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

**Elements**

**Aesthetics**
- **Building a Movement**
  This committee recognizes the need to expand its reach beyond traditional ROW issue 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**
- **Waterway Access**
  This committee is expanding its focus to include river waterway access and recreation.

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

**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.
- **Invasive Species Management**
  Members of this committee were instrumental in holding the 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.
- **Development Happy Hour**
  This August 22nd event will bring representatives to the table for casual conversations with development experts.

**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.

**Well-Being**
- **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 using the waterways.

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**
- **Homeowner Guide and Bus Tours**
  The All Things Water guide advises Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership homeowners on utilities, water use, and pollution.
- **White River Vision Plan Launch**
  ROW and City partners organized a leadership float and kick-off concert celebrating the plan’s release.
- **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.
- **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**
- **Urban Water System**
- **Stormwater and Rain Gardens**
- **Carpenter Bees**
- **Our Drinking Water**
- **Fall Creek**
- **Nickel Plate Road and Indiana State Fair Train**
- **Marshall ‘Major’ Taylor**
- **Little Eagle Creek**
- **Neighborhood Growth Along Our Waterways**
- **Watershed | Cuenca**
- **Pogue’s Run**
- **Spade’s Park Bird Sanctuary**
- **Feast of Lanterns**
- **Pogues Run Trail Directory**
- **Pogues Run Tunnel**
- **White River**
  - **Urban Wilderness Trail (UWT): Fall Creek Zone**
  - **UWT: Forest Loop Zone**
  - **UWT: River Grassland Zone**
  - **UWT: Graham Martin Park Zone**
  - **UWT: Lilly ARBOR Zone**

*Not site-specific and so not denoted on map.*
**Waterways**

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

**Central Canal**
- **Community Fishing Initiative**
  - The project brings together diverse access to fishing licenses, food safety education, and environmental justice fishing on Illiana August 28th with a Fish Fry.
- **Habitat Restoration**
  - Groundwork Indy has installed rain gardens at Legacy Achievement Academy and School 63, with a Canal to keep a rainwater garden planned.
- **Perceptions Oars Project**
  - The learning-free bus watershed and prepared art for installation along the Canal and in the neighborhood.
- **Swimming Lessons**
  - The purpose of the project is to establish free swimming lessons, including transportation, with recruitment from local schools.
- **Public Art and Connectivity**
  - This partnership with the district is a plan to plant large-scale artworks to track places along the Canal, enhance new trails, and increase connectivity with Riverwalk Park.

**Fall Creek**
- **Reverend Charles Williams Park**
  - Fall Creek is supporting and bringing connections and resources to Reverend Charles Williams Park Advocacy Board's efforts to achieve and also work to name this neighborhood.
- **Watershed Project**
  - Barry and the local groups involved in the neighborhood have partnered with the Canal to create a neighborhood trail system.
- **Urban Orchard**
  - The new Indiana's beautiful (IGB)-led park project that has funding has been successful in implementing green infrastructure solutions.
- **Green Infrastructure Advocacy**
  - Fall Creek members are exploring partnerships with anchor institutions to implement green infrastructure solutions.

**Little Eagle Creek**
- **Fall Invasive Removal and Cleanup**
  - Community members and neighbors removed invasive species along Faust Creek in Parkside and cleaned trash and debris.
- **Spring Cleanup and Patricia Park Improvements**
  - Neighbors worked with community members to clear the trash, spread mulch for the playground, and help in the three-mile project.
- **Neighborhood Exploration**
  - Community members explored residential and commercial areas along Little Eagle Creek, meeting new neighbors along the way.
- **Outreach Campaign**
  - The project is developing recruitment materials to deploy with a promotion of upcoming events in both English and Spanish.
- **Spring Festival**
  - This project in collaboration with Indianapolis Chapel Creative Project will include cleanup, watershed, and environmental education, art making, and food in the Eagle Creek neighborhood.

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

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

**White River**
- **A Rising Tide**
  - This unique mobile, non-invasive art district brings diverse performances to intimate pop-up venues using both all-terrain and floating stages.
- **Stairs to the River**
  - This project involves clearing invasive to create river views, planting native species, and extending accessibility at a site along the Urban Wilderness Trail.
- **Butterfly Trail and Gateways**
  - A series of native pollinator gardens is bringing wildlife and beauty to Near West communities.
- **Give Adventure at School 63**
  - Department of Natural Resources and Groundwork Indy are restoring waterway habitat and teaching stewardship and green infrastructure knowledge.