

City of Grand Island

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Item -1

Presentation of Proposed Arboretum for Stolley Park

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Council Agenda Memo

From:	Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director		
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Subject:	Stolley Park Arboretum		
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Background

In 1981, Bob Kriz, former Grand Island Mayor led an effort to develop a Zoo in Stolley Park. The Zoo was constructed and continued to operate for approximately 20 years. Originally the Zoo operated under the guidance of a Zoological Society and eventually under the City until its closure in 2001.

At that time, then Mayor, Ken Gnadt appointed a Zoo Re-Use committee to assist staff in the development of a plan to utilize the area that was formally the Heritage Zoo. The committee consisted of Tom Gdowski, Gloria Wolbach, Jim Hruskoci, former Councilman Gale Larson, Mackenzie Cochran and Luke McMahan and two high school students. The committee formulated a re-use plan which was adopted by City Council in late 2001. One process the committee undertook was to poll the community regarding what features they might desire in the redevelopment of the site. (Survey and Survey results are attached). The end result of the committees work included the following recommendations: construction of a themed playground, refurbish the train and train tracks, erecting a community picnic shelter, development of an arboretum and construction of an outdoor refrigerated ice rink.

To date, the themed playground has been constructed, the train and train tracks refurbished and a community picnic shelter has been erected. The next phase of the reuse plan is to develop an arboretum. Over the past three years, funding for the arboretum has been requested through the budget process, to date funding has not been approved or allocated.

Discussion

The committee, in collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Department is providing the following proposal to make the arboretum a reality.

It is proposed that a community based fund drive be initiated to assist in providing the capital necessary to construct the arboretum. The original Architects estimate to provide a finished arboretum was approximately \$870,000. Utilizing a fund drive and volunteer assistance, similar to the effort made to build Kids Kingdom, the committee believes the Arboretum can become a reality for approximately \$400,000.00.

Staff feels an ongoing maintenance commitment by the City will be necessary. To properly maintain the arboretum one additional full-time person and two seasonal staff will be required at a labor cost of approximately \$55,000 annually including benefits. Volunteer labor will be critical to the upkeep of the beds, but ongoing construction, maintenance and repairs would be handled by staff.

The committee is willing to undertake the challenge of raising capital funds if Council is willing to support the arboretum by funding maintenance and long term care.

Conclusion

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.

It is the intent of City Administration to bring this issue to a future council meeting for the formal adoption of the Arboretum Development Plan.

Gathering Public Input

UTILIZATION OF EXISTING HERITAGE ZOO PROPERTY

(encompassing approximately 6+ acres). Here is your opportunity to provide YOUR input. The following survey is designed to allow YOUR input as to how the City of Grand Island Public input is vital in shaping the future use of the Grand island Heritage Zoo property can best utilize the existing Zoo property. Some initial suggestions are listed here.

Please check all that you feel are important considerations as to the use of the grounds, but MORE IMPORTANTLY, please feel free to list ADDITIONAL IDEAS that you feel need consideration. Please fill out this form prior to October 22, 2001. Check all those that you feel are important:

☐ Train rides around the part	-k 🗌 Children's Museum
Historical Site	Horseback / pony rides
Outdoor / Indoor Pavilion	Botanical Garden / Arboretu
Theme (Non-conventional)	 Playground*
Basketball court / Refriger	rated Ice Skating Rink
Your additional ideas/commer	nte wolcomo.

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* 2+ acre, child-designed, family friendly playground



DATE: November 19, 2001

TO: Zoo Site Reuse Committee

FROM: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

RE: Citizen Inputs for Committee Consideration

The following is a statistical breakdown of the input received to date. The numbers were derived from both the newspaper survey and utility survey inserts.

BOTANCIAL GARDEN	518
TRAIN RIDE	423
*BASKETBALL/ICE SKATING RINK	393
THEMED PLAYGROUND	386
CHILDRENS MUSEUM	311
OUTDOOR/INDOOR PAVILION	264
HORSE/PONY RIDES	216
HISTORICAL SITE	180
PETTING ZOO	22
CAMPGROUND	8
DOG PARK	9
SKATEBOARD PARK	4
AUCTION OFF PROPERTY	6
HUMANE SOCIETY	3
RESTORE TO TREES AND GRASS	8
FRISBEE GOLF	б
*BASKETBALLCOURT/ICE RINK	318
ICE RINK ONLY	69
BASKETBALL COURT ONLY	6

December 5, 2007

Grand Island City Council 100 E 1st St. Grand Island, NE 68801

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to ask you for your support in regards to the Stolley Park Arboretum project. I served as a member of the Stolley Park Re-Use Committee that was formed at the time of the Zoo closing and as a Co-Chair for the Kids Kingdom project along with my wife Becky and Kirk and Katie Ramsey. When the Stolley Park Re-use plan was adopted by the Council in 2001 we were hopeful the completion would take approximately three years. Although we are somewhat behind schedule, many wonderful pieces of the plan have been completed!

The Kids Kingdom playground, train and covered pavilion have all been well received and the arboretum project will fulfill the majority of the initial plans goals. The completion of this project will take a commitment of both public and private efforts to build and maintain on a long term basis. Please take into consideration the considerable support the initial Reuse plan received, the overwhelming success of the Kids Kingdom project and the current use of all the facilities within the park. All were developed with significant input and support from the citizens of Grand Island!

Thank you for the consideration you give this project as well as all your efforts in providing leadership to the community of Grand Island.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Steve Paustian

LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

STOLLEY PARK ARBORETUM

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

January, 2004









OVERVIEW

This master plan was developed to assist the City of Grand Island establish an arboretum at the former Heritage Zoo site in Stolley Park. This plan is intended to provide general structure to the planning process for the City of Grand Island's future landscape goals at this site. Its main purpose is to focus upon the "big picture" landscape issues at Stolley Park and should be used to give direction in the planning of the general intent of future landscape at this site. The plan has intentionally been kept flexible so that it might adapt to future changes in program, site conditions, and funding opportunities.

MISSION

The mission of the development of the Stolley Park Arboretum landscape is six-fold:

- Display plant material in a beautiful setting. Develop the site in such a manner that the landscape enhances the activity that occurs there.
- Display plant material in such a way so that it becomes an educational resource for the public.
- Utilize a mix of diverse landscape plants that are well-adapted to the area.
- Utilize a mix of diverse new and underutilized landscape plant species that might be adaptable to the area.
- Develop the site so that it might achieve local and regional recognition as an outstanding arboretum site.
- Develop the site so that it is organized into individual themed areas that can be phased or funded separate from one another, if desired.

SITE CONDITIONS

Location: The Stolley Park Arboretum site is located on a contiguous property that totals approximately 7 acres in south central Grand Island, Nebraska south of West Stolley Park Road between South Blaine Street and Park Drive. It is located in Stolley Park.

Context: The Stolley Park Arboretum site is situated in the south central part of Grand Island, Nebraska, a growing community of approximately 44,000 persons located in east-central Nebraska. The arboretum site, situated at the former Heritage Zoo property is located in Stolley Park. Existing parking lots that will serve the arboretum are situated to the north and west of the arboretum entrance. A large new children's playground is located to the west of the arboretum. Large open park areas surround the arboretum to the north and west. No significant changes in elevation occurs within this site, but an existing water feature that includes a small pond and stream bisects the site. A miniature railroad track that served the Zoo has been rebuilt, and will now enhance the arboretum activity. All of the former Zoo exhibit areas have been removed, but a few existing buildings remain, as well as many trees and shrubs.

Access: Access to the site is straightforward, and uncomplicated via the City of Grand Island street system. Once at the site, parking is available in the existing Stolley Park parking areas, mentioned above. Stolley Park is open throughout the year.

Climate: The climate of east-central Nebraska is variable. Wide temperature fluctuations are common from season to season, and even within a specific season. Temperatures range from over 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer (June through September) to under -20 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter (December through March). Daily fluctuation in temperature can sometimes approach 50 or 60 degrees. Precipitation can also vary. The region receives an average of 25 inches of precipitation per

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year. However, only approximately 18 inches of that amount falls as rain during the growing season (an average of 160 days between late April and early October). Periods of drought are common even during years that total annual precipitation is average. More severe droughts occur on average every seven years.

Plant Hardiness: The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone for this site is 5b. The average annual minimum temperature for this zone is -20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Soils: The soils on the site are urban, mixed soils. After decades of building and site improvements at the site, the top three or so feet of soil has been modified to the point of being undefined per typical USDA classifications.

Existing Collections and other Vegetation: No evidence exists of pre-settlement native mixed-grass prairie on this site. Existing trees do subsist throughout the site. This planting mainly consists of a number of species of deciduous trees. Landscape has also been installed and maintained throughout Stolley Park. Most of the landscape in and around Stolley Park is mature, and provides apleasant overstory canopy.

Educational Activities: No formal educational activity currently occurs at this site.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Site Development Goal: The Stolley Park Arboretum site will be a visually attractive area. Users will be able to learn about plants and enjoy the benefits of a well-planned landscape.

- Emphasis will be placed on quality landscape design that provides a sense of beauty for the site
- Declining trees will be pruned or removed as necessary to improve the appearance of the site
- Additional plantings will be installed to augment existing specimens
- Additional plantings will be installed in order to provide pedestrian comfort including wind protection, shade, and visual screening on the site
- Native and naturalized plantings will be utilized whenever appropriate
- Landscape plants will be utilized to enhance specific themed areas including a formal garden, rose garden, sensory garden, children's garden, prairie garden, woodland pocket garden, woodland garden, water/wetland garden, heritage garden, and alpine garden.
- The primary arboretum entrances to the site will be enhanced through the use of landscape
- The arboretum development will integrate and enhance adjacent park uses, including the new children's playground and proposed community picnic pavilion
- The arboretum development will enhance the existing adjacent residential neighborhoods
- The arboretum should be developed to provide all-season activity and interest

Collections Goal: The Stolley Park Arboretum site will offer a diverse collection of plants that are appropriate for the area.

- A collections policy should be developed
- A list of desired species, appropriate to the site, will be developed (see Exhibit A)
- Emphasis should be placed on expanding the variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and groundcover plants displayed at the site

Education Goal: Stolley Park Arboretum site will serve as an educational resource center for Grand Island Public Schools, and for the Grand Island community.

• Emphasis should be placed on educational activities appropriate for Grand Island school youth

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- Plants should be properly labeled for easy identification
- Consideration should be given to the development of interpretive information regarding site characteristics and planting
- A site brochure that indicates plant location and layout should be developed
- Efforts should be made to schedule outdoor public events that emphasize landscape development on the site

Maintenance Goal: The Stolley Park Arboretum site will serve as a model for proper landscape maintenance.

- High quality maintenance of the existing plant material on site as well as other site features, including the proper interface between landscape and pavements, buildings, and other site features will be advocated
- The arboretum will demonstrate desirable landscape cultural practices including planting, mulching, irrigation, pruning, weed control and pest control
- Emphasis will be placed on low-input maintenance techniques including reduced chemical use and increased biological control
- The design of the landscape will be completed to allow plantings to be maintained in their natural form
- The design of the landscape will be completed to allow for reduction in mowing and trimming
- Plants will be mulched on a regular basis
- The design of the landscape will be completed to allow for the grouping of plants in planting beds so as to promote the mulching of large, contiguous areas, rather than individual plant locations

Management, Funding and Volunteer Support Goal: Management, funding and volunteer support for the site will be initiated.

- Efforts to attract additional physical and financial support will continue
- Donations will be encouraged for the development of the master plan
- Local recognition of physical and financial support will continue



DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS

The following concepts describe the significant design ideas for the development of the Stolley Park Arboretum site for the duration of the master plan. They are part of a phased approach to the implementation of the plan, as time and resources allow.

- The site should be organized into thematic areas. Each subarea should be designed to focus on a particular type of landscape. The subareas could include the following:
 - o Formal Garden
 - o Rose Plaza
 - o Sensory Garden
 - o Prairie Garden
 - o Perennial Garden
 - Children's Garden
 - o Woodland Pocket Garden
 - o Woodland Garden
 - Water/Wetland Garden
 - o Heritage Garden
 - o Alpine Garden Plaza
- The **Formal Garden** is located at the north side of the arboretum to the east of the former Zoo entrance building. The Formal Garden is designed to serve as the entrance to the arboretum. This area should be pleasant, shady and inviting. The entrance to the Formal Garden should be located so that it is on axis with the existing ornamental fountain basin that exists inside the arboretum (former Zoo).

The Formal Garden would be designed to include a perimeter fence or wall. If the perimeter is contained with a fence, it should be constructed to a height of 6 feet with high quality materials such as wrought iron or powder coated steel. If the perimeter is defined by a wall, it should be constructed to a height of 6 feet with masonry or stone. A shrub hedge should be planted at the base of the perimeter fence/wall (interior and exterior). Vines should also be planted at the base of the fence or wall.

Overstory deciduous trees would be planted in planting areas to provide shade in the interior of the Formal Garden. A variety of shade tolerant perennials and ground covers would be planted at the base of the overstory trees. The planting areas that are created in the Formal Garden should be constructed to accommodate sculpture placements. Steel benches that reflect the character of the perimeter wall/fence should be located in the formal garden to accommodate visitors who are arriving or leaving the arboretum.

The ground pavement in the Formal Garden should be unit pavers (brick or concrete). The pavers should be selected to provide color (brown, tan, charcoal, red or other earth tones). They should be installed to create borders or other typical patterns observed in pedestrian plazas. Low level pedestrian lighting should also be installed in the Formal Garden.

The Formal Garden is connected to other park facilities that are related to the arboretum, but not directly integrated with it. A new drop off point at the west end of the existing parking lot that is located to the east of the former Zoo entrance building would be constructed to connect the parking

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area to the arboretum Formal Garden and entrance. This drop off point would also connect to a new train depot that would be constructed directly to the west of the Formal Garden (outside of the perimeter wall), and a new community picnic pavilion that would be constructed to the north of the former Zoo entrance building. The existing park road that is currently routed through this area would be removed, and relocated to the north. The new train depot and picnic pavilion could be utilized during times that the arboretum was not open.

• Located directly to the south of the Formal Garden, across the railroad tracks is the **Rose Plaza**. This area would be mostly sunny with no overstory shade trees so that a variety of low-maintenance shrub roses and climbing roses could be displayed. This construction of this plaza would also include the renovation of the existing ornamental water fountain and stream.

The plaza pavement should be constructed of unit pavers (concrete or brick). Pergolas should be constructed at the south perimeter of the plaza to provide support for climbing roses. These pergolas would also provide filtered shade for the comfort of visitors. Benches should be located under the pergolas. Ornamental flowering trees and shrubs should be planted behind the pergolas to provide a colorful and fragrant backdrop to the Rose Plaza.

A central, circular shrub rose planting area should be constructed to the east of the ornamental water fountain. This planting area would direct pedestrian traffic to the remainder of the arboretum, or to the entrance of the renovated arboretum support building (the former Zoo herpetarium). The perimeter of the Rose Plaza would be planted with varieties of hardy shrub roses.

The former Zoo herpetarium should be renovated to provide space for arboretum maintenance, demonstrations, winter indoor storage for non-hardy plant species and the like. The interior of the building should be refinished to provide an environment similar to a nursery holding area or greenhouse. Skylights should be installed in the roof of the existing metal building to provide sunlight into the interior of the building.

• A path that would cross the arboretum stream to the south of the Rose Plaza would connect to the **Sensory Garden**. The Sensory Garden would be located to the south and east of the Rose Plaza at the current location of the amphitheatre. The recently completed community playground is located beyond the arboretum perimeter, to the east of the Sensory Garden. This setting is ideal for the development of the Sensory Garden, since this area will be able support numerous children's activities at the arboretum.

The existing amphitheatre will be the primary focus of the Sensory Garden. This facility could serve as the primary outdoor educational setting at the arboretum. It could be accommodate demonstrations, classes, lectures and entertainment. The landscape surrounding the amphitheatre would be developed to include plants that provide fragrance, color, fruit, texture and sound. Large evergreen trees should be planted at the back of the amphitheatre stage to provide a natural visual and sound buffer between the adjacent playground and railroad track.

Pedestrian lighting should be provided in this area for dusk or evening events. Electrical capacity for stage and event lighting should also be installed. Conduit and wiring for sound reinforcement systems should also be considered.

Due to the likelihood that numerous young children, strollers, elderly and physically challenged persons may attend events at the amphitheatre, all pavements in the Sensory Garden should be paved. It is recommended that all main path surfaces in the arboretum with the exception of plaza or entrance areas should be paved with concrete for ease of maintenance, and cost considerations.

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Located directly to the east of the Sensory Garden entrance at the south perimeter of the arboretum is the recommended site of the **Prairie Garden**. The Prairie Garden is a small area that borders the arboretum stream. A concrete path would be routed through the center of the Prairie Garden. Native grasses and wildflowers would be planted on either side of the path so that visitors to the arboretum could experience a short simulated walk through one of Nebraska's predominant historical landscapes. No trees would be planted in this area.

• The **Perennial Garden** is located to the north of the Prairie Garden, across the arboretum stream. It is connected to the Rose Plaza, which is located to the west. The Perennial Garden is a small area that would be devoted to the display of low-maintenance perennial plants. Access through this area would be provided by a large, curvaceous paved area. The surface would be constructed of flagstone.

The perennial display area to the south of the flagstone pavement would be planted with perennials that prefer lowland or wetland environments since this planting area is located adjacent to the arboretum stream. A few multi-stemmed ornamental trees and shrubs would be planted in this bed as well in order to provide some filtered shade for the perennials. The display area to the north of the pavement would be planted with perennials that prefer dryland environments.

The Perennial Garden is designed to provide an interactive, colorful and educational display area at the arboretum. However, it has also been designed to act as the western terminus to the main view corridor at the arboretum. The eastern terminus of this view corridor is the Alpine Garden Plaza. Between the areas lie the Wetland Garden, and the Children's Garden. A person standing at the Perennial Garden would be able to look through the Children's Garden and Wetland Garden to the Alpine Garden. This feature connects four of the arboretum's most important spaces and provides a sense of orientation for visitors.

• Located directly to the east of the Perennial Garden is the **Children's Garden**. The Children's Garden is designed to be a playful environment. The eastern edge of the flagstone path that provides access through the Perennial Garden would convert into a manicured, bluegrass or turf fescue lawn that acts as the central area of the Children's Garden. This oval shaped lawn would be bordered by overstory and ornamental trees.

Animal topiaries would be constructed and placed at the perimeter of the lawn. Animal forms to be used should include familiar and unfamiliar grazers, such as cattle, deer, bison, elk, horses, camels, etc. The lawn would be designed for visitor access and use.

As the lawn progresses to the east, it becomes linear. The width of the lawn narrows from west to east to create a forced perspective view. This design feature has been utilized throughout history and represents features that can still be seen in many European arboretums and gardens. Evergreen trees would border the linear portion of the lawn to create a formal space. Flowering shrubs and perennials would be planted at the base of the evergreen trees to provide a complete buffer between this area and the Woodland Garden located to the south.

• The **Woodland Pocket Garden** is located to the south of the Children's Garden, south of the arboretum stream. The Woodland Pocket Garden is a very small, shady area that is embedded in the larger Woodland Garden. It would be planted with a variety of shade-tolerant shrubs, perennials and groundcovers. It would also be a location for sculpture placement and benches. A small gravel path should provide access through the area. It should be known as a pleasant place at the arboretum to rest, pause, and relax.















The Woodland Pocket Gardent should be designed to be a desirable, intimate location to sit in the shade and listen to the adjacent stream, songbirds or the breeze rustling the leaves of the shade trees above. It should be designed so that the temperature difference between this environment and a sunny area at the arboretum could approach ten or more degrees (cooler).

Initially, at the inception of the arboretum development, the Woodland Pocket Garden should be planted with species that will tolerate a large amount of sun or not planted at all. Until the Woodland Garden is established overhead, shade-tolerant species will not survive in the Woodland Pocket Garden area. Many years or decades of growth will be required in the Woodland Garden to provide an environment that will support the Woodland Pocket Garden.

• The **Woodland Garden** occupies the largest amount of space in the arboretum. This is due to the fact that numerous overstory deciduous tree species that exhibit wide-spreading canopies at maturity will need to be planted in the area in order to create a woodland environment. Unlike many commercial landscapes, this area at the arboretum should exhibit spacing for trees as close as twenty or twenty-five feet. This type of spacing, over time, will create a shady, woodland environment. Numerous shrubs and small ornamental trees should also be planted in this area so that a variety of woody plant types can be displayed.

The Woodland Garden is located south of the arboretum stream, between the stream and the south perimeter fence in the middle part of the site. It is bordered to the west by the Prairie Garden (which should create a memorable contrast for visitors to experience) and to the east by the Heritage Garden. Two primary paths would carry visitors through the Woodland Garden. Both should be constructed with concrete for low maintenance. However, it would be desirable for a combination of turf and groundcover to be established below the overstory trees so that visitors could also walk throughout the area on a natural surface if they so choose.

As the western path that is routed through the Woodland Garden approaches the Water/Wetland Garden, it would follow the arboretum stream. At this location the arboretum stream would widen, and a series of drop structures could be constructed to provide some low falls. These drop structures would provide the pleasant sound of trickling water, and would help set the stage for the next arboretum garden area.

• Located to the north of the Woodland Garden, across the arboretum stream is the **Water/Wetland Garden** This garden is situated at and around the former Zoo duck pond. The existing pond would be renovated, and the banks of the pond would then be planted with wetland species. The pond itself could be renovated to support a variety of marginal and floating plants, including hardy water lilies. A water fountain should be located in the pond to assist with aeration and water quality.

Visitors who would enter this area of the arboretum from the Woodland Garden to the south would cross the arboretum stream over a stone bridge. The path would widen at this location and a seating area that would overlook the pond would be developed. To the rear of the seating area (south) a series of earth mounds could be constructed to separate this garden from the Heritage Garden and future ice rink. Trees would provide shade at this seating location as views to the pond (to the north) or back to the Children's Garden (to the west) would be available. The seating area pavement would merge into a rocky pond edge that would also act as a safety barrier so that visitors could get a close-up view of the aquatic plants. Fish should be introduced to the pond to enhance this garden experience.

• The **Heritage Garden** is located directly to the east of the Woodland Garden. It would be designed around a series of secondary, gravel walkways that are intertwined with the main concrete arboretum path. Each gravel walkway would define a small planting area that would display introduced plants















that were brought to Nebraska from other locations by previous generations. These types of plants include, daylilies, peonies, iris, bulbs, perennial garden fruits and vegetables such as rhubarb, and the like.

This area would be open and sunny. Volunteer garden organizations could be enlisted to help with the planting and maintenance of this area. Demonstrations could be held at different times of the year. Perhaps a partnership and connection with the Stuhr Museum could be made with the display of these plantings.

• The Alpine Garden Plaza is located at the northeast corner of the arboretum site. It would be positioned south of the former Zoo Diet and Care Center, which would be renovated for storage and support for the proposed ice rink. It is recommended that a second train depot be considered for construction to the east of the Alpine Garden Plaza. This depot location could be used for a drop-off and pick-up location for skaters that would function in tandem with the previously discussed depot location near the existing parking lots located near the arboretum entrance to the west.

The Alpine Garden Plaza would be designed to provide a large open plaza space for gatherings, ice rink open space and the like. The surface of the plaza should be constructed with unit pavers (brick or concrete). It should be designed to accommodate adequate seating, a fire ring (for cool autumn, winter and spring evenings), pedestrian lighting and banner poles. It should exhibit a festive atmosphere. Electrical capacity should be designed to accommodate extensive Christmas lighting. Conduit and wiring should be considered for a public address system, including the ability to play music.

The planting areas that surround the plaza should be constructed with large rock outcroppings. Evergreen trees and alpine plants (or plants that exhibit the texture and form of alpine plants) should be installed among the rock outcroppings.

- Prior to the construction of any major arboretum features, including planting, portions of the existing infrastructure at the site, including water distribution, electrical, sanitary sewer and storm sewer will need to be upgraded. Increased capacities to accommodate larger load demands for water, storm sewer and electrical will be especially critical. It will be advantageous for much of this construction to be completed prior to extensive development of arboretum facilities so that there are minimal impacts to the finished portions of the project.
- A minimal amount of earthwork operations will be necessary to prepare for the construction of the arboretum on this site. In addition, a minimal amount of demolition will be required to prepare the site. The existing fountain will require some demolition and repair, as will portions of the existing stream and pond. New bridge work will be required. And new earth mounds should be constructed near the Water/Wetland Garden and Alpine Garden Plaza. Finally, most of the existing site should be prepared for planting as garden areas are installed. Existing natural areas should be worked and soil amendments incorporated into new planting areas.
- Infrastructure for a new irrigation system should be constructed prior to any garden area implementation. Irrigation main lines should be installed at the outset. Ideally, each garden area should be controlled individually so that the different requirements for each planting type can be incorporated into the design. Following is a general description of the irrigation systems required for each garden area:

Formal Garden- All planting beds in the Formal Garden should exhibit a permanent, automated irrigation system with shrub spray heads. Quick coupler valves should be











located near pavements so that supplemental watering of shrubs and ground covers can occur during drought, and so that pavements can be washed if required. Overspray of pavements in this area should be avoided.

Rose Plaza- All planting beds in the Rose Plaza should exhibit a permanent, automated irrigation system with low trajectory shrub spray heads, or drip irrigation lines. It is important to apply water to roses without spraying foliage, if possible. Quick coupler valves should be located near pavements so that supplemental watering and pavement washing can occur, if necessary. Overspray of pavements in this area should be avoided.

Sensory Garden- Planting beds in the Sensory Garden that are located adjacent to amphitheatre seating areas should exhibit a permanent, automated irrigation system with shrub spray heads or drip irrigation lines. Quick coupler valves should be located near the seating areas. Overspray of pavements in this area should be avoided. The large areas behind the amphitheatre stage and between the railroad tracks and the garden could be irrigated with large lawn rotor type sprinkler heads.

Prairie Garden- Quick coupler valves should be located near the Prairie Garden pathways. No other type of irrigation system is required at this area. Once established, this area should not require supplemental water.

Perennial Garden- A drip irrigation system should be installed in this area.

Children's Garden- Lawn rotor type spray heads should be utilized to provide coverage for the turf and planting areas in the Children's Garden. This system should be automated.

Woodland Pocket Garden- A drip irrigation system should be installed in this area.

Woodland Garden- Lawn rotor type spray heads should be utilized to provide coverage for the turf and planting areas in the Woodland Garden. This system should be automated.

Water/Wetland Garden- Planting areas in the Water/Wetland should exhibit a permanent, automated irrigation system.

Heritage Garden- A drip irrigation system should be installed in this area. Quick coupler valves should be located near the seating areas. Overspray of pavements in this area should be avoided.

Alpine Garden Plaza- A drip irrigation system should be installed in this area. Quick coupler valves should be located near the seating areas. Overspray of pavements in this area should be avoided.

• The former Zoo stream that connected the formal water fountain to the duck pond should be preserved. It will need to be renovated to create a more nature setting for an arboretum site, but the routing of the stream works well with the arboretum concept. Rock ledges should be constructed along the edge of the stream, and the stream bed itself should be lined with rock and gravel. Planting areas should be developed directly adjacent to the stream so that they are integrated naturally with it. Any required repairs to the stream bed so that it will hold water should also be made. Renovations and modifications to the mechanical systems that make the stream functional should also be made.



- Two train depots are indicated on the master plan. It is not mandatory that both are constructed. However, it would be convenient in the future, as the arboretum gains popularity to have two stops for train access, especially to assist with access from existing parking lots to the ice rink. The train depots are not enclosed, conditioned buildings. Rather they should be designed and constructed as open air shelters to provide shade for waiting visitors. The depot near the main entrance could be designed to reflect a traditional Midwestern depot. The depot near the ice rink could be designed to reflect a depot building that might be observed in the Colorado Rockies, since it is located adjacent to the Alpine Garden Plaza.
- The community picnic pavilion is shown to be located north of the former Zoo entrance building, between it and the Castle. This is the current location of a park road, but it is recommended that this road be removed between the existing parking lot to the east and the existing parking lot to the west. Those parking lots would be connected by a new park road that would be routed to the north of the Stolley house. This would provide ample space to accommodate a new arboretum entrance and the community picnic pavilion with excellent adjacencies to the community playground and arboretum/park visitor center.
- Numerous bridge crossings over the arboretum stream are indicated in the master plan. Most of these crossings should be made with prefabricated wood bridge trusses. These would fit nicely with the other arboretum features and plantings. However, at the Water/Wetland Garden crossings, the bridges should be constructed with stone. The stone bridges would enhance the effect of stone ledges, walls and stream banks in this area.
- All of the arboretum garden areas have been described previously. However, a large number of planting areas located at the perimeter of the arboretum have not been described because they are not a part of any of the themed planting areas. Nevertheless, these perimeter areas are as important as any planned for the arboretum. They provide a natural buffer from the train tracks, and also provide a visual screen between the interior of the arboretum and the adjacent neighborhood. They will help soften the effect of the perimeter fencing. At the north edge of the arboretum, the perimeter plantings will screen the effect of the adjacent parking lot.



BUDGET

Cost figures presented in this master plan are estimates, not final construction costs. These figures are presented to assist in the development of project budgets. Estimated costs are based on experience with similar projects, industry standards, and information provided by project landscape architects, architects and engineers. Figures are stated in terms of today's dollars (2004). A list of estimated costs for projects is shown in Exhibit B.



