

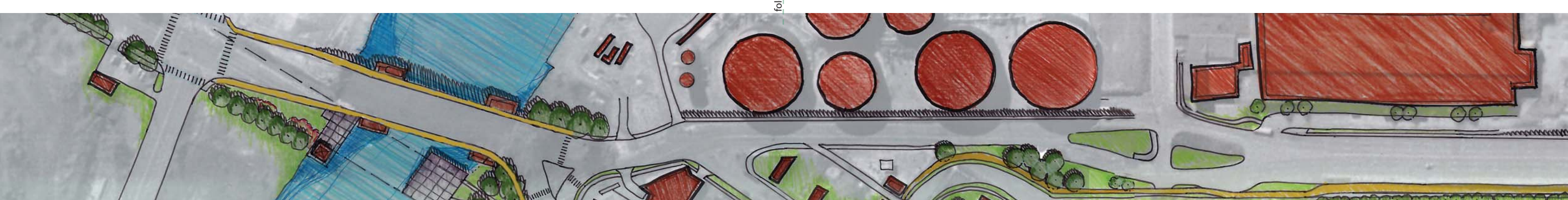
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Building Pathways that  
Unite a City

# Greenways

# Detroit



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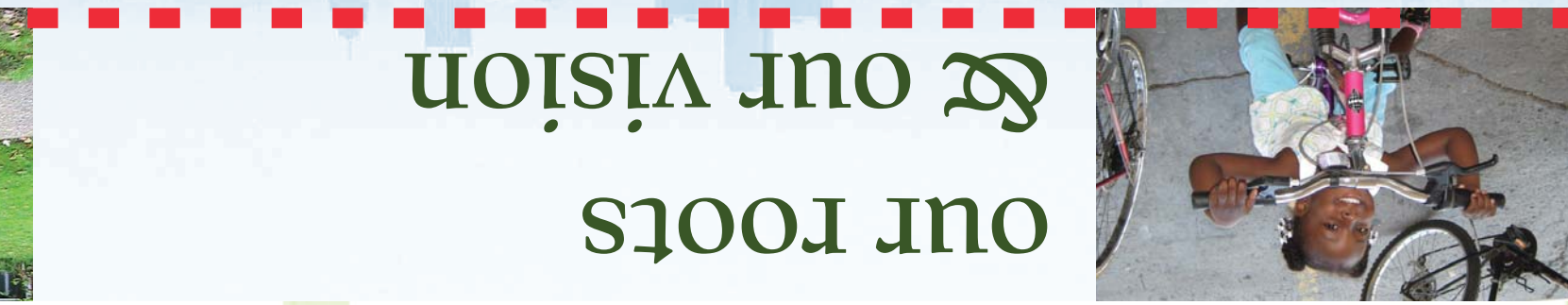
**OUR VISION**

We can thank as our supporting collaborators to date.

As we continue to connect our individual pieces of practical imagination, we can claim these collaborative accomplishments:

- We've continued to expand Detroit's greenway network and engage more communities and groups with Detroit's greenway system.
- We've hired a Detroit Greenways Coordinator in April 2007 through the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, with financial assistance from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Hudson-Webber Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation to continue constructing Detroit's greenways.
- We've forged new maintenance partnerships through existing Detroit volunteer programs.
- We've secured a City Council endorsement of the Detroit Non-motorized Transportation Plan.
- We've planned new walking and biking connections between the greenways.
- We've formalized our own membership structure in order to facilitate consensus building and resource development.

We can now boast of a collective imagination focused on a comprehensive greenway segment and link-by-link—implementing Detroit's non-motorized transportation and greenway network. We are doing this with considerable assistance from advisory partners, funders, and a Detroit Greenways Coordinator. Please refer to the contributors' section of this brochure to learn who we are and who



**OUR ROOTS**

In a city of vast land area and arguably west challenges, we—the Detroit Greenways Coalition—saw equally vast opportunity. We saw abandoned railways and imagined a Saturday morning bike ride. We found a new children's book shop just blocks from our favorite greenway network and engage more

## statewide trails

The Detroit greenway network joins a dazzling array of individual trails and regional greenway systems throughout the State of Michigan. Michigan ranks at the top of the nation, boasting over 2,000 miles of multi-use pathways. These pathways include routes on former rail corridors, on public land through utility corridors, and in and along road rights of way. Communities all across the state are striving to connect to each other with off-road and on-road linkages. They are creating facilities for recreation, economic revitalization, protected spaces, and transportation for all of Michigan's residents and visitors.

To obtain information on any of the existing trailways shown on this map, visit the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance website (<http://www.michigantrails.org/>) for links to individual trail websites. Also visit the Michigan Trails Finder, an online searchable database at the MTGA website to plan your trails trip. The site also includes links to restaurants, hotels, and other trail-side attractions. If you would like a copy of the state trails map and directory, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (two first class stamps) to: Michigan Trail Directory, P.O. Box 27187, Lansing, MI, 48909.

