

1. Grand River Edges Trail (Leonard to Ann)

Timeline for Implementation:

Spring/Summer 2023 - Summer 2024

New 12-ft wide multi-use trail with underpasses at Leonard St, Ann St, and railroad, with lighting, benches, and signage; native trees and plants

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department
- Consultant: Fishbeck + Viridis Design Group
- Project Partners: MDNR, MDOT, West Michigan Trails, DGRI

Public Engagement:

2012 Green Grand Rapids, 2018 River For All 2022 Parks & Recreation Strategic Master Plan



2. Heartside Park

Timeline for Implementation:

Now - Spring 2023

Scope:

New all-season restroom building, sidewalk connections, basketball court resurfacing, drinking fountain, and power pedestal. Mural restoration on full court basketball court by Edgar Hernandez.

Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department

Consultant: VIRIDIS Design Group **Contractor:** Katerberg VerHage

- Project Partners: DGRI, Heartside-Downtown Neighborhood Association, **Dwelling Place**
- **Public Engagement:**

Enagement for Heartside and Pekich was led by the Parks Department in 2020 and included two surveys, focus groups, and recommendations from the Heartside Quality of Life Study (2017).



3. Pekich Park

Timeline for Implementation:

Now - Spring 2023

Scope:

New seating, drinking fountain, power pedestal, shade trees and plantings. Project packaged with Heartside.

Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department

Consultant: VIRIDIS Design Group Contractor: Katerberg VerHage

Project Partners: DGRI, Heartside-Downtown Neighborhood Association, Dwelling Place, artists Jamie Shackleton and Edgar Hernandez

Public Engagement:

Enagement for Heartside and Pekich was led by the Parks Department in 2020 and included two surveys, focus groups, and recommendations from the Heartside Quality of Life Study (2017).



UNDER & UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION



4. Veterans Park building renovations

Timeline for Implementation:

Winter 2022/Spring 2023

Scope:

Building renovations to convert to a cafe with indoor and outdoor seating.

Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department

Consultant: Ghafari Associates Contractor: Pride Builders Group

Project Partners: [HAS Heart], private funders



5. Lyon Square

Timeline for Implementation:

EGLE permitting in process. Construction anticipated Spring 2023.

Scope:

Accessible pathways and seating, Grand River overlook boardwalk, shade trees and native plantings, and streetscape improvements

Project Lead: Grand Rapids Engineering Department

Consultants: Progressive AE Contractor: Rockford

Project Partners:

EGLE, DGRI

Public Engagement:

2018 River For All 2015 GR Forward



6. Riverwalk (Blue Bridge to JW Marriott)

Timeline for Implementation:

EGLE permitting in process. Construction anticipated Spring 2023.

Scope:

New green infrastructure and universal access along the river edge

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department Consultants: VIRIDIS Design Group, Fishbeck
- **Project Partners:** EGLE. DGRI
- **Public Engagement:**
- 2018 River For All 2015 GR Forward



7. Grand Rapids Public Museum expansion

Timeline for Implementation:

EGLE permitting in process, Construction anticipated Spring 2023.

River edge improvements from Pearl to Lacks Park.

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Public Museum Consultant: Tower Pinkster + VIRIDIS Design Group
- **Project Partners:**
 - DGRI, EGLE, GR Whitewater
 - **Public Engagement:** 2019 Community stakeholder input sessions 2018 River For All



FUTURE PROJECTS



1. Canal Park + Sixth St. Park

Timeline:

Phase I construction in Canal Park anticipated for Summer 2023. Additional improvements in Canal Park and Sixth Street Park to occur as river construction and funding allow.

Scope:

Flood protection and resiliency, connectivity with the Grand River and neighborhoods, ecological health of river and edges, flexible uses and inclusive programming

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department Consultant: VIRIDIS Design Group
- Project Partners:

DGRI, GRBOI, Monroe North Business Association

Public Engagement:

2018 River For All, 2020 Online survey 2021-22 Stakeholder visioning sessions 2022 meetings with Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians



2. Ah-Nab-Awen Park Phase 2: Indian Mounds + Phase 3: Master Plan

Timeline & Scope:

Phase 1 - completed 2018: Flood protection, 15-ft trail, enhanced public seating and new lighting from Pearl to Gillette Bridge
Phase 2: Indian Mound area and restrooms - construction in 2023-24
Phase 3: Park Master Plan and open space improvements (construction TBD based on River Restoration project timeline)

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department
 Consultant: VIRIDIS Design Group
- Project Partners:

DGRI, GRBOI, GR Whitewater, EGLE

Public Engagement:

2022 Grand Rapids Parks & Rec Strategic 5-Year Master Plan 2018 River For All, 2015 GR Forward

Extensive outreach done with Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians in 2018, 2019, and 2022. Focus groups with residents and special events organizers was led by the Parks Department in 2018.



 Downtown Grand Rapids Hill + River Network Planning

Timeline

Concept design plans completed in Spring/Summer 2022. Next steps TBD.

Scope:

A comprehensive connection strategy related to the Belknap Hill, Monroe North, Downtown Grand Rapids, and the Grand River which will include a hillside park, street interventions, and pedestrian tunnel.

• Project Lead: DGRI

Consultant: SmithGroup, Fishbeck

Project Partners:

City of Grand Rapids, Disability Advocates, Neighbors of Belknap Lookout, Monroe North Business Association, Spectrum Health

• Public Engagement:

2015 GR Forward

2022 stakeholder visioning sessions





1. Rosa Parks Circle

Scope

Restoration of granite rings and stage, restroom enhancements, new benches, trail surfacing, site amenities and interpretive signage

• Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department

Consultants: Progressive AE

Contractor: Granger

Project Partners: Ecliptic Conservancy, DGRI, private funders



2. Belknap Park

Scope:

Addition of 6 new pickleball courts including a championship court, ADA walkway, LED court lighting, fencing, and a gathering place.

- Project Lead: Grand Rapids Parks Department
- Project Partners: Grand Rapids Pickleball Club



3. West Side Dog Park

Scope:

New off-leash, fenced in dog park at 307 Summer Ave NW

- Project Lead: Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.
- Project Partners: Mural by Maddie Jackson



4. Las Canchas futsal courts

Scope:

Three free fustal courts at 250 Seward Ave. NW

- Project Lead: Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.
- **Project Partners:** The Soccer Rebellion