

SEGMENT 2

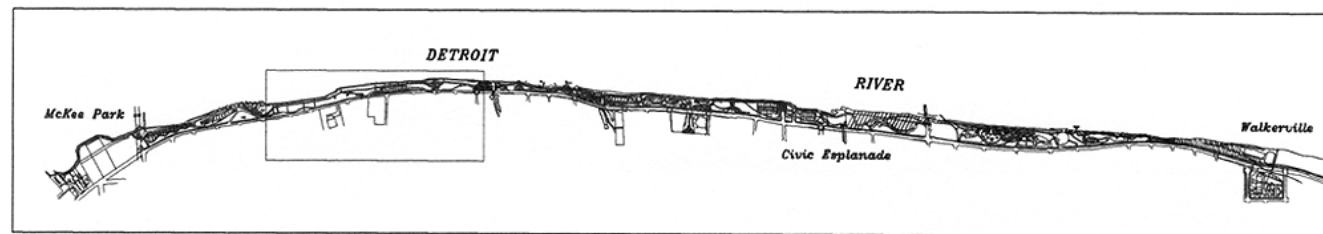
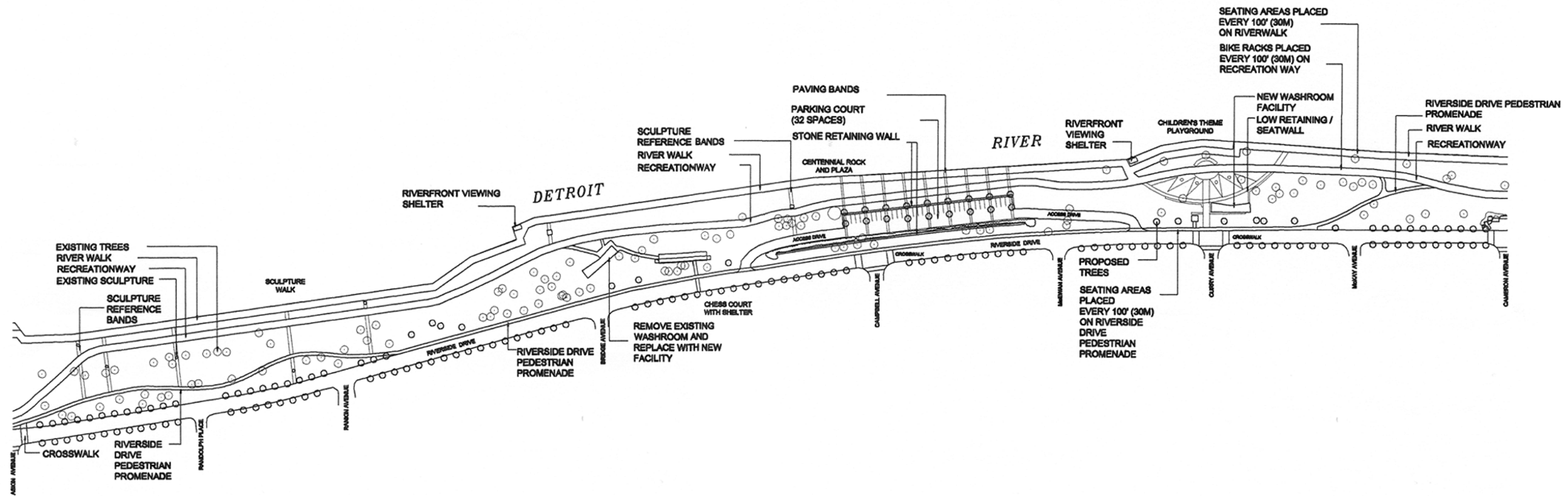


