

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023, AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Joyce Harant, Vice President and Vice Chair Laurie Covington and Executive Director Emily Cahill

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Laurie Covington, and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Jacob Kuban, and Alicia Woodworth

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Joyce Harant called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES

2.A. Approval of April 11, 2023 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice President Covington moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Bradley Park Artwork Request: Review of Process

In reference to the West Bluff Council's request to replace the Christopher Columbus statue at Bradley Park with another statue of their choice, Emily Cahill stated that if the space where the statue was to change from its current status as a green space, staff would need a directive by the Board. This item is on tomorrow's Regular Board meeting agenda as an opportunity to provide staff with some direction in the process. It is not an opportunity to be a vote of any sort. Until there is some different direction for staff, it stays as a green space as previously directed by the Board.

President Johnson stated that he believes this item should proceed as previously voted upon by the Board – to keep the area as a green space. He also believes the Park District should not provide funds for a replacement statuary as requested by the neighborhood associations. In addition, both he and Trustee Harant have attended numerous neighborhood association meetings, and never was there any mention of the District paying for a replacement statuary.

Trustee Harant agreed stating that it was never implied, suggested, or promised that the District would pay for a replacement. Trustee Harant stated that a discussion was had about the possibility of selling the Christopher Columbus statue and that any funds received in the selling of it, could possibly be used towards a new statue. However, no new funds would be contributed by the Park District.

Vice President Covington stated that she has not had anyone contact her to express that they wanted a new statue there. If the neighborhood associations want a new statue, they should have to pay for it as in accordance of the District's Memorial and Statuary policy.

Both President Johnson and Trustee Harant stated that when they both attended the last neighborhood association meeting, they discussed the new Memorial and Statuary Policy and definitely did not suggest that the District would pay for a replacement statuary.

Trustee Sierra stated that at tomorrow's Board meeting when the Board has a conversation with the neighborhood association, tell them that the Memorial and Statuary Policy that was created had nothing to do with the Christopher Columbus statue.

Trustee Hill stated that a few Uplands residents have approached her about this and have created somewhat of a narrative that the area where the Christopher Columbus statue once stood was a neighborhood gathering spot and they've lost that now.

4.B. Donovan Master Plan Revision

Emily Cahill stated that the Donovan Park Summary Document that Mike Friberg developed is being presented today for review and discussion. *Please see Attachment A.* This will potentially be presented to the Board for their feedback at its May 24 meeting. If after today's Planning Committee meeting, if anyone

has edits, changes or comments, please submit to Emily prior to the May 24 Board meeting.

Mike Friberg stated that the document applies to Donovan Park as it is now, post-golf course. It shows what the current conditions are, possible areas of future vision, and the possible development character of the park. In the past, consensus was that the park is a passive-use park and as such, this plan assumes it will remain a passive-use park. The document states examples of active uses that would contrast to the park's passive use. Through discussion, the committee asked Mr. Friberg to include in the document examples of passive uses for the park. Mr. Friberg stated he will be happy to include some examples and thanked the committee for their input in that area.

Trustee Sierra stated he really liked the document and thanked Mike for developing it. He does want to make sure that there is a plan to address the accessibility of Donovan Park. Mr. Friberg stated that accessibility is not addressed in the document in specific detail. Trustee Sierra stated that as recently presented to the Board and implemented, he would like this document to be filtered through the lens of a Racial Equity and Inclusion Analysis (REIA).

Emily Cahill stated that edits to the document will be made i.e., the active/passive park elements and will address accessibility. Once that is done, should it come back to this committee under pending business at its next meeting and then to the first Board meeting in June for their review? Trustee Harant stated that once the edits to the document are made, she would like it placed on the May 24 Board meeting agenda and that the document does not need to come back to the Planning Committee for further discussion. Emily Cahill stated that in advance of the May 24 Board meeting, the newly-edited document will be sent out to the Board for their review and comments. The Committee gave consensus for this process.

A discussion took place concerning the best process for getting public feedback on this. Emily Cahill stated that public input is needed when changes are being made, however, this is a bit different. This document/issue is really based on direction and governance by the Board and may not need public input. The plan document is merely a planning tool and high-level refinement of the existing plan without changing course. Vice President Covington stated that she believes that governance and policy are fundamental tasks of the elected Board. As such, public input may not be necessary.

