

# FRANKFORT PARK

5500 Randolph Avenue NE, Otsego, MN

TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO

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Lorenzo and Anna Smith home made from Ingersoll brick; 1875  
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission

Area annexed to Otsego in 1996  
Credit: ?



Frankfort Park

**This area of Otsego used to be part of Frankfort Township, which was settled in the summer of 1854. Many of the pioneer settlers came from Germany and chose this name of an ancient city in Prussia.** The portion of Frankfort Township east of TH 101 was annexed to the City of Otsego in 1994 as part of a boundary agreement involving Otsego, St. Michael, Albertville, and Frankfort Township that resulted in most of Frankfort Township being merged with the City of St. Michael.

In Otsego there were a couple of well-known brick producers who made bricks from local mud along the Mississippi River or Crow River on the Vasseur farm. Good examples of the yellow/cream brick produced in the Frankfort area are the Lahn house, Vasseur house, and the old St. Michael Catholic Church built in 1866. Another brick production area was on the Mississippi River at the Ingersoll Farm (later Davis house), which was built much earlier, in the late 1800s. The original Ingersoll house is still standing on today's CSAH 39 about 2 miles east of the intersection with CSAH 19. According to Will Holt, a farmer who lived close to the Ingersoll farm and kept a diary from 1877 to 1890, many farmers worked at the brickyard for extra cash.

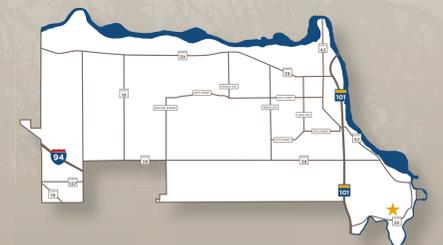
The site of Frankfort Park was originally planned for development of townhouse dwellings, similar to the buildings south of 54th Street. However, because of the economic recession in the second half of the 2000s, Lennar Corporation, developer of the RiverPointe and RiverPlace neighborhoods, sold the property to the City in 2009. The City developed the property as a neighborhood park using funds paid by subdividers for construction of new park facilities.

Source: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission

Vasseur home built in the 1920s with local Vasseur brick  
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



George and Mary Elizabeth (Ebner) Lahn home built with local Vasseur brick; 1912  
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



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