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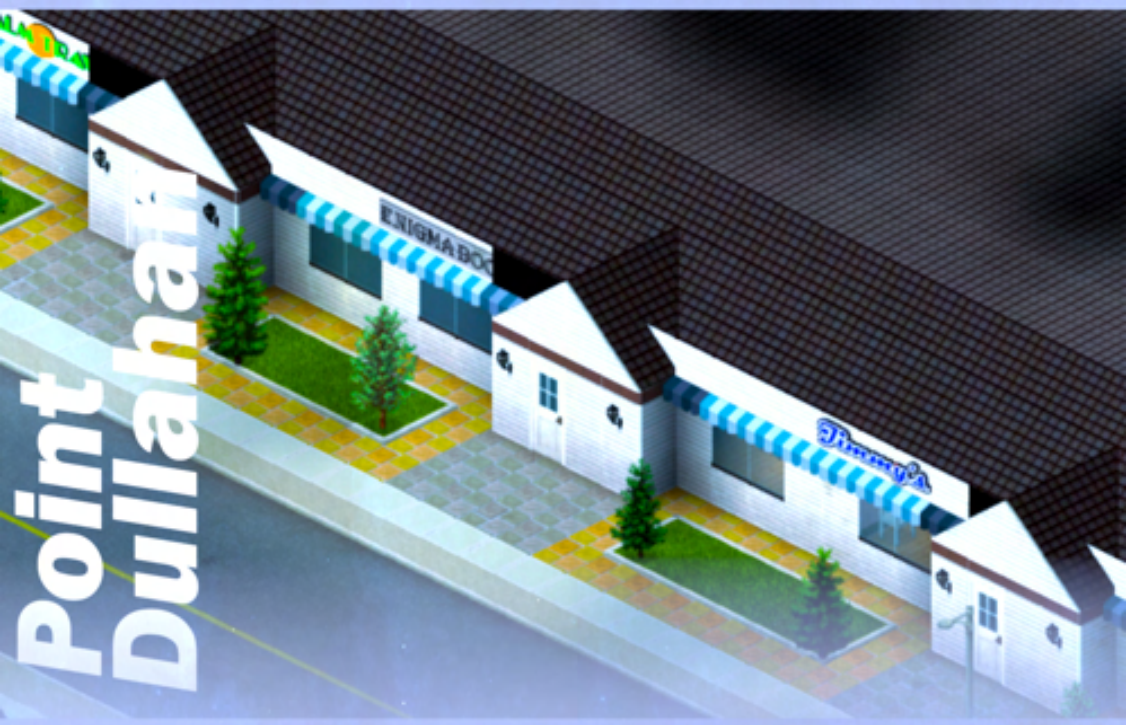

Located just a stone's throw from Downtown Gage and right along the Mississippi River, this quiet and at-first unassuming slice of heaven prides itself on providing a rich, fulfilling living for its residents. Point Dullahan was, at a time, the very first settlement constructed when Thomas E. Gage first arrived on the island, and was home to some of the early Irish settlers. Point Dullahan sports modern homes to its east, with smaller, tight-knit local communities located to the west. Point Dullahan, despite its beachfront glamour, still comprises a veritable network of animal and crop farms to the south. To this day, these farms provide a lion's share of the food on Gage Island. It isn't uncommon to see tractor-trailers or old-timey trucks driving through the streets in and around Point Dullahan. Its privately owned farms have individually won multiple awards for sustainability and fair practice in the farming sector.

Things to do in Point Dullahan:

Take a waltz down the beachfront or grab a fresh pastry or cake from the historic Jimmy's (voted Gage's best eats in 2009), and book a luxurious stay at the Point Dullahan Suites, the perfect beachfront hotel with views of the Mississippi.

If relaxation isn't your thing, stop in with the locals; namely the Dullahan Rally Club (DRC), who frequent Point Dullahan and are made up of the local farmers and racers of note around Illinois. Every Spring, they host a 3 lap race across the farmland and dirt roads around Dullahan.

