



Plan View, Trestle Park



Existing View North, Trestle Bridge and park area to the right.

Trestle Park

The City of Manning is in the process of procuring the former mill site located at the corner of Julia and Front Streets. Developing this land is a top priority for the committee. This would include facilities to accommodate residents, RV and tent camping, as well as pedestrians and cyclists along the proposed trail. Major programmatic elements would include: a new park shelter, nature play area, sand volleyball courts, cornhole, and river access.

The proposed concept for the park relies heavily on the history of the site with the existing Trestle Bridge being a key element. A new park shelter will model an old rail depot, a new park kiosk will take the shape of a train engine, and IOWA artwork will carry out this historic theme. The feature of Trestle Park will boast a nature play area including water and sand play. The nature play will embrace unorganized play and offer elements that exercise a child's fine and gross motor skills along with their creativity and imagination. In addition sand volleyball and cornhole will be located across the roadway adjacent to the nature play for all to enjoy.

Trail connections to the community and to the south along the West Nishnabotna River provide pedestrian and cyclist access throughout the park. A 10'-12' wide paved trail would be ideal for pedestrian and cyclist use, with a mow strip on either side of the trail to increase safety.

The park will include native prairie plantings, overstory trees, and river access. RV and tent camping is located along the river with a large loop drive, individual campsites, trail connections, and river access. Shade trees are proposed throughout the park to both create "rooms" within the park and to screen views.

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Trestle Park Concept Plan

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