

## MEMORANDUM

To: Northville Planning Commission  
From: Nancy Darga, Chair Northville River Restoration Task Force  
Subject: River Park Design Process  
Date: July 1, 2022

The River Restoration Task Force is looking forward to starting the design process for the proposed River Park in the Down's Development. The design of the park and the daylighted portion of the river can not start until the preliminary site plan is approved. It is imperative that preliminary site plan approval take place in August 2022 in order for the Task Force to meet time frames that parallel the permit review process, public hearings, and pending grant deadlines.

In order for the Planning Commission to understand the complicated permit review process and its impact on the design process for daylighting the river, we have attached an outline of the task and their expected schedule. This process will entail services from consulting engineering firms paid for by the developer. The effort will be a collaborative effort between the River Restoration Task Force, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, Wayne County, Michigan State EGLE, the Alliance of Rouge Communities and the city. This process will take up to 10 months from concept drawings to build out. (see attachment)

The design premise for the park is to create a passive environment-with nature trails, look out spots, and a pedestrian bridge traversing the daylighted portion of the river from the Fairbrook Street extension to River Street in Bealtown. Landscaping will be plentiful and include native species, wetland plants and bioswales.

Wayne County is recommending a \$ 2.5 million dollar grant through the American Rescue Plan to assist in daylighting the river. The grant requires completion of the project by 2026. Receiving preliminary site plan approval is our first step in meeting this deadline. Please let us know if you have any other questions. Thank you for your support.





