



Public Seating

- Provide new benches with donor recognition to replace existing gift benches

South end earthwork

- Realign off-ramp to expand event space
- Re-grade to provide pedestrian access from bridge and improve sledding hill

SOUTH VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Veteran's Memorial Bridge

- Install native plantings to discourage unsafe sledding while enhancing views and providing environmental quality
- Provide secondary entrance and pedestrian access to south end of park strengthening ties to east side of river
- Work with MDOT to develop plans for safe pedestrian passage over bridge

Staging Areas

- Provide versatile staging areas to accommodate various events and activities throughout the park

Public Boat Launch / Parking

- Provide shelter to accommodate host for Tall Ships event, fishing contests and / or coast guard staff
- Enhance views with landscape improvements
- Provide pedestrian gathering space and site amenities to accommodate public events
- Expand parking and provide views to the Saginaw River
- Establish a safe pedestrian link to the River Walk

River Front

- Provide a variety of viewing levels and land form seating to accommodate large crowds during the River Roar event
- Provide ornamental fencing for safety and enhancement of the riverfront - tie into historical character of Bay City
- Provide additional mooring and increase public boat access to riverfront
- Provide a variety of staging platforms for events with enhanced views to the River
- Expand River Walk and enhance with landscape improvements and site amenities to provide a variety of viewing experiences along the River
- Remove top of steel sheet piling to create pedestrian way at or near normal water level

Note: Riverfront improvements require engineering study and dredging along seawall to improve boating access

Entrance Plaza

- Enhance park entrance experience with ornamental iron archway and fencing, stone wall details, vertical wayfinding marker, site amenities and landscape enhancements. Incorporate history of Bay City in details
- Explore interpretive opportunities to showcase history of Veterans, shipping, James Birney's farm and lumber
- Expand "Gatekeeper" building to house kitchenette, office, meeting room, restrooms, first aid, storage/mechanical, police operations and ticket taking. Utilize native building materials to celebrate history of Bay City
- Provide pedestrian queuing area for large scale events

Pedestrian Circulation

- Establish connections to east side of the River, Marina, Midland Street Historic District and residential neighborhoods
- Utilize walkways as organizing spines for booths during events

Pavilion

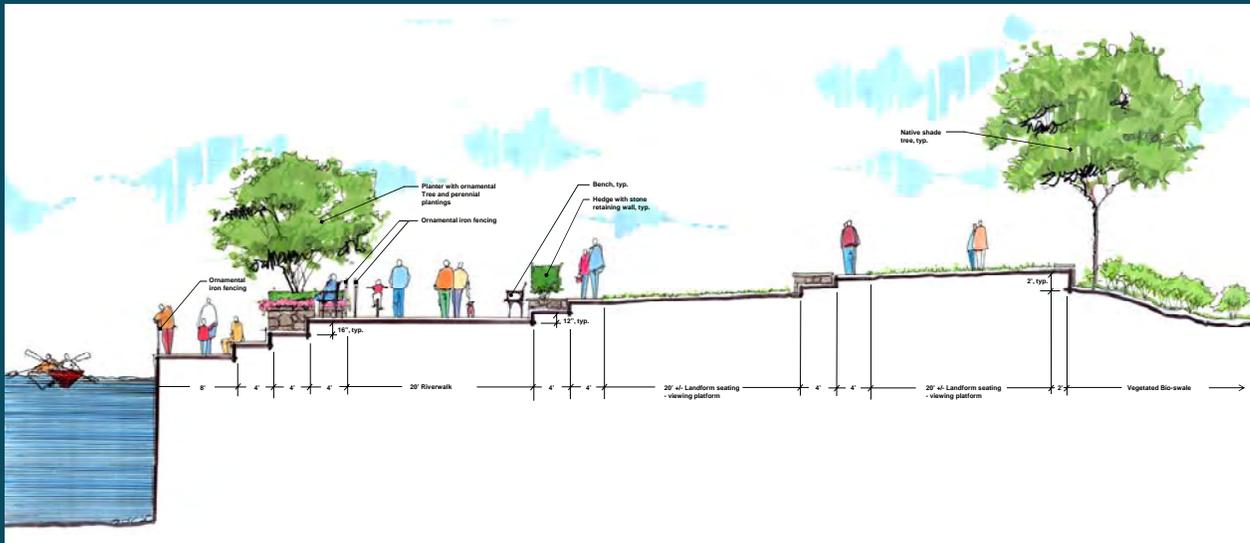
- Utilize native building materials to celebrate history of Bay City
- House "Beer Tent", service waste receptacles, ice skating facility, restrooms, janitor / storage, covered performance area and kitchen pod

Liberty Harbor Marina

- Expand parking and incorporate Best Stormwater Management practices enhancing riverfront with native plantings
- Enhance entrance to Marina with landscape improvements and provide gatekeeper booth for events
- Provide vertical wayfinding marker at mouth to River

North Veteran's Memorial Park Master Plan

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Riverfront section



“Gatekeeper” elevation