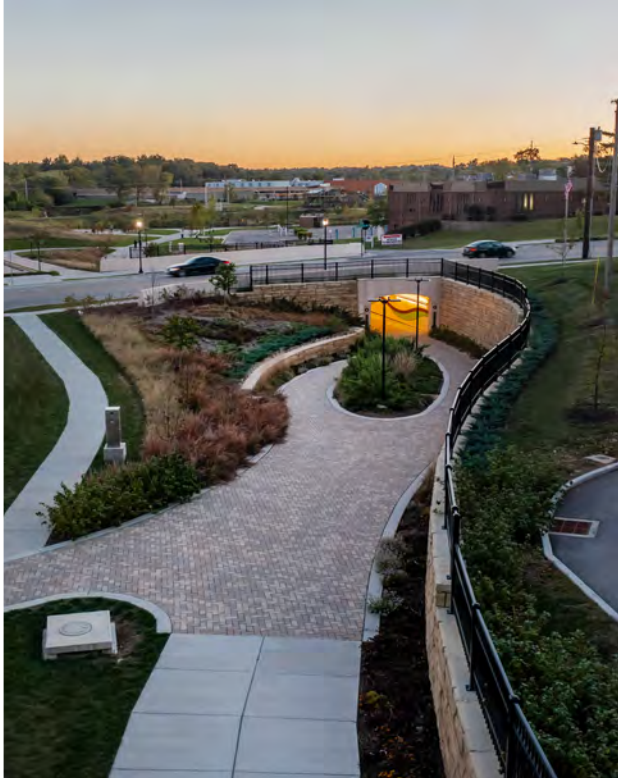




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Professional Services for Regional Transportation Planning

Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization | Oct. 23, 2026





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RE: Professional Services for Regional Transportation Planning

Dear Alex and Selection Committee Members,

Planning Design Studio (PDS) is pleased to submit our qualifications to provide professional services to the Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization (SEMPO) for regional transportation planning. As a landscape architecture, planning, and urban design firm based in Maplewood, Missouri, PDS brings experience in regional trail planning, greenway development, transportation connectivity, public engagement, and implementation strategies. We understand the importance of developing connected, accessible trail networks that support active transportation, expand recreational opportunities, and strengthen connections between communities.

Our team will be led by me, Scott Emmelkamp, serving as Project Manager, with support from Landscape Architect Jonathan Corbett and Landscape Designer Claire Schneider. Together, our team brings experience working with SEMPO and supporting regional planning initiatives that require coordination among public agencies, municipalities, and community stakeholders. We will provide project management, trail alignment planning and feasibility analysis, data collection and evaluation, public and stakeholder engagement, implementation cost estimates, phasing strategies, and technical report preparation. Our approach will emphasize clear project schedules, consistent communication, and coordination with SEMPO and participating communities to evaluate potential connections, establish priorities, and develop practical recommendations aligned with local needs and regional transportation goals.

PDS's recent work with SEMPO on the Regional Trail Connection Study in Jackson and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, provides a strong foundation for this effort. This experience has familiarized our team with SEMPO's planning priorities and the considerations involved in evaluating regional trail connectivity. Through these efforts, we have developed an understanding of the technical analysis, interagency coordination, public outreach, and implementation planning necessary to advance regional transportation initiatives. We will apply this experience to prepare clear, actionable recommendations supported by appropriate analysis, cost considerations, and implementation priorities.

PDS is committed to responsive communication, effective project coordination, and dependable delivery. We understand the importance of maintaining project schedules, coordinating stakeholder and agency meetings, preparing supporting materials, and tracking project progress and deliverables. Our approach emphasizes organized project administration, regular communication with clients and partners, and careful management of staffing and resources.

I will serve as SEMPO's primary point of contact throughout this process. Please contact me at 314.328.5239 or scotte@planningdesignstudio.com with any questions or requests for additional information. We appreciate the opportunity to continue working with SEMPO and look forward to contributing to improved regional trail connectivity and transportation planning throughout the region.

Sincerely,



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SECTION 1

FIRM DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION



Brentwood Park | Designed by PDS

FIRM DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PDS PROFILE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Multi-Disciplinary Team Leadership
- Project Management
- Community Recreation Plans
- Site, Park & Corridor Master Planning
- Site Planning & Design
- Construction Detailing
- Landscape Design
- Specification Writing
- Cost Estimating & Implementation Phasing
- Contract & Construction Documentation
- Construction Period Services
- CADD & GIS Services
- Drone Aerial Photography, Mapping & Analysis
- Graphic Design

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Our Firm Planning Design Studio (PDS) is an employee-owned firm founded in 2006, providing planning, urban design, and landscape architecture services to public and private clients from our office in Maplewood, Missouri. Our team brings experience in public-sector planning, regional trail and greenway development, community engagement, and implementation-focused design. PDS maintains the professional qualifications and insurance coverage required to support the services outlined in this RFQ.



Our team consists of nine professionals with experience in landscape architecture, planning, urban design, GIS, public engagement, and project management. Nearly all members of our team hold degrees in landscape architecture, and six are Licensed Professional Landscape Architects. Our administrative and marketing staff also support public outreach, communications, presentations, and community engagement, helping ensure that project information is clearly communicated to clients, stakeholders, and the public.

PDS Organizational Structure The chart below includes all of Planning Design Studio's staff and their associated disciplines. Team members who will be included on the project are highlighted.

PRINCIPALS	
Noel Fehr, PLA, ASLA	Andrew Franke, PLA, ASLA, LEED GA
Jeff Nilges, PLA, ASLA	**Scott Emmelkamp, PLA, FASLA, LEED AP**
DESIGN STAFF	
Jonathan Corbett, PLA, LEED AP, SITES AP, CPSI	
Scot Talbert, PLA, ASLA	Lucas Tabaka, Marketing Coordinator
Rylee Zimmerman, Landscape Designer	**Claire Schneider, Landscape Designer**

FIRM DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PDS PROFILE

Our Background PDS has extensive experience working with municipalities and public agencies throughout Missouri and Southern Illinois, including regional organizations such as the Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization (SEMPO), East-West Gateway Council of Governments, and Great Rivers Greenway. Our work emphasizes connections between communities and destinations through trail and greenway planning, pedestrian connectivity, and the evaluation of feasible improvements that respond to local and regional priorities.

Our technical capabilities include existing-conditions inventories, GIS mapping and analysis, trail alignment studies, corridor evaluations, feasibility studies, concept development, cost estimating, phasing, implementation recommendations, public outreach, and preparation of planning documents and final deliverables. Through these services, we help clients evaluate alternatives, establish priorities, and develop practical recommendations that can advance from planning to implementation.

PDS takes a collaborative approach to planning, emphasizing communication and meaningful coordination with clients, subconsultants, project partners, and community stakeholders. We believe successful projects begin with a clear understanding of the community and the needs of those who will use and benefit from the resulting improvements. Through research, site analysis, and public engagement, we work to ensure that recommendations reflect local priorities while supporting broader regional goals.

Having previously worked with SEMPO on the Regional Trail Connection Study, PDS brings direct experience with the organization and an understanding of the importance of evaluating trail connections that improve regional access, mobility, and community connectivity.



SECTION 2

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE



Chain of Rocks Park/Trailhead | Designed by PDS

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

OVERVIEW

Relevant Project Experience Planning Design Studio (PDS) has completed a range of trail and greenway projects that demonstrate our experience supporting regional connectivity initiatives. The following project sheets highlight relevant assignments completed for municipalities, regional planning organizations, and public agencies, illustrating our experience with trail alignment, corridor evaluation, existing-conditions analysis, public engagement, and design development.

