

ELEMENTS

ROW's Element Committees provide action-oriented expertise and resources to waterway efforts.

AESTHETICS

53 **Building a Movement**
This committee recognizes the need to expand its reach beyond traditional ROW focus areas to have maximum impacts.

***** **Name Change**
As part of this shift, the committee is being renamed from Aesthetics to Arts & Culture to be inclusive of all art forms.

CONNECTIVITY

54 **Waterway Access**
This committee is expanding its focus to include river waterway access and recreation.

◆ Signage Taskforce

This collaboration between Connectivity and Education catalyzed the Waterway Wayfinding and Educational Signage Initiative. See specific signs on map by referencing front page.

ECOLOGY

***** **Invasive Guide Toolkit**
This committee developed and launched ROW's Residential Invasive Species Removal Guide campaign including website, video, how-to cards, and In The Know With ROW event.

55 **Invasive Species Management**
Members of this committee were instrumental in holding the first Indy Weed Wrangle at Graham Martin and Eagle Creek Parks and are planning an upcoming event in Riverside Park.

ECONOMICS

***** **Development Accelerator**
This committee has provided two free technical assistance sessions to Canal partner Tear Down the Walls, and Pleasant Run partner My Christian Park for development along these waterways.

56 **Development Happy Hour**
This August 22nd event will bring representatives to the table for casual conversations with development experts.

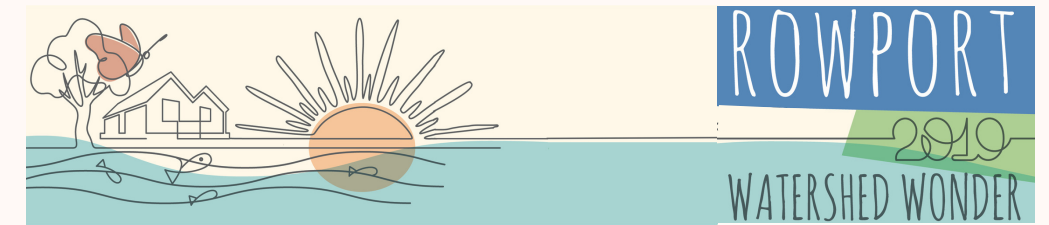
EDUCATION

57 **Workshops**
This committee is developing educational waterway programming for both educators and the public.

WELL-BEING

58 **Relaunch**
This committee is re-started and re-energized, building the committee itself and seeking new members, with a plan to create yearlong programming and events along the waterways.

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Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) is a collective impact initiative that works to improve the quality of all life and the environment along Indianapolis waterways. Please use this guide and map to explore ROW projects in the White River watershed.

PARTNERSHIPS

- 1** **Homeowner Guide and Bus Tours**
The All Things Water guide advises Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership homeowners on utilities, water use, and pollution.
- 2** **White River Vision Plan Launch**
ROW and City partners organized a leadership float and kick-off concert celebrating the plan's release.
- 3** **Demonstration Dye Garden**
Indianapolis Art Center has planted a garden of native plants for use by Center artists and students, with access to the community for enjoyment.
- 4** **Holiday Park Sustainable Trail**
Indiana Wildlife Federation is restoring habitat and creating educational signage for this accessible site along the White River.
- *** **Clear Choices Clean Water**
ROW partners with White River Alliance to promote Clear Choices Clean Water pledges through postcards, kids activities, and seed packets.

EVENTS

- *** **Quarterly Socials**
 - Day of the Deadheading
Participants collected seeds from dormant native plants for home use along the White River.
 - Waterway Trivia Night
ROW members and neighbors worked together to answer questions about our waterways.
- *** **In The Know With ROW**
 - Crowdfunding 101
Waterway members shared crowdfunding successes for waterway efforts.
 - Invasive and Native Plants
Launched Residential Invasive Species Removal Toolkit with trainings from partners.

SIGNAGE

- Central Canal**
 - 6** Urban Water System
 - 7** Stormwater and Rain Gardens
 - 8** Carpenter Bees
 - 9** Our Drinking Water
- Fall Creek**
 - 10** Nickel Plate Road and Indiana State Fair Train
 - 11** Marshall "Major" Taylor
- Little Eagle Creek**
 - 12** Neighborhood Growth Along Our Waterways
 - 13** Watershed | Cuenca
- Pogue's Run**
 - 14** Spades Park Bird Sanctuary
 - 15** Feast of Lanterns
 - 16** Pogue's Run Trail Directory
 - 17** Pogue's Run Tunnel
- White River**
 - 18** Urban Wilderness Trail (UWT): Fall Creek Zone
 - 19** UWT: Forest Loop Zone
 - 20** UWT: River Grassland Zone
 - 21** UWT: Graham Martin Park Zone
 - 22** UWT: Lilly ARBOR Zone

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WATERWAYS

ROW's Waterway Committees develop community-based projects and initiatives to improve Indy's waterways.

