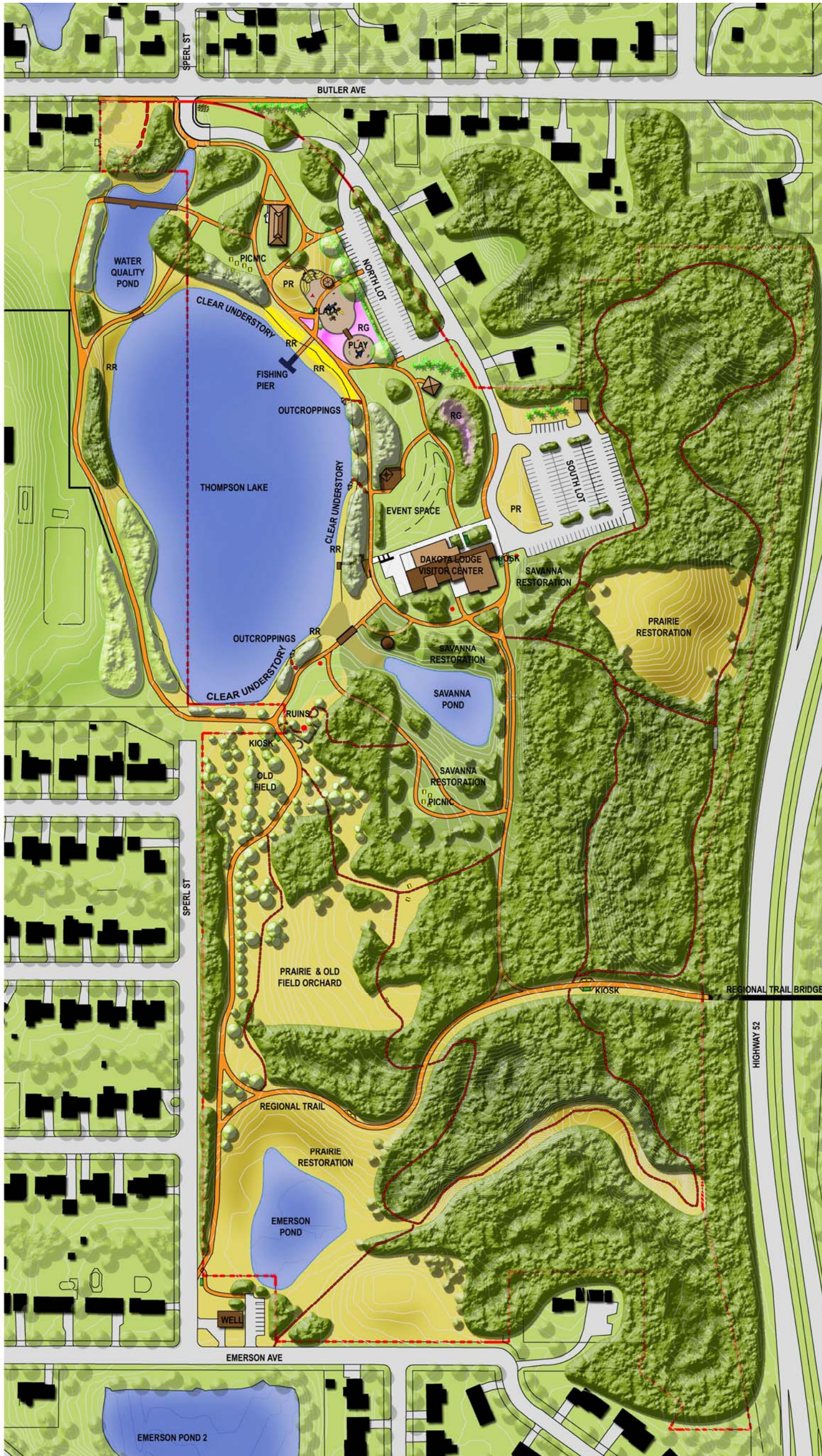


THOMPSON COUNTY PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN



ENTRY DRIVE AND WATER QUALITY POND

- Realign the entry drive
- Extend trail along Butler Ave
- Create Lake overlook off Butler Ave
- Improve entry signage and landscaping
- Create a water quality pond above Thompson Lake
- Control structure below pond w/ interpretive signage

