

July 2009 Park Survey

Thanks to everyone who is volunteering to help with this survey. Thank you, Vickie, for the extremely helpful information you provided me from the 2002 survey.

The purpose of the survey is **to identify repairs and improvements** needed throughout the park. When you survey your chosen area of the park, please look for the following types of problems:

1. Outdated or inaccurate signage or areas where signage needed
2. Trees/plantings that need attention/replacement/pruning
3. Asphalt/cement repair needed
4. Ruts/holes that need filling
5. Restroom/Drinking fountains needing repair
6. Benches in need of painting/repair or an area where new benches are desired
7. Lighting repairs/replacement or exposed wiring
8. Curbing repair or missing
9. Drainage problems/standing water (may require you to walk your area after rain)
10. Fence repair/replacement
11. Graffiti removal
12. Handicap accessibility improvement needed
13. Parking lot/bike path pot holes
14. Trash/debris/dead tree removal needed or areas that need trash can placement
15. Bush/tree/grass reseeding, overgrown bushes where trimming or maintenance is needed

You may spot other items/issues not listed. Please report any problems you may see in your area. In past park surveys, symbols were used to identify the above-listed problems, but I'm asking that this year people simply write a brief description of the problems they spot, including the location. If that is too much work, please just use the number from the list above that is associated with the problem you find and place that number on your map in the location where you find the problem. Photos are a great way to record any problems, too, if you have access to a camera and can email the photos. The location of any photos should be identified.

The maps I have chosen are available on both the LPAC website, on the right side of the box in the archive section at http://www.lpacchicago.org/archives_2.htm and also on the Park District

website in the permit section at

<http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/departments.permits.cfm>

I have divided these four maps into 10 sections, as follows:

Section #1: North Avenue to the Passarelle Bridge (1800 North) which includes includes North Ave. Beach, the south athletic fields, and other areas. Terry Leja has volunteered for this area.

Section #2: Passarelle Bridge (1800 North) to Dickens, which includes the new soccer field, and areas west and east of the southern portion of the zoo. Eury Chrones has volunteered for this area.

Section #3: Dickens Ave to south side of Fullerton which includes Grandmother's Garden, the jogging path east of the zoo and the Formal Gardens. Marc Kramer has volunteered for this area.

Section #4: north side of Fullerton to Diversey Parkway which includes areas east of Diversey Harbor, and areas north of North Pond. Marc Kramer has volunteered for this area.

Section #5: Diversey Parkway to Belmont. Betsy Altman has volunteered for this area.

Section #6: Belmont to Addison which includes the area around the totem pole and the Belmont peninsula. Betsy Altman has also volunteered for this area.

Section #7: Addison to Buena. I will cover this area.

Section #8: Buena to Wilson Drive, which includes Montrose Harbor Drive and Montrose Beach. Jill Niland volunteered for this area.

Section #9: Wilson Drive to Lawrence. Ellen Isaacson volunteered for this area.

Section #10: Lawrence to the north end of Foster Beach. LaVonne Sharp volunteered for this area.

These maps do not include the areas of the park from North Avenue to Ohio Street Beach, or the areas north of Foster Beach to Thorndale. I will take those sections for myself and Sheli has already supplied some helpful input on the northern section of the park.

Choose a section, or partner with someone on a section. I am happy to partner with anyone on any section.

When you have completed your survey, you can email me your results at chchicago@gmail.com or mail them to me, Coleen Blake, at 29 West Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60610

Have fun and thanks for your help!