

GREENWAY IMPACTS

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY | *SUMMER 2022*



22 YEARS AGO, people voted to invest in a vision of a vibrant region connected with greenways. We're feeling stronger than ever as we collectively move toward this exciting goal because we see these two themes over and over again:



Many of your voices are driving and guiding this work.



More partners are investing their time, talent and dollars into this vision so we can all go further together.

Achieving a vision this bold takes all of us. Here's to the next 22 years!

With sincere gratitude,

Susan K. Trautman
Chief Executive Officer, Great Rivers Greenway

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SNAPSHOTS



👉 **THANKS VOLUNTEERS** and partners! 1,753 people removed 45 tons of trash from public lands, greenways & waterways, planted 471 native trees and shrubs, and cleared nearly an acre of invasive plants. Smiling volunteers above planted new trees at North Riverfront Park on the Mississippi Greenway with Forest ReLeaf.



👉 **WITH PARTNERS** St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature and Love for Literacy, we welcomed local author Dr. Kelly Byrd to walk and read her book *Like Sunshine on an Otherwise Miserable Day*, featured on the Maline Greenway Storybook Walk.



👉 **AS PART OF OUR** Diversity Equity & Inclusion plan, Paraquod completed a site audit of our new office to ensure it is accessible for all visitors, led a training for our staff and participated in a photo and video shoot to ensure broader representation in our materials.

Thank you for guiding this work.

YOU SAID ...



ENVISION Nearly 5,000 of the 6,200 strategic plan survey respondents support exploring a workforce training program to take care of the greenways.



You want to pitch in, get outside, and help take care of the greenways. (More requests than ever!)



The connections important to you on Centennial Greenway include Schaefer Park and the Spencer Creek trail (among others!).



One in 3 comments on the open-ended survey for our strategic plan update was requesting more amenities along the greenways.

SO WE DID ...



One of the strategic plan's key recommendations is piloting this kind of program; we're reviewing possible models now.



We're staffing up our volunteer coordination team and developing a pilot for an Adopt-A-Greenway type program.



Along with our partners at the cities of St. Peters and St. Charles plus some federal funding, we're building that exact route right now!

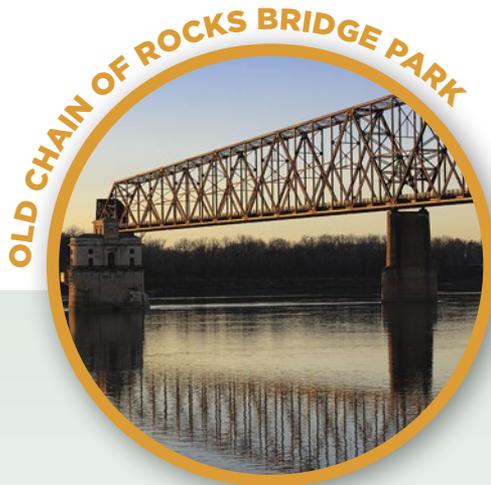


Thanks to generous Great Rivers Greenway Foundation donors, the Projects Committee funded new bike fix-it stations, telescopes and other features along the greenways.



Collaboration means your dollars go further and projects are even better.

FOUR WAYS PARTNERSHIPS ARE INCREASING IMPACT:



The Mississippi Greenway: Old Chain of Rocks Park received a \$990,000 award from the National Park Service through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program. (One of only 19 projects nationwide!) This historic site will get new security features, habitat restoration, nature-based stormwater management, and amenities for daily use and special events.



Great Rivers Greenway + City of Brentwood + Brentwood Bound Project = Deer Creek Connector is underway! This unique partnership means an extension of a greenway, connecting to major destinations and existing trails from Maplewood to Webster Groves to Brentwood.



St. Vincent Greenway has two sections under construction and one in design, thanks to collaborations with Missouri Department of Transportation, St. Louis County Parks, Bi-State Development, Cities of Wellston and Pagedale, plus federal dollars and private funders like Mysun Charitable Foundation.



Brickline Greenway is overflowing with partnerships — \$15 million in federal funding came in for the northern connection to Fairground Park, St. Louis Development Corporation + private philanthropy have funded an Equity & Economic Impact Director position, and stakeholders are coming together for block parties and cleanups along the way.

