

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

WEST PARK BANDSHELL



## BACKGROUND



### What is the goal of this engagement?

The City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Unit is gathering community perspectives on the future of the bandshell at West Park.

### Why are we gathering this feedback?

The city is creating and evaluating options for the future of the bandshell because it is closed due to structurally unsound foundations (see back for more information).

### What input are we gathering from the community?

1. Perspectives of those that live close to West Park.
2. Community values, priorities, and concerns.
3. Positives and negatives about the bandshell at West Park.
4. Opinions on options for the future of the bandshell at West Park.

## ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

### Step 1: Community Engagement Round 1

Purpose: To understand community values, priorities, concerns as well as past experiences.

Includes: neighborhood meetings, stakeholder meetings, online survey.

### Step 2: Options + Evaluation Criteria

Analyze the park's physical features (vehicular/pedestrian circulation, accessibility topography, trees, wetlands, floodway).

Summarize feedback from the first round of Community Engagement.

Create options for the future of the bandshell and a draft set of evaluation criteria based on findings from the analysis + engagement.

### Step 3: Community Engagement Round 2

Purpose: To share the options and evaluation criteria with the community and ask for feedback.

Includes: neighborhood meetings, open house.

### Step 4: Completion

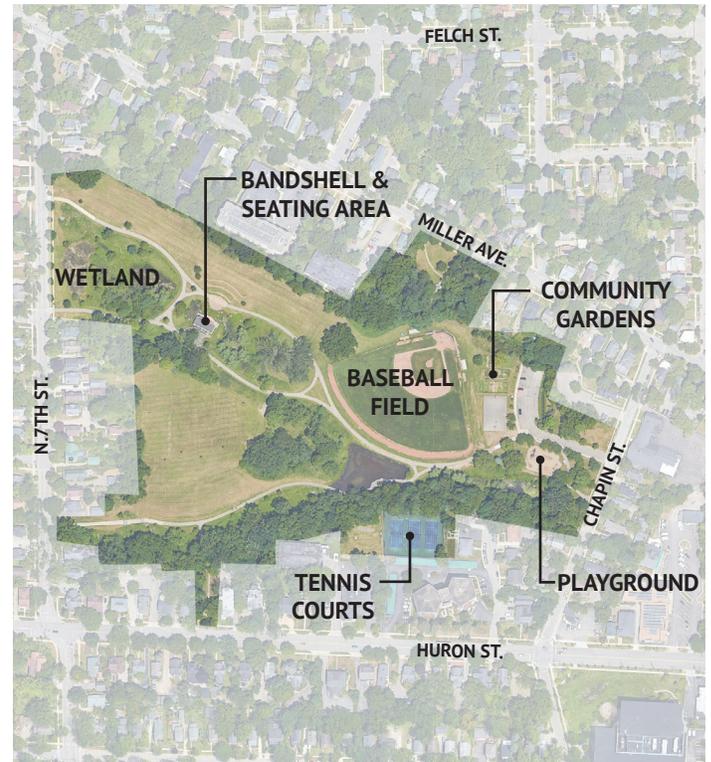
Revise the evaluation criteria and options for the future of the bandshell based on engagement feedback.

Share findings at a Park Advisory Commission meeting and a City Council meeting.

## WEST PARK LOCATION



## WEST PARK MAP



## 2021 STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

### What was included in the assessment?

- Visual inspection of the foundation, floor, and structure by a structural engineer.
- Excavation of 3 test pits for inspection of the below-ground foundation.
- Two soil borings and soil structural analysis.
- Development of two alternatives for preservation of the bandshell and estimated construction costs.
- Documentation of the historical events related to the structure and foundations of the bandshell.

### What were the findings from the assessment?

- The foundations are structurally unsound due to significant cracking, including large cracks that extend the full depth of the foundation, and deterioration of the concrete blocks.
- Groundwater and general decay associated with age (structure is 80 years old) are the causes of the deterioration of the foundations.
- The bandshell is in the floodway and, at the time the test pits were dug, most of the foundation was below groundwater level.
- The groundwater level was above the frost depth line, which subjects the foundations to significant expansion forces during freeze/thaw cycles.
- Soils are of poor structural quality and susceptible to building movement and settlement.
- Repairing the foundations was estimated to cost \$2.5 million dollars.



See the QR code for more information on the City of Ann Arbor's website, including a download link for the 2021 Structural Assessment.