

Swede Hollow Park Master Plan

Park Tour | October 29, 2018

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Swede Hollow Park Master Plan Background Information

About Swede Hollow Park

Swede Hollow Park is a natural corridor within the heart of the city following Phalen Creek in the Dayton's Bluff district. The Park's unique geography as a 25 acre, 150-foot deep ravine surrounded by dense communities makes it an ideal place for urban neighbors to discover and enjoy a quiet habitat away from the traffic and commotion of daily life. The area first known to European settlers as "Svenska Dalen," now Swede Hollow Park, is part of a sacred region for the Dakota people. After the railroad arrived, it became a popular place for new immigrants to settle, beginning with the Swedes in the 1860s, then Italians, Irish, Poles, Mexicans, and others. The last houses in Swede Hollow were removed by city authorities in 1956 and the railroad tracks through the heart of the park have been converted to one of the most stunning sections of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail. The surrounding neighborhoods continue to attract immigrant communities from around the world, including Salvadoran, Karen, Hmong, East African, and others.

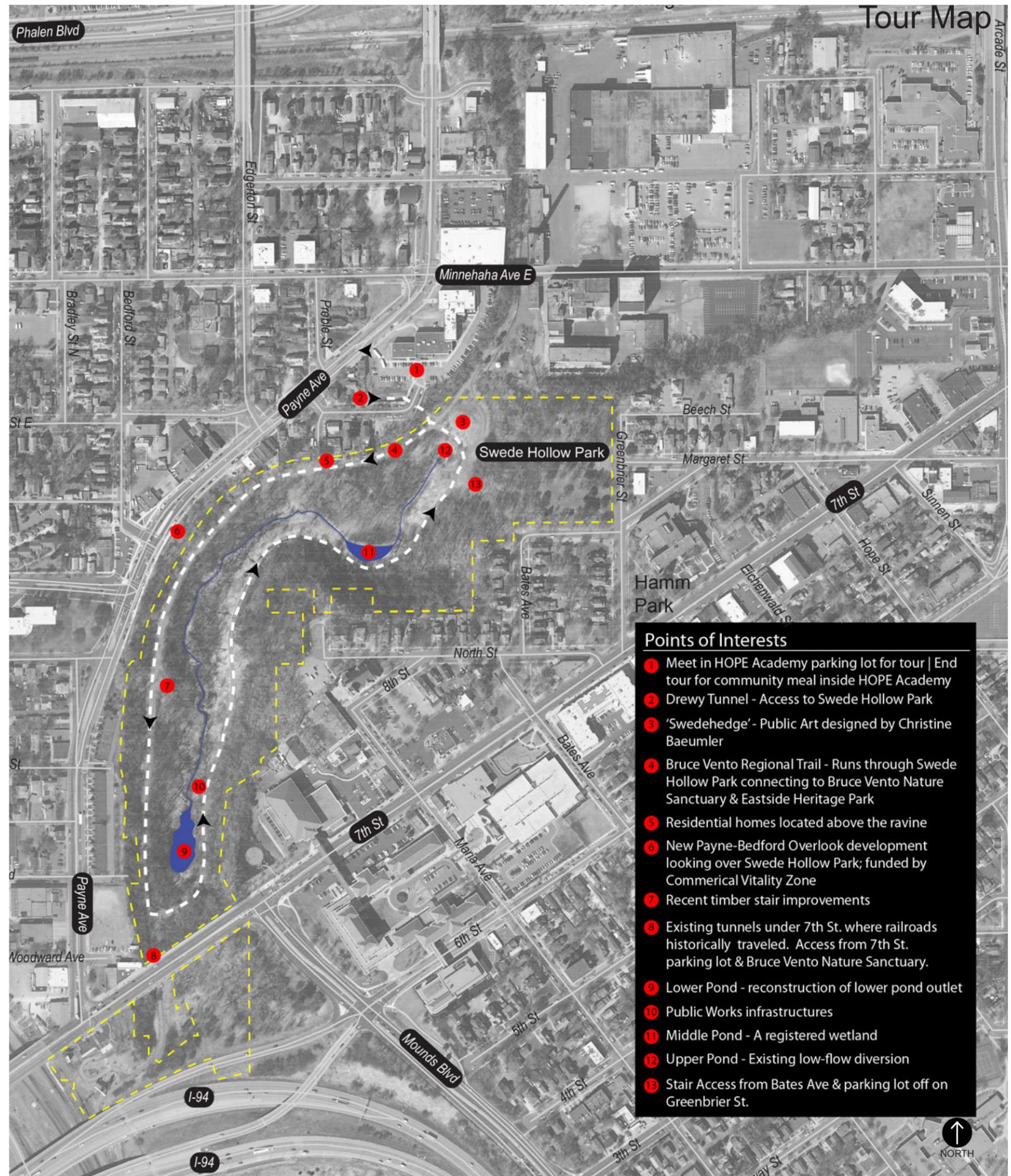
About the Master Plan

The City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department is asking for public input on creating a master plan for Swede Hollow Park. The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide a focused park strategy informed by the landscape and community desires. The master plan's focus will include improving park and equitable access, increasing visibility and sense of security, natural resource management, providing options to restore stream flow to Phalen Creek, and historical and cultural interpretation and management for Swede Hollow Park. For information on the Swede Hollow Park Master Plan Project including timeline and meetings, please visit www.stpaul.gov/swedehollowmasterplan.

