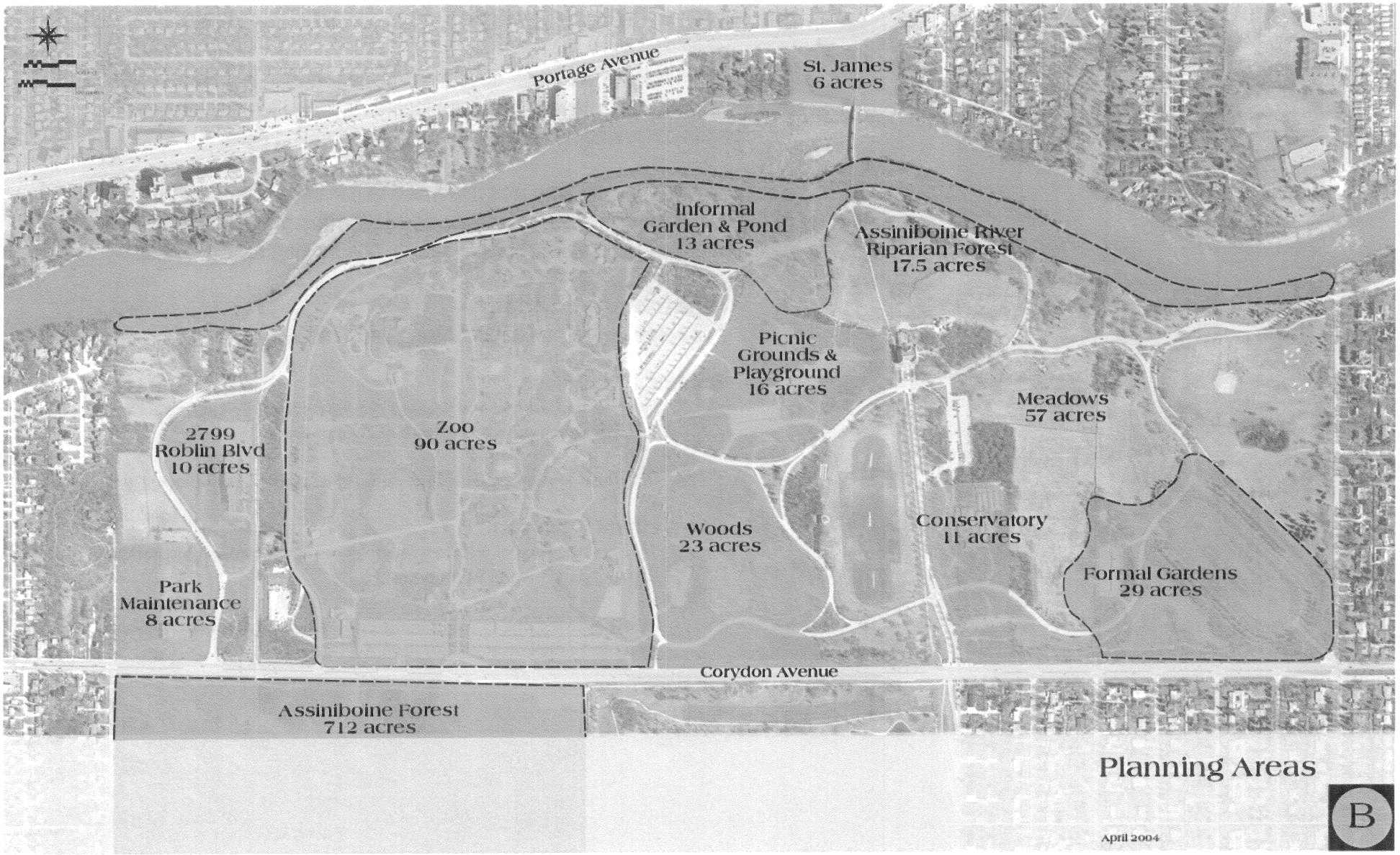
Portage Avenue
St. James
6 acres
Informal
Garden & Pond
13 acres
Assiniboine River
Riparian Forest
17.5 acres
Picnic
Grounds &
Playground
16 acres
Meadows
57 acres
2799
Roblin Blvd
10 acres
Zoo
90 acres
Woods
23 acres
Conservatory
11 acres
Formal Gardens
29 acres
Park
Maintenance
8 acres
Corydon Avenue
Assiniboine Forest
712 acres
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Plan Winnipeg 20/20 Vision 5E-03
Policy: Protect and Enhance Urban Forest
"...encouraging the participation of other levels of government in programs to protect and enhance the city's urban forest."

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

Guiding Principles have been developed to protect and enhance historic and important characteristics of Assiniboine Park and to assist the City of Winnipeg in assessing new initiatives for each Planning Area.

Development Proposals are also described under each Planning Area with the understanding that these proposals require thorough business case analysis as to their feasibility, sustainability and funding requirements.

1. Assiniboine Forest

712 acres of oak and aspen, hiking trails and wildlife

Guiding Principles:

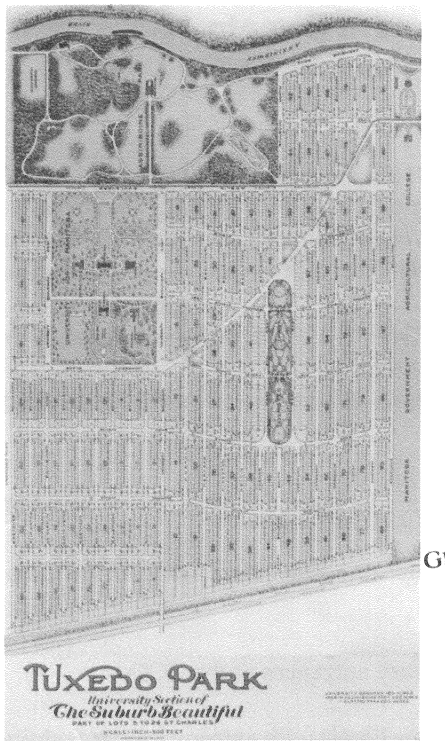
- ***Preserve and protect and manage the Assiniboine Forest as a natural heritage area dominated by oak and aspen forest***

- ***Develop and plan the Forest as an integral part of Assiniboine Park***

Development Proposals:

- Enhance the Forest with a system of walking trails, interpretative signage, parking and washrooms

- Create a strong link to Assiniboine Park with a physical and symbolic entrance to the Forest off Corydon Avenue



Site Plan for Tuxedo Park circa 1905
Proposed site for the University of Manitoba



Assiniboine Park is located in proximity to the Fort Whyte Centre and to area Trail Systems

