

Amphitheater is on the Horizon for Downtown Auburn Hills Park District

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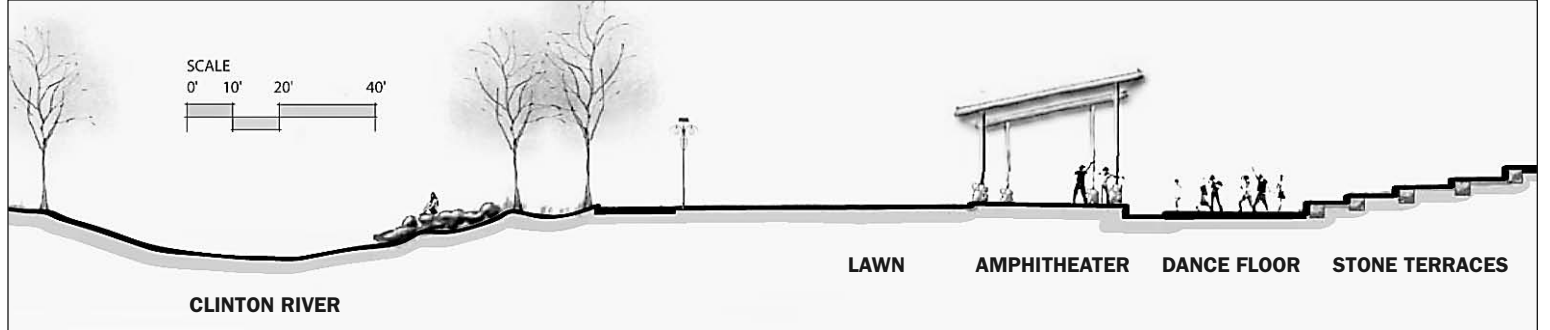
The design phase of the new public space ought to be complete in spring of 2013, and in the meantime, Marzolf is working to secure funding for the building phase; he hopes to fund the project by the time the design phase is complete.

While some of the money will come from existing city funds and state and local grants, the city is still seeking a corporate partner, someone who, Marzolf says, wants to invest in the growth of their city.

"We're still looking for just the right partner," says Marzolf, "but I'm confident that once people realize we're moving forward to create this space, they'll see the value in it, as we do."

Marzolf envisions the amphitheater being used as a venue for all sorts of arts and entertainment events, especially given the rich cultural environment Auburn Hills already enjoys.

The city wants to expand the Auburn Hills downtown Friday



Section of the Riverside District looking north, showing the side elevation of the amphitheater, flanked by the Clinton River and the stone terraces.

night concert series, and host performances by Pontiac and Avondale schools, as well as the five colleges and universities that have campuses in Auburn Hills.

"We want to make this space to engage our performing arts community. It will be a space for everyone," Marzolf says.

How much will this river walk expansion and amphitheater cost?

Marzolf points out that more than half of the project is already funded – the design portion – at \$2.4 million. All that remains is to fund the construction phase, and

that will cost an additional \$2 million, bringing the total cost to \$4.2 million.

"We already have a vibrant downtown area, with restaurants, shopping, and more, but this amphitheater and public space will make it even more exceptional," says Marzolf.

"There won't be anything else like it anywhere in the area, and it's just going to add to what already makes Auburn Hills such a unique place."

The city of Auburn Hills has a tradition of welcoming everyone who works here, to the city's many facilities and events, re-

gardless of city of residence.

This hospitality is extended to neighboring communities, as well.

When will all this happen? When asked, Auburn Hills City Manager Pete Auger said, "As soon as the foundation money and the grant money starts coming in."

