



REINDAHL PARK & ENVIRONS: IDEAS FOR THE 2020 MASTER PLAN REVISION

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PARK

1. Dedicate at least 50% for Nature
2. Increase native critters and trees (including edible fruit and nut trees)
3. Use plantings, berms, arbors, etc. to protect natural areas and walking paths from intrusions (views, noise, lighting, etc.) on users' experience, by traffic, community gardens, playing fields, other recreation facilities, etc.
4. Maximize reduction of impervious surface reduction: no new roads; consider reducing roads/parking
5. Natural hydrology, with 100% stormwater stay-on
6. Maximize dark sky (e.g., end Wendy's night security light pollution near Woods)
7. Expand prairie/meadows: Pollinators (beehives / honey); Monarch corridor
8. Paths west and north of Woods (NOT in Woods); reroute path east of Woods between Woods and community gardens; plant trees to restore eastern section of Woods and screen trail/park from retail and water pumping station east of the Woods.
9. Redesign/construct all trails/paths: more organic, non-linear; non-fossil fuel surfaces
10. End pesticide usage and mowing by field sports teams/sponsors
11. End neighboring residents' encroachments in park and public ROWs
12. Eliminate sources of litter from adjoining areas

ENVIRONS

13. Connect to re-wilded county land north of Bartillon Rd and south of Rieder Rd: prairie/meadows, trails/paths (no group/congregation facilities), stormwater infiltration (no large bird attractant/congregation). Option: Solar PV w/pollinator habitat beneath.
14. Eco-connections to Reindahl Triangle, Sandburg Woods, Starkweather Creek Parkway, and wetlands complex east of HWY 51 and north of Rieder Rd., Cherokee Marsh, Sycamore Park (and East Branch of Starkweather Creek)
15. Eco-community landbridges or underpasses across HWY 51 and HWY 151.

REINDAHL/PORTAGE RD LIBRARY/FACILITIES (shelter, playground etc)

16. Whether stand-alone or condo, adjacent to park rather than in it (with visibility on HWY 151)
17. No site prep until 2020 park Master Plan public process has been completed
18. Meet *Living Building* standard (energy-positive/carbon-negative, etc.)
19. No mature trees destroyed; net increase in trees.
20. Repurpose Parkside Drive, ending Portage/East Washington through-road use.
21. Build over the existing parking lot for the park shelter.
22. Consider replacing or encasing the current **Modernist** concrete park shelter with a more community-friendly and locally-grounded design (e.g., like the Tenney Park shelter).

PARK AMENITIES

23. Relocate/reduce soccer playing fields if necessary, to allow more nature
24. Add X-C ski loop/trail
25. Treetop canopy viewing/education platform or elevated walkway
26. eBikes rack
27. Public art/sculpture
28. Commemorate former Sunnyside Elementary School (where Wendy's and strip mall are now located)
29. In developed areas of the park, consider signature colorful native plantings that can be extended across the neighborhood, building community and enhancing aesthetics (example: <http://www.ny4p.org/the-daffodil-project>)

NOTE: If library is built in park, it can't be built with housing above using the the condo approach (as part of a mixed-use development, e.g. like Pinney and Sequoya PLs). Consider these several sites: Arby's, Wendy's, Einstein Bagels/FedEx/Men's Wearhouse strip mall, or Office Depot sites, with donation, land swap, or acquisition.