

DOOR COUNTY GREEN FUND TRAILS TASK FORCE

EGG HARBOR · FISH CREEK · EPHRAIM · SISTER BAY

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 trail connections that are currently being developed between the Village of Egg Harbor, Town of Gibraltar, Village of Ephraim and the Village of Sister Bay. Other stakeholders include the Town of Egg Harbor, Peninsula State Park and the Town of Liberty Grove. While each municipality is working towards their own individual trail goals, they are also working together to ensure seamless connections and greater access between all of the communities. This map is part of a series of maps and resources for existing, proposed and future trail opportunities in Door County.

LEGEND

Proposed Trail System

Existing Shared Use Path

State Highways 42 & 57

Egg Harbor, Gibraltar, Ephraim & Sister Bay

Surrounding Towns

Lakes, Ponds and Streams

Park Land

SCALE 0.5 miles 1.0 miles

Overview

There are three existing shared use paths from Egg Harbor to Sister Bay. The Bird Trail in Egg Harbor connects the Egg Harbor beach to downtown while a short paved trail in Gibraltar connects the school to the YMCA highway crossing. Lastly, the Village of Sister Bay maintains a one-mile paved trail from Country Lane to Gateway Drive.

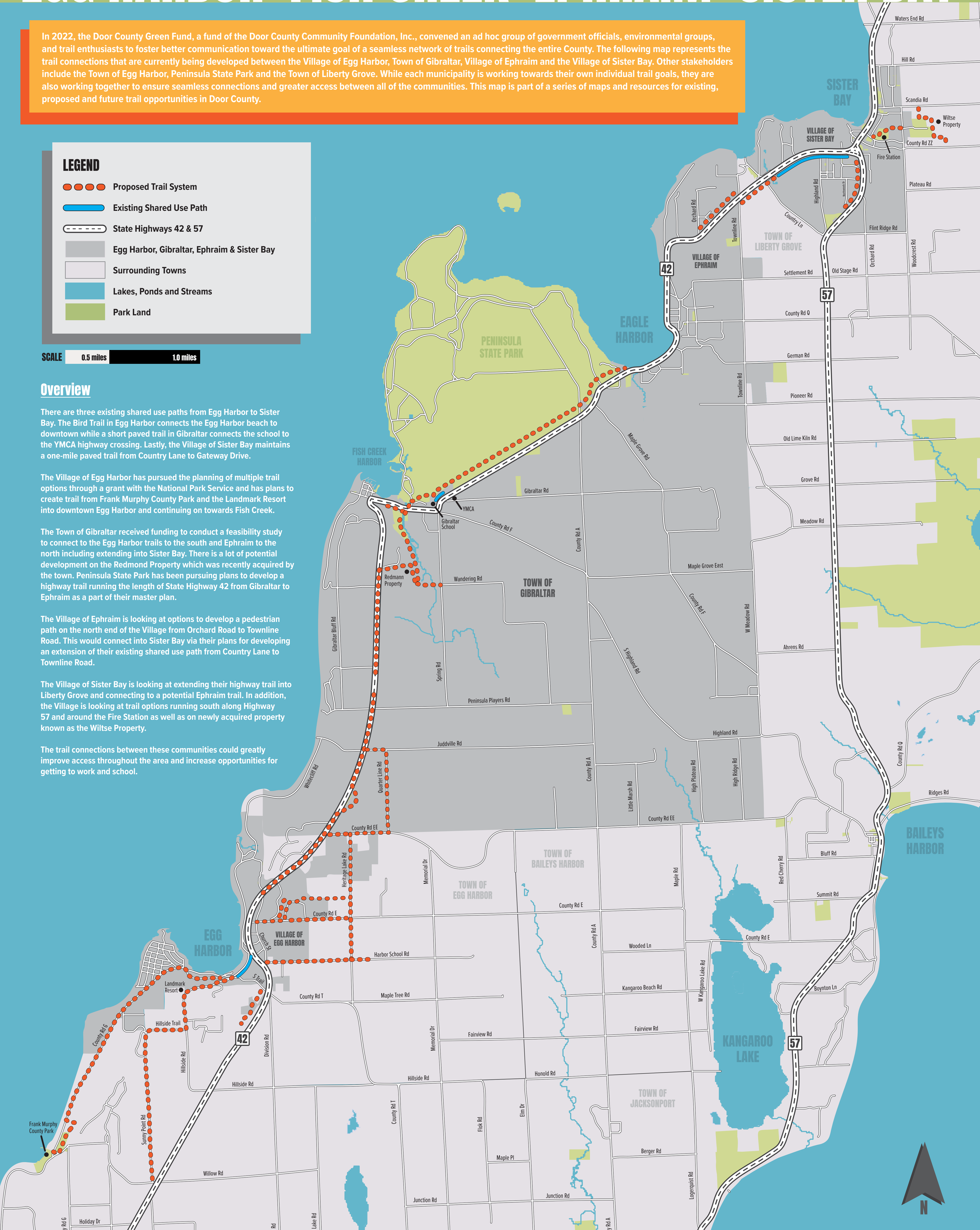
The Village of Egg Harbor has pursued the planning of multiple trail options through a grant with the National Park Service and has plans to create trail from Frank Murphy County Park and the Landmark Resort into downtown Egg Harbor and continuing on towards Fish Creek.

The Town of Gibraltar received funding to conduct a feasibility study to connect to the Egg Harbor trails to the south and Ephraim to the north including extending into Sister Bay. There is a lot of potential development on the Redmond Property which was recently acquired by the town. Peninsula State Park has been pursuing plans to develop a highway trail running the length of State Highway 42 from Gibraltar to Ephraim as a part of their master plan.

The Village of Ephraim is looking at options to develop a pedestrian path on the north end of the Village from Orchard Road to Townline Road. This would connect into Sister Bay via their plans for developing an extension of their existing shared use path from Country Lane to Townline Road.

The Village of Sister Bay is looking at extending their highway trail into Liberty Grove and connecting to a potential Ephraim trail. In addition, the Village is looking at trail options running south along Highway 57 and around the Fire Station as well as on newly acquired property known as the Wiltse Property.

The trail connections between these communities could greatly improve access throughout the area and increase opportunities for getting to work and school.



Proposed Trail System

The proposed trail system shown on the map depicts 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.

Definitions

Shared Use Path - Allowed uses include all non-motorized activity such as walking and biking. Trails are also accessible.