

# ST. LOUIS RIVER TRAIL

## TRAIL EXTENSION THROUGH SCANLON AND CLOQUET

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## WHAT

The St. Louis River Trail is currently a 2.99 mile multi-use paved trail extending from the Willard Munger State Trail in Carlton to the Park and Ride lot just south of Scanlon. A plan to connect this trail to Cloquet via an approximately **4 mile trail extension through Scanlon and into Cloquet** is currently being developed by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) in conjunction with the Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce Trail Committee. It is the vision of the Trail Committee that **the trail will primarily be a 10 foot-wide, paved trail that is not open to motorized uses**. Motorized wheelchairs would be allowed. Some sections of the trail could be striped on the road system.

## WHERE

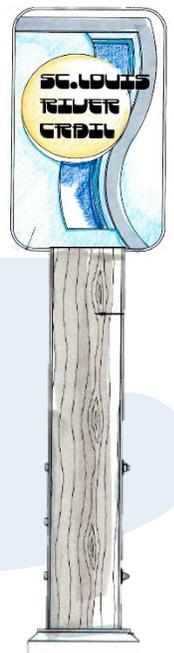
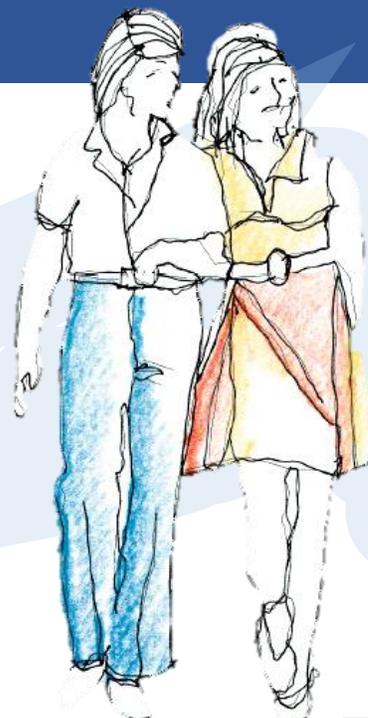
Exact routing has not been finalized, but it is the intention of the Trail Committee that it connect Cloquet to the Willard Munger State Trail in Carlton. The trail currently runs from Carlton to the Park and Ride on the south edge of Scanlon, on the south side of Interstate 35. **New trail is being sought that will go under Interstate 35, through the Scanlon business area on Highway 45, through Scanlon River Park, past Sappi Fine Paper to Cloquet, through downtown Cloquet, and to the City campground on the St. Louis River**, where an existing bridge connects to existing trails on the north side of the river. Exact routing depends on what easements can be secured, engineering feasibility, community acceptance, and construction funding availability.

## WHO

**The Trail Committee is currently examining potential collaborative ideas for trail maintenance and management.** If a cooperative entity is not identified, the trail will need to be maintained by the entities it passes through – Carlton County, Scanlon, and Cloquet. Maintenance funding could be raised in a variety of ways, including user fees.

## HOW MUCH

**Full costs depend on final routing location.** It is likely that the project will need over \$1,500,000 to construct. It is likely that the project will need to be constructed in multiple phases. **The City of Scanlon has secured \$360,000 in State and Federal Funding to be spent by 2019. This funding is intended to get the trail under Interstate 35 and into Scanlon.** Additional funding will be sought for the future phases of construction. Engineering fees will also need to be funded. Regional, State, and Federal funding programs are available and as much non-local funding as possible will be sought.



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