

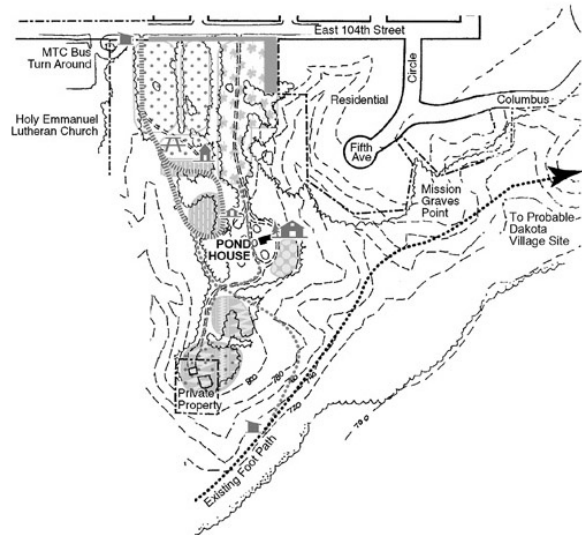
Pond - Dakota Mission Park Bloomington, Minnesota

Master plan, phase one development plans and house renovation for the 40 acre history park located on the Minnesota River bluff between Portland and Nicollet Avenue. The park contains the 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House, a National Historic register site. The park is designed to function as a living history site and includes self guided trails, house and park tours and community events. Greg Ingraham was project manager and also acquired a \$270,000 LCMR grant to renovate the house and matching city funds to develop the park. Wendy Anderson completed the phase one design layout of the parking lot, drive, paths, accessory building sites, and other park features.

The planning process included a house re-use study, site archeological analysis, and Dakota and pioneer interpretive perspectives. The master plan included extensive involvement of the Minnesota Historical Society, native Dakota, local residents, and State and regional tourism groups. The house renovation and phase one park construction was completed in 1996. The park is the site of River Rendezvous, a annual week-long event drawing over 10,000 visitors.

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Status: Completed in 1996



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Sketch of the pond and stream through the site. Note the interpretive sign near the trail.