

WEST RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY UPDATE

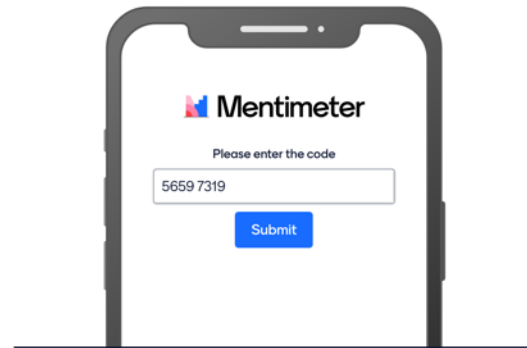
April 18, 2023



DETROIT
RIVERFRONT
CONSERVANCY

What is your favorite activity to do along the Riverfront?

Go to
www.menti.com



Enter the code
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Or use QR code

HOUSEKEEPING

- The PDF presentation from tonight's webinar will be posted to the DRFC website: www.detroitriverfront.org
- Please submit questions via the Zoom Q & A or email to westriverfront@detroitriverfront.org
Submit all questions by Friday, April 21
- DRFC will post answers to all questions on our website by Wednesday, April 26



AGENDA

- Welcome!
- DRFC 20th Anniversary
- West Riverfront Updates
 - Riverwalk Extension
 - Greenway Updates
 - Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park Update
- Announcements
- Thank You!





DETROIT RIVERFRONT CONSERVANCY
FOR EVERYONE. FOR 20 YEARS.

DETROIT RIVERWALK BEST IN THE USA

10 USA TODAY
10BEST
**READERS'
CHOICE**
2021

10 USA TODAY
10BEST
**READERS'
CHOICE**
2022

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**READERS'
CHOICE**
2023



THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT

- EXISTING RIVERWALK
- PARKS & GREENWAYS



CORE CITY

MIDTOWN

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RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

