

Community Update

RIVERSIDE
PROMENADE

one path, many journeys



browning
day



It's a trail that tells a tale!

RIVERSIDE PROMENADE

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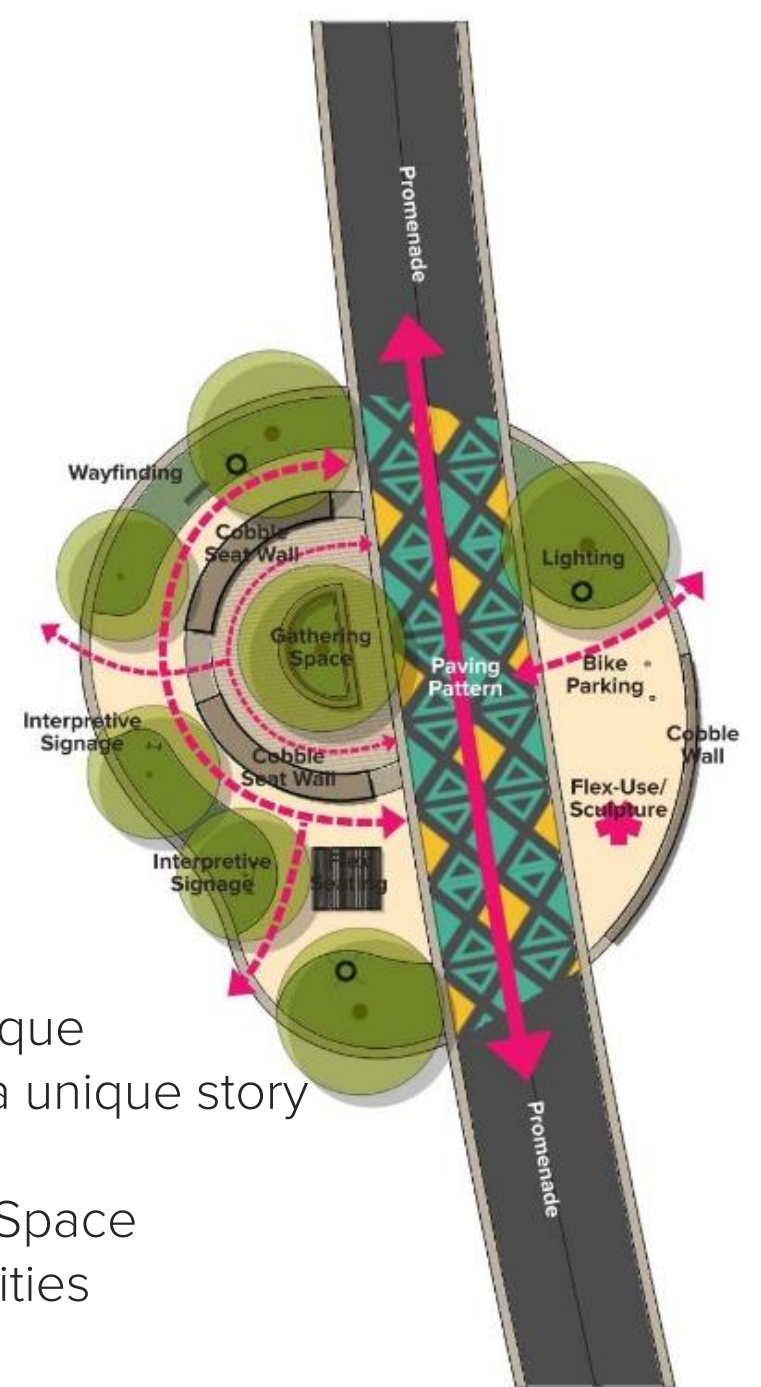


Typical Cross Section





Nodes



- 7 Nodes
- Each is unique
- Each tells a unique story
- Public art
- Gathering Space
- Trail Amenities