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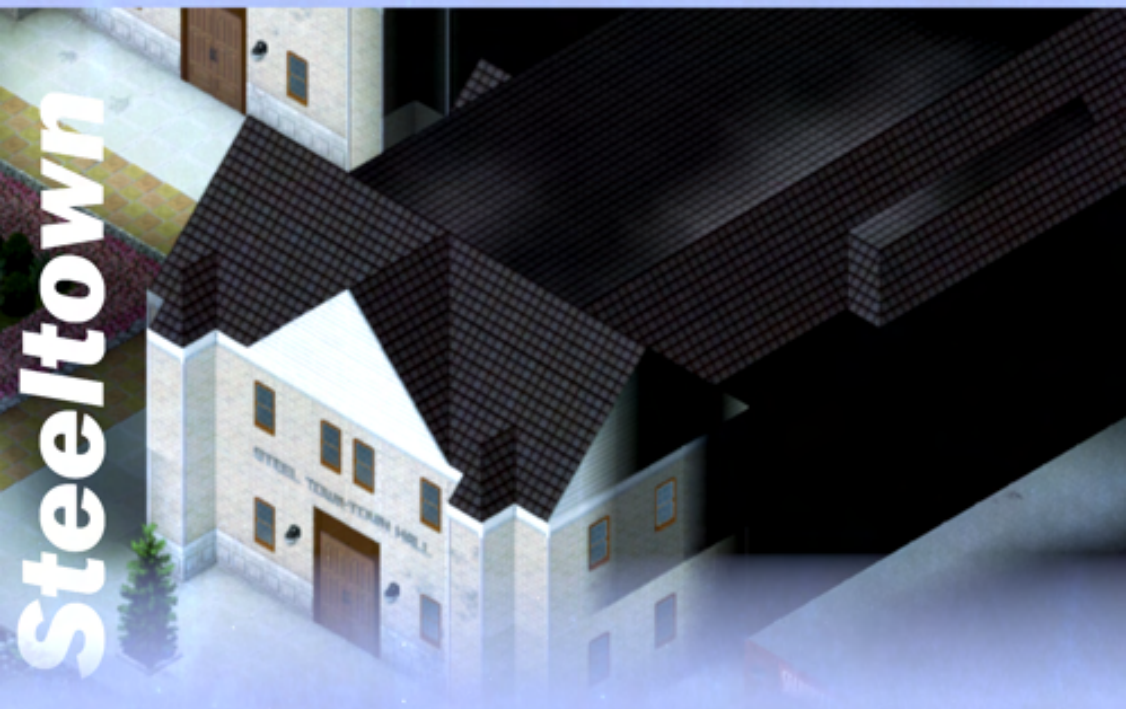

One of the most important districts of Gage Island, Steeltown comprises the backbone of Gage Island's mining and steel industry. What once was company housing for miners and factory workers in the early 1900s, Steeltown evolved into its own culture and in 1951, in honor of the late Henry Boulder, was officially made as a district on the island, and has embedded itself as one of the most historic locations on the island. The district houses some of the oldest factories on the island, with many still being in use today after several renovations and modernizations, pushing the boundaries of modern-day manufacturing technology. The district is also home to the Gage Island Power Plant, which powers the entire island. The location isn't all industry, however!

Things to do in Steeltown:

Children can enjoy one of the largest selections of arcade games on the island at The Valley Arcade. Meanwhile, the adults can enjoy themselves at Steeltown Brewery, offering wide assortments of IPAs, ciders, and beers. Enjoy a quick sip on their rooftop garden while looking out over the Mississippi River, sit down for dinner at Mendy's Eatery, or wind down with a good read at Enigma books. A short drive to the south is the newly constructed township of Shannonsbridge, housing a strip mall and the critically acclaimed restaurant La Soleil.

