

August 9, 1973

Miss Alice Beckman
Parks and Recreation Grants Section
Office of Local and Urban Affairs
Minnesota State Planning Agency
Capital Square Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Miss Beckman:

Enclosed is the information you requested to prepare the in depth statement for the proposed acquisition of Indian Heights Park. Some of the information will also be found in the environmental assessment that was previously mailed. In addition, a few questions are unanswered because to date we do not have an official Region 10 Commission.

If more information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Donald N. Orke
Director of Park

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TO: Parks and Recreation Grants Section

FROM: Rochester Park and Recreation Department

RE: Indian Heights Park

PROPOSED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

A parking lot approximately 70' x 150' would be constructed in the northwest corner of the park. The lot would have a bituminous surface. Two miles of hiking trails would be developed. Three primitive picnic sites would be maintained with about eight picnic tables and charcoal grills at each site. In the future a shelter with sanitary facilities would be constructed.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VISITORS / DAY

Summer	200
Winter	100

TOPOGRAPHY

Highest Elevation	1136
Lowest	1030
Steepest Slope	50%
Percent area flat (0-2% slope)	10%

GEOLOGY

0 to 4 feet of loess overlying limestone. Outcroppings are common in the bluffs. Underlying this is Decorah shale, Platteville limestone, Glenwood shale, and St. Peter sandstone.

DRAINAGE

Some run-off on east side flows directly to the Zumbro River, but most would flow through city storm sewers. None would enter a marshy area.

TOURISM

No significant change anticipated that would affect the economy of Rochester.

