

Guiding Principles

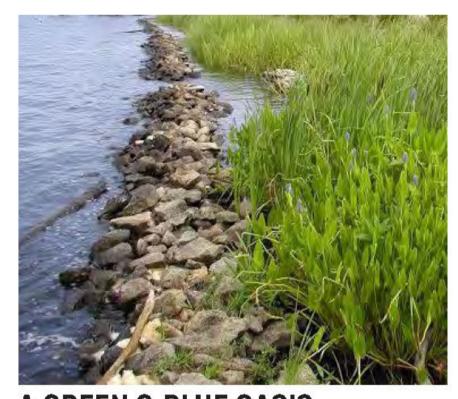


ASPIRATIONImagine the possibilities of The Bay



AN ENLIVENED DESTINATION

A gathering place for family, friends and fun



A GREEN & BLUE OASIS

Celebrate natural beauty and environmental health



CULTURAL VITALITY

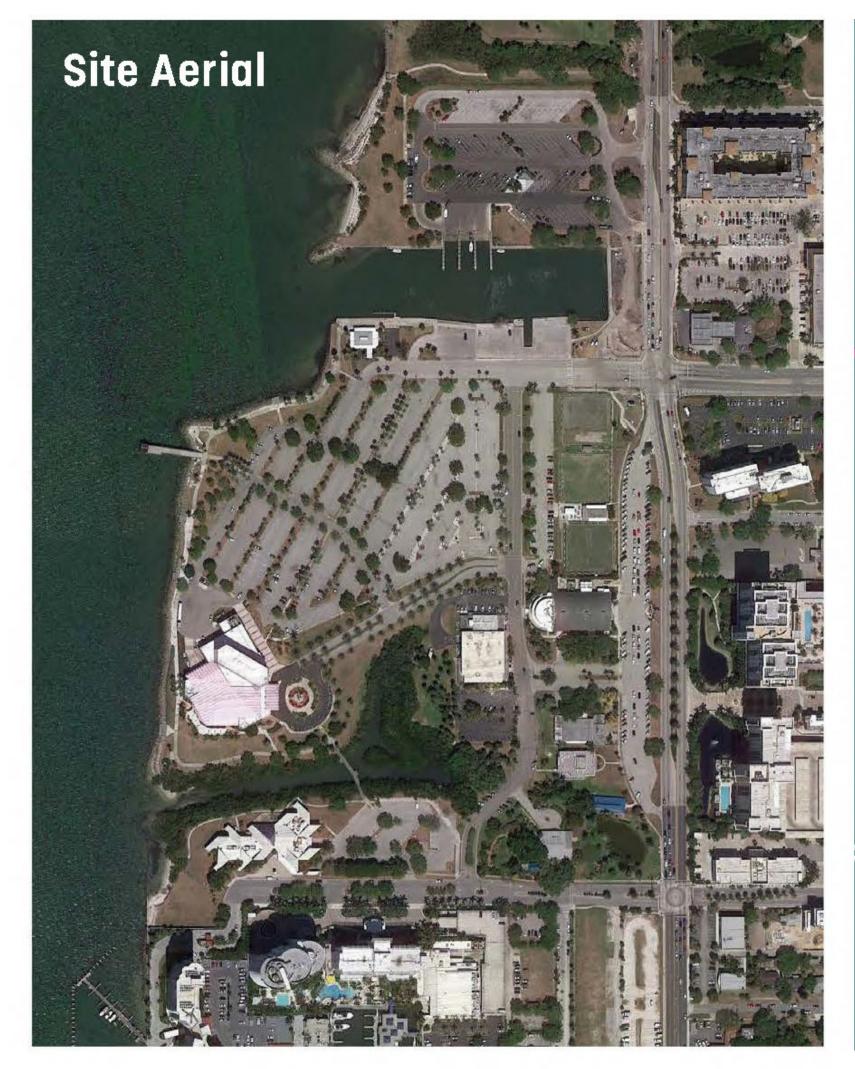
A hub for area art, culture, and historic legacies



