

Bassett Creek

Stream and Habitat Restoration Implementation Plan



Public Land Survey: streams and wetlands

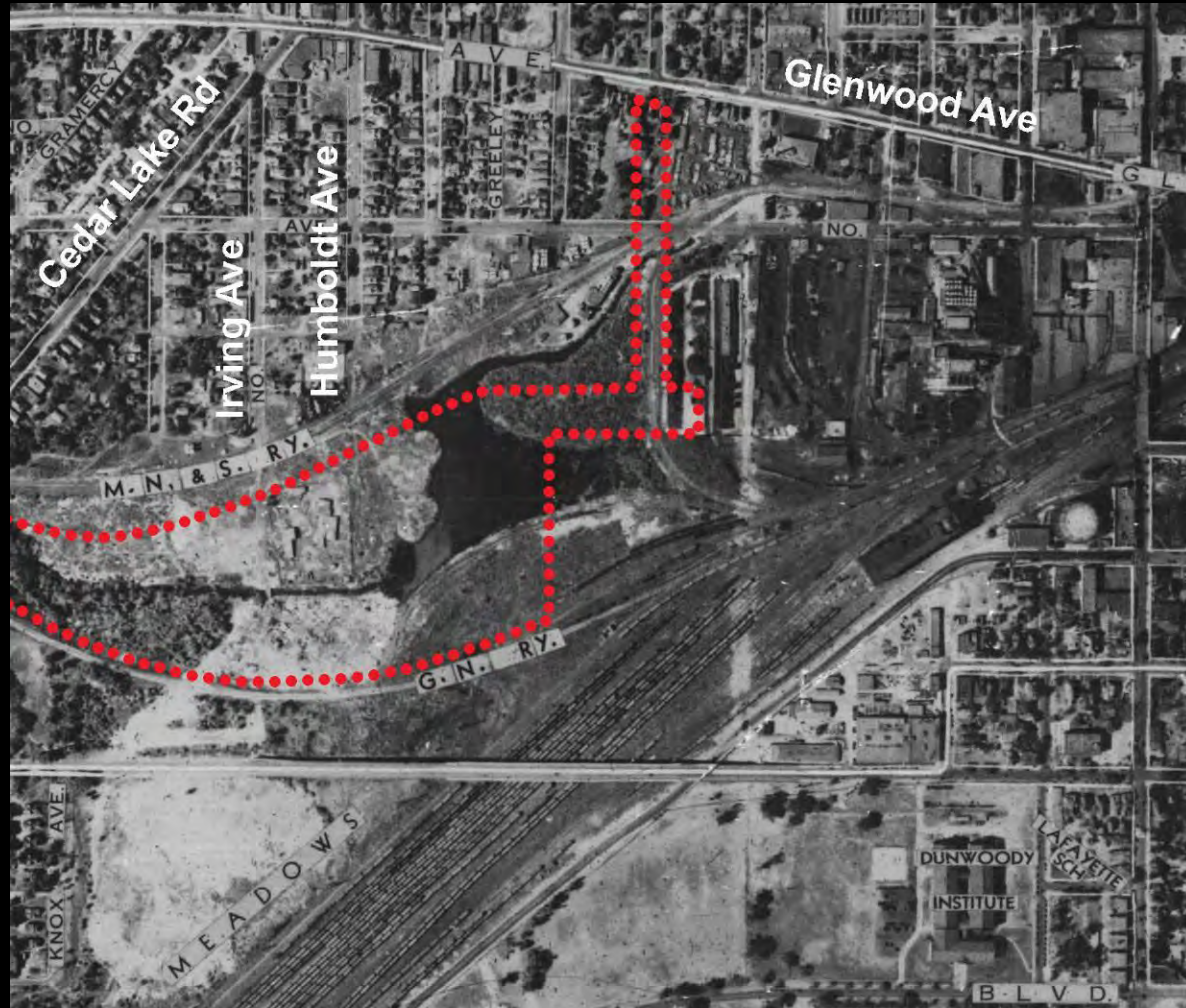
1854



Irving Avenue Dump

site history

1934



1936



Riprapping Bassett's Creek and clearing channel.

July 1936

Irving Avenue Dump: active 1933-1970's

site history

1937



Fill material:

- Demolition debris
- Ash
- Cinders
- Wood
- Glass
- Metal
- Concrete
- Brick
- Household garbage
- Industrial materials

Existing conditions: 2004

site history



Open House March 6, 2007

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October, 2007



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The preferred design concept for Bassett Creek Commons includes a rehabilitated Bassett Creek with functioning riparian habitat, an expanded floodway, and large meanders. Upland areas are converted to naturalized prairie, and a savanna extends from the existing tree canopy to the south. Open space components include a system of iconic bridges and internal trails with links to the

neighborhood. The Luce Line Regional Trail enters the Commons via a railroad underpass (currently active) and links to Van White Memorial Boulevard. The primary use area is a great lawn which serves as an informal gathering place and leads to views of the revitalized creek and to a learning terrace with interpretive opportunities. Major entry points connect to Cedar Lake Road both north and south of the creek and to Van White Memorial Boulevard at a new parkway road.