

Resolution authorizing pursuit 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, the Mississippi River Trail provides access to and promotes the scenic, historic, archaeological, cultural, recreational and natural qualities of the Mississippi River and its amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission (WIMRPC) has requested the City of La Crosse designate a route for the Mississippi River Trail that follows the Mississippi River as close as possible; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee recently proposed an alignment for their that crosses private property at Rivercrest Village specifically parcel numbers: 17-50325-300, 17-50325-410, 17-50325-470; 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 Mississippi River Trail (MRT) and Regional Bicycle Route One in Resolution 19-0562; and

WHEREAS, Juniper Partners LLC has expressed preliminary interest in providing an easement for a bicycle trail across property they own at Rivercrest Village; and

WHEREAS, City of La Crosse Common Council Resolution 19-0562 approved the routing of the Mississippi River Trail through Rivercrest Village and the proximity it facilitates to the Mississippi River; and

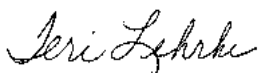
WHEREAS, completion of the preferred routing for the Mississippi River Trail and Regional Bicycle Route One are dependent upon the acquisition of an easement across private property owned by Juniper Partners LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and La Crosse Area Planning Committee to develop an enhanced route as close as possible to the Mississippi River.

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 numbers: 17-50325-300, 17-50325-410, 17-50325-470.

BE IT RESOLVED that City staff are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on July 11, 2019.



Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin