



Naperville Eagle Street Gateway: Transforming a Riverwalk Attraction



Background

Constructed in 1982, this half-acre segment of the Riverwalk is a popular destination due to its iconic Landforms sculpture, prime location and expansive river frontage. However, it currently falls short of its potential. The north riverbank currently lacks accessibility for patrons with mobility challenges. For example, visitors with mobility limitations, face a significant barrier as the current design forces them to retrace a 1,000-foot-long dead-end to return to street level. Also, its current stark appearance detracts from the overall Riverwalk ambiance.

Project Overview

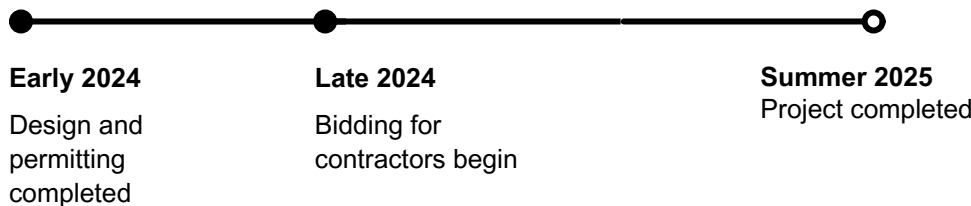
The Eagle Street Gateway project will transform a key access point on the Riverwalk, creating a welcoming and accessible space for everyone. This initiative will improve connectivity, enhance aesthetics and serve as a platform to display the iconic Landforms sculpture.

What it will Accomplish

- Provide more accessibility by featuring a barrier-free access between the Riverwalk and street level.
- Improve pedestrian flow by creating a new, gently sloping path to connect the Riverwalk and street-level paths.
- Elevate the visual appeal by replacing the bland retaining walls with cascading steps, terraces and landscaping to create a beautiful space.
- Increase enjoyment by offering comfortable areas for enjoying the riverwalk views and keeping the Landforms sculpture as a central feature.

Project Budget: \$2.3 million - \$2.5 million

Timeline:



“With its better accessibility, beautiful design and connection to the iconic Landforms sculpture, the Eagle Street Gateway demonstrates our commitment to a welcoming and enjoyable Riverwalk experience for all.”

-Scott A. Wehrli, Mayor

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