

Roosevelt Park Community Meeting January 2022



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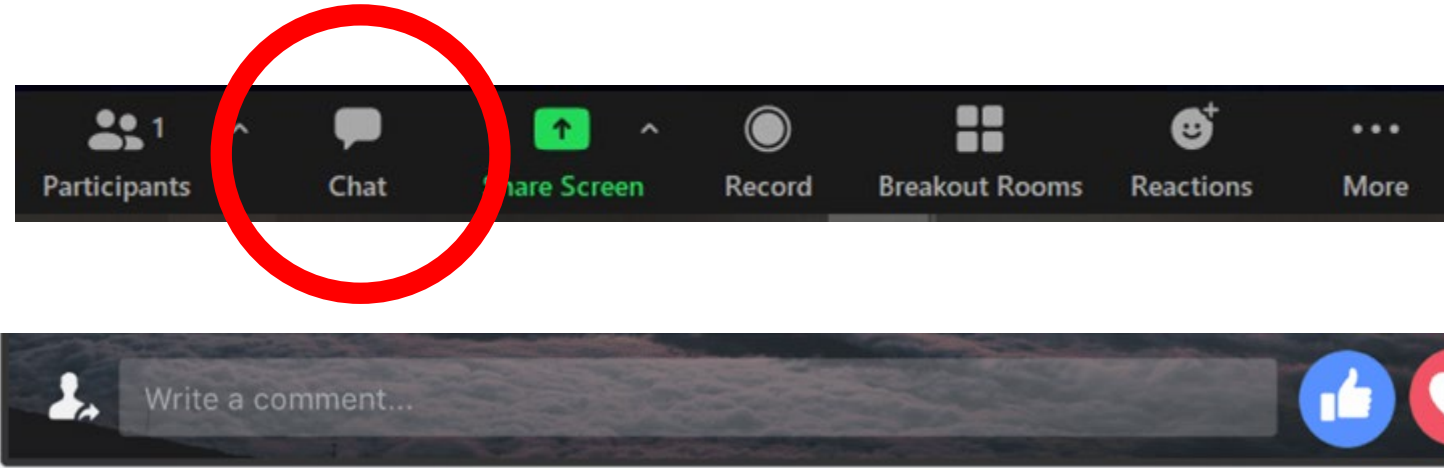
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Agenda

