

Community Development

Memo

To: Community Development/Committee of the Whole
From: Ed Cage, Planner II
CC: Ron Mentzer, John Coakley
Date: 1/25/2002
Re: Sidewalk Priority List & Plan

Please find attached and referenced the 'City of Warrentville -- Sidewalk Priority Plan 2002'.

The plan illustrates the existing sidewalks within the City (dark brown lines) and also indicates the level of priority to the areas within the City that do not have sidewalks. The areas of the City that do not have any sidewalks currently are indicated in order of priority from low priority (blue lines) to medium priority (green lines) to high priority (red lines). These priorities were calculated using specific criteria to evaluate the need for sidewalks in specific areas of the City (see Exhibit 1 for details). The 'Sidewalk Priority Plan 2002' should be used as a guide to assess which areas of the City have a need for sidewalks due to the proximity to schools, forest preserves and other similar pedestrian orientated facilities.

The Committee of the Whole directed Staff to put together a list of approximately six areas that would be priority areas in regards to funding new sidewalk/bike path connections. An original pathway connection list was drawn up by Chief LaDeur, Street Superintendent Bevier and Planner Cage in April of 2001 per a request by the Public Safety Committee. This original list was recently discussed and updated by Chief LaDeur and Planner Cage and is the basis for the seven priority connection areas. The list is as follows in order of priority:

1. RIVER ROAD - PHASE I

A sidewalk link between the existing sidewalk at Bower School and Cerny Park. This would enhance safety issues in regards to bicyclists and pedestrians walking between the school and the park and also enhance the safety issue on July 4th of people parking at Bower School and walking up to Cerny Park. This is a high priority issue that has been discussed previously at City Council.

2. RIVER ROAD - PHASE II

Phase II would extend the existing sidewalk on River Road all the way up to Warrentville Road and would allow pedestrians and bicyclists to link up with the existing sidewalks on Warrentville Road and Ferry Road.

3. MACK ROAD FROM ROUTE 59 TO WILLIAMS ROAD

This is an area that is predominantly used by bicyclists to access Blackwell Forest Preserve from residences west of Route 59 and Fermilab. Engineering work has been completed on the construction of such a pedestrian/bike path.

4. MAPLE HILL SUBDIVISION LINK TO SUMMERLAKES

Currently there is a footpath that connects Fox Hollow and Maple Hill Subdivisions. It would be beneficial to expand this to a pedestrian/bike path that would allow access to residents of Maple Hill Subdivision west of Route 59 to connect to an intersection that has traffic control signals on a major road.

5. GALUSHA AVENUE BETWEEN HERRICK LAKE F.P. AND WINFIELD ROAD

There is an existing link that exits onto Herrick Road just north of Galusha Avenue. A pedestrian/bicycle path could link Herrick Lake Forest Preserve to the existing Winfield Road sidewalk. This would allow residents along Galusha Avenue access to the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve to the east and access to the existing Winfield Road sidewalk network to the west. A possible source of funding would be a grant because this pedestrian/bicyclist path would link Forest Preserves and other such pedestrian/bicyclist paths.

6. BRIDGE CONNECTING PORTER LANDING TO CANTERA FOREST PRESERVE PATH

A proposed bridge would link the existing Cantera path on the east side of the DuPage River to Cemy Park on the west side of the river. This connection would allow greater access to Cemy Park and the Forest Preserve network.

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7. BRIDGE CONNECTING EDGEBROOK SUBDIVISION TO CALUMET AVENUE

Preliminary work was conducted on this link. However, this link would need to be combined with new sidewalk along Calumet Avenue because there is currently no such sidewalk on Calumet Avenue to link to the proposed bridge link into the existing sidewalk network.

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It is important to note that three more pathway connections were indicated on the original list produced in April 2001. These connections have been completed or are in the planning stages for construction. These are as follows:

1. BATAVIA ROAD FROM MANNING AVENUE TO TRACY PLACE:

Status – Completed.

2. PATHWAY DOWN WINFIELD ROAD TO LIFETIME FITNESS:

Status – Completed.

3. PATHWAY LINK BETWEEN CANTERA FOREST PRESERVE PATH TO EXISTING PATHWAY ON SECOND AVENUE:

Status in planning stages by Forest Preserve District for construction in Spring 2002.

If you have any questions or require more information please contact me directly at (630)393-9050.