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**City of Cedarburg Seeking Private Partners for
Cedar Creek Walkway Expansion Project**

The City of Cedarburg is seeking contributions to help in the funding of the recently proposed Cedar Creek Walkway expansion along Cedar Creek. The expansion is envisioned in two sections, one extending north from Cedar Creek Park to the Columbia Road bridge; the second extending north from the Interurban bridge to the Bridge Road bridge, both on the west bank.

The walkway will provide an attractive landscaped pathway for the people of Cedarburg to interact more with Cedar Creek, similar to the existing walkway behind the Fire Station and the Old Powerhouse. The project is intended to reduce traffic congestion, increase air quality, create a more pedestrian friendly environment and improve the overall charm of the area.

A Federal Department of Transportation grant is being sought to fund this project, which is estimated to cost about \$800,000 in total. The grant requires a local matching share of 20% of the total cost of the project. The City hopes to raise these funds from private donors and is willing to match up to half of the local share portion.

Cedarburg Mayor Greg Myers said “The expanded walkway will stimulate the economy of businesses located along the creek, reduce traffic and enhance the natural beauty of the area. It is a wonderful opportunity and can only become a reality with the help of our generous citizenry and business community.”

If you would like to help fund this exciting project and for additional information, please contact Dean Fitting, the Fundraising Chair, at Ozaukee Bank at 377-9000.