

BEAUDRY MEADOWS PARK

11375 77th Street NE, Otsego, MN

TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO
est. 1858



Children by Otsego creek near old City Hall – taking a break from the Methodist/Baptist church Sunday school; ~1900
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



Alfred Joseph Beaudry (1860-1938) was the patriarch of the local Beaudry family. He was born in Quebec, Canada, and moved to Minnesota as a teenager. He married Matilda Gelinis (1865-1937) in 1881 and they had several children together. Their descendants live yet in Otsego and surrounding communities.
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The first inhabitants of this area were Native Americans who did not build permanent dwellings, but moved seasonally. The Beaudry family, who homesteaded in this area, were French-Canadian and are first listed in the 1880 census. They were and are hard-working dairy farmers who milk 70 or more cows a day at their farmstead near LaBeaux Avenue (CSAH 19) and 80th Street, with seldom a day off.

In 2002, the City of Otsego adopted plans for construction of the West Waste Water Treatment Facility to provide services for development of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses, north and east of the City of Albertville. The Beaudry family sold approximately 164 acres of their farm for development to the Darrel A. Farr Development Corporation. Farr Development in turn sold approximately 20 acres to the City as the site of the West Waste Water Treatment Facility. Farr Development also was the subdivider of Pleasant Creek Farms to the north of the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Arbor Creek was subdivided from land formerly part of the Beaudry Farm and the City acquired just over 10 acres of land as part of the platting process for development of the current neighborhood park that bears their name.



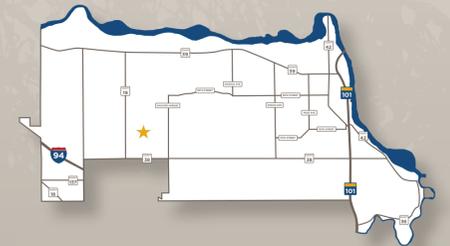
This barn, purchased by Alfred's grandson just before WWII, was built around 1900. An additional 60 ft was added in 1961 and the two newer silos were built in the 1980s. Fourth, fifth, and sixth generation Beaudrys still actively farm here.
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Otsego Creek, which runs between Mud Lake south of 70th Street in Albertville to the Mississippi River, crosses through the former Beaudry farm adjacent to the West Waste Water Treatment Facility and Beaudry Meadows Park. In the past, carp from the Mississippi River would swim into Otsego Creek and children would spear them with pitchforks and bring them home to clean and cook.

Source: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



Greeniger School District 30 – located on McAlister and 67th Street in the area known as the “Crossroads” – the building no longer exists.
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