



Berger (Dandelion) Fountain, Loring Park

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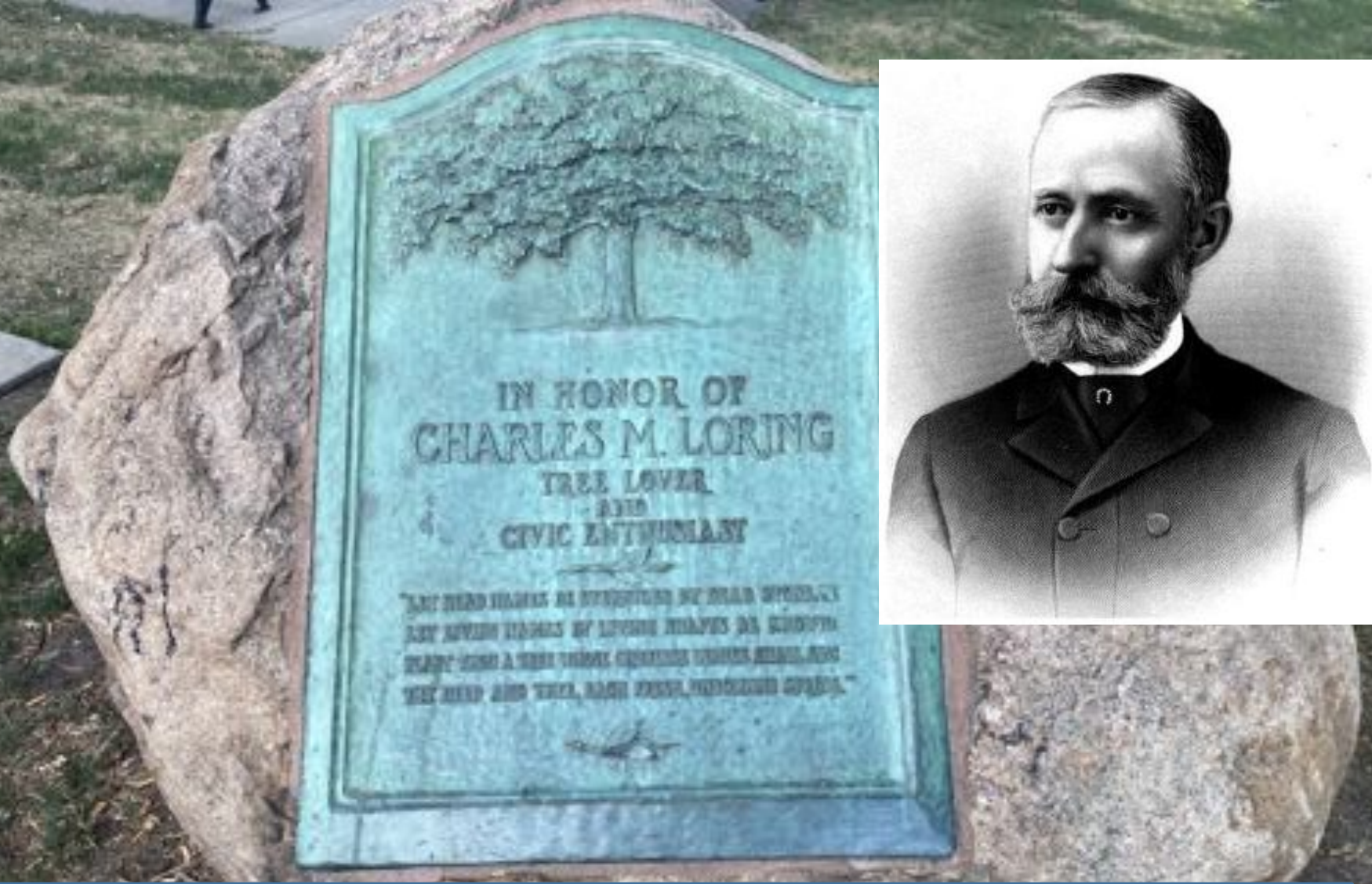


