

July 2020 West River Park design survey

Below is a summary of the prevailing survey comments regarding elements of the park design

FAVORITE ELEMENTS: *What elements of the design do you like the most?*

COMMENT	RESPONSES	DESIGNER COMMENTS
Like the river access	24	
Appreciate the use of native plants	9	
Looking forward to the river overlooks	8	
Like the seating areas	6	
Excited to utilize the trails	6	
Like the blend of commercial and park space	5	
Like the addition of informational interpretive panels	4	Interpretive Panel designs were designed to educate regarding the natural history of the site and Grant funding. Final design and focus of panels hasn't been finalized and could include cultural/historical education of the area.
Like the amphitheater	4	

LEAST FAVORITE ELEMENTS: *What elements of the design do you like the least?*

COMMENT	RESPONSES	DESIGNER COMMENTS
Concern about the amount of "concrete"	11	The Plaza and gathering areas are decomposed granite, not concrete, which may not have been obvious in the drawings. The majority of the site is comprised of planted areas or more natural soft surfaces. Hard surfaces are used for the pathways in order to meet ADA requirements and to allow for snow removal so the park can be used year-round.
Don't like the merging of the park with commercial buildings	5	The 2010-11 planning process determined that a river-oriented commercial component was important to help activate the park site and catalyze riverfront improvement. To help understand the design development process of the park, the "why and what for", the 2011 Feasibility Study and planning documents are located on the project website.
Think the shape of the viewing areas doesn't fit the area, too round	3	The drawings may not have been obvious; the top and bottom overlooks are oval shaped. The middle overlook has been adjusted to make it less round.
Think there isn't enough parking	3	Additional parking on West River Street, across from the park, is planned as part of the West River Streetscape Project.
Riverfront path is too straight-should be more of a meandering experience	2	The pathway design has been adjusted to include meandering curves.

* It should be noted that 1 person felt there was 'too much parking'.

DESIRED ADDITIONS: *Are there other elements you would like added to the park?*

COMMENT	RESPONSES	DESIGNER COMMENTS
Park Name Reflect History	4	Interpretive signs, public art or naming could help reflect local history.
Ample Trash Receptacles	3	Will be included in site furnishing plan.
Native American / Chinese Labor Homage	3	Interpretive signs, public art or naming could help reflect local history.
Whitewater Park	3	Features within the river are outside the scope of this project.
Play Structure	2	
A Quiet Space	2	
No Dogs	2	
Water Recreation Area	2	
Fitness Area	2	
Ample Parking	2	Additional parking on West River Street, across from the park, is planned as part of the West River Streetscape Project.
Picnic Area w/ Shade	2	Tables, seating areas and shade trees are included in the design.
Food Truck	2	