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CITY COUNCIL — COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers
417 Main Street
Huron, Ohio 44839

LIVESTREAM MEETING INFORMATION

This work session of Council will be conducted in person in Council Chambers at Huron City Hall and live-streamed on the City of Huron's YouTube channel. The public is free to observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all members of City Council via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpRAV-AnmlA6lfukQzKakQg

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - **IV.1** Presentation of Draft Huron Waterfront Parks Plan by OHM Advisors.
- V. Adjournment



HURON WATERFRONT PARKS PLAN

February 25, 2025

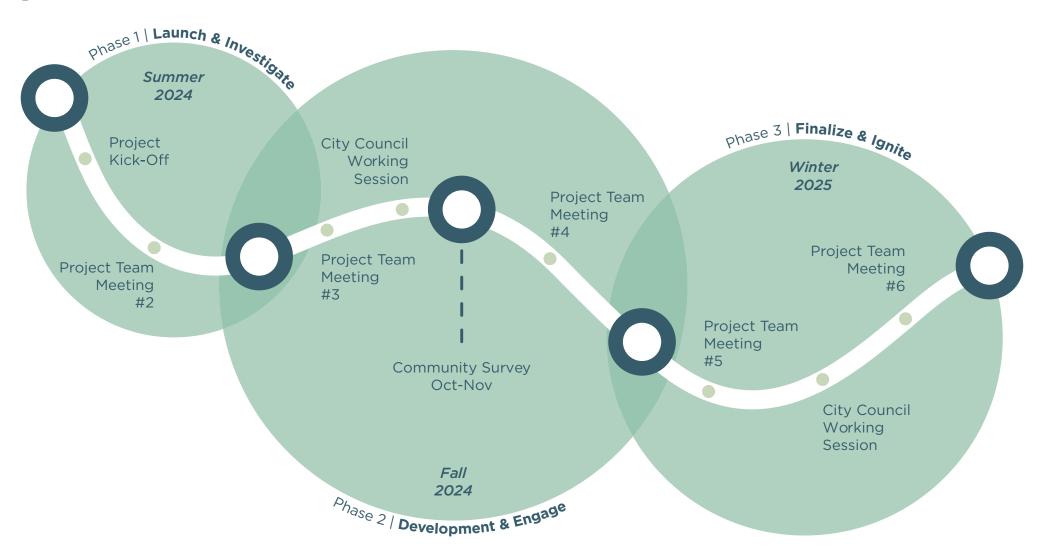


AGENDA

Project Overview
Survey Summary
Park Concepts
Next Steps

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Process



Focus Areas



Main Street/Showboat Property











Lake Front Park













Public Access Beach

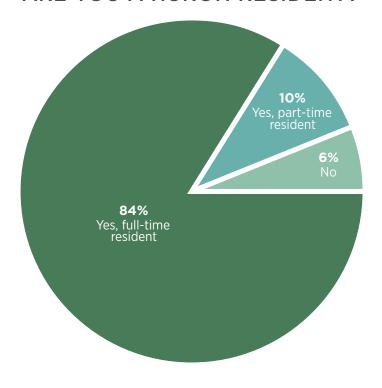


SURVEY SUMARY

What We Heard



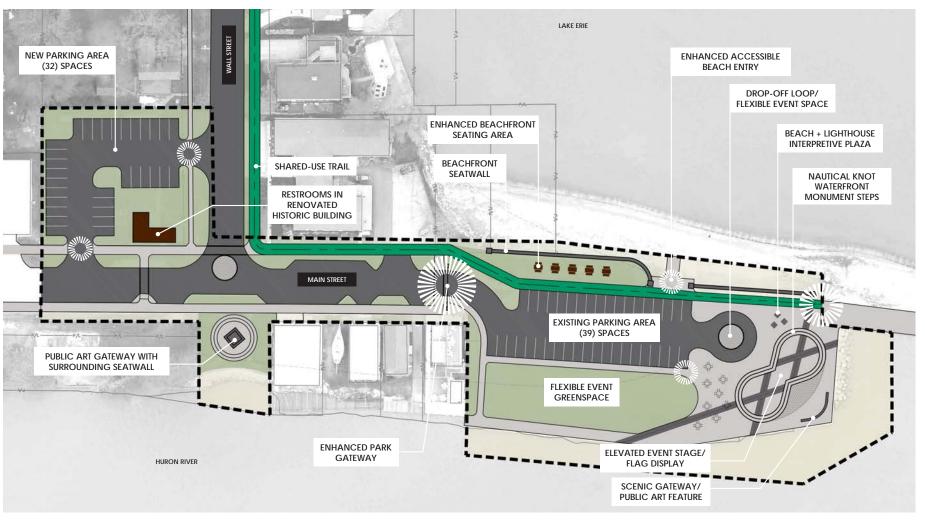
ARE YOU A HURON RESIDENT?



