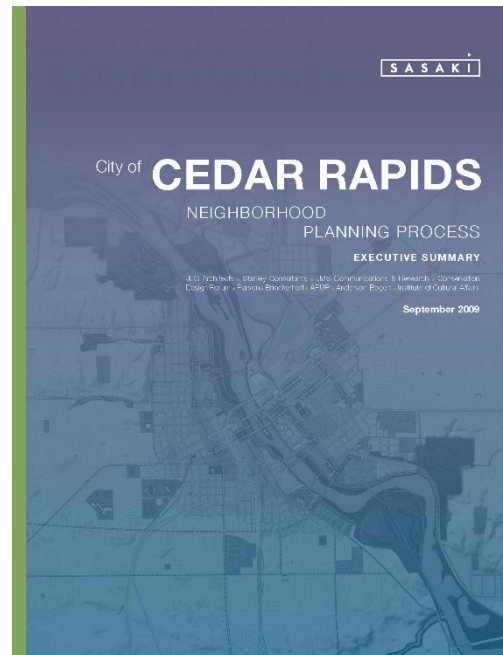
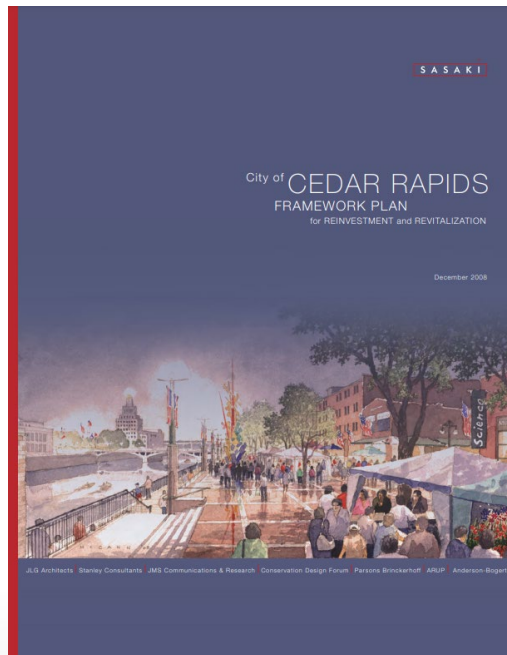




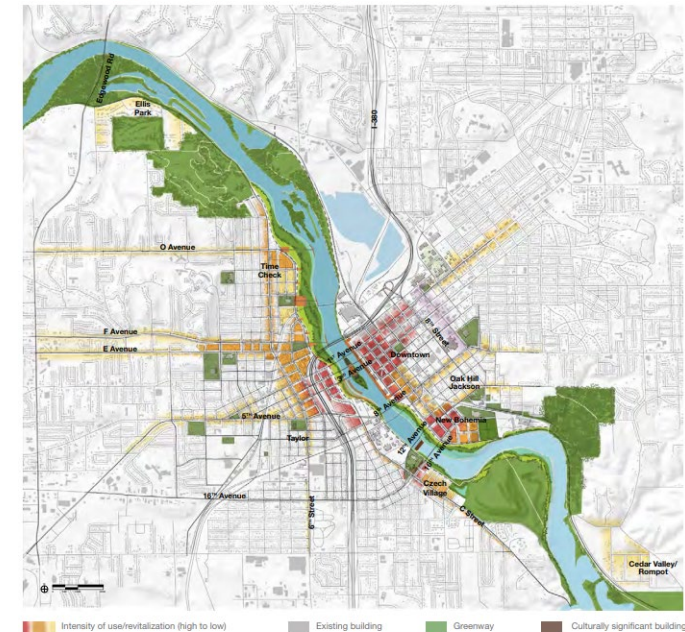
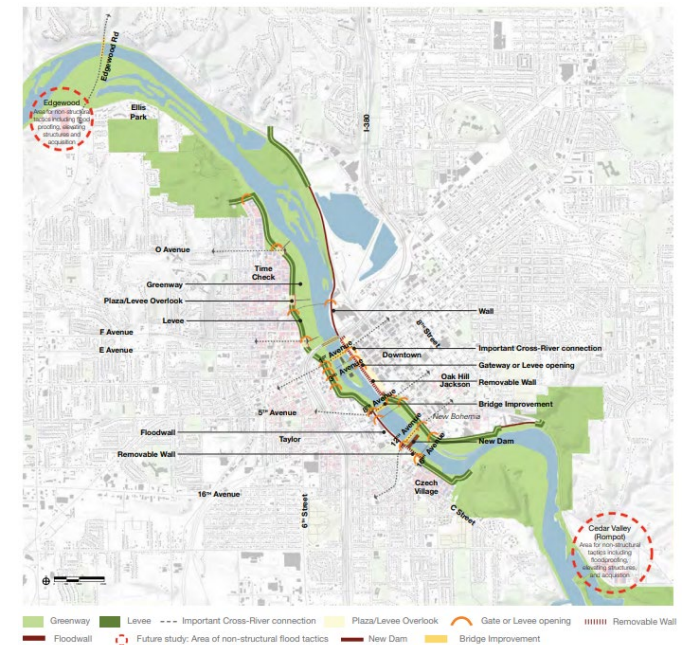
Development Committee Greenway Parks Plan Update

