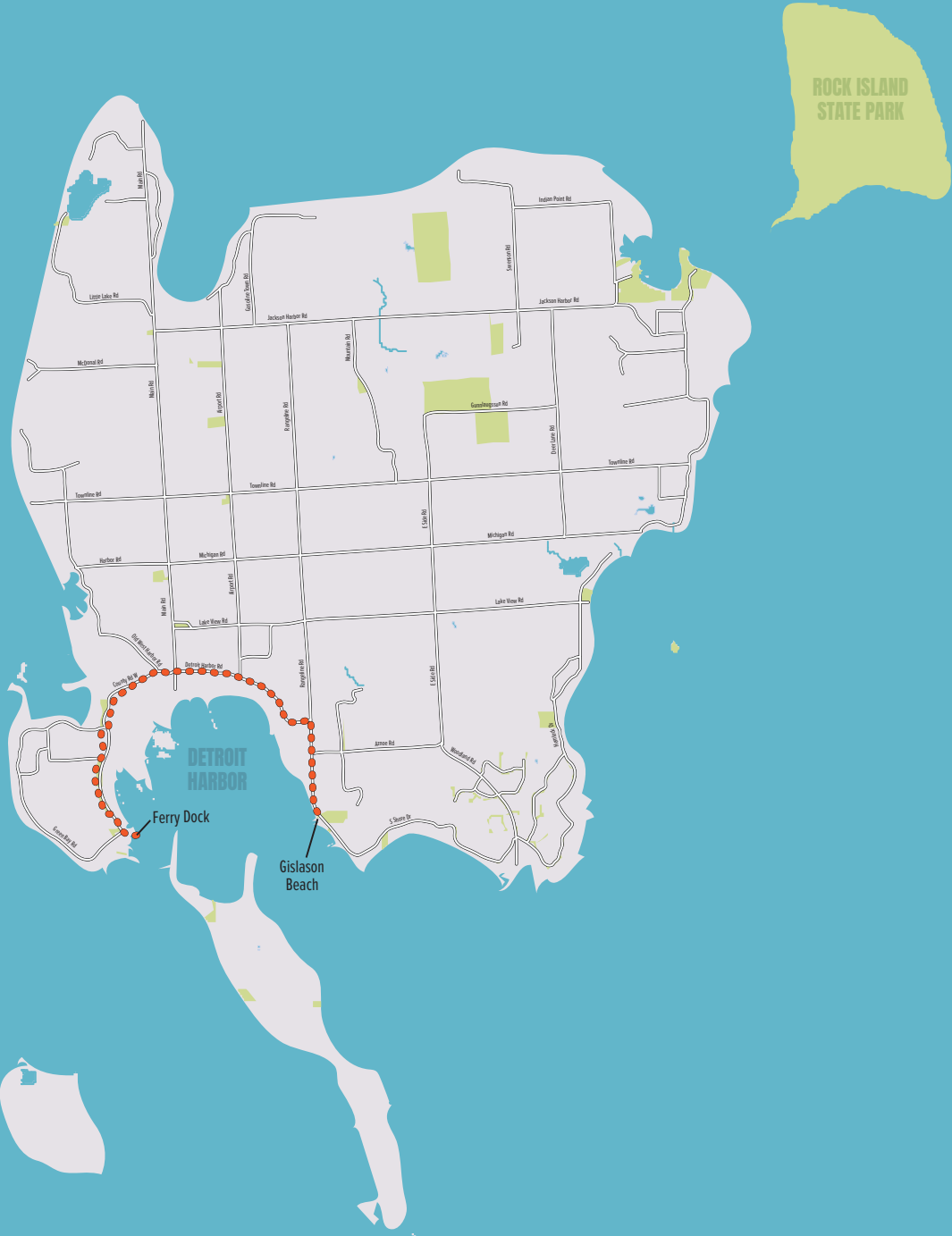


SHARED USE PATHS

DOOR COUNTY GREEN FUND TRAILS TASK FORCE

Northern Door - Existing & Proposed

In 2022, the Door County Green Fund, a fund of the Door County Community Foundation, Inc., convened an ad hoc group of government officials, environmental groups, and trail enthusiasts to foster better communication toward the ultimate goal of a seamless network of trails connecting the entire County. The following map represents the shared use trails that currently exist or are being planned throughout Northern Door County (north of Sturgeon Bay).