The accompanying project experience matrix provides an overview of additional relevant work, including project details, services provided, and team experience. Together, these materials demonstrate the breadth of PDS's experience in advancing trail and pedestrian connectivity projects across the region.

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TRAIL & GREENWAY PROJECTS COMPLETED

See below for some of our most notable trail/greenway projects

	Master Planning	Site Design & Construction Docs	Construction Administration	Park & Recreation Facility Design	Streetscape/Transportation Enhancement	Shelters & Pavilions	Comfort Stations / Concessions	Greenways, Trails & Walkways	Pedestrian Spaces / Site Furnishings	Grading & Drainage Plans	Stormwater & WQ BMP's	Landscape +/or Native Plantings	Park Drives / Parking	Pedestrian Bridge, Boardwalk or Tunnel	Water Feature / Fountain	Site Lighting	Wayfinding & Signing	Sustainable Design
Baltic Creek Greenway, St. Charles County, MO	■				■			■	■	■		■	■	■		■		■
Bluebird Meadow Park Trails, Dardenne Prairie, MO		■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■
Brentwood Park / Deer Creek Trails, Brentwood, MO	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■
Bridge West & Landmarks Crossing, Alton, IL	■	■	■		■			■	■			■		■		■	■	
Broemmelsiek Park & Trail, St. Charles County, MO	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cape La Croix Trail, Cape Girardeau, MO	■			■	■	■		■						■			■	
Chain of Rocks Park / Trailhead, St. Louis, MO	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■
Dardenne Greenway Connector, Dardenne Prairie, MO								■										
Deer Creek Greenway Connector, Brentwood, MO	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■
East West Gateway Great Streets Projects, St. Louis, MO	■				■			■	■			■	■			■	■	■
Forest Park Dual Path Amenities Plan, St. Louis, MO	■	■		■	■	■		■	■			■		■		■	■	■
Glen Carbon Parks & Trails Master Plan	■			■	■			■	■			■	■	■			■	
Kirkwood Park & Trail, Kirkwood, MO	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■
Maline Greenway at Bella Fontaine Park, St. Louis, MO	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■
Market Place Streetscape, Fairview Heights, IL	■	■	■		■	■		■	■			■				■	■	■
Matson Hill Trail Alignment Study, St. Charles, MO	■	■		■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■
Millennium Park & Trail, Creve Coeur, MO	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■
Mississippi Greenway, St. Louis, MO	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■
Mississippi Greenway Sullivan Blvd Security, St. Louis, MO	■	■			■			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■
SEMPO Regional Trail Connection Study, Cape Girardeau & Jackson, MO	■				■			■										
Oglesby Park & Trail, St. Charles County, MO	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■
River des Peres Greenway, St. Louis, MO	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■
Rogers Parkway, Brentwood, MO	■			■	■	■		■	■			■	■					■
Tower Grove Park Historic Trail, St. Louis, MO	■	■	■	■				■	■	■		■						■
Washington U. Forsyth Underpass, Clayton, MO	■	■	■		■			■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■

SEMPO REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTION STUDY

CAPE GIRARDEAU & JACKSON, MO | PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO



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Alignment Study
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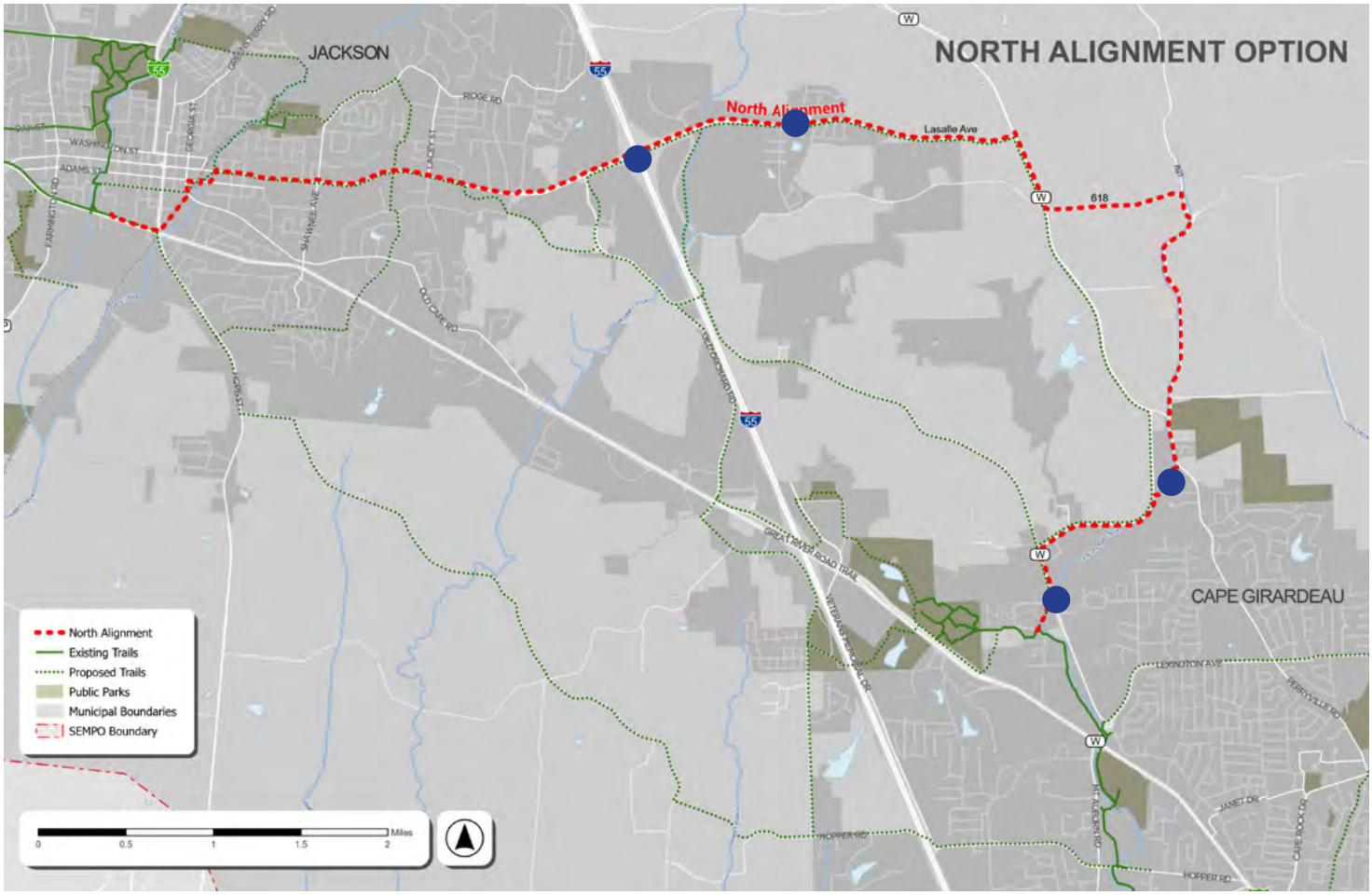
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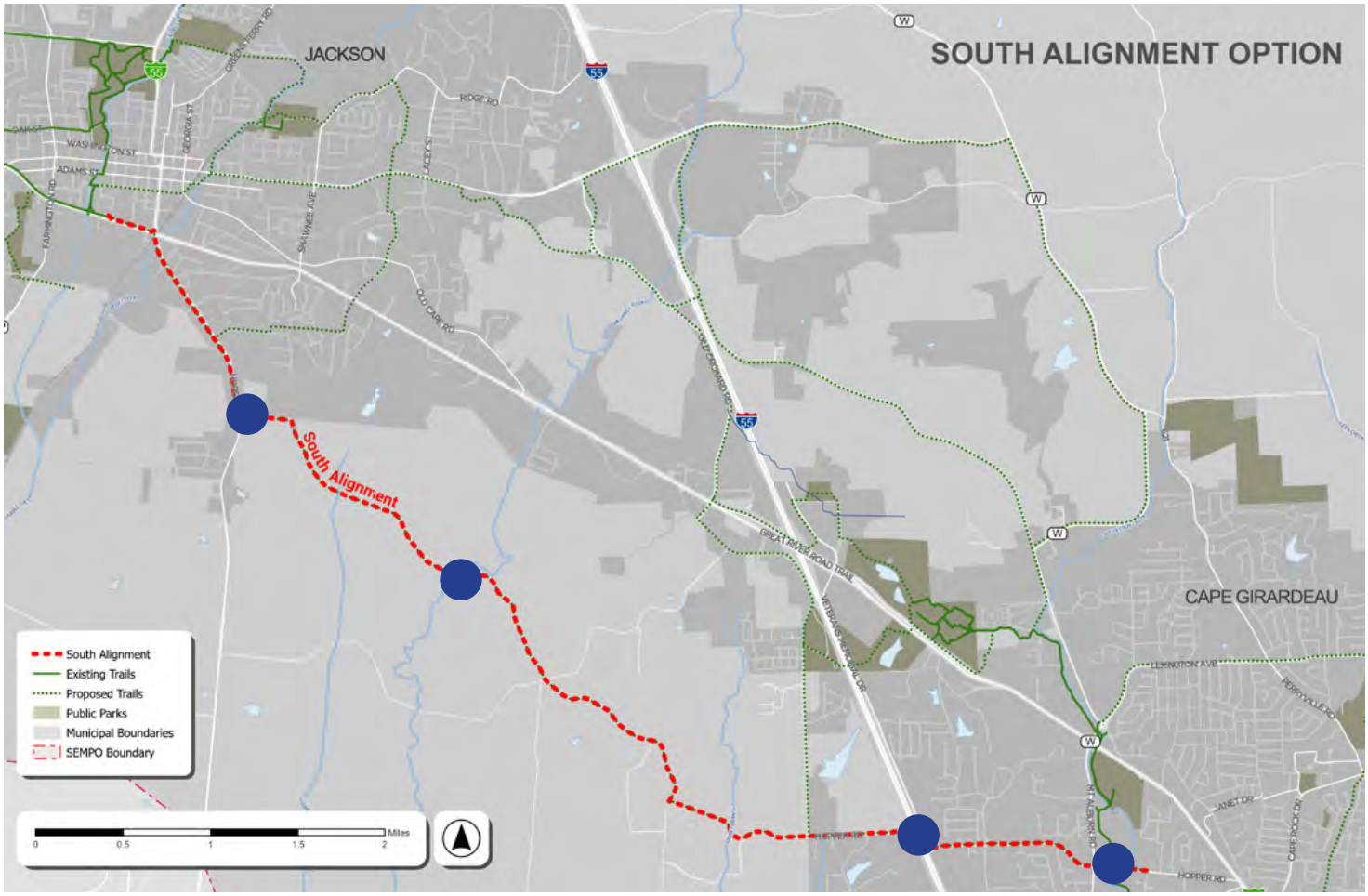
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The SEMPO Regional Trail Connection Study is a strategic planning effort led by the Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization (SEMPO) to strengthen trail connectivity throughout the Cape Girardeau–Jackson region. Building on the 2018 Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, the study focuses on identifying and evaluating feasible trail corridors that link existing and planned routes between the two cities and across the metropolitan planning area. Planning Design Studio guided the design and public engagement process, analyzing alignments, environmental conditions, cost factors, and community priorities to develop an actionable framework for regional trail expansion.