WEST RIVERWALK

ROBERT C. VALADE PARK

DENNIS ARCHER GREENWAY

UNIROYAL PROMENADE

SOUTHWEST

DOWNTOWN

LAFAYETTE PARK

RIVERTOWN

RALPH C. WILSON JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

WEST RIVERWALK

HART PLAZA

GM PLAZA

CULLEN PLAZA

MILLIKEN STATE PARK

ARETHA FRANKLIN AMPITHEATER

ROBERT C. VALADE PARK

STROH RIVERPLACE

HARBORTOWN

MT. ELLIOTT PARK

UNIROYAL PROMENADE

GABRIEL RICHARD PARK

RIVERSIDE PARK

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

DEQUINDRE CUT

DENNIS ARCHER GREENWAY

MACARTHUR BRIDGE

BELLE ISLE

COMPLETING THE VISION

EXISTING RIVERWALK FUTURE RIVERWALK

PARKS & GREENWAYS





WEST RIVERFRONT UPDATES



THE PLATFORM
Before



THE PLATFORM
After



RIVERFRONT TOWERS
Before



RIVERFRONT TOWERS

After

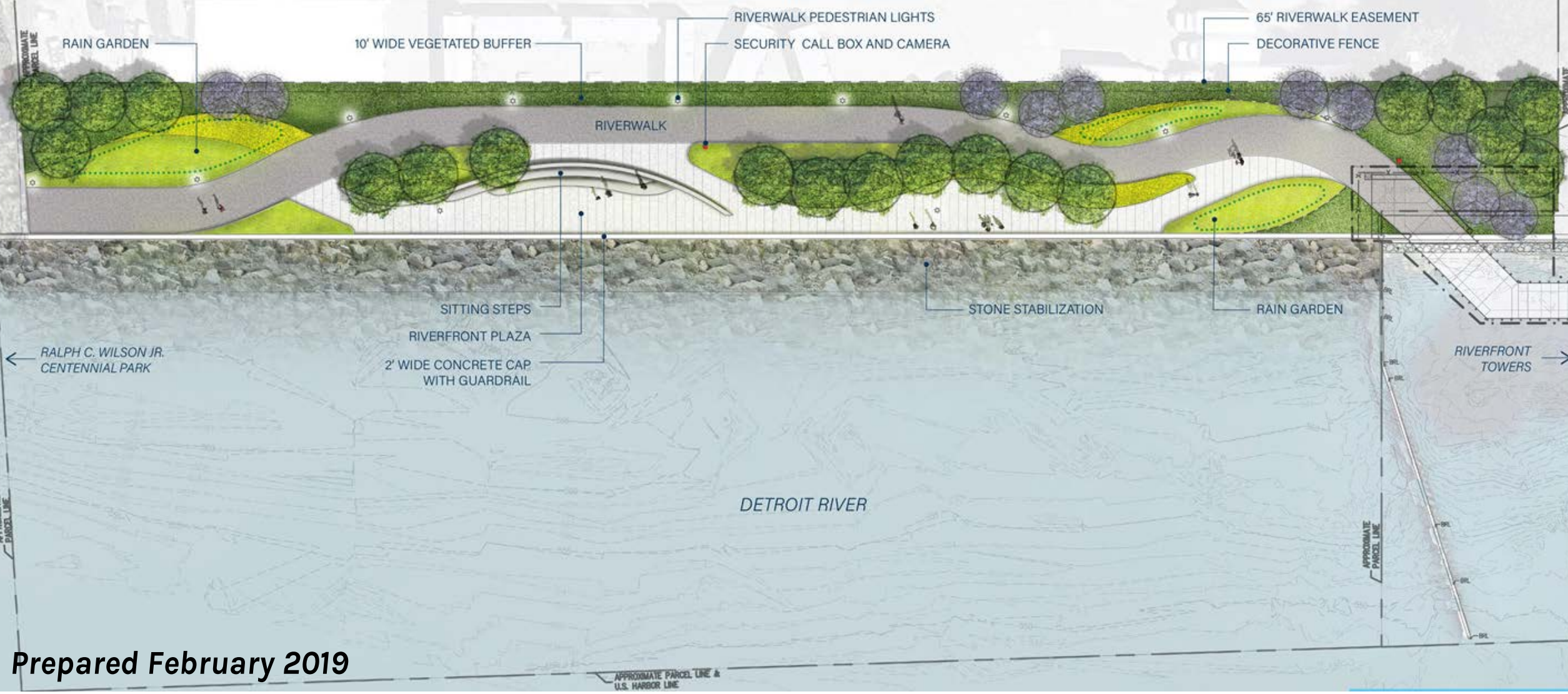


DDA PARCEL

CONCEPT PLAN

TAP GRANT APPLICATION

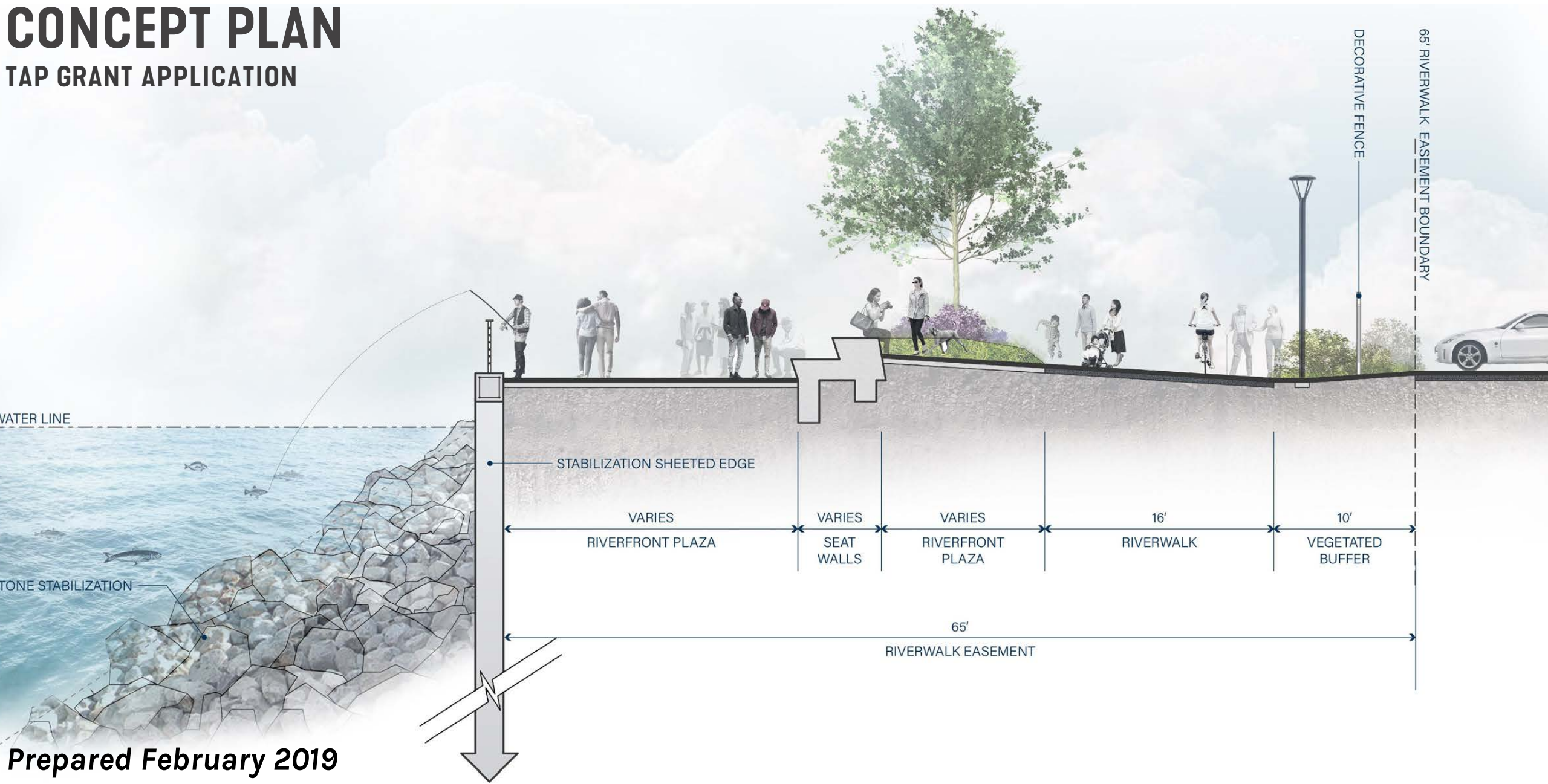
DDA PARCEL



Prepared February 2019

CONCEPT PLAN

TAP GRANT APPLICATION



Prepared February 2019

DDA Parcel

PROJECT TIMELINE

2023

2024

Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