## detroit greenways

**A Conner Creek Greenway**  
length: 9 miles tracing the former Conner Creek along Conner Avenue and St. Jean Street  
connects: Mahera Gentry Park at the Detroit River, Conner Playfield, Chandler Park, and Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
completed: 2 mile segment between City Airport & Conner Playfield  
future work: Connections to the city of Warren, Macomb County, and the Detroit RiverWalk; connections to proposed greenways in "The Villages" and "Creekside" Neighborhoods  
best/notable: Retraces the route of one of Detroit's long-buried and long-forgotten creek beds

**B Corktown-Mexicantown Greenlink**  
length: 16.25 miles bounded by W. Grand Boulevard (west), Martin Luther King Boulevard (north), Lodge Freeway (east) and Detroit's West Riverfront (south)  
connects: Greater Corktown and Mexicantown-Hubbard communities to Midtown and Campus Martius; Dean Szeveg Park, Mullette Park, and Stanton park-neighborhoods to the West Riverfront via 3 direct paths (Rosa Parks Boulevard, West Grand Boulevard, and Sixth Street)  
completed: Plan for comprehensive neighborhood greenlink  
future work: Extending the W. Vernor route from 21st Street straight through to Roosevelt Park. Improvements to Roosevelt Park that include a bike lane around the park and other accommodations for bicyclists, and a bike lane passing through Old Tiger Stadium interior park  
best/notable: Walkable, bikeable distances to book stores, pubs, sandwich shops, and taquerias in 2 of Detroit's most vibrant neighborhoods: historic St. Arne's Church; Mexicantown restaurants; Corktown Historic District; Most Holy Trinity Church; Workers Row House

**C Dequindre Cut Greenway**  
length: 2 miles from the Detroit River to Mack Avenue  
connects: Detroit riverfront and downtown to Eastern Market and Midtown  
completed: 1.2 miles rail-to-trail segment from Detroit riverfront to Gratiot Avenue  
future work: Connections from the RiverWalk and Tri-Centennial State Park to Eastern Market, Hamtramck, and the Midtown Loop  
best/notable: Fascinating unsolicited urban art addition of light rail possibility; accessibility and connectivity to the new urban state park and the riverfront.

**D Detroit RiverWalk**  
length: 5.5 miles of RiverWalk along the Detroit River  
connects: Gabriel Richard Park at Mac Arthur (Belle Isle) Bridge to Riverside Park at the Ambassador Bridge  
completed: 2.7 miles of East RiverWalk: a segment from Joe Louis Arena/Civic Center to Rivard Street, including a plaza and pavilion; a segment from Stroh River Place through Mt. Elliott Park; and a segment in Gabriel Richard Park with a plaza and pavilion at the Mac Arthur (Belle Isle) Bridge  
future work: Obtaining land control for development of a continuous and accessible RiverWalk from the Ambassador Bridge to the Mac Arthur (Belle Isle) Bridge  
best/notable: Public spaces for Detroit riverfront activities and celebrations; public access to a natural resource, the Detroit River; public access to connected spaces and places along the riverfront; neighborhood and community connections

**E Downriver Delta Greenways**  
length: 2.5 miles from the Fort Street Bridge over the Rouge River to Outer Drive  
connects: Detroit's zip code 48217 communities and their downriver neighbors  
completed: Concepts and plans for the 2.5 mile segment along Fort Street  
future work: Building the greenway and its connections to the Downriver Linked Greenways and the Southwest Detroit Greenway  
best/notable: Links between both well-loved and undiscovered neighborhood places in communities that make up Detroit's working industrial spine

**F Hamtramck Trail**  
length: 1.5 miles  
connects: Hamtramck's downtown, Veterans' Memorial Park, and diverse neighborhoods of Polish, Bangladeshi, and Arabic residents  
completed: Plans and concepts for the Hamtramck routes  
future work: Riverfront connection via Dequindre Cut and integration with Detroit's other planned greenways  
best/notable: Complements a city well suited for non-motorized travel with many opportunities to stop and explore this multi-ethnic downtown

**G Inner Circle Greenway**  
length: 20 mile loop using Detroit Terminal Railroad's abandoned right-of-way  
connects: Detroit RiverWalk; Tri-centennial State Park; Dequindre Cut; and downtowns of Detroit, Dearborn, Hamtramck and Highland Park  
completed: Dequindre Cut segment; Detroit RiverWalk segment, Southwest Detroit Greenway segment  
future work: Connections between Detroit's new and planned greenways to complete the circle  
best/notable: Miles of pathing completely separated from vehicle traffic with a comprehensive connection of many greenway segments