CONNECTED & ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL A walkable, safe district linking community and neighborhoods to The Bay

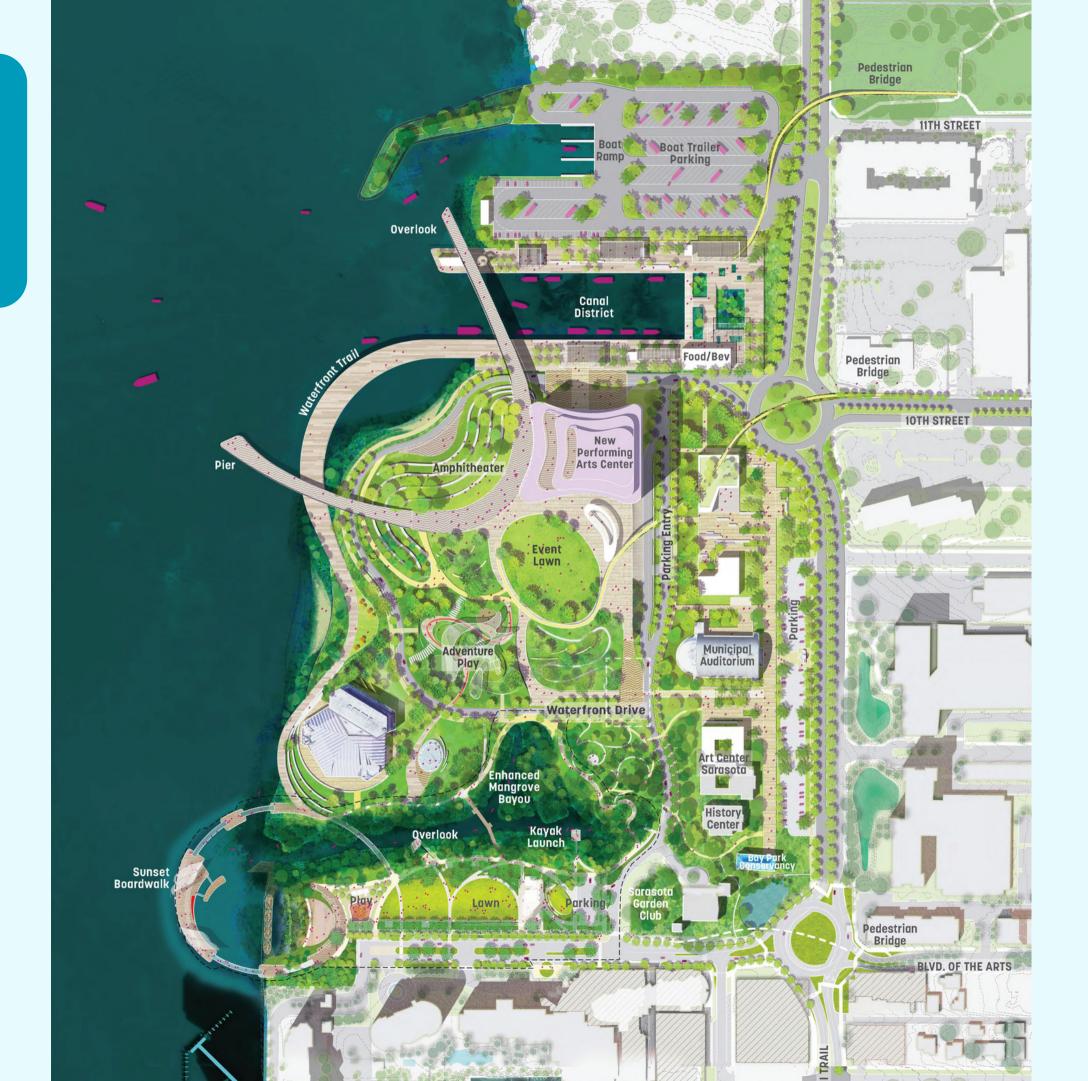


ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY
A financially feasible, sustainable long-term success





