

COMMUNITY GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATFORD
WATERFORD TWP LIBRARY – STUDY ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 @ 6 PM

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve minutes from January 22, 2025
4. Communication Update
 - No further input from the Contact Us page
 - Riverwalk site plan page will be updated as part of the Parks Mapping project (see below)
 - Three posters to direct Riverwalk concerns to the Greenways Contact Us page were printed (due to printer error, we have nine of them)
 - Thank you Jaquelynne for completing the artwork
 - Two are posted on the Riverwalk information board; discuss where to post the rest
 - Request to have the graphic as a link near the top of the CGAC web page
 - Discuss how to get this graphic into the Parks and Rec brochure and into the Lifetime Recreation brochure
5. 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
 - However, the heavy equipment spring thaw weight restriction which began March 3 has delayed the work by a few weeks
 - Both bridge foundations have been poured, a temporary bridge to facilitate the east-side bridge access has been built, and the permanent bridge should be installed in March
6. America in Bloom bids for Riverwalk Extension tree planting were opened
 - There were nine bidders; the winner was Precision Landscaping from Casco, MI in St. Clair County
 - They will coordinate with the AnglinCivil project for Riverwalk Green Barrier installation prior to the Grand Opening
7. Begin planning the June 28, 2025 Grand Opening
 - Consult with the Friends of the Greenways committee to determine how the media plan to build excitement and inform the public will be implemented
 - Be aware that it may be delayed to accommodate the completion of the Riverwalk Connector and/or any Extension construction project slippage (it would be best to showcase a completed end-to-end project)

8. Status of the Riverwalk Connector (current north end to red phone booth)
 - The bid packet has not yet come out due to last minute EGLE change requests
 - The expectation is that this is a "simple" paving job, which could be completed between April and May
 - The hope is to complete the project in time for the July 2025 Extension Grand Opening
9. Friends of the Greenways update (Camilleri)
 - Are any grants being pursued for greenways signage, especially for the Riverwalk Connector and Extension?
 - Riverwalk Outdoor Art Exhibition – “Blowin’ in the Wind (Wind Chimes) – from June to October; announced at January 27 Board Meeting; 50 wind chimes at \$50 each
10. 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.
11. Spring Riverwalk clean-up May 10, 2025
 - Selected the winning poster – again thanks to Jacquelynne for the artwork
 - Discuss a media plan and how to grow community involvement
 - Update email list and send out invitations
 - Discuss a possible sign-up site
 - 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
12. Discuss possible adjustment to remaining 2025 meeting dates
 - Currently 6 PM Wednesdays: May 21, July 16, September 17, November 19
13. Waterford Parks Mapping project
 - The Township Development team and the Parks and Recreation team have asked CGAC to provide pathway and structure maps for all the parks
 - Discuss what process and tools to use
 - Assign Parks to CGAC members
14. Greenways connections priorities
 - Correct the perception within the Township Board regarding CGAC’s mission
 - We are not a sidewalk-oriented team looking to complete sidewalks along all major Township roads, even though we provided a comprehensive list of these deficiencies
 - We are about maintaining and connecting greenways to facilitate township residents’ and guests’ non-motorized access around the township

- Yes, this involves building out a few missing connections, but the return on these investments is incalculable toward the safety and health of our residents
- We have reached out to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation team to better understand how Waterford's greenways priorities mesh with those of Oakland County and neighboring communities
- We have reached out to Polly Ann Trail management to understand their south-bound continuation plans and how these would mesh with the Waterford's greenways priorities, especially with the proposed Waterford / Keego Iron Belle Trail Connector

15. Status of other Greenways projects

- Invasive Species / Phragmites abatement progress

16. Round Table

17. Public Comments

18. Adjournment