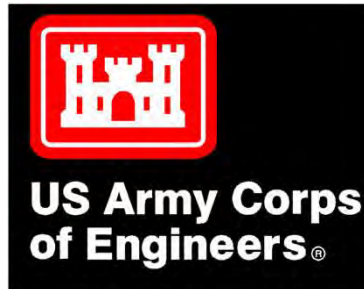
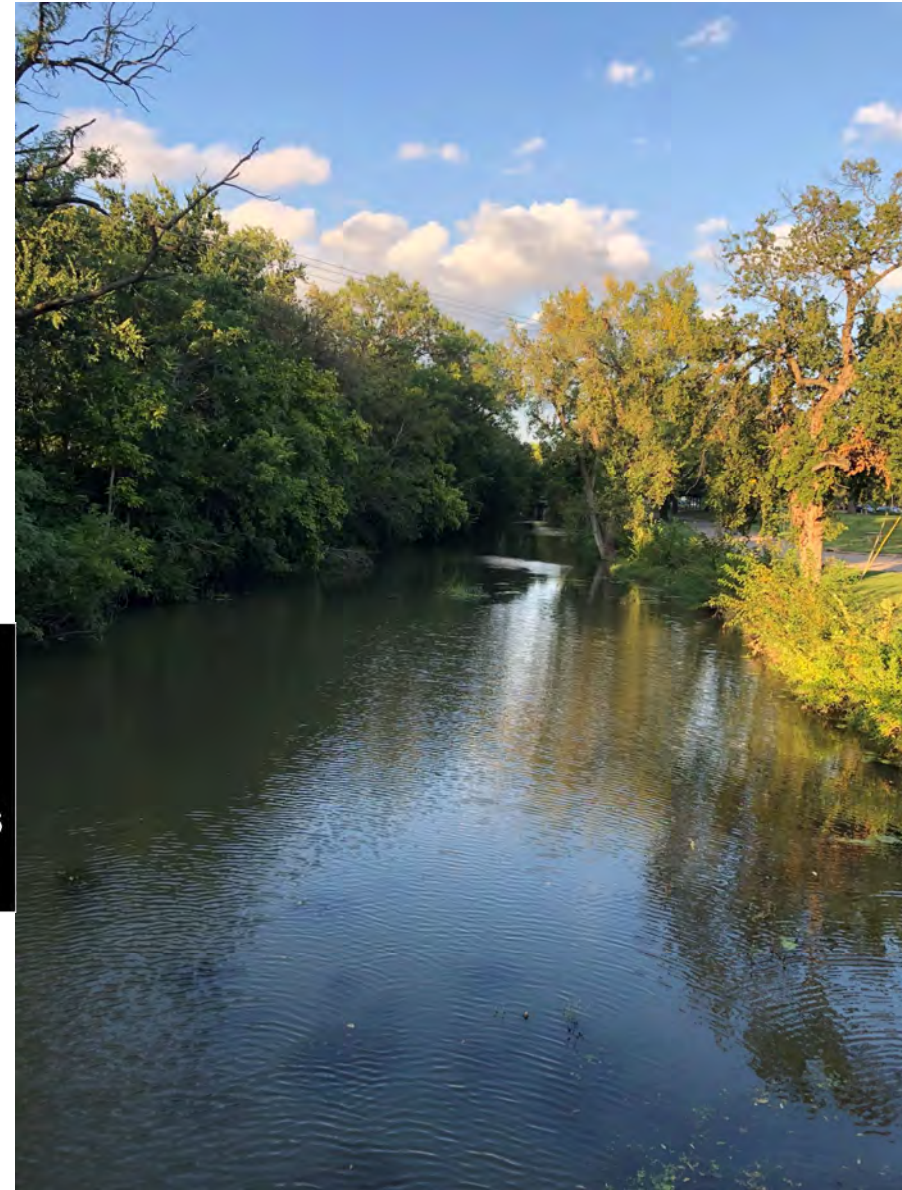


Smoky Hill River Restoration Phase 1



FRIENDS OF THE RIVER
FOUNDATION



Historic Pictures



Flooding in Salina

Four big floods in Salina with the 1951 flood being the worst. Salina took action with the Corps of Engineers building a flood ditch on the east side of town.



The hospitality never faltered

The Smoky
Hill River
on Iron
Avenue
before the
flood
channel
was built
by the
Corps of
Engineers



Today

- 5 sq miles of urban runoff
- Historic= 8,341 sq miles
- No base flow



Yes for a Better Salina was a grassroots effort led by the Friends of the River Foundation to increase the city of Salina sales tax. The voters in 2016 voted to approve the increase. It funds streets, parks, other projects, and it funds the river restoration with \$1.35 million for 16 years.



A photograph of a river flowing through a wooded area. The river is in the foreground, with some rocks visible in the water. In the middle ground, there is a small waterfall or rapids. The background is filled with dense trees and foliage. The sky is overcast and grey. The text "Preliminary engineering for the whole riverway." is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

Preliminary engineering for
the whole riverway.


