



GATE, WAYFINDING, and SIGNAGE FINAL DESIGN PLAN

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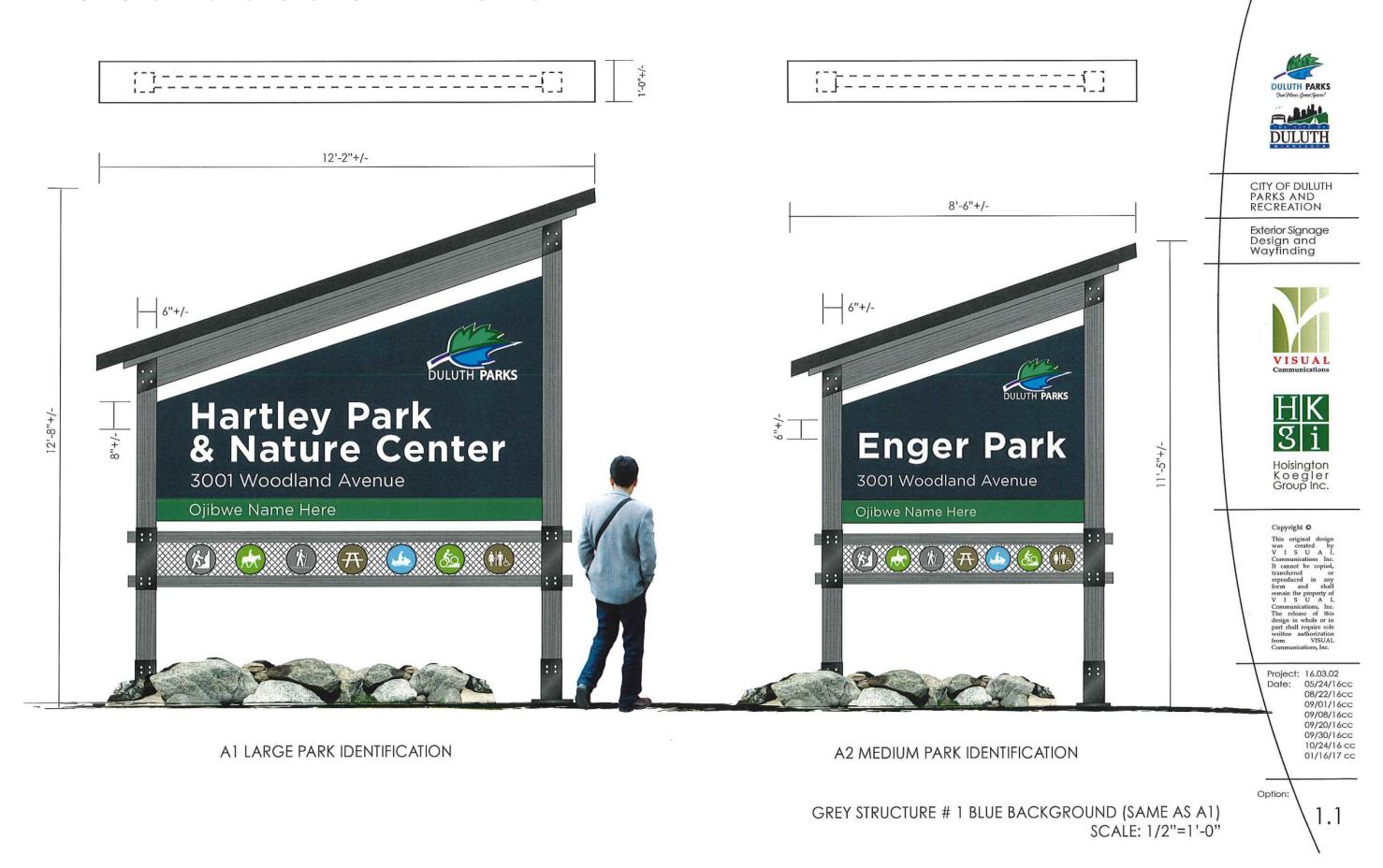


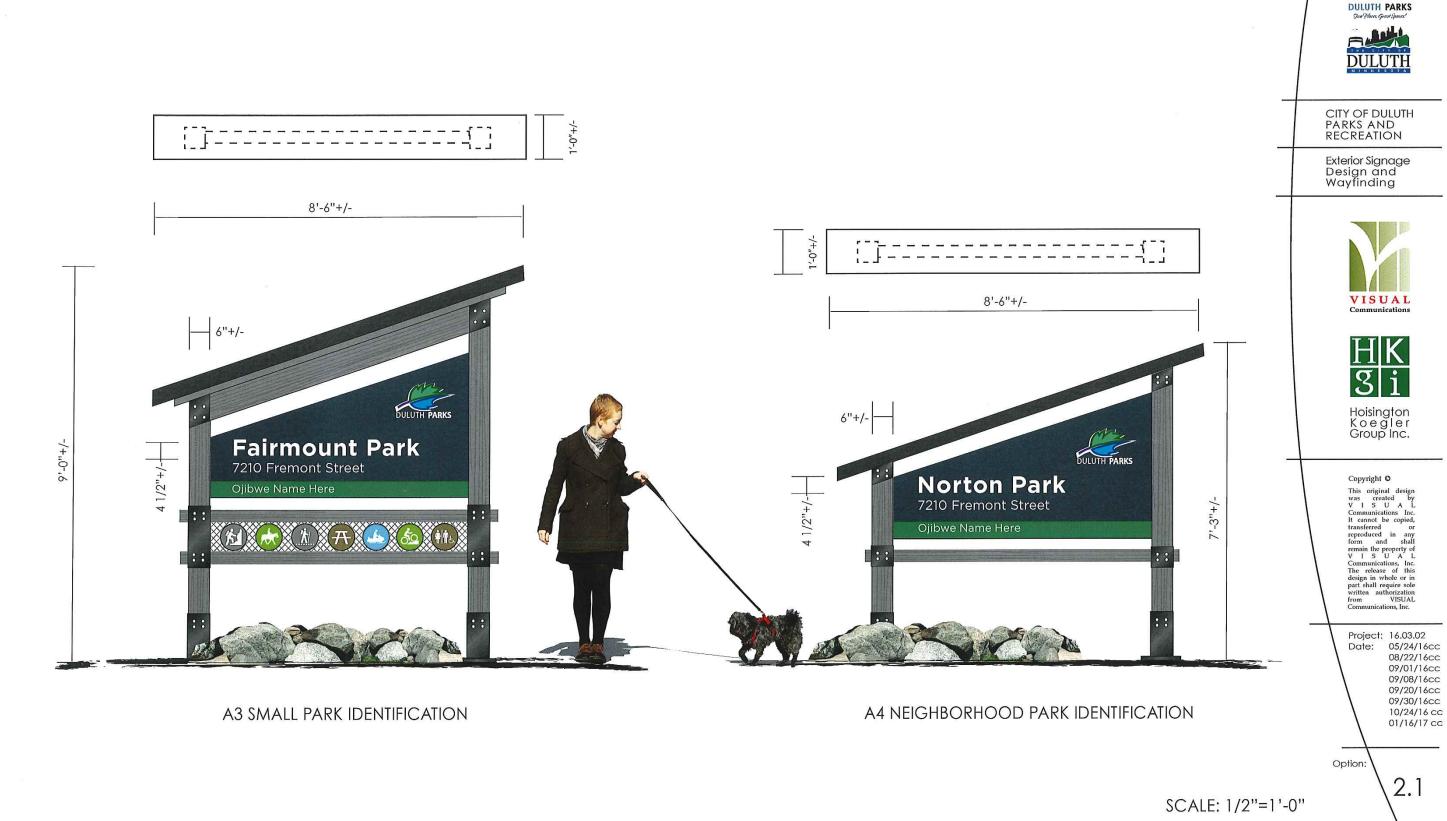
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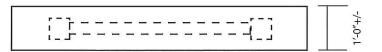
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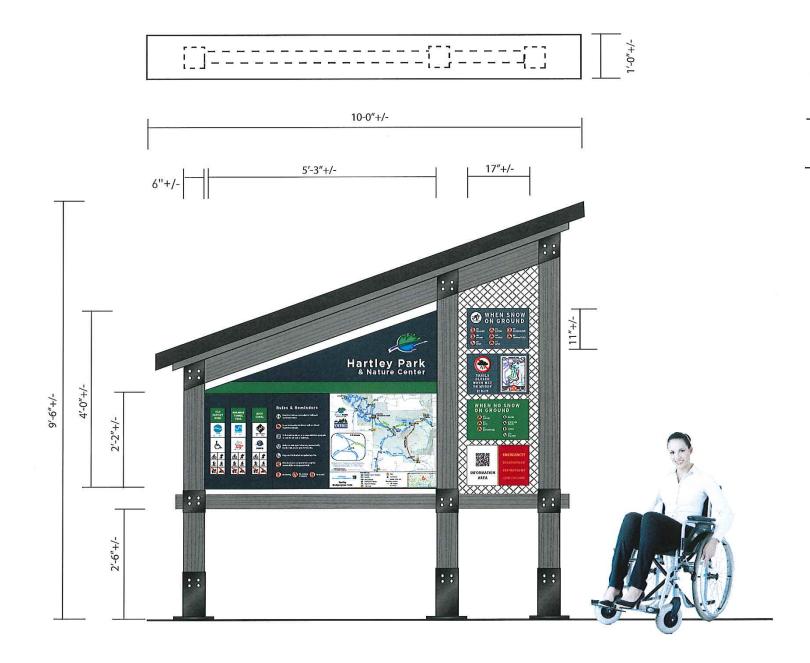








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B1 PRIMARY DIRECTORY (SINGLE FACED)