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EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT A: DESIRED PLANT SPECIES (JANUARY 2004)

Abies concolor **Concolor Fir** Acer campestre **Hedge Maple** Amur Maple Acer ginnala Flame **Norway Maple** Acer platanoides Columnare Crimson King Emerald Queen Summershade **Red Maple** Acer rubrum Armstrong Autumn Blaze Red Sunset Acer saccharinum Silver Maple Blair Silver Queen Acer saccharum Sugar Maple Bonfire Green Mountain **Tatarian Maple** Acer tataricum Acer truncatum **Shantung Maple** Pacific Sunset Horsechestnut Aesculus hippocastanum Alnus glutinosa Alder Amelanchier arborea Serviceberry Autumn Brilliance Cole Princess Diana Saskatoon Serviceberry Amelanchier alnifolia Regent **Red Chokeberry** Aronia arbutifolia Brilliantissima Black Chokeberry Aronia melanocarpa Viking Iroquois Beauty **Korean Barberry** Berberis koreana Japanese Barberry Berberis thunbergii Var. atropurpurea Var. a. Crimson Pygmy Var. a. Rose Glow Kobold Sparkle **Sweet Birch** Betula lenta Betula nigra **River Birch** Heritage Sweetshrub Calycanthus floridus Caragana arborescens Siberian Peashrub Carpinus betulus Hornbeam Carpinus caroliniana **American Hornbeam**

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Carya cordiformis Carya glabra Carya ovata Carya tomentosa Catalpa speciosa Ceonothus americanus Celtis occidentalis

Cercidiphyllum japonicum Cercis canadensis

Chaenomeles speciosa

Chionanthus virginicus Cladrastis kentukea Clethra alnifolia

Cornus alba Cornus amomum Cornus kousa

Cornus mas

Cornus racemosa Cornus sanguinea Cornus sericea

Corylus americana Cotinus coggygria

Cotoneaster apiculatus Cotoneaster divaricatus Cotoneaster lucidus Cotoneaster multiflorus Cotoneaster acutifolius Crataegus crusgalli Crataegus phaenopyrum Deutzia gracilis Euonymus alatus

Euonymus atropurpureus Euonymus fortunei **Bitternut Hickory Pignut Hickory Shagbark Hickory** White Hickory Northern Catalpa New Jersey Tea Hackberry Prairie Pride Katsuratree Redbud Var. alba Floweringquince Cameo Jet Trail Texas Scarlet White Fringtree American Yellowwood **Summersweet Clethra** Hummingbird Pink Spires **Tatarian Dogwood** Silky Dogwood **Kousa Dogwood** Var. chinensis **Corneliancherry Dogwood** Golden Glory **Gray Dogwood Bloodtwig Dogwood Redosier Dogwood** Baileyi Cardinal Flaviramea Isanti Kelsevi **American Filbert Smoketree** Daydream **Cranberry Cotoneaster Spreading Cotoneaster Hedge Cotoneaster Many-flowered Cotoneaster Peking Cotoneaster Cockspur Hawthorn** Washington Hawthorn **Slender Deutzia** Winged Euonymus Compactus Nordine Strain Rudy Haag Eastern Wahoo Wintercreeper Eunonymus Var. coloratus Var. radicans



Forsythia ovata	Early Forsythia
	Meadowlark
	Northern Gold
	Northern Sun
	New Hampshire Gold
	Suprise
	Vormont Sun
Enquirous amonioana	White Ash
Fraxinus americana	
	Autumn Applause
	Autumn Blaze
	Autumn Purple
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash
	Cimmaron
	Emerald
	Marshall's Seedless
	Patmore
	Summit
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo
	Autumn Gold
	Princeton Sentry
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis	Honeylocust
	Imperial
	Moraine
	Shademaster
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffeetree
Hamamalis varnalis	Vernal Witchhazel
Hamamelis vernalis Hamamelis virginiana	Common Witchhazel
Humanens virginiana Hydranaga arborascens	Smooth Hydrongoo
nyurungeu urborescens	Annaballa
Undrangeg parioulata	Ponielo Hudrongoo
Hyarangea paniculala	raincie Hyurangea
	Grandillora Des Wes
11	Pee wee
Hypericum prolificum	Snrubby St. Jonnswort
Ilex x meserveae	Meserve Holly
	Blue Princess
	China Girl
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry Holly
	Afterglow
	Red Sprite
	Winter Red
Itea virginica	Virginia Sweetspire
	Henry's Garnet
Juglans cinera	Butternut
Juglans nigra	Black Walnut
Juniperus chinensis	Chinese Juniper
1	Armstrong
	Hetzii
	Mint Julen
	Pfitzeriana
	Sea Green
	Sea Green



Juniperus horizontalis **Creeping Juniper** Bar Harbor Blue Chip Blue Rug Plumosa Savin Juniper Juniperus sabina Broadmoor Skandia **Rocky Mountain Juniper** Juniperus scopulorum Cologreen Skyrocket Juniperus virginiana **Eastern Redcedar** Canaertii Hillspire Taylor Koelreuteria paniculata Goldenraintree Lavandula angustifolia Lavender Ligustrum amurense **Amur Privet** Liriodendron tulipifera Tuliptree Japanese Honeysuckle Lonicera japonica Halliana **European Fly Honeysuckle** Lonicera xylosteum Emerald Mound Magnolia acuminata **Cucumbertree Magnolia** Elizabeth Ontario Magnolia kobus Kobus Magnolia Loebner Magnolia Magnolia x loebneri Leonard Messel Merrill Star Magnolia Magnolia stellata Royal Star **Flowering Crabapple** Malus sp. Prairiefire Robinson Selkirk Snowdrift Spring Snow Metasequoia glyptostroboides **Dawn Redwood** Myrica pensylvanica **Northern Bayberry** Phellodendron amurense **Amur Corktree** Philadelphus coronarius Sweet Mockorange Philadelphus x virginalis Mockorange Minnesota Snowflake Picea abies **Norway Spruce** White Spruce Picea glauca Densata Picea omorika Serbian Spruce **Colorado Spruce** Picea pungens Glauca Hoopsii Moerheim



Pinus banksiana Pinus bungeana Pinus flexilis

Pinus koraiensis Pinus peuce Pinus ponderosa Pinus strobus Platanus x acerifolia

Populus deltoides Populus tremuloides Potentilla fruticosa

- Prunus besseyi Prunus x cistena Prunus glandulosa Prunus maackii Prunus pensylvanica Prunus serrulata Pseudotsuga menziesii Ptelea trifoliata Pyrus calleryana
- Quercus alba Quercus bicolor Quercus imbricaria Quercus macrocarpa Quercus palustris Quercus coccinea Quercus robur Quercus rubra Rhamnus frangula

Rhododendron sp.

