

RiverView Connector Project Page Information to Know
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- For your safety, while under construction, the future trail is closed to pedestrians and bicyclists. We appreciate your cooperation as we work towards creating Grand Island's newest public greenspace.
- The project is expected to be compete in the Fall of 2018.
- Total project cost is \$2.5 million.
- LIRO Program and Construction Management is the construction manager that will oversee the day to day work on the trail project.
- Anastasi Trucking is the general contractor who will complete this project.
- Motorized vehicles will not be permitted on the trail or public green space without authorization.
- State Parks will suspend the issuance of brush permits during the construction period.
- Throughout the summer, the Department of Transportation will continue to maintain the grass median as they always have. Once the project is complete, State Parks will assume all maintenance duties.
- Private mowing of grass in public green space will not be permitted. This task will be performed by State Parks after the project is completed. Future considerations may be made as part of the future maintenance plan.
- During the construction, State Parks will focus our efforts on the operational detail of the trail, including maintenance of the eight miles of trails.
- For public concerns during the time of Construction, LIRO has an office trailer at Big Six Marina.

- The renderings that were submitted at the public meetings are the long-term vision for the West River public greenspace. While site enhancements will be on going, they are an accurate representation of what the trail will be.
- A rendering for the project can be found here: <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/attachments/BeaverIslandWestRiverGreenwayRendering1.pdf>
- State Parks continues to meet with members of the town government to keep them updated on the project.
- For more information on this project please contact: Nancy Busch, 299-0801 or Nancy.Busch@parks.ny.gov

TIMELINE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD ON THIS MATTER:

- A public open house was held at Town Hall on **October 6, 2015** to introduce the West River Trail concept and solicit input from residents for ideas that could be incorporated into a multi-use path.
- Following that, on **November 10, 2015**, Parks met with various stakeholders including leadership from the West River Homeowners Association, the Grand Island Recreation & Conservation Boards, Buffalo Riverkeeper, Go Bike Buffalo, and the Niagara River Greenway Commission. Sign in sheets from those meetings are attached.
- After conducting detailed planning and considering a variety of possible designs in accordance with the stated objectives, on **July 20, 2016** State Parks presented our preferred alternative for this project during a public meeting at the high school. That alternative called for the repurposing of the current West River Parkway (Option 3), closing the parkway to vehicle traffic and converting it into a landscaped bicycle and pedestrian trail.

- On **November 9, 2016** Mark Thomas presented to the Town Board Workshop Session at the High School The agenda was: Grand Island Town Board Reviews Option 4 and justification for why it is our preferred option: Material from that meeting is attached.
- On **December 5**, Mark Thomas sends a letter to the Town Board indicating the result of our findings for a proposed “Option 5.” That letter is attached.