

TRAIL PROJECT FACT SHEET

PROJECT LOCATION

The Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, is proposing a new multi-use trail segment to be constructed along the north side of WIS 33, from the Wild Goose State Trail eastward to City View Blvd in the City of Horicon. The proposed project involves approximately 2.3 miles of trail.

PROJECT NEED

Appropriate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure does not currently exist in the proposed project area. The need for the project is to expand existing trail networks within the County and to provide a safe, continuous, off-street access for pedestrians and bicyclists.

EXISTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed project is Phase 2 of the Gold Star Memorial Trail (GSMT). The GSMT is a citizen initiated, public-private project progressing through Dodge County, Wisconsin providing an important recreational trail facility for the citizens of Dodge County and its visitors as well as serves as a memorial to fallen service members of Wisconsin. The overall plan for the trail is to connect the City of Mayville to the City of Beaver Dam, traversing approximately 15 miles when complete. The trail is for non-motorized use, primarily biking and hiking, and provides opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months. The trail connection between the Cities of Mayville and Beaver Dam also provides important trail links to the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area and its world class Education and Visitor Center, the City of Horicon, and the Wild Goose State Trail.

Phase 1 of the trail opened in 2018. This portion of the trail begins at Theiler Park in the City of Mayville, traverses along the west side of WIS 28, and ends at the Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center. The next trail segment is a walking and hiking trail through the Horicon Marsh. Phase 4 of the trail opened in 2018 and included signed bike routes through the City of Horicon from the Horicon Marsh to Whitty Park.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

A new approximate 2.3 mile multi-use path along the north side of WIS 33 is proposed. The path is planned to have a paved width of 10-feet. The path would be placed approximately 30-feet from the adjacent roadway.

OTHER INFORMATION

Right-of-way acquisition is anticipated for this project. Much of the proposed trail would be placed within the existing WIS 33 corridor and the existing right-of-way. However, temporary easements may be considered for grading the trail during construction. Additionally, the Margaret Janet Herrick Cemetery resides along the project corridor. Permanent acquisition would be used to route the trail around the cemetery.