

GLACIAL DRUMLIN TRAIL

WISDOT ID # 5556-02-00
(IH 90- CTH N)

Public Involvement Meeting #1

November 15, 2017

Meeting Overview

- Project Overview
- Village of Cottage Grove Alternatives
- Project Timeline

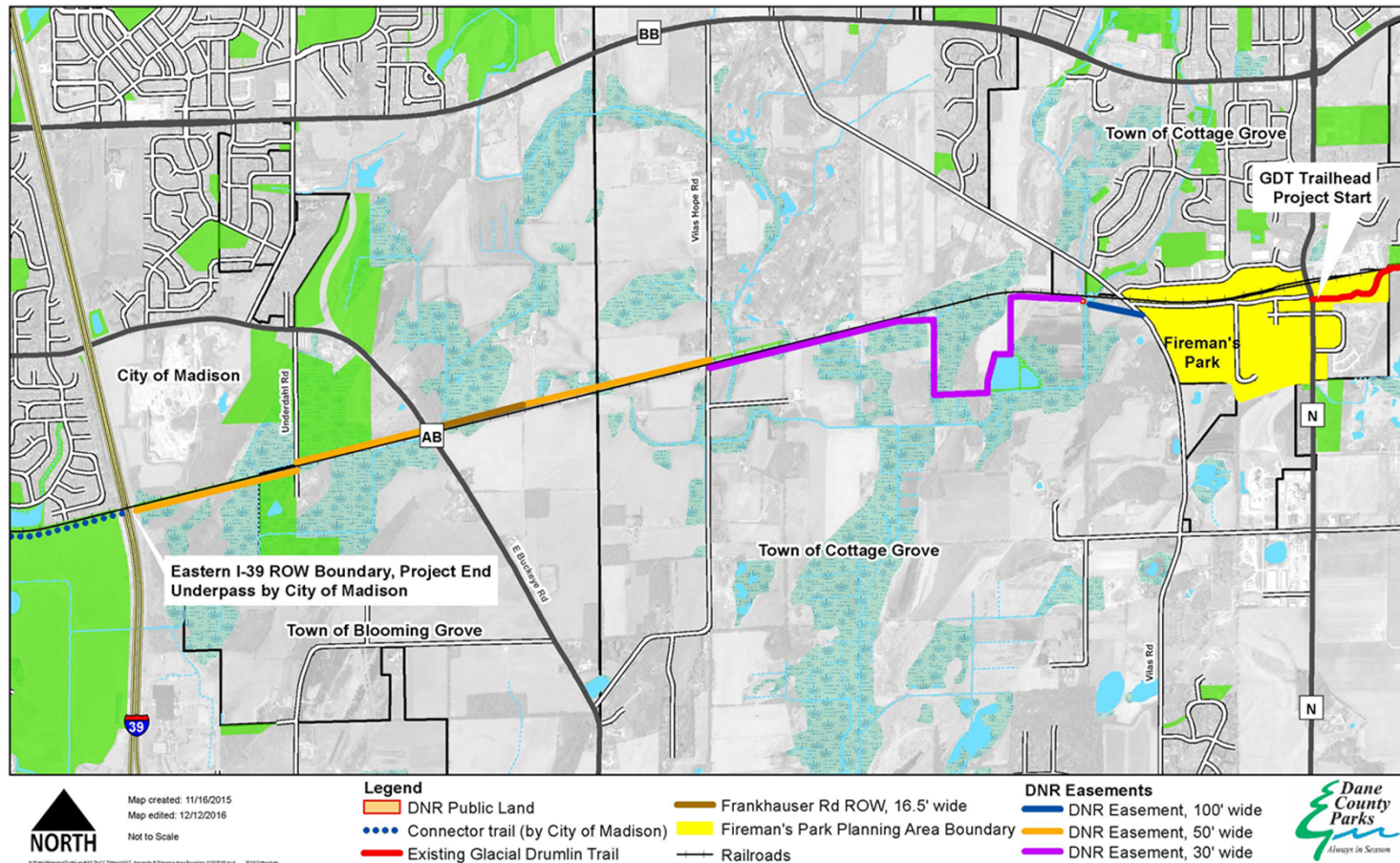
Project Basics

- 5 mile trail from I39/90 to CTH N/ Main Street in the Village of Cottage Grove (missing segment from Waukesha to Madison)
- Partnership project with many government agencies: WisDNR, WisDOT, Dane County, Village of Cottage Grove, City of Madison Town of Blooming Grove, Town of Cottage Grove
- Design funding by WisDOT and Dane County
- Construction planned to begin in Spring 2020

