

Community Workshop #1 Summary

January 17th, 2019 6pm – 8pm
International Preparatory School
110 14th St. Buffalo, NY 14213



This Meeting

On January 17th, about 160 people from the community gathered at the International Preparatory School to learn about the conceptual design process for the transformation of LaSalle Park into Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. After a brief word from Mayor Brown, UB Regional Institute provided an overview and outcomes of community engagement work completed in summer 2018, as well as an outline of the conceptual design process for the park. Michael Van Valkenburgh then talked to the audience about the design process, landscape design principles, current conditions in the park, and potential design concepts to explore.

In the second half of the meeting, participants explored boards with images of concepts used in other parks related to park themes: programming, nature, and accessibility and circulation. Topics included cultural events, the event pavilion, athletics, playgrounds, food, planting, wildlife, water access, park entrances, parking, and circulation. Participants were encouraged to leave notes on the boards with ideas and reactions to images, as well as write response to specific questions related to these topics. Responses are transcribed further down in this document.



The Conceptual Design Process

Conceptual design of the park is just one component of the larger process of transforming the park.

BIG PICTURE TIMELINE

Transforming LaSalle Park into the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

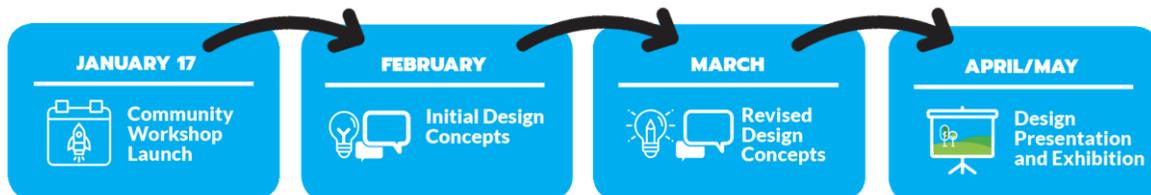


The meeting on January 17th was just the first of several public workshops in which the community can give their input on what they would like to happen in the park. In February, the design team will return to Buffalo with initial concept designs for the public to view and critique, then return again in March with more refined concepts. In May, a conceptual design for the park will be presented and a model will be put on public display.



Exploring Design Concepts Together

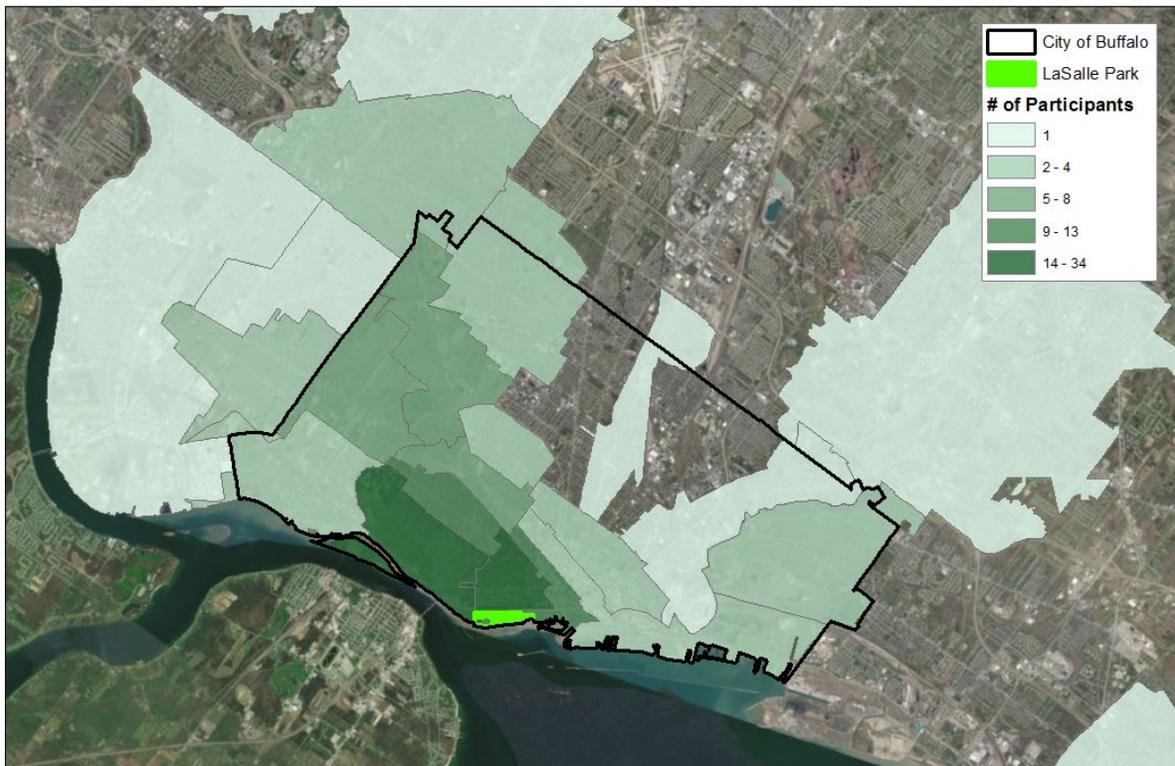
Community Workshops to transform LaSalle Park into Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park



Where is your favorite place in LaSalle Park?



What ZIP codes did meeting participants come from?



* Note that one attendee from ZIP Code 27517 was also present.

Community Input – Question Responses

Cultural Events

What cultural activities/events do you do at the park?

- P.R. Hispanic Day, Multicultural
- Latino Veterans 8K; P.R. Parade
- Rick James Concert
- Puerto Rican festival
- Buffalo marathon
- Cook-out; parties
- Hispanic Festivals
- Latin Festival
- Nothing's ever there
- Running and Biking
- Reading, walking, jogging, softball, ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee golf.
- Softball league
- Queen City softball
- Concerts at the pavilion
- Music arts and crafts
- Concerts (Buffalo Infringement Festival), outdoor festivals (Buffalo Veganfest), Col Ward Tours
- Swings/play set (children), walk on nice safe path with family and dog. Sit and enjoy the scenery (like/trees). Enjoy safe areas to play/run/bike without motorized vehicles.
- Walking, bike riding, playground and dog park
- I play softball at the park every Sunday

Where in the park do they take place?

- Pavilion
- Pavilion area
- The entire park
- Pavilion
- By the pavilion
- Along H2O
- Near pavilion
- The stage

How many people participate?

- 100
- Many
- 1,000s
- Large Concert - 100's of people
- 1,000s

- 10-12K
- 10-20 people
- Hundreds
- Around 200

What would improve the activity event?

- Fewer cars
- Improved amphitheater, water fountains, food, better road and walking path
- Better sound, more bathrooms
- Better pavilion, parking improvements. Seating. Sound. Security.
- Running on grass
- More shelters; lighted shelters --> natural light; solar paneling on shelters
- That is not all "flat" and ugly
- The stage but in good conditions

What cultural activities/events would you like to see at the park?

- Reading Invasion
- Any
- More concerts
- Concerts, plays, dances (people social dancing, salsa etc.)
- Any and every. Food events.
- More parades and festivals
- Painting programs
- Concerts
- Family events multicultural events. Concerts
- Access to the water with a beach or boardwalk
- Concerts and outdoor festivals.
- The waterfront could have more use
- Plays could be staged at the pavilion
- Festivals
- Concerts, festivals, lightshows, fireworks, political rallies, environmental events focusing on clean water (esp. with Col Ward Pump House); prioritize affordability for organizers, make it a people's park
- More areas to enjoy the beautiful scenery (sky/water/trees) and less motorized traffic (no ATVs/cars/motorcycles/motorized bikes) with safe paths to walk/run with family and dog without worrying about getting hit by car.
- Our own canal side feel boardwalk, greenery, more security, police patrol, better dog park for big and small dogs. Bathroom area, food concessions, bar/restaurant, more lighting at night / security cameras
- Zumba would be nice

How many people would participate?

- Many
- Lots

- 1,000s
- 1,000s
- Kids and adults
- All that can fit in front of the stage

Where in the park would they take place?

- Somewhere quiet
- Everywhere
- Amphitheater
- I don't know, can't be grass
- Anywhere
- Near pavilion
- On the lawn
- The stage

What type of facilities would be required?

- Seating
- Outhouses
- BATHROOMS!
- Hard surface
- More restrooms. Water fountains
- More bathrooms, garbage bins that are part of infrastructure to reduce cost of moving bins in and out of park for events
- Tables and benches/chairs
- Sound equipment, security and people bringing their blankets or chairs.

Event Pavilion

What event(s) at the pavilion do you attend throughout the year?

- Festivals, Skyway Bike Event (Skyride)
- Hispanic Heritage Festival
- Sunday night ride, concerts, Skyride
- Concerts, bike events
- Biking events, concerts, P.R. Hispanic Day, 4th of July
- Rick James Concert
- Cultural concerts and performers
- Very few; not well publicized; not promoted to all in the city
- VegFest (food festival)
- Puerto Rican Festival
- Am a local resident and have embraced(?) events but noise and security are problematic
- When band hijacked stage and played public show
- Puerto Rican Day Parade; Jazz Festival
- Puerto Rican Day Festival

- Latin Festivals
- They are very limited at this point
- None
- None.
- Stopped by veg fest once
- Whatever is playing during the summer. Not aware that it is used much after Labor Day
- None right now
- Concerts
- None
- None
- I do not attend any events at the pavilion unless I'm am there the day I play softball

What would improve your experience at this event(s)?

- Parking, restrooms, places to sit
- More permanent bathrooms
- Better facilities overall
- Fewer cars
- Better sound, more bathrooms
- No pay to play park
- Better amenities; washrooms, fountains, etc.
- Better events, concerts, more events, cultural events
- Better sound and stage
- Need to be located further away from residences
- "Anything including open + free public music performances.
- Get new amphitheater or greatly improve this one; need raised seating, too flat right now."
- Seating
- That it could be moved to an area that protects us from elements if needed
- Create a more organized environment
- An updated concert pavilion. That space is amazing. Updating it will only bring opportunities for better shows. Oh, yea and bring the fireworks back to La Salle.

What kind of events would you like to see at the pavilion (type, size)?

- Concerts & music festivals
- Small spaces to host family gatherings w/cooking facilities and access to drinking water
- More bike events
- Concerts, small
- All kinds
- Jazz concerts, soul music, Latin music, Reggae - large groups
- Cultural plays, music (low cost - no cost)
- Concerts, festivals
- Concerts
- Music concerts, local events

- Like to see Fourth of July fireworks again without being charged to go into the park
- Range of music genres/aerial acrobat/visual arts/movie night
- Variety both large and small to appeal to all audiences: Yoga classes, concerts, youth events, etc.
- Music, family friendly events - consider free or low rates for families - ArtsAccess.org events; plays
- Bigger concerts. Warped Tour used to be held here. So big bands have played here in the past.
- Music
- Folk or bluegrass concerts, different countries having weekly concert series
- Music Fourth of July I meant
- Concerts featuring local/national music acts.
- Wouldn't be opposed to some food trucks
- See above
- Free music of local bands
- Concerts, political rallies
- Family friendly events
- Concerts
- Zumba

Athletics

If you play sports at the park, do you play through an organized league or informal pick-up games?

