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Baltimore Announces Plans for Revitalization of Middle Branch Waterfront; Three Landscape Design Concepts Unveiled for Public Feedback

BALTIMORE, May 30, 2019 – City officials and community leaders today announced that Middle Branch Waterfront is being revitalized into Baltimore’s next great recreational and natural waterfront, with water and land-based attractions along 11-plus miles of the Patapsco River shoreline connected within a network of parks and trails.

The world-class urban waterfront project, uniting South Baltimore neighborhoods to the water and to one another, will be designed by [one of the top three internationally acclaimed landscape architecture firms that were previously selected as finalists](#) by community representatives and technical experts.

The reveal of design concepts by the three competing landscape architecture firms – [James Corner Field Operations](#), [Hargreaves Jones](#), and [West 8](#) – took place during a press conference earlier today.

Those who spoke at today’s press conference were Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young, City of Baltimore; Frank Lance, President & CEO, Parks & People Foundation; Michael Middleton, Chairman, SB7 Coalition, Inc.; Senator Bill Ferguson of Baltimore City’s District 46; Delegate Brooke Lierman of Baltimore City’s District 46; Dr. Benjamin Wu, Maryland Department of Commerce, Deputy Secretary; Reginald Moore, Director, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks; Chris Ryer, Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning; Brad Rogers, Executive Director, South Baltimore Gateway Partnership; Tom Yorke, Vice President of Marketing, Horseshoe Casino; and Baltimore City Councilman Eric Costello of the 11th District.

The public is being asked to comment on the three design concepts. That feedback will be shared with a jury of community representatives and technical experts who will assess the entries, take the comments into consideration, interview the firms, and then recommend a firm to Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young.

Public commenting period

In-person exhibits will run Thursday, May 30 through Wednesday, June 12 at the Enoch Pratt Free Library Cherry Hill Branch and at City Garage:

- Enoch Pratt Free Library Cherry Hill Branch (606 Cherry Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21225)
 - Monday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- City Garage (101 W. Dickman Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore MD 21230)
 - Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Online exhibits will be available Thursday, May 30 through Wednesday, June 12 at www.middlebranchwaterfront.com.



On June 18 the firms will make their final presentations to the jury. They will also participate in a public presentation, which will be live-streamed, at City Garage during the day.

About the Middle Branch Waterfront

[The Parks & People Foundation](#) is managing community engagement and design team selection of the Middle Branch Waterfront for the City of Baltimore under a contract with the City and the [South Baltimore Gateway Partnership](#). Additional partners include [City of Baltimore Department of Planning](#) and [Baltimore City Recreation & Parks](#). For more information about the project visit www.middlebranchwaterfront.com.

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