## Who is Great Rivers Greenway?

Great Rivers Greenway makes the St. Louis region a more vibrant place to live, work and play by developing a regional network of greenways. We are the public agency created in 2000 by a vote of the people who invested in a sales tax to leave a legacy for

### future generations.

#### 121 miles of greenways & counting 2 million+ trips annually



Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people & places.



2018 MAP

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 & watersheds, such as rain gardens, native plants, restored prairies, wetlands & floodplains.

>> Amenities like restrooms, water fountains, benches, bike racks,

signage, parking & playgrounds.

>> Connections to business districts, neighborhoods, transit, jobs, schools, cultural destinations, rivers, creeks, parks & conservation areas.



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121 miles (and counting!) for you to explore and enjoy, including conservation projects, amenities and connections along the way

## Benefits of Greenways





### Connect you to rivers and parks

### Celebrate history and culture





## Explore open space

### Conserve plants and animals



### Separate from car traffic



#### was established in November 2000 by the successful pasage of the Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Trails Initiative (Proposition C) in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County, Missouri. For more information about GRG, visit www.greatrivers.info.



### Free place to exercise





### Get around town and have fun

## Strengthen the local economy



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# Greenway Bridges: Walk | Run | Bike



**Construction Impacts:** River City Boulevard reduced to one lane for several months

## RIVER DES PERES BRIDGE



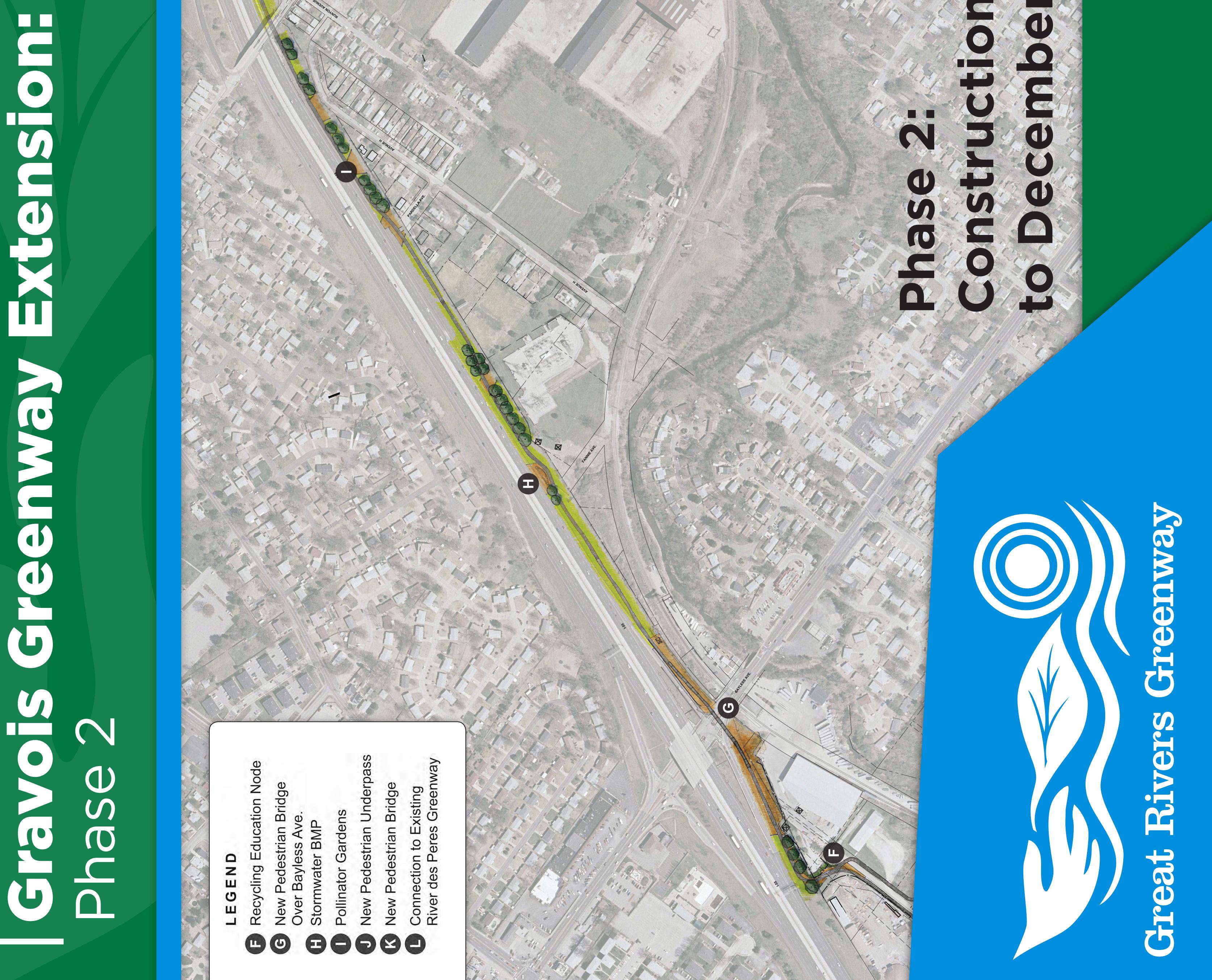
### BAYLESS BRIDGE

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### **Construction Impacts:**

>> Bayless on-ramp to remain open
>> Lane closures for 1-2 months on Bayless
>> Full closures for a few days (nights and/or weekends) to set the bridge itself





## Pollinators on the Greenways:

## The monarch is the only butterfly known to make a two-way migration like birds. Some fly as far as 3,000 miles to reach their winter homes.

## WHAT IS A **POLLINATOR?**







Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps,

small mammals, and bees are pollinators. They visit flowers to drink nectar or eat pollen and transport pollen grains as they move from spot to spot.

## WE NEED POLLINATORS? Because of pollinators, plants are able to

produce fruits and seeds. 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat depends on pollinators, and most of our vitamins and minerals are from insect-pollinated plants.

The ecosystem services that pollinators provide around the world are worth \$112 billion each

year.

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## Gravois Greenway Extension: Frequently Asked Questions

#### WHAT IS THE GRAVOIS GREENWAY?

- The Gravois Greenway (Grant's Trail) is an outdoor space that **>>** connects people and places.
- 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.

#### **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.

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.

#### **HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?**

The total cost for construction of both phases is \$14 million. The project is being funded through a mix of federal transportation grants, private donations, and Great Rivers Greenway taxpayer funds. Many thanks to the generous donors who stepped up to make this project possible! See the full list at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/GravoisTrailhead.

#### WHO WILL MAINTAIN THE GREENWAY?

St. Louis County Parks and City of St. Louis

#### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS PROJECT?

- 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.
- When the full extension is complete, there will be three **>>** greenways linked together – Gravois, River des Peres, and Mississippi – with 21 continuos miles to explore and enjoy.

#### WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE? HOW WILL GREENWAY ACCESS BE IMPACTED DURING **CONSTRUCTION?**

- Phase 1: Began in 2017, completed in June 2018 **>>**
- Phase 2: Begin in Fall 2018 and will be completed in 2019, celebrated in Spring 2020

#### 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 sign. Never leave your keys on or in your car.

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During construction, there will be traffic impacts to River City Boulevard, Weber and Bayless Roads, but not at the same time, with advance notice and detours if needed.

- » Comply with all park rules and regulations.
- » Motorized vehicles (except electric wheelchairs) are forbidden.

#### WHERE WILL THE GREENWAY BE BUILT? HOW WAS THE

#### WHERE CAN I GET PROJECT UPDATES?

Visit www.GreatRiversGreenway.org or call 314-436-7009.

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