PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION 2

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

PHASE 1 DESIGN

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WE’LL GET STARTED IN A FEW MINUTES
AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Framework Plan
3. Phase 1 Design
4. Discussion
5. Next Steps
Q+A at the end of the presentation:

- Type questions in the chat box
- Call-in users will have the opportunity to be unmuted

Session is being recorded and will be posted at joelouisgreenway.com
INTRODUCTIONS

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Let us know what you want for the future of parks & rec in Detroit

TAKE THE SURVEY!

https://forms.gle/624Sfd5E6zsqEN2DA

For more information, and for non-computer users who want to fill out the survey over the phone, leave a message at (313) 744-3202 or contact Juliana Fulton at fultonj@detroitmi.gov
To join, email: joelouisgreenway@detroitmi.gov
Do you live in Detroit or Dearborn?
WHAT IS A GREENWAY?
Did you participate in the first virtual engagement session for phase 1 on August 13?
255 people took our Phase 1 community survey:

- **145** responses from Detroit residents
- **80** responses from residents of Districts 6 and 7

Future engagement: winter 2021
The Greenway will:

• Enhance residents’ quality of life and promote community development
• Promote equality and equity
• Connect people and places
27.5 miles of pathway that provides a safe loop around the region and:

- Consists of new trails and on-street bike lanes
- Links to existing trails and an international pedestrian and bicycle crossing
- Connects Dearborn, Hamtramck, Highland Park, and five council districts
PHASE 1 GREENWAY
PHASE 1: EXTENTS

LEGEND
- Orange: Phase 1 Greenway
- Light Orange: Future Greenway
- Gray: Existing Greenway

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY
2.8 miles from Warren to Fullerton

Two types of paths:
- On-street bike lanes
- Off-street paths in Conrail right-of-way
Phase 1 will:

▪ Build on strong community partnerships
▪ Strengthen high-vacancy neighborhoods
▪ Provide business and development opportunities
▪ Clean up blight, dumping, and contaminated areas
EXISTING CONDITIONS
PROPOSED PATH

Major access point
Garden Street
Belton Street
Mackenzie Street
Alaska Street

Neighborhood connection
Garden Street

PROPOSED PATH
ON-STREET: GRAND RIVER

- Separated sidewalk and bike lanes along Grand River
- Bus stop island
- Landscape islands
- Parking
- Shared bike and pedestrian paths along Oakman

Conceptual site plan to be reviewed with MDOT
OFF-STREET PATH
In the phase 1 community survey, Grand River and Warren were selected as the most popular access points.

51% of Detroit residents said access to free parking would make it more likely that they would use the Greenway.
Parking Building, plaza + fitness area (future phase)

Rain garden

Bike path
Pedestrian path

Open lawn

Playground (Design TBD)

Building, plaza + fitness area (future phase)

Temporary portable restrooms
Emergency access
Flower bed
Retaining wall with entry signage

WARREN GATEWAY: PHASE 1

MAJOR ACCESS POINT
 Paths for different users
Landscape + buffers
Stormwater management
Neighborhood connections
Dedicated pedestrian path for slower users

Clear zone on edge of bike path for runners and joggers

Bike path for high-speed uses such as bikes and scooters
LANDSCAPE + BUFFER

Habitat restoration
Nature paths for bird watching and wildlife

Bee gardens
Rain gardens
Bee gardens with paths

Shade trees
Bird and mammal watching
Native perennials for beauty

Trees for shade and as much GREEN nature

Plantings to absorb water

PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES

Bird sanctuaries
Adjacent industrial uses

Shade trees planted throughout corridor

Mix of evergreen and shade trees to buffer industrial sites

Retaining wall and fence in select areas to screen adjacent uses

Fence between adjacent uses throughout corridor
- Flower beds at seating areas for interest
- Large trees at installation for impact and shade at high-use areas
- Meadow seeded with native grasses and flowers
- Flowering trees at entrances for interest
- Open lawn
Meadow areas will be planted with native grasses and flowers that:

- Provides habitat for wildlife
- Provide flowers for butterflies and insects
- Provide seeds and berries for birds and other animals
- Reduce the need for mowing

