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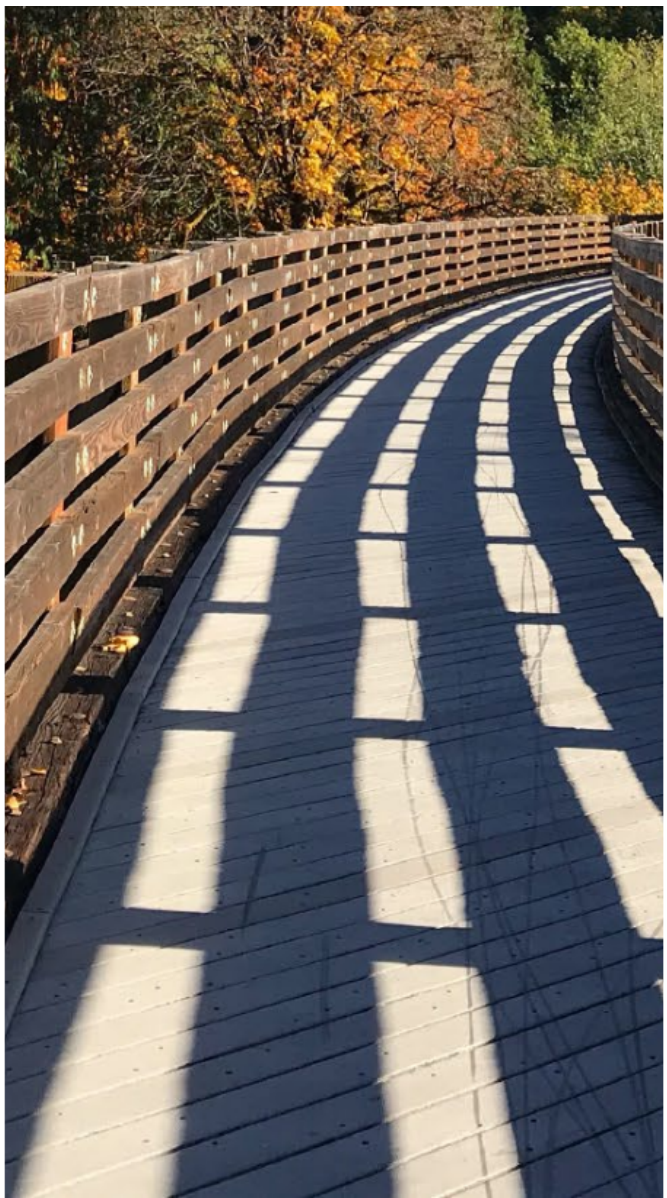

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The trail begins at a connection with the popular Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, which heads southwest to St. Charles and east towards Saginaw. From that juncture, the Thomas Township Trail heads north, past Swan Valley High School, and crosses busy Gratiot Road, which is bordered by stores and restaurants.

The trail continues north and crosses Shields Drive, where it has a pavilion with picnic tables, a seasonal water fountain, and restrooms. Within two blocks east of here are a number of important buildings, including the police and fire departments, public library, and municipal offices. Following the power line right-of-way for another three-quarters of a mile, the trail comes to an end at North Miller Road.

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States: Michigan
Counties: Saginaw
Length: 3.1miles
Trail end points: Saginaw Valley Rail Trail to North Miller Road (Saginaw)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available midway along the trail in a parking lot at 8215 Shields Dr. The lot, which shares the area with the Thomas Township Fire Department, is accessible from both Shields Drive and from Miller Court.

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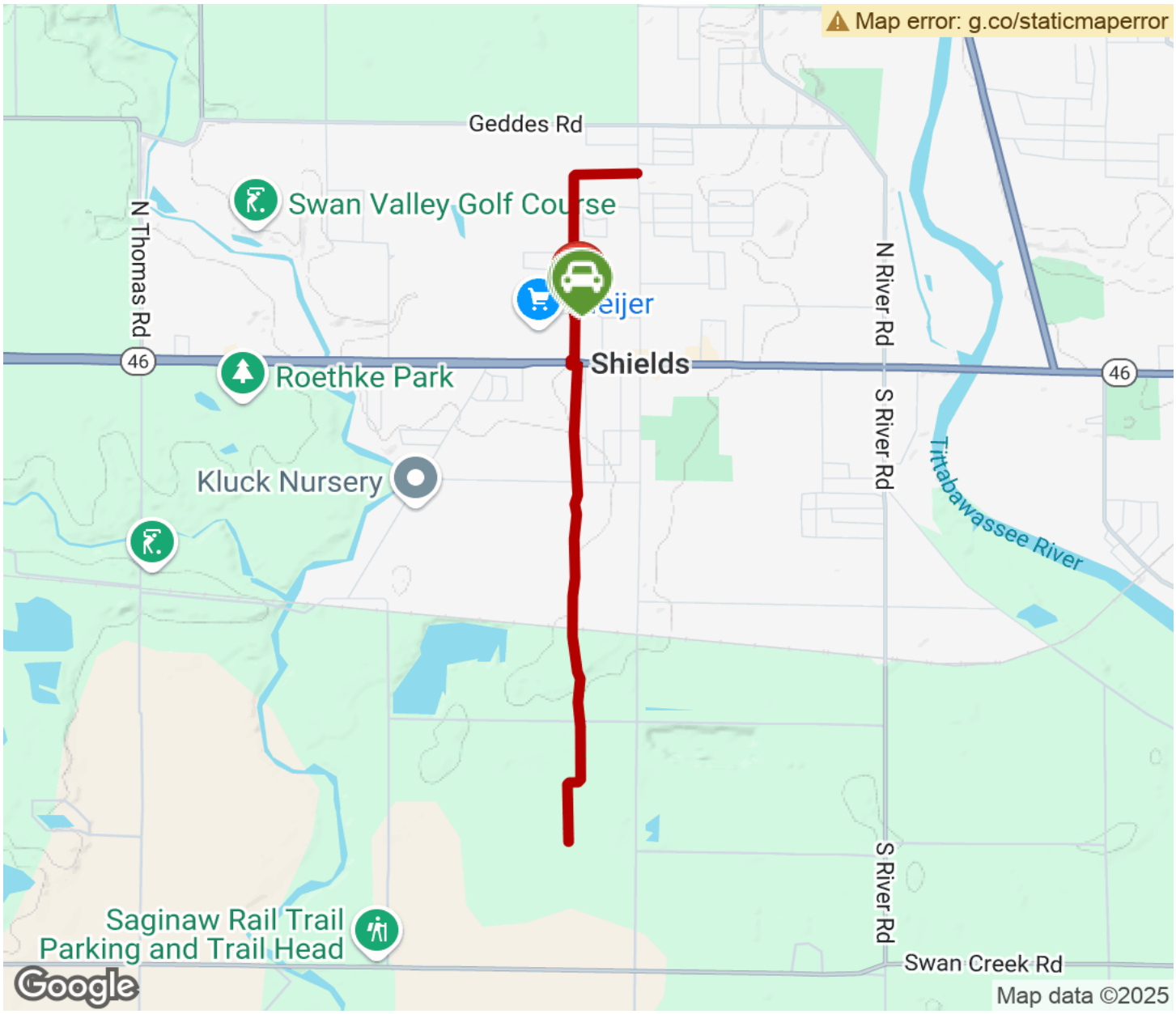

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel