



CITY OF LE SUEUR  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Rich Kucera, Public Services Director  
SUBJECT: Approve Concept Plan for Veteran's Memorial in American Legion Park  
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of September 12, 2022

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**PURPOSE**

Consider the approval of concept plan being presented by the Veteran's Memorial Task Force.

**SUMMARY**

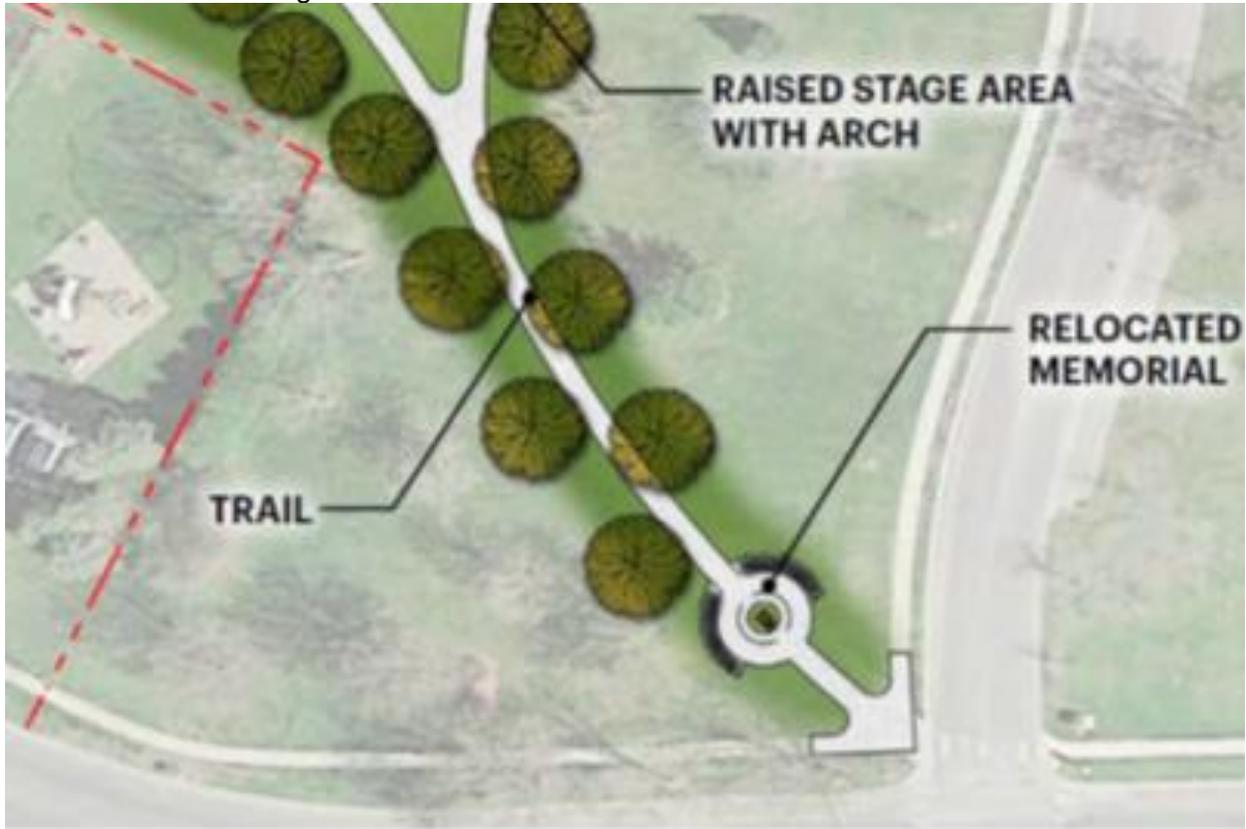
At the April 11, 2022, City Council meeting, the American Legion Park Veterans Memorial Task Force was formally established, with a purpose of recommending a final design and location of the Veterans Memorial in American Legion Park. The group has held four meetings since April 2022. City staff would like to acknowledge City Engineer Cory Bienfang and Bolton & Menk for their assistance in drafting designs for the task force to review and all their general assistance throughout the process.

