

WEST RIVERFRONT PARK RFQ
QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES (UPDATED 7/10/2017)

1. *Has the design jury been established and is this something that you could share with us?*
 - a. The names of jurors will be provided to the design teams that are selected as semifinalists for interviews in early August.

2. *Is the interview scheduled on the August 7-9 possible to participate in over Skype?*
 - a. The DRFC will give consideration to teams that are located outside of the US the opportunity to participate in interviews via skype or web conference. All teams that are located in the US are expected travel to Detroit for the interviews. No reimbursement will be made by the DRFC for any costs incurred in the preparation of submittals to this RFQ or for travel pertaining to the semifinalists interviews.

3. *Given that the qualifications state a maximum of 5 work samples, can we submit pieces of our individual members in addition to the one we completed together?*
 - a. Yes. Work samples can reflect pieces from individual members in addition to projects which have been completed teams together. Each work sample should include the specific team member's role as well as the whole composition of the team that completed the sample project.

4. *Who will make up the Jury Panel at the Public Interview stage?*
 - a. This information will be provided to the design teams that are selected as semifinalists for interviews in early August.

5. *For Stage 4: who will be the National Jury and who will be on Community Advisory Team?*
 - a. Nation Jury information will be provided to the design teams that are selected as semifinalists for interviews in early August.

 - b. The Community Advisory Team is a cohort of Detroit residents assembled to help the DRFC dream about the future of West Riverfront Park. The group will attend several out of State benchmarking trips and will serve as

ambassadors for getting community advice and insights into the design of West Riverfront Park. The names of members will be provided to Design Team finalists.

6. *Can you advise on the estimated construction budget for the project?*

- a. The DRFC will provide the estimated construction budget for West Riverfront Park to semifinalist.

7. *What disciplines/team members are required?*

- a. There is no particular team composition required to compete. Consideration will be given to visionary teams that have demonstrated the ability to achieve the goals and objectives of the project.

8. *On page 10 under STAGE 3: DESIGN CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT: Can you please clarify the engagement process during the competition – is the weeklong local engagement something that each design team will lead separately (implying that team representatives would be in Detroit during that week)? Or is this something that the DRFC will lead and then make the results available to the teams, with in-person attendance by the teams for the public meeting (organized by DRFC)? If the latter, what involvement is expected from the teams, either in preparation for or carrying out this process?*

- a. The DRFC will coordinate and lead one (1) public meeting in Detroit at the start of the 10 week design process with the support of a hired engagement vendor
- b. Design Teams should plan to send representatives to be present in Detroit.
- c. Involvement will include interaction with a public audience for gathering information specific to the team's needs. Team representatives will have the opportunity to pose questions, observe discussions and receive direct responses from the public.
- d. The meeting will be a single day event. More details about the meeting will be provided to design teams in advance.
- e. Additional public engagement will be the responsibility of the individual Design Teams.

9. *What are the in-person expectations for the teams during the process: one Public Interview during Stage 2 and then one Final Presentation in Stage 4?*
 - a. Semifinalist interviews will be held in Detroit on August 7, 8 and 9
 - b. One (1) public meeting is planned to occur in Detroit at the start of the concept design phase in early September
 - c. Finalists presentations and exhibition in Detroit November 14 - 15, 2017

10. *At the bottom of page 10 under STAGE 4: PRESENTATIONS AND JURY REVIEW, it states that the Conservancy "will engage the top two finalists to discuss ideas and approach, as well as to negotiate design fees and contract terms before announcing the winning concept". Can you confirm that your intention is to carry two teams through full contract, fee, and scope negotiations and then award the full project to only one? On what basis will the decision between the two teams be made? Or will the site be split into two projects?*
 - a. We intend to award the entire site to one team. We will make the decision based on overall quality of design and impact on the community. If we have identified a standout design proposal, we will work to come to a design fee structure and terms that are acceptable to all parties.

11. *Once the design team is selected, is the intention that the project will proceed immediately into SD through CDs?*
 - a. We intend to move immediately into SD and CD upon announcement of the winning team. Each phase will be released with a notice to proceed.

12. *We didn't come across the purpose of the "secured building" mentioned on p5 – can you tell us anything about its current function? Occupancy? Future plans?*
 - a. The building is a secured site and is actively patrolled and electronically monitored. The building will remain as is and will not be included within the scope of this project.

