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WATERFRONT PARK PHASE IV

This 22-acre expansion of Waterfront Park will extend public open space along the Ohio River corridor, uniting downtown and West Louisville along the waterfront, becoming the newest addition to this world class park.
OBSERVATION PIER

The observation pier serves as the iconic centerpiece of Phase IV providing stunning vantages and unparalleled vistas of both the river and the downtown skyline. The pier is not only a location for passive viewing and informal gatherings, it is specifically designed to accommodate a 250-person tent, allowing it to serve as leasable space for waterfront weddings, concerts, fundraisers and other such events.
A DESTINATION ON THE RIVER

The distinct barge shape of the cantilevered pier hovers over the lower river path and creates unique and inviting spaces below the structure where one can find shade and respite. A central opening allows users to traverse between the upper and lower levels through a series of stadium steps connecting the lower pathway to the plaza and pier above.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AREA

This is not your ordinary playscape — it is a creative learning experience with the primary goal of connecting kids to the river through creative play structures that challenge and engage, and interactive displays that stimulate learning, creativity and imagination.
EDUCATE AND INSPIRE

The experiential learning area presents unique opportunities for collaboration with Louisville’s STREAM (Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) leaders and institutions.
THE MIDWAY CONNECTOR

The extension of the Louisville Loop through Phase IV will create a vibrant and highly amenitized walking and bicycling path through the park. Located under Interstate 64, the Midway Connector will use color, paint and creative lighting to support an open and inviting experience.

CONCEPTUAL RENDERING
The Exerscape area will use active recreation to engage park users of all ages and abilities. Playground elements, climbing areas, and spaces for exercise will come together in this unique facility.
**CONFLUENCE PLAZA**

Located at the easternmost corner of the site and directly accessible from River Road’s planned extension, the Confluence Plaza will be the gateway to Phase IV from Downtown. The open space will blend landscape and public gathering areas with sculptural and interactive water features.
FORT-ON-SHORE PLAZA

Named after the historic fort that once occupied this location, Fort-On-Shore Plaza is located at the intersection of 12th Street and Rowan Street. The plaza will serve as an inviting entrance to the park and will feature distinctive interpretive signage and historical references.
While MSD’s tunnel project will occupy the majority of the park site through 2020, the area immediately along the river is currently available to begin construction of the observation pier and railyard plaza, experiential play area, activity lawns and flexible space for temporary events.
The initial phase of implementation, which can begin immediately, includes improving and enhancing the Riverwalk under I-64 from 4th Street westward, and creating access to the park using the 10th Street parking lot and the existing Riverwalk. Selective clearing of overgrown vegetation along the banks will create views to the river. Lawn areas will be installed on the upper level for programming and recreational activities along the multi-use path, connecting to the observation pier.
04 CONNECTIVITY

The River Road extension and enhancements to the Riverwalk will integrate seamlessly with Waterfront Park Phase IV. The Riverwalk’s mixed-use path enters Phase IV at 10th Street, connecting pedestrians and bicyclists throughout Waterfront Park.
RIVERWALK AND RIVER ROAD ENHANCEMENTS

Planned improvements to River Road will transform this corridor into a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly destination along the waterfront. An enhanced Riverwalk will create inviting open spaces along the water and interconnected bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
05 PROGRAMMABLE SPACE AND FLEX ACTIVATION

Waterfront Park Phase IV will include greenspace, plazas, and other venues, creating opportunities for events of various sizes, from intimate gatherings to public concerts, weddings, yoga sessions, and much more.
CONCEPT PRECEDENT AND MATERIALITY

The site of Phase IV was historically shaped by both industry and the river. Inspired by the resilience of these forces, the park’s various areas will reflect the shape, structure, and materiality of the site’s historic roots.