

August 2025 Newsletter

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Need a Trail Pass?

Buy your 2025 State Recreational Trail Pass through Brown County Parks, [Purchase Now](#). Buying the passes locally means more of the fee stays in Brown County.



Seeking Volunteers

We're conducting another outreach event at Voyageur Park the week of August 17 and need volunteers for 2-hour time slots on Tuesday, August 19 and Friday through Sunday (August 22-24). Volunteers will engage with trail users to discuss the trail system and emphasize the importance of trail passes. We will also have freebies to give away such as bike bells and T-shirts. If you can volunteer, pick a time slot [here](#).

The Great Resurfacing Victory: Your Trail Passes at Work

Take a deep breath and feel that satisfaction wash over you—the massive Fox River Trail repaving project is officially complete! If you've been navigating around construction zones and detours these past months with the patience of a saint, your perseverance has paid off in the most tangible way possible. That buttery-smooth asphalt now stretching from Heritage Road all the way to north to Porlier Trailhead isn't just a treat for your wheels—it's a testament to what happens when trail funding, community support, and strategic planning come together in perfect harmony.

Here's what your patience earned you: an additional inch of pavement thickness that will stand up to Wisconsin's notorious freeze-thaw cycles, plus newly upgraded intersections that are now fully ADA-accessible.

The price tag for this transformation? A substantial **\$1.3 million investment** that represents one of the most significant infrastructure improvements in the trail's 20+ year history. But here's the beautiful part—this wasn't just a government write-a-check situation. This project succeeded through a powerful funding partnership that proves what's possible when multiple revenue streams align for a common cause.

State grants provided the foundation, recognizing the Fox River Trail's importance as a statewide recreational asset. User fees—yes, those \$25 annual trail passes we've been championing—contributed their essential share to the pot. And the cherry on top? Generous donations, including significant contributions from the Friends of the Fox River Trail, demonstrated that our community doesn't just talk about loving this pathway—they put their money where their wheels are.

Every time you glide over that pristine new surface without a single jarring pothole, remember: this is your trail pass dollars at work. This is community advocacy in action. This is what happens when we collectively invest in the infrastructure that brings us joy, exercise, and connection to our beautiful Fox River corridor.

Come join us at our next meeting: **Thursday, October 23, 2025, starting at 6 pm**. We meet at **Someday Farms** on Hwy 57 in De Pere. All are welcome as your voice matters to us.