

Grand River Greenway

Advisory Committee

December 7, 2022



Let's discuss...

- Welcome and Introductions
- October 26 Meeting Minutes
- American Rescue Plan Act Overview
- Project Status and Readiness
- Prioritization Criteria
- Updates
- Discussion
- Adjournment

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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ARPA Overview

Policy Framework and Timeline



US Treasury

Framework

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is a **\$1.9 trillion economic stimulus** package response to the impacts of the COVID-19 health pandemic
- Includes **\$350 billion in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**
- Funds are administered by the US Treasury

Timeframe

- Costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021, unless otherwise stated
- **Obligate** by December 31, 2024
- **Expend** by December 31, 2026



State of Michigan DNR

Framework

- Awarded in March 2022 as part of the **Building Michigan Together Plan**
- **\$55 million** in State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to DGRI for expansion of the **Grand River Greenway**
- Funds will be administered by the **Michigan DNR**

Timeframe

- Final timeframe for obligation and expenditure is **still being determined**

Key Eligibility Points

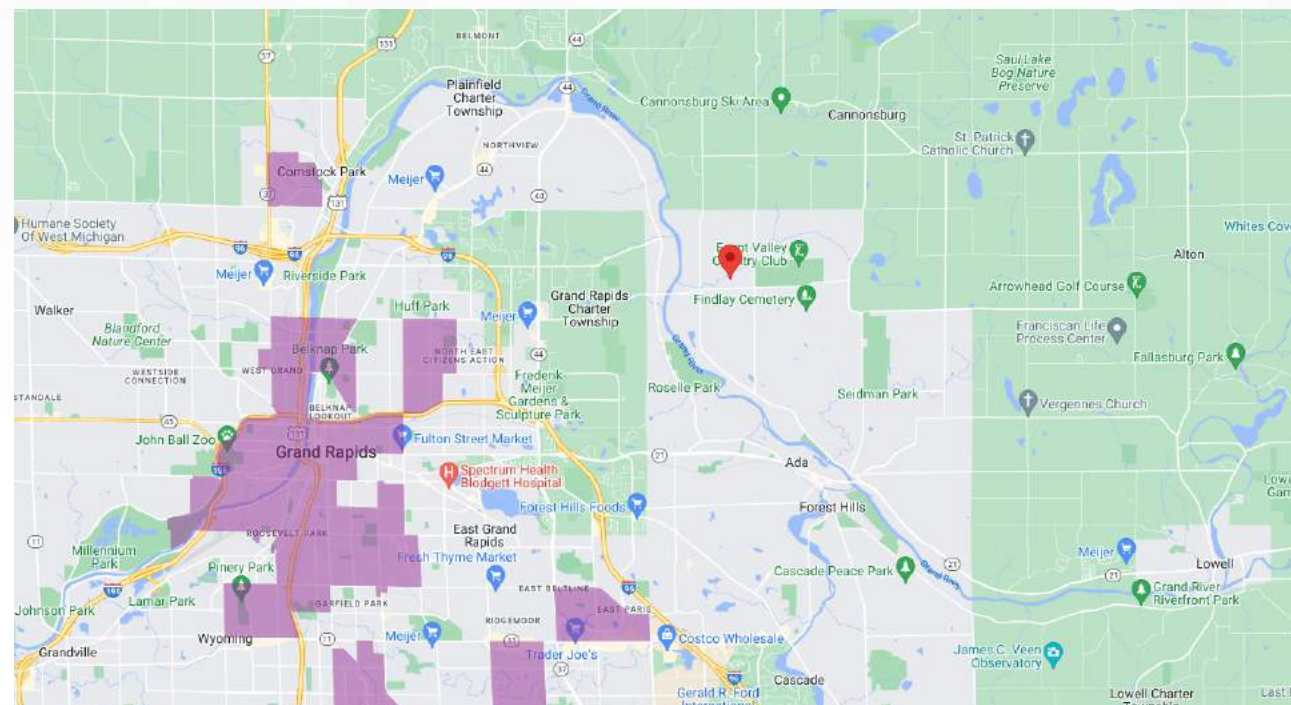
ARPA Eligibility

- Expenditure category: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood features that promote health and safety
 - Must serve Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Eligible Costs

- All project costs including planning and admin costs

Qualified Census Tract



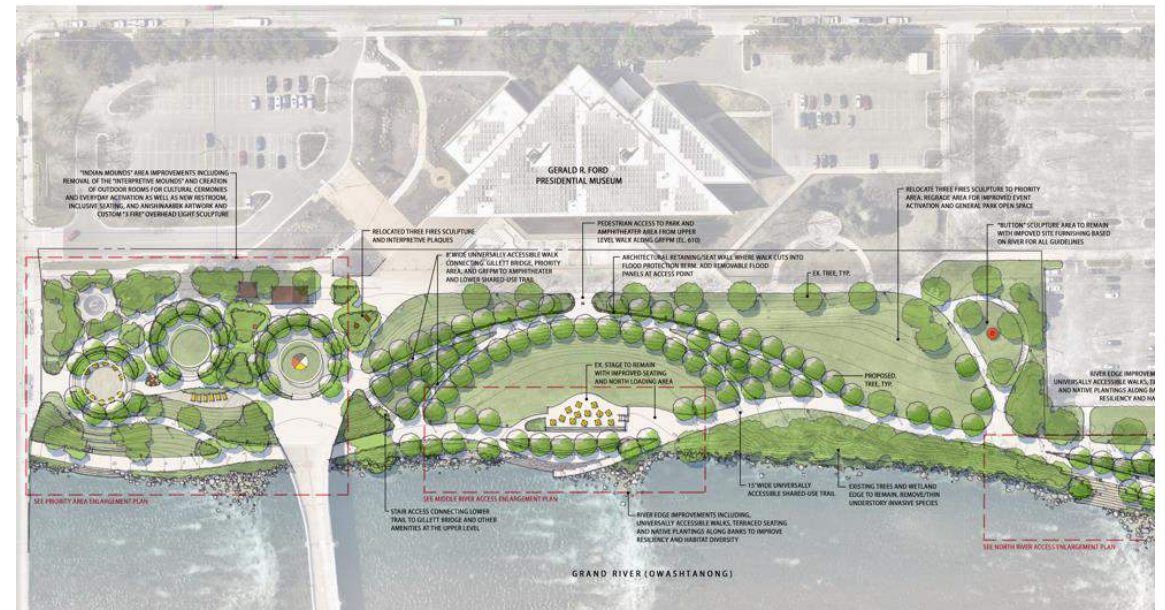
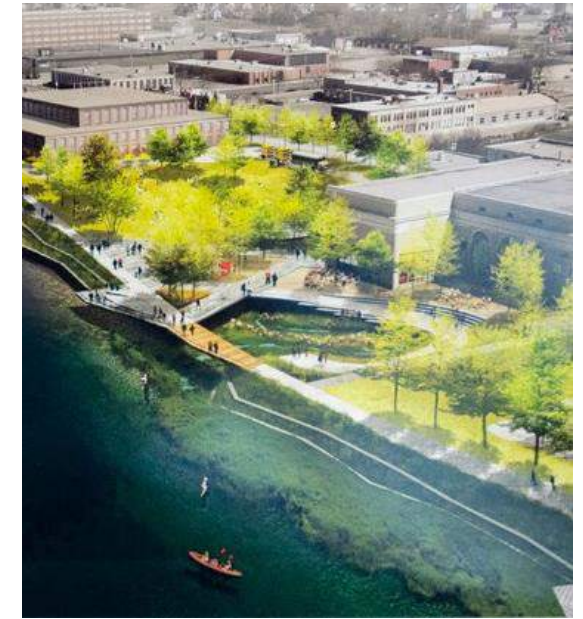
A Transformational Opportunity *in Kent County/Grand Rapids*

