

# MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION AND PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN

2014 ongoing, Miami Beach, Florida, USA



The \$500 million renovation of the Miami Beach Convention Center and Convention Center Public Spaces, includes a new signature six-acre Public Park designed by West 8.

Situated at the crossroads of residential neighborhoods, the [New World Symphony campus](#), Miami Beach Botanical Garden, and Lincoln Road, the renewed 40-acre Convention Center district dramatically improves the day-to-day experience for residents and convention attendees alike. Along with a completely renovated Convention Center, twelve acres of new public spaces are being added to the district, restitching the convention center to its neighborhoods and providing shady, relaxing green spaces.

The Convention Center's existing 5.8 acre truck staging and parking lot is transformed into a new world-class public park with a plant palette that showcases the unique flora and botany of Miami Beach, adds 175 new shade trees, and provides flexible lawn areas. A Veteran's Memorial is designed to seamlessly weave into the park experience while providing a place to honor and tell the unique story of Miami Beach's Veterans.

The district's streetscapes have a boulevard-like feel, and the reconfigured Convention Center Drive provides an important connection to Lincoln Road and a dignified drop off for taxis and busses for convention-attendees.

Another new three-and-a half acre park is located at the north side of the Convention Center. Almost two acres of hardscape and buildings are being removed, opening up green spaces that refocus visitors to the historic Carl Fisher Clubhouse, the City's oldest building, and the Collins Canal. West 8's design has ample shade trees, a butterfly garden, a ballroom terrace, a plant palette that showcases native plants, and bike-friendly pathways next to the Collins Canal. Most notably, a majestic Strangler Fig is preserved and celebrated as a feature in this park area.

The Convention Center Renovation, led by Fentress Architects, will be completed in 2017, and the park is expected to be completed in 2019. For updates on the project visit the [Miami Beach Convention Center Website](#).

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