

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan

The following chapter outlines an implementation plan for the Loring Park Neighborhood Small Area Plan. It offers tools to assist the public and private sectors in the realization of the community vision for the neighborhood. After adoption by the City Council, the Plan will become a part of the City’s comprehensive plan. While many implementation strategies will be the responsibility of the City, most of the recommendations will take a cooperative effort from CLPC, other community organizations, neighborhood institutions, private developers, property owners and residents.

Below are recommendations of the plan that have been identified as priorities for implementation. Key elements and initial strategy ideas are outlined. This includes potential partners that would take part in accomplishing the recommendation. Following the Implementation Priorities is a table of all plan recommendations. The table defines responsible parties and time frame for implementation (Near Term: 0-5 years; Mid Term: 5-10 years; Long Term: 10-20 years).

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES	Partners
<p>Neighborhood Re-Zoning Study</p> <p>The Loring Park neighborhood will work with the City of Minneapolis to implement a rezoning study of portions of the Loring Park Neighborhood that have been identified in the small area plan to be in conflict with current zoning. The process will include a community engagement process that includes residents, property owners, businesses and institutions. It may also involve cooperation with any adjoining neighborhoods that could be included as part of a larger study.</p> <p>0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After approval of small area plan by city work to schedule rezoning study by city staff. • Work with other neighborhoods such as Elliot Park that may also have reasons for a rezoning study. • Establish and conduct a zoning study outreach and community engagement plan in cooperation with the city. • Using study results support city approval of changes to neighborhood zoning districts that meet the concerns of the community. 	<p>CLPC, Minneapolis Planning Dept.</p>
<p>Safe Crossings to Loring Park</p> <p>The Loring Park neighborhood will work with the City of Minneapolis to make safety improvements to key pedestrian street crossing points around the periphery of Loring Park. Improvement options will be given further analysis to identify issues and to determine final layouts and design elements. The neighborhood will identify and pursue sources of funding to complete crosswalk improvement projects.</p> <p>0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to identify short-term and longer-term improvements to each pedestrian crossing location. • Identify and further prioritize potential sources of funding for improvements (NRP, CLICK, grants, etc.). Take steps to secure funding for specific crossing point improvements. 	<p>CLPC, City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the MET Council, Minneapolis Public Works Department, Friends of Loring Park, MPRB, Minneapolis ADA Advisory Council</p>

5-10 years:

- Maintain ongoing community involvement and communication with city to ensure that improvements are maintained, and to ensure that new issues are addressed.
- Ensure Met Council's Pedestrian Safety goals are met along the Nicollet Avenue Corridor.

LEED-ND Certification and Improvements to the Neighborhood's Long-term Sustainability

The Loring Park Neighborhood will pursue LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) certification through the neighborhood master Plan. The neighborhood will pursue long term improvements in order to achieve the goals set in the *Loring Sustainability Indicators* plus other opportunities that arise for improving the neighborhood's sustainability. LEED-ND certification will be used as a tool to leverage ongoing improvements and to promote the neighborhood's sustainable assets.

Today LEED-ND is generally applied to new development. As an existing neighborhood Loring Park will require a pilot project with the national office of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). This will build on the Loring Park LEED-ND pilot project conducted by the state chapter of the USGBC in 2011. Understanding that the neighborhood is a pioneer in the use of the certification system for existing neighborhoods the time-line for achieving certification is not as clear cut as it would be for some other projects.

While certification can serve as a valuable tool to make the neighborhood more sustainable, it is not a prerequisite. The neighborhood will immediately begin the work of improving levels of sustainability. This will

0-5 years:

- Register the Loring Park Neighborhood with the USGBC's LEED-ND sustainability certification system
- Set objectives for neighborhood-wide improvements in the subjects defined in the LEED-ND rating system; measure progress toward those objectives; seek certification of the Neighborhood through a pilot project in cooperation with the state and national offices of the USGBC.
- Adopt and measure seven indicators of progress toward sustainability. Several strategies from throughout the Neighborhood plan are presented in the subjects of energy efficiency, transit, walking, recycling, green surfaces, parking lots and income diversity.
- Establish governmental, business, and institutional partnerships that can assist the neighborhood to meet it's sustainability goals.
- Publicize and promote the City's Sustainability Indicators, which address the topics of a healthy life, environmental protection and a vital community

