



Oyster Shell Park Norwalk, CT

Tavella Design Group, LLC provided planning and design services for improvements to Oyster Shell Park, a closed landfill and part of the larger Norwalk Inner Harbor plan which includes public and private investments of mixed uses situated on the Norwalk River waterfront. The first phase of the project included evaluating the existing resources of the park to design appropriate short-term infrastructure improvements. In addition, Tavella Design Group prepared recommendations for a long-term plan with new park amenities, a projected construction budget, and identified possible future funding sources. The team emphasized the establishment of solid physical and visual connections between attractions resulting in a more vibrant park. Specifically, the goal was to develop linkages among the park components that unify each of the experiences. This includes strong connections to adjacent uses, as well as capitalizing on and building upon public transportation options. The design also builds on the natural connection to the Norwalk River, history of the area, and the remediation of environmental degradation to promote on-site educational opportunities.