

DuSABLE PARK



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FRAMEWORK PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of the DuSable Park Framework Plan is to create a long term planning document for the park that responds to diverse neighborhood needs as well as the historic context of the area. The Framework Plan provides a vision for improvements to the park over time and serves as a planning tool for both the community and the Park District. This document outlines priorities and ensures that improvements are done in a coordinated and holistic manner.

DUSABLE PARK HISTORY AND GOALS

DuSable Park is an undeveloped 3.24 acre park located east of Lake Shore Drive at the confluence of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Dedicated as parkland in 1988 by the late Mayor Harold Washington, the park honors Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, the first non-native American settler and founder of Chicago.

DuSable, a Haitian of French and African descent, traveled to Chicago in 1772 and established a trading post near what is now Pioneer Court on Michigan Avenue. A public river walk, officially called DuSable Founder's Way, connects DuSable Park with Pioneer Court.

Continuing the city's expansive green space along Lake Michigan, DuSable Park is a critical piece of Chicago's lakefront park system. Residents in the nearby Streeterville and Near East Side neighborhoods will benefit from the new park as well as Chicagoans desiring to commemorate DuSable's contributions to Chicago.

The Chicago Park District's goals in creating DuSable Park are:

- 1) Honor and celebrate Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable's contributions to Chicago and to educate the public accordingly.
- 2) Recognize the unique confluence of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan by creating a passive, visible and accessible park.
- 3) Attract the local community, citywide residents and tourists to the park.
- 4) Create a park design that has evolved from the input of the Chicago Park District and the DuSable Park Steering Committee.
- 5) Integrate the DuSable sculpture of artist Martin Puryear into the park design in cooperation with The Art Institute of Chicago.



FOUNDER'S PLAZA

The prominent location of Founder's Plaza overlooks DuSable Park, the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. A pedestrian bridge will connect Founder's Plaza to the Lakefront Trail at mid-level Lake Shore Drive. From the plaza, an ADA accessible walkway takes you to the Promenade and Lakeside Lawn. The Observatory and Adventure Path are additional park features accessed from the plaza. The most prominent feature of Founder's Plaza will be the DuSable sculpture by Martin Puryear.

"A monument to Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable will fill the lacuna of awareness which has long existed in Chicago concerning the essential facts about the city's first permanent non-Amerindian settler. I am honored to have been selected for this very important project."

- Martin Puryear

The Observatory will showcase native trees which serve as a resting spot for migratory birds traveling along the Lake Michigan flyway while dampening the sound of vehicle traffic from Lake Shore Drive.

Underbridge connections at the Chicago River and Ogden Slip Plazas will link the park to DuSable Founder's Way and Ogden Slip.

Ogden Slip Plaza will serve as a gathering space for special events within the park, as well as a docking location for tour and shuttle boats. In the future, one may be able to visit all the parks along the Chicago River from DuSable Park.

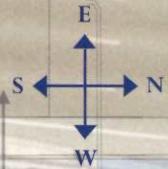
The History Wall will feature a mural imbedded into the retaining wall at the northwest corner of the park, underneath the pedestrian walkway leading to Founder's Plaza. The mural is to be made of cut stone or masonry that will be attached to the retaining wall. The mural's primary depiction will be of DuSable's trading post and homestead. Along the wall there will also be opportunities for exhibits relating to DuSable and the history of Chicago.

OGDEN SLIP PLAZA AND HISTORY WALL



DuSABLE PARK

TO DuSABLE
FOUNDER'S WAY



LAKE SHORE DRIVE

CHICAGO
RIVER PLAZA

OBSERVATORY

OGDEN
SLIP
PLAZA

PATH

HISTORY WALL

NATIVE PLANTINGS

FOUNDER'S
PLAZA

OGDEN SLIP

LAWN

ADVENTURE
PATHWAY

CHICAGO RIVER

OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM

LAKEFRONT
BOARDWALK

PROMENADE

WETLANDS

FISHING LOCATION





LAKEFRONT BOARDWALK

Accessible from the Promenade, the Lakefront Boardwalk brings visitors toward the water level for an opportunity to view birds, reptiles, insects and plants. A unique feature of the park will be the lowered retaining wall along the boardwalk, allowing the river to flood the wetlands as they would in their native environment. The wetlands will also filter the park's runoff before the water enters the river, rather than emptying into the city's combined sewer system.

Plantings will be of the time of DuSable and will provide habitat and food for birds and small animals.

Near the Outdoor Classroom you'll find the Adventure Path, which guides you through a Northern Illinois landscape typical of DuSable's era, and accessible fishing stations providing some of the best fishing on the Chicago River.

The Outdoor Classroom will serve as a gathering node that will incorporate educational and interpretive elements to teach visitors about DuSable and the natural environment of his time. Representational tablets of DuSable's life in bas-relief will be placed in the Outdoor Classroom and then spread out along the park's walkways and boardwalk. These tablets will be installed slightly above the ground surface allowing visitors to discover them as they walk throughout the park.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

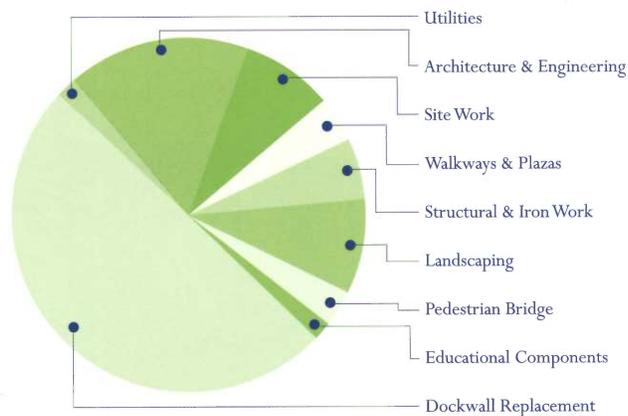


BUDGET*

Site Work	\$970,000
Walkways & Plazas	\$460,000
Structural & Iron Work	\$661,000
Landscaping	\$990,000
Pedestrian Bridge	\$360,000
Educational Components	\$184,000
Dockwall Replacement	\$5,708,000
Utilities	\$200,000
Architecture & Engineering	\$1,906,600
TOTAL	\$11,439,600

* 2006 Dollars

BUDGET BREAKDOWN



CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

Alderman Burton Natarus, 42nd Ward

Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad,
Chicago Chapter

Bronzeville Children's Museum

Chicago Commission on Human Relations

Chicago DuSable League

Chicago Park District

Chicago River Rowing and Paddling Center

DuSable Heritage Association

DuSable Park Coalition

DuSable Park Project

DuSable Park Steering Committee

Friends of DuSable

Friends of DuSable Park

Friends of the Chicago River

Friends of the Parks

Grant Park Advisory Council

Grant Park Conservancy

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority

Midwest Association of Haitian American Women

Near Eastside Association of Residents (NEAR)

Streeterville Organization for Active Residents (SOAR)

The Art Institute of Chicago