

EAST RIVERFRONT

ASSETS STUDY

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS: MARINAS

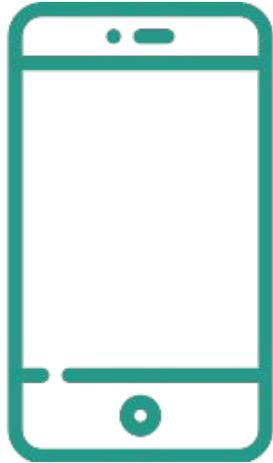
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Note: We will be recording this meeting to share online with any interested stakeholders who were not able to attend.

What is the purpose of the study?

- To create **vibrant, sustainable destinations** by understanding and unlocking the potential of underused parklands/sites along the riverfront.
- To build upon past riverfront studies
- To develop a **holistic, connective vision** and an **actionable strategic plan** for Detroit's riverfront.
- To learn **how you use and enjoy your favorite spaces along the riverfront now** and how you wish to do so in the future.

> This is a study, it is not a detailed design for each asset.



MARINA DISTRICT

RIVERSIDE MARINA,
ST. JEAN BOAT LAUNCH

GOLD COAST

OWEN PARK, ERMA
HENDERSON MARINA & PARK

GABRIEL RICHARD PARK

MT. ELLIOT PARK

ROBERT C. VALADE PARK

THE ARETHA

MILLIKEN STATE PARK AND HARBOR

MILLIKEN STATE PARK WETLANDS

CULLEN PLAZA (+ CAROUSEL!)

RIVERWALK GARDEN ROOMS

GM PLAZA

CIVIC CENTER

HART PLAZA, SPIRIT PLAZA,
JOE LOUIS FIST

THE EAST RIVERFRONT

Riverfront Park Typology

Protect the Detroit River

- Work to protect the river shoreline
- Identify areas suitable for habitat restoration
- Introduce resilient infrastructure

Ensure public access to be enjoyed by all

- Balance of amenities between passive and active water oriented activities
- Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy the river

Improve maintenance and operations

- Increase trash pick-up during peak seasons
- Improve visitor experience through **Park Ambassadors Program***
(*new pilot program)

 **Our riverfront parks are some of the most visited parks in Detroit!**



Team Findings



Public Input



Draft Recommendations



THE MARINAS

ERMA HENDERSON MARINA OVERVIEW

- 36-acre property and a small park to the east
- Approximately 247 boat slips
- Basketball courts
- Pavilions
- Recent improvements include:
 - Extensive horticultural gardens
 - Comfort station renovations
 - Playground and basketball courts
 - Seawall and docks

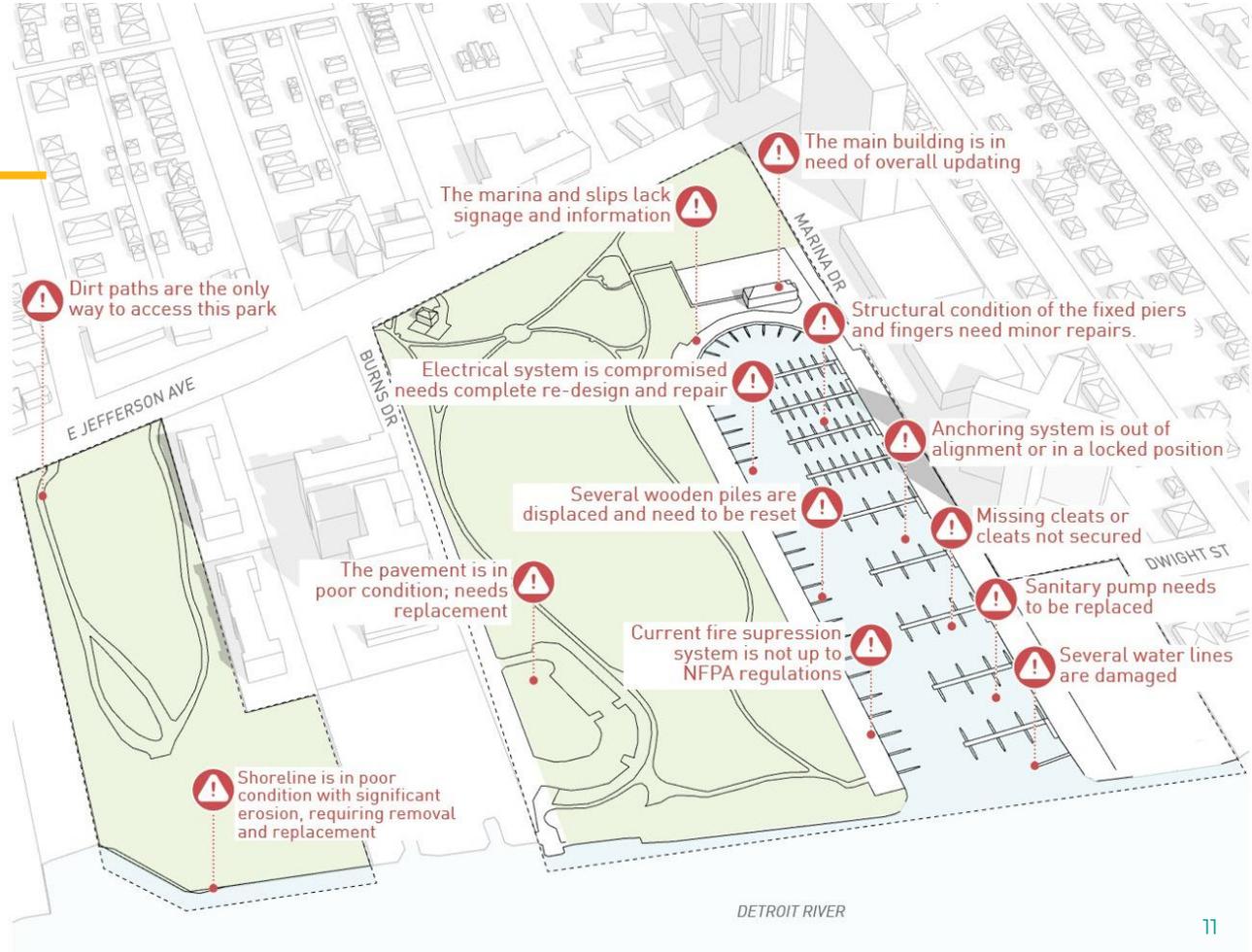


ERMA HENDERSON MARINA

PROJECT TEAM FINDINGS



UNEVEN AND BROKEN PAVEMENT AT HENDERSON MARINA



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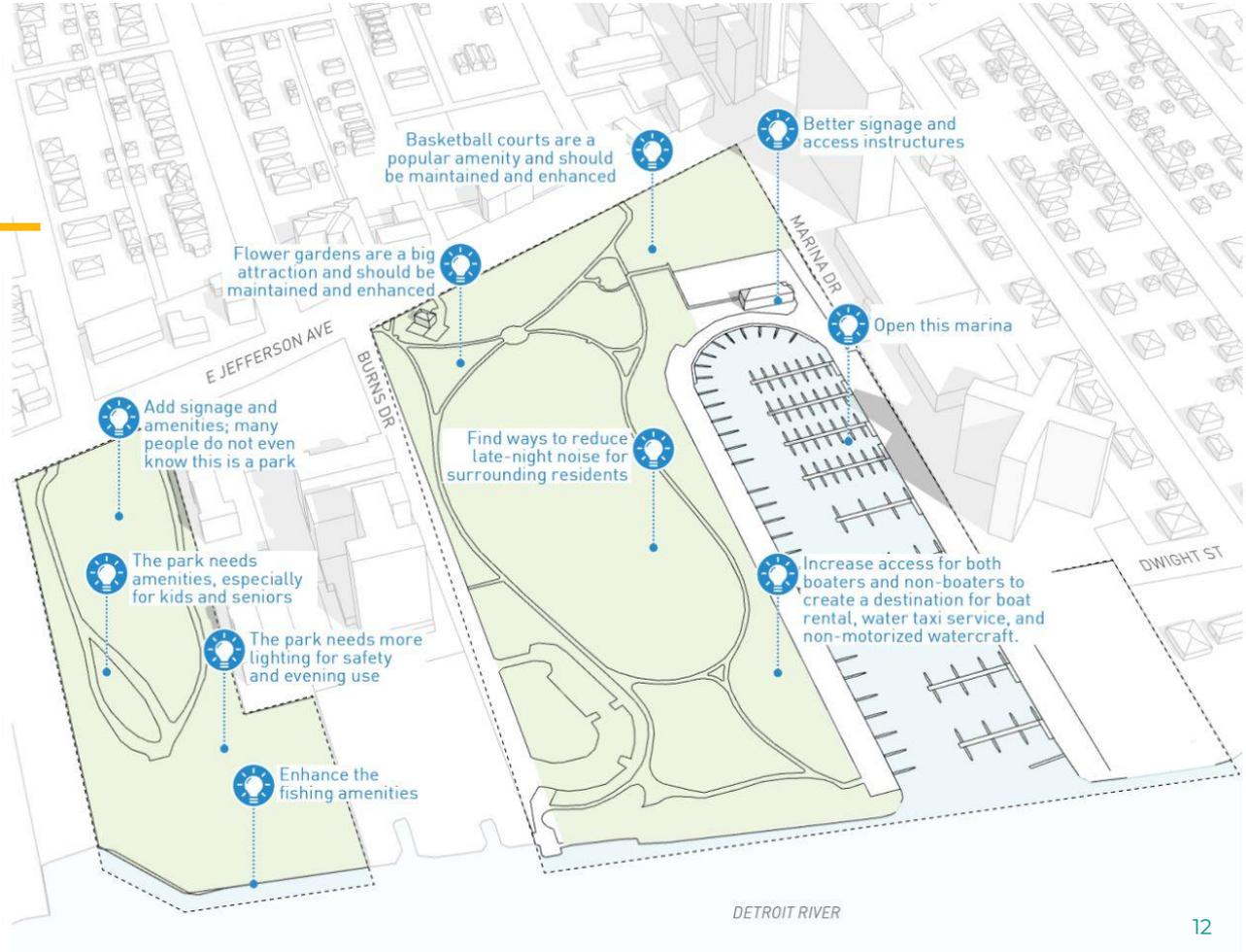
PUBLIC INPUT: WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

What do you love about this place?