Loring Park established on Joseph Johnson's farm (1883)

The park system in Minneapolis was mostly designed by Horace Cleveland (1814-1900)



Cleveland also designed Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord MA (1855)

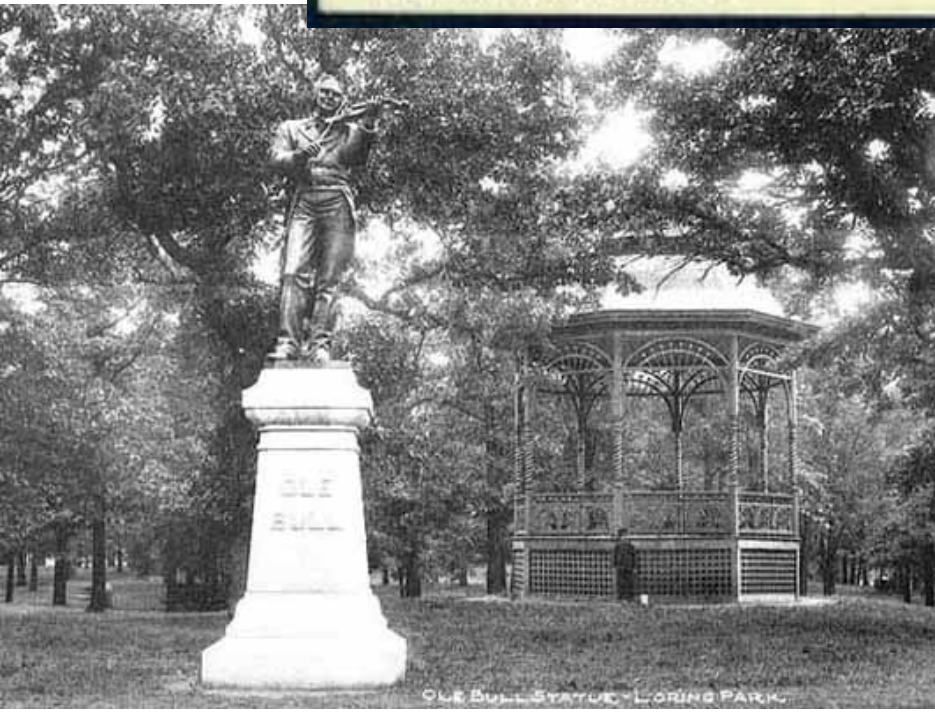


The park was originally named Central Park, but MPRB renamed it in honor of its first president, Charles Loring (1833-1922)

