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.
**BENEFITS OF RAIL TRAILS**

**SOCIAL**
- Increases physical activity and reduces chronic diseases like obesity
- Improves cardiovascular and respiratory health
- Promotes mental health wellness
- Relieves symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Provides transportation options
- Creates low or no-cost recreation opportunities

**ECONOMIC**
- Attracts new businesses and commercial growth
- Boosts spending at local businesses
- Increases nearby property values
- Increases tax revenues

**ENVIRONMENTAL**
- Reduces the impact of extreme weather by absorbing water runoff, purifying the air, and contributing to greater biodiversity.
- Creates wildlife corridors and provides safe natural habitats for flora and fauna
- Connects existing greenspaces (i.e. parks, trails, community gardens, etc.)

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