- The location of the marina

What could be better?

- There is **confusion as to why the marina is closed** and when/if it will reopen.
- Generally, the **facility is outdated and in need of an upgrade** and additional landscaping treatments.
- Respondents cited **management challenges at the facility**.
- The marina can **feel exclusive**, not like a public asset.
- For those who do not keep boats here, respondents would like to see a kayak launch, more exterior landscaping and buffering from the surrounding community, and a **destination restaurant**.



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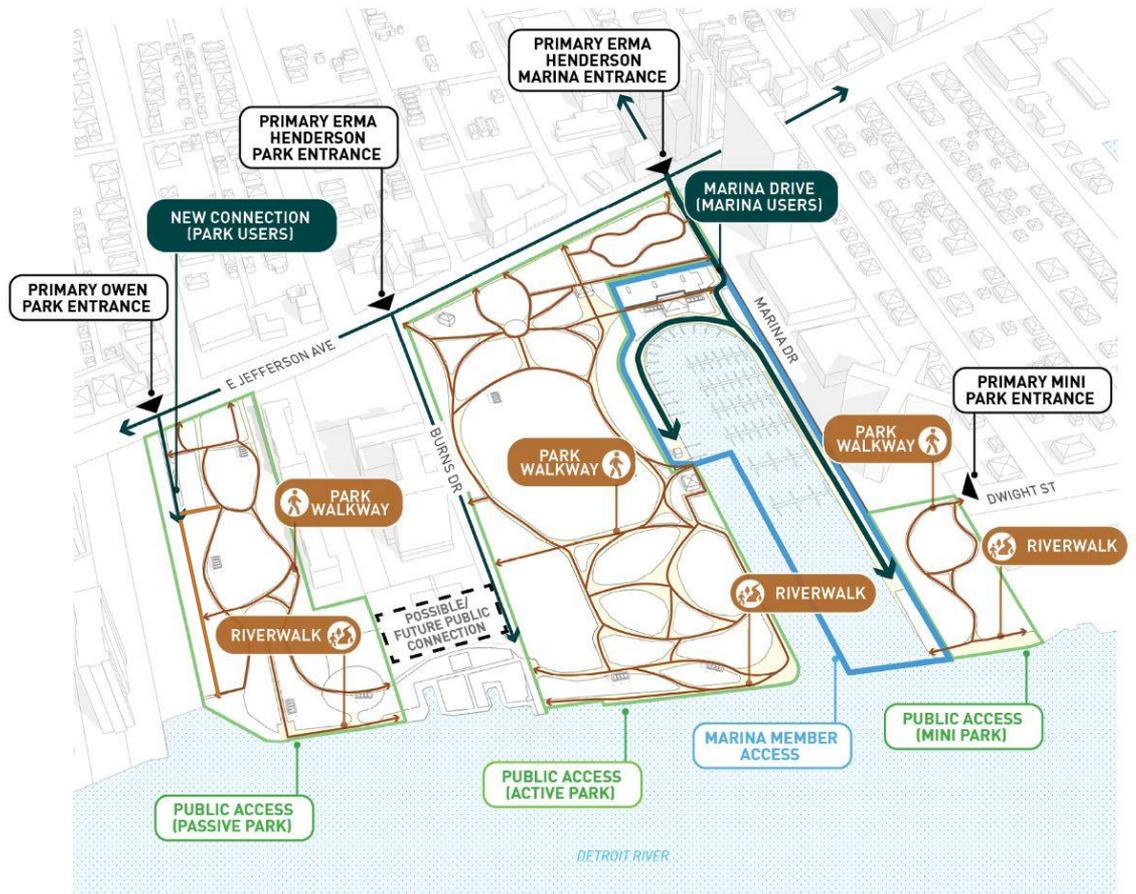
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RIVERWALK



WALKING PATHS WITHIN PARK SPACES



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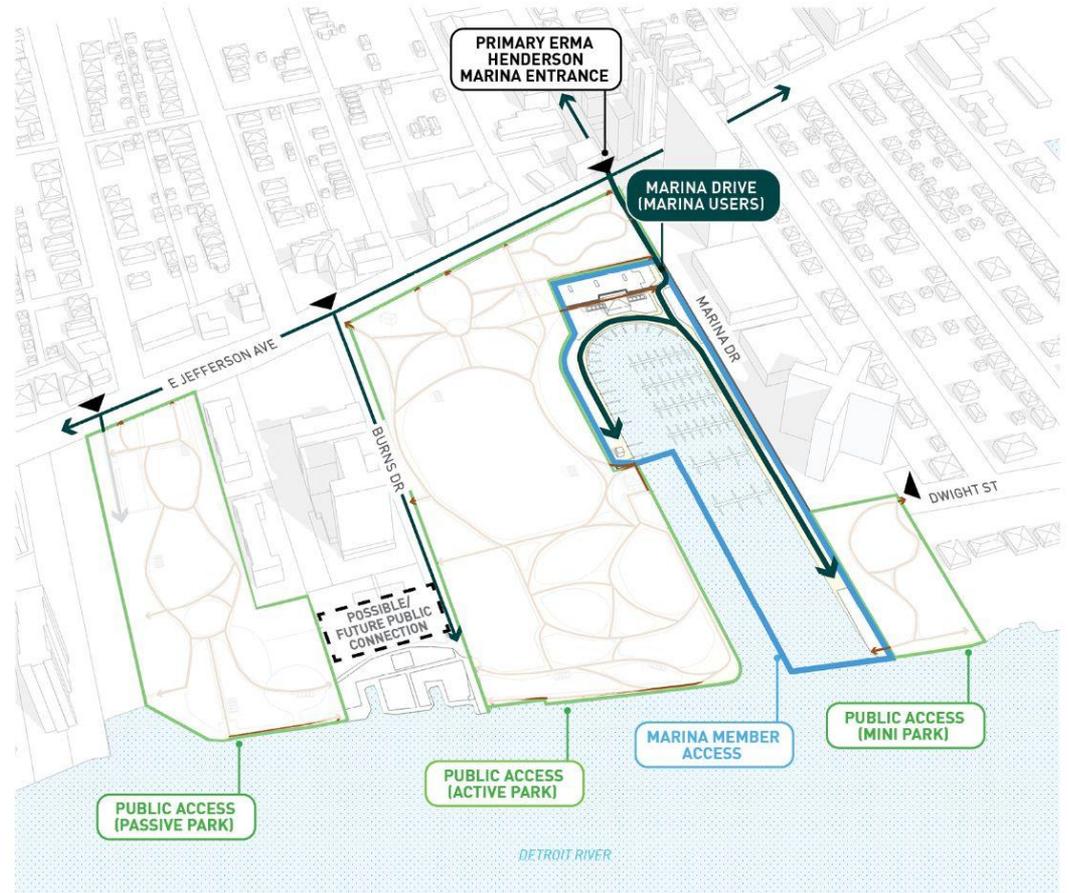
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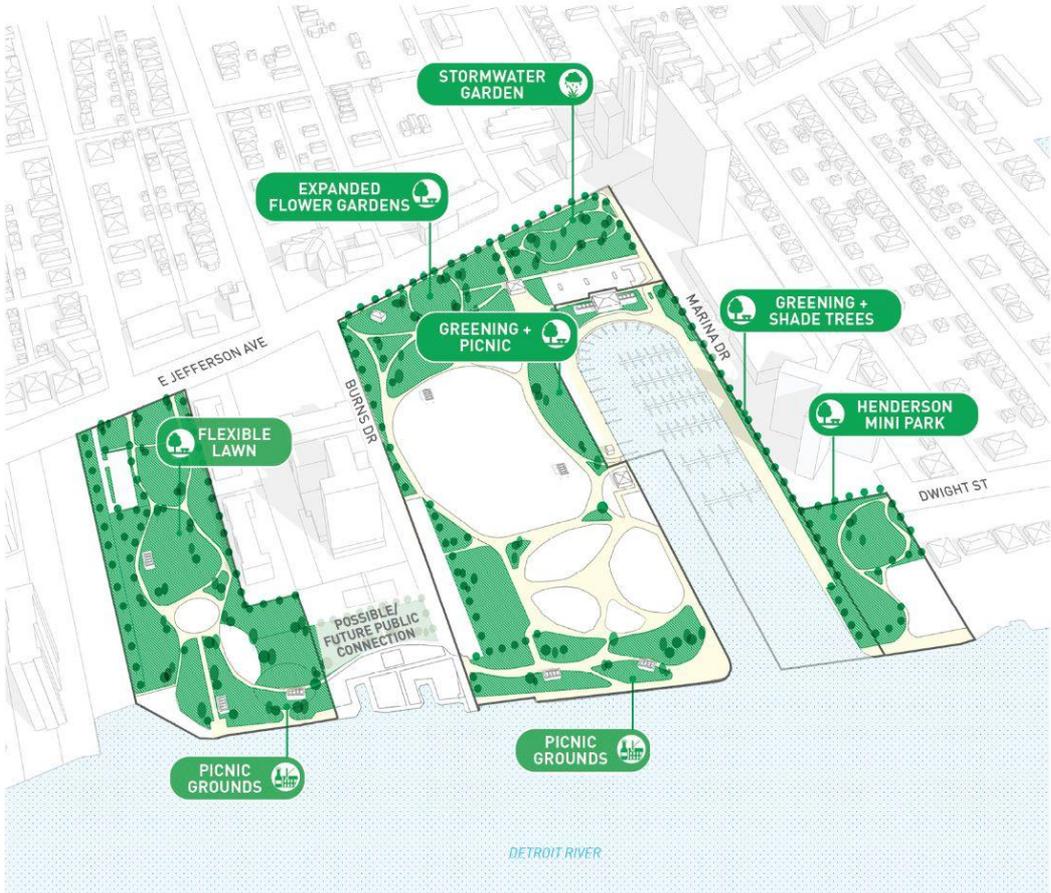
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FLEXIBLE LAWN SPACE