BIDDING



GROUNDBREAKING



CONSTRUCTION





SOUTHWEST GREENWAY



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 **SOUTHWEST GREENWAY**





SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

Site Clearing



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

Utility Installation



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY
Excavation



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY
Concrete Path



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY
Walkway Development



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

Fort Street Bridge



EMERGENCY



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

Bagley Entrance



SOUTHWEST GREENWAY

Aerial

SOUTHWEST GREENWAY PROJECT TIMELINE

2021

2022

2023

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

CONSTRUCTION

GROUNDBREAKING

GRAND OPENING

APRIL 6

MAY



JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

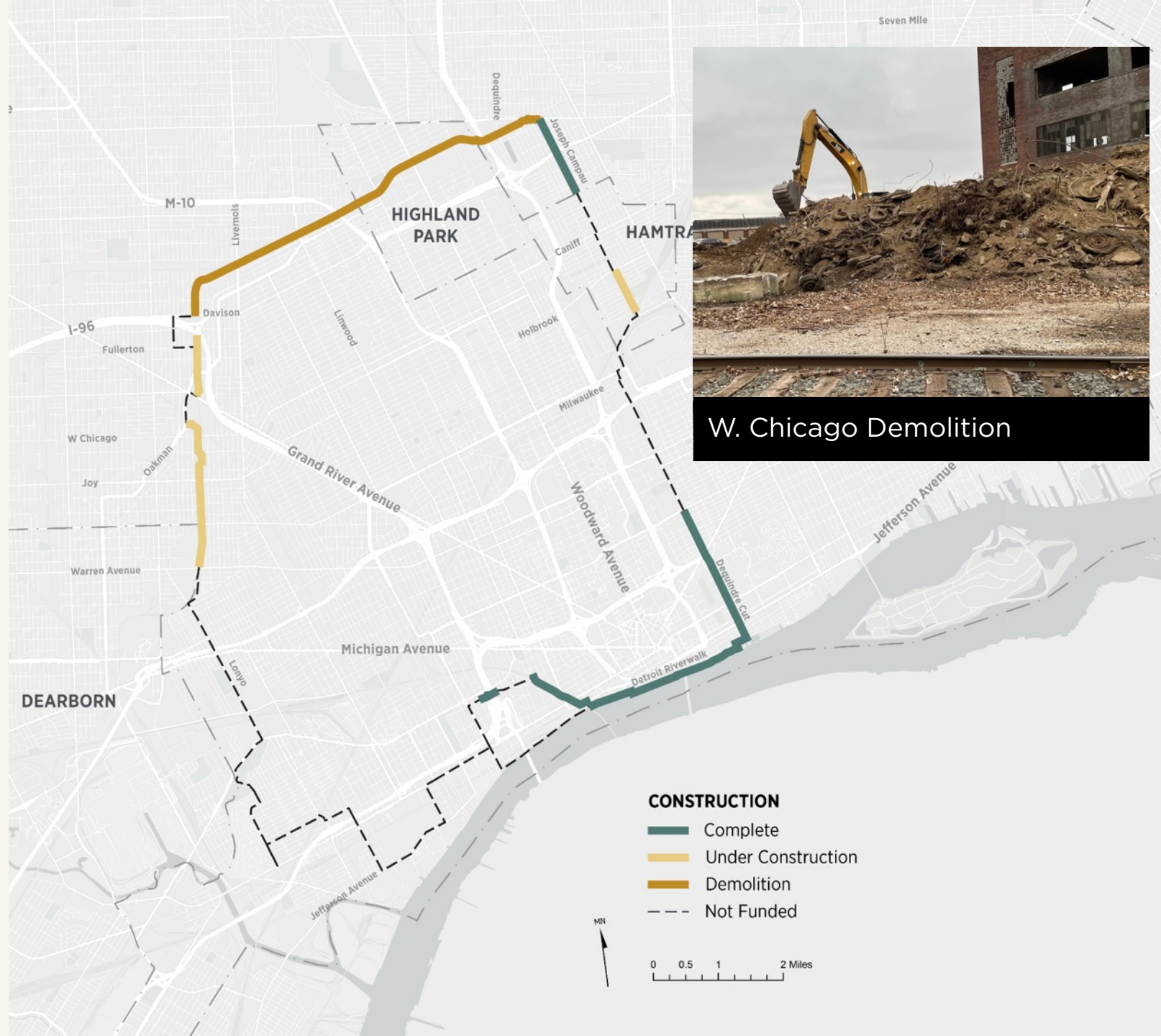
JOE LOUIS GREENWAY UPDATE

Tireman to Joy



CONSTRUCTION

1. W. Warren to Fullerton:
Under construction
2. W. Davison to E.
McNichols: Demolition
starting May of 2023



WEST WARREN GATEWAY

Tireman to Joy



Pavilion construction



Playground



Pavilion rendering

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community leaders have asked us to reconsider the route and design at the locations highlighted on the map. We will be hosting a series of engagement meetings for the following locations:

1. Springwells
2. Southwest
3. Lonyo
4. Littlefield

For information about future meetings:

Sign up for the newsletter at www.joelouisgreenway.com

Follow us on social media @jlouisgreenway



Lonyo Community Meeting

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY PARTNERSHIP



LEONA MEDLEY
Executive Director, Joe
Louis Greenway
Partnership



**BOARD CHAIR ALEXIS
WILEY**
Principal, Moment
Strategies



**BOARD TREASURER BRAD
DICK**
Chief Operating Officer,
City of Detroit



PORTIA ROBERSON
Chief Executive Officer,
Focus Hope



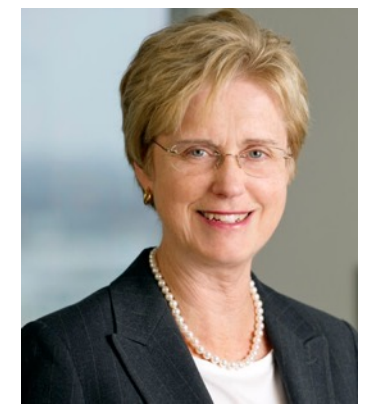
RU SHANN LONG
Midwest Civic Council
of Block Clubs



