



RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Oak Savannah and Riverfront Restoration

The Mississippi River is the northeastern boundary of Rosemount and the bluffs and shoreline adjacent to the river are within the Mississippi River Critical Area Corridor and the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The majority of this area is owned by three entities: Flint Hills Resources, CF Industries, and Dakota County Parks. Flint Hills has conducted wildlife and habitat improvements, some with the assistance of the Friends of the Mississippi River. CF Industries has installed new oak and pine trees while removing buckthorn and other invasive species. Dakota County Parks has conducted prairie restoration and will be constructing the Rosemount phase of the Mississippi River Trail Corridor this summer. While all these natural resource investments are encouraging, they are also happening with little coordination between the entities.

Questions / Issues:

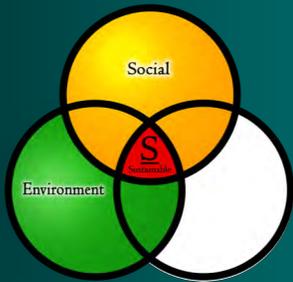
- Is there any restoration work that would make a significant contribution that is being neglected?
- How can the restoration work be coordinated to benefit the Mississippi River Trail corridor experience?
- Are there additional opportunities for public access such as an overlook or interpretive signage?

Deliverables:

- Review the natural resource improvements and restoration work conducted and planned.
- Create an overall restoration strategy plan that can be implemented in segments over time based upon review of existing programs and additional research.

Sustainability:

- This project provides a sustainable environmental impact because it seeks to preserve, protect, and restore the community's natural resources. It has a social impact because of the public access to the area, enhanced with the regional trail. This project is relevant to the City because it fulfills the 2013-2014 City Council's goals to explore shared services and partnerships and create well designed and diverse public spaces. This project would also implement the Comprehensive Plan goal to preserve natural resources and open spaces within the community.



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