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\$75,000 donation will extend paved portion of Fox River Trail

Broadway Automotive gives toward surfacing project

By Paul Srubas psrubas@greenbaypressgazette.com

Efforts to pave the Fox River Trail in Brown County recently picked up speed with the announcement of a \$75,000 donation.

The gift from Broadway Automotive will pave a mile of trail in the southern part of the county, said Cliff Wall, president of the Friends of the Fox River Trail.

Broadway Automotive also plans to raise donations through its Web site at www.broadwayautomotive .com.

The 25-mile trail runs from Green Bay south to Hilbert in Calumet County.

The trail is the most widely used of any in the state trail system, Wall said. It is open for bicycling, inline skating, walking and cross-country skiing. Horseback riding is allowed in the rural sections.

The entire trail could eventually be paved, but going only to Midway Road now "is a good stopping point," Wall said.

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Map: Portion of Fox River Trail to be paved

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"That's kind of the end of suburbia, the end of development, where it goes into more rural farmland. And the East River Bridge is there, between Old Martin Road and Midway, so it's a good stopping point, a scenic point."

www.foxrivertrail.com.

For information on the Pave-A-Mile campaign, call Wall at (920)468-8898, ext. 325.

When the trail opened in May 2001, it was paved from the trailhead at Porlier Street in Green Bay for six miles to Heritage Road, south of De Pere.

This summer, Brown County, which manages the section of the state-owned trail in its boundaries, paved a mile of the trail from Heritage Road to Rockland Road.

The Friends of the Fox River Trail has started a Pave-A-Mile campaign to raise funds to pave the trail down to Old Martin Road.

"Hopefully, that'll be completed in the fall of 2008," Wall said.

Broadway's donation will pave the section of trail between Old Martin Road to Midway Road for a total of nine miles of paved surface, Wall said.

The trail has a crushed limestone surface where it isn't paved.

Under the Friends' campaign, donors can purchase a linear yard of asphalt for \$75, an inch for \$5 or a foot for \$50.

People who buy at least two yards of asphalt will have their names engraved on commemorative bricks. People who buy at least 10 yards will receive a larger commemorative square.

Those interested in donating can send a check payable to the Friends of the Fox River, to Jerry Ladewig, treasurer, 3320 Patrick Ct., Green Bay, 54301. Donations are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Fox River Trail organized in 2001 to support efforts to sustain, maintain and improve the trail.

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I am one of the many people working to raise the money to extend the paving of the Fox River Trail. I have seen in some of the previous posts that some people think that \$75,000 to pave a mile of trail is too much.

People tend to under estimate exactly how long a mile really is. A mile is 5,280 ft. The trail is 12 ft wide we need to pave 63,360 square ft. that is alot! The cost of \$75,000 comes to \$1.18 per square ft.

Someone posted that it cost \$3,000 to pave his driveway. If it was 20 ft x 30 ft that is 600 square ft. his cost was \$5 per square foot.

We also need to prepare the trail and make sure the drainage is correct so that the pavement will last a long time and not crack and split.

The Friends of the Fox River Trail is an all volunteer group trying to make this great asset to our community better. I ask that

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everyone who uses the trail consider donating so we can pave 2 miles instead of one. We already have over \$3,000 from individual donors for the second mile. Please help us make the second mile come true!

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Tue Oct 16, 2007 1:25 pm

Kudos to whoever was able to scam that kind of a contract. Good for them. We had our triple wide/2 deep drive way repaved last year and it cost less than \$ 3,000.00

Sorry, but \$75K seems like a lot for only one mile. It's not as though the path is a block wide or anything....

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The Fox River Trail is the best maintained road in Brown County.

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