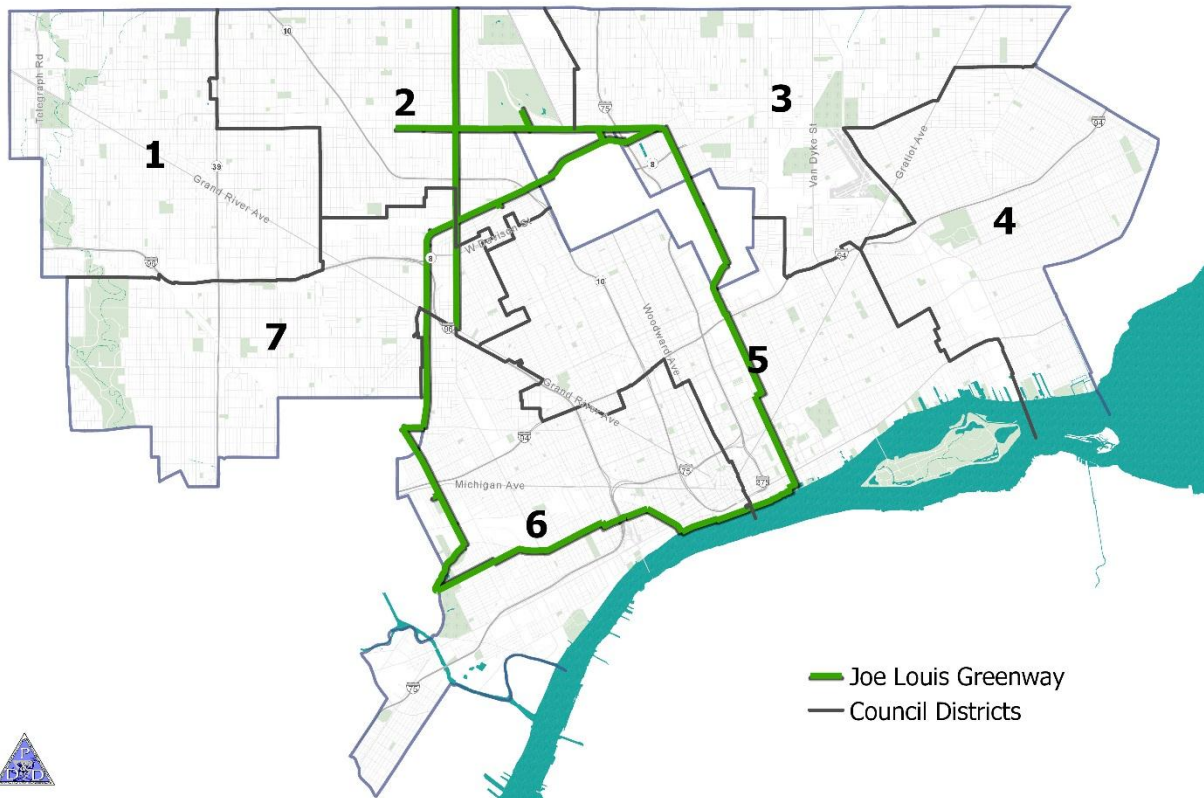


JOE LOUIS GREENWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Construction of the full 31.5 miles of the Joe Louis Greenway will be a lengthy process, which will take multiple years to complete. The Greenway will be built in phases, outlined in the Framework Plan. In early 2020 the City of Detroit will finalize the Framework Plan which will include recommendations for land use and zoning, green infrastructure, connections to public assets such as parks, wayfinding, and thoughtful intersection with local and regional multi-modal transportation routes such as the Iron Belle Trail, DDOT and SMART bus networks, and the new Gordie Howe Bridge.



An advisory council has been created, comprised of community members from each Detroit City Council District impacted by the route. Smith Group, the consulting firm responsible for developing the Framework Plan, will work closely with the advisory council to ensure residents needs and expectations are properly being addressed in the Plan. The advisory council will continue to inform the General Services Department about residents' concerns throughout the construction, long after the Framework Plan is complete, communicating closely with their networks about the Joe Louis Greenway progress.

