

# Maline Greenway:

Ted Jones Trail to Forestwood Park to West Florissant Avenue



## What is the Maline Greenway?

The Maline Greenway is a seven-mile paved path that forms an east-west link between the St. Vincent Greenway in North St. Louis County and the Mississippi Greenway (Riverfront Trail). The Maline Greenway will travel along the Maline Creek through the cities of Berkeley, Kinloch, Ferguson, Jennings, Moline Acres, Bellefontaine Neighbors and Riverview in St. Louis County, and the City of St. Louis. The Maline Greenway will create a new space for people to get fresh air, exercise and connect to area parks, trails and waterways.

## What are the goals for the Ted Jones Trail to Forestwood Park to West Florissant Avenue project?

The primary goal of this project is to build a 1.5 mile connection from the Ted Jones Trail northern trailhead to West Florissant Avenue. The greenway will create an accessible connection through the City of Ferguson, passing through two city recreational facilities, Forestwood Park and Lang Royce Park. This greenway segment will also connect neighborhoods and residential areas to educational institutions, shopping and dining destinations, support agencies and programs, and transit services. Other objectives of this greenway project are to improve the health and environmental condition of the Maline Creek, treat and infiltrate stormwater, and remove invasive plant species along the corridor.



## Who is involved with planning this project?

Great Rivers Greenway is working collaboratively with the City of Ferguson to plan and implement this project. Great Rivers Greenway will fund and oversee the design, engineering and construction of the project, while the City of Ferguson will provide operations and maintenance assistance. Great Rivers Greenway is applying for federal funds from East-West Gateway to assist with funding the project's construction phase.

## What is the proposed route for this project?

The proposed route for this segment of the Maline Greenway would begin at the current endpoint of the Ted Jones Trail at the intersection of Short and Redmond Avenues. The greenway will travel from the residential areas on Short Avenue and St. Louis Avenue to the commercial and industrial areas along Paul Avenue. The greenway will turn right on to Ferguson Ave and will parallel the rail corridor up to Forestwood Park. The greenway will utilize the existing trail in Forestwood Park, traveling eastward to Lang Royce Park. The greenway will follow alongside Maline Creek through City-owned property to a new trailhead at West Florissant Avenue.



## How was this route and greenway alignment selected?

This route was selected in 2011 after a yearlong study and planning process that analyzed existing conditions and relied on public input to shape the alignment determined for this segment of the greenway. A community engagement process was executed to ensure that the greenway alignment reflected the unique needs of the community. The community engagement process included the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consisting of approximately 50 individuals with technical expertise in various aspects of the greenway corridor. Concurrently, a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) of approximately 20 community leaders was also gathered to provide knowledge of and represent the interests of the communities surrounding the study area. In addition, four public forums were held to invite area and regional residents to learn about the project, voice their opinions and provide valuable input on the greenway plan. The project resumed in 2017 when new opportunities for funding became available. The community will be re-engaged as the design and development phases of the project commence.