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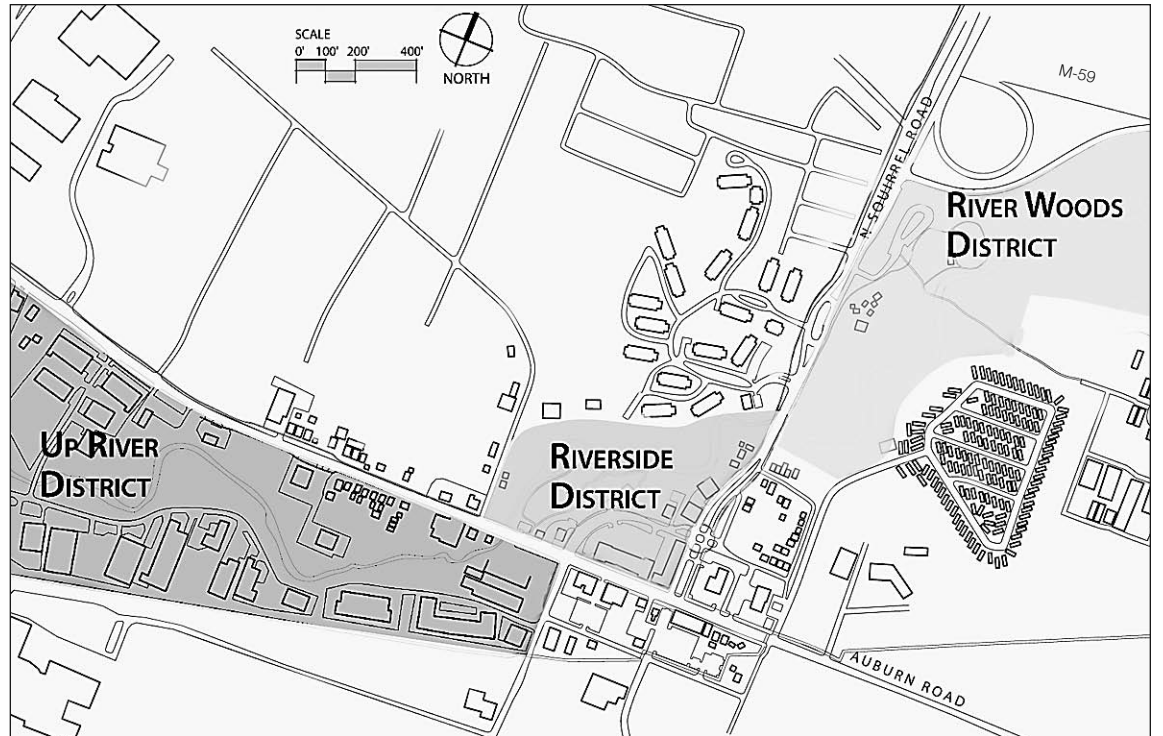
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The club also maintains stores at the Vehicle Engineering Center (VEC) and the Design Staff building, both located at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

Hours vary by each store. The Pontiac store at GM Powertrain is currently open three days a week.

"The next thing for me is to keep doing what I'm doing, as far as I'm concerned," Hensel said.

"I just turned 58 and expect to work at GM for another four or five years. I've been with the company for 28 years this February."



The Up River will remain natural, while the Riverwalk will go through Riverside and River Woods Districts.

Chrysler Sales Smash the Record Barriers in 2012

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Group's 10 percent increase were the Fiat 500, Jeep Wrangler, Dodge Challenger, Dodge Journey, and Ram Cargo Van, each setting a sales record for the month of December. The Jeep Grand Cherokee – the most awarded SUV ever – recorded its best sales performance of the year in December.

Chrysler Group finished the month with a 72 days supply of inventory (426,664 units).

U.S. industry sales figures for December are projected at an estimated 15.8 million units Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR).

Dodge brand sales were up 26 percent in December, the brand's best December sales in five years and its 19th consecutive month of year-over-year sales gains.

December was the brand's best monthly sales performance of the year. December also marked the second time during 2012 that the Dodge brand sold more than 50,000 units in a given month.

For the year, Dodge brand sales (524,989 units) were up 16 percent versus sales (451,040 units) in 2011, the brand's best annual sales since 2007.

The Dodge brand's sales volume in 2012 was the largest of any Chrysler Group brand. The Journey, Avenger, and Challenger models each set an annual sales record in 2012.

Ram Truck brand sales were up 16 percent in December, the brand's best December sales in five years. Sales of the Ram Cargo Van increased 287 percent versus the same month a year ago, setting a sales record for the month of December.

For the year, Ram Truck brand sales (300,928 units) were up 17 percent compared with sales (257,610 units) in 2011. The Ram pickup truck had its best annual sales since 2007.

Chrysler brand sales were up 6 percent in December, the brand's best December sales in five years. December marked the Chrysler brand's 18th consecutive month of year-over-year sales gains.

For the year, Chrysler brand sales (307,967 units) were up 39 percent compared with sales (221,346 units) in 2011. The Chrysler brand recorded its best annual sales since 2008.

The 200 sedan set an annual sales record in 2012, while the 300 flagship sedan recorded its best annual sales since 2007. The Town & Country had its best year since 2010.

The Jeep brand's U.S. sales (39,871 units) in December helped to push global Jeep brand sales to a record in 2012. Jeep brand sales were down 9 percent in December in the U.S. as sales of the Jeep Liberty model wind down. Jeep Liberty production ended in August.

But the Jeep Grand Cherokee – the most awarded SUV ever – posted its best sales month of the year in December and its best December sales in seven years.

For the year, Jeep brand sales (474,131 units) in the U.S. were up 13 percent compared with sales (419,349 units) in 2011, the brand's best annual sales since 2007.

The Wrangler and Patriot each set an annual sales record in 2012 while the Grand Cherokee recorded its best annual sales since 2005.

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