

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Site and Circulation Plan
Hart Crane Park, Cleveland, OH
for
Canalway**



ISSUED: November 9, 2023

SUBMITTAL DUE: December 14, 2023

About Canalway

Canalway, is a 501(c)3 non-profit. As a cultural heritage organization, we actively develop, preserve, and promote the dynamic history, culture, and landscapes of the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area (NHA) in Cuyahoga County.

Background and Summary

Hart Crane Park is an approximately 1/2 acre riverfront park on the east side of Cuyahoga River on the Columbus Road Peninsula in The Flats neighborhood.

Named after the Cleveland poet and former Plain Dealer reporter Hart Crane (1899-1932), the park is part of the Ohio Literary Trail. The park features a memorial designed by artist Gene Kangas where sculptures are embellished with Crane's words and inspired by Crane's whimsical, winding way of writing.

The Towpath Trail connects to Hart Crane Park via the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail. Hart Crane Park is near the amenities at Rivergate Park including the Cleveland Rowing Foundation, Crooked River Skatepark and Merwin's Wharf. Connections to bike trails are immediately across the Columbus Road Bridge. Canalway has owned Hart Crane Park since 1994. It is the base of operations for the annual RiverSweep and the celebratory Cuyahoga River Rally.

This project will be led by Canalway to look at the existing site and draft recommended improvements that will enhance the parks riverfront relationship and connect pedestrians between Columbus Road and Merwin's Wharf, owned and managed by Cleveland Metroparks.

As part of implementation strategies identified in the planning process "Vision for the Valley", Canalway seeks a site plan to implement improved pedestrian circulation, interpretive signage, and river boardwalk access. This is consistent with recommendations 1.2.2.3: Develop the Columbus Peninsula with new uses that complement the existing recreational activities and connect to the River and adjoining park space; 3.1.1.1: Implement a continuous boardwalk or public greenway on both sides of the river; and 6.12 Upgrade sidewalks, parks, and other public facilities to meet ADA standards.

Currently, there is no pedestrian access from the roadway or any connectivity to the adjacent park-like properties at Rivergate Park and The Foundry. This project would create a plan that would identify opportunities to improve site circulation as well as arrival signage and use of public art on the RTA Red-line viaduct.

Hart Crane parcel numbers are 10119003 and 1-119002.

General Scope & Qualifications

Canalway is contracting with park planners and/or landscape architects to develop a site and circulation plan that will provide a vision for the public enjoyment of the park and its connections to adjacent amenities. The ideal consultant will be familiar with the city's Vision for the Valley plan and the intent to create connectivity along Cleveland's riverfront.

The completed plan should include pedestrian circulation, allow for use of the park for special events, and identify placemaking elements which may include public art, interpretation, and site signage. ACAD drawings of the site are available.

Scope, Timeline, and Budget

Preference will be given to consultants who can complete the work by March 2023.

The scope of services will include:

- A site visit orientation with Canalway staff & board committee, key stakeholders, and/or adjacent property owners. The site is adjacent to a Cleveland Metroparks property and coordination between parties will be required.
- Existing conditions analysis.
- The final product should be a drafted site plan denoting recommended site improvements and connectivity as well as interpretive and place making opportunities.

The budget for this project is not exceed \$12,000

Process for Submittal

Canalway will release this request via email and post on <http://www.canalwaypartners.com> Questions or needed clarifications can be directed to Mera Cardenas, Executive Director, Canalway via email: mera@canalwaypartners.com

All proposals will be evaluated by Canalway. Selection will be based on qualifications, ability to complete the work on the designated timeline, and value for services.

The project is expected to be awarded in December 2023. Consultants should be prepared to engage in the project immediately following the award and complete by March 2024.

Statement Submittal to Canalway

Firms interested in the project should provide via email a **letter of interest** in the project, their qualifications, and a range of costs for the scope of work.

Firms responding must have qualifications in park planning and/or landscape architecture.

Consideration will be given to firms with an established office within 50 miles of the City of Cleveland.

The letter of intent should include:

- a. Synopsis of project approach.
- b. Up to three projects of similar style and scope for reference with links to project or attached visual illustrations.
- c. Name, address and phone number of the offices where the personnel assigned to the project will be based.
- d. Name, title, email address and phone number of the principal contact person.
- e. Location of home office, general firm history & services provided, years of firm's existence.
- f. Legal form of firm.

References

List three references, including the company name, address, contact person, email and telephone number. By providing the Statement of Qualifications, you authorize any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by Canalway in verification of the recitals comprising your Statement of Qualifications.

Identify any potential conflicts of interest with Canalway, City of Cleveland, or Cleveland Metroparks.

All letters should be submitted via email to Mera Cardenas, Executive Director, Canalway via email: mera@canalwaypartners.com The subject line of the email should read "Hart Crane <firm name>". Please include all documents in a single PDF.