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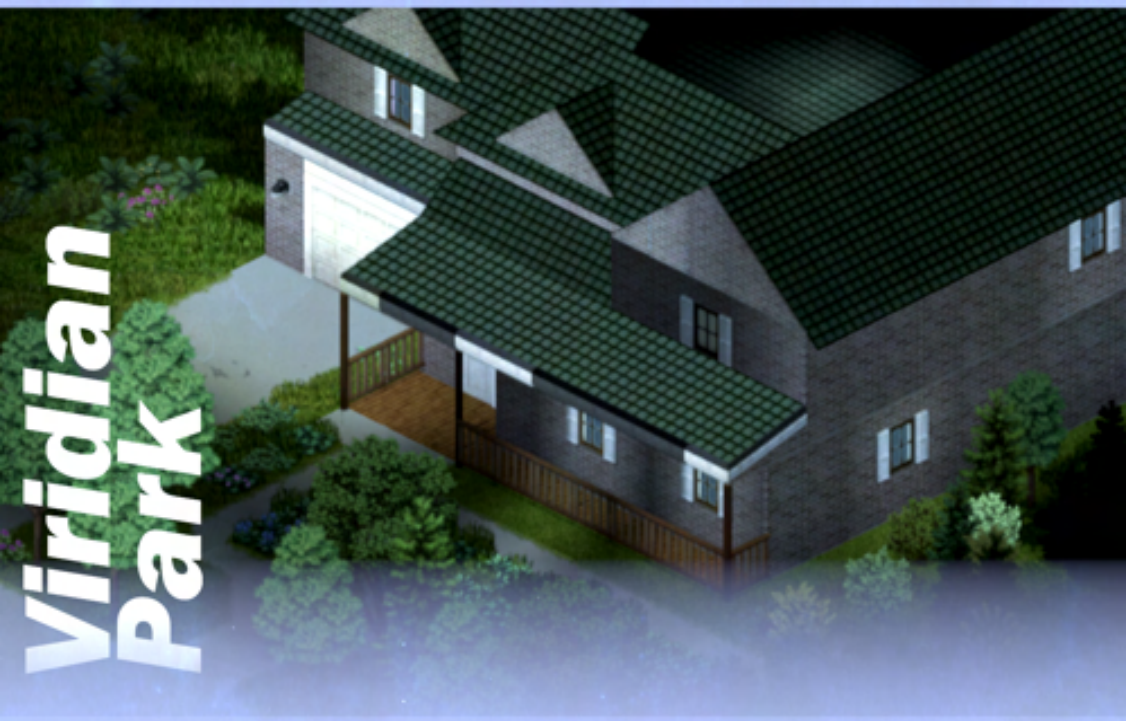

Encompassing nearly 410 acres, you can experience the awe and wonder of native Midwest wildlife as you explore forested walking paths. Play on our nature-inspired Kids' Trail playground, and join us in our Primal Drive Experience, viewing majestic animals from the safety and comfort of your car, guided along with a live narrated tour. Not only that, Viridian Park is home to several trails and hikes ranging from easy strolls to challenging slopes.

For those less interested in the outdoors, don't worry! Viridian Park has everything you need to live a quiet life away from the busy streets of the city.

Things to do in Viridian Park:

A staple of Viridian Park is the nature walks; a wonderful woodland tour of Viridian Park's various trails, hidden springs, and scenic clearings. You can pack a tent and hunker down below the stars, go for a dip in one of the many springs, or even join up with the Viridian Park Ecological Society, whom works tirelessly to preserve our wildlife and work hand-in-hand with the Illinois Deer Hunting Society. For the especially outdoorsy folks, why not step off the beaten path and hike one of our many trails? Viridian Park's topology allows for anyone to get out there and explore; from the beginner to the professional.

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Downtown

Being the heart and central district of Gage Island city, there is an endless amount of culinary and entertainment opportunities to indulge oneself in while immersing yourself in city life. Originally starting as a humble trading hub west of Thomas E. Gage's first settlement, entrepreneurs and settlers alike would set up shop here to form the central zone into the sprawling architecture it presents itself as today. Winding southern suburban areas surrounded by parks on all sides, along with a busy commercial area to the north make it so that there is never a slow day in this central district. Downtown harbors Gage Island City's very own railway station that makes travel around the island both quick and cheap. Set up by settlers and businessmen in the 1870s, it made moving materials and goods to the trading hub easy, as well as being vital to quickly coalescing steel and ammunition production for transport during World War 1, and World War 2. All is accomplished by the esteemed Orio Ammunition, whose offices are based in this very district.

