

### GREEN | Railway to be urban path from Detroit River

From Page 18

Rahab week also will start the summer on the sands at Eastern Market, and 1.5 miles of the riverfront is undergoing redevelopment as the Detroit RiverWalk, a green six walking, cycling and horse-riding between the Belle Isle and Assumption bridges.

The 100-ft-wide Cut will start at Gratiot, south of the market, and continue to Woodbridge, which is two blocks from the river and Tri-Centennial State Park. Eventually, plans call for the path to be re-routed into the park. The first phase of the project will cost between \$5 million and \$4 million and take 10 months to complete.

"You'll be able to walk, bike, skateboard, stroll and hike," said Brian Basabe, president of Eastern Market Corp.

The Cut winds north of Gratiot toward the Snow Center, and officials say they also would like to convert that stretch to green space.

The project will follow the route of the old railway between Gratiot and St. Antoine's, several blocks east of the Chrysler Freeway.

Like the railroad, the grassy way will sit on 35-foot-wide streets. It will feature a 30-foot paved surface, lighting, landscaping and security cameras that will be part of the RiverWalk security system. Access to the Cut will be at Gratiot, Leland and Woodbridge.

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, which is managing the development of the RiverWalk, will assess maintenance of the Cut.

The Cut today is filled with weeds and garbage and will feature Basabe's main market. Lee was sleeping under a bridge with a female companion. "It's away from the woods," he explained.

The usual trees of the Cut is a forest of remarkable beautiful substance on the basis of overpass: images of popular culture, street art and a tree-shed captures "Detroit, Mother City." There also is a bank of poetry that is surrounded by dipping, blood-red paint. "My fair love is the city. My mother is the earth's... I have only cast on the walls."

Wrote Frank, a contributor to UrbanPlanet.org, one of several spots on the Internet that feature the Quaker Cut artwork. "This graffiti is haunting AWAZZU."

What will happen to the graffiti? Officials said they will keep as much as possible.

"We'd like to consider it an art form," said Leonard Marzullo, chief operating officer for the river conservancy. "As long as it's not positive or offensive, why not?"

The Quaker Cut pathway initiative is a result of the Green Wave Initiative of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, which in recent years has spent millions of dollars to make more than 100 grants to create linked parks throughout the seven-county region. Much of the money flows to local governments to leverage additional money from the state and federal governments.

In the Dearborn Cut, the Community Foundation donated \$1.6 million for planning, construction and maintenance, which brought in \$4.4 million in public money.

"Right now, we're seeing lots of development," said Tom Wozniak, director of the GreenWave Initiative.

—DANIEL BELL MCGRAW at 248-234-4797 or dmcr@freemedia.com. Staff writer The Detroit News/Free Press.

Vandaag de dag horen alle gebieden in Brazilië die ooit van de Nederlanders zijn geweest tot Brazilië. E