

Parks, Recreation and Cultural
Resources Department

Smoky Hollow Park

Schematic Design

City Council
May 7, 2024

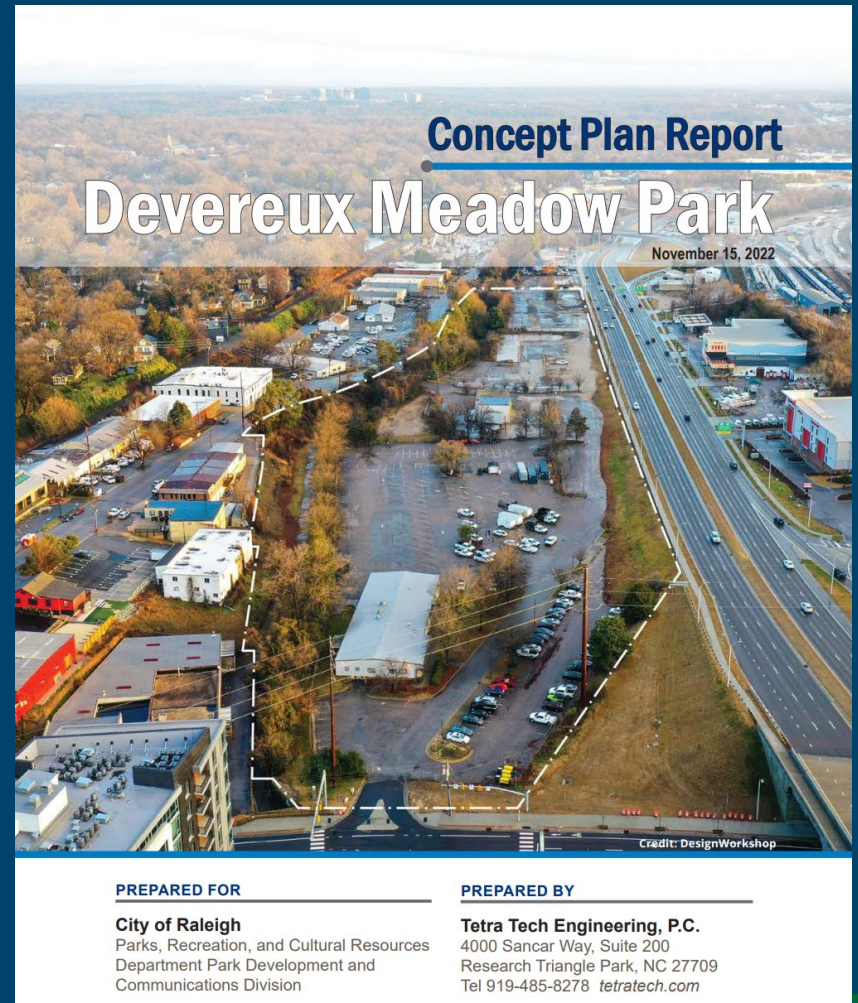


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Project Overview

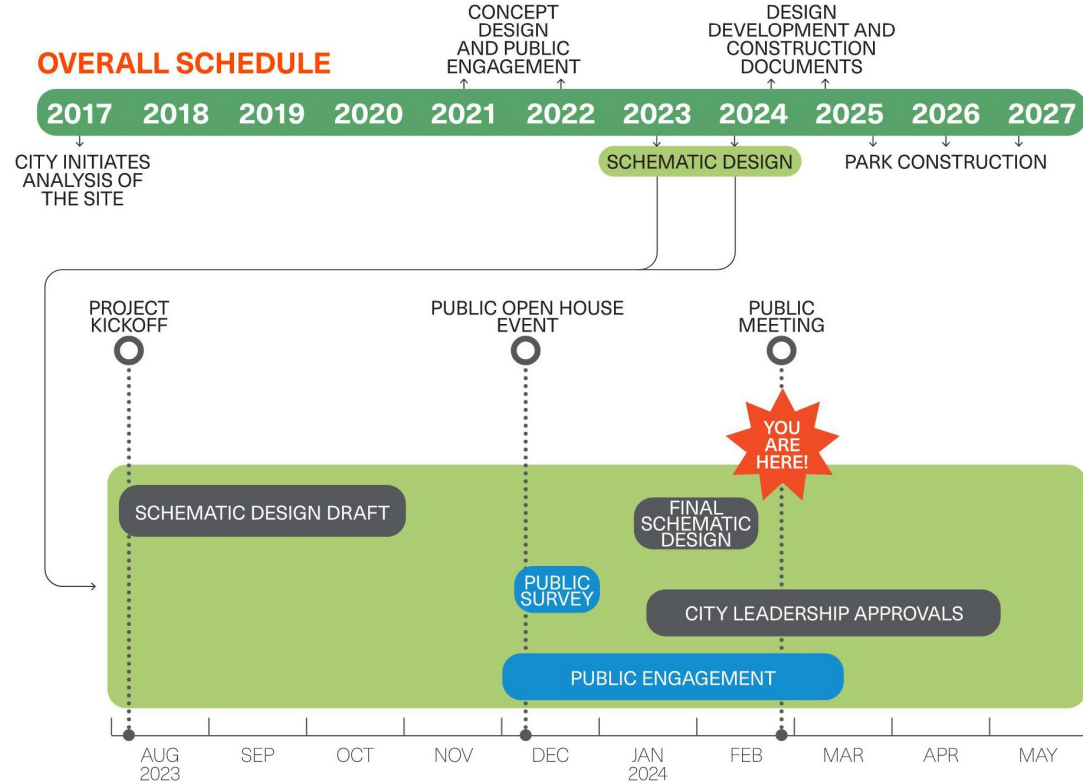
