



News on the Trail....

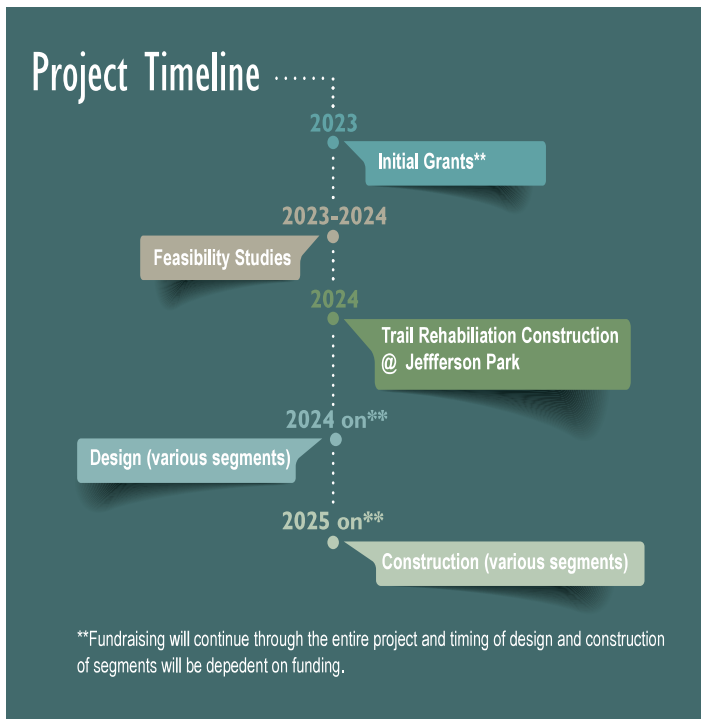
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Linking communities, neighborhoods & nature

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.

We're introducing a project newsletter to help keep the community abreast of the project developments.



By the Numbers

2 Million pledged from the CFFVR towards the project.



4 Federal & state grants applied for in 2023.



3 Government partners (DOT, DNR & ECWRPC).



5 Local governments collaborating on the project.



Project Highlights

2021-2022

- High Cliff Connection Master Plan adopted by ECWRPC.
- The David L. & Rita E. Nelson Family Fund of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region (CFFVR) pledged \$2 million to the project.

2023

- Part-time trail coordinator hired by CFFVR.
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) grants applied for and received for feasibility studies for multiple trail segments.
- The project team presented the project at the State Capitol for the Legislative Trails Caucus.
- Menasha applied for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) grant for Jefferson Park Trail segment rehabilitation.
- Harrison applied for a WisDOT grant for Old Highway Road Trail segment design & construction.

Coming in 2024...

- Awardees announced for WisDNR Grant (~ 2/24).
- Awardees announced for WisDOT Grant (~ 5/24).
- Feasibility studies completed for the various trail segments.
- Fundraising continues.

Thanks to our local project partners!

