The Northeast Greenway Initiative (NGI) is dedicated to building out the next critical phase of Buffalo’s Rail Trail network through original research, planning, and community engagement.

By building on the city’s legacy infrastructure of abandoned railroad right of ways, the Northeast Greenway has an opportunity to connect schools, parks, and neighborhoods to a healthier, more equitable future.

The NGI proposes to connect the North Buffalo Rail Trail and William Gaiter Parkway Cycle Track by converting the abandoned DL&W/Erie Rail Road corridor into a multi-use walking and biking path - the first to be built on Buffalo’s East Side.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

LEND A HAND

From tree planting to neighborhood beautification, join us for a number of service events in and around the Northeast Greenway corridor.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Take our text messaging or online survey to share your thoughts and ideas and help guide the NGI planning process.

STAY INFORMED

Visit the NGI website for project updates or request an informational presentation for your organization or neighborhood.
BENEFITS OF RAIL TRAILS

SOCIAL

• Increase physical activity and reduce chronic diseases like obesity
• Improve cardiovascular and respiratory health
• Promote mental health wellness
• Relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety
• Provide transportation options
• Create low or no-cost recreation opportunities

ECONOMIC

• Attract new businesses and commercial growth
• Boost spending at local businesses
• Increase nearby property values
• Increase tax revenues

ENVIRONMENTAL

• Green features can help absorb water runoff, purify the air, contributes to biodiversity, can reduce the impact of extreme weather
• Provides safe urban natural habitats for flora and fauna
• Connects existing greenspaces (i.e. parks, trails, community gardens, etc.)

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“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

- Jane Jacobs