GATEWAY PROJECT

CONNECTIVITY

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MISSION

- BRING BACK THE VITALITY TO THE RIVER THROUGH SAFE ACCESS, AND DEVELOPMENT THAT ENHANCES RIVER ACCESSIBILITY BY BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH BOTH COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT CONNECTION BETWEEN RIVER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
GOALS AND VISION

PHASE I
- Create paved space
- Extend running/ bike paths
- Ecological buffer
- Lighting

PHASE II
- Prevent future erosion
- Green medians
- Pedestrian friendly
- Connection between neighborhoods
Phase 1
Phase 2
Partnerships

Diverse collection of interested groups means a variety of needs and wants that must be prioritized.

As our project phases evolve over time, the groups and partners we work with will also shift to achieve the most successful connection between the river and North Minneapolis neighborhoods.
Partnerships

Dept. of Natural Resources
Metropolitan Council
National Park Service
City of Minneapolis CPED
Juxtaposition Arts
West Broadway Coalition
U of MN

Phase 1
Focus efforts working with DNR, Met Council, NPS, and MPLS CPED

Phase 2
Focus efforts more with Juxtaposition, West Broadway Coalition, as well as public
Strategies for Public Involvement

**Phase 1: Involve**
- Workshops
- Surveys
- Meetings
- Create webpage
- Go to the community; not the other way around

**Phase 2: Collaborate**
- Appoint citizen advisory committee
- Innovative outreach events ("Gateway Day")
- Neighborhood youth committee
Related Precedents and Planning contexts
Precedents/contexts In Relation To the Gateway Redevelopment

- The Confluence Greenway (St. Louis, MO)
- Mississippi River Corridor Design Principals in the Quad Cities
- Wabasha St. Bridge (St. Paul)
- Minnesota National River and Recreation Guidelines
- Above the Falls: A Master plan for the Upper Mississippi
Confluence Greenway St. Louis, MO

Goals:
- Develop a unique and authentic river and open space experience that builds upon historical, cultural, and natural resources of the area.
- Develop a linear system of riverfront parks and trails.
- Conserve open space and scenic quality.
- Protect and enhance water quality.
- Develop long term partnerships and an ethic of stewardship to build, manage, and maintain area.

Implementation in St Louis:
- Complete restoration of Eads Bridge
- Complete trail on both sides of the river to form a loop
- Facilitate linkage to adjacent communities
- Implement key projects from the public art
- Facilitate riparian edge protection, wetland conservation, and native plant expansion
- Continue the annual Chouteau Cleanup and expand Eagle Days and support a community based tree planting program
Implementation in the Gateway District:
- Revitalize the railroad and Broadway Ave. Bridges to make them safer and more welcoming to bikers and pedestrians
- Complete a loop connecting both sides of the river using the Broadway Ave. Bridge and the Railroad Bridge.
- Connect the North Minneapolis Arts District and the Grain Belt Brewery by creating better access and implementing local art into revitalization
- Work with local partners such as Juxtaposition Arts to involve community in revitalization.
- Extend/connect trail system to adjacent parks such as North Mississippi Regional park and to downtown.
- Offer community involvement through cleanup days/ tree planting days
- Facilitate riparian edge protection, wetland conservation and native plant expansion through the use of rain gardens and natural prairie area
Quad Cities’ Design Precedents

- Promote shared respect for the river.
- Use art and design to unify communities
- Provide safe and improved river access
- Enhance view points and vistas
- Accommodate all users
- Promote protection of natural areas
- Encourage the formulation of public/private partnerships that benefit the river
- Enhance existing river attractions
Implementation in the Gateway District:

- Provide access to all through recreation area and view points
- Commission local artists and Juxtaposition Arts in aesthetics of area
- Traffic calming techniques, improved lighting, and distinct bike and pedestrian lanes to improve safety
- Creating outcrops on bridge to enhance views
- Use of rain gardens and prairie land to promote ecological health
Wabasha St. Bridge as a Precedent

- Pedestrian friendly
- Walled off pedestrian walkway with stylized railing and accessible views
- Clearly marked bike lanes
- Use of brick paving, lots of lighting, and view points to draw people to the bridge and to and from downtown.
- Provides visual connection to the river.
Minnesota National River and Recreation Guidelines

- Implement tier 2 policy
  - Increase public access to the river
  - Provide a continuous trail
  - Use of abandoned railroad
  - Increase and restore biodiversity
  - Encourage efforts to clean up river
  - Preserve historic structures (Grain Belt)
  - Protect views and develop new overlooks
  - Encourage shoreline preservation and restoration
Above the Falls: A master Plan for the Upper Mississippi

- Create a continuous riverfront park system
- Construct recreation trails on both river banks
- Develop nodes of interest
- Convert railroad bridge to pedestrian bridge
- Extend West River Parkway to North Mississippi Regional Park
- Provide space in parks for river bank restoration
Implementation in the Gateway District:

- Connection to trails going downtown and to North Mississippi Regional Park
- Construction of trails on both sides of the river which are to be connected by the railroad bridge
- Site as a whole will be a node of interest and will be an attraction to people
- Use of native vegetation along shoreline and limited use of turf will promote ecological health
Success

- Safe environment
- Bring people to river
- Phase 3
Phase 3

- Broadway Bridge
- I-94 Bridge
- Bike loop
Conclusion

- Break boundaries
  - this is a catalyst for breaking the boundaries of communities and creating a connection to the river
QUESTIONS???