

# Downtown Riverfront Improvements – Phase 1

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## Construction:

- Market Structure
- Pedestrian Improvements
- Storm & Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Parking Lot Rehabilitation
- Landscaping

## Construction schedule:

Start: June 2021  
Finish: December 2021

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## Project Overview

As you may know, the City of Fergus Falls has been working to revitalize the downtown area. After years of work, the City is excited to commence the Downtown Riverfront Improvements Project – Phase 1. The improvements of this project will take place in the parking lot on the north side of the Otter Tail River and the area of Court Street adjacent to the parking lot. Throughout the course of the summer the southernmost area of the parking lot will be converted into a multi-use gathering space and pedestrian facilities including the following: a market structure, river overlook, entertainment area, and restrooms. The northern part of the project will have a reconfigured parking area. Project layouts can be viewed on the project website listed on the reverse of this page or attached to the project safety fence.



## Project Timeline

Soil corrections under the market structure has been completed and the structure will start going up in the next few weeks. Utility work within the south side of the parking lot as well as Court Street are planned in a few weeks.

You may have smelled a strong odor coming from the project a few weeks ago. The site contained a fill site from years ago and included some contaminated soils. The contractor has removed the problem soils and are working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to dispose of the soil properly.

## Private Utility Work

Private utility work is happening on the north side of the parking lot area. Otter Tail Power and telecom companies will be rerouting utility lines and will do their best to minimize the area needed to complete their work. Intermittent construction activities should be expected through July 9.



## Contacts

**Jon De Graaf will be on site throughout the summer and will serve as the primary contact during construction. Jon can be reached at 712-363-5680 or [Jonathan.DeGraaf@bolton-menk.com](mailto:Jonathan.DeGraaf@bolton-menk.com).** Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be posted to the City website throughout the summer. Hard copies will also be available at City Hall. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Jon De Graaf at the phone number or email address listed.

# Street & Storm Sewer Improvements Project Newsletter



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## Detour and Access

During construction, access through the construction zone will be limited depending on the construction activity taking place. Local traffic should obey road closed signs and find alternate routes around the active construction zone.



## Garbage Pickup

Garbage and recycling collection will continue its regular schedule during construction. During times when the garbage truck is unable to access your receptacles, the contractor will label and move them to an accessible location for pickup and return them to you after collection.



Construction Safety

## Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise, if you observe an unsafe condition, please report it to the Construction Representative immediately.

Please take time to check out the project website.

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/fergusfallsriverfront/>

**Thank you for your patience as we improve your community!**