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Friends of the Badger Trail, Inc. Receives Grant

Friends of the Badger Trail, Inc. announces that it has received a grant from the Monroe Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to support Monroe Trailhead Construction Project.

The Trailhead is planned to include a shelter/restroom facility designed by a local architect and parking for trail users. Parking will be available for vehicles, accessible parking for disabled and parking for vehicles hauling bicycles and snowmobiles. The area to be developed for this project is approximately 1.5 acres in size on the east side of 14th Avenue, adjacent to the city's 46 acre Twining Park. The Trailhead site to be developed is on property the DNR currently leases from the railroad. The site is flat terrain with very little vegetation. Monroe is the southernmost city on the Badger State Trail before it connects with the Jane Addams Trail in Illinois. The planned development will provide access to the trail along with a shelter, restroom and parking. In Monroe there are no facilities designated for users of the trail. Costs in the construction of a Trailhead would be design, engineering, site preparation, water, sewer, electrical, parking lot construction, picnic tables, trash receptacles, bike racks, signage and landscaping.

This grant is made available from the Monroe Fund. The Monroe Fund responds to our area's not-for-profit organizations wanting to start new, innovative programs, or expand current services and provides the greatest flexibility for addressing changing needs to advance the most promising, creative approaches to strengthening communities. Grants from the Monroe Fund have strengthened ties between generations and have encouraged community participation in the arts, education, environment, health and human service programs, and historical preservation. For more information about this program and how you can impact your community you can contact Linda Gebhardt at 608-328-4060 or the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, 1-800-995-2379, or visit our website at www.cfsw.org. The Community Foundation serves Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, and Walworth counties.