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ERMA HENDERSON MARINA WATER ACTIVITY



KAYAK LAUNCH



INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN / WATER FEATURE



ERMA HENDERSON MARINA

BUILDINGS + STRUCTURES



WATERFRONT PAVILION



SHELTER PAVILIONS WITHIN PARK SPACES



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ERMA HENDERSON MARINA PARKING



SHADE TREES WITHIN PARKING LOTS



RAIN GARDEN INTEGRATED WITHIN PARKING LOT



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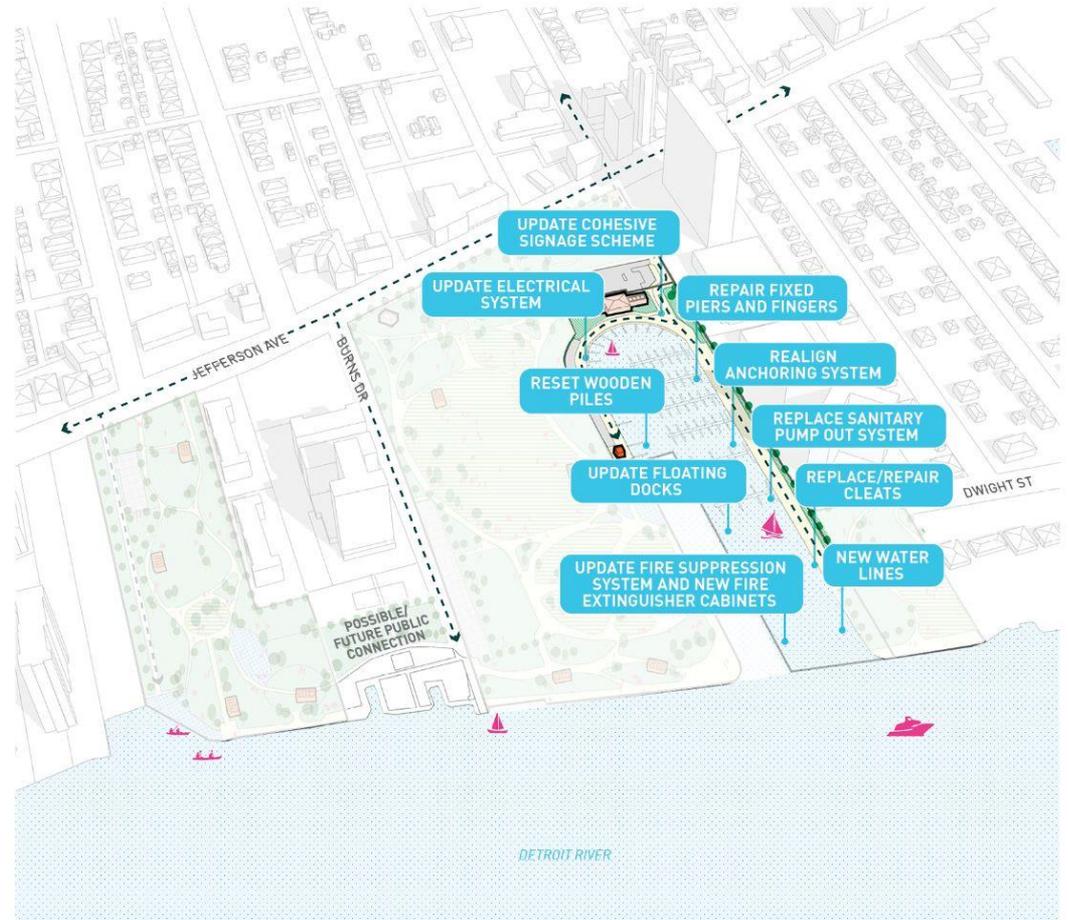
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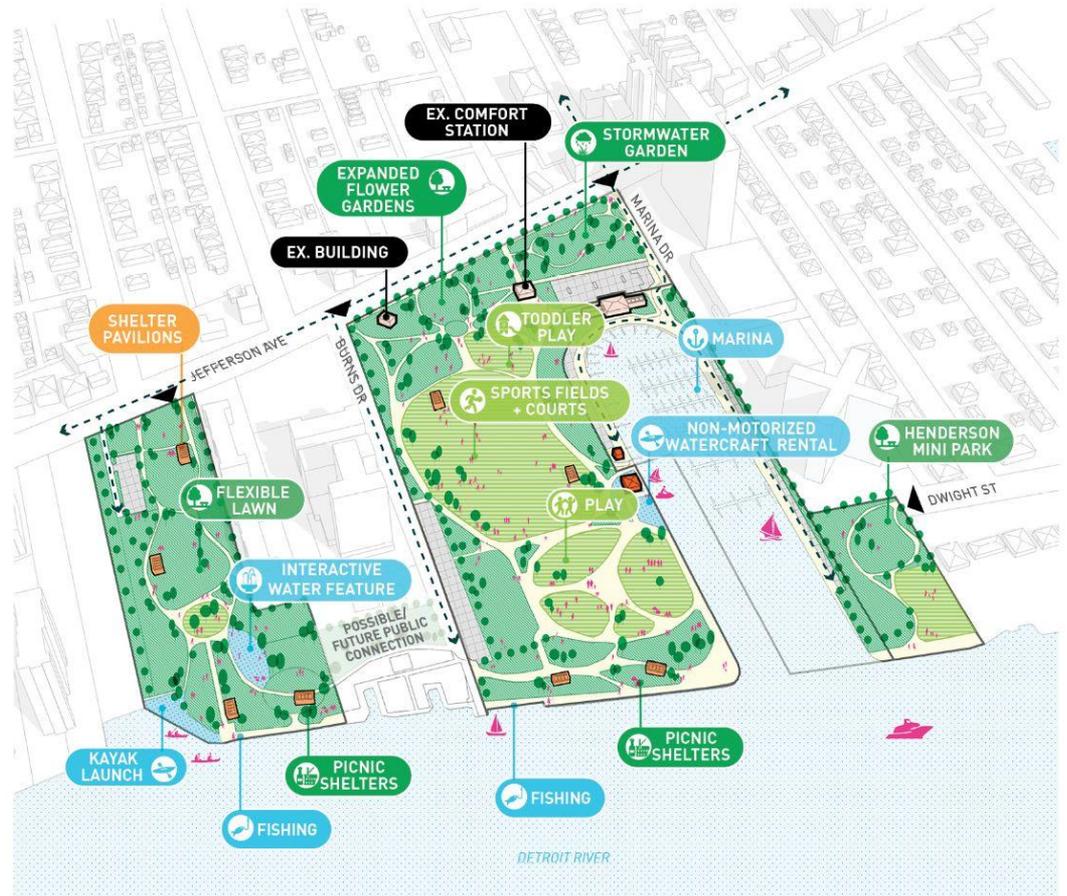
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- Increase access to and around the marina
- Improve the perimeter of the marina by reorganizing parking and adding landscaped areas
- Add and improve signage and wayfinding

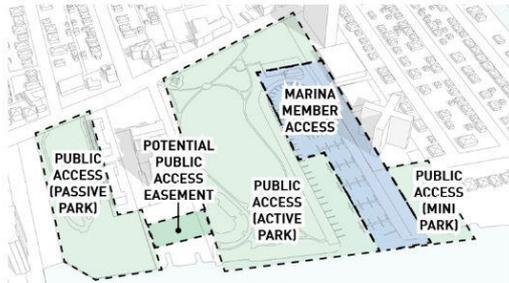


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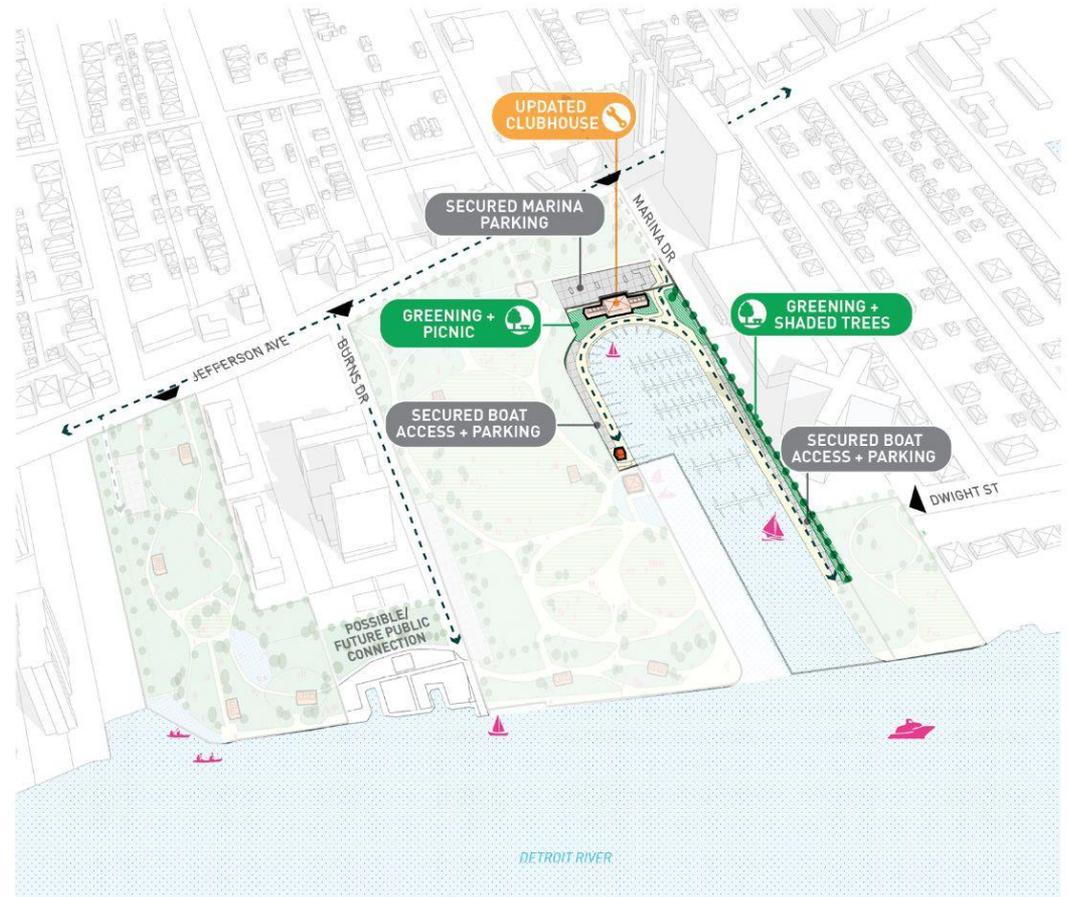


