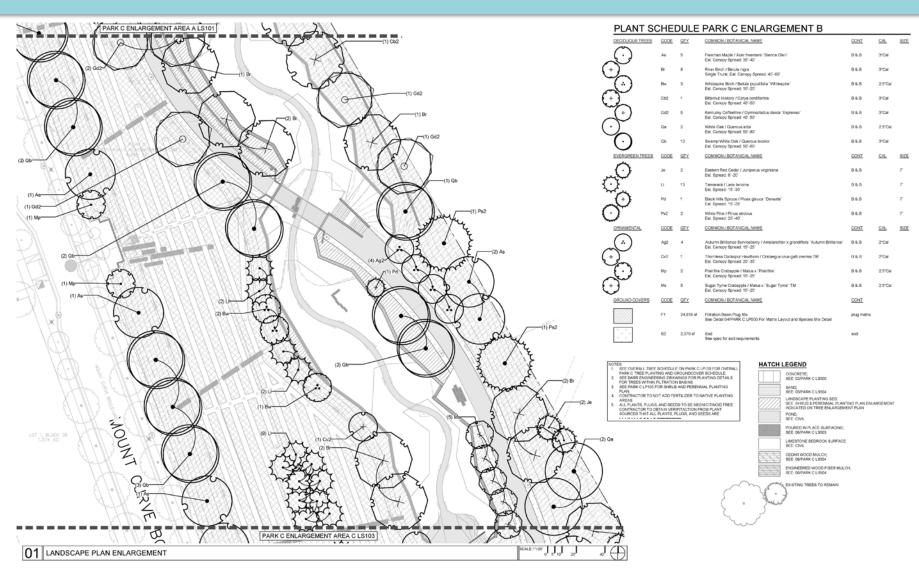




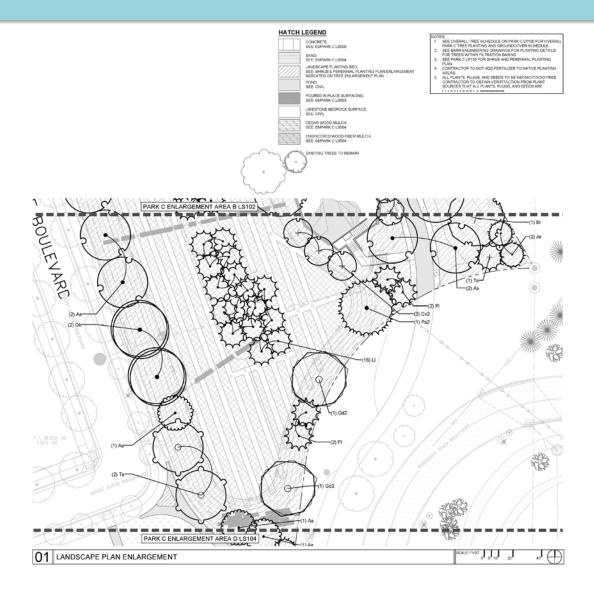
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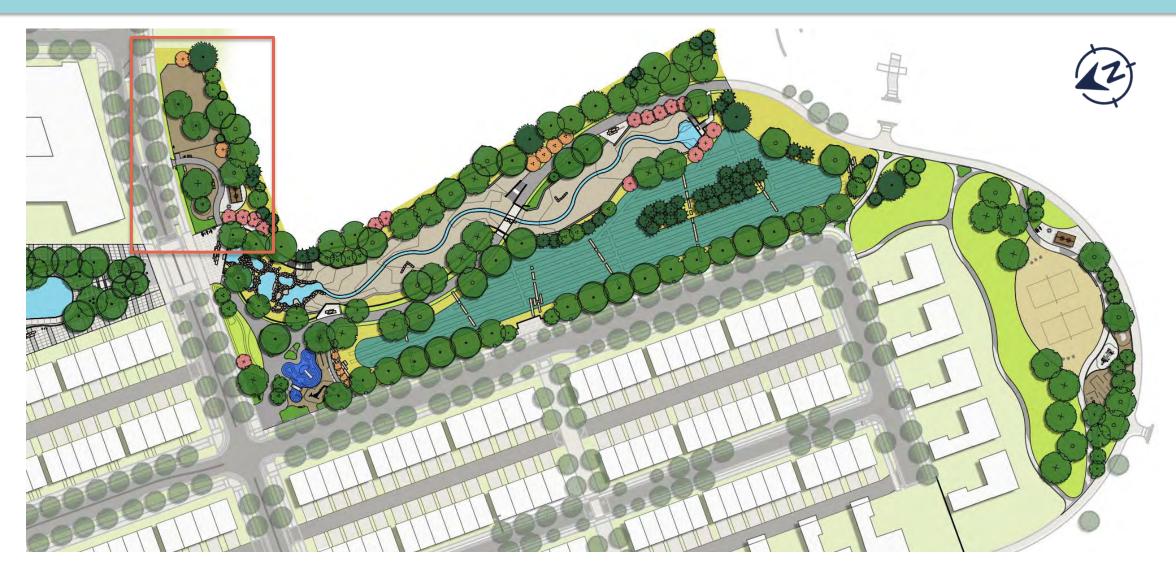






