

# Cedar Lake Park

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Volunteers' edition

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## Ospreys invited "back home" to Cedar Lake

BY DORENE SCRIVEN

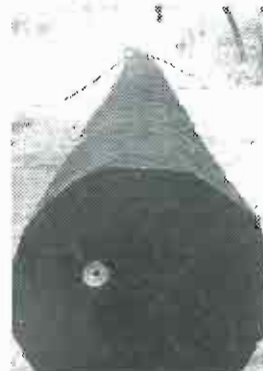
**M**arch 18th saw the culmination of two years of cooperative planning and efforts to bring ospreys back to Cedar Lake. Undaunted by continual snow and wind, members of the Cedar Lake Park Association, Raptor Rehabilitation Center, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), National Audubon's Minneapolis Chapter and the Audubon Society of Minneapolis watched and at times assisted a Northern States Power crew as they installed a 65-foot tower at the south end of Cedar Meadows Wetland, between Cedar Lake Parkway and France Avenue.

WCCO and the *Southwest Journal* were on hand to record and photograph the historic event. Ospreys had long ago disappeared from Cedar Lake, but beginning in 1993 and extending into 1996, young ospreys were released from "hacking" towers on the east side of Cedar, as volunteers in four-hour shifts observed the growth and final flights of the young birds which had been retrieved from nests in northern Minnesota.

(Though an osprey nest may contain two or three eggs which hatch, the younger chicks, hatching later, rarely survive. Thus, taking the younger siblings actually gives them a chance to live.)

The new ospreys migrate to South America in late fall, and do not return as full adults for at least two years. The Chain of Lakes is an ideal location because these beautiful birds of prey, whose main diet is rough fish, can adapt to urban lakes. However they need very tall, isolated trees with a wide-open surround view to nest. Lacking these, they will use an artificial nesting structure.

Northern States Power came to the rescue, and through the auspices of Sharon Sarappo, agreed to donate not only the expensive pole, but the labor to 'plant' the pole. Jack Hauser of Bloomington, a National Audubon member, cre-



**Counter clockwise from top left: NSP installers prepare to auger out the hole in which to "plant" the osprey tower...workers stand at each end of the pole, ready to hoist it to tower height...The osprey pole is a solid, 65-foot conifer log weighing close to 3/4 ton...Osprey landing atop the tower is what many of us watchers await...Jack Hauser's sturdy osprey platform. Photos of the tower installation by Keith Prussing.**

ated the platform itself with funds from the Audubon Society of Minneapolis.

Jack was there to secure it to the top of the pole, after Mary McGee and Susan Sarappo gathered and affixed sticks. Mary Beth Garrigan from the Raptor Center, Mary McGee and Dorene Scriven from the Cedar Lake Park Association, Al Singer from the MPRB and others watching all hugged and cheered as the NSP's heavy equipment raised and secured the pole in the ground... a dream come true!

Look for the tower as you drive or walk south on Cedar Lake Parkway or France, and check out the platform on top. You may be the first one to spot the historic return of the ospreys to Cedar Lake Park!

**Join us on  
Earth Day**

Help with our  
Annual Spring Clean up  
around Cedar Lake, in con-  
junction with the Chain of  
Lakes Clean Water Partnership's  
fourth annual Watershed Clean-up.

**Saturday April 25th, 9 to 11 a.m.  
Meet at 21st St. and Upton Ave. S.**

Call for details or to volunteer:  
**377-9522**



## Volunteer opportunities

BY KEITH PRUSSING, CLPA PRESIDENT

**A** retired man who lives along the western extension of the park called on the phone not too long ago, offering the possibility of purchasing tree stock through the National Arbor Foundation. More recently, a woman from the Audubon Society telephoned, asking for a schedule of volunteer activities for the spring and summer. Groups such as the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Environmental Studies Club at the University of Minnesota are including activity in the park as part of their programming for volunteers.

**Ongoing Saturday morning workdays,** the series of educational classes to be offered this year, the new osprey tower, memorial donations to honor a friend or relative, digging excess native plant material from a yard, or an in-kind gift to print copies of the concept master plan—these are but some examples of the spirit of volunteerism in Cedar Lake Park.

In partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, we are engaged in an experimental and unprecedented project of park building. Rarely have private citizens been given the opportunity to participate so strongly in the design and implementation of a plan to safeguard and create an urban nature park of the scope and size of Cedar Lake Park. Innovative techniques are being utilized to gradually transform the landscape to enhance nature in all of its variety, without destroying the natural landscape that already exists.

**We are pursuing a park-building strategy** of creating and nurturing nodes of activity throughout the park, and identifying and engaging stakeholders who have particular geographic, service, or activity areas of interest. In bringing together a need with those who can meet that need, we are building a park that engages people with the natural world in so many ways, to the benefit of us all.

Volunteering in the park takes the form of giving time, money or material. There are so many ways to give: small or large; one-time or ongoing; site-specific or park-wide. To everyone who has given something of themselves to the park, thank you. We are proud of your support and look forward to your continued presence. To those who may be new in your participation, we welcome you to the park-building community. To those who may hear the call in whatever form, **we invite your support.**

We welcome our new part-time volunteer coordinator, Maria Olson. Her ongoing experience as arranger/volunteer coordinator at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge will help us match people's interests with the park's needs.



BY DAN DAILEY

**C**edar Lake Park Association gratefully acknowledges recent contributions for memorials, tributes and gifts to loved ones. Since the last *Update*, the following memorials and gifts were received:

### In memory of Norman Diamond

Robert & Dory Rose

### In memory of Dorothy Eder, beloved mother and grandmother

Ron & Elaine Burton

### In memory of John Goetz

Margaret Gunther  
F.J. Sorauf, Jr.

### In memory of his dog "Annie"

David Klopp

### In memory of Arthur Mack

Sandra Larson

### In memory of Ruth F. Meyer

Nicholas & Virginia Puzak

### In memory of Henry Moormann

Will & Jenny Craig

### In memory of her husband David

Ruth Paulson

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BY KEITH PRUSSING

**W**e are excited about a new phone system with a menu of choices that will allow us to more efficiently route your inquiries to the appropriate people, and give better service. Call for information or to volunteer... **377-9522**.

On Sunday, May 17, the **Minneapolis Hiking Club**, the oldest hiking club in Minnesota, will be walking the Cedar Lake Trail, starting at the Jewish Community Center on the Western Extension. CLPA will be meeting them at 2:45 p.m. at the Kenwood Parkway entrance to the trail. A presentation on the trail will be offered.

Starting in April, we will be continuing our **Saturday morning workdays** in the park. These play-days start at 9 a.m. and continue to 1 p.m. and beyond. Come once, come often; stay a bit, stay a while. Please call for details.

Work is proceeding on the **Midtown Greenway**. The first phase is between 35W near Nicollet Ave., and off Lake Street behind the Calhoun Village shopping area. There, it will junction with the Kenilworth Trail. Construction should be finished this year.

There is a preliminary plan being floated by Ryan Development and the MCDCA to **build an office park** in "The Banana" area where now exists the Public Works recycling operations, between the BN Railroad Line and the Cedar Lake Trail. There is also talk of a parkway connection through this area



**For a clear perspective...look back 100 years.** Around the turn of the century, the spring-fed water of Cedar Lake was so clear that ice men harvested the huge blocks, loaded them into box cars and sent them on to such cities as Chicago, where they were cut into tiny cubes for the drinking water of luxury restaurant-goers. At the back are the turreted old Kenwood Train Station and hotel. —Neil C.G. Trembley

## The Cedar Lake Park timeline continues on into the future

**1918**—A spectacular fire destroys the old ice house and halts operations.

**1921**—The MPRB begins exploring ways to make an above-grade connection over the rail lines between Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake.

**1959**—Cedar Lake's last remaining shoreline on the north is acquired from the Great Northern Railway.

**1970s**—Several private residences west of Upton Avenue South and West 21st Street are purchased and razed.

**1984**—Cedar Lake switching yard ceases operations.

**1985**—Railroad switching tracks are removed. Cedar Lake shops are razed.

north to Plymouth Avenue.