PICNIC AND PLAY AREA

- Update picnic shelter
- Create picnic area w/ tables SW of updated shelter
- Clear understory for views of lake
- Keep horseshoe pits at current location
- Relocate playground to the north
- Age separated
- Tucked into hillside w/ terraces
- Hillside slide over terraces
- Prairie plantings in terraces w/ stone stairs to the top of the slide
- ADA accessible sidewalk route to top of slide
- Small shade shelter at bottom of terraces
- Bridge linking the two playgrounds over the rain gardens w/ interpretive signage
- Splash pad water play (optional)
- Rain gardens surrounding the playground and under bridge
- Plant shrub screening and oak trees between parking lot and rain gardens
- Reduce north parking lot and add exits to north and south ends
- Additional stalls in bold
- Add small picnic shelter south of the parking lot
- Conifer buffer behind shelter
- Perennial flower beds at entrance to shelter
- DNR fishing pier remains in current location w/ current signage

LAKE LOOP TRAIL

- Pave west side of Thompson Lake trail loop
- Boardwalk over pond w/ interpretive signage
- Create a trail loop over land bridge between water quality pond and the lake with interpretive signage
- Riparian buffer along Thompson Lake shore w/ interpretive signage
- Rock outcroppings at lakeshore for fishing and spur trail
- Plant climbing vines on large retaining wall west of Thompson Lake
- Plant vegetative buffers on west shore of Thompson Lake

DAKOTA LODGE

- Program Dakota Lodge as a visitor center (lobby area)
- Expand south parking lot to east
- Add maintenance garage w/ vegetative screening behind
- Additional stalls in bold
- Add kiosk and seating at trail head between parking lot and Dakota Lodge
- Add kiosk at entrance to Lodge/visitor center
- Create event space where the playground was
- Minor grading to create the bowl shape
- Create stage structure with arbor
- Clear understory for views of lake
- Expand plaza off west end of lodge for event use
- Plant perennial flower beds along the west side of expanded plaza
- Add Thompson lake overlook with bench from plaza stairs
- Extend stairs from overlook to lakeshore
- Clear understory for views of lake

SAVANNA POND

- Create pond to the south of Dakota Lodge
- Warming hut on west point of pond (removable windows during summer months)
- Lighted pond area
- Bridge spanning riparian restoration (faux water connection to Thompson Lake)
- Savanna restoration from south side of south parking lot down around new pond
- Trail around pond w/ picnic area on hill south of pond w/ tables
- Benches along east side of loop looking towards pond
- Benches and picnic tables along trails

OLD FIELD

- Fruit and nut bearing trees and shrubs planted along west boundry/Sperl St.
- Prairie restoration
- Old Field feel
- Ruins of old farmstead foundation at north end of old field
- 1 barn foundation set into side of hill w/ views to Thompson Lake
- 2 silo foundations set into side of hill (seating/picnic)
- Foundations should be large quarry stone preferably limestone
- Stone blocks made to look as though fallen from foundation serving as benches
- Realign NS paved trail to intercept barn ruins
- Create views through old field to Thompson Lake (progressive realization)
- Art walk contains 4 sculptures
- Art walk starts at barn and ends at the trailhead to the east of Dakota Lodge

HISTORICAL SOUTH CONNECTION

- Passive park use
- Large prairie restoration in clearing south of south parking lot
- Prairie restoration around south storm pond and along regional trail
- Surfaced trail connection from Dakota Lodge trailhead to regional trail
- Trail connection and loop around pond run parallel with 4' median
- Native woodland shrubs and grasses planted in median
- Park identification sign on regional trail bridge over Highway 55
- Kiosk and benches on regional trail west of regional trail bridge
- Benches overlooking Emerson Pond along regional trail
- Trailhead parking at well station to the south
- 7 spaces + 1 HC
- Vegetative screening around north side of parking lot

- PRAIRIE RESTORATION (PR)
- SAVANNA RESTORATION
- RAIN GARDEN (RG)
- FOREST
- RIPARIAN RESTORATION (RR)
- TURF
- PROPOSED VEGETATION
- SURFACED TRAIL
- MOWED TRAIL
- ART PIECE

