

A COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP

The Naperville Riverwalk is made possible through a cooperative partnership between the City of Naperville, Naperville Park District, Riverwalk Commission, Riverwalk Foundation, Millennium Carillon Foundation and residents. Together, these stakeholders maintain and preserve this community landmark while guiding the future development and use of the Riverwalk.



Riverwalk Commission

A group of 13 committed community volunteers appointed by the Mayor, the Commission makes decisions that guide the future development and use of the Riverwalk. www.napervillerriverwalk.com

Naperville Park District

Created in 1966, the Park District is an independent municipal agency that maintains and oversees 140 parks and several facilities in Naperville. They partner with the Riverwalk Commission to provide daily maintenance on the Riverwalk. www.napervilleparks.org

Riverwalk Foundation

A non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization, the Foundation is a conduit for private funds to enhance future Riverwalk development. Tax-deductible donations are welcomed. www.napervillerriverwalk.com

Millennium Carillon Foundation

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with a mission to support Naperville's Millennium Carillon that was built to commemorate the turn of the century. The Foundation serves as a conduit for funds that help support the Carillon. www.naperville-carillon.org

PURCHASE A BRICK OR STONE

Make your mark on this community icon by purchasing a commemorative brick or stone. Remember a loved one, honor a friend or commemorate a milestone with a 4"x8" or 8"x8" brick paver on the East Extension of the Riverwalk. Installation occurs in the spring and fall of each year. Larger commemorative 18"x12" granite stones also are available. For more information call (630) 305-5984 or visit www.napervillerriverwalk.com.



DONATE TODAY

There are many opportunities for individuals and businesses to help enhance the beauty and charm of the Riverwalk.

Visitors, residents and corporate sponsors are invited to donate funds to help maintain and beautify the Riverwalk by using any of the donation boxes located on the Riverwalk. All donations are tax-deductible.



Checks should be made payable to the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization. VISA and MasterCard also are accepted by calling the Riverwalk Administrator at (630) 305-5984.

Send checks to:
Naperville Riverwalk Foundation
c/o City of Naperville
400 S. Eagle St.
Naperville, IL 60540



RIVERWALK INFORMATION

Riverwalk Administrator
(630) 305-5984
www.napervillerriverwalk.com

Additional Resources

City of Naperville
www.naperville.il.us

Naperville Park District
www.napervilleparks.org

Millennium Carillon Foundation
www.naperville-carillon.org

Naper Settlement
www.napersettlement.org

Naperville Public Library
www.naperville-lib.org

Naperville Visitors Bureau
www.visitnaperville.com

Downtown Naperville Alliance
www.downtownnaperville.com

Naperville Municipal Band
www.napervilleband.org

North Central College
www.northcentralcollege.edu



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NAPERVILLE'S "CROWN JEWEL"

The Naperville Riverwalk was created in 1981 to celebrate Naperville's Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). The Riverwalk is acknowledged as one of the most beautiful places in the Midwest. Through the donation of volunteer time, money and materials, residents turned the once-forgotten riverfront into a beautiful linear park that has won state and national awards. The Park features covered bridges, relaxing fountains, stunning landscaping and distinctive shepherd's crook lights.

With 1.75 miles of walkway that meander along the DuPage River, the Riverwalk is located near various important, well-known places that are central to the community including the vibrant Downtown Naperville area. Additional information about shopping and restaurants can be found by visiting www.downtownnaperville.com or www.visitnaperville.com.

COME VISIT THE RIVERWALK

Getting here is easy. The Riverwalk is close to the downtown Naperville Metra Station and several Pace bus routes that travel throughout the downtown area. Although no bicycles are allowed on the Riverwalk, bike racks are conveniently located at the Jefferson Avenue Gateway, Centennial Beach, the Park District Administration Building, adjacent to the Amphitheater, the Municipal Center and Fredenhagen Park.

Parking

Free public parking lots are conveniently located adjacent to the Riverwalk and are displayed on the brochure map. Parking is restricted from 2:00- 5:00 a.m. in all public parking lots. Real time parking availability is posted at all

entrances of both parking decks. For more information visit www.naperville.il.us/downtownparking.aspx.

Riverwalk Safety

Except for strollers, mobility devices and authorized service vehicles, only foot traffic is permitted on the Riverwalk. Bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates and all motorized vehicles are prohibited. Children should be kept away from the edge of lower walks, off of railings and away from waterway banks. Swimming is not permitted in the waterways along the Riverwalk. Use extra caution in inclement weather as the pavement can become slippery.