Assiniboine Forest

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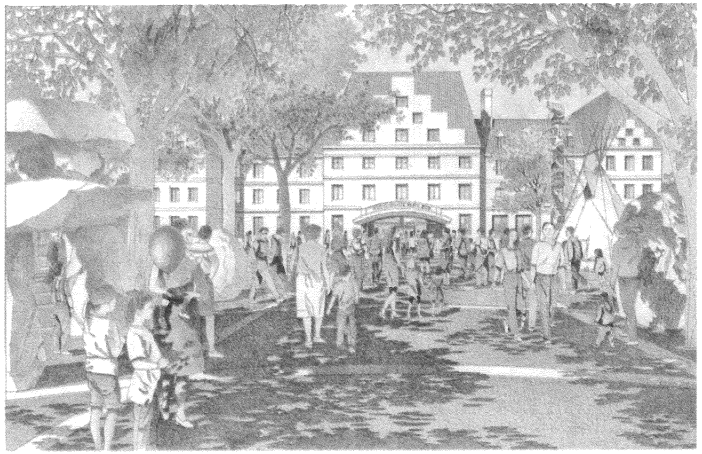

Assiniboine Park Zoo Corydon Avenue Entrance
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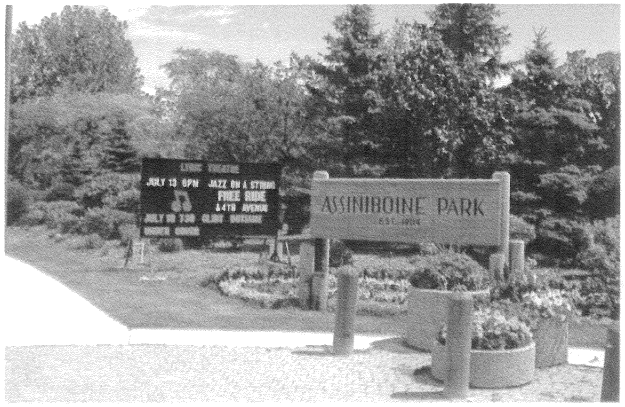


Portage Avenue

2. Park Entrances and Adjacent Streets

– four key entrances to the Park along two major Winnipeg Streets –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Develop distinctive streetscaping together with Signage to inform and attract visitors as integral features to capture the attention of passing pedestrians and motorists; complement the Park experience; and create a sense of excitement and occasion at the following locations:***
  - ***Corydon Avenue (between Park Boulevard and the west boundary of the Park)***
  - ***Portage Avenue (from Winchester Street west to the Deer Lodge Centre)***

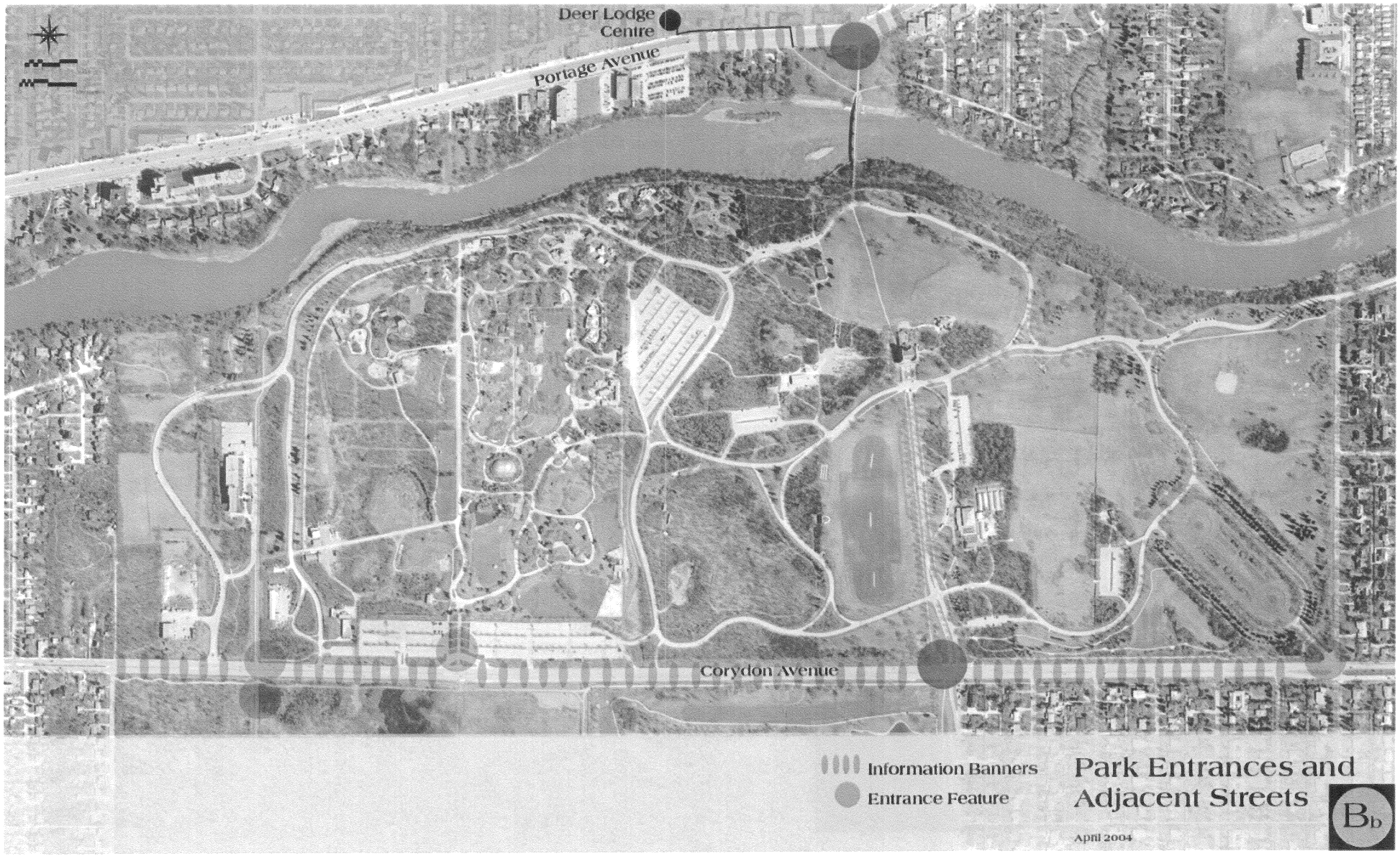
Development Proposals:

Corydon Avenue

- Develop celebratory Park Gates or entranceways at the 1916 Gate and at Conservatory Drive
- Establish secondary and tertiary entrances at the ZOO
- Establish an entranceway to the Forest with a strong link to Assiniboine Park

Portage Avenue

- Develop the 6-acre St James Entrance area as a passive park with a "Grand Entrance"
- Utilize Portage Avenue frontage to promote Park events
- Explore the feasibility of shared parking with landowners along Portage Avenue
- Enhance Portage Avenue views of the Park and its Pedestrian Bridge
- Rehabilitate the Assiniboine River Riparian zone


Deer Lodge Centre
Portage Avenue
Corydon Avenue
Information Banners
Entrance Feature
Park Entrances and Adjacent Streets
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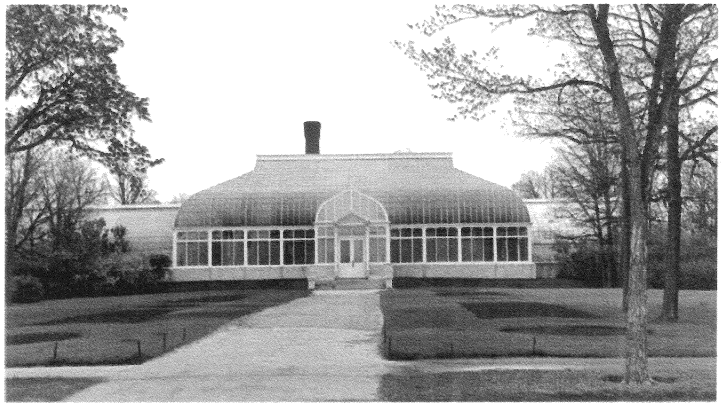
For nearly a century, the Palm House has served as one of the Park's key meeting places



Palm House 1914

3. Commemorative Area

– 11 acres off Corydon Avenue on Conservatory Drive –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Develop the Conservatory as a contemporary botanical centre providing horticultural exhibits, expertise and plant and natural environment conservation education***

- ***Dedicate, plan and develop the existing Conservatory area to accommodate commemorative installations including a public information and Park Visitor Centre***

- ***Preserve and protect significant trees that grow in the Commemorative Area***

Development Proposals:

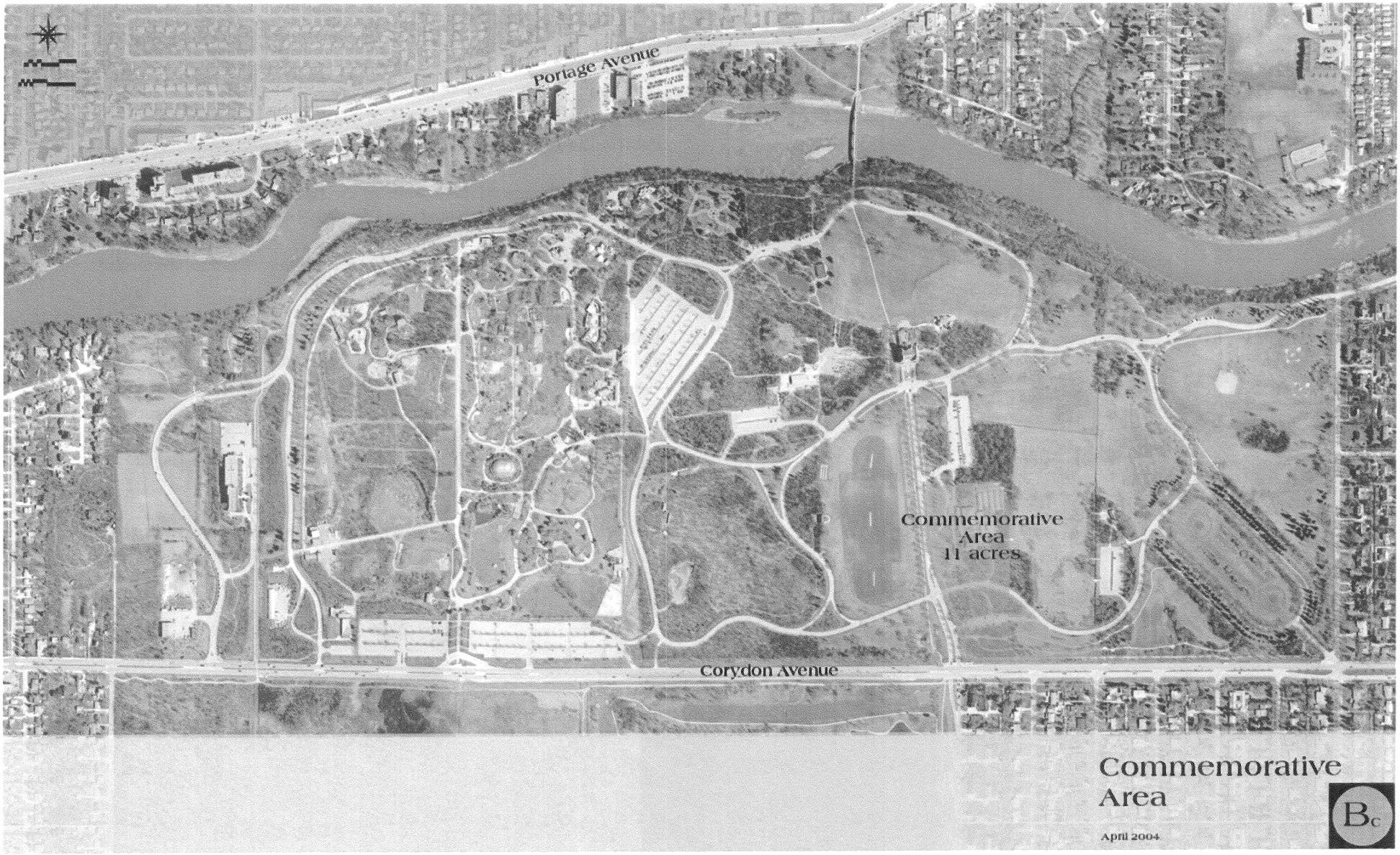
- Develop a Park Visitor Centre to serve as an information, interpretation and equipment rentals public service facility

- Strengthen the original (Olmsted-style) design of the Park by relocating a new Conservatory at the Formal Gardens

- Retain the Palm House plantings as part of the commemorative theme for the area

- Incorporate existing volunteer-developed specialty gardens into the commemorative area

- Remove existing greenhouses and re-vegetate the site's east boundary


Portage Avenue
Commemorative
Area
11 acres
Corydon Avenue
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4. Picnic Grounds and Playground

– 16 acres at the Park's interior –

Guiding Principles:

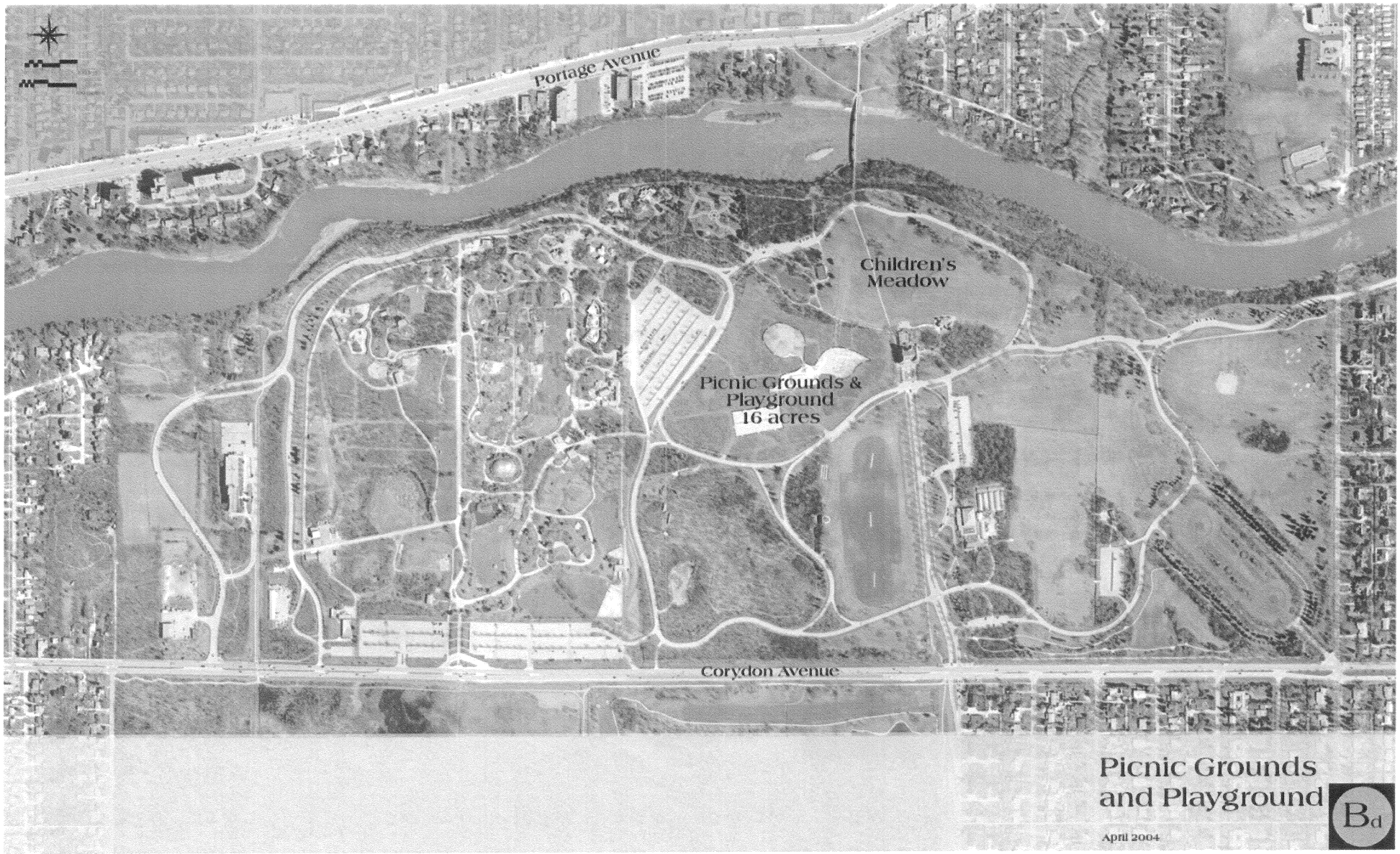
- ***Maintain and protect the historical integrity and appearance of the Pavilion as the foremost representative symbol of Assiniboine Park***
- ***Ensure that the visual dominance of the Pavilion within the Park is not diminished or encroached upon by new development***
- ***Maintain the perimeter appearance of the Playground as a wooded space***
- ***Require that the footprint of any new development in this area – such as buildings, parking or new open space – shall not exceed the total square footage of currently available or previously cleared space***

Development Proposals:

- Redevelop picnic grounds and imaginative playgrounds for use by children and families
- Link all "children's space" with a major walkway from the Children's Meadow to the Playground and eastward to the ZOO



An imaginative playground makes the Park attractive to children and families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Children's Meadow
Picnic Grounds & Playground 16 acres
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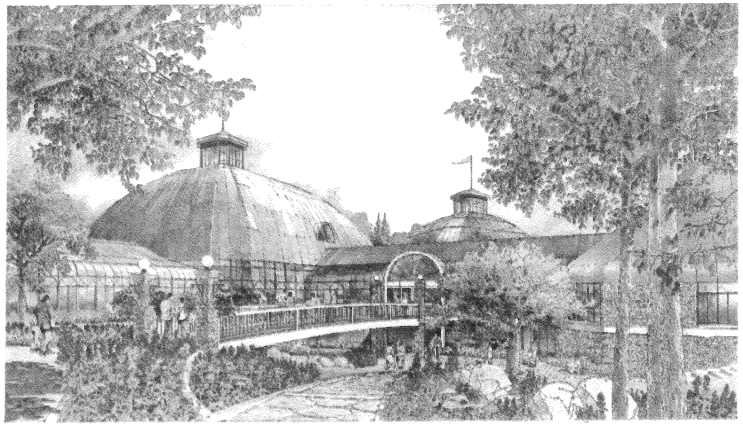


Conceptual Drawings of New Proposed Conservatory
Design by Stechesen Katz Architects
Sketches By Dennis Appler