LEGEND

- Existing Shared Use Paths
- Proposed Shared Use Paths\*
- State Highways 42 & 57
- Villages
- Townships
- Lakes, Ponds and Streams
- Park Land

SCALE 2.5 miles 5.0 miles

OVERVIEW

Village of Sister Bay

The Village of Sister Bay currently maintains a one mile shared use path from the intersection of State Highway 42 and Gateway Drive. The path is paved and runs along the south side of Highway 42. The Village is currently planning to expand the path along Highway 57 to Orchard Road and has future plans to expand the path towards Ephraim along Highway 42 to Townline Road. This expansion would need to be in coordination with the Town of Liberty Grove. The Village also has plans to develop a trail from the intersection of Mill and Spring Roads towards Woodcrest, running behind the Fire Station. This would create better walking access from the downtown area to the Village's sports complex. In addition, the Village has ideas to develop trail on the Wiltse property, a 56-acre property acquired by the Village in 2020. The property is adjacent to the Village's sports complex.

Village of Ephraim

The Village of Ephraim has three distinct areas to it, the south area that runs the length of the southern part of Eagle Harbor, the downtown area where there are many historic buildings and businesses and the northern area which accommodates large lodging establishments, shopping and restaurants. The Village has focused most trail efforts in the northern area with discussions around developing a 3,000 foot pedestrian path from Townline Road to Orchard Road. The trail would connect into Sister Bay's potential future trail.

Town of Gibraltar

In 2023, the Town was awarded a grant to fund a feasibility study that would look at trail options through Gibraltar from Egg Harbor to Sister Bay. This includes looking at the area north of the Settlement Shops, known as the Redmond Property. The town is planning for trail access through the property, along the Niagara escarpment and down the bluff into Fish Creek Park. The trail would then extend across the highway where it would connect into Peninsula State Park. Peninsula State Park is currently pursuing plans to develop a trail along Highway 42 through their master plan.

Washington Island

The Town of Washington developed a Detroit Harbor Enhancement Plan in 2013 which included plans for a paved shared use trail from the Town's ferry dock around Detroit Harbor to Gislason Beach. The trail would improve access into the island from the ferry dock.

Town of Liberty Grove

The Town of Liberty Grove completed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in 2010. The plan calls for a shared use path between the end of Northern Door Road and South Porte De Mortes Road (440 feet), this short path will allow access to the Washington Island Ferry area to bicyclists from Isle View Road, rather than State Highway 42 which is the only existing access.

Town of Baileys Harbor

The Town of Baileys Harbor developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan in 2010. They have been discussing the idea of a shared use path from Ward Street to Summit Road and potentially continuing onto County Road E. This would be an off-road path open to walking and biking. In addition, The Ridges, which is located to the north of the downtown area has recently put in place a Master Plan that includes some trail options. The plan calls for developing a pathway along Ridges Road from Highway 57 to the Ridges County Beach as well as along Highway 57 from Ridges Road to County Road Q.

Town of Jacksonport

The Town of Jacksonport does not maintain any shared use paths.

Village of Egg Harbor

The Village of Egg Harbor has been a leader in efforts to develop more multi-modal within the Village limits and beyond. The Village is currently looking to expand trail options south to Frank Murphy County Park and north to Fish Creek. The Village received funding in 2023 to work with the National Park Service to identify trail options. Trail options will include access to the Landmark Resort and Rainbow Ridge. The Village would like to develop as many off-road options as possible but the entire system may result in a hybrid of some off-road and some on-road trails.

\* Proposed Shared Use Paths

The proposed shared use system shown on the map could include many different types of trail options. There are sections of the proposed system that may exist on-road while other areas may be developed off-road. In addition, not all sections may provide for different uses. For example, the trail that is being pursued in Ephraim is considered a six-foot wide pedestrian path and the Village would encourage cyclists to use the road shoulder. Off-road trail development relies heavily on private property involvement when public property is not available making it difficult to develop. The proposed system should be looked at as a hybrid of both on-road and off-road options and each community will consider safety, access, funding and other potential limitations as they pursue development.