

CSAH 5 (Stonebridge Trail) and Brown's Creek State Trail Connection Project



Washington County is seeking up to \$3 million in state assistance to construct a trailhead and trail connection(s) from County State Aid Highway 5 (Stonebridge Trail) in the City of Stillwater to the Brown's Creek State Trail.

Issue At-A Glance

Users who wish to access the Brown's Creek State Trail from Stillwater neighborhoods use an uneven, unsanctioned footpath down a steep ravine.



Project Improvements Include:

- Trail Access/Connection from County Highway 5 to the State's Brown's Creek Trail, that is safe, accessible, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant
- Trailhead (Historic Bridge Overlook, Information Kiosk, Benches)

More about the Brown's Creek Trail

- More than 120,000 users annually access the Brown's Creek State Trail
- 5.9 mile-trail connects the City of Stillwater and the City of Grant on a former railroad bed
- Connects to local parks and trail systems, including the Gateway Trail, the most used Department of Natural Resources trail in the State of Minnesota

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Support

Local partners and agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Stillwater Township, and the City of Stillwater support this project.

Previous Consideration

This project was submitted for consideration at the Minnesota Legislature during the 2021 session.

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 cost of the CSAH 5 (Stonebridge Trail) and Brown's Creek Trail Connection Project is estimated to be \$7 million.

- Local Agencies – \$4 million
- State of Minnesota – \$3 million