

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP

# Sawyer Road Corridor Plan Public Meeting

MAY 01, 2023







## **Agenda**

PROJECT TEAM

PROJECT OVERVIEW

STUDY AREA & EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

STREETSCAPE REVIEW

QUESTIONS



## **Project Team**









## **Project Overview**

Chikaming Township is collaborating with Berrien County to develop a corridor plan for the business district extending from Red Arrow Highway throughout downtown Sawyer.

With recent growth and investment, the Township is proposing improvements for:

- Parking
- Streetscape
- Pocket Parks
- Wayfinding

## **Study Area**



#### **Character Areas**



Red Arrow

**Sawyer Road Character Areas** 

Truck Stop

Downtown Sawyer

#### **Businesses**



Retail

Institutional

Services

**Business Map** 

### **Traffic Counts**



#### Traffic Count

→ Direction of Traffic

+++ Railroad

**Transportation Map** 

#### **Curb Cuts**



**Driveway Curb Cuts** 



Railroad Curb Cuts





**Street Curb Cuts** 

## **Downtown Sawyer – Sidewalk Analysis**



Good Sidewalk

Fair Sidewalk

Poor Sidewalk

## **Downtown Sawyer – Street Parking**



Parking Stall

Driveway

No Parking

Potential Motorcycle Parking

**Current Parking Stalls Along Sawyer Road** 

### **Downtown Sawyer – Parking**

**236** Existing Parking Stalls

**328** Proposed Parking Stalls

92 additional stalls

#### North Sawyer Road



#### South Sawyer Road



## **Survey Results**

#### What do you most like about Sawyer Road?

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Market neighbors downtown area Sawyer market
home Greenbush also niceSawyer Garden Center