MATT CULLEN
Chairman, Detroit
Riverfront Conservancy



MEAGAN ELLIOT
Deputy Chief Financial
Officer, City of Detroit



MARIAM NOLAND
President, Community
Foundation for Southeast
Michigan, *retired*

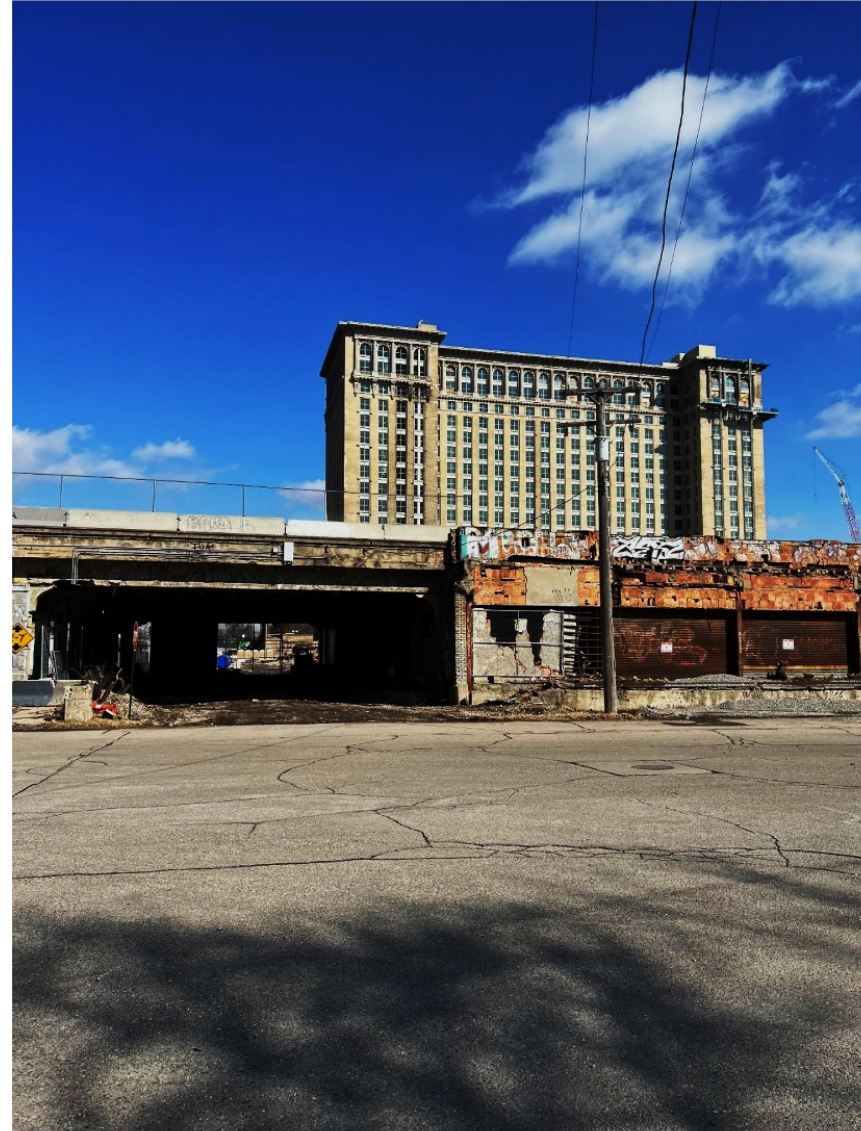




CULTURAL CROSSROADS INITIATIVE

Community and youth centered cultural programming

Michigan Central Station may have been in decline for decades, but



...the communities
around it survived and
thrived.



The Michigan Central Station is being renovated, ushering in social change in the nearby neighborhoods and business districts.



