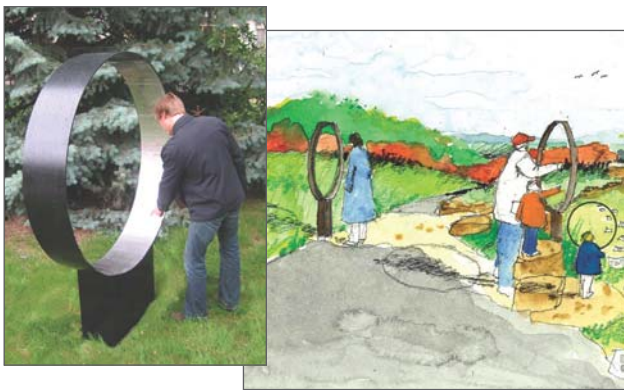


# Spring Lake Park Reserve Interpretive Planning and Archaeological Survey

*Spring Lake Park Reserve, Mississippi River*



*In 2007, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum recognized the park reserve for excellence in interpretive design for its "sit in a story" frames, pictured above. The frames were collaboratively designed by the 106 Group and Close Landscape Architects.*



The 106 Group's work at Spring Lake Park Reserve encapsulates a wide range of our services. Our efforts have been divided among four primary phases. In 2003, the 106 Group prepared a *Cultural Resources Stewardship Plan* as our contribution to Dakota County's master planning process. We later conducted an archaeological survey to identify archaeological sites in the park areas proposed for future development.

The 106 Group thereafter developed a comprehensive interpretive plan to inform not only specific interpretive narratives for the park, but also a broader philosophy regarding their style of implementation. The 106 Group facilitated several stakeholder workshops—building consensus and defining a clear vision for the park throughout the process.

For the third stage, the 106 Group collaborated with the project's architects and landscape architects to design and develop both the site's circulation patterns and new Gathering Center. The goal was to ensure that the park's unique history was not confined to the pages of a report or an occasional interpretive sign, but that it found meaningful expression in all aspects of design and brought clarity of purpose to the building. In the final phase of work, we wrote and designed interpretive signs, postcards, and other exhibits at the park. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum recognized the park's interpretation with a 2007 award.