Trustee Harant summarized the process for this document: Mike Friberg will incorporate the edits as discussed today. It will then be sent to all Board members where it will be stated to please submit any questions or comments about the newly-edited document to the Planning Committee (Trustee Harant and Vice President Covington). If questions and comments are submitted, Trustee Harant and Vice President Covington will then determine if it warrants the document go back to the next Planning Committee meeting for discussion or if it should go directly to the Board on May 24. The Committee agreed to this outlined process.

4.C. Golf Learning Center Update

Emily Cahill stated that the proposed GLC food and beverage vendors will be attending tomorrow's Strategy Ad Hoc Committee and Regular Board meetings. At the Strategy meeting, each vendor will give a presentation on their capacity and ability to take on the food and beverage needs of GLC. This will also provide an opportunity for Q&A before the Board is asked to vote at the Regular Board meeting. The Board will be asked to approve a Letter of Interest so that staff can move to the next step and start the process of developing a term sheet with them and getting them involved in some of the kitchen design work. This first step of giving that interest and allowing staff to proceed, allows enough security in the process to engage them in the process. This will allow staff to finalize the grant application and submit to DCCEO. As confirmed by Attorney Streeter, this does not require an RFP as it is a specialized service.

4.D. Glen Oak Park Playground Update

Becky Fredrickson stated that the Glen Oak Park inclusive playground group met on April 27. The results of the survey for the two choices were revealed and discussed. Per the survey, option 2 was preferred over option 1. Some of the preferred elements that were in option 1 have been included in option 2. The final plans are expected to be presented to the Board on May 24 for their approval. Staff is still navigating what to do with the existing playground that will soon be deconstructed to make way for the new playground.

4.E. Logan Park and Morton Square Park Improvements/Updates

Becky Fredrickson stated that there are two options for the Logan Park playground. Those options will be presented in the form of a survey to area kiddos for their input. Pictures of the two options were presented to the committee for their review. Logan Park will also get a shelter, sidewalks, and other smaller amenities. This is all funded by a grant from the City of Peoria.

Last week staff received approval from the City of Peoria to move forward on the Morton Square Park improvements. There are four options for a shelter/amphitheater. Staff would like to schedule a meeting with neighborhood residents to get their input, next week if possible. An invite will be sent to the current list of residents the District has and a note encouraging them to invite any others that may be interested in providing input. Through discussion, it was determined the public input process will be held Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm at Morton Square Park.

4.F. Memorial Bench Along Bike Trail

Becky Fredrickson stated that staff received a request from Dr. Kattah asking to place a memorial bench along the Rock Island Greenway at the top of the hill by the Route 6 tunnel, for his wife, Janet M. Kattah, whom recently passed away. Initially, staff did not have any locations along the trail this year for additional benches, but after considering the request and knowing that there had been a wooden bench in that location previously that had deteriorated and had been removed, staff felt this was appropriate. Staff recommends approval of this memorial bench request for Janet M. Kattah along the Rock Island Greenway. Dr. Kattah will cover all expenses associated with the bench.

Vice President Covington moved to approve and send to the Board for approval the memorial bench request for Janet M. Kattah along the rock Island Greenway. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

4.G. African American Hall of Fame Discussion

Trustee Harant stated that last week, she and Executive Director Cahill met with Rosemary McCullough, President of the Peoria African American Hall of Fame (AAHF). The AAHF is currently housed in a room a Proctor Rec Center. Trustee Harant recently had a tour and she was somewhat shocked that it was so small and not necessarily a secure or “museum” type display to house the historical items it currently has. During that meeting, in light of the future changes planned for Proctor Rec Center, Executive Director Cahill discussed the benefits of possibly moving it to the Noble Center. Currently, staff is waiting to hear back from Ms. McCullough for the date of the next AAHF Board meeting so that Trustee Harant and Executive Director Cahill can discuss the issue.

5. PENDING BUSINESS

5.A. Urban Forestry – Natural Urban Development

Trustee Sierra stated that in light of his new position with the Peoria Housing Authority, it would be a potential conflict of interest for him to continue to be involved in the Park District's Urban Forestry Natural Urban Development, as a Trustee. He will submit a revision to the current Urban Forestry – Natural Urban Development Proposal document and then hand off to the Planning Committee in June for their further development.

