

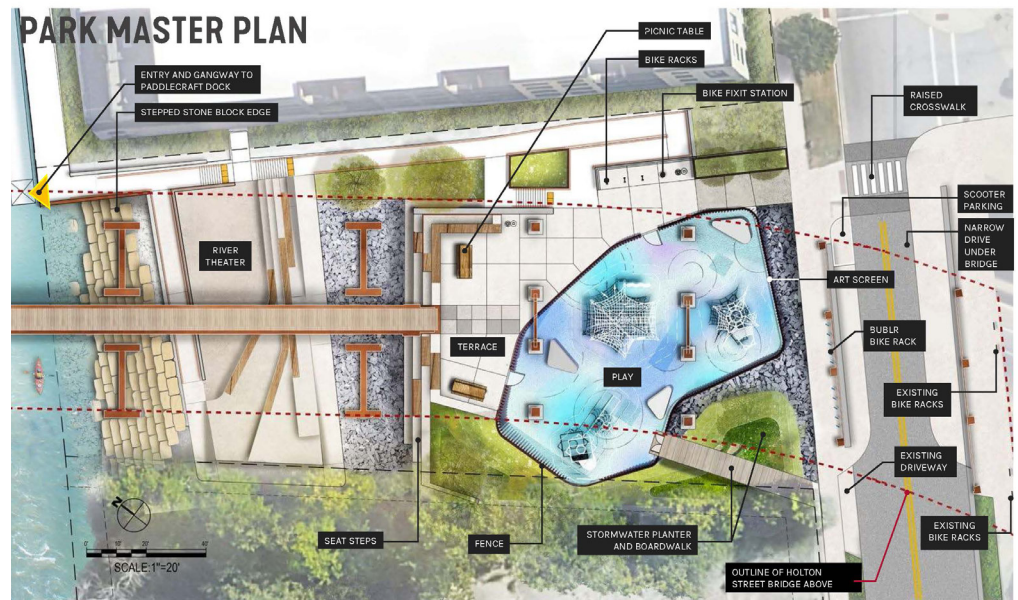
Project Overview

The City of Milwaukee is making improvements to the space formerly known as “Marsupial Bridge Swing Park.”

In September 2025, the City shared conceptual plans with the public for feedback. Overall, residents responded positively to the plans, expressing a desire for a space that isn't a traditional playground, but one that is playful, fun, and captures the spirit of Swing Park.

Since sharing conceptual plans, the project team has made progress on the following items of work:

- Site investigation
- Stormwater calculations
- Fund development
- Internal coordination with planned traffic calming efforts on N. Water Street



Concept Plans, March 2025

Park & Project History

Originally completed in 2006 as part of the Marsupial Bridge Project, the park was initially conceived as a “Media Garden” for gathering and artistic programming. The design was created by La Dallman Architects, and featured stone/pebble surfacing and lighted concrete benches.

In 2012, a creative placemaking group hung swings of all types in the space. Due to safety concerns, the City of Milwaukee removed the installation in 2013, but community support for the project led to a redesign and the installation of more conventional swings and safety surfacing in 2014. The space became known as “Swing Park.”

In the time since, a number of local housing developments have grown up around the park. Concerns from local residents over park use and activity led them to mobilize and re-imagine what the park could be and how it could better function for the changing neighborhood.

Previous conversations with residents have revealed a need for increased safety measures and reconsideration of park use and programming. It is still intended to still serve as a literal and metaphorical “bridge” that welcomes people from all neighborhoods.

As part of the 2024 budget process, late Alderman Jonathan Brostoff secured \$50K to start the design process and make preliminary improvements to the space while the project seeks funding for the larger reconstruction.

Project Timeline

Early 2026

Design Development *

Call for Artists

Mid-2026

Construction Documents & Permitting

Collaborate with Artists *

Fundraising

2027

Construction

*** Public Involvement**

**** Grant Applications submitted throughout 2025 and 2026**

Project Contact & Updates

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