

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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The following outline is intended to answer some of the most frequently asked questions related to the proposed multi-use trail that will be constructed through the City of Lake Shore. Because the trail would generally be along the CSAH 77 corridor, the trail is currently being nicknamed “Trail 77”.

1. How did this project begin?

The City of Lake Shore completed a Comprehensive Plan in April of 2006. Identified as one of the long-term strategies, under the Parks and Recreation Plan, was establishment of a recreational trail system throughout the City, including a trail along CSAH 77 and connecting with Fritz Loven Park.

A community trail survey was conducted in the spring of 2007 to generate interest and obtain feedback on various aspects related to the trail, including the type, (motorized, non-motorized, walking, biking, etc.), location, and opportunities of a trail.

In 2010, a Cooperative Agreement was entered into by Cass County, Crow Wing County, the City of East Gull Lake, the City of Lake Shore, and Fairview Township. The purpose of the Agreement was to encourage long-term interagency coordination and cooperation to enhance recreational experiences for residents and visitors, to coordinate trail-wide administration and site-specific management, to protect resources, to share technical expertise, and to seek sources of funding for trail planning.

Most recently, the Trail 77 Team (T77T) was formed to help carry out Lake Shore’s vision of a multi-use trail and fulfill their obligation of the Cooperative Agreement. This team, along with the Lake Shore City Council, hired the consulting firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) to do the planning, design, and construction administrative services.

2. Where will the trail be located?

The project is still in the preliminary planning stages. The exact alignment of the trail will be determined throughout the planning phase, which will include public input. In general, the trail will parallel CSAH 77 with sections meandering off of the right-of-way into the back woods of Lake Shore.

3. What will the trail cost?

At this point in the project, it is premature to put forth a cost estimate. As the planning progresses, cost estimates will be developed and shared with the T77T, Council, and public.

4. How will the cost of building the trail be paid?

Working with their consultant, SEH, Lake Shore will be soliciting a variety of funding agencies with a goal of securing as much grant funding as possible. Local contributions from the City, residents, business owners, and other interested parties may also be included.

5. When will the trail be built?

The construction schedule will be largely dictated by the availability of funding. The project will likely be broken into phases. The number of phases is yet to be determined, but a preliminary thought is three (3). The goal is to begin Phase 1 construction sometime in 2013.

6. What are the benefits of Trail 77?

- Provide a safe, alternative mode of transportation
- Recreational enhancement to the community
- Interconnection with adjacent communities (Nisswa, East Gull Lake, Fairview Township, Brainerd, Baxter)
- Health benefits by providing an opportunity for increase activity (walking, biking, roller-blading, etc.)
- Alternative mode of transportation

7. Will there be connections to other trails?

Yes!

- Paul Bunyan State Trail
- Adjacent community trail networks

8. Is information available on the Internet regarding this project?

Yes, the City of Lake Shore started a T77T website. On that website, there is also a link to the T77T Facebook page.

www.cityoflakeshore.com

9. What can I do to help make this dream become a reality?

The Trail 77 project began as a vision of Lake Shore government and citizens. Lake Shore strongly promotes this project as a community effort and wants citizens to become and stay involved. To get started, contact the people listed below.

10. Who should I contact if I have questions or comments regarding this project?

The T77T and the City Council and staff, as well as the City's consultant, SEH, can help you:
City Administrator: Teri Hastings, 218.963.2148
Police Chief: Steve Sundstrom, 218.963.2148
Consultant: Matt Reid, 218.855.1714