

Riverwalk Commission

2025 Annual Report

2025 Accomplishments

- The Riverwalk Commission held eleven Riverwalk Commission meetings, eleven Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meetings, and two Annual Asset Management Plan Walks in 2025.
- The 2025 Naperville Board/Commission Member Training was conducted and new standards implemented.
- Three new commissioners were onboarded, two commissioners were reappointed, new commission and PDC chairs were appointed, and two new student representatives were assigned.
- Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan:
 - The Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan was reviewed and updated.
 - The Eagle Street Gateway Project was completed, cost offset by \$900,000 in federal funding.
 - The South Gateway design was completed and approved.
 - Shoreline Restoration was completed in some areas, funded by a grant from DuPage County Stormwater Management and the Park District. Additional areas were identified.
 - The Grand Pavilion Survey was conducted.
- 2026 Capital Improvement Plan approval and submittal.
- Fountain repairs were completed for the Exchange Club Memories Fountain in Fredenhagen Park, the Dandelion Fountain, and the Horse Trough Fountain.
- Several Riverwalk enhancement projects were implemented by the Naperville Park District to include Harmony Park area landscape, Dandelion Fountain landscape refresh, and the Main Street and Horse Trough Fountain landscape.
- Picnic tables and all benches on the Riverwalk were pressure washed, sanded and stained.
- Cleaning and staining of various features in Fredenhagen Park was completed.
- An inventory of the Shepherd's Crook Lights was conducted and conversion to all warm white LED bulbs on the Riverwalk has commenced.
- The Naperville Park District implemented the "Walk Your Wheels" campaign on the Riverwalk.
- New sections of railing were installed along Eagle Street to match the new section of railing that was installed a few years prior, now the entire length is the same style.
- A second bench was added to the lower walkway east of the amphitheater to fulfill a request from the Accessible Community Task Force (ACTF).
- Eleven banner poles were repainted.
- Overseeing administration of the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation's Legacy Gift Orders which included fifty-three new 4" x 8" commemorative bricks, thirty-seven

8" x 8" commemorative bricks, three benches and two commemorative stones being sold and installed on the Riverwalk.

2025 Challenges

- Bidding prices much higher than anticipated.
- Readdressing the standard Riverwalk paver as the Stockholm (wavy) paver mold is no longer available.

2026 Upcoming Work

- Construction of the 430 S. Washington Street project.
- Construction of the South Gateway and Hillside Gateway projects.