- No
- I coach for the West Side Seahawks
- Running/cycling/disc golf.
- Informal pick up
- Both
- West side Baseball League The *Faball(?)* of the Hispanic Community

If through an organized league: How often do you have games? What time of day do you play? When does the season start and end? What would improve your experience playing that sport?

- I played West Side softball every summer weekend
- Baseball league. Batting cages. Diamonds w/stands/lights
- We have games on the weekends, Saturday or Sundays. Approximately 4 to 5 home games per season, x 4 teams. We definitely need better benches, seating for teams, as well as for fans. A concession stand at the field. We also need football equipment: blocking sleds, a score board, a press box where people can call the games. I think this would provide a better experience and a more beneficial opportunity for the youth to be taught as well as make community ties.
- Baseball: once a year. Or practice for D'Youville College baseball. D'Youville plays games in West Seneca! This would be way better!
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- None
- I've played for the LGBT Queen City Softball League for 6 years and am now elected on the board to improve the league and make it memorable for others who may be interested. It has introduced me to so many friends, my currently boyfriend and gets me out of the house for a fun filled Sunday at the park. It's a beautiful area for softball as it's right along the lake and you can see the city of buffalo from any of the fields we use. I play in leagues all over WNY and this is the best location by far. The parking for the softball diamonds could definitely use some improvements as we are left parking on the grass most weeks and the bathrooms could definitely use some maintenance and TLC but overall QCSL has used these fields for over 20 years and I think most of us would be heartbroken if we could no longer play in that spot. The fields are also near the bars (on Allen St) where most of our sponsors come from. We always go to one of our host bars every week and it would make it hard to get people to go out if we had to pick a new location to play.
- I play with Queen City Softball, we play every Sunday from May through August, we play two games a day. Sundays start around 11 AM and teams are on the field until about 5 PM. It's a great league, there is a real connection with the league on where we play, though I wish that the fields were kept in better condition. There are weeks where it's clear the fields were no mowed, they are rarely raked, and most upkeep is done by the league and the board members of our league. I'm not sure if that's because of a contractual agreement, but I'd love to see the city take care of these diamonds.
- Queen City Softball League - Sunday's - 11am - 5pm. Take out the hills from the softball fields 5 and 6. More parking for the softball fields. Cut the grass poor maintenance.
- I play softball with QCSL every Sunday for the summer. Please keep the amount of softball fields so we can continue, with accessible bathrooms that are not locked.
- Yes, Queen City softball league
- NA
- I have played for QCSL on Sundays for 20 years it has been and is a great way to find and make friends other than the bars. Need to keep the diamonds
- We enjoy the grass area away from traffic. If there was no motorized traffic it would be more easy to enjoy sports and not worry about being hit by cars/bikes/ATVs that do not watch for pedestrians/athletes playing.
- N/A
- I play softball every Sunday from May to August. We play from 11am to 5pm. I would like to see improved the bathrooms and be able to use them when we play. I would also like if they took care of the fields a little more so it is easier to play.

If through informal pick-up games: How do you find out when a game is happening? When do you usually get together (day/time)? Do you usually know most of your team members? What would improve your experience playing that sport?

- I read Hispanic newspaper
- Social media/word of mouth; no set time; nicer benches; trash cans, shade
- Online or walking by, nights and weekends

- Just visit park and see who's out there. Daytime; don't usually know team members. Encourage leagues and times posted for league play as well as free play.
- Tight group and great for kids
- Informal: skateboarding. Pebbles are an issue! Too many rocks around make it easy to fall while skating.
- We use the Hispanic newspaper: La ultima flora

Are there other recreational activities/amenities you wish existed in the park that would encourage/allow year-round use?

- For winter, maybe some protection from the wind.
- Bike paths/walking paths, snowshoe/skiing path
- Basketball courts. Sledding.
- Walk, riding bike, etc.
- Better bike paths, unstructured recreation.
- Volleyball. Biking. Sledding hill, which could also be a lookout point.
- Cross country skiing. Snow shoeing trails. Should be located more toward the north end of park and more passive activities more south.
- Volleyball. If topography changes, then sledding.
- Volleyball courts would be nice.
- I would like to see an outdoor gym for adults. Pull up bars, balance elements, equipment that uses your own body weight, parkour or gymnastic elements. Please open Lakefront Blvd to enter the park. Don't let the resident prevent that from happening. What about a public graffiti wall? Could be visible from the I-190; could be built into the topography.
- Disc golf, indoor track/gravel paths.
- Domes for year-round basketball, volleyball, dodgeball.
- I would BMX in nice weather. Wish we had cyclocross opportunity/fat biking in winter.
- Bathrooms year round, maintained paths year round. Most parks lock up the bathrooms during winter. A skate park too!
- Hockey, volleyball.
- There are a number of cricket players in Buffalo (Bangladesh Community). A cricket field might fit onto the football field and serve a double use.
- Ice Skating
- Volleyball/ shuffle board

Playgrounds

Which of the two playgrounds at LaSalle do you use most and why? What would improve your experience there?

- Closeness for families, safety
- Playground at water pad. More shade, better integrated into landscape. Sitting areas.
- Better playgrounds that are appropriate for all ages.
- Playgrounds closer to pavilion, safety concerns/cleanliness concerns. Currently will not use this anymore because of security issues.

- Make sure the sun doesn't make the playground too hot.
- The one near the front of the park (Porter Ave). More swings and slides and sandbox.
- We use them sparingly
- Love the Buffalo playground
- The landscape structures playground. It provides opportunities for children of all ages to play. Quality equipment that isn't broken.
- The one by the picnic pavilion- the landscape structures one.
- Some body weight training would be awesome. Pull-up bar-benches.
- No kids, birthrate declining too...
- I use the playground near the splash pad w/ my son, but it gets extremely hot on the warm days.
- The larger one. Have a shaded area with benches for adults, more interactive things for kids.
- The baseball field
- At the park with sand I have found plenty of needles there no sand
- No of them unfortunately
- Neither, I do not have children who use them.
- Neither
- We take guest kids to the equipment near the south end. There needs to be nearby restrooms like those previously provided at the refreshment stand torn down when the ramp was closed in the early '90s
- Don't really use the playgrounds
- I'm only aware of one playground at LaSalle; I like the Buffalos
- One closest to U in car area as it is less trafficked with cars and safer for children.
- The playground closest to the pedestrian entrance on Lakefront Blvd. Playground needs to be updated but it's great and big I love it. Maybe bathrooms close by would help and more garbage bins and picnic benches with those grills so families can spend the day
- N/A

What play equipment and/or play experiences are missing from the playgrounds?

- Adult and kid friendly. Magical, innovative.
- Less traditional types - we need creative equipment and handicap adapted equipment
- Interactive, kinetic, better... (?)
- Equipment for older children. Self-directed play (boulders, stone walls).
- Interactive features
- Provide some play equipment and portion of playground which is accessible to children with physical disabilities. Pads - soft underneath for falls (walking or w/use).
- Swings and sandbox and benches
- Try to get some advanced equipment for pre-teens and teens, ninja warrior is popular with kids. Some equipment that had a challenge aspect, and allowed for exercise that had something similar to ninja gyms.
- More things for pre-teens
- Signature Buffalo-themed play area.

- A destination playground with custom signature pieces that tell the story of our city parks and waterfront.
- Monkey Barz.
- Bike Polo court
- Swings (not enough at the one at the end of the park). Seesaws
- A sandbox area. Lawn bowling. Climbing rocks.
- Pitching machine.
- Restroom
- Food store
- A playground that can be used without being concerned of the product being broken or needles
- None that I can speak for.
- None
- Facilities for court games
- Not sure
- Need more equipment in general
- A more clean environment welcoming to play. Shovel board/mini golf/outdoor large chess or checkers
- Bike racks and picnic tables, kid sand box like canal side
- N/A

If you use the pool/splash pad, what would improve the experience of using them?

- Better changing facilities
- A shaded spot close by
- Make it nice, some educational interactivity
- More shade, sitting areas, better integrated into landscape
- More shade around splash pad and pool
- Need some shaded area for people to use
- Be able to bring towel and footwear out onto the deck.
- A deep end with a diving board.
- If a beach isn't feasible, what about a dock that could be used for jumping into the lake? Wouldn't have to maintain a beach and we could still cool off in the summer.
- Lights at the skate park.
- Many years we can skate till the holidays, and lights could be very beneficial, especially during the dark evenings in the fall.
- Splash pad is a waste of space to *slipperly(?)*
- More colorful.
- Do not use
- Softer padded splash pad.
- Maybe lights for when it gets darker.
- Put a fencing around the splash pad area so children don't wander off.
- For the splash pad: should have some shade in that area, benches around area for adults.

- The pool is awesome
- I don't use them but I always drive by to see families of all kinds using them and bringing their children. It seems like a really nice location for a family outing.
- No.
- No
- NA
- More parking
- Do not use them.
- Never used them not familiar
- N/A

Food

When would you most likely buy food at the park (day(s) of week and timeframe)?

- During events - food trucks
- Weekend - daytime or evening.
- Weekends
- Weekends, afternoon
- All year
- Yes! But also need water fountains free!
- Weekday evenings with kids on a bike ride.
- Weekends.
- Weekends, days and evenings, after 5pm on weekdays
- Probably all year since I am at the Barkyard all year.
- Weekend
- Saturday 12p - 5p
- Sunday 10a - 3p
- Friday 6p - 9p
- Extended weekend coverage, evening weekday
- Weekend/lunch
- Weekends, Saturday and Sunday
- Lunchtime and early afternoon, on weekdays.
- All day on weekends.
- Weekends, when it is bright out. Evenings during the summer.
- Weekends, evenings, lunch
- I'm usually at the park during lunch hour (work nearby), but would visit in the evening.
- I wouldn't. Picnic just 'cause it's 2K19 doesn't mean there needs to be shitty food in the park. That's what the neighborhood is for.
- Drinks/finger food
- I would buy food during weekend days. Please keep cost low.
- During concerts, Sunday walk or when walking in Park.
- Sun-up to past sun down
- Have amenities in the winter!
- Year round! A hot cup of cocoa on a cold winter day while riding through the park.

- During the day/evening
- Evenings - likely around sunset
- Weekend afternoons
- For lunch and evenings.
- During the summer I always go to LaSalle after buying ice-cream at Custard Corner on Porter. Around 6-8pm after work.
- Weekends quick lunch, coffee or snacks in the mornings on weekdays
- I think until the park is complete. Vendors that can move would be great there
- During the day and evening, cafe or sit down casual
- Healthy options
- Sundays!! We have over 100 athletes at that park every Sunday playing softball from 11-5 almost every Sunday from May- August. I would like fast but healthy foods. Something that I could grab, play softball and not feel weighted down or sick after consuming.
- Sundays during my softball league, or possibly on summer evenings if I was out for a walk at the park.
- Sunday. Chips, snacks, grilled foods, sport drinks.
- weekends, assorted, cookout food? Teds, the hatch.
- Food would be event related, unless a nice restaurant was added.
- Usually on weekends and some sort of permanent place like at Canalside
- Ice cream, hot cocoa, burgers, fries; basic waterfront diner menu
- Evening on a random evening when there aren't not may activity around buffalo occurring. Most likely Wednesdays.
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, ice cream, pretzels, pizza. Lunch time, dinner time, weekends and midafternoons during the week. Brunch spot would be cool.
- When I play softball we always watch for the ice cream truck.