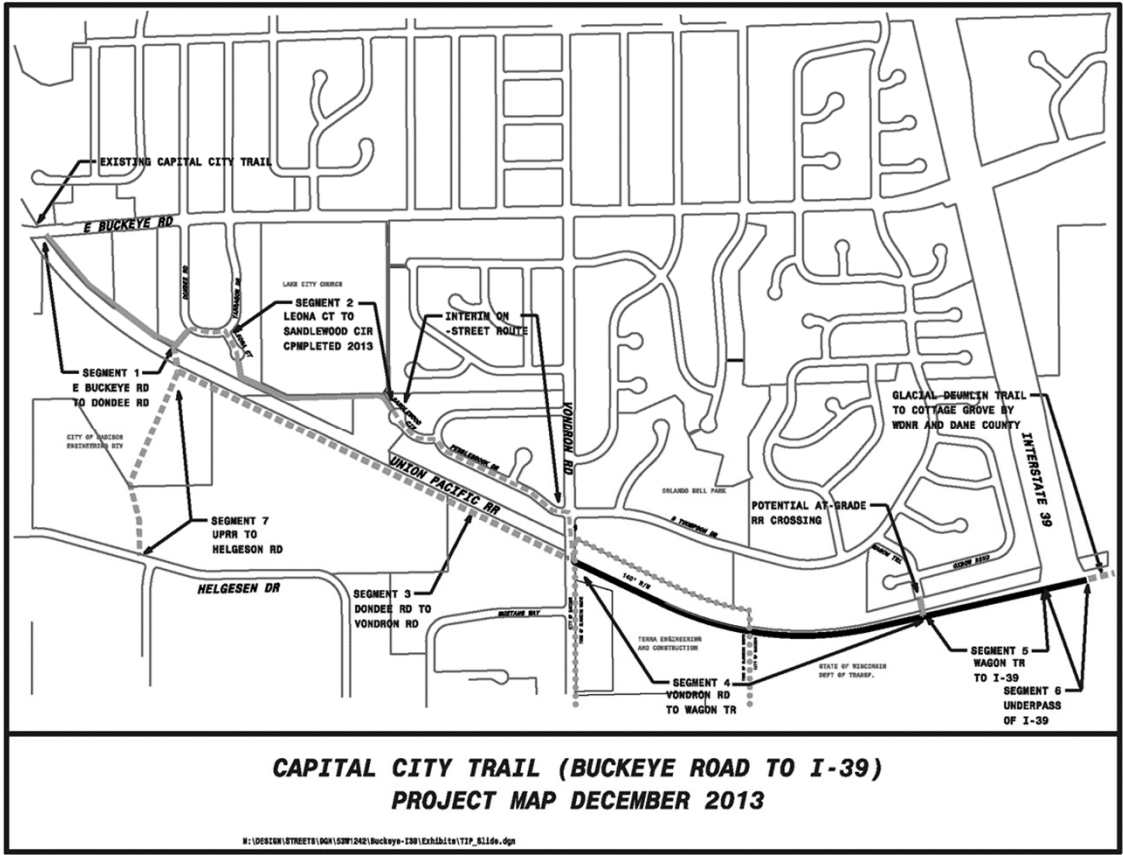
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Glacial Drumlin Trail: I-39/90 to CTH N/Main Street: Project Overview

Glacial Drumlin Trail Appendix B: Planning Area Boundary Map



Capital City Trail Connector (City of Madison)



Project History

- 1998 :Cities of Madison, Fitchburg, Dane County and WisDNR entered into a partnership Agreement for development of Capital City Trail
- 1998-2011: WDNR acquired land/easements for GDT to Madison
- 2010: Wisconsin Bike Federation secures Federal Earmark Grant for completion of Glacial Drumlin Trail (GDT) from Village of Cottage Grove to Capital City Trail (I-90/I-39 bridge)
- 2011: Dane County/WisDNR Sign Agreement for Completion of GDT
 - Dane County Responsible for Design
 - WisDNR Responsible for future construction, Operation/Maintenance of trail
- 2011-2012: Interagency Coordination regarding real estate, MOUs, partnerships
- 2012-2016: WisDOT/WisDNR Resolution of Acquisition Process Issues
- January 2016: WisDOT Notifies County to commence with design process
- March 2016-June 2017 : Interdepartmental Coordination /Design Solicitation
- July 2017: 3- party Design Contract signed with Dane County, WisDOT & CORRE
- August 2017: Design starts on the final segment

