



Wharfi Park

Public Meeting #3 Summary

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Aggenda

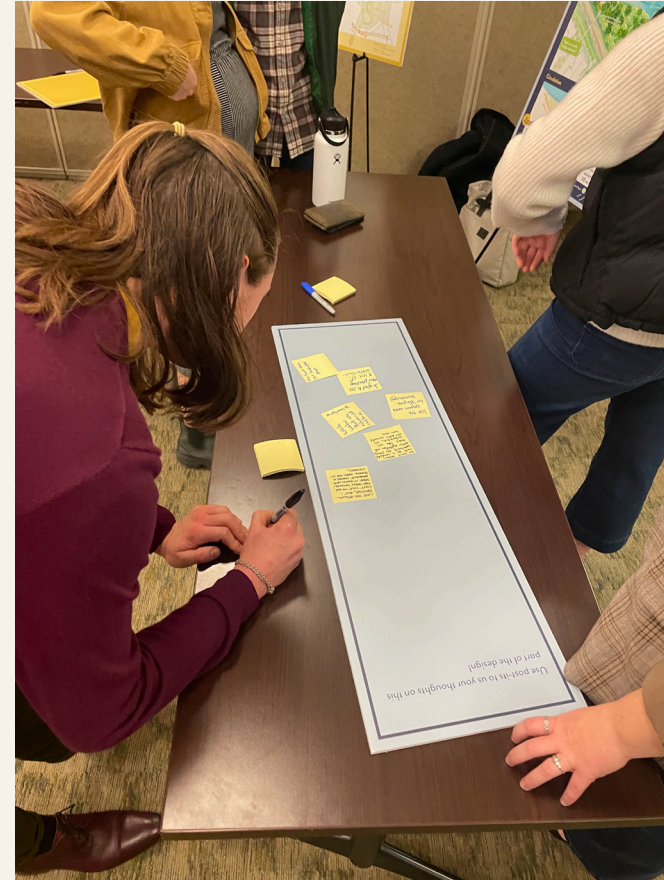
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Community Outreach

01.10.2023



Over 50 Community members joined for a presentation of the master plan process and design reveal, and to provide feedback on both the Wharf Park Master plan and 88 Hermitage development feasibility study.

40+ COMMENTS RECORDED!

50 TOTAL ATTENDEES

Where did attendees come from?

19+

LOCAL + REGIONAL
AREAS

10+

LOCAL AND REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

- Nashville Downtown Partnership
- Nashville Rowing Club
- Music City Children’s Museum
- Salvation Army
- Cumberland River Compact
- Civic Design Center
- Open Table Nashville



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Feedback Summary

Use + Activities

This station highlighted the Quarry play area, and outlined the various program offerings across the site...

Use + Activities

Wharf Park will offer a range of passive and active park uses. Areas like the Quarry will be an active play and picnic space that celebrates the unique bluff wall with a series of water elements and spaces for all ages to gather.

Program Metrics

PROGRAM	WHARF PARK METRICS	AMENITIES INCLUDED
Active Recreation	53%	3 play areas, skate park and hot skate lot, 3 basketball courts, 4 pickleball courts, 2 tennis courts, 2 sand volleyball courts, adventure bridge, dog park, overlook bench, kayak launch, canoe launch and outdoor shower.
Passive Recreation	47%	4 miles of trails and paths including 2 miles of greenway trail and a quarter mile kayak launch.
Play Areas	1 acre	Play Area, hot lot (ages 0-5), quarry nature play (ages 5-12).
Community Gathering Areas	2 acres	Quarry overlook, river overlook, boathouse lawn and terrace.
Water Access	600 feet	Includes 360' kayak launch and 260' rowing launch dock.
Skate Park	48,000 SF	Includes river skate and pump track elements for toddlers as well as more experienced skaters.

Activity Zones

● Active areas ★ Key places
○ Passive areas

The site can feel very isolated. From what I see, the design hasn't addressed that

Like seeing the boating access, pickleball and greenway destinations!

Water feature: where will the water come from and go?

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Participant feedback focused on site isolation, water feature logistics and excitement about proposed programs

Nature + Water Access


This station highlighted the Western portion of the site including the forest, overlook and bridge, and outlined the approach to planting and circulation to the water...

Nature + Water Access

Early community feedback indicated that nature and water access were two of the most important park uses. Wharf Park will provide several opportunities for users to experience and access the Cumberland River, from safely wading in with a kayak to launching from the Rowing Dock.



THE KAYAK LAUNCH



"River overlook is a smashing idea - love it!"

"Like how the greenway brings you close to water."

"Love an iconic bridge element"

OPTIONAL BRIDGE

TOT SKATE SPOT

RIVER OVERLOOK

Circulation

Vegetation

4mi of trails, including a quarter mile forest trail loop

6acres of existing restored existing forest and over 10 acres of new planting

Greenway, Secondary Trails, Park Roads, Forest Types

Like the simulated cedar glade/ barren

The forest is a wonderful opportunity for showing native vegetation and trees like an arboretum.

