



News on the Trail...

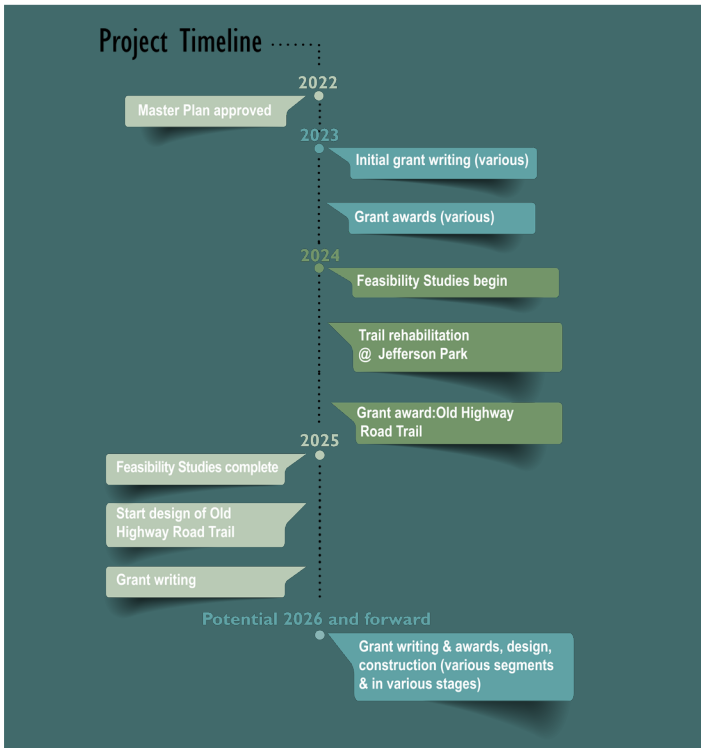
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Linking communities, neighborhoods & nature

The Concept

In 2020, the vision for the High Cliff Connection was realized -- a bike/pedestrian route that will extend the regional east/west trail corridor from the Miron Trestle Bridge to High Cliff State Park. The connection will tie into the Friendship Trail and existing and planned local trails.

Please enjoy our annual newsletter, which is to keep the community abreast of the project developments.



By the Numbers

2.21

million pledged from the CFFVR towards the project.



3

government partners (DOT, DNR & ECWRPC).



1.15

million in Federal & state grant funds awarded in 2023 & 2024.



5

local governments collaborating on the project.



Project Highlights

2021-2023

- High Cliff Connection Master Plan adopted by ECWRPC.
- The David L. & Rita E. Nelson Family Fund pledged \$2 million for the project to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region (CFFVR).
- Part-time trail coordinator hired by CFFVR.
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) grants applied for and received for feasibility studies for multiple trail segments.

2024

- City of Menasha awarded a \$100,000 WisDNR Grant for the Jefferson Park Trail Rehabilitation (eastern end of the Connection) and construction commenced.
- Village of Harrison awarded WisDOT grant for Old Highway Road Trail - design and construction.
- An additional \$210,000 in private donations received for the project via the CFFVR.
- Feasibility studies commenced and initial Public Involvement Meetings completed.
- Website expansion launched.

Coming in 2025

- Submit additional grant applications.
- Complete Feasibility Studies with preferred trail locations being presented to the municipalities.
- Start Old Highway Road Trail design.
- Potential additional segment design started.
- Continue private fundraising.

Thanks to our local project partners!