Conceptual Master Plan





170+

Community/Public Meetings

12,500+ Attendees

1,300+ Founding Friends of The Bay 8,600+ Followers on Social Media

154,000+

Reached on Social Media

200+

Informational Videos

180,000+

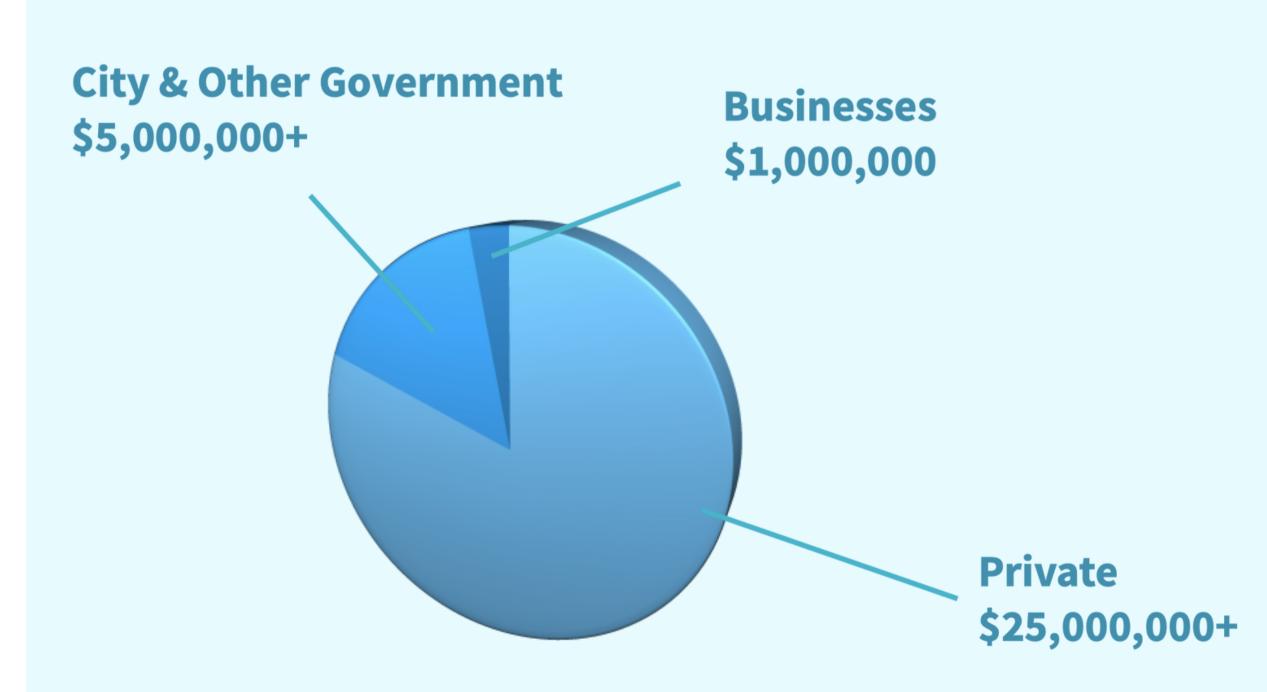
Total Connections Through
September 2021

3 Community Surveys

5,000+
Survey Respondents

Capital Budget & Fundraising

- We are on-budget and on-plan for Phase 1 of the park that is currently under construction
- We are raising funds and have cash in the bank ahead of capital needs