The Task Force had many items to decide upon throughout the process, including:

- What veterans will be honored?
  - All – Honorable discharged
- What ways will names be honored?
  - Monument Stones (Labeled Memorial Panel on Perspective A)
  - Name, Division, Rank, Year
- Design Items:
  - Shape – Circle, Arches, Half-Circles, Squares, Rectangles, etc.
  - Centerpiece (Item)
  - Pavers or colored concrete or regular concrete
  - How many flagpoles
  - Benches/Seating areas
  - Donation recognition
  - Lighting
    - Landscaping
    - Trail

All the above items were discussed and taken into consideration in the final recommended concept plan that is being presented to City Council. All honorably discharged veterans, living or deceased, will be able to have their names added to the memorial. A cost for this engraving has not yet been established. The group collaborated with Mr. Bienfang on the shape of the memorial, with the unique use of the existing veteran's memorial as the new centerpiece of the new memorial, along with custom outstretched hand pedestals symbolically raising the stones of those deceased in previous wars. The use of plain concrete with the charcoal-colored concrete adds character and definition to the memorial. Each flagpole represents a branch of the United States military, and there shall be one pole for the American flag. Incorporating the limestone seating into the landscape adds a multipurpose role of functionality. Donation recognition is shown on the site as well as landscape and trail lighting.

Below is a cut-out from the POST plan of the area where the memorial is recommended to be located and a rendering of the memorial in the location.



This concept comes with a preliminary cost estimate of \$ 330,850.00. The following page has a preliminary cost estimate breakdown. This includes an allowance for design, bidding, construction, administration, and contingency. Following Council approval of the concept plan, the task force will kick off a fundraising campaign. City staff will work with the VFW and American Legion to allow donations to be made to those groups, which would in turn be directed to this project. Alternatively, donations could be made directly to the City for the Veteran's Memorial Project. Updates on fundraising efforts will be provided to Council.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff recommends the approval of Veteran's Memorial Concept Plan as presented by the Veteran's Memorial Task Force.

# PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

9/8/2022

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PROJECT  
CITY OF LE SUEUR, MN  
BMI PROJECT NO. 0M1.127330

Item No.	Item	Quantity	Estimated Unit Price	Units	Estimated Cost	Funding	
						Donated or External	City
1	Clearing & Grubbing	3	\$1,000.00	Tree	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
2	Site Grading	1	\$10,000.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
3	4" Concrete Walk	90	\$60.00	SQ YD	\$ 5,400.00		\$ 5,400.00
4	4" Colored Concrete - Dark Gray	150	\$140.00	SQ YD	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 21,000.00
5	4" Concrete Banding - Military Branches	6	\$500.00	SQ YD	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
6	Aggregate Base Class 5	28	\$50.00	CY	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00
7	Install Salvaged Memorial Panels	5	\$2,500.00	EACH	\$ 12,500.00		\$ 12,500.00
8	Outstretched Hands Pedestals	2	\$8,000.00	EACH	\$ 16,000.00		\$ 16,000.00
9	Exposed Concrete Footing at Salvaged Memorials	1	\$5,000.00	LS	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
10	Install Proposed Memorial Panels (Includes footings)	5	\$15,000.00	EACH	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
11	Limestone Benches (Includes subbase)	65	\$500.00	LF	\$ 32,500.00		\$ 32,500.00
12	Bronze Plaques	20	\$650.00	EACH	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00
13	Flag Poles - 15'	8	\$2,800.00	EACH	\$ 22,400.00		\$ 22,400.00
14	Flag Pole - 20'	1	\$5,000.00	EACH	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
15	Shrubs - 3 gal.	105	\$80.00	EACH	\$ 8,400.00		\$ 8,400.00
16	Hardwood Mulch (3" Depth)	8	\$110.00	CY	\$ 825.00		\$ 825.00
17	Amended Soil at Plant Beds (18" Depth)	45	\$70.00	CY	\$ 3,150.00		\$ 3,150.00
18	Turf Restoration (Seed)	1,600	\$3.00	SQ YD	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,800.00
19	Steel Landscape Edging	165	\$15.00	LF	\$ 2,475.00		\$ 2,475.00
20	Lighting & Electrical	1	\$10,000.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Subtotal Construction Items					\$ 254,850.00	\$ -	\$ 254,850.00
Contingency (20%)					\$ 51,000.00		\$ 51,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Construction Cost</b>					<b>\$ 305,850.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 305,850.00</b>
Design, Bidding & Construction Admin.					\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>					<b>\$ 330,850.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 330,850.00</b>



