Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

What is the Design Vision for Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park?

With its generous size and waterfront location, LaSalle Park is already one of Buffalo's favorite community resources. As it is transformed into Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, the beloved park will become even more welcoming and exciting. The design vision expands on the park's current identity as a destination for active recreation, special events, and spectacular views of Lake Erie for Buffalo and Western New York. A restructuring of the park, combined with preservation of key elements and a renewed commitment to maintenance, will help provide an even greater range of activities and experiences.

A comprehensive reconsideration of basic landscape elements—paths, roads, lighting, seating, comfort stations, concessions, etc.—will greatly enhance the public's ability to enjoy the park. New planting throughout the park will create a stronger presence for nature while a new berm along I-190 will reduce road noise within the park, making the park a comfortable destination year-round. New hills will allow visitors to access overlooks and enjoy views to Lake Erie to the southwest and City Hall to the east. A new pedestrian bridge over I-190 will replace the Hudson Street pedestrian overpass to provide a safer and more welcoming connection between neighborhood and park. Sloped topography will create opportunities to be immersed in the park landscape, including sheltered valleys, wooded ridges, and constructed wetlands. A transformed water's edge will provide more opportunities to interact with the lakeshore, ranging from social activities and sports to serene strolling meadows.

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