

An architectural rendering of a park scene. In the foreground, a paved path curves through lush greenery, including ferns and tall grasses. Several people are depicted: a group sits at a table on the left, while others walk along the path. The background is filled with mature trees and a large, light-colored building with arched windows. The scene is bright and sunny, with shadows cast on the path.

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1 HUIZENGA PLAZA

2.1 acres

Anchored by a large fountain, this riverfront park currently consists of a large lawn, amphitheater, walkways, picnic tables & benches.

2 STRANAHAN PARK

1.6 acres

This botanical park is attached to the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club. The private/public partnership features over 500 varieties of plants within six gardens.

3 SISTRUNK PARK

1.7 acres

This park is home to many neighborhood and cultural events. It features a mounded lawn with community mural and a playground.

4 PETER FELDMAN PARK

1.3 acres

This park offers a lawn, playground, benches, and shaded picnic tables.

5 ESPLANADE PARK

2.4 acres

The riverside park features a covered stage and hosts many year-round events. It is at one end of the city's Riverwalk.

6 THE RIVERWALK

18.2 acres / 1.5 miles

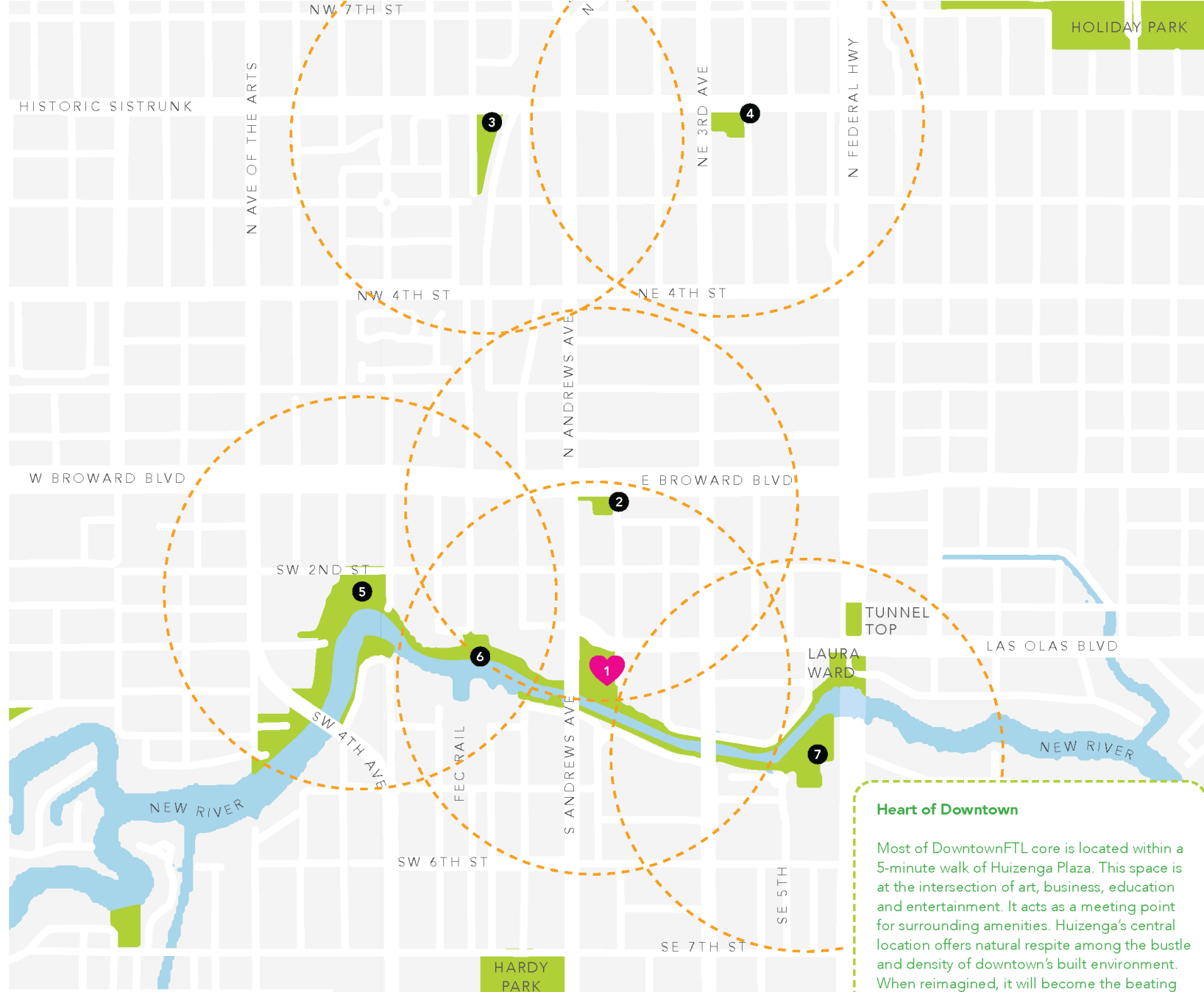
This linear promenade sits next to the New River, providing access for residents and visitors. The park consists of a meandering walkway linking together attractions, restaurants and shops.

