

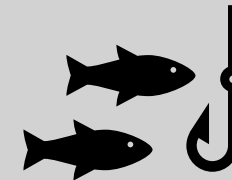


# Wisconsin's Fox Cities: A Leader in Trails for Fun and Low-Impact Transportation

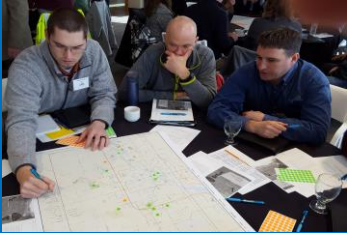
---

Municipalities plan \$24 million in  
trail construction by 2025

Compiled by Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region  
June 2021



# How We Got Here



## FEB. 25, 2020: FOX CITIES TRAIL SUMMIT

Sponsored by Fox Cities Greenways, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region at Bubolz Nature Preserve. Sixteen municipalities and nine organizations represented.



## OCT. 27, 2020: TRAIL SUMMIT REPORT RELEASED

At virtual presentation by author and photographer Dudley Edmondson on the divide between outdoor activities and people of color. Top priorities were Fox Cities to High Cliff State Park, Neenah to Oshkosh and Kaukauna to Green Bay. Also premiered video of Loop the Locks Trail.



## FALL OF 2020: COVID SENDS PEOPLE OUTDOORS

Fox Cities residents found the solution to going stir crazy from sheltering in place was to get out and walk the trails. Trail usage at least doubled in most places.



# Trails built in 2020-21 included:



Lawe Street railroad trestle converted to trail use



Paved trail connects Fox River Mall to  
Appleton International Airport



Kaukauna extends CE Trail making GB route closer



Nature's Way Trail in Menasha eliminates dangerous  
crossing near Oneida Street and Hwy. 114



1,200-foot Nelson Family Heritage Crossing  
connects Little Chute and Kaukauna trail networks



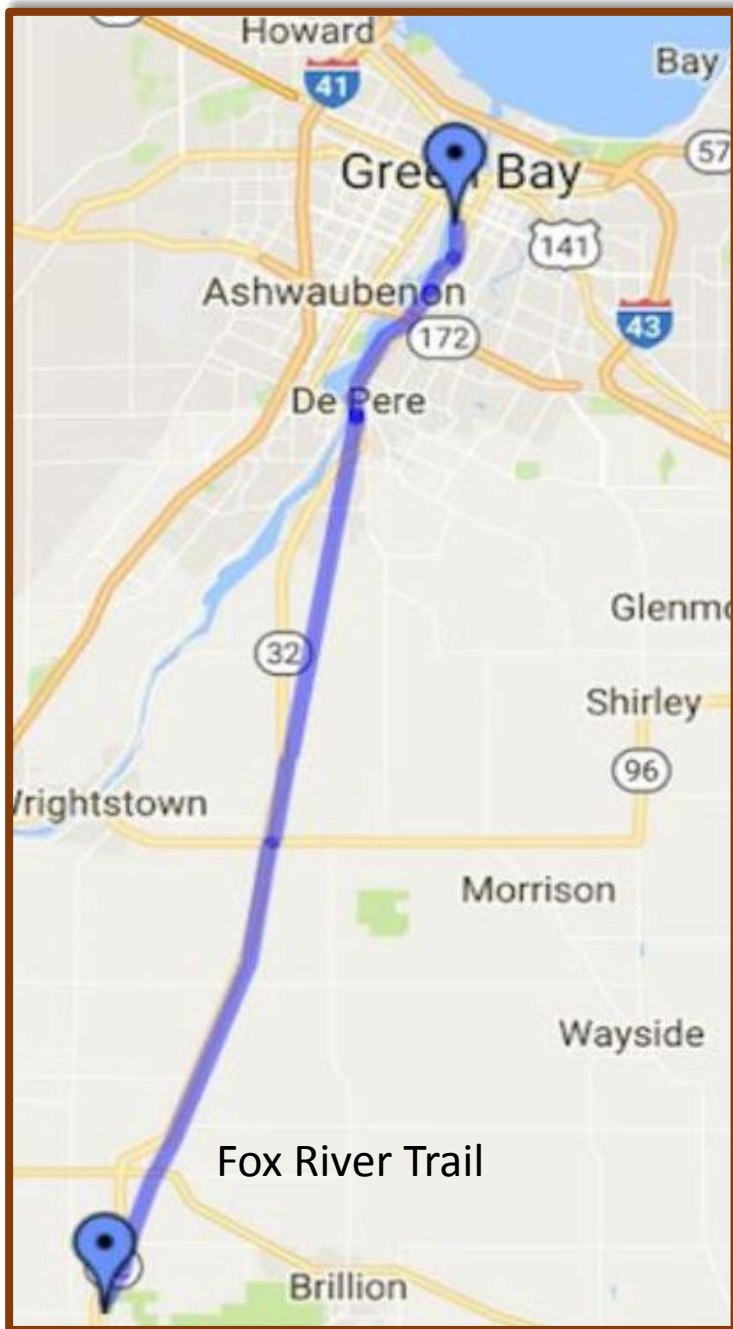
Railroad bed converted to trail connecting Nelson  
Family Heritage Crossing to downtown Kaukauna

