

Building the Community Trail Farm

Since acquiring the land in 2022, we've been hard at work transforming the Community Trail Farm into a welcoming space for everyone to explore, learn, and connect with nature. From trail building and restoration to youth engagement and conservation, this community-powered effort is already making a major impact.

Accomplishments to Date

- ☒ Invested \$1.025M in land acquisition
 - ☒ Completed initial landscape restoration
 - ☒ Finalized overall site concept design
 - ☒ Improved site safety and security measures
 - ☒ Defined engineering scope and sustainable use plan
 - ☒ Completed Phase 1 trail design
 - ☒ Delivered key marketing and capital campaign materials
 - ☒ Removed thousands of pounds of garbage and cleared trees
 - ☒ Established regular mowing and maintenance operations
 - ☒ Secured \$1.15M WI-DNR Knowles-Nelson grant
 - ☒ Acquired 10 additional acres
 - ☒ Building first 5 miles of trails (out of 15+), to be completed by September
 - ☒ Installed temporary stream crossing to move hundreds of tons of material
 - ☒ Hauled in hundreds of loads of gravel and base
 - ☒ Mobilized hundreds of volunteers and public/private organizations
 - ☒ Engaged youth through school programming and supported post-doc research
 - ☒ Ongoing field planting and invasive species management
 - ☒ Raised \$4 million toward the capital campaign goal
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What's Next? The Final Push to Soft Opening!

We're nearing the milestone of welcoming the public to the Community Trail Farm! To ensure safe, accessible, and inspiring use of the space, we must complete a handful of essential features at the site. With your continued support, we'll reach this exciting next step.

Punch List to Reach "Soft Opening" Milestone

- ☐ DOT Access Permit
- ☐ New Public Entryway - \$500,000 needed
- ☐ Trail Maps & Signage
- ☐ Boundary Signage
- ☐ Updated Insurance
- ☐ Fence Wrap/Signage on Buildings
- ☐ Secured Storage for Equipment
- ☐ Donor Recognition Signage