Time to share our stories and strengthen our communities

With funds from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, the

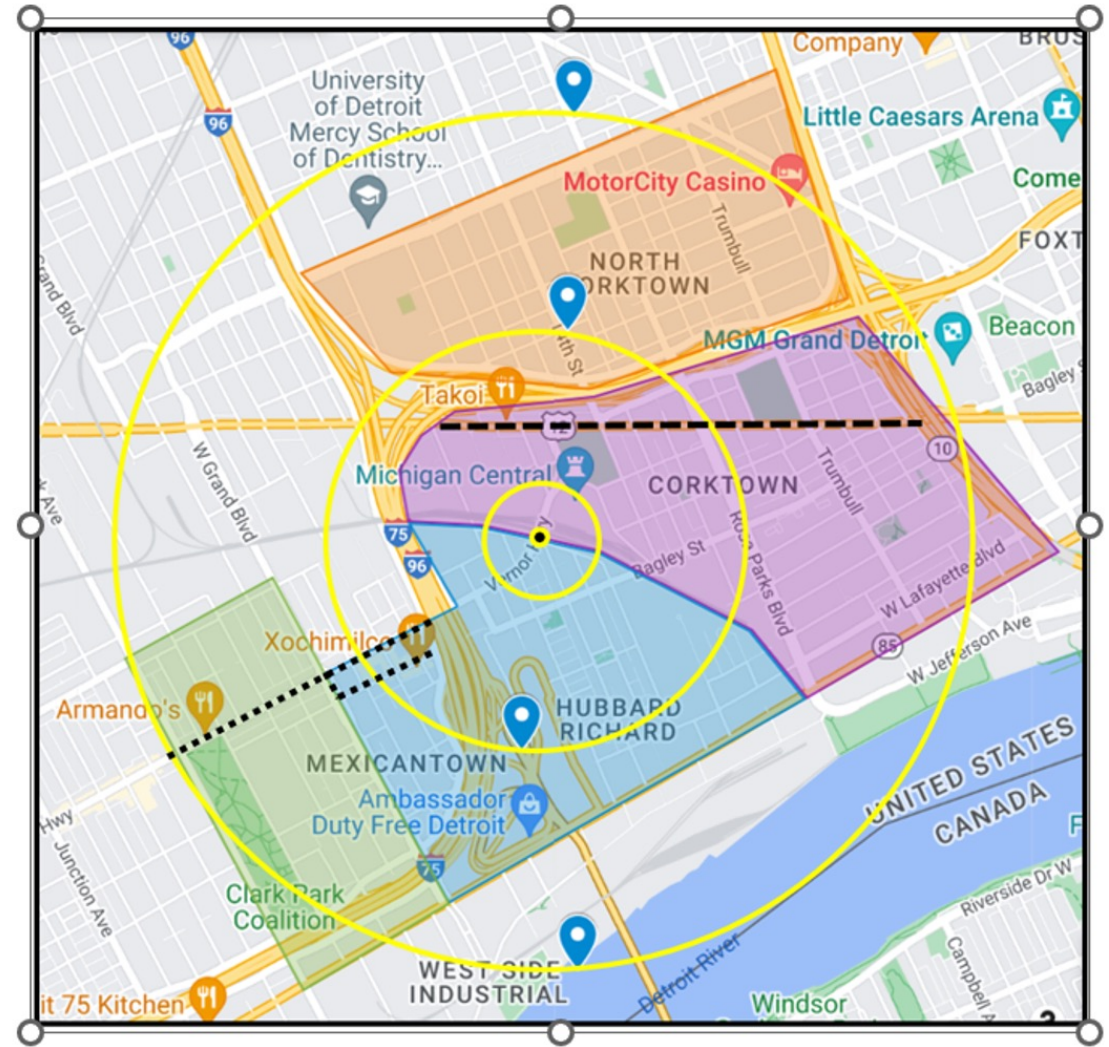
The Cultural Crossroads Initiative will foster and support art installations and community events

- **By our communities**
- **Celebrating or exploring our communities-**
- **and**
- **Meant for everyone.**

We encourage everyone with roots in North Corktown, Corktown, Hubbard Richard or Hubbard Farms

or with Corktown Business District or Mexicantown Main Street

To apply for funds



MAP KEY ~ Color Coded

| Hubbard Farms | | Hubbard Richard | | Corktown | | North Corktown |

● Impact Center:
Newark & West Vernor

○ 250-yard, 0.5-mile, and 1-mile
radiuses from the impact center

..... Mexicantown Main Street Business District

----- Corktown Business District

If you live, work, or serve these communities, you can us help build stronger communities.

We invite

- artists,
- local leaders,
- residents,
- organizations,
- youth, and
- business

to present ideas for interactive programs that explore the past, present, or future of our home.

Application Launch with a Taste of the Neighborhood

Learn how you could be paid to create arts and culture projects that

1. Improve our physical environment.
2. Strengthen community connections and relationships.
3. Build just and sustainable communities.

Saturday, June 17, 2023

2-5pm

Ford Resource and Engagement Center Plaza (FREC)

2826 West Vernor Detroit, MI 48216

If you have a good idea for an activity that will strengthen our communities, contact us, and we will help you craft a proposal for funding.

Please contact :



Shaun S. Nethercott
Cultural Crossroads Initiative
3553 West Vernor
Detroit, MI 48216
Cell/Text: 313-980-2711
netherco@hotmail.com

An aerial photograph of the Chicago skyline, showing numerous skyscrapers and buildings along the city's edge. In the foreground, a large green park area is visible, featuring a winding path, many trees, and a circular structure. The park is situated next to a body of water, likely Lake Michigan. A dark blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text in white. Two white horizontal lines are positioned above and below the text within the banner.

RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK



OUR VISION

To transform Detroit's international riverfront—the face of the city—into a beautiful, exciting, safe, accessible, world-class gathering place for all.

