



Question Responses

Project 2008: inter**PLAY**

Can we use one of the panoramic (photographs) supplied instead of the 3 smaller pictures?

While entrants are encouraged to use a variety of resources to convey their ideas, each entrant must include the three pedestrian photo's provided in the resources section of the competition website for submissions.

Should designs consider the Sanitary Manhole shown on the aerial and AutoCAD drawing as part of the project site or part of the neighboring property?

While the manhole technically falls within the boundary of the property to the east of the city-owned portion of the project site, entrants are encouraged to develop schemes that follow the boundaries denoted in yellow on page three of the competition brief.

Can designs alter the terrain of the intervention area?

Site terrain can be manipulated as determined necessary.

Can the fence be removed as shown in Pedestrian View Photo 3?

While entrants have not been explicitly required to keep the existing fences, each entrant is strongly encouraged to ensure their solution provides an environment that is at least as safe as the existing condition.

Can the existing tunnel be reconfigured?

While alteration of the tunnel configuration has not been explicitly prohibited, any submission suggesting a relocation/reconfiguration of the tunnel would need to make a strong argument to justify such a significant investment.

Can the slope of the railroad hill be modified?

While entrants have not been specifically required to keep existing grades, each entrant is strongly encouraged to ensure their solution provides an environment that is at least as safe as the existing condition.

Is a significant change in the railroad allowed?

While entrants have not been explicitly prohibited from altering the existing rail tracks, reconfiguration would need to be carefully planned and absolutely necessary to the overall design of the site. The industrial rail tracks are frequently used and entrants are encouraged to understand future plans for

the neighborhood, and the lakefront, when considering the necessity of track relocation/reconfiguration.

Understanding that the 3 pedestrian perspective views provided must be used, is it possible to alter them? May we create additional views?

There is not a limit to the number of additional views entrants can use to illustrate their design so long as they are presented in accordance with the submission requirements defined in the competition brief. The pedestrian views provided can be altered, but must be easily recognized by the jurors as the three pedestrian view photos.

Do the train lines still function? If yes, how often do trains pass?

The industrial rail tracks are frequently used.

Are we limited by or directed to types of proposed interventions in the tunnel under the railway?

The types of interventions/site designs entrants can use to accomplish the goals defined in the competition brief has been purposefully left open to ensure maximum creativity and diversity of submissions.

Are existing fences to remain? Can fences be renovated, replaced or removed?

While entrants have not been explicitly required to keep the existing fences, each entrant is strongly encouraged to ensure their solution provides an environment that is at least as safe as the existing condition.

May we extend the proposed design outside of the site boundaries given - specifically into the West Shoreway area north and east of the competition site?

Entrants are encouraged to keep the focus of their submissions within the boundaries defined within the competition brief.

Is there direct access to the lake/water from the site? If so, is there any tidal variation?

*There is no **direct** access to the water from the site. To reach the water's edge, a pedestrian must pass through the pedestrian tunnel located on the site, follow the path north under the bridge that carries the East/West running State Route 2 and move north to Lake Erie.*

How specific should we be in describing the materials we plan on using; should we go as far as including the company name/product name of specific materials we will be using?

We encourage entrants to be as specific as they feel necessary to convey the full intent of their solution. Entrants are permitted to include company/product names specific to their solution so long as the anonymity

requirements defined in the competition brief are strictly adhered to with respect to firm/entrant authorship anonymity.

Should we include specific cost requirements for our project? If so, could we cite specific grant possibilities that could be approached/that our project would be eligible for?

Entrants are not required to include any cost information or grant possibilities they feel important and relevant to their solution.

Is there a budget that proposals are expected to follow

While a budget has not been defined in the competition brief, entrants are encouraged to approach solutions knowing potential cost implications of the decisions made in this conceptual design stage.

Can water features be used in new designs?

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Should we relate our design to Connecting Cleveland, the Lakefront Master Plan?

Entrants are encouraged to explore and define relationships between their solution and any existing plans that complement their design. However, entrants must strictly adhere to all anonymity requirements defined in the competition brief and should not provide any additional information that could lead to identifying the authorship of the submission.

It is clear where the bike path is on the map, however, do pedestrians share this with bikes or are there different paths for each?

The path is shared by pedestrians and bicyclists.

Is the winning submission going to be part of a real future project?

Winning submissions of this competition will not be directly awarded a project. However, we have engaged neighborhood entities that have expressed interest in a real project of this program type for the site. While we have purposefully organized this competition to solicit ideas and not built work, we have structured it such that it can influence potential future built work. If an actual project of this type proceeds, we will encourage the local project team to engage winners in the development of the actual project site.

Do we have to use the three pedestrian view photo's provided with the competition brief?

The three pedestrian view photos, both provided on the website and shown in the competition brief, must be used by competition entrants as a part of the larger submission each entrant will make. While we have made it mandatory

for entrants to use these three views, we have not limited how they may be used nor the extent in which they can be altered.

Can foreign architects participate?

The 2008 Cleveland Design Competition is an open, ideas-based international design competition and is open to entrants anywhere in the world. Please refer to the competition brief for the submission requirements and additional options for international submissions.

I am currently working on the design competition and would like to know if there is a specific program that needs to be addressed.

Should facilities (restrooms) be provided?

We encourage each entrant to design a solution that creatively and appropriately addresses the issues outlined in the competition brief. Entrants should develop their schemes in a way that provides any periphery program pieces that are necessary components of the design solution. While facilities such as restrooms are not a specific program requirement, each entrant must ensure their solution provides the program components necessary to the design intent.