

Update and Discussion on Spring Lake Park Reserve Mississippi River access and naming

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Update on Waterfowl Hunter Access



- History
- Future accommodations

Current naming practices



New parks and greenways

- Research (history, land use, special features, marketing, etc.)
- Creative process (develop concepts, screen and evaluate)
- Public engagement (surveys, test images and messaging)
- Proposal to County Board

Internal park features

- Typically staff-led naming process
- Focus on locations and features, not people's names
 - Ex. Pine Bend Bluffs Trailhead, Spring Lake Park Reserve Retreat Center, Visitor Center, Campground

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Staff recommendation



Three key parts to the naming recommendation:

- Place plaque at completed public launch commemorating Bud's Landing by name to honor discussion during the property sale.
- Name the water access location on public maps, main county website and park signage as "Mississippi River Access."
- Name the water access location on the waterfowl parking permit webpage and on the physical permits during hunting season as "Minnesota River Access at Bud's Landing."

County Board direction



Request County Board direction for the naming of the public water access and carry-in watercraft launch at Spring Lake Park Reserve.

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