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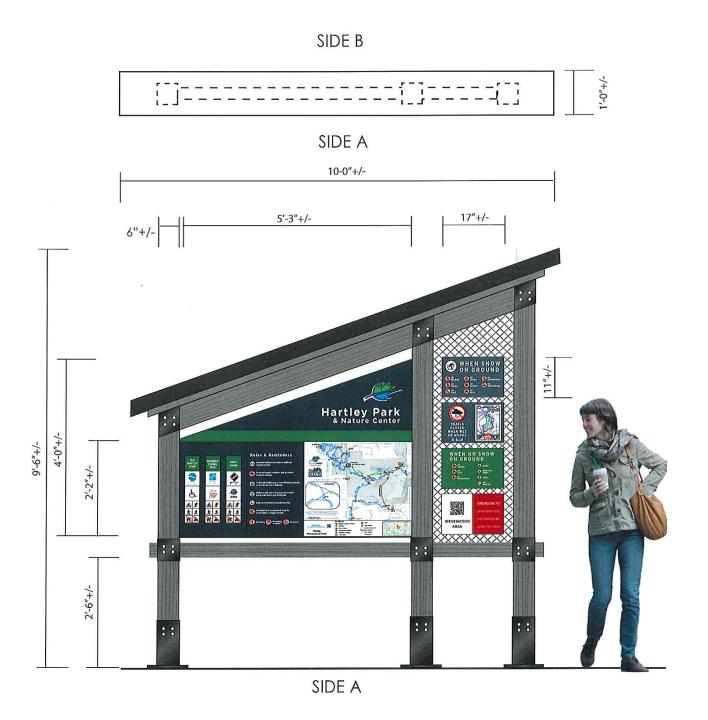
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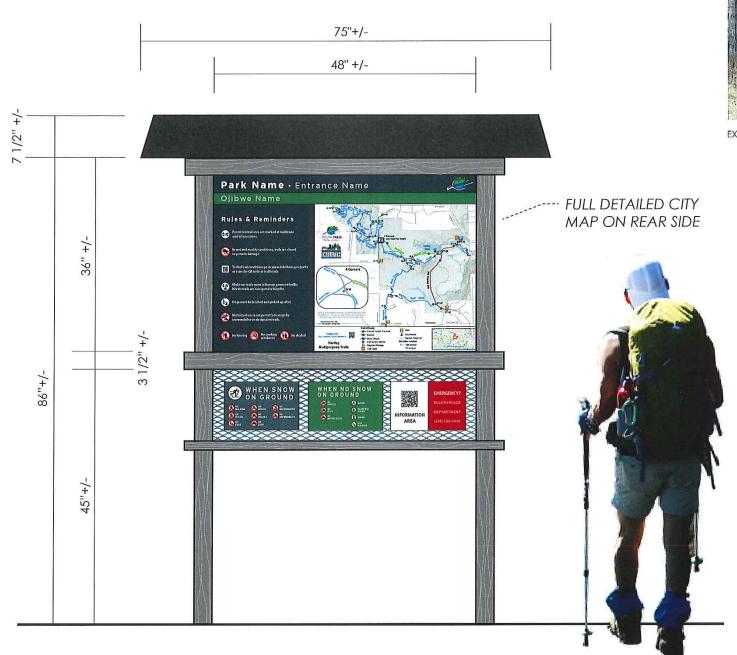
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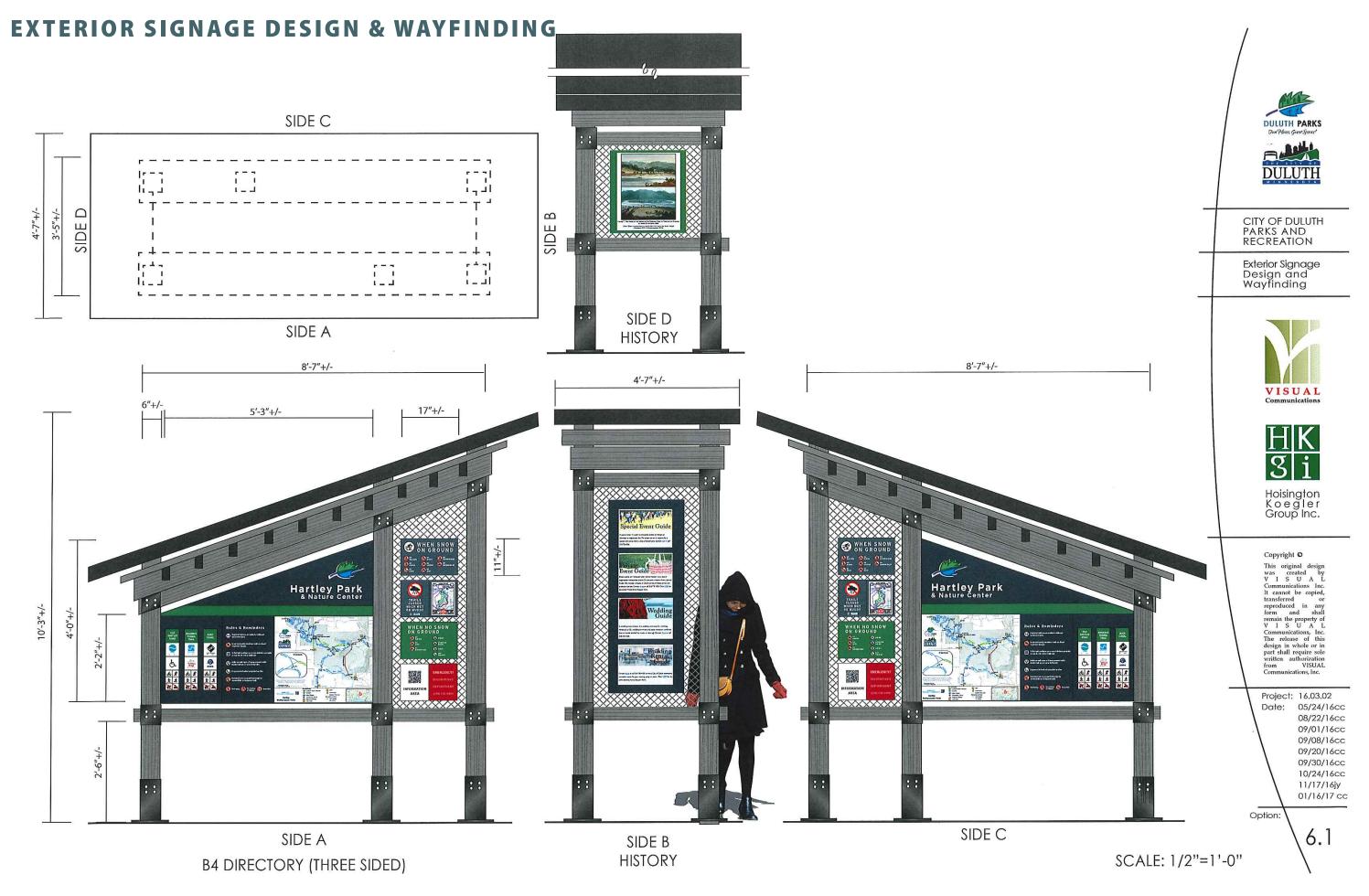
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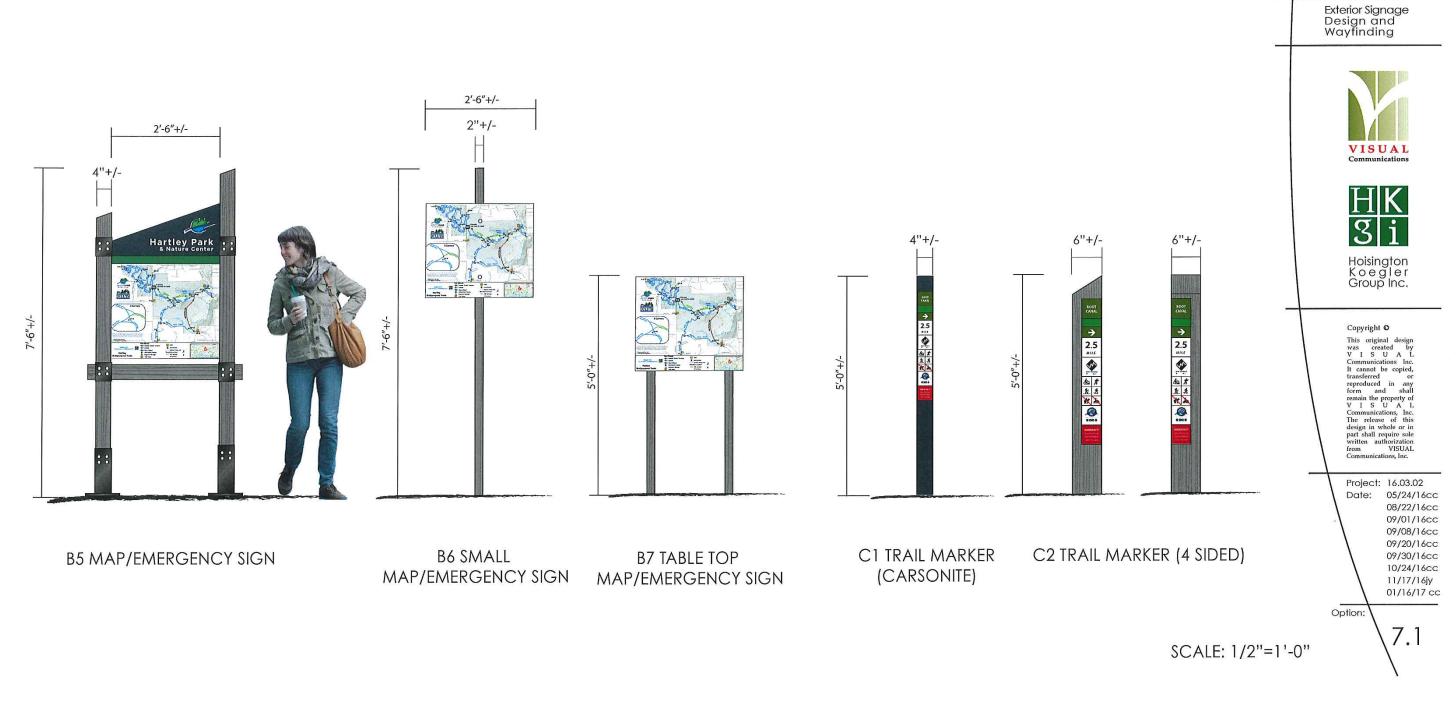
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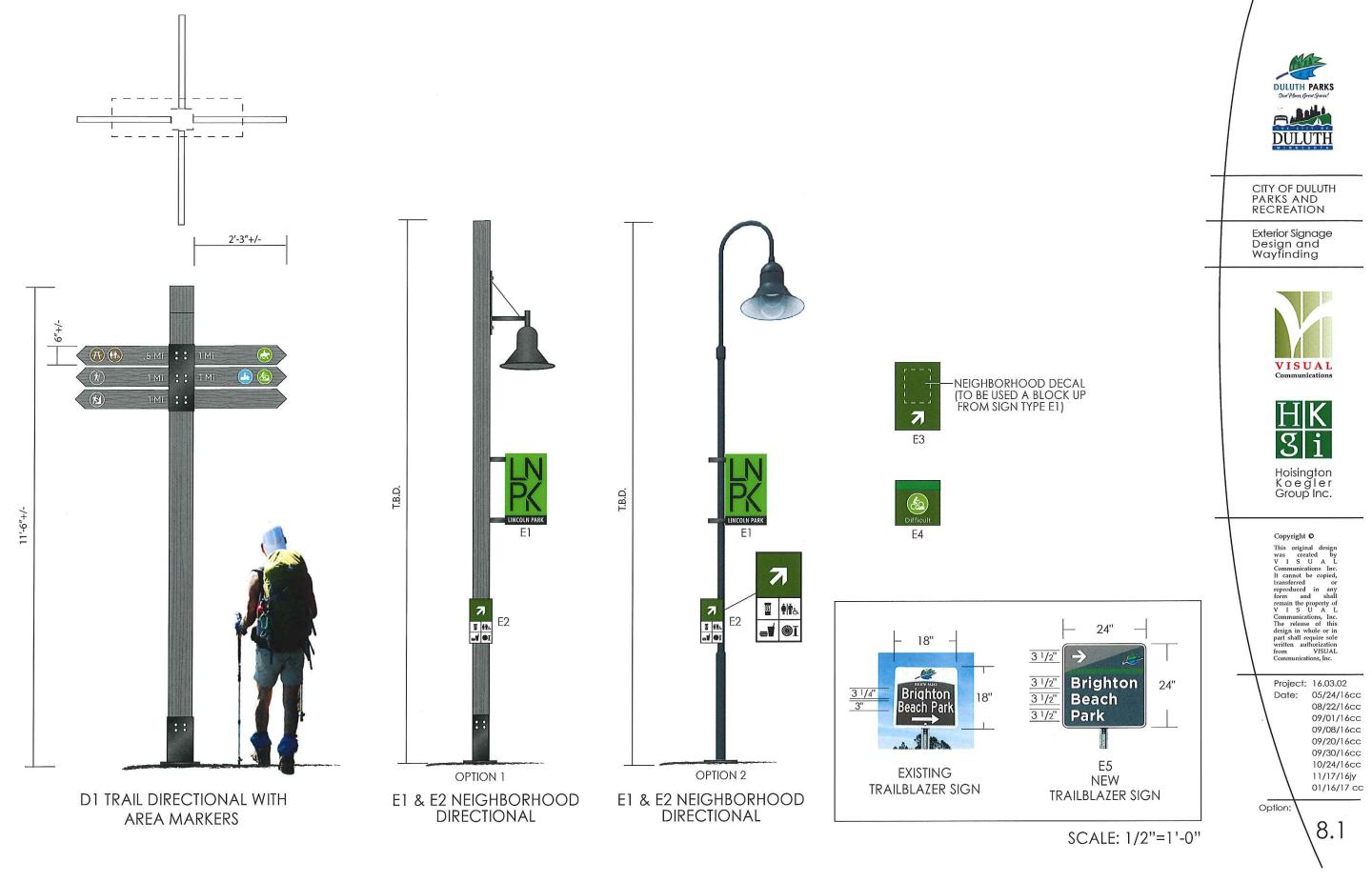
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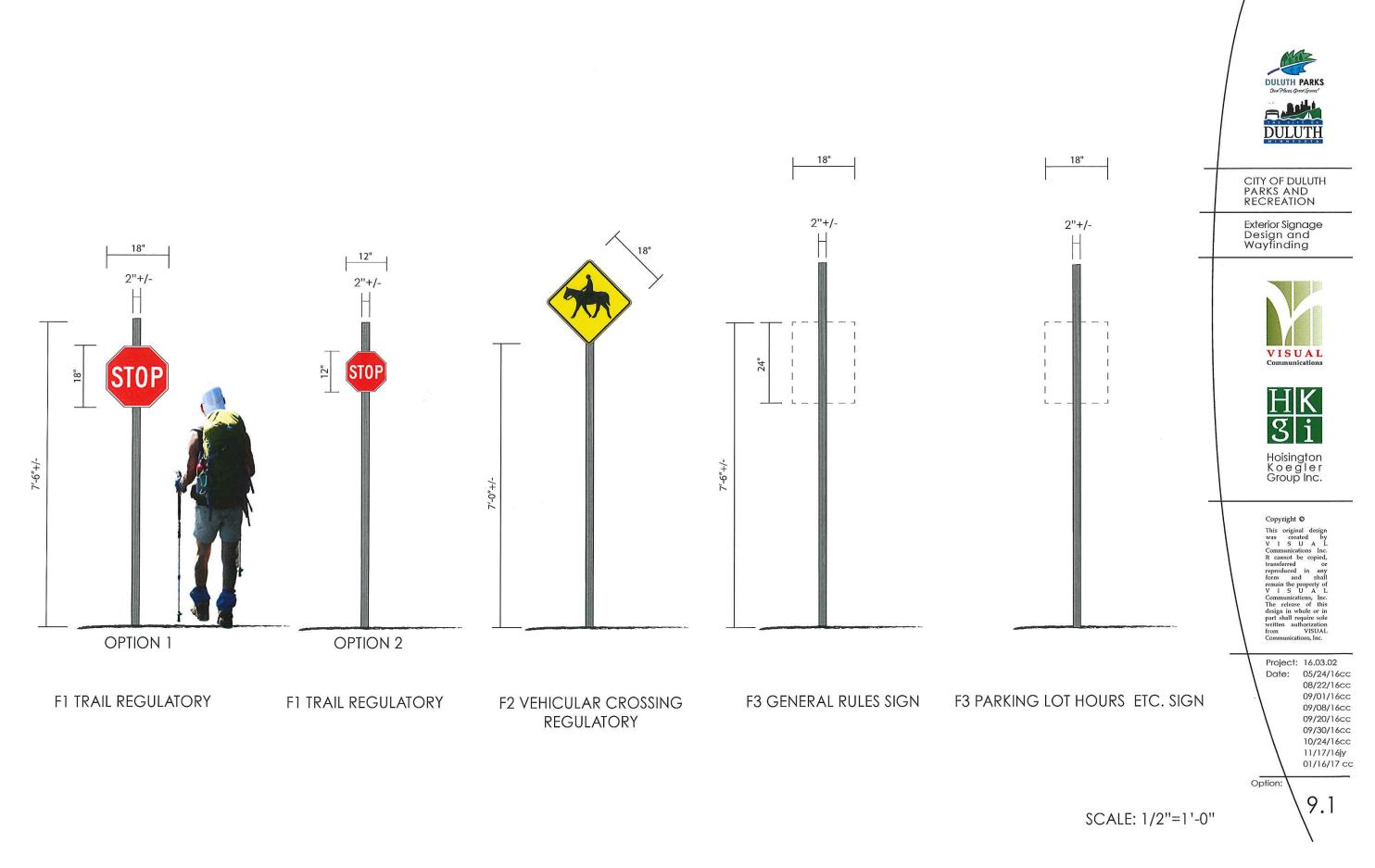


