

WAKÁN TIPI CENTER

HONORING OUR NATURAL PLACES ON THE EAST SIDE
WITH A NEW INTERPRETIVE CENTER



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS—
MAKE A GIFT AND BRING THE CENTER TO LIFE

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Wakán Tipi Center will honor our community's cultural & natural wonders



Wakán Tipi Center

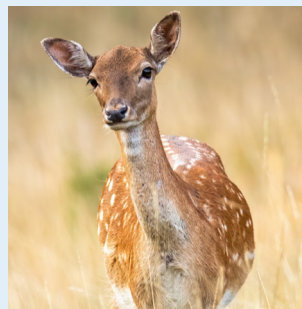
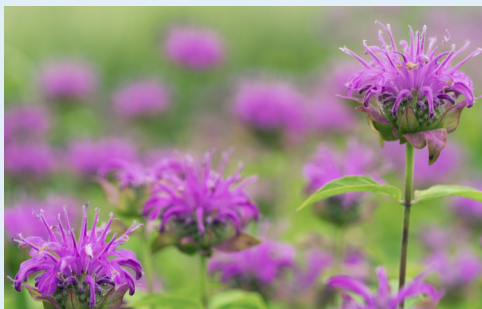
Named “Wakán Tipi Center” to honor the significance of Wakán Tipi Cave as a Dakota sacred place, the center will be a base to expand environmental and cultural programs for local youth and community members, as well as Indigenous Peoples, bird enthusiasts, walkers, bicyclists and all who enjoy the calm respite of this special preserve.



WILL YOU JOIN IN SUPPORT?

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Photos:
Top-left,
clockwise

Bergamot
(heháká
taphéžuta)

Deer
(T̥hahča)

Prairie Sage
(Pežíhota)

Sandstone
Bluffs
(Imnižaska)



The 9,000 square foot building will feature a reception area, classrooms, permanent and temporary exhibit space, a community gathering area and gallery space to showcase and expand the value of the sanctuary as a place for cultural healing, life-long learning and inspiration.

This gathering place, as part of the Great River Passage Initiative, will offer important and unique educational opportunities to learn about the indigenous Peoples of Minnesota, our shared histories, and current urban ecology. With dramatic views of the river and downtown, the area offers spectacular opportunities for hiking and biking a stunning network of Mississippi River Corridor trails.



◀ Architect rendering of Wakáŋ Tipi Center, to be located at the entrance to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.



*Visited by
over 300,000
people last year,*

the Lower Phalen Creek Project service area stretches from Lake Phalen to the Mississippi River and throughout the East Side River District, including the Bruce Vento Regional Trail, Samuel H. Morgan Trail and Indian Mounds Regional Park.

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WAKÁŊ TIPI CENTER WILL BE
HOME TO A VARIETY OF
ENGAGING COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:**

- Dakota culture & history
- Geological history
- Importance of clean water
- Urban ecology and restoration
- Bird migration flyway
- Respect for nature and sacred sites
- Art that bridges culture and nature

LOWER PHALEN CREEK PROJECT PARTNERS WITH THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Lower Phalen Creek Project was founded in 1997 by a group of volunteers as a partnership between the East Side and Lowertown neighborhoods working in collaboration with the City of Saint Paul.

The plan for Wakáŋ Tipi Center builds on the efforts of the forward-looking Lower Phalen Creek Project volunteers who have collaborated with the City of Saint Paul for nearly two decades.

Their efforts have resulted in more than \$10 million in investment to reclaim the area by city, state, and federal agencies, as well as private donors. The City of Saint Paul maintains the Sanctuary as a city park and has partnered with LPCP through development and long-term lease agreements. LPCP will be responsible to raise \$8.6 million to build Wakáŋ Tipi Center, plus a \$750,000 reserve fund for maintenance and operations, along with sole responsibility to develop and operate programs in the Center.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE ... VOLUNTEER ... SHARE

While more than halfway to our \$9.3 million goal—
we still need your help!

Contribute online at www.lowerphalencreek.org/donate

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE WAKÁN TIPI CENTER

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