

Cedar Lake Park

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Friends and Neighbors Bridge Time and Space

“From Friends of Cedar Lake Park, February 2, 2002, to those...in 2102,” is the message a group of some 30 friends and neighbors of Cedar Lake Park wanted to leave as they gathered to arrange for a “time-capsule” photo of themselves on and below the old Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge.

Ranging from infants to seniors, generations were represented, along with a few canines. This was an “intentional history” event, with a successful turn-out to remember the old bridge before the new one is built.

For news of future bridge gatherings (for example, to place the photo and other memorabilia into a time capsule to be opened a century from now) watch our CLPA website (www.cedarlakepark.org).

This idea sprang forth at a monthly CLPA meeting when Mary McGee wondered if we had a photo with people in it taken when the original bridge was built, nearly a century ago.

We could only find an old photo of the early bridge without people, so we decided to take a new one.



CLPA members, friends and neighbors gather February 2, 2002, on and below the old bridge to celebrate the pending restoration of the bridgeway for current and future generations. Photo by Dorothy Childers, Hill & Lake Press

Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge Construction Postponed

BY NEIL G. C. TREMBLEY

Construction of the new Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge (sometimes called the Brownie Bridge) hit a snag. Due to complications in negotiations between the Burlington Northern and Minneapolis Public Works, construction will not take place this year as originally scheduled. The City of Minneapolis Division of Public Works delineated three options for future construction.

First, by working overtime and weekends it is possible that the new bridge could be open to traffic by November 15, 2002. Public Works did not favor this option, both for economic reasons and because of the disruption to the

neighborhood due to construction noise into the evening and on weekends.

Option two would be to complete Phase One this year and Phase Two in 2003. This would entail erecting the bicycle/pedestrian section of the new bridge on the west side this year. The old bridge would remain intact through the 2002 construction season (providing one-way traffic) and would re-open to two-way traffic throughout the winter of 2002-2003. In April of 2003, demolition of the old bridge would commence (with one-way traffic confined to the bicycle- pedestrian section) and the entire new bridge would open to traffic by November of 2003.

The third option would be to delay all con-

struction until March of 2003. Public Works was concerned about delaying. The contracts must be let by September of 2002 or they will lose federal funding. Accurate bidding by vendors may be seriously compromised if they have to bid using specifications that may become obsolete by March of 2003.

In late March, Public Works recommended option two to the City Engineer and city council member Lisa Goodman. On April 4, 2002, they decided on option three and postponed construction until March of 2003.

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On the Horizon

BY KEITH PRUSSING, CLPA PRESIDENT

Our community has been involved for many years in the restoration of the waters and lands of Cedar Lake and the surrounding landscape. We have developed a cohesive vision for Cedar Lake Park, applied that vision incrementally, through individual action and public/private partnership, and have achieved great success.

Projects in varying stages of development include improvements at Main (south) beach, modification of the culture at Hidden Beach, the Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge replacement, the rehabilitation of the Kenilworth Canal, Jones-Harrison wheelchair access, the Cedar Lake Regional Trail extension to the river, prairie and woodland plantings, buckthorn and other exotics/nuisance plant removal, safeguarding the Hennepin County "surplus" land in the public domain, and the stonework and kiosk of the commemorative Cedar Grove. And the list goes on.

Consider for a moment that prior to 1870, most all of the present park was UNDER WATER! Next time you are in or near the park, open up to the enormity of that simple fact, and the notion that we are engaged in restoring something that NEVER EXISTED! Beginning with the construction of the first railroad down the Kenilworth, a series of decisions were made that have resulted in the present-day landscape of the park.

So, what are we restoring, anyway? I believe that we are restoring an ideal of humans in relationship to nature, and to each other. This ideal place, within walking distance of downtown, consists of a physical place, and an ethic of relationship. This ethic is one of harmony, civility, pleasure, nurture, community, respect, self-responsibility, cooperation, accessibility, balance, patience and vision. There is more that could be said. Cedar Lake Park is a place where people come and do stuff, and it is a shining vision of what is possible when people make common cause.



Special Gifts

BY STEVE DURRANT, TREASURER

Cedar Lake Park Association gratefully acknowledges recent contributions in the form of money, stocks, materials, time and in-kind services, memorials and gifts.

