



Start Westward

Project Comments and Responses

Ending March 23, 2021

Comment 1: I admire the dedication of your city to upgrading your park and saving the Borglum statue, when statues are being torn down or moved all over the country. It makes you unique!

Response: Thank you.

Comment 2: Our family strongly suggests creating a replica in bronze for the long lasting enjoyment of your citizens. The stone one can be moved with the stonecutters honored with plaques of who they were.

Response: Disposition of the monument is being considered for a subsequent phase of the project. A bronze replica is an alternative.

Comment 3: This is a very nice idea. We would suggest that the trees along the river be trimmed up 10 feet and the lower bushes and weeds be trimmed down to 2 or 3 feet so as you walk on the path you get to see the river. If a restroom is to be put in for the public, the best location would be near the parking lot next to the Putnam bridge where folks could use it before they start their walk or some might like it after they complete their walk. I believe all the necessary utilities are there or very close. Perhaps another location would be near the exercise area if you think the equipment is being used enough to justify it. Have you considered asking local service clubs or other groups to organize Christmas lighting in the park?

Response: Providing a view to the river is being considered. Alternative locations for potential restrooms will be developed further in a subsequent phase of the project and will include the locations suggested.

Comment 4: Has there been any discussion about adding to Muskingum Park some sort of monument commemorating the indigenous peoples who inhabited this land prior to 1788? For thousands of years prior to American settlement, numerous cultures, such as Adena, Hopewell, Shawnee, Delaware, and others, inhabited this land. It is interesting that while the Ohio Company's settlement essentially began the process of the forced removal of the local tribes from the area, the company leaders were so impressed with the native earthworks that they made allowances for their preservation. I hope that in 2021, we would want to continue the trend the Ohio Company started by making allowances for the commemoration of those peoples in a restored and upgraded Muskingum Park. This is especially

important today, I think, because descendants of some of those cultures are still alive and well and can be invited into this conversation and in the planning of a suitable monument.

Response: We are currently coordinating with several tribal councils to have them included in the park development including possible monuments, exhibits and signage.

Comment 5: As a member of the Marietta Tree Commission I was very encouraged by the statements made by the presenter about the consideration being given to trees in East Muskingum Park. I urge those involved in the project to involve the Tree Commission and make use of their expertise in any issues involving trees in the design of the Start Westward Project. I am very excited about this project. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make it a reality.

Response: We have an arborist on the design team that has worked with the City's Tree Commission to evaluate the existing trees and will be developing details in the plans to protect the trees during construction.

Comment 6: The commentor she knows Alan Cottrill w/ Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio, 110 S 6th Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 .. he says he can put bronze over sandstone for preservation if the City would want to go that way .. she wanted us to have his information.

Response: The City and design team are talking with Alan Cottrill for the development of alternative for the monument.

Comment 7: I'm excited the City is taking the steps to preserve the monument and enhance the park. I would like the City to consider the trees and greenspace when undertaking this project.

Response: We have an arborist on the design team that has worked with the City's Tree Commission to evaluate the existing trees and will be developing details in the plans to protect the trees during construction. Landscape Architects on the team are developing an overall plan for the park including greenspace.

Comment 8: Have the following suggestions for project:

PROJECT AREA 1:

- * New Sidewalk ... Putnam to Wooster.
Tan color to blend with pylon color.and unifying pylons with walkways.
- * Lighting ... The single globe post light shown in the presentation:
The Downtown lamp is best to maintain continuity.
- * Gazebo ... Tan color 10-foot walkways, Front St. to Bike Path on both sides of Gazebo.
Gray color ADA Ramps, wrapping around to back side of Gazebo.
- * Way Finding Signage ... As shown in presentation, is a good design look for Marietta.

FUTURE PHASES:

- * After Pylon Restoration ...Add up-lighting, flush with grade, on all four sides of each pylon.
A great first impression look from a distance, especially with bronze eagles!
- * Rest Room Facility ... Presentation rendering a good concept, but is there a risk of lingering odors as the path leads you through?
Recommend flood resistant walls, grade to roof eve, and rust proof doors and frames.

- * Charging Stations ... Add to Parking Lots at Putnam and Washington St. bridge
Tourists will be arriving in electric vehicles!

Response: The suggestions for park development will be considered and incorporated where appropriate and in keeping with the overall park character.

Comment 9: As a member of the Tree Commission, I would like to express my thoughts: the fewer trees that are cut down , the happier we will be. Also, if later on new trees are to be planted, we would be delighted to offer the results from our research for new varieties never before planted in the city. Many of those can offer wonderful color and shapes . Good luck with the project.

Response: We have an arborist on the design team that has worked with the City's Tree Commission to evaluate the existing trees and will be developing details in the plans to protect the trees during construction. The intent is to keep all existing trees. The Tree Commission will be included in all future discussions if tree removal and replacement is considered.