

The Moon Township Waterfront Park Master Plan

The Ohio River is one of Moon Township's most unique assets. Improving and expanding the Township's parks and recreational resources to include a waterfront park represents a major opportunity to provide residents with the ability to directly access the river and literally touch it. Increasing recreational opportunities for the Township's residents, improves their quality-of-life and at the same time playing a role in improving the health of the entire Ohio River ecosystem.

The township acquired the 17-acre, vacant property in 2002 with the intention of performing environmental remediation and creating a new public riverfront park. The future park is scheduled to include several key recreational and social-oriented activities and opportunities were identified, including: water-play activities; outdoor passive recreation; trails and walking; environmental education and ecological stewardship. A goal was set to create a dynamic and inviting year-round park that is a major destination-attraction along the Ohio River, within the Pittsburgh region, Allegheny County and adjoining Beaver County.

The Moon Township Waterfront Park will be developed to serve the needs of local residents and function as a regional destination in and around Moon Township and beyond. It covers 1,750 feet of the Ohio River frontage and was the former RB & W Bolt Plant. The park's strategic location on the waterfront allows it to act as a new, highly-visual gateway into Moon Township from the Sewickley Bridge and along University Boulevard/Route 51 from Coraopolis Borough. The location also serves as a regional destination park and trailhead for the proposed Ohio River Trail that extends from the Montour Trail, through Coraopolis Borough, along the perimeter of the park and continuing along the river into Crescent Township and beyond.

All of the various elements described, when combined together, form a holistic vision for how Moon Township can create a top-notch "twenty-first century" vision for a new waterfront park with supporting amenities that will serve the citizenry of Township and the region for current and future generations.



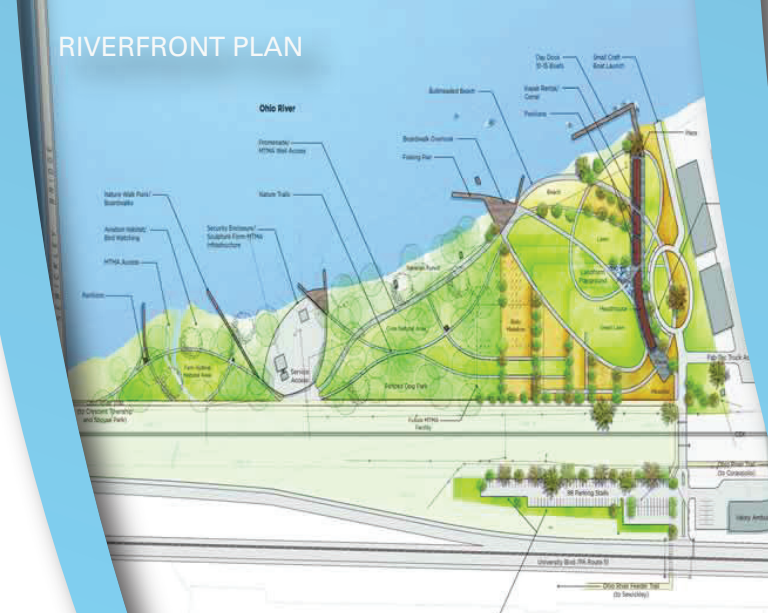
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