

Trestle Park
501 East Erie Street
Riverwalk Site Plan Review Overlay Zone (SPROZ)
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Trestle Park is a proposed 0.3 acre public park in the Third Ward of Milwaukee, at the intersection of East Erie Street and Jefferson Street between the new DOMUS apartment building and the existing Hansen's Landing condominium building. As the site of a former rail line, the site contains a pier structure that historically connected to a mid-river swing bridge that allowed a rail crossing over the Milwaukee River. The future park provides a key opportunity to complete one of the last missing pieces of the downtown Riverwalk network, as well as completing discontinuous parts of the Hank Aaron State Trail.

The new park reuses the pier structure as a platform for seating, gathering and public enjoyment. Multiple long, linear seating benches with integrated planters stretch north to Erie Street and are intended to reflect the movement of the former railcars that once passed through the site. Rail crossing signage from the existing site is repurposed as new site lighting features. Nearly half of the new park will be dedicated to a natural landscape with native plants that are known to have existed near this site early in the 1800's. A cable rail, consistent with what exists along the Third Ward Riverwalk will be used on the platform. For material selection, Ipe wood finishes at the benches and floor treatments are derived from the existing Riverwalk palette. The site will also provide a location for Bublr bike-sharing station, bike lock stations and opportunities for engaging with native plant-life, the Milwaukee River and neighborhood public art installations.

