



The Treeline

2025 Annual Report

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Our Vision

The Treeline transforms the historic Allen Creek Valley into an urban corridor and signature bridge that connects the Huron River back into our urban fabric, weaves together diverse neighborhoods, promotes environmental stewardship, and enhances the economic and cultural vitality of Ann Arbor for generations to come.

Defined by three segments, **the Gateway, the Neighborhood, and Wolverine Village**, the Treeline reaches from the B2B Trail and Broadway Park West to the Big House. Dotted with natural areas and gathering spaces, it will serve pedestrians, bicyclists, neighbors and visitors alike.

A Message from Our Co-Chairs

Dear Friends,

2025 was a year of incredible progress and exciting opportunity for the Treeline and we have you to thank - your support has made it possible! You have been steadfast travel companions on this journey together and we are grateful.

In November, we launched our largest fundraiser since we incorporated as a 501(c)3 back in 2007. With a goal of raising \$2.8 million to fund the northern Gateway Segment's design and engineering, acquiring 800 N. Main, and covering operational expenses and community engagement, we have made great progress in garnering community support.

We also want to acknowledge support from our elected officials at the state and local level for working hard to secure \$1 million in State funding to support this effort. They understand that partnering with an engineering firm to create the final design is the critical next step to building the Gateway.

Finally, we want to give grateful acknowledgement to our hardworking Board and staff.

Thank you for being a committed travel companion on the journey ahead.

