



Great Rivers Greenway engages the communities it serves to discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion. Photo: Great Rivers Greenway

#### HIGH LINE NETWORK CASE STUDY

## Sharing an Understanding of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Organization:** Great Rivers Greenway

**Park:** [Brickline Greenway](#)

**Location:** St. Louis, MO

**Infrastructure type:** Public Streets

**Theme:** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Project phase:** Open / Ongoing

“Inclusion—a proactive process of bringing different individuals and communities together in a way that makes each person feel welcome and invited.” These words from the Great Rivers Greenway’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) plan are much more than a definition. The St. Louis public agency, which manages a three-county network of greenways including Brickline Greenway, has continually found ways to involve numerous stakeholders in meaningful, strategic work by centering this definition in its approach.

To begin, Board and staff participated in training and education over two years to gain a working knowledge of the health and economic inequities in their region—and the role greenways can play in resolving some of those disparities. A DEI Steering Committee including staff, Board, and community partners then created the agency’s DEI plan, which continues to advance and evolve, informing the Brickline Greenway’s Framework Plan and community engagement strategy.

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