‘Shade trees, native perennials for beauty and attracting wildlife...’
Detroit resident, phase 1 community survey response
A series of **rain gardens** are proposed along the corridor to collect most rain water that falls on site.
Rain gardens help to:

- Keep stormwater out of the City sewer system
- Reduce potential of flooding
- Reduce pollutants from stormwater
- Allow water to infiltrate into the ground
- Provide habitat and food for wildlife
GREENWAY ELEMENTS

Site furnishings

Lighting + safety elements

Identity + signage
SITE FURNISHINGS

Drinking water
Bicycle repair stations and bike lockup racks
Charging stations
Water source to refill bottles
Bicycle repair stations
Year-round public water bottle refill stations
Charge locations (power outlets)
Places to fill a water bottle
Water fountain with dog bowl

PHASE 1 SURVEY RESPONSES

Water station
Water bottle fill station and benches were the highest ranked amenities in the community survey.

Drinking fountain, fill station + dog dish

Picnic table

Grill
**Dog waste receptacle**

**Trash receptacle**
SITE FURNISHINGS

Bicycle repair station

Bicycle parking
POLL

If you are biking along the Greenway, would bike racks at seating areas be helpful?
The need for **restrooms** was one of the most common comments in the write-in portions of the community survey.

Concrete pads for temporary portable restrooms will be provided at **Joy, Warren, and Grand River**.
‘Safety is very important to me and I feel very comfortable using the existing greenways.’

Phase 1 community survey response

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**DESIGN OF A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

- Maintained visibility
- Many access points
- Safe street crossings and bike lanes
- Security elements such as call boxes and cameras
- Lighting
- Wayfinding signage
A Safe Environment

- Lighting throughout corridor
- Fence between adjacent properties
- Maintained visibility
- Low-growing meadow
- Mowed edge
On-street lighting

Off-street lighting
Identity + Signage

Light pole banners

Mile markers
The desire for educational signage was ranked highly by the public in the last survey.

Poll

What information would you like signs to feature?
Environmental cleanup required by the State (EGLE):

- Environmental assessment and analysis
- Removal and disposal of soil in some places
- 12” cap of clean soil and restored landscape over entire Greenway
- New retaining walls in places support new cap and provide edge between industrial sites
PHASE 1
DEMOLITION

Clearing to start this fall and continue over winter. Clearing to consist of:

- Trees
- Debris

We need to clear the site to provide 12” clean soil cap. Also for:

- Routing and grading of new path
- Visibility and safety
‘TREES, TREES, & MORE TREES, Native perennials all throughout for beauty & attracting wildlife!’
– Detroit resident
Existing building owned by the City to be repurposed for a safety and monitoring center, Greenway hub, and incubator space.

Renovation will help stimulate development on Grand River.

Fall 2020 improvements:
- Clean and paint façade
- Greenway identity signage and mural

The mural shown in the above image is by Sydney James and only an example of how a mural might look on the building.
Poll

In the last survey we asked which type of art you’d like to see along the Greenway — murals were most popular.

What would you like to see on a mural?

1. Environmental art
2. Greenway identity
3. Abstract art
4. Neighborhood identity
5. Detroit history
6. Motivational art
7. Images of Joe Louis
FIELD SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS, EASEMENTS, AND ENCROACHMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

ENGAGEMENT

PHASE 1: PROCESS

PHASE 1 COMPLETED

ASSESSMENT COMPLETED, MITIGATION STRATEGY IN DEVELOPMENT

ONGOING THROUGHOUT PROJECT
PHASE 1: PROCESS

LAND CLEARING AND SITE PREPARATION
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2020

CONSTRUCTION PLANS
FINAL DRAWINGS DECEMBER 2020

AGENCY PERMITTING AND APPROVALS
DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

GROUNDBREAKING AND CONSTRUCTION
SPRING 2021

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DISCUSSION

TYPE QUESTIONS INTO CHAT BOX AT ANY TIME

ALL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL BE POSTED AT JOELOUISGREENWAY.COM
NEXT STEPS

Take the survey by November 5:
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Additional questions or comments:
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Participate in future engagement:
Winter 2021 (Date TBD)
joelouisgreenway.com for details

THANK YOU