

Riverwalk Development Guidelines

2014 Updated Project List

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Riverwalk Commission Approved 10/08/14

Project # Score		Estimated Cost	Comment	5-Year Project	Riverwalk AMP Project
1	Revegetate the non-bulkhead river banks with native landscape materials <i>Replace existing non-native plant material along all unimproved shorelines from Jefferson Avenue to Hillside Road to increase the stability and integrity of the shoreline.</i>	TBD	Need		
2	Reconstruct the parking lot near the Grand Pavilion and playground <i>Redesign, permit and reconstruct the parking lot to significantly reduce storm water runoff, improve hospitality and improve appearance. This project could include permeable pavers.</i>	\$1,008,000	Need	√ 2020	Yes #205
3	Remodel the dead-end Riverwalk along the south bank, adjacent to the Visitor Center. <i>Design and reconstruct a safer and more pedestrian friendly terminus.</i>	TBD	Want		
4	Enhance the Riverwalk adjacent to Centennial Beach, north of the volley ball court. <i>Collaborate with Park District to improve the walkways, landscaping and other amenities where the Riverwalk and Beach intersect, south and west of the bath house.</i>	\$40,000	Want		Yes Unassigned Number
5	Remodel the plaza west of the Carillon Visitor Center <i>Design and construct additional access to the plaza overlooking the small quarry to improve safety and hospitality.</i>	TBD	Want		
6	Replace the asphalt fire lane at the Carillon with reinforced turf and/or permeable pavement. <i>Replace the asphalt drive that connects the parking to the tower and extend to the base of the hill with the same grass covered reinforced geo-grid that is installed at Fredenhagen</i>	\$45,000	Want	√ 2019	
7	Rehabilitate the overlook and stairs south of Centennial Beach <i>Redesign, permit and reconstruct the stairs, walls, walks and amenities where the lower level walk terminates on the north side of the river. The east terminus is the west terminus of Project 12. AMP Reference #308</i>	TBD	Need Could be included in future levy-beach improvements		Yes #308
8	Landscape the shoreline adjacent to the Gregory Gazebo <i>Design and install a vegetated edge along the west bank of the large quarry to improve appearance and stability.</i>	TBD	Want		

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9	Remodel the Rotary Hill gateway plaza <i>Redesign and reconstruct the space adjacent to the Rotary Hill parking lot to improve both motorist and pedestrian hospitality and correct issues created when the entrance was re-aligned with the NCHS administrative entrance.</i>	TBD	Want		
10	Rehabilitate the Riverwalk along Aurora Avenue <i>Redesign and rehabilitate the pedestrian walk, adjacent wall, landscaping and amenities between Eagle Street and the Rotary Hill parking lot to enhance pedestrian use and safety.</i>	TBD	Need Continue to monitor		Yes #425
11	Remodel the space adjacent to the Physicians Shelter <i>Design and construct a ramped walkway and amenities at the edge to improve access and fishing.</i>	TBD	Want		
12	Rehabilitate the Riverwalk between Eagle Street and Smykal Pavilion <i>Design, permit and reconstruct the bulkhead wall and lower walkway, construct a barrier free, gateway connection between the upper and lower levels including updated landscaping and other amenities.</i>	\$1,300,000	Need	√ 2020	Yes #300
15	Rehabilitate Phase I, Segment 3 of original Riverwalk <i>Redesign, permit and reconstruct the Riverwalk Main Street plaza and parking lot in order to create a more appropriate, visitor friendly gateway between downtown and the oldest segment of the Riverwalk.</i>	TBD	Want Contingent on additional pkg		Yes #519
16	Construct new downtown north bank Riverwalk <i>Collaborate with property owners to design, permit and construct a new segment of Riverwalk, including bulkhead wall, walk and amenities, along the north bank between Main and Washington Streets.</i>	\$1,700,000	Want		
17	Rehabilitate the Riverwalk between Main and Washington Streets <i>Redesign, permit and reconstruct the walls, walks, stairs and amenities along the south bank between Main and Washington Streets to improve stability, accessibility and appearance.</i>	TBD	Want		Yes #604-613