What kind of food would you look for? (snacks, full meal, fast food, coffee/cafeteria...)

- All - you should ask the West Side Bazaar if they would like to put a satellite site at the park.
- Snacks and coffee and ice cream
- Food that is of and from the local community. NO DELAWARE NORTH Concessions!
- Emerson High School or ECC Connection.
- Locally owned and operated.
- Workforce training
- Snacks, ice cream, burgers
- Vegetarian, food w/minimal wrapping
- Snacks and drinks
- All types made by cultural component/cultural people.
- Any, especially ethnically diverse.
- Snacks, fast food, coffee/ cafeteria
- Full menus and quick snacks/café. Beer garden.
- Snacks, drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, wraps
- Snacks, fast food, drinks
- Food trucks located in a center area (not entire park) would be good.

- Snacks/fast food/café
- No need for full meal
- Food trucks, light snacks, a cup of coffee and a pastry
- Coffee, snacks, fast food, soup
- Café and light fare.
- Finger food that do not need cutlery.
- PLEASE make LaSalle ECO-FRIENDLY. NO PLASTIC!! Reduce waste. Compost bins?
- Food Trucks!
- It would be nice to see a diverse spread of options in terms of culture since diversity and maintaining it is a focus of this project.
- Full meal, drinks, coffee, desserts
- NONE! Fresh fruit from trees, berry bushes.
- Snacks
- Cafes, healthy option foods
- Full meal -looking at water
- Clean whole foods - no pizza, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Salads, hummus, juices, smoothies, local coffee (Public Espresso, The Beehive)
- The Lexington Coop.
- Coffee/warm space
- Simple foods/full meals
- Snacks/coffee...no chains and not overpriced. No water bottles! Refill stations.
- Excess food composted.
- No Styrofoam.
- Coffee, dinner
- Drinks @ sunset
- Ice cream - especially after sporting events
- Healthy snacks
- A small pet store shack next to the dog park for treats, bags, etc.
- Latin Food
- Everything but breakfast. I buy lunch to go at Puerto Rican place on Niagara and I eat in the car if it's winter or outside on the grass if it's summer.

Are there food events currently happening in Buffalo that could take place at the park?

- Food festivals, festivals currently happening in Outer Harbor
- Taste of Diversity
- Not really
- Something like the food trucks at Larkin would be nice.
- Food fairs coinciding with Taste of Buffalo.
- Cook-offs.
- Food trucks would be great.
- Taste of Buffalo
- Wingfest
- Yes. Expand Taste of Buffalo or Soupfest.
- Create new ones.

- There are plenty of specific food festivals (cupcake, mac & cheese, etc.)
- Could definitely see this incorporated with main promenade and performance space
- It would be great to showcase local vendors as mobile food options (especially displaying diverse cuisines)
- Any of the smaller food festivals
- Wing Fest? Brunch Festival.
- Chicken Wing Fest
- Veggie Fest
- Food Truck Tuesday/Thursday
- That's a lot of garbage to bring into the park. Think about the wildlife and big picture.
- Food truck might work but also a place for LUNCH and for cyclists to get food and water.
- Taste of Buffalo
- Taste of Diversity
- World on Your Plate
- Any Food Events that helps raise \$\$\$ for a cause.
- Yes - Taste of Buffalo
- Do not rely upon food trucks! They are unreliable and not consistent.
- Food trucks, Ashkers in the Park.
- Taste of Buffalo
- Veg Fest
- Italian Festival
- Yes. Taste of Buffalo
- Of course. The Latin Festival has always a lot of food tents and it works great. In my opinion works better than Taste of Buffalo
- Food truck events
- There's never food there
- Food Trucks, Kitchen Pop ups
- Food truck evenings could happen at the park if there was expanded parking.
- Not with the current park setup.
- Food trucks might serve sport events
- Not sure the lack of parking is a huge issue
- Veganfest currently takes place at LaSalle and it's great. WEDI/West Side Bazaar may be an excellent partner
- Food truck (could make it Wednesdays), could make an ice cream truck evening as well.
- Not sure
- Not really

Planting

What garden/park/area in or near Buffalo do you find has an inspiring landscape? What makes it inspiring?

- Forest Lawn Cemetery: It has winding paths, elevation changes, places for serenity, some small off-road hiking trails...it kind of has it all. It's not huge but it's easy to get lost in (which is fun) and really makes you feel outside of the city.

- Tyler Street Garden: there is a lot of things there that shows gardeners variety in growing food
- Hoyt Lake: Always a good/beautiful landscape when coming down path and across bridge by Knox
- Schenectady's Central Park and Albany Tulip Festival: it has a rose garden. Roses would bring a ton of diverse colors and colorful paths. The annual Tulip Festival in Albany is also vibrant.
- The waterfront at LaSalle and Niawanda Park (Tonawanda): open landscape
- Any beautiful home in Buffalo who has a garden: use of colors.
- Planting area at Wilkenson Point: natural but maintained [love High Line plantings the most in NYC, but maintenance??!!]
- Outer Harbor and Delaware Park - Ring Road and Hoyt Lake: Water
- Native plantings: It's sustainable
- Delaware Park near Hoyt Lake: Peaceful
- Rumsey Woods at Delaware Park - Lots of dense trees!
- Times Beach Nature Preserve - Variety of landscape
- Delaware Park: Variety
- Tifft, Times Beach, Richardson Complex: meandering paths, native plantings, wildlife, viewing points/stations
- Arlington Park, Delaware Park: large shade trees, often in orderly rows, framing and creating coherent space
- Delaware, Cazenovia, South Park.
- Canadian Parkway --> N. Falls and Canadian parks near N. Falls and Niagara River all the way to Lake Ontario: unobstructed view/vista of beautiful Niagara River and Niagara Frontier; slow, easy (flat) parkway all the way reflects high value and priority Canada gives to maintaining beauty and people access to and enjoyment of our prime location on the Great Lakes, Niagara River, and Niagara Falls.
- Silo City: native landscape reminds me of Piet Oudolf design
- Times Beach, Outer Harbor (Wilkeson Point), Delaware Park (Hoyt Lake): *Absoluted(?)* from the city, feels like an escape; well designed in some places; active and versatile.
- Olmsted parks do a good job integrating plantings/gardens: Peaceful, safe places closer to the active areas
- The Community Gardens and North Buffalo Rail Trail: Integration of the Neighborhoods, urban wildlife, a place of refuge to just get away; not just a place to garden or enjoy wildlife but a place to learn
- Ecological restoration @Silo City by Josh Smith: that it has a full-time steward helping to grow and evolve the nature planting and soil quality over many seasons and years
- Tifft Nature Preserve: Vastness, connection to the natural earth, flora and fauna
- Silo City: Native plants
- Botanical gardens in South park, The Rose Garden in Delaware Park: the flowers in bloom
 - o Opportunity to improve

- Reinstein Woods; Tift Farms; Alabama Swamps: the water, the natural pathways, the animals
- Outer harbor. Nature trails are awesome
- I think we should leave the green spaces as is
- Outer Harbor
- Bird Island Pier, because of the river and the historic plaques contextualizing it as the terminus of slaves fleeing the south to Canada.
- None that I can speak to.
- It depends on how much of the park you want to use, maximizing activities set it like a canal side, want to go more botanical gardens less activities
- Tift, Times Beach and Reinstein preserves provide natural beauty as well as Chestnut Ridge, the Erie County Forest on Genesee Rd and the Alabama Swamp.
- Not just a flat area like Wilkerson point
- Delaware Park bear the water. Very simple, open, not crowded, and attention is drawn to the water.
- Nothing in the city, we need our own look that stands out
- Not sure

Do you have any favorite plant(s)? What do you like about it/them?

- I'm a fan of all plants. Trees are great!
- Cone flowers - all others
- Weeping Willow - like how it can make a path intimate
- Water lily/lily pads.
- Willow trees.
- Native plants - milkweed, coneflower, etc. To have a perennial garden area
- Native plants that encourage ecological regeneration and novel ecosystems
- Red stick dogwood
- Yellow stick dogwood
- Grains
- Native species
- Native
- Oaks and large canopy trees
- No more cottonwood trees, take them away.
- We lose the month of June with the shedding.
- Trees! They are tall, leafy, and help me feel anchored in a vast park space. I also like that they can hold up my hammock.
- Joe Pye Weed, coneflower, native grasses.
- Would also love to see a rock garden and stormwater/rain garden.
- American (Princeton) Elms - of which there are about 30 planted in LaSalle Park already - and thriving after 15 years or more.
- Trees, trees, trees.
- Mixed foliage.
- Winter blooming (firs, etc.)

- Spring bulbs - daffodils, snow drops - that blend into grass after blooming (self-propagating)
- Blowing grasses
- No marshes --> mosquitoes
- Agastache - bees
- Milkweed - butterflies
- Winterberry - great winter color and for birds
- London Plane Trees
- Elm
- Red and White Oak
- Culver Root
- Elderberry
- Echinacea - pollinators
- NYS Ironweed
- Joe Pye Weed
- Please do not plant Plum or Cherry, highly susceptible to black knot which is rampant in WNY
- Love lavender, ferns, big trees, native plants.
- An emphasis on native (pre-colonial) plantings as a way to support the regeneration of our ecosystems
- Add more trees and increase biodiversity
- Natural remediation efforts through plant selection, Permaculture
- I'd love to see individual stands of trees line pathways (Copenhagen)
- Sycamores, Dawn Redwood, Elm Trees
- All pollinator supporting native plants.
- ...(?) trees, red maple trees
- Sansevieria
- Would be great to include a plant feature that also serves functional purpose (wall, private leisure area, etc.)
- Milkweed for monarch butterflies
- LaSalle Park in general needs landscaping and gardens.
- Ferns, wind-blocking plants, mosses, flowers
- None
- None that I can speak to.
- Palm trees ðŸŒ‘ warm weather lol
- Nothing in particular
- Not really
- Any and all greenery. They are simplistic and highlights the water.
- I'm a landscaper and like all kinds of plants

Wildlife

Are you a birder/birdwatcher? Where do you do most of you birdwatching in or near Buffalo?

- Casual ; Along the water
- Not yet; Times Beach

- Yes; Anywhere
- Not really; When relaxing in a green space
- Yes; Outer Harbor
- Yes; Forest Lawn, Tifft Nature Preserve, Park Near Lighthouse, Outer Harbor
- Not really; Tifft Farms and Times Beach, because I go to these places to enjoy nature often
- Yes; Outdoors :)
- Yes; Along the Niagara River, at Gallagher Beach, Tifft Nature Preserve
- Sometimes; LaSalle Park
- Not really; Times Beach or Tifft Park
- Yes, trips to warm spring migration; Times Beach, Tifft Farm, Alabama Swamp, Canadian Provincial Parks (Pt. Pelee), Presque Isle (Erie, PA), Reinstein Woods, Losson Park
- Passively. Love seeing wildlife of all types, enjoy the park with people. Outer Harbor, Times Beach
- Casual ; Along the Niagara River
- Yes!! Niagara River, Tifft, Times Beach
- Yes; Tifft Nature Preserve
- No but I appreciate the beauty
- Yes! Where not to? When you want to see birds you go anywhere even if they kick you out after. I go to all the parks on the shore of the lake, marshes, and nearby parks, while I guide (but that is dangerous because while I am looking at something I can crush)
- Times beach
- The seagulls are insane
- No.
- No
- Not a "birdwatcher" except that I began logging species observed out my bedroom window at the south end of the park which looks north along the park shoreline. Over some 30 years from that one window, I have recorded over 70 species, mostly water birds and most, sadly, not seen anymore.
- Not a bird watcher
- I mostly see seagulls
- I am not.
- No
- N/a

What specific types of birds have you seen at LaSalle Park?