Rhdotypos scandens Rhus aromatica

Rhus typhina Rhus glabra Jack Pine Lacebark Pine **Limber Pine** Vanderwolf's Pyramid **Korean Pine Macedonian Pine Ponderosa Pine** White Pine **London Planetree** Bloodgood Cottonwood **Quaking Aspen** Potentilla Abbottswood Coronation Triumph Goldfinger Jackmanii Western Sand Cherry **Purpleleaf Sand Cherry Dwarf Flowering Almond Amur Chokecherry Pin Cherry** Japanese Flowering Cherry Douglasfir Hoptree **Callery Pear** Aristocrat Capital Chanticleer Redspire White Oak Swamp White Oak **Shingle Oak Bur Oak** Pin Oak **Scarlet Oak English Oak** Red Oak **Glossy Buckthorn** Asplenifolia **Rhododendron/Azalea** PJM Golden Lights Northern Hi-Lights Northern Lights Orchid Lights Rosy Lights White Lights **Black Jetbead Fragrant Sumac** Gro Low **Staghorn Sumac Smooth Sumac**



Ribes alpinum

Rosa sp.

Salix purpurea

Shepherdia canadensis Sophora japonica Spiraea albiflora Spiraea x bumalda

Spiraea japonica

Spiraea nipponica Spiraea prunifolia Spiraea thunbergii Spiraea trilobata *Spiraea x vanhouttei* Spiraea fritschiana Symphoricarpos albus Symphoricarpos x chenaultii 'Hancock' Syringa meyeri 'Palibin' Syringa microphylla Syringa patula 'Miss Kim' Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk' Syringa villosa Syringa vulgaris Syringa chinensis Taxodium distichum Taxus cuspidata Taxus x media

Alpine Currant Green Mound

Shrub Roses

Frau Dagmar Hastrup Apple Blossom Flower Carpet Carefree Delight Surrey Sommerwind Country Dancer Golden Wings Prairie Flower Carefree Beauty Nearly Wild Knockout Chuckles Champlain David Thompson Starry Night **Purpleosier Willow** Nana (Arctic Blue) **Buffaloberry** Japanese Pagodatree Japanese White Spirea **Bumald Spirea** Anthony Waterer Froebelii **Japanese Spirea** Little Princess **Snowmound Spirea Bridalwreath Spirea Thunberg Spirea Threelobe Spirea** Vanhoutte Spirea **Korean Spirea** Snowberry Hancock Coralberry **Mever Lilac** Littleleaf Lilac Miss Kim Lilac Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac Late Lilac **Common Lilac Chinese Lilac Baldcypress** Japanese Yew **Anglojap Yew** Chadwickii Densiformis Everlow Hicksii Tauntonii Wardii

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Thuja occidentalis

Thymus serpyllum Tilia americana

Tilia cordata

Tilia x euchlora Tilia tomentosa Ulmus americana

Viburnum x burkwoodii

Viburnum carlesii

Viburnum x juddii Viburnum cassinoides Viburnum dentatum

Viburnum lantana

Viburnum lentago Viburnum prunifolium Viburnum x rhytidophylloides

Viburnum sieboldii

Viburnum trilobum

Vinca minor Weigela florida

Xanthoceras sorbifolium Yucca filamentosa **American Arborvitae** Emerald Hetz Midget Nigra Techny Wild Thyme **American Linden** Dakota Redmond Littleleaf Linden Greenspire Rancho Crimean Linden Silver Linden American Elm Delaware #2 Liberty New Harmony Princeton Valley Forge **Burkwood Viburnum** Mohawk **Koreanspice Viburnum** Cayuga Judd Viburnum Witherod Viburnum Arrowwood Viburnum Autumn Jazz Chicago Lustre Northern Burgundy Wayfaringtree Viburnum **Emerald Triumph** Mohican Nannyberry Viburnum **Blackhaw Viburnum** Lantanaphyllum Viburnum Alleghany Willowwood Siebold Viburnum Seneca American Cranberrybush Viburnum Andrews Compactum Periwinkle Weigela Centennial Java Red Minuet Polka Samba Rumba Yellowhorn Adam's-needle Yucca



LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

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EXHIBIT B

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

January, 2004





Exhibit B

Stolley Park Arboretum Budget Estimates January 1, 2004

Component Description	Cost
A. General Infrastructure	
1. Water distribution for new irrigation system, stream/ornamental fountain, and pond features. This distributes water to entire site and all site features.	\$10,000.00
2. Water distribution for drinking fountains	\$5,000.00
3. Storm drainage, including 10 new drain inlets and pipe	\$30,000.00
4. Power distribution for site lighting and site electrical	\$15,000.00
Total, General Infrastructure	\$60,000.00
B. Earthwork	
1. Earth berms and grading (estimated 1,500 CY fill)	\$12,000.00
2. Site preparation for planting (clearing and grubbing, minor grading)	\$10,000.00
Total, Earthwork	\$22,000.00
C. Stream Renovation	
1. Earthwork and grading	\$10,000.00
2. Renovation of existing stream beds and pond, including repair and rock	\$15,000.00
3. Renovation of existing stream banks and pond banks, including rock	\$15,000.00
4. Renovation of existing stream and pond mechanical systems, including pumps, filters, equipment	\$50,000.00
5. Renovation of existing ornamental fountain	\$5,000.00
6. New aeration fountain at pond	\$5,000.00
Total, Stream Renovation	\$100,000.00