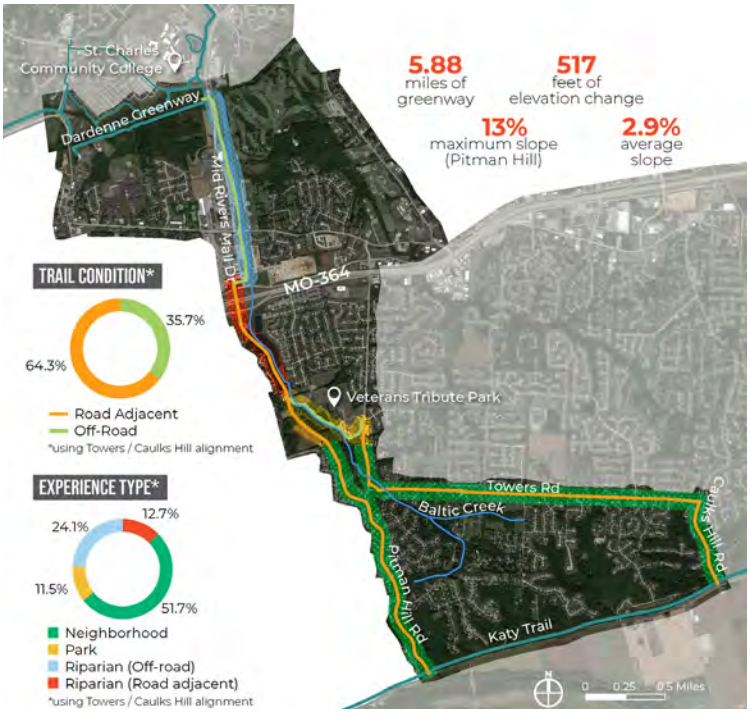
Through mapping, feasibility analysis, and meaningful stakeholder engagement, the study establishes a prioritized implementation strategy to direct future trail development and funding. Public meetings and surveys provided residents opportunities to share feedback on proposed routes, helping shape a cohesive network that supports both recreation and active transportation. Once implemented, the plan will enhance regional mobility, promote health and sustainability, and connect communities through a safe and accessible trail system that reflects local values and long-term growth goals.


NORTH ALIGNMENT OPTION
JACKSON
CAPE GIRARDEAU
North Alignment
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North Alignment
Existing Trails
Proposed Trails
Public Parks
Municipal Boundaries
SEMPO Boundary
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SOUTH ALIGNMENT OPTION
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South Alignment
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Existing Trails
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BALTIC CREEK GREENWAY

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO | PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO





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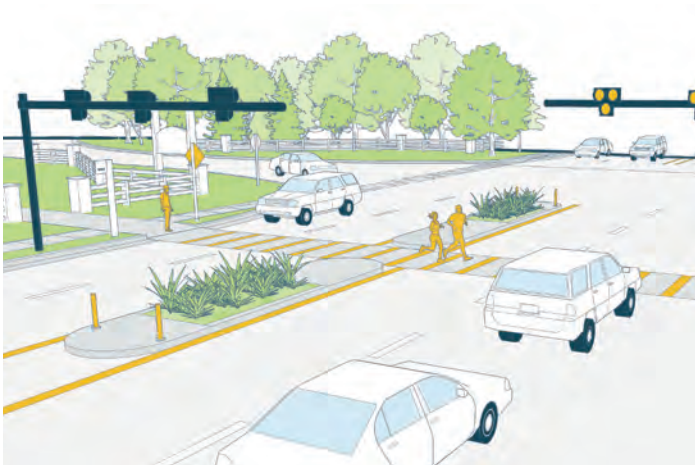
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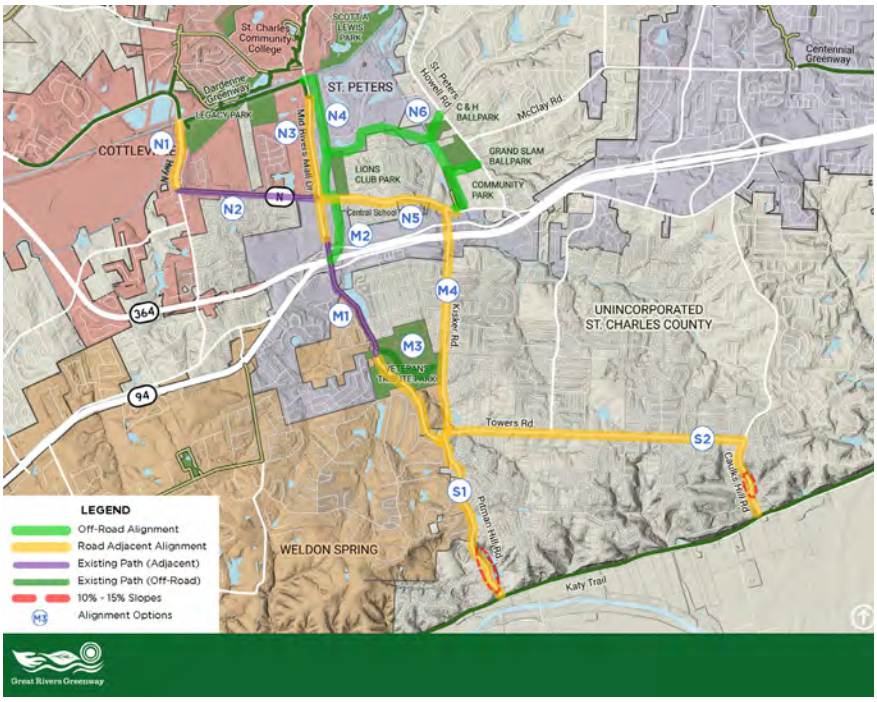
Planning Design Studio (PDS) worked with Great Rivers Greenway, project partners and local residents to identify alignment opportunities for a new greenway that connects the Katy Trail to the Dardenne Greenway in Saint Charles County, Missouri. This new greenway connection was identified as a top priority in the 2020 Saint Charles Greenway Master Plan that PDS completed.

The planning team led by PDS established an 8-square-mile study area and gathered information on existing conditions in the corridor. Greenway alignments were developed and evaluated with a matrix that measures the options relative to the goals established for the project. Feedback from the stakeholders was gained through numerous public meetings, committee groups, project partners and multiple on-line surveys.

Additional planning work to determine the feasibility of the north area alignment, developed as part of the Baltic Creek Greenway Master Plan, is underway by PDS.







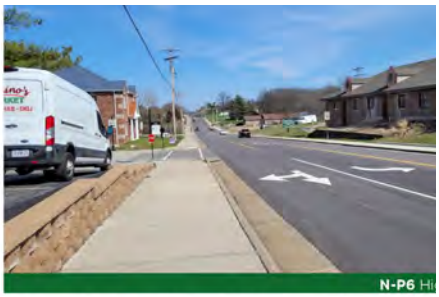




N-P4 Bridge at Mid Rivers Mall Drive



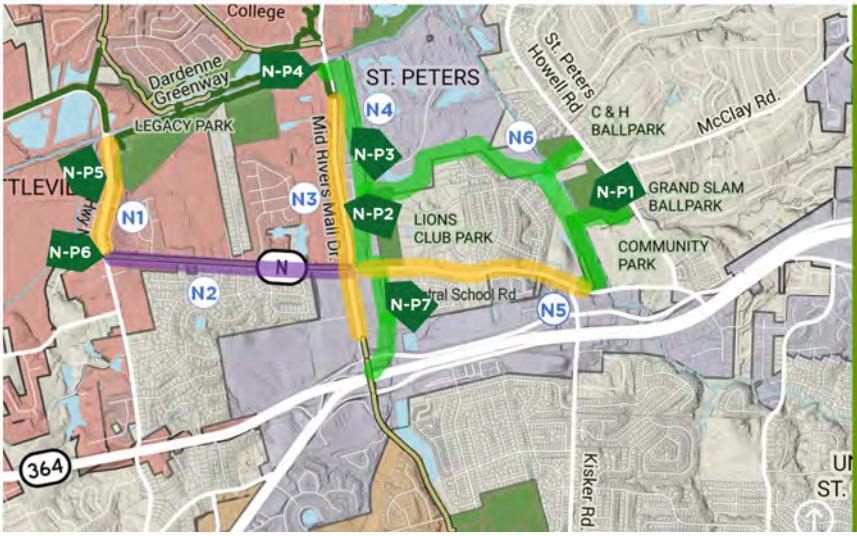
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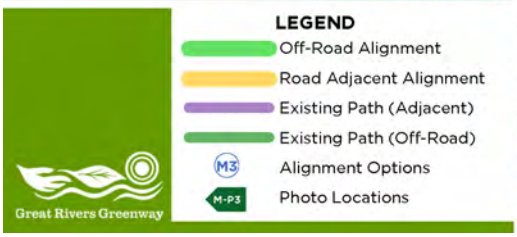