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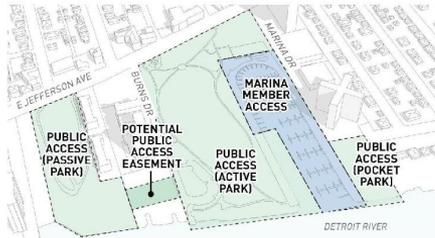
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ACCESS ZONES





Starting with critical improvements!

The City of Detroit was awarded a matching grant from the State of Michigan Waterways Program. The grant will allow the City to:

- Repair failing portion of marina seawall.
- Contract engineering services to design new electrical, plumbing systems and fire suppression systems.

Erma Henderson will remain closed until critical repairs are made. We are committed to updating you on the progress of these improvements.

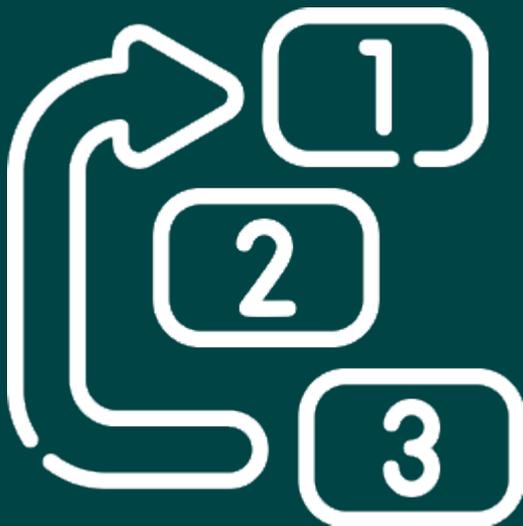


Are we missing anything on Erma Henderson Marina?

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RESULTS



Prioritize these ideas for the Erma Henderson Marina.

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RESULTS

RIVERSIDE MARINA OVERVIEW

- Combined the area makes up approx. 60 acres.
- 389 Docks
- It's strategically located in the Detroit River close to Lake St. Clair.
- Potential to supply boating amenities that are in high demand



RIVERSIDE MARINA + ST. JEAN BOAT LAUNCH

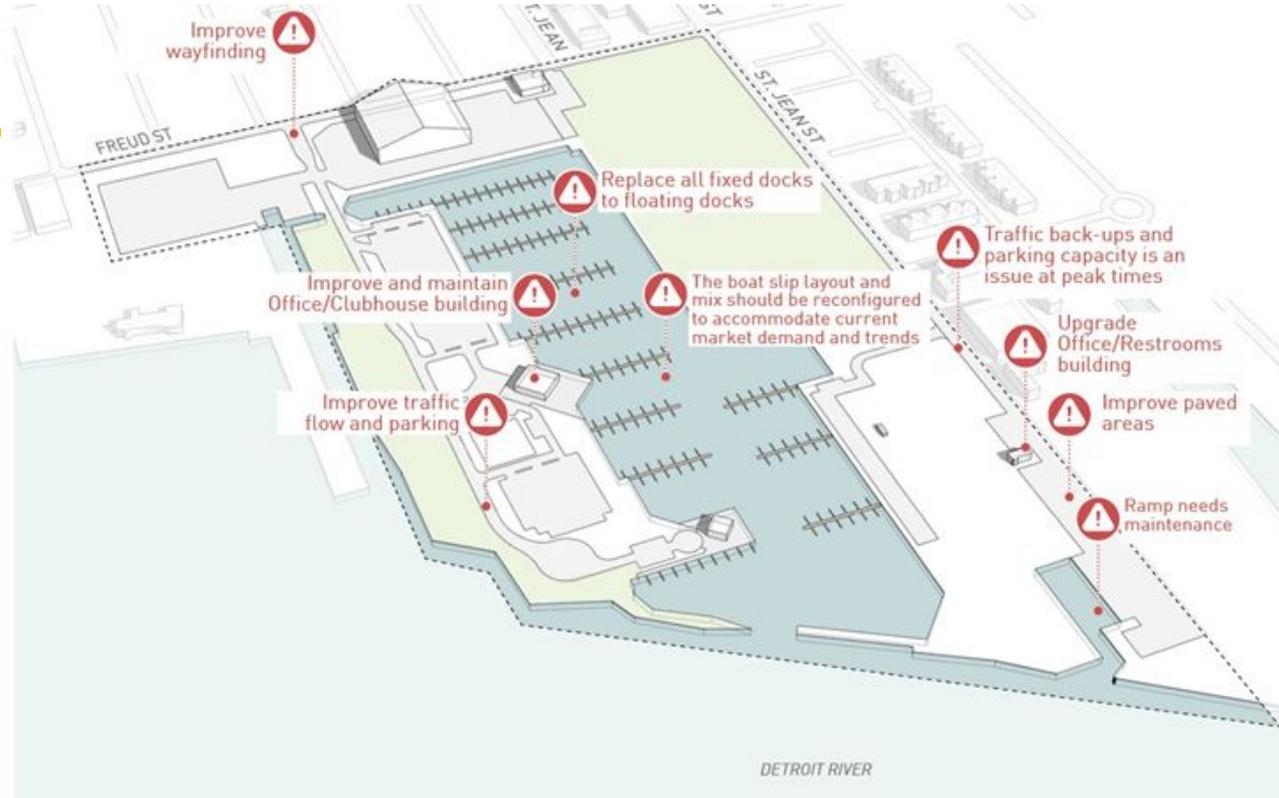
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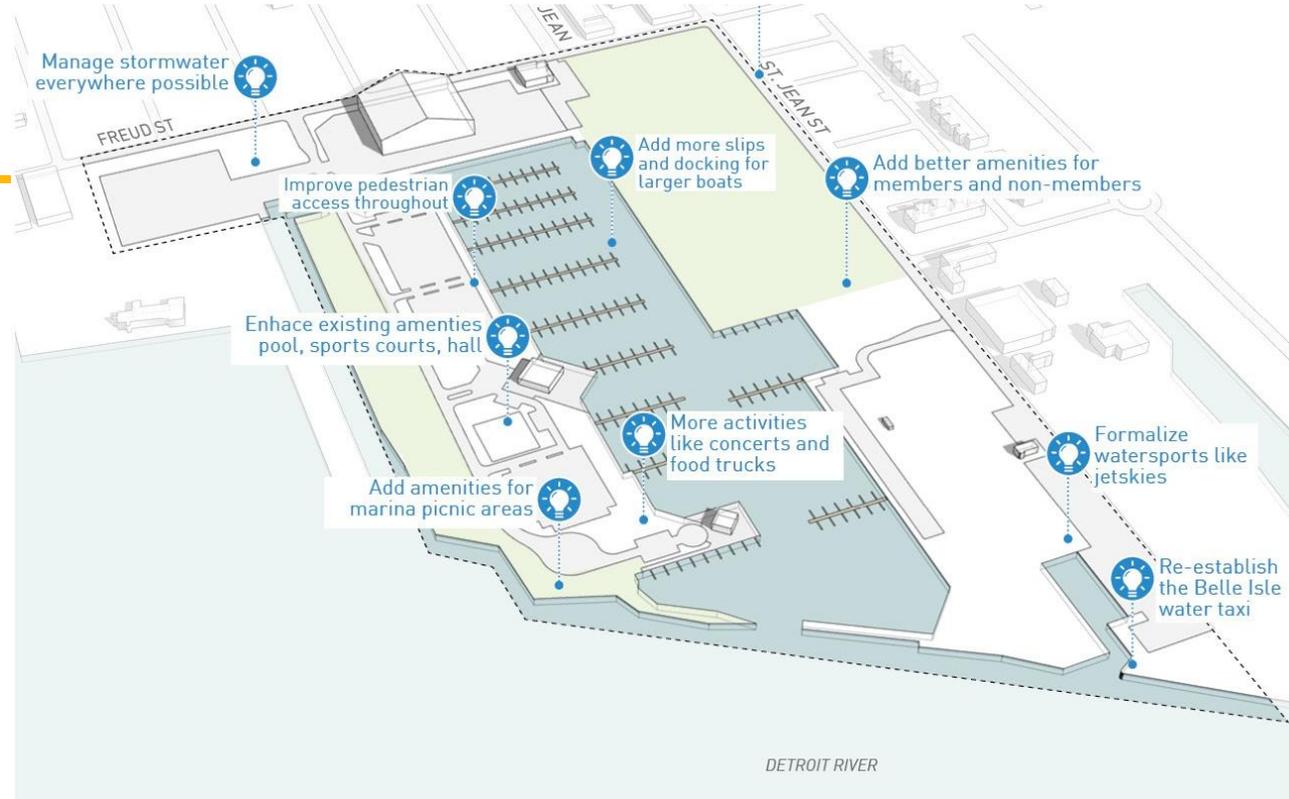
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♥ What do you love about this place?