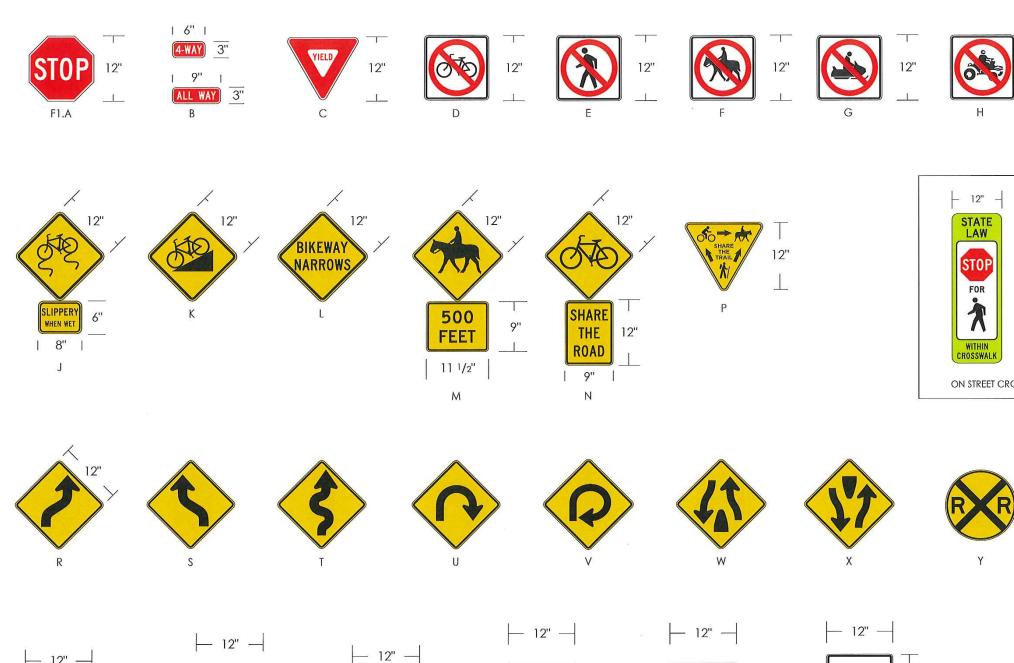


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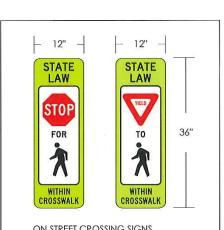
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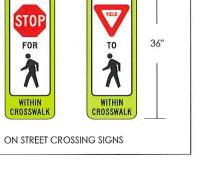






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NO

MOTOR

VEHICLES

EE

12"

F1. TRAIL REGULATORY, 12" (not regulated per code)

Trail Regulatory signs are intended for trail users when the trail does not cross any city, county, or state vehicular roadways.



ENDS

AHEAD

ВВ

5"

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DOES NOT STOP

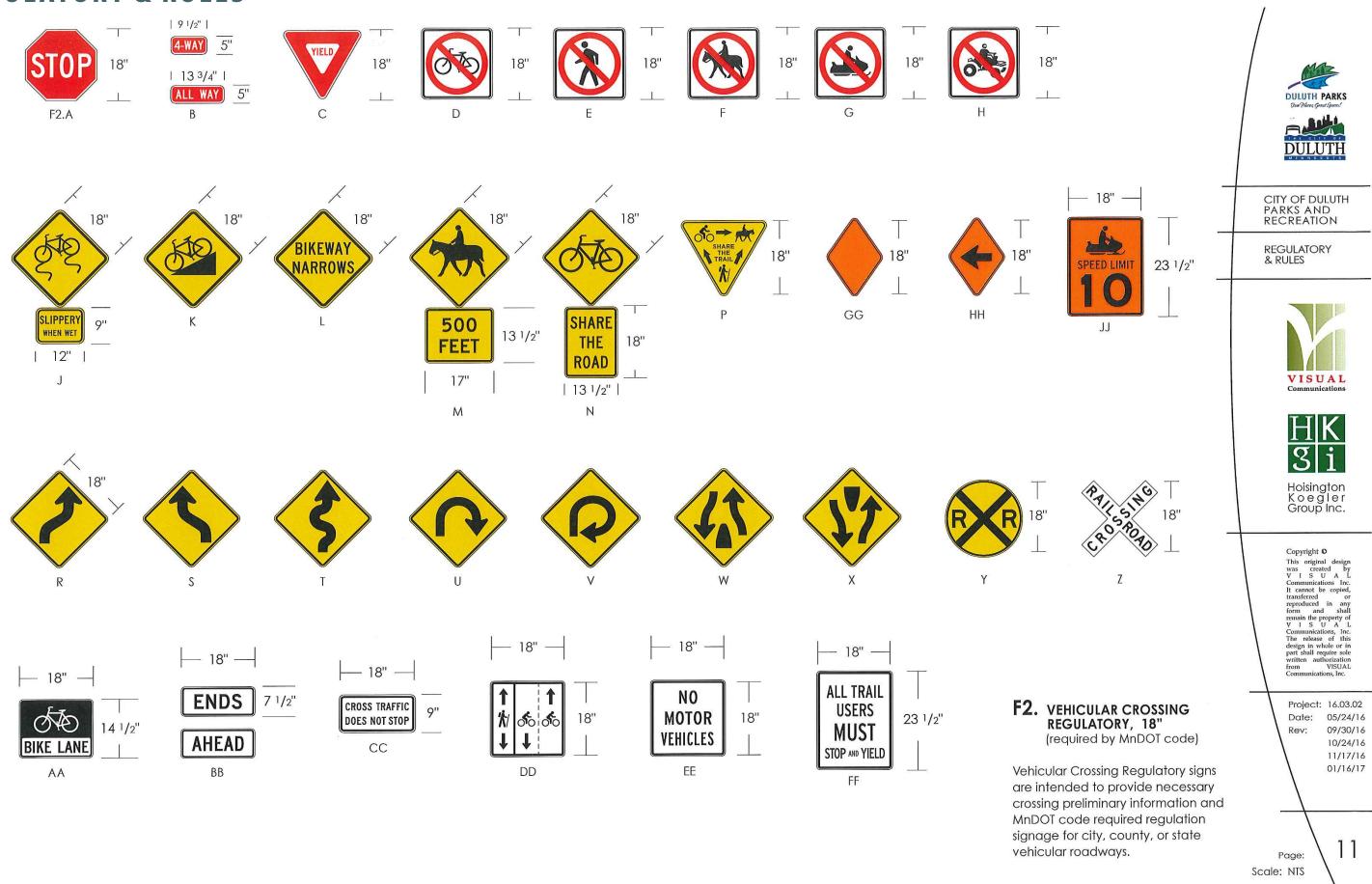
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— 12" —

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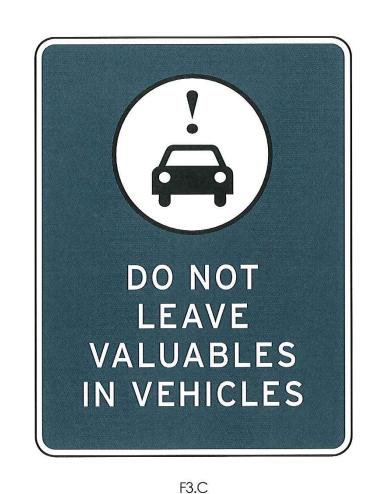
















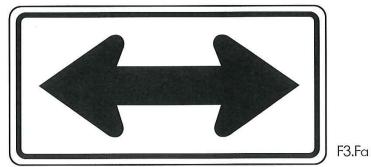














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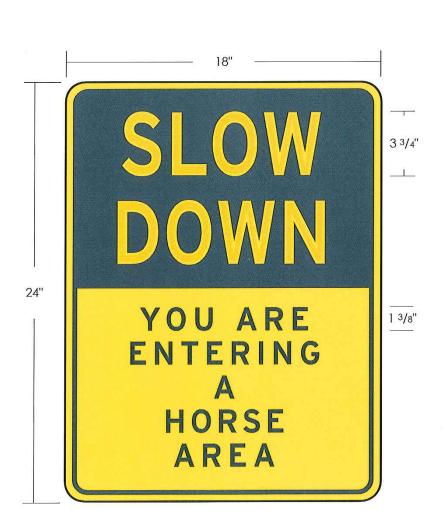
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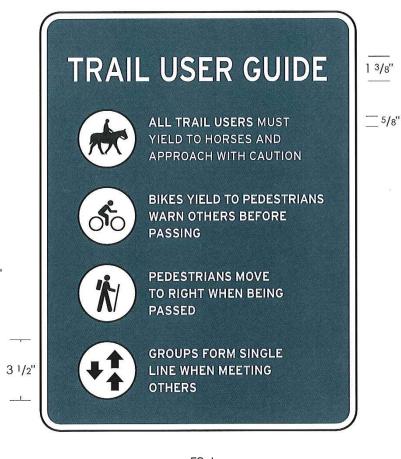






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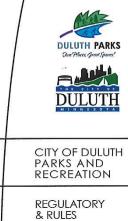
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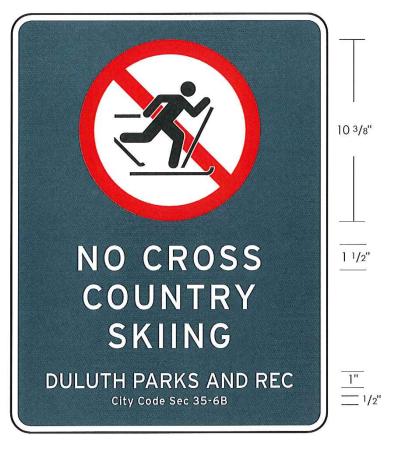
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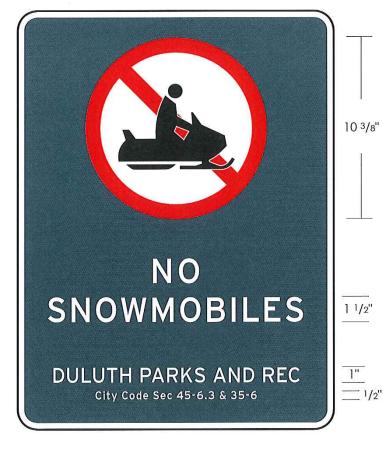
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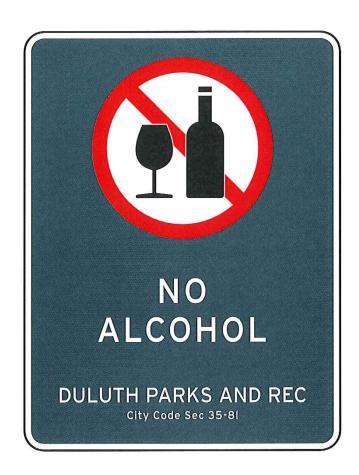








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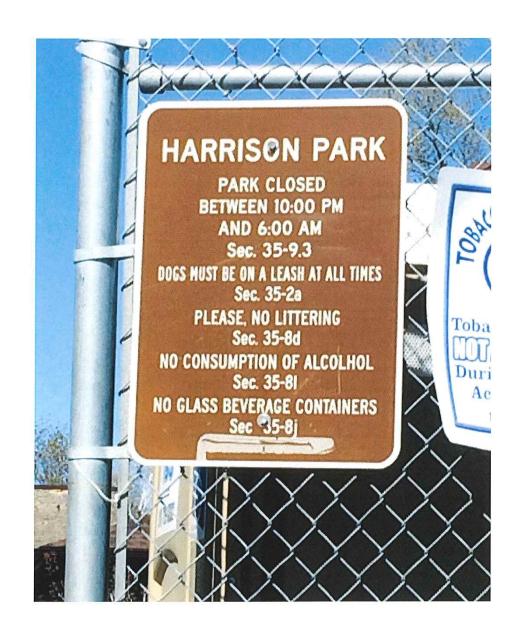