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Thanks to Volunteers!

Much of the work done in Cedar Lake Park is done by volunteers—both groups and individuals—to whom we are very grateful.

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Printing Contributed for CLPA Master Plan

CLPA Secretary Neil Trembley indicated that a printer is willing to donate the cost of printing 2,000 copies of our original concept master plan, as well as other information. Originally produced by the CLPA with the MPRB, the plan is available on our website (www.cedarlakepark.org).

Thanks to Other Contributors

The Cedar Lake Park Association has been fortunate these past several years to receive the generous donation of appreciated assets from some of its loyal members. The park and its users have benefited substantially, while the donors have been able to provide benefits well in excess of their net cash value. It's a great way to give more.

As an example, the pump on the edge of

the prairie near the mound on the Cedar Lake Regional Trail (Mississippi River to Hopkins) cost the association \$8,000 from the treasury made possible by our fund portfolio. Contact your financial advisor or the Cedar Lake Park Association for details.

Other Contributions Sought for CLPA

We are seeking corporate or individual donations for the following items:

- native plants, tools and even a buckthorn removal wrench
- a digital camera, scanner, printer and computer
- in-kind volunteer services, like working on this newsletter, helping with plantings and clean-ups

Restoration of Place

For decades we've been told that everything we do is harmful to the earth. Restoration says that we can actually help a place heal.

—Bill Jordan III "Restoration as Responsibility,"
Orion Afield, Spring 2002

There are an estimated 25-30,000 locally based grass roots organizations in North America alone. These groups reflect a recent and rapid manifestation of place-based consciousness.

—The Orion Society



Changes to the landscape in the area of Hidden Beach will be startling. However, in a few years, it can look like this.

In western Bryn Mawr the Friends of Birch Pond (FOBP) watershed have formed to save the land abutting east Wirth Park from development. CLPA has been engaged in this process and sees this as a piece of ground worth saving.

Parks and Trails Council Advocates for Parks

BY JIM McPHERSON

March 14 I had the good fortune to represent the CLPA at the Afternoon on the Hill annual meeting of the Parks and Trails Council (P & TC) of Minnesota, a citizens advocacy organization founded a half century ago.

That morning people from throughout Minnesota braved blizzard-like conditions to check in at the Kelly Inn near the state capitol. We were welcomed by Legislative Committee Chair Marc Huguinun and given a session update by P&TC Government Relations Director Judy Erickson. DNR perspective on the session was given by Deputy DNR Commissioner Steve Morse.

Generally, they agreed that parks spending was going reasonably well—given the big budget shortfall—but that more funding was needed, particularly in the area of land acquisition for parks. (CLPA has experienced that challenge.)

I was seated at the hotel with John and Joyce Halvor from southern Minnesota. They were looking forward to seeing the evening's keynote speaker Ted Wirth, with whom Mr. Halvor had attended Iowa State University.



MPLS (Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society) co-founder Joan Berthiaume and world-renowned parks designer and friend of CLPA Ted Wirth spoke at the P & TC dinner.

In the afternoon at the capitol we met with Legislators and Governor Ventura. The message was simple. Parks are important to individuals across the state and to the Minnesota tourism economy.

The governor seemed to appreciate our applause when he entered the room, quickly pointing out that he hasn't seen very much of that lately! He also mentioned that a little bit of thanks and praise go a lot farther than negative comments.

That evening, after battling the snow to get there, the Halvors and I drove up to the Minnesota Club for the Parks and Trails Council's annual meeting dinner. Ironically, in our delay, we wound up arriving immediately after Ted Wirth and Joan Berthiaume. (After many years, the ISU grads got to meet right away.)

Awhile later, in his keynote address, Wirth talked about his early years as grandson of Minneapolis parks and lakes visionary Superintendent Theodore Wirth, as well as his life-long career as a landscape architect. Grandfather Wirth was Minneapolis Parks superintendent from 1906 until 1935. Wirth's father Conrad was Director of the National Park Service from 1951 until 1964.

For updates on State Parks bonding and budgets comparisons, call the Parks and Trails Council at 651-726-2457, or check their website (www.parksandtrails.org/advocacy.update.html).

Annual Meeting Held in January

The 13th annual meeting of the Cedar Lake Park Association, held January 23 at the Jones-Harrison Residence, was well attended.