13. Do you have any information on the existing seawall? To better understand its condition and/or any anticipated repairs would be helpful information.
- a. The seawall conditions report can be viewed here <https://www.dropbox.com/s/eswwp14xooo3mjin/Seawall%20Condition%20Report%20from%202012.pdf?dl=0>
14. The RFQ stresses the importance of community input in the process - are you able to share any community voices shared to date?
- a. Visit www.yourdetroitriverfront.org for more information about recent community engagement.
15. Please confirm that 4pm July 19 is the deadline for *SENDING* the package (not receiving)
- a. Packages are to be received at the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy Office via registered mail by 4:00 PM EST on Wednesday July 19, 2017. Hand deliveries are also permitted.
16. On p11, the final deliverables are partially explained. Other than plan drawings and models, does the DRFC anticipate receiving a text-based master plan report document?
- a. The complete details regarding final deliverables will be provided to semifinalist Design Teams prior to interviews.
17. Please advise if there are any relevant studies or reports that would be recommended for teams to review during this process.
- a. Please visit www.yourdetroitriverfront.org for information regarding the East Riverfront Framework Plan completed earlier this year.
18. The RFQ mentions on p5 that the environmental Due Care Plan is available upon request – could we please have a copy of this for our reference?
- a. Please follow this link for a copy of the Environmental Due Care Plan: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/b193l54jz9yzlo4/1801%20W%20Jefferson%20Due%20Care%20Plan.pdf?dl=0>

19. *Is it possible to access the recent and relevant studies/plans/prior initiatives for the 5.5 mile vision; Built park plans; any park related programming for this area; any connectivity, access and parking studies; any adjoining neighborhood plans/visions including Corktown, Mexicantown and et?*

- a. Please visit the www.detroitriverfront.org or www.yourdetroitriverfront.org for more information about the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy plans, projects and studies.

20. *Are there current demographic data for the adjoining neighborhoods?*

- a. A few useful links for demographic information about the adjoining neighborhoods can be found by visiting the following sites.
 - i. Loveland Technologies: <https://makeloveland.com/>
 - ii. Detroit Open Data: <https://data.detroitmi.gov>
 - iii. Data Driven Detroit: <https://datadrivendetroit.org>
 - iv. 7.2 SQ MI: <http://detroitsevenpointtwo.com/>
 - v. Downtown Detroit Partnership: <http://downtowndetroit.org/>

21. *Is it possible to access and download GIS information for the site and the surroundings including topographic data, floodplains, hydrology, natural resources, utilities, structures, etc.?*

- a. No GIS information is available at this time. Access to additional information will be provided to Design Teams that advance into the final design concept stages of the process.
- b.

22. *Please provide information regarding current conditions of the sea wall, river/water access and etc.*

- a. Follow this link for the Seawall Conditions Report:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eswwp14xooo3mjn/Seawall%20Condition%20Report%20from%202012.pdf?dl=0>

23. *The diagram on page 5 shows a city owned parcel. Has a vision for this site been developed? Will it be part of the park expansion or for different use?*

- a. The site to the E of West Riverfront Park is a development parcel. The 65' of the riverfront in that area will be reserved for public space and will be incorporated into RiverWalk.

24. *The bottom diagram on page 16 shows an area between "west riverfront park" and "riverside park" – what is the vision for this area? Will this be reserved for expansion of the parks?*

- a. The space between West Riverfront Park and Riverside Park is privately held. The Conservancy vision includes a RiverWalk connection at the edge of the river to connect these two parks. The Conservancy currently does not have rights to develop that area of the river's edge.

25. *With regards to site contaminants, please provide us with Due Care Plan.*

- a. Please follow this link for the Due Care Plan.
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/b193l54jz9yzlo4/1801%20W%20Jefferson%20Due%20Care%20Plan.pdf?dl=0>

26. *What are the current uses of West Riverfront Park? What kind of activities are held all year around?*

- a. The Park is becoming a popular destination for passive recreation such as walking and bicycling year-round. During the summer picnicking and fishing. The site supports active programming such as special events, concerts, festivals and family activities. Most particularly, large music festivals such as the MoPop Festival (15,000 attendees) and the Downtown Hoedown. Visit www.detroitriverfront.org for more information.

27. *Has there been any branding exercise for the park?*

- a. No. There has not been a branding exercise targeting West Riverfront Park.