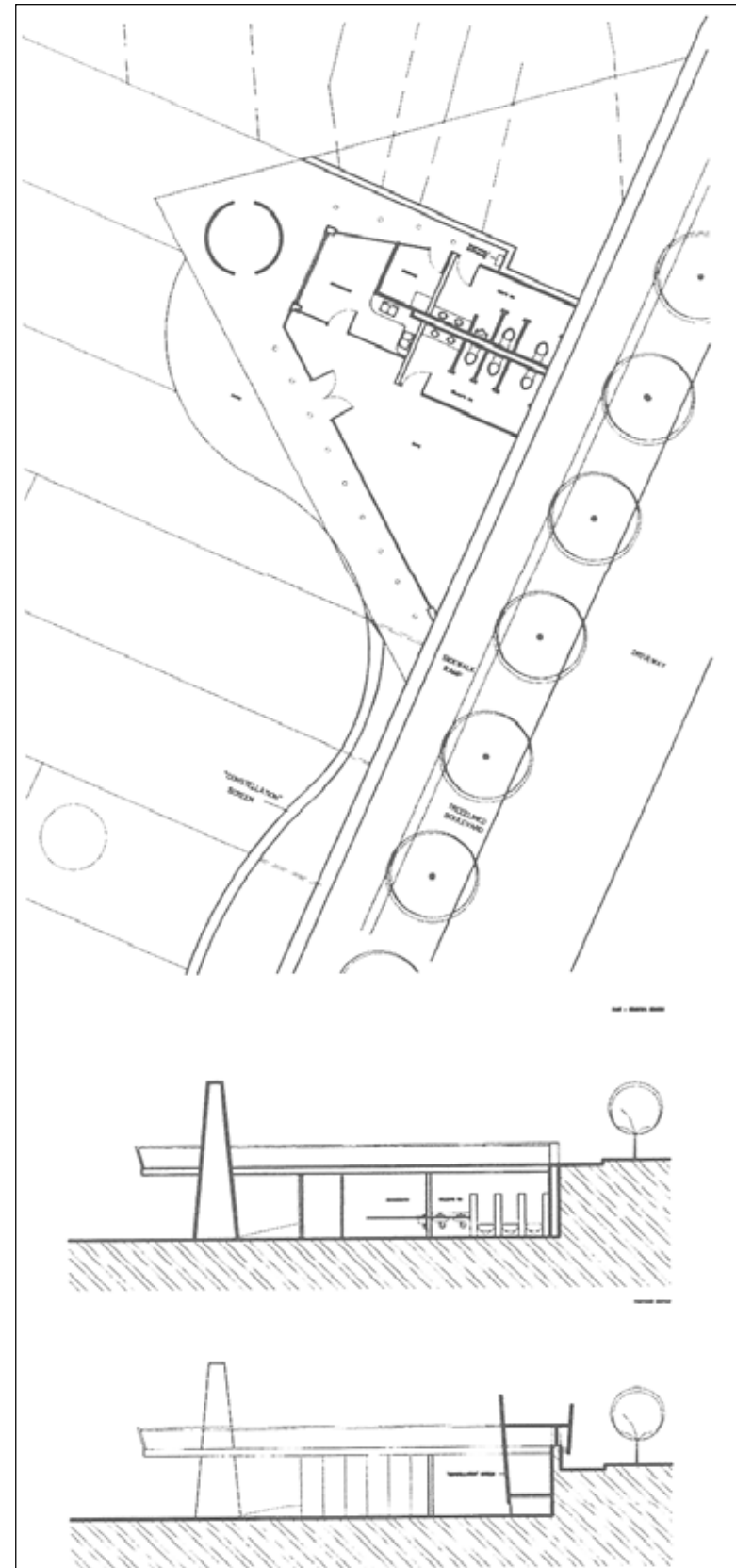
Figure 54



Photo 41



Photo 42



4.2 Segment 2: Centennial Park (Askin Avenue to Cameron Avenue)

Context:

Segment 2 provides linkage between the Celestial Beacon and the International Gardens and provides a passive recreational use area that incorporates the existing sculpture garden, trails and landscaping. (Figure 55)