Ruth Jones moved that the following officers be nominated to the board: Keith Prussing, President; Steve Durrant, Treasurer; Neil Trembley, Secretary. Meredith Montgomery seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Prussing and other directors reported on CLPA progress for 2001 and looking ahead to 2002, thanking all who attended and others for their support. MPRB Commissioner Vivian Mason presented Prussing with a Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Resolution recognizing him for his many years of work on behalf of Cedar Lake Park.

Ted Wirth congratulated Keith Prussing and the CLPA for continuing to nurture nature in all its work in and around Cedar Lake Park. In 1990, Wirth consulted on the design of the park.

Currently, Wirth and co-founder Joan Berthiaume's Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society (MPLS) is working to have the Park Superintendent's home in Lyndale—Farmstead Park placed on the National Register of Historic Places, as a place where people can go to see the Minneapolis Parks' history.



Board members, left to right, Meredith Montgomery, Keith Prussing, John Richter and Jim McPherson, discuss CLPA plans for the year ahead.

Annual Board Retreat Held in March

This year's CLPA annual board retreat was hosted by Mary McGee Saturday, March 9, amid a beautiful Minnesota snowstorm. As we watched the flakes fly, we held our election of officers, reflected on the year's challenges and accomplishments and envisioned plans for the future. We heard presentations from MPRB Commissioner Vivian Mason, sculptors Richard Hanson and James E. Johnson and teacher T. Denver Kaufman. Commissioner Mason shared her success in getting a city ordinance repealed which, until recently, made it legal to drive snowmobiles in city parks.



BY KEITH PRUSSING

Off-road biking and cross-country skiing are receiving increased attention from MPRB and city officials. Promotion of these silent sports is lacking within the city of Minneapolis. Mayor Rybak recently floated the idea of an off-road trail through Wirth Park, across I-394, along Brownie Lake to the Cedar Lake Regional Trail, down through the woods on the north and east side of Cedar Lake to Hidden Beach, and then back to the CLT.

Further, Park Commissioner John Erwin has emerged as a bike/skiing advocate. He chaired an open meeting in early April at the Wirth Chalet to foster discussion, hear concerns and consider possibilities. This meeting resulted in the formation of study committees and a proposal for an inaugural bike race, with both on and off-road components, that could evolve into an annual event.

At present, there is no sanctioned area in the Minneapolis park system for off-road biking, though there are several areas in the county Three Rivers park system. Areas such as Wirth Park, the Mississippi River gorge, Minnehaha Park below the falls and Cedar Lake Park are popular.

The signs of unrestricted access are obvious in these areas in the form of rutted trails, slope erosion, degradation of plant material and ongoing conflicts between riders and other users.

In an interesting parallel, these same issues are receiving increased attention at the state level relative to the use of ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) in state forests, where presently there is virtually unlimited access to riding on state lands, with the subsequent environmental degradation and increased noise levels.

In and around Cedar Lake Park, there are three levels of circulation paths. The primary arteries are the paved Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trails and the trails along Cedar Lake Park. The secondary thoroughways are the cinder service routes left from the railroad days, and the tertiary trails are wood-chipped and

closest to the lake, ideal for quieter pedestrian usage.

Presently, some areas near the Kenilworth corridor north and south of 21st Street are utilized by bikes, primarily as a destination to play in. Since these areas were used as dumps, until closing almost 40 years ago, the hills deposited by dump trucks, one pile at a time, offer a unique landscape for riding. This can conflict with other park uses.

In the concept master plan, temporary allowance was made for riding in these areas until a more permanent city-wide solution could be created. CLPA continues to support the position that unrestricted bike riding in the nature park is incompatible with the plan's environmental values, and that responsible off-road biking is a legitimate recreational activity for which areas need to be designated somewhere in the park system. In the winter, there are miles of cross-country ski trails throughout the park and all over the lake.

There will be plantings of trees, shrubs and wildflowers this year to complete the Linda Jadwin seating area. This will be a community effort, and volunteers are needed. This area of the park was under the lake at the turn of the 20th century, and then became a Public Works dump until it was closed in the early 1960s.

A thin layer of soil was placed on top as covering, and subsequently it became part of Cedar Lake Park, with elevations upwards of 50 feet above the present marsh and lakeshore. This area is included in the Hidden Beach restoration project area. Look around and imagine such transformation next time you are in this area south of the Hidden Beach peninsula!