5. The Formal Gardens

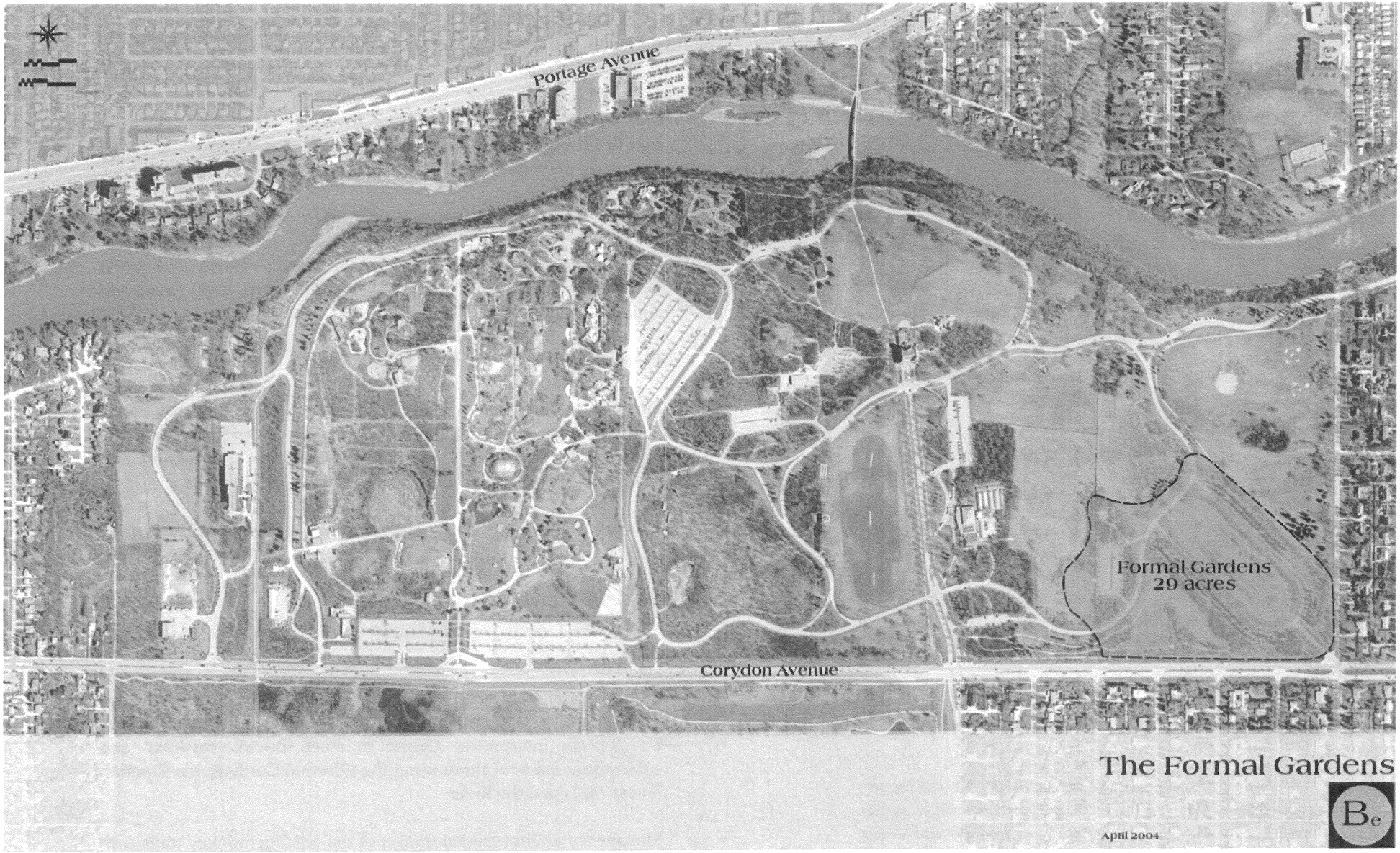
– 29 acres at the south-east entrance to the Park near Corydon Avenue –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Maintain, protect and enhance the tradition of Formal Gardens in the area***
- ***Protect and preserve the avenue of elms and other significant oak and elm trees within The Formal Gardens***
- ***Preserve the integrity of the 1916 Gate (at Corydon Avenue and Park Boulevard)***

Development Proposals:

- Locate a new Conservatory as the focal point of a restored Formal Gardens area
- Develop the north limit of The Formal Gardens to create a visually significant border to the adjacent Meadow
- Locate a new bus stop on Corydon Avenue at Park Boulevard to provide convenient access to The Formal Gardens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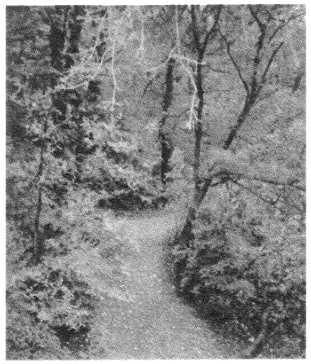
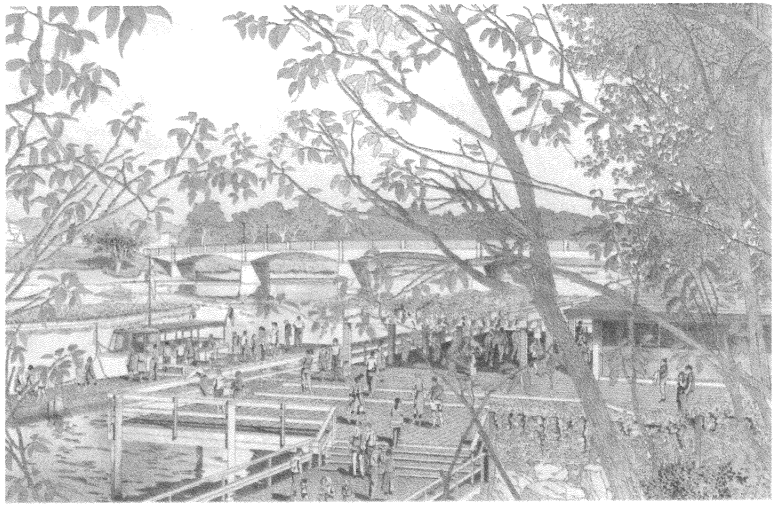


Monkey Trail



Assiniboine River



River Pavilion and Dock
Sketch By Dennis Appler

Plan Winnipeg 20/20 Vision 5C-02
Policy: Promote the Use of Rivers and Riverbanks
"facilitating public access to rivers and riverbank lands and encouraging the use of Winnipeg rivers for transportation and recreation through the provision of boat launches, docks and other accessibility improvements."