PLANT SCHEDULE PARK C ENLARGEMENT C											
DECIDUOUS TREES	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT	CAL	SIZE					
	As	4	Freeman Maple / Acer freemanii "Sienna Glen" Est. Canopy Spread: 35"-40"	B&B	3°Cal						
$\odot$	Aa	2	Autumn Spiendor Buckeye / Aesculus x amoidiana "Autumn Spiendor" Est. Canopy Spread: 30"	888	2.5°Cal						
(+)	Br	1	River Birch / Betulia nigra Single Trunic; Est. Canopy Spread: 40'-60'	888	3°Cal						
$\odot$	Gd2	2	Kentucky Coffeetree / Gymnocladus dicica 'Espresso' Est. Canopy Spread: 40'-50'	B&B	3/Cal						
$\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$	Qb	2	Swamp White Cak / Quercus bicolor Est. Canopy Spread: 50'-60'	вав	3°Cal						
$\odot$	Ts	2	American Linden / Tilis americans 'Sentry'	8&8	3,CRI						
EVERGREEN TREES	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT	CAL	SIZE					
~O	Je	2	Eastern Red Cedar / Juniperus virginiana Est. Spread. 6'-20'	B&B		$\tau$					
₹.} <u>`</u>	U	16	Tamerack / Larix lericins Est. Spread: 15'-30'	8 & B		$\tau$					
3.7	PI	4	Royal Splendor Norway Spruce / Floca ables "Noel" Est. Spread: 25"	вав		T					
$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{L}}$	Ps2	1	White Pine / Pinus strobus Est. Spread: 20'-40'	848		$\tau$					
<del>{+</del> }	То	1	American Arbonvitae / Thuja occidentalis Est. Spread. 15'-20'	888		$\tau$					
ORNAMENTAL.	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	TMOO	CAL.	SIZE					
(+)	0/2	3	Thornless Cocksput Hawthorn / Crataegus crus-galli inermis TM Est. Canopy Spread: 20"-35"	848	2°Cal						
GROUND COVERS	CODE	QTY	COMMON / BOTANICAL NAME	CONT							
	F1	9,076 sf	Fittration Basin Plug Mix See Detail 04/PARK C LP500 For Matrix Layout and Species Mix Detail	plug matrix							
	88	1,305 sf	Native Area Seed Mix "Shortgrass Echinacea Prairie Seed Mix" supplied by Prairie Moon Nursery	seed							
	82	223 sf	Sod See spec for sod requirements	sod							