1917

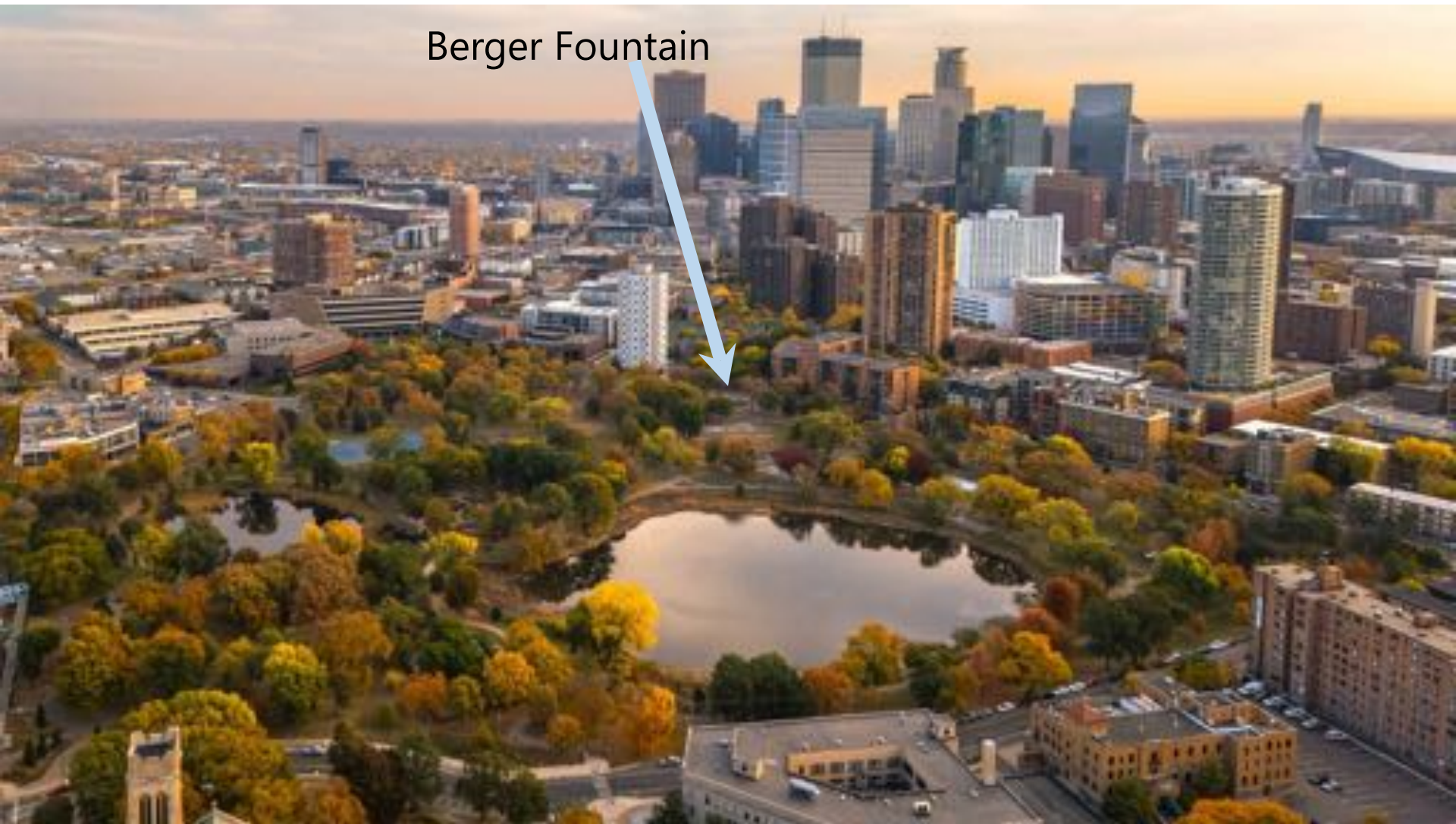


Ca 1902



1939





Berger Fountain

The Berger Fountain location within Loring Park
Photo: Ryo Hamasaki



The fountain sits within a grove of ancient bur oak trees in Loring Park; remnants of the savanna that existed here for ca 7000 years



Berger Fountain at night, Minneapolis Star Tribune



The fountain under construction, 1975
Hennepin County Library

Berger Fountain in its early days

- Loring Greenway recently cleared for redevelopment
- Booth Manor under construction

Photo, Hennepin County Library





Loring Park and Berger Fountain, late 1970s, showing land cleared for greenway development, Hennepin County Library



Berger Fountain, 1970s, Hennepin County Library



Berger Fountain, Minneapolis, Minn.

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The fountain in 1978, Hip Postcard



Berger Fountain in 1978, Hennepin County Library



The fountain and construction of Loring Way Condos, 1979
Hennepin County Library



Berger Fountain and Loring Green Condos, 1986
Hennepin County Library



The fountain covered for winter, 1980
Hennepin County Library



Workers shuttering
the fountain for
winter, 1990s
Hennepin County Library



Commissioners Mark Andrew and Peter McLaughlin at the 1991 Pride Parade, Hennepin County Library