Things to do in Downtown:

With community centers, malls, dance clubs, countless shops, a central park, docks, and a healthy bar life, it's nearly a question of what you can't do in the central district. North Gage Plaza stands as the largest mall within Gage Island City. It houses anything one could imagine they'd need to live a proper life and even more. From bookstores to furniture stores to trinkets, jewelry, and guns. Exploring the mall could take up a whole day itself. Down the road west of the mall, one can find the Expo Center regularly holding conventions, holding speaking and music events, and distributing information for boating events on the dock just north of the center. Just south of the Expo is Gage Island City's very own baseball stadium which is the home base for Gage Island University's baseball team. Not only that, but the field itself is opened for public use on the first weekend of every month for amateurs and experienced players alike to enjoy the field together. Nestled in between the two lay a professional boxing ring as well, regularly holding matches and spars and open to various fitness clubs around the city. Finally, further west of these four big locations, is a maze of bars, shops, bowling alleys, dance clubs, and bakeries, enough locations to keep you and your family occupied for weeks on end, and yet continue to find new locations every day.

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Apotheosis Pictures is home to some of the finest minds in entertainment on Gage Island. With massive high-tech soundstages and bustling production offices, the Apotheosis Company and its investments have curated a booming entertainment sector here on Gage Island.

Things to do in Apotheosis Picures:

Apotheosis Studios knows its audience: movie lovers who are looking to be pulled into the next captivating, drama-filled plot. Between blockbuster productions, visitors are welcome to tour the grounds, pick up new merch at the gift shop, and even step onto some of the most iconic sets in modern cinema. After the glitz and glam, book a stay at the adjacent health spa frequented by such celebrities as Jack Hazard, Eva Penn, and Billy Blake. If you're lucky, you might be able to catch a glimpse at Apotheosis Pictures' newest flick, "Slow & Slovenly".

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Gage Island's newest district, Murphy is an upstart suburban joy placed comfortably between Crater Lake and Fort Cooper. Comprising young families, military personnel, and students, what began as a housing development meant to quickly appease the growing housing demand in the city has turned into a rich tapestry of small, boutique businesses, modern family housing, and a blooming ear-to-the-ground nightlife scene.

Things to do in Murphy:

No two visits to Murphy are the same. You can choose to spend a lazy afternoon enjoying a stack of pancakes at the world-famous Pile-O-Crepe, pick up some farm-to-table food at Nourish Food Mart, and finish up at the Murphy Community Center, with a skills class taught by the growing community of academics and students in town. On another visit you stop by one of Murphy's newly established nightclubs, boasting live music, good drinks, and food. Each visit is an example of Murphy's artistic culture.

