

Ann Arbor's Proposed Treeline: Allen Creek Urban Trail Unveils Renderings

The Treeline Conservancy shares a first look at the proposed 2.75 mile city-wide urban trail project, estimated at \$55 million.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – July 19, 2017 – The City of Ann Arbor today unveiled renderings for the proposed [The Treeline: Allen Creek Urban Trail](#). The new urban trail aims to deliver a city-wide, non-motorized transit network that complements the city's existing transportation systems to connect downtown to recreational areas across Ann Arbor.

A master plan for The Treeline is currently under development by the City of Ann Arbor and will be proposed to Ann Arbor's Planning Commission and City Council in January 2018. The master plan will document the preferred route, design elements, estimated costs and implications for the city and its residents. The renderings released today offer a first glimpse at how the 2.75-mile trail will integrate into the city's existing infrastructure and add new features into the landscape, including a new spiral ramp overlook connecting to the Huron River waterfront and regional Border-to-Border Trail.

“The Treeline will be a significant non-motorized trail connecting Ann Arbor's vibrant downtown to the Huron River, the Border-to-Border Trail, cultural resources, sporting events, and neighborhoods. The urban trail will allow residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to explore Ann Arbor in a healthy, active way,” said Connie Pulcifer, project manager, City of Ann Arbor.

The proposed route for the trail follows the alignment of historic Allen Creek—from the Big House through the heart of downtown to the Huron River—linking to the Border-to-Border Trail, Argo Pond, and the Cascades. Nearly 40 percent of Ann Arbor residents—roughly 50,000 people—would have direct access to The Treeline within blocks of their homes. In addition to public use, The Treeline will integrate stormwater management features across the city.

The City of Ann Arbor, along with a team of urban designers, community members and stakeholders are promoting [public input](#) and discussion for the project as the master plan is developed.

The project advancement is being developed by The Treeline Conservancy, formerly the Allen

Creek Greenway Conservancy, which includes a coalition of Ann Arbor community members facilitating a public-private partnership to raise \$55-60 million over the next few years. If the master plan is approved this winter, The Treeline Conservancy aims to begin a phased construction process to be completed in 2024.

The State of Michigan has a number of trail initiatives in progress, including the Detroit Riverfront, which has helped spur continual investment in the city and serves as a community center for events and recreation.

“Public spaces like the Riverwalk are critically important. They capture the imaginations of community members, unlock new parts of town, and bring people together. The Detroit Riverwalk has stimulated a significant amount of investment and has transformed the lives of millions of Detroiters,” said Mark Wallace, president and CEO, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

He added, “The investment of \$140 million—raised from public, philanthropic and corporate sponsors—has yielded over \$1 billion of direct investment in the district, and nearly 3 million visitors a year come to the riverfront.”

To learn more about The Treeline or to get involved, visit: <https://treelinea2.org/>.

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Ann Arbor’s The Treeline: Allen Creek Urban Trail aims to offer a city-wide, non-motorized transit network that brings access to Ann Arbor’s river and park system through the heart of downtown along the alignment of historic Allen Creek. The project advancement is being supported by The Treeline Conservancy, which is dedicated to the planning, construction, fundraising, and sustainable maintenance of The Treeline. To learn more, visit: <https://treelinea2.org/>.

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