Progress Across the Region

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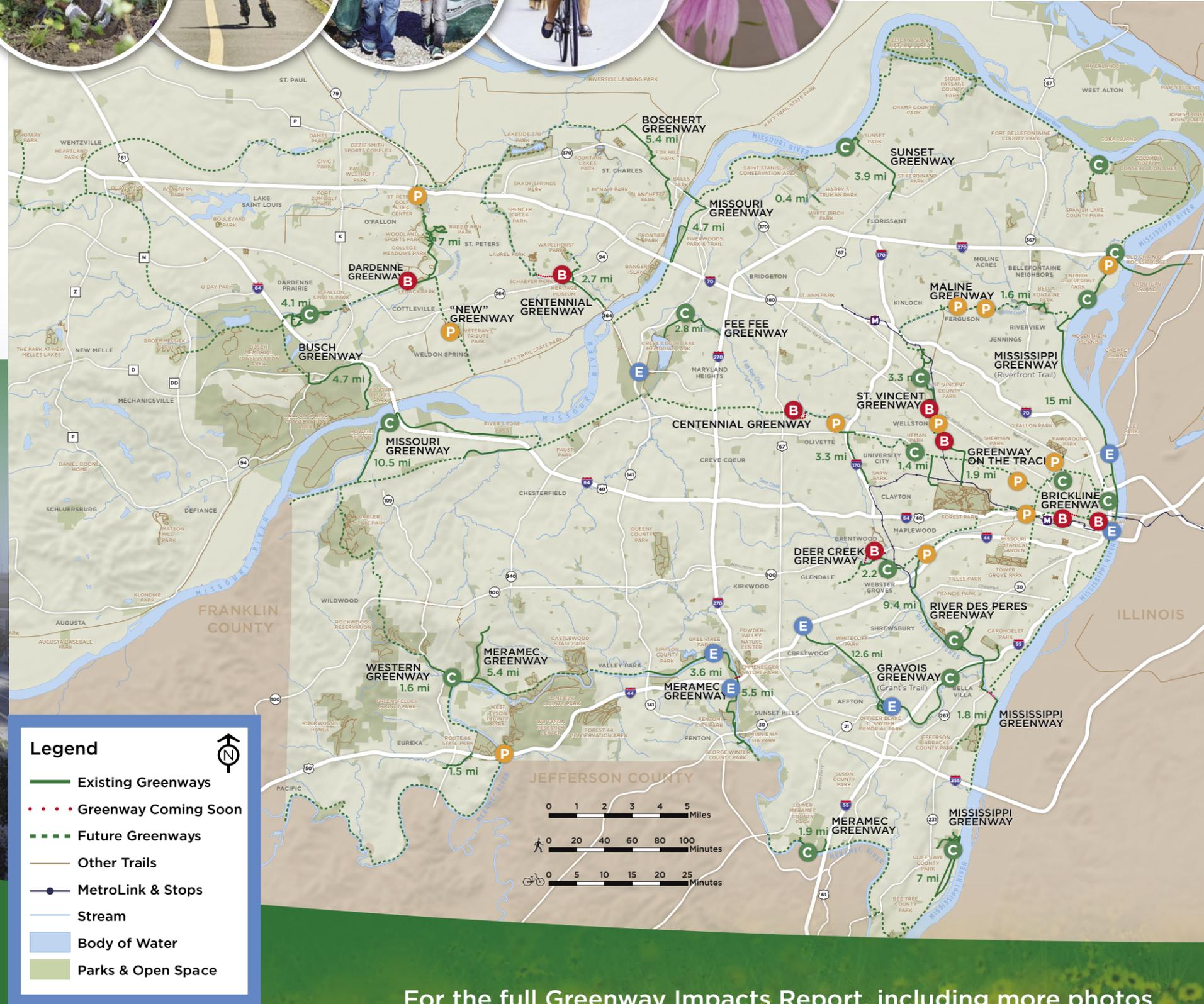
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BRICKLINE GREENWAY'S Market Street segment was rewarded an Outstanding Local Government Award from East - West Gateway for Leadership in Planning and Design Innovation in 2021 and is in construction now.



95¢
of every dollar

spent in 2021 went back to the community to build, promote and sustain your network of greenways.



For the full Greenway Impacts Report, including more photos and financials, visit www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/2022.



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Great progress continues toward the community vision for a vibrant and connected region.

Learn more inside!

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Our mission is to make the St. Louis region a more vibrant place to live, work and play by developing a regional network of greenways.

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