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1993 Project Abstract

For the period ending June 30, 1995

This project was supported by the Minnesota Future Resources Fund

Title: Como Park Replanting Program  
Program Manager: John Wirka  
Organization: City of Saint Paul  
Division of Parks and Recreation  
Legal Citation: M.L.93, Chpt. 172, Sect. 14, Subd. 5(b)  
Appropriation Amount: \$93,000.00

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

To implement a project for replanting areas in Como Park which have lost trees due to disease, age or other causes.

OVERALL PROJECT RESULTS

A project plan was prepared, which included 35 species of trees to be planted in the park. Emphasis was placed upon the use of species native to the park area. In total, 658 trees were planted throughout the park.

PROJECT RESULTS USE AND DISSEMINATION

Public response to this project has been positive and supportive.

## LCMR FINAL WORKPROGRAM UPDATE REPORT

## I. Project Title: 5(b) COMO PARK REPLANTING PROGRAM

Program Manager: John Wirka  
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## A. Legal Citation: M.L.93 Chpt.172, Sect.14, Subd. 5(b)

Total Biennial LCMR Budget: \$93,000.00  
 Balance: \$ 34.05  
 Encumbered: \$ -0-

Appropriation Language as drafted 7/27/92: This appropriation is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a contract with the Metropolitan Council for a subgrant to the City of Saint Paul to replant areas in Como Park that have lost trees due to disease, age, or other causes.

## B. LMIC Compatible Data Language: Not applicable.

## C. Status of Match Requirement: Not applicable.

## II. Narrative: To implement a plan for replanting areas in Como Park which have lost trees due to disease, age, or other causes.

## III. Statement of Objectives: To implement a planting plan with emphasis on selection of species native to the park.

## IV. Objectives:

## A. Implement planting plan

A.1. Narrative: Planting of approximately 400 trees in Como Park.

A.2. Procedures: Completed plan and specification will be advertised for public bidding through the City's Purchasing Division. Upon receipt of bids and subsequent contract award, planting will begin in spring '94.

## A.3. Budget:

a. Amount Budgeted: \$93,000.00  
 b. Balance: \$ 34.05  
 c. Financial Cutoff: June 30, 1995

## A.4. Timeline

	7/93	1/94	6/94	1/95	6/95
Bid period		xxx	x		
Spring planting ± 300 trees		xxx			x
Status reports		x	x	x	
Fall planting ± 100 trees				xxx	
Final report					x

A.5. Status: Planting contract let May 5, 1994. Work is complete.

A.6. Benefits: Addition of approximately 400 trees in Como Park will strengthen the native plant communities in the park and improve visitors' recreation experience.

## V. Evaluation:

In the short term, this project can be evaluated on the basis of number of trees planted and compliance with timeline. In the long term, evaluation should be on the basis of increased quality of urban forest and value of the trees as they mature.

## VI. Context:

A. Como Park is among the most popular and frequently used parks in the Metropolitan area. Most of the tree cover in the park is mature, with several areas of natural intermediate upland forest remaining despite the highly developed character of the park. Replacement of trees lost to disease, age and other causes has not kept pace with removals, thus the condition of the wooded areas as well as the recreational value of the park has been diminished. Only a replanting program can reverse the trend since the intensive use of the park does not allow a natural reforestation process to occur.

B. Not applicable.

C. Upon approval of appropriation and subgrant and prior to proceeding under Objective A, city arborist and landscape architect will review data or plant communities in the park, determine locations most in need of new plantings, and prepare a plan and specification for bidding purposes.

The only tree planting of any significance in Como Park for the last 15 years has occurred in conjunction with street construction projects; Como Ave./Gateway Drive in 1984-85 and Lexington Parkway in 1989, both in very concentrated areas near the roadways. There have been no LCMR projects in the past. Future proposals may include additional planting and landscaping work.

VII. Qualifications:

1. Program Manager:

- a. Registered Landscape Architect, License No. 12245
- b. Principal Designer, City of St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation

2. Cooperators/Other Investigators:

- a. T.K. Walling, Arborist
- b. City of St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation

VIII. Reporting Requirements: Semiannual status reports will be submitted not later than January 1, 1994, July 1, 1994, January 1, 1995 and a final status report by June 30, 1995.