About the Survey

This survey is being conducted by a partnership between The City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department and Lower Phalen Creek Project (LPCP), a St. Paul non-profit whose mission is to engage people in honoring and caring for our natural places and the sacred sites and cultural value within them. LPCP's work includes the proposed restoration of Phalen Creek within Swede Hollow Park. Please participate in this community survey to guide the direction of this beloved park's Master Plan. At the conclusion of the survey, interested participants may elect to participate in a drawing to **win a \$50 Gift Certificate from an East Side business establishment**. Thank you!

For more background information and project updates, please visit the project website at: www.stpaul.gov/SwedeHollowMasterPlan



- #### Points of Interests
- 1 Meet in HOPE Academy parking lot for tour | End tour for community meal inside HOPE Academy
 - 2 Drewy Tunnel - Access to Swede Hollow Park
 - 3 'Swedehedge' - Public Art designed by Christine Baemler
 - 4 Bruce Vento Regional Trail - Runs through Swede Hollow Park connecting to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary & Eastside Heritage Park
 - 5 Residential homes located above the ravine
 - 6 New Payne-Bedford Overlook development looking over Swede Hollow Park; funded by Commerical Vitality Zone
 - 7 Recent timber stair improvements
 - 8 Existing tunnels under 7th St. where railroads historically traveled. Access from 7th St. parking lot & Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.
 - 9 Lower Pond - reconstruction of lower pond outlet
 - 10 Public Works infrastructures
 - 11 Middle Pond - A registered wetland
 - 12 Upper Pond - Existing low-flow diversion
 - 13 Stair Access from Bates Ave & parking lot off on Greenbrier St.



