

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

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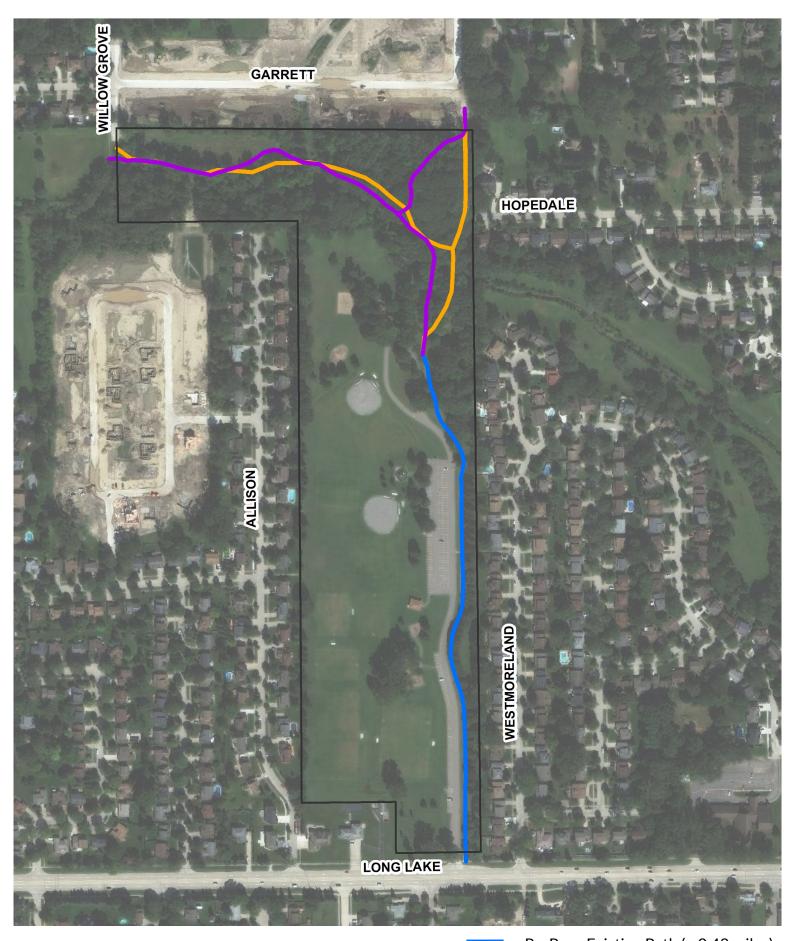
Subject: Troy Trails – Phase 3, Jaycee Park Community Engagement

On December 14, 2020 City Council was presented a proposed pathway in Jaycee Park as Phase Three of the Troy Trail Initiative. The proposed pathway included widening and re-paving an existing asphalt pathway within the park as well as the construction of about half mile of new asphalt pathway. The path would be contained entirely within Jaycee Park and include a pedestrian bridge to provide a connection over the Renshaw Drain. The proposed path would create access and connection from Jaycee Park to three adjacent neighborhoods. The Renshaw and Fetterly drains located within Jaycee have hindered our ability to provide these connections. This segment would highlight the natural features of Jaycee Park as Phase One and Phase Two of the Troy Trail do in their respective locations. Council approved a resolution to expend budgeted funds to allow engineering consultant, AEW, to begin the design process of the third phase. Over the last few months, AEW has completed soil borings, surveyed the proposed area, and identified wetland locations.

Residents that are directly adjacent to Jaycee Park and the surrounding area were notified via mail of the proposed project in December. The proposed path utilized an existing sewer easement within the park that runs adjacent to several properties abutting the park. City Staff received feedback regarding the proximity of the trail to various properties, specifically the segment of the trail utilizing the sewer easement.

During the last on-site meeting, staff and AEW determined that it would be possible to shift the northeastern most segment of the trail to the west to provide a greater distance barrier between the trail and the properties that directly abut Jaycee Park while still providing connections to surrounding neighborhoods. The updated proposed pathway is included with this report. Abutting residents were notified via mail of this update.

To engage the community and solicit feedback, Staff has created an online, interactive portal that will be available to view beginning Monday, March 29<sup>th.</sup> Troy residents can access this portal at Rec.Troymi.Gov/Trails to view information on the Troy Trail initiative and leave feedback regarding the proposed third phase in Jaycee Park. Community engagement will be received for two weeks, until April 12<sup>th</sup>. All feedback will be reviewed and presented to City Council at a later date.



Proposed Troy Trail Phase #3

Jaycee Park 1755 E. Long Lake Re-Pave Existing Path (~ 0.42 miles)

Construct New Path (~ 0.42 miles)

Original Proposed Pathway Segment