Identity + Wayfinding | Signage Palette



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Patterns + Graphic Elements



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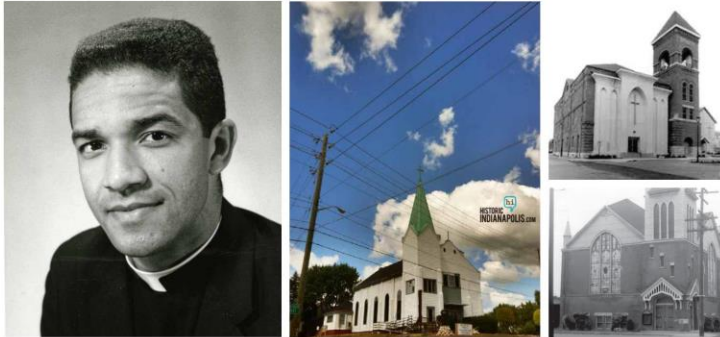
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A Neighborhood of Many Faiths

Holy Cross Catholic Church & Boniface Hardin

Riverside United Methodist Church (1904)

Bethel AME Church

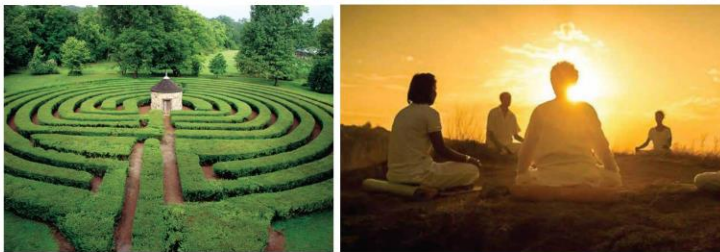


Medicine & Healing

Meditation

Labyrinths

Physicians who lived in Riverside



Education

History of Public School 44

Riverside educators

Riverside student perspective

The legacy of Crispus Attucks HS



The Artists of Riverside

Riverside Art in the Park

Mari Evans

Etheridge Knight

Indiana Avenue artists: Wes Montgomery, Hampton Sisters, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway

Riverside record shops and clubs

Madame Walker Theatre memories

The Jazz Age

Riverside public art and its artists

Performance artists



Riverside Traditions

Family reunions

Annual Riverside Reunion

The Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run in Riverside Park

Theatre At The Park

Personal reflections and memories of Riverside visitors and residents, "Why I Love Riverside..."

Riverside Civic League initiatives



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Interpretive Signage Ideas



A Regional Sports Hub

Bush Stadium: home to the Indianapolis Indians from 1931 to 1996, also home to a few Negro League baseball teams, as well as a Continental Football League team, the Indianapolis Capitols, who won the league's final championship in 1969.

Indianapolis Clowns in Riverside Park: "One of the posters shown in the book: "Baseball Circus" 42nd season Indianapolis Clowns vs Lasers at Riverside Park features Miss Lucy Miller Lady Umpire. Hank Aaron once played for the Clowns."

Riverside Dance Pavilion / Indianapolis Canoe Club / Casino Gardens / Municipal Gardens