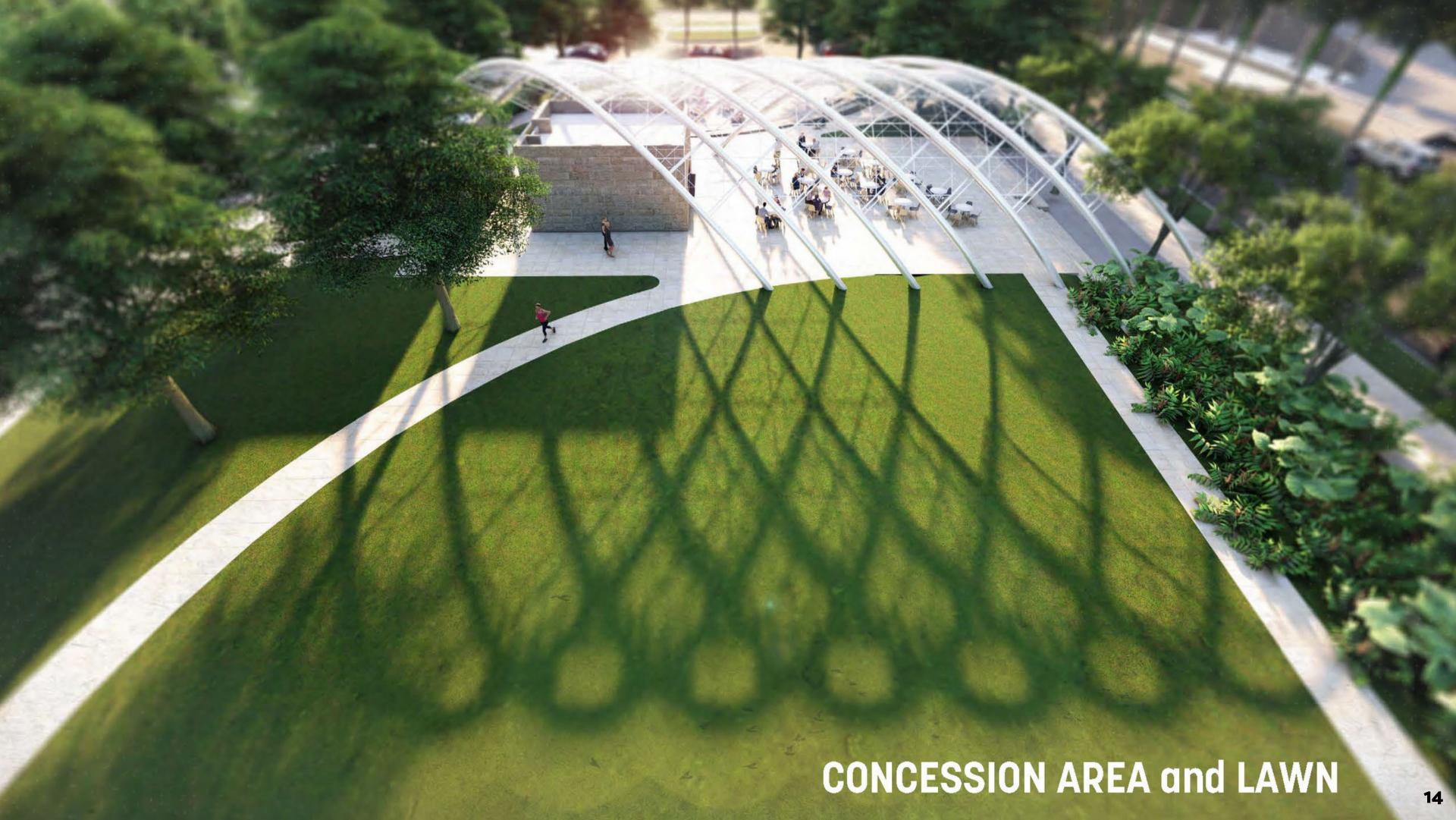
















- 1. BAYFRONT OVERLOOKS X5
- 2. FISHING PIER
- 3. STAIRS*
- 4. SEATWALL*
- 5. HAMMOCK GROVE*
- 6. SMALL WETLAND BRIDGES*
- 7. SWING NODE*
- 8. CABBAGE PALM NODE*
- 9. TWIN OAK NODE*
- 10. PARKING, DROP-OFF, AND PARK LOADING
- 11. OVAL LAWN AND TERRACES
- 12. COMMUNITY PAVILION AND SHADE STRUCTURE
- 13. MANGROVE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- 14. LAWN NODE X2
- 15. "COMMON GROUND" LAWN
- 16. READING ROOM
- 17. PLAY GROVE
- 18. NEST NODE
- 19. BEACH NODE
- 20. BEACH
- 21. BAYFRONT CORNER SIGN + SEATWALL
- 22. RENOVATED HAZZARD FOUNTAIN
- * COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

