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## **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION JUNE 1, 2022**

### **J.2. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE**

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PICTURES

***Rendering to create a Japanese style version:***

***Left side of the park***





*Center portion of the park*





*Right side of the park*





## Ideas for Mural/installations and for the written history for Ito:

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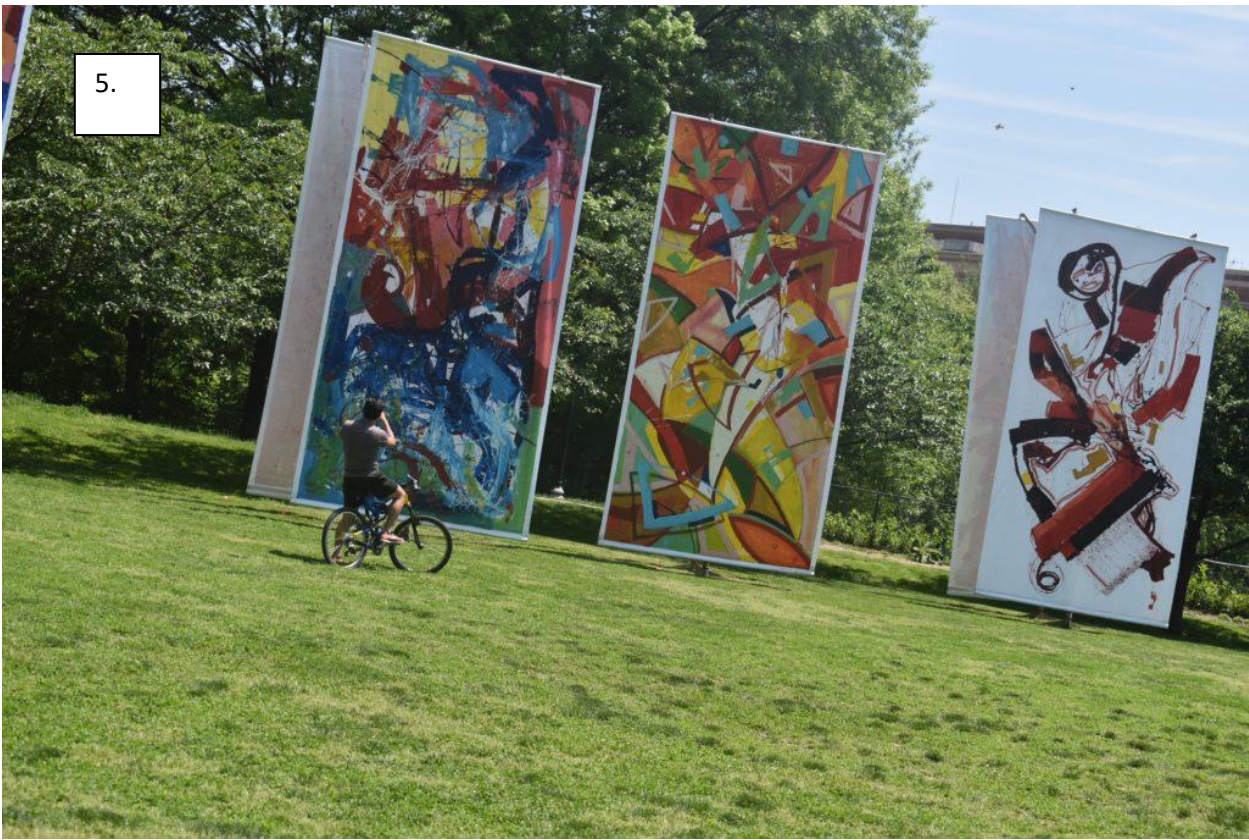




