



Village of Rothschild Trails



CLIENT

Village of Rothschild, WI

LOCATION

Village of Rothschild, WI

SERVICES

- Grant Application Writing
- Landscape Design
- Stormwater Management
- Surveying
- Permitting

PROJECT MANAGER

Todd Halvensleben, PE

Utilizing WDNR Stewardship Grant, Recreational Trail Grant and local funding, Vierbicher is working with the Village to develop various trail segments to connect key areas within the Village and to the greater Wausau Area Regional Trail System. The projects are developed for AASHTO/ADA compliance. Vierbicher develops preliminary design options, topographic surveys, wetland delineations, final designs, assisted with bidding and construction phase services.

The Volkman and Gaska Park Segments were faced with the obstacle of acquiring easements for a previously awarded trail segment. Vierbicher staff worked with the Village and WDNR grant personnel to gain approval on two new segments. During trail design, staff needed to utilize a combination of existing and new trail routes to make the necessary connection to an existing neighborhood while bisecting an existing detention basin, utility corridor, and wetlands.

Unique aspects of the Cedar Creek segment included a railroad crossing (including covered shelter), the expansion of a state highway bridge underpass, incorporation of an existing covered bridge, wetland boardwalk crossings, and environmental design sensitivity.

For the Volkman and Gaska Park segment, staff was able to revise trail locations and gain WDNR approval to utilize the awarded grant funds and develop a completely new trail while still meeting the budget of the original. For the Cedar Creek segment, development of the trail was allowed while protecting the threatened/endangered Ward Turtle in the area.