If you see any damage or suspicious activities at the Riverwalk or in any of our other parks, please call the Park Watch line at (630) 848-5050. In the event of an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

Riverwalk Rules and Regulations

Ordinance 641 outlines the Park District governance of parks and property and various usage issues. To view the Ordinance, visit www.napervilleparks.org.



A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS

No matter what time of year, the Naperville Riverwalk has plenty to offer in the way of beautiful scenery and gathering spots for many fun, family-oriented events.

≈ SPRING ≈

Spring Spruce Up - The annual Riverwalk clean up day is scheduled in April, weather dependent. The community is invited. www.napervilleparks.org

≈ SUMMER ≈

Children's Lunch-Hour Entertainment - Free shows at noon in June and July. www.napervilleparks.org

Family Story Hour - Enjoy family fun at the Riverwalk Amphitheater on selected days. www.naperville-lib.org

Rollin' on the River - Friday night summer concert series near the Dandelion Fountain features talented, local bands. www.napervilleparks.org

Ribfest - July 4th weekend at Knoch Park. www.ribfest.net

Last Fling - Labor Day weekend at Rotary Hill. www.lastfling.org

≈ AUTUMN ≈

Halloween Happening - Free event for kids ages 10 and under. Held the Sunday before Halloween at the Grand Pavilion. www.napervilleparks.org

≈ WINTER ≈

Santa House - Enjoy a visit and a photo opportunity with Santa during the month of December; located adjacent to the Dandelion Fountain. www.napervilleparks.org

Riverwalk Ice Skating and Sledding at Rotary Hill Take advantage of winter fun by lacing up your ice skates or sledding down Rotary Hill. www.napervilleparks.org

RIVERWALK POINTS OF INTEREST

Grand Pavilion

Located on the Riverwalk's west end, the Grand Pavilion is a large, covered structure that is used for picnics, Naperville Park District programs, walk-a-thons, and many other events. For more information, visit www.napervilleparks.org or call (630) 848-5000.

Jaycees Playground

This well-loved, ADA-accessible playground offers fun for children of all ages and abilities. Playground amenities include Braille and sign language panels, climbers, wiggle ladder, centipede climber, slides, swings and more.

Centennial Skate Park

Although skating is not allowed on the Riverwalk itself, enthusiasts can test their inline skating or skateboarding skills at Centennial Skate Park, located adjacent to the Riverwalk and Centennial Beach. This free, unsupervised facility includes obstacles such as quarter-pipes, grinding rails and fun boxes. Visit www.napervilleparks.org for more information.

Centennial Beach and Grill



Centennial Beach is Naperville's historic "beach" that has been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike since 1931. Amenities include plenty of space for picnicking, zero-depth water entry with depths up to 15', a sand beach, water play features, diving board complex, slide and a sand volleyball court. Other highlights include updated locker rooms, family changing rooms, deck-level restrooms and lockers, an ADA platform lift and Centennial Grill, which offers a wide variety of food and beverage options. For more information, call (630) 848-5000 or visit www.centennialbeach.org.

Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower and Visitor Center

The Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower was built to commemorate the third millennium. The bell tower stands 158 feet tall with 253 steps and 72 bells. The largest bell, nicknamed "Big Joe" for Joseph Naper, weighs in at six tons. Directly adjacent to the tower is the Visitor Center (formerly known as the Netzley House) where guests can learn about the Carillon and area history through interactive exhibits. Tickets to tour the tower are available for purchase at the Visitor Center. Visit www.napervilleparks.org and www.naperville-carillon.org for more information.



Rotary Hill

Rotary Hill is host to many special events year-round such as the Last Fling and Millennium Carillon concerts. The hill also is popular in winter months as a favorite sledding spot. Rotary Hill is located near Aurora Avenue adjacent to the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower.

Riverwalk Eatery

Located near Rotary Hill, the Naperville Park District's Riverwalk Eatery is a convenient stop for a variety of food and snacks. Visit www.napervilleparks.org for menu and hours of operation.

Paddleboat Quarry and Fishing Pier

Enjoy a Riverwalk paddleboat ride and explore part of the historic Naperville quarry. Four-person paddleboats are available for rental on all non-school days from mid-May to mid-September. Visit the Riverwalk Eatery for paddleboat rental information.



Additionally, fishing is permitted in the DuPage River and the Paddleboat Quarry. All State of Illinois regulations apply, including the requirement to have a valid fishing license for individuals age 16 and older. Permits can be purchased by calling (888) 6-PERMIT or online at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

Shanower Memorial

Inspired by Naval Commander Dan Shanower, a Naperville native who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on America, this memorial was one of the first in the U.S. dedicated to lives that were lost on that tragic day. The memorial includes more than 140 faces molded into a 48-foot retaining wall that were created by Naperville schoolchildren symbolizing the casualties on that day. An eternal flame also is present surrounded by a perennial garden.