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N-P7 Central School Road





CAPE LA CROIX TRAIL

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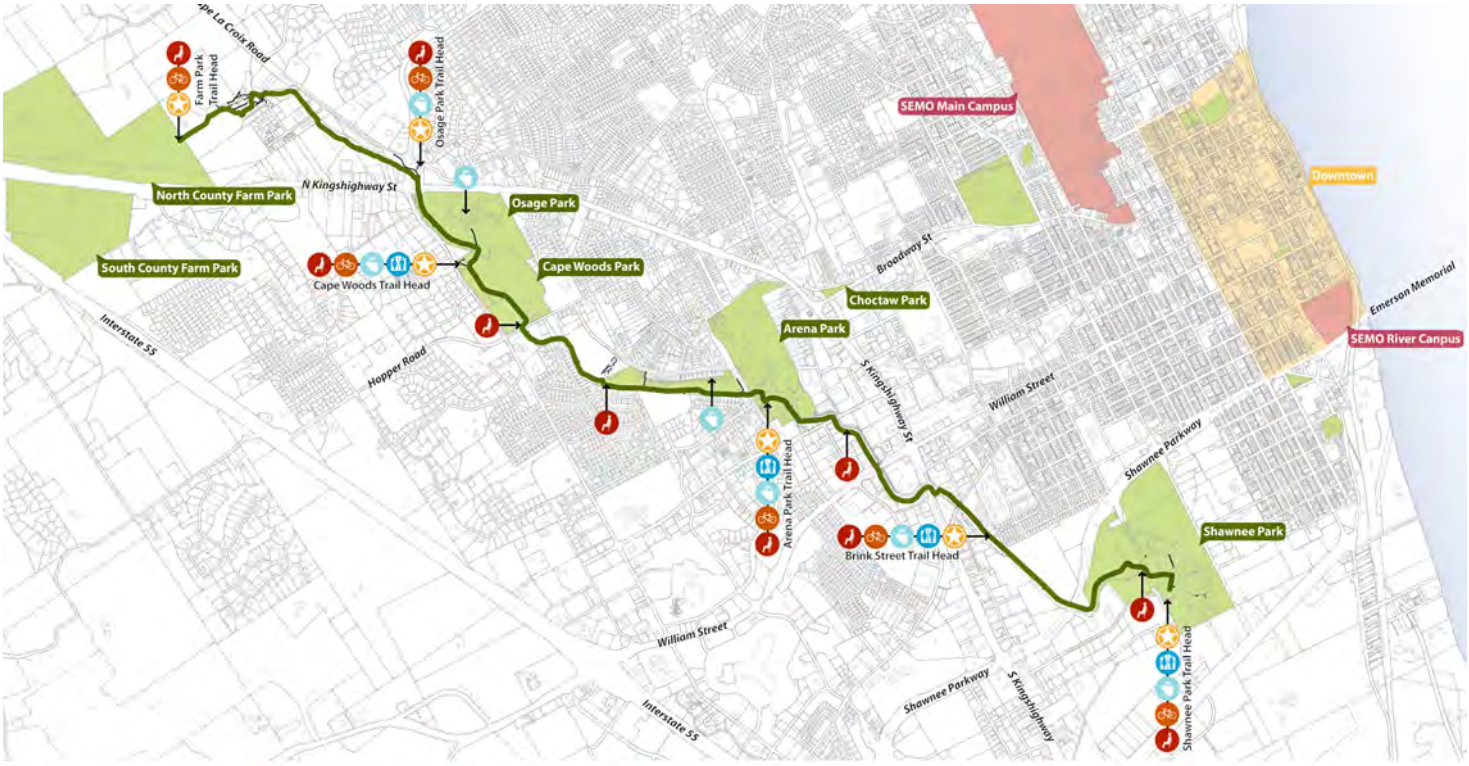
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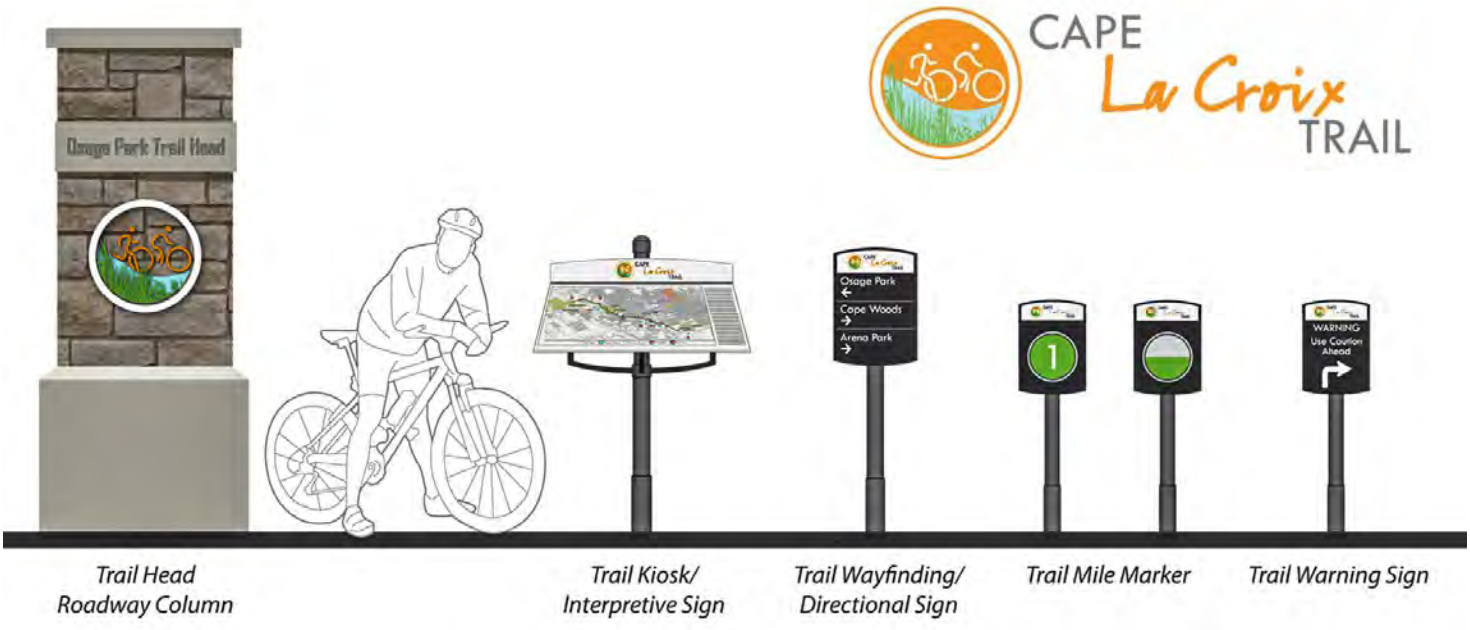
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The 6-mile corridor of the Cape La Croix Trail links three city parks, two state parks, three recreation facilities, two sport complexes, an aquatic center, and a nature center. The trail connects recreational nodes and multiple land uses, and serves as an alternative transportation and commuting route.

Planning Design Studio (PDS) prepared a master plan road map for future improvements and expansion of the trail. The planning process included detailed site inventory and analysis of the trail corridor and user input solicited through a series of stakeholder interviews. PDS completed a trail count to inventory the number of trail users and activities at various nodes along the corridor. Graphic analysis maps were also created to describe trail attributes and deficiencies.

The master plan proposed improvements along the corridor to enhance the safety, function, and aesthetics of the trail. The improvements include child play nodes, a fitness loop, new comfort stations, improved trailheads, and wayfinding signage. Implementation of the plan was funded by the Recreation Stormwater Initiative Tax.


Farm Park Trail Head
Osage Park Trail Head
North County Farm Park
N Kingshighway St
Osage Park
South County Farm Park
Cape Woods Park
Cape Woods Trail Head
Interstate 55
Hopper Road
Choctaw Park
Arena Park
Broadway St
SEMO Main Campus
Downtown
Emerson Memorial
SEMO River Canpus
S Kingshighway St
William Street
Shawnee Parkway
Arena Park Trail Head
Brink Street Trail Head
Shawnee Park
Shawnee Park Trail Head
Trail Head
Comfort Station
Drinking Fountain
Bicycle Rack
Park Bench


Osage Park Trail Head
CAPE La Croix TRAIL
Osage Park
Cape Woods
Arena Park
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WARNING
Use Caution Ahead
Trail Head Roadway Column
Trail Kiosk/ Interpretive Sign
Trail Wayfinding/ Directional Sign
Trail Mile Marker
Trail Warning Sign

MISSISSIPPI GREENWAY & CHAIN OF ROCKS PARK/TRAILHEAD

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Planning Design Studio (PDS) worked with Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) to evaluate redevelopment scenarios for the Missouri landing of the historic Chain of Rocks Bridge on the Mississippi River. The bridge was part of the original Route 66 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It closed to vehicular traffic in 1970 and, after years of neglect, was renovated for pedestrian and bicycle use in 1998. However, little had been done to improve the 21-acre site at the west end of the bridge. GRG acquired the property, which had previously been closed to visitors due to safety and security concerns.

PDS developed redevelopment scenarios focused on trail improvements, site accessibility, and opportunities to engage public, institutional, and private partners. Following the selection of a preferred concept that combined features from several scenarios, PDS completed the design development and construction documents for Phase 1. Improvements included an entry drive, trailhead parking, an event lawn, pedestrian walks connecting to the bridge, nature trails, a vendor and food truck area, site security features, landscape enhancements, and stormwater management.

Aside from the redevelopment of the trailhead, PDS provided a realignment of the existing greenway and two mid-block trail crossings of Riverview Drive to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the bridge. These improvements required multiple community and stakeholder engagement sessions, along with traffic and security studies to address crossing safety, site access, and visitor protection.

