

ACTION 7B

Lower Town River Walk & Trails

Include pedestrian, bicycle, golf cart & handicapped accessible trails

Located behind the Trigg County courthouse, there is an asphalt road leading down into what was once the small community of Lower Town. If one continues on this road, it takes you to a beautiful overlook on the banks of the Little River where a bridge once crossed. The road, often referred to as Lower Town Road, is in excellent condition and only needs a few fallen trees and debris removed to make it an easy access to the river via walking, bicycling, golf carts, wheelchairs, scooters and automobiles.



There is also a nature trail that comes off this road and travels along the Little River then parallels a small spring before it meanders its way back to Lower Town Road. Along the way, one comes to a small footbridge that crosses the spring and allows one to connect to another trail that eventually meanders its way under both Hwy 139 and Hwy 68, ending at Cadiz River Park (aka West Cadiz Park). A second trail brings one out just below the old IGA store located on Main Street where a “Walking & Bike Trail” sign has been installed. *Note: The only other structures besides the footbridge remaining in Lower Town are two concrete ruins, one of which has been identified as the old ice house.*

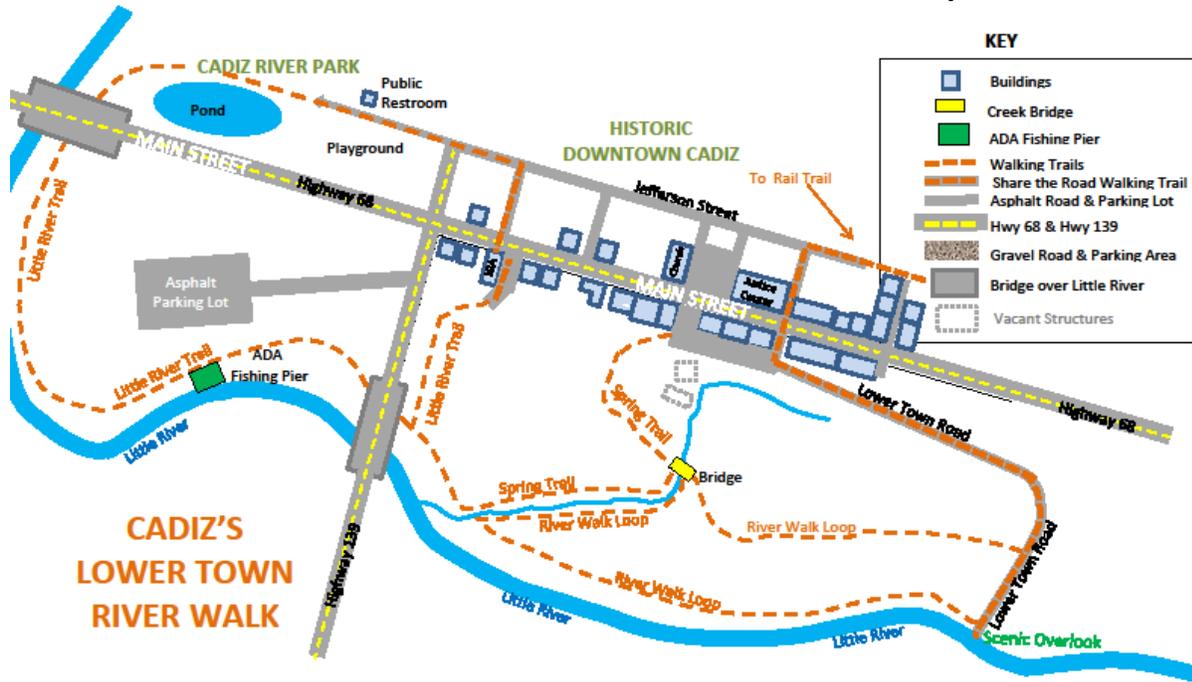
The property in Lower Town as well as the property on the other side of Hwy 139 are owned by the USACE and leased to the City. Sections are flooded each Spring but the rest of the time the trails are accessible. With a few weed eaters and a number of volunteers, the trails could easily be reopened to the public. Working with prisoner details as well as volunteers and organizations such as the Boy Scouts, churches, and county extension, the trails could be maintained and interpretive signs & markings added along both Lower Town Road and the trails transforming the entire area into an outdoor classroom for young and old.



CADIZ'S LOWER TOWN RIVER WALK PARK

Pedestrian & Bicycle-Friendly Nature Trails

*Lower Town Road also Golf Cart & Wheelchair Friendly.



TURNING LOWER TOWN INTO AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



An outdoor classroom can be as simple as identifying a few trees and plants with small markers or a map to as expansive as adding interpretive signs and wayside exhibits. One could also very inexpensively set up an orienteering course along the trail as well as geocaching.

The following section provides a photo tour of the Lower Town River Walk Trail System.

