

**October 1, 2024 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee Meeting
Discussion:**

**Project Update for West Branch of the DuPage River Shoreline Stabilization Project along
the Naperville Riverwalk--including Portions of Centennial Park and Riverwalk Park**

The Naperville Park District is collaborating with DuPage County to protect, restore, and manage lands and waters within the watersheds of DuPage County. The partnership will assist with improving water quality to benefit residents within the region.

As an update, the Park District plans to begin the stabilization of the shoreline along the Riverwalk, between Jefferson Avenue and the Naperville Jaycee Playground and includes portions of Riverwalk Park and Centennial Park. Staff chose an area on the west end of the Naperville Riverwalk where the erosion is severe, and the stabilization will benefit the structural integrity of the existing paver pathway.

The Park District commissioned Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA) in July of 2023 to develop plans and secure permits for the project. With the approval of permits, the intent is to kick off the shoreline restoration project this fall and will be performed by DuPage County's contractor.

The first phase of the project work involves tree removal. The removals will be limited to those trees in the way of the improvement area and those that are invasive or declining/dead. The West Branch of the DuPage River Shoreline Stabilization Project plans provide more detail on the scope of work. It is important to mention that there will be times when sections of the Riverwalk within the project area will be temporarily closed. Project updates including temporary pathway closure information will be communicated by the Park District to the public via press release, site signage, website postings and social media. The project is slated to reach substantial completion in spring/summer 2025.