



Naperville Hillside Road Gateway: Showcasing a Previously Hidden Connection



Background

While the Riverwalk gracefully winds its way through Naperville, its path currently ends abruptly at Hillside Road. Constructed in 2001, the trailhead there lacks the prominence one would expect from a significant access point. Essentially, it fails to properly showcase the scenic Riverwalk experience. Fortunately, during the Hillside Road Bridge project in 2001, the city had foresight by incorporating a hidden feature – a river-level passage beneath the Hillside Road Bridge. This connection, however, remains tantalizingly out of reach, waiting to be integrated into the existing Riverwalk.

Project Overview

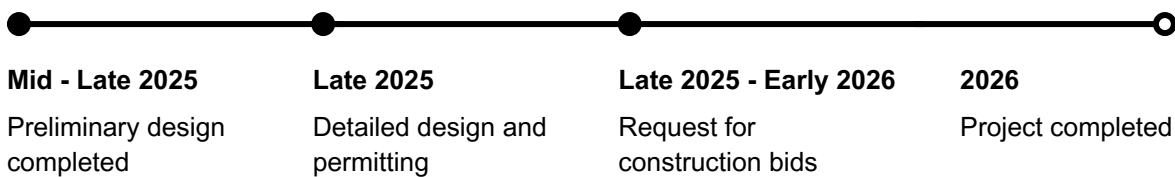
The Hillside Road Gateway project will transform a neglected trailhead that currently comes to a rapid halt into a welcoming and informative entrance to the Riverwalk. This initiative will create a clear destination point, improve pedestrian flow and connect the Riverwalk to the existing under-bridge passage. Importantly, it will facilitate a safe pedestrian passage under Hillside Road.

What it will Accomplish

- Increase accessibility by connecting the Riverwalk to the existing under-bridge passage, facilitating safe pedestrian movement under Hillside Road.
- Improve aesthetics with new landscaping and design elements for a visually appealing and inviting space.
- Boost visibility by creating a prominent access point, clearly marking the continuation of the Riverwalk.

Project Budget: \$350,000 to \$450,000

Timeline:



“This project expands the Riverwalk’s potential, helping to make it into a longer and more vibrant community space that connects people, places and nature.”

–Scott A. Wehrli, Mayor

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