

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park

The Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, located on the bank of the Hillsborough River in downtown Tampa, is a venue for everyone. The integration of design with the new Tampa Museum of Art Cornelia Corbett Center and the Glazer Children's Museum makes the new Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park one of Tampa's signature destinations.

The park project includes the addition of 3.5 acres of new park space, seawall restoration, a new Riverwalk segment, a chiller for the Tampa Museum of Art, restoration of the adjacent Kiley Garden and garage below, demolition of the former Tampa Museum of Art building, and removal of the museum forecourt and surface parking spaces below.

Park features include:

- 12.5 acres of park area including Kiley Garden – an increase of 3.5 acres of green space
- Open views across the Hillsborough River and a new segment of the Tampa Riverwalk connects the park to the Straz Center
- The Great Lawn features flexible perimeter seating arrangements to accommodate a range of programming options
- Two interactive fountains funded by the F.E. Lykes Foundation – a louver fountain on the east end and a mist fountain on the west end
- Interactive Neos playground, funded by the Friends of Tampa Recreation, is the first of its type in the Southeast
- 6,000 square-foot dog run featuring artificial turf and an obstacle course
- Pavilion building with restrooms, park offices, and lease space for future vendor
- Reclaimed water for all irrigation
- Site area and provision for a future waterfront restaurant
- Kiosk with restrooms for future vendor
- The park was designed to be inclusive for people of all abilities
- Shade structure adjacent to kiosk and mist fountain (will be installed after park opening)
- Improvements to adjacent intersection of Gasparilla Plaza, Cass and Tyler Streets include easier pedestrian connections between the park, Poe Garage and the Straz Center
- Coordination of UCAP waterline replacement during construction eliminated the need to re-excavate the area
- Repairs and waterproofing for Kiley Garden includes rehabilitation of the amphitheatre, structural repairs to the garage below, and reconstruction of three access stairs on the east end of Kiley down to the garage.



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Park design was created by Thomas Balsley and Associates, New York

Kiley Garden repairs were designed by Reynolds, Smith and Hills and Walter P. Moore Engineers

Seawall repairs were designed by Moffatt & Nichol Engineers

Skanska USA Building, Inc., in association with Horus Construction, was the Construction Manager for the project that also included the TMA Cornelia Corbett Center.

Minority participation for the entire project, including the TMA construction, is approximately 25%.

Funding sources for all projects included with the park:

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) from the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), Gas Tax, Water Commercial Paper Program, and private donations. Construction cost of the museum chiller will be reimbursed by TMA.

Project construction costs:

- Park \$15.7 million
- Kiley Garden Repairs and Restoration \$4.4 million
- Seawall Repairs \$1.1 million
- Museum Chiller \$2.5 million
- Gasparilla Plaza Improvements \$858,000
- Riverwalk Donor Wall and future extension provisions \$55,000
- UCAP waterline work \$133,000