Smoky Hill River Masterplan



City of Salina

Phase 1 Plan for the Smoky Hill River Restoration





RAISE Grant \$22.1 Million

7 bridges, trails, 6 boat drops, maintenance building, trail lighting, 4th
street improvements and part of the boardwalk

RAISE Grant Schedule

April 22, 2024 – Contract
Signed between City of Salina
& Federal Transportation
Department

End of 2026 – RAISE Grant
projects let out for bid

2024-2026 – Final Designs

2027 – 2030 – Construction



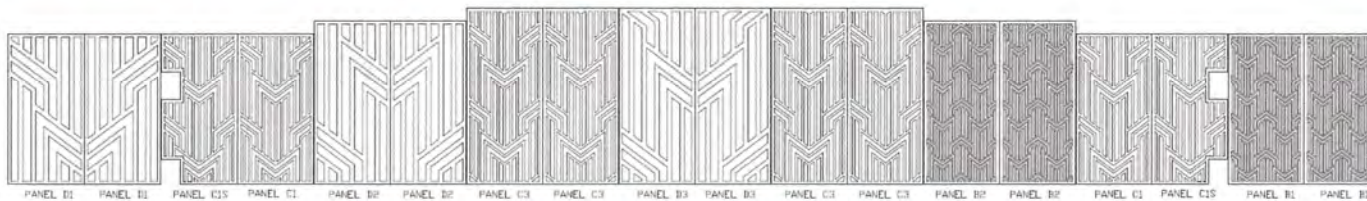
Bridge Replacement S. Ohio Bridge & S. Ohio & N. Ohio pedestrian tunnel



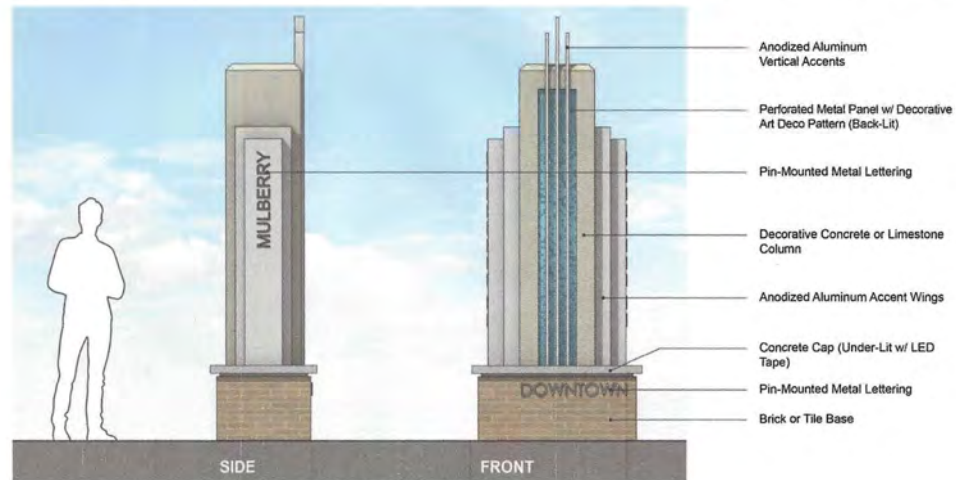
Ash Street, Elm Street, Lakewood, Midway, YMCA Bridges