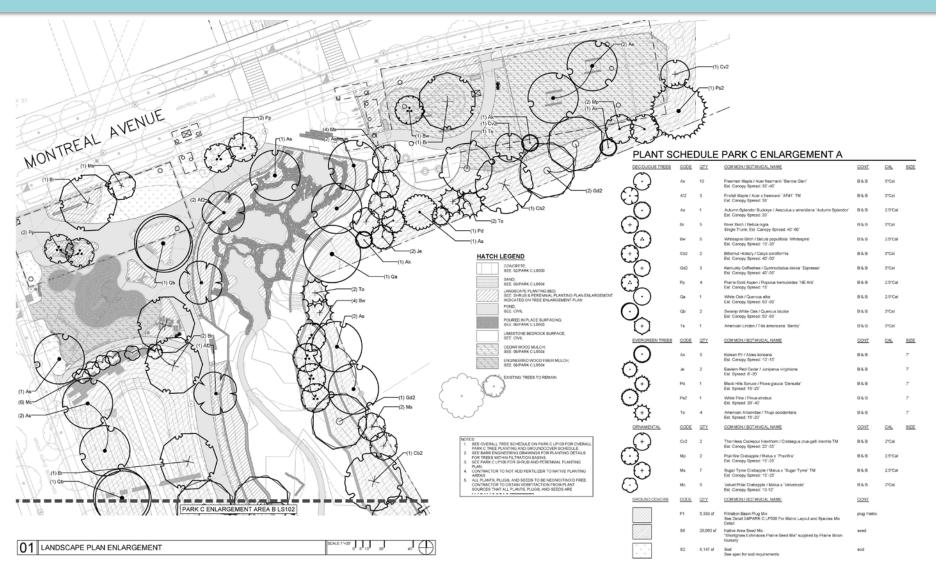








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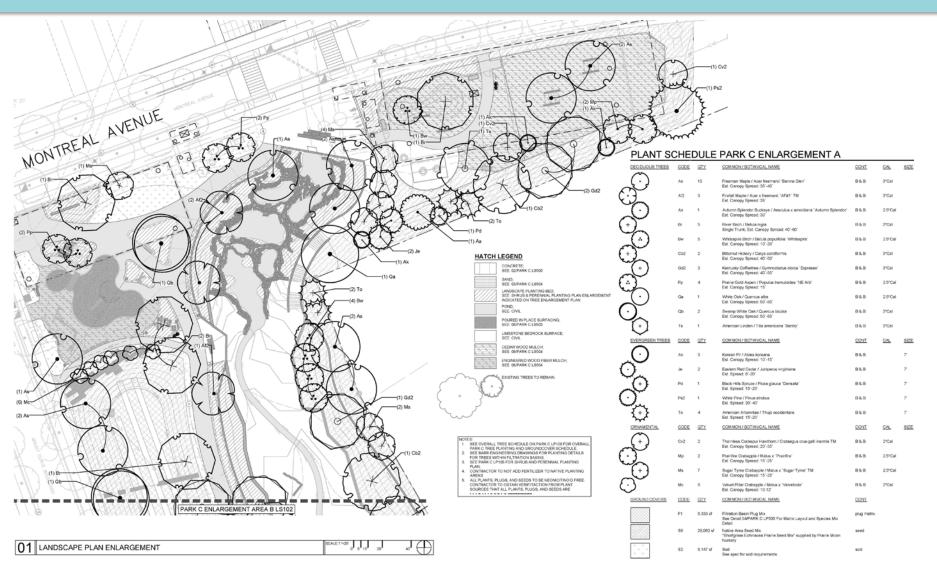








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#### **Design Park C – South Park Amenities**