- Herons, Cormorants, Gulls
- I'm not sure, can't identify them
- Never tracked
- All different gulls, ducks, Cormorants, geese
- Gulls, several duck varieties
- Seagulls are really it - people feed them and they swarm down by the river
- Cormorants, Gulls, Eagles, Hawks, Ducks, Geese, Migrating Birds
- Snowy white owl, geese, loons, cormorants

- N/A
- Better to view birds at Times Beach (Farther Down Waterfront)
- Marsh or Tiffit Farm Wetlands - Do not need marsh at LaSalle --> mosquitoes
- Water birds (ducks/geese), hawks
- Very few song birds --> no low cover
- Lots of winter water fowl and gulls
- Migratory songbirds in spring and fall (it would be a great hotspot with more trees and understory)
- Seagulls, robins, blue jays, ducks, geese
- Seagulls, aquatic birds. You can find my list in eBird if you search by "hotspots". If you find the diversity of native plants and bushes that bear fruits there would be more diversity of birds. Also, if days are slow (more common during the summer, the best time to birdwatch in LaSalle is during the raw winter and beginning of spring) at least if there was more vegetation I'd get distracted watching insects and butterflies.

Water Access

How would you like to engage with the water?

- Kayaking
- Bike ferry to downtown/waterfront
- Can you build a bridge to the break wall? Probably expensive, but it would expand the area of the park.
- I would like to touch the water in a safe way (beach? Dock?). Is the water safe from toxins upstream?
- Would like kayak launch. Don't feel need for actual beach.
- Ability to wade/or touch the water.
- I SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) so water access for SUPs would be great
- Every way possible
- This is a prime location for a wave technology demonstration park!
- More access for small boats
- Water access for kayak, canoes
- Get closer to it, put my feet in, hear waves, launch a kayak, and watch sailors. Take in views, especially sunset.
- Mooring for small boats along the seawall. Launch site at south end. Water taxi to Erie Basin Tower.
- Fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding
- Wading ramp(s), jetty or pier, and more "green space" near the water. A reconstructed beach might be feasible.
- See it - unobstructed vista.
- Experience our unique and exciting weather phenomena. Crashing waves, storms, lightning, lake effect storms, "Snow Walls", fog, etc. All due to our unique location on the eastern edge of Lake Erie.
- Make it so you are able to interact with it. Kayak launch.
- I would love to swim, launch my kayak.
- Be able to go down to the water directly, kayak.

- I think a rock edge is most realistic connection with movement of water. Bird Island Pier is a great example of how you can connect w/o "direct" access
- Launch a canoe or small sailboat. Having a proper launch would be a great way to enjoy the lake. The old concrete boat ramp is a bit of a tease. If possible, a beach would be wonderful.
- Dock to get on and off small boats. Fishing docks
- Fishing
- Passively. I appreciate the view a lot.
- Touch it, slackline near it.
- Marsh, wetlands. Kayak and boat launches will be dangerous at that park because of lake, river, and canal.
- Views while running along the water. Ice skating/pond hockey in an area that acts as a pond during the summer. Water slide.
- How about water taxis to and from Canalside.
- Yes. There are many places to access water. But for families the cost can be too much: \$20/hour kayaking with three children and one parent = \$80. It becomes a very expensive day out on the water.
- Kayak. Not swim! Maybe windsurf?
- Close, but not too close.
- Beach
- Arrive by small boat/canoe. Water taxi connecting Erie Basin and Outer Harbor.
- Kayak and swim
- I think we should leave it for fishing. And the view
- Rowing, Swimming
- Kayaking! I think it would be awesome to have a paddle boat/ kayak station to rent or that you could take out your own in!
- A nicer boardwalk area for people to walk down, better upkeep of bike lanes and places for people to lock up bikes would be great to bring in foot traffic.
- Fishing, kayaking
- I have been boating for nearly 80 years including craft from 4 to 400 feet. I have regularly sailed my own small cruising sloop - currently a Cape Dory 25 and crewed on 30' spinnaker class race boat in the Weds evening BHSC series in the Buffalo Harbor for 30 years. I own a canoe and a kayak which I can launch from my house or the park. I have experience as a water safety instructor and a NYS Parks life guard and 27 years in the Navy including command of a reserve unit.
- Kayaking
- Kayaking, boating, as well as viewing
- Paddle boarding, kayaks, water bikes, boating, buffalo city tours
- I like to go boating

What activity/ies would you do?

- Kayak launch
- Splash pad and pool must stay
- Love to just gaze at the water all seasons.

- Wetland walks. Marsh and wildlife observation. Kayaking
- SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard)
- Kayak, swim
- Fly kites, bike, run.
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Is there any way to have people actually be able to go in the water?
- Kayak, rest by the water. Learn to row w/ Westside rowing club. I don't think that a swimming beach is practical here, but softer shorelines could be used and offer the benefit of water protection and closer access. Need to protect water quality using natural storm water management like bio swales and rain gardens - make sure no runoff!
- Make park a boating cruising destination. Community boat building programs with shelter.
- Sitting on the shore, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding
- Mostly passive, perhaps some foot/drink options.
- Race to the water's edge when wild weather occurs. Also to view sunsets, starts coming out at dusk, moon rising. Easy, open, inviting access to water. Do nothing to block access or view of water.
- Kayak
- Kayak, swim, fish, read by the water.
- Wading, kayak.
- Honestly, just look at it, sit by it.
- Canoeing and sailing.
- A fishing/boardwalk/pier would be nice (fish easier to catch in deeper waters).
- I honestly don't trust the cleanliness of the water, which is why I'm not wild about interacting with it. If that was a non-issue, stand up paddle boarding could be fun, but the water might be too wild for it.
- Paddleboard, kayak.
- Viewing.
- Water bikes. Waterway tours. Perhaps resident rates for activities like at Disneyland. Again keep in mind families and the average income of people living in Buffalo.
- Sit and enjoy the endless splendor of walking waves...
- Fishing piers.
- Swim
- View the water. Canoe, kayak (need ramps). Moorings for small boats.

Park Entrances

How long is your commute to the Park and where are you coming from? Specify if by foot, bike, car, other)

- 20 minutes, North Buffalo, Car
- 10 minutes by bike
- ~10 mins by bike
- 5 minutes - D'Youville College, by car or by foot.

- 20 minutes from my home, walking
- 20 minutes by car
- Buffalo Harbor by boat
- 30-45 minutes by bike
- 30 mins if by bike. Elmwood Village.
- 20-30 minutes coming from Central Business District/Downtown. Usually by foot or bike.
- 5 minutes by car, a bit longer by bike.
- 40 minutes, UB South Campus, by bike
- 20 mins by bike - Hamlin Park
- 20-25 minutes from Amherst by car.
- East Side Buffalo, ~3-4 miles, by foot, bike, or bus
- D'Youville Campus, Porter and Fargo, by foot and bike.
- 2 minute walk, Kleinhan's neighborhood; bike
- ~15 minute walk, ~5 minute by bike/car
- 5 minutes by bike
- 7 minutes, Allentown, by bike
- Live in the area, no commute. Walk/bike.
- 10 minutes by bike
- I live in the neighborhood, 5-10 minute walk, primarily travel by foot.
- From downtown ...? By foot, bike, car
- Foot: 40 mins; Bike: 15-20 mins
- I run, or bike from about Busti along path.
- 10 minutes by bike from Elmwood
- 10 minutes from Symphony Circle by car
- < 2 miles, by bike
- 15 minute walk, coming from Hudson and Plymouth; by foot or bike.
- About 5 minutes by car. I use Porter Ave entrance. 10 minutes on foot.
- Five minutes by foot coming from Busti at Jersey.
- 10 minutes from William and Jefferson Ave by car
- Allentown. 5 min by car and about 20 min. walking. 10-15 by bike.
- From East Side, 10 minutes. We drive or use the bus.
- Bike from forest area
- 10 minutes away by car
- 10 minutes walking less then 5 minutes by bike
- 21 minutes by car, from north buffalo
- By car usually. I live in north buffalo
- My commute is about 15 minutes coming from Kenmore.
- 20 minutes by car.
- 20mins Tonawanda
- < 1 minute. I live at Harbour Pointe. We have our own gate.
- 20 minutes
- I usually bike to the park from the west side.
- Travel by foot from my backyard.

- Walking distance. Live in Lakefront neighborhood
- I come from north buffalo. My commute is only 10-15 minutes

What would improve the experience of entering the park (be specific about entrances, modes, etc.)?

- Increase number of entrances for cars. Pedestrian bridges also need more of.
- Provide access to the bike ferry that connects downtown to outer harbor.
- I typically come through Porter, which isn't great, thanks to all of the thruway entrances and exits. The Hudson Bridge is sketchy (broken glass) so I typically avoid it. I do appreciate the calm associated with the entrance at Lakefront Blvd. Riding bike on Amvets Dr. is an absolute nightmare when it's a busy day. I ride in the road (since the park is narrow and cracked) and drivers are unreasonable w/cyclists.
- More entrance space, ease of accessibility for bikes, walking and some vehicle traffic
- Widen pedestrian area on Porter Ave bridge - make it feel safer
- Another (additional) entrance to the park.
- Need mooring for small craft. Step down on sea walls. Launch at south end.
- Have wider entrances to park, paths are too narrow/few. Have a more predominant entrance over highway to connect to other parks over highway. Move all traffic to one side of road and bike/run path on other side of road.
- More entrances, bridges, tunnels, etc.
- Full landform bridging the highway that mitigates sound and provides a very valuable elevation and view over the breakwalls to the lake beyond.
- Need to be able to access the park from the water. Usable ramps, canoes, etc. The Porter Ave Bridge is terrible. The City and State just spent a fortune to make this worse. Restore full access via the South Side. The rich people in those condos have cut the community off. We are not even allowed to use part of the park. Make Porter Ave NOT an access road to 190.
- Having a bicycle lane on Porter Ave
- Traffic calming so cars don't run me over.
- A nicer introduction to the park.
- Fewer cars, better pedestrian bridges.
- South entrance by condos - condo owners are hostile to public use of that end of the park (needs to be addressed by city). Porter Avenue access challenged by new circle at 190 on-ramp - not safe for bikes, walking.
- Better land bridge entrance to Hudson. Make the entrance an experience. Move through the entrance to a "different" experience.
- Skinnier streets, more formal entrance design, more street/path connections to park
- Safer for bikes and pedestrians
- More bike-friendly bridge from Hudson Street. Larger entrance for multi-use paths.
- Any improvement must consider safety concerns as currently four-wheelers enter and use bike paths and grass areas at high speeds.
- More definition as a special place.
- Additional point of entrance, two of the entrances are hidden (walking entrances). Entrance should reveal something. Water entrance would be nice.

