

River des Peres Greenway: Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink to Francis R. Slay Park



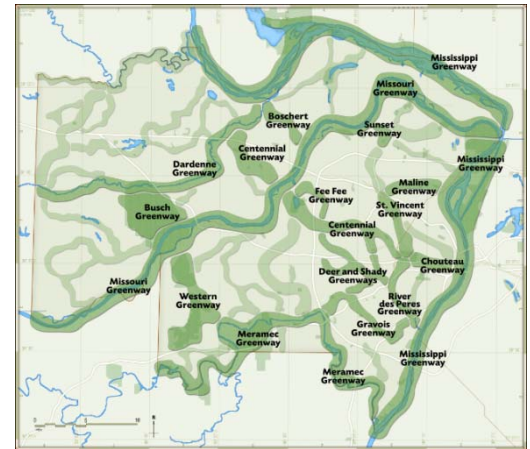
Information Sheet

What is the River des Peres Greenway?

The River des Peres Greenway is an outdoor space that connects people and places. It is part of the River Ring, a plan for 600 miles of trails that will connect communities, bike-friendly streets, and our great rivers and parks throughout our region in a network of greenways for you to explore and enjoy.

Who is Great Rivers Greenway?

Great Rivers Greenway, the regional parks and trails district, was created by a vote of the people to connect St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. We're making St. Louis an even better place to live by connecting our region with greenways so you can be active, get around town, and enjoy being outside.



What does the River des Peres Greenway connect?

The River des Peres Greenway currently has direct connections to the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink Station, the Holly Hills neighborhood and Carondelet Park. In the fall of 2016, it will connect to Lemay Park, the River City Casino, Jefferson Barracks Park and the Pavilion in Lemay. In the future, the River des Peres Greenway will also connect to Forest Park, Downtown Maplewood and Webster Groves and Grant's Trail.

Why is this project needed?

This new project will extend the River des Peres Greenway from the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink Station to Francis R. Slay Park. There will be a new concrete trail that is separated from car traffic for people to walk, push a stroller, ride a bike or use a wheelchair. This project will also improve the deteriorated roadway with the resurfacing of Ellendale Ave., surface sealing of Wabash Ave., as well as improved drainage, new lighting and better traffic signals.

How will the design of this project reduce future maintenance and impact the environment?

- Concrete trail will provide cost-effective long-term maintenance
- New storm water management features are designed to be low maintenance
- Strategic drainage design minimizes the number of sewer structures
- Existing sewage pipes and planters will be recycled
- New trees, native plants and grasses will be planted along the greenway that require minimal maintenance, reduce storm water runoff and prevent erosion.



How will this project benefit everyone who uses this roadway?

- Raised crosswalks will make it easier for people driving cars to see people crossing the street
- Existing on-street parking will be marked
- New lighting under Interstate I-44 will improve safety and visibility
- Construction of the greenway will narrow the intersections, making it easier for people to walk across Wabash Ave. This is particularly helpful for those who walk slowly, use a wheelchair or are pushing a stroller
- The closure of three side streets along Ellendale limits the areas where cars can cross the greenway
- Reduced number of southbound car travel lanes will reduce speeding in both directions
- Reduced width of car travel lanes will reduce speeding without adding travel time
- New greenway will provide better connections to the on-street Bike St. Louis network
- The paved trail and connections will be accessible for people using wheelchairs



What is the timeline for construction of the River des Peres Greenway?

The greenway segment between the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink Station and Francis R. Slay Park will begin construction in 2017. The River des Peres Greenway between the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink and Alabama Avenue as well as the neighborhood connections to Christy Boulevard and Carondelet Park are complete. The greenway segment from Alabama Avenue to the Mississippi River will be constructed during 2016. The portion of the River des Peres Greenway between Francis R. Slay Park and Forest Park will be constructed in the years to come.

Where is the funding for the River des Peres Greenway coming from?

Planning, design and construction of the River des Peres Greenway is funded through a regional sales tax. Additional funding for the construction of the greenway segment between the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink Station and Francis R. Slay Park is available through a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant awarded to Great Rivers Greenway. These grants support transportation projects that improve air quality and relieve traffic congestion.



Who maintains the River des Peres Greenway?

Mowing, plant care, and trash removal along the River des Peres Greenway is done by the City of St. Louis. If you are interested in volunteering with litter and debris removal or plant care, please contact Great Rivers Greenway at 314-436-7009.



How will the River des Peres Greenway impact me?

As the River des Peres Greenway segment between the Lansdowne Shrewsbury MetroLink Station and Francis R. Slay Park is constructed, the roadway will be improved to increase safety for all roadway users. The roadway along this segment will be resurfaced and will include a separated path for walking, riding a bicycle, using a wheelchair, pushing a stroller or walking a dog. The new path will include ramps at intersections for people using a wheelchair, stroller, bicycle or other wheeled device. To include space for this separated path along the roadway, one southbound lane along Ellendale Ave. and Wabash Ave. will be removed. No parking is being taken away, and parking areas for cars will be marked. Raised crosswalks and a new landscaped area along the roadway will help to reduce speeding vehicles.

Where can I get more information on the River des Peres Greenway?

For more information, visit www.GreatRiversGreenway.org or call 314-436-7009.