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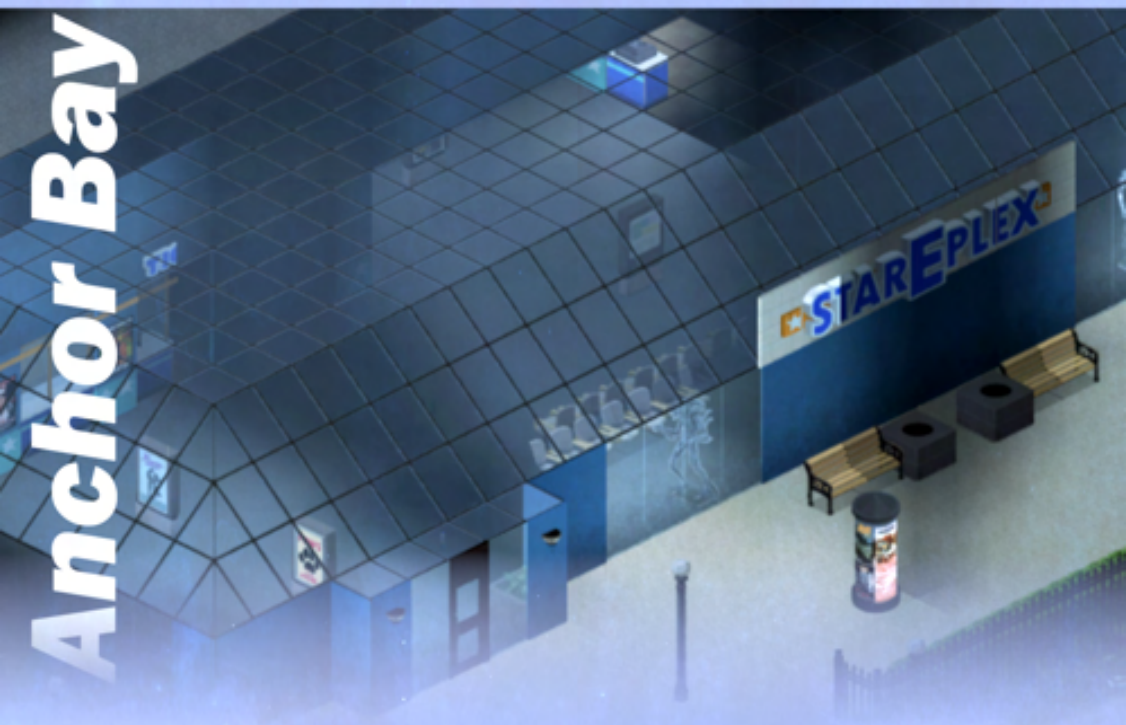

Once the main station for passenger trains around the island, Anchor Bay has since evolved into a commuter town with an up-and-coming commercial sector and a plethora of office space hosting cutting-edge tech startups and satellite locations for international business. The southern part of the district houses two-story, white-picket-fence homes, with a small shopping area just a walk away and a state of the art police precinct. Just to the north, you'll find busy streets and upscale offices, home to major corporations like Gigamart, ValuTech, Premium Technologies, and CloudU.

Things to do in Anchor Bay:

Anchor Bay provides plenty of entertainment with its iconic Alderwood Mall (2155th ST SW), where you can pick up handcrafted furniture, beautifully cultivated ornamental plants, and grab a quick bite from the food court on your way out! Afterward, you can wind down at Onyx Drive-In Theater (3005th ST SW), boasting an impressive selection of blockbuster films, cult classics, and anything in between!

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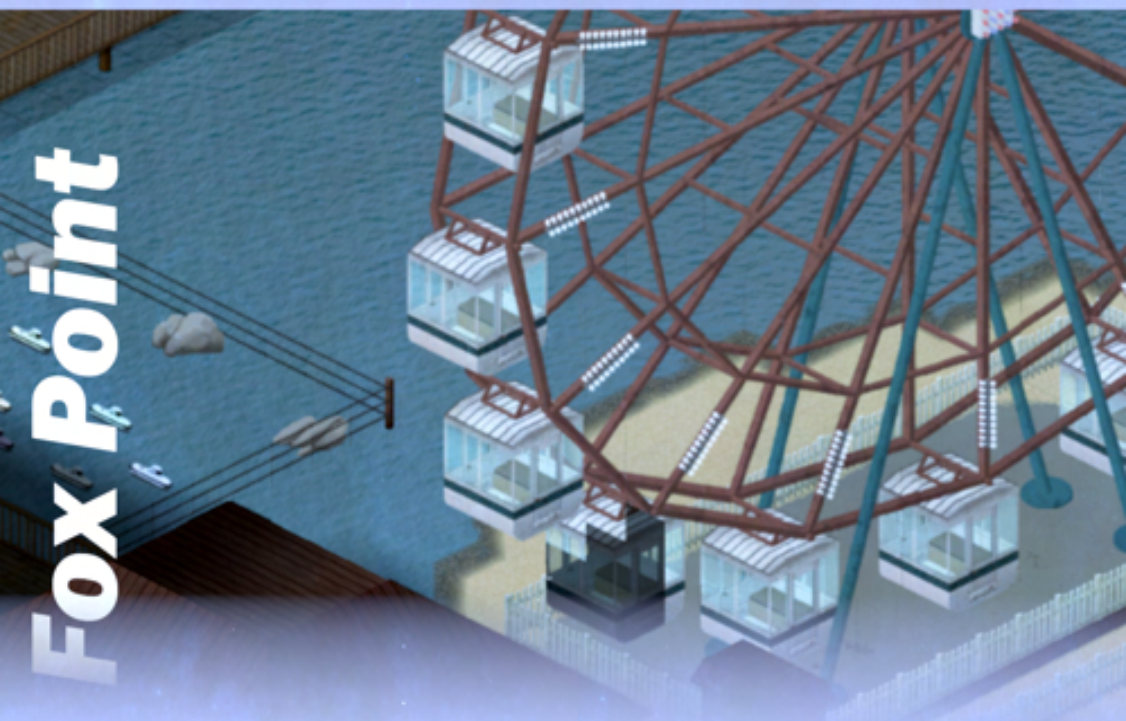