General Recommendations

- Existing sculptures encourage art appreciation.
- Provides setting for passive activities including picnicking, painting and sketching.
- Children's play areas, and fishing piers provide potential to promote family oriented activities for all ages.
- Redefinition of parking areas to further reinforce the riverfront setting.
- Provide pedestrian access through and within the site on existing and proposed walkways.
- Vehicles enter site off Riverside Drive on an existing access drive, parking area constructed on portion of existing parking lot.
- Children's play area and parking court linked with connector trails that provide access to main walkway and trail systems along riverfront.
- Introduction of board games area and trellis structure with access from trails and walkways.

Specific Recommendations (west to east)

Sculpture Walk

- Sculpture walk spans from the Celestial Beacon to the International Gardens, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile (1.3 km). (Photo 42)
- Utilization of existing walkway and promenade, to become part of Recreationway and River Walk, respectively. (Photo 43)
- Existing sculptures linked to Recreationway and River Walk with a series of hard surfaced (coloured or stamped concrete) or planted areas that will provide an organizing element for the existing sculptures (noted as sculpture reference bands on drawings). (Photo 44)
- Inscripted paving panels will be installed near the base of each sculpture that will provide a description of the sculpture.

Chess/Checkers Tables

- Introduction of a new overhead trellis structure for shade.
- Constructed on the existing platform, overlooks river. (Photo 44)
- Incorporates integrated checker board / chess board tables with seating.
- Provides direct access to Riverside Drive.

Parking Court

- 32+/- car parking area (an adaptation of the existing parking lot).
- Provides access to walkways and children's play area.
- Access from Riverside Drive using existing driveway between Campbell and Bridge Avenue.

Washrooms

- Existing restrooms will be replaced with upgraded facilities located adjacent to the parking court (to the west).

Children's Theme Play Area

- A new theme children's play approximately 60 x100 feet (20 x 30 meters).
- Age groups 2 to 5 and 5 to 12.
- The play area will have a theme that relates to the Celestial Beacon, for example, the theme could be based on the universe, astronomy, diversity or similar themes.
- New washroom building to be immediately adjacent to this area.

Fishing Pier

- Fishing to be maintained on pier between children's play area and International Garden.
- Fishing activities to be concentrated into "fishing stations" that are spaced at 15 meter (50 feet) intervals along pier.
- Fishing Stations to be 3 x 6 meter (10 x 20 feet) areas defined by handrails with elbow-rests. Park benches to be provided at each station (see Section 3).
- Story-telling and interpretive opportunities.

Environmental Assessment Implications

There are no outstanding EA implications or compliance issues for this segment of the park.

4.3 Segment 3: International Garden (Cameron Avenue to Crawford Avenue)

Context

Segment 3 includes the International Garden, Meadow Planting and the former C.P. Ferry Docks. (Figure 56)

This segment represents a significant destination feature linking the neighbourhoods south of Riverside Drive to the Central Riverfront.

General Recommendations

- Physical linkage of neighbourhoods south of Riverside Drive to the riverfront via a new underpass under Riverside Drive.
- Potential to create terraced symbolic "Canadian" garden on slope at base of Cameron Avenue and Riverside Drive. Symbolizes the unique Canadian locale as an entrance to the International Gardens from the Detroit River, an international waterway.
- Possible wind/water pump to feed water features in International Gardens.
- Former C.P. Ferry docks provide opportunity for interpretive elements such as information panels and displays linked by a cantilevered walkway system.
- Ferry landing area potential location for pedestrian ferry docking facilities and Canada Customs location for visitors entering Canada.
- Pedestrian access through site on River Walk, Recreationway, and Connector Trails linking garden areas to Riverside Drive.
- River Walk to be accessible from Riverside Drive from the pedestrian crossing, overlook and ramp at Crawford Avenue.



Photo 43



Photo 44