



RiverView Connector Project Page

- Work on the transformation of the West River Parkway is slated to begin in April 2018.
- Total project cost is expected to be \$2.5 million.
- Liro Program and Construction Management is the construction manager that will oversee the day to day work on the trail project.
- During the construction, State Parks will focus our efforts on the operational detail of the trail, including maintenance of the eight miles of trails.
- We expect work to be completed by late Fall 2018
- The renderings that were submitted at the public meetings are the long-term vision for the West River. While site enhancements will be on going, they are an accurate representation of what the trail will be.
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/attachments/BeaverIslandWestRiverGreenwayRendering1.pdf>
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Public Meetings Timeline

- 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.
- 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** State Parks Western Regional Director Mark Thomas presented to the Town Board Workshop Session at the High School. The agenda included: Grand Island Town Board Reviews Option 4 and justification for why it is not a preferred option. Material from that meeting is attached.
- On **December 5, 2016** State Parks Western Regional Director Mark Thomas sends a letter to the Town Board indicating the result of our findings for a proposed "Option 5", also not a preferred option. That letter is attached.