

HIDDEN FALLS CROSBY FARM MASTER PLAN

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PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN MASTER PLAN REPORT

PRIORITY	Proposed Priorities	Category
High	Increase budget for invasive species management and coordination. [both]	Management
High	Continue to program cultural events such as "Barebones Halloween Puppet Show." [both]	Management
High	Address the off-leash dog problem by signs and education. [both]	Management
Med-High	Add more bluff-top land to the park, from Ford Site by curve at Mississippi River Blvd. [HF]	Management
Med-High	Install video surveillance to reduce theft from parked vehicles and increase safety. [both]	Management
Med-High	River Learning Center at Watergate location. [CF] NPS, Indigenous	Management
Med-High	Acquire adjacent riverfront land and inholdings as they become available. [both]	Management
Med	Add programming on paddling and water safety. [both]	Management
Med	Additional surveillance via police and parks security patrol [both]	Management
Low-Med	Improve transit access. [both]	Management

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High	Add gathering area with fire pit designed to accommodate and recognize Native American heritage and culture. [HF] Like Pilot Knob	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
High	Develop managed mountain bike trail linear trails utilizing IMBC best practices. [both]	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Med-High	Add Cross Country (XC) skiing trails to accommodate classic style skiing (use grooming equipment from park system or partner with Highland High School). [both] If feasible, design to be multi-use natural surface trails.	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Med-High	Improve boat ramp and trailer parking, and separate casual shoreline users and cars without trailers from boat ramp area. [HF]	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Med-High	Improve meadow near Hidden Falls Pavilion to allow passive recreation and picnic areas for large and small group events. Continue programmed events such as Barebones. [HF]	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Med	Construct a new nature-based or woodsy play area (non-traditional). [HF]	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Med	Add (2) canoe/kayak landing areas (separate from boat ramp, at Hidden Falls South Gate and Crosby). [both] * Could be combined when River Learning Center is built	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Low-Med	Develop rustic group tent camping area for permitted events, with a potable water source. [CF] * Only feasible when River Learning Center is built	Recreation Improvements/Use Areas
Not ranked	Study feasibility of allowing and Improving access for ice climbing	Recreation Improvements/Group 1

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High	Add looped rustic nature trails, including the mid-bluff trail, that provide a varied experience and connect to create 5 mile loops. [both]	Roads and Trails
High	Add rustic trails with access to shoreline (shorter/spur trails). [both]	Roads and Trails
High	Assess the trail network, improve accessibility throughout, and provide clear access and signage to trail heads. [both]	Roads and Trails
High	Add new park trails from Watergate to Lower Crosby Farm (east side), connect to new parking areas and to Victoria Park. [CF]	Roads and Trails
High	Improve and extend park trails at Hidden Falls, improve trail from pavilion to falls area. [HF]	Roads and Trails
High	Redesign bike and pedestrian trails along entry roads. [both]	Roads and Trails
High	Improve Shepard Rd. crossings. [CF]	Roads and Trails
High	Improve all pedestrian access points, giving consideration to neighborhood access, and connections from Victoria Park and redeveloped Ford Site / WPA staircase	
Medium	Improve safety and sight lines at Mississippi River Boulevard entrances. [both]	Roads and Trails
Medium	Improve boardwalk and fishing pier. [CF]	Roads and Trails
Low	Improve parking areas at Hidden Falls (especially near pavilion, which is not emergency vehicle accessible). [HF]	Roads and Trails
Low	Reduce pavement, by removing some of the looped roadway at Hidden Falls at both entrances. [HF]	Roads and Trails

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High	Add interpretive signage for boat safety, natural history, and cultural history of Native American presence. [both]	Structures and Related Improvements
High	Improve signage at boat ramp parking lot, provide directions to nearby launches, designate area for boat trailer parking only. [HF]	Structures and Related Improvements
High	Implement signage and wayfinding systems in Crosby Farm and Hidden Falls (develop short walking tour with clear and easy to follow signs). [both]	Structures and Related Improvements
High	Add signage/kiosks to mark entry point to parks (West Crosby Entrance, and along MRB, Hidden Falls North and South Entrances). [both]	Structures and Related Improvements
Med	Improve Hidden Falls pavilion and make restrooms accessible. [HF]	Structures and Related Improvements
Low-Med	Construct two small boat storage areas at Hidden Falls Park. [HF]	Structures and Related Improvements
Low	Build a weather shelter for summer groups. [HF]	Structures and Related Improvements
Low	* Could be eliminated from priorities if River Learning Center built	Structures and Related Improvements
Low	Year-round, minimal maintenance bathroom (composting if floodplain rules allow). [both]	Structures and Related Improvements

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High	Reduce lawn area, encourage development of a continuous tree canopy, and remove some parking along road at Hidden Falls South Entry. [HF] Use this as an area for Cottonwood regeneration	Landscape Improvements
Med-high	Remove fallen trees from trails as soon as possible, and emphasize tree canopy management via programs with partners. [both]	Landscape Improvements
Med-high	Address bluff erosion at bluff top, following Natural Resources Inventory guidelines (stable materials for trails that will diffuse water flow, resist compaction and disintegration, and redirect water away from trails). Re-vegetate slopes where feasible. [both]	Landscape Improvements
Med	Restore native floodplain and wetland areas, and address erosion near stormwater outfalls, to improve water quality. [both]	Landscape Improvements
Med	Selectively manage understory of invasive vegetation species in passive activity areas. [both]	Landscape Improvements
Low	Restore Hidden Falls Creek to incorporate water quality treatment and habitat enhancement. Plan this restoration to be timed with Ford Redevelopment. [HF]	Landscape Improvements