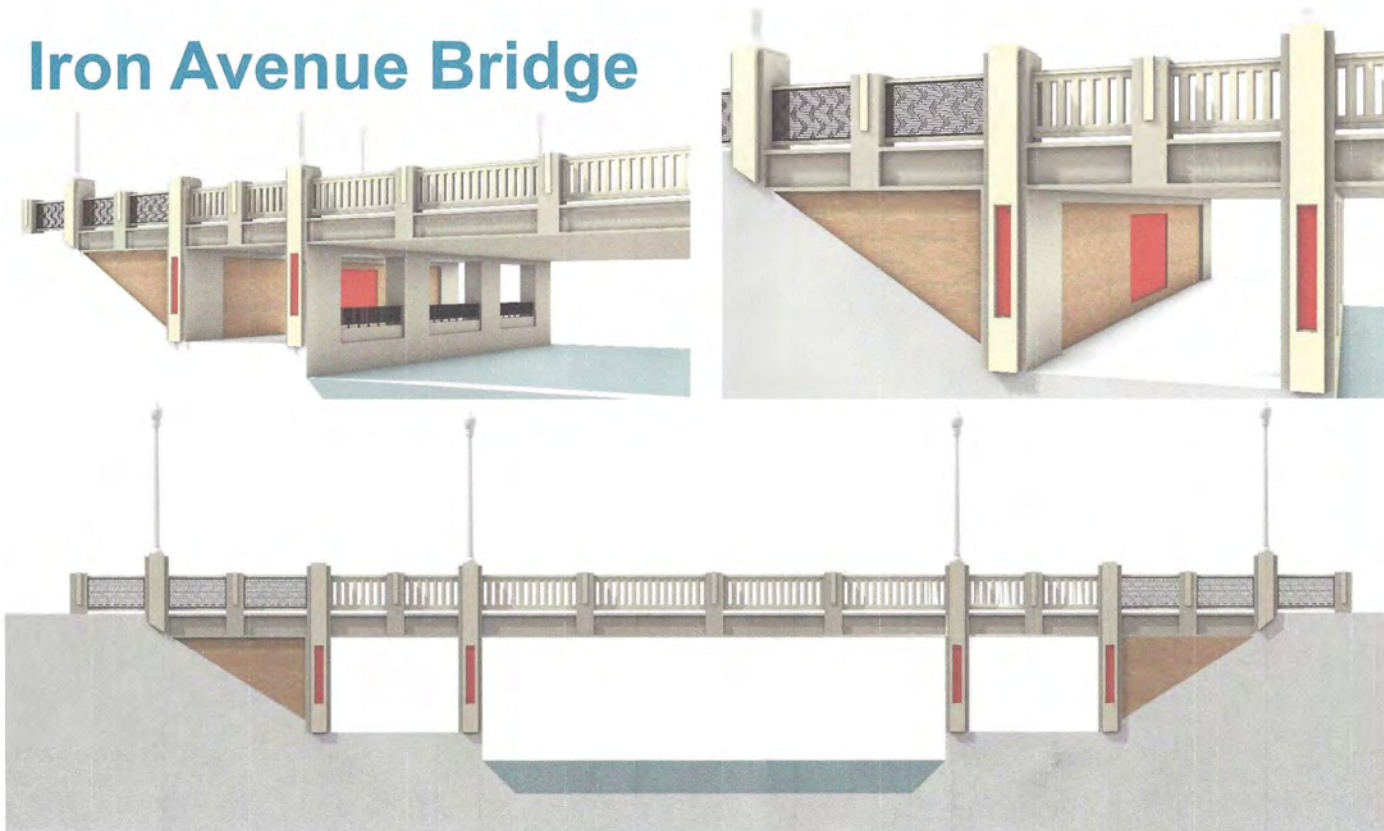
Iron Avenue Bridge Inspiration



3D VIEW



Iron Avenue Bridge



4th Street Plaza and Iron Avenue Bridge



4th Street Plaza



Smoky Hill River Trail



City of Salina and the Corps of Engineers sign agreement.

Senator Jerry Moran looks on as Mayor Bill Longbine and Colonel Travis Rutherford from the US Army Corp of Engineers sign contract for the Smoky Hill River Renewal to enter a GI Bill on Monday, July 15.



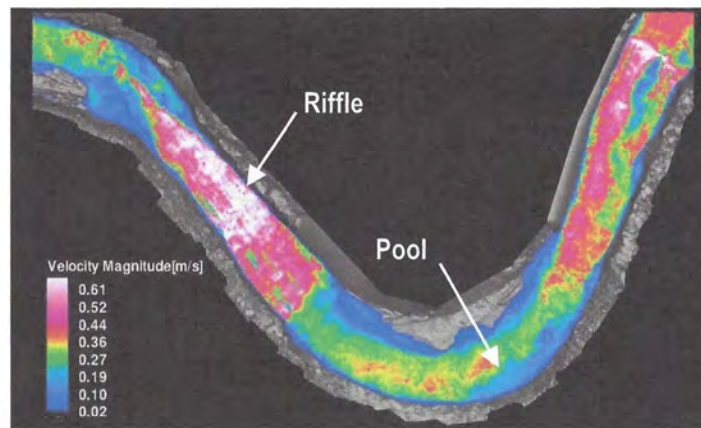
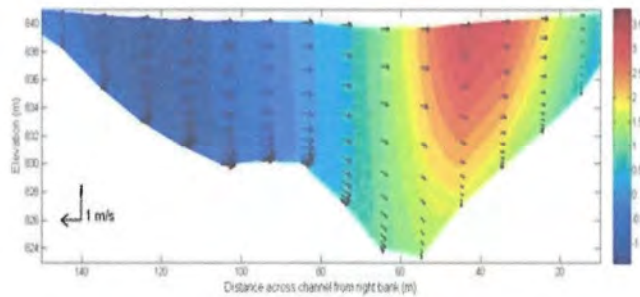
Corps of Engineers – GI Program

- The total for the Smoky Hill River Renewal project with the Corps of Engineers is \$21,315 million. The Corps would pay \$13,705 million and the City of Salina \$7.61 million. \$400,000 was appropriated in 2024 to finish the study.
- Entrance Works
- Sediment Removal
- Channel Shaping
- Bank Stability and Vegetation Management

Entrance Works / Sediment Basins / Water Quality Wetlands



Natural Channel Design Concept



Channel Configuration with Pools and Riffles

Source: University of Minnesota, SAFL

Alternative 2- Pools & Riffles



Founders Park and Front Street Plaza





Founders Park Canoe Slides




Lakewood Lake Park



Lakewood Canoe Discovery Trail





Friends of the River will
fundraise for amenities
along the river.

½ mile of trail
around the YMCA
is finished.