About the Project

Continuing the Vision

Community Engagement

Roosevelt Park Design Concept

Breakout Rooms

Conclusion

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About the Project

Goals and Objectives



**Outcome from the Corktown
Neighborhood Framework Plan**



**Prioritize Surrounding
Communities**



Unify Roosevelt Park



**Respect Park's
History and Legacy**



**Create Iconic Park for the
Present and Future**



Budgeted Investment

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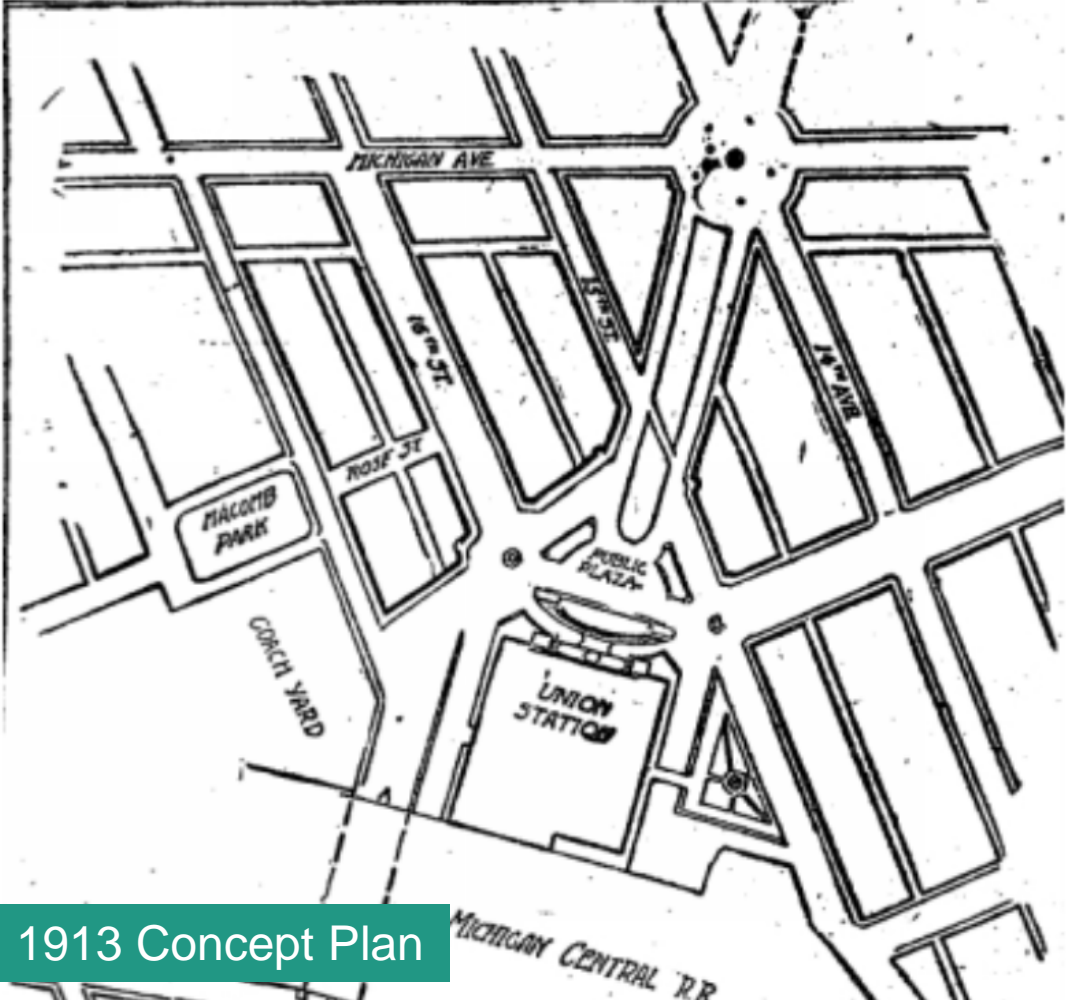
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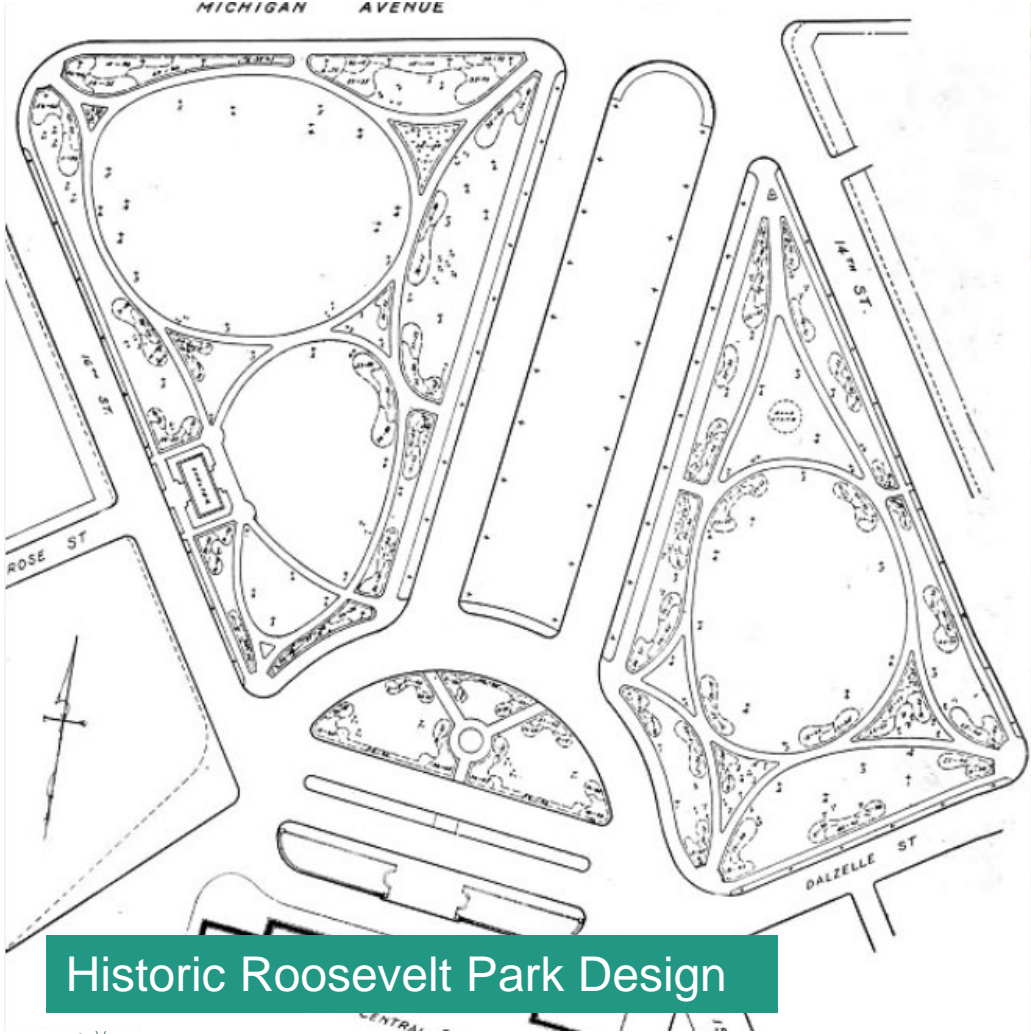