- The location of the marina
- It has a gas dock

☹ What could be better?

- The marina is in **poor condition**.
- The facility is **not ADA compliant**.
- There are **management challenges** at the facility.
- A **desire for more destination amenities**, including additional food offerings (food trucks and restaurants).



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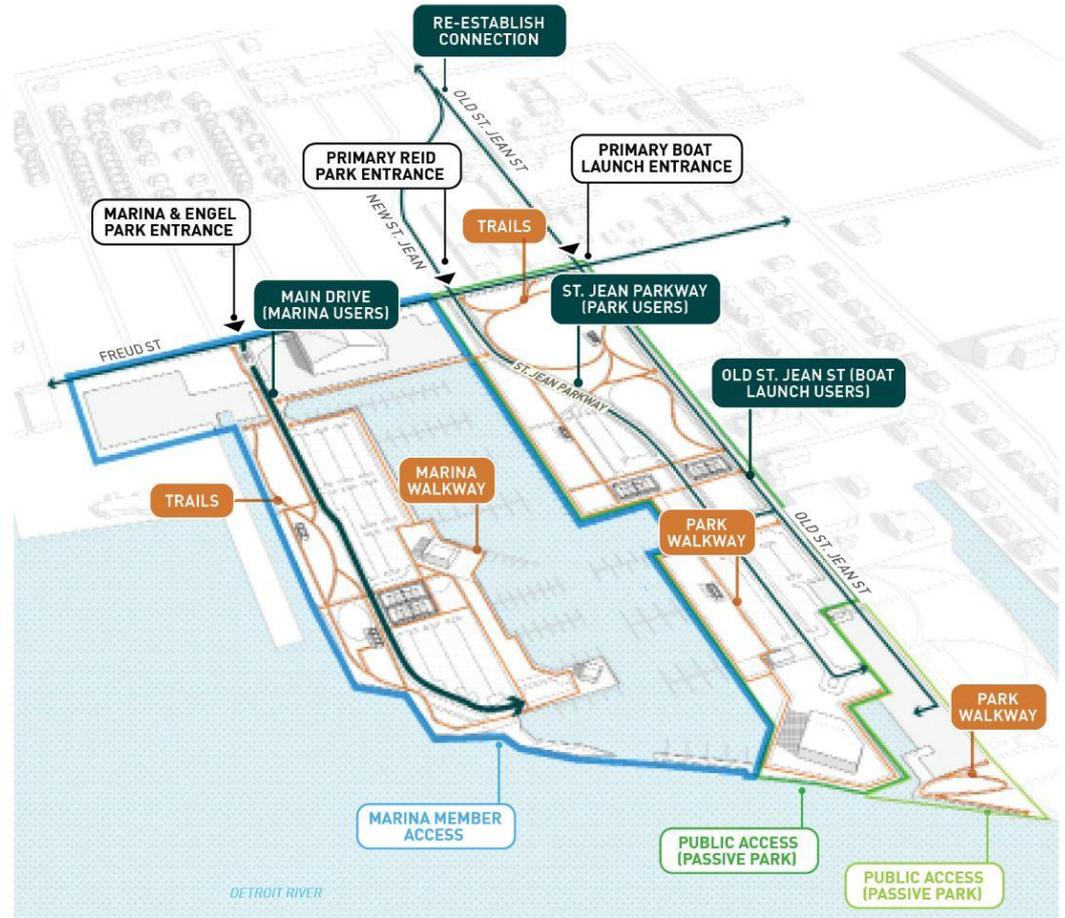