7 SMOKER PARK

1.7 acres

On the south side of the Riverwalk is a conservation area called Smoker Park. This park is mainly used for leisure activities, such as taking a stroll.

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Heart of Downtown

Most of DowntownFTL core is located within a 5-minute walk of Huizenga Plaza. This space is at the intersection of art, business, education and entertainment. It acts as a meeting point for surrounding amenities. Huizenga's central location offers natural respite among the bustle and density of downtown's built environment. When reimagined, it will become the beating heart of Downtown.

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Exhibit 1

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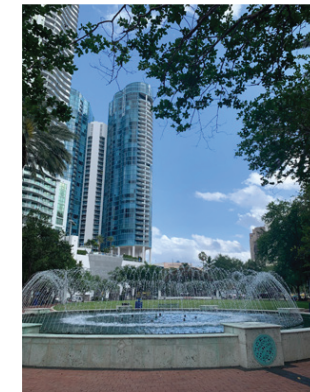
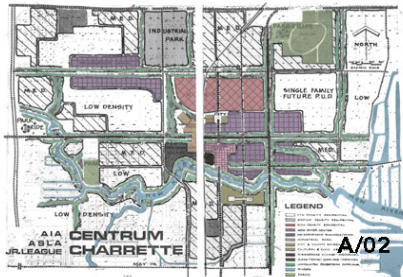
Park History

1970

The DDA purchased the land for Huizenga Plaza in the 1970s as part of a larger land acquisition effort to revitalize Downtown Fort Lauderdale by bringing civic and cultural amenities to the urban core.

1980

The DDA initiated land use and zoning policy for a compact, mixed-use Downtown, allowing for the development of thousands of residential units to create a live-work-play destination.



1997 original concept

1996

In 1996, the DDA evaluated the development potential for the site and determined that the best use would be for a signature park centered on the Riverwalk.

1998

This Yellow Tabebuia species was introduced to Broward County by Annie Beck, who started the first garden club in Fort Lauderdale. Beck planted a yellow tab in the 1930s. Tom Chancey, an arborist, saved the tree in 1998 by supervising its relocation from Beck's 334 E. Las Olas property.



2003

The park is named after H. Wayne Huizenga to recognize his contributions to the growth of Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Broward County and South Florida. He and his late wife, Marti, were generous community philanthropists who left a lasting positive impact on the community.



