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City of Cincinnati and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sign Historic Project Partnership Agreement

*Agreement to Provide Federal Funding to Construct Phase I Features of
Cincinnati Riverfront Park*

WHO: The City of Cincinnati and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WHAT: A Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) has been signed between the City and the Corps allowing the next stage of Phase 1 construction of Cincinnati Riverfront Park to proceed. The PPA commits the City of Cincinnati to fund its share of project costs and to operate the park — and it commits the Corps to build the park within federally authorized funding limits as funds are made available. The Park's 45-acre site is between Paul Brown Stadium and Great American Ballpark on the downtown riverfront. The park's design and construction is being led by the Cincinnati Park Board.

DETAILS:

- ❖ The PPA allows the Corps to advertise and bid the project and then to award the construction contract.
- ❖ The Corps is bidding Phase 1 starting in the beginning of March and this notice will be posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website (www.fbo.gov).
- ❖ The first stage of Phase I work will be the construction of Cincinnati Riverfront Park's Walnut Street Fountain and Grand Stairway.
- ❖ The second stage of Phase I construction work will be bid in a few months. Phase I features in the second stage will include the Walnut Street Event Lawn, stage, donor wall, promenade and Bike and Mobility Center.
- ❖ Funding partners for Cincinnati Riverfront Park also include the State of Ohio and private funders.



*Architectural rendering of the
Walnut Street Fountain and
Grand Stairway—the first
stage of Phase I work to be
constructed by the U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers.*

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“I am delighted that our ongoing partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has culminated in the signing of this Project Partnership Agreement,” said Willie F. Carden, Jr., Director of Cincinnati Parks. “This is a historic, milestone event for the City because this newly announced agreement authorizes the Corps to bid the construction and expend funds to build this first phase of the Park. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now joins our City, State and private funding partners in moving this park forward and creating a grand new front door for the entire region. We are grateful for the support of Senators Voinovich and Brown and Representatives Schmidt and Driehaus in facilitating the execution of this agreement.”

The Walnut Street Fountain and Grand Stairway is a concrete structure with sandstone cladding and granite paving, toilet rooms, an elevator, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, landscaping, waterproofing, interactive fountains, and associated equipment, fixtures and furnishings.

PHASE I FEATURES

Walnut Street Fountain & Steps
Walnut Street Event Lawn, Stage & Promenade
Tree Grove
Labyrinth
Bike & Mobility Center
Bike Trail (First Section)
Black Brigade Monument
Walnut Street Floral Garden
Main Street Garden
Parking Garage
Elevator & Public Toilet Rooms



Park construction began in 2008 and is already well under way.

For a video hard-hat tour of Phase I construction with Project Manager Dave Prather, log on to www.crpark.org/construction.htm.

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The City of Cincinnati's Park Board—a long-time and much-trusted steward of our region's natural resources—is leading the construction of Cincinnati Riverfront Park. The new 45-acre public park-- a regional attraction which will welcome millions of visitors to downtown Cincinnati—is being built with a blend of federal, state, city and private dollars. Construction of this destination park, located adjacent to The Banks development, is moving forward collaboratively but independently from the Banks project. The Cincinnati Riverfront Park project is progressing on time and on budget. Citizens are invited to visit www.CRPark.org to see the exciting park designs and video updates of park construction.