The China Friendship Garden at Phalen Regional Park will be a living symbol of the peace and friendship that exists between Saint Paul and its sister city Changsha, China (since 1988). The garden will honor the many contributions by the Chinese in Minnesota since the 1870s, integrate Chinese garden design principles within the natural setting of Phalen Regional Park, and be a bridge between the Minnesota Hmong and the Hmong ancestral home of Changsha, China. A strong visual connection to the Meditation sculpture by Master Lei was critical to the development of the garden plan. Several interconnected loop trails allow visitors to experience the garden from a number of vantage points.

This garden can be developed in three phases including:

- **Phase 1** - Main Pavilion and Dry Stream Bed  Estimated Cost - $2 million
- **Phase 2** - Hmong Culture Plaza  Estimated Cost - $2 million
- **Phase 3** - Lakeside Pavilion  Estimated Cost - $3 million
The five elements of Chinese Garden design (vegetation, artistic rocks, water, scenic pathways, and architecture) are reflected in the concept drawings.
The main pavilion is a replica of the original Aiwan Pavilion in Changsha, China. The pavilion is situated to visually connect the China Friendship Garden to the “Meditation” sculpture.

Total estimated phase cost: $2 million
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The pavilion will stretch along the lakeshore offering views of the Phalen Channel and restored stone bridge. It is located between existing willow trees offering a peaceful location to experience Phalen Regional Park.

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