

# Tampa's Julian B. Lane Park named Urban Land Institute award finalist

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Tampa's Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park has been named a finalist for the Urban Land Institute Urban Open Space Award, which recognizes and honors projects for their creative use of open space.

The park is one of eight projects selected as a finalist for the 2020 award from the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit. The winner of the award will be announced in the fall; no specific date was set.

“The redevelopment of Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park transformed a park that was in disrepair, unsafe and uninviting into a vibrant, engaging and sustainable public space

that responds to the desires of the community and the goals of the InVision Tampa plan," ULI's profile reads. "The park was part of a broader effort to identify the Hillsborough River as the center of downtown Tampa and revitalize West Tampa."

This is the third major recognition the park has received since its \$35 million redevelopment. It previously won the 2019 Best in Landscape/Urban Development Award in the Southeast Region from Engineering News Record and an American Architecture Award.

The park will also be a major part of NFL Experience, the fan-centric Super Bowl event, when Tampa hosts Super Bowl LV in February 2021.

These types of awards help bring national attention to the park and city of Tampa as a whole. They can ultimately play a role in bringing tourists to the region.

Other finalists include:

- Domino Park in Brooklyn, New York City
- Historic Fourth Ward Park — Phase I in Atlanta
- Salesforce Park in San Francisco
- Trojan Park in Wellston, Missouri
- Uptown Normal Redevelopment in Normal, Illinois
- West Eau Claire Park in Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair, San Antonio, Texas

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Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in Tampa has won the 2019 Best in Landscape/Urban Development Award in the Southeast Region from Engineering News Record, an industry magazine.

A panel of industry leaders in design and construction judged the projects based on safety, innovation and teamwork.

“Julian B. Lane Riverfront park has proudly stood on the front lawn of the West River Redevelopment project as a stunning jewel in the community where people can meet, play and enjoy the beautiful Hillsborough River,” Mayor Jane Castor said in a statement. “It will be remarkable to watch West

Tampa transform before our very eyes to become one of Tampa's most sought after communities in which to live, work and play."

The 10 regional winners in each category will compete to receive the national award at ENR's 55th Annual Award of Excellence Black Tie Gala in New York City in April. As a winner of the Southeast region, Julian B. Lane is eligible to win a national award at the gala.

Engineering News Record is a weekly construction industry magazine that provides news on the industry's design firms, architects and engineers worldwide.

Last year, Tampa spent \$35 million to renovate the park as the first step of the city's plan to revitalize West Tampa's riverfront neighborhood. In September, the park also won the design excellence award from The American Architecture Awards, a one of the nation's highest public awards for new architecture and urban planning.