Frogtown Park and Farm

the Trust for Public Land
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FROG TOWN PARK AND FARM LOCATION AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN

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- LEXINGTON ST.
- UNIVERSITY AVE.
- DALE ST.
- N. VICTORIA ST.
- W. LAFOND AVE.

- Nature Sanctuary
- Farm
- Recreation
The need

Frogtown has fewer parks and natural areas than any other part of Saint Paul. But there is land available in the heart of the neighborhood: nearly 13 acres at the former headquarters of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. The Trust for Public Land is working with nonprofit Frogtown Gardens and the City of Saint Paul to raise the money necessary to create Frogtown Park and Farm on the now-vacant property. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create much-needed public green space in Frogtown—and you can help!

Why The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land is the nation’s nonprofit leader in creating city parks. We are lending our expertise and resources to this critical effort in Frogtown, leading fundraising efforts and working to ensure that the park design meets the needs of the community. To encourage the project’s long-term success, we’re also helping to establish a local nonprofit, Frogtown Gardens, that will manage and operate the farm so that the entire park remains safe and vibrant forever.

Community benefits

Frogtown Farm and Park is envisioned as a six-acre urban demonstration farm, a four-acre recreational area, and a nearly three-acre nature sanctuary. It will benefit the local community, economy, and environment—while serving as a model for green and sustainable inner-city living.
Access to nature and outdoor play has proven mental and physical health benefits—including reducing the risk of obesity and heart disease.
Frogtown Park and Farm will offer

- Safe access to outdoor play for 7,000 Frogtown neighborhood children
- Green space within a ten-minute walk or bike ride of thousands of inner-city residents
- Greater access to healthy, locally grown foods
- Preservation of agricultural and recreational customs among immigrant populations
- Space for active recreation, such as pick-up sports, sledding, nature walks, and farming
- Hands-on, educational experiences with urban food production
- Opportunities for greater community cohesion
- Beautiful views of downtown Saint Paul
- Opportunities to create new green jobs
- Easy access to public transit—the Central Corridor light rail line will be located nearby
- Protection of dozens of mature trees in an area severely lacking tree canopy
- Improved temperature regulation, carbon sequestration, and stormwater management in the inner city

The time is right

Frogtown is in dire need of new green space, and the Wilder Foundation is generously offering to sell its former campus at a significantly reduced price. The property is perfectly suited for a quick transformation into a valuable outdoor public resource for both the local neighborhood and the wider Saint Paul community. The support of generous partners, eager neighbors, committed city leadership, capable nonprofits, and loyal friends means that Frogtown Park and Farm is a conservation opportunity too good to pass up.
“This is a tremendous opportunity to provide healthy foods in sustainable ways in a neighborhood desperate for green space.”

—Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman
How you can help

The community is eager for Frogtown Park and Farm. We’re counting on generous donors to make their vision a reality. The Trust for Public Land is spearheading a $3.45 million private-public fundraising campaign to acquire the land, plan and develop the park, and help ensure the park is well cared for.

**GOAL: $3.45 MILLION**

- $2.2 million to purchase the property
- $100,000 to involve the community in the design of the park and farm
- $500,000 to build the park (bathrooms, parking lot, etc.)
- $250,000 for farm start-up costs
- $200,000 to operate the campaign
- $200,000 in acquisition costs

We are already well on our way to success. As well as selling the property at a reduced price, the Wilder Foundation is contributing $200,000 to The Trust for Public Land for our efforts on this project. Additionally, the City of Saint Paul has committed to purchase the land and contribute $1 million to the project. The state Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources has also recommended $1.5 million, which must be approved during the 2013 legislative session.

With support from our public partners, foundations, and individuals, we can create a vibrant community green space in the Saint Paul neighborhood that needs it most. Join the effort to build Frogtown Park and Farm with your contribution today.
SUPPORT FROGTOwn PARK AND FARM!

SPREAD THE WORD. Tell others about this once-in-a-lifetime chance to create much-needed green space.

VOLUNTEER. Contact us to find out about volunteer opportunities.

GIVE. Become a financial supporter of Frogtown Park and Farm.

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. As a national nonprofit, we bring together civic leaders, agencies, neighbors, and donors to create special places that improve residents’ health, strengthen neighborhoods, and bolster local economies. We are acquiring the land and completing the fundraising campaign for Frogtown Park and Farm.

FROGTOwn GARDENS is a nonprofit organization with a mission to develop a greener, healthier community. The organization works to create, protect, and enhance green spaces; promote backyard, household, and urban agriculture; and advocate for sustainable development in Frogtown. Formally founded in 2009, Frogtown Gardens has played a major role in developing the vision and plan for Frogtown Park and Farm.

THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL will own Frogtown Park and Farm and take responsibility for maintenance, public access, and stewardship. Frogtown Park and Farm will help the city achieve its vision of a complete and sustainable park system that serves all residents of Saint Paul.

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