

Flin Flon Soil Improvement Program



Presentation to Healthy Flin Flon

Presentation Outline

- Background
- Criteria for Selection of parks
- Parks/Playgrounds
- Status

Background

- 93 publicly accessible parks, playgrounds, etc. in Flin Flon sampled for soil quality in 2006
- Elevated elements/metals above CCME soil quality guidelines at a number of the sites
- Though human health risk “most likely low”, comprehensive scientific HHRA launched
- Oct 07 – govt. offer to the City of Flin Flon to assist with soil improvement
- Aug 08 – Premier’s announcement to proceed with a 10-site park/playground improvement program (precautionary measure)

Criteria for Selection of Parks/Playgrounds

- Tested in 2006 soil study
- Frequented by young children (e.g. play structures)
- Levels must have exceeded CCME soil quality guidelines for at least one of the metals of concern

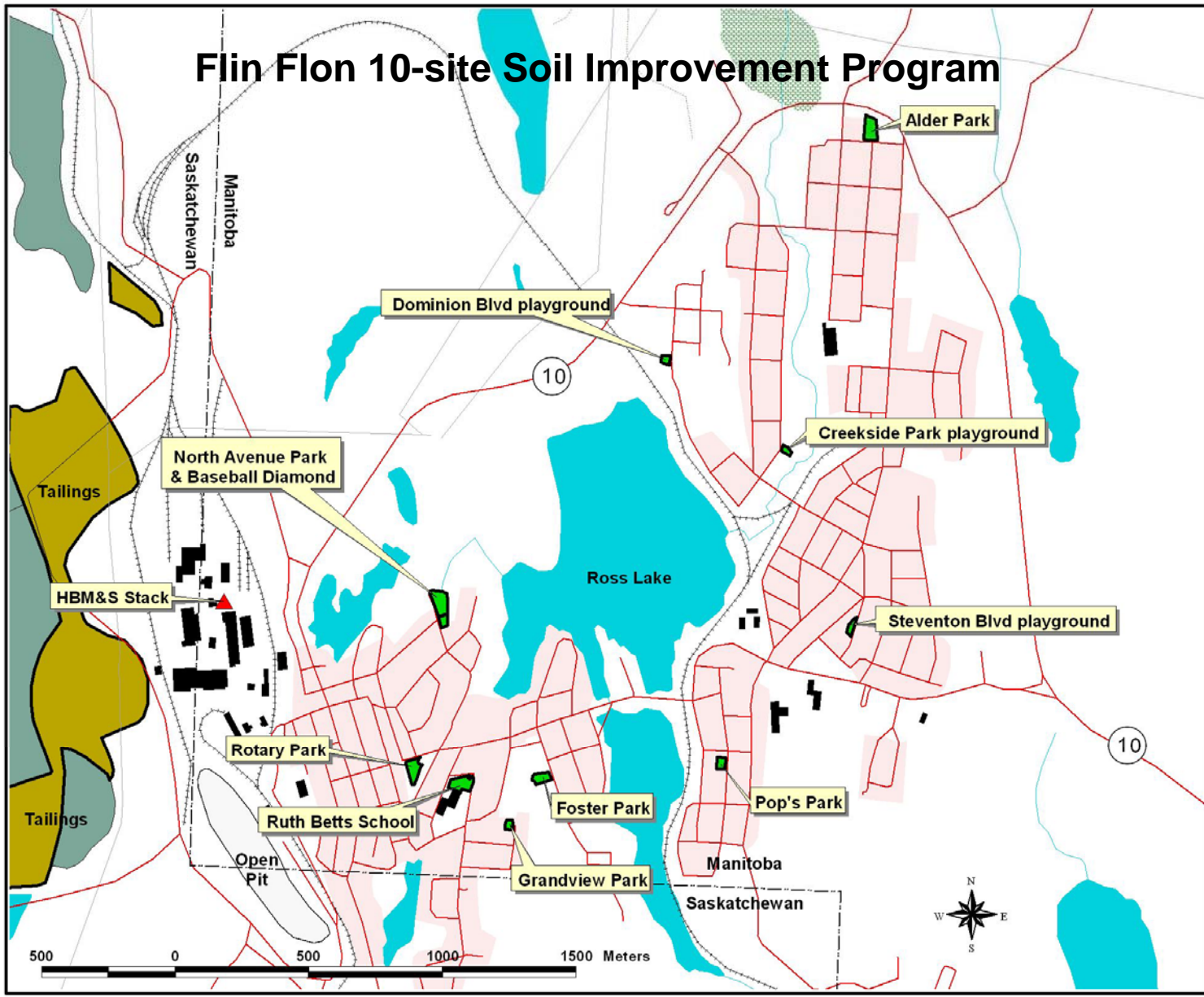
Process

- Retained a landscape architect
- Conceptual site plans
- Detailed soil/sod specifications
- Jointly undertaken with the City of Flin Flon
- Stakeholder engagement
- Plans/specs completed for 2-sites; underway for the other 8 sites

Parks/Playgrounds

- 2-sites 2008
 - North Avenue Park
 - “Foster” Park
- 8-sites 2009
 - Rotary Park
 - Grandview Park
 - Pop's Park
 - Playground on W. side of Steventon Blvd
 - Playground, W. side of Dominion Blvd
 - Ruth Betts School (East side)
 - Creekside Park
 - Alder Park

Flin Flon 10-site Soil Improvement Program



Current Status

- Contract awarded for initial 2-site improvement program
- Site preparation and soil placement planned for completion this fall
- Sodding of the 2-sites likely to be deferred to late spring of 2009
- Conceptual drawings being developed for the other 8 sites