



If you want to change perceptions, it never hurts to make a big splash. The world's largest fountain with it's own laser light show is one part of this multi-faceted entertainment destination. RBA designed the five fountain spires, made of aluminum tubes and perforated stainless steel, and the pavilions that house; the support spaces, park concessions, rest rooms and the laser show control room. Taking a casual walk down the esplanade will bring you to five "invention stations" each

commemorating a famous Dayton inventor and their invention. These whimsical, interactive public art pieces serve to keep things interesting, in between activities like ice skating in the winter, or renting paddle boats in the summer for downtown denizens out for a day in the great urban outdoors. Riverscape has created a destination for pre and post game activities for the nearby minor league baseball stadium, a place for busy office workers downtown to come and

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unwind, and a stop along the way for bikers on the extensive bike path network. Scheduled events and festivals also draw hundreds of thousands of people to a riverbank that was largely unused previously. Building a destination location is satisfying, building a point of public pride is even better. The fireworks and laser show when Riverscape opened brought an estimated 100,000 people downtown. That's changing perceptions by building a modern world.



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### location:

Great Miami River  
Dayton, OH

### project:

Redevelopment of the pastoral Van Cleve Park as a multi-activity urban riverscape

### scope:

Architectural design of park pavilions, invention stations and fountain spires

### size:

Multi-site

### construction cost:

\$25,000,000

### client:

Riverscape Partnership: Five Rivers MetroParks; Montgomery County; City of Dayton; Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority.

### consultants:

Willis "Bing" Davis (public art); Shell & Meyer Associates (structural engineering); Galehouse Associates (mechanical & electrical engineering)