No plantings have ever been done here. The present forest has been seeded by nature and is predominantly cottonwoods, boxelder, Chinese elms, white amurs and buckthorn, with the occasional native hackberry, American elm and oak. The understory is largely sterile, with exotics such as creeping charley or motherwort growing where they can. There are two different species of native elderberries.

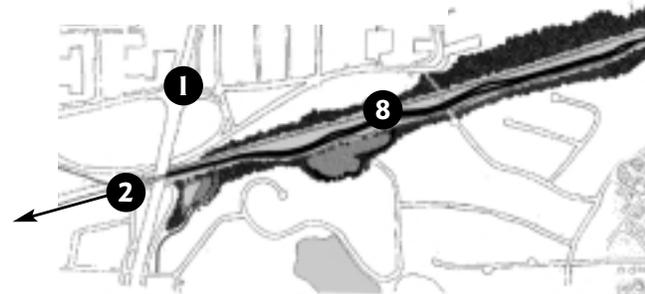


Cedar Lake Park

Cedar Lake Park is a popular destination for a rapidly growing number of park users. Hikers, bicyclists, bird watchers, anglers, dog owners, swimmers, in-line skaters, canoeists, cross-country skiers, and many others enjoy the special features of the park. In order for the park to realize its full potential as a place to harmoniously balance human use with the natural environment, its design is consistent with the principles described in the 1993 Citizen Advisory Committee's Statement of Philosophy.



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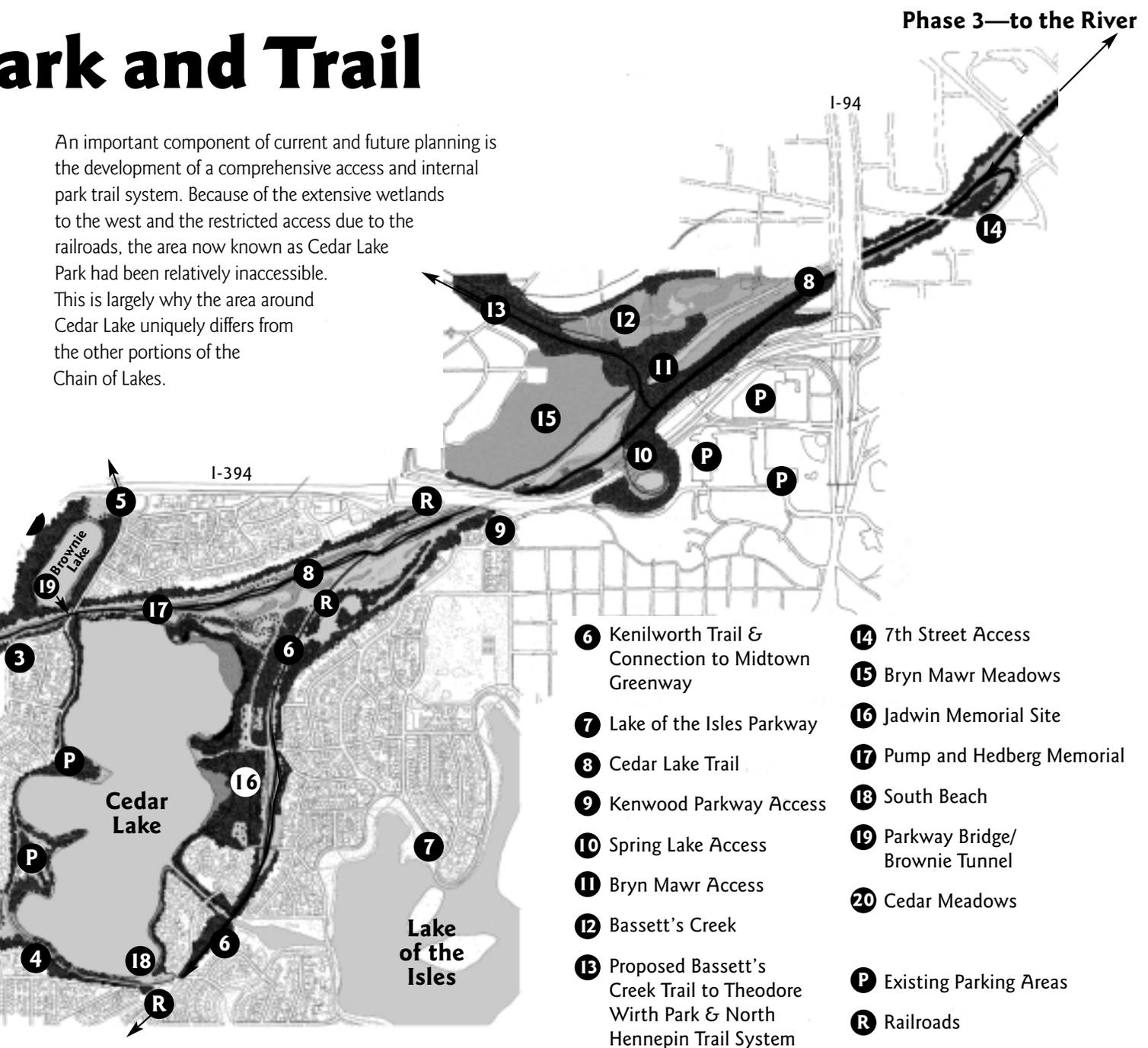
- 1 Highway 100
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- 3 Ewing Access
- 4 Cedar Lake Parkway
- 5 To Theodore Wirth Parkway & Park



