

POGUES RUN GREENWAY

OVERVIEW

The 11.25-mile Pogues Run corridor begins near Arlington Avenue and East 34th Street and runs southwest to the I-65/70 overpass just east of downtown. Along the way, Pogues Run passes through some of the older neighborhoods of Indianapolis' east- side, including historic Woodruff Place. Although the corridor passes through largely residential areas, it also borders industrial and commercial areas, particularly along Massachusetts Avenue in its northern half. As with Pleasant Run, Fall Creek, and White River, the Pogues Run corridor was identified in the Kessler Plan for development as a parkway. As a result of the Kessler Plan recommendations, the Pogues Run corridor boasts two excellent recreation areas-Brookside Park and Spades Park-as well as Brookside Parkway. Another important community asset, Arsenal Technical High School, is also located adjacent to this corridor.

Indy Parks developed walking and jogging trails within Brookside Park and Spades Park in 1994. These trails are constructed of crushed stone and link recreational facilities within these parks and also create a connection between parks.

A new flood control project being developed on the northern reach of Pogues Run will create a 40-acre wetland and flood control basin near I-70 and Emerson Avenue. This project will also reduce the combined sewer overflows into Pogues Run which will dramatically improve the water quality of this stream. Nature trail development within this wetland zone is a possibility, which will increase the recreational potential of the area.

Future development needs to include a safe trail connection between the new wetlands and Brookside/Spades Park. The connection between Spades Park and downtown Indianapolis is also needed to create an important neighborhood linkage as well as linking to the South Monon Rail Trail Corridor near 10th Street.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE RECOMMENDATIONS

2001-2006

1. Work with other city agencies in the development of the Pogues Run flood control project to integrate Greenway improvements where feasible.
2. Develop a comprehensive project report detailing trail routes, trail standards and construction phasing for the development of the remaining Pogues Run Greenway. This report should also include review of the trail systems within Brookside Park and Spades Park for integration with greenway development standards and should emphasize connection to the Monon Trail and Downtown .

2007-2012

1. Implement the recommendations for trail development in the comprehensive project development report.

Public Vision Statements

The major theme identified in the vision statements for this corridor is to restore the Pogues Run corridor, including the public recreation facilities, to reflect the historic character and aesthetics of the parks and parkway as envisioned by George Kessler.

A biking and hiking trail should be constructed from Sherman Drive/Brookside Park to 10th Street. The corridor team envisioned that the connection between Spades and Brookside Parks would be improved with the addition of an underpass at Rural Street. Adjacent facilities should be linked to the trail by creating a safe route across Brookside Parkway South Drive to the Spades Park Library. Access to the corridor could be provided along Pogues Run from Newman to 10th Street, and south of St. Clair. Also, the corridor team strongly suggested that the corridor be tied to institutions farther off site. The team envisioned that St. Clair would be used as a linkage to IUPUI, the Canal Walk, and the Monon Rail corridor and that the street speed limit would be reduced to 15 mph on Oriental Street to IUPUI. A link to the Monon Rail corridor could be developed south of 10th Street, connecting downtown Indianapolis to the Pogues Run corridor. An alternative path could follow Massachusetts Avenue.

As with the other corridors in the plan that flow through older, urban areas, CSOs limit the full potential of this corridor's development.

The Pogues Run corridor team strongly suggested that the corridor be cleaned-both the banks and the waterway. In addition to the general clean-up of the corridor, some overgrown vegetation along the waterway should be cleared and regularly maintained.