DESIGN NARRATIVE

The downtown park is located on the Mississippi River and the water institute. The design of the road shows an emphasis of the river. I hope to design a road with sidewalk actions that are connected to the future riverwalk and the water institute. At the same time, a public park was designed to enhance the activities and interest of the site. There is also a parking deck for the road, which is part of the school. There is a combination of rain gardens and retaining walls. A footpath is also provided in the future riverwalk. We hope to use these rain gardens to enhance the downtown park. In addition, we hope to use the rain gardens and the riverwalk to improve the city's green spaces.
This proposed design of the Phi Witter Property aims to provide the Southern portion of Downtown Baton Rouge with recreational and community gathering opportunities. With the site proximity to LSU, this space should better provide visitors coming from that area a clear entrance to Downtown. This space should match the style of the LSU campus to make the university feel more connected to the rest of Baton Rouge. The redesign includes open lawns, children's play areas, spaces for outdoor dining, and seating and more that safely bring visitors to the Mississippi River when the water level rises. With development on the Eastern side of River Road on the rise, greenspace for users needs to be provided.
Narrative

The concept for the Belle Casino site in downtown Baton Rouge is to create a space that people can use for leisure and business, with design that is both functional and visually appealing. The design includes spaces for people to enjoy the Mississippi River and connect with nature.

Goals

- Create a space for people to relax and socialize
- Enhance the beauty and accessibility of the site
- Encourage walking and cycling around the area
- Provide amenities such as seating areas and restrooms
- Ensure the site is accessible to people with disabilities

Site context

- The site is located along the Mississippi River
- It is adjacent to educational institutions

Precedents

- Portland: The waterfront park provides a model for community engagement
- Las Vegas: The design incorporates the use of water features and natural elements

Portland Inspiration

- The design includes a water feature that connects the site to the river
- Seating areas are provided along the waterfront
CONTEXT MAP

The site is located near and adjacent to the historic Villisca, Iowa, with a focus on creating a seamless connection between the new park and the existing community. This project is designed to create a vibrant, accessible, and engaging public space that celebrates the history and cultural heritage of the area.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Villisca Park is envisioned as a vibrant, multi-use destination that promotes health and wellness, cultural appreciation, and community engagement. The park will feature a variety of amenities, including a walking and biking trail, picnic areas, community gardens, and a playground for children. The design incorporates sustainable practices, such as rainwater harvesting and native plant species, to create a healthy and resilient environment.

PERSPECTIVE

The perspective view illustrates the proposed layout of the park, highlighting key features such as the walking trail, green spaces, and community amenities. The design aims to create a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike, fostering a sense of community and connections to the natural environment.

LEGEND

Symbol: Area
Legend:
- WALKING TRAIL
- PARKLAND
- TRAILHEAD
- SIGNAGE
- PLANTING
- TREATMENT LAKE
- LUMINARIA
- TRASH CONTAINER
- TRASH RECEPTACLE
- RESTROOM
- MANAGEMENT BUILDING
- MANAGEMENT BUILDING+WATER TOWER
Narrative:
Repentance Park is located between the Old State Capitol and Riverfront center. The design promotes the history and culture of Native Americans, Thibs, and Acadiana. The key features provide opportunities for education and discovery while wandering through the site with abundant native planting areas and sculpture pieces. The design also incorporates an artistic element—Tensas, a series of fabric scarves covering the bay. An iconic play experience for all ages, the poles are to reconnect Old State Capitol to the park and enhance the views from the Riverfront center to park and the capital, as well as remind people about the history and culture of native Americans through the clothing and materials used.