The completed improvements transformed the previously underutilized site into a welcoming recreational destination that supports trail use, community gatherings, and pedestrian and bicycle connections across the Mississippi River. Overall, the enhancements have created a safer, more accessible landing that strengthens connections between Missouri and Illinois.








MISSISSIPPI GREENWAY

BRENTWOOD BOUND

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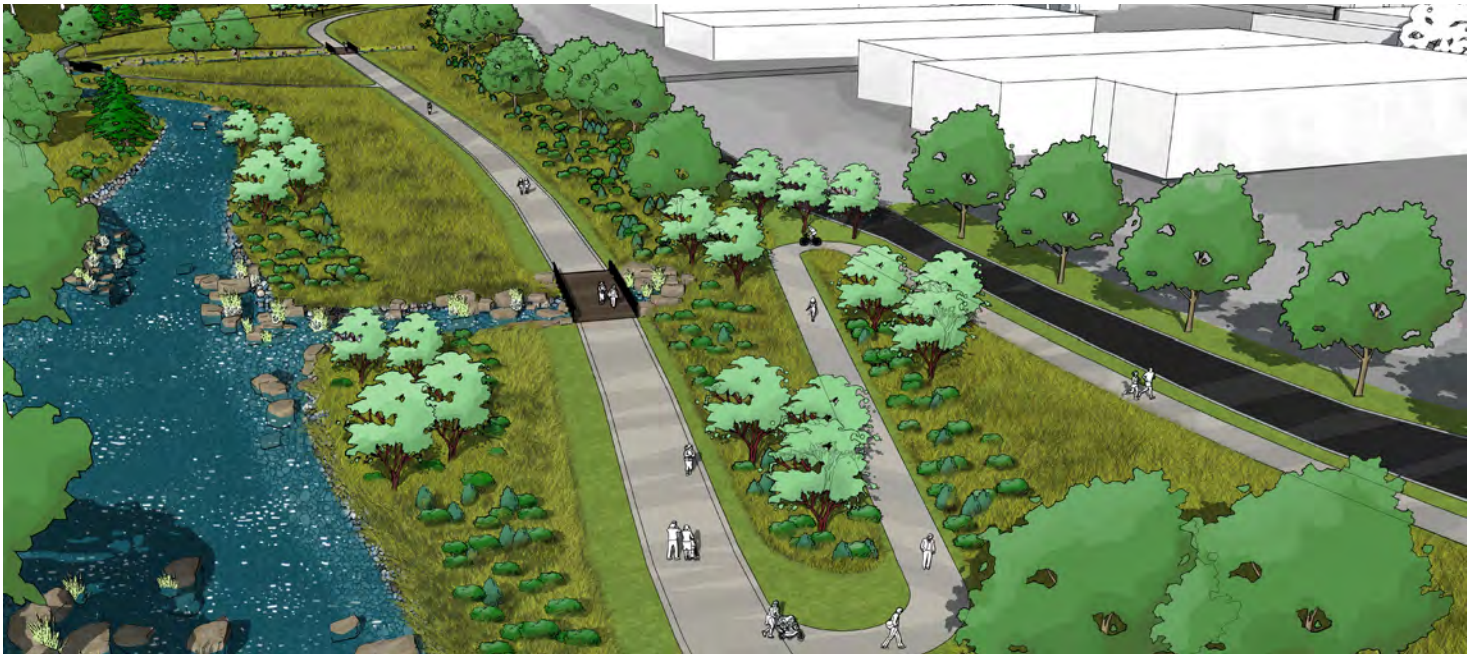
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With an eye on continued progress and building a bright future, the citizens of Brentwood approved an ambitious and far reaching plan known as Brentwood Bound. Comprised of three components, this effort seeks to simultaneously: 1) revitalize Manchester Road, Brentwood's main commercial corridor; 2) solve flooding problems that disturb developed land in the area, and 3) link its local parks and trails to the regions greenway system.

Planning Design Studio (PDS), serving as the City's on-call landscape architect, played a key role in shaping the public realm of Brentwood Bound. PDS led the design of Brentwood Park, a signature urban park that integrates flood management with community amenities. A central lake functions both as a stormwater storage basin and a scenic focal point, surrounded by a boardwalk, amphitheater seating, walking trails, and a performance stage. Additional features include a destination playground with water play and climbing elements, an event lawn for farmers markets and outdoor events, and seasonal ice skating, all supported by sustainable design solutions such as permeable paving.

PDS also partnered with Great Rivers Greenway to plan and design the Deer Creek Greenway Connector, evaluating multiple alignment alternatives, developing cost estimates, and creating an implementation strategy. The connector ties Brentwood Park into two regional greenways, reinforcing the project's vision of connectivity, resilience, and community vitality.







OTHER NOTABLE TRAIL/GREENWAY PROJECTS

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Master Planning
Site Design
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Aside from Baltic Creek Greenway, Chain of Rocks Park and North Riverfront Trail, Planning Design Studio (PDS) has maintained a strong and ongoing partnership with Great Rivers Greenway (GRG), contributing to a wide range of planning and design initiatives across the St. Louis region. See these projects below.

River Des Peres Greenway An 11-mile greenway master plan that transformed a basic corridor into a vibrant community space. Phase one served as GRG's pilot project, establishing key design elements like bridges, plazas, landscaping, and a signature wave pavement pattern.

Saint Charles County Greenway Master Plan PDS partnered with GRG and local municipalities to create a countywide greenway master plan for the 593-square-mile area. Community input shaped route selection and development priorities.

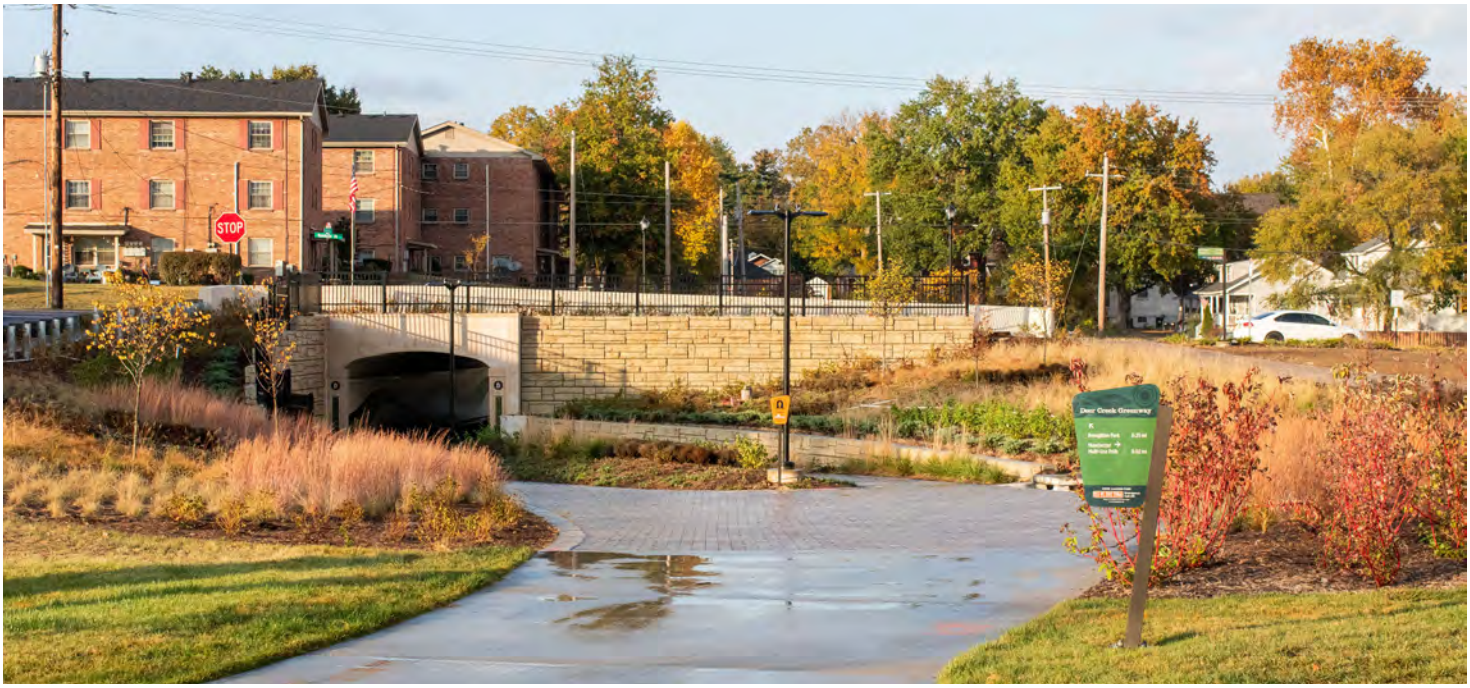
Maline Greenway PDS designed two segments of this 8-mile corridor. The west segment introduced off-street trails to a car-centric area, while the east segment improved access within Bella Fontaine Park through trail connections, an underpass, and ADA-compliant bridges.