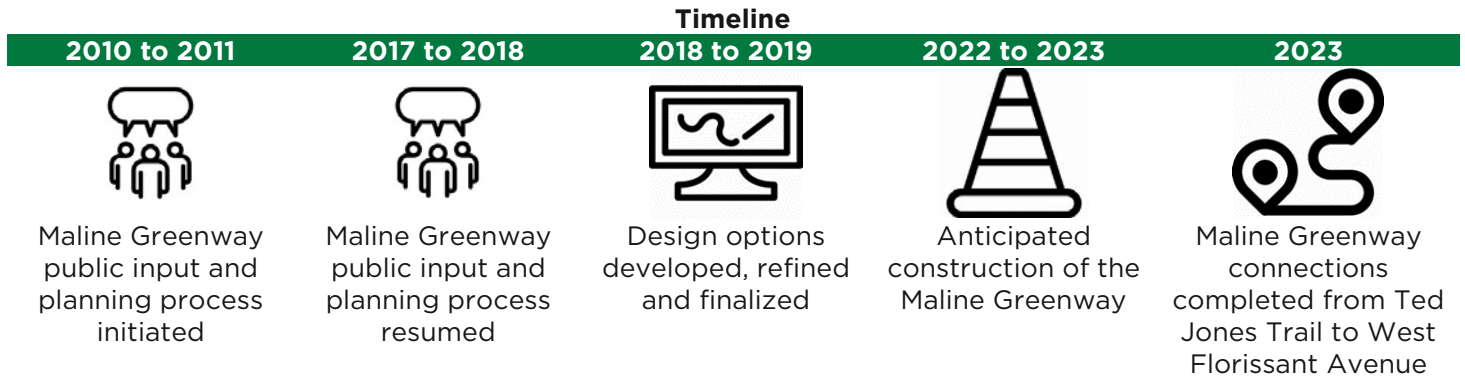


## How has the plan changed since 2010?

While the greenway alignment has not changed significantly since the alignment was chosen, goals of the project have expanded to include connections to new amenities in Ferguson including a City of Ferguson planned public space at West Florissant adjacent to the greenway project. The next phase for this project will explore the future feasibility of stabilizing stretches of Maline Creek, identify and pursue available funding mechanisms, and finalize the design and scope of the greenway project to prepare for future construction.

## What is the timeline for this project?

The planning for this portion of greenway was initiated in 2010. Over time, Great Rivers Greenway has conducted a variety of studies to determine the feasibility of the project and gathered feedback to develop a greenway plan that best meets the needs of the community. Planning and engagement resumed in 2017 as new funding opportunities became available. Future phases for this project include design development, refinement and finalization. It is anticipated that construction of the Maline Greenway will begin in 2022.



## How will this project improve safety?

The new greenway will:

- Create separate spaces for people driving cars and people walking or riding bikes.
- Provide an off-street paved trail and enhanced sidewalk connections that are accessible to those in wheelchairs.
- Improve pedestrian street crossings with traffic calming mechanisms and safety elements

## How is this project funded?

This portion of the greenway will likely be funded through a mix of regional sales tax revenue and federal grants.

## If I don't walk or ride a bike what are the benefits of the greenway to me?

Even if you don't walk or ride a bike, this proposed greenway project features many enhancements that will benefit the other people in your neighborhood who do; especially those who have limited mobility, are pushing a stroller, or walking with young children. Planned improvements to the existing sidewalks and street crossings can make this safer for people to drive, walk, run and bike.



## How about the economic benefit and the potential for property value increases?

Nationally, studies have shown that properties near a greenway or paved trail demonstrate an increased property value. These numbers not only benefit property owners, but also generate additional tax revenue for municipal and county governments.

## What Is Great Rivers Greenway?

Great Rivers Greenway is the public agency connecting the St. Louis region with greenways. In 2000, a vote of the people created a sales tax to leave a legacy for future generations by investing in and connecting together some of our region's best assets – rivers & parks. Those funds allow us to collaborate with partners and communities to build, care for and bring to life your network of greenways, creating healthy habitats and watersheds along the way.

We serve the 2 million people throughout our 1,200 square mile district of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. We collaborate with municipalities, public agencies, businesses and nonprofit organizations across the region to deliver on the community's vision for a vibrant, connected region.

In 2013, voters dedicated funds to support local parks departments, greenways and the transformation of the area surrounding the Gateway Arch, known as the CityArchRiver Project. As one of six partners in the CityArchRiver Alliance team, we are the stewards of the taxpayers' investment and we collaborate to create a seamless and excellent experience from downtown St. Louis to the Gateway Arch to the mighty Mississippi.

Great Rivers Greenway is governed by a 12-member appointed Board of Directors that represent the region, is led by a staff of 24 people, works with 265+ partners and is accountable to the taxpayers through annual reports, collaborative regional plans every five years and ongoing community engagement at multiple levels.

## What is a greenway?

Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects.

Greenways can include:

- Trails where you can take a walk, go for a run, ride a bike or just get some fresh air. These are almost always paved and accessible for all.
- Conservation projects to maintain healthy habitats and watersheds, such as rain gardens, native plants, restored prairies, wetlands and floodplains.
- Amenities like restrooms, water fountains, benches, bike racks, signage, parking and playgrounds.
- Connections to business districts, neighborhoods, transit, jobs, schools, cultural destinations, rivers, creeks, parks and conservation areas.

## How can I learn more?

To learn more about Great Rivers Greenway and the greenway projects around the region visit us online at [www.GreatRiversGreenway.org](http://www.GreatRiversGreenway.org) or at our visitor's center located at 6178 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112.