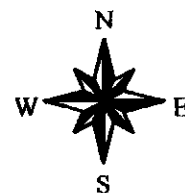
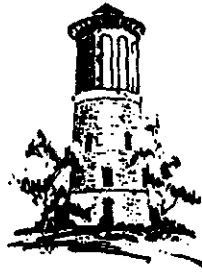


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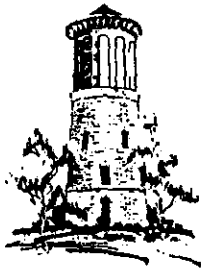
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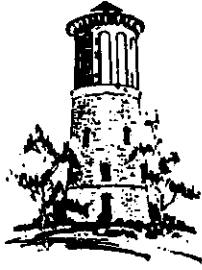


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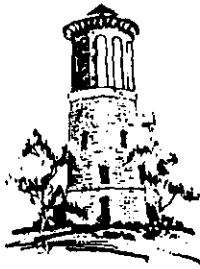
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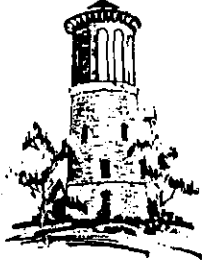
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A. Mission Statement

The mission of the Western Springs Park District is to enhance the quality of life within our community by providing safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing parks. Within these park areas well thought out spaces for passive and active recreation serve our entire community. As a member of the community the Western Springs Park District also strives to be a considerate neighbor and provide valuable open green space. Open space can herein be defined as aquatic or land areas that provide these recreational opportunities, conserve natural areas, or ease congestion in an urban setting.

B. Goals and Objectives

As a park district having a rather small elected representation, five commissioners, and an even smaller full time staff, four employees, the need for continuity of direction is critical. It is further necessitated by the custom of limiting commissioners to one full elected term. One objective of a park district's master plan is to provide a longer term perspective on park developments as officials and employees change.

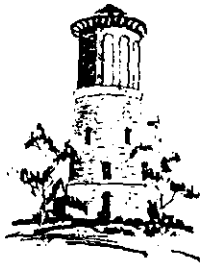


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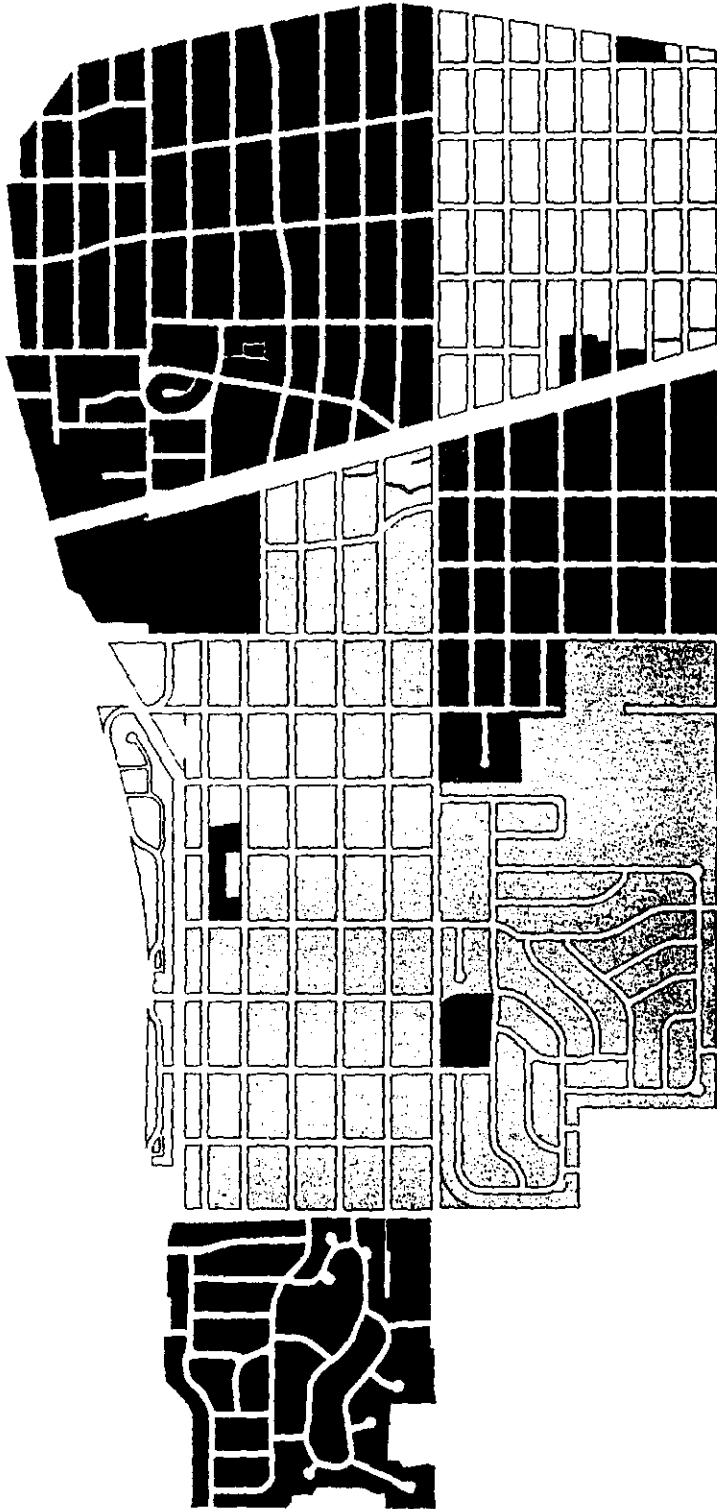
The open space master plan also serves as a communication tool to achieve goals that are consistent with those of the community. In terms of long term financial planning it addresses the issue of long term financial needs even though the specifics site plans may not be finalized.

Another objective of an open space master plan is to provide an inventory opportunity of all of the open spaces within an extended area, not just within the Park District boundaries. School athletic fields, Village owned properties, forest preserves, golf courses, greenways, etc. all combine with local parks to form a network of areas for community recreation and enjoyment. The combination of these areas also enhances the property values of the entire community.

The final objective of the open space master plan is to affirm the Park District's position as champions of preserving open space. Our parks play a vital role in meeting the outdoor recreational needs of the Western Springs community. As a Park District, the commissioners and employees of the Western Springs Park District are entrusted with the responsibility of preserving these green spaces for future generations.



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Village Neighborhoods

-  Parks
-  Neighborhoods
-  Old Town North
-  Field Park
-  Old Town South
-  Ridge Acres
-  Springdale
-  Fairview Estates
-  Forest Hills
-  Ridgewood

