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PUBLIC MEETING ON WEST SIDE TRAIL SET FOR DECEMBER 20

Public input sought on three proposed routes for Muscatine's newest trail project

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The City of Muscatine will host the first of two public meetings on the proposed West Side Trail from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Environmental Learning Center at Discovery Park.

The West Side Trail is one of four projects included in the Pearls of Progress Project that recently received a Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT) grant from the State of Iowa. The other projects are the Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center, the Muscatine Dog Park, and construction of four rental cabins at Deep Lakes Park.

The team of Steve Ford and Martin & Whitacre were selected to conduct a study of the route that would connect Kent Stein Park to Discovery Park. Three routes have been proposed and will be presented at the public meeting.

The West Side Trail is a \$795,758 project that will build a 1.75 mile walking, running, and biking trail from Kent Stein Park to Discovery Park. The trail will complete a 15-mile trail network through the City of Muscatine that connects all of the major recreational amenities.

The West Side Trail would link a 3.5 mile network located in northwest Muscatine and a 4.5 mile trail that stretches from Deep Lakes Park along the Mississippi River through downtown to its eastern terminus at Solomon Road. The linked trail would significantly increase bike and



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pedestrian mobility while providing a big plus in the attraction of business and prospective employees to the area.

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