FRED RICHARDS PARK

Public Open House #4
May 22nd, 2017
6:30 PM
Edina Public Works
PROJECT TIMELINE

Discover
November – December 2016
Activities
- Project kickoff
- Data gathering
- Wetland delineation
- Research
- Environmental review
- Analysis
- Communications planning
Outcomes
We will have an understanding of site conditions and key issues to city staff, and create a community engagement plan.

Dream
December – February 2017
Activities
- Communications
- Public engagement kickoff
- Community gatherings
- Community interviews + surveys
- Community design ideations
- Pop-up park
Outcomes
We will have insights into how to best design the park to serve the surrounding community, today and into the future.

Design
February – May 2017
Activities
- Programming
- Preliminary park concepts
- Park-a-Palooza
- Community input and reviews
- City and park board reviews
Outcomes
We will engage with the broader community to build a sense of ownership and excitement for the new park.

Do
May – July 2017
Activities
- Master plan preparation
- Review
- Approval
- Adoption
Outcomes
An actionable plan with community support.
Testing Concepts

CONCEPT A

CONCEPT B

CONCEPT C
THE FRED RICHARDS STORY

Beginning Chapters
THE FRED RICHARDS STORY

PENTAGON OFFICE PARK
THE FRED RICHARDS STORY
THE FRED RICHARDS STORY - WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER

MAJOR THEMES

Restore Nature’s Role
ecosystem services are a critical part of the city’s infrastructure that will be re-stored

Create Pathways for Play + Health
moving, resting, and exploring in a natural environment will create a healthier community

Invite the Whole Community
providing year-round access, activities, and spaces for all of edina’s residents to build community and pride
RESTORE NATURE’S ROLE

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keep valuable soils on-site
create storage & separation
intensify wetland’s functions
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RESTORE NATURE’S ROLE - ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- Wildlife Habitat
- Water Quality
- Carbon Sequestration
- Biodiversity
- Air Purification
- Flood Protection

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- Wildfire
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PROPERTY LINE
UPLAND BUFFER
WET MEADOW
EMERGENT MARSH
WET MEADOW
TRAIL

RESTORED WETLAND
CREATE PATHWAYS FOR PLAY + HEALTH

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pollinator
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contemplate
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habitat
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traditional play
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trail/bike skills

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winter exploration
CREATE PATHWAYS FOR PLAY + HEALTH

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INVITE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

1. 260+ stalls
2. 100+ stalls
3. 8 stalls
INVITE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - A TYPICAL DAY AT THE PARK

6am
- coffee at trailhead
- birdwatch club
- snowshoe club

10am
- pickleball league
- nature field trip classes
- walking group
- sledding
- lunch crowd
- office walkers
- dog walkers

12pm
- chess club
- mom’s meet up playdate
- high school class water sample
- lunch crowd
- sledding

2pm
- bike commute
- taproom happy hour

4pm
- playground playdates
- kick-sled classes
- taproom happy hour

4pm
- bike commute
- taproom happy hour

6pm
- dinner crowd
- sports practice
- dog walkers

8pm
- game night
- movie in the park
- community fireside stories
- community classes
- game night

10pm
- lights out
- stargazing class
- nighttime croquet league
- night fat tire classes
- frog choir
Create Pathways for Play + Health

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PARK MASTER PLAN

Major

- nature bank
- central green
- the Great Lawn
- the loop
- neighborhood park

The Great Lawn

Inviting the Whole Community

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THE NATURE BANK

- pollinator garden
- stone steppers
- wetland restoration
- island bridge
- outdoor classroom
- water play
- nine mile creek trail
- wildlife blind
- boardwalk + seating
- nature play

(map of the park with various features labeled)
THE NATURE BANK

screening techniques

1. grade change

2. berming/landscaping

3. wetland separation
THE LOOP

- Rolling walking trail
- Native prairie garden
- Beginner bike skills
- Sculpture/Art
- Garden seating
THE LOOP
GREAT LAWN + NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

the hill  the Great Lawn  picnic shelter  neighborhood playground
The Great Lawn serves as a flexible recreational space for a variety of activities. Below are just some of the field arrangements for different activities:

- **Adult Soccer** (360’ x 260’)
- **Youth Soccer** (150’ x 120’)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (360’ x 120’)
- **Lacrosse** (330’ x 189’)
- **Special Event**
- **Open/ Unprogrammed**
CENTRAL GREEN + CLUBHOUSE
CENTRAL GREEN