



UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAY AREA | VICTORIA PARK

Meeting #1 - July 6, 2016

Universally Accessible Play Area
Design Advisory Committee
Agenda
July 6, 2016 – 740 Victoria Street South
6:00 to 8:00 pm

1. Welcome (6:00 pm)
2. Introductions of Task Force Members (6:05 – 6:15pm)
3. Walking tour of Victoria Park (6:15 – 7:00 pm)
4. Convene meeting inside at Community Room Victoria Park Apartments
(740 Victoria Street)
5. Discuss expectations and role of Design Advisory Committee (5 minutes)
6. Discuss Design Process / Preliminary Meeting Schedule (5 minutes)
 - a. **Meeting 1 – Site tour, discuss goals and objectives, site analysis**
 - b. Meeting 2 - conceptual diagrams based on goals and objectives (August 3rd)
 - c. Meeting 3 – refined concepts based on feedback (September 7th)
 - d. Open House – presentation of final concept(s) to larger (October 5th)
 - e. Meeting 4 – final concept reflecting comments from Open House (November 2nd)
7. Present Site Analysis / Opportunities and Constraints of Site (20 minutes)
8. Discuss Goals and Objectives for project (20 minutes)
9. Discussion / Questions? (10 minutes)

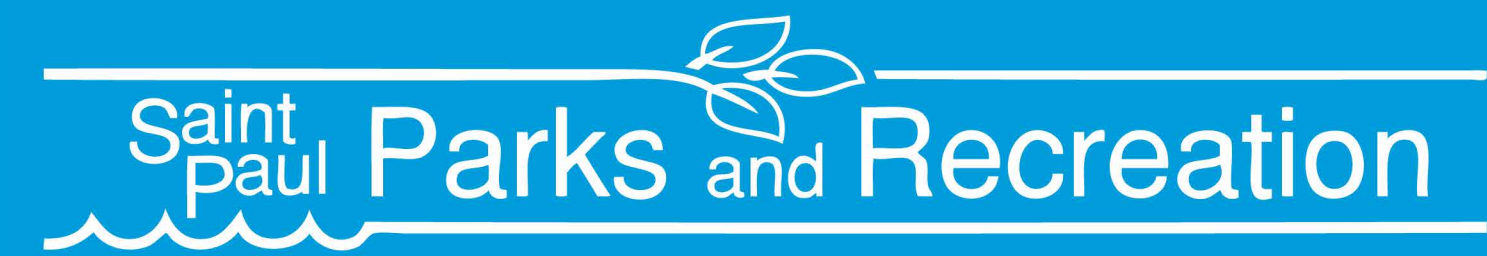


DOWNTOWN
ACCESS

Legend

- A** Start tour: Parking Lot, 1455 Victoria Way West
- B** Storm water swales and pond - collect, treat and infiltrate storm water from Victoria Way and parking lot.
- C** Bird Habitat - planted with native seed mix to support migratory flyway.
- D** Existing path down bluff - not ADA compliant, but provides connection to future path under Shepard Road and access to Mississippi River.
- E** Future trail along bluff line. Site to be developed through creation of berms and native plantings.
- F** Location of future Universally Accessible Play Area.
- G** Route to access Mississippi River - not ADA compliant but provides access to shoreline for canoe / kayak use.
- H** New road and parking lot for park access.
- I** New off-road trail connection along Otto Avenue to Sam Morgan Regional Trail.
- J** End tour: 740 Victoria Street South

Walking Tour Map



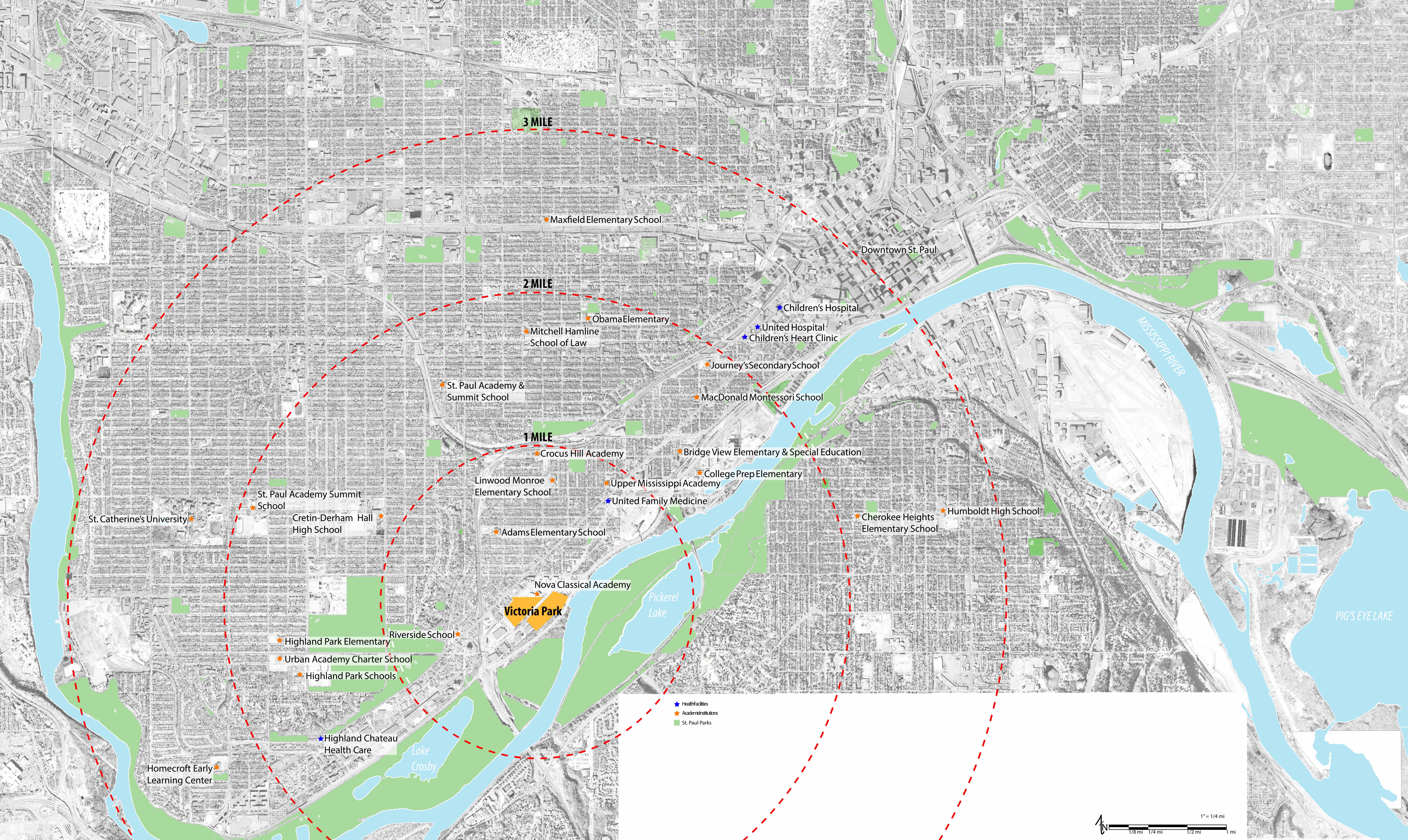
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- ★ Design Advisory Meetings
- ★ Community Open House
- ★ Important milestones



Site Context

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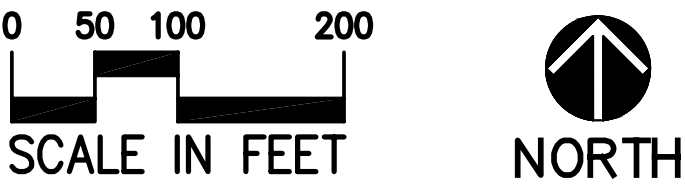
ACTIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA NORTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

PASSIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA SOUTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

- WATER PLAZA/PARK ENTRANCE
- RECIRCULATING WATER TREATMENT
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- NORTH PICNIC AREA
 - RESTROOMS
 - SHELTER
 - PLAY AREA/SPLASH PAD
- 40 CAR PARKING LOT
- PARK ENTRANCE
- AMPHITHEATER
- OPEN WATER WETLAND
- PARK ENTRANCE
- HISTORIC QUARRY INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITY
- SHRUB CARR WETLAND
- EXISTING WETLAND
- BIRD HABITAT/MOIST SOIL CELLS
- HIGHLAND PARK ACCESS TRAIL



- DOWNTOWN ACCESS
- ENTRY SIGNS
- OVERLOOK WITH SEATING
- 60 CAR PARKING LOT
- SLEDDING BOWL
- RAVINE BRIDGE OVERLOOK
- CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE
- SOUTH PICNIC AREA
 - RESTROOMS
 - SHELTER
 - PLAY AREA
 - CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE
- GRP CANOE AND KAYAK DOCK
- MISSISSIPPI RIVER ACCESS TRAIL
- COMBINED BIKE/PED TRAIL WITH HISTORIC/INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS
- RIVER SIDE GATHERING AREA
- NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTING
- RESTING AREA
- FUTURE SHEPARD ROAD TUNNEL
- SAM MORGAN REGIONAL TRAIL
- EXPLORE ADA ACCESS TO VICTORIA PARK
- WATER CHANNEL DOWN BLUFF
- RECENT CROSBY REGIONAL PARK ACQUISITION AREA-TRAIL CONNECTION
- EXISTING TUNNEL UNDER SHEPARD RD.
- RIVER OVERLOOK
- CROSBY REGIONAL PARK TRAIL ACCESS

