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**BUFFALO OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY CONTINUES  
FIVE YEAR PLAN DISCUSSION**

*Second round of community meetings will be conducted in October and November 2018*

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** – The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, the first nonprofit organization in the nation to both steward and maintain a historic urban park system, announced a second set of community meetings to discuss improvement priorities for the city’s Olmsted-designed parks. With support from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and assistance from the University at Buffalo Regional Institute, the Conservancy seeks to gain community feedback and suggestions on operational and project planning priorities for the Olmsted Park System.

The community engagement process will culminate in a Five Year Plan report to be presented to the public at the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy’s State of the Olmsted Parks address in May 2019.

This second set of meetings will focus on a review of comprehensive comments and suggestions for park improvement projects acquired from this summer’s meetings. A brief presentation and dialogue will provide detail on consistent project recommendations as well as highlight some emerging themes for improving the Olmsted Parks system-wide. Meetings are being promoted in partnership with City of Buffalo Councilmembers and are scheduled as follow:

- Riverside Park – Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 6:30pm – St Mark’s and All Saints’ - Parish Hall (256 Riverside Ave.) – *in conjunction with a ReDiscover Riverside Meeting*
- Delaware District – Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30pm – Marcy Casino (199 Lincoln Pkwy)
- MLK, Jr. Park – Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30pm - Buffalo Museum of Science (1020 Humboldt Parkway)
- West District – Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:00pm – Niagara Branch Library (280 Porter Avenue)
- South District - Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30pm - Tosh Collins Community Center (35 Cazenovia Street)

The third and final series of community meetings will be conducted in late January next year, prior to concluding the Five Year Plan report. Notice for meetings will be advertised through the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy website ([www.bfloparks.org/events](http://www.bfloparks.org/events)), social media, neighborhood newspapers and in partnership with City of Buffalo Common Councilmembers. Please engage in this very important community input process which will shape the future of Buffalo’s Olmsted Parks.

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## **About the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy**

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is the first nonprofit organization in the nation to manage and operate an entire urban park system that consists of over 850 acres of beautifully designed parks, parkways and circles. The park system was designed by America's first landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, 150 years ago and today, more than 2.5 million people use Buffalo's historic, award-winning Olmsted Park System annually for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation. Since 2004, basic maintenance of the parks has been greatly improved since the groundbreaking public/private agreement between the City of Buffalo, Erie County and The Buffalo Park Conservancy. The Conservancy is a membership-based, community organization whose mission is to promote, preserve, restore, enhance and maintain the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed landscape in the Greater Buffalo area. Learn more at: [www.bfloparks.org](http://www.bfloparks.org).

*The Buffalo Olmsted Park System includes:*

Six parks: Cazenovia Park in South Buffalo, Delaware Park in Delaware/Parkside District, Front Park at the Peace Bridge, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park at Fillmore Avenue, Riverside Park at Niagara and Tonawanda Street, and South Park at McKinley Parkway

Seven parkways: Bidwell, Chapin, Lincoln, McKinley, Porter, Red Jacket, and Richmond

Eight traffic circles: Agassiz, Colonial, Ferry, Gates, McClellan, McKinley, Soldiers, and Symphony