



Fox Cities GREENWAYS IN K

The official publication of Fox Cities Greenways Inc.

Fostering the development and preservation of trails and greenways in the greater Fox Cities region!

A Letter from the President

It's been a busy year for Fox Cities Greenways! As we continue to navigate through COVID-19 we are still looking for ways to promote new and existing greenways throughout the Fox Cities. Throughout the last year trail use and outdoor recreation has increased as people have needed to get outside and physically distance themselves. Throughout the year, Fox Cities Greenways has been working on multiple efforts that we will be able to provide more information on at our annual meeting in January of 2022.

Evaluation of the Paper Trail

Beginning in October Fox Cities Greenways has created a committee of Fox Cities

Greenways board members, residents, and local leaders to evaluate the existing condition of the Paper Trail and to create a plan for the future of this trail. Many things have changed within the Fox Cities since the development of this trail and we want to ensure that the Paper Trail fits with the vision that we started with the Trail Summit in February of 2020.

Evaluate and improve upon our grant application and guidelines

The board of directors is currently working on updating our grant application and guidelines to better define our scoring and ranking system for projects, equipment grants, and event sponsorships. Our overall goal is to make sure we are spending the grant money that we have

responsibly and that Fox Cities Greenway's grants are being utilized to leverage for other grants and local funds.

Provide further opportunities to our members

In July of this year, Fox Cities Greenways hosted a tour of the Nelson Family Heritage Crossing. This tour was offered to our members in order to receive a guided tour of the site from the Little Chute and Kaukauna staff members that worked on the project. Our goal is to provide more of these opportunities with future projects.

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The Greenways Website—A great place to check out local trails and more!



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Did you know we have an online database of trails that are built today, planned for the next 5 years, and dreams for the future? Check it out here!

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Interested in becoming a member or renewing your annual membership contributions? Use our online resources to connect and contribute to local greenways!



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Check out our local trails with an amazing archive of our annual photo contest. Thanks to all the amazing contributors for showing us the trails through your eyes.

FCGI is Talkin' Trails

With local trail blazers!

Village of Little Chute adds a kayak/canoe launch

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department for the Village of Little Chute recently underwent construction for a ADA compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch. The launch was implemented on the south end of Heesakker Park at the bottom of Sanitorium Road. This new amenity is one of three Kayak/Canoe Launches added to the Fox River. Other locations include Wrightstown and Kimberly. The launch is near completion and will look to have a grand opening in 2022. Submitted by John McDonald, Director of Little Chute Parks, Recreation, and Forestry.



Little Chute Kayak/Canoe Launch



Fall Views from Fox Crossing

Rydell Conservancy, Village of Fox Crossing

The Village of Fox Crossing has entered the final phase of the Rydell Conservancy cleanup and site restoration project. The conservancy is located along Little Lake Butte des Morts, directly adjacent to Fritse Park. This multi-year process was originally centered on invasive species removal and trail development throughout the forested portion of the conservancy. More recently a new 65 foot pedestrian bridge and connecting path was installed near the Fox Cities Friendship-Trestle Trail. The addition of the bridge allows guests to access the conservancy easily from the Friendship Trail. Village crews have also added crushed limestone paths that provide up close access to the water and is accessible to users of all abilities.

Along with help from a dedicated volunteer group and parks and recreation department staff, the conservancy has been transformed into a tremendously popular greenspace area. Whether individuals are just passing through or having a picnic with their family, you'll always find someone enjoying the peacefulness the Rydell Conservancy provides.