6. Assiniboine River and Riparian Forest

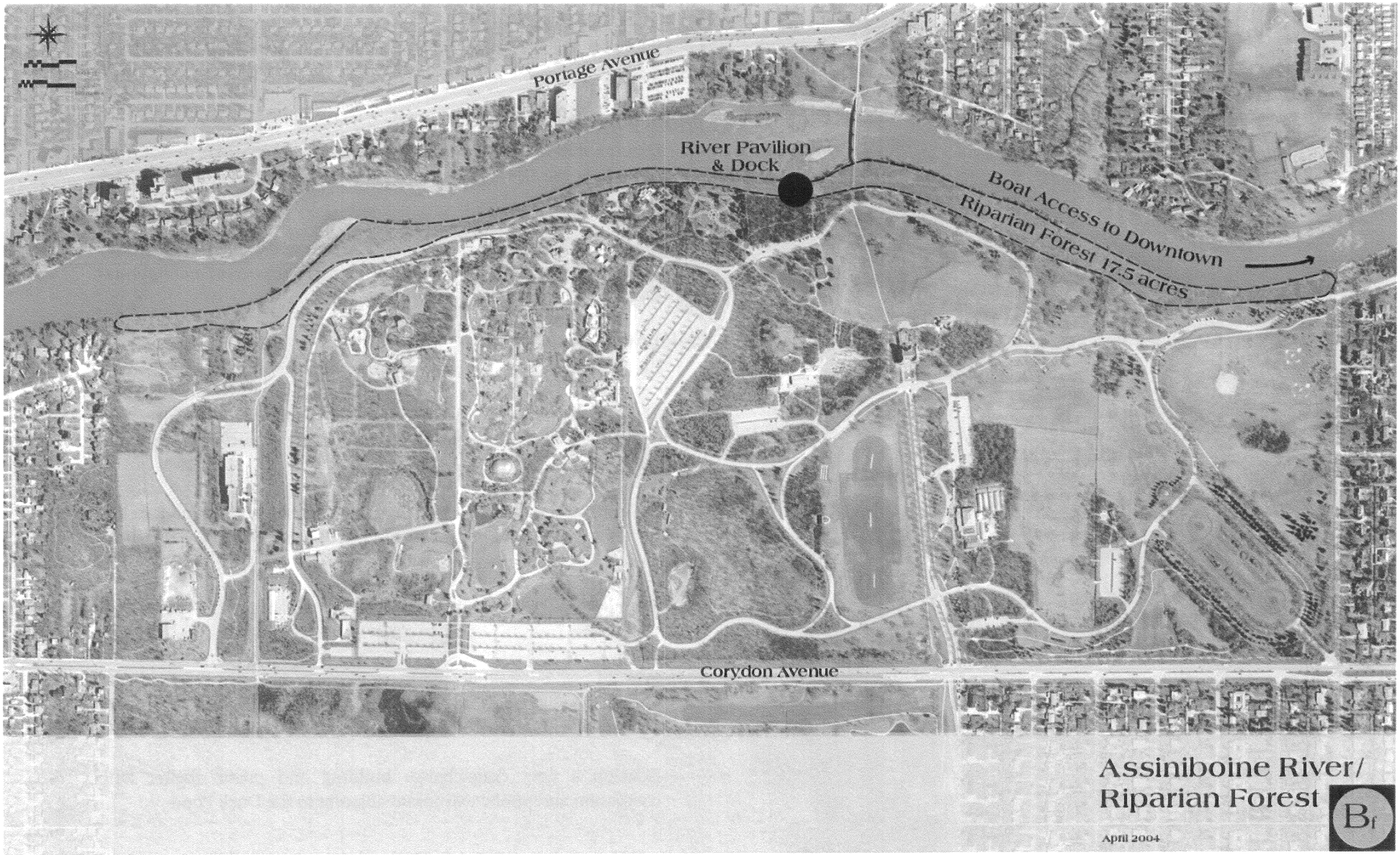
– 17.5 acres at the north bank to the Assiniboine River –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Create the Assiniboine River and its Riparian environment as a significant experiential feature that contributes significantly to the experience of "nature" within the Park***
- ***Protect and enhance the visual aspects of the pedestrian footbridge***
- ***Interpret the Assiniboine River / Riparian Forest as a native ecosystem and feature hydrological characteristics of the river, flora, Fauna and aquatic life***
- ***Protect and rehabilitate the Riparian Forest***
- ***Ensure that development of the Assiniboine River / Riparian Forest has "low environmental impact" in its form and function while providing a focal point for passive enjoyment, recreation and education including provision for pedestrians and bicycles***
- ***Preserve the "monkey trail" experience as an historic feature of the Park***

Development Proposals:

- Explore river access for boating
- Develop facilities to enable boat docking for access to downtown Winnipeg and other venues
- Develop an Interpretive Centre to meet the informational and educational needs of those using the Informal Gardens, the Riparian Forest Trails and the River
- Manage the environmental impact of the existing monkey trails with thoughtful control of their number, form, location and size


Portage Avenue
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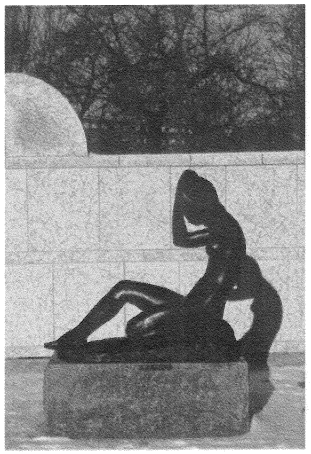
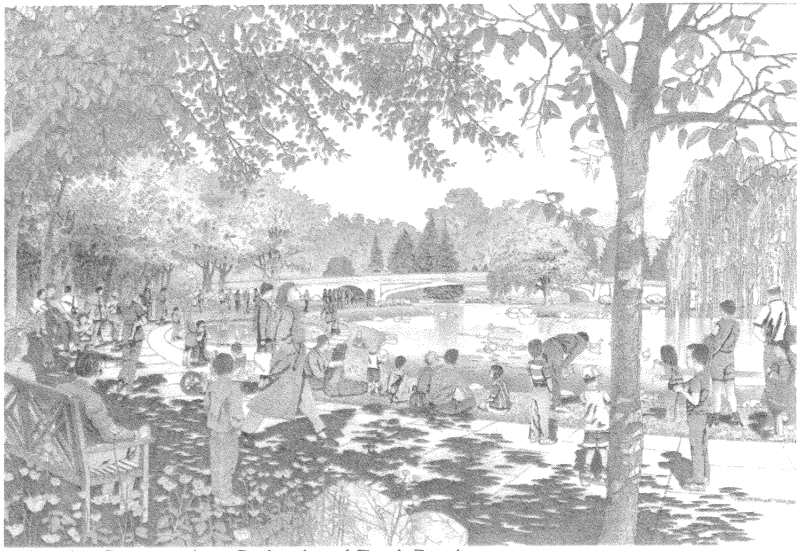


Leo Mol Sculpture Garden



English Gardens



Pedestrian Promenade at Redeveloped Duck Pond
Sketch By Dennis Appler

7. Informal Gardens

– 13 acres of English Garden, including the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden and Duck Pond –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Develop and manage the Informal Gardens as a single destination to include the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, Duck Pond and English Garden***