2022 Concept Plan

- Site remediation
- Daylighting and restoration of Pigeon House Branch
- Development of a natural and passive park
- First phase of the Pigeon House Branch greenway



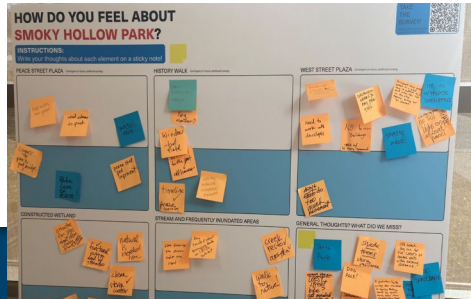
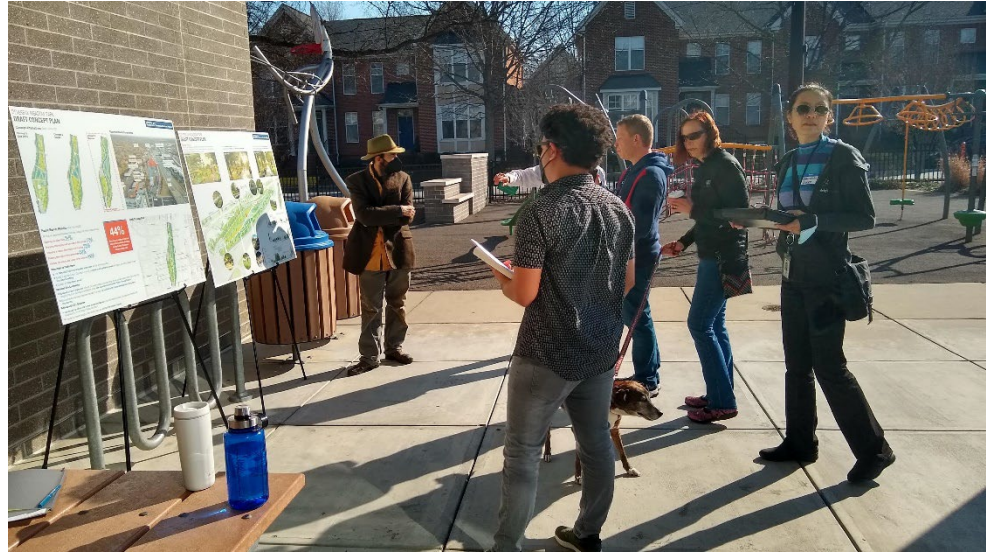
Project Timeline