5.B. Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Process Discussion

Trustee Harant stated that in the interest of transparency, she believes that if the Park District were to adopt a resolution to adopt a moratorium, the public should be given the opportunity to express their opinions prior to vote at the next Board meeting. She stated that there should be no specific invites, just make it open to the public like any other meeting. Emily Cahill stated that she would like all sides of the issue to have the opportunity to share to the Board. As a public body, the District should work to open this up to all opinions before Board vote. Trustee Harant agreed with this.

Trustee Sierra stated it would make him more comfortable if certain groups were specifically invited such as the Sierra Club and Wolf Carbon Solutions and ADM so they have an opportunity to address questions and concerns.

Emily Cahill suggested that at tomorrow's Board meeting, staff could provide the timeline stating that the proposed moratorium will be published for consideration prior to the May 24 Board meeting and prior to vote, an opportunity for public comment will be given.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A. Ongoing Items:

Savanna

Emily Cahill reported that currently, the District has provided everything needed to move this forward. The City of Peoria still needs to provide the deed. The District is awaiting the operating agreement back from Mark Matuszak. At this time, the District has not been notified of any public vote to be taken on this.

City Grants Status

Emily Cahill stated that yesterday, staff had a meeting with Peoria Grown where they talked at length about their future goals for the use of the Trewyn Park pavilion and different opportunities, including mobile programming. Emily is

currently working on a grant application to the City of Peoria, due this Friday at 2:00 pm to ask for dollars from their Violence Prevention Program grant opportunity. It would allow the District to look at the connectivity between food insecurity and violence, mental health issues, etc. It would help the District build capacity to support Peoria Grown in their growth and use the District's facilities and programs to be able to improve their access to the community.

Trustee Sierra stated that this would enhance current programming and would not interrupt, substitute, or take away from current efforts around wellness and nutrition.

6.B. Wind Turbine Request

Becky Fredrickson state that staff received two requests from the same company inquiring about installing wind turbines at Singing Woods and Sommer Park. Staff does not recommend the installation of the wind turbines as they are not appropriate for those locations but wanted to bring the requests to the Planning Committee for their input. The committee agreed that wind turbines should not be installed at these locations.

Becky Fredrickson stated that recently, Pat Goitein contacted staff concerning her historic research on the Old Galena stagecoach trail. She is interested in having an archaeological survey of the Detweiller riverside conducted. Through her research, she believes a Native American settlement occurred there near where the golf course was. Staff feels that it would be a good idea to talk with IDNR or U of I to see if someone can come and see if there is any evidence that substantiates that claim. If it is determined it was a Native American settlement, Ms. Goitein would like some sort of signage posted or some form of acknowledgement so that future planning and activities would not disturb it.

Emily Cahill stated that staff received a request from Nathan Comte, owner of Peoria Pedicab. He is requesting permission to conduct for-profit bicycle pedicab historic tours of Grandview Drive. The committee requested more information about the tours and a review from Attorney Streeter. Mr. Comte will be invited to the next Planning Committee meeting to offer more information and be available for questions.

7. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Present recommendation to the Board to vote whether or not to authorize placement of a new statue in Bradley Park at or near the spot where Columbus stood.
2. After including the changes/edits discussed today, the Donovan Master Plan will be sent out to the Board for feedback. That information will then be given to Trustee Harant and Vice President Covington to determine next steps.
3. A public input session on the design and placement of a new shelter/amphitheater at Morton Square Park will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm at Morton Square Park. Staff will work on getting that information/invite to kiddos and the community to vote on.
4. Trustee Sierra will revise the Urban Forestry proposal and then hand off to the Planning Committee for further development.
5. By tomorrow, staff will develop timeline for public input for the CO2 pipeline and revise the resolution.
6. By this Friday, staff will apply for the Violence Prevention grant through the City of Peoria for Peoria Grown.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 3:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:08 pm, Executive Director Cahill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Vice President Covington and carried on unanimous voice vote.

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Donovan Park Masterplan Summary Document

Current Conditions:

Since its conversion from a golf course to a park in 2015, Donovan Park has been wildly successful. Despite the financial challenges that forced the conversion, the Park District has slowly created a new, beloved community park, with minimum public financial expenditure. The effort to do so has included intense creative work by staff, the board, and the public.