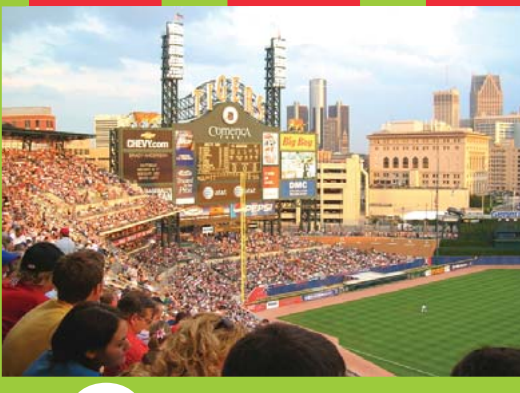
**H Lyndon Greenway**  
length: 1.5 miles on Lyndon Avenue in Detroit's Brightmoor community  
connects: Eliza Howell Park and Stoepeel Park  
completed: Concept for the park-to-park connection  
future work: Building the park-to-park connection  
best/notable: Provides an important neighborhood connection with several pocket parks along the way between Eliza Howell Park and Stoepeel Park #4.

**I Midtown Loop Greenway**  
length: 2 mile loop through Detroit's Cultural Center  
connects: Wayne State University, Detroit Medical Center, and the Cultural Center  
completed: Plan for the Midtown Loop Greenway  
future work: Links between New Center, Downtown, and the River  
best/notable: Ride your bike land park #10 at the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Historical Museum, or Museum of African American History

**J Southwest Detroit Greenway**  
length: 3 miles  
connects: 3 parks: historic Woodmere Cemetery and the West Vernor-Springwells Business District  
completed: Link between southwest Detroit's 81-acre Patton Park and southeast Dearborn's Lapeer Park  
future work: Continuous link from the historic Fort Street Bascule Bridge through the vibrant multi-ethnic business district of West Vernor to connect with Detroit's West RiverWalk  
best/notable: Bakeries and restaurants of West Vernor; 4 parks—Patton, Lapeer, Weiss, and Clark—with many amenities from swimming pools to an outdoor rink; and historic Woodmere Cemetery including graves of 1932's Hunger Strike marchers



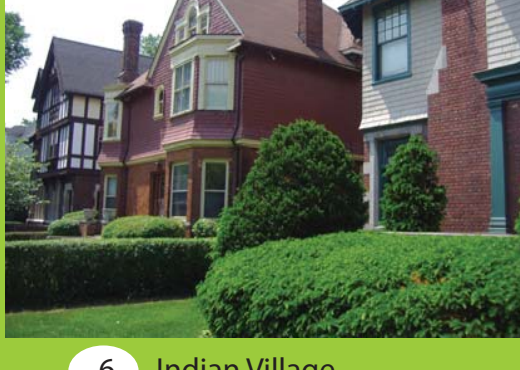
9 Lafayette Park - Mies van der Rohe Townhouses  
 10 Eastern Market  
 11 Belle Isle  
 12 Tri - Centennial State Park  
 13 Detroit RiverWalk  
 14 Campus Martius  
 15 Hart Plaza  
 16 Riverside Park/ Ambassador Bridge  
 17 Fort Wayne



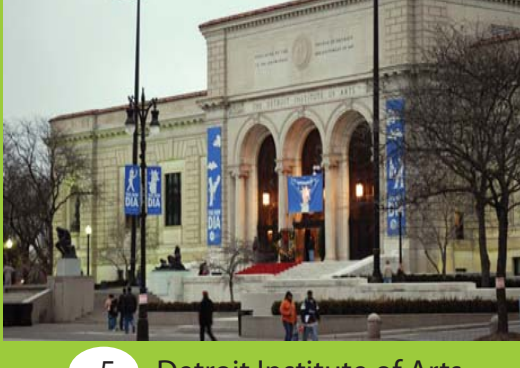
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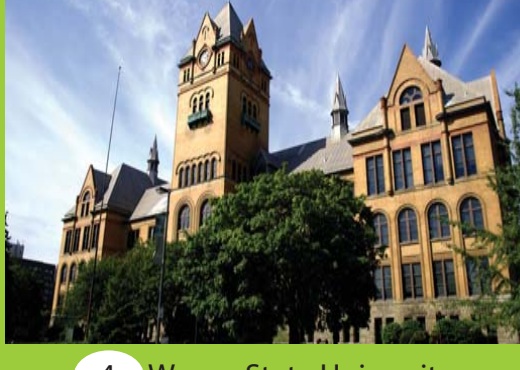
7 Maheras Gentry Park