- ***Maintain and enhance the historic position of the English (Informal) Garden as a horticultural display, learning environment and informal setting***

Development Proposals:

- Create a primary entrance serving the entire Informal Gardens area

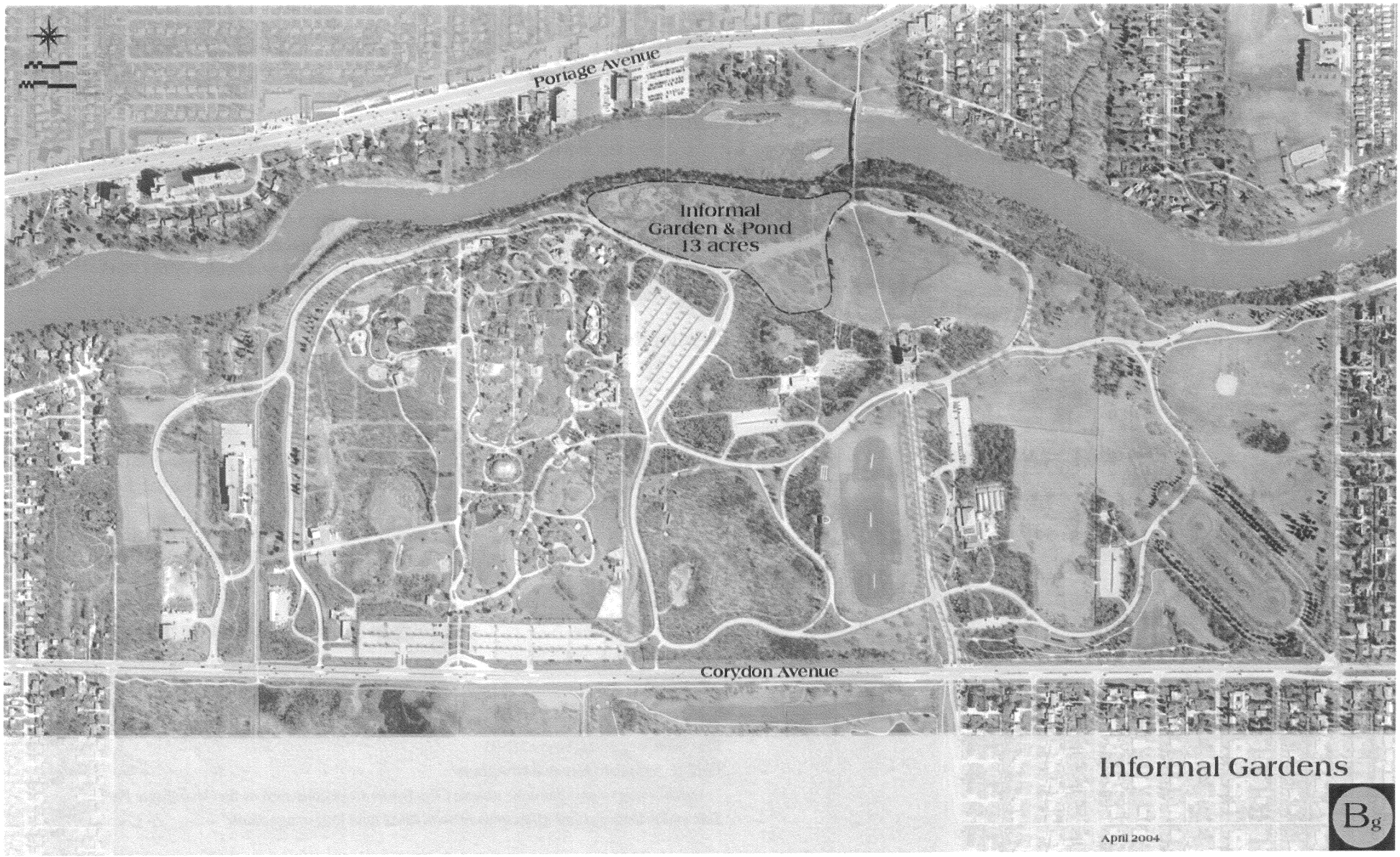
- Remove the perpendicular parking off Assiniboine Park Drive and replace it with conveniently located parking to serve the Informal Gardens area

- Link the Duck Pond to the English Gardens and beyond to the Assiniboine River and Pedestrian Bridge with a pedestrian promenade

- Develop an Automobile bridge to span above the pedestrian walkway

- Enlarge and rehabilitate the Duck Pond to enhance the aesthetics of the Park; offer new opportunities for water play; and provide an expanded skating surface to enhance winter enjoyment of the Park

- Develop a new skate-change building and picnic shelter with concession and public washroom adjacent to the Duck Pond



Informal Gardens

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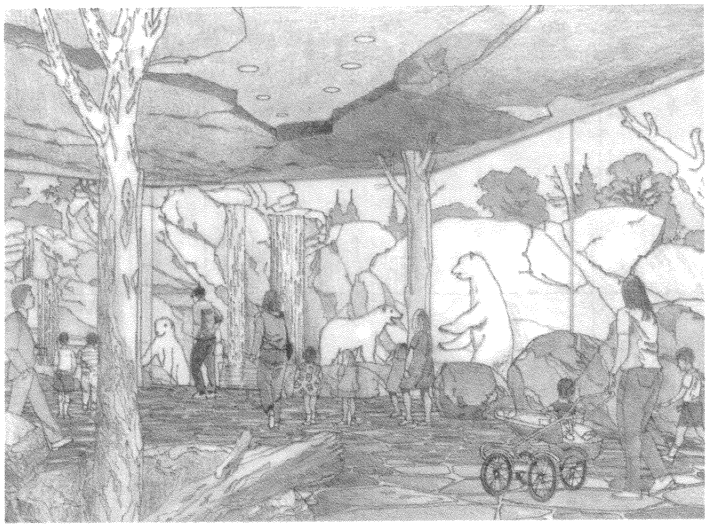

Assiniboine Park Zoo Polar Bear Enclosure
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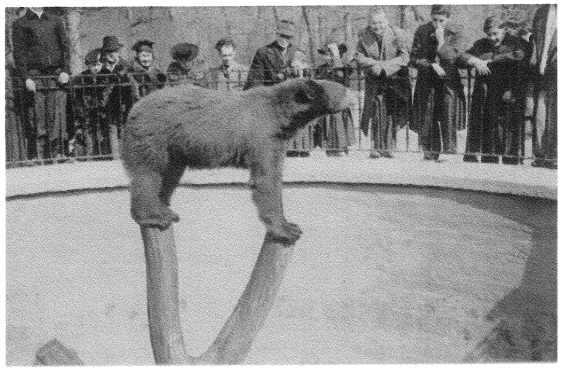