Issue:
- Lack of shading
- Lack of connectivity
- Lack of seating
- There is risk of pooling
- Drainage issues

Goal:
- Provide more shading
- Reflect the historical and cultural Baton Rouge city
- Provide easy access
- Provide joyful experience for all ages
- Provide education opportunity
- Reduce stormwater runoff through planting area and rain garden

Program Diagram:
- Sitting wall
- Concrete planter
- Galvanized steel plane fabre
- Ornamental grass planting
- Opening bay
- MJK sculpture
- Native American representation
- Activistic kinetic sculpture
- Stainless steel sculpture
- Showcase structure
- Fiber optics light field
- Mural art sculpture

Section A-A1: Concrete Seating Terrace
Scale: 1"=10'-0"

Section B-B1: Native American Sculpture Representation
Scale: 1"=10'-0"
The redesign of Repentance Park aims to create a stronger connection with the River Center and River Plaza across South River Road. The design is inspired by the nearby Mississippi River and Baton Rouge, aiming to weave its vision out with a concrete levee. The idea is to create berming that would encourage water to spill over, giving a more interactive landscape to climb, sit, and observe. The goal is to utilize rainwater from rooftops to supply water to this terraced garden with a roof top runoff system. The project also proposes removing the M&K terrace to a more suitable location near the River Center on the ground floor to create a more unique experience when entering/visiting the River Center.
**Narrative and Design Goals**

The Volunteer Park, located alongside the Frank Center at LSU Science & Art Museum in downtown Baton Rouge, boasts numerous buildings. On weekends, families frequent the museum, engaging in various events. The plans for this project are to transform into a children's playground. Themed around space exploration, to align with the museum's focus, the playground offers youngsters the chance to build and explore various environments, offering additional tourists to the waterfront area.

-创造了inclusive playground catering to all ages
- Engage children's fascination through an array of playful structures
- Include seating areas for parents to enjoy
- Tackle stormwater management concerns
- Enhances additional green spaces to the waterfront area
SECTION A-A*: AMPHITHEATER TO THE RIVER

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

SECTION B-B*: LEVEE PLAZA PROMANANCE

SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"
NARRATIVE
Riverfront plaza is the front door of downtown Baton Rouge. It is the first space experienced by cruise passengers and is easily accessible from the River Center, Renaissance Park, and Old State Capitol. Unfortunately, it is currently in very poor condition. This design abandons brutalist architecture and instead, embraces the flow of the river. Curvilinear paths, plantings, and shade structures mimic the river while linear gabion walls represent the levee.

PROJECT GOALS
- Easy ADA access from the top of levee to transit station and across the street.
- Enhanced Placemaking
- Gathering spaces for cruise passengers
- Shaded resting areas
- Repurpose existing pump room into café
- Low maintenance design
- Incorporate Future Proposed Trolley Line

INSPIRATION IMAGE
This art piece from the Portland Saturday Arts Market inspired the form of my design

SITE CONTEXT

[Diagram of site context showing relevant landmarks and areas]
The design team selected a theme of wave and ripples to enhance the dynamic fluidity of the riverfront plaza and a series of interconnected spaces. The design objectives for this project are to provide:

1. A welcoming space for urban residents and visitors alike.
2. A dynamic, interactive water feature,
3. A “living wall” garden, and
4. A site that is able to demonstrate sustainable strategies for the Mississippi Riverfront.

The Mississippi Riverfront Park is designed to be a dynamic, interactive space that enhances the urban environment and promotes social interaction. The site is designed to be a sustainable, resilient, and vibrant urban space that meets the needs of the community for the 21st century and beyond.
**Design Narrative**

Building Park, located at the northern end of the park, connects the park to the city’s waterfront and development along River Street. The park’s design includes a series of green spaces, seating areas, and a large reflecting pool. The park features a “great lawn” that serves as a focal point for outdoor events and gatherings. The park also includes a children’s playground, a dog park, and a variety of other amenities. The design is intended to create a welcoming and accessible space for the community to enjoy.

**Concept Map**

The map illustrates the proposed layout of the park, including the location of the green spaces, seating areas, parking, and other amenities. The map also shows the relationship between the park and the surrounding community, highlighting the importance of the park as a central gathering place.
Design Narrative

The riverfront pier aims to be an inclusive space, designed for flexibility, accessibility, and connectivity. At the center of the park is a large versatile lawn open for exercising classes, movie nights, or community and market style events. The Riverview provides pedestrians and bikers with a unique, close-up experience of the Mississippi River. Children of all ages can experience a biotic play scape through adventure and nature play areas. The park is designed with multiple shaded areas and pathways that overlook the river bridging to a new level. The park prioritizes planned and spontaneous activities while promoting sustainability and inclusiveness. The park strives to transform the downtown area into a unifying space for all ages and abilities. While creating a deep connection with the Mississippi River, the park also celebrates Baton Rouge's industrial history, yet embraces its modern future through iconic sculptures symbolizing the city's unique identity.