Component Description	Cost	
D. Renovation/Addition of Bridge Crossings		
1. Wood bridge at Sensory Garden, 15' span	\$5,000.00	
2. Wood bridge at Prairie Garden, 15' span	\$5,000.00	
3. Wood bridge at Woodland Pocket Garden, 15' span	\$5,000.00	
4. Wood bridge at Woodland Garden, 15' span	\$5,000.00	
5. Stone bridge at Water/Wetland Garden, 15' span	\$7,500.00	
6. Stone bridge at Water/Wetland Garden, 15' span	\$7,500.00	
Total, Renovation/Addition of Bridge Crossings	\$35,000.00	
E. Train Depots		
1. Train depot at main entrance, 500 square feet covered area	\$12,500.00	
2. Train depot at Alpine Garden Plaza, 500 square feet covered area	\$12,500.00	
Total, Train Depots	\$25,000.00	
F. Building Renovation		
1. Renovate former herpetarium building, 1,500 square feet	\$50,000.00	
Total, Building Renovation	\$50,000.00	
G. Formal Garden		
1. Demolition and site preparation, 10,000 square feet	\$2,000.00	
2. New perimeter wall, 350 lineal feet	\$15,000.00	
3. New pavement, 3,500 square feet brick or concrete pavers	\$25,000.00	
4. New planting areas, 4,000 square feet	\$1,500.00	
5. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00	
6. New lighting, 10 new fixtures	\$15,000.00	
7. New site furniture including 10 benches, 5 receptacles	\$12,000.00	



Component Description	Cost
8. New planting including trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials	\$10,000.00
Total, Formal Garden	\$85,500.00
H. Rose Plaza	
1. Demolition and site preparation, 9,500 square feet	\$4,000.00
2. New railroad crossing	\$1,500.00
3. New pavement, 6,500 square feet brick or concrete pavers	\$50,000.00
4. New pergolas, 2 each at 1,200 square feet covered area total	\$30,000.00
5. New planting areas, 2,200 square feet	\$1,000.00
6. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00
7. New lighting, 5 new fixtures	\$8,000.00
8. New site furniture including 10 benches, 5 receptacles	\$12,000.00
9. New planting including trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials	\$15,000.00
Total, Rose Plaza	\$126,500.00
I. Sensory Garden	
1. Demolition and site preparation	\$1,000.00
2. New pavement, 600 SF concrete	\$1,800.00
3. New seating area	\$15,000.00
4. New planting areas, 4,800 square feet	\$1,000.00
5. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00
6. New lighting and sound infrastructure	\$10,000.00
7. New planting including trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials	\$15,000.00
Total, Sensory Garden	\$48,800.00



Component Description	Cost
J. Prairie Garden	
1. Seeding, 10,000 square feet including fine grading	\$1,500.00
2. New pavement, 750 square feet concrete	\$2,500.00
Total, Prairie Garden	\$4,000.00
K. Perennial Garden	
1. Site preparation, 7,500 square feet	\$2,000.00
2. New pavement, 2,000 square feet flagstone	\$25,000.00
3. New planting areas, 4,000 square feet	\$2,500.00
4. New irrigation system	\$3,000.00
5. New planting including trees, shrubs, perennials	\$7,500.00
Total, Perennial Garden	\$40,000.00
L. Children's Garden	
1. Site preparation, 20,000 square feet	\$5,000.00
2. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00
3. New planting areas,10,000 square feet	\$3,000.00
4. New topiaries, 5 total	\$15,000.00
5. New planting including trees, shrubs, groundcover, perennials	\$15,000.00
6. New lawn, 10,000 square feet sod	\$2,500.00
Total, Children's Garden	\$45,500.00
M. Woodland Pocket Garden	
1. Site preparation, 3,200 square feet	\$1,500.00
2. New pavement, 500 square feet flagstone	\$7,500.00
3. New planting areas	\$1,000.00
4. New irrigation system	\$2,500.00
5. New site furniture including 2 benches, 1 receptacle	\$2,500.00

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Component Description	Cost
6. New planting including trees, shrubs perennials	\$3,500.00
Total, Woodland Pocket Garden	\$18,500.00
N. Woodland Garden	
1. New pavement, 5,500 square feet concrete	\$16,500.00
2. New planting areas, 60,000 square feet	\$7,500.00
3. New irrigation system	\$15,000.00
4. New site furniture including 3 benches, 2 receptacles	\$4,000.00
5. New planting including trees, shrubs, turf	\$30,000.00
Total, Woodland Garden	\$73,000.00
O. Water/Wetland Garden	
1. Site preparation, 5,000 square feet	\$2,500.00
2. New pavement, 2,000 square feet concrete	\$6,000.00
3. New planting areas, 6,000 square feet	\$1,000.00
4. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00
5. New lighting, 5 fixtures	\$7,500.00
6. New site furniture including 4 benches, 2 receptacles	\$5,000.00
7. New planting including trees, shrubs, perennials, marginal plants	\$20,000.00
Total, Water/Wetland Garden	\$47,000.00
P. Heritage Garden	
1. Site preparation, 6,000 square feet	\$2,000.00
2. New paths, 2,400 square feet gravel with edging	\$4,000.00
3. New irrigation system	\$3,000.00
4. New planting including bulbs and perennials	\$5,000.00
Total, Heritage Garden	\$14,000.00



Component Description

Cost

Q. Alp	ine	Gard	en	Plaza
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1. Site preparation, 10,000 square feet	\$5,000.00
2. New pavement, 5,000 square feet masonry concrete pavers	\$40,000.00
3. New planting areas, 6,000 square feet	\$3,000.00
4. New irrigation system	\$5,000.00
5. New lighting (5 fixtures) and sound systems	\$15,000.00
6. New site furniture including 4 benches, 2 receptacles	\$6,000.00
Total, Alpine Garden Plaza	\$74,000.00
Total, All Improvements	\$868,800.00