- Bike racks in a few locations. Wayfinding signage. Restrict automobiles near the entrance to reduce chances of accidents.
- Would love smooth running and biking paths; when in the park, do not want to compete with cars.
- Bike paths on both sides of Porter so that I don't have to cross the street.
- More entrances, safer.
- Safer rows on Porter for bikes. (round-a-bout) sucks -disrupted bike network).
- Currently there is no gateway to the park. There should be a spectacular entrance on Niagara and Hudson with a promenade that provides a gradual approach to the soon to be amazingly beautiful Hudson Street Bridge.
- More shielding from street traffic along Porter, a better bridge at Hudson. Current bridge is unsafe and overgrown.
- At least 2 entrance to the park by car.
- Signs on the road identifying the bike lanes because it is scary with the cars when going to the park. The way back is safer. The pedestrian bridge could look better and also the neighborhood closer to the park. The way it's now it feels scary and like you could be assaulted any time.
- See Art, more flowers and plants. I'd like it to be easier to enter and leave the park
- More traffic enforcement. Cars speed and drive wrong way frequently
- I think the entrance is fine I just think the roads need to be repaved and wider
- Incorporating Porter more into the park
- Automobile access through the waterfront neighborhood would double automobile accessibility. An underpass beneath the highway; connecting downtown would also benefit make the park, by tying it into other trips downtown.
- Have speed bumps so people can't drive as fast down D.A.R.
- Better signage, the park entrance is very bare.
- The road is fine, its perfect for the setup it has.
- The west side road entrance is fine. The pool side road entrance could be made more attractive. The Hudson St. pedestrian bridge is not very bike friendly or attractive, so it could be replaced with a better design.
- The new Porter Avenue entrance by the Peace Bridge is terrible and not friendly to pedestrians and cyclists. This was voiced clearly at the planning sessions and ignored by the state. Hudson Ave Pedestrian Bridge NEEDS REPLACED. It's dangerous at this point! The entrance on the east end needs much better path lighting and wayfinding signs in the neighborhood to connect the path to Canalside better. More entrances at other points for pedestrians and cyclists would be greatly appreciated.
- Signage
- I would place parking spots near the entrances for motorized vehicles to park and then can walk by foot around the circle.
- N/A

Parking

Where do you usually park when you visit LaSalle Park?

- Along the water

- Across from the Barkyard (dog park)
- Bicycle to park; if I need to drive I usually park at the sports fields.
- Side streets in nearby neighborhoods.
- On the ring road or near the dog park.
- I ride my bicycle, but the park could use more bicycle parking.
- Along the water.
- I don't drive to LaSalle Park. I bike. Cars are ridiculous. What about shuttles to get people there?
- Along the waterfront or at the dog park entrance.
- I ride there, walk there, or take public transportation. I NEVER drive there.
- I do not usually drive, if I did I would park at water park.
- N/A. Parking at north end with more active facilities.
- By the pool. Usually ride my bike.
- Suggestion: need lots of EV charging stations. Usually I bike, run, or walk from downtown.
- I ride my bike -there's far too much parking in LaSalle.
- Near the pavilion area - sometimes on the grass because no other parking is available.
- Along the water
- In the street parallel to the sidewalk right in front of the aqueduct and sewer building. If I go picnic I park the closest to the shelter. If I go to an event I don't bother trying to park. I leave the car at home and walk.
- On the lake side.
- Right near the pavilion near the water
- In the grass or the stone parking lots near the softball diamonds
- I am there for softball typically, but also sometimes I visit the dog park.
- Good luck with parking never enough parking, when multiple events are happening.
- Near the ball fields.
- Sundays May thru august
- NA, I walk or bike
- On grass
- Anywhere I can find a street sign; more bike racks need installed throughout!
- By yacht club
- My driveway.
- Don't drive there
- I park by the softball fields across from the dog park.

Would you still need to drive to the park if the pedestrian bridge at Hudson Street becomes a safe entrance into the park?

- I would still drive to the park
- Yes. But I love the idea of the Hudson St access for city people!
- I think 90% of parking should be diverted to other side of Hudson St. pedestrian bridge. Aid your parking problem with available public parking for help with overflow during events. Easy concept for people not familiar/out of towners to understand?
- No, I'd bike.

- Yes, sometimes.
- I like the idea of a pedestrian bridge.
- Yes, I enjoy watching birds and weather in winter.
- No, I would bike.
- Yes, but would be amenable more remote parking.
- N/A
- No, I would always walk or bike.
- Leave south end passive.
- No
- Yes. I would like to see a bigger Hudson Street Bridge.
- No
- No, see above (also consider re-phrasing this question).
- Yes, I would still drive to the park.
- Yes
- Yes, I'd still try to drive the car. But at least I'd feel like the bridge would be an option. The only time I took that bridge I thought I'd die assaulted. The entrance should be fixed anyways.
- Yes
- Driving but I'd like if walking to the park was possible.
- No
- I personally would need to drive we are city of cars. Our weather requires us to have a car
- no
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes
- NA but when I have biked over it, I see nothing "dangerous" about it. It's just ugly and not bike friendly.
- Maybe
- I don't drive.
- Yes
- No
- No
- Yesi

Circulation

Once at the park, how do you move through it (walk/run, bike, drive, other)?

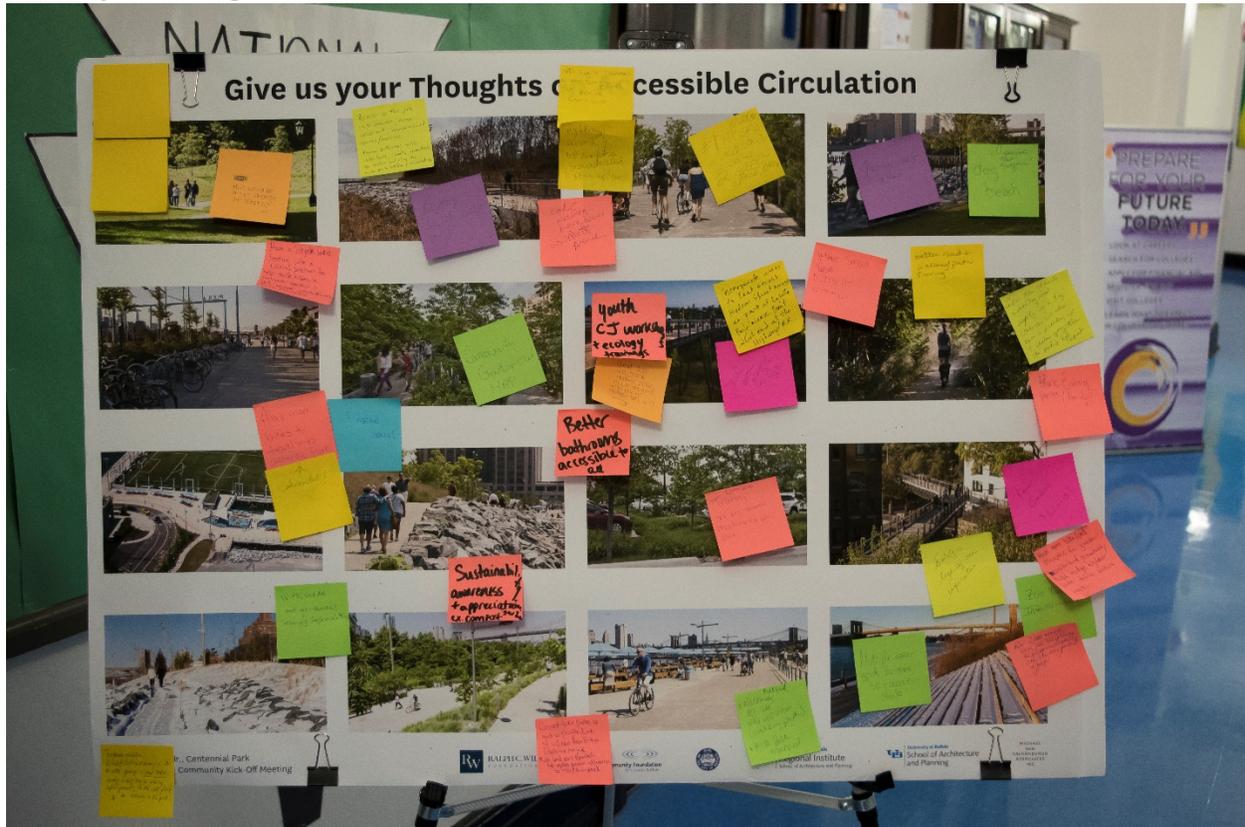
- There needs to be connectivity to Canalside and the Niagara bound walkway.
- Biking and driving
- Bicycle/use skate park. Walk after biking there. Not often do I hitch up there and hang for a while (hope to do that in a good open shared space).
- walk or bike
- Sometimes by bike, sometimes by car. It depends on what I am going for.

- Sometimes bike path, or I ride on the road in the park. I prefer the road over the path, especially when windy. By the waterfront is sometimes unprotected from cold winds, especially riding during winter.
- Typically drive or walk
- Bike.
- By car. Bike would be second choice or walking when I have the dog. I am generally coming to use the dog park, but also for the water views.
- Walk, run, bike
- Bike and walk
- Walk, run, bike; usually end to end. It would be nice to move within the park more versus through the park.
- Walk, bike. The park should be designed for pedestrians primarily. As in the best urban parks throughout the world, LaSalle should be accessible, connected, coherent, and human-scale - attributes that it largely does not now exhibit.
- Bike.
- Walk/run, bike. I think the ring road should only go 1/2 way through the park and leave south end as more passive.
- Bike. Sometimes drive to watch weather (the "Snowvember" Storm, for instance).
- Walk/run the loop. I feel that I miss a lot of the park as there is not much to explore.
- Bike, run, walk.
- Walk, run, and bike. Would love to see better pathways, especially for pushing a stroller.
- Walk and drive. Last year we were stuck behind a disabled vehicle. All vehicles either had to drive on grass to get around. Lower riding cars had to wait or risk having the bottom of vehicle ripped out. The drive around definitely have to widened.
- I walk or drive.
- Shamefully, by car. Even though distances are short my husband and his family think they are not and want to drive. Bicycling we always go by the Waterfront trail because using the bike as an adult in LaSalle gets boring quickly. There is just one loop. Walking, I only use sidewalks at the edge of the Lake. The rest of the park doesn't have sidewalks and I don't like walking on the grass or ruining my shoes.
- Must address GARBAGE and Recycling infrastructure. It's a big problem now!
- Bike
- Walk
- run or bike
- I walk through the park once I'm there.
- Walk
- Walk.
- Drive
- Usually walk, or have biked a lot.
- Walk
- I bike or walk. Access by NFTA would be greatly appreciated.
- Walk
- Walk/run/bike
- Walk, bike ride, run

- I drive to where i play at.

