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## Fox Cities Trestle Trail the Winner!

### APA-WI Great Places in Wisconsin

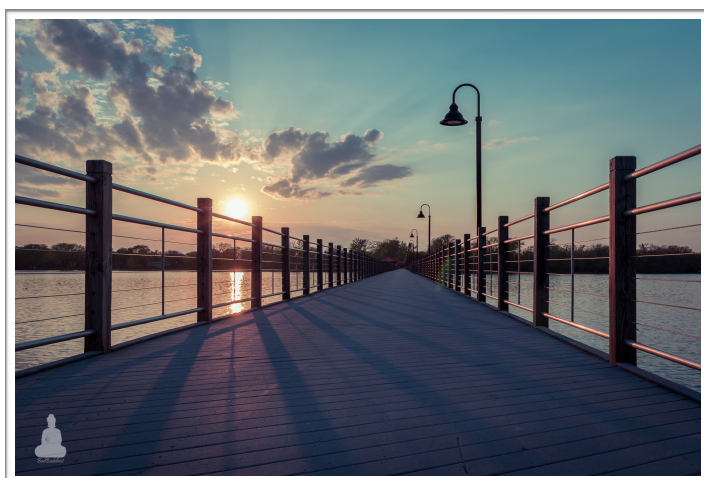


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The Fox Cities Trestle Trail was selected as a 2017 “Great Places in Wisconsin” by the American Planning Association Wisconsin Chapter. Juror comments noted that the Trestle Trail was selected because of the role it plays as a community focal point and social gathering area.

The Trestle attracts over 300,000 users annually. Its multi-use design allows visitors to enjoy walking, biking, fishing and relaxing with Fritse Park at one end and the Menasha Locks at the other. The trail is not only a recreational asset but also a vital transportation corridor connecting the east and west shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts for bikes and pedestrians.

It has also served as a catalyst for trail development throughout the region, leading to two recent trail projects – Loop the Lake and Loop the Locks.

*By Linda Stoll, Greenways Board Member*

## Annual Members Meeting

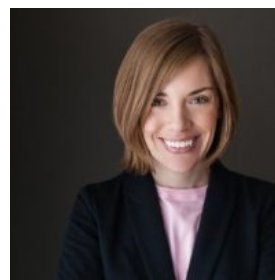
Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Stone Arch at Riverview Gardens

Food and Drink!

*Connecting Communities: Working across community boundaries to create cohesive bike, pedestrian and water trails.*



Guest speaker, Kara Homan, Outagamie County Planning Director, will present “Fox River Grant Program and Outagamie’s Bold Vision for Connected Communities Along the Fox River.”

Also, brief trail development updates and future plans from community leaders across the Fox Cities Region.

Exhibits, appetizers, cash bar.

\$10 per person for members and non-members.

Please join us in celebrating the tremendous progress the Fox Cities Region is making towards a cohesive trail system!

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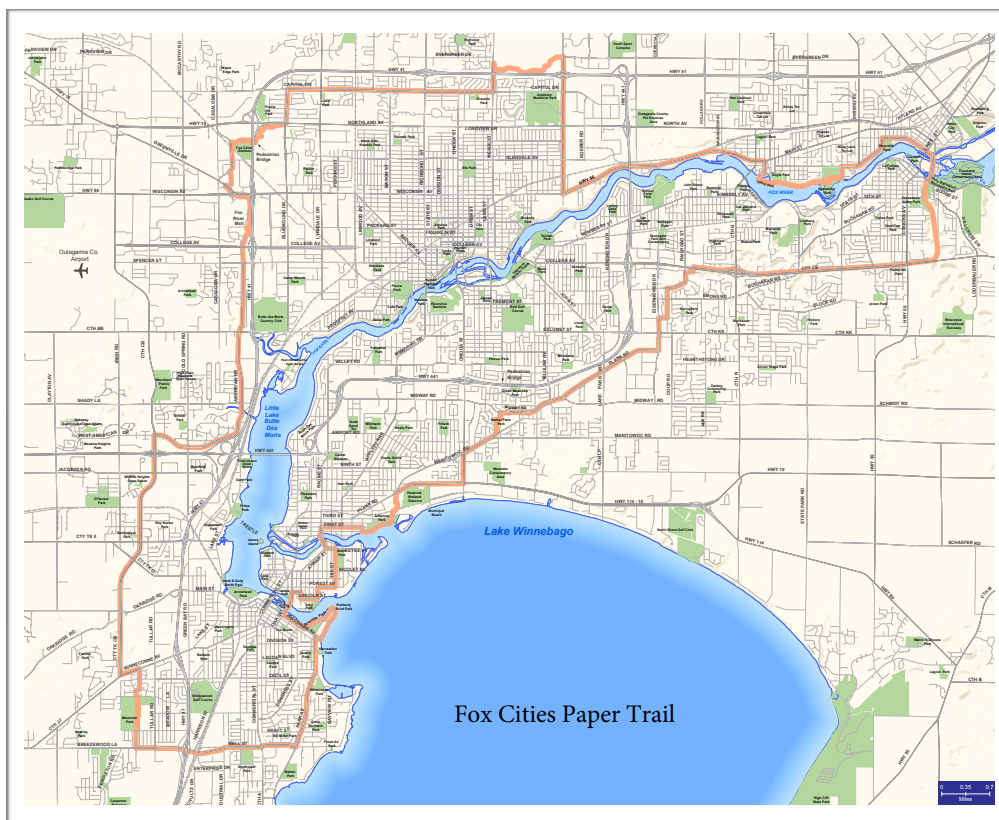
## Fox Cities Paper Trail Officially Open!