Whitewater Rapids | Riverfront Greenspace | Regional Trail Network



Expand Riverfront Greenspace in the Urban Core

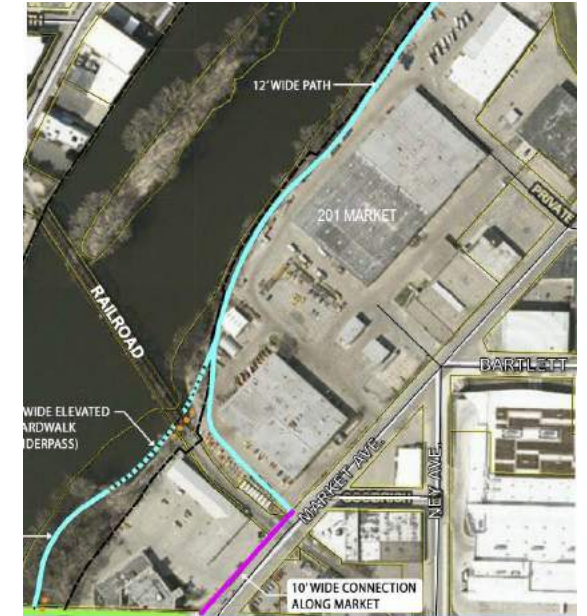
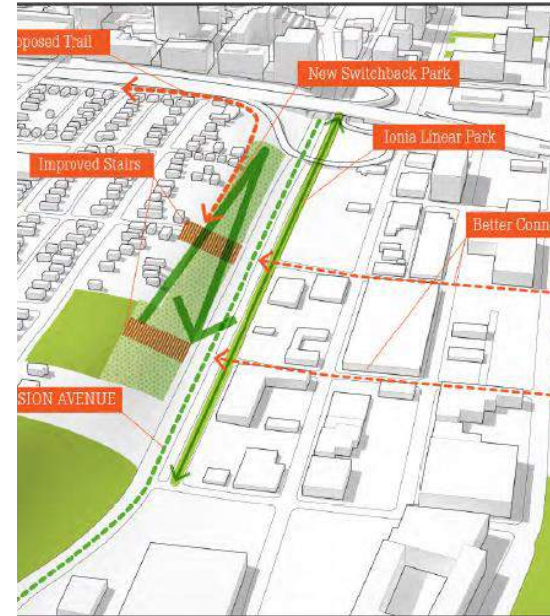
- 26 acres of new/rehabbed park space
 - Coldbrook Community Center
 - Ah-Nab-Awen Park
 - Lyon Square
 - Wealthy Street Access Point
 - Market Avenue Park
- Increased public access to Grand River & recreational opportunity
- 120,000 Grand Rapidsians live within two miles of enhanced urban riverfront
- 65,000+ jobs within 15 min bike ride of urban riverfront





Unify & Expand the Regional Grand River Greenway

- Build 28 miles of new recreational trail to complete the community and amenity connections. Fill the gaps in the trail/greenway system.
- Connect Downtown Grand Rapids:
 - South to Black Hills Neighborhood, Millennium Park, Ottawa Co., and Lake Michigan
 - Oxford Street trail connection
 - North to Creston Neighborhood, Riverside Park, and White Pine Trail
 - Leonard to Ann Street extension
 - East to Belknap Hill Neighborhood and six municipalities
 - Grand Rapids to Lowell rail/trail
 - Switchback trail
- Connect tens of thousands residents to the Grand River and regional recreation system