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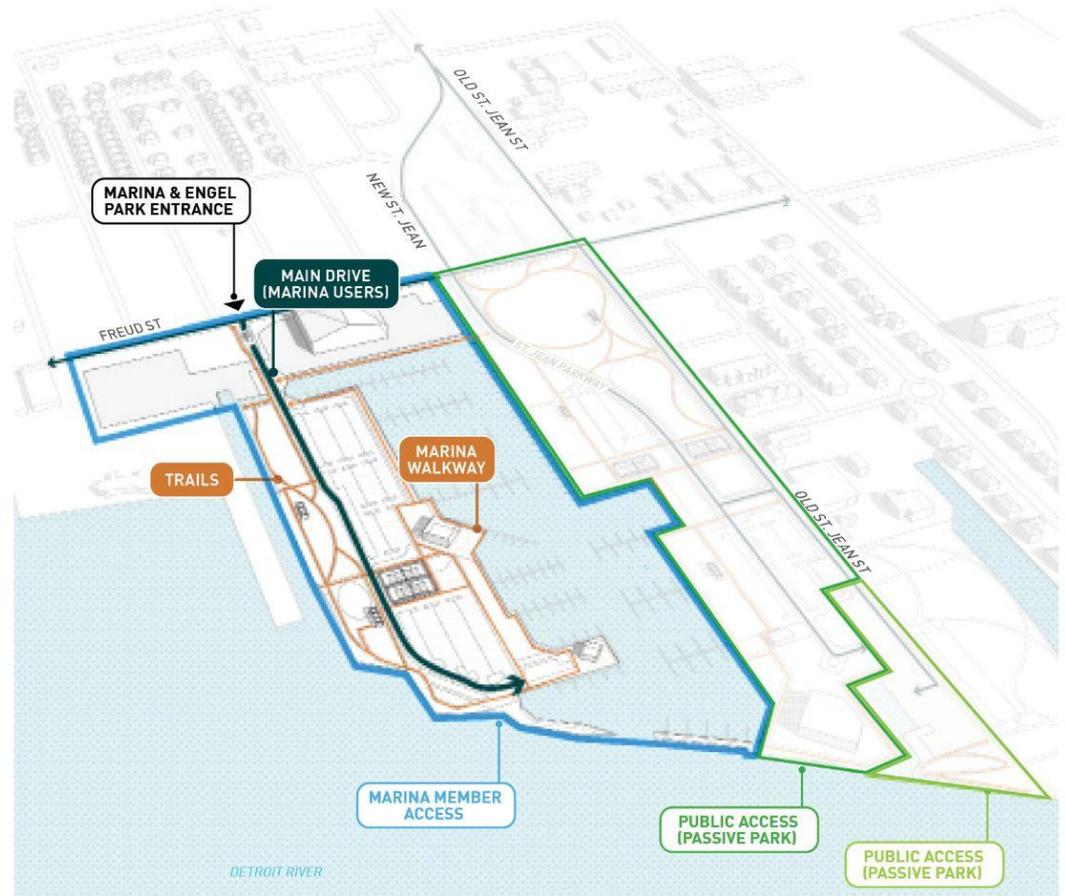
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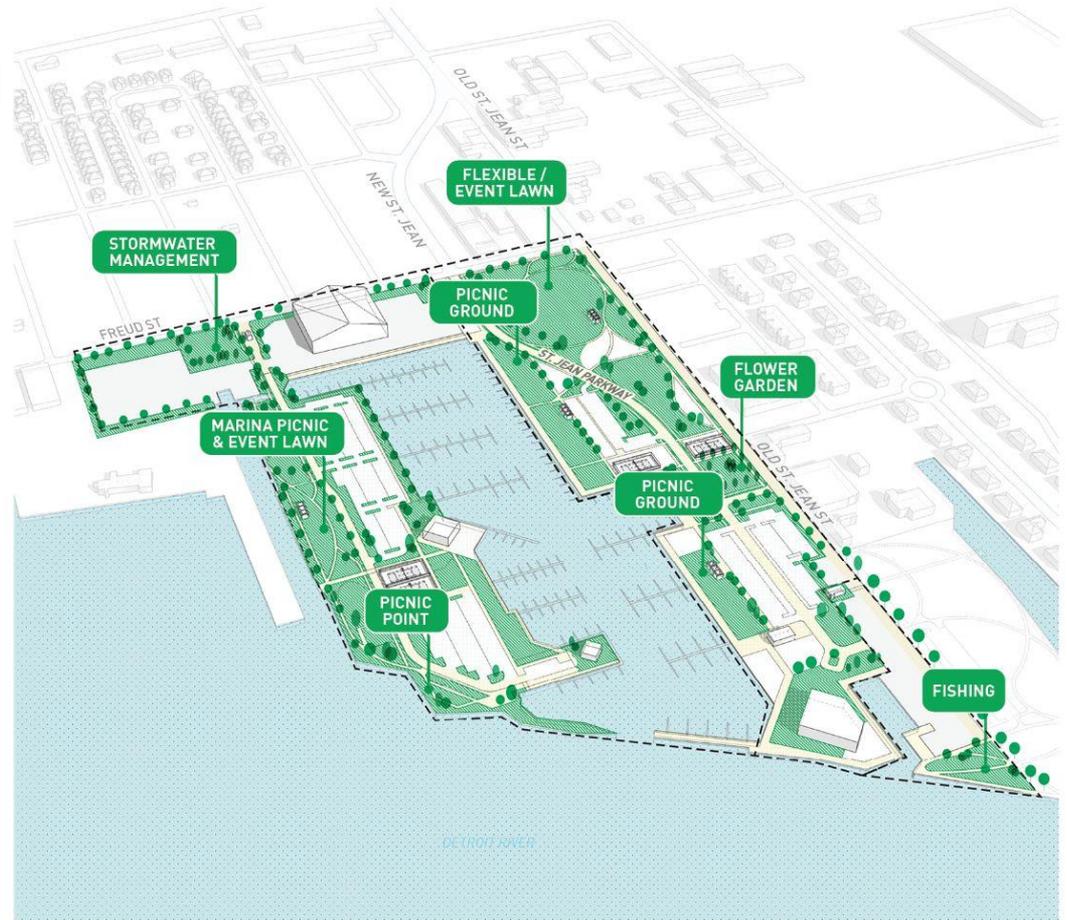
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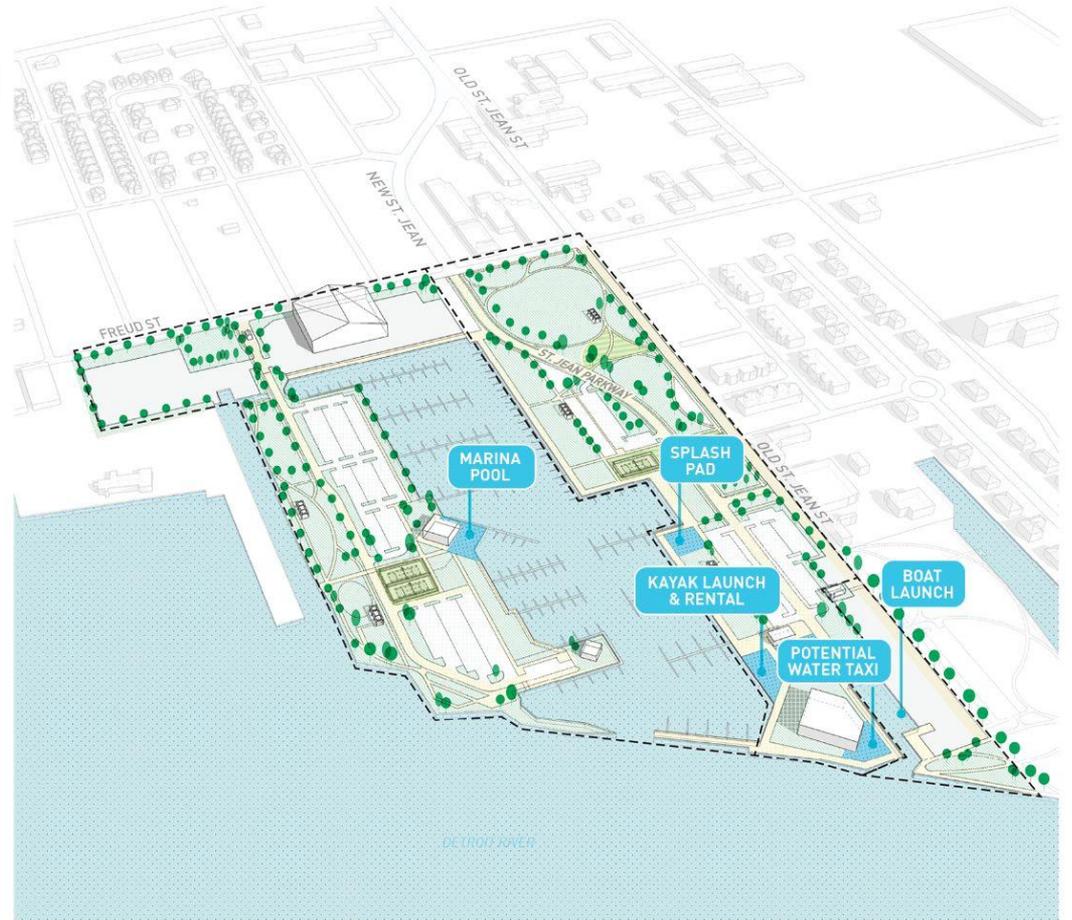
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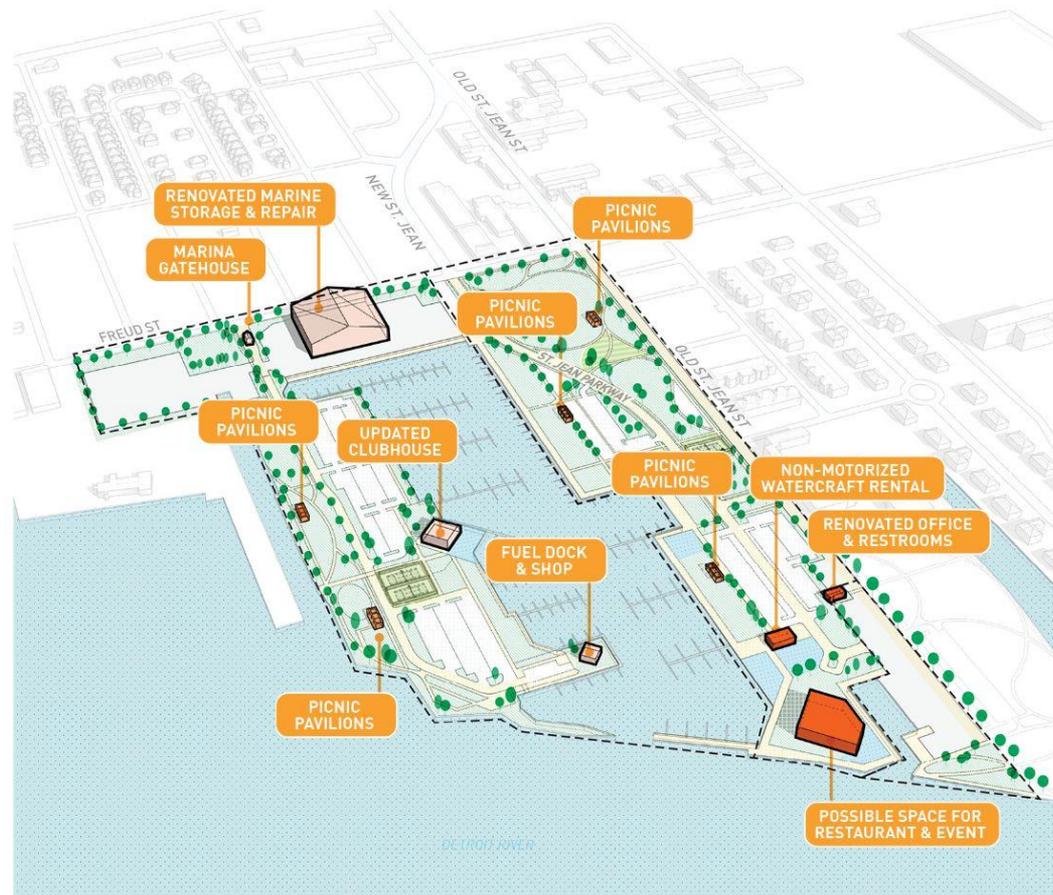
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WATERFRONT RESTAURANT & EVENT SPACE