The first Cedar Lake Native Plant Restoration Project, the **"Big Woods,"** will be officially completed on June 30. The final inspection by DNR field staff will take place sometime in June. Things remaining to do include the creation and installation of interpretative signage, planting the wet forest and the flower/fern understory, and establishing nursery areas. It really is turning out well. Come experience the spring on the east side of Cedar Lake.

The planned **Upton Gateway project** will be completed this year at 21st and Upton, including a water pump, information kiosk, native plantings, improved lighting, bike racks and traffic control.

On evenings and weekends, look for an ongoing series of **educational classes in the park**, sponsored by the MPRB and CLPA. These classes will be offered by park naturalists and private citizens on wild life, edible and medicinal plants, ecology, archeology, anthropology and park perspectives. Look for the schedule in the MPRB spring/summer program offering literature, call for details or look in the park for information.

There are no plans at present to resume pumping water from **Brownie Lake** in order to lower the water levels at Lake of the Isles. The draw down has been successful, water levels are quite low, creating lakeshore planting opportunities.

The MPRB will spend **\$150,000 this year** to restore, stabilize and enhance the southeast shore of Cedar Lake, utilizing innovative techniques and native plants. The funding comes from a grant obtained by MPRB. The lake may see lower water levels in the future when the gravity-fed connection between Lakes Calhoun and Harriet is completed. Also, the plans that are emerging to stabilize Isles shorelines include proposals to enlarge that lake.

**Active railroading has returned** to the Kenilworth Corridor with brush clearing and rail construction. CLPA was represented at the State Capital meeting with local, county, state, neighborhood, railroad and private people. It was quite sobering to learn of plans for up to 8 trains per day, up to 100 cars per train, in the corridor for perhaps hours at a time. Due to the intricacies of achieving access onto the BN main line beyond the Cedar Lake Trail, the trains may be sitting strung out through the park, with idling locomotives and gaps only at 21st Street, the Cedar Lake Trail and Cedar Lake Parkway. The preliminary time horizon is 2 to 6 years, pending cleanup of the National Lead site in St. Louis Park.

There is an opportunity poised to happen in the **Linden Yards** area of the Cedar Lake Trail, east of the I-394 overpass. Several years ago, a cellular transmission station was installed, and with the input of CLPA, we were able to inspire the company to significantly increase their investment and build a railroad station exterior for their building. Further plans for this area include native plant landscaping, display cases mounted on the walls for railroad memorabilia and information, as well as a way station. This area represents the eastern gateway to the Conservancy area: Momentum is building. Call our office to participate.

Two million dollars has been committed to the **reconstruction of the parkway bridge** over the trail corridor at the northwest end of the lake. These

**1986**—Nature begins to re-assert herself in the "Wedge."

**1986**—Neighbors start to ask, "What's the best use for this land?"

**1987**—They envision a nature park in the heart of the city.

**1988**—They begin to clean and nurture the area.

**1989**—"For Sale" signs appear on former switching yard. Neighbors are galvanized to action, meet and begin to share their vision of a nature park with connecting trails, form "Save Cedar Lake Park".

**1990**—Volunteers work to spread their vision to metro area councils. "Save Cedar Lake Park" (SCLP) commits to raising 1/3 private funds for acquisition. Mayor Don Frazier endorses their vision and makes a personal contribution.



# THE PARK



unds are federal monies allocated through the STEA program. Construction is scheduled for 2001, and offers an enormous opportunity to reconfigure this area for improved traffic flow and better access to the Cedar Lake Trail. It is never too soon to begin thinking about these infrastructure projects. Designed well, they can really enhance the park.

