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## Old swing bridge voted down as trail connector

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The old railroad swing bridge off Porlier Street will not be used to connect the Fox River Trail and the proposed trail on Green Bay's west side.

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That's what the Green Bay Park Committee voted against Tuesday evening after realizing the cost to refurbish the bridge wasn't right.

"We feel at this point the cost would be too high to justify refurbishing," said Bill Landvatter, Green Bay Park Recreation & Forestry Director.

Landvatter said the bridge, owned by the state Department of Natural Resources, is in a deteriorating condition. To repair could cost the city from thousands up to millions of dollars.

The city received \$875,750 from the state to develop an abandoned railroad from Bond Street to Hudson Street into a recreation trail. The city also wants to connect the trail to the Mountain-Bay

Trail, which runs from Brown County J in Howard to 83 miles west into Marathon County.

Landvatter said the city could consider other alternatives to the swing bridge, such as offering trail users a boat ride for a small fee to cross the Fox River.

"It would be a relatively unique feature," he said.

### Correction

The Mountain-Bay Trail runs from Brown County J in Howard to 83 miles west into Marathon County. A story published Wednesday had incorrect information.

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amazed99 wrote:

When I am on the bike, I start a little south of the Mason Street Bridge and go 10 miles south. It is full of people all the way out. It might not be quite the five miles south of De Pere that he references, but close enough. Like I said, it is always full of people. Admittedly there are more people farther north on the trail, but I still find enough all the way out.

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