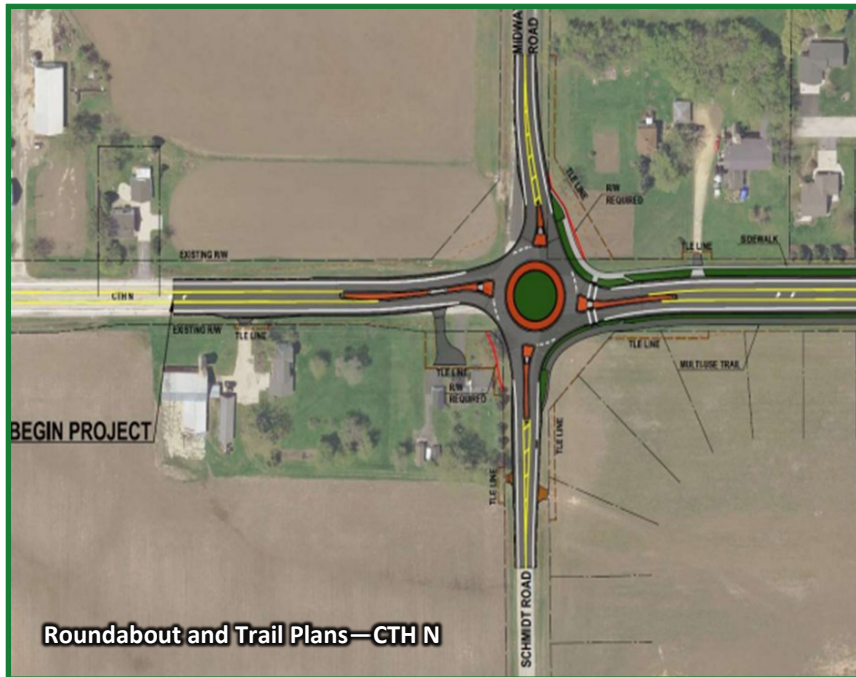
Submitted by Amanda Geiser, Director of Parks and Recreation, Village of Fox Crossing



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Key connection coming in Calumet County



In Calumet County, we were selected to receive funding for a multi-modal type project as part of the MLS funding mechanism in the last governor's budget. Our project is on CTH N from Schmidt Rd. to CTH KK. The project will entail a 10' trail on the east side of the road, and a 5' sidewalk on the west side of the road for the entire segment. With this improvement, residents can move more freely along CTH N as well as within a number of huge housing developments in the area.

Safety is a big issue on this stretch of roadway, and we will be installing some crossing movements along with a roundabout at CTH N at Schmidt Rd. The design has been ongoing since 2019 with the construction to take place in 2022. As part of this project we have worked with the Village of Harrison, and the Kimberly School District. They both played an important role in bringing this to reality. We are very excited about this project, and what the impacts will be for everyone in the area.

Submitted by Brian Glaeser, Calumet County Highway Commissioner

Updates from Outagamie County Parks

At Outagamie County Parks, we are currently working with our Highway Department on replacing numerous culverts under the CE Trail. Once completed, we will be repaving the trail starting on the east side and working west. Given how busy our Highway Department currently is, we do not have a definitive timeline on when we can expect to see the paving completed but most likely sometime next year.

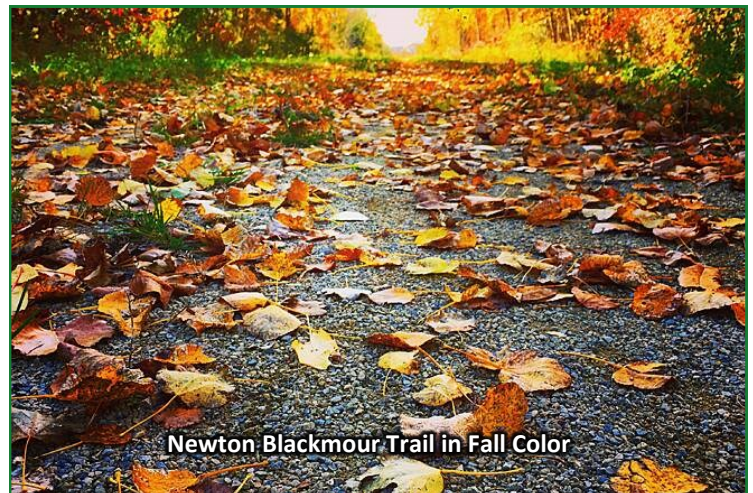
We continue to work with the City of New London on helping them complete the Newton Blackmour State Trail extension from our current endpoint, House Rd, to Pfiefer Park in New London. They remain hopeful that construction will start within the next year.

