



Cincinnati Riverfront Park (CRP) is the new 45-acre park set to rise along our city's historic riverfront between Great American Ballpark and Paul Brown Stadium. The creation of this park could be considered the most important public project our region will undertake over the next decade because, as the city's new "front yard," Cincinnati Riverfront Park will become a vital venue for an estimated 1.1 million visitors annually. There will be 12 acres of lawn, walking and biking paths connected to the city's other parks east of downtown, and an expanded public landing and overlook along the Ohio River – right where our historic city all began more than two centuries ago.

Watch CRP Grow on the Riverfront

Cincinnati Riverfront Park will transform Cincinnati's riverfront into a powerful destination gateway that will fuel economic development, community health, commerce and tourism for the entire region.

The Cincinnati Parks system, with more than 5,000 acres of park space and judged one of the top urban systems in the country by the national Trust for Public Lands, is truly a regional asset. Our many parks—with their wide variety of amenities and topographies—are free and accessible to all. Now, our newest park presents us with an unprecedented opportunity to help create our community's renewed "front yard," filled with acres of green grass, trees, gardens, trails and places to play and gather. CRP's Boston-based design team, internationally renowned Sasaki Associates, also served as the landscape designer for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Cincinnati Riverfront Park will link riverfront attractions to downtown Cincinnati and other parks including Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park and the Public Landing and Bicentennial Commons, which will provide nearly three miles of continuous riverfront recreation space. After a six-year public planning process, the primary components we envision for CRP include:

- Bank stabilization and flood control assistance;
- A 12-acre lawn adjacent to the Ohio River – enough room for kite-flyers!
- A major playground, including a carousel with flying pigs and Bengal tigers, water fountains and pools;
- An expanded public landing and new wharf with overlooks offering a variety of opportunities to experience the Ohio River, complete with a cobbled wharf from which to board excursion boats and river taxis;
- Walking and biking paths that traverse and connect to other riverfront parks and area trails – park visitors will be able to walk from one stadium to the other without leaving the park. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will also be an important link to the new park;
- A variety of gardens and greenspace that include seasonal floral displays, natural landscapes, and nature habitats;
- A promenade overlooking the entire park.

The Cincinnati Riverfront Park will complement other riverfront development projects, which are projected to total \$2 billion. It's also projected that this new riverfront development will attract more than one million new visitors and will feature restaurants and cafes, as well as provide a setting for major events and festivals.

The first phase of The Banks, a \$400 million mixed-use development, is planned for an opening in 2009. Prospective developers are stressing that construction of Cincinnati Riverfront Park is critical to the feasibility of the project. Groundbreaking for this all-important component of our city's ambitious plans for riverfront development is scheduled for September 2008.

Cincinnati Riverfront Park will become our legacy to future generations. It is an effort that all of us can be involved in on a grassroots level. Though the park will be built with city, state and federal funds, private donations also are needed to build many of the park's unique features and to endow the park. This is why

private giving is so important to this project. The Women's Committee of Cincinnati Riverfront Park is an organization created to provide meaningful financial and public support for Cincinnati Parks' effort to build Cincinnati Riverfront Park.

As of mid-2008, the Women's Committee of CRP has raised \$500,000, which will go toward the endowment of this new park. Please consider a generous gift toward this important facet of our city's future with Pledge Connect, or look for ways to get involved in making it happen with The Women's Committee of Cincinnati Riverfront Park.