Riverwalk Amphitheater, Millennium Wall and Labyrinth

This open-tiered area can accommodate up to 100 people and is often used for community events and performances such as library-hosted family story hours. It also is a popular rentable space for outdoor weddings. Call (630) 848-5000 for rental information.

The new Millennium Wall features all the original inscriptions on bronze plaques, commemorating donors supporting City activities at the turn of the century. The Riverwalk Millennium Labyrinth is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth in France and was designed to provide visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the twists and turns of this compact pathway.



Dandelion Fountain

Named for its shape, the Dandelion Fountain is surrounded by a picturesque scene of flowers and the nearby covered bridge, making it a perfect place to enjoy lunch or some quiet time. The fountain is located on Jackson Avenue at Webster Street.

Exchange Club Veteran's Plaza

Located just east of the Dandelion Fountain, this plaza is dedicated to the men and women who have served our country. A list honoring those Napervilleans who made the ultimate sacrifice is located on the monument in the center of the plaza.



Horse Trough Fountain (White Plaza)

This large black basin, which is now a fountain at White Plaza off of Main Street, was once a horse trough at a downtown intersection during Naperville's early years.

Fredenhagen Park

Located at Washington Street and the DuPage River, Fredenhagen Park is the gateway to the east extension of the Riverwalk. The land for the park was generously donated in memory of Walter and Grace Fredenhagen by their children. Located in Fredenhagen Park, the **Exchange Club Memories Fountain** is surrounded by commemorative bricks and stones with messages including personal milestones, celebration of loved ones and even invitations of marriage. To purchase a brick or stone, please visit www.napervillerverwalk.com or call (630) 305-5984.



Century Walk

Funded by Naperville's Special Events Cultural Amenities Fund and private donors, Century Walk features many unique pieces of major artwork that have been created as a tribute to Naperville's heritage. For more information please call (630) 355-5553 or visit www.centurywalk.org.

"Mr. And Mrs. Naperville"

This 7-foot tall bronze sculpture honors Margaret and Harold Moser who played a vital role in the growth and development of Naperville. The sculpture is located adjacent to the Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower.

"Dick Tracy"

This 9-foot tall bronze sculpture of Dick Tracy is dedicated to Dick Locher, a long-time Napervillean, who was one of the artists who wrote and drew the Dick Tracy comic strip.

"Riverwalk Visionaries"

This sculpture is a tribute to Jim Moser and former Mayor Chet Rybicki who were visionaries and the driving force behind the creation of the Riverwalk. It also celebrates the volunteer spirit that created this linear community park.



"A Lifetime Together"

This bronze sculpture is dedicated to Billy Sherer and Jane Latshaw Sherer, lifelong Napervilleans who attended school, fell in love and spent the rest of their days in the town they adored. Wanting to give back to the community, they established an annual scholarship fund for two Naperville Central High School students.

"Two in a Million"

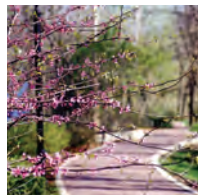
Located in Fredenhagen Park in honor of Walter and Grace Fredenhagen, this sculpture was created on property donated by their children, Rita and Ted. The bronze sculpture was installed in 2005.



