



# FORT SISSETON HISTORIC STATE PARK MASTER PLAN

Between dense clusters of trees and shimmering lakes, waves of tall grass cascade across an undulating horizon of hills and prairies surrounding the historic area of Fort Sisseton Historic State Park. This idyllic landscape is punctuated by fifteen buildings and a boardwalk, all rich with history like the land they stand on. The abundance of resources—water, wildlife, trees, and clay—made this hilltop location a natural draw for several peoples throughout time, all of whom have a story to carry forward as part of our heritage. As its caretakers and curators, it is our responsibility to invest our time and resources to start the next chapter of Fort Sisseton Historic State Park.

Previous efforts have focused primarily on piece-meal changes and additions rather than a holistic approach. The Fort Sisseton Historic State Park Master Plan identifies preservation projects and site improvements that will protect and enhance Fort Sisseton Historic State Park. Before composing the Plan, public engagement surveys shared through social media gathered data on what visitors most value, and what they would like to improve in the Park. Goals formed around the public's feedback: preserve history, add new interpretive experiences, and expand the campgrounds.

Professional consultants assessed the structures and the environmental conditions. Combining the data from these assessments with the public feedback and case studies of similar parks led to the creation of the Fort Sisseton Historic State Park Master Plan. The Plan details strategies for implementing these projects and securing additional revenue in Short Term (0-5 years), Intermediate (5-10 years), and Long Term (10-20+ years) stages. A pivotal piece of the Master Plan is the construction of a new visitor center and museum to provide and support an enhanced visitor experience. The Plan also specifies if additional planning, staffing, maintenance, or programming are required to implement each project, uphold a positive visitor experience, and achieve a high standard of care.

Like the history we seek to preserve, the improvements we make require ongoing maintenance. The Plan accounts for this with standard upkeep and progressive restoration schedules, alongside financial considerations to support these efforts long-term. Ultimately, the Plan aims to enhance and preserve the Park for all to enjoy, from our generation to the next.



# EXISTING SITE PLAN



## BUILDING KEY:

1. NORTH BARRACKS WITH VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM
2. SOUTH BARRACKS
3. OIL HOUSE
4. GUARDHOUSE
5. MAGAZINE
6. COMMISSARY SERGENT'S QUARTERS
7. ADJUTANT'S OFFICE
8. OFFICER'S QUARTERS
9. COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESIDENCE
10. DOCTOR'S QUARTERS
11. HOSPITAL
12. LIBRARY / SCHOOLHOUSE
13. BARN
14. BLACKSMITH/CARPENTER
15. BLOCKHOUSE
16. HISTORIC BUILDING REMNANT
17. MAINTENANCE STORAGE

# FULL BUILD-OUT | ALL IMPROVEMENTS

