

# Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter



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## Citywide News

### THE RE-IMAGINATION of...



On September 28th, the Mayor held a Community Information Meeting @ Osborne Park to share the “Re-Imagination” of our great asset to the north, Osborne Park. Through a grant, we have hired the internationally acclaimed Smith Group who specializes in projects like this. At the very first meeting for the public, we had an opportunity to hear from two of their top designers—one a Landscape Designer and the second a specialist in Coastal Design. They shared two design concepts.

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### ...OSBORNE PARK



Most of our residents are aware that we have suffered significant damage to our park due to the high water elevations of Lake Erie over the past several years. Rather than “dump” a line of Armour Stone along the shore (at a hefty cost), we have decided to see what we can do to make Osborne Park a destination with amenities that we can all enjoy along the shores of Lake Erie. I include this information for YOU, our residents, to have a chance to communicate your wishes and desires to your city leaders for direction.

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**MORE on OSBORNE PARK**

# The Smith Group

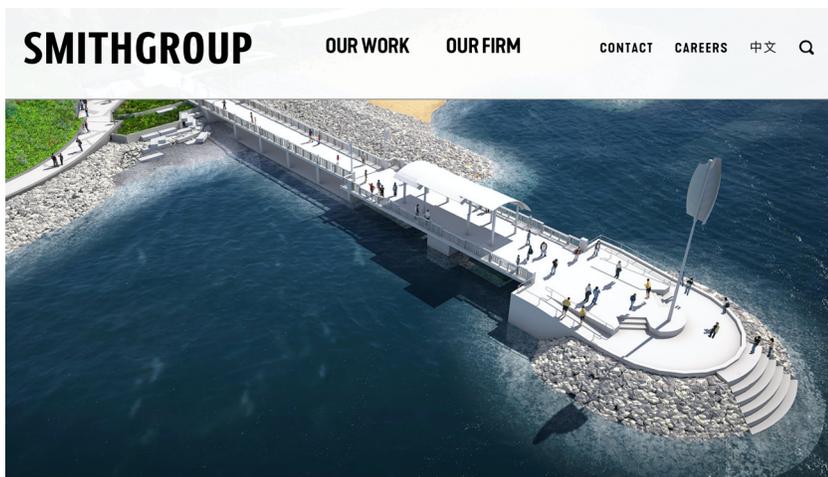
is a recognized leader in coastal design and engineering. Their team is spread across 15 offices nationwide (and one international). Their team is a network of 1200 people, which can pull experienced resources and leverage the right expertise for a specific project. SmithGroup knows that realizing the value of water starts by respecting its power. Their coastal engineering experts are dedicated to helping coastal clients and communities better engage and protect their fresh water and saltwater resources while mitigating potentially damaging impacts. SmithGroup's coastal team combines deep technical expertise with a shared understanding of the client's and community's goals for their waterfronts and waterways. They analyze the complex challenges posed by waves, ice, sediment transport, erosion, flooding, and sea-level rise. They work to integrate that knowledge into resilient and transformative waterfront design.

The City of Willoughby received a \$200K EEAG (Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant) issued from ODNR to design a **reimagined Osborne Park lakefront, including erosion repairs and mitigation.**

To introduce this re-imagination of Osborne Park, Mayor Fiala shared to all that the administration and Council agreed that we should look beyond erosion control and develop a master plan for the Osborne Park shoreline. We expect the project to be implemented in stages, but the result would be a new lakefront that engages our residents and provides additional recreational amenities. Just so that we are all clear regarding the two designs on page one. **These ARE NOT final designs at all.** They represent just a starting point that can evolve in many different directions. REMEMBER, you have the opportunity NOW to contribute your ideas and thoughts to the city.

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### EUCLID OHIO, LAKE ERIE WATERFRONT

This image shares only one small section of some of the work done by the Smith Group in Euclid. They have been working with the City of Euclid to realize an ambitious, multiphase plan for revitalizing the Ohio city's Lake Erie waterfront.

**IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR THOUGHTS**

**YOU CAN ACCESS THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND THE OSBORNE PARK RE-IMAGINATION BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW.**

Visually explore the image boards, then take the time to complete the survey.

<https://willoughbyohio.com/news/osborne-park-re-imagined/>