

Site Location & Planning

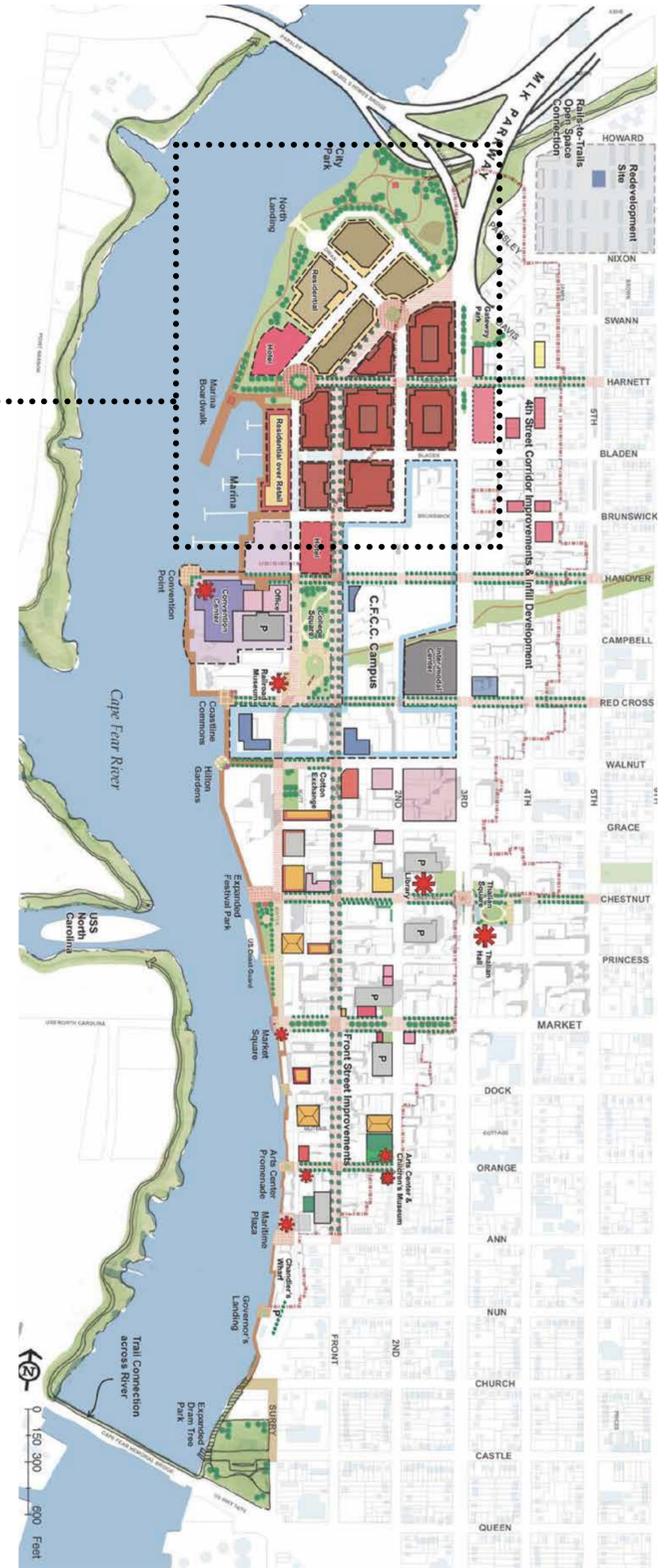
Where is the Park Site?

The site is located in the Northern Riverfront district in Downtown Wilmington. The area is projected to develop as a high-density, mixed-use urban destination, with a vibrant park space at its center.



Downtown Master Plan

The Vision 2020 Plan illustration shows a large city park located between development and the Isabel Holmes Bridge. The current site is more centrally located among existing and future development.



Why Build a Park Here?

The city is expected to grow by 56,000 people in 35 years. Much of this will occur in walkable urban areas like Downtown. However, since the Historic Core and its immediate surroundings are limited in developable space, much of the future growth will be captured in the Northern Riverfront and the Brooklyn Arts District.



- 1 Future Development Area**
Future residents, employees and visitors will need open space for recreation and relief from high-density development.
- 2 Citywide & Regional Access**
This park is for everyone in Wilmington and areas beyond. It will benefit from newly improved regional roadways.
- 3 Northside Parks**
Northside and Brooklyn Arts benefit from some open space today, but their access to parks along the Cape Fear River is limited.
- 4 Downtown Parks**
Downtown benefits from pocket parks, urban plazas and direct access to an active riverfront. It is connected to the Northern Riverfront by new streets, the riverwalk and a free trolley.
- 5 Existing Active Parks**
Active recreation facilities like tennis, basketball, swimming, baseball and others are already available in Downtown on a parcel of land nearly 3-times the size of the North Waterfront Park site.

“Develop and expand a series of waterfront parks with public and interpretive exhibits along the Riverwalk.”
(Vision 2020, p. 33)