The prairie burn area, set against the Minneapolis skyline, will become a place of significant new growth.

Park and Trail

An important component of current and future planning is the development of a comprehensive access and internal park trail system. Because of the extensive wetlands to the west and the restricted access due to the railroads, the area now known as Cedar Lake Park had been relatively inaccessible. This is largely why the area around Cedar Lake uniquely differs from the other portions of the Chain of Lakes.



With new plantings of native materials in a concentrated spot, the south park area will begin to be transformed, and this part of the park will start to function as a nursery area that will spread. CLPA is excited about this project and would love your participation. Please come help.

Be sure to watch the prairie areas on the north end along the CLT, at Upton Ave So., along Cedar Lake Parkway south of the bridge, and north and south of I-394 in the vicinity of Brownie Lake. These locations, burned last fall by MPRB crews, should show

significant new growth. Prairie burns release nutrients into the soil, get rid of exotics (hopefully) and woody plants, and do not harm the deep-rooted native materials. Prairie restoration is a multi-year process. This season, post-burn represents an important growth step.

Other planting areas in which to look for flowering spring ephemerals, shrubs and trees include:

St. David's daffodils and the wetlands at Cedar Meadows.

The Big Woods I area around Hidden Beach and north along the lakeshore trail and along

the Upton prairie edge;

Big Woods II around the northeast lakeshore in the area of the commemorative Cedar Grove and west to the mound;

Along the lakeshore trail in the Burnham Woods near the south gate off Burnham Blvd.

Finally, the Audubon Society planted bare-root glossy black chokeberry and highbush cranberry along the prairie/wood edge on the north end last year.

Unfortunately, last summer was very dry

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Projects in the Park

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and hot, raising questions about their survival. We are hopeful that at least some made it through. Spring is a great time in the park for birds, flowerings and the reawakening of life. However, the dog poop and other trash also reappear. Please pick up as you can.

Ever since the Cedar Lake Trail to the river was first conceived in 1990, it has been visualized as a completely off-road route. A joint resolution was passed by the Minneapolis City Council and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to this effect, signed by then-Mayor Don Fraser, City Council President Sharon Sayles Belton and Park Board President Scott Neiman.

Presently, this goal has not been achieved. The latest proposal has the second phase of the trail, from 12th St. to Washington Ave., scheduled for completion by 2003. This alignment continues to be off-road, and passes through the proposed Twins stadium site. Phase Three, from Washington Ave. to the river, has had an application for funding submitted to the federal transportation department for an on-road route, with completion

scheduled for 2005.

CLPA continues to pursue the original vision, and had a recent onsite walking tour with City Councilman Dean Zimmermann. He also had been given the engineering studies commissioned by CLPA showing the feasibility of the off-road alignment, and the competitive cost comparisons with the other.

The councilman, a longtime ally from his time as a park commissioner, is a strong proponent of trails, and sits on the city Public Works committee. After reviewing our proposal and taking the walking tour, he was quite enthusiastic, and offered to follow up with Public Works.