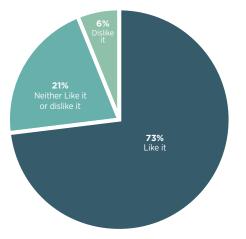
- Park Improvements. The majority favor enhancements like better beach access, shared-use trails, and improved restrooms. Concepts for Lake Front Park (79% approval) and the Main Street/Showboat Property (73% approval) received positive feedback.
- Overdevelopment. Many residents expressed worry about excessive construction, loss of green spaces, and creating features like amphitheaters that may not fit the area's character.
- Parking. Respondents consistently emphasized the need for adequate parking across all parks, cautioning against reducing spaces near waterfront areas.
- Natural Enhancements. Residents prefer low-impact improvements, such as tiered seating, beachfront seating areas, and better shoreline maintenance, rather than large structures or event spaces.

- Cultural enhancements. While some appreciate public art, others view them as unnecessary or potentially disruptive to the area's natural and peaceful ambiance.
- Accessibility. Improved access for all users, including enhanced pathways, ADA-compliant designs, and tiered steps for beach entry, were frequently highlighted as priorities.
- Quality. Respondents want cleaner beaches, more sand, and solutions to erosion and debris issues. Some suggested features like a splash pad or improved swimming areas.
- Simplicity. Many respondents advocated for focusing on preserving existing features, maintaining cleanliness, and keeping the parks simple and functional for daily use without unnecessary additions.

Main Street/Showboat Property



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CONCEPT FOR MAIN STREET/ SHOWBOAT PROPERTY?

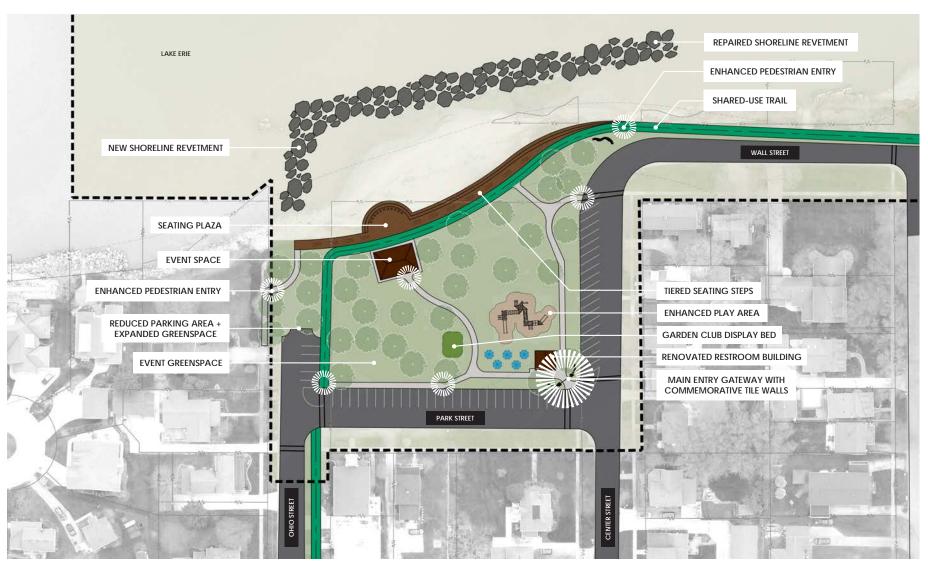


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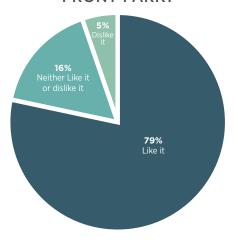
- Beach Access & Waterfront Improvements
- 2. Parking & Accessibility
- 3. Public Art & Event Space

- 1. Overdevelopment & Space Management
- 2. Parking & Accessibility
- 3. Public Art & Event Space

Lake Front Park



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CONCEPT FOR LAKE FRONT PARK?



Features Most Liked:

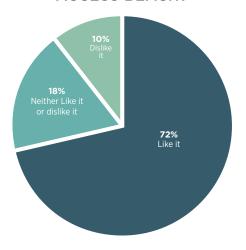
- 1. Trail & Pathways
- 2. Seating & Accessibility
- 3. Play Areas & Family-Friendly Spaces

- 1. Parking
- 2. Overdevelopment
- 3. Beach Conditions

Public Access Beach



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CONCEPT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS BEACH?