CENTRAL CANAL

- 23 **Community Fishing Initiative**
This project brings together direct access to fishing licenses, food safety education, and environmental justice visioning, kicking off August 25th with a Fish Fry.
- 24 **Habitat Restoration**
Groundwork Indy has installed rain gardens at Ignite Achievement Academy and School 63, with a Canal Towpath trailhead rain garden planned.
- 25 **Perceptions Doors Project**
The Learning Tree has weatherized and prepared art for installation along the Canal and in the neighborhood.
- 26 **Swimming Lessons**
Committee worked with Indy Parks to establish free swimming lessons, including transportation, with recruitment from local schools.
- 27 **Public Art and Connectivity**
This partnership with The daVinci Pursuit is planning large-scale artworks to create places along the Canal, enhance new trails, and increase connection with Riverside Park.

FALL CREEK

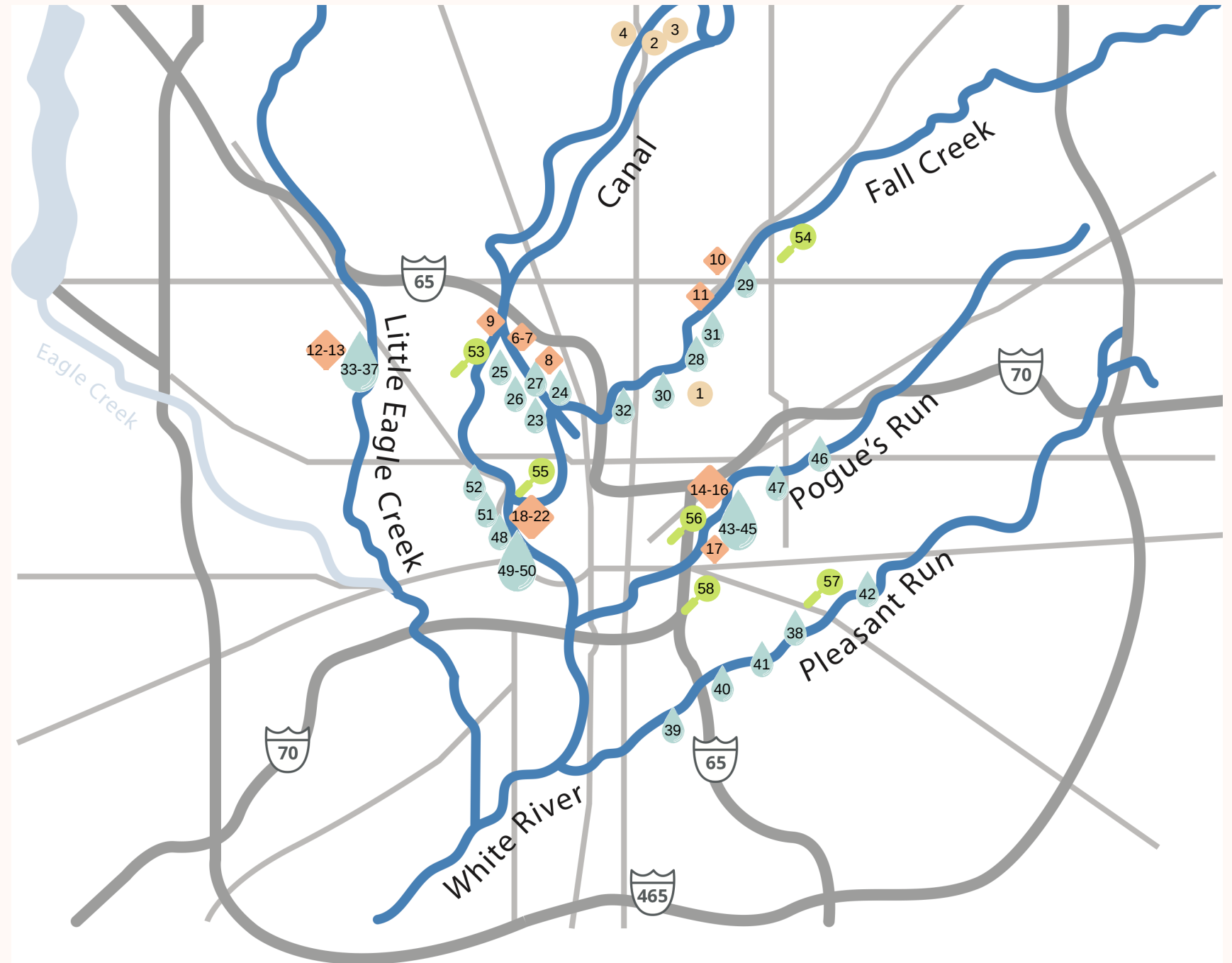
- 28 **Reverend Charles Williams Park**
Fall Creek is supporting and bringing connections and resources to Reverend Charles Williams Park Advisory Board's efforts to activate and advocate for the construction of this Crosstown neighborhood destination.
- 29 **Watershed Plan**
Partnerships are in the works with to update Fall Creek's Watershed Management Plan in order to be eligible funds to implement green infrastructure solutions.
- 30 **Urban Orchard**
This Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB)-led project brought native fruiting trees to the banks of the waterway.
- 31 **Rain Barrel Workshop**
Partnering with Kheprw Institute, the committee hosted a rain barrel workshop at a local basketball tournament and community event.
- 32 **Green Infrastructure Advocacy**
Fall Creek members are exploring partnerships with anchor institutions to implement green infrastructure solutions.

