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1892 World’s Columbian Exposition

Frederick Law Olmsted
Chief Landscape Architect

Sen. Thomas W. Palmer
President, National Exposition Commission

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Ossian Cole “O.C” Simonds  
(1855-1931)

Founder ASLA & Univ. Michigan School of Landscape Architecture

Planner – Palmer Woods

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Olmsted’s Other Works: New York’s Central Park (1859 – 1876)

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Helene Hulds, Detroit, Mich.,

June 5th, 1890.

M. Anderson and J. M. Anderson, Jr., have informed us that they are interested in the project of the National Park. They are desirous of securing the property, which is now owned by Mr. Anderson, for the purpose of erecting a monument in the park. It is hoped that the property will be purchased at a fair price and that the park will be opened to the public. The monument will be a tribute to the memory of those who have made a great contribution to the cause of the park. It is hoped that the monument will be a lasting memorial to those who have contributed to the cause of the park. The park will be open to the public and will be a place where families can come to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. The monument will be a fitting tribute to those who have contributed to the cause of the park.

J. M. Anderson, Jr.

June 5th, 1890.
With the Common or Plainsance and the Wetherell Woods, the loop car line, the curving branch roads, and the encircling parkway, your estate will, we feel sure, possess no rival in Michigan, so far as beauty and general attractiveness are concerned.

Before we proceed further in our more detailed studies, we ask that you communicate to us all criticisms and suggestions which you may be able to collect.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Olmsted & Eliot’s 1895 Plan for Log Cabin Park
Redefining Through Historical Precedence

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Formal Gateways and Improved Entry’s

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Expanded Recreational Capacity

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Improved Circulation
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Workshop Master Planning Process

1. Park Programing
   - Picnic Grounds
   - Tennis
   - Baseball
   - Trails
   - Crops-Orchard

2. Alternative Plans
   - A.
   - B.
   - C.

3. Master Plan
Workshop Master Planning Process

1. Park Programming

   Picnic Grounds
   Tennis
   Baseball
   Trails
   Crops-Orchard

Active Program

- Baseball (two fields)
- Bicycle (dedicated lanes and storage/service facility)
- Ice Skating (Lake Frances)
- Playscape
- Soccer (children and adult)
- Splash Pad
- Tai Chi
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Walking/Running Trail
- Yoga
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Passive Program

- Amphitheater
- Apple Orchard
- Bathrooms
- Benches and Seating
- Community Center
- Dog Park
- Drinking Fountains
- Log Cabin Preservation/Renovation
- Merrill Fountain Restoration/Relocation
- Park Lighting
- Picnic Facilities
- Parking
- Security Call-Station/Video Surveillance
- Urban Demonstration Farm
- Wi-Fi Hotspots
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Natural Areas Program

- Invasive Removal
- Lake Frances Restoration
- Marked Trail
- Storm water drainage/retention
- Tree Trimming
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1895 Plan for
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1895 Olmsted Palmer Park Plan
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The General Plan
PALMER PARK

Circa 1950s

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Woodward Avenue Promenade

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Southbound Woodward – Looking North

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SOUTHBOUND WOODWARD AVENUE

Proposed Reconfiguration Concept

shown at W. Nevada Street between 6-7 Mile Roads

Ped “danger zone” reduced by half: from 142 to 69 feet

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LANE REDUCTION

Keep 63’ curb-to-curb; add bike lanes
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Primary path

Canopy trees with turf grass and selected root zone restoration areas

8' wide paver walkway

Canopy trees with turf grass and selected root zone restoration areas

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Standard Road Striping
Bike Lane on 44' Wide Street

NOTE: Measured curbface to curbface including gutter flag

Bike Lane Stripe
Thermoplastic pavement marking line 6" [150mm] wide solid white

Parking Stripe
Thermoplastic pavement marking line 4" [100mm] wide solid white

Source: Chicago Bike Lane Design Guide
Bioretention along perimeter roads
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Sustainable Farming Center

Lafayette Greens
Kenneth Weikal Landscape Architecture
Detroit, MI

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Sustainable Farming Center
- Vegetables
- Urban Farms Center
  - Storage/Equipment
  - Teaching Space
  - Investor Space
  - Mounted Police
- Orchard
- Pavillion - Water Play
  - Restrooms
  - Storage
  - Concessions
- Spray Park
- Children’s Play
- Space - WATER

Community Center
Log Cabin
Parking
Lake Frances
Farmers or Public Market

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Performance Venues

Coffee Creek
Chesterton, Indiana

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Historic Elements


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Accessible Lake Edge

Canopy trees with turf grass and selected root zone restoration areas
4' wide limestone walk
Stone lake edge

Tertiary path section

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Bryant Park, New York: *Holiday Shops*
Green Strategies

Bio-retention Systems

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Integrated Green Infrastructure

Distributed Rainwater Management Strategies for all land use cover surfaces with applications appropriate for scale and context;

Replicate natural hydrology and provide multiple benefits on all land use surfaces:

1. Porous pavement systems
2. Bio-retention systems
3. Green Building Practices, including Green Roofs and other Living Architecture Systems
4. Rainwater harvesting and re-use
5. Wastewater recycling and re-use
6. Native landscape systems

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