



CITY OF ANTIGO

PARKS, CEMETERY AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Monday, January 09, 2023

CITY HALL, 700 EDISON STREET

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the November 14, 2022 Meeting
2. Kretz Park Lighting Project
3. Ice Age Trail Development on the City of Antigo Landfill Property (N1985 Dump Road)

Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, contact Cheryl Barta, 700 Edison Street, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409. (715) 623-3633 extension 100. Members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may be in attendance to gather information. Any governmental body other than that specifically referred to above will take no action.

DATE MAILED: January 04,2023

TIM KASSIS



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 09, 2023
Re: Kretz Park Lighting Project

The City leases Kretz Park to the Antigo Dugout Club including any and all current and future structures, buildings, and improvements. The Antigo Dugout Club is solely responsible for any and all costs arising from and/or pertaining to the operation and maintenance of Kretz Park. All structures built on the complex shall be constructed only upon consent of the City of Antigo and are subject to site plan review and building permit process of the City.

The Antigo Dugout Club has raised funds to purchase and install new lights at Kretz Park, which will provide a more energy and cost effective upgrade to the facility.

The Antigo Dugout Club is requesting approval to install new lights at Kretz Park in 2023, and work with city staff to ensure the project has the necessary permits, and insurance required by the City of Antigo.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 09, 2023
Re: Ice Age Trail Development on the City of Antigo Landfill Property (N1985 Dump Road)

The Ice Age Trail Alliance reached-out to the City of Antigo to propose a route/trail segment at the old landfill located off of Dump Road. Attached is the proposal, which has been reviewed and approved by staff.

We are requesting approval to allow the Ice Age Trail Alliance to construct a route at the old landfill located at N1985 Dump Road per their proposal.

Proposal for Ice Age Trail development on the City of Antigo landfill property

December 2022



Summary of request

After a discussion with the City of Antigo Park, Recreation and Cemetery Department, the Ice Age Trail Alliance proposes to develop the Ice Age National Scenic Trail at the City's landfill property. The Alliance is seeking permission from the City to construct, sign and maintain the Trail, understanding that this process will take a couple years.

Introduction

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail, one of eleven such trails in the country, is a thousand-mile footpath that immerses users in the fascinating, world-renowned Ice Age features of Wisconsin. The Trail offers a little something for everyone: remote Northwoods forests, urban meanderings, elevated walks through wetlands and of course respite for those seeking solace and rejuvenation close to home. The Ice Age Trail Alliance's (Alliance) mission is to conserve, create, maintain and promote the Ice Age Trail. To that end, the Alliance is a national accredited land trust, and an award-winning trail building organization. This is done in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), the Wisconsin DNR and thousands of volunteers, including the local Langlade County Chapter.

Benefit to the Community

The City of Antigo chose to become an Ice Age Trail Community in 2022, one of 17 such communities throughout the state. The Ice Age Trail Community program is a symbiotic relationship between the Ice Age Trail Alliance and local Wisconsin communities. It aims to enhance awareness of the community and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, and to promote the natural and cultural heritage of Wisconsin along the Ice Age Trail. What does this mean locally? The program promotes the community to trail users so they visit restaurants and shops, seek out lodging and other recreational opportunities locally. Across the state that translates to over three million visitors to the Ice Age Trail annually. Furthermore, local residence will benefit by having another recreational opportunity at no cost to them and maintained by Alliance volunteers.

Trail preparation and layout

Currently the Trail route near the City of Antigo is on roadways, or what is referred to as "connector route". The Alliance's goal is to create an off-road footpath worthy of a national scenic trail by seeking opportunities through partnerships and land protection. The Alliance sees the City's landfill as an opportunity to interpret glacial geology and provide people with a recreational asset. The Alliance's Trail Team is dedicated to conceptualizing the Ice Age Trail through the geologic landscape. Understanding that single track mountain bike trails already exist on the property, and that there is adequate land for multiple trails, the Alliance looks to establish a separate trail tread throughout the property (see attached map). It is likely that the Ice Age Trail would have to cross and even share tread with the bike trail in a few areas where space is limited. More on the ground visits are needed to produce a route. The Alliance continues to work with neighbors to the east and west of the landfill to create a road-to-road connection and linear path across the property as opposed to the loop trail shown on the map.

The Alliance would cooperate with the City of Antigo and LAMBA members during the trail layout process to ensure stakeholder input is considered and addressed. We estimate the trail layout to take up to one year once begun.



Trail construction and design standards

The Ice Age Trail is designed and built to standards set forth by the National Park Service. The Alliance builds sustainable trail that respects the land and promotes access to outstanding scenery. The trail will be constructed by our trained volunteers (sometimes contractors) using mostly hand tools. Much like the existing bike trails, the Ice Age Trail would be a natural surface trail with a tread approximately 30 inches wide and corridor cleared 6-8 feet wide. Trail route is marked with yellow blazes that are 2" x 6" vertical rectangles. These may be painted on trees, placed on 4'x4'x8' pressure-treated wooden posts or on Carsonite posts. As a State and National Scenic Trail, all yellow blazed Ice Age Trail must go through a formal review for endangered natural or cultural features before construction. The compliance process alone often takes up to one year.



