



Edina Promenade

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Edina Community Foundation
5280 Grandview Square
Edina, MN 55436

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For additional information about the Edina Promenade, visit www.CityofEdina.com/Promenade.





The Edina Promenade, located in the heart of the greater Southdale area near Centennial Lakes, is an 80-foot wide greenway that connects the region's various retail, residential and recreational amenities. The Promenade includes .75 mile of pedestrian and bicycle pathways and is designed as an extension of the existing Centennial Lakes Park, a beautifully landscaped 24-acre area surrounding a 10-acre lake. This resulting pathway network creates the "ultimate urban escape" and greatly improves the livability of our community's residents, employees and visitors.

Pathways

Since regional trails typically serve bicycle users, a separate path system has been incorporated to accommodate bicycles in the Promenade corridor. The overall design concept for the Promenade, similar to the Centennial Lakes concept, creates a string of varied, interesting spaces. The pedestrian path includes colored concrete with decorative scoring similar in character to Centennial Lakes. The bicycle path consists of a bituminous surface bordered by colored concrete bands. The paths meander separately along the corridor to allow the creation of special feature spaces between the two paths. This configuration creates variety and interest and the special feature spaces are equally accessible from both paths.



Public Art

The Edina Public Art Committee (EPAC), under the Art Center Board and comprised of residents and Edina Community Foundation representatives, was convened to enhance the beauty of Edina's public spaces with two- and three-dimensional art. One focus of this public art program will be to procure artwork for the nine plazas along the Edina Promenade pathways.



EPAC has recruited artists from Minnesota and beyond and has selected 10 pieces to display for one year. Ultimately, EPAC'S goal is to designate four or five plazas for permanent sculpture,

with the remaining plazas to display rotating pieces on loan annually. With your help, we can create one of the premier outdoor sculpture parks in the upper Midwest.

Public art has the unique capability to delight, entertain, spark creativity and learning, honor local heritage, create a sense of place and identity and boost the local economy by attracting residents and visitors. It is one of the key components of most great parks and public places throughout the world.

An investment in public art is an investment in your community, leaving a lasting legacy to be enjoyed for generations.



Landscaping

Another important objective for the project is more comprehensive and responsible management of storm water. Rain falling on paved surfaces or conventional turfgrass runs off quickly, with little or no chance to soak into the ground. This fast-moving runoff carries pollutants and fine particles into rivers and lakes, causes flooding and does nothing to recharge the groundwater supply. Plaza areas are constructed with interlocking concrete pavers made with small openings to allow water to filter through to a special gravel base beneath.

Plantings have been chosen to slow storm water runoff, control erosion and minimize the need for chemical inputs. Native grasses and perennials have been planted in the space between the two trails. As a more sustainable alternative to bluegrass type lawns, the grass areas outside the paths are planted with a special "no-mow turf," a mix of several dwarf fescues that grows to a maximum of about four to six inches in height without the need for frequent mowing. This turf has the additional benefits of being more drought-tolerant than the typical park bluegrass mix. A variety of shade, ornamental and evergreen trees have been planted throughout the Promenade corridor. These trees include Maple, Oak, Hawthorn, Serviceberry, Crabapple and Pine.