BAY PARK

Current and Future Improvements
August/Sept 2021





A PLACE THAT BRINGS OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

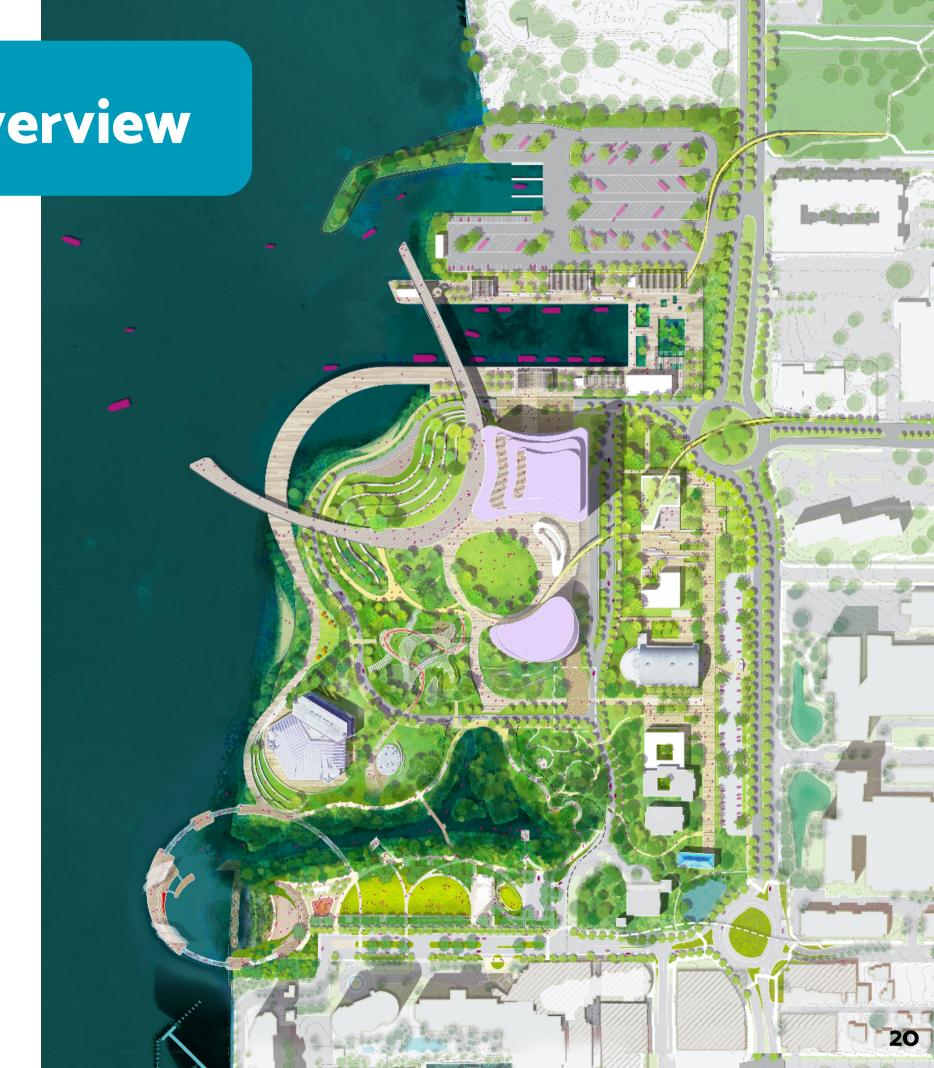
- Establish *perpetual* Conservancy
- Establish long-term partnership between the City and the Conservancy
- Create iconic civic spaces
- Increase opportunity for recreation
- Open, accessible, free and welcoming to all



Implementation Agreement: Overview

Foundation:

- The IA applies to *all phases* of the entire 53-acre park.
- The IA addresses all management, operations and maintenance subjects identified in the long-term
 Partnership Agreement between the City and the BPC.
- The IA will become an integral part of the ongoing partnership agreement between the City and the BPC.
- The IA affirms and enables the six Guiding Principles agreed to by the City, Bayfront 20:20, Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization (SBPO) and The Bay Park Conservancy (BPC).