Mississippi River Greenway Part of a regional network, this 14-mile greenway links 15 parks and multiple communities. PDS led design and documentation for Phase 1, including 1.1 miles of accessible trails and 780 LF of pedestrian bridges through wooded areas.

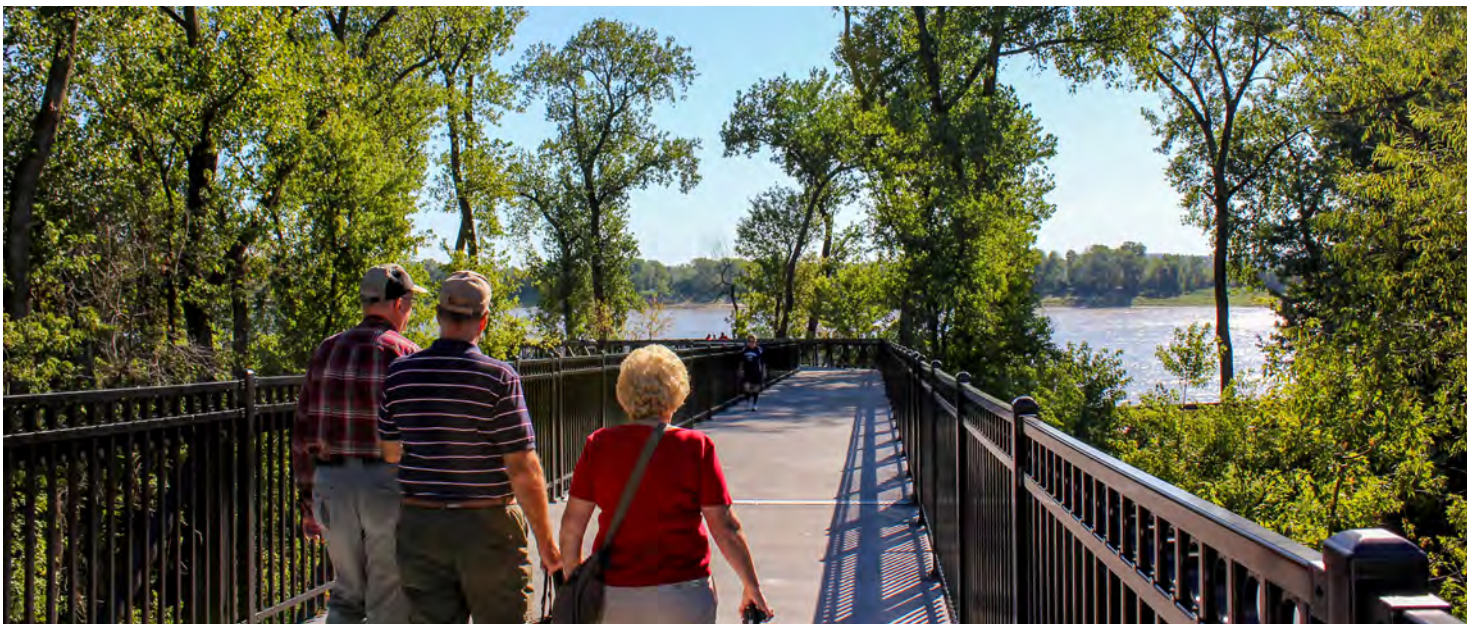
Greenway Level of Care Guidelines PDS developed GRG's maintenance and care standards to ensure consistent, sustainable greenway management and a high-quality user experience across jurisdictions.

Deer Creek Greenway Connector PDS completed a feasibility study for a connector between Brentwood and Webster Groves. The plan would serve 8,000 residents, linking them to the River Ring and local destinations. It also evaluated grade-separated and at-grade crossing options at Manchester Road.

Sunset Greenway PDS is working with Great Rivers Greenway to evaluate alignment options for a proposed greenway extension in Berkeley. The planning effort considers trail connectivity, feasibility, and community input to identify a preferred route that improves walking and biking access and connects neighborhoods with parks and other destinations in North St. Louis County.


STOP
Deer Creek Greenway


MISSISSIPPI RIVER
GREENWAY
JEFFERSON BARRACKS
HISTORIC SITE





SECTION 3

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SCOTT EMMELKAMP, PLA, FASLA, LEED AP

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AFFILIATIONS
Fellow, American Society of Landscape Architects

Corporate Member, MPRA

Member, Southern Illinois Parks & Recreation Association

President, Open Space STL (Non-profit Conservation Organization)

Adjunct Faculty Member, Master of Landscape Architecture Program at Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts (WashU)

PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO

Scott's passion for landscape architecture began as a way to combine his artistic talents with a strong interest in creative problem-solving. As a managing principal at PDS, he oversees project management, business development, firm operations, and client relations. With extensive experience in planning, public engagement, master planning, site design, construction documentation, cost estimating, and construction services, Scott has contributed to both large and small projects across four continents. Beyond his work at PDS, Scott actively participates in professional organizations and serves on advisory committees for two university landscape architecture programs. He is also committed to conservation, volunteering for invasive species removal and regional litter clean-up initiatives.

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

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Vision 2030: Parks Master Plan, St. Louis County, MO
Included extensive public input opportunities that helped to create a 15-year improvement plan for 70 parks totaling 12,400 acres, 43 playgrounds, 22 historical sites, 16 museums and 140 miles of trails.

Baltic Creek Greenway Master Plan & North Area Feasibility Study, St. Charles County, MO
Greenway naming and alignment master plan connecting the Dardenne Greenway to Katy Trail State Park, followed by a feasibility study evaluating alignment alternatives and connections in the high priority northern part of the greenway.

Sunset Greenway, St. Louis County, MO
Greenway corridor study to identify the alignment opportunities for 5.5 miles of trail that will connect four communities in north St. Louis County to numerous destinations.

O'Fallon Sports Park GRG Trail, O'Fallon, MO
Design services and construction documents for trail alignment, pedestrian bridges, trailhead layout, amenities and GRG signage for new trail connecting Bluebird Meadow Park to O'Fallon Sports Park.

