

RIVERFRONT PARK

frequently asked questions



- **Where and when did the idea for Riverfront Park come from?**
 - In 2000 during a downtown masterplan, aiming to revitalize downtown, a park along the river was envisioned. Over the years, the project included property acquisition, grants, multiple design concepts, temporary use, and today is prioritized as a single-phase project that completes this over 20 year old vision.
- **What are some key features of the updated park?**
 - Riverfront Park features two, larger parking areas, with a capacity of over 250 parking spots, that will remain open during most events.
 - Permanent amphitheater, with lights, sound, and a tiered seating for nearly 1,000.
 - A central, Great Lawn, for general play, events and relaxation.
 - Large, inclusive playground area complete with equipment for ages 5-12, located near the restroom building. The play area also includes a shade structure and seating area.
 - Reshaped bike path to create a new "front-door" into the downtown, featuring swinging benches atop the levy.
- **What is the project budget?**
 - The current project is budgeted around \$5.77 million.
 - Current projections have the project coming in below budget.
- **When will work begin on the park?**
 - Work is planned to begin the week of April 24.
- **When will the park be complete?**
 - The project should be complete around May 1, 2024. Some elements may extend beyond this date based on supply chain disruptions, but the park should be usable for the public next spring.
- **What impacts can we expect based on construction taking place?**
 - The most obvious impacts will be to parking and events. Contractors will remove Miami Avenue early in the construction process. This will allow them to complete the construction of the additional parking as their main priority. Its anticipated the expanded southern lot and new northern lot should be complete by late summer, weather permitting. During the project, the lot behind the Legion/Bullwinkles area will remain open, as well as the majority of the lot behind Bennett's. Events will be relocated out of Riverfront Park for 2023 and will return in 2024.



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- **Will the restrooms or interactive fountains be open this year?**
 - Unfortunately, due to the construction, and based on the proximity of work to these elements, both the restroom and interactive fountains will be closed this season.

- **Will any of the existing trees be saved?**
 - Unfortunately, due to their location, and the cost of relocation, most of the trees currently in the park will not be saved or relocated. The trees along water street and around the archway will remain.

- **Will the bike path be closed?**
 - The bike path will remain open and untouched for a majority of the project. As construction progresses, we anticipate temporary closures being necessary. More information will be made available as this occurs.

- **Will River Blast happen this year?**
 - We are hopeful, with good weather and fast-paced construction, River Blast will still happen in Riverfront Park. In the event that cannot happen, we are working on other locations and contingency plans, to ensure River Blast happens this year.

- **How can I get involved?**
 - The Miamisburg Community Foundation is fundraising money to support the improvements within Miamisburg Parks. The foundation is offering multiple ways to play an active role in the future of these parks.
 - Online: MiamisburgCommunityFoundation.org
 - Phone: 937-230-6199
 - In-Person: Any Farmers and Merchant's Bank location
 - Mail: Building Our Community Campaign, PO Box 471, Miamisburg, OH 45343

- **Where can I get more information about the project?**
 - We are working hard to communicate updates about the project. Be sure to follow Miamisburg Parks and Recreation online and on social media, @PlayMiamisburg.
 - Online: PlayMiamisburg.com/Projects
 - Phone: 937-866-8999
 - In Person: Miamisburg Community Center: 305 E. Central Ave., Miamisburg, OH 45342

