

**COMMUNITY GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATEFORD  
WATERFORD TWP LIBRARY – STUDY ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 @ 6PM**

**AGENDA**

- Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve minutes from November 21, 2024
- Website Update
  - No further input from Contact Us page
  - The Riverwalk video link was updated earlier this week to remove the old one and replace it with [Video - Riverwalk with 2025 Expansion](#)
  - Still need to update the Riverwalk Site Plan page at <https://www.waterfordmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/208/Riverwalk-Site-Plan-PDF?bId=> to reflect the Extension and Connector
- Status of Riverwalk extension to Drayton Plains Nature Center (AnglinCivil general contractor)
  - Construction schedule seems to be on track to finish in June 2025 (restoration, seeding, close-out) in time for a June 2025 Grand Opening
  - The entire pathway has been cleared and built up to accommodate heavy equipment
  - The west side bridge foundation has been excavated and construction reinforcements have been installed
  - America in Bloom will coordinate with the AnglinCivil project for the Riverwalk Green Barrier installation prior to the Grand Opening
  - Begin planning June 2025 Grand Opening, however, it may be delayed to accommodate the completion of the Riverwalk Connector and/or any extension construction project slippage (would be best to showcase a completed end-to-end project)
  - Now that significant construction has begun, we need to incorporate a media plan to build excitement and inform the public ... determine how to collaborate with the Friends of the Greenways committee to do this
- Status of the Riverwalk Connector (current north end to red phone booth)
  - Preliminary engineering plans are complete, permit applications were submitted in December, should take 3-6 weeks for the permits, so it is expected that bids will go out in early February
  - The expectation is that this is a "simple" paving job, which could be completed between March and May
  - The hope is to complete the project in time for the July 2025 Extension Grand Opening
- Friends of the Greenways update (Camilleri)
  - Are any other grants being pursued for greenways signage, especially for the Riverwalk Connector and Extension?
  - Art (wind chimes) exhibition update: is it happening, when will it be publicized, when will it begin?
  - The Detroit Institute of Arts has a program called Partners in Public Art, and Waterford has been selected to participate in 2026 (the Township Board supported the application for it during their November 12, 2024 meeting). The DIA will fund and provide artists to redo the mural. We need to understand when this will happen and who will coordinate with DIA.
- Status of other Greenways projects
  - 2025 meeting schedule published: 6 PM Wednesdays
    - January 22, 2025
    - March 19, 2025
    - May 21, 2025
    - July 16, 2025
    - September 17, 2025
    - November 19, 2025
  - Invasive Species / Phragmites abatement progress
  - Status of the poster to direct Riverwalk concerns to the Greenways Contact Us page; we'll use the same graphic on our CGAC web page in place of the current bland Contact Us text
  - Discuss the Spring Riverwalk clean-up
    - Pick a date

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**AGEND**

- Create a poster
- Update email list and send out invitations
- Discuss installing mini-fences at the edges of the Riverwalk bridges to stop people from rolling shopping carts into the river - work with DPW to do this before or during the Spring clean-up
- Greenways connections priorities
  - Jeff Polkowsky has indicated that Scott (in his Development Services department) has completed working on a map that takes inventory on all existing, proposed, and currently under construction segments of trail networks
  - They will be sharing this with the Parks and Rec department in January to align on Township priorities
  - After which we (CGAC) should schedule a public meeting to get input on project prioritization
  - We need to complete the maps mentioned below as soon as possible, to be prepared for the public meeting
- Greenways maps - slow progress on the Clinton River path and access points map
  - Investigating various mapping software; working toward something we can post on the Greenways site as the start of multiple neighborhood greenways maps
  - Work with Parks + Rec to try to get the Hospital Road sidewalk/pathway missing link included in as part of the Community Center planning project (without it, there is no pedestrian or bike pathway connecting Waterford to the former OCC campus)
  - Incorporate a media plan to publicize Waterford greenways and bike paths once the maps are published
- Status update regarding the SEMCOG grant for the Waterford / Keego Iron Belle Trail Connection Planning Assistance Program engineering planning study
  - A portion of the Iron Belle Trail was put into the current Phase 3 sidewalk project which includes N Cass Lake Road from Pontiac Lake Road to just past Elizabeth Lake Road; the new boardwalk section connecting to Keego Harbor will have to be included in a future project
  - During the Board meeting January 13, 2025, DLZ Engineering was awarded the bid to use the grant to get started with a preliminary effort to design the Waterford Trail Connector Project, with the view that once designed (Winter + Spring 2025) and bid out (Fall 2025), additional funds can be found/released for construction (Spring + Summer 2026)
  - Look into how the Michigan Iron Belle Trail projects can be leveraged to complete some of the missing links within our Community Greenways
- Round Table
- Public Comments
- Adjournment