How exciting! In response to his interest, Public Works has promised to revisit our proposal, as the funding is not yet in place, and construction is at least three years out. CLPA continues to be hopeful that the original vision is viable, and will eventually be achieved.

The St. Louis Park land sale to the Jewish Community Center was completed in late 2001, and a major expansion of the JCC facilities has been under construction for some months. This approximately seven-acre parcel is located directly west of the Target (former Prudential) building near I-394 and Wirth Pkwy., north of the Cedar Lake Trail near the

pedestrian bridge, and south of the South Tyrol Hills neighborhood in Golden Valley.

St Louis Park has retained a utility easement that separates the JCC in far northeastern St. Louis Park from the low-density residential neighborhood in southernmost Golden Valley. The expansion involved the removal of many, many trees and other vegetation in order to construct a long three-story building, greatly expanded parking lots, and a circular throughway loop to allow buses to arrive, wait and depart.

The change from what was present on the land is striking, even shocking, and has raised consternation among the immediate neighbors. Extensive replantings are promised, and it remains to be seen what the impact of the increased use of the expanded JCC will be. CLPA has expressed concern, since this land sale was proposed a few years ago, that the buffer along the CLT corridor be retained. Currently, this appears to be the case, and we are happy about that.

Other concerns have been the loss of vegetation, greatly increased impervious surfaces which affect the Cedar Lake watershed, air quality degradation due to increased vehicular traffic, and the impact on the historic uses of the area and surrounding neighborhoods. However, we continue to be involved in the process, and hope that a spirit of neighborliness and environmental awareness will carry forward into the future.

This past winter also saw further development of the **spiral geometry of the Grove**, including the winter solstice sunrise and sunset lines oriented to the center of the Cedar Grove. Moreover, volunteers using GPS equipment have located the points of one spiral crossing the northern cattail marsh, and the other coming out of the lake and up the hillside between Cedar Point and the parkway bridge.

CLPA made a presentation at the January 26th, 2002 **Neighborhood Environmental Sustainability Conference**. Organized by the Center for Neighborhoods, the conference was attended by over 400 neighborhood volunteers, environmental and city staff and elected officials. We were very well-received, and the opportunity to network was invaluable. Twenty case studies were presented by local groups on working with industries, solid waste reduction, greening, watershed protection, safe/healthy/efficient buildings and transportation. The conference notes, case studies, and lists of resource organizations and project funders are available on the Center for Neighborhoods' web site (www.center4neighborhoods.org).



What's Happening at Hidden Beach

A transformation is underway in the Hidden Beach area of the park. After months of study and sometimes contentious discussion, MPRB has undertaken a major restoration project designed to remove buckthorn and other undesirable vegetation, restore civility and enhance public safety in the park and surrounding neighborhood. The plan includes greatly increased enforcement of all ordinances. It will be in place in time for the busy warm season at the beach. The project area is almost 16 acres. For several years the matter of Hidden Beach has become increasingly problematic. It is time for a solution. We have had concerns with aspects of the plan in terms of style, scope, public process and timing. We agree completely that action is needed. It is our position that this project must be a model native landscape restoration consistent with the environmental values developed over many years of public/private partnership. Moreover, all legitimate park uses and users must be included, respected and supported. Ultimately, public safety must be improved.

Enjoy Wildlife at Cedar Lake Park

BY DORENE SCRIVEN

This spring there are two opportunities planned for people to enjoy and learn about wildlife in Cedar Lake Park.

First, for the "early birds," Peter Neubeck will conduct a Bird walk on **Friday, May 10th**, beginning at 7 a.m. Those wishing to go should meet at 21st and Upton, but since the best group size is limited, they should first call Mary McGee at 612-377-0630.

In other wildlife news, Park regular Chuck Rhines has sighted an



eagle at the lake. There is also a red squirrel who lives near the site of the old waterworks. This is the southern-most area in Minnesota for red squirrels.

Then **Saturday, June 1**, starting at 8 a.m., Don Beimborn will lead a wildflower walk in the area, also meeting first at 21st and Upton. Again, call Mary for more information and to let them know you want to take part.

To find out about ongoing wildlife walks and other events, call us at 612-377-9522.



