

DECOMMISSIONED WATER DEPARTMENT STORAGE YARD SITE

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLAN

This site will be decommissioned as a storage yard for the City of Grand Rapids Water Department and is re-envisioned as a riverfront park. When the rapids are restored and an adjustable hydraulic structure is added, boat passage and river access will dramatically transform this site into a regional activity hub. Design plans call for:

- 1 An elevated canopy trail to connect pedestrians to the forested canopy and protect habitat areas.
- 2a Protected ceremonial fire rings for Anishinaabe and Great River Bands of Ottawa Indian use.
- 2b Public-use outdoor fire pits Activate the plaza in the winter
- 3 A winter lodge for year-round educational and cultural events.
- 4 A repurposed water storage tank provides a unique space for large events and daily use.
- 5 A log-jam inspired nature playground ensures this park will provide on-land destination recreation for users of all ages.
- 6 A dedicated drop-off area can accommodate large group access and circulating river traffic.
- 7 The mid-level terrace provides a flexible, multi-use lawn area closer to the water.
- 8 River terraces provide additional access to the water's edge for anglers, tubers, and waders.
- 9 Small gathering overlooks allow friends, family and fans to watch boaters from the river's edge.

Integrated Grand River restoration improvements:

- 10 Adjustable hydraulic structure (AHS)
- 11 AHS maintenance and control building
- 12 Boat passage



PRECEDENT IMAGERY - DESIGN & PROGRAM INTENT



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2a Public-use outdoor fire pits



4 Repurposed water tank



5 Log jam inspired nature playground



8 River terraces



9 Small gathering overlook



Conceptual rendering of Decommissioned Water Department Storage Yard Site



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