Yahara River Trail Extension

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Trail Details

- Connects to existing Amundson Trail
- Ends at the Stoughton Hospital trail
  - Connection to Ridge St
- 1,361 LF
- 10 Feet Wide

History

- Fall of 2015 - Cost Estimate
- Funding/Budget
  - Bryant Foundation - $30,000
  - Reserved Park Development Funds - $37,000
- Out for Bid – Spring & Summer 2018
  - One bid for $87,000
- Engineering & Bid Support - $5,000
- Gravel Trail Cost Estimates – Late Summer 2018
  - Rochon Construction - $43,000

Choosing the Right Trail Surface

Gravel vs Asphalt vs Concrete

Gravel Trails

Pros

- More natural looking to some people
- Good for flat areas out of flood plains
- Softer on joints (trail runners)
- Least expensive initial installation cost
- Can be retrofitted for asphalt surface
- Potential for cross country ski grooming
- Potential for motorized use (snowmobile/ATV)

Cons

- High ongoing maintenance costs
- Difficult to maintain consistent surface quality
- Environmental damage cause by gravel erosion
- More difficult to use in winter due to weather causing it to become soft
- Gravel migrates on steep slopes
- More difficult to ride bikes on steep slopes in loose gravel
- Wet weather causes a prolonged dirty surface compared to other options
- Limits some non-motorized user groups (roller blading)
- Less stability for running and walking in loose gravel
- More difficult to meet ADA surface standards (hard surface)
  - Rule of Thumb: Could a person ride a road bike (narrow tires) across the surface without leaving an imprint?

Asphalt Trails

Pros

- Best initial surface – Smoothness
- Less expensive than concrete and more expensive than gravel
- Ease of meeting ADA surfacing standards
- Crack filling and sealing is less expensive than replacing concrete panels
- Cleaner surface after rains
- Freeze/thaw resiliency
- Approximately 20 year lifespan

Cons

- Crack filling and sealing
- Impervious surface
- Less natural looking than gravel

Concrete Trails

Pros

- Best ADA surface long-term
- Does not washout in flood areas or on steep slopes
- Approximately 30 year lifespan
- Cleaner surface after rains
  - Commuter trails

Cons

- Most expensive option
- Harder on joints (runners)
- Less natural looking
- Impervious