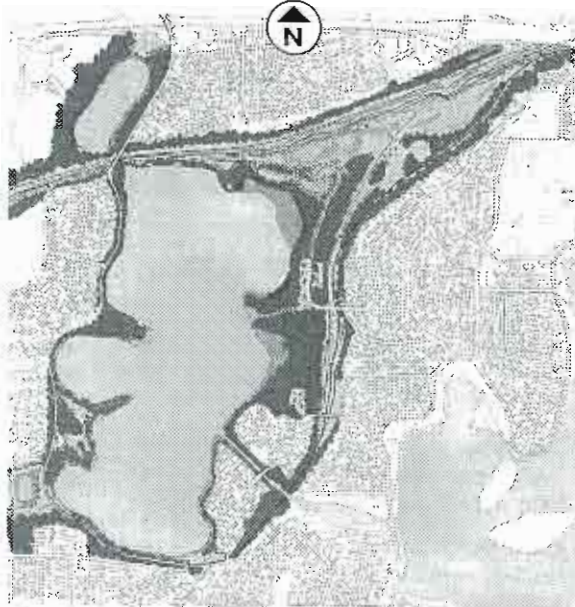
**On an early spring weekend**, a small group collected five trash bags full of fecal material, predominantly dog, in the northshore area, between the parkway bridge and the spiral Cedar Grove to the east. This is a marvelous gift to all park users, and the amount of material gathered is surreal. As a courtesy to all, and the lake, please clean up after your animal(s).

A man and his baby boy were recently **harassed in the park by an unleashed Rotweiler**. There were no injuries, but it was an upsetting incident. Please consider others when you're walking your dog(s) in the park. They need to be leashed to be legal, and people will appreciate it.

**Siting expeditions are under way to determine locations for wildflower planting.** We are especially interested in starting native plant areas in the Western Extension and the Kenwood Parkway / I-394 gateway to the Trail and the Conservancy. These areas have experienced little input since trail construction and are important, both because of their locations in Cedar Lake Park, as well as the opportunities that are developing for individual and neighborhood involvement. The western Extension is park land that is largely in St. Louis Park, bounded by Lake Forest and Tyrol Hills, with Highway 100 at the western end, with the Dakotas beyond. We are planting both plants and seeds to accelerate natural development.

We are in the early stages of establishing a relationship with the Dayton-Hudson Corp. and their Target Credit employees who occupy the former Prudential building on the northwest shore of **Brownie Lake**. This unique lake and hillside environment is somewhat of an orphan in the park system, cut off from Wirth Park to the north by I-394, and bounded by the BN rail line to the south, with the Target property the western neighbor. Therefore, we have included the Brownie Lake area as a unit of Cedar Lake Park. It is a great area, frequented by fisher people, walkers, canoeists, and all sorts of wildlife. If you like Brownie Lake, please contact us.

Long before there was a Cedar Lake Park Association, a number of us individually and alone, felt **the call of the land**. In response to this quiet voice, projects were begun in various areas of what now we would call Cedar Lake Park, completely informal and not consciously connected with each



**Cedar Lake Park Conservancy Area.**

other. For instance, one man has been planting throughout the park for 14 years. Utilizing seed gathered outside the park, he has planted between 500 and 1,000 oaks, elms, maples and others, including a solitary red pine that grows in the upland area near the Burnham Bridge. The oak forest that is developing north of the railroad is largely due to his efforts. There is something very special happening at Cedar Lake Park.

Once the railroad construction in the Kenilworth corridor is completed, the building of the **Kenilworth Trail** will begin in the late spring. Comparable in quality to the Cedar Lake Trail, it will link with that trail in the north, and the Midtown Greenway to the south. Critical issues include the northern junction with the rail lines and the Cedar Lake Trail, the crossings at 21st Street and Cedar Lake Parkway, markedly enhanced access to Cedar Lake Park from all areas of the city, and the impact on the corridor itself. CLPA has participated in the design process, and we are hopeful that this trail will be an asset to the park.

It has been reported that a **jack rabbit was seen** in the park within the last five years. Sightings were verified one summer softball evening. Perhaps it hopped a freight train from the west. It remained in the park for two years. Wonderful!

The **Cedar Lake Trail** is proving to be a great asset to the community. It has been challenging for some to adjust to the intrusion of the trail, and as the landscape matures, many wonderful riches are emerging along it. Two years ago, trail usage was measured at 1,000 users a day. With all of the connecting trail construction this year, the impact awaits us. We do know, however, that we have created a park and trail model that should allow integration at a level that preserves all that we hold dear. The Cedar Lake Trail is scheduled to be completed to the river this year, thus adding more connection. It is important to remember that these trails are linear parks; tendrils extending from the Conservancy area in all directions.