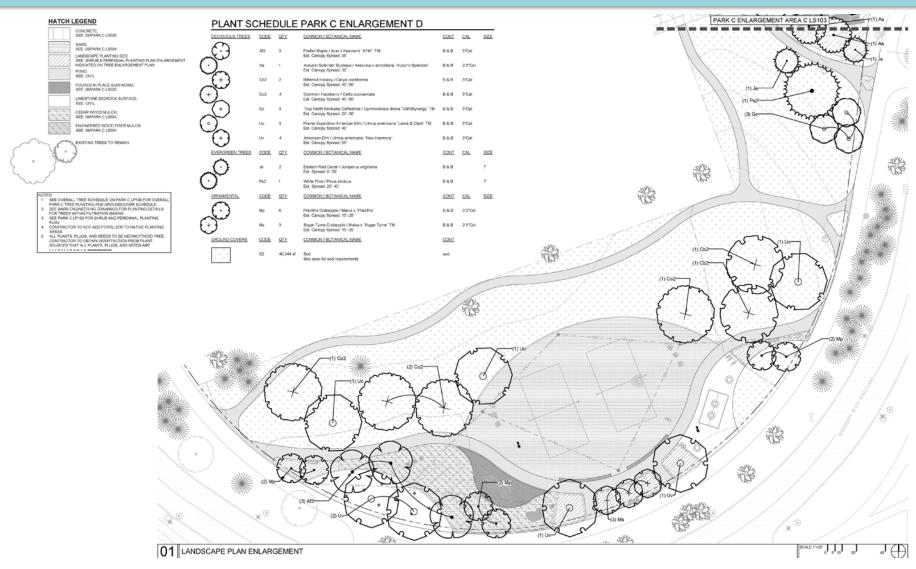






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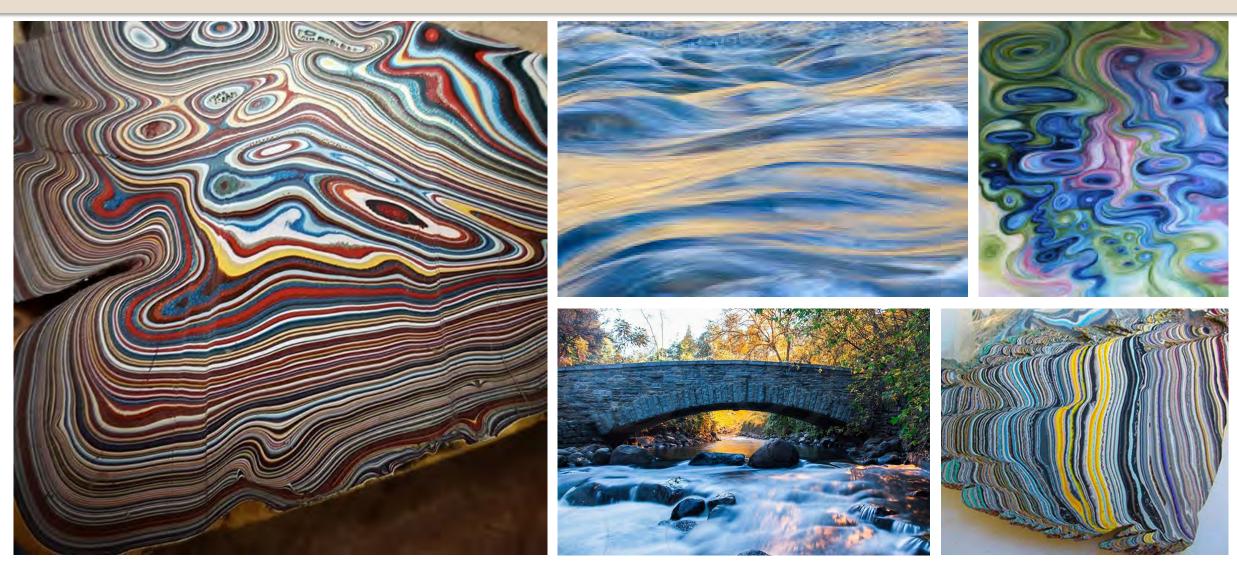
#### Design Park C Plan





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#### Park B – Park Components













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# Park B – Park Components



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# Design Park B Plan



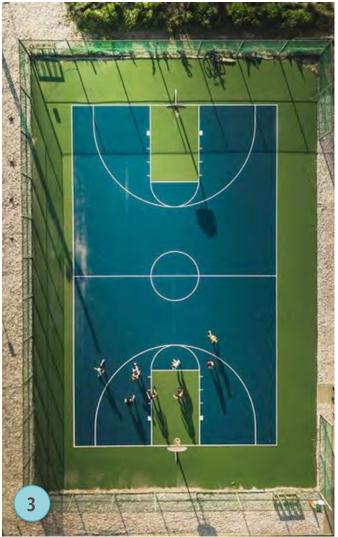


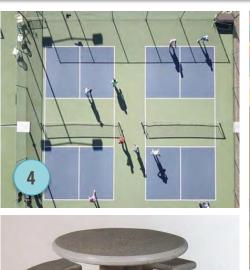


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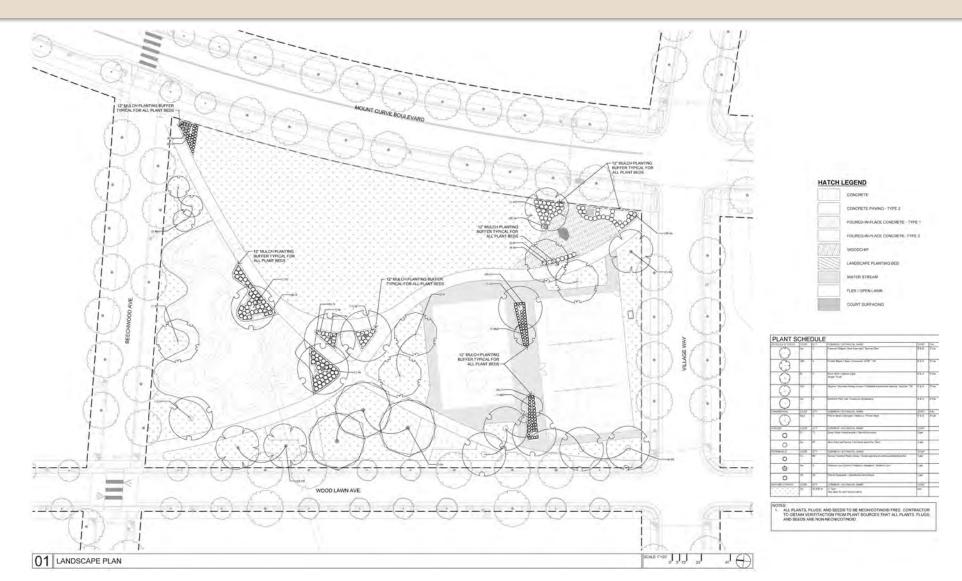


