



# The Treeline

Connecting Ann Arbor with Nature, History, and One Another





# The Vision

The Treeline transforms the historic Allen Creek into a multi-use trail and green corridor and includes a signature bridge that connects the Huron River back into our urban fabric, weaves together diverse neighborhoods, promotes environmental stewardship, and enhances the economic and cultural vitality of Ann Arbor now and for generations to come.



# A Brief History

**2015**

City commits about \$300,000 to develop the Allen Creek Greenway Master Plan with wide community engagement.

**2017**

City Council approves the Treeline Master Plan and includes it in the Ann Arbor Comprehensive Plan.

**2018**

The Treeline Conservancy purchases 410 Miller, a 25 foot wide parcel that extends from Felch to Miller on the east side of the railroad.

**2019**

City Council and The Treeline Conservancy enter into a Collaboration Agreement to guide and advance the implementation of The Treeline Master Plan.

**2020**

City of Ann Arbor commits to floodway easement at 721 N. Main and 415 W Washington.

**2021**

Alignment Study is completed, presenting route options for North Segment, (funded by Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation and City of Ann Arbor grants).

**2021**

415 West Washington, The Treeline Test Trail, is installed to invite exploration, recreation, and community interaction.



# Forward Momentum

**2023**

The Treeline Conservancy purchases property at 208 Chapin for the West Park Connector.

The City places the Treeline on the City of Ann Arbor Infrastructure Agenda as a Mega Project.

**2024**

The Treeline engages INFORM Studio to create a Design Concept for the Gateway Bridge.

INFORM Studio completes Design Concept and presentation.

The Treeline secures a Design Phase Agreement with Amtrak and MDot Rail.

**2025**

The Treeline secures preliminary easement agreements with key property owners along the Gateway segment.

The University of Michigan begins construction of Wolverine Way in conjunction with its dormitory project and new marching band practice field.



# Focus on the Gateway

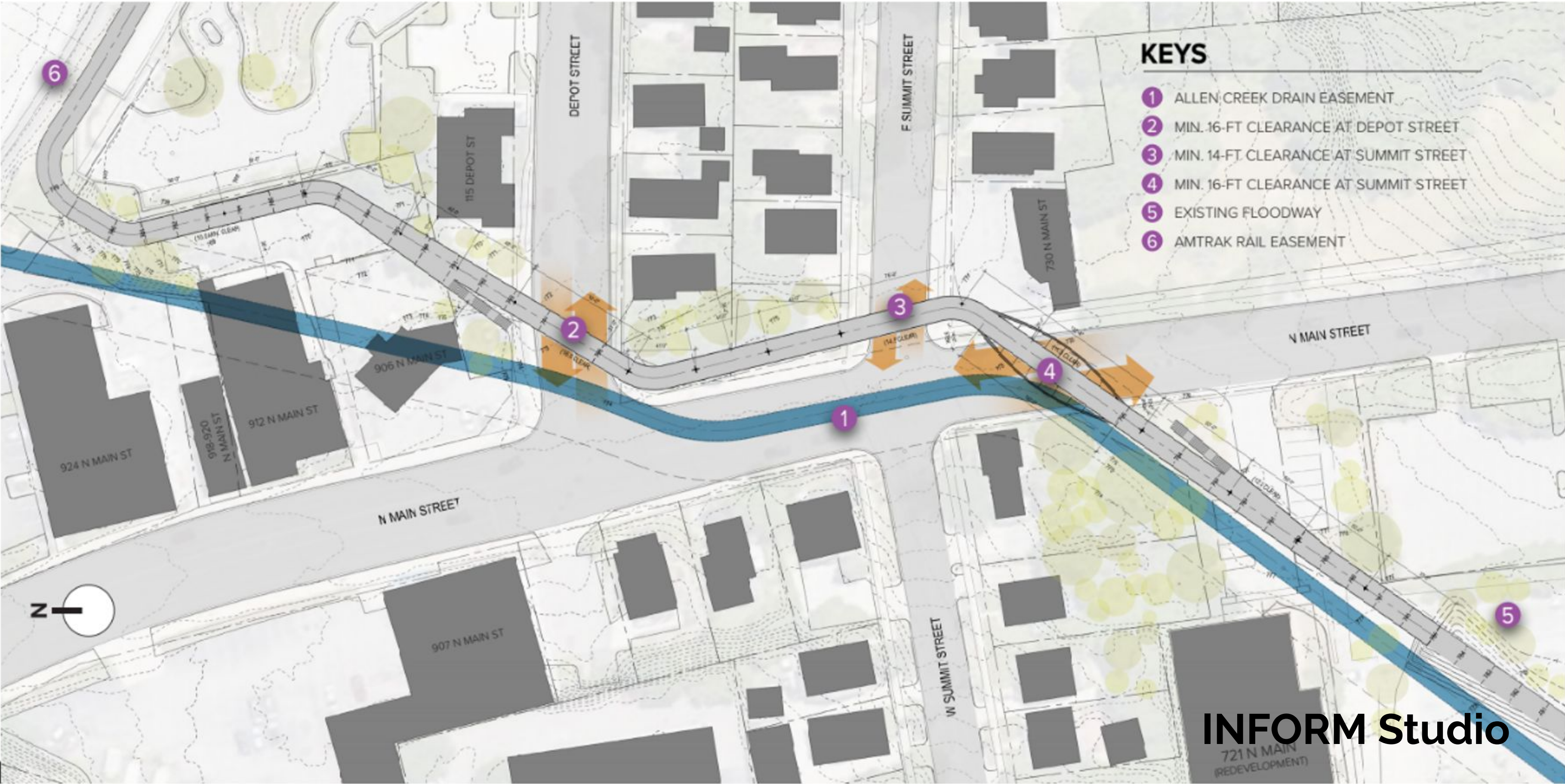
The Gateway, the northern segment of the Treeline, begins at the B2B trail and Broadway Park West and elevates over Depot and Summit Streets to a signature bridge spanning N Main Street. The Gateway continues at grade level through 721 N Main, the City's maintenance yard, and ends at Felch Street.