The General Services Department would like to introduce you to the Joe Louis Greenway Advisory Council:

District 2: Rochelle Lento



Presently, I am the President of the Board of Directors of People for Palmer Park and one of the founding board members of the organization. I became involved 6-7 years ago when there was a threatened closure to Palmer Park. Our organization formed to assure preservation, beautification and reactivation of Palmer Park. In the past, I have served on the Palmer Woods Association Board (10 years) and for four of those years, I was the President of the Board; also served on the PW Preservation Committee as co-chair. The Joe Louis Greenway is a path to future development of green space and healthy living in Detroit. My utmost goal is to assure the Greenway makes it way to and through Palmer Park, as well as, benefiting the neighborhoods that surround and border the park.

District 3: Victoria Griffin



My name is Victoria Griffin. I am a lifelong Detroit Resident, community advocate and activist, 3 year breast cancer survivor, and mother of 2 sons. I earned by Bachelor of Arts in Finance at Wayne State University and a MBA from the University of Detroit. My current affiliations include Transfiguration, Davison/Campau/Banglatown Neighborhood Association Member, School RFP Selection Committee, Cancer Action Council Detroit, Sisters Network Detroit and Women of AT&T. Detroit has long suffered from segregation this will be a way to start integration. The Joe Louis Greenway will be a way to connect neighborhoods and communities, promote exercise, and increase resident's health in a safe environment. I will be able to ride my bike to work...WOOHOO!!!

District 5: Ashia Phillips



My name is Ashia Phillips I am the C.E.O And Co. Founder of the D Town Riders b/c. I volunteer with several groups in our community such as Forgotten Harvest, Burners without Borders, Free Bikes for Kidz, and many more.

The Joe Louis Greenway means to me safe travels through new scenery, more jobs, cleaner air, and having fun with friends and family. I'm so excited to be a part of this Advisory Committee because I want the best for my city and my community. This project is very important to me because I ride bikes and lead rides so not only am I safe, but also my riders.

District 6: Ru Shann Long



My name is Ru Shann Long. I was born and raised in Detroit. I'm married to a Detroiters and we've raised our children and now we're helping to raise our grandchildren in the city of Detroit. I've lived in my neighborhood since 1962, that's 56 years. We've stayed in Detroit through the good, bad, ugly and now hope of rebirth and rebuilding because we love Detroit. I am committed, through my involvement with our neighborhood community organizations, City officials and residents, to making our part of Detroit a better place to live. I'm a member of Midwest Civic Council of Block Clubs, Board Member of the Midwest Civic Council of Block Club Non-Profit, Midwest Blight Task Force, Unity Baptist Church and actively involved with our District 6 City Council Member R. Lopez, District 6 District Manager Ms. N. Cancel and other Community and Church groups. I'm so excited about the Joe Louis Greenway Path project and what it will not only bring to my neighborhood but the entire City now and in the future. It is an honor to be a part of the Advisory Committee and to have the opportunity to have input on this project. I look forward to bike riding and walking with my family in our neighborhood on the Joe Louis Greenway Path.

District 7: Korey Batey



I am a lifelong Detroiters and founder of Detroit Ain't Violent Its Safe (DAVIS) a nonprofit organization helping to develop internal neighborhood greenways throughout communities in Detroit. I have been active in my community by leading thousands of volunteers in various cleanup activities involving vacant homes, blighted streets and alleyways.

The Joe Lewis Greenway not only helps more residents in our community commute throughout our city but it also drives more traffic to Detroit neighborhoods inviting new and talented families.

We promote healthy outdoor activity and this creates endless opportunities for our youth in our communities. I am excited to be a part of this council to utilize my community engagement skills but to also be a clear example to others in my community to never give up on their dreams.

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