LITTLE EAGLE CREEK

- 33 **Fall Invasive Removal and Cleanup**
Committee members and neighbors removed invasive species along Falcon Creek in Patricia Park and cleared trash and debris.
- 34 **Spring Cleanup and Patricia Park Improvements**
Neighbors worked with committee members to clear trash, spread mulch for the playground, and refresh the creekside shelter.
- 35 **Neighborhood Exploration**
Committee members explored residential and commercial areas along Little Eagle Creek, meeting new neighbors along the way.
- 36 **Outreach Campaign**
This committee is developing recruitment materials to deploy along with promotion of upcoming events in both English and Spanish.
- 37 **Spring Festival**
This project in collaboration with International Marketplace will include cleanup, waterway and environmental education, art-making, music, and food in the Eagledale neighborhood.

PLEASANT RUN

- 38 **Prospect Falls Art and Native Plantings**
Committee members and neighbors worked with an artist and KIB to enhance this destination with a sculpture and restored waterway habitat.
- 39 **Wind and Water Festival**
Partner SENSE Charter School organized a fun event highlighting Pleasant Run, with the main attraction being a rubber duck race on the waterway.
- 40 **Spruce Bridge Destination**
After community planning and fundraising, this destination will boast two beautiful plazas and a large sculpture.
- 41 **Adopt-a-Trail**
Resident, small business, and anchor institution involvement is all part of this pilot trail maintenance project.
- 42 **Reclamation Initiative**
Christian Park is starting small, but dreaming big with invasive cleanup, native plantings, and a meditation destination installed later this Summer.



POGUE'S RUN

- 43 **Photo Contest**
Youth and adults took photos of the waterway and surrounding green spaces for Near Eastside prizes.
- 44 **First Friday Exhibition**
This exhibit will allow the Pogue's Run community to see the waterway through the eyes of their neighbors.
- 45 **Citizen Science Adventure**
Participants tested water quality in Pogue's Run at Spades Park.
- 46 **Citizen Science Team Development**
Regular data collection outings will be conducted by small teams of citizen scientists at multiple Pogue's Run sites.
- 47 **Nowland Avenue Bridge Partnership**
Pathways Over Pogue's, Cummins, the City, & Indianapolis Parks Foundation have contracted with RQAW for the design phase of restoring this historic Lutten bridge along the future Pogue's Run Trail.

WHITE RIVER

- 48 **A Rising Tide**
This unique mobile, non-invasive arts district brings diverse performances to intimate pop-up venues using both all-terrain and floating stages.
- 49 **Stairs to the River**
This project involves clearing invasives to create river viewsheds, planting native species, and extending accessibility at a site along the Urban Wilderness Trail.
- 50 **New York Street Bridge**
This committee, the City, and local firm Near West 21 partnered to install colorful LED lights for celebrating Indy's events and the Near West community.
- 51 **Butterfly Trail and Gateways**
A series of native pollinator gardens is bringing wildlife and beauty to Near West communities.
- 52 **Give Adventure at School 63**
Department of Natural Resources and Groundwork Indy are restoring waterway habitat and teaching stewardship and green infrastructure knowledge.