

## NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT – Lowell Freedom Trail – DES No. 1802920

May 2024

The Town of Lowell held a public hearing in August 2023 for a proposed trail project located in Lowell from the intersection of West Main Street and Nassau Park (formerly Liberty Park) to the existing Freedom Park in Lake County. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. The purpose of the project is to provide a direct, non-motorized link for pedestrians and bicycles between Nassau Park and Freedom Park.

**The Preferred Alternative** is to construct an Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-compliant, multi-use trail connecting Nassau Park to Freedom Park in the Town of Lowell. This trail will be comprised of both off-road and on-road segments. Where feasible, existing dedicated rights-of-way, as well as open spaces will be utilized. Trail surfaces will vary based on location. Through platted subdivisions, the trail will utilize existing concrete sidewalks and, in some areas, will replace or construct new sidewalk. In off-road areas, the trail will be asphalt. The entire trail will be 10-ft to 12-ft wide with 2-ft shoulders. Two boardwalk sections will be constructed to minimize impacts to wetlands. The topography in the project area requires retaining walls in one location to limit the construction footprint and to avoid impacts to environmental resources. The approximate length of the proposed project is 1.2 miles. Additional details regarding the Lowell Freedom Trail project are available via the Town of Lowell's webpage at [www.lowell.net](http://www.lowell.net).

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to members of the community and to afford the Town of Lowell an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and their intent to transition to the next phase of project development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the Lowell Town Hall on August 22, 2023, **Lowell will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2025.** Environmental analysis documentation, will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Lowell Town Hall and Town of Lowell Website on the Website's Document Center (<https://www.lowell.net/egov/apps/document/center.egov>).



LOCATION MAP

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