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LEGION  
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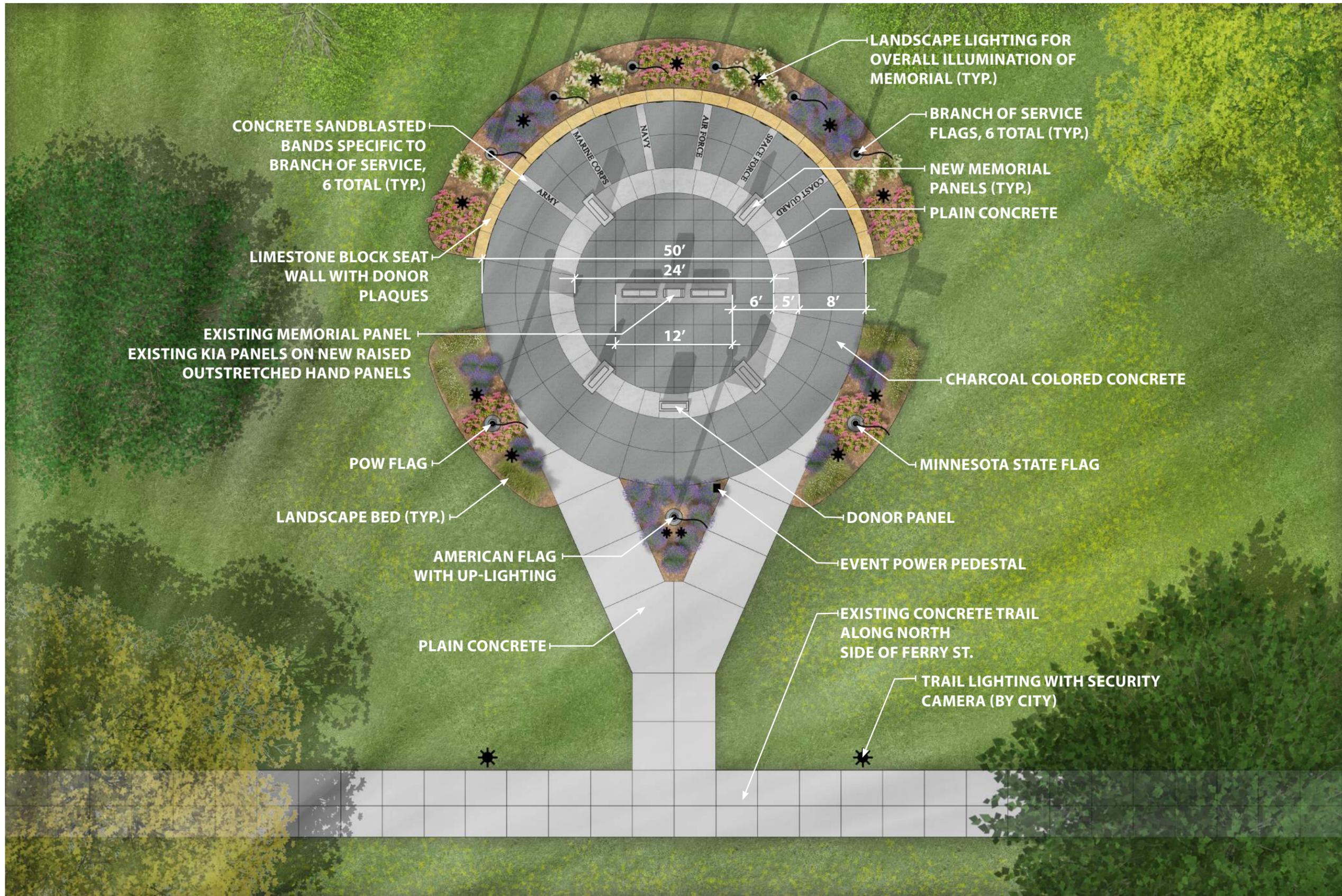
E. FERRY ST.  
(CR 26)

**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL LOCATION PLAN**  
CITY OF LE SUEUR



**BOLTON  
& MENK**





**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CONCEPT PLAN**  
CITY OF LE SUEUR



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**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PERSPECTIVE A**  
CITY OF LE SUEUR





**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PERSPECTIVE B**  
CITY OF LE SUEUR