



School property at the north end of Pearl Street in 2013



Volunteers constructed the trailhead.



Now called Prairie Forest Trail



Proposed trailhead at the north end of Pearl Street

One of the issues that emerged during the visioning process in Shellsburg in 2013 was that even though children regularly used the prairie behind the elementary school for outdoor learning activities, many adults in town either didn't know the prairie was behind the school or didn't know it was available for them to explore.

The Shellsburg visioning committee identified trails and trail enhancements as one of its top priorities, and the visioning design team proposed a trailhead concept for what would become known as the Prairie Forest Trail. The trailhead was completed in 2016 with help from many local volunteers who donated their time, resources, and equipment to make the project a reality.



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