CLPA has committed to the notion of **The Chronicle**, which is the record of all that we have done and continue to do. Through film, the spoken and written word, photos and other images, the sounds and colors; we are recording the musings of 200 years, back to the time of Thoreau in 1861 and beyond, and forward 100 years into the future, as embodied in the CLPA's concept master plan. We hope to create a record that communicates the ongoing story of Cedar Lake Park.

**1991**—Citizens spearhead efforts at state legislature to raise awareness and public money. Legislature approves acquisition of land. Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) purchases the land with private and public money generated by SCLP.

**1992**—Proposal submitted and approved to construct Cedar Lake Park Trail. SCLP and MPRB co-sponsor Acquisition Celebration Party.

**1993**—Partnership conducts national search for team to design park. Cedar Lake Trail Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) completes "Statement of Philosophy".

**1994**—Cedar Lake CAC continues work on design principles for trail construction. Partnership works with Cellular One on design and installation of Linden Yard Station.

**1995**—Groundbreaking takes place for Cedar Lake Park Trail. Prairie plantings begin. Trail completed at park's edge.

**1996**—Big Woods (maple and basswood) Project conceptualized. Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA, formerly SCLP) celebrates the birth of the Cedar Grove with ceremony.

**1997**—CLPA joins in planning the Kenilworth Trail on the east side of the lake. Master plan (100-year vision) completed and presented to the MPRB. CLPA sponsors educational program, Walking in Thoreau's Footsteps. Big Woods tree planting started.

**1998**—Big Woods Project continues, along with planning for Cedar Grove, wildflower planting and Linden Yard Memorial. Also, the remaining cedar trees for the Spiral Grove will be planted this year. If you're interested in helping, give us a call.

# Volunteers at heart of CLPA

**V**olunteers continue to contribute their time, money, energies and various in-kind contributions to help our association succeed in park-building. CLPA could not exist without them. We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who gave so:

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| Fay Atchison     | Tom Greiling     |
| John Austin      | Cory Haight-Nali |
| Larry Baker      | Jason*           |
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| Ben Greiling     | Carol White      |
| Ralph Greiling   | Brian Willette   |

\*Those we note here by first name only are those who stopped by the park to help.



**The Cedar Lake Park Association Steering Committee meets the second Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Kenwood Neighborhood Center, 2101 West Franklin Ave., next to Kenwood School.**

If you have questions or comments, or want to become involved, please come to the meetings or call 377-9522.

## SPRING CALENDAR

**Every Sat., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Help with various park projects. Get fresh air.

**Sat., April 25, 9 to 11 a.m.** 4th Annual Watershed Clean-up around Cedar Lake. Meet at 21st and Upton. Call 377-9522.

**Second Monday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.** CLP Steering Committee, Kenwood Recreation Center. You're invited to participate.

**Sat., May 2, 10 a.m. to Noon.** St. David's Daffodil / Wildflower Project and U of Minn. ecology class tour, West side of lake, between Cedar Meadows Wetland and Cedar Lake Parkway. Call Ruth Jones for details... 926-1377.

**Sun., May 17, 2:30 p.m.** Minneapolis Hiking Club walk along Cedar Lake Trail. Meet at Jewish Community Center.

**Fri., May 22, 7 a.m.** Veteran birder Peter Neubeck leads small group to watch birds around the north end of Cedar Lake. Call to sign up... 922-4586.

**Sat., June 6.** National Trails Day. Take the pledge to spend time on the trail and support local and national trail-building and restoration groups.

**April 3 was National Arbor Day.** Please plant a tree so it will grow into the future.

## Veteran birder to lead group May 22

BY DORENE H. SCRIVEN

Peter Neubeck, veteran birder, has agreed to lead a small group of people to identify birds around the north end of Cedar Lake, Friday, May 22. We will meet at 7 a.m. at the north end of the avenue where the gate to the trails begins. If you wish to sign up, please call or leave a message at 922-4586 with your name and telephone number.