Cyd's in the park, a restaurant occupying the former golf clubhouse, is the primary driver of visits to the park. Although commercial in focus, the Cyd's partnership involved significant risk for both the District and the private owners. The traffic created by Cyd's is an integral part of bringing positive activity to the park on a regular basis.

Significant effort has been spent by park staff to identify vegetation management zones within the park. These zones are the basis for the maintenance of the park. As first envisioned, the management zones were a stopgap measure to identify those areas that could be maintained with the minimum budget allowed, while allowing other areas to be maintained at a lower input level. These areas have evolved over time as staff has sought to slowly convert and/or recover "no mow" areas to truly beneficial plant and animal habitat.

A cross country course has been developed on the park. It features several large events held yearly at the park, as well as weekly practices.

A connection from the adjacent Rock Island Greenway to Cyd's was generously funded by O'Brien Steel. Rotary Club North generously funded a shelter, bike repair station, and water fountain within the park. These generous gifts provide connectivity with the Greenway that enhances both facilities.

A new maintenance complex has been developed at the Northeast corner of the site, to replace the previous maintenance facilities now occupied by the Kellar Station commercial development.

Future Vision:

Vegetation Management

The intention of Donovan's vegetation management is to increase beneficial plant and animal habitat through the continued use, and expansion of use of native vegetation. Vegetation will continue to be managed according to the vegetation management schedule (Appendix B). The amount of turfgrass in regular mowing is to be reduced, and replaced with pollinator/native vegetation as budget allows. The District will continue to work with the USFWS and other agencies and not-for-profits to seek out grants and other opportunities to improve natural habitat throughout the park.

Arboretum

The District intends to continue to support the arboretum within Donovan Park. Expansion of the arboretum ArbNet certification is to be explored, and balanced with the maintenance and budget requirements of such an expansion.

Cyd's in the Park

The District will continue to work with the ownership of Cyd's according to the lease agreement between the parties. Due to the positive effect of the Cyd's location on the park as a whole, the District is open to expansion of Cyd's activities, or the hosting of special events by Cyd's provided these activities are in general compliance with the Donovan Development Character (DDC) noted elsewhere in this document.

Observatory

The District will continue to work with the Peoria Astronomical Society (PAS) regarding the Observatory within Donovan Park. Although the Observatory is no longer a location for serious astronomical research, it does play an invaluable part in scientific education and nurturing enthusiasm for the natural wonders of our universe. The District will consult with the PAS and strive to minimize the impact of any development within or around the park that could affect the Observatory's ability to continue its mission.

Pond Management

The Donovan Park ponds provide a valued experience for recreational fishing. The District will continue to utilize the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to manage the ponds in Donovan Park for recreational fishing. Priority should be placed on the experience of youth fishing. Improvements to the ponds to expand the youth fishing experience, and improve fish survivability and habitat will be undertaken as budget allows and as fits within the District's fishing and pond management as a whole. Expansion of the ponds is not feasible within current budget constraints.

Sculpture Garden

The current placement of sculptures within Donovan Park has been carefully considered to complement the natural spaces within the park. The sculptural elements present within the park are a valued component of the character of the park, and additions, rotations, or possible expansion of the portfolio of sculptural elements should be supported.

Active uses

Active uses (in contrast to passive uses) of Donovan Park shall remain at low levels. Active uses include organized or team sports and associated fields, court sports, competitive events, activities that require the use of specialized equipment or motorization, and parties or celebrations. Current cross-country racing events are few in number, and the frequency of such events should be limited to avoid physical damage and changes to the park character.

Parking

Regular use of the park, combined with restaurant traffic exceed the current parking lot capacity on at least a once-weekly basis during good weather. A parking lot expansion is justified on the basis of use, and should be explored and funded through the capital budget. An expansion of the parking lot into the former cart corral area could provide 29 parking spaces with a minimum disturbance to the park

Greenway/paths

The principal activity present within Donovan Park is walking. The District will pursue the addition of a limited network of paved paths within the park in order to support general accessibility, all-season walking, and biking within the park. The intention is that the paved paths will be added as budget allows, and that the paths will provide an experience compatible with the DDC listed elsewhere in this document.

Maintenance

Donovan Park requires maintenance. The maintenance facility at the northeast corner of the park may be expanded as needed. Maintenance activities will continue to be as environmentally friendly as possible according to the management schedules in Appendix B. Donovan Park maintenance will use herbicides only as spot treatments on the most egregious of invasive species (Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Teasel, Canadian Thistle, Knotweed, Purple Loosestrife, and others as denoted by the vegetation management plan).

Climate Change and Sustainability

Climate change in the Peoria area is currently identified most readily by changes in the temperature and moisture regimes of the environment. Thus, the landscape and activities within Donovan park need to adapt to temperature fluctuations and increasingly severe precipitation events. All new and existing uses of the park must minimize stormwater runoff. New development shall meet 50-year runoff

guidelines instead of the required 25-year guidelines. Use of permeable pavement, infiltration swales, and other low impact development strategies should be used on all development where appropriate.

Donovan Park will strive for energy neutrality. Alternative sources of energy such as solar and wind power should be explored for additional energy needs and the eventual conversion of existing energy uses. Any new development should incorporate localized clean generation, or the ability to utilize regional clean energy sources.

As the climate changes, the vegetative communities found in Donovan Park may change. Species currently at the edge of their temperature ranges may cease to be viable, and other species may find the area attractive. Staff shall monitor trends and adjust vegetative management through the Vegetation Management Plan (Appendix B) to take into account a changing environment.

The Park District should encourage the use of public transportation, biking, walking, or alternative fuel vehicles to access Donovan Park (and every other park in the district).

Neighborhood

Activity and any future development in Donovan Park shall consider the surrounding neighborhood context. Development within Donovan Park shall respect traffic, noise, and property value concerns of neighbors. Although Donovan Park attracts users from the entire city, it also must pay heed to the neighborhoods that surround and support it. Access points and/or screening may be requested by neighbors and should be given consideration.

Donovan Development Character (DDC):

Donovan Park has been extremely successful due to creative work by staff, the private sector, the park board, and the public. The park has taken on a character of its own that has been met with interest and enthusiasm by the public. In order to keep and evolve that character in the most beneficial way possible, a series of statements defining the character of the park follows. This is not an attempt to stifle all creativity or limit possibilities for future partnerships or developments. All parks evolve over time – the important part is to not lose the essential character of a park during that evolution. The following statements express the intent, but not the full details of what may be acceptable or not for future development within the park. They express community consensus for moving forward with maintenance, development, programming, and usage.

1. Donovan Park supports opportunities for habitat and observation of wildlife such as birds, small mammals, bats, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and insects. Development and maintenance should strive to minimize the negative effects on desirable animal life.
2. Donovan Park supports opportunities for habitat and observation of native plant life such as prairie plants, savanna plants, wetland plants, trees, shrubs, fungus, and other natural plant life. Development and maintenance should strive to minimize the negative effects on desirable plant life.
3. Donovan Park is an aurally peaceful place. Events or programming with an excess of noise, loud music, or excess engine noise, shall be minimized. Events featuring such noise-generating activities must provide noise-mitigation plans before approval is given.
4. Donovan Park is a visually peaceful place. Events and/or developments shall respect the following visual restrictions:
 - A. Color palettes shall complement the “natural” greens, browns, and grays of the native vegetation and turfgrass found in Donovan Park.
 - B. Development shall utilize whenever possible “natural materials”. The intention is to use wood, stone, and metal in ways that complement existing views and do not stand out visually.
 - C. Development shall respect human scale. Structures shall have a high degree of visual interest created by using human scale unit materials such as bricks, stone, and wood, while avoiding flat expanses of single materials or colors.
 - D. Signage shall be minimized. Signage shall use the District’s color palette whenever possible. Signs with garish colors or scale are to be avoided whenever possible.
5. Donovan Park is an electronically peaceful place. No attempts will be made to supply wifi or expand cellular service beyond the footprints of Cyd’s and the maintenance building.
6. Donovan Park is a daylight-hours only park, with the exceptions of Cyd’s and the Observatory. Lighting shall be limited in scope, and shall take into account the Observatory’s and natural plant and animal communities’ need for a dark sky.
7. Development at Donovan Park will minimize additional active, programmed uses such as sports, courts, and frequent large crowds.

