What is the Gravois Greenway?
The Gravois Greenway (Grant’s Trail) is an outdoor space that connects people and places. It has a paved, accessible path for you to use to take a walk, go for a run, ride a bike or just get some fresh air. You can discover your community, get some exercise, meet your neighbors, and get around town. The Gravois Greenway is part of the larger network of greenways throughout the St. Louis region. Each greenway is unique – they connect to businesses, neighborhoods, rivers, creeks, parks and conservation areas, so you have options to explore and enjoy.

Who is Great Rivers Greenway?
Great Rivers Greenway is the public agency connecting the St. Louis region with greenways. A vote of the people in the year 2000 created a sales tax, leaving a legacy for future generations by investing in and linking together some of our region’s best assets – waterways and green space. Great Rivers Greenway works with citizens and partners to build, bring to life, and care for a network of greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County.

What are the goals of this project?
When the full extension is complete, there will be three greenways linked together – Gravois, River des Peres, and Mississippi – with 21 continuous miles to explore and enjoy.
  • Phase 1: improve the southern trailhead: restrooms, benches, drinking fountain, self-service bicycle repair station, playground, new landscaping, restriped parking lot with speed table
  • Phase 2: extend the existing eight miles of Gravois Greenway an additional two miles to connect with the River des Peres Greenway.

Where will the greenway be built? How was the route planned?
Like all Great Rivers Greenway projects, we seek input from area residents. The project team held public open houses in 2012 and 2013 and a meeting with nearby property owners in 2016. The team also met with representatives from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Ameren, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, and nearby business owners. This greenway connection will follow an existing railroad corridor and MoDOT right of way. The greenway will not be built on any private residential property. This route is different from the one proposed at the 2013 public open house because it proved to have the greatest achievability for safely connecting the Gravois and River des Peres Greenways in the near future.

What is the construction timeline? How will greenway access be impacted during construction?
Phase I will begin in the coming months of 2017 and be completed in 2018. Phase 2 will begin in 2018 and will be completed in 2019. During construction of Phase 1, the greenway will be closed near the Lodge at Grant’s Trail. Parking to access the greenway will be available at Reavis Barracks Road.

How is this project being funded?
The total cost for the engineering, design, and construction of both phases is $13 million. The project is being funded through a mix of federal transportation grants, private donations, and Great Rivers Greenway taxpayer funds. $500,000 still needs to be raised, and donations are welcome at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/support.

Who will maintain the greenway?
St. Louis County Parks and City of St. Louis

What are the rules and etiquette on the Gravois Greenway?
Please follow these rules and etiquette to make sure that the greenway experience is an enjoyable one for everyone:
  • Walk or run on the far right side of the path so there is plenty of space for people to pass.
  • Wear a helmet when riding bicycles, scooters, roller blades, roller skates, or skateboards.
  • Ride your bike or any other wheels at a safe speed that does not endanger people around you.
  • Announce your presence when passing by clearly saying “on the left” as you approach other people, and be sure to yield to people who are passing you.
  • Be alert – wear only one “ear bud” when listening to portable electronic devices.
  • Keep your dog on a short leash - no more than six feet.
  • Leave no trace – pick up all animal waste and trash.
  • Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Never leave your keys on or in your car.
  • Comply with all park rules and regulations.
  • Motorized vehicles (except electric wheelchairs) are forbidden.

Where can I get project updates?
Visit www.GreatRiversGreenway.org or call 314-436-7009