# Little Chute-Kaukauna Nelson Family Heritage Crossing



- \$3.96 million total project
- \$650,000 Nelson Fund challenge match started it
- \$1.1 million from Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
- \$600,000 Outagamie County's Greenways Fund





# KAUKAUNA

\$700,000

One-half mile added to CE Trail in 2020 creates a link to bicycle lanes on Hwys Z and ZZ, Fox River Trail and Green Bay.

Other pending trail projects:

Railroad Trail, 2021, \$150,000

Community Trail, 2021, \$225,000





# Outagamie County Grand Chute, Greenville Fox River Mall to ATW

\$250,000 trail cost included  
in 2020 rebuild of W. College Ave.

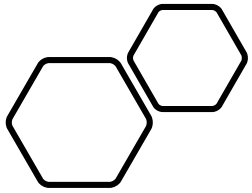
Other Projects:

**County A Trail:** Connects Town Hall to  
Bubolz Nature Preserve.

**Evergreen Drive Trail:** Grand Chute,  
\$132,000, links Town Hall to Meijer retail  
area in 2021







## KIMBERLY 2021

Railroad Street Trail  
connects Kimberly  
riverfront to CE Trail.  
**\$219,000**

\$100,000 Community Foundation fund  
\$10,000 Outagamie Co. Greenways  
\$10,000 Convention & Visitor Bureau  
\$10,000 Fox Cities Greenways Inc.  
\$5,000 Fox Communities C.U.  
\$84,000 Village of Kimberly

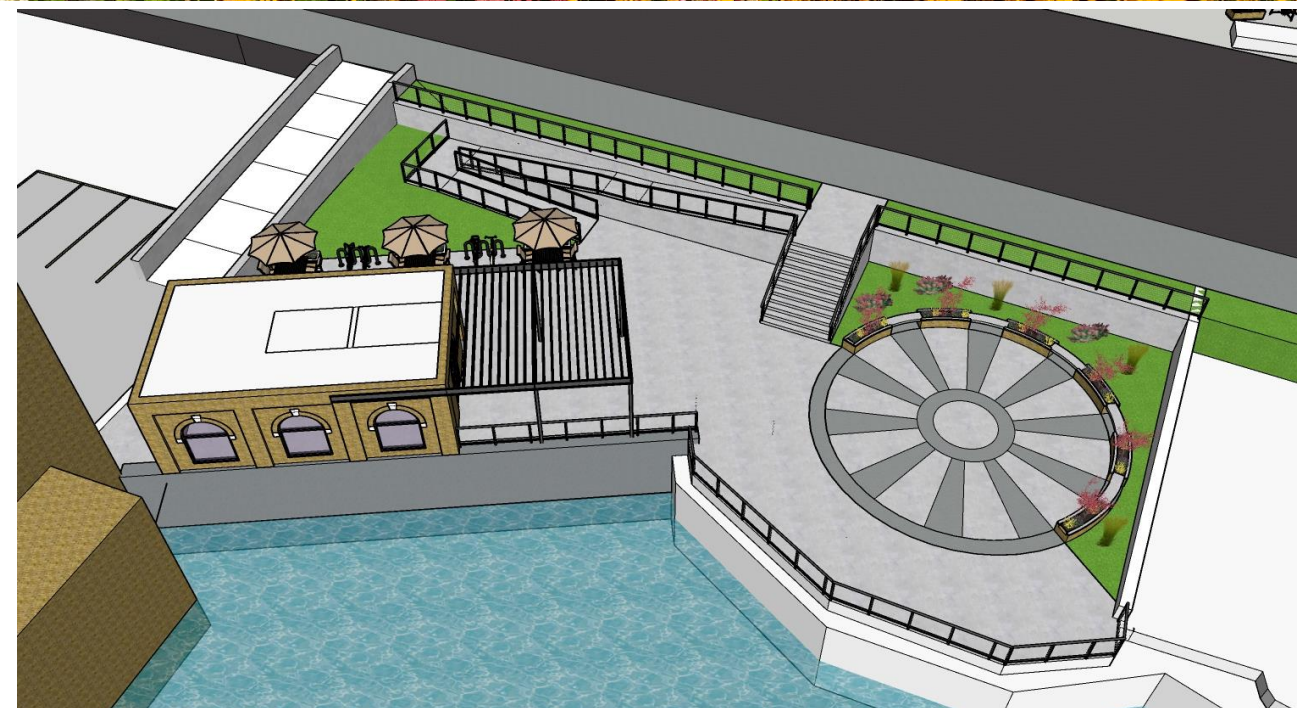
### Other projects:

#### Treaty Park

Finished 2019

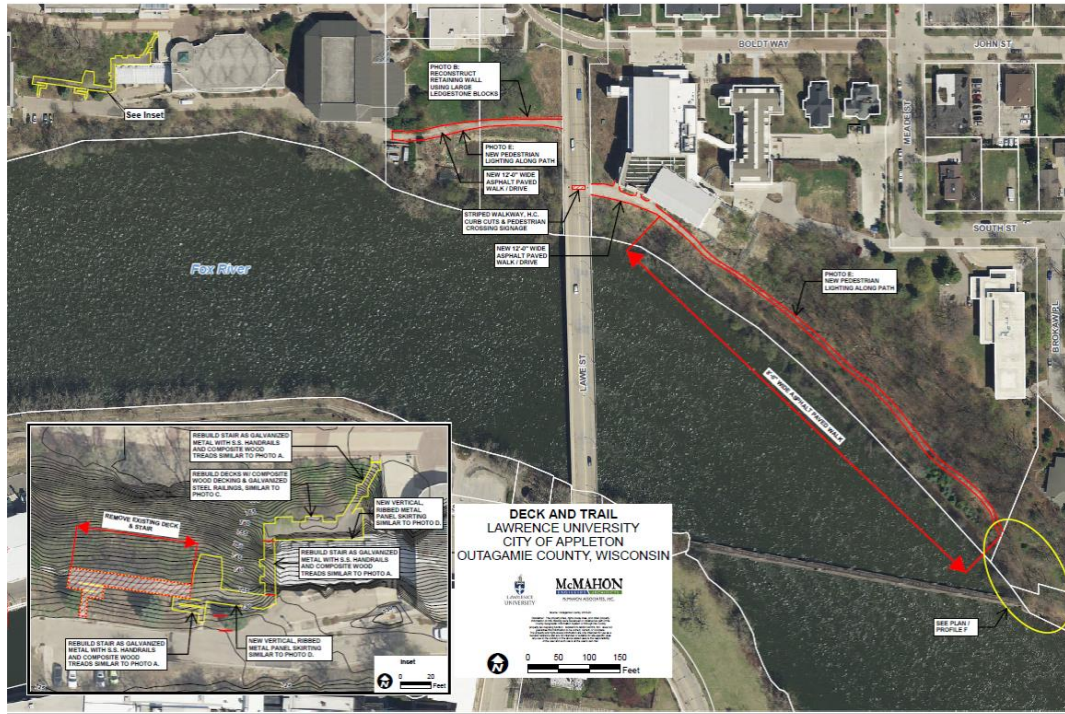
\$1 million

Kimberly will build  
a restroom and  
resting area on  
the Papermill Trail  
in 2021





# Lawrence University's Riverwalk Trail



Lawrence University will invite the community onto campus with a paved and lighted trail from Lawe Street to Drew Street along the Fox River with an observation deck on the Drew Street end.

## \$1 million

Support includes \$100,000 from the Community Foundation's David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund and a \$156,670 estate gift.





**Lawe Street Trestle** | 2020 | \$1.4 million  
Connects Lawe Street and North Island Trail to Lawrence University, Eagle Point Senior Complex, Newberry Trail and John Street.



**David and Rita Nelson Heritage Bridge**  
2022 | \$2.8 million (\$500,000 Nelson Fund, \$300,000 Outagamie County Greenways). Connects future Ellen Kort Peace Park with Jones Park, Rocky Bleier Trail, Lutz Park, future Lutz-Vulcan Heritage Trail and Boardwalk, North Island Trail and Newberry Trail.



**Lutz-Vulcan Boardwalk** | 2025 | \$2 million  
Runs along north bank of Fox River connecting Lutz and Alicia parks to North Island Trail and Newberry Trail, and future Ellen Kort Peace Park and Nelson Bridge.

