



The intent for the historic fort snelling visitor center landscape is to lay a strong narrative foundation for the eventual implementation of a larger interpretive landscape connecting building 30, the visitor center, the remnant military structures, the Mississippi River, and the Historic Fort.

Providing a beginning point for landscape interpretation, solving functional and spatial requirements, grounding the visitor center, and connecting visitors to the Mississippi River are goals of this phase.

The landscape design separates the function of parking from the function of interpretation, devoting all space north of the entry road to visitor experience and connection with the site's history. A new walk at the river's edge connects the visitor center to the historic fort allowing patrons to walk adjacent to the river rather than the highway. A simple network of paths weaves the north and south portions of the site together in conjunction with a patchwork of prairie, wildflowers, and lawn which seasonally recall remnant and lost structures of the Fort's past.

Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center Landscape / design development

Minnesota Historical Society
 HGA/Coen + Partners 02.29.2008