

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 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- **Week of April 1, 2024**

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.

Marquette Greenway Trail Project

On April 3, 2024, key stakeholders of the project held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Marquette Greenway Trail Project. Members of the public and media representatives attended.





Last 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.

This week, Kalin construction continued to work on the force main connections to the lift station. Kalin Construction expects to complete the connections for the new sewer force main to the lift station by the middle of next week.



The scheduled work for the week of April 8- 12 includes completing the connections to the new force main and pressure testing it to verify the connections are complete. The contractor is also scheduled to continue landscape removal, site grading, and laying of the aggregate base for the non-motorized trail north of the New Buffalo Township force main connections toward the City of New Buffalo.

AEP is scheduled to perform power pole relocations next week along the new trail.

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.

