



Naperville South Gateway: Creating a More Vibrant Riverwalk Connection



Background

A 1.8-acre stretch of land along the Naperville Riverfront presents both a challenge and an exciting opportunity. Currently, the William Friedrich Memorial Park within this area is unused and unimproved, despite its scenic location and proximity to major points of interest – including the Edward Hospital campus. Though a narrow sidewalk exists, it's uninviting due to its placement near a busy street, Washington Street (36,000 vehicles per day). However, the City recognized the potential of this riverfront property in 2014 by incorporating it into the official Riverwalk boundary.

Project Overview

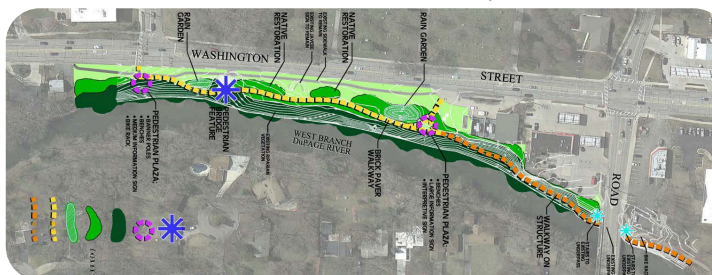
The South Gateway project will transform a currently underutilized space into an energetic and welcoming access point to the Riverwalk. This plan will create a connected pathway, beautiful park area, and signature pedestrian bridge, creating a more accessible and engaging Riverwalk experience.

What it will Accomplish

- Connect the Riverwalk's South Gateway to the Edward Hospital campus via a new pedestrian bridge.
- Promote environmental stewardship by incorporating native landscaping and sustainable design elements.
- Generate additional revenue for local businesses by attracting more visitors.
- Improve the public image of downtown Naperville since many visitors take Washington Street to visit the area.
- Revitalize the aesthetics with new landscaping and design elements for a visually appealing and inviting space.

Project Budget: \$3 million - \$4 million

Timeline: Scheduled for completion in 2025 (map pictured below)



"Imagine patients and visitors strolling from the Edwards Hospital to the tranquil beauty of the Riverwalk. This is a chance to build a bridge to wellness, uniting the hospital's world-class care with Naperville's beloved Riverwalk."

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