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May include a variety of city departments and programs including: CPED, Public Works Department, Homegrown Minneapolis

Hennepin County -
May include a variety of county departments and programs including: Department of Environmental Services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop specific strategies for neighborhood to meet goals outlined in the Loring Indicators. • Support use, or development of a guide(s) to assist multi-family building owners, managers and occupants to take steps that lower energy consumption and reduce household waste. <p>5-10 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue cattail remediation in conjunction with long-term native species maintenance program. • Support ongoing efforts to maintain and improve neighborhood transit service and the use of bike and car sharing. • Support ongoing efforts to maintain and improve pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure. • Measure improvements to neighborhood based on 2010 and 2011 analysis the neighborhood's sustainable attributes. 	
<p>Harmon Place Revitalization</p> <p>Revitalization of the historic Harmon Place commercial street will focus on the re-design and enhancement of the streetscape. Improvements will happen through the city in cooperation with residents, local businesses and institutions.</p> <p>0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Harmon Place layout options as defined in Small Area Plan and make selection through a community engagement process. • Pursue funding and partnerships for selected option. • Create design for streetscape enhancements including greening, signage, street modifications, public art and public space. • “Wrap” utility boxes surrounding park with community generated art. • Ensure Met Council's Pedestrian Safety goals are met along the Nicollet Avenue Corridor. <p>5-10 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the use and reuse of the street's historic buildings for commercial and cultural functions that are conducive to an active street life. 	<p>CLPC, CPED, MPLS Public Works, St. Thomas, MCTC, City Bicycle Coordinator, City Arts & Culture Director, CLPC</p>
<p>Loring Hill Historic Conservation</p> <p>Preserve the historic character of Loring Hill district through building preservation and guidance on future development. This may include a variety of alternative approaches including historic districts, conservation districts, and rezoning.</p> <p>Strategic Steps 0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement rezoning study and adjust current districts to align with recommendations of small area plan • Implement Loring Hill Historic Preservation Options Study to study alternatives such as District Designation and Conservation Districts. Pursue funding for study from potential community resources. 	<p>CLPC, Residents, Properties, CPED, HPC, Historic Churches, CLPC</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support walking tours and other activities that increase awareness of the the hills historic resources. <p>5-10 years:</p> <p>10-20 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to create an expanded green connection between Loring Park and the Sculpture Garden. 	
<p>Nicollet Avenue Revitalization</p> <p>Revitalization of Nicollet Avenue will be an ongoing pursuit involving multiple elements including transit, economic and cultural development, safety sustainability.</p> <p>0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize with businesses and property owners to work with the Minneapolis Police Department to address livability and safety issues. • Assess current and future parking needs and establish a plan to adequately accommodate visitor parking and to preserve resident parking. • Support the use and reuse of the street's historic buildings for commercial and cultural functions that are conducive to an active street life. • Develop initiative to brand the area around Nicollet Avenue as “Loring Village” • Support efforts to add streetcar service and, or improve Nicollet Avenue transit service. • Organize, and participate in the Nicollet-Central Corridor Transportation Alternatives Analysis • Engage in the Met Councils "THRIVE MSP" community engagement process to pursue equity in Transit & Housing Development, setting their 2040 Metropolitan goals. Match these goals to our Master plan goals in the areas of Transit, Reducing the Carbon footprint, Workforce Housing Development, and other issues. • Public Policy - Discuss Sewer Access Fees for Nicollet Ave. businesses and for new development and explore Reduction of these fees. • Ensure Met Council's Pedestrian Safety goals are met along the Nicollet Avenue Corridor. • Continue discussions and explore Public Policy with Met Council and local government which supports local, family-owned businesses during Transit development and as development opportunities arise. Monitor the Central Corridor Lessons learned for Nicollet Ave. during Streetcar discussions. • “Wrap” utility boxes surrounding park with community generated art. <p>5-10 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to develop the city owned “Meterfarm” site at 15th Street and Nicollet Ave. 	<p>CLPC, CPED, MPD, Stevens Square Community Organization (SSCO), Convention Center, Loring Business Association</p>

- Work with property owners and developers to build mixed use commercial development with housing that serves individuals and families with diversity range of income.
- Promote development that helps achieve the goals of the Loring Indicators.
- Promote 'Loring Village' brand for the area around Nicollet Avenue.

