

Resolution authorizing acquisition of an easement through Rivercrest Village on property owned by Juniper Partners LLC to establish a new route for the Mississippi River Trail and Regional Bicycle Route One.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission (WIMRPC) is leading a statewide effort to mark and sign the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) through communities adjacent to the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, WIMRPC has requested the City of La Crosse to designate a route for the MRT that follows the Mississippi River as close as possible; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) recently proposed an alignment for their Regional Bicycle Route One that crosses private property at Rivercrest Village, specifically parcel number: 17-50325-300; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorsed the LAPC proposed route through Rivercrest Village as the preferred route for the MRT and Regional Bicycle Route One; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-0562 approves the routing of the MRT through Rivercrest Village and the desires of the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission to have a route through La Crosse that is nearer the Mississippi River than its previous routing; and

WHEREAS, completion of the preferred routing for the MRT and Regional Bicycle Route One are dependent upon the acquisition of an easement across private property owned by Juniper Partners LLC; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-0754 authorizes City staff to pursue of an easement at Rivercrest Village for the MRT and Regional Bicycle Route One; and

WHEREAS, Resolution File #48863 authorizes the acceptance of a 1993 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Rivers grant that provides funding for easement acquisitions to facilitate the MRT; and

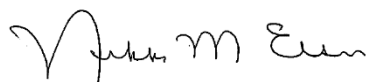
WHEREAS, Juniper Partners LLC has expressed interest in providing a voluntary easement to accommodate the Mississippi River Trail and Regional Bicycle Route One and both parties, the City of La Crosse and Juniper Partners agreed to the asking price of \$20,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes acquisition of a voluntary easement as identified in the attached survey through Rivercrest Village on property owned by Juniper Partners LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding to acquire an easement, as specified in the attached survey, from Juniper Partners LLC for \$20,000 will be provided by a 1993 Department of Natural Resources Urban Rivers grant File #48863 (Account 2209910-550000-19754).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is authorized to pursue any necessary steps to secure a voluntary easement across property owned by Juniper Partners LLC specifically parcel number 17-50325-300.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on January 14, 2021.



*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*