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Clearing & Vegetation Control Plan and Visual Assessment Plan

Legend

A1. Trees with 30" diameter or greater to have structural evaluation

B1a. Clearing zones for view crafting

B1b. Reinforce cleared areas with new tree plantings at edges

B2. View of architecture to be screened

B3. Remove plantings that do not fit "pastoral" scheme

B4. Accent plantings at park entry

B5. Tree plantings to enhance So. Plymouth Ave as parkway

C1. Dead or in decline trees

D1/E1a. Remove understory plantings (along river bank & wooded area)

F1. Areas of invasive plants to be removed

Brookside Landing Phase II Public Improvements

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At intervals of from 100 to 500 feet there should be spaces in which the inclination is much less steep than elsewhere, the intention being that at these points there shall be gaps in the waterside planting...

- From a letter from E.L.O. to C.C. Laney; dated 9th August 1889

- A. Preserve any Olmsted-era trees within the park
- B. Reintroduce Olmsted's ideal of the pastoral landscape to the park
- C. Remove any hazards caused by trees in order to protect the users of the park
- D. Reinforce the connection between the Genesee River and the park
- E. Ensure that the park functions as a whole entity
- F. Remove any invasive plant material

- A1. Perform structural tree evaluation on any trees with diameter of 30" or greater, as they may have been planted during park's inception
- A2. Protect non-historic trees that are healthy and contribute to pastoral planting scheme within park

- B1. Reintroduce and reinforce framing of views and vistas
 - B1a. Remove all vegetation in selective clearing zones (every 100' to 500' per Olmsted plans; see quote to left)
 - B1b. Reinforce edges of cleared areas with new trees to enhance framing of vistas
- B2. Screen architecture with planting of appropriate scale and canopy coverage
- B3. Remove or transplant trees that do not fit in pastoral planting scheme
- B4. Use plantings to accent park entries
- B5. Use tree plantings to help re-establish South Plymouth Avenue as a "parkway"
- C1. Remove any dead or in decline trees throughout site
- C2. Remove any dead or in decline limbs in trees that are to remain
- D1. Remove understory vegetation along river bank
 - D1a. Maintain only trees with diameter of 3" or greater (for successional growth)
- E1. Visually reconnect the canal/railroad path to the park proper
 - E1a. Remove all understory vegetation in wooded area to the east of canal/railroad path
 - E1b. Maintain only trees with diameter of 3" or greater (for successional growth)

VIEW ENFRAMEMENT

B1b.

B1a.

VIEW ENFRAMEMENT

B1a.

EXISTING GROVE

D1.

F1.

Major species

- Acer rubrum
- Acer saccharinum
- Betula nigra
- Betula lenta
- Fraxinus americana
- Quercus bicolor
- Quercus rubra
- Quercus palustris
- Ulmus americana

Minor species

- Betula papyrifera
- Catalpa speciosa
- Fagus sylvatica
- Liquidambar styraciflua
- Liriodendron tulipifera
- Magnolia acuminata
- Tilia americana

Major species

- (Red Maple)
- (Silver Maple)
- (River Birch)
- (Sweet Birch)
- (White Ash)†
- (Swamp White Oak)†
- (Red Oak)
- (Pin Oak)
- (American Elm)

Minor species

- (Paper Birch)†
- (Northern Catalpa)
- (European Beech)
- (Sweetgum)
- (Tuliptree)
- (Cucumber Magnolia)
- (American Linden)

Notes:

1. Plant species come from Olmsted Plan No. 1102-132 for Genesee Valley Park.
2. Species names have been changed to modern equivalents, as appropriate.
3. Species that are smaller trees/shrubs or that are now considered invasive have been excluded from the palette. Also excluded are species that have modern problems with pests, fungal issues or are considered to be over-planted.
4. Additional tree species that were not used on the planting plan for Genesee Valley Park, but were used by the Olmsted firm for other projects in the same era, include:

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| <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | (Amer. Hornbeam) |
| <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | (Tupelo) |
| <i>Quercus alba</i> | (White Oak) |
| <i>Quercus coccinea</i> | (Scarlet Oak) |
| <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> | (Bur Oak) |
| <i>Quercus prinus</i> | (Chestnut Oak) |
| <i>Quercus velutina</i> | (Black Oak) |
| <i>Salix alba</i> | (White Willow) |
| <i>Sassafras albidum</i> | (Sassafras) |
| <i>Ulmus americana</i> | (American Elm) |
| <i>Ulmus rubra</i> | (Slippery Elm) |

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CREATE VISUAL CUE FROM STREETSCAPE AND THE BROOKS LANDING BOAT DOCK

Legend

A1. Screen off-site views

A2. Craft views for visitors on walkways and trails

A3a. Reestablish views between park and river

A3b. Restore uninterrupted visual connection to river

B1. Provide visual cue to outside community

B2. Provide visual cue to adjacent park space

B3. Create visual access from adjacent neighborhoods

C1. Create visual connection between park zones to be enhanced

C2. Create coordinated park gateway

D1. Enhance World War II Memorial

D2. Reduce visual impact of South Plymouth Avenue

D3. Screen adjacent parking areas

E. Establish public art opportunities

Visual Assessment Plan

"That the main part of Genesee Valley Park is, and always should be, a natural rural landscape, and should, to retain its highest value, be kept as free as possible from all obtrusive artificial structures, is a fact, not a matter of opinion."

