

Heritage Riverfront Park Cultural Resources Overview

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota



The Inver Grove Heights City Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of transforming a former rail yard and area of notable history into a park where the local community and broader public can learn about, and celebrate, the area's heritage and historical significance.

The 106 Group conducted a cultural resources overview to inform future interpretive planning processes and strengthen funding applications on behalf of the park.

The overview included a brief history of the park, identification of potentially significant resources that may still exist, the production of a GPS map of these extant features, a review of interpretive strategies that could effectively enhance the power of place, identification of interpretive themes specific to Heritage Riverfront Park and its master plan, recommendations for future interpretive planning initiatives, and strategies for compliance with historic preservation laws such as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Also important, this overview included the use of oral histories as shared by former rail yard workers. These stories greatly enhanced current understandings of this place, and added a valuable personal dimension to interpretations of the past.