# Ellen Kort Peace Park and River Trail Appleton, \$2 million

2022 Phase I (grading, exterior trail, lighting) \$750,000 (Outagamie County Greenways \$50,000) 2024 phase 2 (shelter, parking, landscaping, interior trails, gardens)



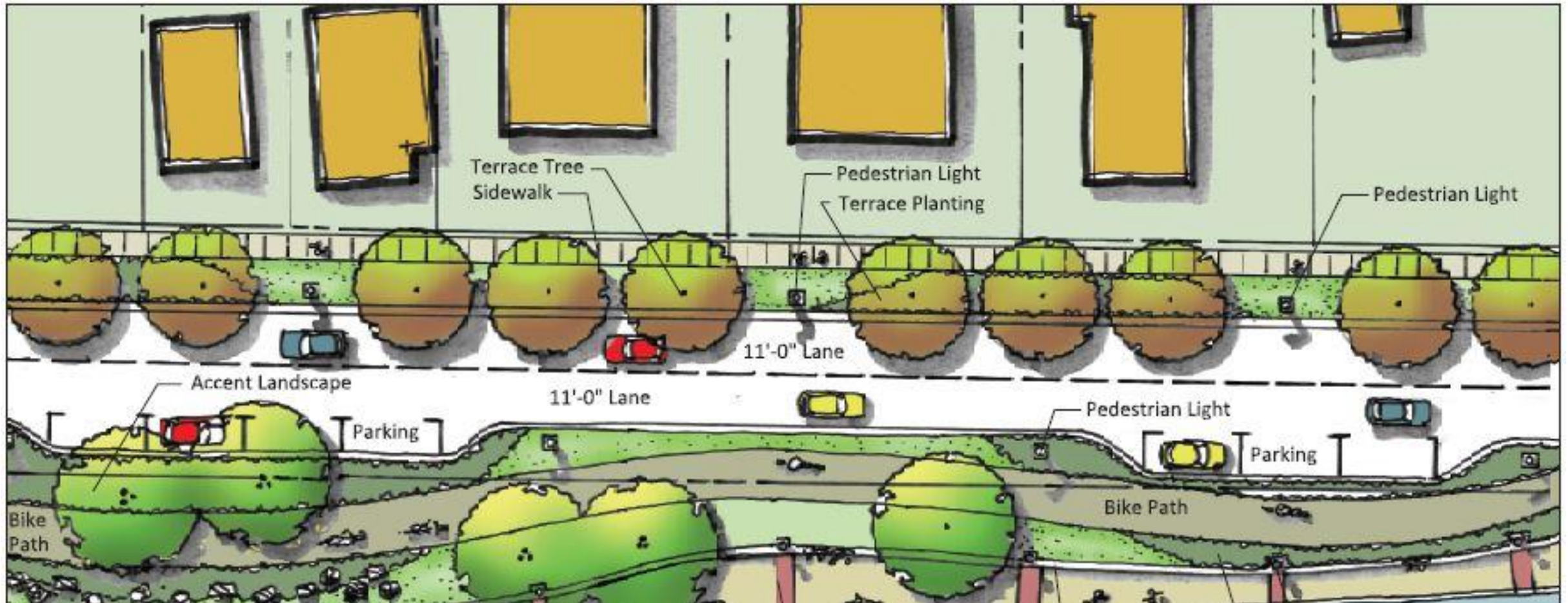




# Outagamie County Plamann Park Trails

\$1.2 million





**Nature's Way Trail**  
extension done:  
\$250,000

**Menasha 2022: Water St. Corridor Trail**  
Will connect downtown Menasha with the  
Friendship Trail Trestle by navigation canal. **\$350,000**





# Neenah Arrowhead Park

Up to \$2M  
in trails  
by 2024

## **Other Projects:**

Jeweler's Park Trail

\$1.1 million

Connects Bridgewood  
Trail to Breezewood



# Fox Cities Trail Plans

Updated June 2021



2020			
Lawe Street Trestle	Refurbished railroad trestle connecting Lawrence University at Lawe Street to Eagle Point senior living.	Appleton	\$1,400,000
W. College Ave	Connects Fox River Mall to Appleton International Airport with an asphalt trail on W. College (CTH CE)	Grand Chute	\$250,000
County A Trail	Trail from Town Hall west to Bubolz Nature Preserve along CTH A.	Grand Chute	\$704,900
2021			
Nelson Family Heritage Crossing	A new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Fox River linking the trail networks of Little Chute and Kaukauna.	Little Chute/ Kaukauna	\$3,960,000
Kaukauna Railroad Trail	Former rail line along the bank of the Fox River that connects Nelson Family Crossing to downtown.	Kaukauna	\$150,000
Kaukauna Community Trail	Ties Parkway Plaza on Crooks to city trail system.	Kaukauna	\$225,000
Lawrence University Riverwalk Trail	Paved and lighted trail along the Fox River from Lawe Street across Drew Street to an observation deck with the public welcome.	Appleton (Lawrence campus)	\$1,099,440

