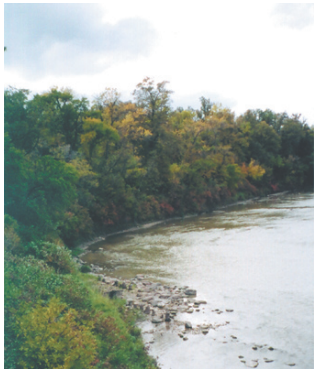


Monkey Trail



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 –

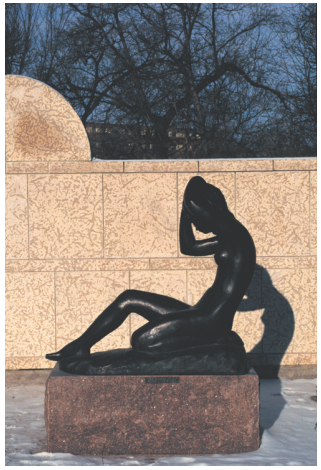
Guiding Principles:

- ***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
River Pavilion
& Dock
Boat Access to Downtown
Riparian Forest 17.5 acres
Corydon Avenue
Assiniboine River/
Riparian Forest
April 2004
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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

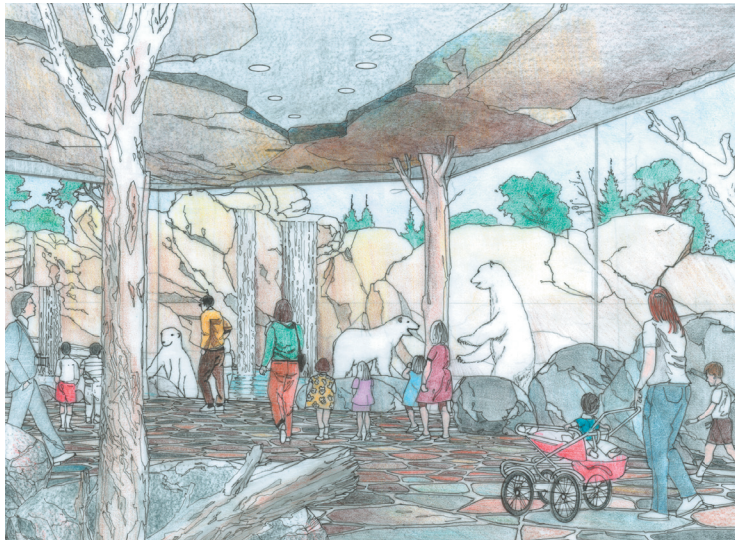
- Link the Duck Pond to the English Gardens and beyond to the Assiniboine River and Pedestrian Bridge with a pedestrian promenade

- 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


Portage Avenue
Informal
Garden & Pond
13 acres
Corydon Avenue
Informal Gardens
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April 2004



Assiniboine Park Zoo Polar Bear Enclosure
Concept by Torre Design Consortium LTD.
Sketch By Dennis Appler



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."


River Complex
Northern Asia
Rediscovery
East Parking
Asia
Kinsmen Discovery Centre
Southern Asia
Beringia
World Visitors
Desert Complex
Tropics
Prairie
Gateway to the Arctic
Prairie
Service
Meadow
Orientation Plaza
Health Complex
Group Rental
Entry
Aboriginal Walk
South Parking
Assiniboine Park
Zoo Master Plan 2002
Torre Design Consortium LTD.
The Zoo
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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
Soccer Fields
Cricket Pitch
Corydon Avenue
Meadows
57 Acres
April 2004
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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."


Portage Avenue
700 Assiniboine Drive
Corydon Avenue
700 Assiniboine Drive
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11. Park Maintenance Yard

– eight acres at the south-west corner of the Park –

Guiding Principles:

- ***Consolidate existing Park maintenance functions and dedicate this yard to the maintenance function of Assiniboine Park***

- ***Retain the existing woods on the west side of the site***

Development Proposals:

- Reduce the size of the area utilized for maintenance facilities

- Screen the site from Assiniboine Park Drive

- Provide on-site staff parking and prohibit staff parking along Assiniboine Park Drive



Consolidation of park maintenance functions is among proposed strategic objectives


Portage Avenue
Park
Maintenance
8 acres
Corydon Avenue
Park Maintenance
Yard
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