Community Input – Sticky Notes on Boards

Tell us your thoughts about Accessible Circulation

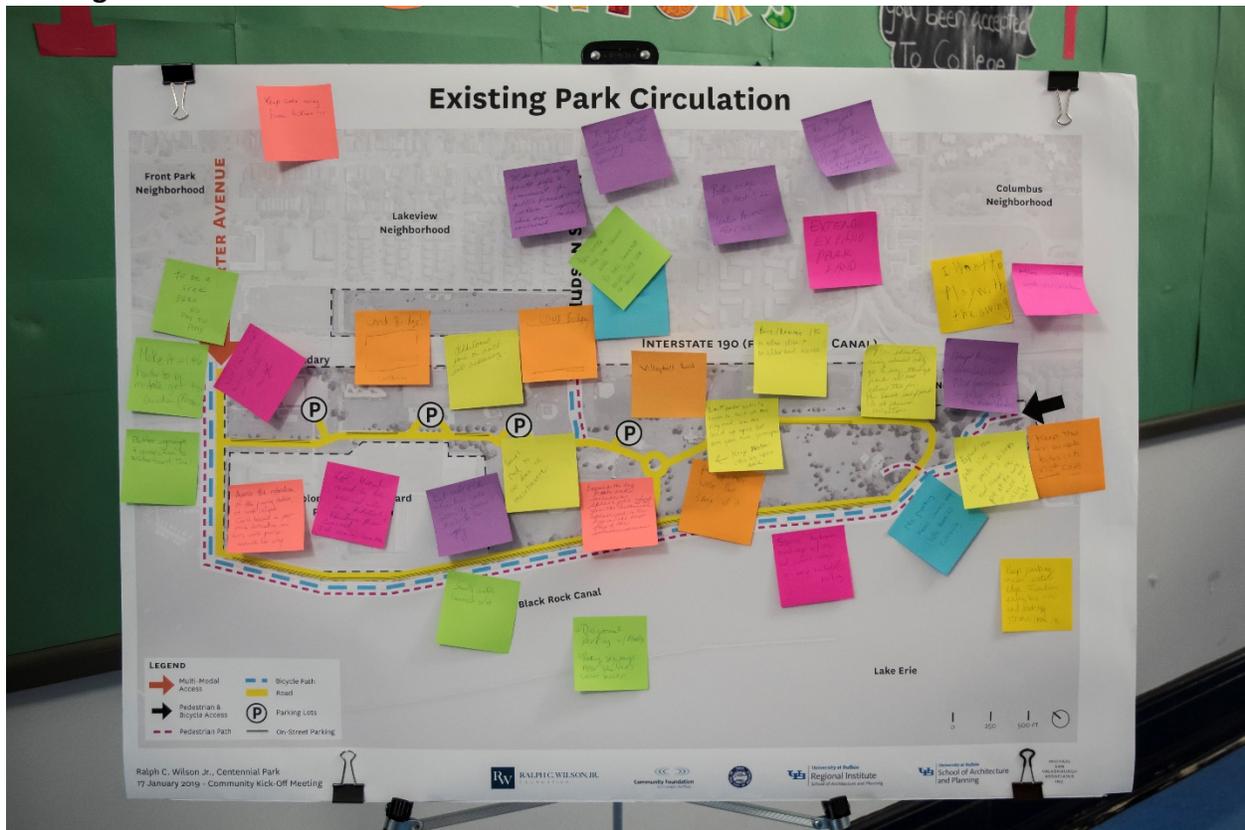


- Love the trails and plantings but safety is a big concern. We also have a problem with 4-wheelers going through the park at high speeds.
- Marked walkway all the way around (walking path) and bike path marked.
- Connect bike path as much as possible. Link up with new Peace Bridge Pedestrian overlook. Make land more elevated -- makes greater attraction to bike/skate park.
- Multiple water spot locations so crowds divide
- Safety and lighting are imperative
- Zero waste dog poo receptacle to environmentally rid the dog park of poop!
- Zero waste infrastructure
- Have more bike/ped. overpass for greater connectivity. Make bridge highest point of the entire park.
- Rain gardens second!
- More entry points/bridges
- Community training on environmental maintenance of park.
- Need better bridges to get to park.
- Incorporate areas to east across Hudson Street access as part of LaSalle Park access. Don't just end at the highway/RR.
- Better road and walking/running path.
- Have small maps at entrances

- Dog beach (I second that emotion!)
- Passive viewing area
- #1-Direct access unblocked view. #2-Green space, Paris
- UB light tower with buttons/phones for police contact
- Safer walking/biking access down Porter Avenue
- Good idea they block traffic noise, pollution, and also make pedestrian walkway (re: elevated pedestrian overpass/boardwalk picture)
- Youth CJ (community justice) workshops and ecology trainings
- Better bathrooms accessible to all
- Sustainability awareness and appreciation -- example-compost garden
- Community gardens with MAP (Massachusetts Avenue Project)
- Lighting, security kiosks, Wi-Fi
- Break up the park into smaller, more coherent, human-scaled spaces/sections. Frame pathways with large trees, create viewsheds to water and city to make park legible and orientative
- Lighting/security/UB campus security alert lighting system
- Wind, solar, and geothermal energy implementation
- To enhance circulation: For kids/adults that engage with water, perhaps a wash station nearby so that they can wash up before proceeding to the next place/activity in the park.
- Hills would be a nice change of scenery.
- Have a bicycle lock-up station with a covered section to help shield bikes in inclement weather and aid winter recreationers from elements.
- Allow more buses to travel into LaSalle Park
- I mean... really?? (re: "allow more buses to travel into LaSalle Park")
- Second! (re: "allow more buses to travel into LaSalle Park")
- Over by the outer harbor, (Buffalo, NY Route 5), I saw they had a "Cycle Station" for bikes. It was a place that people would be able to tune up their bikes and add air if they needed to. I haven't been over to the skatepark in La Salle yet so I am not sure if they have one over there but I believe that there should be a few throughout the park.
- Since it is a drive-thru park, some sort of slowing mechanism in the road would be nice. To ensure that the speed in the park is kept to a minimum. I imagine something similar to what is used on the shoulder of highways. Or Maybe even speed bumps.
- More sidewalks and access from lower west side. Better bike paths
- The 190 is a huge barrier, access from Porter despite its recent redesign feels difficult to cross.
- The roads within the park themselves should be designed with materials that slow car travel, provide a better pedestrian experience and could allow for road sharing.
- Having the only car entrance to the park on the same street creates issues when there are major events happening, or when the occasional race is going through the park. At times police will have to close the entrances to the park, which is of course frustrating and it's not easily accessible for public transit. I can't speak to bike traffic as I don't bike to the park.

- Parking sucks, not enough for the activities now, when we park on the grass we get tickets yet there is not enough parking to accommodate all the activities at once.
- Generally, I believe the current road/trail layout is fine with one major exception. I would add a paved extension from the road/bike path to the head of the current launch ramp plus paved space to unload/load and turn around at the ramp. It has been suggested the road should be more inland, with picnic facilities located near the shore line. I disagree. The present configuration allows the road to be a buffer zone so that families can picnic without kids being near a drop into deep water. I would retain one way (counter clockwise) down the west side and through the south end. Use diagonal parking for picnic areas, etc.
- Problem is very limited parking
- Unfortunately, I would not feel super safe if the paths had heavy encroaching vegetation; I feel safer when I can clearly see my surroundings. I dislike the boardwalk photo which has very little vegetation. A nice balance is most preferable. Separated bike paths are much safer for cyclists and pedestrians. I question the accessibility of the pavers in the upper right photo; keeping simple smooth pavement is preferable.
- I do not at all like that cars can access around the entire park, especially near and in front of the townhomes. It makes for an unsafe environment and extreme distrustance to the owners of the townhomes. I feel the circulation should be able by foot or by non-motorized bike.
- Not sure

Existing Park Circulation



- More connectivity and circulation. ExisI want to play with the swing
- The project boundary should be Niagara Street, otherwise you exclude the neighborhoods
- Extend, expand park land
- Better bridge to West Side. Water access ferries.
- Niagara Street should be the gateway to the park.
- Make park entry points safe and convenient for public transit (NFTA)?? -- especially where snow/ice are concerned
- Keep cars away from bikes!!!
- Would like to feel safer as pedestrian on Porter Bridge
- To be a free park -- No pay to play
- Make it a little harder to mistake get to Canada (Rotary)
- Better signage and connection to waterfront trail
- Park outside have some handicap inside. Put more pronounced athletic field near the parking.
- Leave parking cars outside the park
- Bury/remove 190 to allow direct neighborhood access
- The existing ring(?) should only go halfway through park and not extend this for the south end if park s/b(?) all passive recreation
- Keep access from Lakefront Blvd for people and bikes only (no motor vehicles)

- Expand the path size for walkers, bikers and remove the pole(?) at the ends or make more visible at night
- Keep this for people, bikes, etc..., not cars
- Limit motor vehicle access to half of the ring road. Use the freed up space for more grass, trees, greenspace. [Keep motor vehicles over there]??
- Volleyball field
- Land bridge
- Additional parking on north end necessary
- Land bridge connection!
- Assess the restoration of the pumping station, at least one engine. Could become a year-round destination, and tours would provide revenue for city.
- Co. Ward needs to be turned into an Industrial Heritage Museum! Contact: Industrial Heritage Committee
- Get rid of the barbed wire security doesn't have to be ugly.
- Gravel road to cut down on maintenance.
- Expand the dog park and include a splash pad and/or open the Centennial splash pad to the dogs on the last day of the summer season
- Small craft launch site
- Diagonal parking with (???). Parking (??) near shelters, more shelters
- Parking near water for some of it
- Space between roadway with cars and water's edge is very limited/limiting
- No parking near water's edge like there is currently
- Keep parking near water's edge. Families enjoy the view and watching storms come in.
- Some sort of connector if possible to the Canalside harbor would be nice. I know that one could walk through the residential area over by Lakefront blvd but it would be amazing to connect directly with the harbor.

General Comments on Programming

- Kayaking sailing
- Velodrome in place of roadway
- Cultural activities: - Somali Bantu festival - Muslim Day - Eid Prayer - Ramadan gathering space
- I love playing wing thing
- General Comment: - Concern that the park will be overdone and over programmed like Canalside - concern about safety - needs to be active but still a refuge as well. The city is noisy and most of us do not have yards. We need peace/water/nature too. - Resist the Rich Condo owners from dictating the process
- Volleyball courts double as Sepak Takraw (like volleyball but kicking- Burmese). Safety of eastern access.
- This is probably the most important in my opinion. Making the park a usable space in the winter. By having a space that is usable in the winter La Salle can become a year-round attraction. I am not sure how this can be done but I am sure that there are places around the world that make it work. All we have to do is see what other places are

doing and make it our own here at La Salle. The only thing that can keep La Salle from being great is our imagination.

