

Valhalla Park Enhancement Project

Florence Township, Goodhue County, MN

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Project Summary

The Valhalla Enhancement Project is for physical improvement, rehabilitation, and enhancement of Valhalla Park. Historically Valhalla offered gorgeous views along the blufftop of Lake Pepin, with trees running down the slope to the shoreland known as Steamboat Landing. This project will be addressing the McGhie & Betts Valhalla Park Guideline goals to Create or maintain vistas in a manner that preserves the character of the park forest and Maintain the legacy character of the park. The other two goals in the McGhie & Betts guideline, Restore the native plant communities within Valhalla Park and Provide habitat for wildlife species, have been addressed through the three Conservation Partners Legacy Grants that Florence Township has been awarded,

Project Goals

1. To remove dead, dying, leaning and hazardous trees from the parkland.
2. Create and Maintain the Vistas, the legacy character of the park.
3. Help with some of the long-term maintenance needed to preserve the legacy character of Valhalla Park.

Narrative description of the work to be completed

A section of the park will be worked on each year for 5 years. (2022-2026) The acreage of the park covered each year will vary dependent on the amount of work needed in that section of the park. Removal of the dead, dying, leaning and hazardous trees will take place. Trimming up branches of the desirable trees while maintaining the canopy will be done on trees in the view zones. Wabasha Tree Company (WTC) will be hired as the Contractor for this project as they have two (ISA) Certified Arborists and the professional expertise and equipment to complete all aspects required for the project.

2022 – Remove the dead, dying, leaning and hazardous trees in the area of the park North of the corner of County Road 2 and Garrard Ave in Old Frontenac. Trim up branches of the desirable trees, maintaining the canopy. Work will be done in the designated view zones on the McGhie & Betts Maps of Valhalla Park. View Zones 1-5

2023 – WTC will perform work in the Southern part of Valhalla Park again removing the dead, dying, leaning and hazardous trees and trimming branches of the desirable trees. Work will be done in the designated view zones on the McGhie & Betts Maps of Valhalla Park. View Zones 11-15

2024 - WTC will perform work in the Center part of Valhalla Park again removing the dead, dying, leaning and hazardous trees and trimming branches of the desirable trees. Work will be done in the designated view zones on the McGhie & Betts Maps of Valhalla Park. View Zones 6-10

2025 – Make sure all the view zone areas, have been covered, re-evaluate if other trees need removal from view zones, take care of any new hazardous trees in the park and do maintenance that is needed to preserve the legacy character of Valhalla Park.

2026—Make sure all the view zone areas, have been covered, re-evaluate if other trees need removal from view zones, take care of any new hazardous trees in the park and do maintenance that is needed to preserve the legacy character of Valhalla Park.

Attachments

McGhie & Betts Maps of Valhalla Park

Riverlands Commitment Letter for the Valhalla Park Enhancement Project

Balance Sheet for the Valhalla Park Enhancement Project

Brief update will be provided annually by December 30th each year.