- From a letter from Frederick Law Olmsted to Park commissioners of the City of Rochester, NY; dated 2nd May 1892

Goals & Objectives for Visual Assessment Plan:

- A. Reestablish Olmsted's design principles in crafting views
- B. Create visual cues to attract visitors to park from surrounding community
- C. Define visual connections between park features
- D. Identify opportunities for visual enhancement
- E. Create viewing opportunities for locations of public art

Proposed Treatments to Establish Goals & Objectives:

- A1. Minimize views of structures outside of park
- A2. Ensure shifting views along park walkways and trails
- A3. Reestablish visual connection between river and park
 - A3a. Open up viewsheds along river bank at intervals of 100 to 500 feet as intended by Olmsted
 - A3b. Remove understory planting for repeated visual connection to the river
- B1. Create visual cues from surrounding community to the park
- B2. Create visual cues from park to other public park spaces
- B3. Define visual access from neighborhoods of Grandview Terrace, Arvine Park, Oak Hill View and Arvine Heights into park; while screening views of neighborhoods from within park
- C1. Create visual connection between historic rail bed and park proper
- C2. Create coordinated gateway to park on both sides of Elmwood Avenue
- D1. Enhance World War II memorial
- D2. Reduce visual impact of South Plymouth Avenue
- D3. Screen views of parking areas outside of the park
- E1. Create viewing opportunities for locations of public art



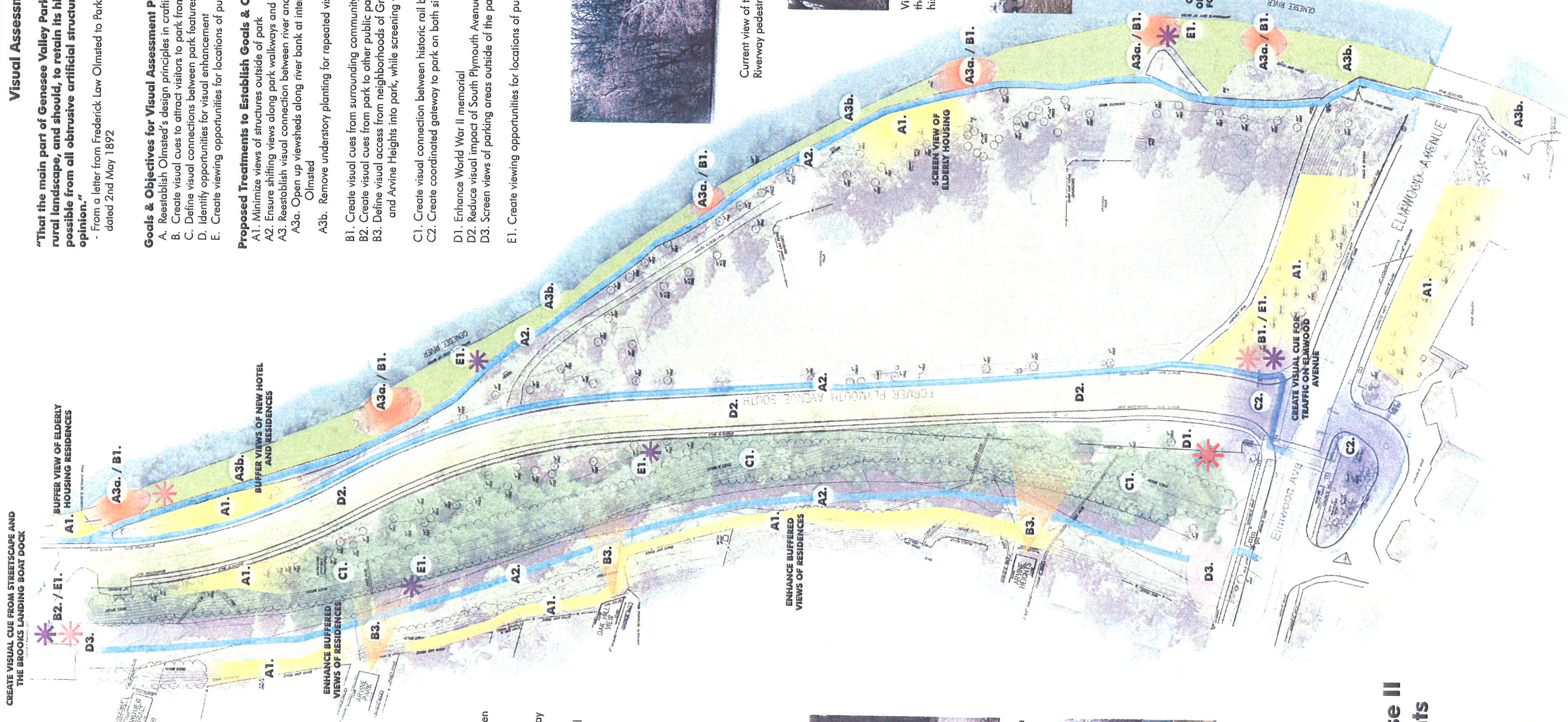
Current view of the west bank of the park from the Genesee Riverway pedestrian bridge.



View across Elmwood Avenue of parking lot at the Genesee Valley Park Ice Arena from the historic rail/canal bed.



View of the Grandview Terrace neighborhood and the parking lot at the Staybridge Suites hotel from the historic rail/canal



View of Genesee Valley Park Ice Arena from South Plymouth Avenue, looking south from the center of the park.



View of the senior living center beyond Brooks Landing, looking north from the center of the park.

Brooks Landing Phase II Public Improvements

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