An exciting pier on the western coast of Anchor Bay, Fox Point easily provides a day of adventure with arcades, a large dance club, multiple rides including a ferris wheel and bumper car arena, and a bait shop parked right on the river to help even the most inexperienced of fishers catch their first bass. The Sunstar Motel provides safe and secure sleeping arrangements for visiting families to unwind after a long day, with a petite and cozy shopping center just down the road from it.

Things to do in Fox Point:

Being a pier, there's no end to activities going on in Fox Point. A stage in the center of the pier constantly provides live music from some of the best performers in the city, and radiating around the stage in each direction is a multitude of activities to indulge yourself in. A bait shop right on the river gives easy access to fishing supplies. Alderwood Lounge in the southernmost part of the pier provides EDM mixes of the most current and best hits late into the night with an attached bar. An arcade in the northernmost part of the pier lets the children of today experience some of gaming's greatest classics. Finally, the dock itself comes equipped with a large Ferris wheel giving a spectacular view of the Mississippi River, and a bumper car arena to crash any of your stresses away.

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Gage's western jewel, West Wood sits a comfortable distance from the noise and bustle of Downtown while still having all the amenities one could need to live to their fullest potential. West Wood provides much of the lumber on gage, with the recently established McCoy Lumber Corporation helping develop the industry since 1988. Not only that, West Wood remains a key pillar in the shipping logistics not only for Gage Island but for most of the Midwest.

Things to do in West Wood:

On your way in, be sure to stop by Josie's Diner (4672 35th Street W), a time capsule of the early 1950s with its charming color scheme, architecture, and most importantly its savory menu. Afterward, feel free to barhop between The Rusty Rifle and Smokey's, two rustic bars with equally friendly and inviting patrons who'll be more than happy to share a pint and a chat! And on your way out, check out The Crossroads Mall, with over 30 different stores to choose from, you'll be sure to leave West Wood with a reminder of the good times you had!

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What once was a bustling industrial district to the west of Downtown Gage, Dayton is home to a plethora of shops, mini-malls, and commercial districts that make up one of the busiest areas on Gage. Home to the families of the original settlers and tradespeople that first inhabited Gage Island, Dayton acts as a slice of Americana while not being nearly as dense as Downtown Gage. While the Outlet malls, Dayton's most recent development, provides amenities for the entire community, old businesses still persist in the area, including A.A. Ron Hunting Supply, and the Harland Auto-Breakers, who have spanned generations of families in the area. Nestled on the northern shore of the Mississippi, Dayton's beaches can provide a nice break from the noise of its shopping districts.

Things to do in Dayton:

The Outlet malls in Dayton provide an entire day's worth of shopping to anyone passing through, and supply everything from clothing and essential household supplies, to in-house brewed alcohol, and even an arcade. A.A. Ron Hunting Supply makes sure that local hunters have enough to last them a trip to Dayton's woods, which is a popular hunting and trapping spot on Gage Island. Dayton's Egenerex Plaza, while small, hosts many popular events on the island, such as boxing tournaments, ESports games, and local conventions. Privately, the Plaza is used as a space for corporate parties, meetings, and other events from across Gage. While most industry has since left Dayton, the Harland Auto-Breakers remain a primary source of sheet and scrap metal for many customers across the island.