8. Donovan Park will have architectural guidelines for any new development. Guidelines shall address the form, scale, materials, color, location, size, environmental footprint, and other items important to staff, the public, and the board. Guidelines will be agreed upon in public session before the design phase of any development begins.
9. Donovan Park is a host for the Sculptural Arts. Sculptural elements should be points of emphasis, but should not dominate the landscape in form, scale, material, color, or subject.
10. Donovan Park shall be free from memorials.
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Appendix B
Donovan Park Vegetation Management Schedule

Management Area	Management Objective	Management Action	Timing	Resources Needed				
				PPD Funding (Source)	Outside Funding	Staffing	Total Activity Cost	Volunteer time
Area Z-Mowed areas and maintained park land	Provide public access	Maintain 7-10 day mowing schedule	Seasonally	Annual operational budget		1100 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$44,000/year	\$44,000/year	N/A
	Limit spread of exotic species	Inventory tree/shrub and remove aggressive species (Black Locust, Norway Maple, Bush Honeysuckle, Tree of Heaven, Black Swallow-wort, Autumn Olive)	Seasonally as per recommendations from IDNR Vegetation Management Guidelines	\$500/year herbicide		100 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$4,000/year	\$4,500/year	N/A
	Maintain Arboretum	Identify and maintain existing, and add new, native trees/shrubs	Seasonally	\$1000/year for planting stock	Grants	100 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$4000/year	\$5000/year	80 hours PPS intern, more possible in the future
	Maintain ponds	Maintain grassy buffers by periodic thinning/removal of willow, cottonwood and any invasive/exotic species	Mowing after August 15. Monitor exotic invasive species seasonally as per recommendations from IDNR Vegetation Management Guidelines	Annual operational budget		10 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$400/year	\$400/year	N/A
		Work with IDNR to monitor and enhance fishing opportunities	Seasonally as per Fisheries Biologist's recommendation	Annual operational budget	Assistance from IDNR to manage fish populations for public fishing access program	10 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$400/year	\$400/year	N/A
Area A- .5acres Highly visible corner and old sand green	Develop area as visual aesthetic entry to Donovan	Remove sand green and augment soil with rich compost	2024 Bond	Either Annual Budget or Bonded Funding		Heavy Equipment crew 3 day @ \$1,000/day = \$3,000	\$3,000 (one time)	
		In native habitat, combine with Area B/C and develop area	2024	Either Annual Budget or Bonded Funding- \$3000 in seed/plant material		ground prep and seeding- 8 hours @ \$40/hr = \$320, then annual maintenance at same rate	\$3320 one-time, then \$320 annually	
	Provide ecologically sustainable pollinator habitat	Monitor new planting for seed germination	May-22	Annual operational budget		2 hours @ \$40/hr	\$80/annually	
		During first few years of planting, determine if periodic mowing at 1ft height will benefit seedlings from being overgrown by taller weed species	June-July 2022-2024	Annual operational budget		10 hours/year @ \$40/hr= \$400	\$400 annually	
		Supplemental seeding	Nov-22	Either Annual Budget or Bonded Funding (\$2,200 seed)		4 hours @ \$40/hr = \$160	\$2,360 one-time	

