

# **Brown County Exec. Streckenbach: County announces 2nd year of snow plowing the Fox River trail**

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(Brown County, Wis.) – For the second straight winter season, Brown County will team up with the City of Green Bay, City of De Pere and the Village of Allouez to fully fund plowing the urban section of the Fox River State Trail.

“I believe that funding plowing operations on the Fox River Trail is an important investment in both quality of life in Brown County, as well as health and wellness of our residents,” says County Executive Troy Streckenbach.

The Fox River trail is one of the busiest trails in the state, and a local effort will help keep it that way during Wisconsin’s winter months. Local sport, health, and trail enthusiasts have been building support to keep the urban section of the trail open year around for biking, running, and walking.

“After a successful advocacy effort around snow removal on the trail last year, we were thrilled to see that winter month use of the trail doubled in the first year of this new agreement,” says Live54218 executive director Jen Van Den Elzen. “This absolutely demonstrates the value of continuing to ensure year round access both for recreation

and for transportation.”

“The Fox River Trail is the most well-known trail in the area and I am happy to see everyone come together to make sure it is cleared in the winter”, says Parks Director Matt Kriese.

As part of Bellin’s commitment to health and wellness, the health system has purchased 200 trail passes for its employees to use the Fox River Trail in order to remain active during one of the most beautiful seasons in Brown County. Additional passes may be purchased according to employee demand.

“Staying active during a Wisconsin winter isn’t always easy, but having a clear, safe Fox River Trail gives our employees and the larger community an advantage when it comes to staying fit during the long winter months,” said George Kerwin, president and CEO of Bellin Health. “We’re happy to provide this added fitness incentive for our employees, and we encourage other area employers to do the same.”