SECONDARY ENTRANCE
"WHEN SNOW ON GROUND" SIGN
WITH MAP



SECONDARY ENTRANCE
"WHEN SNOW ON GROUND" SIGN
WITHOUT MAP





Existing Signage (for reference only)



SPEED

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SHARE THE TRAIL





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Existing



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F3.T New Design w/ added International Pictograms

Park Rules / Regulations, design





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TRAIL USER GUIDE

BIKES YIELD TO PEDEST

GROUPS FORM SINGLE









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TRAILS

CLOSED

WHEN WET

OR MUDDY



LINCOLN PARK PARK CLOSED BETWEEN 10 PM & 6 AM DOGS MUST BE ON A PLEASE, NO LITTERINI NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL NO GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS T



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NOTE: SEE RETROFIT SIGN SAMPLE ON PAGE 6

(B3 TRAILHEAD DIRECTORY)

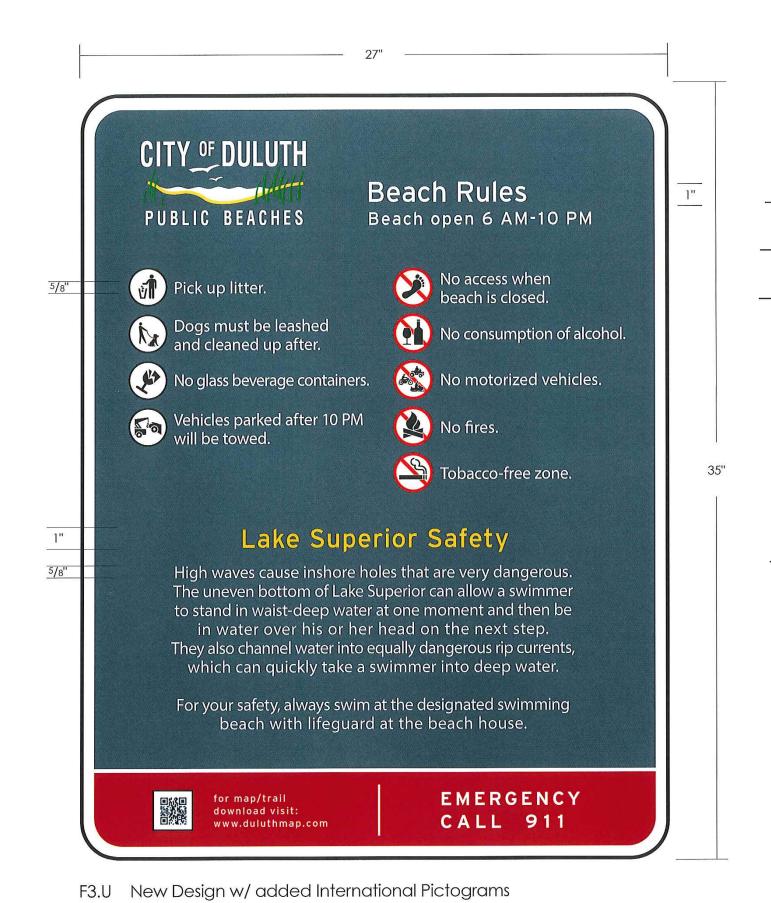


F3.S Hartley Park Trails, Rules & Reminders

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CITY OF DULUTH PUBLIC BEACHES Park Closes at 10 PM 24" Vehicles parked after 10 PM will be ticketed and subject to tow

F3.V

Rules of the Lakewalk To enhance everyone's enjoyment of this multi-use trail, please be courteous of others. Use safe speeds and watch out for others. Stay to the right on pathways. Use verbal signals when passing. Pedestrians have right of way. Keep your pet on a leash. Scoop up your pet droppings. This will be strictly enforced. Free parking is available at the trail head. Please don't litter. Help keep the trail clean.

F3.W

Rules of the Trail To enhance everyone's enjoyment of this multi-use trail, please be courteous of others. 5/8" Use safe speeds and watch out for others. Stay to the right on pathways. Use verbal signals when passing. Pedestrians have right of way. Keep your pet on a leash. Scoop up your pet droppings. (ilin This will be strictly enforced. P Free parking is available at the trail head. Please don't litter. Help keep the trail clean.

F3.X



24"

CHAPTER 1: WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE DESIGN SET 24







CELL SERVICE F3.Y New Design w/ added International Pictograms



NO CELL SERVICE F3.Z New Design w/ added International Pictograms



F3.AA NO ATVs & OHVs



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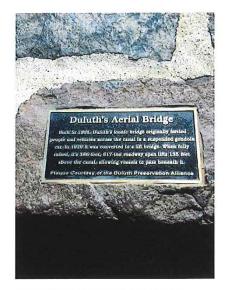
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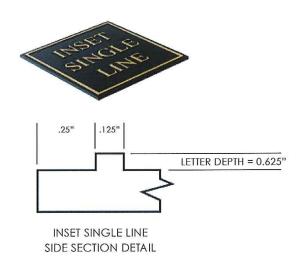
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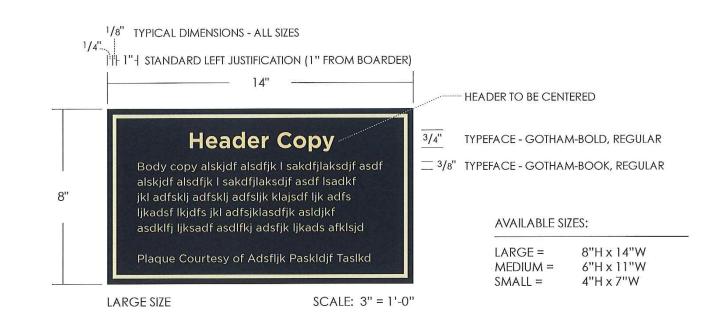
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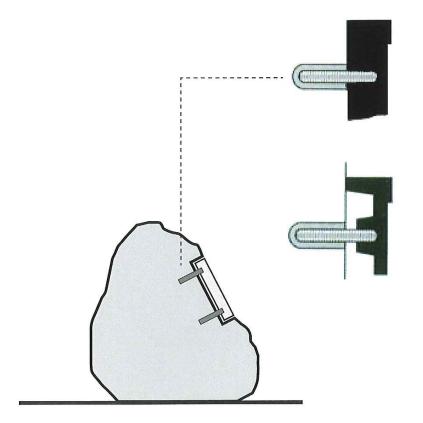


CAST BRONZE, EMBOSSED (existing for reference)

HISTORICAL MARKER CAST PLAQUES TO BE CAST BRONZE WITH EMBOSSED COPY AND INSET SINGLE LINE BOARDER (W/ DARK BACKGROUND).







FOR SMALLER PLAQUES (LESS THAN 24" X 24") A **SOLID** BACK PLAQUE IS RECOMMENDED.

FOR LARGER PLAQUES (MORE THAN 24" X 24") A RECESSED BACK PLAQUE IS RECOMMENDED (TO REDUCE WEIGHT).

SANDBLAST BOULDER 1/2" - 1" TO INSET PLAQUE, WITH FACE TO BE GENERALLY FLUSH WITH SURFACE, WITH ANGLE TO BE SET FOR OPTIMUM USER VIEW.

SILICONE & STUD-MOUNT PLAQUE PERMANENTLY TO BOULDER / WALL SURFACE AS REQUIRED.



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TYPEFACE STANDARDS

PARK IDENTIFICATION

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Typeface - Gotham-bold, Regular
(for park name identification use: 'Hartley Park & Nature Center')

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789.,/?&

Typeface - Gotham-book, Regular (for park address identification use: '3001 Woodland Avenue')

REGULATORY SIGNAGE

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789.,/?&

Typeface - InterstatePlus, Bold (for regulatory sign headers: 'Rules & Reminders')

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Typeface - InterstatePlus, Regular (for regulatory sign copy, primary: 'Horse Trail')

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789.,/?&

Typeface - Myriad Pro, Regular (for rule listings & extended copy messages, secondary: 'Permitted trail uses are marked at trailheads and intersections.')



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TYPEFACE STANDARDS





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PICTOGRAM STANDARDS

AMENITIES



BBQ grills







picnic shelter



bike repair station



campground



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PICTOGRAM STANDARDS





skate park

baseball/softball



dog walking/dog park

soccer



playground

volleyball



birding



basketball





disc golf



mountain biking





canoeing/kayaking



boat launch ramp



AQUATIC



fishing



beach access





snow-shoeing





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cross-country skiing







downhill skiing

Pictogram Standards

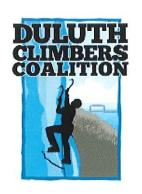
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SPONSOR LOGO STANDARDS











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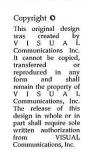
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Sponsor Logos

GRAPHIC STANDARDS

Difficulty Level	Multipurpose Trail Difficulty	Mountain Biking Trail Difficulty per existing duluth maps (reference page: F3.r)	Downhill Skiing Trail Difficulty per existing duluth maps (reference page: F3.s)	Cross-Country Skiing Trail Difficulty per existing duluth maps (reference page: F3.s)
EASIEST				
EASY				
MORE DIFFICULT / INTERMEDIATE	\			
VERY DIFFICULT				
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT / EXPERTS				
EXCEPTIONAL EXPERTS				
TERRAIN PARKS, JUMPS, HALF-PIPES & OTHER SPECIALTY OBSTACLES				



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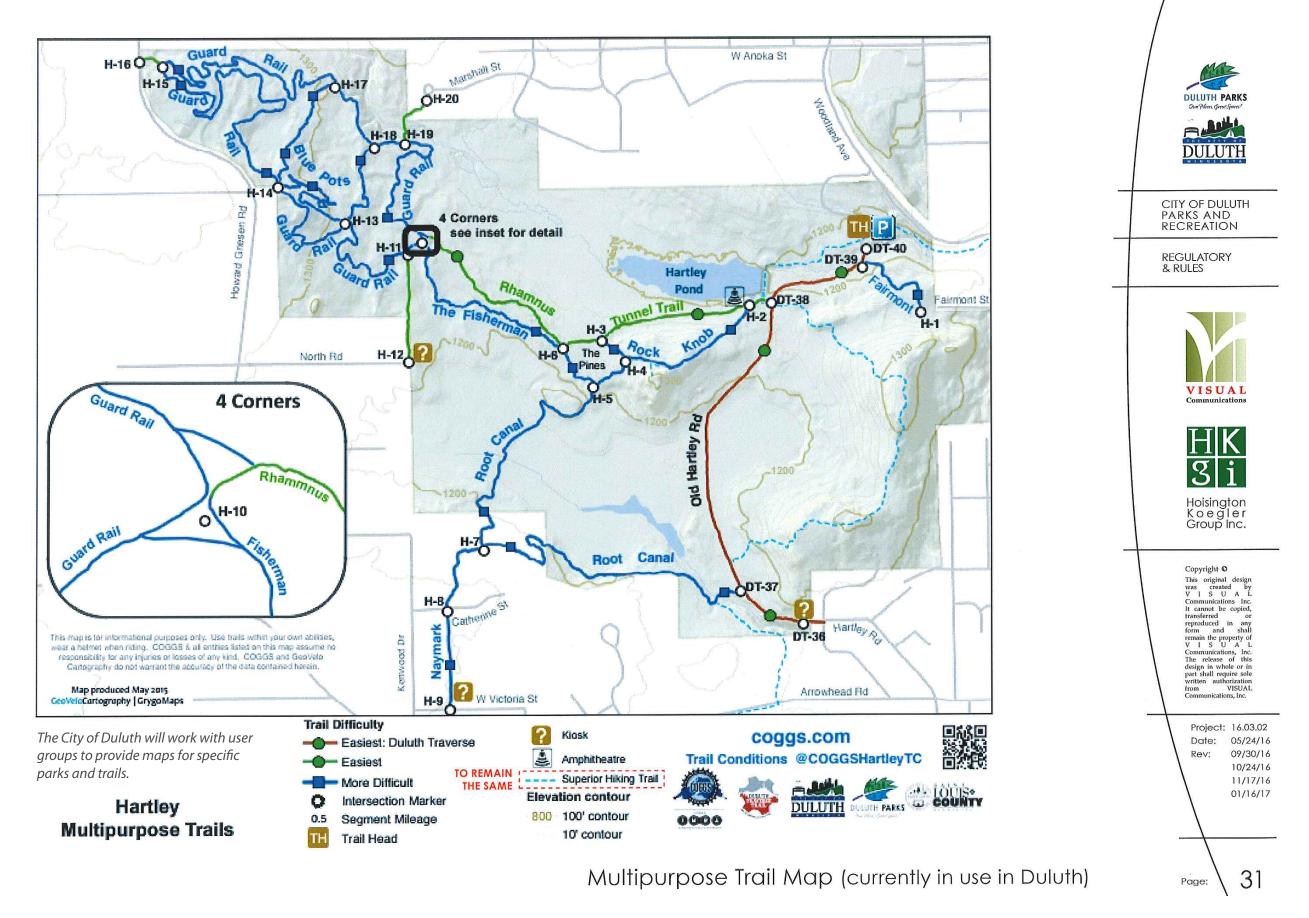
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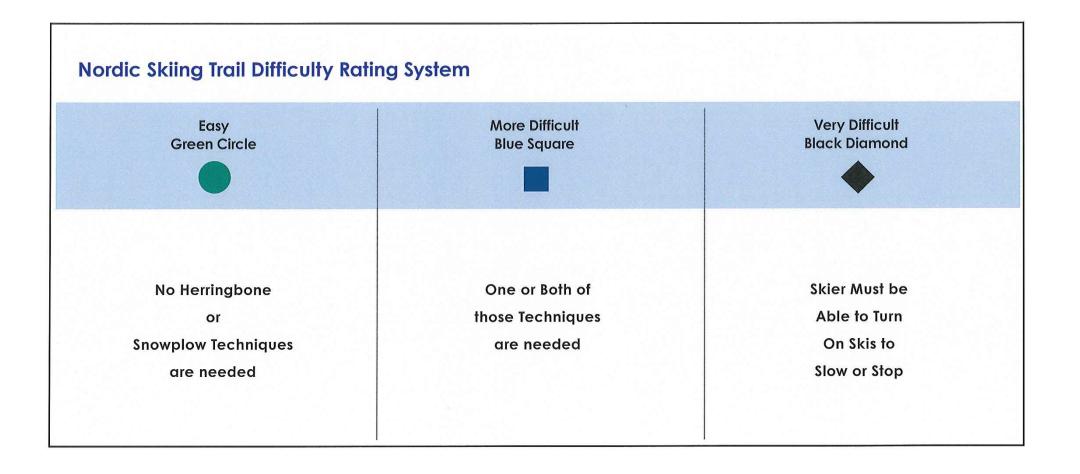
	Easiest White Circle	Easy Green Circle	More Difficult Blue Square	Very Difficult Black Diamond	Extremely Difficult Dbl. Black Diamond	Exceptional Experts	Terrain Parks, Jumps, Half-pipes & other Specialty Obstacles
Trail Width	72" or more	36" ar more	24" or more	12" or more	6" or more		
Tread Surface	Hardened or surfaced	Firm and stable	Mostly stable with some variability	Widely variable	Widely variable and unpredictable		
Average Trail Grade Maximum Trail Grade	Less than 5% Max 10%	5% or less Max 15%	10% or less Max 15% or greater	15% or less Max 15% or greater	20% or more Max 15% or greater		
Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTF)	None	Unavoidable obstacles 2" tall or less Avoidable obstacles may be present Unavoidable bridges 36" or wider	Unavoidable obstacles 8" tall or less Avoidable obstacles may be present Unavoidable bridges 24" or wider TTF's 2" high or less, width of deck is greater than 1/2 the height	Unavoidable obstacles 15" tall or less Avoidable obstacles may be present May include loose rocks Unavoidable bridges 24" or wider TTF's 4' high or less, width of deck is less than 1/2 the height Short sections may exceed criteria	Unavoidable obstacles 15" tall or greater Avoidable obstacles may be present May include loose rocks Unavoidable bridges 24" or narrower TTF's 4' high or greater, width of deck is unpredictable Many sections may exceed criteria		