6 Indian Village



5 Detroit Institute of Arts



4 Wayne State University



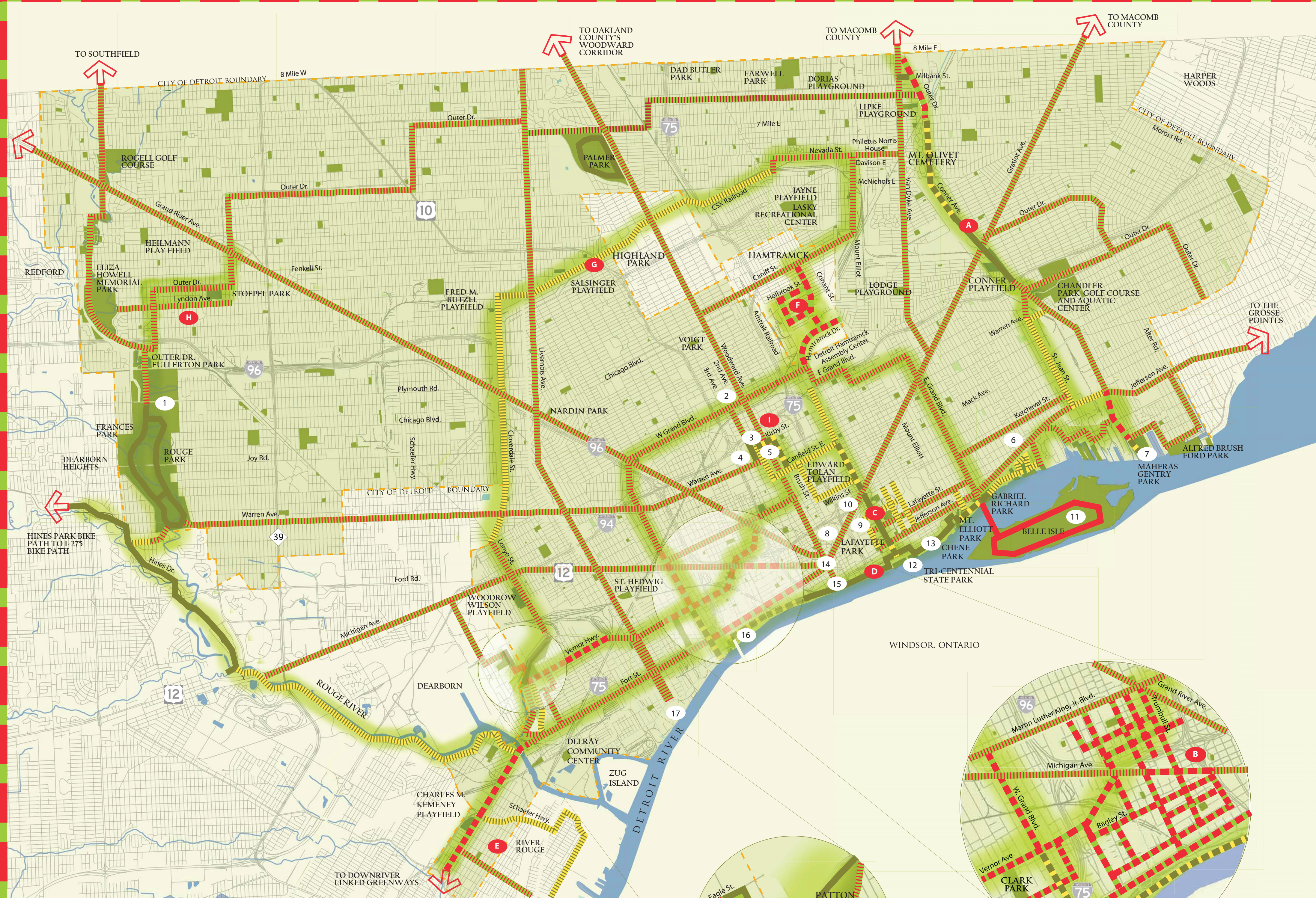
3 Cultural Center Detroit Festival of the Arts



2 New Center City Fest



1 Rouge Park



**LEGEND**

**PRIMARY GREENWAY NETWORK**

**EXISTING PLANNED CONCEPTUAL**

**FEATURED DESTINATIONS** 14

**DETROIT GREENWAYS**

- A CONNER CREEK GREENWAY
- B CORKTOWN - MEXICANTOWN GREENLINK
- C DEQUINDRE CUT GREENWAY
- D DETROIT RIVERWALK
- E DOWNRIVER DELTA GREENWAYS
- F HAMTRAMCK TRAIL
- G INNER CIRCLE GREENWAY
- H LYNDON GREENWAY
- I MIDTOWN LOOP GREENWAY
- J SOUTHWEST DETROIT GREENWAY

**OFF-STREET ROUTES**

**ON-STREET ROUTES**

SCALE IN MILES



PATTON PARK / LAPEER PARK ENLARGEMENT



CORKTOWN / MEXICANTOWN ENLARGEMENT