

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Birmingham, showing a large stadium (the Birmingham Stadium) in the center, surrounded by roads, green spaces, and other urban buildings. The image is overlaid with a light blue and green tint.

# Birmingham Park Framework Plan

# Mission Statement

Burnham Park should provide a variety of recreational, cultural and educational experiences along Lake Michigan. These experiences should be set in an attractive natural landscape environment that serves and is connected to local neighborhoods and that strengthens the open space waterfront of Chicago.

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In the spring of 1999, the Chicago Park District commissioned the Burnham Park Framework Plan in order to develop a vision for the future of the park and a series of guidelines for the implementation of that vision. Burnham Park is located along Lake Michigan and spans from the south end of Grant Park at Roosevelt Road to 56th Street including Promontory Point. The area of study for the Framework Guidelines spans from the southern edge of McCormick Place to 56th Street and Promontory Point.

The Framework Plan is a long-range planning tool used to plan for and coordinate with future projects. It establishes a vision for future usage, access, and visual qualities of the park by examining needs and expectations for the park landscape, park amenities and park users, as well as existing conditions of park accessibility and circulation. It contains guidelines for landscape improvements, for the development of additional park amenities, and for an improved physical connection between the park and adjacent neighborhoods.

The Burnham Park Framework Plan was crafted by a team of consultants led by BauerLatoza Studio, working in conjunction with the local community, and the Chicago Park District. The planning process incorporated the ideas of community leaders from both the public and private sectors and community residents. Over a period of six months, the team conducted workshops, interviews, and public meetings with community leaders and citizens to address issues about the park in open public forums. From the workshops and public meetings evolved a mission statement and a series of framework objectives that reflect the values and sentiments of the community.