Precedents

Legend

South DeSoto Park - Riverfront Pier Schematic Master Plan

Section A-A'

Section B-B'

Riverfront Pier Perspective

Downtown Baton Rouge Riverfront Study

Baton Rouge, LA

L.000 Scale - Alx David Landscape Architects

12/1/2022
Design Narrative
This site was designed to repurpose unused land in Downtown Park and strengthen the connection between the city and the Rouge River. It is also hoped to draw people back into the downtown area, attracting outside visitors and local residents through the design of the park along the river. Provide people with a new oasis for the city.

Site Issues
- Large amount of open areas not utilized
- Poor road connections
- Way finding
- Lack of streetscape design
- Lack of lighting and security issues

Site Goals
- Interesting riverside landscape design
- Strengthening the connection between local and the River
- 24 hour amenities
- Environment friendly
- Parks with an educational component
- Venue for hosting a variety of events

Proposed Images

A. Board Walking
B. Streetscape
C. Mobile Plant
D. Shelter
E. Trolley
F. Gathering Space
G. Seating
Narrative
The placemaking theme for the Baton Rouge Riverfront masterplan is "River Roots", which emphasizes the natural and human history of the Riverfront. With this design theme, the Riverfront will be connected to the city center and the downtown. An elevated walkway will connect the Visitor Center and the A. J. Young Park to the new Depot Park and Riverfront Park. This provides an opportunity to incorporate a green roof area. Artistic water elements, tree cover, and viewing places will encourage people to spend more time outside.

Primary Goals
- Showcase green infrastructure
- Connect to the river
- Create new park areas
- Take advantage of views
- Connect to existing park and historic site
- Improve River Road walkability

Precedent Imagery

SCHEMATIC PLAN
SCALE: 1"=20'-0"

SITE ELEVATION (WEST) - VISITOR CENTER + ELEVATED WALK
SCALE: 1"=10'-0"
Concept Narrative - An accessible, immersive, educational, and sustainable redesign of Downtown Detroit’s Riverfront Park and its adjacent parking lot will create a new destination for the heart of this city. A new welcome center and boardwalk around the pond will allow for ecological and historical education as well as opportunities to engage with nature.

Issues and Goals
- No Public Access
- Sole Use
- Parking Lot
- Natural Area
- Education
- River Interaction
- Sustainable Design

Precedent Imagery
- Riverfront Boardwalk
- Parking Lot
- Playground
- Interactive Signage
- Cultural Reference
- Access for All
- Sheltered Seating
- Pedestrian Pathways

Context Map

Downtown Detroit Riverfront Study
Lot 1 - Front, Landscape Design
Marvin Klee
12/05/23
NARRATIVE

The Desoto Park MasterPlan is designed to be a place for the people of Baton Rouge to experience nature in the city. The landscape is a representation of the varied landscapes of Louisiana, ranging from upland hardwood forests, to Cajun prairie meadows, to bottomland forest. Numerous environmental education elements can be found throughout the site, with a nature discovery center, outdoor classrooms, kayak launch, and birdwatching blind. It is proposed as part of the design. The site of the project is an urban setting, providing a unique experience for downtown Baton Rouge.
Design Narratives

The project area is a new park, which is a large natural area. The site was previously used as a landfill. The design includes a new flood control system and a stormwater management system to address the site's history. The park design includes pedestrian paths and bicycle trails, as well as natural elements such as native plants and trees, to enhance the site's natural environment.

Design Goals

1. A park that connects to the riverfront walkway.
2. Provide new access to the riverfront walkway.
3. Enhance the riverfront walkway by creating a park.
4. Create a riverfront landmark and enhance the riverfront walkway.
5. Provide outdoor spaces for events and activities.
6. Enhance pedestrian access.
7. Connect Riverfront Trail and beach park.

Site Context Map

- Section A-A1
  - Scale 1"=1'-0"

- Section B-B1
  - Scale 1"=1'-0"

Precedents

A. Fishing Platform

B. Gateway Design

C. Bridge With a Road Bottom

D. Perspective of the Persola
PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

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