We will be working on "Phase 1" of the Plamann Park Master Plan which includes reconstruction the roadway from the main entrance to the new pavilion parking lot. As part of this project we will be installing an adjacent grade separated trail along this portion or reconstructed roadway. We expect construction to take place sometime next summer/fall.

We will be replacing 4 bridges along the trail located in the northeast corner of Plamann Park. We have had numerous issues with these bridges in the past and are pleased that we will be replacing them with fully engineered bridges.

We have resurfaced a great deal of the Wiouwash State Trail and have plans to continue resurfacing on both the Wiouwash and Newton Blackmour. Parks recently purchased a trail drag which should make maintaining our state trails much easier in the future.

Submitted by Loren Dieck, Outagamie County Parks Director



Newton Blackmour Trail in Fall Color



Travel for miles and miles on the Wiouwash State Trail

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Mr. Schaefer and grandson Dax open and explore the new trail



Cycling Without Age provided trishaw rides to participants of all ages at the event!



The new trail connects Maes Avenue with the CE Trail through the heart of Kimberly

The Railroad Street Trail Dedication in Kimberly

A key connection in the Loop the Locks Network is officially open! The Village of Kimberly cut the ribbon on the Railroad Street Trail which connects the Cedars Development (Former NewPage Papermill) to the CE Trail with a 10' wide concrete trail. The project was made possible in part through a generous contribution from Fox Cities Greenways Inc. as well as other community partners. The trail was dedicated to Al Schaefer, retired Community Enrichment Director of the Village of Kimberly. Mr. Schaefer and his grandson Dax are pictured cutting the ribbon with the 4th grade students from Westside Elementary as well as checking out Mr. Schaefer's footprints which are stamped into the trail as part of the dedication. Kimberly continues to add to the Papermill Run trail along the Fox River to complete the goal of off road trails that connect to Little Chute through the Washington Street Bridge.

Submitted by Holly Femal, Community Enrichment Director for the Village of Kimberly

ECWRPC Bike Ped Planning

Did you know that there is a regional plan to help guide the development of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh regions? In 2014, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) worked with local stakeholders, municipalities, and partner organizations to create a bicycle and pedestrian plan that looks beyond municipal boundaries to create a proposed regional network. This plan identified existing, planned, and recommended bicycle and pedestrian facilities to help residents and visitors move seamlessly via active transportation throughout the urbanized areas of Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties.

To keep the plan current and reflect all of the new additions to the bicycle and pedestrian network, ECWRPC is in the final stages of adopting an update to the 2014 plan. Highlights of this updated plan include the tremendous progress made by our communities in bikability and walkability—including the addition of nearly 150 miles to the network—a chapter dedicated to "equity in planning for all users of the transportation network", and an update to the recommended regional bicycle and pedestrian network.

More information on the 2014 plan and the plan's update can be found at <https://www.ecwrpc.org/programs/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning/>.



High Cliff Connection Update

A connection from the Fox Cities to High Cliff State Park is one step closer to becoming a reality, thanks to a grant from the David and Rita Nelson Family Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

On June 4, 2021, a formal announcement was made that the Nelson Family Fund was awarding \$100,000 to the effort of conducting a feasibility study and creating a master plan to complete a connection to High Cliff State Park. This is a joint effort by local municipalities, with the grant funds being distributed to East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. A consultant, HKGi, will be leading the project efforts, and it is anticipated that the study and master plan will be completed by June 30, 2022.

Throughout this process, there will be plenty of opportunities to engage in this project. Information on the project, along with ways you can participate, can be found here: <https://hkgi.mysocialpinpoint.com/high-cliff-connection>.



FCCWA Corner

With Cycling Without Age and Make the Ride Happen!

Let the Good Times Roll with Cycling Without Age!