- 2017 - 2020: Site Studies
- 2021 - 2022: Concept Design/Public Engagement
- November 2022: Concept Plan approval
- 2023 - 2024: Schematic Design/Public Engagement
- **2024-2025: Advanced Design and Permitting**
- **2026-2027: Construction**



Public Engagement

- Concept Design Phase
 - Stakeholder Committee
 - Virtual meetings - 2021
 - Live open house – 2022
 - Surveys
- Schematic Design
 - Open Houses: Dec. 2023 and March 2024
 - Survey: Dec. 2023 – Jan. 2024

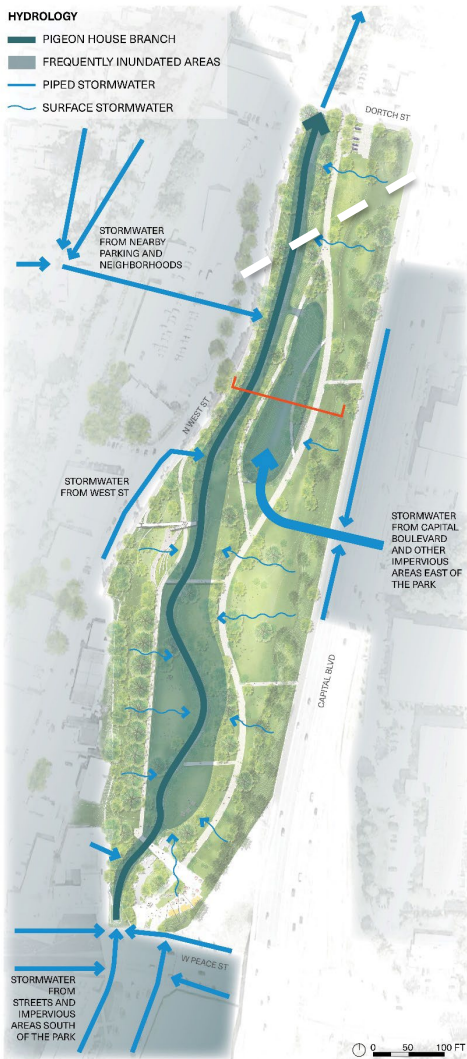


Schematic Design

- Site remediation and restoration
- Greenway and other paths
- Plazas
- Landscaped & naturalized areas
- Pigeon House Branch restoration
- Constructed wetland
- Viewing areas
- History Walk