Continuing the Vision

Park History and Legacy



1913 Concept Plan



Historic Roosevelt Park Design



Park History and Legacy



Event at Michigan Central Station



Roosevelt Park



Park History and Legacy



Roosevelt Park



Greater Corktown Framework Plan



2.5 Year Effort



35 Conversations about Roosevelt Park



Plan Goals and Objectives

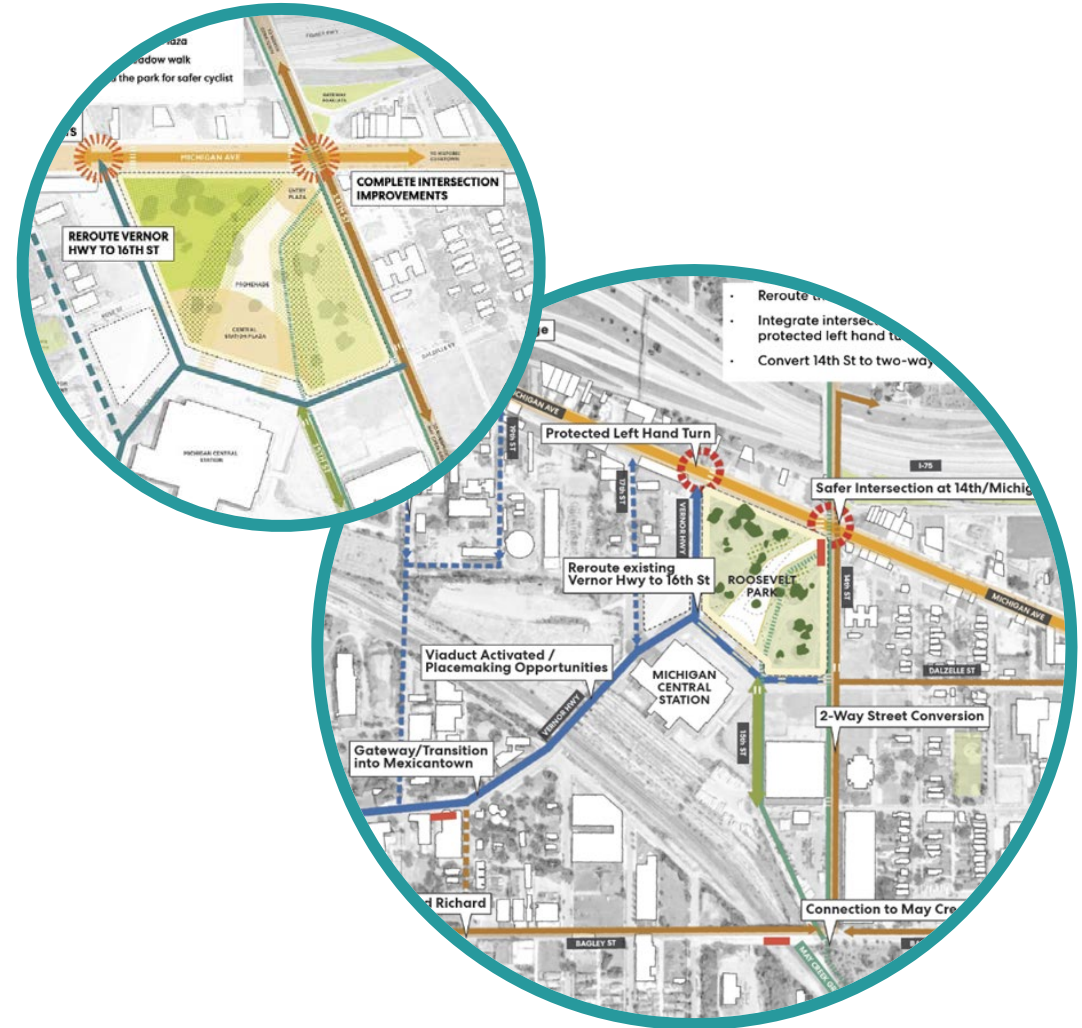
“Create a diverse, multipurpose, park that can bring together various groups of the community, and be used as a neighborhood park and a destination”



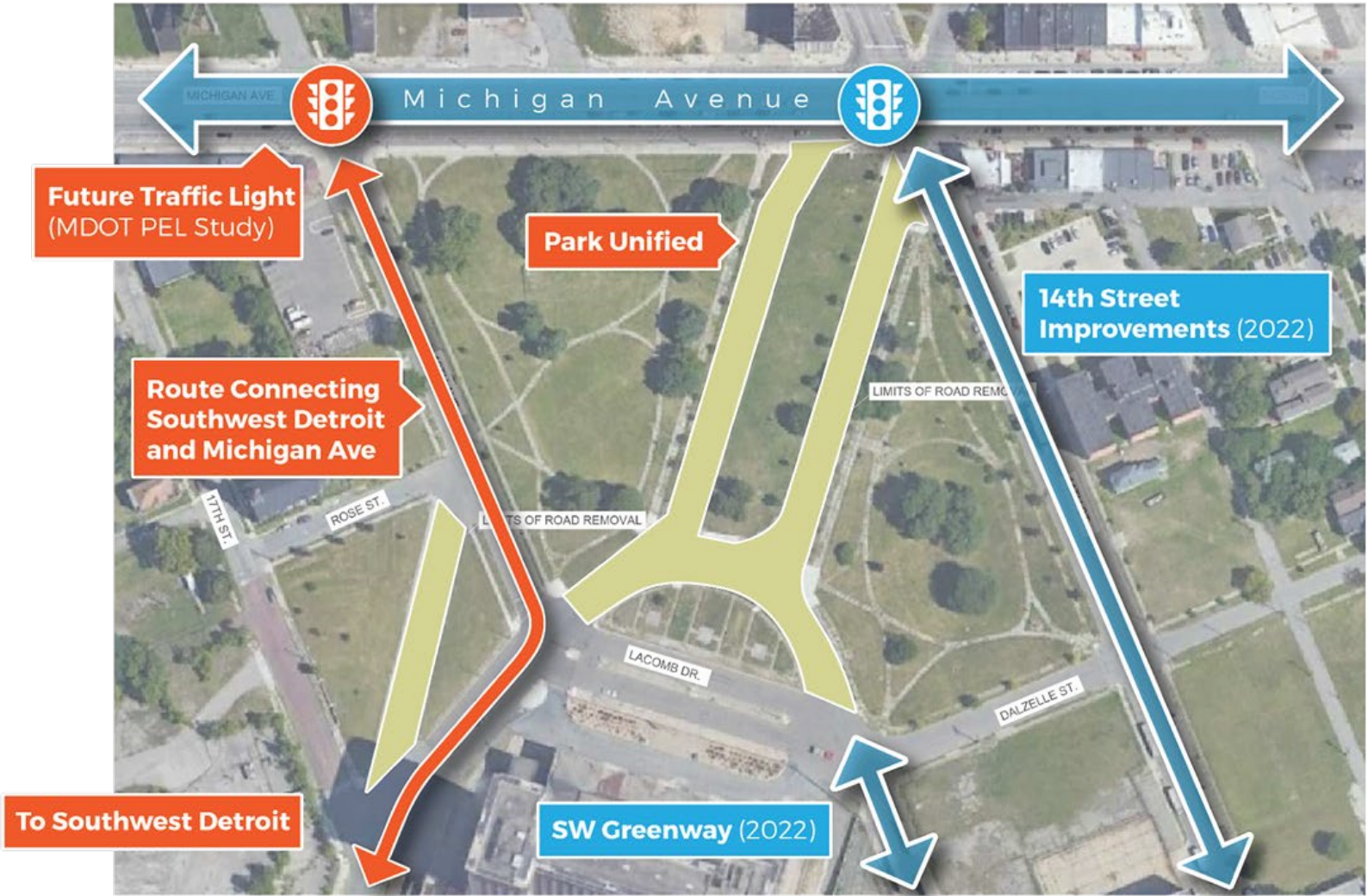
Greater Corktown Framework Plan

Goals for Roosevelt Park

- **Unify Roosevelt Park**
- Park that **Welcomes and Serves Everybody**
- Vision as a **Central Meeting Point**
- **Sensitivity and Connection to Surrounding Communities** of Corktown, Southwest Detroit and Southwest Greenway
- Create an **Inviting, Active and Multipurpose Park** for Existing and Future Residents
- **Respect the Historic Michigan Central Station,** and Civic Life along Michigan Ave.