Make the Ride Happen: CWA provided trishaw rides at Fox Cities Greenways, Inc.'s "Membership Appreciation Event" on July 20th, 2021. The event was held at the Nelson Family Heritage Crossing in Little Chute. Below are photos of Estelle Kowalewski, age 91, who is the mother of Jean Horst. Estelle lives in Grand Chute, but is originally from Milwaukee. Estelle is the first trishaw passenger to ride across the Nelson Family Heritage Crossing. Estelle's family says she still can't stop talking about her ride! Do you have a family member or friend who might enjoy the gorgeous fall colors while crossing the Fox River? Do they share Estelle's sense of adventure? This may be one of the best ways to enjoy the fall foliage in the Fox River Area!

Fox Cities Cycling Without Age Association

Fox Cities Cycling Without Age Association (FCCWA) wants to share our knowledge and expertise in all aspects related to Cycling Without Age. Our hope is there will be more cities, towns and villages in the Fox Cities Region that can experience the advantages of having a Cycling Without Age program as a safe transportation and recreational option. Cycling Without Age extends the joy of cycling to older adults and those with differing abilities through trishaws (three-wheel cargo bikes) pedaled by trained volunteer pilots, who provide free rides to parks, trails, neighborhoods and other destinations. For more information regarding this international organization www.cyclingwithoutage.com



Benefits of a Cycling Without Age Program: The Fox Valley Region benefits from Cycling Without Age programs because Volunteer pilots live longer and healthier lives, Trishaw passengers have the opportunity to access amazing trails and parks in the Fox Valley Region, Cycling Without Age improves the quality of life for passengers and is associated with independence, adaptability and active aging, Trishaws rides reduces the carbon footprint, improves the local air quality, and helps to improve the quality of our public spaces, Cycling Without Age encourages social participation; CWA allows people to get access to local events, keeps older adults socially connected and remain socially active longer and engages the community.

About Us: FCCWA mission is to empower local nursing homes and assisted senior living centers, organizations and community members with the resources and knowledge needed to develop a Cycling Without Age program. FCCWA is a network of public and private organizations from the Fox Valley Region in Wisconsin: East Central Regional Planning Commission, Fox Cities Greenways, Inc., Wisconsin Bike Federation and Fox Valley Technical College. FCCWA maintains a close relationship with Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. and is under FCGI 501©3 nonprofit status. FCCWA works with organizations in Outagamie, Calumet and Winnebago Counties.

What We Do: FCCWA will: develop and coordinate CWA resources, promote the benefits of CWA, fundraise by partnering with organizations, nursing homes and community members, and advocate for the infrastructure to support CWA programs

Past Success: FCCWA has raised over \$125,000 for CWA programs in the Fox Valley Region thanks to private and public donors, grants and the support of the Community Foundation of Northeastern Wisconsin. As a result, FCCWA has been able to partner with five area nursing homes and a community-based program, "Make the Ride Happen: Cycling Without Age." From 2019 to 2020, CWA programs in the Fox Valley Region provided over 2,400 passenger rides for older adults and those with differing abilities. Currently there are 9 nursing homes, one community-based program and 22 trishaws in the Fox Valley Region.

No need to reinvent the wheel: Transform your community by making cycling an option for everyone! Develop a Cycling Without Age program. Help your city, town or village become trishaw-friendly. No need to reinvent the wheel! Let us know what challenges you are facing.

To Donate

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Make the Ride Happen: CWA
P.O. Box 5
Menasha, WI
54952-0005

To Schedule a Ride

MRH@lsswis.org or call 920-
225-1719
Program staff available
8:30a-4:30p
Monday thru Friday

To Volunteer

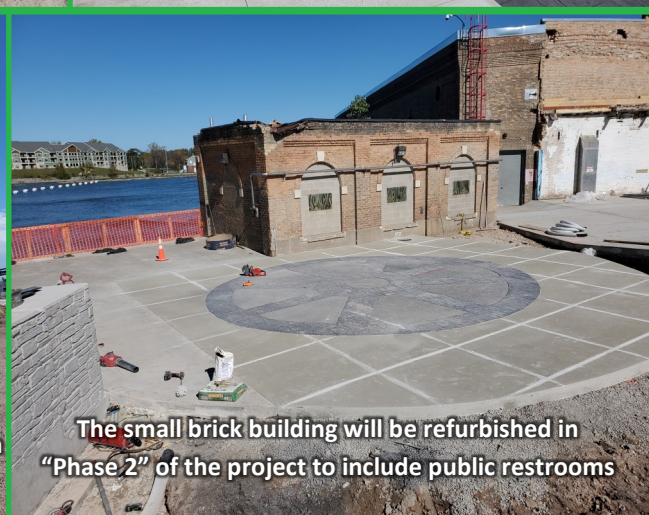
rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org