OUR MISSION

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) organization, is responsible for the establishment, improvement, operation, maintenance, security, programming and expansion of the Detroit Riverwalk and associated green spaces. Through public-private partnerships, the Conservancy will support the development of the riverfront district and facilitate community access to the waterfront.

www.detroitriverfront.org

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THE WATER GARDEN

Water from the Detroit River will be brought into the park at the Water Garden. This will be a special place for people to connect with nature and learn about the ecology of the Detroit River.

"A project of this importance comes along once in a lifetime."

David Egner
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.
Foundation

"With this park, we have to think 100 years ahead for generations to come."

Dennis Kennedy
Community Advisory Team



A PARK BY DETROIT FOR DETROIT

The Conservancy championed a public engagement process, including a public design competition and community meetings, to ensure voices from the city and region informed the park's design.



THE DELTA DENTAL PLAY GARDEN

This is a playground for the future generations to come. Artistic and environmental inspired by the Delta Dental Play Garden and Great Lakes ecology will enhance kids of all ages.

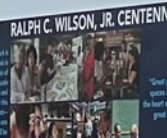
"We need to have the best park in the world. Kids talk about having Detroit. But why leave when we can make it better?"

Your voice
counts.



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SOCIETY HOUSE

William Davidson Society House is a new building that will be a landmark on the riverfront.



COMMUNITY PAVILION

The Community Pavilion is a new building that will be a landmark on the riverfront.

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Detroit Riverfront Conservancy
 400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1720
 Detroit, MI 48243-1802
 313.566.8200

Permit number:
 BLD2021-05020

Construction in progress, to be completed in 2024

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY!



 **RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK**
Site Grading



 **WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE**
Proof Rolling



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE
Aggregate Piers

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 **WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE**
Foundations



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE

Sheer Wall



 **WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE**
Sheer Wall + Storage Room



 **WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE**
Steel Columns



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE

Column Install



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE

Structural Steel



Landside Construction

Marine Construction



LAND + MARINE CONSTRUCTION



MARINE
Driving Sheet Piles



MARINE

Sheet Pile Installation



 **MARINE**
Loading Platform



MARINE
Loading Platform



**BARBARA M. ERB COVE, AT HURON-CLINTON
METROPARKS WATER GARDEN**

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park





**DELTA DENTAL PLAY GARDEN,
THE BERNSTEIN BEAR**

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park





MORT HARRIS CLASSROOM

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park



William Davidson Sport House

QUEST



WILLIAM DAVIDSON SPORT HOUSE

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park



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PROJECT TIMELINE

2022

2023

2024

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GROUNDBREAKING

May 10th

CONSTRUCTION

GRAND OPENING

Opening!

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Chicago, with a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings. In the foreground, a large green park area is visible, featuring a winding path, numerous trees, and a circular structure. The park is situated along a body of water, possibly Lake Michigan. A dark blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text in white. Two white horizontal lines are positioned above and below the text.

RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK - PROGRAMMING



PLACE = PEOPLE

THE RIVERFRONT IS FOR EVERYONE

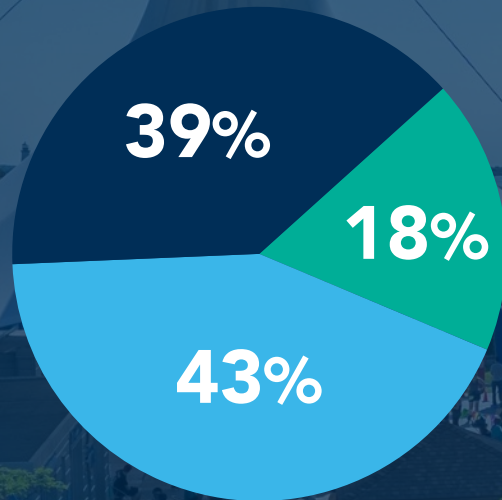
To actively engage the millions of visitors that take in the beauty of the revitalized riverfront and Dequindre Cut, the Conservancy partners with organizations across Metro-Detroit to provide activities and events for all.

The Conservancy produces and partners on more than 200 programs and events each year that focus on Health & Wellness, Conservation, and Education, Arts & Culture. These programs and events ensure that metro-Detroiters from all generations have access to free and low-cost public programming that connect our communities.

