

# Improvements to Fort Des Moines Park

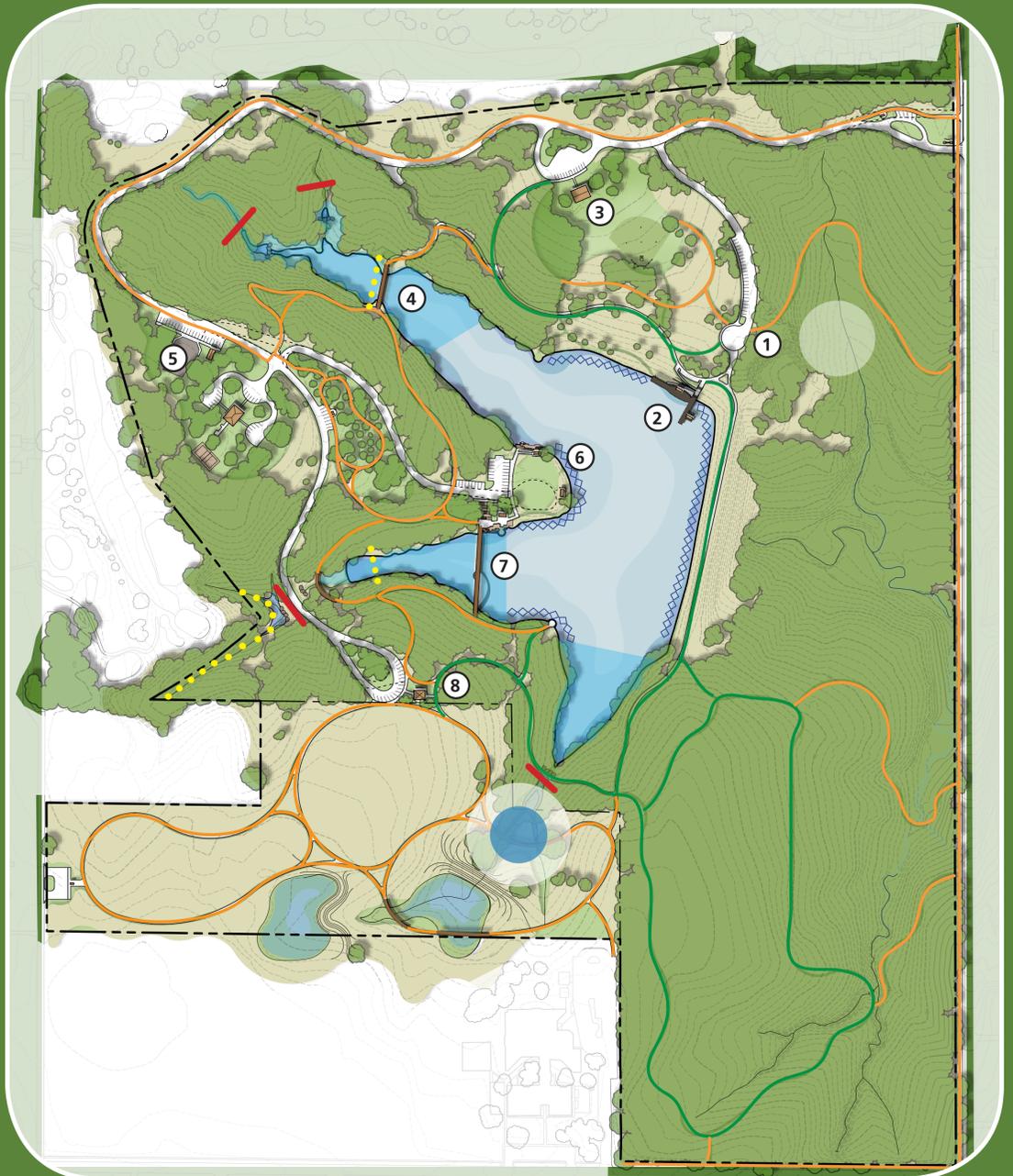
Many exciting improvements are coming soon to Fort Des Moines Park. Previous renovation of the pond and watershed drastically improved the fisheries and water quality in this popular 14-acre pond. Now is the time to add numerous attractive park amenities to further enhance your experiences.

The property south of the park and north of Studebaker Elementary will boast a network of new trails that lead into the existing trail system as well as the home of a new outdoor classroom. An accessible trail around the pond will also provide a scenic path for park users.

To alleviate crowding on the pond peninsula, a new lake drive will allow anglers and boaters to access the pond's north side just inside the main entrance. This new drive will lead to a shelter, boat ramp, fishing pier and parking lot which is connected to the new trail system. Shelter #1 will be replaced with a more functional facility. The current shelter will remain in place during construction of the new shelter. Construction of a new 3-season facility will also occur.

Now that pond renovations are complete, it's time to reestablish the beautiful peninsula that provides a scenic view of the pond. A new parking lot will lead visitors to open green space surrounded by a pedestrian boardwalk, vault restroom, shade structures and trail connection.

The major construction timeline will be from December of 2015 through October of 2016. The park will remain open during this construction period, however, please be advised that short term closures may need to take place to ensure public safety. We appreciate your continued patience as we move into the final phase of these park improvements to make your favorite park more functional and enjoyable.



## FORT DES MOINES PARK — PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS LEGEND

●●● ROCK CHECKS & SILLS

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— SILT BASINS

● SILT HOLDING AREA

● RECONSTRUCTED WETLAND

● DREDGE AREAS

— NEW TRAILS

— EXISTING TRAILS

① LAKE DRIVE & PARKING

② FISHING PIER

③ SHELTER #1 RESTORATION

④ PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

⑤ PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS

⑥ PENINSULA ENHANCEMENTS

⑦ BOARDWALK & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

⑧ 3-SEASON SHELTER

### Spring 2014

- pond renovated
- fishery restored

### Winter 2015

- pedestrian bridges over pond installed
- trail expansion begins

### Spring 2016

- anticipated completion of natural trails near school property
- construction of new lake drive to allow north side access of pond
- new boat ramp, accessible fishing pier and parking lot amenities to be connected to trail system
- resurfacing of playground base

### Summer 2016

- outdoor classroom including an expansive prairie, wetland, woodland complex to be completed
- completion of pond trail

### Fall 2016

- shelter #1 to be replaced with a more functional unit and restroom facility
- 3-season shelter construction on the south end of the park – will include restrooms, a fireplace and will tie into new trail system.
- Peninsula reestablishment