On Saturday June 3 in honor of the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, Fox Cities Greenways officially opened the Fox Cities Paper Trail. The Paper Trail is an approximately 50-mile circle route through 11 communities in the Fox Valley connecting 20 parks. Greenways Board of Directors came up with the concept in 1995 following the organization's first annual meeting after hearing a presentation by Dr. Dan Trainor, one of the developers of the Green Circle Trail in Stevens Point.

The purpose of the Paper Trail is to:

- Link parks in the area to create an “emerald necklace” of our special green spaces
- Circle the Fox Cities and provide communities with a frame in which to construct and link trails
- Provide a unique recreational opportunity for residents and visitors
- Add to the “Fox Cities Brand”

The initial research and trail design was the master's thesis of Linda Stoll, one of Greenway's board members.



Over the years, Fox Cities Greenways has worked with communities to expand what was only two local trails into a regional network that finally makes it possible to connect the dots. Several intersections, streets and a pathway still need to be redone to make them safer for bikes. Reconstruction are in municipal plans; however, caution is urged in those areas until this happens. See the Fox Cities Greenways website for current information.

Greenways would like to thank all the communities and people that have helped them over the years to make this happen. It is hoped that this trail will become the “Emerald Necklace” that makes the Fox Cities a special place to live and visit.

*By Linda Stoll, Greenways Board Member*

## Boardwalk to Connect Kaukauna and Little Chute Proposed

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Outagamie County has a vision centered on the Fox River – a linear system of connecting parks, like an emerald chain, each with its own unique cultural, historical or recreational features. To help promote this linear park concept, the City of Kaukauna, Village of Little Chute and Outagamie County propose a boardwalk extending across the Fox River connecting the City and Village trail systems. This would complete an approximate 3.5 mile run of trails directly along the Fox River extending from downtown Kaukauna to downtown Little Chute.

The boardwalk which lies adjacent the Little Chute combined lock will have a length of about 1,300 feet. The project is intended to promote regional trail use by looping the locks through use of existing trails such as the County “CE” Trail. This will enable the Fox Cities to host additional trail events such as paddle-peddle-run triathlons, half-marathons, 10k events and bike tours. The area already features a bridge in Little Chute above the combined lock, fishing opportunities, natural settings, and a soon-to-be-placed kayak launch. The addition of this boardwalk will indeed add a jewel to the County’s emerald chain.

*By Robert L. Jakel, AICP  
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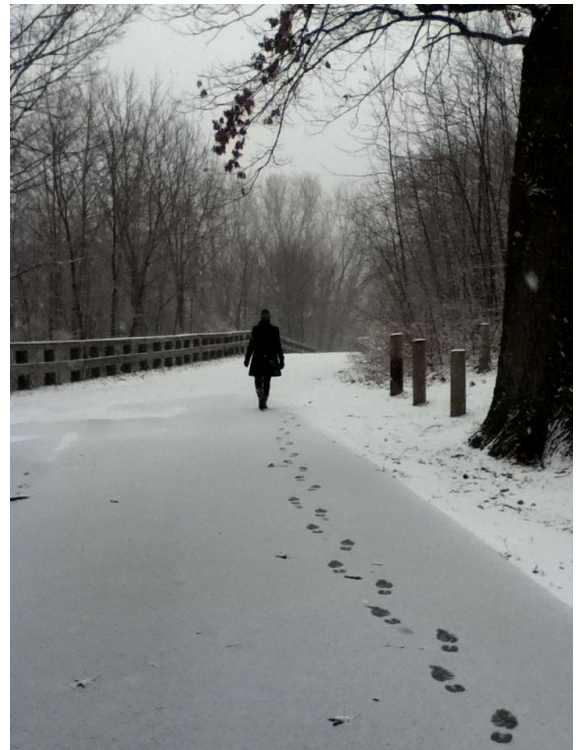
## Get Out There this Winter!



Photograph by Paul Price

“This picture was taken at High Cliff State Park.  
Everything was white and ethereal.”

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Photograph by Linda Sheffler

“Walking down to the Newberry Trail, late in the day,  
my daughter got ahead of me. We are so grateful for  
our local places of peace and solitude.”



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beautiful natural areas.



Photo by Stacey Angell

Little Lake Butte des Morts

"A day kayaking with Dad is a Father's Day tradition."

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Thank you to our board members for all their work!

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## Let the Good Times Roll! Thank You from Brewster Village

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“None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm,” wrote Henry David Thoreau.



An unfortunate scenario many elders experience when moving into a nursing home can be losing their zest for life. However, that narrative is changing around the world thanks to programs like Cycling Without Age.

I recently asked a woman who has moderate dementia about her experience on the rickshaw. It had been a few days since her most recent ride, so I didn't expect an eager response. She sat taller in her chair, grinned and said to me, “It was incredible! Don't you know that sunshine, blue skies and fresh air can solve a lot of your problems? I have a new friend here who has been feeling ‘down,’ so I've been trying to convince her to take a ride with me. Finally she said yes—probably to make me stop asking—and guess what, she had a **WONDERFUL** time! I never really saw her smile before that; she smiled the rest of that day. Smiling is good for you too, you know?”

Another day, I piloted a rickshaw with one passenger. We rode through the woods, then out into sunshine through a field of wild flowers. The passenger lifted her arms out to the sides, tipped her face up towards the sky and said to me, “Isn't it so true that all good things are wild and free?” I agreed. Neither one of us said anything the rest of the ride back (which was unusual for a rickshaw ride). We were busy soaking up every last ray of that adventure.

Brewster Village is fortunate to now have a fleet of five rickshaws. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all who have donated money, time or other resources to get the Cycling Without Age program started at our home.

*By Rikki Profant, Registered Dietitian*



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