A new rest stop coming to Loop the Locks in Kimberly

Residents of the Heart of the Valley are three steps closer, after the 2021 construction season, to being able to enjoy the 13.1 mile loop that Loop the Locks will offer in Kimberly, Little Chute, Kaukauna, and Combined Locks. The opening of the Nelson Crossing, the Little Chute Kayak Launch, and the Railroad Street Trail in Kimberly were all amazing projects accomplished along this loop in 2021. Thanks to the "Cedars Historic Overlook" project, trail users looking to take in the river views in Kimberly will have that opportunity starting late Fall 2021!

The Village of Kimberly is constructing the "Cedars Historic Overlook" adjacent to the Loop the Locks trail and the Kaukauna Utilities hydro-dam in the Cedars site offering views of the Fox River and the hydro-dam. Kimberly is completing phase 1 this year with trail connections, paving, lighting, and railings in the works. Phase 2 to commence in 2022 will include refurbishing a historic mill structure into public space and restrooms open for public access along the trail. Trail development connecting to Little Chute via the Washington Street Bridge will continue to progress as development progresses along the east side of the site. Come and see our progress and enjoy the view!

Submitted by: Holly Femal, Community Enrichment Director, Village of Kimberly



2021 TOGETHER FOR TRAILS PHOTO CONTEST!

We want to see the trails through your eyes! Share with us the special moments you have captured while enjoying all the greenways of the Fox Cities in 2021!

The best part? Cash prizes and complimentary FCGI membership await you! Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in two categories as well as a People's Choice Award to be selected at our annual meeting on January 27th, 2022.

Check out our website for the full list of rules, program details, categories, photo archives, and where to submit your amazing photos! Contest submission deadline is November 22nd, tell your friends!

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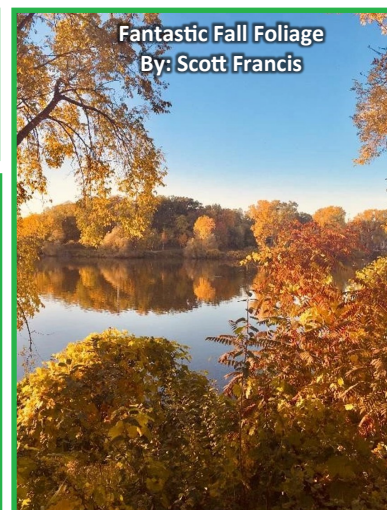
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2020 Photo Contest 1st Place
winners from each category, thank you
for your submissions!





Fox Cities GREENWAYS

2022
Annual
Meeting

Save the date for Thursday, January 27th!

Keeping the health and safety of our membership at the forefront of all planning, the 2022 Annual Meeting will be held virtually. Stay tuned for meeting invitations to be sent via MailChimp and on our Facebook Page! The Fox Cities Greenways Inc. board is so excited to celebrate the advancement of trails and greenways in the Fox Cities Region, we hope to see you there, virtually!

Fall 2021

Join or Renew with Fox Cities Greenways Today!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Annual Membership:

- ☐ \$35—Guardian ☐ \$50—Sentinel ☐ \$100—Advocate
☐ \$250—Conservator ☐ \$500—Trailblazer ☐ \$1,000—Pathfinder
☐ Please apply my membership to Fox Cities Cycling Association restricted fund
☐ My company has a matching gift program: Company : _____

Mail this form to **Fox Cities Greenways, P.O. Box 5, Menasha, WI 54952-0005**

You may also join or donate online with Pay Pal at www.foxcitiesgreenways.org.

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