



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

Washington County requests **\$3 million in state funds** to construct a trailhead and trail connection(s) from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 to the Brown's Creek State Trail.



Issue At-A-Glance

- Users who wish to access the Brown's Creek State Trail from City of Stillwater neighborhoods must use an uneven, unsanctioned footpath down a steep ravine. A new pedestrian and bicycle connection would make this linkage safe, accessible, and ADA compliant.
- The total estimated project cost is \$8 million and includes the addition of new trails along CSAH 5, resurfacing of the existing trails and roadway, rehabilitation of the existing highway bridge, intersection safety improvements, a trail connection to the Brown's Creek State Trail, and trailhead improvements.
- The \$3 million of requested state funding would help cover the portion of the total cost that includes the state trail connection and trailhead.

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 Minnesota



Support

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Stillwater Township
- City of Stillwater

Previous Consideration

This project was submitted for consideration in 2022.

No Action

If the \$3 million of state funding is not allocated to Washington County, the proposed transportation project will not include a connection to the Brown's Creek State Trail.

Financial Implications

Total estimated project cost = \$8 million

- Local Agencies – \$5 million
- **State of Minnesota – \$3 million**

