

THE VISION

To provide a space where the citizens of Champaign County can celebrate the Freedoms of America. A space with trees, plants, grasses, flowers, walking paths, and benches. A quiet space to be shared with family and friends. A space where we can remember those who gave their lives, so that we can be free today. A space where we can be with nature. A space that we can give to all people today and to future generations so that they may continue to enjoy our freedoms.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

A perennial garden with hardy plants of low maintenance and dependable display capability will provide an opportunity for quiet enjoyment of nature, spiritual rest, and reverent remembrance.



MEMORIAL GROVE

Cashewapples planted 50 feet on center provide a memorial to Johnny Appleseed as well as local farmers.



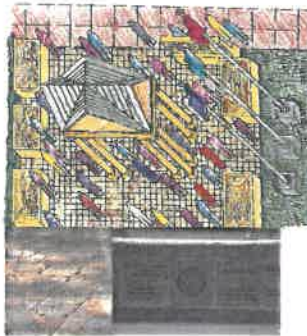
WALK OF HONOR

A wide trail that connects all sections of the site and creates a unified sense of remembrance, honor, and celebration.



BEAUTIFUL VIEWSHED

Plantings of native flowers and grasses serve to create a colorful and memorable experience of nature, as well as to expand the meaning of the memorial beyond the walls.



BICENTENNIAL PLAZA

A gateway to the Grove that welcomes visitors at the intersection of the Memorial Court and the Walk of Honor. The Plaza includes a trio of 25 foot high flagpoles, a sign that describes the park, and a shelter for display of the Bicentennial Bell. Several large benches tell the story of Urbana and Delaware County in concrete bas-relief.



FOUR FREEDOMS

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms:

The first is freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way - everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want - which, translated into world terms, means economic understanding which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants - everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear - which translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor - anywhere in the world.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Four Freedoms Speech
January 6, 1941



FREEDOM GROVE

FOUR FREEDOMS MONUMENT

The centerpiece of the grove consists of 30 foot high columns atop a semicircular base. Each column is cast on a half slice of a 16 inch diameter steel pipe. The four surfaces of each column will be decorated with tiles and mosaics in a design motif that celebrates the attributes of a particular freedom. The semicircular base of the monument will be engraved with a quotation from the Declaration of Independence and each column will rest on a pedestal engraved with the name of a freedom. A background of tall evergreens will serve to enhance the profile of the monument as well as to act as a screen, block off the light.



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