Implementation Agreement: Overview

Purpose:

Provides for the management, operations and maintenance of the park.

- IA guides BPC management
- IA guides joint operations and maintenance responsibilities between the BPC and City



Implementation Agreement: Overview

Compliance:

- IA complies with all City, Parks and Recreation, and Special Event ordinances, regulations, policies and procedures that govern public parks in the City of Sarasota.
 - The Bay will *not* be required to follow any ordinances, regulations, policies or procedures that do not apply to other city public parks.
- Management, operations and maintenance responsibilities for The Bay Park will be similar, if not identical, to other comparable city parks.



Implementation Agreement: Specifics

Park Operations

Hours of Operation: 5 AM - 11 PM

Main Entrance: 10th Street Roundabout

360° Degree Connectivity

- 360° access to The Bay
- Public boat launch and docks



Implementation Agreement: Specifics

Joint Roles & Responsibilities **Traffic management**

- City and State to manage adjacent, external highways and streets.
- BPC to manage internal to the park roadways.

Essential Infrastructure

- City manages basic service, BPC manages enhanced service
 - Landscape Maintenance
 - Public Restrooms
 - Recyclables and Trash Pick Up
 - Safety and Security



Implementation Agreement: Specifics

Activation and Programming

- Open, accessible and **free** for all
- Special events and park permits
 - Special events City approval
 - Park permits BPC approval



Park Visitor Survey Insights



95% of Respondents Would Visit The Bay

2,500+ responded to survey

When Will They Visit?

- Half would visit The Bay weekly (49.9%). 28.7% would go monthly.
- The most popular times of day to visit The Bay are
 - Early Evening (Before Sunset) (60.2%)
 - At Sunset (59.2%)
 - Morning (55.9%)

Park Visitor Survey Insights

Special Mention:

Playgrounds were a popular write-in response

What Do They Want to Experience?