So glad to see new plantings and use of waterfront

Will there be commercial kayak opportunities via the river access?

Attendees enjoyed the more passive elements of this area, native planting, and areas for safe, accessible water access!



Implementation

This station highlighted the designs beneath the bridge and outlined the project cost and approach to Phase 1...

Implementation

Given the scale and complexity of construction, Wharf Park will be realized in a series of phased projects. Importantly, the Greenway, the Entry Road and a reasonable amount of parking will be part any first phase. All phases will require early unhoused population relocation. No development will be undertaken until existing residents are relocated.

BENEATH THE BRIDGE

Recommended Phase One
 Approx. 14 acres
 Design time: 12-18 months

\$70M Total Master Plan Cost
\$45M Phase One Cost
\$21M Cost of Phase One, Park Only
\$24M Cost of Boat House and Rowing Facilities

Phasing

The master planning team contemplated a series of first phases and outline strengths and challenges for each.

	NATURE ACCESS	ACTIVE RECREATION	COMMUNITY GATHERING	WATER ACCESS
HEART	✓	✓	✓	✓
FOREST	✓			
QUARRY		✓	✓	
UNDER BRIDGE		✓	✓	

How will implementation impact the current Tent City residents

Tackling the greenway and boat house (water activation) makes a lot of sense!

What strategies can be tried to minimize air + other pollution from interstate bridges

Should \$70 million go towards 350 homes or park?

While participants supported the recommended Phase 1 area, there were questions about the transition for unhoused residents and concerns about noise/air pollution from interstate bridge.


Greenway

The final station highlighted the heart of the park and launch valley, with overall greenway connectivity...


Greenway

Several mobility systems connect at Wharf Park, making it accessible via various modes of transportation.


The existing Rolling Mill Hill Greenway will extend through the park, and connect to the larger Nashville greenway network via Brown's Creek and a potential downtown connection along the river.




Nashville Mobility Connections



Park Systems



GREENWAY BRIDGE



Love the idea of extending the greenway to access the park and connect to the neighborhoods

The bridge over the launch is a great feature to separate programming uses

Love the optional bridge, but I don't want to see the term "optional". Makes it sound less important.

Will the current greenway be closed during this? If so how will we know?

...community members loved the extension of the greenway through the site and the greenway bridge over the launch valley.

88 Hermitage Feasibility



Simultaneously, Metro Planning facilitated feedback regarding the 88 Hermitage Feasibility Study. Participants who were interested in affordable housing for currently unhoused residents participated in a round table discussion.

Appendix

Community Feedback

STATION	COMMENT
Station 1: Use + Activities	This site can feel very isolated. From what I see, the design hasn't addressed that
Station 1: Use + Activities	Water feature: Where does the water come from and go?
Station 1: Use + Activities	Boating access, greenway destination
Station 1: Use + Activities	A big fan of all the uses that were brought into the design, but if there are chances for them to bleed into one another that could be fun to see
Station 1: Use + Activities	Like seeing the pickleball courts!
Station 1: Use + Activities	\$70 million - 350 homes or park?
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	I like this section as a quieter, less impactful section, especially compared to the highway area and high use sections
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	Like the simulated cedar glade/barren
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	The forest section could be a wonderful opportunity for showing native vegetation and trees like an arboretum. No other parks currently have this.
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	Love the lagoon area for kayak launching!
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	White water Park like Columbus, GA, Montgomery, AL, and Charlotte, NC
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	Engage with kayak outfitters (specifically River Queen)
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	So glad to see new plantings and use of waterfront
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	Will there be commercial kayak opportunities via the river access?
Station 2: Nature + Water Access	Easy kayak access for handicapped people
Station 3: Implementation	How will implementation impact the current Tent City residents + all those who rely on encampments because Nashville lacks adequate shelter + housing options for everyone in need?
Station 3: Implementation	Tackling the greenway and boat house (water activation) makes a lot of sense to me. It helps to let people know that a major use of the park is dedicated to pedestrian transit and river engagement.
Station 3: Implementation	Like river/water, visible access that's not affected by events (Riverfront west/east)
Station 3: Implementation	Phase I as planned seems sensible
Station 3: Implementation	What strategies can be tried to minimize air + other pollution from interstate bridges
Station 3: Implementation	Ensure housing transition before development
Station 3: Implementation	Pickleball courts
Station 4: Greenway	Will the current greenway be closed during this? If so how will we know?
Station 4: Greenway	Love the idea of extending the greenway to access the park and connect to the neighborhoods
Station 4: Greenway	The bridge over the launch is a great feature to separate programming uses
Station 4: Greenway	Would love to see community kayak storage!
Station 4: Greenway	Will the developer of the site to the south be required to make greenway connections?
Station 4: Greenway	Love the optional bridge, but I don't want to see the term "optional". Makes it sound less important. Maybe a playful work for it instead.