

Whitewater Country Loop Trail

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Know the Facts – Chester Woods State Trail Segment

The Chester Woods Trail is part of the Whitewater Country Loop which is a proposed 50 mile State Trail connecting 8 cities, 2 State Parks and a county regional park

Route: Starts in Rochester, goes through Chester Woods County Park, and the cities of Eyota & Dover. Phase 1 of this trail connects Rochester's 86 miles of city trails with Olmsted County's 1,330 acre Chester Woods Park.

Terrain: Follows Bear Creek for several miles and runs through woodlands and plains

Dual use: A second parallel tread-way is included for horseback riding where permitted

Committee: This trail group was organized in 1995 under the Eyota EDA and consists of members from each of the cities and townships involved.

Funding: Awarded total State Bonding funds of \$1.5 million in years, 1999, 2005, 2006 & 2008. \$145,000 in land donated by Olmsted County, \$30,000 from City of Eyota. 2016 bonding bill is being proposed for \$1.3 million.

Phase 1: Land between County Road 11 on outskirts of Rochester and Chester Woods County Park (5 miles) has been appraised, surveyed and purchased. Engineering has been completed and construction has started in 2015.

Phase 2: Connections east to the cities of Eyota & Dover and a connection north across Hwy 14 to link with Great River Ridge Trail to the north are being worked on. DNR is currently in the process of land acquisition between Chester Woods Park and the city of Eyota.

Support: Minnesota DNR, National Parks Service, Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota, Olmsted County, City's of Rochester, Eyota, and Dover, Cardio Vision 2020, Rochester Active Sports Club, Steps to a Healthier Rochester, SMART, Minnesota Council on Physical Activity and Sports, Be Active Minnesota, Mayo Action on Obesity Task Force