Every day on the Riverwalk and the Dequindre Cut offers a new opportunity to experience incredible arts, entertainment, health & wellness, and environmental opportunities throughout the year. The Conservancy's singular promise is to provide those who visit our world-class space with a safe place to grow and play.



DETROIT RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY



39% Detroit

43% Southeast Michigan

18% Other Michigan, USA & International

3,000,000+

Annual Visitors

180,000+

Program Participants

84% of Detroiters

Have visited the Riverfront in the past year.





Greetings from the
#1 RIVERWALK
IN THE USA
Detroit, Michigan
AS VOTED BY USA TODAY 10 BEST



HEALTH & WELLNESS
Riverwalkers



RIVERFRONT RUN
APRIL 6, 2022

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G. Milliken
PARK & HARBOR



RIVERFRONT RUN



MOONLIGHT YOGA



CONSERVATION
Kids Fishing Fest



STURGEON DAY



 **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**



EDUCATION, ARTS, CULTURE
Campbell Terrace Music Series



READING AND RHYTHM



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PASSIVE PROGRAMMING



MINDFUL MOMENT



Inhale and reach for the sky.
Feel your body lengthen.

Exhale and lower your arms.
Feel your shoulders relax.

 **DETROIT RIVERFRONT CONSERVANCY**



A diverse crowd of people at an outdoor event, many with their hands raised in celebration. The scene is filled with energy and joy, with people of various ages and ethnicities. In the foreground, a woman with short hair and sunglasses is clapping. To her right, a man in a denim jacket has his arms raised. Further right, a woman in a green patterned top is shouting with her arms high. The background shows more people, some wearing hats and sunglasses, suggesting a sunny day. The overall atmosphere is festive and communal.

SPECIAL EVENTS



HARVEST FEST





WINTER AT VALADE
Fire & Ice Festival



WINTER AT VALADE
Winter Around the World



WINTER AT VALADE
Motown Love



WINTER AT VALADE
Mardi Gras at Valade



DEQUINDRE CUT FREIGHT YARD





2022 VOLUNTEERISM

288

Active
DRFC Volunteers

3,485

HOURS
Served by DRFC Volunteers

113

DRFC Volunteers Engaged

15

Corporate Volunteer
Projects Completed

508

Corporate Volunteers
Engaged

1,028

HOURS
Served by Corporate Volunteers

5,705

POUNDS
Of Trash Removed by Volunteers



PROGRAM PARTNERS



Tead One Memorial Fund



InsideOut Literary Arts



Motown Roller Club



We Run 313



Detroit Audubon Society



AfroMoone



Urban Solace



Rivertown Detroit



AARP of Michigan



Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge



Canine to Five



General Motors



Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park creates opportunities for residents and visitors to experience the natural world in an urban environment by building connections to play and place.

- Power of the outdoors
- Four Season of Play
- Connecting with the environment
- Lessons from the river and land



William Davidson Sport House

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SPRING & EARLY SUMMER 2023

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- **Dequindre Cut Clean Up:** April 22, Dequindre Cut
- **Rain Barrels on the Riverfront:** April 29, Gabriel Richard Park
- **Sturgeon Day:** May 6, Milliken State Park & Harbor
- **Dequindre Cut Freight Yard Opening:** May 19, DCFY
- **Detroit Riverfront Run:** June 10, Cullen Plaza
- **Kids Fishing Fest:** June 11, Milliken State Park & Harbor
- **Juneteenth on the Cut with D.Cipher:** June 19, Dequindre Cut
- **Shimmer on the River:** June 22, Valade Park

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a prominent waterfront park in the foreground. The park features lush green grass, numerous trees, and winding paths. A dark blue semi-transparent overlay covers the middle portion of the image, containing the word "ANNOUNCEMENTS" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Two horizontal white lines are positioned above and below the text, framing it. The city skyline in the background includes various skyscrapers and buildings, with a body of water visible on the right side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

to the

SOUTHWEST GREENWAY



MAY 2023



RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK



MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION

20th Anniversary Celebrations



- Historical exhibition along the Riverfront
- Free boat cruises on Diamond Jack
June 13th, July 11th and August 8th
- The premiere of a riverfront documentary
- The unveiling of a book about the riverfront revitalization
- Watch our website and our social media to stay up to date on all our anniversary plans:
www.detroitriverfront.org

THANK YOU!



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RIVERFRONT
CONSERVANCY

QUESTIONS?

**email: westriverfront@detroitriverfront.org
by April 21st (responses will be posted on April 26th)**

ROLLING CREDITS