Key Design Components

- 5 mile trail: combination of asphalt pathways, bridges and boardwalks
- Includes improving at-grade railroad crossings for bicyclists/pedestrians
- Crosses extensive wetlands and drainage-ways
- Intends to utilize as much existing governmental easements/land as practical
- Alternatives for the trail alignment along the RR corridor and within the Village of Cottage Grove currently being considered

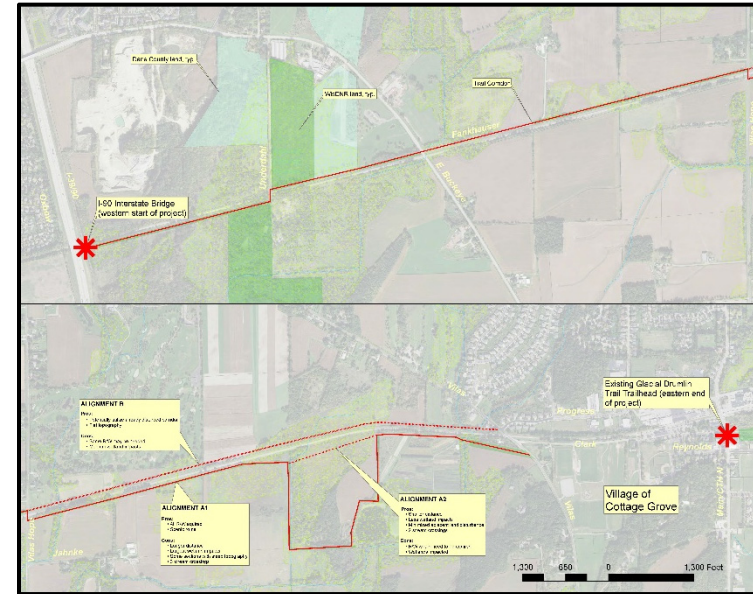
Challenges

All Options:

- Extensive wetland crossings
- Drainageway crossings
- WisDOT/FHWA Environmental Documentation/Approvals
- “Real Estate”

Option 1

- Utilizes all existing easements, but some add'l challenges with easements
- Utility conflicts
- Steep Topography
- Added drainageway crossings
- Increased distance



Option 2

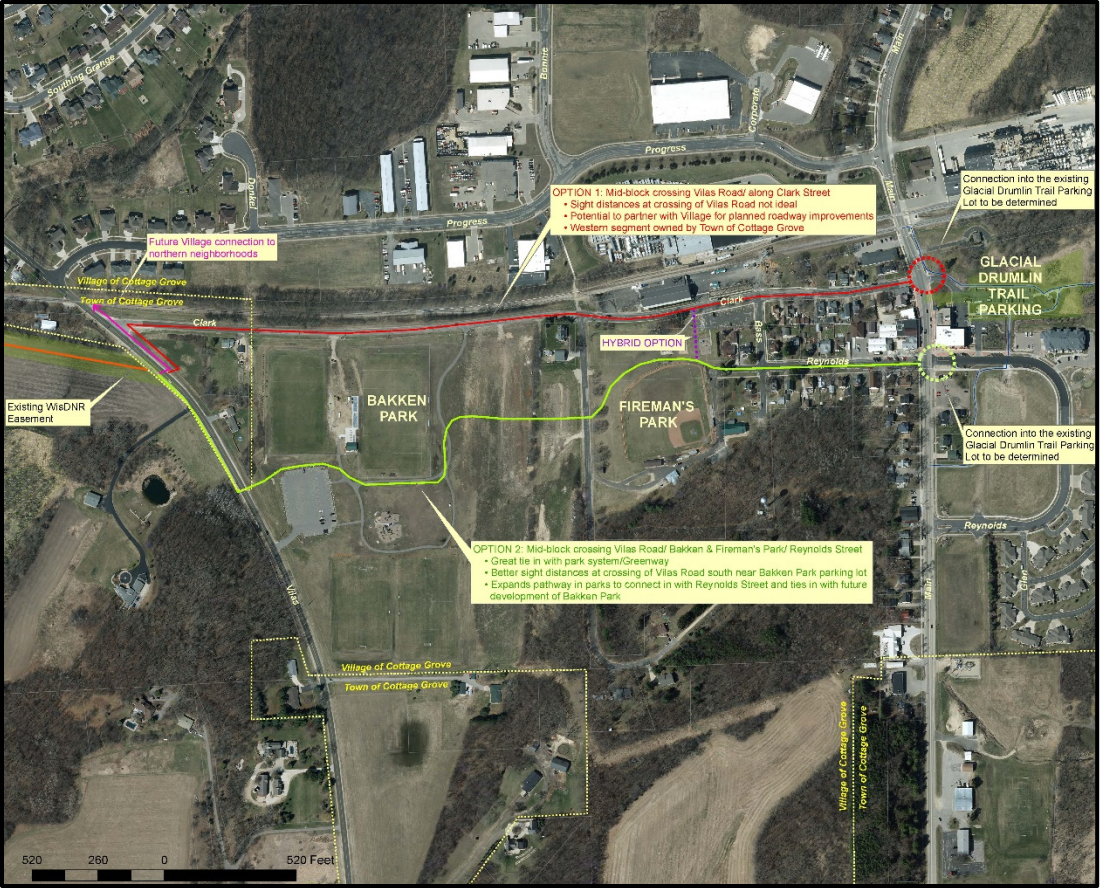
- Removes “horseshoe”
- Add'l real estate required
- Reduces wetland impacts and drainageway crossings, better topography

