

# Gateway 1.5 Connector Trail

Design Concept Plan

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The planning team for the Gateway 1.5 Connector Trail has gathered data, community input and geographic information to assemble a *Design Plan* for the City of La Crosse's Miller Bluff Trail. The details of those findings along with a proposed trail concept are found throughout this *Design Concept Plan*.

The property in scope lies between the existing Compass South Trail within the Gateway Trail System, and the local business "Alpine Inn" Parking Lot at the Southeast end of Grandad Bluff Park. The one main constraint is the section where the parcel of private property comes very close to the edge of Grandad Bluff Road, owned by Greg & Diane Egan. There is a gravel 'turn-around' that falls on the boundary line of City Property and the Egan's Property that should be eliminated, dispersing the gravel into trail and revegetating the disturbed ground in the process of trail construction. An easement is not necessary to make a connection between both points, so this trail will remain on City owned property.



## The Route

- The trail begins at the Alpine Inn business located at the Southern edge of the Park property. It will end at the Compass South Trail, very near its intersection with Grandad Bluff Park Road.
- This route will be about 1/2 mile in total distance.
- This trail will remain on City owned property.
- There is a gravel turn-around located along the proposed trail path. This 75-100yard gravel area should be converted into the Gateway 1.5 Connector Trail, dispersing the gravel onsite into the trail tread to the East and West of the area and the ~3,000 ft of disturbed ground revegetated and converted back to natural material and seeded for regrowth.
- A pad for a trail map kiosk should be installed in the right of way on the South side of Grandad Bluff Road to provide space for a map kiosk and a small space for trail users to gather. The pad should be surfaced with compacted crushed limestone, and measure approximately 10ft x 15ft.
- Approximately 50 yards of dirt is onsite for use by the contractor during trail construction.
- The final flag line should be reviewed with the contractor prior to breaking ground.
- Constraints
  - The contractor should agree to the conversion and restoration of the current graveled turn around area.
  - The property boundaries create a very narrow area for trail to be built. The contractor should be very familiar with these boundary lines and make certain that they avoid crossing onto private property.
  - There is a section of land on the Southeast end of the proposed route that has grades around 30%, circled in pink on the map. A stormwater permit will be applied for by the City of La Crosse. The total length of trail within this grade is between ~100ft and ~300ft long.

## Other Areas of Opportunity

- The end of trail at the Southeast end of the Park near the Alpine Inn could be utilized as a landing spot for trail users. This section could include a bench, bike rack, water station, bike repair station, trail map and other trailhead amenities. This could be considered as a possible requirement for this project bid.