Vernor Realignment





Community Engagement

Unified Roosevelt Park Community Festival | August 2021

JOIN US
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Unified ROOSEVELT PARK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Festival

SATURDAY SÁBADO
AUGUST AGOSTO
28
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DEL ROOSEVELT PARK Unificado

Enjoy Music, Dance, Fitness, Food and Share Your Vision for Roosevelt Park!

¡Disfruta de la Música, el Baile, el Ejercicio, la Comida y Comparte Tu Visión para el Roosevelt Park!

more info: www.detroitmi.gov/rooseveltpark

Unified ROOSEVELT PARK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Festival
PARQUE ROOSEVELT Unificado

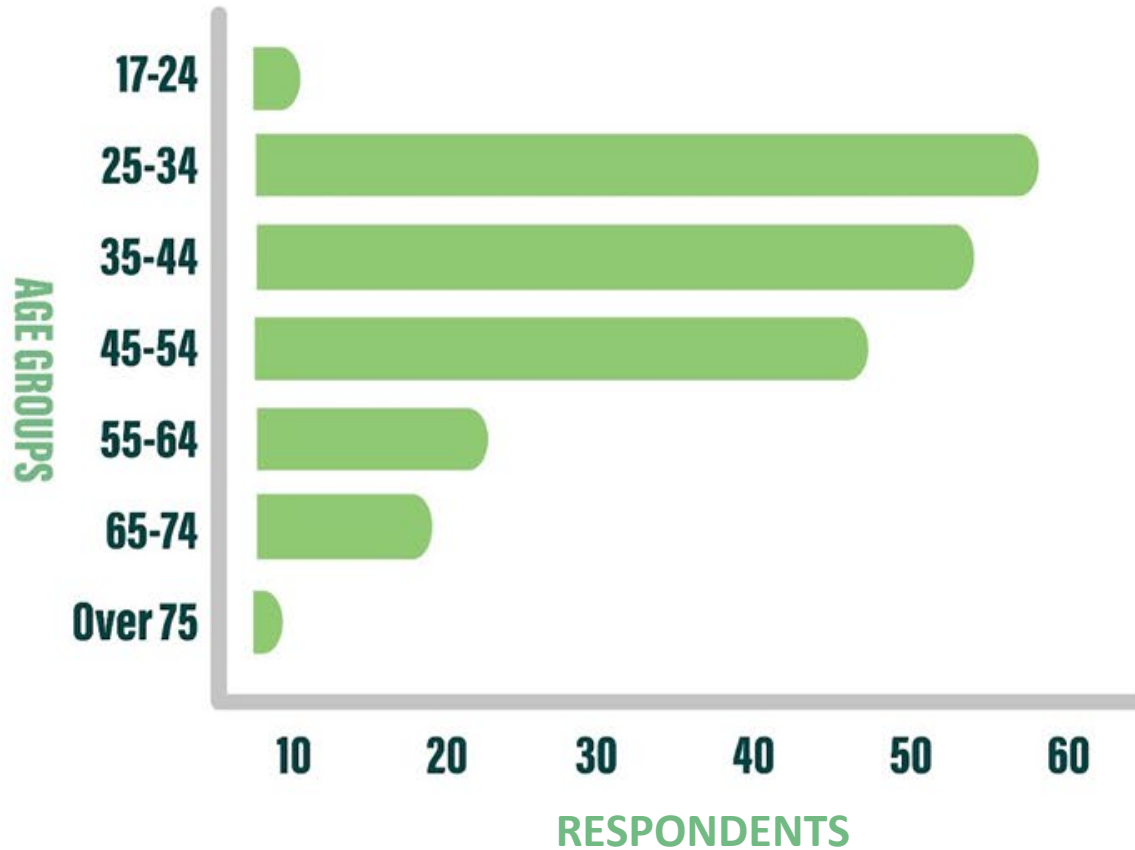
EVENT SCHEDULE
PROGRAMACIÓN DE EVENTOS

12:00 PM	DJ Invisible
1:00 PM	Yoga in the Park w/ Detroit Yoga Lab
1:30 PM	DJ Invisible
2:00 PM	Ballet Folklorico De Detroit
2:45 PM	DJ Invisible
3:00 PM	Motor City Irish Dance
3:45 PM	DJ Invisible
4:00 PM	Afro Pop Dance Workshop w/ Patti Dukes
4:30 PM	DJ Invisible

