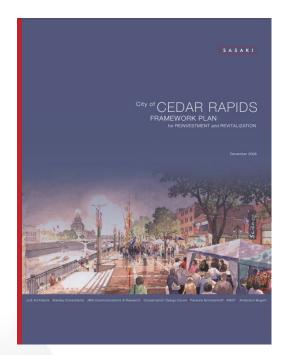
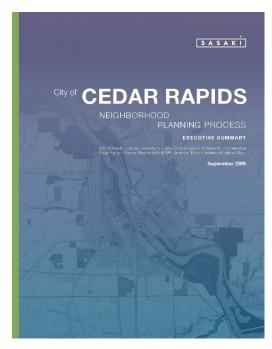


# Development Committee Greenway Parks Plan Update

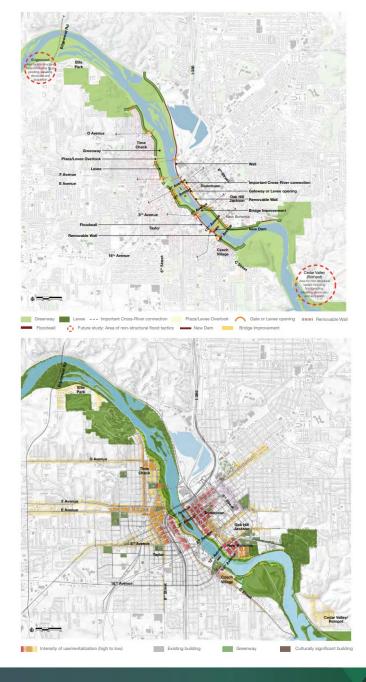
## Background

 Recreation area created on the West side by the Flood Control System



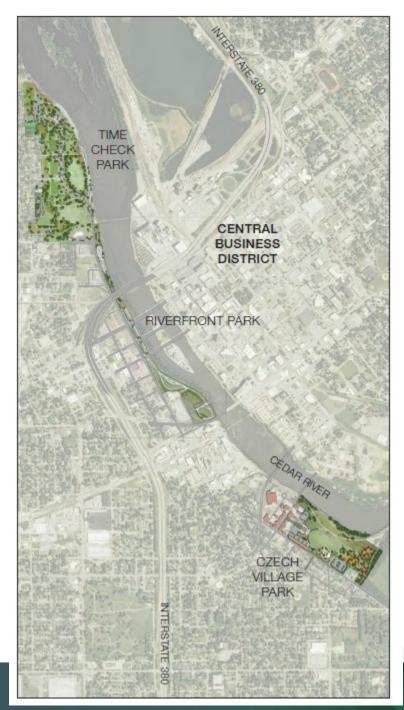


River Corridor Redevelopment Plan (2008-2009)



## Background

- Cedar Rapids Greenway Parks Plan (2014)
  - Over 300 participants from the general public
  - Outreach with a variety of user groups





#### North

Time CheckGreenway









#### Central

RiverfrontGreenway(Kingston Village)









#### South

CzechVillageGreenway





Czech Village/New Bohemia Area Action Plan (2019)



CEDAR RAPIDS GREENWAY PARKS
TIME CHECK I CZECH VILLAGE I RIVERFRONT
Czech Village Park





### South

CzechVillageGreenway



## Greenway Plan Update

- Joint project led by Parks and Recreation and Community Development
- City awarded contract to Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. (MVVA)
  - With subcontractors:
    - Anderson Bogert (local civil engineering)
    - Seelman Landscape Architecture (local landscape architect)
    - Limnotech (environmental and water resources engineering)
    - Landwise (economic advisor)



## Purpose - Greenway Plan Update

- Engagement with the community to build momentum
- Collaboration to enhance amenities through other City projects
- Positions City to be competitive for federal funding



## Why - Greenway Plan Update

- Updated West side Flood Control System alignment
- Established feasibility of whitewater park
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> West Project



#### Community Engagement

- Open House 5:00 7:00 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Ellis Clubhouse & Event Center
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Community Events
  - Festival Latino (Saturday, Sept. 16)
  - AsianFest (Saturday, Sept. 23)
  - County Fair at Old MacDonalds Farm (Saturday, Sept. 23)
  - Matthew 25 Mega Market (Thursday, Sept. 28)
  - Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation Beers in the Barnyard event (Thursday, Oct. 5)
  - City Open House (Wednesday, Oct. 11)
- Online Survey open now through Thursday, Oct. 12



## **Steering Committee**

- Serve as representatives of community stakeholder groups, help engage populations impacted by the Plan, and help guide and provide feedback on the Plan's development
- Representatives
  - Parks, Waterways, and Recreation Commission
  - Cedar Rapids Parks Foundation
  - Northwest Neighbors Neighborhood Association
  - Czech Village/New Bohemia SSMID
  - Downtown District
  - Skateboard User Group
  - Paddling User Group



#### Timeline

Preliminary Community Engagement

Mid-Sept. to early Oct. 2023

Draft Park Concept Plans

November/December 2023

Draft Greenway Plan

February 2024

City Council Plan Adoption

March/April 2024

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