Norman Herbert

Joe O'Neal

The Treeline

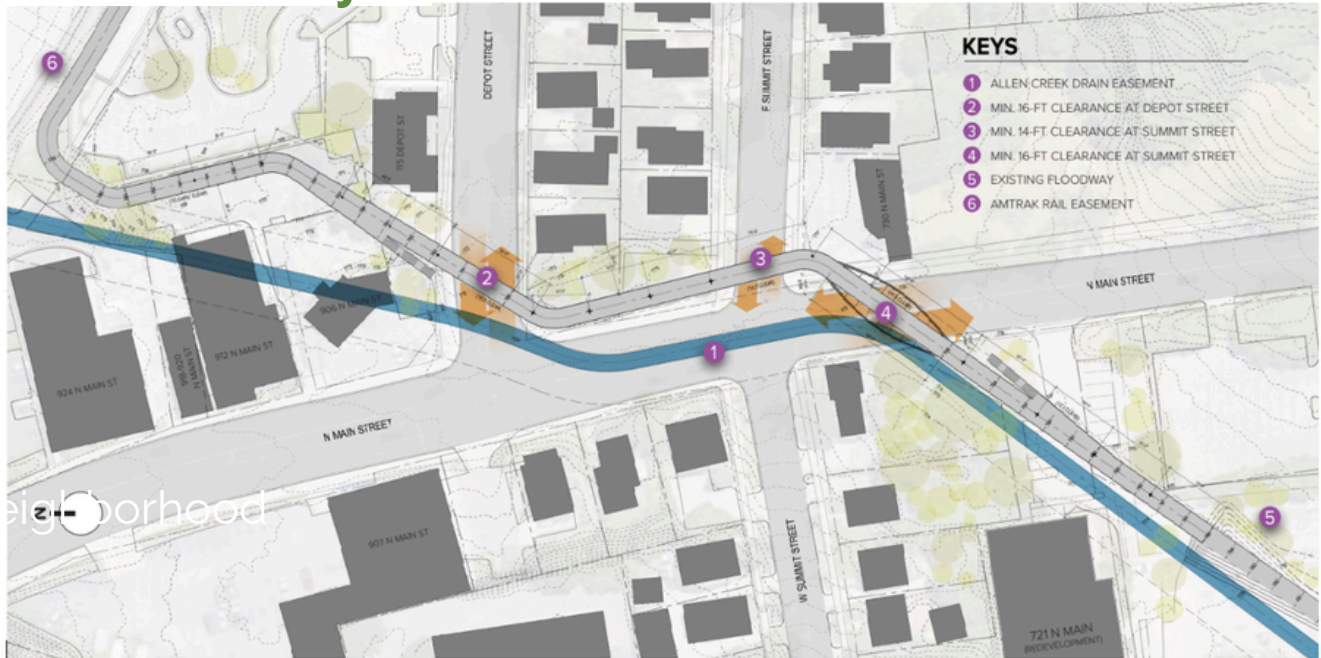


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Introducing the Gateway

The Gateway

SITE PLAN



The Gateway begins at Argo Pond, starting at the Depot Pedestrian Tunnel under the railroad. During the last 5-10 years, the area around Argo Pond has undergone an incredible transformation, making this stretch of the Huron River a destination for pedestrians and cyclists, young and old.

Designed for pedestrian safety, the Gateway elevates over Depot, Summit, and N. Main Street. Each day nearly 30,000 cars - both morning and late afternoon - jog for position as they head to and from the UM hospitals, campus, or points south. N. Main is four lanes with a speed limit of 45 miles an hour, funneling to two lanes at Depot Street, and for Ann Arbor families it stands in the way of healthy outdoor activity, events, and entertainment.

After elevating over N. Main, the Gateway lands at grade and heads to Felch through the long-neglected 5-acre municipal yard on the Allen Creek flood zone - another opportunity for developing a community green space.

In September, 2025, the Ann Arbor City Council voted unanimously to authorize a jointly sponsored Request for Proposal for the design and engineering of this Treeline segment. Throughout the rest of 2025, the Treeline worked closely with city staff to prepare the Request for Proposal release in mid-2026.

2025 Progress & Impact

February

- The University of Michigan continues construction of Wolverine Village Trail, which lies at the south end of the Treeline between E. Madison and E Hoover Streets and in the future will be an essential part of a safe trail from the Huron River through the heart of Ann Arbor, to the UM Athletic Campus and points south.

March

- The Treeline hires Cynthia VanRenterghem, Executive Director for Development, to lead this next fundraising chapter.

April

- The Treeline launches an e-newsletter that reaches over 800 people monthly.

May

- The Treeline enters non-binding agreements with key property owners for the Gateway Segment path.

June

- The Treeline partners with a local non-profit to provide subsidized housing at its Chapin Street property, site of a future trail connector to West Park.

July

- Preliminary concept renderings of the Gateway Segment are released to the public.

September

- The Ann Arbor City Council votes unanimously to authorize a jointly-sponsored Request for Proposal for the design and engineering of the northern Gateway Segment.
- The Treeline launches its largest fundraiser to date to raise \$2.8 Million to engage an engineering firm for the Gateway design and engineering, acquire 800 N. Main, and cover operational expenses and community engagement.
- The Treeline enters into a contract to purchase 800 N. Main, site of a former gas station and a key property for the Treeline's Gateway segment.

October

- The State of Michigan authorizes a \$1,000,000 grant to be used for the Gateway Segment's design and engineering.

November

- The Treeline begins working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to remove the buried tanks at 800 N. Main Street at no cost to the Treeline.

December

- The Treeline releases a video of the future Gateway Segment.

Financial Statement

(Condensed Presentation from Audited and Reviewed Financial Statements)

	Audited	
ASSETS	2025	2024
Cash Equivalents	\$121,814	\$343,270
Property	\$613,662	\$622,535
Other Assets	\$5,000	-
Total Assets	\$740,476	\$965,805
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$30,540	\$11,754
Longterm Liabilities	\$209,207	\$220,470
Total Liabilities	\$239,747	\$232,224
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	\$495,729	\$586,178
With donor restrictions	\$5,000	\$147,403
Total Net Assets	\$500,729	\$733,581
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$740,476	\$965,805
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES		
Operating Support	\$178,067	\$198,202
Operating Expenses	\$442,564	\$368,994
Total operating support in excess of operating expenses	(\$264,497)	(\$170,792)
Rental & Interest Income	\$31,645	\$25,256
Change in Net Assets	(\$232,852)	(\$145,536)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$733,581	\$879,117
Net Assets, End of Year	\$500,729	\$733,581



The Treeline Ann Arbor

The Treeline Team

Board Members

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