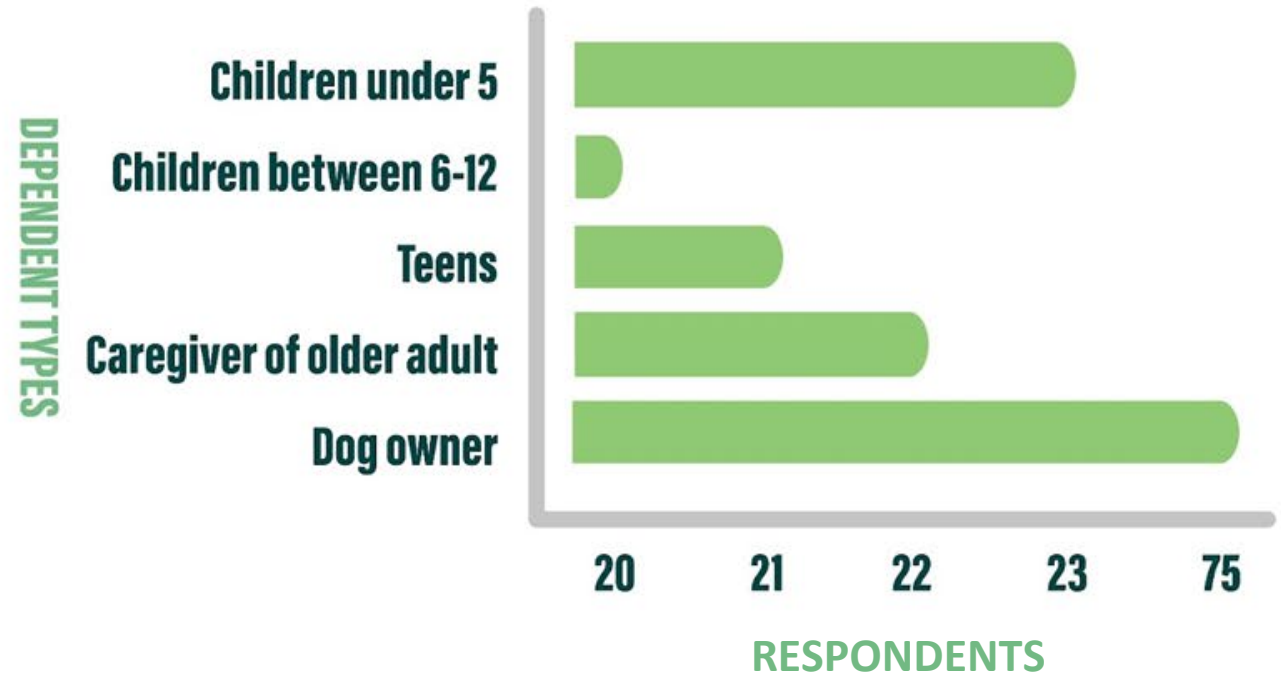


Unified Roosevelt Park Community Feedback | August 2021

Surveyor Age Groups



Parent/Caregiver/Dog Owner



Unified Roosevelt Park Community Feedback | August 2021

What are your top priorities for Roosevelt Park?



What would you like to do in Roosevelt Park?



Community Poll | November 2021

On a Scale of 1 to 5...

Does the Design Meet Community Needs?



Is the Overall Design Going in the Right Direction?



Will You Use the Park More Often with These Improvement?



1 - NO ← → 5 - YES



Community Feedback– Breakout Room Discussion | November 2021

Breakout Room Questions:

- What do you like most?
What do you like least?
 - How do you see yourself using these spaces?
 - How do you feel about the look of the park?
 - What do you imagine are the activities, events and elements that fill the park?
- Excited to see **action!**
 - **Prioritize the community**; Find balance between celebrating Michigan Central Station and creating community-centric spaces
 - Create spaces for **socializing, relaxing, strolling, picnicking** and **enjoying nature**. Spaces which are **family-friendly**
 - Can space **host large events** like the Irish/Mexican Festival?
 - Ensure park feels **active and programmed**, but don't over-program
 - **Strengthen connections** to surrounding neighborhoods