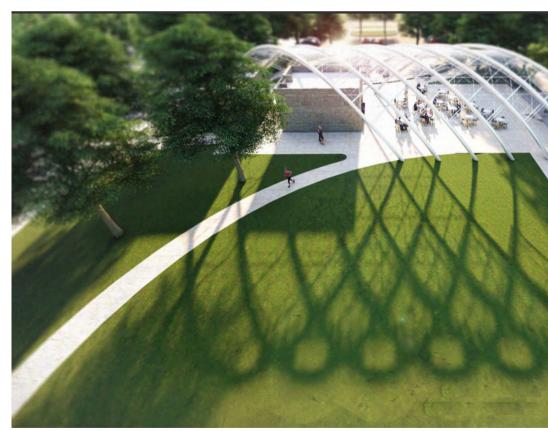
Most Popular Features



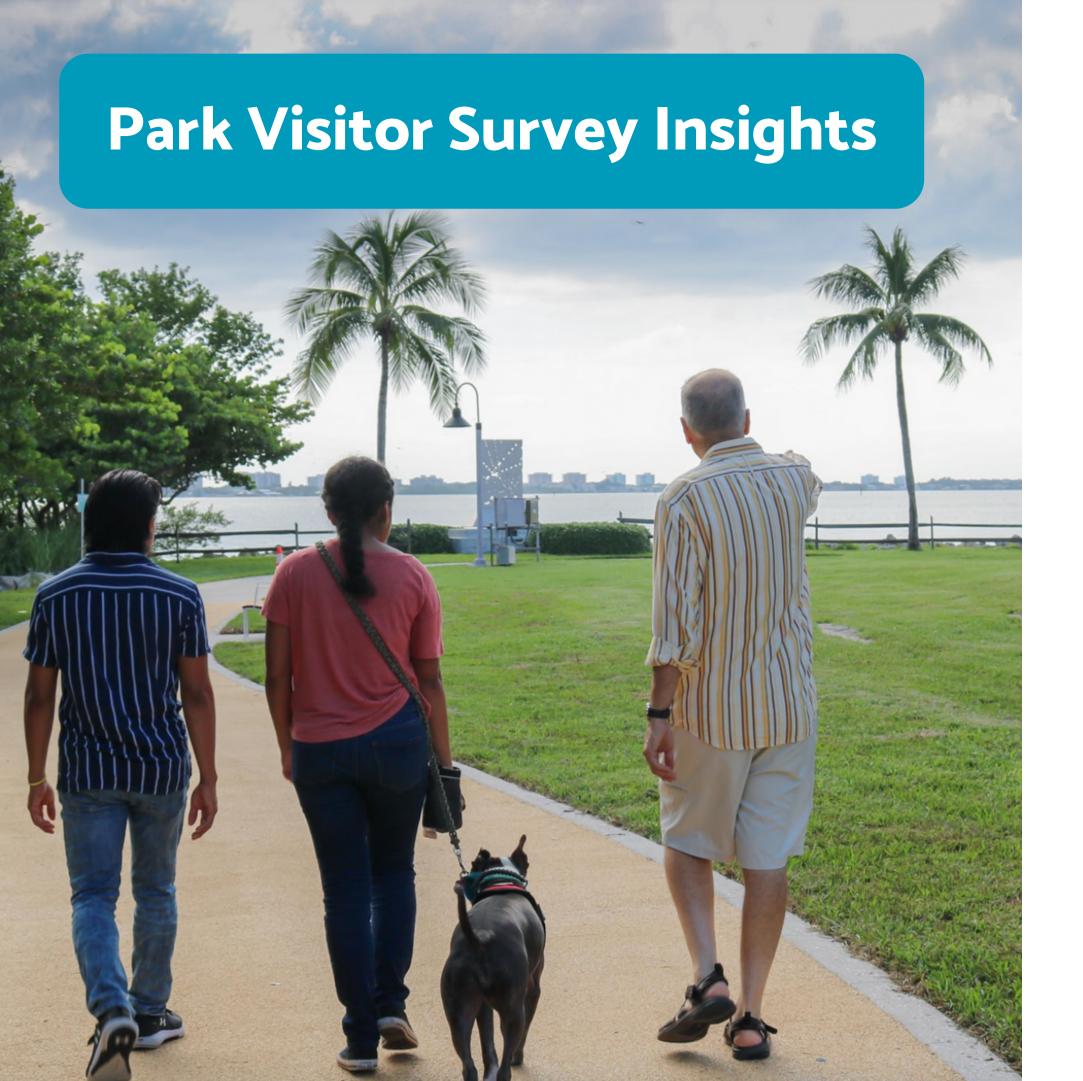
Sunset Boardwalk



Oak and Palm Tree Hammock

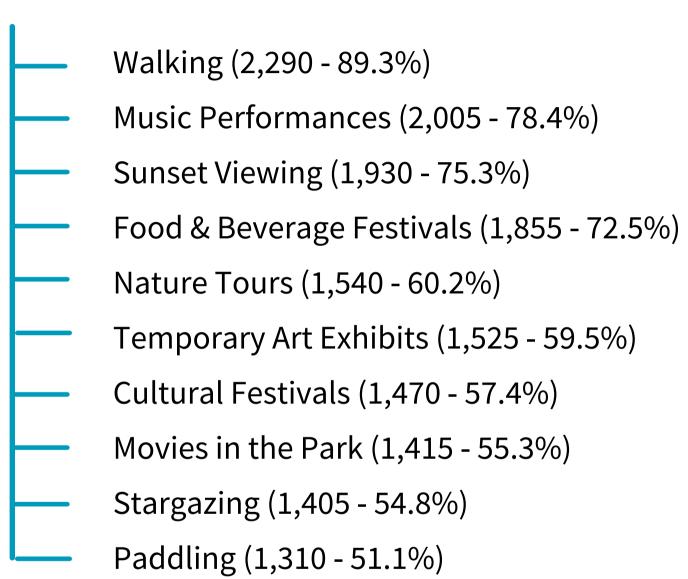


Concession Pavilion & Lawns



What Do They Want to Do?