Bear Pit circa 1946

8. The ZOO

– a 90-acre site of which approximately one-third is intensively developed as a ZOO attraction –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Develop the ZOO as a contemporary attraction that is recognized as a living conservation education centre***

- ***Integrate the ZOO both physically and visually integrated into Assiniboine Park with the introduction of vistas and views to permit the sight of ZOO attractions by visitors to the remainder of the Park and, conversely, to reveal Park features to ZOO visitors***

Development Proposals:

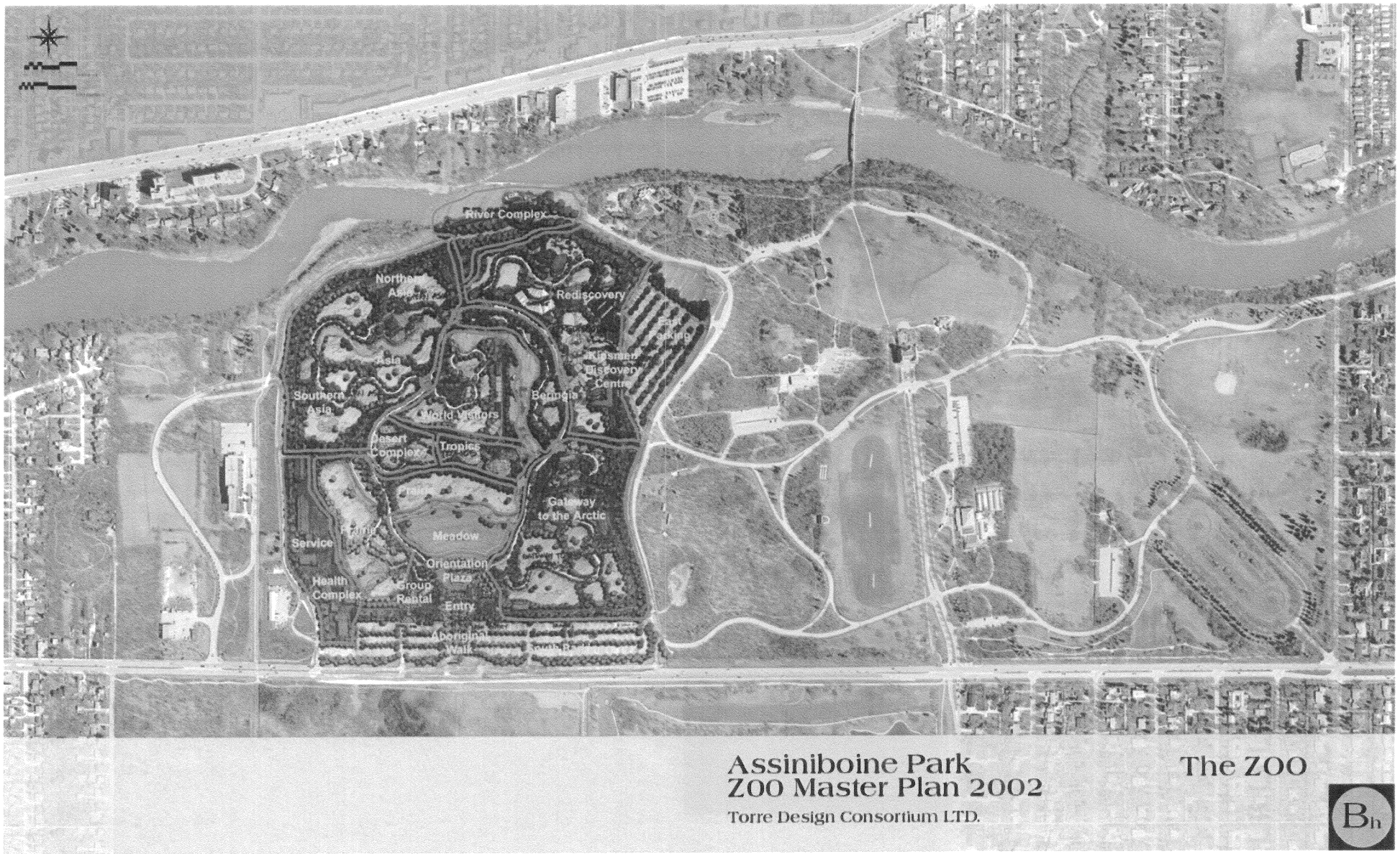
- Develop the ZOO according to the guidelines as defined in the "Assiniboine Park ZOO Master Plan 2002"

- Develop the Corydon Avenue Park frontage to the ZOO in a manner that enhances the street and promotes the ZOO. Review existing parking to ensure it complements the design aesthetic of the new Corydon Avenue Park frontage

- Establish an east-west bicycle trail, parallel and adjacent to Corydon Avenue

- Link the ZOO's east gate entry to the picnic grounds area with a primary walk system walkway

Plan Winnipeg 20/20 Vision 5D-03
Policy: Support Unique Attractions
"...establishing master plans for unique City-owned attractions such as the Assiniboine Park Zoo, and managing these attractions in accordance with long-range plans."



Assiniboine Park
Zoo Master Plan 2002

Torre Design Consortium LTD.

The Zoo

9. Meadows

– 57 combined acres of "Olmsted' meadows in four distinct and adjacent parts at the heart of the Park –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Preserve, protect and enhance the grassed meadows throughout the Park***

Development Proposals:

- Improve the defining perimeter of trees and woods to further enhance the open Meadow spaces throughout the Park



The Meadows of Assiniboine Park
Nearly 57 acres of mowed grassed open space comprise the most memorable feature within the Park.


Portage Avenue
Children's Meadow
Softball Fields
Cricket Pitch
Soccer Fields
Corydon Avenue
Meadows
57 Acres
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700 Assiniboine Drive



Skateboarders at the Pavilion

10. 700 Assiniboine Drive

– a 54,000 sq. ft. partially vacant civic building at the west side of the Park –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Reserve the area for future development to meet the needs of Winnipeg's youth as they relate to the overall experience of Assiniboine Park***

Development Proposals:

- Examine the existing civic structure to determine opportunities for redevelopment that will enhance the Park experience

- Engage youth in the promotion, sponsorship and planning of its development related to emerging and youth-oriented activities

Plan Winnipeg 20/20 Vision
Principle: Healthy Living – Promoting Healthy Lifestyles
"…this includes the provision of …education, recreation, arts and culture to assist citizens in developing to their fullest potential."