

# Menomonee River Parkway Renewal News Update

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## Construction Phasing & Estimated Schedule

### Phase One

W. Congress to W. Burleigh  
Complete in 2015

### Phase Two

Segment One:  
W. Burleigh to N. Swan Blvd.  
Paving complete in 2015  
Landscaping Spring 2016

Segment Two:  
Church Street to Charles Hart  
Parkway  
Paving Complete in 2015  
Landscaping Spring 2016

Charles Hart Parkway to N.  
Swan Blvd.  
Spring 2016



## Work resumes on Parkway

After a long winter, spring has arrived and work is about to resume on the Menomonee River Parkway project.

The **total reconstruction of the parkway from 90th Street to Charles Hart Parkway** is scheduled to begin March 28, and be completed in June. A detour will be established from Swan Boulevard to Church Street to accommodate construction.

In the segments of the parkway that have already been reconstructed, contractors and parks' staff will return and complete work that was not completed in 2015. **Final grading, installation of topsoil and planting will occur between Swan and Charles Hart Parkway.** Miscellaneous **traffic signs, parking signs, and signage at crosswalks** will be installed. When the weather is warm and dry enough to paint, **corrective striping** will be done at the intersection of MRP and Burleigh and the intersection of MRP and Swan to assure better traffic flow through the intersections and to better accommodate turns.

**Lighting crews** from We Energies have continued their work throughout the winter to install and energize the new electrical system and Pieper Electric has been installing the new lighting poles. All of the streetlights have been installed and energized from Congress to Hoyt Park. Work will continue over the next several months.

As spring planting is done along the parkway, parks' staff will also **monitor drainage** and assess how the green infrastructure performs during rain events to determine if adjustments may be needed.

Thanks to all of our stakeholders who have joined our team, sent us suggestions and questions and helped make the project the best it can be. We'd like to share this note we recently received from a park user. *"I think the new bike and walking path along the Menomonee River Parkway is wonderful! ... I started using the new path as soon as I could get on it. When it got too cold for me to ride my bike along the path, I started using it to walk. I think the landscaping that was installed – bushes, trees, grasses, water retention areas, stone benches by the pond area – looks very nice. I look forward to this summer when everything "greens" up. I like the new street lights. All the way around, I am thrilled that this path was installed and I think it looks quite attractive. Good job!!"*

### Other Park News

Work is underway to restore the pedestrian bridge over the river that connects TOSA Pool and the MRP. Work is slated to be completed by Memorial Day and the start of the beer garden season.

MMSD has completed their removal of obstructions to fish migration in the Menomonee River. The orange fences should be gone soon and restoration work completed this spring.

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**Project plans** are available for review online at: [www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal)

Plans are also on display at the Milwaukee County Parks offices, 9480 West Watertown Plank Road (access off Discovery Parkway).