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Fox River Trail to get additional paving

Donations, grant, stimulus will pay for 3½ more miles south of De Pere

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The combination of a grant, fundraising and federal stimulus money is expected to add about 3½ miles of paved trail to the Fox River Trail south of De Pere by next summer.

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The work, projected to cost about \$350,000, will extend the trail south and move the project closer to the ultimate goal of a paved surface from Green Bay to Greenleaf.

Paving from Rockland Road to Midway Road in Rockland will be covered by federal stimulus funds that the county applied for through the state.

Paving the trail from Midway Road to Lasee Road will be funded by a grant secured by the Friends of the Fox River Trail, said Cliff Wall, president of the group.

The extension will create about 10½ miles of paved trail south of Porlier Street in Green Bay, he said.

Wall said initial paving will extend the trail from Midway Road to Lasee Road which will leave a two-mile gap that they hope will be paved in early spring.

Paving from Midway to Lasee started this week, said Doug Hartman, assistant director of Brown County Facility and Park Management.

Work from Midway north to Rockland is expected to be done next spring, he said.

"That work can't start until next year, so there's going to be a gap there this fall," Hartman said.

"Hopefully in the spring or early summer they'll get that other section laid."

Both Wall and Hartman say the extension should be noticeable to users.

"It'll spread out the users," Wall said. "There's heavy pressure between Green Bay and De Pere, and my hope is this will get people out further. ... It will just spread out the use of the trail on pavement."

Hartman noted additional asphalt is a plus for many trailer users, including cyclists and in-line skaters.



Tyler Miles, 15, of De Pere rides Trail on Thursday near Rockland Siegle/Press-Gazette

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