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## **Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick to expand west across White River**

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick is embarking on a \$21.2 million expansion to the west side of the White River downtown through a partnership between the City of Indianapolis and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The new segment – dubbed the White River Expansion – will link downtown's Wholesale District to near west side neighborhoods by adding one mile along South Street, Kentucky Avenue, Henry Street and a Henry Street bridge, which Indianapolis will build south of Washington Street in 2024.

“As a state, we are focused on improving the quality of place of our communities and the quality of life for current and future generations,” said Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. “The expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail to the west side of the White River will further expand the walkability of our Capital City and connect downtown Indianapolis to Elanco’s new headquarters and the surrounding development that will bring exciting new opportunities for entrepreneurs, innovators, talent and community members for years to come.”

This is the second expansion of the Cultural Trail in its 10-year history. Construction is underway on segments along Indiana Avenue, 10th Street and South Street. When those and the White River Expansion is complete, the Cultural Trail will stretch nine miles.

“Expanding this internationally recognized linear park to the near west side of downtown – where the Elanco global headquarters is underway and additional transformative development is being planned – is another testament to the vibrancy of our city,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “The Cultural Trail seamlessly connects neighborhoods, cultural districts, and entertainment amenities all while serving as the downtown hub for our vast greenway system.”

“We’re excited to welcome this world-class amenity that will provide access for our employees, residents and guests to the east side of White River,” said Dave Kinard, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, Corporate Communications and Administration of Elanco Animal Health.

Elanco, one of the world's leading Animal Health companies, is constructing a 220,000 square foot six-story office and connected innovation and collaboration buildings occupying 40 acres of the former General Motors Stamping Plant site on the western edge of the White River, creating a greenspace-forward campus expanding White River State Park.

Funding for the second Cultural Trail expansion includes landscaping, lighting and maintenance of the Trail, as well as additions to its public art collection, which will include an ongoing public involvement.

Marianne Glick, chair of the Glick Family Foundation, said, "The Indianapolis Cultural Trail is one of the most impactful projects my parents, Gene and Marilyn, supported. The Glick family and I are excited to see their legacy live on with this new expansion, bringing the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick to the west side of the White River and to the West Indianapolis community. It's inspiring to see the support from the City of Indianapolis and State of Indiana with their significant investment in the Cultural Trail."

"We are so grateful to our state and city partners who are making the White River expansion of the Cultural Trail possible," said Kären Haley, executive director of Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc. "In total, the Cultural Trail has received more than \$100 million from government, foundation and private donors and supporters. The Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick is a quintessential public-private partnership."

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### **About Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc.:**

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail creates, inspires and sustains connections and cultural experiences that are accessible for all. The Indianapolis Cultural Trail is both a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a world class, internationally recognized linear park: The Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. In partnership with the City of Indianapolis, the organization also manages Pacers Bikeshare and public destinations along and connected by the Cultural Trail.

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Renderings available at [ICT White River Expansion Attachments](#)

# Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick By The Numbers

## Original Trail

LENGTH: 6 miles

FUNDING: \$63 million federal grants and local corporate and philanthropic sources

TIMING: Opened in 2013

LOCATION: Circles downtown and includes several legs

## First Expansion (under construction)

LENGTH: 2 miles

FUNDING: \$30 million with \$28.5 million from the Lilly Endowment Inc. Elevance Health Foundation, Lilly Foundation and the City of Indianapolis (The Cultural Trail is currently fundraising for the remaining \$1.5 million.)

TIMING: Construction is scheduled to be complete by late spring 2024

LOCATION: Two segments:

**Indiana Avenue/10<sup>th</sup> Street** – Enhances connections in the Indiana Ave cultural district, connecting to the Madam Walker Legacy Center on Indiana Avenue and continuing north to 10th Street, where it continues west on 10th Street to the 16 Tech Bridge.

**South Street** – Improves connections in the Wholesale cultural district, connecting New Jersey Street to Capitol Avenue, improving access to Stadium Village businesses, Old Southside Neighborhood, Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center

## White River Expansion (to be built)

LENGTH: 1 mile

FUNDING: \$21.2 million with \$18.2 million from the State of Indiana and \$3 million from the City of Indianapolis

TIMING: Construction is anticipated to begin late 2025 and open late 2026

LOCATION: Connecting West Indianapolis to the Wholesale cultural district; runs along South Street, Kentucky Avenue, Henry Street and the new Henry Street bridge connecting to neighborhoods on the west side of White River as well as the Elanco Global headquarters and expansion of White River State Park.

## **Additional Quotes**

“Today’s announcement of the Cultural Trail expansion to the Valley Neighborhood is truly a historic moment for us and the City of Indianapolis. This melding of the Valley’s long rich history with the legacy that is the Indianapolis Cultural Trail is emblematic of the new opportunities West of the River. The Valley Neighborhood embraces the chance to now be part of that legacy and welcomes the opportunity to help build a new chapter for that vibrant legacy.”

- Jay Napoleon, resident and President of The Valley Neighborhood Association

“The Cultural Trail expansion will bring connectivity to our community where we all can thrive and grow together. It is a much needed asset and resource for our neighborhoods and I am extremely grateful for the investment which will impact generations to come.”

- Kristin Jones, City-County Councilor, District 16

“We are thrilled about the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail which will go by Eleven Park, a Transformational Riverfront Neighborhood Development, adding another amenity to this exciting downtown project. This expansion creates the connectivity and walkability of this area to the rest of downtown and we look forward to being part of the continued legacy of the Cultural Trail that gives residents and visitors a great way to explore our growing neighborhoods, cultural districts, and entertainment venues.”

- Ersal Ozdemir, President & CEO of Keystone Group