The suggestions offered in this and other IMBA trailbuilding articles do not constitute a standard, specification, or regulation. Trailbuilders and landowners are responsible for the safety of their own trails and facilities. Freeriding and dirt jumping are high-risk activities that can result in serious injuries. IMBA's goal is to help land managers and volunteers manage these risks by sharing information.



Mountain Biking Trail Difficulty Graphic Standards

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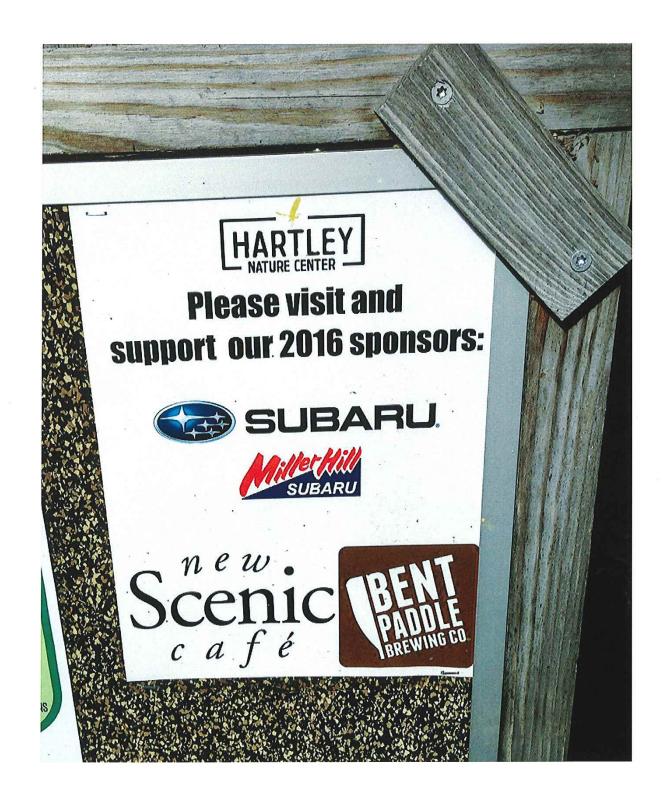




Nordic Skiing Difficulty Graphic Standards

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SPONSORSHIP STANDARDS



Sponsorship Standards

The city should devise and implement a policy regarding signs with regard to donors and sponsors within the park system.

The policy should include criteria as follows:

- Sponsorship Parameters
- Fees Required
- Multiple Sponsorship Levels
- Time Period
- Visual Guidelines, sizes, etc.
- Singular or Shared Sponsorship
- Sponsorship Criteria
- Maintenance Responsibilities
- Sponsorship Termination
- Sponsorship Signage Removal



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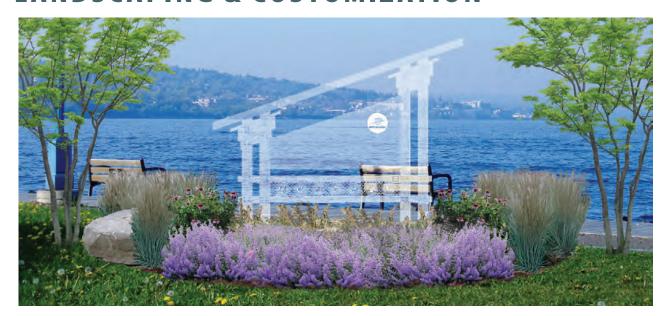


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LANDSCAPING & CUSTOMIZATION



Lakewalk Entry Planting Example

ENTRY PLANTING OPTIONS

Landscape plantings can be added around certain park signs to highlight the individual character of each park, customizing the sign and contributing to sense of place. Native species suited to the surrounding environment can be planted: drought resistant grasses in the dunes of Park Point; low maintenance perennials and clumps of aspen at rustic parks like Chamber's Grove; or showy, long blooming flowers and ornamentals in high profile areas like the Lakewalk. At neighborhood parks with an active garden club presence, entry signs could be adopted and planted with annuals or other species. All plantings should be designed to work with individual site conditions and should not interfere with sign visibility.



CITY OF DULUTH PARKS AND RECREATION

Exterior Signage Design and Wayfinding





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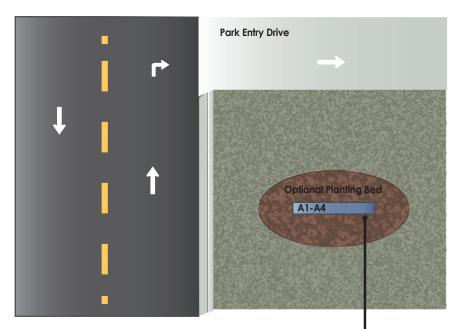
Park Point Entry Planting Example



Chamber's Grove Entry Planting Example



TYPICAL SIGNAGE PLACEMENT VIGNETTES

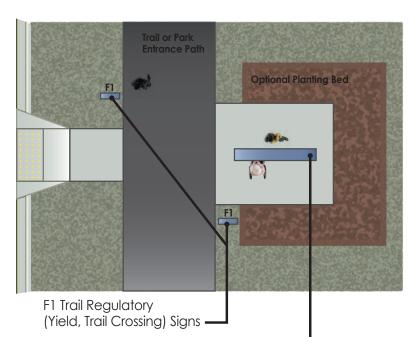


Place sign perpendicular to traffic and locate within view of entry drive

M1

A1-A4: Primary Park Entrance Sign Location (Typ.)

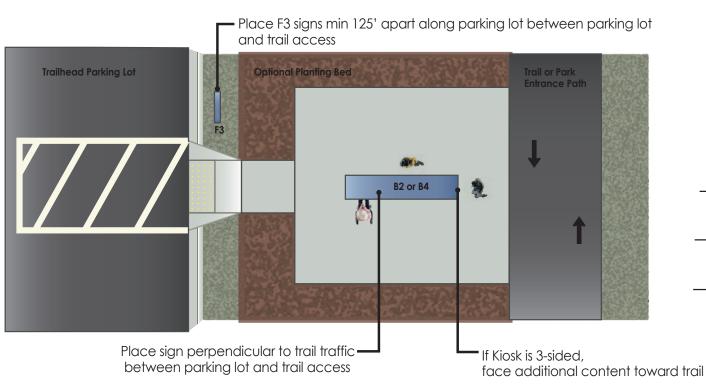
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Place kiosk or other two-sided sign perpendicular to trail traffic

B3: Double-faced Trail Directory (Typ.)

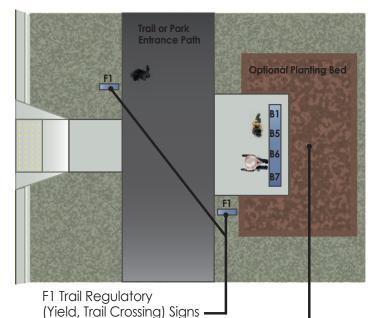
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B2 or B4: Double-faced or Three-sided Primary Directory Signs

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TYPICAL SIGNAGE PLACEMENT VIGNETTES

Signs should be located and placed individually, taking into account the specific variables encountered at each site; however, these diagrams attempt to illustrate some of the overarching principles that might guide the placement of certain sign types. These vignettes are not to scale.

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B1 or B5-B7: Single-faced Primary Directory or Map/ Emergency Signage (Typ.)

M1

parallel to trail traffic

NOT TO SCALE

Place kiosk or other single-faced sign -



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TYPICAL SIGNAGE PLACEMENT

Placement of Signs

In addition to the vignettes shown on the previous page, please consider the following when siting signs of each type:

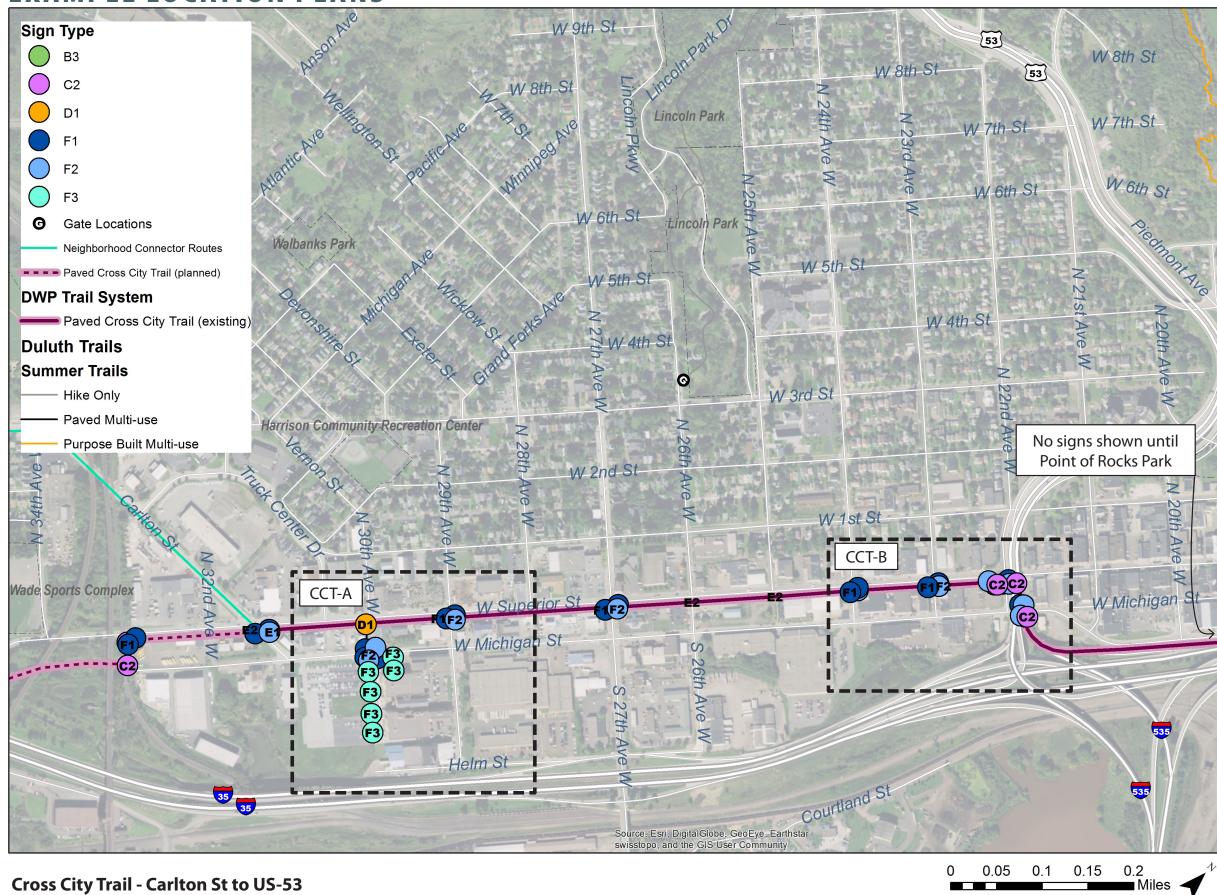
- » Large and Medium Park Identification (A1 & A2)
 - Sign should be located at main automobile entrance, as close to the road as possible without impeding sight lines. It should be positioned perpendicular to the street, and in a way that is visible from both directions of traffic (2 sided sign).
- » Small and Neighborhood Park Identification (A3 & A4)
 - Sign should be located at main automobile entrance, as close to the road as possible without impeding sight lines. It should be positioned perpendicular to the street, and in a way that is visible from both directions of traffic (2 sided sign). For parks on slower streets, a 1-directional sign facing the street may be appropriate.
- » Secondary Entrance Park Identification (A5)
 - Sign should be located at secondary automobile entrance, as close to the road as possible without impeding sight lines. It should be positioned perpendicular to the street, and in a way that is visible from both directions of traffic (2-sided sign). For access from slower streets, a 1-directional sign facing the street may be appropriate.
- » Primary Directory and Trailhead Directory (B1- B4)
 - Directories should be located at the primary entrance to the park where people will first be on foot (edge of a parking lot, front of visitor center, etc.). The kiosk should be highly visible.
- » Map/Emergency (B5-B7)
 - Maps should be located at places where trails intersect. One map should be sufficient per intersection. Trail markers identifying each trail will work in coordination with maps to help people orient.
- » Trail Markers (C1 & C2)
 - Trail markers should be used in conjunction with maps to inform users which trail is which. Trail markers are also important when uses intersect and certain uses are not allowed on some trails.
 - Trail markers may also be used to identify distances on longer trails, similar to a mileage marker.

