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Wheeling Heritage Port Phase III Wheeling, West Virginia



Services:
Inventory & Analysis
Stake Holders Meeting &
Design Charette
Master Plan with Phasing
Opinion of Probable Cost
Construction Documents
Construction Administration

Role: Prime Consultant

Project Size: 1.7 acres

Project Cost:
Phase III A & B: \$1,717,000
Additional Concrete: \$80,000

In 2004, Hays LAS, selected by the Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation (WNHAC), led the next phase of development for Wheeling West Virginia's waterfront. Sasaki Associates served as the original designers for the award winning Heritage Port Phase I and II. Hays LAS hired local talent Kayafas Architects, Marshall Piccin, and Cerrone Associates and embarked upon a comprehensive study of Wheeling's waterfront. At the conclusion of the site inventory and analysis phase, Hays LAS Principal Gabe Hays led a two day stakeholders meetings and design charette. The meetings included groups of individuals representing: Infrastructure & Maintenance; Historic, Cultural, and Recreational; Property Owner; Events and Operations; and Economic Development/ Governmental. The Hays team, Sasaki representatives, and Client representatives worked on design idea in an intense brainstorming sessions or "charette". The initial ideas were further developed into a comprehensive concept with cost estimates for the entire Wheeling waterfront.

Hays LAS then worked with the client, WNHAC, to prioritize the elements of the plan to receive available funding. Along with additional grant funding, the project eventually encompassed an extension of several acres. This new development included an Ohio River overlook, bike trail/promenade walk extension, seat walls, a restored historic park space, a public restroom/ storage building with rooftop plaza, two ramps providing ADA accessibility to the arena, side walks, railroad design interpretation, a statue area for UAW leader Walter Reuther, significant utility infrastructure for festivals as well as EPA regulations, and a grove of trees in memory of Mrs. Robert Byrd.