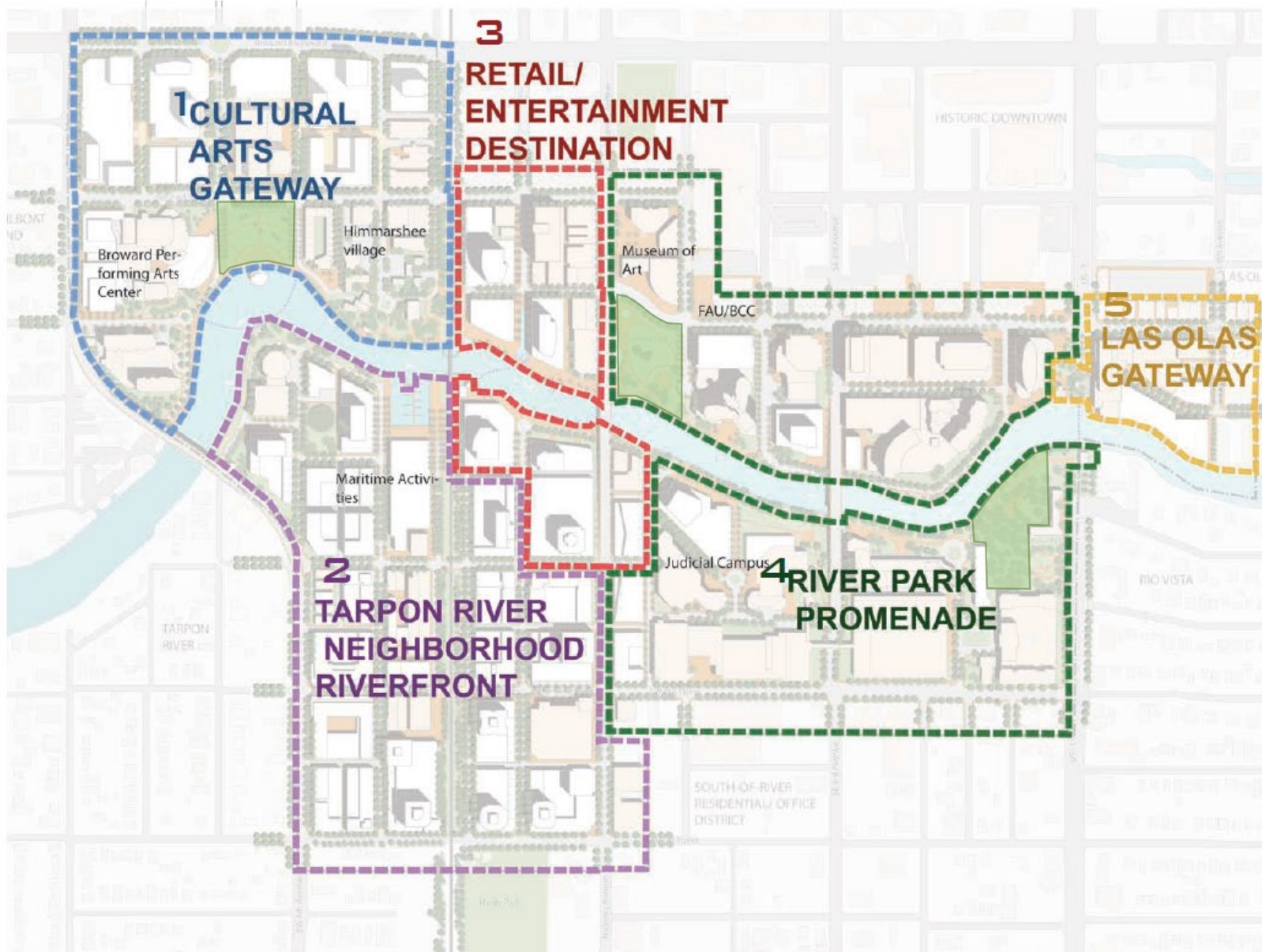
1997

The DDA approved the design of a \$1 million dollar fountain for Wayne Huizenga, a prominent American businessman and entrepreneur. The original design featured life-like bronze wildlife sculptures of birds, alligators and other animals that live in the Everglades erected 30 feet high. The renovation of other features in the park was also done by Landscape Architect, Rhett Roy.

2021

What's next for Huizenga Park?

The reimagined park will become the physical heart of the DowntownFTL park network, connected by the New River, Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. The new park will demonstrate the DDA's commitment to the future health and prosperity of the city and inspire more investments in downtown public spaces.



Andrews Bridge Before



Proposed Andrews Bridge After
(from New River Master Plan 2008)