Give us your thoughts on Plantings



- Native plants
- More tree canopy
- More understory planting
- More migratory songbird habitat
- Milkweed
- Edible plants
- Butterflies, monarchs
- Marsh that cleans water
- Plants not just for birds but deer
- Butterfly food and nesting
- Native plants
- Rock garden
- More color/smells
- Snow drops

- Daffodils
- Self-propagating spring bulbs
- Plants and vegetable gardens, People to maintain
- Bee hives
- Area where children can learn about any and all plants like a learning kiosk
- Bees and beebalm
- Diverse selection of native trees to replace and add to dying trees
- Native plants for birds and pollinators
- Naturalized shoreline with plantings
- We want more bushes
- Bee pollinators (YES!)
- Community garden kept up by the people
- Mosquito repellent plants
- Native plants!
- Bee Pollinators!
- Color!!
- Community garden area?
- Linear gardens and path edges
- Wind resilient please (YES!)
- Would love a few boulders interspersed between meadow-like plantings so you can climb and get a higher view of the water.
- Rain gardens
- Use plantings to create wind barrier for winter activities
- DO NOT MAKE THIS A PAY TO PLAY PARK!!
- Pier for boats to stop off.
- Really want native perennials with a lot of color and blooming periods staggered throughout the seasons. Would love a few spot where you recreate wetland conditions.
- Community garden (:) Yes!
- Plant seasonal flower beds throughout the park
- Estoy preocupada con la seguridad. (I'm worried about security.)
- Plants that attract bees and butterflies.
- Baseball field with lights.
- Native plantings!!!
- Trees, trees, trees
- Flowers. flowers, and more flowers. There is nothing like seeing several beautiful flowers while you are walking or in the park. Color makes everything better.
- Natural berms and windbreaks would be nice. More trees and brush
- I love the park as it is. It's a lot of Green space. Maybe more flowers but besides that the green space is awesome
- The park needs more landscaping
- Plants should be native to the region, resilient to invasive species or bugs, and not planted in a way that obstructs the waterfront (even if that means the promenade isn't as shady).

- I think planting and keeping up the natural beauty is very important, though LaSalle is not the kind of place for hiking or nature trails. I think its proximity to the water is its biggest natural feature and that should be played up the most instead of planting.
- Definitely have space to do some
- Extensive planting may not allow best use for recreation. This is a limited area, if high year round use is expected, natural landscaping that is robust enough to survive the winter may be difficult to maintain.
- Shade to cool off when hot out either trees or pavilions
- I like the photos with wildflowers, meadows, and incorporating existing architectural elements.
- The more natural well-manicured greenery draws to the nature we have such as the beautiful trees and most importantly the WATER :)
- Looks good
- I would like to see better plants near the highway. We I play softball it's hard to find a ball when it gets hit over near the highway. It would be nice if that was cleaned up more.

Comments left on the Aerial Picture of LaSalle Park

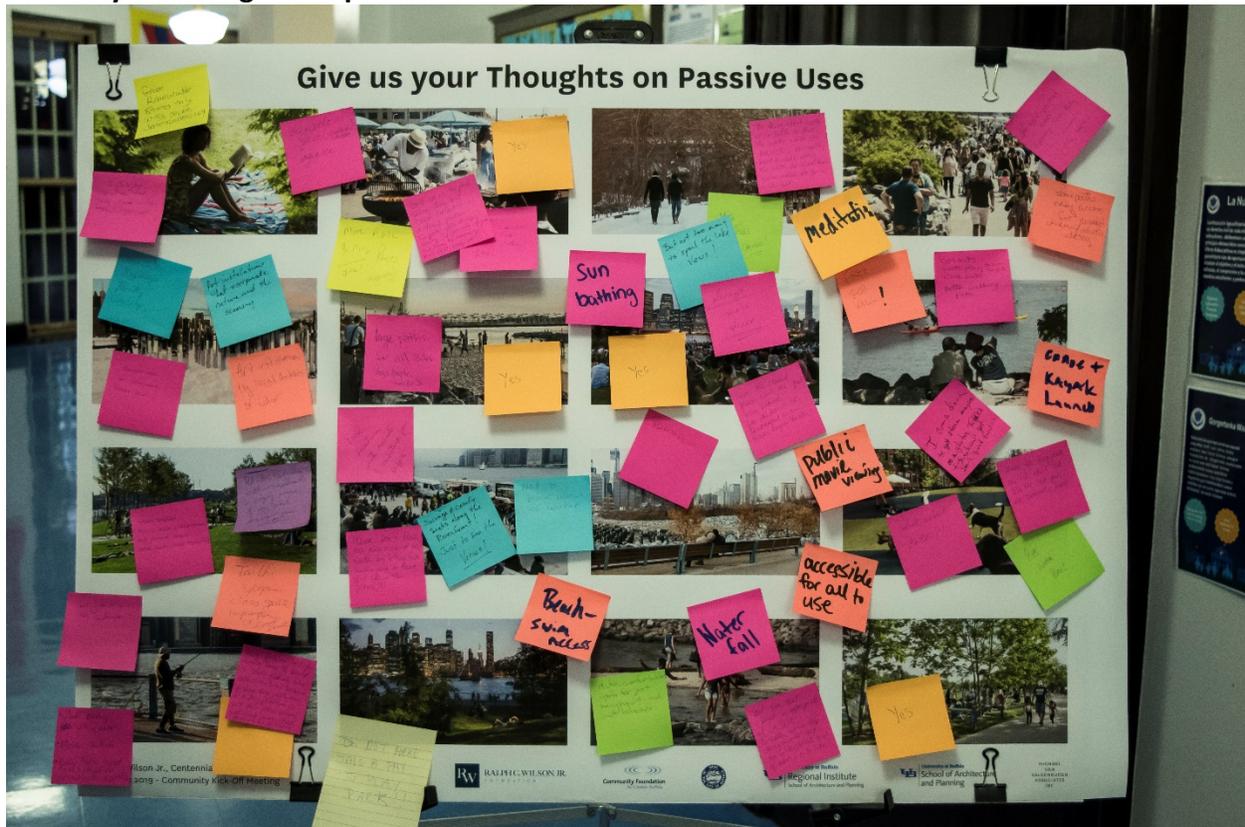


- Lighting the Park Up at Night
- This water is nasty
- Fix the waterfront wall
- Safety lights near water (x2)

- To have a walkway bridge connecting to the Marina (I second this!) (I third.)
- Connection to Erie Basin - PUBLIC
- More shade trees
- Improve green on waterfront
- Intimate gathering spaces
- Welcome a variety of cultural events, free for family events
- I spent all summer cleaning trash because the garbage totes blow over and cover the grass. Need a place to dispose of needles.
- Volleyball courts (Agreed)
- More natural water access
- Water quality is a big concern with beach; let's clean it up first!
- More art made with plants and nature. One "signature icon" on the park that makes it unique to Buffalo
- Lighting and streetscape
- With all the designing and movement of earth making sure water stays in Lake Erie
- Restrooms for public (hear, hear)
- Better soccer field (agree)
- Baseball diamonds are a fabric of Buffalo's West Side. 80% of youth have played in these diamond Luis Rodriques
- Recommend: fountains with benches, dog park, fitness trail, handicapped accessible paths and handicapped accessible play ground
- Main entrance at Hudson St.
- I would like to see an area that highlights the skyline view - Place for photos
- Remove or burry the highway (Yes!)
- Need a fountain. (Yes!! To drink!!)
- Recommend: shaped green space with more vegetation and trees; Tai Chi - yoga; Ping Pong (table tennis); pickle ball; bocce ball; large chess/checkers region
- Add pedestrian access beside the expressway ramps
- Land bridge at Hudson
- Hi my name Gebriel. I'm a four year old! I want to see the world flags, a place to play with my friends.
- Better and more connections! Remove I-190!
- More large shade trees, to define smaller spaces within park.
- Why not engage with water front school? Pedestrian Bridge?
- Indoor pavilion with a view, with various forms of dancing offered for all ages and abilities: salsa, tango, cha-cha, ball room, line dancing, Latin dances
- More fountains and snacks concessions. Real bathroom throughout the park.
- More things at the water park to play and climb. Exercise stuffs outdoors.
- Move the dirt pile and make better use of this area (in reference to the Water Authority's pipe storage area).
- Dog beach or water feature in dog park.
- Land bridge over 190; connection, vista, noise reduction
- Softball and baseball fields with benches and roof tops for teams and parents.
- Narrow park loop.

- A track field. Space for 6 or more volleyball nets space.
- Do not make it a pay to play PARK!!
- Widen the Hudson pedestrian bridge into a land bridge; incorporate land on the other side of the expressway into the park.
- Elevate landscape. Dirt BMX pump track. Winter sledding spot.
- The dogs love the park! All year round! (hear hear!!)
- Connect to Front Park, think about park network in city.
- Opportunity to compliment visitors to Children's Museum at Canalside.
- Water access is needed. Kayak launch or to just go to water's edge.

Give us your thoughts on passive uses



- Make comfortable spots for just hanging out - not just benches.
- DO NOT MAKE THIS A PAY TO PLAY PARK!!
- Not sure that a beach is appropriate at LaSalle. The water seems deep, strong current and too windy (collects a lot of debris) to be safe.
- Yes (in reference to image of beach with people walking on sand)
- Accessible for all to use.
- Waterfall
- Beach swim access
- Not to block view of water (in reference to image of trucks lined up along waterfront)
- Swings and comfy seats along the Riverfront! Just to see the views!

- Please: don't block our nice view of the water by letting food trucks park in front of it like in this picture!!!
- Yes (in reference to image of families grilling)
- Love fishing, but you really have to build in some fishing line collection bins because fishing line pollution is a big problem on all our other urban waterfront parks where there's a lot of fishing.
- Safe cooking/grilling areas. More shelters. Better/safer guard rails that are aesthetically appealing
- Seating built in to landscape.
- Tai Chi yoga class space; impromptu or formal place
- Need fountain with *remnants* (?) of architecture from Buffalo
- Winter Parlor with windows to enjoy views of ice and snow on water
- Small stream could add differentiation and natural leisure space (with raised topography).
- Large paths for all: bikes, dogs/people, strollers
- Garden area for pollinators, visual stimuli
- Art installations by local artists of color
- Art installations that incorporate nature and the scenery
- Quiet *moguls*(?). Kayaking. Painting. Cooking.
- Benches
- Yes (in reference to image of people sitting on lawn at an event)
- Yes (in reference to image of walking path lined by trees and families enjoying the shade of the trees; bottom right corner of board)
- More public grilling places. (Yes!!) (Agree!)
- Public grills for sure. (Yes!)
- Grilling in the park seems fine but trash collection is a HUGE problem. The park gets dumpy easily. If you can figure out how to manage that well, keep it.
- Cigarette free (enforced) space.
- Highlight skyline and lake views with photo point.
- Green renewable energy only; wind, solar, wave technology.
- Yes (in reference to image of person fishing at the edge of the water).
- Sun bathing
- Have the concert green with the great view behind. Can the lawn be landscaped as a grassy amphitheater?
- More trees. (Agree!)
- But not too many to spoil the lake views! (In reference to other comment about "More trees.")
- Always more trees.
- The thing about winter at LaSalle is that the winter winds are BRUTAL. It's really hard to walk along the water for more than 5 minutes, unless you go in a ski suit.
- Free for all!
- Meditation
- Public movie viewing
- What about cats?!

