FLINT RIVERFRONT RESTORATION PLAN

UPDATE
Flint River Restoration: Plans for the Hamilton Dam improvements are underway. The existing dam will be removed and replaced with a series of rock rapids allowing for recreation and fish passage. The banks will be naturalized to allow for easy and safe access to the river.

At Chevy Commons, the first two phases of a three phase earthen cap plan has been completed. Chevy Commons has made a huge transformation since spring of 2015 when construction had begun at the site. The completed 26+ of the 62 acre site has added trees shrubs, grass, and trails to the once vacant industrial site.
The former General Motors property is now controlled by the City of Flint along with the Genesee County Land Bank. They are working collaboratively to turn the site into a natural park along the Flint River. The park will include woodlands, grasslands, green spaces, walking paths and other spaces for residents to enjoy.

A technical advisory group was created to help with site design and planning. The group incorporated information from the 2013 City of the Flint Master Plan. In the plan, residents supported recommendations to transform the site into an “asset for economic development, as well as a mix of both active and passive community open space.”

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DESIGN PRINCIPALS

1. Safe Environment
   Environmental contamination was addressed through the installation of a vegetative cap.

2. Natural and Low Maintenance Landscape
   Native plants including shrubs, trees and grass were planted to allow for easy upkeep at the site.

3. Public Places and Spaces
   Plans are being developed for programming through community partners.

4. River Views and Access
   Concrete flood walls were lowered to allow enhanced viewing of the river.

5. Connections
   Connections to area trails have been developed.
The Chevy Commons site is bordered by the Flint River to the north and Kearsley Street/Glenwood Avenue to the south, and bisected by Chevrolet Avenue and Stevenson Street.

Existing or planned regional bike trails nearby include the Genesee Valley Trail, Flint River Trail and Grand Traverse Greenway Trail. All of these trails once built will connect through Chevy Commons.
Flint River Watershed Coalition Kayaking/Paddling: Excursions held through the warmer months at locations along the river. For more information visit www.flintriver.org.

Flint River Corridor Alliance Flotilla: Annual float down the river held each August. To learn more visit www.frcalliance.org.

Flint Downtown Development Authority Fish on the Bricks: Fishing tournament held downtown every June.

Flint River Trail/Iron Belle Trail: Experience the trail system along the river. Weekly rides held by the Friends of the Flint River Trail.
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