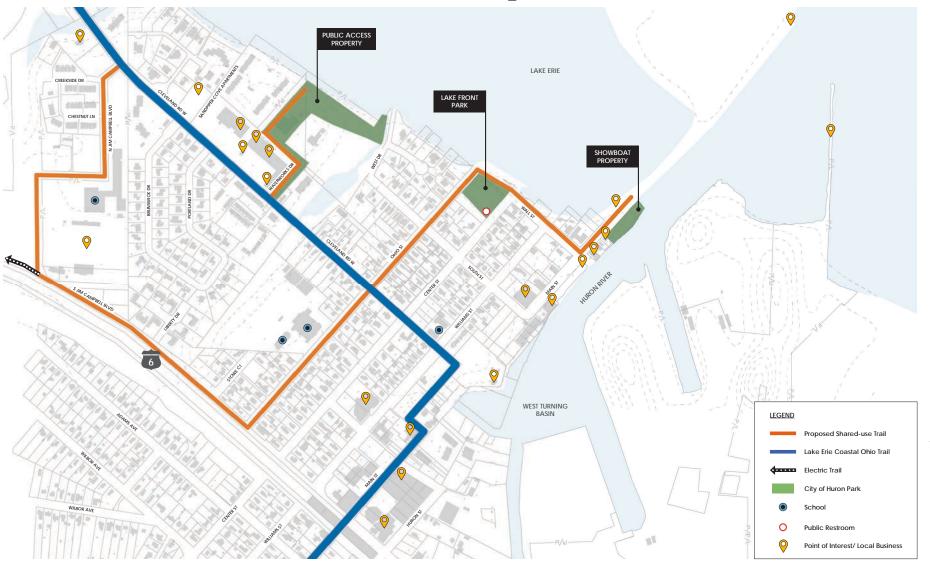


Features Most Liked:

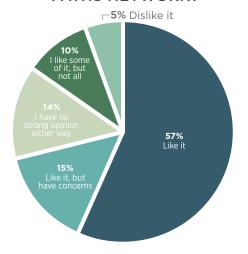
- 1. Beach Access & Parking
- 2. Shared Use Trail
- 3. Event Space & Lakefront Seating

- 1. Development & Overcrowding
- 2. Parking & Traffic Issues
- 3. Event Space & Volleyball

Multi-Use Path Proposed Network



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE PROPOSED MULTI-USE PATHS NETWORK?



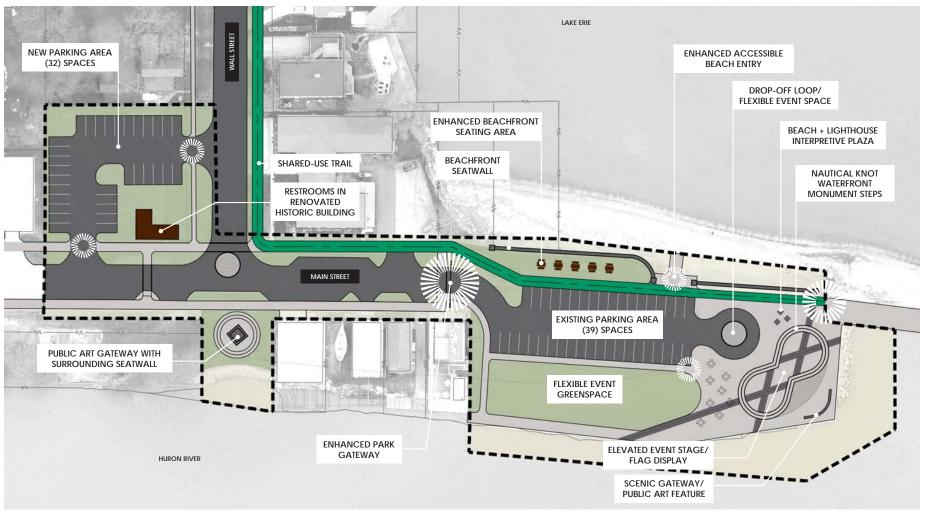
Features Most Liked:

- 1. Bike Lanes
- 2. Pedestrian Accessibility
- 3. Multi-Use Trails

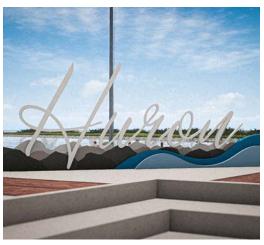
- 1. Increased Traffic
- 2. Safety Issues
- 3. Existing Infrastructure

