Our Commitment:
Assiniboine Park and the Assiniboine Forest will be tied together thematically and programmatically. They shall be managed, operated, viewed and developed as a single unified entity with a design review process to apply to the entire site. Any new development will be assessed according to the values and principles of this Framework Plan.

A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PARK DEVELOPMENT

Assiniboine Park is an eleven hundred acre site including Assiniboine Park, the ZOO and Assiniboine Forest. With the creation of the Assiniboine Park Enterprise, the intent is to develop and manage the entire eleven-hundred-acre site as a single entity. As such, Assiniboine Park will serve as a principal attraction for Winnipeg and Manitoba Residents as well as a destination for visitors to this City and Province.

Our strategic approach involves the following:

- The City of Winnipeg is committed to working collaboratively with Assiniboine Park's strategic partners and key - groups in accordance with the Park Values and Guiding Principles of this Framework Plan
- The City of Winnipeg will assess all new development proposals according to the Park Values and Guiding Principles of the Framework Plan
- The City of Winnipeg will actively seek public-private partnership opportunities in all aspects of future Park development
- The City of Winnipeg will require that strategic initiatives within Assiniboine Park, including new development opportunities, are subject to approved Business Plans
- Physical planning within Assiniboine Park will be guided by principles developed for each of the eleven distinct areas of the Park:

1. **Assiniboine Forest**
2. **Park Entrances and Adjacent Streets**
3. **Commemorative Area**
4. **Picnic Grounds and Playground**
5 **The Formal Gardens**
6. **Assiniboine River and Riparian Forest**
7. **Informal Gardens**
8. **The ZOO**
9. **Meadows**
10. **700 Assiniboine Drive**
11. **Park Maintenance Yard**


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:

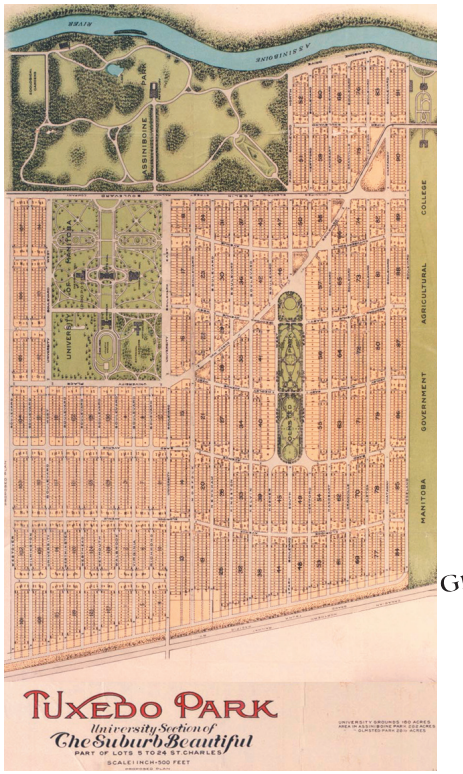
- ***Preserve and protect and manage the Assiniboine Forest as a natural heritage area dominated by oak and aspen forest***

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

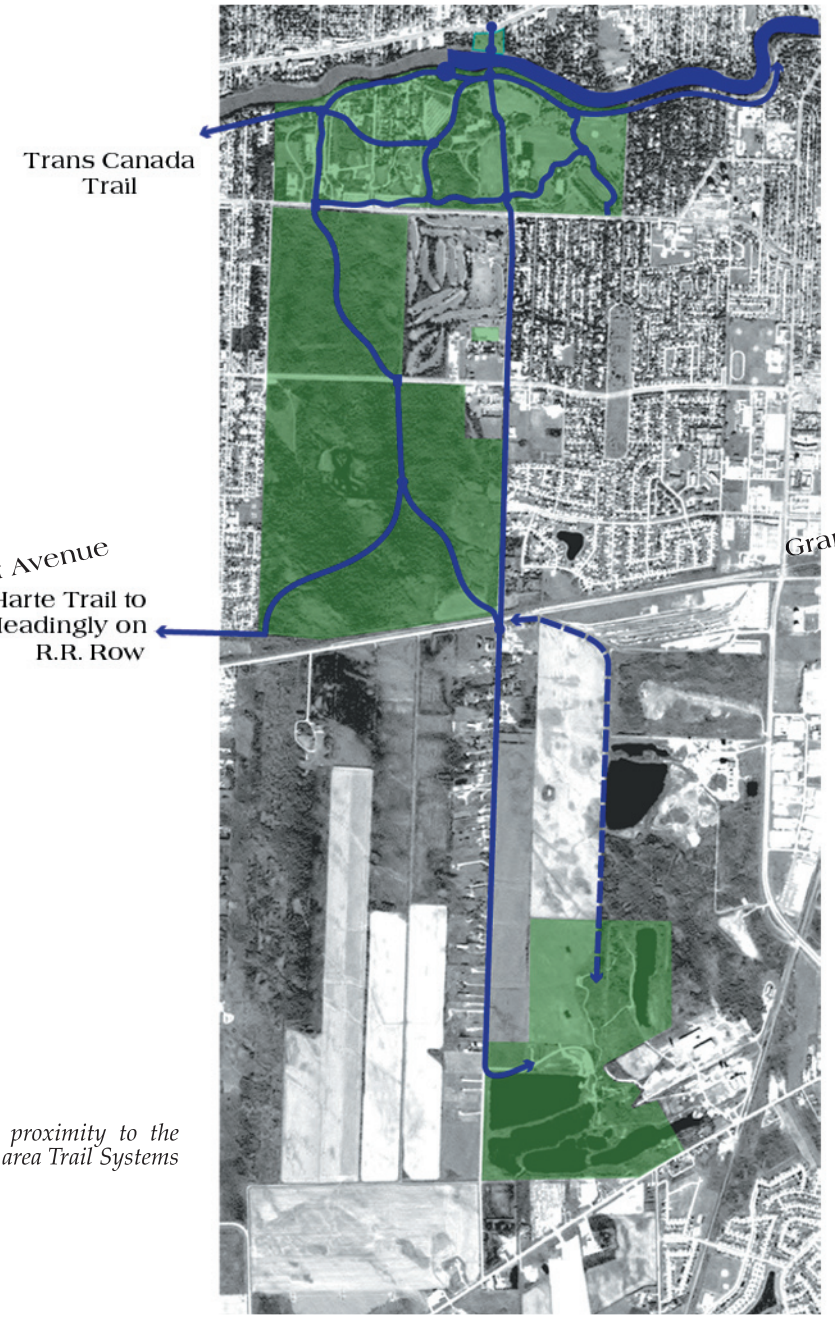
Development Proposals:

- 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
Concept by Torre Design Consortium LTD.
Sketch By Dennis Appler



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)***

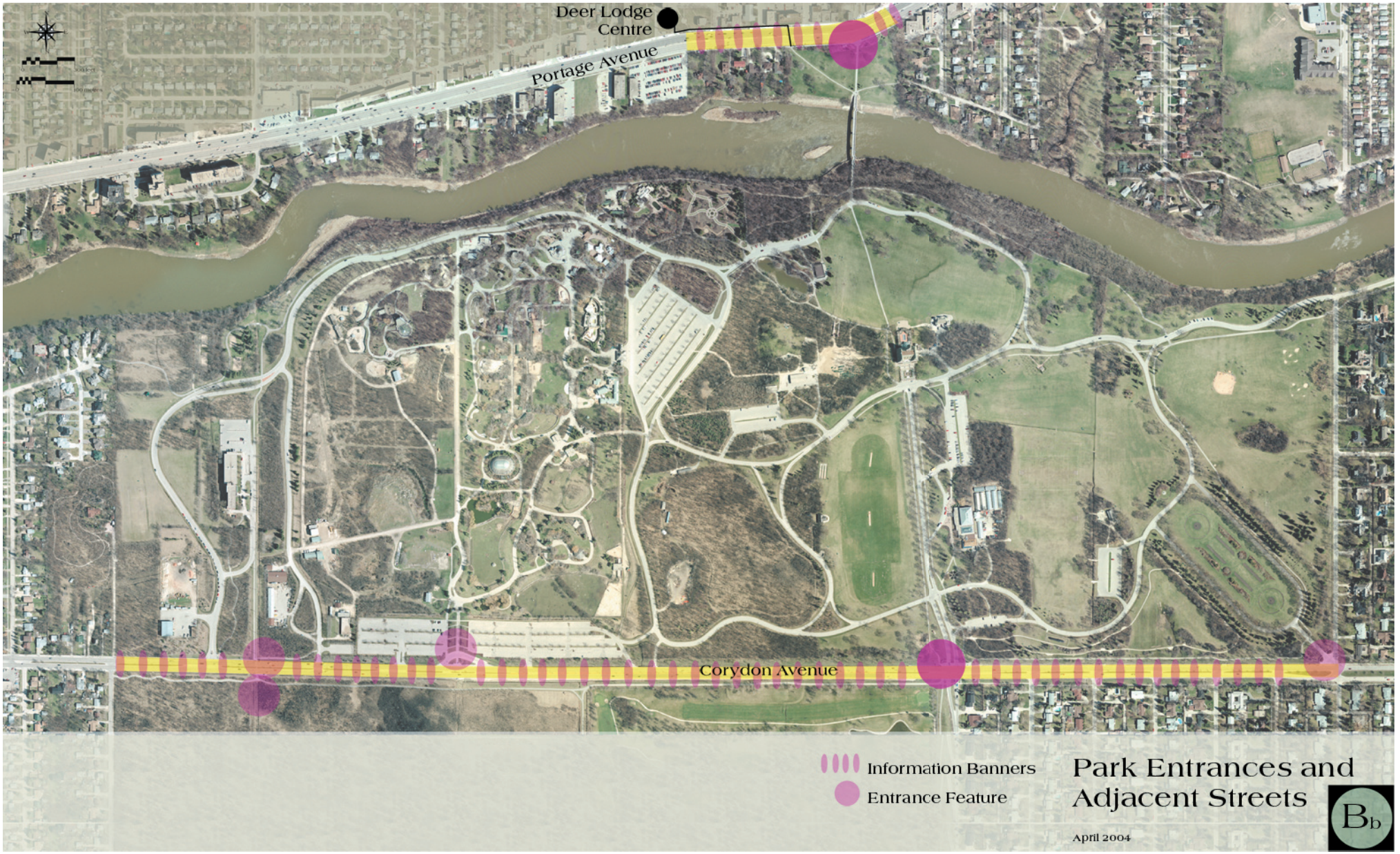
Development Proposals:

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 re-locating 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
Commemorative
Area
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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


Portage Avenue
Children's Meadow
Picnic Grounds & Playground 16 acres
Corydon Avenue
Picnic Grounds and Playground
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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


Portage Avenue
Formal Gardens
29 acres
Corydon Avenue
The Formal Gardens
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