Covered Bridge



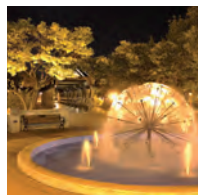
Riverwalk Eatery



Riverwalk Path



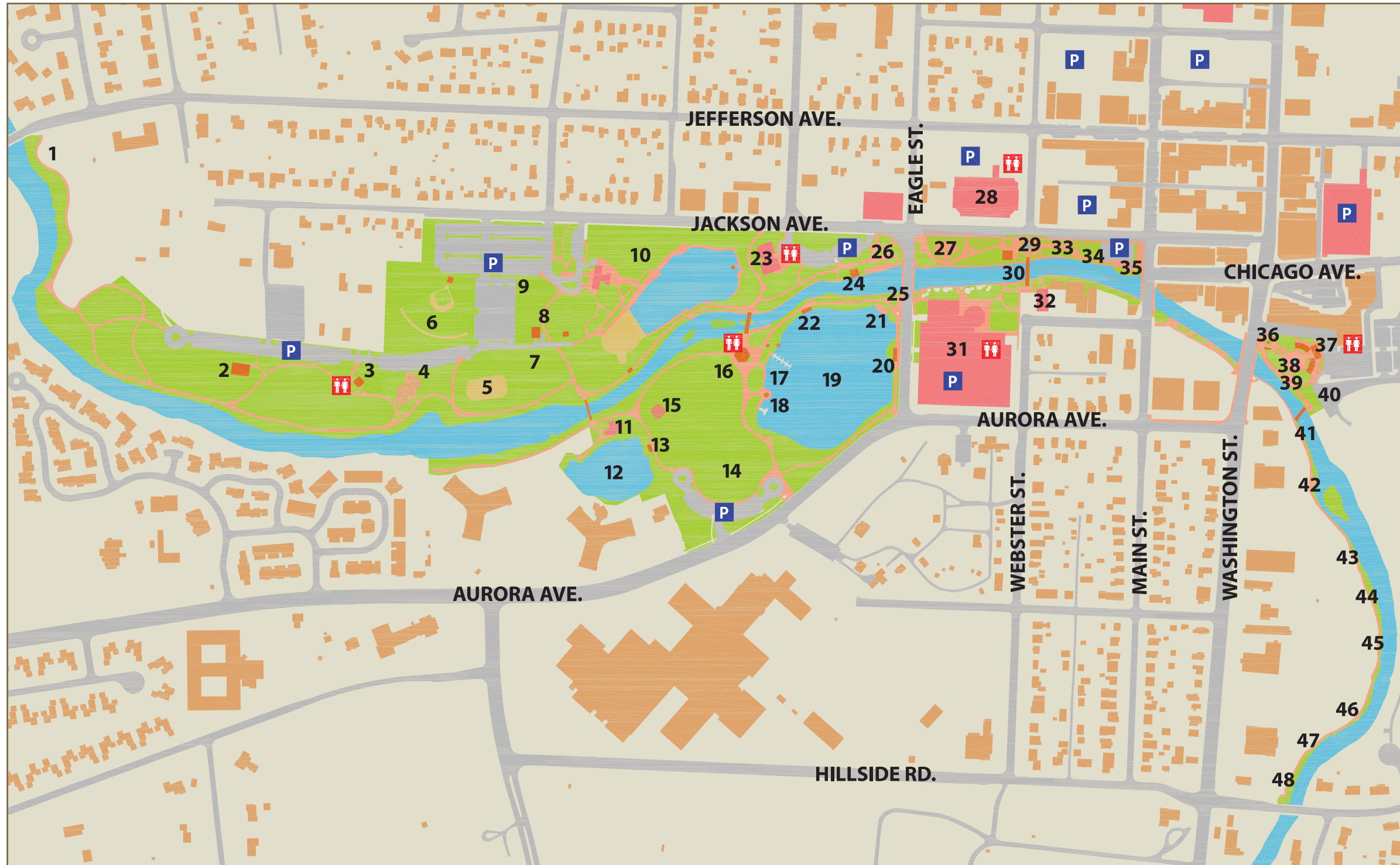
Jaycees Gazebo



Dandelion Fountain



Exchange Club Memories Fountain



Naperville Riverwalk

1. Brethren Peace Plaza
2. Grand Pavilion
3. Warming House
4. Jaycees Accessible Playground
5. Volleyball / Ice Rinks
6. Centennial Park Baseball Field
7. Studio One
8. Centennial Grill
9. Centennial Skate Facility
10. Centennial Beach & Bathhouse
11. Visitor Center (Formerly Netzley House)
12. Netzley Quarry
13. Netzley Shelter
14. Rotary Hill / Sled Hill
15. Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower
16. Riverwalk Eatery
17. Jaycees Marina
18. Gregory Gazebo
19. Paddleboat Quarry
20. Physicians & Dentists Shelter
21. Sesquicentennial Overlook
22. Nalco Shelter
23. Park District Administration Building
24. Oliver Hoffman Pavilion
25. Farmer's Plaza
26. Landforms Sculpture
27. Amphitheater, Millennium Wall & Labyrinth
28. Nichols Library
29. Dandelion Fountain & Smykal Free Speech Pavilion
30. James & Harold Moser Bridge
31. Naperville Municipal Center
32. Naperville Township Plaza
33. Exchange Club Veteran's Plaza
34. Exelon Nuclear Garden
35. Horse Trough Fountain in White Plaza
36. Rotary Plaza
37. Fredenhagen Park
38. Exchange Club Memories Fountain
39. Jaycees Gazebo
40. Wehrl Family Garden
41. Moser Bridge
42. Masonic Plaza
43. Charles Vincent George Garden
44. Naperville Garden Club
45. Morton Arboretum Grove
46. Nicor Plaza
47. O'Shaughnessy Garden
48. Edward Hospital Plaza

Public Parking Public Restroom Accessible