What is this project?

This project includes the master planning for James Madison Park, in conjunction with development of schematic shelter plans. The schematic shelter plans while informed by the master plan, will be further refined once the master plan is approved and is a separate process from the master plan.

The City of Madison Parks Division issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design in September 2017 with the goal of updating the park master plan and preparing a schematic park shelter design. The impetus for the project originated with the "James Madison Park Shelter Building Condition Assessment and Study" completed in 2013 by Destree Design Architects. At that time, public comments indicated a strong desire for the City to develop a long-term vision and plan for the park as a whole.

The City received five proposals from design teams. City staff evaluated each proposal and selected two design firms for interview. The City selected Saiki Design for the James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Schematic contract. Their design team includes Saiki Design Inc., Urban Assets LLC. Destree Design Architects, Inc., BrandNu Design, Burse Surveying and Engineering, Inc., Cornerstone Preservation, LLC., and Access to Independence, Inc.

The award of this contract was passed by Common Council in October 2017.