

# CSAH 5 (Stonebridge Trail) And Browns Creek State Trail Connection Project



Washington County is seeking \$3 million in state funding to construct a trailhead and trail connection(s) from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Stonebridge Trail) to the Browns Creek State Trail.

## Issue At-A-Glance

Users who wish to access the Browns Creek State Trail from City of Stillwater neighborhoods must use an uneven, unsanctioned foot-path down a steep ravine.



## Support

Local partners and agencies, including Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Stillwater Township and the City of Stillwater support this project. The general public has provided comments supporting the need for Browns Creek Trail access from County Highway 5.

## No Action

If the \$3 million of state funding is not allocated to Washington County, the proposed project will either be delayed, or scaled back significantly.

## Financial Implications

The total cost of the County Highway 5 and Browns Creek Trail improvements is estimated to be \$7 million. It is expected that local agencies (County and City) will provide \$4 million, with the remaining \$3 million from state funds.

## More about the Browns Creek Trail

- More than 120,000 users annually access the Browns Creek State Trail.
- 5.9 mile trail located in the cities of Stillwater and Grant on a former railroad bed.
- Connects to local parks and trail systems, including the Gateway Trail – the most used DNR trail in the State of Minnesota.

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