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The Groundbreaking!

**The Historic Groundbreaking for
CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT PARK
DIG IT ON MONDAY!**

CINCINNATI, OH:--- Be on hand Monday morning, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. for the groundbreaking ceremonies for Cincinnati Riverfront Park! The event—which will be held at the foot of the Roebling Suspension Bridge (Walnut Street)—will mark the start of construction of the new 45-acre "front yard" for the City. **Citizens in attendance will be invited to turn the dirt that will herald the start of construction!**

Cincinnati Parks—which is leading the effort to plan, design and construct the park—is hosting the ceremonies in partnership with The City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, The State of Ohio and The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Invited officials include Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, U.S. Senators Brown and Voinovich, U.S. Representatives Jean Schmidt and Steve Chabot, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory, Cincinnati City Council members and Hamilton County Commissioners.

Following the ceremonies, attendees will enjoy UDF ice-cream!

ATTACHMENT



The Cincinnati carousel—featuring Bengal tigers and flying pigs—is planned for the new Cincinnati Riverfront Park.

ABOUT CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT PARK

Cincinnati Riverfront Park, adjacent to The Banks development, will re-connect downtown to the river edge. It will feature unique playgrounds, boat docks, expansive lawns, a carousel, floral gardens, a bike trail, walkways, tree groves, a river edge promenade, dramatic water features like cascades, fountains and waterfalls, and restaurants and cafes. The park will also feature works of art and will be designed to be universally accessible and sustainable.

Sasaki Associates, a world-renowned landscape architecture firm, created the design plans for Cincinnati Riverfront Park. Sasaki's work was inspired by the input of citizen stake-holders at a series of public meetings and focus groups that began in 1998. The design plans are consistent with the Park's Master Plan— created by Hargreaves Associates in 1999. The plan was approved by the City, County, Planning Commission, Park Board and the Urban Design Review Board.

The Park will be built in phases over the coming years. Phase I will include a plaza of water jets with cascades of water that drop to pools along Mehring Way. There will be a grand stairway with landings at water-filled basins, a glass-floored walkway above a lower level loggia, a shade trellis, informational and interpretive displays, and public restrooms. Also part of the design is an event lawn and stage, a promenade, a restaurant, a tree grove and labyrinth, an adventure playground and part of the Ohio River bike trail. The park will also feature a bike center.

Funding is coming from a variety of public sources and also includes a major private fundraising campaign, which has already raised over \$5 million. For those interested in more information on the park or who want to make a donation toward the park, call 513-352-4079 or visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityparks.

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