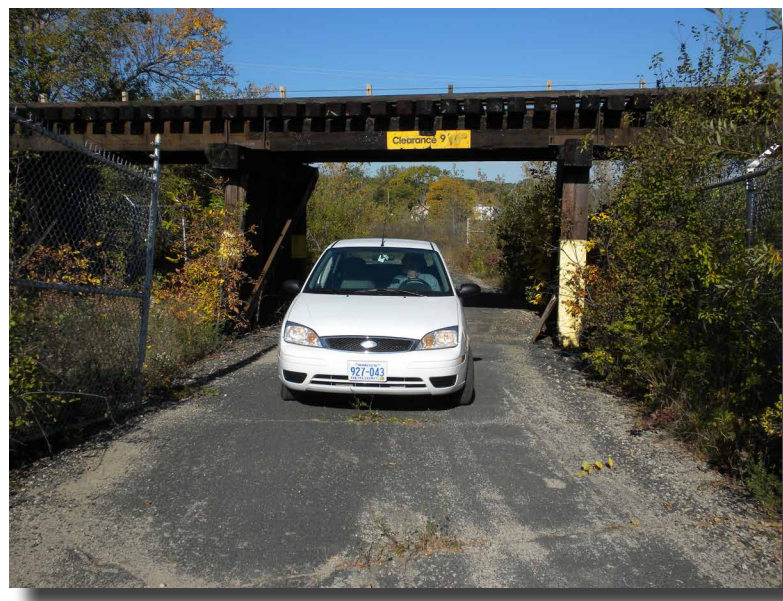
Master Plan



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Existing RR bridge - provides important connection for pedestrians/bicycles between park. Maintain access, but important to note low clearance (9') does not allow fire access to southern side of Victoria Park. Explore utilizing at-grade crossing to SW for emergency vehicular access.

Major entrance into Victoria Park - views across site to be considered. Explore ways to define entrance into park.

Soften rip rap and explore storm water redesign options.
Drainage to be directed to existing wetland - explore recirculating storm water treatment options so as to integrate storm water into park design

Drainage to be directed towards existing wetland and away from river bluff.

Wetland and existing vegetation create barrier to site access from Montreal Avenue. Explore ways to cross. Wetland provides an opportunity for wildlife observation.

Bird habitat/moist soil cell constructed for passive activities such as walking and wildlife observation.

Existing tunnel under Shepard Road. Provides pedestrian/bicycle connections.

Multi-modal park access route as illustrated in Great River Passage plan - slow speed on Otto Avenue and provide pedestrian/bike facilities.

Only access point from public transportation - views of site blocked by Sholom Home and no direct pedestrian access - enhanced pedestrian access into site important as well as maintaining pedestrian access with future Sholom expansion.

Major pedestrian access point from northeast residents.

Extension of Stewart Street to provide public utilities and access to southern side of Victoria Park and future HRA development including the construction of a parking lot providing four ADA parking spaces.

Important connection to Sam Morgan Regional Trail and Mississippi River valley overlook.

Overlook opportunity - view of Mississippi River Valley.

Canadian Pacific railroad provides barrier between northern and southern side of site.

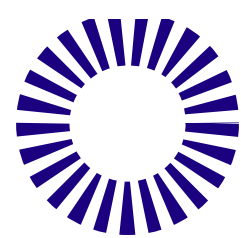
Future location of play area and restroom / picnic facilities.

Proposed Great River Passage Mississippi River canoe/kayak access point.

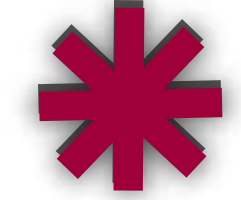
Invasive plant species currently populate existing bluff. Provides opportunity to remove invasive plant population to re-establish and restore the bluff with native plant species.

Existing 12' wide paved path down bluff - 8% slope is not ADA complaint, but important access point down bluff.

Legend



Critical Connection



Critical Access



Drainage Pattern



Barrier



Critical Pathways



Critical Roadway Connections

Site Analysis



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Current Status

MISSION STATEMENT

To develop a play area that is accessible to all.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Promote an active lifestyle for ALL play area site users

- o Provide a variety of play types for all ages, abilities, developmental stages, and seasons
- o Provide opportunities to improve human performance, health, wellness, and social participation
- o

Promote access, safety, and comfort for all users

- o Provide a sense of enclosure to define the play space and security
- o Create a prominent entrance point for all users to enter and exit together
- o Provide adequate space to comfortably allow wheelchairs/walkers/strollers to access the site and play elements
- o Provide seating, shade, restrooms, and drinking water to enhance users experience
- o Provide seamless transitions between play spaces
- o

Promote the educational opportunities of play

- o Utilize different materials and textures that foster learning
- o

Promote the therapeutic opportunities of play

- o Utilize different materials for therapeutic opportunities
- o Engage the primary senses of sight, sound, touch, and smell, as well as, human biomechanics including movement, balance, tactile, spinning, sliding, swinging, and swaying
- o Provide a variety of play activities and environments to encourage social interaction, collaborative play, and a sense of achievement
- o

Promote the environmental opportunities of Victoria Park

- o Visually connect site to the Mississippi River and surrounding environment
- o Utilize existing topography (or create new topography) to provide play value and offer vantage points
- o Protect the bluffline and Critical Area Guidelines
- o Foster the connection between Victoria Park and the wildlife corridor including that of migratory birds
- o

THANK YOU!

Next meeting :
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 pm at Palace Recreation Center