

NAPERVILLE RIVERWALK — 2026 AMP WALK SUMMARY

Annual Maintenance & Planning Walk

Section	Location	Status	Asset / Item	Description	Notes
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Physicians & Dentists Shelter Overlook (Railing)	New railing replaced along Eagle St. Some original railing showing rust — may need replacement. Erosion noted under concrete curbing; may require larger reimagining project.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Chain Link Fencing — Paddle Boat Quarry	Fencing showing age; exposure at the bottom. Entire area suggested for reimagining. Visual connection to Naper Settlement also raised as opportunity.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Aurora Avenue Retaining Wall	Wall is leaning; top is crumbling and deteriorating. Included in City budget FY28–29 for structural design.	Budgeted FY28–29; discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Walk — Shelter to Eagle Street	Some of group walked lower walkway to experience current conditions. Will be part of future Eagle Street South Bank Improvement discussions under 2031 Master Plan.	Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY29, FY31
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lighting — Landforms Sculpture & Other Areas	Need raised to discuss lighting for the Landforms Sculpture and other Riverwalk areas at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Block Wall — Lower Walk	Will need a replacement plan for the future. Discussion deferred to a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Outside Picnic Table — Free Speech Pavilion	Wood slats need replacement. Group questioned whether full replacement is needed vs. slat repair.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Japanese Tree Lilac — Dandelion Fountain	Tree lilacs nearing end of life expectancy; some showing decline. Discuss whether to replace one at a time or all at once for symmetry. Future meeting topic.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
6	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Walk Railing at Stairways	Railings are rusting through. Short-term plate repair done by Park District. May need full replacement if parcel is not redeveloped soon.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Exchange Club Memories Fountain	Fountain is operational but has a leak in the middle ring of nozzles. Those nozzles isolated; other two rings working. Future discussion needed on repair.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Informational Signs — Building Windows	Signage viewed and noted as significantly outdated. Needs discussion at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Railing Along River	Railing is in fair condition. Will need to be discussed at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Area Next to Bridge and Ramp	Discussion around prairie seed mix — same as 430 S. Washington? May be difficult to establish; may consider combination of seed and plugs.	

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4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Netzley Overlook	Overlook update is part of the 2031 Master Plan. Secondary path with flagstone steps discussed. Inquiry made about power washing existing pavers.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY28–29</i>
3	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Retaining Wall & Lower Walkway — West of Covered Bridge	Wall between Centennial Beach and river. Part of the wall is bulging in spots. Added to City budget for FY28 for initial analysis	<i>Budgeted FY28</i>
1	West of Eagle	MONITOR	Retaining Wall — Near Jefferson Avenue	Dry stack stone retaining wall showing areas of shifting and sinking. Monitor needed. Group discussed the vista looking southeast; bench placement suggested.	<i>Monitor condition; bench placement suggested</i>
3	West of Eagle	MONITOR	Retaining Wall & Lower Walkway — East of Covered Bridge	Group reviewed the area. Condition to be monitored.	
8	East of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	430 S. Washington St / NCC Riverwalk Park	Construction will be completed this year as part of the 2031 Master Plan.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY26–27</i>
4	West of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	Irrigation System & Pump House	System is original — approximately 50 years old. Underground pipe connections failing annually. Rotary heads require manual operation. Pump controller parts no longer available. Replacement budgeted for City 2027.	<i>City budget 2027; Budgeted FY27</i>
5	East of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	Covered Bridge Roof Replacement	Replacement is included in the City budget for 2027.	<i>City budget 2027; Budgeted FY27</i>
2	West of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Near Jaycees Playground	Pavers sinking along concrete curbing on south side of path next to river. Areas to be prioritized and pavers reset annually under PA022 funds.	
1	West of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Brethren Peace Plaza	Additional sinking pavers in the Brethren Peace Plaza. May be addressed in conjunction with Section 2 pavers under PA022 funds.	
8	East of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Near NCC	PA022 funds for current year will be used to address sinking pavers in this section.	
4	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Harmony Park — Contrabass Chimes (Mallets)	Mallets replaced after the walk but some are missing again as of June 26. Ongoing vandalism/loss issue.	<i>Mallets replaced post-walk; missing again as of 6/26</i>
1	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Newly Paved Path — Sindt Woods	Sedges will be planted along the newly paved sloped path to help with erosion control.	
3	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Stone Fascia of Planter	Park District staff will remove vine and replace missing stones on the planter.	
6	East of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Lower Walk Stones — Missing and Uneven	Similar to railings, stones need short-term repair until area is redeveloped. Can be addressed by Park District staff.	

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7	East of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Zoo Wall	Park District staff will attempt to pressure wash.	
4	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Metal Bridge — Graffiti/Railing	Graffiti and carvings are ongoing issue. Park District repaints railing top annually and other areas as needed.	Painted June 24
2	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Sign Bases — Peeling Paint	Peeling paint on bottom bases of signs, especially in Section 2. Contractor to remove peeling paint and touch up non-removable flanges.	Painted May 29
7	East of Eagle	COMPLETED	Ipe Wood Refresh — Fredenhagen Park	Group viewed Ipe wood stain on trellises and trim work. Refresh noted as completed.	
7	East of Eagle	COMPLETED	Granite Stones Surrounding Fountain	Contractor refreshed granite stones with pressure washing and painted letters.	Painted June 23
4	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Eagle Street Gateway Project	Walk ended at the Eagle Street Gateway. Project noted as completed and part of the 2031 Master Plan.	Completed — <i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan</i>
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Riverwalk Banners	New banners noted for quality; colors expected to hold year-round. Current banners are red/white/blue for US 250th anniversary; other colors can be ordered.	
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Bollards and Shelter Roofs	Staff pressure-washed all shelter roofs and wood bollards — significant visual improvement noted.	
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Paperbark Maple (vandalized tree)	Tree that was vandalized last year (thrown in river) now has new leaves. Staff monitoring to ensure it is thriving.	
2	West of Eagle	INFO	Prairie Nature Garden	Invasive and native plants discussed. Timing of future burns noted. Shoots removed from crabapple tree in southeast section.	Shoots removed from crabapple tree
2	West of Eagle	INFO	Shoreline Restoration Project	Plugs set in June last year; this is the first full year of the shoreline project. Will monitor establishment.	Budgeted FY27-30
3	West of Eagle	INFO	Admin Parking Lot Repaving	Parking lot has been fully resurfaced. One ADA spot relocated closer to Eagle Street Gateway access area.	Completed
7	East of Eagle	INFO	Viewing: 430 S. Washington St / NCC Riverwalk Park	Group visualized the development with consultants.	
8	East of Eagle	INFO	Shoreline — Future Tree Strategy	Many existing shoreline trees are invasive (tree-of-heaven, white mulberry) or undesirable (boxelder, silver maple). Plan: as trees decline/removed, replace strategically with prairie plants to control erosion. Not one-for-one replacement	

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6	East of Eagle	INFO	Vision: Main St to Washington St (pending development)	Group viewed area conceptualized for pedestrian bridge in Master Plan. Bridge layout in concept drawing noted as inaccurate — would need to be raised out of the floodway.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan</i>
Total Items: 42					