

Trail Enhancements

Lost Nation residents value the existing Rustic Run Trail, appreciating the solitude it provides and the trees that provide shade, seasonal changes, and wildlife habitat – all of which collectively enhance the experience of the user.

In order to further enhance comfort and usage, the residents indicated during the TAB workshop that they would like to see the trail paved for greater accessibility and year-round use. They also stated that they would like to have site amenities added such as a drinking fountain, dog station and lighting along the trail. Other amenities noted for the overall park and walking areas included: trash receptacles, bike racks, benches, and restrooms.

The proposed concepts shown on this board as well as on boards 7 and 8 illustrate how the incorporation of these requested enhancements might look.

Sidewalk Enhancements

During the TAB workshops all demographic types cited the lack of a complete sidewalk system and the poor conditions of existing sidewalks as barriers within the community. In this same TAB workshop, all demographic groups identified sidewalk additions as one of their most desired improvements, especially on specific streets such as Railroad Avenue, Long Avenue, and Main Street. Providing safe and accessible pedestrian access not only enhances the quality of life for existing citizens, but also contributes to attracting new residents and businesses.



Photo 2: Existing Rustic Run Trail

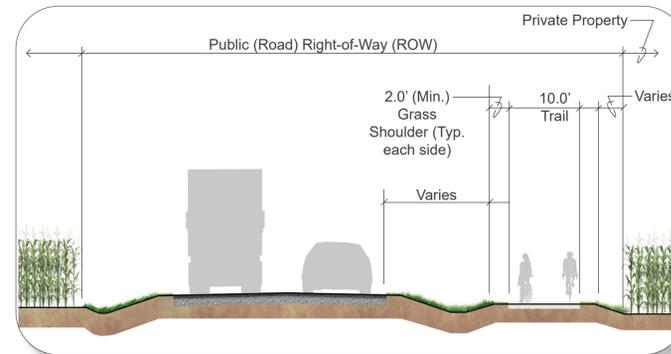


Image 1: Typical section of separated trail within existing public ROW



Photo 4: Existing Railroad Avenue from Main St. looking easterly



Photo 2 Edit: Proposed enhancements to existing trail



Photo 3 Edit: Trail on private property (cropland)



Photo 4 Edit: Proposed connectivity enhancements

Existing Rustic Run Trail

- **Selective Clearing & Trimming:** Removal of invasive and undesirable vegetation (see photo 1 collage for examples) to allow for natural revegetation of desirable species. Trim/remove vegetation as necessary to maintain a minimum 8' tall clearance above trail surface and minimum side clearances of 4' beyond each side of trail.
- **Paved Surface:** Paving the existing trail will provide year-round use and improve accessibility for all ages and abilities.
- **Benches:** Benches matching the style used elsewhere in town and placed periodically along the trail on paved bench pads increase the comfort of the user and allow for ease of maintenance.
- **Interpretive Signage:** Interpretive signage placed along edge of natural vegetation to allow for mowing of trail shoulders. Pavement to extend from trail to signage.

Proposed Trail System Expansion

- **Trail Segment Types:** Various types of trail segments are proposed to create an overall looped trail system within and around Lost Nation. The four general segment types are illustrated on this board: 1) Existing separated trail (Photo 2 edit), 2) Separated trail within existing public ROW (Image 1), 3) Separated trail on private property (Photo edit 3), and 4) Shared roadway (Photo edit 4).
- **Surfacing:** The separated trail segments are anticipated to include different types of surfacing, depending upon their location. The rural sections that are located on private property are anticipated to be crushed ag lime, while the separated trail segments in town are anticipated to be either asphalt or concrete.
- **Site Amenities:** Because of the different types of trails and their locations, the placement/use of site amenities such as benches and interpretive signage will be site dependent and will need to be determined during the final design.

Connectivity (Sidewalk & Trail)

- **Designated Shared Road:** Road to be designated with proper signage as a shared road segment of the looped trail system.
- **Decorative Lighting:** Lighting to match style used along the other primary corridors. Decorative lighting will enhance pedestrian safety, provide city branding, and provide a visual cue to visitors as to what the primary streets are that lead to public spaces and commercial buildings, including downtown.
- **ADA-Compliant Sidewalks:** 6' wide sidewalks on each side of the street to further identify it as a primary corridor. The width of the sidewalk accommodates multiple users and the ADA-compliant ramps improve safety to both mobility challenged and visually impaired users.
- **Drainage:** Modify existing surface drainage to accommodate proposed sidewalks.

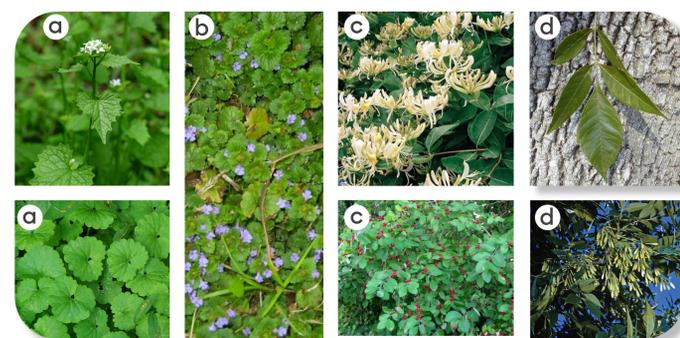


Photo 1 collage : Photos of undesirable and/or invasive species: (a) Garlic Mustard adult and juvenile forms, (b) Creeping Charlie, (c) Tatarian Honeysuckle flowers and berries, (d) Green Ash bark, leaf, and fruit

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