



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2015**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE LOUISVILLE WATERFRONT PARK PHASE IV**  
**MASTER PLAN REPORT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT GUIDING THE**  
**WESTWARD EXPANSION OF WATERFRONT PARK.**

**Sponsored By: COUNCILMEMBER CHERI BRYANT HAMILTON**

**WHEREAS**, Louisville Metro Government and the Waterfront Development Corporation commissioned the design firm MKSK to prepare the Louisville Waterfront Park Phase IV Master Plan for the westward expansion of Waterfront Park;

**WHEREAS**, the Phase IV site encompasses approximately 22 acres along the banks of the Ohio River from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street and from the river to Rowan Street, and will connect the downtown core with the Portland neighborhood and West Louisville;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations of the Phase IV Master Plan Report are the result of a twelve-month study process involving a broad range of constituents, stakeholders, and community leaders;

**WHEREAS**, the Phase IV Master Plan Report identifies key land use, circulation, landscaping, and design recommendations, including extending River Road west to Rowan Street to promote vehicular connectivity and access to the park; transforming the Interstate 64 structure into an amenity; improving surrounding infrastructure in anticipation of future development; and celebrating the historical and cultural significance of the Phase IV site, which dates back to the founding of Louisville;

**WHEREAS**, the Phase IV Master Plan report advances the goals of the Downtown Louisville Master Plan of promoting access to the riverfront, fostering the idea of “One Riverfront” linking

Waterfront Park Phases I, II, and III, the Belle of Louisville, Belvedere, River Walk and Waterfront Park Phase IV, establishing a continuous green ribbon along the urban river corridor, and providing a variety of connections to the Ohio River from the downtown urban fabric;

**WHEREAS**, the Phase IV Master Plan Report further promotes the preservation of recreational open space and public access to the river, which in turn promotes health and wellness, and enhances the social and cultural urban park experience;

**WHEREAS**, the westward expansion of Waterfront Park has been an integral component of the overall Louisville Waterfront Strategy since Waterfront Development Corporation was originally established in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Development Corporation adopted the Phase IV Master Plan Report on June 25, 2015;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The Louisville Waterfront Park Phase IV Master Plan Report, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as the official document to guide the westward expansion of Louisville Waterfront Park.

**SECTION II:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

H. \_\_\_\_\_ David  
W. Tandy President of the Council

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Greg Fischer Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

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