10-20 years:

Support for Park Public Art, Public Space, and Public Space Programming

Loring Park is a central focal point and integral of part of the neighborhood. All of the below actions steps will happen in cooperation with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). Other entities will also be crucial. For establishing better, safer crossings to the park will

0-5 years:

- Design and conduct and conduct an inventory of Public Art in the Park, M & R needs, and feasible locations for additional art.
- Berger Fountain & Plaza Capital Campaign and Fund raising
- Develop plan with MPRB to create an enhanced promenade across Loring Park connecting Downtown Minneapolis to the Walker Art Center via the Loring Greenway and Berger Fountain. Plan should include a high quality way-finding system to assist visitors.
- "Wrap" utility boxes surrounding park with community generated art.
- Conduct survey of the condition of existing public art in park and develop long-range maintenance plan.
- Develop plan to add walkways at the periphery of the park. The top priority should include sections along Willow Street.
- Support Friends of Loring Park initiatives that encourage active participation and investment by the community.
- Support efforts to establish safe street crossings at the park's periphery. See "Safe Crossings" section of this implementation plan.
- Develop programming with the Minneapolis Community & technical College and other educational institutions to allow students to utilize Loring for environmental science and other studies.
- Assess Community Assets – Survey individuals, businesses and institutions for potential assets that could lead to investment and partnerships that contribute to the programming and fabric of the park.
- Apply for the CPED's Art in Public Places arts funding program.

5-10 years:

- Berger Fountain & plaza construction
- Explore potential opportunities to develop vegetable and fruit gardening. Pursue possible managing partners and develop

MPRB, City of Minneapolis/Public Art, friends of Loring Park, CLPC

<p>community based programming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to maintain and make improvements to park entrances. • Assess impacts of park events on the park and surrounding community. Continue to pursue ways to mitigate negative impacts and capitalize on positive one's. • Continue to implement and complete projects set forth in the Loring Park Master Plan (1996) • Continue to work with MPRB and the DNR to address problems related to invasive cattails. Develop long-term plan to establish and maintain a more diverse array of native shoreline plants. <p>10-20 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to create an expanded green connection between Loring Park and the Sculpture Garden. 	
<p>Increase Social Capital for a Safer and more Connected Neighborhood</p> <p>Through ongoing partnerships between community members, agencies and organizations increase community awareness in order to address current issues and to plan for the future.</p> <p>0-5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and develop a communication network between property owners, businesses, residents, institutions social service institutions, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis resources and the Minneapolis Police Department to communicate information. • Implement the Livability, Safety & Community sections of Loring Park Neighborhood NRP Phase II Action Plan • Provide public forums where property owners, business owners, residents, and members of institutions and government can get to know each other and share critical information. • Continue to pursue initiatives with the Minneapolis Police Department to enhance Community Policing approaches. • Ensure police presence across the neighborhood with a special emphasis in and around Nicollet Avenue. • Ensure an immediate response and communication plan for all Part I crimes. • Pursue and continue focus on Part II Livability Offenses to reduce crime and enhance safety. • Coordinate safety training at multi-family buildings with the Minneapolis Police Department. • Public Policy - Set standards for Community Engagement - no less than 30 day notification and preferably 45-day notification. <p>5-10 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule with Xcel Energy an update of all pedestrian level ornamental lighting. • Cultivate new leadership with an annual outreach plan to recruit and develop participation and leadership. 	<p>CLPC, Minneapolis Police Department, MPRB Police,</p>