PARK CONCEPTS

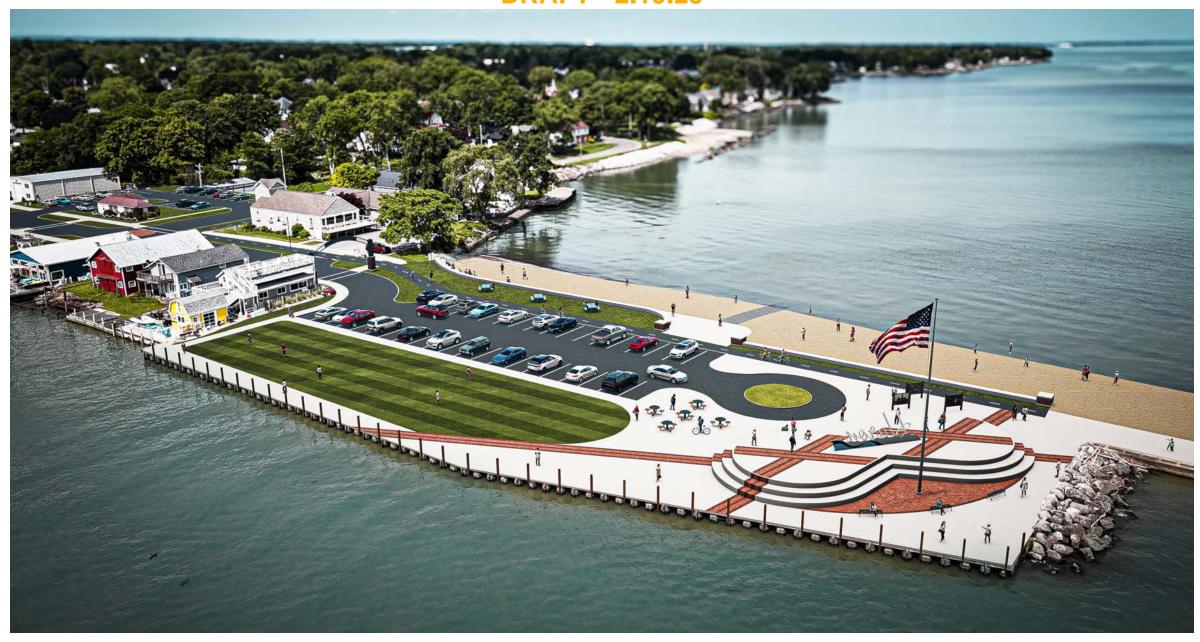
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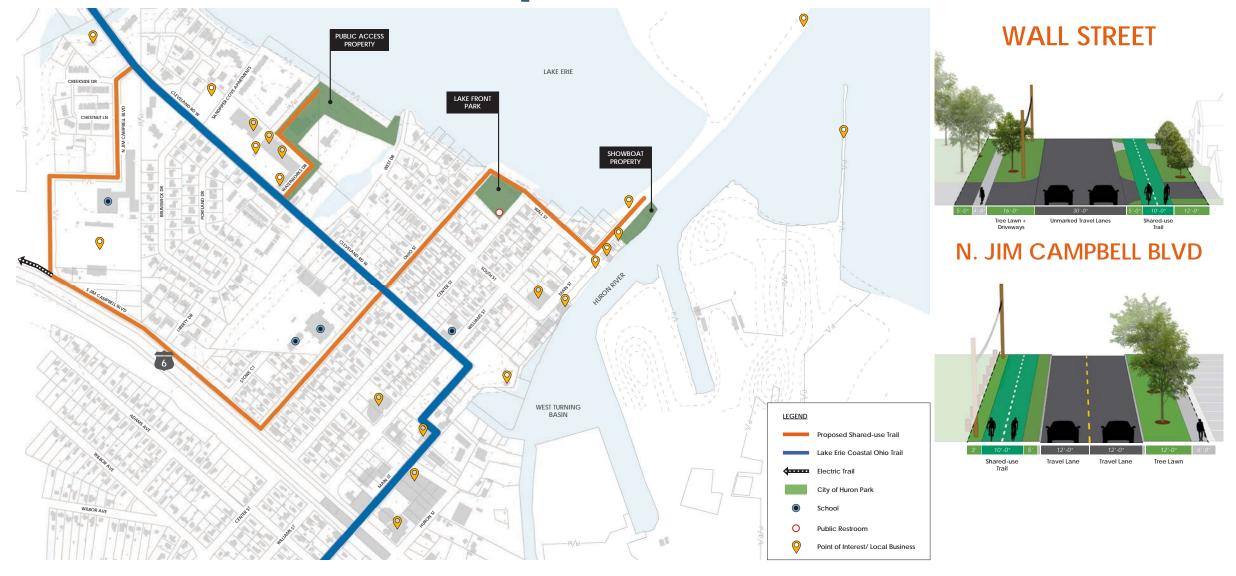




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Multi-Use Path Proposed Network



Wall Street





NEXT STEPS