# TREELINE TRAIL

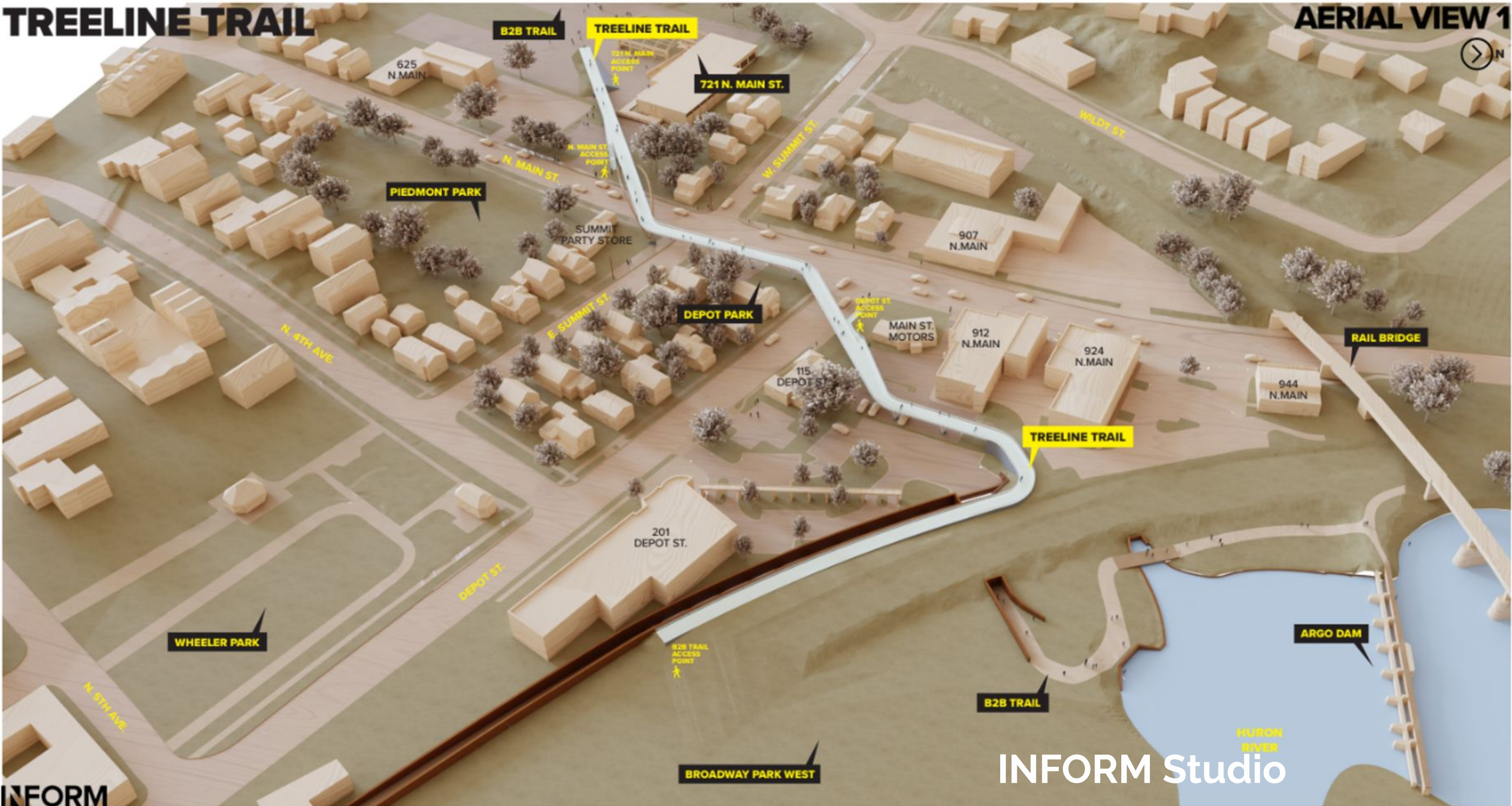
# SITE PLAN





# TREELINE TRAIL

AERIAL VIEW 1





# Gateway Bridge - Draft Concept



**INFORM Studio**





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# Next Steps in our Partnership



City Council approves a jointly sponsored RFP for engineering and design of the Gateway Bridge and trail

Funds are secured for engineering and design services.

Treeline seeks public feedback and input on final elevated trail and bridge design.

Gateway segment final design is approved by City Council.

Gateway segment is shovel ready.



# Who We Are

## Board Members

- Jonah Bailey
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## Staff

Melissa Kesterson  
Director of Operations

Cynthia VanRenterghem  
Executive Director for Development

## Volunteers





# Our Values

**Community:** We prioritize building a strong and inclusive community through the trail. We aim to foster a sense of belonging and provide opportunities for community engagement.

**Sustainability:** We are committed to environmental sustainability, focusing on improving stormwater quality, promoting biodiversity, and reducing carbon emissions.

**Accessibility:** We are committed to accessibility for all members of the community, regardless of age, ability, or socioeconomic status.

**Historical Preservation:** We value the historical significance of the Allen Creek corridor and aims to preserve and celebrate its heritage.

**Economic Development:** We believe that the trail will have a positive economic impact on the community, attracting visitors, stimulating local businesses, and increasing property values.





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