WELCOME!
We have some exciting news to share.

The revitalization of FDR Park starts with two signature projects:

PATTISON PLAYGROUND

- Nestled between the outstretched arms of Pattison Lagoon is the all-new Pattison Playground – an iconic signature playground where nature and play are on full display for children of all ages and abilities.

THE WELCOME CENTER

- Purchased on the east side of the Pattison Lagoon is the new Welcome Center that will bring much needed visitor amenities and accommodations to the park. The historic Guardhouse and Stables building, which anchors the Gateway experience to the park, will be adaptively reused to serve as the hub for all park activities.

The existing playground will still be open during construction!

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 2019: FDR Master Plan Completed
- 2021: Design & Engagement for the Welcome Center & Pattison Playground
- 2022: Groundbreaking & Construction Begins
- 2023: Playground Opening!
- 2023: Welcome Center Opening

Thousands of park users & residents shaped the plan for FDR Park in 2019. Since then we’ve been working on implementing projects that are most important to YOU!

YOUR PRIORITIES

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Today the historic Guardhouse & Stables are underutilized storage spaces.

In the future these spaces will be transformed into a Welcome Center & hub for park activity!

HISTORY
Built in the 1920’s, the historic Guardhouse once served as the headquarters for a Park Guard unit. Service headquarters for the Mounted Police Training and Services with a K-9 kennel and stables for 25 horses.

These spaces have the potential to create new & improved experiences that welcome people into the park!

PROJECT FEATURES
- An inviting central courtyard with restrooms
- A staffed information center
- Food and beverage vendors
- Exhibit space
- Equipment rentals
- A co-working space for park staff and community partners
- Community gathering space

The inviting central courtyard will be transformed into an outdoor gathering space with exhibit areas and vendors.

View of the Welcome Center from the Park Road!
The Welcome Center will provide **high quality amenities** that encourage visitors to enjoy all FDR has to offer.

### HOW THE SPACES ARE ORGANIZED

- **WELCOME CENTER**
- **PATTISON PATIO**
- **COMMUNITY MEETING / EVENT SPACE**
- **INFO / RENTALS**
- **VENDOR AREAS**
- **OFFICES**
- **COURTYARD**

**A HUB OF ACTIVITY**

The historic guardhouse acts as a central hub for concessions, rentals, and information about the park.

- **Breakout Room**
- **To-go**
- **Café**
- **Food and beverage**
- **Lawn game packs**
- **Points of information**
- **Maps**
- **Picnic equipment**
- **Basket, utensils, and plates**

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**PRESENTATION PLAN**

**SCALE**

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**WRT PROJECT # 2021_amerino8TPEK.rvt**
A new signature playspace that is accessible, inclusive, and nature-based.

**Project Features**
- A megaswing set with 30 swings, designed for all ages overlooking the Pattison Lagoon
- Nature-based play equipment including spinners, log and boulder scrambles, and towncourses
- Rolling hills with slides
- Adventure paths
- A picnic area with pavilions
- Seat walls located under shady groves
- New landscaping featuring beautiful native plantings

**How the Play Elements Work Together**

**WHAT WE HEARD**
- Kids, adults, and caregivers joined us for a design charrette in the park this Summer (2021). Here’s what they had to say.
- The most requested play features included: swings, slides, ladders, monkey bars, and grass.

- "Lots of climbing swings and little nooks for hiding (hide and seek to part outside, too?)"
- "Treehouses and rolling slides for all ages"
- "Playspace will be so much fun! The design with little details would be amazing!"
- "Any environment that encourages my kids to climb, run, and engage with other children would be amazing!"

**Legend**
- Existing tree remains
- Proposed canopy tree
- Proposed understory tree

*The Playspace includes a variety of new experiences for visitors of all ages.*
GET INVOLVED!

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