

November 6, 1973

Mr. Charles W. Nelson  
Supervisor Survey and Planning Section  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Fort Snelling - Building 25  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The city of Rochester has submitted an application for State and Federal funds to purchase approximately 36.5 acres of parkland. The area is referred to locally as Indian Heights. Most of the area is wooded and is located on steep bluffs. An abandoned limestone quarry is within the project area. Native vegetation is encroaching within the quarry.

The proposed project area is the only undeveloped wooded area remaining in Northwest Rochester. It also provides a very scenic overlook of the City. It would be managed as a resource-oriented park with limited development of hiking trails, primitive picnic sites and a parking lot on the periphery.

We would appreciate any comments you might have so that we can comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665).

A topographic map and certificate of survey of the project area is enclosed.

Because of limited time, we would appreciate receiving your comments before November 10. Thanking you for your cooperation.

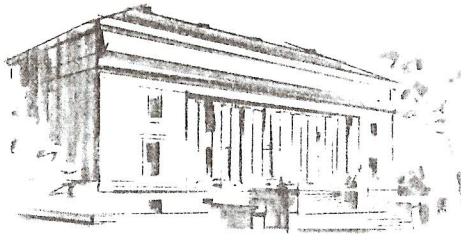
Sincerely,

Donald N. Orke  
Director of Parks

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Mr. Donald N. Orke  
Director of Parks  
Park and Recreation Department  
403 East Center  
Rochester, Minnesota 55901

Dear Mr. Orke:

RE: Acquisition and Development  
Indian Heights Park Project Area

Your request of 6 November 1973 for comment regarding the acquisition and development of the Indian Heights Park Area has been referred to the Survey and Planning and Archaeology Sections of the Minnesota Historical Society for review. It is the finding of this review that there are no known sites of historic or archaeological significance located within the proposed park boundaries; however there is record of sites of significance located near the periphery, one such site being the Tondro Mill.

The area within the proposed park boundaries is as yet unsurveyed in regard to historical content. It is therefore the request of the Minnesota Historical Society that adequate provision be made by your agency to allow for survey of the area in conjunction with the implementation of the development phase of your proposal. The Society has no objections to submitted plans for acquisition of the Indian Heights Area *By your agency.*

Respectfully,

Russell W. Fridley  
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Charles W. Nelson, Supervisor  
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