Top 10 Activities, Programs & Events



Takeaway

Self-directed and programmed uses of the park are more popular than events - although both are important, complementary and serve different purposes

City Requests

Food & Beverage

BPC to review and approve food and beverage provider agreements for the park.



City Requests

Site Partner Leases

BPC to review and approve changes and renewals of city leases for Art Center Sarasota and the Sarasota Garden Club.

• Does not include the Van Wezel or the Sarasota Orchestra.



City Requests

Municipal Auditorium

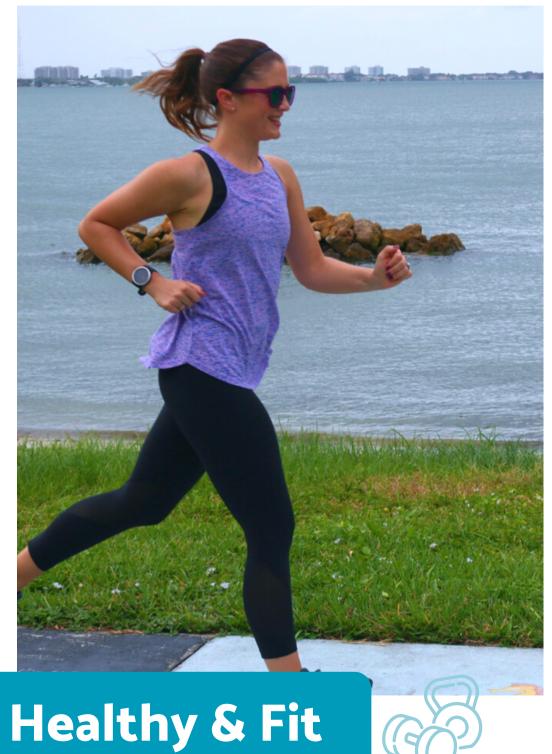
BPC to propose a separate plan to transition programming responsibilities for the Bayfront Community Center and the Municipal Auditorium from the City to the BPC.

• The intent is for the Municipal Auditorium, the Bayfront Community Center, and the adjacent northern lawn to become integral assets of The Bay, for the benefit and use of all park visitors.





Things To Do













Current Park Activation



Walking & Running

The Bay's Mangrove Walkway was listed as one of the best walks in town in Sarasota Magazine's Best of Sarasota 2021

Free Weekly Events

Our goal is to host year-round programming that will entice and attract the greater region.

Yoga by The Bay

Wednesday Evenings, 6-7 PM Pineapple Yoga + Cycling Studio

Saturday mornings, 9-10 AM Erin Hurter for Bay Park Yoga

Stunning Sunsets

People can experience a signature Sarasota sunset 7 days a week by visiting the park or watching on the live-streamed Sunset Cam

COMING SOON

Sundays by The Bay

Free weekly music and performance program

Sundays from November 7 – April 24

Sunsets by The Bay

Free monthly music and performance program

Third Thursdays from November 18 – April 21

Founding Business Partners

- Enable a Park that is Open and Accessible, Free and Welcoming to All.
- Demonstrate Your Commitment to a Transformative,
 Cultural and Sustainable Park.
- Invest in Free Programming for the Entire Community.
- Support the Most Unique Investment in Our City.
- Be Recognized and Championed as a Founding Business Partner of The Bay.



Friends of The Bay Campaign

September 18 - October 23

Through this annual campaign, we're inviting every member of the community to support the creation of a world-class park. By donating as little as \$25, anyone can help us transform a parking lot into an open, accessible, free and welcoming public park.

Please consider sharing this request with your friends, family or consider making a donation in their honor.

Matching Challenges

- 1. Anonymous Donor Person-For-Person match up to \$100,000
- 2. The Patterson Foundation Match

www.thebaysarasota.org/become-a-friend-of-the-bay



