

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 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 July 29, 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 US-12 from Willard Street to the railroad crossing at Grand Beach Road. The project was awarded to Kalin Construction.

Marquette Greenway Trail Project

This week, Kalin Construction completed site grading in preparation for new curb, sidewalk, and ADA ramps at the Grand Beach and Forest Beach crossings. The contractor also continued stripping topsoil, path grading, and aggregate base placement for the 10-foot-wide non-motorized trail, southwest of the boardwalk location along US-12.

Kalin Construction also began drainage ditch construction along US-12. The drainage ditch is a 'French Drain System'. This system consists of a trench filled with perforated pipe and gravel that allows water to drain naturally. The contractor also worked with D-K Fence Company to install security fence posts and their foundations.



Security Fence Posts and Foundation



French Drain System Installation



Timber Boardwalk Construction Progress

Anlaan Corporation continued construction of the timber boardwalk southwest of the retaining wall location along US-12. The sub-contractor continued installing boardwalk cross members and headers.

Next week, Kalin Construction will continue laying and grading the aggregate base layer for the non-motorized trail southwest of the boardwalk location and will continue drainage ditch construction. The contractor will continue to work with D-K Fence Company to install the security fence panels along the Amtrak easement.

Anlaan Corporation will continue construction of the boardwalk, southwest of the retaining wall location. With the timber piles and concrete abutment fully installed, the contractor will continue installing cross members, headers, and guard railing for the boardwalk.

Marquette Greenway Trail updates within the city limits of New Buffalo are complete, with the overall project anticipated to be finished by September 27, 2024. Please see Figure 1.

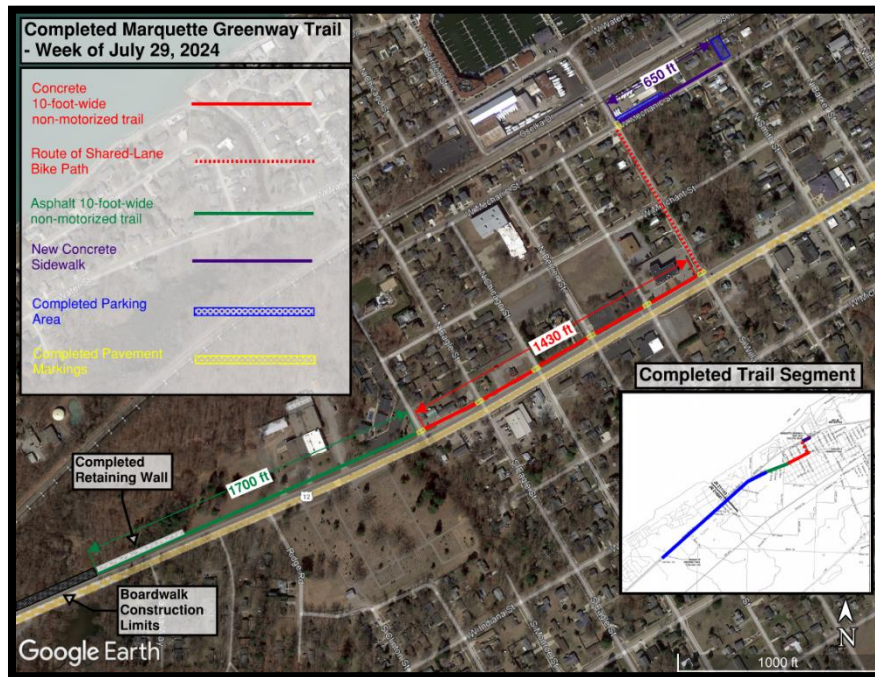


Figure 1. Completed Marquette Greenway Trail- Week of July 29, 2024

A double-lane closure is in place on US-12 for traffic control. This closure is scheduled to remain until the completion of the boardwalk, part of the non-motorized path along US-12.

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.

