Smale Riverfront Park reconnects downtown to the Ohio River and links the chain of parks along the water. It is a park of vistas, of gatherings and celebrations, of recreation, contemplation, and inspiration. The River is always alive here, and this place is a kind of community epicenter for our River City.

The park is built as a series of terraces that accommodate seasonal flooding, including areas lifted out of the floodplain and constructed on the roof of the riverfront garage. Designed with people and the environment in mind, this is the welcoming gateway to our community.

ANDERSON PAVILION

A banquet center on the floor below the carousel features views of the river and is a setting for parties, weddings and corporate functions.

BLACK BRIGADE MONUMENT

A memorial to the hundreds of African American volunteers who, in 1862, erected barricades in Northern Kentucky to protect the city during the Civil War.

CAROL ANN'S CAROUSEL

The carousel showcases animals iconic to Cincinnati history and culture within a glass building set on a plaza fronting Ted Berry Way. Paintings on the carousel feature Cincinnati parks and landmarks.

CASTELLINI ESPLANADE

Ideal for markets, it's design reflects the historic character of the produce industry formerly housed here. The unique setting includes moveable picnic tables set on rails, signs and markers with a fruit-cart look, and illustrations of produce that add color to an already artful scene.

DUKE ENERGY GARDEN

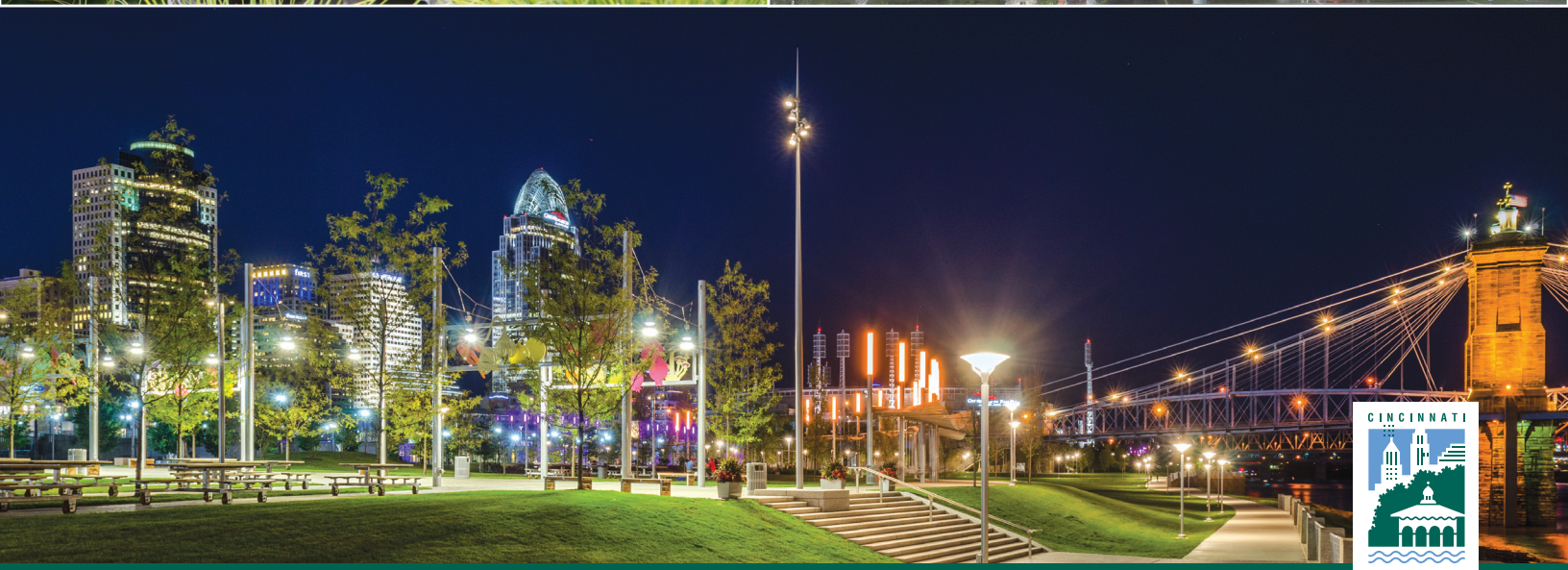
This mounded garden forms the east entrance to the park and features pergola-covered, oversized swings that offer relaxing views of the River.

FATH FOUNTAIN

A plaza filled with water jets that dance to light and music fill the space south of Mehring Way aligned with the foot of Joe Nuxhall Way.







GARDNER FAMILY GROVE & ROSE GARDEN

A plush garden with a variety of roses, located in the West Tree Grove, is a venue for weddings and other special events. This 1.75 acre tree grove is home to about 100 trees including red oak, honey locust, American elm, redbud and an understory of low flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants.

HEEKIN FAMILY/PNC GROW UP GREAT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

This playground next to the Roebling Suspension Bridge contains a rock climbing canyon, log climbers, twin racing slides, a rope bridge and a mist feature.

LABYRINTH (INSPIRED BY BARR FOUNDATION)

Serene path is a place to walk in peace and meditation.

OHIO RIVER TRAIL

A shared bike/hike trail along the Ohio River, runs alongside the park and continues into Yeatman's Cove, Sawyer Point, and Theodore M Berry International Friendship Park. The trail will eventually connect Madison, Indiana to New Richmond, Ohio.

PICHLER FOUNTAINS & PLAZA

The steps aligning with Vine Street are flanked by water cascades, and a plaza containing a fountain, a reflecting pool, water curtains, and glass balconies.

PORTLAND LOO

A modern feature that provides our community a clean, safe, and environmentally-friendly restroom facility.

P&G GO VIBRANTSCAPE

This is all for fun, and fun for all. Here you'll find talking tubes, exercise pipes, a giant foot piano, a flying pig, and water pumps and channels that can be activated to flood a granite relief map of the park.







RIVER PLAY
Fountains for children and families to enjoy and play in, and meandering rocks for hopping across the water.

ROSENBERG SWINGS
A series of shade pergolas, each containing two porch-size swings, are positioned along the upper river walk with great views of the river. Sets of swings are found on the east side of the park at the Duke Energy Garden and above the great lawn on the west side of the park.

SCHMIDLAPP EVENT LAWN & STAGE
With sweeping views of the river and park, this area is ideal for yoga, concerts and sunny days.

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