McClamrock's Woods / Camp Robinson Memorial / Memorial Grove

Major Taylor Velodrome and Skate Park; Major Taylor

Riverside Family Recreation & Aquatic Center

Riverside Marina and the Sarge Johnson Boxing Center

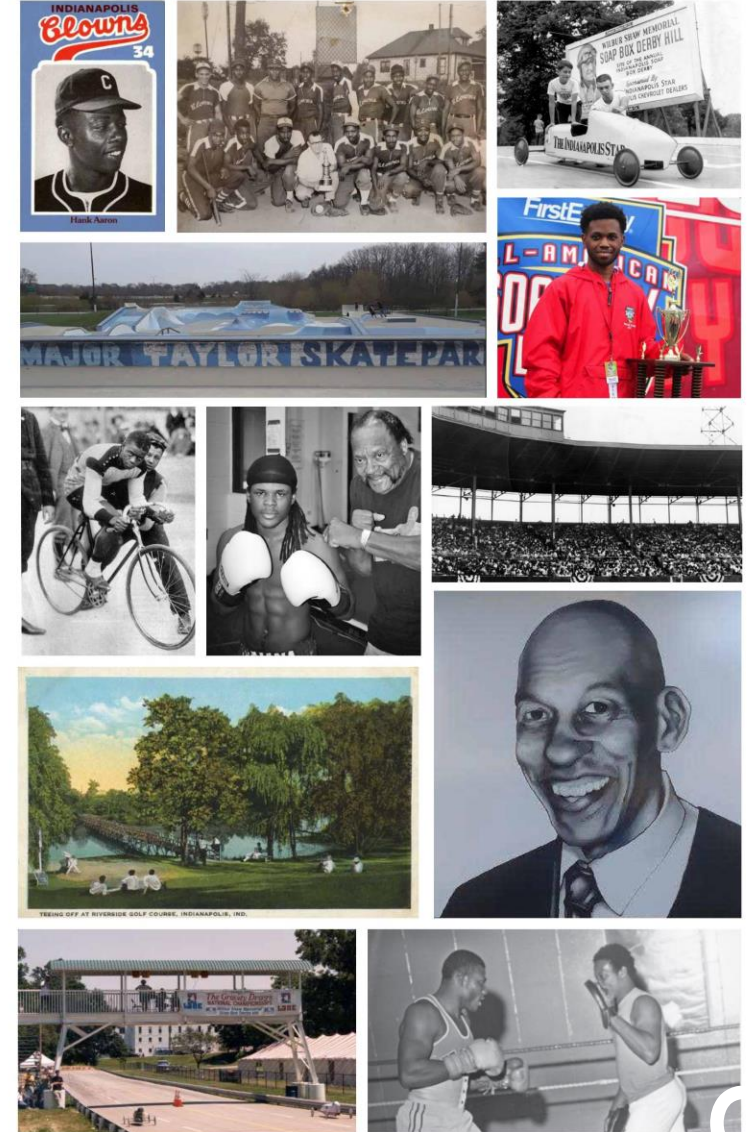
Wilbur Shaw Memorial Soap Box Derby Hill (1953)

Riverside Park Shelter House / Casino

Kuntz Memorial Soccer Stadium (1987)

Golf courses: Riverside Golf Course, South Grove Golf Course, Coffin Golf Course, Riverside Golf Academy, some segregated, golfers of color become activists

Various athletic fields: tennis, basketball, football



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The Founding Story of Riverside Park

The outskirts of Indianapolis in the early 1800s

North Indianapolis annexed in 1895

First roads in Riverside "Roache"

Riverside as an intersection of waterways, greenways, and motor transportation

White River & Central Canal used for early transportation

Riverside area used as farmland during early European settlement

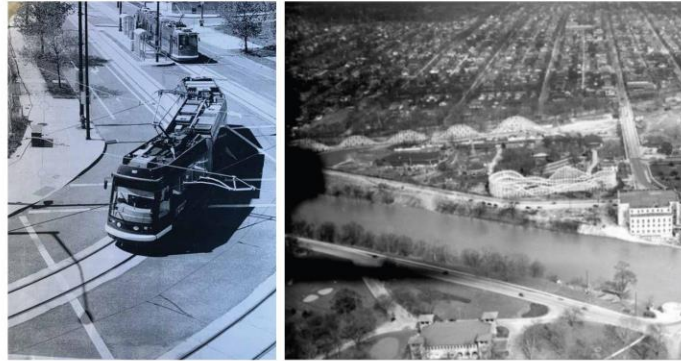
Beltline Railroad (1878)

Interurban electric railway (1900)

The bus turnaround in what is now the Riverside triangle

Intersection of trails: White River Greenway, Canal Towpath

Riverside Amusement Park as the first major destination (1903)



Riverside Historic Landmarks

Five nationally-registered historic places:

Thomas Taggart Riverside Park Memorial

The Naval Armory (now Riverside High School)

Riverside United Methodist Church

Public School 44

29th Street Bridge



A Historically Multicultural Region

The White River & Indigenous Groups of the Midwest

Native American tribes of Indiana: Potawatomi, Shawnee, Kickapoo, Delaware, Winnebago, Wea, Wyandotte, Ottawa, Chippewa, Menominee, Fox, Sauk

Indian Removal Acts - Forced Relocation

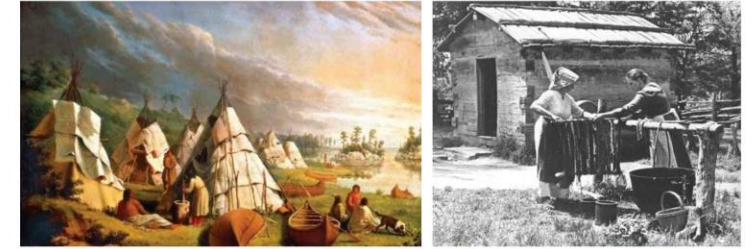
Early European Settlement: German, Irish, Polish, Slovenian, Greek, Hungarian, Turkish

Immigrant exodus to a better life

German or Irish street names

Immigrant-Americans and African Americans in Regional Riverside area built communities that contributed to the City's economy; started businesses, clubs, saloons, groceries, restaurants. Indiana Ave nearby and thriving cultural mecca of the mid-1800s to the 1950s

Growing Latino population



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Dignity & Freedom

Segregation of Indianapolis' public facilities (and parks system) intensified in the late-1910s, KKK intensified in 1915 corresponding to the rise of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan after 1915.