# Design Park B Plan





#### Design Park B Plan





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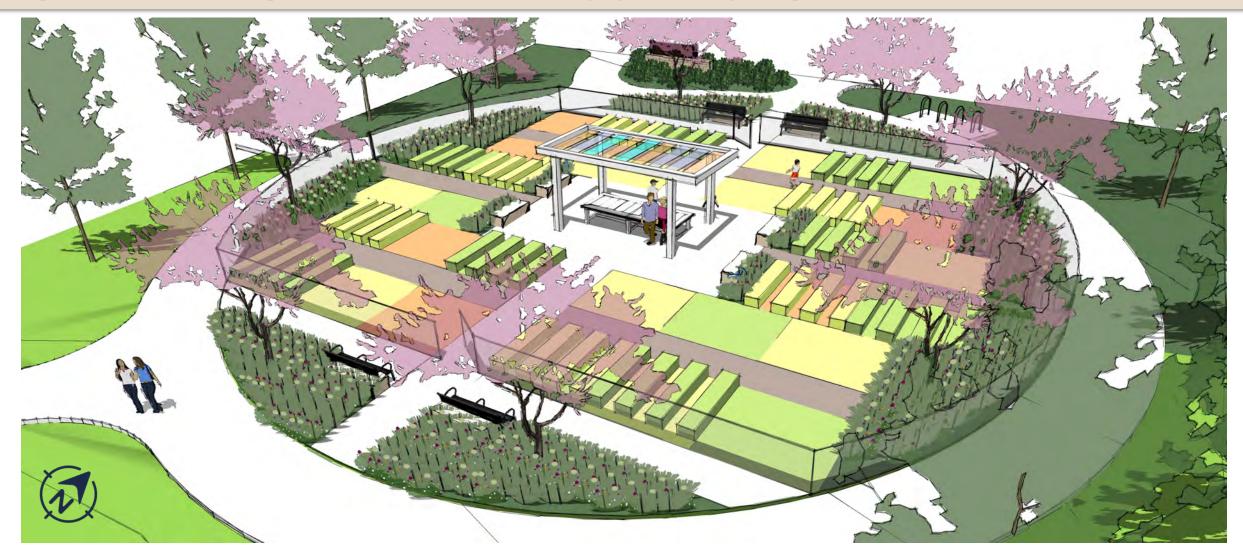
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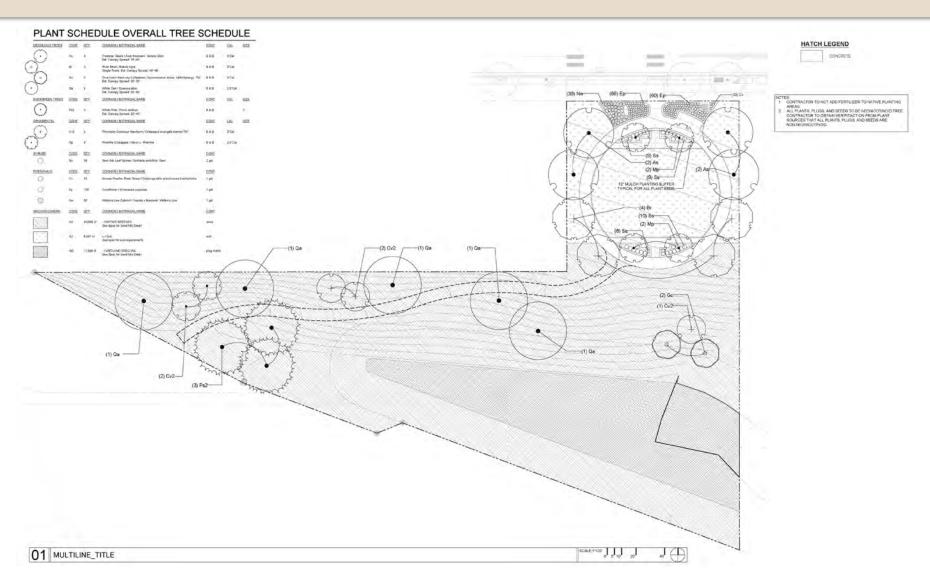
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**Design Park D**(possible future phase with community garden group)