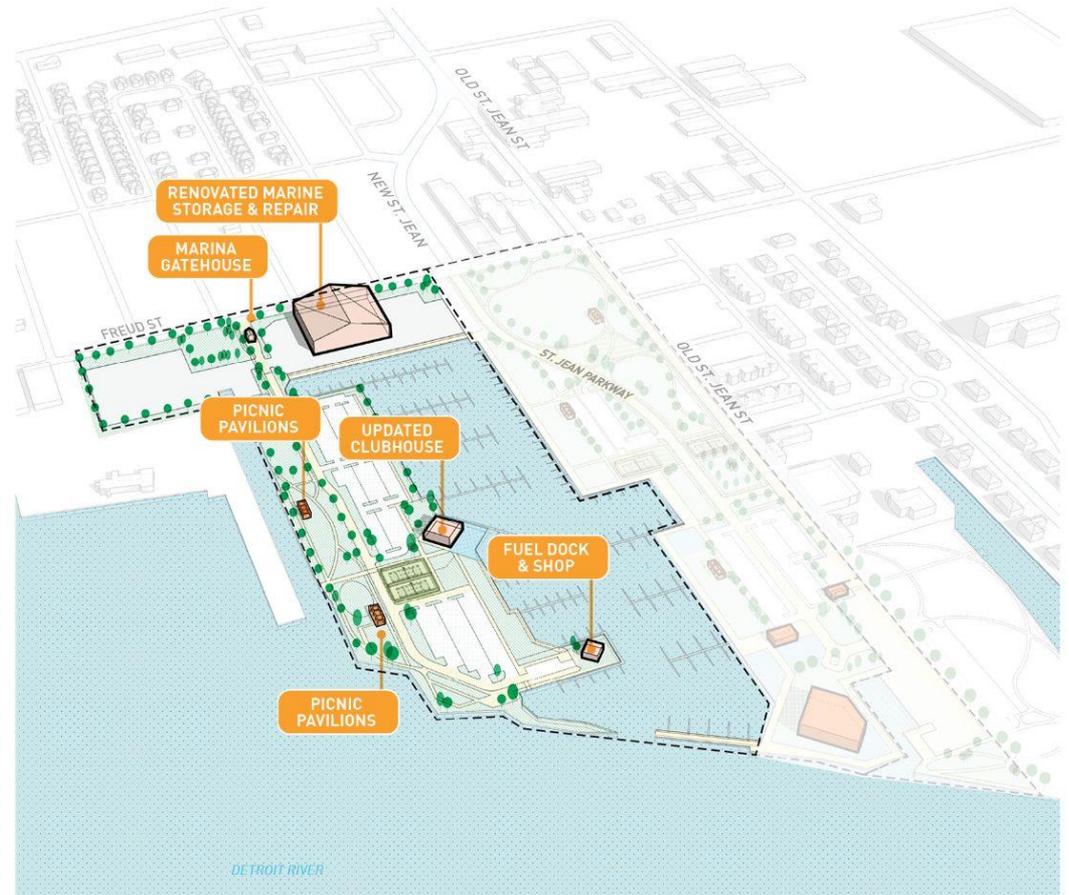
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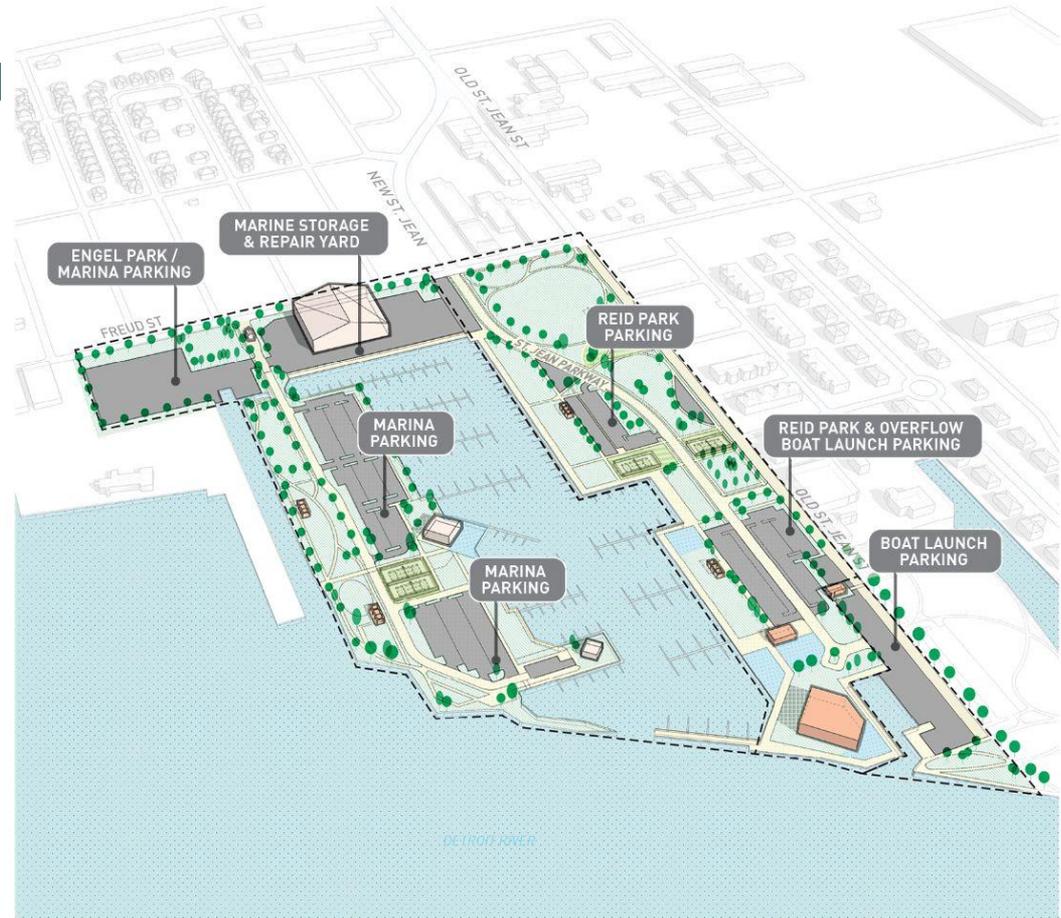
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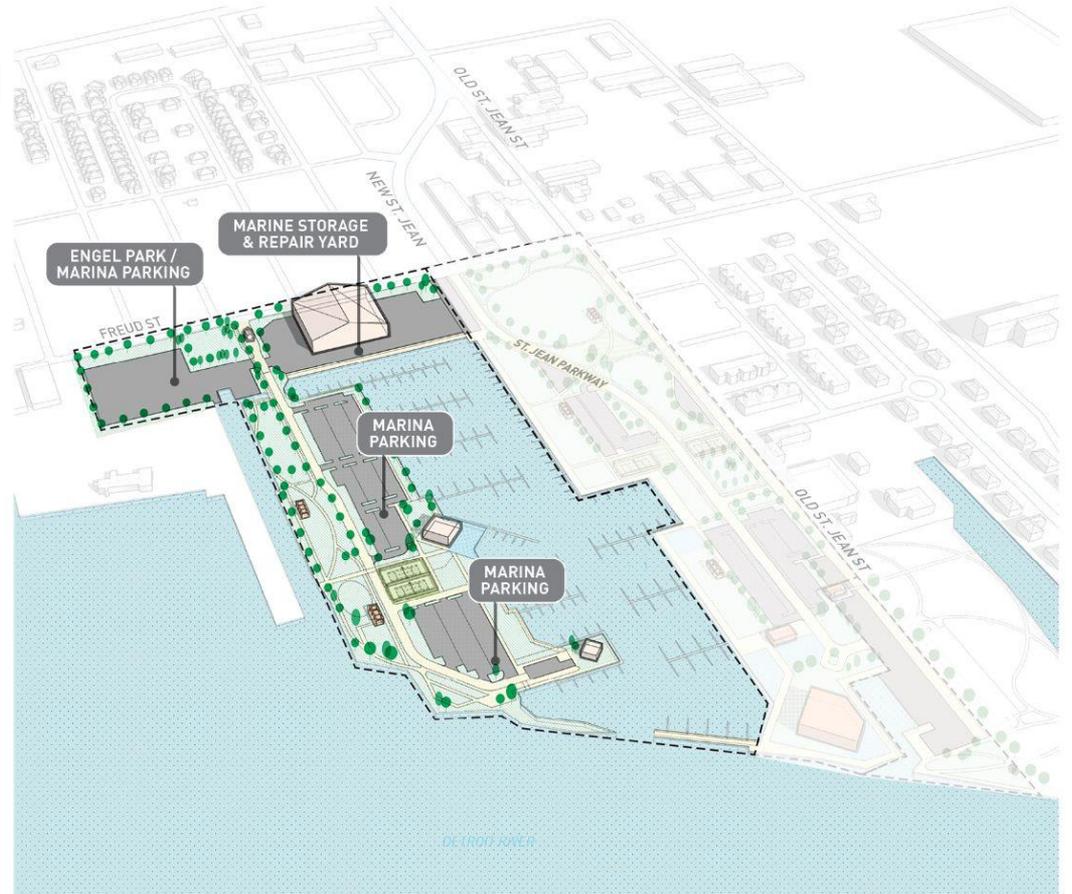
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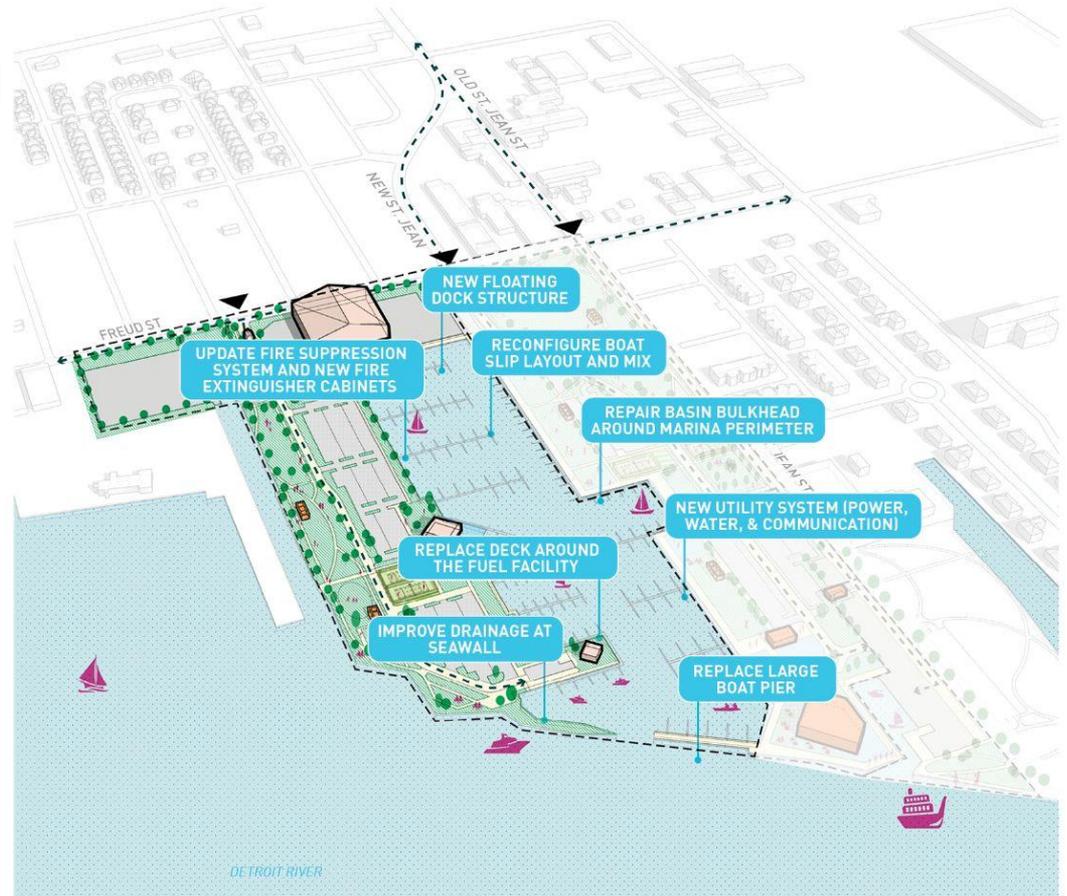
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MAIN DOCK PIER AND FINGERS BEYOND REPAIR