Pasque flower, native to the prairie

A Message to Dog Walkers

BY MARY MCGEE

Thank you for respecting the Minneapolis pet leash ordinance. You are helping to preserve the wild flora and fauna in Cedar Lake Park. In the spring, especially, they need protection from roaming pets. From the earth wild flowers are emerging, on the ground pheasants and mallards are nesting, mammals are raising their young, and along the lakeshore fish are spawning.

Due to the changes at Hidden Beach, there will be increased enforcement of all ordinances throughout the park, including leash laws.

You who care about nature and observe the law can help, and at the same time increase your own, your dog's, and others' safety. Warn the offenders. Tell them they are being observed and reported and that there is a popular off-leash area at Lake of the Isles.

We might even see a fox, mink, or rabbit again, or blooming wildflowers and small shrubs.

Website Keeps Growing as a Community Resource

BY MEREDITH MONTGOMERY

The CLPA website continues to support our mission to connect people, nature and the community. Since May 2001, the CLPA website has had more than 2,000 visits, averaging 200 a month for the last eight months. Having a web presence helps us support and be supported by environmental and neighborhood groups.

As we move into spring and summer, watch the CLPA calendar for information about plantings and other events in the park. And please contact us—by phone or email—with comments or suggestions! Here are some sites of interest:

Native Plants and Spring Wildflowers

The Minnesota Native Plant Society web site offers an extensive collection of links to information about native plants (www.stolaf.edu/depts/biology/mnps). The site also tells where to obtain copies of the society's guide to 40 local spring wildflower areas, which includes descriptions of wildflowers and their blooming times.

Wetland Restoration

The DNR's Lakescaping CD-ROM, a multimedia program for planning shoreline and wetland restoration, is available from the DNR web site (www.dnr.state.mn.us/ecological_services/ecosystemed/restoreshore.html).

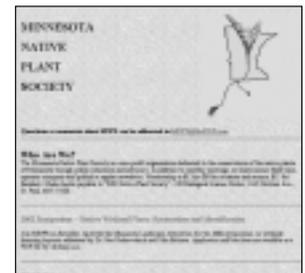
Nature and Community

The mission of the Orion Society (www.oriononline.org/pages/os/index_os.html) is to inform, inspire, and engage individuals and grass-roots organizations across North America in becoming a significant cultural force for healing nature and community.

Visit the CLPA website at www.cedarlakepark.org.



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www.stolaf.edu/depts/biology/mnps



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Sunrise in a New Century

BY CAROLYN LIGHT BELL

*Dawn unfolds
both strange and familiar.
We gather like a restless flock
of migrating birds
bracing ourselves to ride currents
circulating in the wind.
A few feathers ruffling,
we lift our wings steady and full.
Sunrise seeps through layers of clouds
painting edges with light.
In an old world,
over newly tilled fields
under newly named stars
we soar, turn
and continue our flight
across a great, grand sky.*



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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 thousands of households, developed a successful partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and other city, county, regional and state agencies, and raised money for acquisition and development.

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CALENDAR

CLPA Steering Committee

Second Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. You're invited to participate.

Earth Day

Saturday, April 20th

Bird Walk

Friday, May 10, 7 a.m., Peter Neubeck's Bird Walk. Meet at 21st & Upton. Call Mary McGee at 612-377-0630.

Wildflower Walk

Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m., Don Beimborn's Wildflower Walk. Also meet at 21st & Upton and call Mary.

Summer Solstice

Friday, June 21, 14:24 UT

For more activities

Call CLPA (612) 377-9522. Email us at info@clpa.org. Or check our website (www.cedarlakepark.org).



The big granite bison that stood for years on Hennepin Avenue across from Loring Park has been moved west to the northwest corner of I-394 and Xenia Avenue, just past Highway 100. He stands in front of the new Allianz Life Insurance building on a hill amid restored prairie. Billy Bison was cut and chiseled out of a granite block weighing over 12 tons by John K. Daniels in 1948. A note left by Daniels was discovered under the sculpture when it was moved: "I was born on the 14th of May in 1875, carved this figure single handed in 114 working days at the age of 73." Daniels lived to an age of 103. This is an example of an intentional history.

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.

Your support is important—

Send your tax-deductible contribution TODAY to Cedar Lake Park Association
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