

RiverBend Commerce Park Site Development Plan

Buffalo, New York



Biohabitats supervised the ecological restoration and green infrastructure components of a site development plan for a 260-acre vacant brownfield on the banks of the Buffalo River. Though the river suffered neglect and abandonment throughout Buffalo's industrial growth, it is now poised for a dramatic comeback. The RiverBend development will play a critical role in this revitalization.

Regeneration of the site and river's ecological health will not only bring environmental benefits, it will also provide RiverBend with an array of recreation, cultural heritage and economic opportunities. RiverBend is intended to be a model for sustainable

With ecological restoration fully integrated into development plans for a brownfield site, a healthy, naturally functioning river becomes the backbone for a thriving riverfront community.

development that fosters long-term economic growth by leveraging the assets of the site and region. Place-making principals were applied to create special public spaces and a new community on the banks of the Buffalo River. The project aims to achieve the vision of the South Buffalo Brownfield Opportunity Area Master Plan in a manner that minimizes environmental impacts while fostering on-going remediation and environmental restoration of the Buffalo River. Biohabitats worked closely with members

of the planning/design team to ensure integration of ecological restoration and green infrastructure into the overall plan for the site.

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