Nature's Way Trail	A short but important connection to the Province Way Trail reaching north all the way to Midway Road and the Menasha Conservancy area.	Menasha	\$250,000
Jewelers Park Trail	Connects Bridgewood Trail to the Cecil Street roundabout and Harrison Street	Neenah	\$1,100,000
Winneconne Avenue Trail	Part of the reconstruction of E. Winneconne Ave., a paved trail will connect with the Walnut Street Trail, which leads to Shattuck Park.	Neenah	\$25,000
Lakeshore Ave. Trail	A trail will be added from E. Wisconsin Ave. to Kimberly Point Park, a critical piece in creating a loop to Kimberly Point.	Neenah	\$120,000
Evergreen Road Trail	Paved 10-foot-wide trail connects Grand Chute Town Hall with a new commercial area including a Meijer grocery store via the north side of Evergreen Drive, Towne Lakes Avenue and Orion Drive	Grand Chute	\$132,000
Railroad Street Trail	Connects Kimberly's riverfront with the CE Trail. Support includes \$100,000 grant from a CFFVR donor fund.	Kimberly	\$219,000



Total planned trail investment 2020-2025 is \$24,147,890

Newton Blackmore Trail	Repurposed federal Community Development Block Grant money extends trail from House Road to Pfeiffer Park, downtown New London.	Outagamie County	\$800,000
<b>2022</b>			
David and Rita Nelson Heritage Bridge	A new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Fox River linking future Ellen Kort Peace Park, North Island Trail and Newberry Trail. Includes \$500,000 Nelson Fund grant and \$300,000 Outagamie County Greenways grant.	Appleton	\$2,800,000
North Woodland Hills Trail	Connects existing trail from Gosling Way to Menasha city limits.	Menasha	\$414,000
Conservation North Trail	Connection from Nature's Way Trail to Woodland Hills Drive. Allows safe bike/ped travel to Kernan Ave and the Woodland Hills subdivision.	Menasha	\$765,000
Gilbert Trail extension	Waterfront to Washington St./Garfield Ave. Creates downtown walking loop when combined with Lawson Canal and Racine St. bridge projects. Will connect Garfield Ave. to Loop the Lake.	Menasha	\$400,000
Kimberly Point Park Trail	A loop taking trail users from Wisconsin Ave., around Kimberly Point Park and back to Wisconsin Ave.	Neenah	\$200,000
Plamann Park	Reconfiguring of roads and trails in Outagamie County's largest park.	Outagamie County	\$1,200,000
Ellen Kort Peace Park	Connecting trails to Nelson Heritage Bridge, North Island Trails and Newberry Trail. Interior trails 2024.	Appleton	\$750,000

<b>2023</b>			
Water Street Trail	Redevelopment of a section of riverfront now dominated by boat storage. Connects Trestle Trail to Loop the Lake.	Menasha	\$1,012,550
<b>2024</b>			
Arrowhead Park	Trail construction will be ongoing in the new park 2021-25.	Neenah	\$1.5 million to \$2 million
Lawson Canal Trail	A redevelopment of the former Banta Corp. property to include a whitewater course and riverfront trail.	Menasha	\$800,000
WE Energies Trail	Uses the power company's right-of-way under transmission lines from Oneida Street to Plank Road. State DOT and TAP grants total \$516,000.	Appleton	\$1,525,000
<b>2025</b>			
Lutz-Vulcan Board Walk	A boardwalk from Vulcan Park to the Appleton Yacht Club and Lutz Park suspended over the water.	Appleton	\$2,000,000
Garfield Avenue Trail	Street reconstruction includes off-street bike/ped trail that connects Gilbert Trail to Lawson Trail and connects to Loop the Lake.	Menasha	Cost TBD

# Thank You

Kim Biedermann	East Central Wis. Regional Planning Commission
Adam Breest	Village of Little Chute
Holly Femal	Village of Kimberly
Tom Flick	City of Appleton
Amanda Geiser	Village of Fox Crossing
Kara Homan	Outagamie County
Bob Jakel & Mike Sundelious	City of Kaukauna
Mike Kading	City of Neenah
Brian Tungate & Megan Sackett	City of Menasha
PowerPoint by David Horst	Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region

