# **City of North Liberty Aquatic Habitat Areas**

## Freedom Park



The land for this 7.07-acre park, located along Jones Boulevard, was donated by Southgate Subdivision developer, Glenn Siders in October 2000. This park features a large pond and native trees and prairie. The native trees and prairie were planted in 2001 through funds received from Siders and the Million More By 2004 Grant.

This park was named through a contest with North Liberty residents submitting suggestions to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission decided on Freedom Park, a suggestion given by residents to honor the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

## **Broadmoor Pond**



Broadmoor Park & Pond is located east of South Front Street on Broadmoor Drive.

The land for this 9.37- acre park was donated to the City by the Broadmoor Estates Subdivision Developer Mike Roberts. The land was accepted by the City on October 14, 2008 although the City has maintained it since 2002.

On October 14, 2003 the Parks Department collaborated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain 3,000 bluegills and channel catfish to stock the pond. During the summer of 2004 the pond received approximately 340 largemouth Bass.

In 2006 the Boy Scouts along with Parks Staff completed an Eagle Scout project and planted trees around the park and pond.

### Goose Lake



Goose Lake is located between West Penn street and 240th street just east of the I-380 interchange. It is a 31.34-acre park/pond donated to the City by the Cedar Development Progress Park LLC Developer Scott Anderson.

On October 5, 2006 the Parks Department collaborated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain 2000 bluegills and channel catfish to stock the pond. During the summer of 2007 the pond received approximately 300 largemouth Bass.

Goose Lake is part of a designated wetland area. The city will be posting designated wetland signs around the pond restricting mowing or spraying of any kind to allow the proper wetland seedlings to grow.

#### **West Lakes**



West Lakes is a 48.31- acre park/pond located off of 270th street adjacent to the new Clear Creek/Amana North Bend elementary school. The land was donated to the City by the JDHP Development Developer Jason Harder.

On October 5, 2006 the Parks Department collaborated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain 4,000 bluegills and channel catfish to stock the pond. During the summer of 2007 the pond received approximately 550 largemouth Bass.

West Lakes is also part of a designated wetland area. The city will be posting designated wetland signs around the pond restricting mowing or spraying of any kind to allow the proper wetland seedlings to grow.

### Fox Run Park & Pond



The land for this 6.6- acre park, located on the north side off of Scales Bend Road was donated by the Fox Run Subdivision Developer Clair Mekota to the city in the spring of 2002.

On October 14, 2003 the Parks Department collaborated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain 3,000 bluegills and channel catfish to stock the pond. During the summer of 2004 the pond received approximately 340 largemouth Bass.

### **Centennial Park**



Centennial Park, opened in 2013 on St. Andrews Drive west of Jones Boulevard, is the community's largest park. It is still being development, but currently includes a stocked pond on its 40 acres of greenspace. The next phases are expected to include on-site parking, picnic shelters, an enclosed pavilion, a band shell, various play features and a splash pad.

The park was named after council, staff and parks and recreation commissioners chose from more than 300 public suggestions

# **Liberty Center Park and Underpass**

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This \$3,042,339 million dollar project was a cooperative effort between the City of North Liberty and several local developers, North Liberty enhanced its commercial identity with an exciting park project. Liberty Centre, located on the southwest quadrant of the Penn Street and Highway 965 intersection, includes commercial and residential development based around the idea of a cohesive city center.

New businesses looking to locate in Liberty Centre include a hotel, restaurants and shops. The North Liberty City Council has been working with area builders and business owners to ensure that this project is a magnet for attractive development. Commercial lots are unified by a comprehensive landscaping plan centered around a large, boulder-lined pond. The Liberty Centre Pond includes scenic features like a waterfall, fountains,

pedestrian bridge, fishing pier, pavilion with a small gazebo and extra-wide sidewalks all around the pond. Modeled after the Jordan Creek Mall pond in West Des Moines, this area is a community focal point, just across the road from our magnificent Community Center.

An important element of this project design is the pedestrian underpass on Highway 965. This passageway links the Liberty Centre Pond to the east side Highway 965, just steps away from the Community Center, and provides a safe pedestrian connection between the east and west to help unite North Liberty's expanding community.

The City received Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) funding from the state's Vision Iowa program to assist with construction of this underpass and trail connections to the project. Liberty Centre, LLC contributed \$75,000 toward trails and fountains and have constructed the pond.

Libery Centre Pond has been stocked with largemouth bass, bluegills and channel catfish and is now ready for fishing.

## **Creekside Commons Park**



Creekside Commons Park is located west of South Front Street across from the new elementary school off Vandello Drive and Sadler Drive. The land for this 17-acre park was donated by property owners Steve and Kathryn Epley in December 2004. The developer has constructing an 8-foot concrete trail on both sides of Muddy Creek. The trail will help tie in the development with the new elementary and junior high school. The southwest corner of the park is large enough for a soccer field or ball diamond.

On October 5, 2006 the Parks Department collaborated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain 500 bluegills and channel catfish to stock the pond that is located on the east side of Sadler Lane. During the summer of 2007 the pond received approximately 100 largemouth Bass.

In 2006 North Liberty received a \$50,000 playground grant that was used to purchase a new playground structure for this park. The playground structure was installed in July 2008.

The remainder of the property includes a significant amount of woodland and wetland areas. The City will be posting designated wetland signs around the area restricting mowing or spraying of any kind to allow the proper wetland seedlings to grow.

#### **Beaver Kreek Park**



Beaver Kreek Park was open to the public in 1972. Beaver Kreek Park's name was created by using the developer's initials, George Buechler and Ralston Kornegor. The land for the park was dedicated to the City of North Liberty as part of the platting of the Beaver Kreek subdivisions developed by Buechler and Kornegor. Playground equipment was added in 1972 with the help of a 50% grant from the Iowa DNR Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) fund.

Beaver Kreek Park is located at the end of South Chestnut Street. This 2.9-acre park is an attractive neighborhood park with three pedestrian accesses from Juniper Court, Birch Court and South Hickory Street. This park features a pedestrian bridge and beautiful trees throughout the park. Facilities include a wide variety of playground equipment; a larger basketball court; picnic tables and benches.

Beaver Kreek Park has an easily accessible creek that runs right through the middle of it.