Design Team and Staff Introductions
Agenda:
- Ground Rules
- Intros
- Project Overview
- Discussion
Conversation Ground Rules

1. Stay on “mute” until you are called on to speak.
2. Please refrain from side conversations on the chat.
3. We are not recording this meeting but all comments and questions will be added to the public comment log.
4. Any “zoom-bombing” will result in removal from the meeting.
5. Share the space and time with others.
6. The time will focus on public comment, questions, and concerns.
What are the core values of Graco Park & park building? What should it be and what should it not be?
Pre-1885  
Site covered in oak trees and home to the Dakota people

Approx. 1885  
Saw milling begins on the site producing shingles & posts

1930 - 2010  
Scherer Brothers Lumber occupies the site (1966 - Hall’s Island filled in)
History and Context

2010
MPRB acquires the site & lumber buildings removed

2012
RiverFirst implementation framework completed, including concept design for Graco Park (formerly Scherer Park)

2017
Hall’s Island reconstructed

Source: Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
2018 SETTLEMENT SUMMARY:

1. MPRB has sold a 2.2-acre portion of the 3.55-acre Parcel D located next to Graco’s Riverside production facility to Graco at a fair market value of $1.1 million.

2. While the opportunities for Parcel D have changed, the MPRB remains intent upon developing park supporting uses on the remaining parcel (Lot 2).

3. East Bank Trail

4. Graco gives the trail easement to the MPRB for free.

5. Graco Foundation donated over $3 million toward the new park development.

6. At the boundary of Lot 1, Graco will fund a flood barrier/landform.

7. Graco Park name.
RiverFirst & Above The Falls Masterplan Overview

Project Site: Graco Park & Hall’s Island

- Existing Park
- Above The Falls Masterplan (2019) Proposed Parks
- RiverFirst (0-5 Year) Priority Projects
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail
Considering the programming currently offered in surrounding parks, what services would you like to see in Graco Park?
KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

A. Bridge
B. Island Access
C. Landform
D. Park Program
E. Vegetation
F. Trail
G. Building

Approved Schematic Design (to be updated)
A. Bridge

B. Island Access

Project Elements
E. Vegetation

F. Trail

Project Elements
GRACO PARK
Project Launch

Building Program

MULTIPURPOSE SPACE

WORKSHOPS/COMMUNITY EDUCATION

YOGA AND FITNESS CLASSES

SPECIAL OCCASION RENTAL

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

ART EXHIBITIONS

MUSIC PERFORMANCES
EXPOSED WOOD STRUCTURE (WOOD OR STEEL)

MASONRY

CONCRETE

METAL

THERMALLY MODIFIED WOOD

FLOW FROM INDOOR TO OUTDOOR
MPRB is working to find tenants for these buildings:

**MPRB building tenant criteria:**
- Connections to park
- Connections to community
- Interest in activating the space
- Other

**Vendor building tenant criteria:**
- Connections to community
- Revenue to support operations
- Further activation of the park
- Other

If you are interested in being a tenant in either building, please contact the MPRB for more information or to submit a letter of interest due July 23rd.
What would help Graco Park connect to the community and ecological systems?

What would you like in the park?

What would you like in a park building on site?
### GRACO PARK Project Launch

**PHASE 1: SCHEMATIC DESIGN/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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**Note:** This schedule is for informational purposes only and is subject to change.

**ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION:**

**JUNE-NOVEMBER 2022**

- **C:** Community engagement event
- **P:** Project advisory committee (PAC) meeting
- **T:** Technical advisory committee (TAC) meeting
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**webpage for submitting comments:**  
https://aflandarc.com/graco-park-community-engagement-1

**MPRB Graco Park informational webpage:**  