

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2024

TO: Michelle Heit, Supervisor, New Buffalo Township

Darwin Watson, City Manager, City of New Buffalo

FROM: Eric Engel, Staff Engineer

RE: New Buffalo Township Marquette Greenway Trail Project Update

Project Overview

This project implements the first phase of the Marquette Greenway Trail in Michigan. The project encompasses a City of New Buffalo trailhead with parking, picnic area and bike repair station at Smith and Mechanic Streets and a 10-foot-wide paved path along US12 from Willard Street to the railroad crossing at Grand Beach Road. The project was awarded to Kalin Construction.

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Kalin Construction started landscape removal and site grading for the non-motorized trail north of the New Buffalo Township force main toward the City of New Buffalo. After completion of the removals, the aggregate base layer for the trail was placed to strengthen the pavement structure and ensure proper drainage.

Also, this week the sewer force main was relocated below US-12. Roemer Utility Services performed directional drilling of the force main successfully. This work was completed next to the boardwalk location, so that construction on the boardwalk can begin in the following weeks.



**Sewer Force Main,
Pre-pull**



**Roemer Utility Services
Directional Drilling**



The scheduled work for the week of April 1- 5 includes continuation of site grading for the trail and laying the aggregate base layer toward the City of New Buffalo.

Kalin Construction expects to complete the connections for the new sewer force main to the lift station by the end of the week.

Southbound single lane closure will be removed at the completion of the sewer force main connections.

Next week on April 3, 2024, the Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled for 11:30 AM EST at the intersection of W Mechanic Street and N Smith Street. The public is invited.

If you have any project questions or would like to be added to the email list for project updates, please contact Eric Engel of the project team at eengel@abonmarche.com or (269) 281-6602.