## WANTED: video camera, Web site and native plant materials

CLPA wants and needs a video camera (preferably an SVHS camera) that will take good quality pictures to edit into a finished video, including histories and projections, views and interviews, credits and kudos, publicity and promotions. We're also at a point where we need an Internet web site to help tell our story in a moving way. We also can use native plant materials, from soil and seeds, to stones, ferns, flowers and trees. Please call for details.

## Good news on the trails

*Down the Greenway, over the Channel, along the Creek, to the River*

BY BRIAN WILLETTE

**T**his building season will see a welcomed expansion of Minneapolis' and the region's trail system. Hopefully, the following projects will be started and/or completed this construction season.

- The Midtown Greenway / 29th Street Trail runs along the 29th street right-a-way, connecting the trails around the Chain of Lakes with the trails at the river along West River Road.

- Bassett's Creek Trail will connect Wirth Park and the Cedar Lake Trail. This trail will start in Wirth Park, run along Bassett's Creek, then along the railroad tracks and finally along the edge of Bryn Mawr Meadows Park to Cedar Lake Trail.

- The Kenilworth Trail will run along the east part of Cedar Lake Park, crossing the Kenilworth Channel and connecting the Midtown Greenway Trail and Cedar Lake Trail.

- Cedar Lake Trail will reach the river this year. This completion of Cedar Lake Trail will make an east-west connection between the river and the Chain of Lakes. It also makes possible connecting Minneapolis' downtown and uptown by trails.

The construction schedule for each project is as follows:

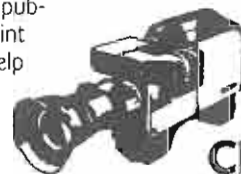
- The 29th Street Trail Corridor... Construction of phase one is to begin in May and be completed by fall. Most likely the rest of the trail will be built next year.

- Bassett's Creek Trail... The MPRB's Planning Committee approved the current plan and sent it on to the full Board in early April. Board approval was unanimous. Construction will begin this year, with completion next year.

- The Kenilworth Trail... Construction is to begin in June, with completion of the trail by fall.

- Cedar Lake Trail... construction of the trail to the river is to start in July or early August. The trail should be ready for walking or riding to the river by late fall.

Your continued support for the development of these and other trails is helping to return the city and region to a more human scale. Trails users — including walkers, in-line skaters, bikers and cross-country skiers — experience the beauty and rhythms of nature close up. Trails significantly add to the quality and livability of our city, region and state. Thanks for your help!



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CLPA's mission is to create and nurture the nature park at Cedar Lake and the connecting trails and greenways.

Since 1989, CLPA has built a membership of over 3,000 households, developed a successful partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Department of Public Works, and raised money for acquisition and development.

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## Thank you, volunteers!

### Wildflowers planting to be observed by U of M students May 2

BY RUTH JONES

On Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. 'til Noon, Dr. Sue Galatowitsch, University of Minnesota Professor of Restoration and Reclamation Ecology, will bring some of her graduate students to Cedar Lake to observe and study the completion of the St. David's Daffodil / Wildflower Project. (The St. David's Society, a Welch-American cultural group, donated \$400 for daffodils, a native Welch wildflower, and \$1,000 was donated by various individuals. Thank you!)

The location is along Cedar Lake Parkway on the west side of the lake, between the Cedar Meadows wetland and Cedar Lake Avenue. Woodland wildflowers, including trillium and ferns, will be planted by volunteers. Please call Ruth Jones to help... 926-1377.

#### Your support is important—

Send your tax-deductible contribution  
TODAY in the enclosed envelope to:  
2000 Aldrich Avenue,  
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## Cedar Lake Park Association

### OUR VISION

Our vision for Cedar Lake Park is to restore the lands and waters and create a new community with nature through which we can transform ourselves, our city and our society.

### OUR GOAL

Our goal for Cedar Lake Park is to bring people and nature together in harmonious community... a goal symbolized by the spiral. Here, we picture the spiral growing out from the heart of the park in the Cedar Grove to embrace the Earth and the ideals of thinking globally while acting locally.