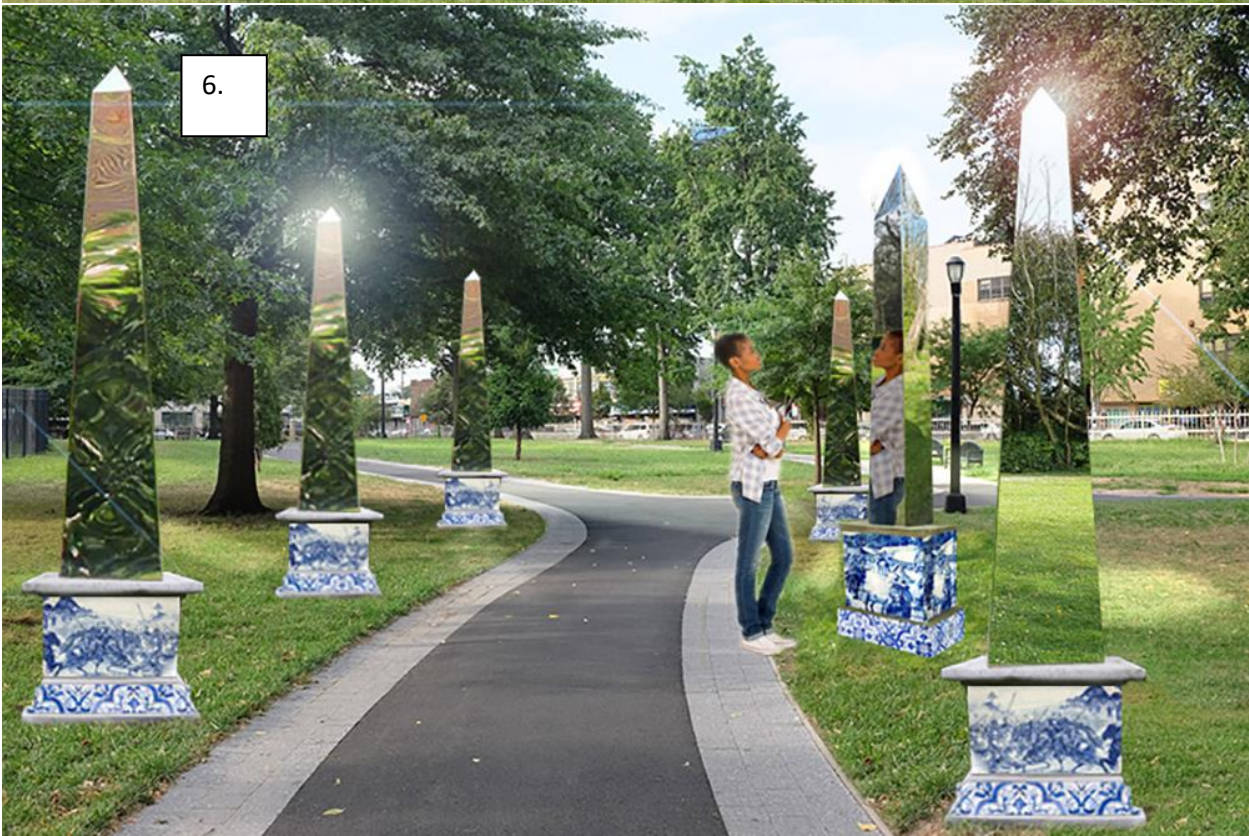




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**Indigo Bunting**  
*Passerina cyanea*  
♂



# PILCHER PARK NATURE PRESERVE

## Welcome to the Hoberg Tract

### WHAT IS AN ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE?

In 2018, 401 acres of Pilcher Park, which now includes the Hoberg Tract, were permanently protected by state law in the Illinois Nature Preserves system for future generations to enjoy. A treasury of nature's treasures has been protected in Illinois by this nationally acclaimed program.

Land that has been dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve can contain the last remnants of the Illinois wilderness such as tall grass prairie, oak groves, sandstone bluffs, wetlands, bogs and other threatened natural areas.

Governed by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, its mission is to assist private and public landowners in protecting high quality natural areas and habitats of endangered and threatened species in perpetuity. The Commission promotes the preservation of these significant lands and provides leadership in their stewardship, management and protection.

Funding for this sign was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

Thank you to these organizations who helped make this acquisition possible.



The Hoberg Tract was originally the private summer home of George and Louise Woodruff. It became the Woodruff Riding Academy in 1932 and was later owned by the Hoberg family. The stone arch was built in the 1930s.

Valued for its rich mesic forest and unique natural attributes Illinois Audubon Society pre-acquired the property in 2015 with the help of Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation on behalf of the Joliet Park District. After receiving a Land and Water Conservation Grant administered by the State of Illinois, the Joliet Park District purchased the property from Illinois Audubon Society and enrolled most of Pilcher Park and all of the Hoberg Tract as an Illinois Nature Preserve in May of 2018.

In 1920, Higinbotham sold his private arboretum to Robert Pilcher, a businessman and self-taught naturalist. Pilcher donated this virgin woodland to the City of Joliet, with the stipulation that the land be left wild. It became part of the newly formed Joliet Park District in 1922.



Generations of residents have enjoyed nature in Pilcher Park.

### SPRING COLORS

Wildflowers show off their colors during the early, cool months of spring. Some resemble common garden perennials.



**Solomon's Seal**  
*Podophyllum peltatum*



**Mayapple**  
*Podophyllum peltatum*



**Dutchman's Breches**  
*Diastema cuneatum*



**WMI Ceranium**  
*Cerastium maculatum*



**Spring Beauty**  
*Claytonia virginica*



**Virginia Bluebells**  
*Platanus virginica*



**Painted Turtle**  
*Chrysemys picta*



Painted Turtles get their name from the bright red and yellow colors on the sides and bottom of their shell. They survive all winter without breathing by hibernating in mud under frozen ponds.

**Big Brown Bat**  
*Eptesicus fuscus*

Bats use their wings to hang from the spring nursery colonies and winter hibernation.



**Question Mark Butterfly**  
*Pararge aegeria*

### DRILLING FOR FOOD

Have you wondered what that woodpecker is doing banging his beak up against a tree? As a tree ages, insects make their homes inside the tree's trunk and under its bark. Woodpeckers look for these hidden insects which are a great source of food. Woodpeckers in Pilcher Park include the Red-bellied, Red-headed, Hairy, Downy, Pileated and the Northern Flicker. Look for woodpeckers year round.



**Pileated Woodpecker**  
*Dryocopus pileatus*  
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At 19" this is one of the largest and most striking forest birds in the continent. It is nearly the size of a crow.

Pileated Woodpeckers drill distinctive rectangular-shaped holes in rotten wood to get at carpenter ants and other insects. The nest holes have hole inside after horizontal shoring to many species (including owls, cats, ducks, bats, and squirrels).







































# Dunkeld Heritage Trail

## Early Supermarket

Before the Dunkeld Food Shop, the first supermarket in the area, was built in 1954. It was a small building, but it was the first of its kind in the area. It was built by the Dunkeld Food Shop, which was the first supermarket in the area. It was built by the Dunkeld Food Shop, which was the first supermarket in the area.



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