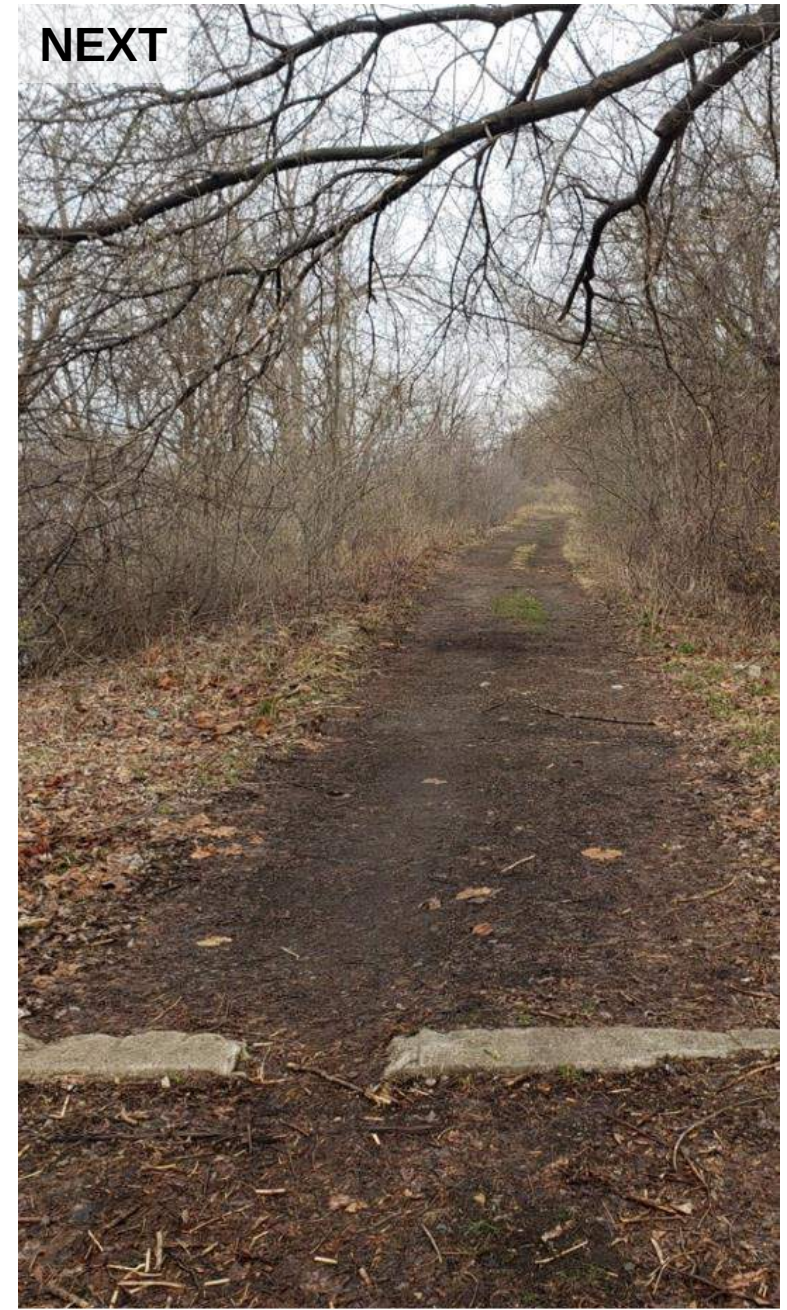
BEFORE



AFTER



NEXT



\$175 Million to Grow the Grand River Greenway

A Cross Sector Invitation

- \$55 Million State of Michigan Support
- \$65 Million Corporate & Philanthropic Support
- \$55 Million Local & Federal Government Opportunities
- This collaborative capital investment – over the next 3-5 years – implements the community's River for All/GR Forward plans and connects the urban riverfront regionally.
- Local partners are currently organizing the leadership and capacity to steward the greenway under the auspices of Grand River Inc, a public-private-community partnership.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. 451. (1) From the funds in part 1 for ARP – local parks and trail infrastructure grants, a total of \$135,000,000.00 must be allocated as designated in the following subdivisions for catalytic park and recreation projects and facilities that provide and promote outdoor recreation opportunities for the public, promote the tourism industry and its recovery, and spur economic development and recovery in local communities across the state that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:

(a) \$60,000,000.00 must be allocated to a city with a population between 639,000 and 640,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census for a 29-mile recreational greenway project connecting multiple neighborhoods and municipalities that promotes and enhances public recreation, equity, tourism, and economic development and recovery.

(b) \$55,000,000.00 must be allocated to a nonprofit organization that is responsible for building and place-management in the urban core of a city with a population between 198,000 and 199,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census for a 28-mile recreational greenway project connecting multiple regional, city, and community trail and park systems that promotes and enhances public recreation, equity, tourism, and economic development and recovery.

