



EAST RIVERFRONT ASSETS STUDY



Part of the DETROIT
PARKS & REC
STRATEGIC PLAN

April 7th, 2021

What is the purpose of the study?

- To create **vibrant, sustainable destinations** by understanding and unlocking the potential of underused parklands/sites along the riverfront.
- To build upon past riverfront studies
- To develop a **holistic, connective vision** and an **actionable strategic plan** for Detroit's riverfront.
- To learn **how you use and enjoy your favorite spaces along the riverfront now** and how you wish to do so in the future.

➤ WHO is conducting the study?

- City of Detroit General Services Department
- Detroit Parks and Recreation Division
- Consulting team headed by Detroit architecture firm ROSSETTI

➤ WHAT is the focus of the study?

- Assessing the current condition of parks/sites
- Determining the scope and cost of any needed repairs
- Creating an actionable plan for the long-term capitalization (i.e. funding), management, operation and maintenance of each park/site
- Working with stakeholders to develop a cohesive, strategic vision for the riverfront that enhances these public spaces

➤ WHEN will it take place?

- Now through December 2021

➤ This is **not** a detailed design study for each asset.



Schedule Overview



THE EAST RIVERFRONT

JEFFERSON VILLAGE

MARINA DISTRICT

RIVERSIDE MARINA,
ST. JEAN BOAT LAUNCH

GOLD COAST

OWEN PARK, ERMA
HENDERSON MARINA & PARK

GABRIEL RICHARD PARK

MT. ELLIOT PARK

THE ARETHA

MILLIKEN STATE PARK AND HARBOR

MILLIKEN STATE PARK WETLANDS
CULLEN PLAZA (+ CAROUSEL!)

RIVERWALK GARDEN ROOMS

GM PLAZA

CIVIC CENTER

HART PLAZA, SPIRIT PLAZA,
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How do you use the Detroit Riverfront?

- What are your three favorite sites along the riverfront?
- Of the sites in this study, which ones have you visited?



Our goal is to think about ways to make individual parks and properties better and how to connect them to create a richly diverse yet seamless riverfront experience.

With this in mind, let's explore ...



Erma Henderson Park..

- 36-acre property and a small park to the east
- Approximately 243 boat slips
- Basketball courts
- Pavilions
- Recent improvements include:
 - Extensive horticultural gardens
 - Comfort station renovations
 - Playground and basketball courts
 - Seawall repair (coming this summer!)





... and Marina

- 36-acre property and a small park to the east
- Approximately 243 boat slips
- Basketball courts
- Pavilions
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 - Extensive horticultural gardens
 - Comfort station renovations
 - Playground and basketball courts
 - Seawall and docks



Owen Park

- 8-acre park east of Erma Henderson Marina
- Adjacent to residential developments
- Heavily used for fishing
- Currently lacks amenities

Questions to explore for Owen Park and Erma Henderson Park and Marina:

01

Do you visit these sites? How often and when?

02

What do you do while there?

03

How do you get to these sites? Do we need to improve access to them?

04

What do you love about these sites and not want to change?

05

What would you change if you could and why?

**What other questions should we
be asking?**

Who else should we talk to?



How Your Input Will Be Used

This final product will be included as part of the Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan and outline funding to sustain these assets for the next 5 years.



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Additional focus groups:

Jefferson Village April 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m

St. Jean Boat Launch and Riverside Marina April 14, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m

The Aretha Amphitheater (Chene Park) April 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m

Civic Center (Hart Plaza, Spirit Plaza, the Fist) April 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m

Survey coming soon!

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Thank you!