Option 3

- Removes “horseshoe”
- Add'l real estate may be required
- Significantly reduces wetland impacts and better topography

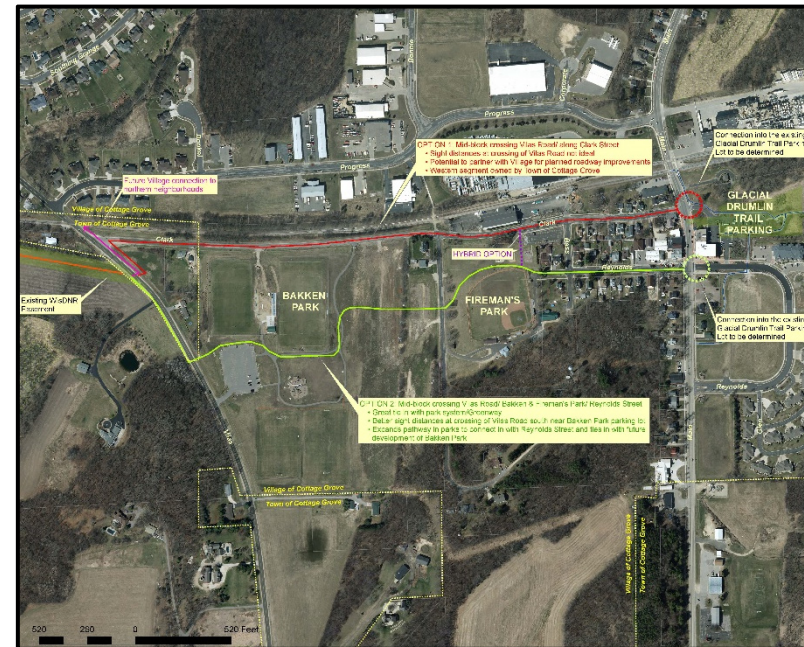
VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE ALTERNATIVES

Village of Cottage Grove Alternative Alignments



Design Goals

- Create a safe off-road trail connection from the mainline trail to the Trailhead
- Connect in with the Village of Cottage Grove Park System
- Minimize Real Estate needs
- Tie-in with planned improvements for roadways and parks in Cottage Grove



PROJECT TIMELINE

General Timeline considerations

- WisDOT/Local project = specific reporting/process requirements with FHWA (environmental, design, real estate)
- Interagency partnership project assuring design cohesiveness
- Alternative alignment considerations assures final design balances minimization of environmental impacts and real estate needs, meeting all design requirements, constructability, and cost
- Significant permitting and approvals for environmental aspects (FHWA, WisDOT, ACOE, and WisDNR)
- Critical timing for approvals for permitting, approvals for improvements to RR crossings & securing any real estate

Project Timeline

- Kick Off Meeting: August 2017
- PIM #1: November 2017
- Preliminary Plans approved April 2018
- RR Reports submitted to WisDOT: June 2018
- PIM #2: June 2018
- Preliminary Structures submittal approved: July 2018
- Completed Environmental Action: December 2018
- DSR/60% Plans approved: March 2019
- WisDNR/ County updated MOU completed: April 2019
- R/W Acquisition begins: April 2019
- RR Coordination completed: July 2019
- PIM #3: July 2019
- Final Structure submittal approved: October 2019
- All permits approved: October 2019
- R/W Acquisition completed: October 2019
- Completed PS&E: November 2019
- Project Advertised: February- March 2020
- Construction begins: May 2020

Thank you!
Questions & Discussion