Roosevelt Park Concept Design

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Unify Roosevelt Park



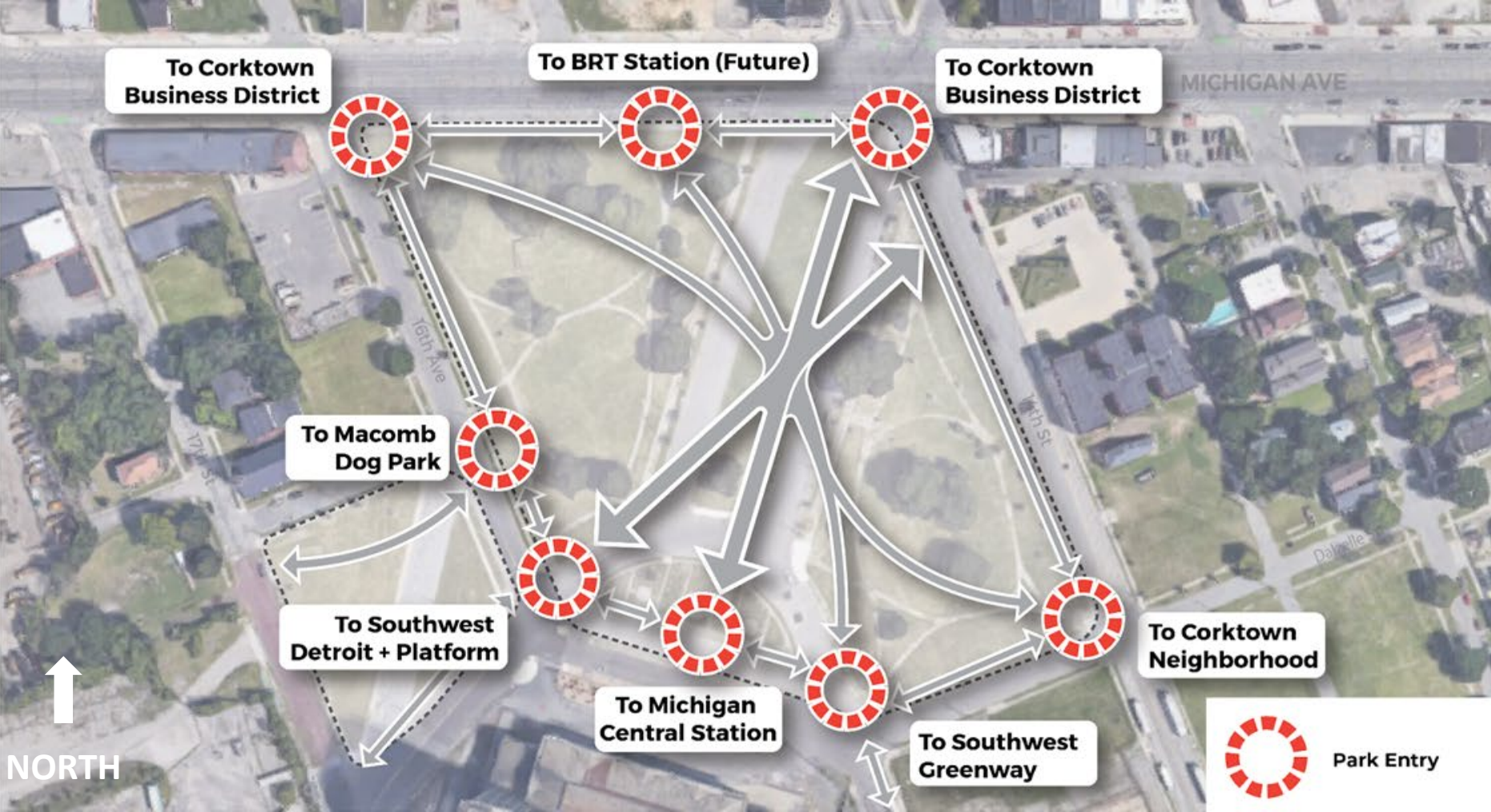
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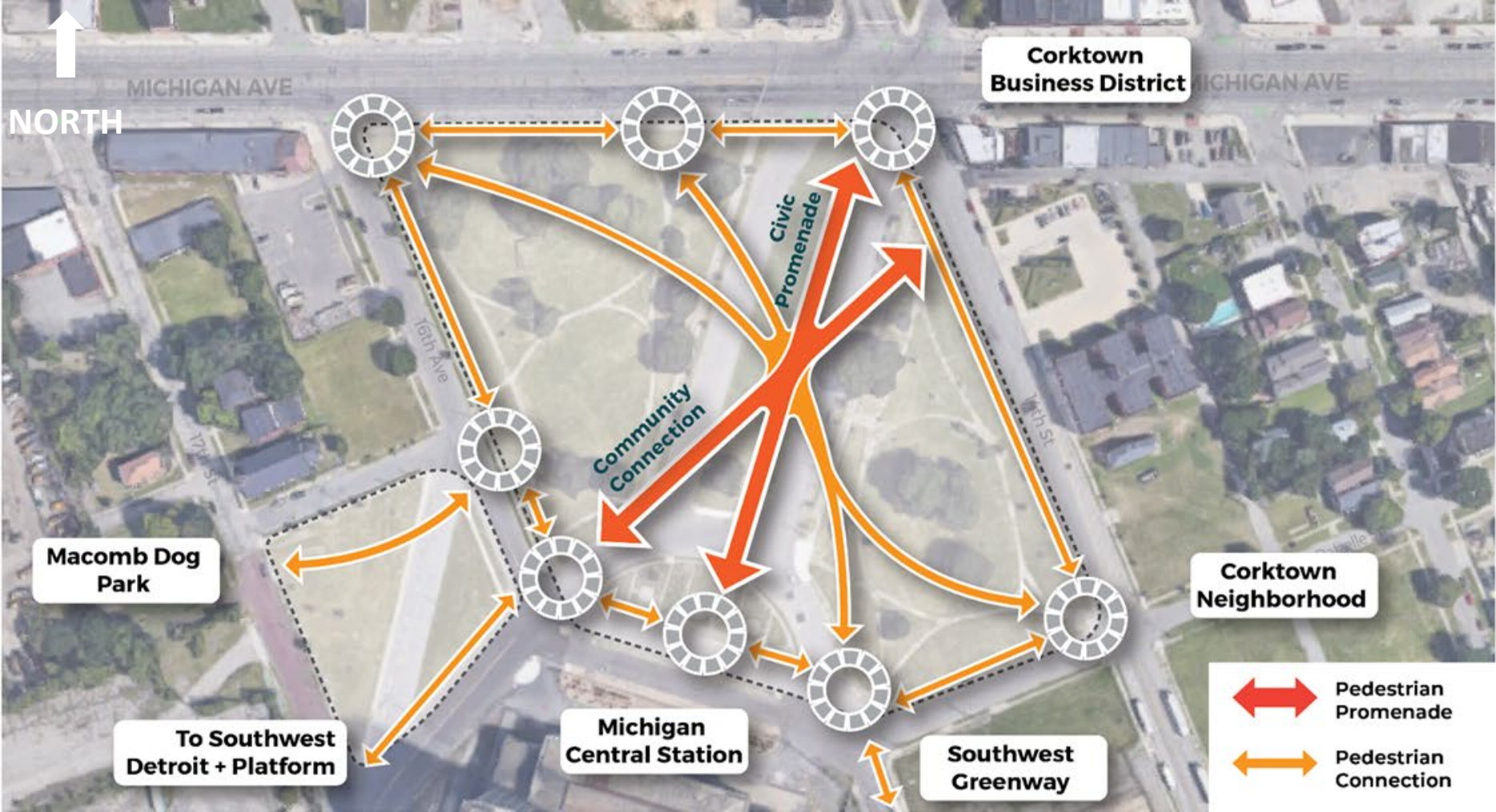
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Concept Development Park Entries