18	Construct new bulkhead walk under Washington Street (North Side of River) <i>When Washington Street Bridge is rebuilt, construct new lower walkway, under the bridge, to provide access between the north bank Riverwalk and Fredenhagen Park.</i>	TBD	Want Contingent on bridge reconstruction		
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19	Modify the Fredenhagen Park Building <i>Reconsider the programming and design of the building to increase utilization.</i>	TBD	Want		
20	Construct a new section of Riverwalk at 430 South Washington Street <i>Collaborate with North Central College to design, permit, construct and maintain the property at 430 South Washington Street.</i>	\$1,500,000	Need This project will only move forward with the funding promised from the State	✓ Original timeline 2015-2016 Updated timeline 2018	
22	Bury the overhead electrical utilities along the east extension <i>Collaborate with public utilities to bury the electric lines between Hillside Road and the Moser Bridge.</i>	TBD	Want DPU-E Removed in 2012 ComEd still exists		
23	Remodel the Hillside Road gateway <i>Redesign and reconstruct the southern gateway to the Riverwalk to create a more prominent entry point. Project would be done in coordination with Project 24.</i>	TBD	Want		
24	Extend the Riverwalk Boundary from Hillside Road to Martin Avenue <i>Following the feasibility study, design, permit, construct and maintain a Riverwalk improvement on this property.</i>	\$2,700,000	Want 1/21/14, Item I-8 Council approved boundary extension concept		
25	Improve lighting at the Moser Tower/Millennium Carillon <i>Improve interior and exterior lighting at the Moser Tower/Millennium Carillon including the addition of a multi-colored lighting system.</i>		Want		

Completed Projects

Project #			Comment		
13	<p>Rehabilitate Phase I, Segment 2 of original Riverwalk <i>Complete the permitted rehabilitation of the original Riverwalk from Eagle Street to the Webster Street Bridge including a new bulkhead wall, lower walk, more accessible upper walk, landscape restoration and Youth Plaza.</i></p>		Completed (2011)		
14	<p>Construct a new section of Riverwalk along the Water Street Properties. <i>Collaborate with the developers of the Water Street properties to design, permit and construct a new walkway, ramp, retaining walls, stairs and amenities along the south river bank between Main and Webster Streets.</i></p>	\$2,100,000	Completed (2017)		
21	<p>Construct new access improvements to North Central College <i>Collaborate with NCC to design and construct a short connection between the Moser Bridge and NCC's planned south campus gateway improvements.</i></p>		Completed (2012)		
	<p>Construct a gateway plaza at Jefferson Avenue in conjunction with the bridge replacement <i>A new plaza will be developed to provide a northern gateway to the Riverwalk, a sitting area and attractive cross-river focal point for eastbound traffic on Jefferson Avenue.</i></p>		Completed (2010)		
	<p>Replace the asphalt path on the west side of Sindt Woods to Jefferson Avenue with inventoried pavers <i>This project would replace the asphalt walkway with brick pavers to match the rest of the Riverwalk. The inventoried pavers have been saved from other parts of the Riverwalk that were renovated. When originally installed, this section of trail was constructed of asphalt instead of Riverwalk brick pavers due to cost constraints.</i></p>		Completed via the Operations Budget		
	<p>Establish plantings along the muddy shoreline on the north side of the river, just south of the Jaycee Playground <i>Install native plant material that will survive the heavy fowl population and varying river levels.</i></p>		Completed via PA022		

Deleted Projects

Project #	Comment				
	Acquire 28 W. Chicago Avenue <i>Acquire this property in order to improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation, which will facilitate design, permitting and construction of a new north bank Riverwalk and Fredenhagen connection under Washington Street Bridge.</i>		City Council Removed		
	Provide a functional, aesthetic entrance to the detention basin west of Centennial Beach <i>Develop a solution to eliminate the erosion issue while providing a visually pleasing design.</i>		Combined with Project #7		
	Widen the access ramp on the south side of the Moser Bridge on the east extension <i>Redesign and widen the ramp and/or railings to allow utility vehicle usage. This project will be completed in conjunction with the Naperville Riverfront Plaza Project.</i>		Combined with Project #20		