



Sustainable Design
Aquatic & Terrestrial Restoration
Ecological Stormwater Management
Natural Areas Management
Soil Bioengineering
Landscape Architecture

**Hilloway Park Renewal Project
11/26/02 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Thoughts, Concerns and Questions**

Vegetation Management Plan

- Completely remove invasive species from the park and encourage neighbors to remove them from their yards
- It would be helpful for the city to supply tools and chemicals for volunteers to suppress invasive species in the park
- Stewards/volunteers to: remove buckthorn, petition door to door; teenagers need to be involved for volunteer recruiting
- Control invasives with prescribed burns (specifically Sumac and Prickly Ash) – all areas of the park would benefit from some measure of controlled burning
- Use Garlon on Buckthorn (chemical treatment for best results)
- Garlic mustard needs biannual sprayings and seed head collection
- White Pine are shade tolerant, Red Pine are not
- Deer protection required for forest regeneration
- Fire/mowing required for vegetation restoration/management
- Seed bank – what was plowed
- Jack Pine will soon reach the end of their life span – replant this species?
- Deer herds as large as 15 animals have been seen in neighboring yards. The carrying capacity of Hilloway Park has clearly been exceeded

Concept Plan

- Residents liked the MN ecosystems plan and would like to pursue this concept

Wetland/Drainage Issues

- Clean out northern wetland of trash and garbage. When draw down occurs it is unsightly
- Another wetland/flooding on trail in spring, trail use drops of dramatically

Trails

- Use deadfalls to discourage traffic and block unwanted paths
- Address steepness of trails, especially the south side of the main trail



Erosion Control

- Wash out of hillside at 30" stormsewer line (South part of park)
- Erosion control on trails

Safety/Signage

- Steep hill (safety concern)
- Damage to park by youth (tree damage, littering, etc.)
- Prefer signage about stewardship, tree care and restoration
- Emergency signage for washout area and warning signs
- Liability of volunteers

