

Friends of Red Bridge formed as an organization in response to a proposal to build an ill-suited bridge in Minor Park. Our over-arching goal is to preserve a park and its surrounding community. A smaller bridge will not:

- encroach as much on the surroundings
- destroy trees
- disrupt the ecosystem to the same degree
- increase maintenance costs for an already overburdened budget
- create its own safety issues

For these reasons all alternatives involve spanning the river only. Three alignments have been offered along with several examples for a new bridge. Roundabouts are suggested at several intersections because they are the most efficient way of moving traffic and also decrease CO2 emissions due to idling.

In addition, we propose burying overhead utilities, the use of 'wooden' guard rails, and shoulder treatments such as green swales. Given current traffic and future traffic projections, the road should remain two lanes in most areas with the current 35 mph posted speed. Also, we would like to suggest moving the park entrance to Blue River Road.