

Dane County Parks and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources are partnering to plan a non-motorized multi use trail connection from the north end of Waucheeta Trail to Capital Springs Centennial State Park. This project is a recommendation of the 2010 County/State adopted Capital Springs Recreation Area Master Plan. The recommendation for the trail connection is found on page 31 of the plan, and shown graphically on Map 2.16. The plan is available on the Dane County Parks website at: <https://parks-lwrdd.countyofdane.com/documents/PDFs/plans/CapitalSprings-MasterPlan.pdf>. A summary of the public input process and meeting comments is provided under Chapter 6.

Phase 1 of this project will include an approximate 200' boardwalk that will span wetlands between the north end of Waucheeta Trail and the State Park shoreline. Plans also include development of a paved bicycle-pedestrian trail that will provide connections to the Lower Yahara River Trail. Timing will be contingent on availability of funds to construct the paved trail.

Dane County Parks and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff hosted an informational meeting on July 6th for Waubesa Beach Neighborhood residents to talk about the trail and proposed future State Park improvements. At this meeting concerns regarding the proposed trail were primarily related to the suitability of the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood road network on increased road bike traffic. Dane County Parks consulted with transportation planning staff from the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO), City of Madison/Traffic Engineering and Toole Design Group on both the accuracy of existing traffic count data (2018) and effects of increased bicycle traffic on the neighborhood road network. A second public meeting to discuss these planning considerations will be held at the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Community Center Shelter (across from Christy's Landing) on Wednesday, October 6th, at 6pm. For more information contact Chris James, Dane County Parks, 608-235-2252 or by email at james@countyofdane.com.