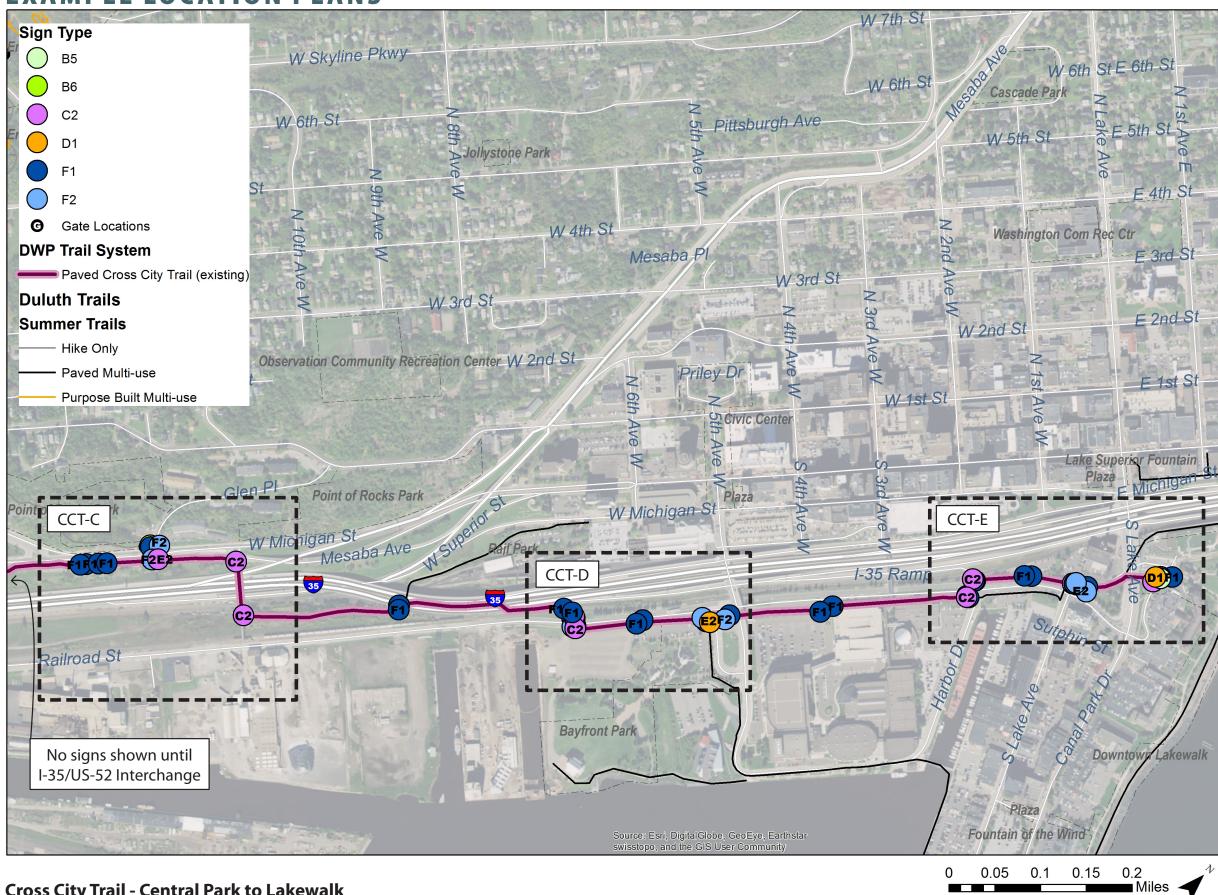
- » Trail Directional with Area Markers (D1)
- Trail directional signage should be located at the edges of parks where trails meet the neighborhood streets to direct neighbors to the parks and park users to neighborhood destinations. These signs will likely be located in large and special use parks where users may not be familiar with the area.
- » Neighborhood Directional (E1-E3)
 - Neighborhood directional signage should be located within neighborhoods and commercial corridors at visible and highly trafficked areas in order to direct potential visitors to park and trail entrances. Sign faces may be installed on existing poles or fixtures.
- » Regulatory Signage (F1- F3)
 - Regulatory Signage should be located at foot/bike entries to parks, as well as in parking lots. It is important that regulatory signage be visibly present at all entrances being used.

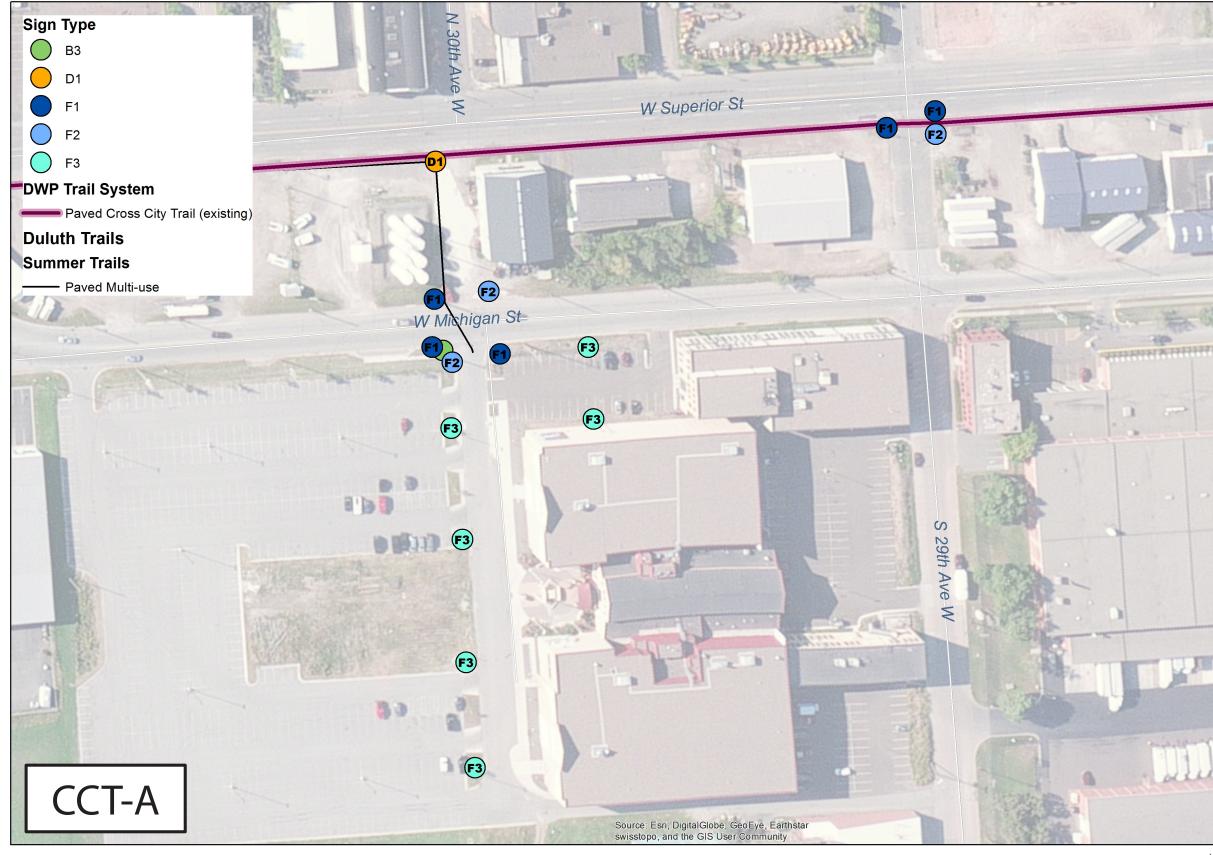


Primary Directory signage contains all the pertinent information needed to orient a visitor at a trailhead or park entrance, and could replace situations like this one, where a variety of informative signage is posted in a disorganized fashion.

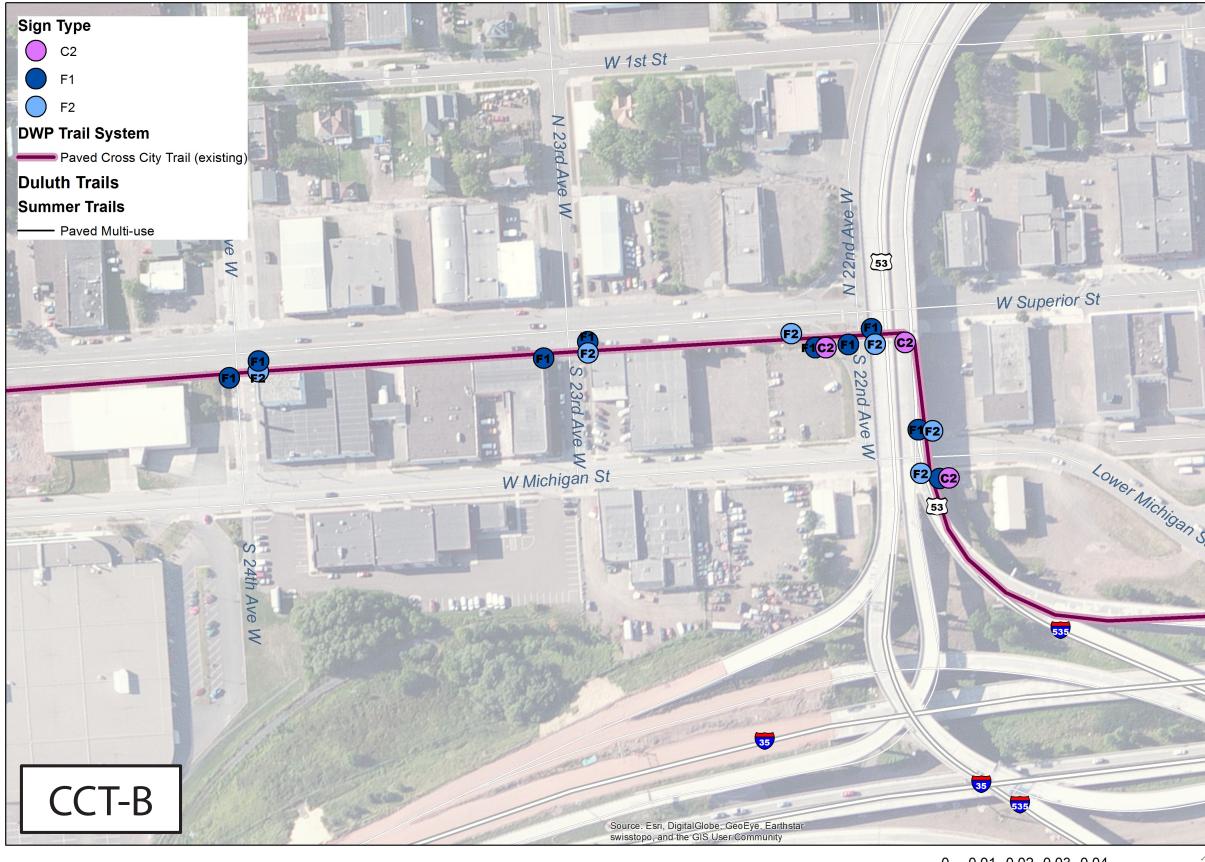
EXAMPLE LOCATION PLANS WAK HIGHWAY 270 13 Sign Type **EXISTING COGGS TRAIL** A2 G D1 (2) LAYOUT & SURFACING PLAN MAIN PARK AREA, SEE (2.01 **EXISTING PAVILION** Θ **Gate Locations** PLAYGROUND SEE 1/C2.03 SLOPE STABILIZATION AREA 2, ALTERNATE #4, SEE 2/C2.05 0 RESTROOM BUILDING SEE 1/C2.02 0 000 SWING SET EXISTING GRAVEL RIVER WALK RIVERWALK LIGHTING & ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL DRUMMING CIRCLE -AND EVENT ARBOR, 6110 WIRING, SEE ELECTRICAL, TYP. ALTERNATE #5, SEE 3/C2.02 VETERANS MEMORIAL DISASSEMBLY & RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERNATE #2, SEE 2/C2.02 STONE PATH TO POND OVERLOOK, ALTERNATE #6, SEE 4/C2.02 PROPERTY LINE GAZEBO RELOCATION AND REFURBISHING, ALTERNATE #8, SEE 1/C2.04 STONE STEPS AT WATER TRAILHEAD, -ALTERNATE \$7, SEE 1/C2.04 C.G.P. - GLRI STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, SEE APPENDIX PLAN SHEETS Chamber's Grove Signage Plan - Proposed Park Plan (by others)