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Area C 12 acres- Newly established pollinator habitat	Reduce tree encroachments	Manually thin unwanted tree growth by holding workdays to cut and treat stumps according to INPC vegetation management guidelines	August – December 2022 monthly workdays (staff lead)	Annual operational budget, Herbicide- \$200/year		20 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$800/year	\$1,000 annually	5 workdays with 5 volunteers for 4 hours each workday = 100 volunteer hours
	Reduce invasive herbaceous species	Manually treat invasive species according to INPC vegetation management guidelines	Annually, May-Oct	Annual operational budget, Herbicide- \$200/year		26 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$1040/year	\$1,240 annually	
	Maintain warm-season grassland habitat	Conduct prescribed burns to maintain grassland. Rotate burns to allow some unburned habitat to remain. (Use mowed path as break)	Annually burn ½ of area, Nov – April 15	Annual operational budget		2 staff, 4 hours each, @ \$40/hr = \$320	\$320 annually	6 volunteers, 4 hours each = 24 volunteer hours
		If burning is not possible due unfavorable smoke management conditions, mow outside of growing season	Annually, August	Annual operational budget		1 staff, 16 hours @ \$40/hour= \$640	\$640 annually	
Area D- Established Native Planting	Maintain warm season grassland habitat	Remove unwanted tree and shrub species. Cut and treat accordingly. Cut low enough to allow for seasonal mowing	Annually, August through December	Annual operational budget, Herbicide- \$200/year		8 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$320/year	\$520 annually	2 workdays with 5 volunteers for 4 hours each workday = 40 volunteer hours
		If possible, conduct prescribed burns to maintain grassland	Every 2 years, November – April 15	Annual operational budget		2 staff, 4 hours each, @ \$40/hr = \$320	\$320 annually	6 volunteers, 4 hours each = 24 volunteer hours
		If burning is not possible due unfavorable smoke management conditions, mow outside of growing season	Annually, August	Annual operational budget		1 staff, 8 hours @ \$40/hour= \$320	\$320 annually	
	Enhance bird habitat	Establish Bluebird boxes with monitoring assistance from volunteers	March	Donor opportunity	BB Box \$30/house x 12 = \$360 one-time. Box maintenance \$100/year		First year \$360, annual maintenance and repair \$100	Volunteer monitoring weekly March-Sept
		Establish Martin Colony and monitoring assistance from volunteers	March	Donor opportunity	PM House = \$900 each x 2 houses		First year \$1,800	Volunteer monitoring weekly March-Sept
Area F- Woodland Edge	Maintain healthy woodland habitat	Manually thin unwanted tree growth by holding workdays to cut and treat stumps according to INPC vegetation management guidelines.	Annually, August through December	Annual operational budget, Herbicide- \$200/year		2 staff, 4 hours each, @ \$40/hr = \$320	\$520 annually	2 workdays with 5 volunteers for 4 hours each workday = 40 volunteer hours
		Reduce invasive exotic-invasive plant growth by treating according to INPC vegetation management guidelines.	Annually, May-Oct	Annual operational budget, Herbicide- \$200/year		20 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$800/year	\$1,000 annually	
	Maintain grassland bird nesting habitat through rotational mowing plan.	Create a rotation so that not all grassland habitat is mowed off in one year.	After August 15 and Prior to April 15	Annual operational budget		1 staff, 40 hours @ \$40/hour= \$1600	\$1600 annually	

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Area G – 32 acres, No-Mow area	Enhance pollinator use (Sand Prairie Planting)	Augment cool-season grass with native prairie seed and rootstock is available.	Early spring or fall planting	Plant material Bonded Project		Site prep and planting, 16 hrs/year @ \$40/hr = \$640. Materials (seed plants) \$2,000 first year	\$2640 first year. \$320 annually	
	Reduce tree encroachments	Manually thin unwanted tree. Cut and treat stumps according to IDNR vegetation management guidelines	Aug-Dec 2023-2025	Annual operational budget, Herbicide-\$1000/year		20 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$800/year	\$1800 annually	2 workdays with 5 volunteers for 4 hours each workday = 40 volunteer hours
	Reduce invasive herbaceous species	Manually treat invasive species according to IDNR vegetation management guidelines	May-Oct 2023-2025	Annual operational budget, Herbicide-\$1000/year		20 hours/year @ \$40/hr = \$800/year	\$1800 annually	
Area H- Former grassland plantings gone wild	Enhance site to a sustainable low-maintenance alternative.	Inventory existing site	2022	Operational Budget		8 hours @ \$40/hr = \$320	\$320 (2022)	
		Develop Grant Application	2023	Operational Budget		24 hours @ \$40/hr = \$960	\$960 (2023)	
		Contractor to Prep ground and Plant to enhance maintenance	2024		Habitat Grant Funds		TBD	
Area I- Moist Soil Area	Enhance moist-soil habitats	Determine viability of enhancing ability to develop ephemeral pond/wetland habitat through consultation	2023	Operational Budget		8 hours @ \$40/hr = \$320		
		If viability of development of ephemeral wetland habitat exists, develop grant proposal	2024	Operational Budget		24 hours @ \$40/hr = \$960		
		Contractor to Prep ground and Plant to enhance maintenance	2025		Habitat Grant Funds		TBD	
		In the interim, of exploring wetland option, mow annually to maintain open habitat and reduce unwanted tree growth.	Annual Late season mowing (After August 1)	Operational Budget		8 hours @ \$40/hr = \$320	\$320 annually	

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LEGEND

 Cross Country
Course

 Paved BikeTrail

 Management
Zone

 Sculpture Location

Management zones shown are managed for native vegetation and habitat and are typically not mowed but may have mowed paths. Mowed path locations are not shown and may vary seasonally. Public restrooms are available at Cyd's in the Park.