Background

- Recreation area created on the West side by the Flood Control System



River Corridor Redevelopment Plan (2008-2009)



Background

- Cedar Rapids Greenway Parks Plan (2014)
 - Over 300 participants from the general public
 - Outreach with a variety of user groups



North

- Time Check Greenway



Central

- Riverfront Greenway (Kingston Village)



South

- Czech Village Greenway



Czech Village/New Bohemia Area Action Plan (2019)



South

- Czech Village Greenway



Birds-eye perspective over the levee looking west at the greenway park, Roundhouse, and adjacent development



Why - Greenway Plan Update

- Updated West side Flood Control System alignment
- Established feasibility of whitewater park
- 1st and 1st West Project



Purpose - Greenway Plan Update

- Engagement with the community to build momentum
- Collaboration to enhance amenities through other City projects
- Positions City to be competitive for federal funding



Greenway Plan Update

- Joint project led by Parks and Recreation and Community Development
- City awarded contract to Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. (MVVA)
 - With subcontractors:
 - Anderson Bogert (local civil engineering)
 - Seelman Landscape Architecture (local landscape architect)
 - Limnotech (environmental and water resources engineering)
 - Landwise (economic advisor)



Steering Committee

- Serve as representatives of community stakeholder groups, help engage populations impacted by the Plan, and help guide and provide feedback on the Plan's development
- Representatives
 - Parks, Waterways, and Recreation Commission
 - Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation
 - Northwest Neighbors Neighborhood Association
 - Czech Village/New Bohemia SSMID
 - Downtown District
 - Skateboard User Group
 - Paddling User Group



Community Engagement

- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Community Events
 - Festival Latino
 - AsianFest
 - County Fair at Old MacDonalds Farm
 - Matthew 25 Mega Market
 - Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation Beers in the Barnyard event
 - City Open House
- Open House
- Online Survey – 218 responses



Engagement Results

Active Recreation Preferences



Passive Use Preferences

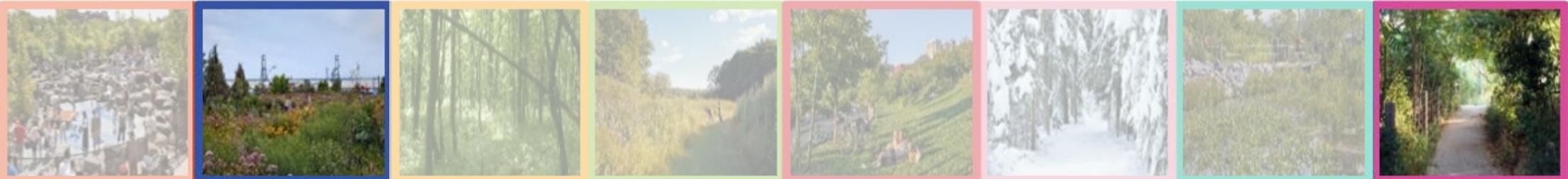


2014 Plan Amenity Preferences



Engagement Results

Landscape Preferences



Connectivity Preferences



Key Themes

- Natural features, prairie, trees, shade, gardens, wildlife
- Connect to river, water activities
- Trails
- Public Art
- Dog Park
- Events (concerts/music, group fitness, festivals, etc.)
- Relaxation, play, solitude



Timeline

- Preliminary Community Engagement Mid-Sept. to early Oct. 2023
- Draft Park Concept Plans
• Community Engagement December/January 2023
- Draft Greenway Plan February 2024
- Final Greenway Plan
• Community Engagement March 2024
- City Council Plan Adoption April 2024

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