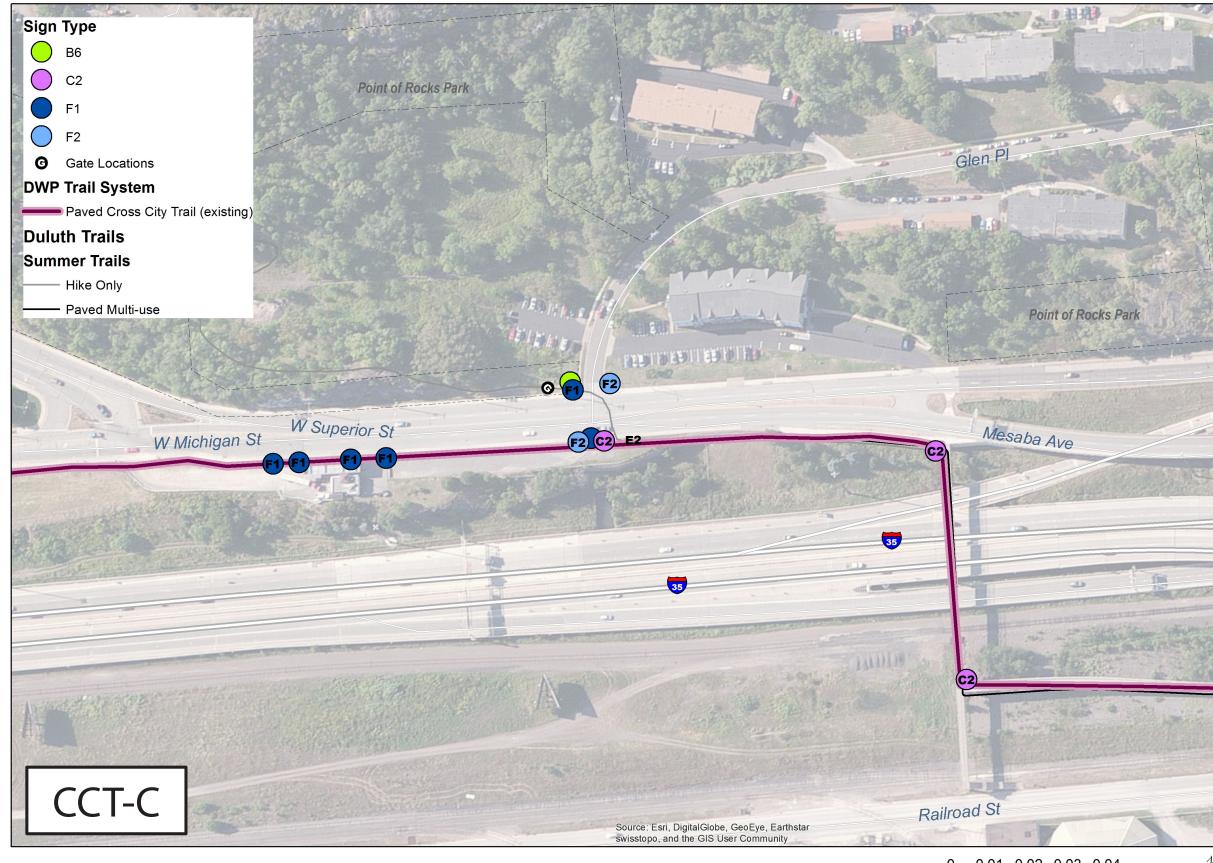




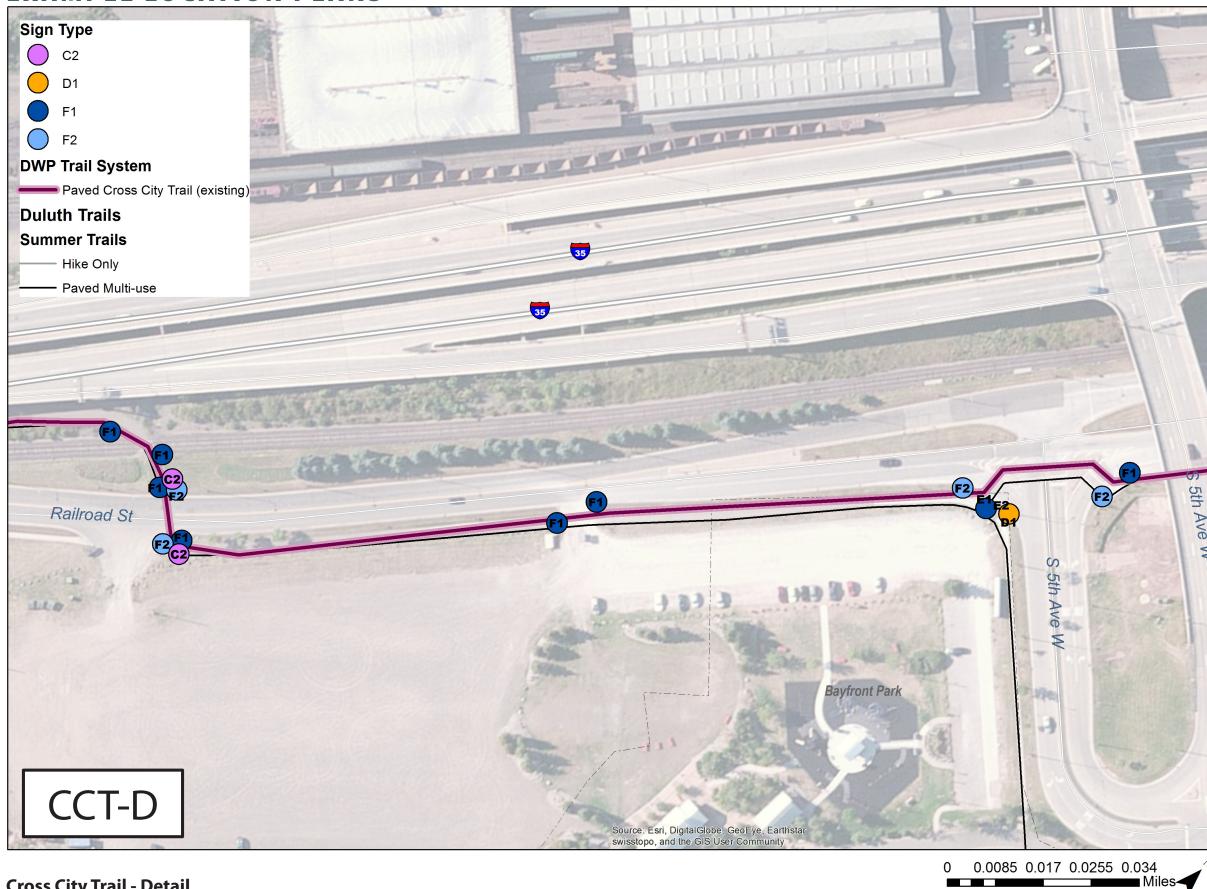
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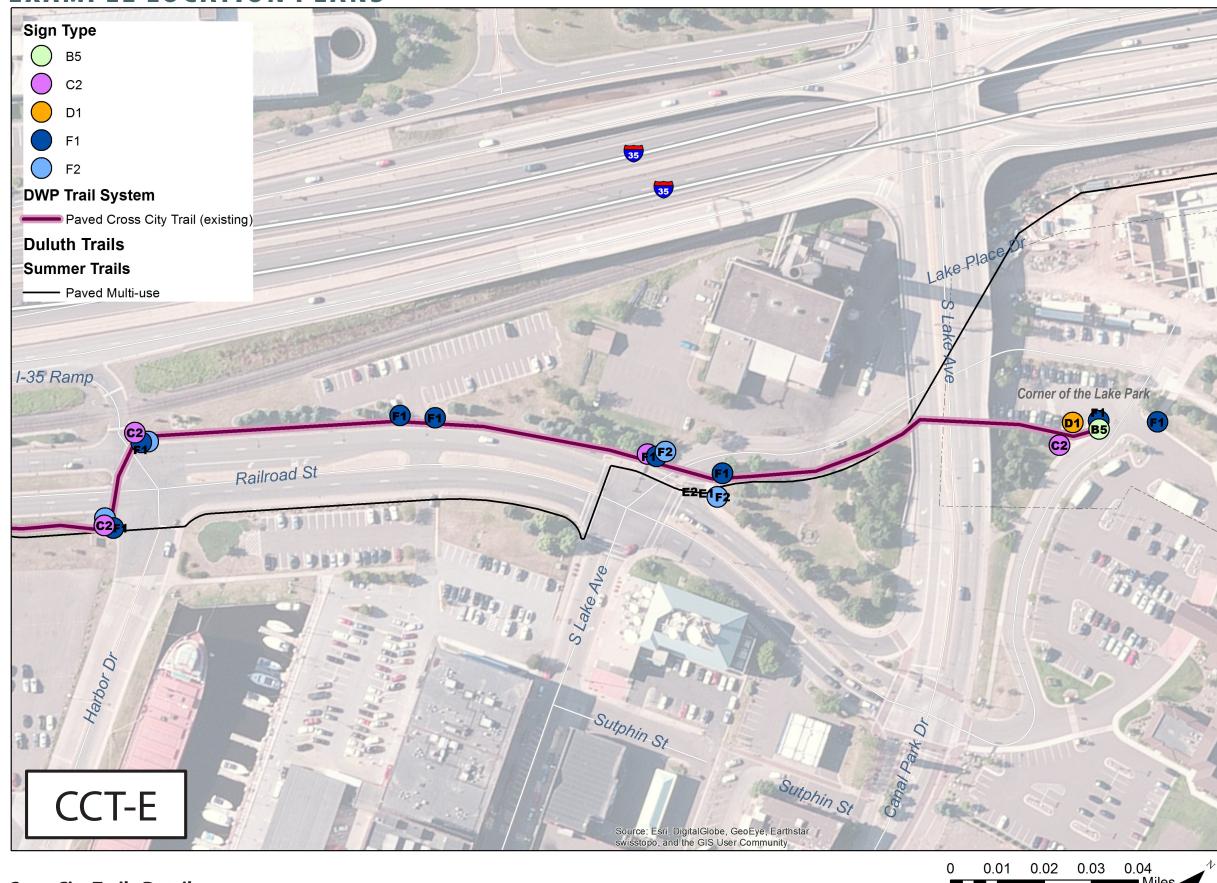
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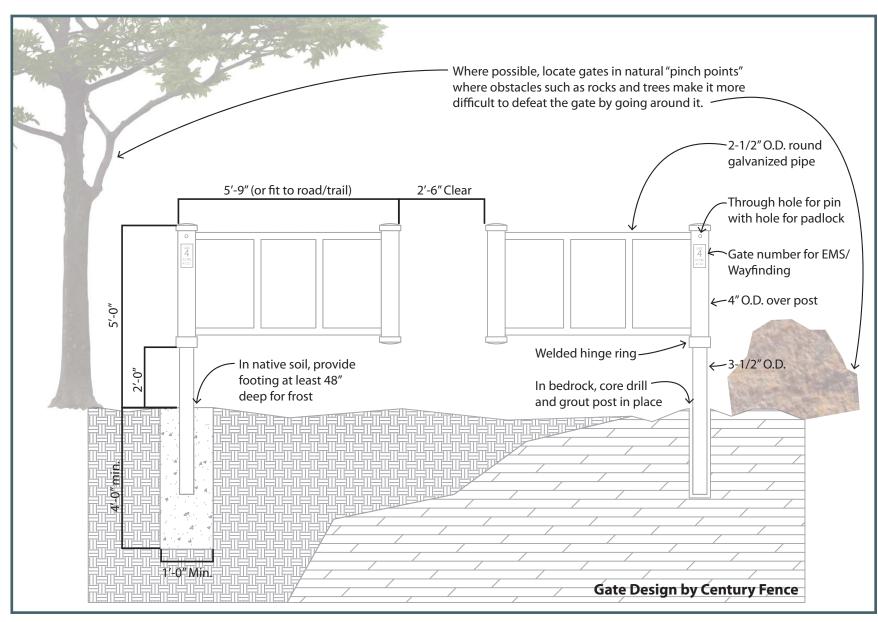
GATE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

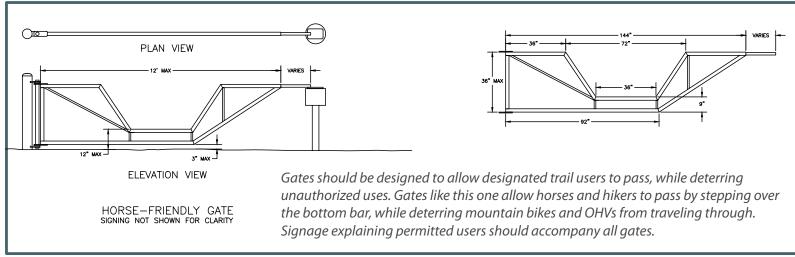
Gate Design

The City has had positive experiences using one and two arm "flag" style swing gates. Gates should be designed to allow designated trail users to easily bypass the gate, while preventing or deterring unauthorized users. In locations where only hikers and/or bicyclists are permitted and there are other access points for emergency vehicles nearby, bollards may be appropriate.