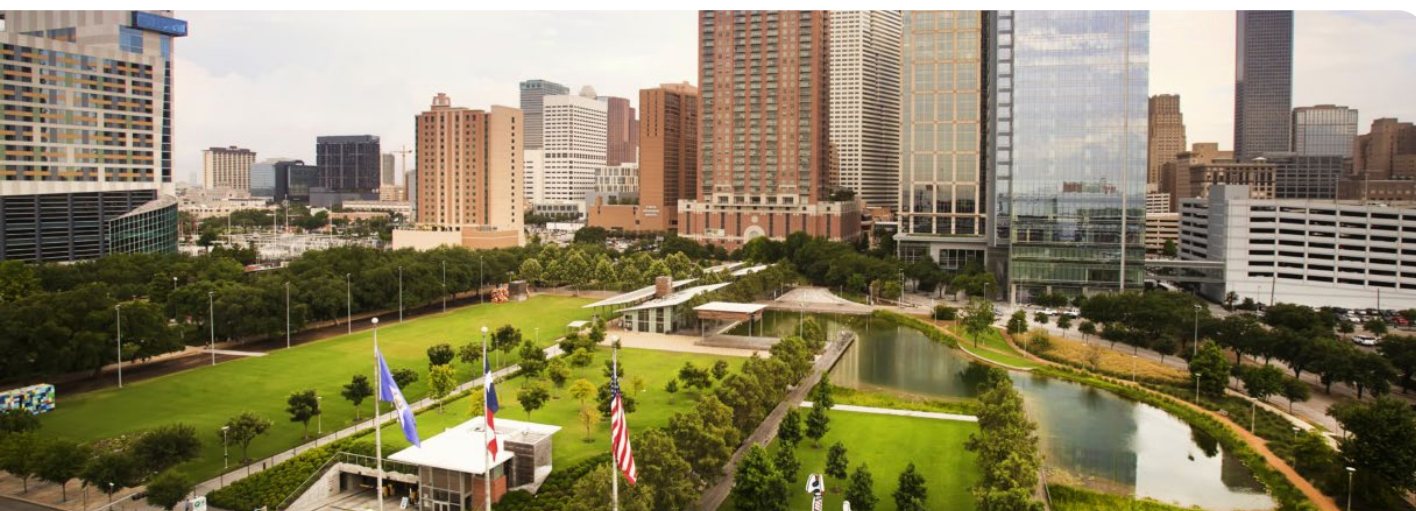
Recommendations made by national experts from the Urban Land Institute in 2019 serve as inspiration for the new vision of Huizenga Park.

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From Dallas to Detroit, Sarasota to Tampa, Minneapolis and Houston, the DDA studied successful urban parks to inform future decisions about Huizenga Park.

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Since the start of the design process, we've presented at nearly ten public meetings, engaging with close to 300 DowntownFTL and Park stakeholders.

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Existing Conditions



Existing Circulation



Proposed Circulation



New Amenities

**Public
Bathrooms**

Concessions

Restaurant

Site Plan



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Café Terrace



Spirit of FTL Fountain







Dog Run



Moundscape







River Overlook





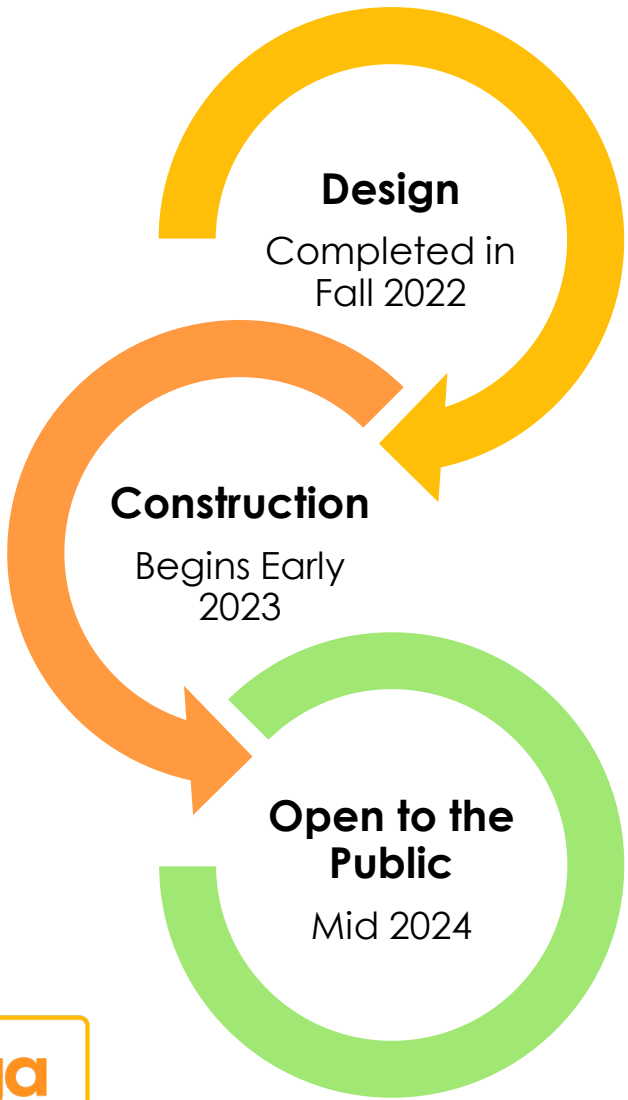


Dining Terrace





What is the Schedule?



How is the Park Funded?

Construction Cost Estimate
at 60% Design Plans: \$15 million



State of Florida \$950,000

DDA has spent/committed an additional \$1M to date

