Who is MVVA?
How do we work?
Design Process: Internal Design Development + Community Workshops
Existing Conditions Analysis
Niagra River
Riverwalk and multi-use trails

Legend
Riverwalk and multi-use trails

Project Site in Context

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

Buffalo, NY

Canada

United States

Lake Erie

Niagra River
Project Site

- Front Park Neighborhood
- Lakeview Neighborhood
- Columbus Neighborhood
- Waterfront Neighborhood
- Colonel Francis G. Ward Pumping Station
- Interstate 190 (former Erie Canal)
- Porter Avenue
- Hudson Street
- Niagara River
- Black Rock Canal
- Bird Island Pier
- Lake Erie
Existing Park Access + Urban Connections

Legend
- Park Entrances
- 10 Min. walk to LaSalle
- Route # 5
- Route # 8
- Route # 40
- Route # 29
- Route # 6
- Route # 22
- Closest bus stops

Front Park Neighborhood
Lakeview Neighborhood
Columbus Neighborhood
Neighborhood
Lakefront Blvd
Black Rock Canal
Lake Erie

Colonel Francis G. Ward Pumping Station

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Existing Park Circulation
The Edges of the Park
Existing Programming
# Seasonal Park Use

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Correct Mix of Uses

ACTIVE

PASSIVE

ACCESSIBLE CIRCULATION

RCWJC PARK
Initial Design Observations
1. Build on the Strengths of LaSalle Park while Transforming it into Ralph C. Wilson Jr., Centennial Park.

Develop LaSalle into a world class park through strategic interventions and overall enhancements that build on what the community already values about it and the site’s unique assets.
LaSalle Park is a Welcoming Place for All
It Supports Activities for Different Interests and Age Groups
Flexible Spaces Accommodate Large Gatherings and Events
Various Athletic Facilities Serve the Surrounding Diverse Community
The Site is Powerful and Boundless
2. Re-imagine the Waterfront and Engage the Rest of the Park.

Integrate a mix of hard and soft edges along the waterfront that reveal daily and seasonal water level changes and provide opportunities for the community to interact with the water in diverse ways.
Distinct Shoreline Treatments Add Experiential Complexity along the Waterfront
Embrace the Water’s Edge
Engage the Water
3. Enrich the Park Experience with Topography and Planting.

Introduce topography and planting to articulate spaces, hide and reveal views, block undesired sounds and sights, add rhythm and complexity to circulation network, display seasonality, and provide protection from elements.
Planting and Topography Articulate Spaces and Create Flow Between Them
Subtle Elevation Changes Enhance Movement through the Park
Landforms Block Undesired Noise and Sights
Plants and Seasonal Interest
Support Wildlife
4. Strengthen Neighborhood Connections and Improve Park Circulation.

Provide safe, welcoming, and accessible entrances to the park to facilitate arrival from surrounding neighborhoods. Establish a hierarchical circulation network that allows visitors to move and experience the park in unique ways.
Integrate a Safe & Accessible Pedestrian and Bike Bridge into the Park
Establish a Hierarchy of Pedestrian Paths
Extend Vehicular, Bike, and Pedestrian Circulation to Reach Selective Programming
Integrate Parking into the Park
Orchestrate an ensemble of diverse and flexible spaces that provide opportunities for active recreation, passive uses, and temporary occupation throughout the year for Buffalonians of all backgrounds and age ranges.

5. Make The Park a Welcoming and Diverse Place for Everyone to Enjoy Year-round.
Places for Organized Sports
Places for Unstructured Recreation
Places for Year-round Use
Places to Take In Views
Places to Engage with Water
Places for Exploration
Places for Play
Places for Groups and Individuals
Places for Dogs
Flexible Places that can be Temporarily Owned
Places for Delight
Places for Temporary Art Pieces
Places for Respite
Places for Assembly
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park will continue to be a Place for All!
Worksession - Feedback Stations
Exploring Design Concepts Together

Community Workshops to transform LaSalle Park into Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

**JANUARY 17**
- Community Workshop Launch

**FEBRUARY**
- Initial Design Concepts

**MARCH**
- Revised Design Concepts

**APRIL/MAY**
- Design Presentation and Exhibition

A community-driven process that builds off community feedback every step of the way.