(c) \$20,000,000.00 must be awarded to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity in a county with a population of between 14,300 and 14,400 according to the most recent federal decennial census dedicated to promoting recreation, sports, and tourism in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the development or improvement of facilities,



The TBD Details

- Project Deadlines
- Reporting Requirement
- Reporting Cadence
- Closeout Dates
- Potential Additional State Requests
- Procurement Standards



Project Status and Readiness

[See Handout](#)

Project Readiness – 2023 Finish

	Project Lead	Phase	Total Cost	Funds Committed	Funding Gap
Fulton St./M-21 Crossing Underneath Fulton St. Bridge Near Grand River to DNR Board Launch Site	Ada Township	30% design in progress	\$ 2,622,000	\$ 1,872,000	\$ 750,000
New Trail Connection - Ann to Leonard Street	City of Grand Rapids	90% design almost complete	\$ 6,806,316	\$ 4,364,550	\$ 2,441,766
Lyon Square	Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.	90% design almost complete	\$ 7,900,000	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 400,000
Existing Trail Repair - Louis/JW to Blue Bridge	City of Grand Rapids	90% design almost complete	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ -
Johnson Park/Millennium Park Mountain Biking Trails	Kent County	30% design completed	\$ 2,049,737	\$ -	\$ 2,049,737
Total			\$ 20,228,053	\$ 14,586,550	\$ 5,641,503

Project Readiness – 2024 Finish

	Project Lead	Phase	Total Cost	Funds Committed	Funding Gap
Fulton St. (West Twp Boundary to Carl Dr. Carl Drive to Grand River Ave)	Ada Township	30% design in progress	\$ 2,528,200	\$ 2,178,200	\$ 350,000
Grand Rogue Park & Trail - Phase I	Plainfield Township	60% design in progress	\$ 604,600	\$ 604,600	\$ -
Grand Rapids to Lowell Trail - North Trailheads	Kent County	30% design in progress	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 900,000
Canal Park	City of Grand Rapids	60% design in progress	\$ 6,500,000	\$ -	\$ 6,500,000
Ah Nab Awen Park - Upper Priority Area ("Mounds" improvement)	City of Grand Rapids	60% design in progress	\$ 2,697,045	\$ -	\$ 2,697,045
Grand Rapids Public Museum	City of Grand Rapids/ Grand Rapids Public Museum	90% design completed	\$ 12,238,748	\$ 5,489,995	\$ 6,748,753
Wealthy Street River Access	City of Grand Rapids	30% design completed	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000
Total			\$ 32,968,593	\$ 12,772,795	\$ 20,195,798

Project Readiness – 2026 Finish

	Project Lead	Phase	Total Cost	Funds Committed	Funding Gap
Knapp St. Pedestrian Bridge (Grand River Ave. to Water Crest Dr.)*	Ada Township	30% design in progress	\$ 5,899,500	\$ 4,349,500	\$ 1,550,000
Grand Rogue Park & Trail - Phase II – IV	Plainfield Township	30% design completed	\$ 5,195,400	\$ 313,200	\$ 4,882,200
Grand Rapids to Lowell Trail - North Trail Sections	Kent County	30% design in progress	\$ 35,932,284	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 30,432,284
Coldbrook Park (Decommissioned City Water Pumping Station)	City of Grand Rapids	Conceptual Design Completed	\$ 23,000,000	\$ -	\$ 23,000,000
Fulton/Market Site	City of Grand Rapids	Design not yet completed	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
201 Market Site	City of Grand Rapids	Design not yet completed	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000
New Trail Connection - Wealthy Street to Oxford Trail	City of Grand Rapids	30% design completed	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Butterworth Boat Ramp	City of Grand Rapids	30% design completed	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Total			\$ 101,527,184	\$ 10,162,700	\$ 91,364,484

Prioritization Criteria

Potential Prioritization Criteria

Tactical

- Sustainability and Maintenance
- Complete Critical/Difficult Trail Gaps
- Greenway “Backbone” Trail
- Potential to Attract Other Funds
- Catalyst for Other Projects
- Timeline for Completion
- Funds Committed – Diversity of Funders

Values

- Public Safety
- Greenway “Backbone” Trail
- Boost Tourism
- Improved Community Health
- Impact on “Underserved” Communities (Urban, Suburban, and Rural)

What’s missing?

Updates & Discussion