

## NEW PHASE ONE STRATEGY PROPOSAL

March 28, 2004

Common name: "Loon Lake" Trolley Path Improvements (Strategy 7.1.1.2)

Plan Section: "Loon Lake" Trolley Path (Section 7)

Goal: Retain and preserve historical trolley/streetcar right-of-way.

Objective: Make improvements to the former trolley/streetcar right-of-way on the hillside above East Calhoun Parkway between West 34<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Street that encourage passive, safe use by the community.

Strategy: Perform improvements to the "Loon Lake" Trolley Path, including repair to the existing staircase at the end of Conarias Way.

Budget: \$22,000

### Background

ECCO NRP added the "Loon Lake" Trolley path section to the Phase One Action Plan in 2001. At that time, the neighborhood moved \$4,700 from another strategy to cover the expenses of a land survey. This survey of land identified the boundary of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) property. The neighborhood used this information as it worked to remove rubbish and debris on the property, and then added wood chip mulch to re-establish the area as a trail.

In the original proposal for improvements on the trail, the budget reflected the funding for improvements to relics of the former trolley stop and installation of historical interpretive signs. Due to available funding the neighborhood moved only the land survey funding forward. The MPRB required the survey prior to any improvements to the area, including work ECCO volunteers performed.

As a result of the neighborhood completing a majority of the NRP Phase One strategies with the availability of funds ECCO NRP proposes to improve the physical amenities on the path. This strategy will first stabilize a concrete staircase at the end of Conarias Way that used to lead to the former trolley station.

### Proposed staircase improvements

The main entrance to the "Loon Lake" Trolley Path is the stairs leading down to the path from Conarias Way. Historically, this was a boarding point for trolley riders. Although continually used by the neighborhood, these concrete stairs, steel railings, and retaining walls are badly deteriorated and hazardous. This project plan covers renovation of this site, making it safe and bringing it back to resemble its original historic state.

Proposal costs and scope of work

Costs, 2004 quote, for removing and hauling old concrete, forming and pouring steps and walls, all concrete reinforced and sealed, expansion and control joints as required, approximately 100 feet of railing, all concrete work and iron work to match historical features as closely as possible.

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| Project estimate | <u>\$22,000.00</u> |
|                  | TOTAL\$22,000.00   |

Funding source

The sources of funds for this strategy will come from two sources: the survey of land and Hennepin Avenue Lighting.

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| Survey of Land (Strategy 7.1.1.1) -         | \$ 750.00          |
| Hennepin Avenue Lighting (Strategy 3.1.4.1) | <u>\$21,250.00</u> |
|   | TOTAL\$22,000.00   |

The neighborhood has additional funding in the survey of land due to actual costs of the survey being less than the original price quote. The Hennepin Avenue Street lighting project did not receive the required support of those living on Hennepin Avenue to implement this project.