quaint quiet small town Sawyerlocal feel
area Infusco
great charm businesses small live
community
love people shops garden center
restaurants place stores small town feel
post office close downtown
Small town atmosphere
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## What are the main issues and challenges of Sawyer?

```
bike lane Red Arrow Highway
                    many people
                   Parking downtown
                                          downtown Sawyer
                 downtown 194Sawyer Road Pedestrian traffic
    front
                   businesses road Sawyer needs know
             safe
      whole
       Tryingsidewalks parking area Keeping drains trucks driving ramps
truck wash Poor
              car truck stop town traffic bike dangerous
                                          speople safety
               tracks red arrow walk
                                        pedestrian corridor
                     railroad tracks
       congestion
                                     way
          vehicles
                         becoming
                                               interchange
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## **Survey Results**

#### Rank the following statements from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree.

Sawyer Road would benefit from improved walking and bike paths.

No Opinion

Strongly Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

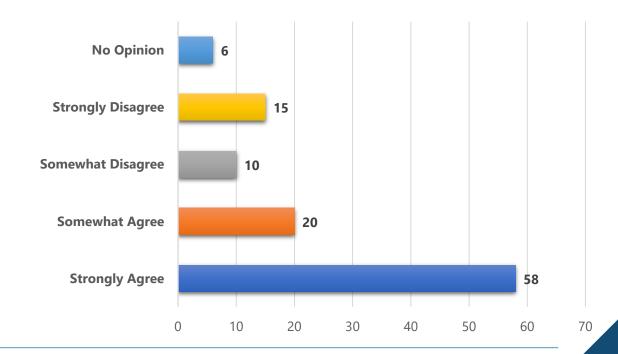
Somewhat Agree

19

Strongly Agree

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Increasing access to more active recreation uses, including parks and outdoor dining will make Sawyer Road more attractive to residents and businesses.



#### RUSTIC RETREAT

COLOR PALETTE AND DESIGN INSPIRATION:













#### **EAST OF INTERSTATE-94**















#### **WEST OF INTERSTATE-94**









## Sawyer Road and Red Arrow Corner

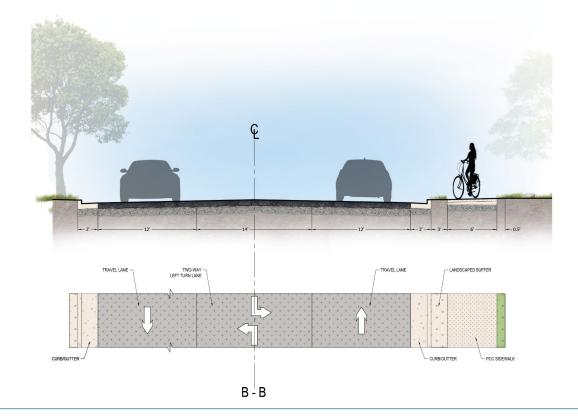


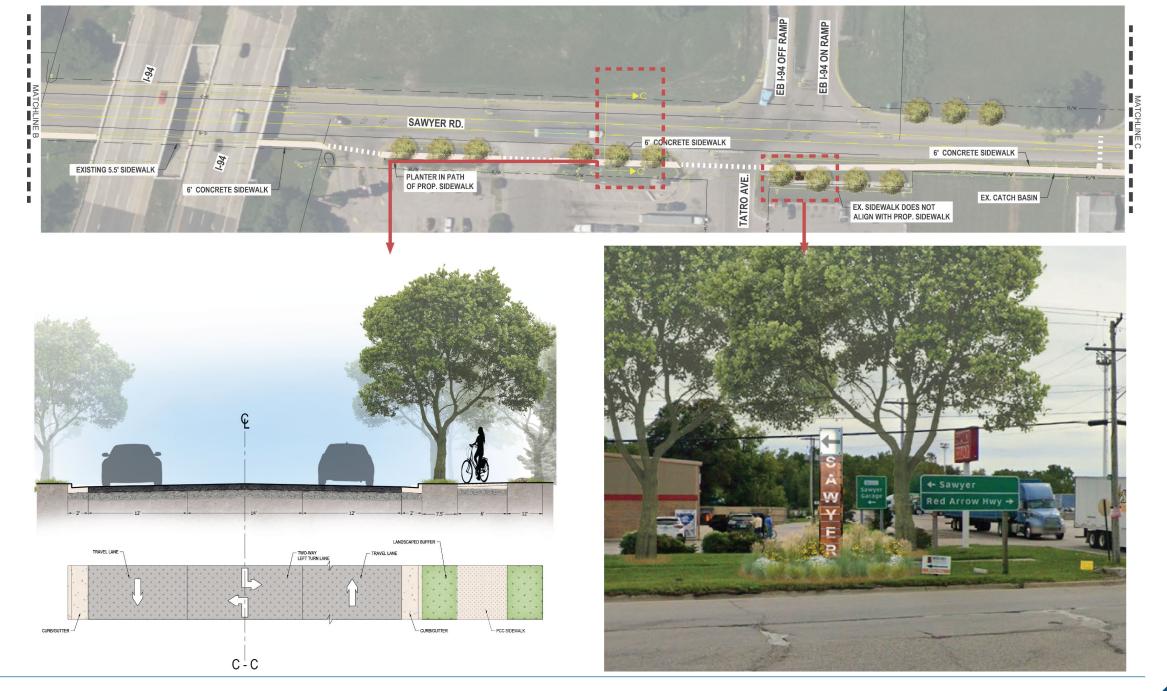


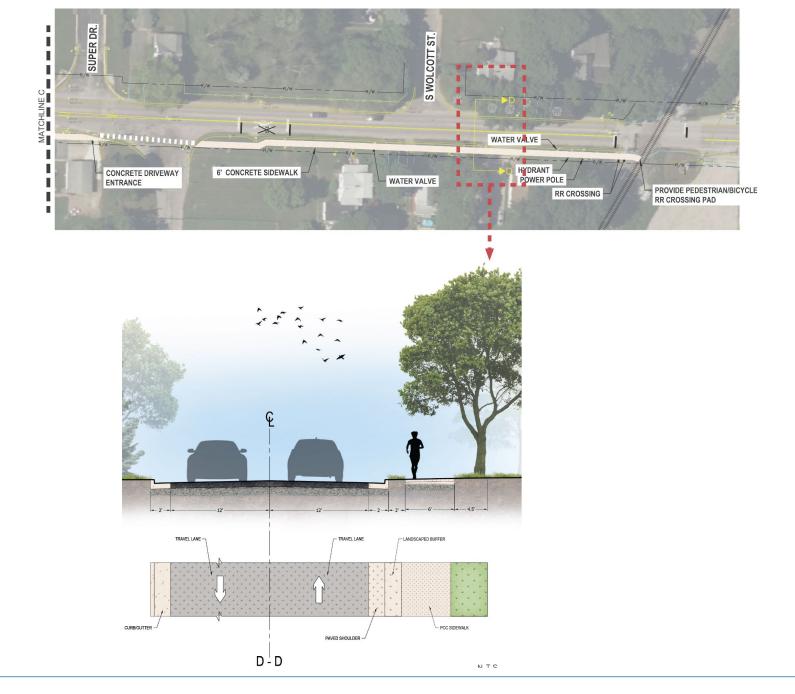
#### CONCEPT DETAILS AND CONFLICTS

- 2100 LINEAR FEET OF SIDEWALK
- 15 ADA RAMPS
- 20 PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE CONFLICTS
- 10 UTILITY CONFLICTS











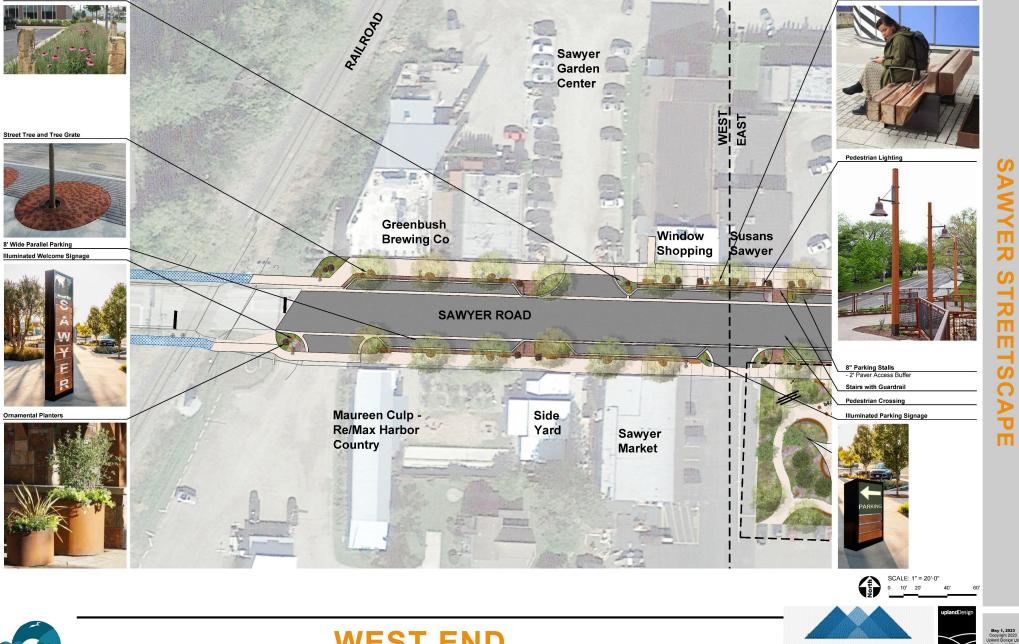


#### **STREETSCAPE PLAN**











#### **WEST END**



**Looking East on Sawyer Road** 



Birds Eye View Looking East on Sawyer Road



North Side Pedestrian View Looking West



## North Side Pedestrian View Looking East



## North Side Pedestrian View - Night





Pedestrian Lighting



Berm with Native Landscaping



Corten Steel Bench Wal









#### **SAWYER SQUARE**

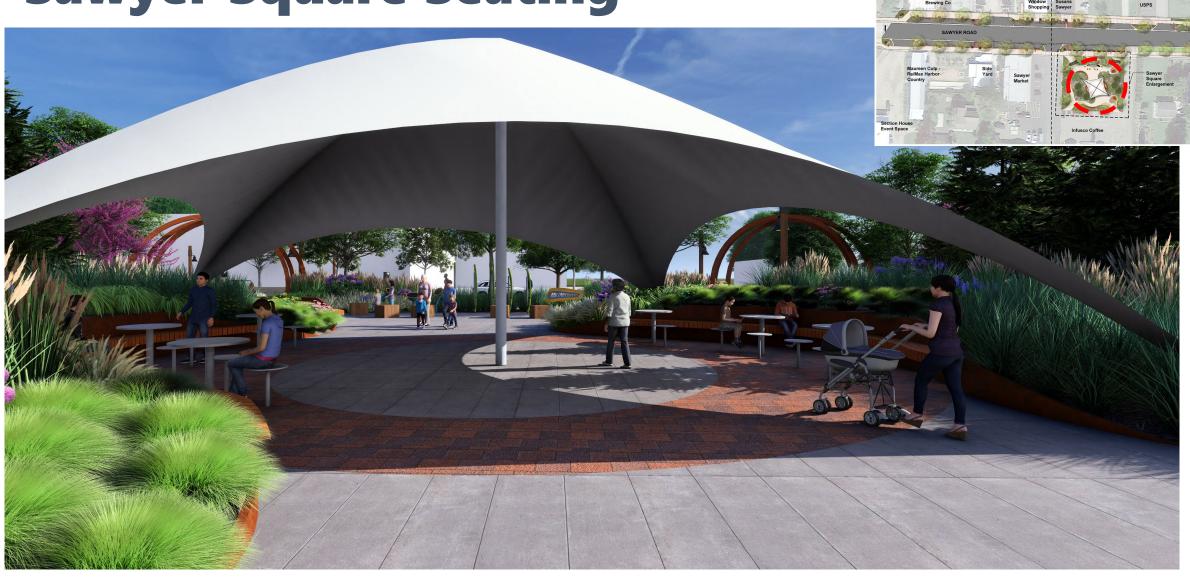


Music Play

Sawyer Square West Entrance



**Sawyer Square Seating** 





#### **EAST END**



**Looking West on Sawyer Road** 



Birds Eye View Looking West on Sawyer Road