Gates should also be designed to be unlocked and opened to allow maintenance and emergency vehicles through. This includes gators, ATVs, snowmobiles, mowers, trail repair machinery, groomers, and trailers. They should also be able to be locked "open" for seasonal users such as snowmobilers.

Signage on gates should include a unique identifying number for maintenance and safety purposes, as well as a clear designation of which users are and are not allowed on the trails.







OHV DAMAGE FUND AND GATE LOCATIONS

OHV Damage Fund

The Minnesota DNR operates an "OHV Damage Fund" to help repair damage done by ATVs/OHVs. The fund cannot be used to improve a location (such as adding new signage, gates that were not there previously, etc.). Gates and signage are necessary, however, to collect funds for repairs. The fund requires a "reasonable effort" to prevent the reoccurrence of damage. This includes signing, gating, obstructing, or fencing where appropriate, as well as the notification of neighbors and adjacent land owners. Consult the MN DNR State Parks and Trails OHV Trails Assistance Program Manual for further detail.

Signage

Obviously visible signs with clear language prohibiting the use of ATVs/OHVs at all potential entries should be sufficient to meet the "reasonable effort" standard for signage. The parks department must make it abundantly clear that ATVs/OHVs are not allowed on the trails, so that nobody can claim, "I didn't know I couldn't ride here."

The application for a damage claim identifies 'No Trespassing' signs at:

- » All property corners
- » Ingress/egress points
- » 500' intervals in wooded areas
- » 1,000' intervals in clear areas.

Gates and Fencing

Gates and fencing that restrict the entry of ATVs/OHVs should also be sufficient to meet the "reasonable effort" standard. It may not be possible to stop all people who are willing to intentionally destroy gates and fencing, but the more the City can minimize the number of occurrences, the better.

Gate Locations

Gates should be used in locations where trails are accessible to roads:

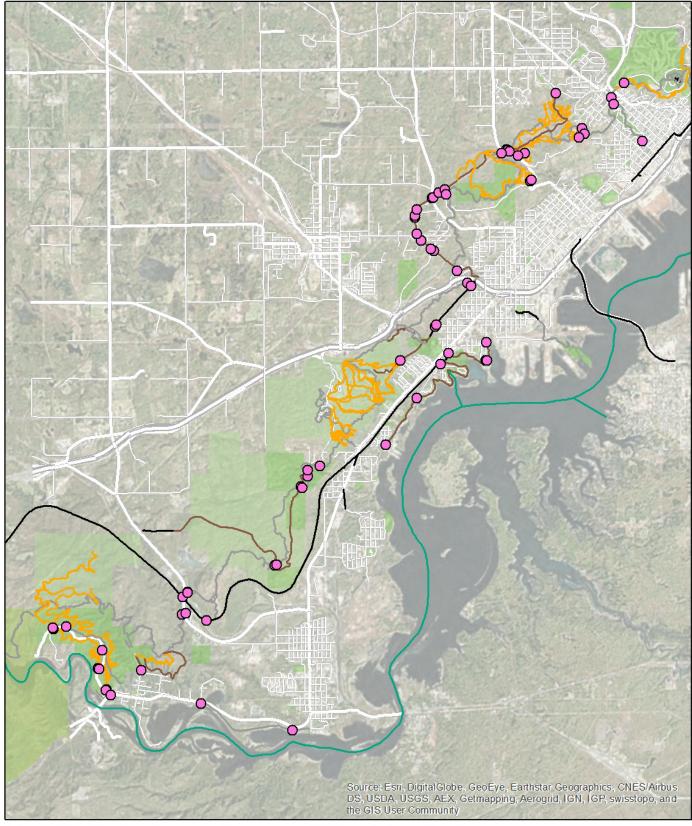
- » Crossings
- » Trailheads
- » Trails running adjacent to roads before leaving road corridors

Very short segments may not require gates. Additionally gates should be located at natural "neck down" locations where bypassing the gates is more difficult. These locations are strengthened by adjacent features that deter ATV/OHV use. This could include tree plantings, fencing, boulders, ditches, and other insurmountable obstacles.

Priorities should be given to locations where damage is already occurring. Based on observations, damage is occurring more in isolated areas where riders are able to access trails with a lower chance of being seen.

Gate Mapping

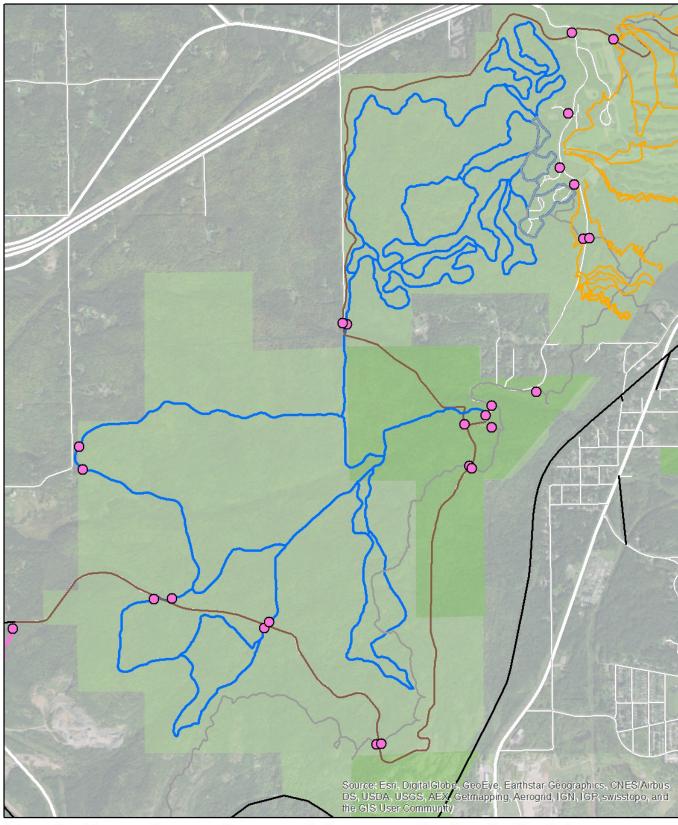
The consultants developed a GIS map with draft locations for proposed gates, wayfinding, and signage features that should be used in conjunction with this master plan. Exports from this interactive tool have been included here as a visual, but they should be considered draft locations, and are intended to be vetted by City Staff before implementation.



Draft Gate Locations - West Duluth



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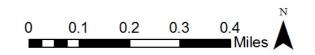


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Draft Gate Locations along 210



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Draft Gate Locations



PROJECT HISTORY, IMPLEMENTATION, & PRIORITIES

Project Process

Throughout Duluth, signage has often been erected on an individual basis, which has resulted in aging or unmaintained features, inconsistencies in message, and an incongruous look. In an effort to implement clear, consistent, and effective signage throughout Duluth's park system, the City of Duluth hired Visual Communications and Hoisington Koegler Group, Inc. to create this Gate, Wayfinding, and Signage Plan. The content of the plan was developed in order to better serve Duluth's residents and visitors, address public safety concerns, and protect sensitive resources within the park system.

In order to begin to understand the specific needs of a uniquely Duluth signage and wayfinding system, the consultants conducted a comprehensive study of signage throughout the city. Photographs were digitally catalogued and mapped. This, paired with a workshop with City staff, helped to identify issues and opportunities within the existing system and desires for the new. Throughout this process, the Duluth Fire Department and Duluth Police Department provided critical support. With the Avenza public safety mapping system, there will be full integration with this wayfinding project and public safety improvements.

The consultants presented precedent examples and led a visual preference exercise for City staff and stakeholders in order to get a better sense of design direction. From there, preliminary signage design concepts were developed and presented to staff and stakeholders. Feedback from an online survey and discussions at stakeholder and staff meetings brought forth additional suggestions on the signage system's content, form, and function and resulted in further iterations that were presented and voted upon at subsequent meetings.

Signage and Wayfinding Design

Preferred designs for a suite of signage and wayfinding were developed to be flexible to fit parks of any size, from small neighborhood parks to regional and special use parks. Trail markers were designed to integrate information about trail name, park, allowable uses, difficulty, and trail sponsors. All signage includes information to aid emergency medical services, has been designed to be accessible to users in wheelchairs where applicable, and uses international

pictograms for non-english speakers. Special attention was paid to acknowlege Native American relationships with the land through language callouts on certain signs. The final design underwent a value engineering process to reduce the estimated construction cost of implementing the whole

Implementation Tools

In addition to the wayfinding and signage design set (Chapter 1 of this document), the consultants developed a GIS map with draft locations for proposed gates, wayfinding, and signage features along with an Excel spreadsheet that can be used to track gate, wayfinding, and signage needs and status over time. Together, these tools detail which components of the wayfinding and signage plan should be installed in each park or trail, and can be used to make decisions about implementation. The map/spreadsheet combo is intended to be used as a working tool for Parks Staff, and to be updated as parks become eligible for improvements.

Implementation Approach

Due to the scale of Duluth's park and recreation system, this plan cannot be implemented all at once; rather, completion of updates to the park system's wayfinding and signage will likely take 10-15 years. For all new projects, an estimated 2-10% of the project's cost will be allotted to signage and wayfinding so that it is integrated into the system as new projects are completed. Existing parks and trails with signage that is broken or in disrepair will receive new signage to replace the old as resources allow. Existing signage that is in good condition will be the last to be replaced.

Implementation Priorities

In order to implement the signage and wayfinding system in an efficient and meaningful manner, priority is intended to be given to the following types of project:

- 1. A new park or trail with high priority safety concerns or resource damage issues
- 2. A new park or trail with budget for sign installation, e.g. half and half funds
- 3. An existing park or trail with high priority safety concerns or resource damage issues

- 4. An existing park or trail undergoing significant capital improvements with budget for signs
- 5. An existing park or trail with damaged or worn signage
- 6. An existing park or trail with old signage that is in acceptable condition





Silhouetted signage concepts were photoshopped into images of Duluth parks to show how signs could be customized with landscaping to fit the context of each park.

FUNDING & CONSTRUCTION

Funding Mechanisms

Because completion of this plan spans more than a decade and covers the entire City of Duluth, no one funding mechanism will be adequate; nor can we envision funding opportunities that may present themselves at a later date. As such, the following list of funding mechanisms may be incomplete, but should serve as a starting point.

- » Half and Half Tax funds for selected projects in the St. Louis River Corridor from 2017-2019
- Chambers Grove signage
- Quarry Park signage
- Cross City Trail signage (select segments)
- Magney-Snively gates
- » Parks Maintenance Budget
 - Replacing broken signs
 - Ongoing minor sign implementation
 - Gates as needed
- » User Groups

Developing community partnerships to participate in the fundraising for large-scale projects like this Gate, Wayfinding, and Signage Plan is essential. User groups can facilitate completion of parts of the plan that are important to them through additional grant writing, fundraising, or in in-kind efforts.

- New signage and wayfinding along sponsored trails
- Upgraded signage and wayfinding to improve accessibility, safety, or access for user groups
- » Parks Capital Fund

In 2011, the Park Referendum allowed for funds to be set aside to pay for park maintenance, staff, and supplies. This fund can also be used as matching dollars for many state, federal, or local grants.

- Used to match outside funding sources to implement signage and wayfinding
- As part of the overall construction budget for new projects (an estimated 2-10% of construction cost, based on size, scale, & type of park)

- » Outside Grants
 - Overall project grants (2-10% of construction cost)
 - Grants specifically for signage and wayfinding

Construction

Construction of all signage and wayfinding should use this Plan as a guide, adhering to all stated dimensions, colors, typeface standards, pictograms, graphic standards, and messaging shown here (where applicable). Signage panels, especially standard rules and regulatory signage, can be printed in house as equipment allows. Custom panels with unique messages, sizes, or shapes should be specified to match in house signage, but may be sent out to a shop. Smaller signage, including map/emergency signs, trail markers, trailblazer signs, and neighborhood directional signage can be installed by City staff, while larger signage like park identification signs and directories will need to be bid out and constructed on a contract basis.



Smaller signs can be installed by City staff. Others may need to be bid out to contractors. Photo credit: Kyndell Harkness, Star Tribune







GATE, WAYFINDING, and SIGNAGE FINAL DESIGN PLAN

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