

# **Riverwalk Commission**

## **2024 Annual Report**

### **2024 Accomplishments**

1. The Prairie Nature Garden was completed by Naperville Park District and City work forces and contractors. The entire project was funded by the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation.
2. The public/private Riverwalk pathway connection to Aurora Avenue along the new row homes was completed.
3. Construction of the Eagle Street Gateway project was bid and awarded by the City Council.
4. Preliminary design of the South Extension of the Riverwalk was completed, and significant progress has been made on the detailed design and permitting for the project.
5. Soil borings were taken, and an assessment report was prepared to consider if the Grand Pavilion parking lot can be reconstructed as a permeable parking lot.
6. A construction contract was awarded, and work is underway to repair the Fredenhagen Park and Horse Trough fountains.
7. The Naperville Park District staff implemented several enhancement projects throughout the Riverwalk to improve sustainability and enhance the Riverwalk user experience.
8. Restored the Riverwalk Labyrinth by having it cleaned, stained and sealed to enhance and protect the contrasting colors.
9. Installed a bench along the lower Riverwalk walkway to provide easier seating at the request of the Occupational Therapy class of North Central College.

### **2024 Challenges**

1. The number of contractors interested in our projects is low and the current bid prices are much higher than anticipated.

### **2025 Upcoming Work**

1. Complete the repairs to the Fredenhagen Park and Horse Trough fountains.
2. Start and complete the construction of the Eagle Street Gateway improvements.
3. Complete the design and permitting and bid out the construction of the South Extension project.
4. After completion of the Washington Street bridge bid out the construction of the park improvements at 430 S. Washington Street.
5. Initiate the assessment and preliminary design of the improvements for the Grand Pavilion.