ASSINIBOINE PARK
PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN

Youth Recreation Area
- A large park area dedicated to youth oriented activities
- Youth involvement in planning, promotion and development

Assiniboine Park Zoo
- A unique "living conservation education centre" combining zoological park and cultural museum to display animals as part of living systems
- Concentrating on cooler climate systems, the Zoo will link animal exhibits with opportunities for experience in the Canadian wilds, enticing visitors to visit natural areas in our country to learn more

Revitalized Informal Gardens
- Treated as a single destination with one primary entrance and dedicated parking to serve the area including the English Gardens and the Leo Mol Sculpture Gardens
- Gardens linked to the Duck Pond, Assiniboine River and the Footbridge through a wide pedestrian promenade

Expanded Duck Pond
- Enlarged and rehabilitated pond to enhance Park aesthetics and offer new opportunities for summer water play and winter skating
- New picnic shelter / skate-change building with concessions and public washrooms

River Pavilion and Dock
- Interpretive centre to inform and educate on Assiniboine River/Riparian Forest ecosystem featuring hydrological characteristics of the river, flora, fauna, aquatic life and the nearby gardens area
- Facilities for boat docking for access to downtown Winnipeg

Redeveloped Picnic Area and Playground
- Imaginative play features for children and families with adjacent and welcoming picnic facilities
- Children's play area linked to the Children's Meadow and to the Zoo entrance with a major pedestrian promenade with room for entertainment and activity

Park Visitor Centre
- Park interpretive services, rentals, information, Park Police, providing full visitor services to Assiniboine Park
- Visitor centre retains significant palm house plantings at the site of the existing Conservatory

Commemorative Gardens
- An area dedicated to commemorative installations suitable and appropriate to placement in Assiniboine Park
- Similar to all areas of the Park, installation, placement and development will meet Design Review Criteria intended to protect and enhance Park characteristics

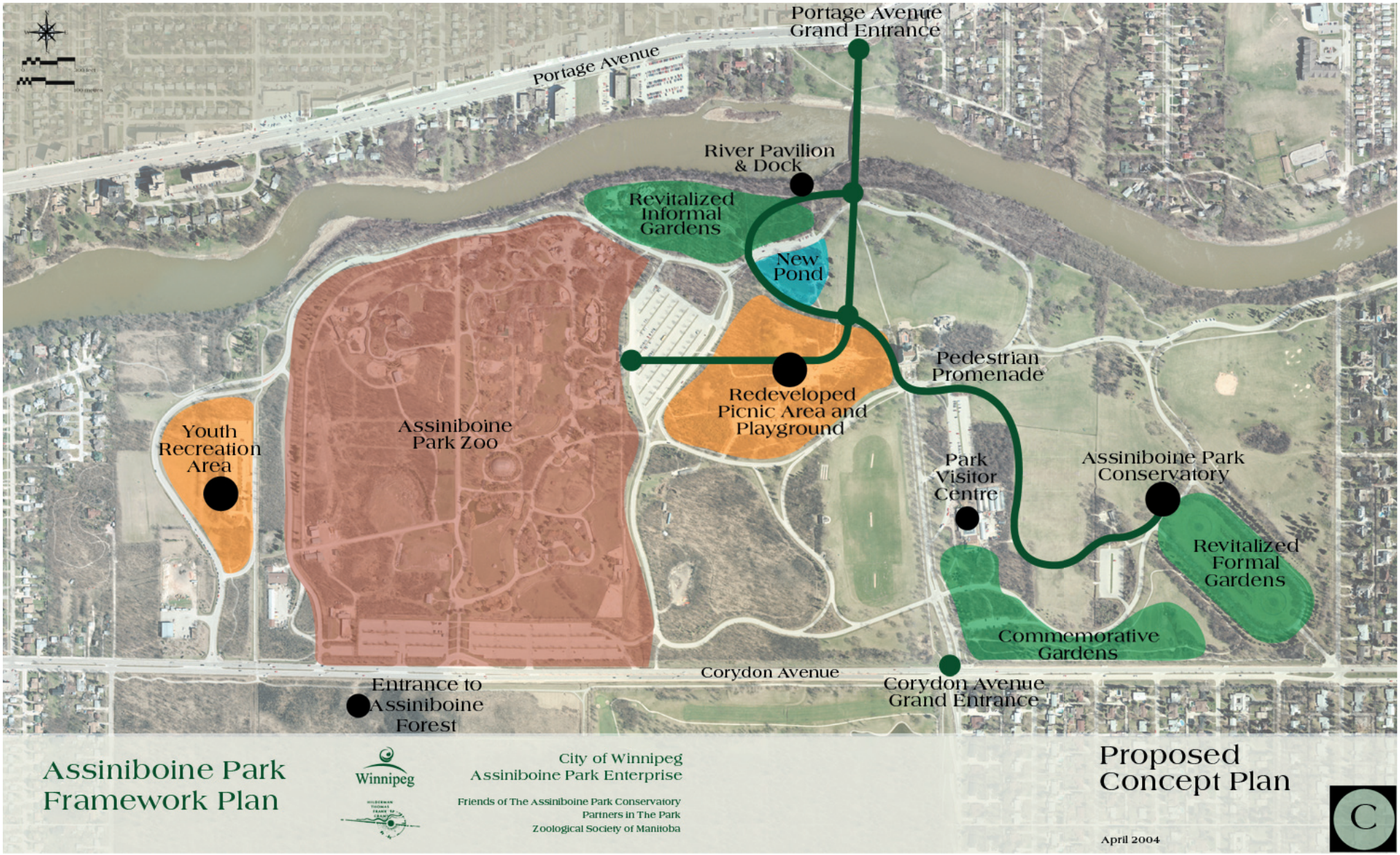
Pedestrian Promenade
- Major walkways linking key attractions and areas while pronouncing the precedence of foot power over automobiles in Assiniboine Park
- Dedicated nodes for entertainment, casual buskers, food services, displays and park play

Assiniboine Forest
- A preserved, protected and managed natural heritage area dominated by oak and aspen forest featuring interpretive signage and public facilities
- Developed walking trails linked internally and beyond to Trans Canada Trail, Harte Trail, Fort Whyte Centre and area trail systems

Park Entrances
- Distinctive streetscapes and signage to inform, attract and create a sense of excitement and occasion surrounding Assiniboine Park
- Grand entrances to the Park from Portage and Corydon Avenues, and to the Forest from Grant Avenue

Assiniboine Park Conservatory
- Prominent at the head of the Formal Gardens area, the new Conservatory features a butterfly and plant biomes creating a treasured year-round attraction for residents and a must-see tourist destination
- Devoted to education about the plant kingdom and botanical and horti-cultural endeavours of Manitoba, the Conservatory will lead and encourage environmental stewardship and conservation of natural environments

Formal Gardens
- Revitalized to complement the programs and aesthetic of the new conservatory
- The existing entrance road at the corner of Park Boulevard and Corydon Avenue converted to serve pedestrians and cyclists and a new vehicular entrance developed to access the new conservatory


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Framework Plan
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Assiniboine Park Enterprise
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