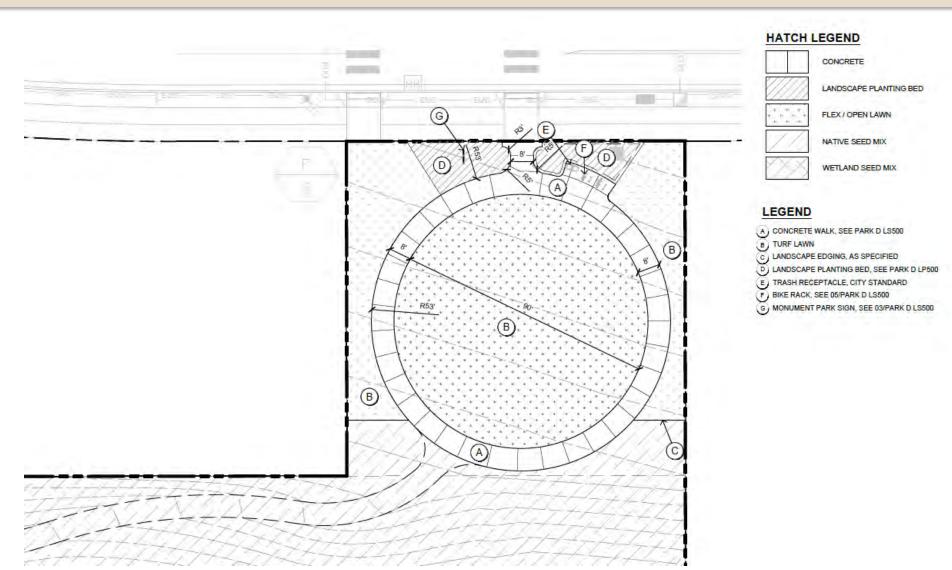


# Design Park D Plan





# Design Park D Plan





#### **Park and Civic Space Distribution**

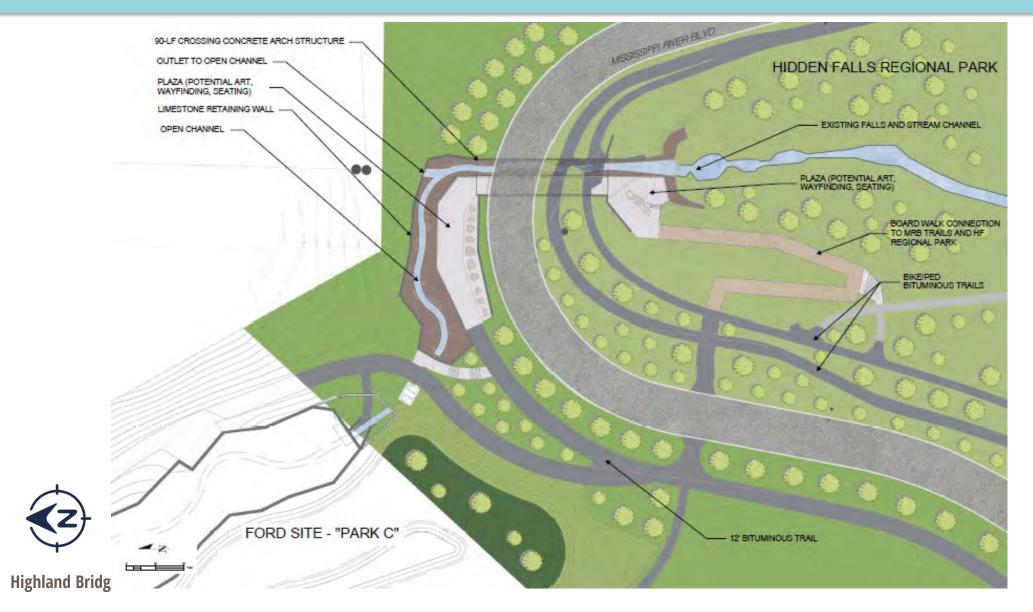
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#### Parks and Civic Space Activities and Amenities

