

Gateway State Trail

Towards connecting Scandia Village Center to William O'Brien State Park



\$2.96 million



1 trail mile and tunnel from Scandia towards State Park



Local project partners:
Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails & Gateway Brown's Creek Trail Association



Management Agency:
Minnesota DNR

Brief Description:

This project will expand one of the state's most popular trails 1 mile from Scandia Village Center towards William O'Brien State Park, including a tunnel under County Road 52.

Why this project is important:

The Gateway State Trail attracts 125,000 visitors per year and is one of the state's most heavily used trails. This one-mile trail addition and tunnel works towards connecting the City of Scandia to William O'Brien State Park. Projects like this epitomize why Minnesota's interconnected system of parks and trails is the envy of the nation. Extending the Gateway State Trail to connect William O'Brien State Park to Scandia's Village Center will allow state park visitors and families with children safe access to two tot-lots, a skating rink, multiple sports fields and tennis courts, restaurants, and the pride of Minnesota's Swedish Immigrant heritage—the Gammelgarden Museum. Expanding the Gateway State Trail will provide the public with exceptional new outdoor recreation opportunities and access to high quality natural resources, trails, and parks.

This project is ready to go!

The Minnesota DNR has secured the land for the trail and engineering is underway. This project has a large and growing list of supporters that includes all of the impacted units of government. Sen. Karin Housley and Rep. Bob Dettmer plan on authoring bills seeking project funding.

Who supports this project:



Sen. Karin Housley



Rep. Bob Dettmer

- City of Scandia
- City of Marine on St. Croix
- Washington County
- Chisago County
- Scandia Parks and Recreation
- Scandia Elementary IB World School
- Osceola Rivertown Trails Coalition
- Forest Lake YMCA
- Gammelgarden
- Maklin Bike Shop
- Chilkoot Cyclery
- Gateway Cycle
- Forest Lake Cycle & Skate
- Wahoo! Adventures
- Wild River Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon
- Cycling Scandia
- Gateway-Brown's Creek Trail Association
- Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails
- Parks & Trails Council of MN
- Many others