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The Riverline to Conduct Impact Study, Seeks Community Input

The Riverline, a proposed 1.5-mile nature trail and greenway near downtown Buffalo, is entering the next phase of its development: a study to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts the project will have on the community.

The Riverline Study is a required step before any construction can begin. This month, The Riverline will hold three public meetings to make sure the community knows the process and timeline of the study, meets the local team, and continues to have a say in helping to shape this great public space.

The Riverline, a project of the Western New York Land Conservancy, has engaged more than a thousand people who have helped to create a shared vision for the project. Hundreds of innovative ideas were generated and tailored to the neighborhoods through which The Riverline runs.

Once completed, The Riverline will transform the elevated former DL&W rail corridor along the Buffalo River into a string of vibrant and engaging experiences in nature that everyone can enjoy—right in the city, only minutes from downtown: an inspiring gathering place that will connect people to water, nature, and one another.

WHY ARE THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS IMPORTANT?

Community input is an essential part of The Riverline Study. All three meetings are free and will cover the same information, so community members need only attend one.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE MEETINGS?

Saturday 3/9 from 1 - 3pm
Old First Ward Community Center
62 Republic Street, Buffalo 14204

Tuesday 3/12 from 2:30 - 4:30

Community Room at Commodore Perry Homes
279 Perry Street, Buffalo 14204

Thursday 3/14 6:30 - 8pm
Valley Community Center
93 Leddy Street, Buffalo 14210

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All community members in The Riverline communities—Perry, Valley, and Old First Ward—are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

QUESTIONS?

For questions related to these public events, please contact Molly Gadenz, The Riverline Outreach Coordinator, at mgadenz@wnylc.org.

The Riverline will be a 1.5-mile nature trail and multi-use greenway that will connect downtown Buffalo to the Buffalo River. By reimagining a former railway, The Riverline will be an innovative and inspiring community gathering place, alive with the history and voice of the city. Visit The Riverline [website](#).

The Western New York Land Conservancy is a regional, non-profit land trust that has protected more than 7,000 acres of land with significant conservation value in Western New York for the benefit of future generations. We envision a future in which forests, farms, meadows, and waterways are connected, cherished, and protected in Western New York. Our clean air, clean water, and fertile soils will equitably support the health and wellbeing of future generations of every living thing. The Land Conservancy is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For more information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or the mission of the Western New York Land Conservancy, please call (716) 687-1225 ext. 120 or visit wnylc.org.

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