



## TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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The Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Prairie Island Indian Community within the boundaries of the State of Minnesota have engaged with the City of Saint Paul in a consultation process to recommend name changes for Indian Mounds Regional Park and Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in Saint Paul, MN. These are incredibly important cultural sites to Dakota and other Tribal Nations, and we applaud the City of Saint Paul in their commitment to honoring government-to-government consultation in regard to these cultural resources.

Following a robust consultation process, in April 2025, the following Final Recommendations were agreed upon by a consensus of the four Tribal Historic Preservation Offices of Prairie Island Indian Community, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Lower Sioux Indian Community and Upper Sioux Community:


- One name for the full Cultural Landscape. **Imnizaska** (white cliffs, Dakota) Cultural Landscape. Pronounced e-me-NE-zha-ska
- Individual sites will have their own designation names within the Cultural Landscape:
  - **Wakȁŋ Tȳpi** (Dwelling Place of the Sacred, Dakota) for Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary. Pronounced wah-KAHN TEE-pee
  - **Wicaȥapi** (cemetery, Dakota) for Indian Mounds Regional Park. Pronounced we-CHA-ha-pee

Having received and considered feedback from the community on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, we remain comfortable moving forward with these recommendations while recognizing that there are multiple variations in place names or descriptions of places. We acknowledge that all of the

variations we have heard and considered are correct and will be included in the exhibits at the future Wakan Tipi Center, opening this fall.

We further recommend that the variation Tipi Wakan be included on the city signage for the cultural landscape site, along with other variations for this site, including Ti Wakan, Wakan Otipi, Taku Wakan Tipi, and Makoce Mahed Ti.

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