Tour Map

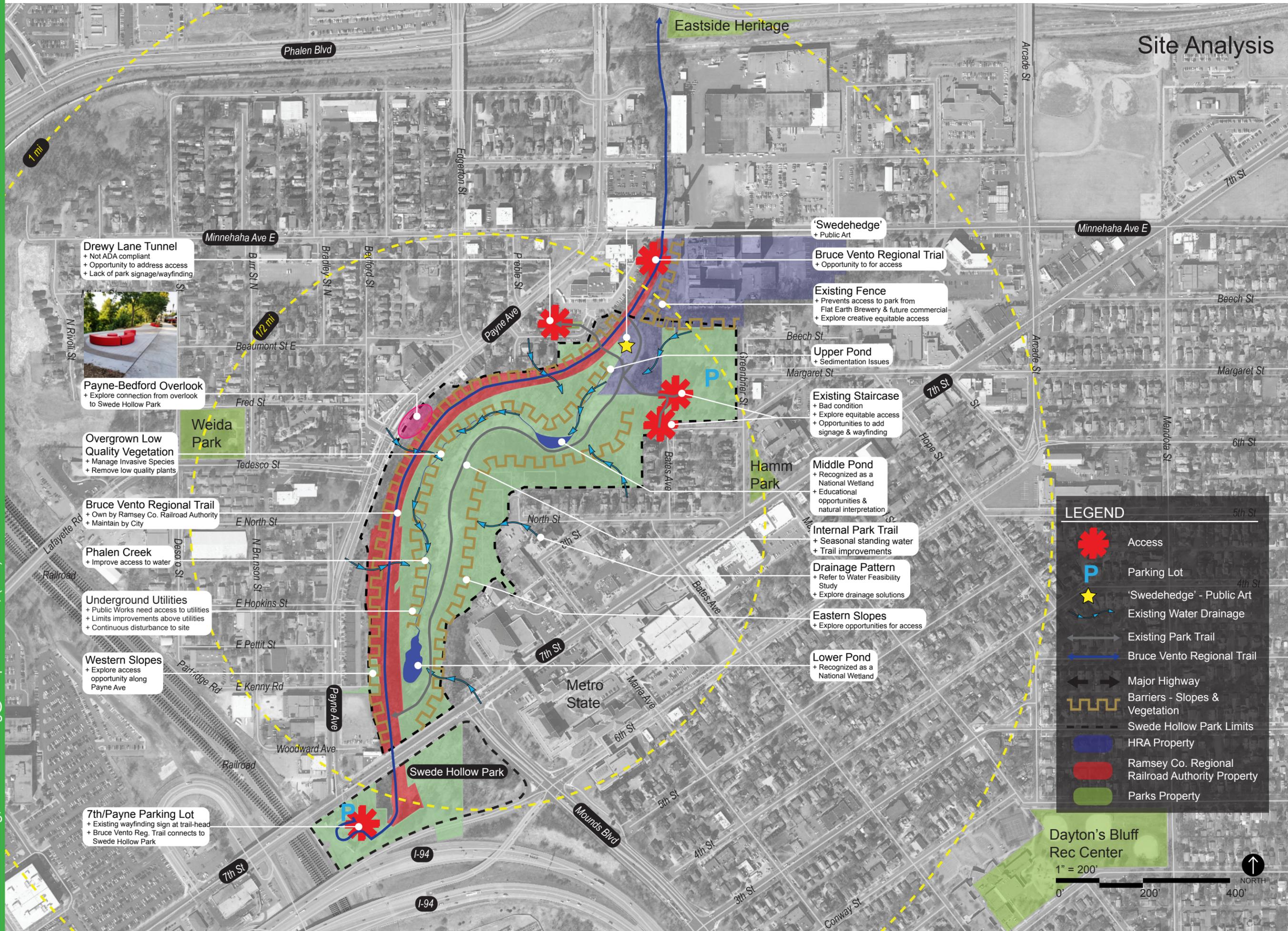
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Drewy Lane Tunnel
 + Not ADA compliant
 + Opportunity to address access
 + Lack of park signage/wayfinding



Payne-Bedford Overlook
 + Explore connection from overlook to Swede Hollow Park

Overgrown Low Quality Vegetation
 + Manage Invasive Species
 + Remove low quality plants

Bruce Vento Regional Trail
 + Own by Ramsey Co. Railroad Authority
 + Maintain by City

Phalen Creek
 + Improve access to water

Underground Utilities
 + Public Works need access to utilities
 + Limits improvements above utilities
 + Continuous disturbance to site

Western Slopes
 + Explore access opportunity along Payne Ave

7th/Payne Parking Lot
 + Existing wayfinding sign at trail-head
 + Bruce Vento Reg. Trail connects to Swede Hollow Park

'Swedeledge'
 + Public Art

Bruce Vento Regional Trail
 + Opportunity to for access

Existing Fence
 + Prevents access to park from Flat Earth Brewery & future commercial
 + Explore creative equitable access

Upper Pond
 + Sedimentation Issues

Existing Staircase
 + Bad condition
 + Explore equitable access
 + Opportunities to add signage & wayfinding

Middle Pond
 + Recognized as a National Wetland
 + Educational opportunities & natural interpretation

Internal Park Trail
 + Seasonal standing water
 + Trail improvements

Drainage Pattern
 + Refer to Water Feasibility Study
 + Explore drainage solutions

Eastern Slopes
 + Explore opportunities for access

Lower Pond
 + Recognized as a National Wetland

LEGEND

- Access
- Parking Lot
- 'Swedeledge' - Public Art
- Existing Water Drainage
- Existing Park Trail
- Bruce Vento Regional Trail
- Major Highway
- Barriers - Slopes & Vegetation
- Swede Hollow Park Limits
- HRA Property
- Ramsey Co. Regional Railroad Authority Property
- Parks Property

Dayton's Bluff Rec Center
 1" = 200'
 0' 200' 400'
 NORTH

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Swede Hollow Park Survey | Existing Utilities

