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**PARTNERSHIP WITH MENASHA ROTARY IMPROVES SAFETY ON
VITAL LINK OF FRIENDSHIP TRAIL**

MENASHA, WI – December 6, 2010. A public-private partnership with two non-profit agencies has transformed a dark overgrown bike-pedestrian corridor between Jefferson Park and Plank Road into a safe and inviting transportation link. Menasha Rotary donated \$10,000 towards the lighting of trail segment.

Menasha Rotary President Dan Rippl stated that “offering safety to this area is just another contributing step in making Menasha the community it is. We are honored to be a part of this community and the wonderful things that are going on here”.

The trail segment, first approved in 2001, subsequently became part of the route of the Friendship Trail along with the Fox Cities Trestle. This route provides an essential East-West link through Menasha for non-motorized transportation.

Improvements made throughout 2010 include removal of invasive species, grading changes to provide better natural surveillance, and planting with low maintenance grasses. The lighting is similar in appearance to that found on the Fox Cities Trestle, however, it utilizes induction bulbs reducing energy use by approximately half. Additional landscaping will be completed in spring of 2011 with the help of volunteers.

“Generous gifts such as this enhance the quality of life here in Menasha” stated Mayor Merkes. Providing safe transportation and recreation opportunities benefit everyone.

OLD PLANK ROAD
STATE HIGHWAY 114

S.T.H. "114"

FRIENDSHIP TRAIL LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

DOC. NO. 1080482

STORM WATER POND

BIKE TRAIL

NEW SALT DOME
1500 TON

SALT BRINE
NEW CHIPS DOME
750 TON

FUEL

SIGN RECOGNIZING DONORS

EARTH BERM 25' WIDTH 5' HEIGHT WITH NO MOW GRASS, 5' WIDE LAWN TURF ALONG BOTH SIDES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED AT 3" LENGTH. TREES, SHRUBS, AND GRASS, WHICH WILL BE PLANTED ALONG TOP AND TRAIL SIDE OF BERM, CONSIST OF:

- EVERGREEN TREES (20)
- DECIDUOUS TREES (11 ON BERM, 4 OFF BERM)
- SERVICEBERRY SHRUBS (20)
- SWITCHGRASS PLANTS (60)

CHAIN LINK FENCE
8' HEIGHT - LOCATION
COULD BE A COUPLE
FEET INTO BERM

STORAGE BUILDING

TRUCK WASH BUILDING

HECKRODT
WETLAND
RESERVE

LOPAS POND

MENASHA
UTILITY
SUB-STATION

GRAVEL PILE

BIKE TRAIL

- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE
- FUTURE LIGHT POLE (8)
- FUTURE FENCE



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Friendship Trail Lighting and Landscape
(segment along the west boundary of Heckrodt Wetland Reserve)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Anticipated Funding Source</u>
8 Decorative Induction Lights plus 1 HPS overhead fixture near tracks	\$16,030	\$10,000 contribution from Menasha Rotary \$6,000 contribution from Fox Cities Greenways
Light Installation	\$1,500	Donated by Menasha Utilities
Plant materials for 600' berm	\$4,500	Corporate donation pending– plant materials include no-mow grass \$4,500
Additional plant material (grass seed, fertilizer, mulch)		City Funded \$1,500
Labor to plant berm	\$3,000	City Crew in-kind labor \$2,500 Sustainability Board \$500
Compost for berm	\$4,000	City in-kind
Labor and equipment to grade berm	\$12,000	City Crew in-kind
Remove existing berm (labor and equipment)	\$6,500	City Crew in-kind
New berm dirt	\$7,000	Donated and placed by stormwater pond contractor \$7,000 value
Approximate 800' of 8' chain link fence on backside (west) of berm	\$17,600	City funded (future)
Herbicide treatment, native tree and plants on small site near railroad tracks	\$500	Donated by Heckrodt Wetland Reserve
Grand Total:		\$78,630