Segregation of the Riverside Amusement Park from 1919-1960s...

"Colored Frolic Day." To the black community, the day became known as "milk cap day," because each person had to offer up a milk cap to gain entrance.

The lynching of George Tompkins at Cold Spring woods, near Municipal Gardens, in 1922. Potentially other lynchings in Riverside Park during Jim Crow era

NAACP youth picket outside Riverside Amusement Park in 1962

Schools in Indiana began segregating formally in the late 1920s and early 1930s

Segregated bathing beaches and golf courses in Riverside

White flight post-Civil Rights Act, resulting in disinvestment

Construction of I-65 and I-70 in 1975-1976

The anti-interstate movement, Boniface Hardin, protests

Neighborhood map before and after the interstate



Riverside Natural History & Ecology

Diverse Past & Present Wildlife Species:
Waterfowls, Swans, Turtles, Geese, Finch, Owls, Hawk, Raccoons, Squirrels, Ravens, Red Fox, Deer

Diverse Aquatic Life:
Catfish, Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and rock bass

Riverside Park past & present natural areas:
Lake Sullivan, Riverside Nursery, Riverside State Fish Hatchery

Common Tree species in Riverside Park

Glacier Clad Stones from the Ice Age

White River watershed

Native plant species

Riverside area archaeology

George Kessler's Vision & Urban Park Design

Mayor Thomas Taggart (Irish) & Taggart Memorial (now Taggart Memorial Amphitheatre)

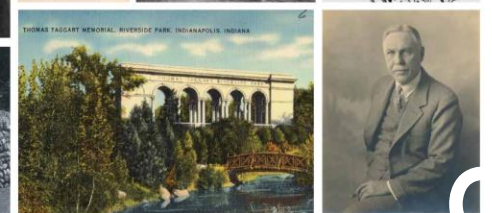
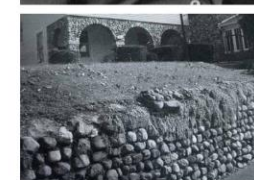
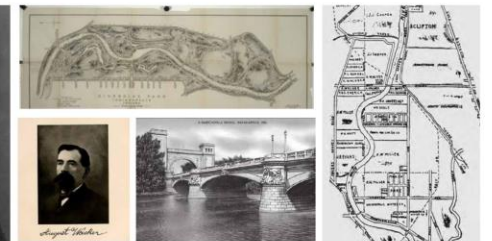
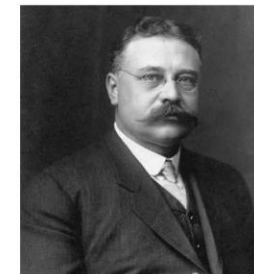
George E. Kessler (German-American) and the Indianapolis Park and Boulevard Plan (1909)

Map of original Kessler Plan for Riverside

Riverside Park home to many preserved natural areas over its history: Lake Sullivan, Riverside Nursery, Zoological Garden

Distinct design elements of Riverside neighborhood: River rocks, neighborhood home architect style (bungalows), street names in the curbs

Historic dams and bridges





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Informational sign with historical photos and text.

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An architectural rendering of the entrance to Riverside Regional Park. The scene is set during the day with a bright, slightly hazy sky. In the foreground, a paved plaza with large, light-colored rectangular tiles leads to a dark, rectangular stone wall. The wall features the text "RIVERSIDE REGIONAL PARK" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the wall, a woman in a dark jacket and pants is riding a blue bicycle. The background shows a wide, green lawn with several tall, mature trees. In the distance, a white car is parked on a road, and a building with a series of arches is visible. The overall atmosphere is bright and open.

RIVERSIDE REGIONAL PARK

QUESTIONS + COMMENTS

