

# Bradford Route



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.....Distance 1.8 Miles

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### **Richard E. McDowell Community Trail**

The trail runs along the West Branch Tunungwant Creek beginning on Campus Drive. It is paved with mild elevation changes and includes seven bridges, two ponds, and a beautiful gazebo as well as several benches for resting.

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### **Zippo Corporate Headquarters**

The World headquarters of Zippo Manufacturing Company was founded in 1932 by George G. Blaisdell. The iconic building - with a giant lighter above the entrance and neon sign on the roof - was completed in 1955. Zippo lighters and the sound of the famous click are renowned worldwide while Zippo sightings on TV and in the movies are a testament to the lighter's role in American pop culture. The Zippo/Case Museum is located at 1932 Zippo Drive in Bradford.

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### **Veterans Square**

The original gazebo was built in Bradford's Public Square in the early 1890's, rebuilt in 1923, updated in 1988 and 2014. Since the placement of the flagpole on Memorial Day in 1898, honoring soldiers from the Spanish American War, the square has served to honor local veterans. New benches and a rose garden were added in 2015.

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### **Rotary Club Garden**

The Rotary Club of Bradford received a District Simplified Grant to purchase "knockout" rose bushes for this garden at the site of the City of Bradford's historic sign at Davis and Main Streets, which was installed in the spring of 2012. The bushes, which have become icons elsewhere in the City, are known for being weatherproof in wintry climates.

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### **Bradford Public Library**

Originally built at 27 Congress Street, with a \$25,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie, the current site of the Bradford Area Public Library was built in 1991. In 2014, the children's room was renovated to create a state-of-the-art Early Literacy Center.