

## II. Results for Each Park

### Recognizing Each Park’s Unique Role

Each of the six major destination parks in the Buffalo Olmsted Parks system—Delaware, Front, South, Cazenovia, Riverside and Martin Luther King Jr. - serves a unique purpose and offers distinctive features which both set each park apart from the other parks as well as defines its role in the overall system.

### Focusing Efforts and Setting Priorities

The prioritizing of the major initiatives and the ranking of individual projects were based on a number of factors, including compatibility with BOPC’s Guiding Principles, summarized in the following chart. Other factors considered by the group included a priority matrix established by the Olmsted Advisory Council. These

factors included project sequencing, importance to community, visibility of the project area within the park, and others.

#### Buffalo Olmsted Park Conservancy Guiding Principles

- Preservation and Protection.
- Promotes User Satisfaction and Comfort.
- Consistent with the Broader Vision and Sound Planning.
- Consistent with Historic Olmstedian Intent.
- Community Involvement in the Process.
- Promotes Safe, Diverse, and Equitable Use.
- Enhances aesthetic beauty and ecological diversity.

Projects within each park were listed and grouped by location. This process, in combination with consideration of identified BOPC guiding principles, resulted in the

Cazenovia Park	
	PROJECT LIST (with four numbers)
<p>See also Creek center / Best practices Creek center / .. Treat conditions</p> <p>Salmon Pond Pond</p> <p>Cazenovia /</p> <p>Intramuros</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a new pedestrian and light vehicle bridge on alignment of the outer loop across the creek. Reconstruct waters edge, regrade banks, remove invasive growth. Reinterpret the lost bays and lagoons</li> <li>2. Reclaim land on the west side of the entrance drive at Seneca Street and restore the gardens</li> <li>3. Reestablish curb along park roads to prevent parking on grass edge</li> <li>4. Restore the garden in the south-west corner of the park</li> <li>5. Relocate golf house to Seneca Street entrance</li> <li>6. Restore bandstand in grove near the concourse.</li> <li>7. Reconstruct stone arch pedestrian bridge at the west side of the park</li> <li>8. Restore shelter house area gardens and pathways</li> <li>9. Restore casino building (Gardens / ..)</li> <li>10. Remove/Relocate tennis and basketball courts out of the park or to the east edge</li> <li>11. Restore formality to the south entrance of the park</li> <li>12. Restoration - Park Plan</li> </ol>

Figure 11 - Priority principles and projects were discussed



Figure 12 - Historic, current, and proposed maps were used to formulate design ideas



**Figure 13 - Sketching ideas for the Minnow Pools at Riverside Park**

identification of suggested focus areas by park (See Figures 11-13).

### **Assessing and Confirming the Results**

The project recommendations are preliminary. The focus areas are suggested as a way of grouping BOPC investments in the park system in a coordinated and cost effective manner. The planning methodology and alternate park schemes suggested by the charette findings are intended to provide a methodology that facilitates comparisons of the various disparate projects among and within individual parks.

The 20-Year Plan will serve as a dynamic tool for the restoration and management of the Park and Parkway System. Each specific project will be contingent on a number of additional actions. These actions could include work by others

outside the control of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, by testing of alternative means to resolve a specific issue such as balancing active and passive uses in the parks, the guidelines of the State Historic Preservation Office, and the ability to raise the funding for the proposed improvements.

The 20-Year Plan is also subject to environmental assessment and local, SEQR, state, and federal agency review. Individual projects may also require additional feasibility assessment and design development prior to implementation. The community will continue to have input throughout the Plan implementation for each project which will require policy and design review by the Olmsted Advisory Council and the BOPC Board of Directors.