- I come down to get storm images as a photographer. Intake and break wall get some great *brea/clrs(?)*
- Pups gotta play! (in reference to image of dogs)
- Make the dog park like this! Not like the sad pen we currently have. (in reference to image of dogs)
- Canoe and kayak launch
- Concerts. Waterplay (swim, kayak). Cook outs. Better walking path.
- No big corporations; instead supporting small vendors from community/needly people.
- Some paths with easy access for disabled children, adults, elderly.
- More pavilions and areas for reading, relaxing.
- I don't think the beach would be a great fit I think there's areas for that.
- I would like to see a pier or a wooden observation tower.
- Passive recreation is great, it's extremely relaxing and it's very important to me to have spaces for passive recreation. No other passive recreations come to mind.
- Wider bike/running paths.
- The first group of pictures was more fitting, these seem more like Canalside activities for tons of people, LaSalle isn't set up for that many people. But keep the dog park.
- Activity in the water maybe frequently limited due to poor quality given the number of CSOs that are in the canal or just upstream from it. This may limit practical use to boating and fishing, i.e. building people entry points for wading or swimming are probably not advisable until water quality is reliable.
- Should be a good mix of places to sit and watch a nice sunset
- Fishing spaces, rocky beach space, cooking areas, trails are all great ideas. Keeping the dog park would also be great.
- I think that this is more appropriate around townhomes.
- Yes, I like the examples
- I do not like any of these pictures. It reminds me of canal side which we already have.

Give us your thoughts on active recreation.



- Day/night volleyball and basketball. With lights.
- DO NOT MAKE THIS A PAY TO PLAY PARK!!
- Larger and updated playground like Gallagher Beach. Area for pop-up park for children. Natural Park, touch and see, like Tiff.
- Casual pond hockey.
- Adult workout equipment.
- Wheelchair friendly.
- Boat docks.
- Bathrooms!!! We need more bathrooms throughout LaSalle. I can't exercise and rehydrate for long at LaSalle with this bladder of mine! My visits are cut short because I have to drive home to go!
- Sledding.
- The thing about active recreation at LaSalle is that we need spaces where Muslim women feel comfortable or can partake in sports in a culturally acceptable way. You look now and it's exclusively men. Women watching in the sidelines. Give them something that works for them.
- Basketball. Football. Soccer. Softball/baseball. Skate park.
- Adaptive sports.
- Beach volleyball.
- Kayaking ramp.
- Dog events.

- Hills for sledding. Ice skating pond. Places to have something to eat, drink.
- Kayak launches.
- Tennis, volleyball, badminton.
- Run, bike, walk.
- Active recreation facilities in LaSalle should complement existing facilities in neighboring parks (Front).
- Year round usage, especially winter months.
- Make imaginative play spaces for children.
- Exercise stations.
- Ice skating rink.
- Collect city snow, create sledding for fun in winter.
- African dance.
- Line dancing (stepping).
- Tennis.
- A hill for sledding in winter.
- Gravel running/biking paths.
- Fast lane/slow lane (in reference to image of bicyclists on path).
- Yoga, yay!
- Better bike path, more water access.
- An interesting waterslide into the river/lake.
- Bird watching *hips(?)* - bird feeders
- Sports reflective of community backgrounds.
- Necesitamos mas deportes como el baseball. (We need more sports like baseball.)
- Baseball diamonds, softball diamonds.
- Splash pad for the dog park.
- Pickle ball.
- Keep the West Side Little League (baseball)
- Yoga
- Tree lined walking and running trails.
- Climbing wall
- Westside Little League Football Association needs: concessions stands, bathroom facility, scoreboard
- Westside Little League Football Association est. 1963 and is a very large part of our Hispanic Community. This program supports 300 to 400 community youth year round.
- Interactive recreational sports for the seniors and disabled.
- Diff. elevations to challenge runners/bikers.
- Basketball
- Handball
- Drum circle
- Baseball
- Keep softball, and more sports!
- Westside Little League
- Trails! Nature flowers :)
- Winter uses like: xc skiing, sledding, skating, sports for igloos or snowball fights

- If you can avoid doing enclosed sports facilities at LaSalle, great. Open facilities, roofed but open may be better but not too many.
- Pond hockey.
- Segregated turf complexes could extend usages across seasonality.
- To have a permanent food stop open year-round.
- Volleyball
- Culturally relevant recreation!
- Keep and improve the dog park!
- Baseball, football, kickball, volleyball, basketball, tennis
- Yes, this is where you can experience the diverse place (in reference to image of soccer team on the field; top right corner).
- The soccer fields need better surfaces and seating!
- Yes (in reference to image of kayak launch ramp)
- DO NOT MAKE THIS A PAY TO PLAY PARK.
- Adding fitness elements to the park. For example years ago I was in a park out in Orange County, NY and they had these fitness stations. They were set throughout the park's path and as you would walk the path you had the opportunity to stop and do a workout on the station. I was able to find a system like that after doing some research I am not sure if it was the same one but the concept is similar.
<https://www.fittrail.com/10station.html> Having an area or several areas that people could use to work out would be a nice addition to the park.
- A jogging path that is easy on your knees. I jog sometimes at La Salle and having to jog on pavement is not always the best on my knees, and I'm only 33.
- Revamping the Kayak launch area. Making that space more inviting and functional would be a welcome addition.
- Kayak launch and bike repair station similar to Wilkeson point would be great. Ice skating
- Maybe a walking Pier something that goes over the water. in the playground in that area cannot be sand due to the high drug area
- I like the idea of having better recreational access to the water
- The area has too many baseball fields, and some should be repurposed for other uses. An indoor programmable space could be nice. Something that can serve a multitude of recreational purposes similar to a school gymnasium.
- I enjoy active recreation, I think it's essential for a healthy lifestyle to find a recreational activity you love and continue to do it as much as possible. Missing is maybe Frisbee golf, though the pictures are very small and hard to see entirely.
- Keep the softball fields for the leagues that have used and enjoyed them for years!
- Ok, as long as they're away from the softball fields, with added parking and bathrooms
- The existing ramp should be rehabbed to allow paddle boats easy access and to allow emergency services to enter and exit in case of a significant boat accident involving multiple victims, or if a major leak of petroleum products occurs during commercial operations in the canal or nearby harbor.
- I would like to see a bike trail included with a walking trail and softball diamonds

- Very much in favor of more inner city playground spaces for kids (esp. sculptural spaces) and waterfront trails and access! I like the idea of interactive water features. The softball fields are also essential.
- Baseball
- Very much like it. I would worry about this high activity right outside townhomes though.
- Love all ideas. Include Boat docks/ restaurant/bar music. Don't like basketball courts unless park curfew and security enforced
- I like some of activities. I like the Zumba and sports activities, but not sure if you can fit all of those things in one area

General Comments

- Native American, Puerto Rican, Italian, and New Immigrant heritage monuments and local art. Local and community artists only. No Albright Knox elitism.
- Green infrastructure projects: permeable pavement in parking lot, solar powered pavilions and charging stations.
- What was previously dumped on the site and was it ever properly cleaned?
- It is very scary to walk over the highway! Especially with kids! How will the park features deal with highway pollution and improve overall air quality in neighborhood?
- Local equitable workforce in the construction and maintenance of park.
- How will you book amenities and how do we keep it equitable?
- I love the park
- Water taxi pier (new idea to connect Buffalo waterfront destinations).
- Sledding hill
- Block noise from freeway, but allow the 1 zillion cars to see the park too
- "Nature play" areas
- Retain a program manager to create events that do not exist for long term use
- Water play features that are not a "stiff" square of concrete
- Some car access to water views (not everyone can walk far)
- Private restaurants, bars, coffee, coffee, ice cream
- Ice rink (irregular, not an oval but organic)
- Lots of native plants
- Pull lake into park to create new opportunities - helps alleviate hydrology issues
- Balance all the athletic leagues with the passive part of the park (less dominating of the sports)
- Use artificial turf on the athletic fields.
- DO NOT MAKE THIS A PLAY TO PLAY PARK!!
- Lights for skate park, especially in the fall, we were still able to stake till New Year's this year. They could be on a timer.
- Please consider families when inviting for events. Stores, eateries. Special water access. Maybe have special rates for those who are residents of Erie Co & Buffalo as you would see at Disney Land/World. They allow nearby residents lower, season rates year round.

- The #1 Erie County Park for winter activities is Chestnut Ridge Park in East Aurora, Orchard Park. Please check what they do and have. Maybe a smaller mini version of things they have.
- The wind is terrible a lot of days. How can water edge be used on those days?
- Remove roadway away from water edge.
- Trees close enough to slackline. Fields for Frisbee. Bridge from Hudson for sure. Land hump two block highway noise. Homeboy that's leading this, good choice. Concerned with parking - understand its importance but...
- Van Valkenburgh seems like the right man for the job. He appears to be cognizant of the challenges, history, and opportunities of LaSalle. I'm excited to see what is designed.
- More info online.
- The park brings together a diverse community. I hope this proposed design will celebrate the rich diversity in our community. As an East African young mother, living on the west side, this park is very important to our community. I hope the vision and design will incorporate the opportunities the site offers but also re-uses spaces that aren't being used will due to neglect, ill-maintenance.
- Manhattan visa (horizon) - H2O, Sunset, Canada
- I would love to have an amphitheater that is made of soil + grass, blending seamlessly with the rest of the place but facing the water so you can sit down looking at the band shell and the lake for a concert or play. Those little porches/lookouts that exist along the sidewalk along the water. I wish they were circular and wide enough, and had built in benches/steps where if you wanted to do a dance-off or a picnic, or a mini band practice or picnic or stargazing you could on a whim. Like in Paris on the Seine but prettier than their boring concrete.
- Diversify the topography. More creative active spaces. More water access + shading. Create opportunities for local employment throughout the planning dev. Process.
- If we are going to have a world class park along Lake Erie here in Buffalo. There should be some funding given to infrastructure to improve the water quality, storm waters management and BP around protected our most valued natural resource - the water. Can we use some of the \$ for this? Is it possible?
- Hill for sledding, ice skating
- Need website to put comments
- I think this is a great initiative and is an awesome cross (or at least an opportunity) between Canalside and Delaware Park - Both geographically and physically. If elements from both parks could be incorporated to appeal to people of all lifestyles it would be an awesome destination. Very excited to learn about the year round programming and ongoing maintenance. <3 an urban planner.
- For effective, consensus-based plan. Consider a charrette process, as informed by NCI (Nat/s Charrette Institute). A multi-day charrette with at least two rounds of feedback tends to produce a better plan and a meaningful consensus.
- Park is a very big part of neighborhood. My kids had play softball since they were 3 yrs. old. They need better benches and roof tops for players and parents to sit. A pavilion with different kinds of snacks and food that varies season to season. More winter entertainment is much needed, like toboggans and skating etc. We would like to see

better playgrounds throughout the park, shelters with grills for family events. Hispanic History and from other cultures around the area.

- If the pumping station (or parts of it) has public access that would be amazing!
- The open space on the Lakefront Blvd end is excellent for kite flying. The addition of the skate park in recent years is awesome.
- Happy to see LaSalle getting some love we live on Bush at Jersey and love to push the stroller along the water/ We look forward to taking out kids to the park in the years to come.
- Please plan for LOTS of EV Charging stations - put them NOT in prime parking areas- so gas (ICE) vehicles don't block to spaces for EVs to charge.
- I Am loving what I am hearing and seeing! When my family lived on the west side (Jersey St + Vermont St) we were extremely regular visitors - the boys played many sports there but we also attended many concerts + other events. I had a list of suggested improvements to offer but you are already thinking of them - BRAVO!!!
- Hispanic Art Murals. Baseball diamonds upgrade.
- Bike Paths. Improve stage: ...(?), visuals, visual controls, signage.
- Summer, winter, outdoor all seasons.