The fountain shortly before it was permanently shut off, ca 2018



Berger Fountain, summer 2024, Photo: Lee Frelich



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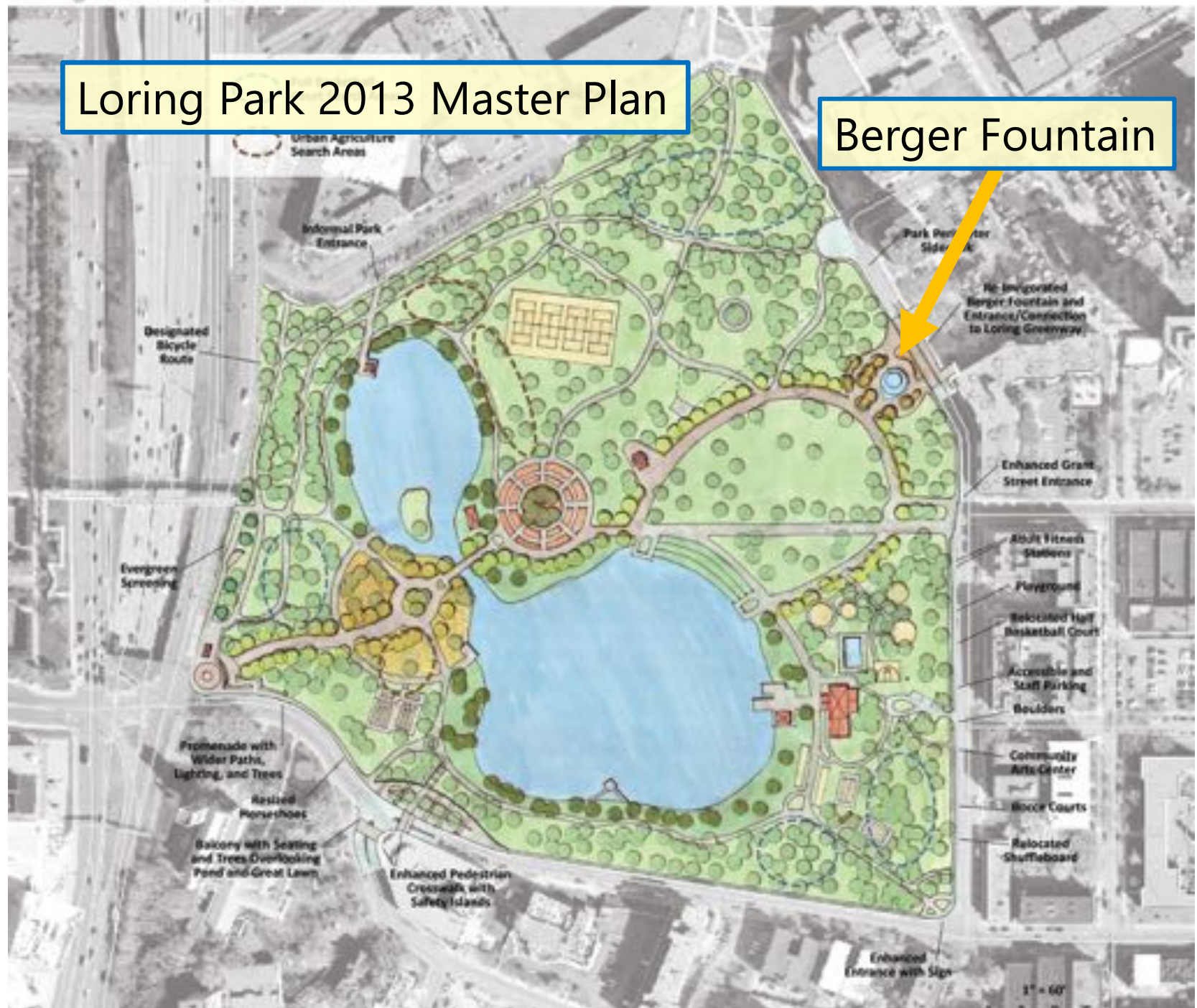
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Loring Park 2013 Master Plan

Berger Fountain



BERGER FOUNTAIN RENOVATION - RENDERINGS





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