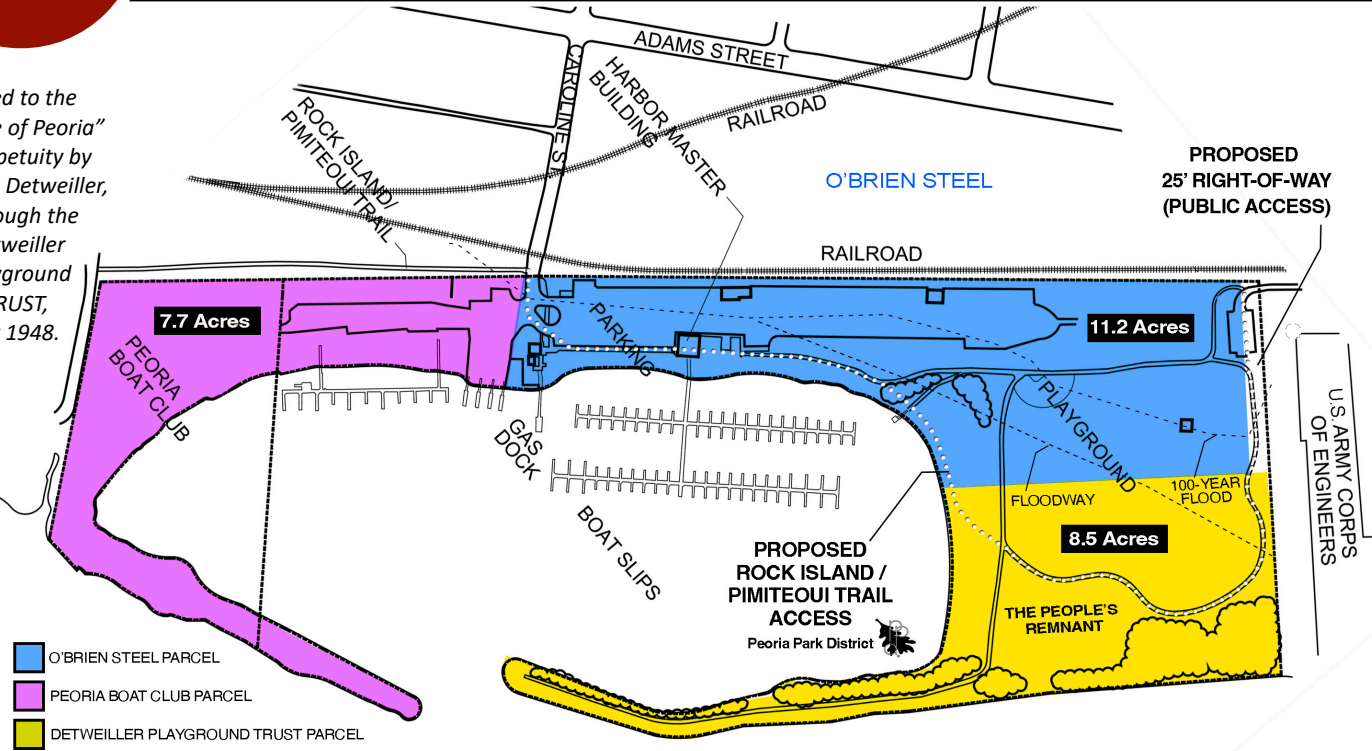


PUBLIC ALERT

HELP SAVE the DETWEILLER PLAYGROUND & MARINA

Gifted to the "People of Peoria" in perpetuity by Thomas Detweiller, through the Detweiller Playground TRUST, est 1948.



PROPOSED LAND DIVISION & SALE by TRUSTEES of DETWEILLER PLAYGROUND & TRUST
PROPERTY PLANNED FOR SALE IN PURPLE & BLUE — YELLOW IS REMAINING PUBLIC PARK

TRUST PROPERTY LAND SALE

The Detweiller Playground (& Marina) Trust — NOT the City of Peoria — is currently pursuing the sale of "Trust property" to entities including: "O'Brien Steel" and "Peoria Boat Club".

LOSS OF RIVERFRONT ACCESS

These actions may also lead to: restrictions or "loss of public access", including potential impacts to: Caroline Street — Bond Street — Direct neighborhood access to the riverfront

THIS IS A PIVOTAL MOMENT

Once public access is removed it is incredibly difficult if not impossible to restore.
 Your involvement matters. Your voice matters. Together, we can work to protect this unique and irreplaceable part of our community.

CALL TO ACTION

IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE CLEAR
 The CITY of PEORIA is NOT selling this land. The City's primary authority is over whether public streets (like Caroline and Bond) can be vacated (i.e. permanently closed).

1. WHERE TO FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS

1. Contact City of Peoria Leadership — Your voice is critical in decisions about vacating (closing) public streets.
 Please reach out to:
 - Mayor
 - City Council Members
 - City Manager
 (CONTACTS on back)

MESSAGE

Urge them to preserve:
 - Caroline Street - Bond Street
 - and all "Public Access" to the "Riverfront"

2. WHERE TO FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS

2. Contact Detweiller Playground (& Marina) TRUST Trustees & the Peoria Park District —

The **Detweiller Trustees** are responsible for decisions regarding the Trust property.

The **Peoria Park District** may also play a role in helping find a solution that keeps this land **open** and **accessible** to the **public**. (See *Contact info, right*)

MESSAGE

Please respectfully express your opposition to: Restricting public access and Deviating from the “original intent” of the Trust to have the land, “made available for playground and recreation purposes for the Peoria community.”

Encourage collaboration with the City of Peoria, Peoria Park District, other public charitable groups, and the public to:

- Explore options that **preserve** public ownership and/or access
- Keep the land **dedicated** to **community use** and **recreation** — Be **financially** sustainable.

CALL SCRIPT FOR YOUR PHONE CALLS

Be Respectful, Simple, and Effective

when calling Trustees, Park District, or City Officials:

“Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [Neighborhood/Peoria area]. I’m calling about the Detweiller Playground Trust’s Land & Marina and the potential loss of public access to the river, including Caroline Street and Bond Street. I want to express my strong concern about any actions that would restrict public access or move away from the original intent of keeping this land open for recreation and community use. I am asking you to: Preserve public access to the river; Keep Caroline Street and Bond Street open; and Work toward a solution that keeps this land available for the public. This space is incredibly important to our community and I hope you will act to protect it.

— Thank you for your time.”

PLEASE MAKE YOUR LETTER RESPECTFUL & FACTUAL

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Stay Connected & Get Involved — We are working to organize as a community to: Share information — Coordinate outreach — Advocate effectively for preserving this public space — More details on upcoming meetings and coordinated actions will be shared soon.

Sincerely, Detweiller Playground Protectors, Contact: Pat Palmer patricia.palmer1108@gmail.com