JONATHAN CORBETT, PLA, ASLA, LEED + SITES AP, CPSI

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT | PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO



EDUCATION
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Kansas State University, 2008

CREDENTIALS
Professional Landscape Architect (PLA) in Missouri

SITES AP

LEED AP

Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)

AFFILIATIONS
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO

Jonathan is passionate about creating spaces that bring people joy and enhance the natural ecosystem. Before joining PDS, Jonathan worked internationally for many years, designing award-winning civic projects. Now, Jonathan is a well-versed project manager and leads our GIS mapping and analysis work. His work ranges from individual site designs to regional park and trail system master plans.

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Mississippi Greenway, St. Louis, MO
Master planning through final design, construction documents and administration for park, trailhead and tourist/event facility development at the west landing of this historic Route 66 bridge over the Mississippi River.

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River Des Peres Greenway - Phase 4, St. Louis City & County, MO
Design/construction documents for the final connecting segment with a new trailhead at Alabama Ave, routing through Lemay Park, and connecting south to the Mississippi River Greenway.

Great Streets Initiative, East-West Gateway Council, St. Louis, MO
Data collection, analysis, and a four-day design charrette, resulting in a white paper of recommendations for three Great Streets Initiatives.

CLAIRE SCHNEIDER

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER | PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO



EDUCATION
Master of Landscape Architecture, Kansas State University

Bachelors of Architectural Studies from University of Missouri - Columbia

Minor in Psychology

CREDENTIALS
Landscape Architecture Teaching Assistant at Kansas State University

PLANNING DESIGN STUDIO

Claire, an exceptional landscape designer, possesses a talent that sets her apart from other professionals. Her deep-rooted love for landscape architecture comes from her appreciation for outdoor spaces. One of Claire's greatest joys in landscape design is her skill in crafting visual representations that effectively communicate her ideas to communities, allowing them to envision a more vibrant future.

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Market Study & Park Master Planning, Mt Vernon, IL
Analyzed the current inventory and condition of park and recreation facilities within Veteran's Memorial and Lincoln Park, which led to the development of two new master plans.

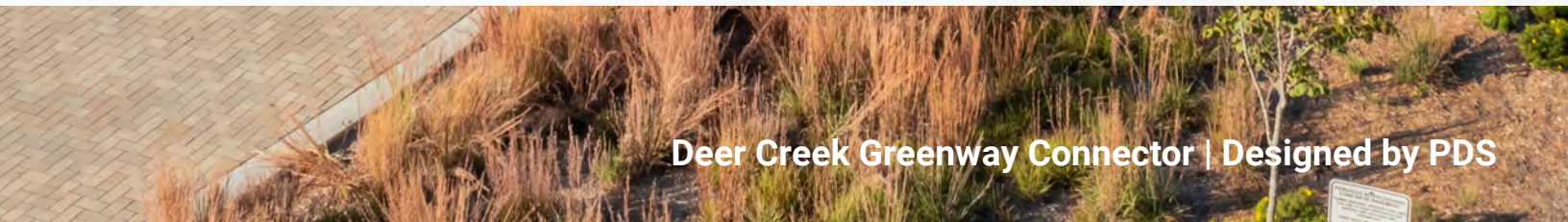
Collinsville Sports Complex, Collinsville, IL
Master planning and conceptual design for a multi-use sports complex featuring athletic fields, spectator amenities, pedestrian circulation improvements, and supporting site infrastructure. The project focused on creating a high-quality recreational destination that accommodates tournament play, community programming, and year-round use.

Bella Fontaine Athletic Fields, St. Louis County, MO
Developed various concepts for an athletic field redesign, considering factors such as space utilization, functionality, and community needs. These concepts were presented to stakeholders to help guide the final design process.

Schroeder Park Playground, St. Louis County, MO
Schematic design, 3D models, and construction documents for destination playground, custom water play area, an event deck, and landscape beautification.

SECTION 4

PREVIOUS PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE



Deer Creek Greenway Connector | Designed by PDS

PREVIOUS PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE

OVERVIEW



Planning Design Studio (PDS) understands that successful project delivery depends on clearly defined responsibilities, consistent communication, and effective coordination among clients, consultants, and stakeholders. Our experience working on regional trail planning, greenway development, and public space projects has required our team to coordinate technical analysis, planning recommendations, community input, and design services across multiple disciplines.

The following examples demonstrate just some of PDS's experience as a team participant, including our specific assignments, coordination with project partners, and contributions to overall project outcomes. Through these projects, PDS has worked to meet established schedules and budgets while producing deliverables that support client objectives and long-term implementation.

Manchester Road Pedestrian Underpass – Brentwood, MO Planning Design Studio (PDS), in collaboration with TWM, assisted the City of Brentwood in advancing improvements to Manchester Road as part of the larger Brentwood Bound initiative. The project addressed pedestrian safety, multimodal connectivity, and streetscape improvements along the corridor, including a pedestrian underpass at Manchester Road and Mary Avenue, shared-use paths, pedestrian crossings, and roadway improvements. The team worked closely with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to coordinate project elements and support the integration of pedestrian and roadway improvements along the corridor.



Assignment and Team Coordination: PDS was responsible for key streetscape elements, including tree selection, layered landscaping, wayfinding, and lighting design for the below-grade pedestrian tunnel. The team coordinated these improvements with the broader roadway and pedestrian design, working closely with TWM and MoDOT to create a cohesive, accessible environment that supports safe movement throughout the corridor.

Schedule and Budget Performance: The project was completed on schedule in 2023 and remained within the overall project budget at $6.1 million.

PREVIOUS PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE

OVERVIEW

St. Charles County Greenway Master Plan – St. Charles County, MO Planning Design Studio (PDS) worked with Great Rivers Greenway, St. Charles County, and municipal partners to develop the 2020 St. Charles County Greenway Master Plan. The plan established a framework for expanding the county's greenway network, prioritizing connections between communities and destinations, and identifying opportunities for coordinated implementation.

Assignment and Team Coordination: PDS contributed to the countywide planning effort in coordination with Great Rivers Greenway and participating municipalities. The planning process included data collection, existing-conditions analysis, concept development, concept refinement, and preparation of the master plan. The team evaluated existing greenways, potential destinations and connections, transportation infrastructure, natural and cultural resources, and community priorities. Public engagement informed the development and evaluation of potential corridors, helping establish priorities for future greenway investments.

Schedule and Budget Performance: The project was completed on schedule and within budget. Through coordination with Great Rivers Greenway, St. Charles County, and municipal partners, the team delivered a countywide framework for future greenway development and implementation.

SEMPO Regional Trail Connection Study – Cape Girardeau & Jackson, MO Planning Design Studio (PDS) collaborated with the Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization (SEMPO), Lochmueller Group, and the cities of Cape Girardeau and Jackson on the Regional Trail Connection Study. The study evaluated opportunities to improve regional trail connectivity and establish a framework for future active transportation investments linking the two communities.

Assignment and Team Coordination: PDS contributed landscape architecture and planning expertise to the evaluation of existing conditions, potential trail connections, and community priorities. The completed study documented existing conditions and public survey feedback, evaluated three potential trail corridors, and compared alternatives using a corridor evaluation matrix outlining the advantages and disadvantages of each option. The report identified a recommended corridor and included implementation phasing, planning-level budget estimates, potential funding opportunities, trail design recommendations, and maintenance guidelines.

PDS coordinated its assigned work with SEMPO, Lochmueller Group, and municipal representatives. The collaborative process supported the evaluation of regional trail connections, consideration of local needs, and development of practical recommendations for future implementation.

Schedule and Budget Performance: The study was completed on schedule and within budget. Coordination among PDS, the consultant team, SEMPO, and participating communities supported the timely completion of the study and delivery of recommendations to guide future regional trail development.





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