

Kalamazoo River Restoration Project

Survey



The Kalamazoo River in Downtown Battle Creek is entering a new era. Roughly 60 years ago, a flood reduction project channelized the river with concrete riverbanks to quickly move water away from Downtown. However, the concrete is aging, it's unattractive, has negative impacts to the river's ecology, and it uses an outdated approach to reduce flooding. In reimagining the river, the City of Battle Creek will develop a river corridor concept that utilizes a bank and floodplain of native plants to effectively manage stormwater and flood flows, while improving the natural and aquatic health of the Kalamazoo River. The project will include long-term visioning to help catalyze a revitalized river corridor, support additional recreation options, and improve connectivity to Downtown Battle Creek. Over the next 18 months, a conceptual plan for the future of the Kalamazoo River corridor will be developed. A team of subject matter experts will be studying how to remove the existing Monroe Street dam, replace the concrete channel with flood tolerant plants, establish the Kalamazoo River corridor as an amenity for residents of Battle Creek, and identify the steps to turn the vision into reality.

We want to hear from you! Your ideas will help determine the future vision of the Kalamazoo River.

Please scan the QR code or visit the link to take the survey. We value your feedback!
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