

Conway Branch Rail Trail Advisory Committee

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Outstanding Appointments
- Purpose
- Review Proposed Schedule
- Conway Branch Rail Trail Presentation
- Election of Chair
- Review of Request for Proposal Process
- Public Comment

CBRT Advisory Committee Purpose

The committee shall hold public meetings to provide advice to the department on the selection of consultants to *prepare a management plan* to develop, manage and maintain the corridor:

1. Establish a **shared vision** for the future of the Conway Branch Rail Trail corridor.
2. Provide opportunities to develop **partnerships**:
 - a. among local governments
 - b. between private property owners, local governments, and state agencies
 - c. between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors
 - d. with municipal/inter-municipal organizations, departments, and authorities
3. Identify links between **recreational opportunity and economic prosperity** related to the trail and integrate resource management and economic development sustainably.
4. Evaluate **ownership and management alternatives** for public access points, including shared use agreements, easements and/or acquisitions.
5. Develop **an implementation plan** that puts us on a path toward realizing the management vision.
6. More intensely studying certain sections and structures to make recommendations for construction feasibility and design work and to **prioritize projects**.

CBRT Advisory Committee Responsibilities

1. Assist the department in the development of a **Request for Qualifications** for consultant selection.
2. Participate in **consultant selection** including reviewing qualifications statements and interviewing consultants.
3. Conduct and attend **public meetings** to gather information and **make recommendations** for management of the corridor.

Schedule

1. **Meeting #1** – Organizational Meeting, elect chair, goals and objectives (June 19, 2025)
2. Meeting #2 – RFQ development (July 1, 2025)
 - a. RFQ release
 - b. Distribute submissions to committee.
3. Meeting #3 - Committee Field Trip (August 7, 2025)
4. Meeting #4 – Consultant Scoring & Selection for Interview (September 4, 2025)
5. Meeting #5– Consultant Interviews (October 3, 2025)
6. Committee may elect to continue to meet to explore the rail trail and meet with host communities November 6, 2025, and December 4, 2025)
7. Contract negotiations, contractual paperwork and G&C Contract Approval – 6-8 weeks (October-December)
8. Meeting #6 - Initial Consultant Meeting (January 8, 2026)
9. Meeting #7 - Recreational Uses (February 5, 2026)
10. Meeting #8 - Governance/Partnerships (March 5, 2026)
11. Meeting #9 – Assessment Report (April 2, 2026)
12. Meeting #10 - Funding Options (May 7, 2026)
13. Meeting #11 – Review of recommendation options for the report. (June 4, 2026)
14. Meeting #12 – Initial Draft Review & Comment (July 9, 2026)
15. Initial Draft Public Comments Due (August 1, 2026)
16. Meeting #13– Review comments and recommend changes (September 10, 2026)
17. Final Report Completed (October 15, 2026)

Questions?

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