Trail maintenance

The trail will be monitored and maintained by the Langlade County Chapter volunteers. These volunteers have the tools, equipment and training to safely remove downed trees, perform routine maintenance and inspire others in the community to get involved. They will be sure to work closely with the City staff and LAMBA volunteers as appropriate.

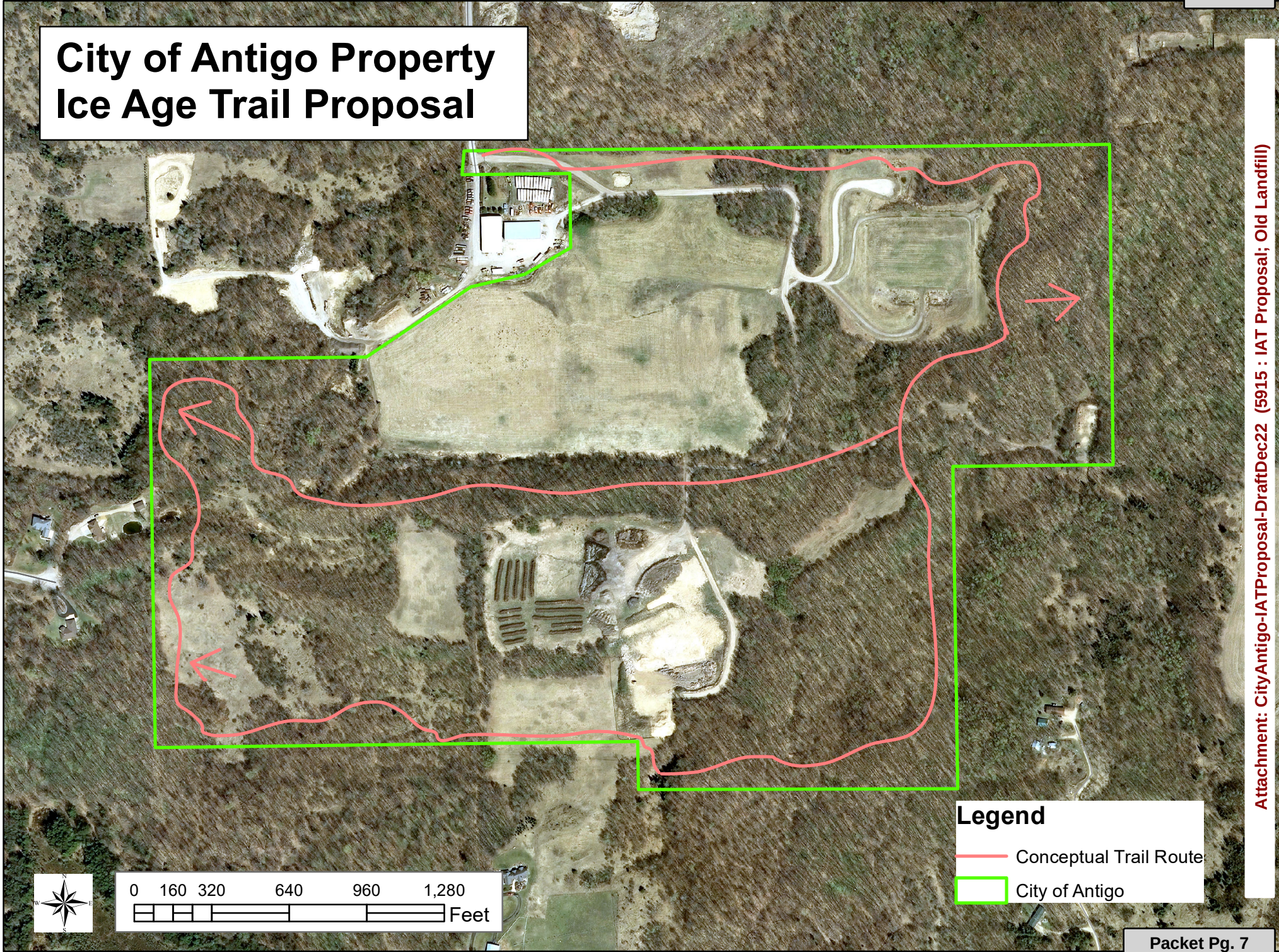
Costs to the City

The Ice Age Trail Alliance will cover all costs associated with the development, construction and maintenance of the trail.

Timing estimates

Trail layout and design – Fall 2023
 Compliance work – Spring 2024
 Trail construction – Fall 2024/2025

City of Antigo Property Ice Age Trail Proposal



Legend

- Conceptual Trail Route
- City of Antigo

Attachment: CityAntigo-IATProposal-DraftDec22 (5915 : IAT Proposal; Old Landfill)