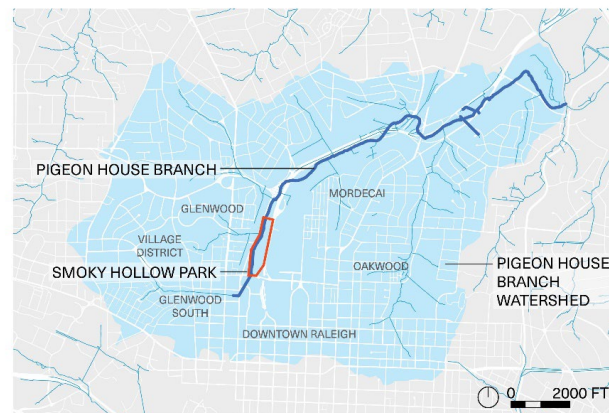
Restoring Pigeon House Branch



PARK SECTION

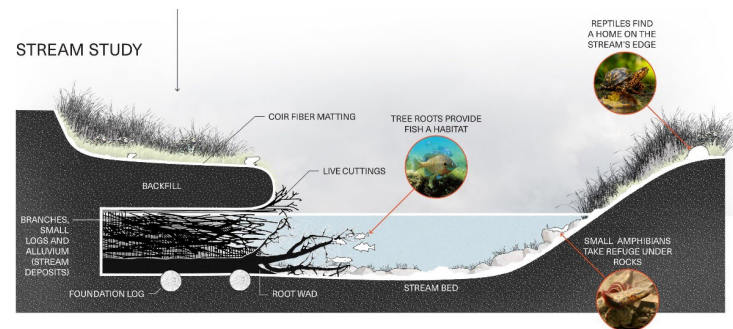


OVERALL WATERSHED

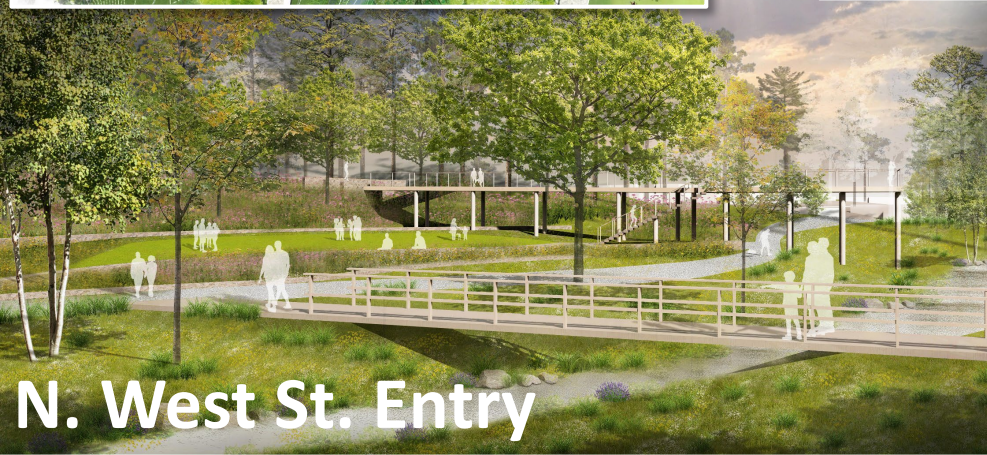
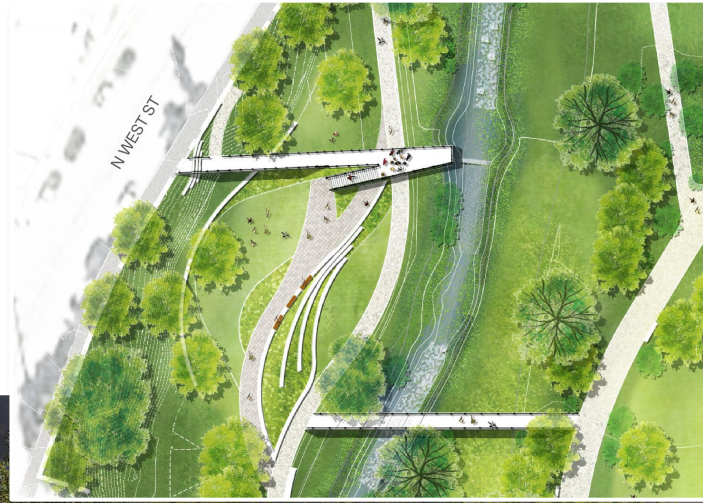


WETLAND OBSERVATION BOARDWALK

STREAM STUDY



Gathering Places



Smoky Hollow Park Funding

Funding Breakdown

2014 & 2022 Park Bonds Funding	\$ 13.5m
Stormwater Funding	\$ 5.5m
Total City Funding	\$ 19.0m

NCLWF Grant Application

- Grant request: \$975,000
- Proposed Match: \$926,000
- Total (if awarded):
\$1,901,000
- Fall 2024 Award Decision

PRGAB Recommendation

**Approve the Smoky Hollow Park Schematic Design,
as presented, with the following priorities:**

1. Environmental remediation
2. Stream restoration and stormwater quality improvements
3. Greenway, trail connectivity, and cultural interpretation
4. Development of plazas
5. Other hardscape amenities

- 1 PEACE STREET PLAZA
- 2 GATHERING SPACE
- 3 ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
- 4 STREAM OBSERVATION AREA
- 5 HISTORY WALK
- 6 ADA PARKING
- 7 WEST STREET PLAZA
- 8 OVERLOOK STRUCTURE
- 9 GREENWAY TRAIL
- 10 CONSTRUCTED WETLAND
- 11 SKATE SPOT
- 12 ENTRANCE ON DORTCH ST.

- B BRIDGE OVER STREAM
- M MEADOW
- L FLEXIBLE LAWN



Thank you!

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