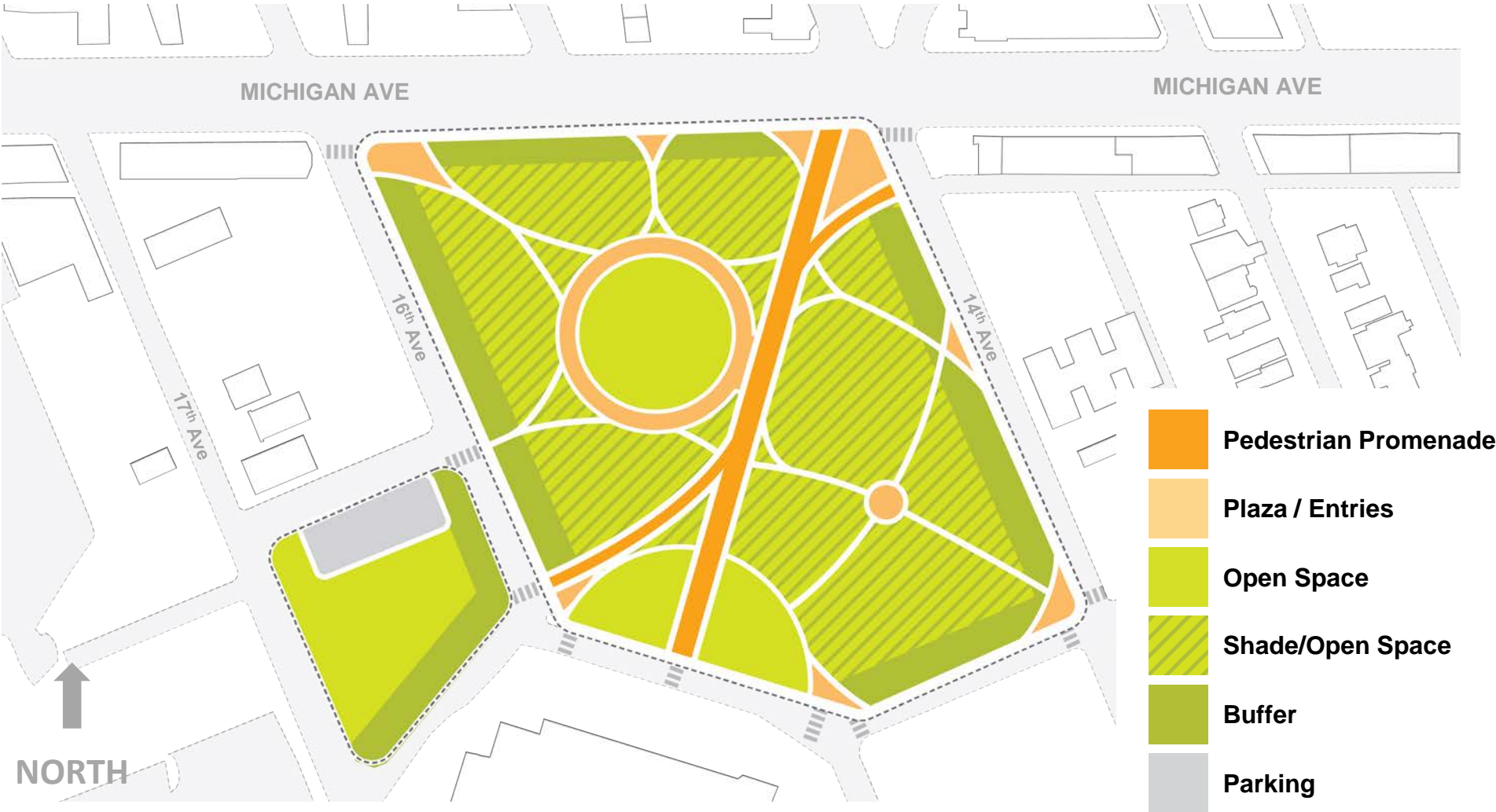
Concept Development Walking Routes



Concept Development- Concept Diagram



Updated Concept Diagram



Phase 1 Design



Michigan Ave
Improvement Project

MICHIGAN AVE

17th STREET

16th STREET

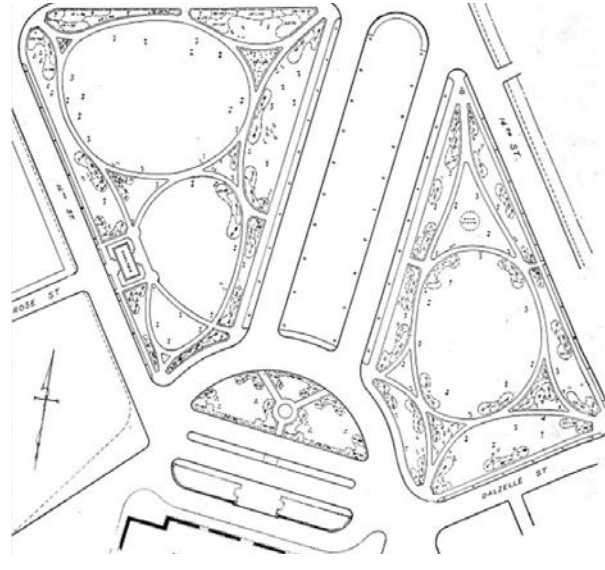
14th STREET

↑
NORTH

Michigan Central
Station

15th Street
Improvement Project

Historical Park Design



- **Respect City Beautiful design motifs**
- **Strong geometry and forms balanced by organic curves and landscaping**
- **Focused views to Michigan Central Station**
- **Gardens, Walks and Open Space**

Overall View



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Entries



- **Create Welcoming and Engaging Entrances**
- **Create Flexible Space for Individuals and Small Groups to Gather**
- **Entry Features**
 - Recognizable and Similar All the Way Around Park
 - Include Landscape Garden Beds
 - Flowering Trees
 - Seating
 - Bottle Fillers (Strategically Located)
 - Expanded Bike Facilities (Located as Needed)

Michigan Ave Entrance Plaza



Promenade



- **Continue Historic Park Character**
- **Connect Southwest Detroit and Corktown Neighborhoods**
- **Focus Views to Michigan Central Station and Southwest Detroit**



