

Tell the Scandia City Council to SAVE THE GATEWAY STATE TRAIL EXTENSION



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

A paved state trail connecting Scandia to William O'Brien State Park.

On December 16, the Scandia City Council will vote on whether to award a construction contract for Phase I of the Gateway State Trail extension into Scandia — capping 25 years of planning and public input.

Rejecting the contract at this stage would jeopardize millions in grant dollars and halt a project slated for completion in 2026.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Provides **safe, family-friendly trail access** to William O'Brien State Park and Marine on St. Croix.



Offers **healthy outdoor recreation** for residents of all ages.



Backed by **25 years of community input** and planning.



Has **robust public support**, including a petition signed by 926 supporters.



Supports local businesses and promotes tourism.

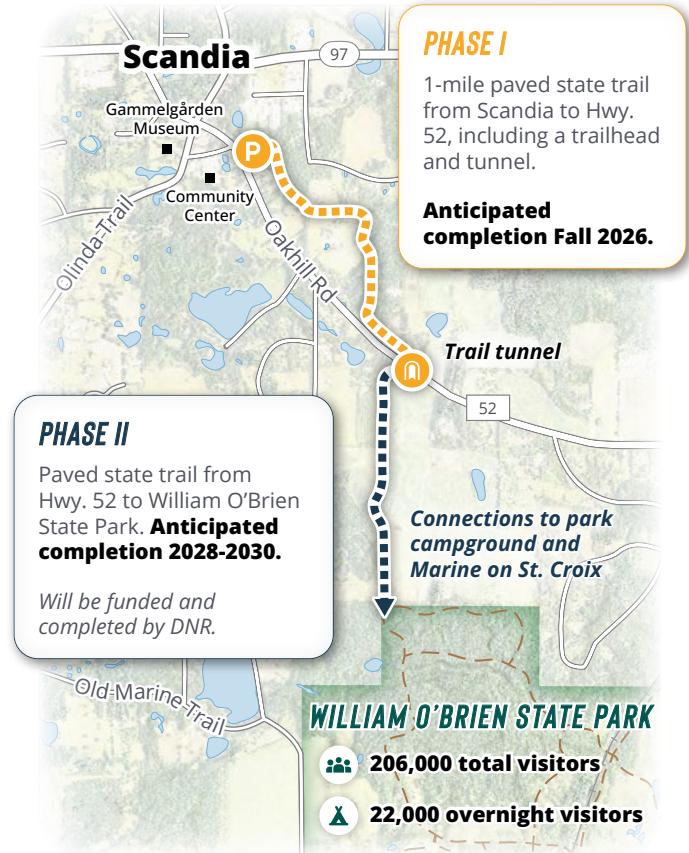
WHO'S PAYING FOR IT?

This project requires no city funding, and once completed, will be maintained by MNDNR. It's being paid for with county, state, and federal grants. If Scandia rejects these grants, they will be awarded elsewhere.

The cost to complete Phase I is approximately \$4.2 million, paid for with:

- **\$2.689 million** from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).
- **\$800,000** from Washington County.
- **\$750,000** from MNDNR (including a Federal Recreational Trail Grant).

PROJECT MAP



PARKS & TRAILS
COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

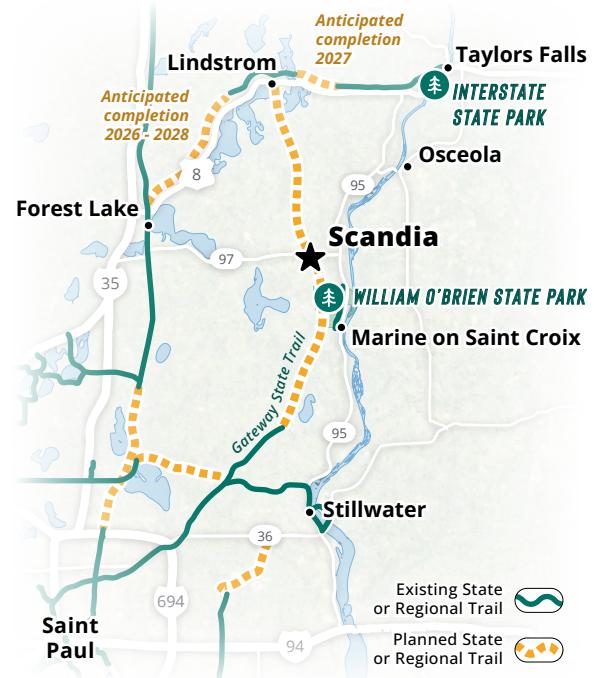
PROJECT TIMELINE

A TRAIL 25 YEARS IN THE MAKING...

2000	Scandia (then a township) adopts a resolution supporting the Gateway State Trail extension into Scandia.
2006	Scandia approves its first trail plan, identifying a search corridor for the Gateway State Trail extension.
2007	The first easement is secured for the Gateway State Trail extension between Scandia Village Center and Hwy 52.
2011	Following a robust public process, Scandia adopts a trail plan identifying a trail alignment for the Gateway State Trail extension.
2017	MNDNR completes all land acquisition needed for the Gateway State Trail between Scandia and William O'Brien State Park.
2019	Through its 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Scandia reaffirms support for the Gateway State Trail extension after a thorough planning process.
2020	Scandia City Council unanimously votes to apply for a state LCCMR trail grant, including a tunnel under Hwy. 52 , to advance the Gateway State Trail extension.
2023	After not receiving the state grant in 2020, the Scandia City Council again votes unanimously to reapply to LCCMR and secures \$2.69 million for Phase I , including the Hwy. 52 tunnel.
2023	Following another robust planning effort, Scandia again reaffirms support for the Gateway State Trail extension — including the tunnel — in its updated trail plan.
2025	Critical vote for the trail's future: On December 16, the Scandia City Council will decide whether to move forward with Phase I of the Gateway State Trail extension.
	<i>If City Council votes NO</i>
	<i>If City Council votes YES</i>
Gateway State Trail extension to Scandia is jeopardized	and likely delayed for the foreseeable future.
	2026 Anticipated completion of Phase I between Scandia Village Center and Hwy. 52.
	2028 - 2030 Anticipated completion of Phase II , linking Scandia to William O'Brien State Park campground and ranger station.

REGIONAL TRAIL VISION

A CRITICAL TRAIL LINK



PROJECT SUPPORTERS

- Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails
- Gateway Brown's Creek Trail Association
- Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota
- Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau
- Cedarcliff Property Owners, Inc.
- Cycling Scandia
- Gammelgården Museum of Scandia
- Gateway Cycle
- Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
- Minnesota DNR
- Scandia Heritage Alliance
- Scandia Parks and Recreation Committee
- St. Croix Valley Foundation
- Wahoo! Adventures
- Washington County
- Wild Rivers Conservancy

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