BROKEN DUCT FOR POWER LINE FEEDS TO POWER



RIVERSIDE MARINA + ST. JEAN BOAT LAUNCH VISION

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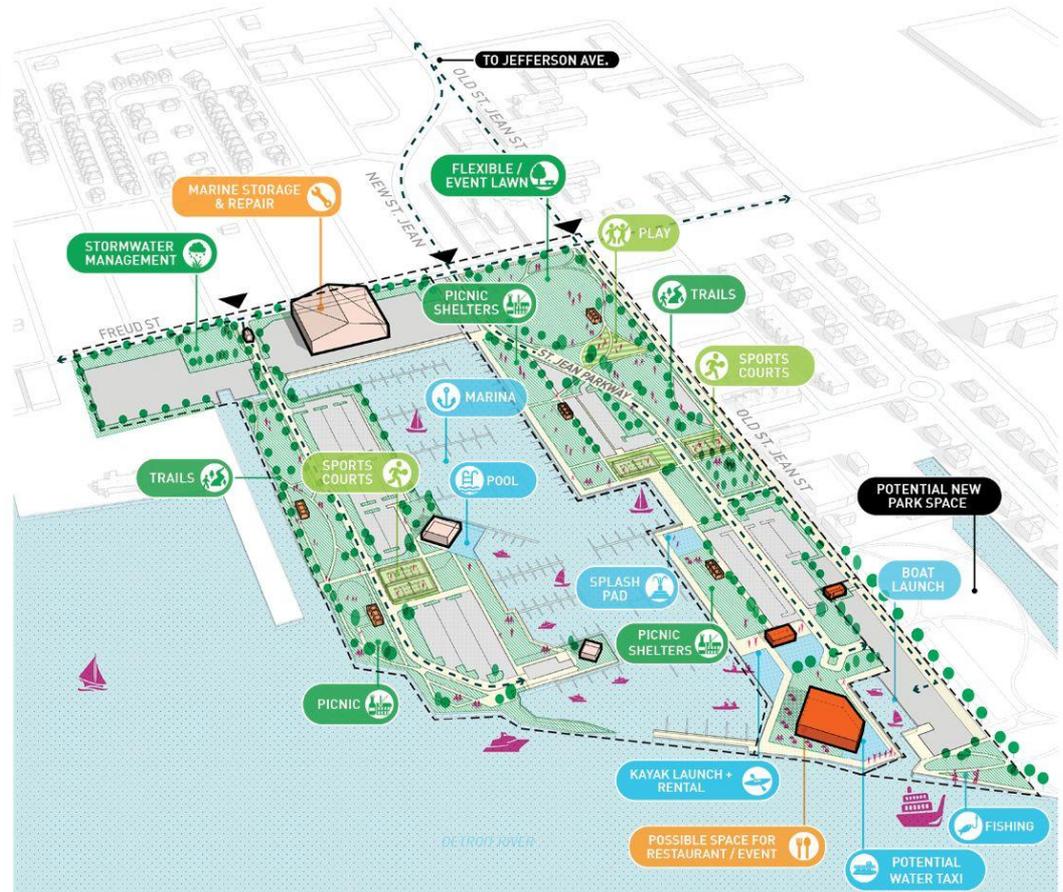
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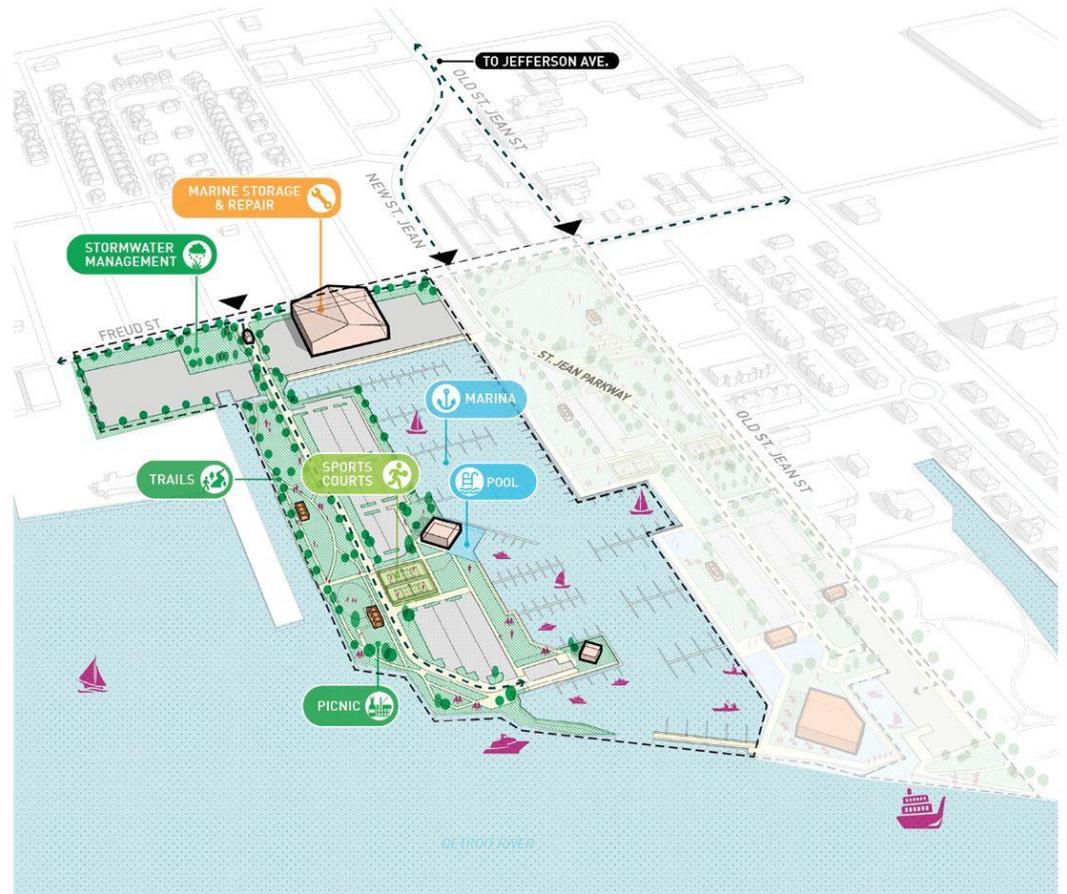
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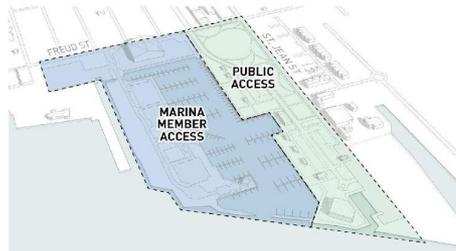
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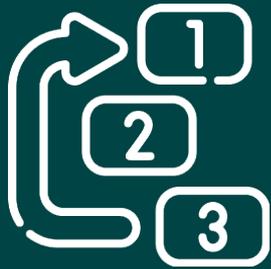


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PUBLIC AMENITIES:

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Additional meetings:

Civic Center: Spirit Plaza, The Fist, and Hart Plaza
November 16, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m

Gold Coast Parks: Erma Henderson + Owen Parks
November 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m



Next Steps

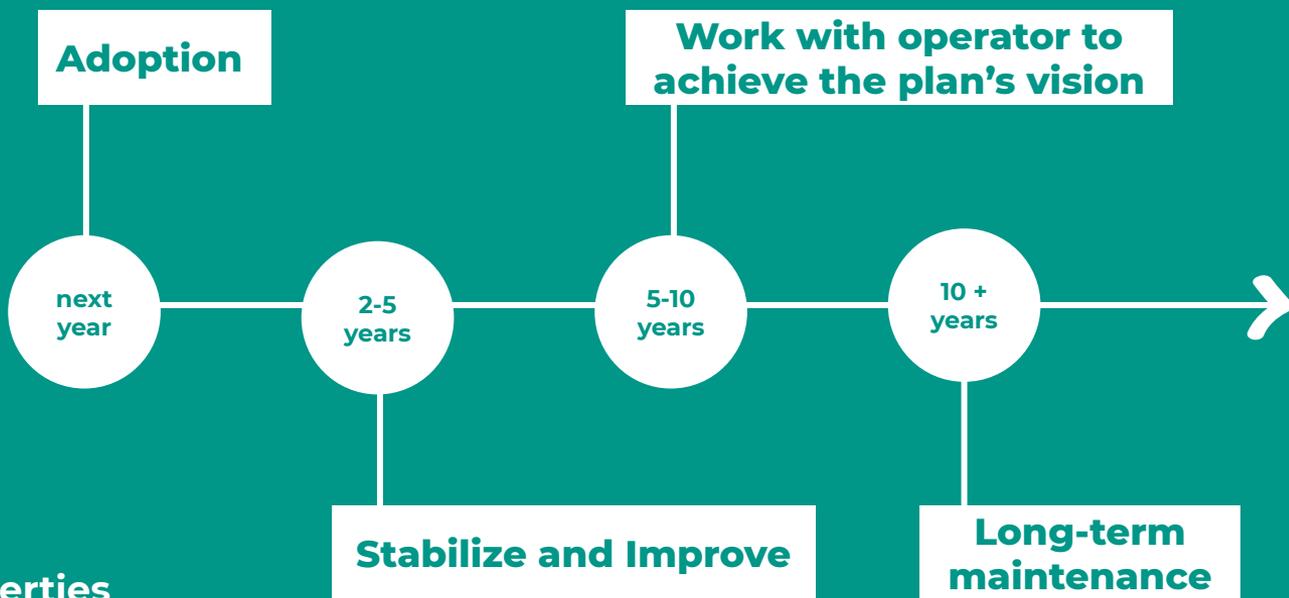


Review the
draft plan
early 2022



Once the plan is done,

what happens next?



➤ **Marinas are unique properties within our park system**



Want to get involved in early action projects?

Contact Maria to volunteer!

How to Contact Us

By phone: 313-241-4080

By email: Maria Galarza- galarzam@detroitmi.gov

Where to find more information

www.detroitmi.gov/eras

Thank you!