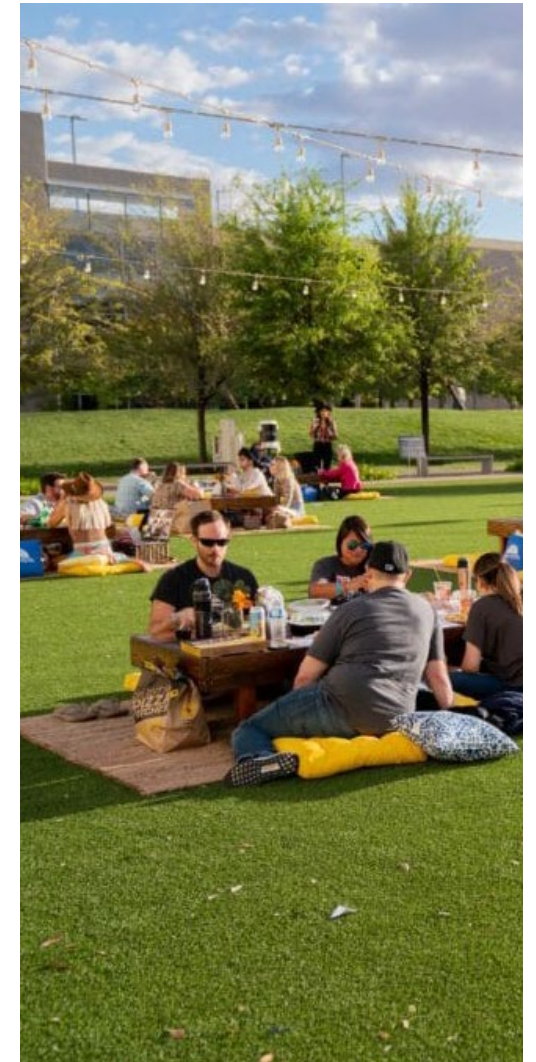
Promenade



Plaza



Open Spaces



- **Flexible** – Large Open Areas for Picnics, Play Elements, Games, and Shaded Tree Areas
- **Comfortable** – Open Space Buffered from Noise and Street Traffic
- **View** – Instagram Moments Inside the Park
- **Program** – Self Program Play – “Choose Your Own Park Adventure” + Park Programming with Community Partners

Event Lawns



- **Flexible** – Large Lawn Spaces for Community and City Events, or Other Large Gatherings
- **Views** – Prominent Sight Lines of Michigan Central Station and the Detroit Skyline



Open Space



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Buffers and Landscaping



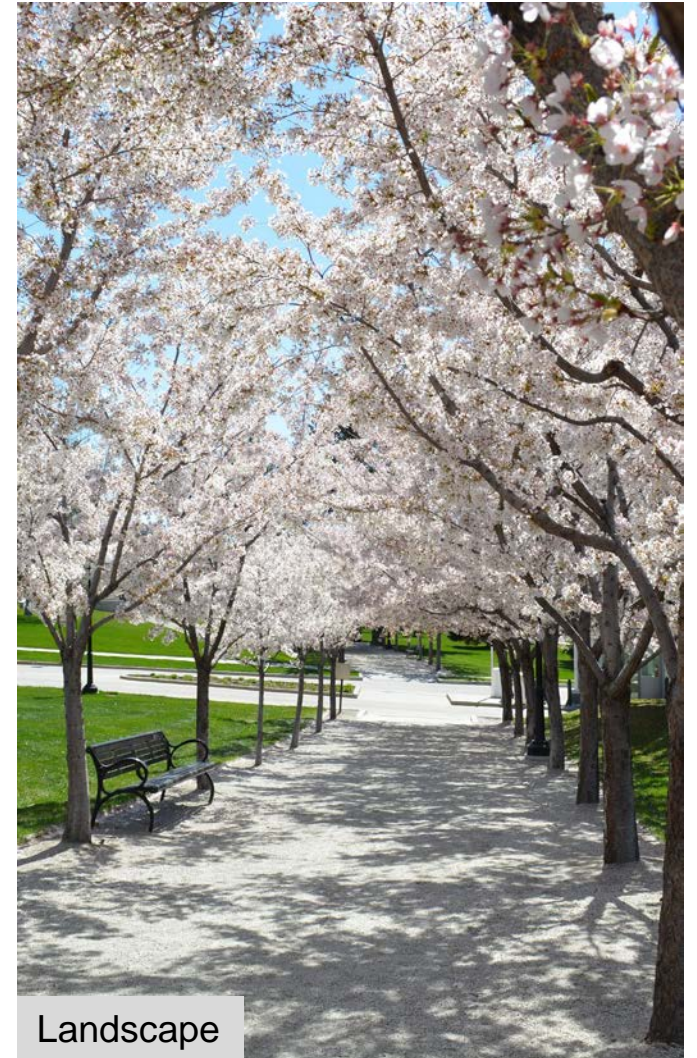
- **Buffer from Michigan Ave and Freeway Noise**
- **Create Maintained and Beautiful Park Edge**
- **Focus Movement Toward Park Entries**
- **Provide Beautiful Views Inside and Outside the Park**



Blossoms



Buffers



Landscape

Bike Routes



- Provide a connection between Southwest Greenway and Michigan Avenue Bike Lanes



Parking



On-Street Parking Maintained

Designate Accessible On-Street Parking Spaces on 16th and 14th

Park Design can Accommodate Future Buffered Parking if Roadways Change

Potential Future Off-Street Parking on Rose Street

Additional Parking Structures in Area to Provide Parking for Larger Events

Stormwater Infrastructure



Beautifies the Site as a Unique Park Element

Provides Water Quality Improvements

Eases the Burden on Sewer Systems and Reduces Flooding

Will Feature Native and Adapted Plantings

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Breakout Discussion

Breakout Room Discussion | Park Design

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about the design?
What don't you like?
What is missing?**



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5 Minute Break

Report out from Breakout Rooms



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Final Comments



Would you like to share comments or reflections that have not been addressed?



Next Steps

Project Implementation

Final Design:	January 2022
Bidding and Contract Award:	February to April 2022
Construction:	Summer through Fall 2022
Construction Kick-off Meeting	Spring 2022

Ways to Stay Engaged

Project Website: detroitmi.gov/RooseveltPark

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