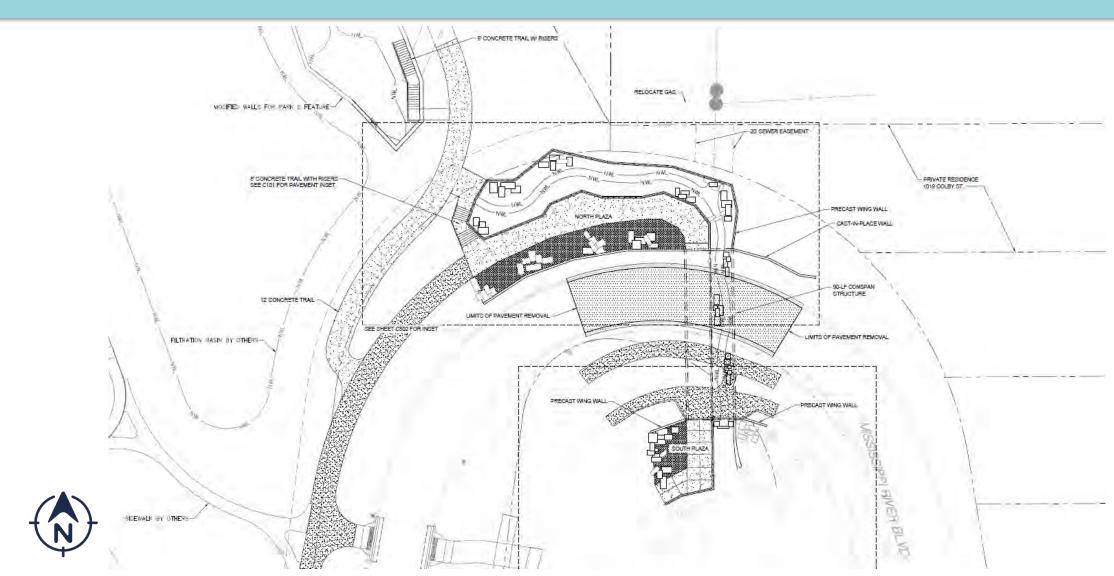
ctivities and Amenities

Park A	Park B	Park C	Park D	Outlot B	Outlot C	Outlot D	Highland Ball
Multiuse flex Lawn	LG Playground area	Nature play area	Open lawn	Water feature	Event lawn	Water Feature(pond)	Ball fields
Skate trail	Multiuse flex Lawn	Adult fitness area	Seating	Sculpture focal point	Event plaza	Open Lawns	Concession building
Seating	Basketball court	Volleyball courts	Trails	Seating	Seating	Canoe/Kayak access	Playground area*
Walkways	Pickleball courts	Shelter structure	Wetland and buffer	Outdoor dining	Fair and Market Area	Ice Skating	Seating
Water fountain	Games tables	Multiuse flex lawn	Community Garden*		Yard Games	ModelBoats	Open Lawn*
Boardwalk / Platform	Seating	Activity / games lawn				Performance Terrace	Shelter*
	Walkways	Dog Park				Seating	Storage/Training Bldg
	Pet relief area	Picnic area		_(		Hammocking	
	Water fountain	Hammocking	*space provided			Seat Swings	
		Seating	requires community			Plazas	*future development
		Walkways/trails	initiative		4 1	Water trail	
		Bedrock ravine				Interpretive features	No.
		Pools and waterfalls				Garden room	71
		Natural landscape				Pedestrian Bridge	
		Interpretive features				Trails	
		Pedestrian Bridge				Pet relief area	
		Water fountains				Library structure	

#### **MRB Crossing**



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#### **Park Naming Process**

- 1. Any Saint Paul resident, organization, agency, or business may recommend names for new park sites or name changes for existing park sites.
- 2. Requests shall be addressed to the Director of Parks and Recreation but sent to ellen.stewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us Closing date TBA (early 2021)
- 3. Director shall forward the request and the staff recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission for its review and comment.
- 4. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall present its recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for final action. (tentatively Early Q2 2021).

#### **Questions or Comments**

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#### **Next Steps**

- Virtual Open House TBD
- Site Visit
- **Construction Continues**
- Thank you!

**Questions, Comments, Feedback?** 

#### THE FORD SITE PARK SYSTEM

2021 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces

2022 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces

2023 Complete Parks Facilities or Public Open Spaces

