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Pittsfield Township Awarded \$46,500 Grant from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Green Infrastructure Implementation Program

Pittsfield Township, MI (June 19, 2019): Pittsfield Township has been awarded a \$46,500 grant from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Green Infrastructure Implementation Program, funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This grant award will be used by Pittsfield Township to establish a rain garden/bioswale system to reduce stormwater runoff within the River Raisin Watershed along the Platt-Textile Greenway (PTG), which is currently under construction and scheduled for completion later this year thereby providing over eleven miles of seamless non-motorized connectivity for hundreds of thousands of area residents to nearly 600 acres of park, green, public, retail, historic, and recreational spaces.

The Green Infrastructure Implementation grant will provide for a green infrastructure component to the PTG in a manner that will not just improve environmental stewardship but also the mobility, walkability, safety and aesthetic value of the Textile Road corridor proximate to Platt Road and Michigan Avenue. The rain garden/bioswale will be designed to mitigate the first flush of stormwater runoff over PTG (approximately 2,265 cft of runoff and 2,594 cft of storage).

This green infrastructure project will be the first to begin manifesting the priorities outlined in the draft Preservation Plan for Pittsfield Township, which envisions leveraging its linear park system to install rain and native gardens, bioswales, and tree canopies in an effort to improve water and soil quality.

"Receipt of the green infrastructure grant allows us to, even before its formal adoption, begin implementing the priorities outlined in the Pittsfield Preservation Plan as we work toward, even more proactively, improving the water and soil quality in our community," noted Supervisor Mandy Grewal.



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