

**CITY OF LAPEER  
OAKDALE TRAILS SOUTH EXTENSIONS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Lapeer Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Department is seeking qualified and available contractors to submit proposals for a trail extension project to be completed during the 25/26 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). Proposals will be received until 4:30 p.m., local time, Monday, July 28, 2025, at the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Admin Offices, 880 S. Saginaw Street, Lapeer, Michigan, 48446, attention Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, Rodney Church. Proposals may also be emailed to [rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us](mailto:rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us).

The City of Lapeer reserves the right to select the contractor based on the following criteria (in no particular order) and to eliminate unqualified applicants for any reason.

1. **Strength of Qualifications:** Interested contractors should be members of the Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) or have equivalent, documented professional trails experience. Contractors must provide descriptions of three completed natural surface trail projects of similar or greater scale completed within the last five years with name, location, type of trails, etc. Experience with dirt bike tracks, BMX tracks, and asphalt/limestone pathways is not considered equivalent to natural surface trails.
2. Contractors must be licensed and insured to work in the State of Michigan and carry the following types of insurance at least with the limits specified below:

<u>COVERAGES</u>	<u>LIMITS OF LIABILITY</u>
Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000
Bodily Injury Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence
Property Damage Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence

3. Provide the City of Lapeer with a Comprehensive General Liability policy naming the City of Lapeer as additional insured to protect its interests.
4. **References:** Qualified contractors must provide three references connected to three different trails projects from within the last five years.
5. **Price:** Contractors should provide a per lineal foot cost for trail construction as described in the scope of work. Technical trail features should be expected and should be discussed as included in lineal foot cost or billed independently per feature.
6. **Availability:** Contractors should provide a timeline for construction during the current construction season. Ideally, the construction should take place early enough for use in the Fall 2025.

If contractors would like to schedule a site visit or have questions, contact Rodney Church, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, City of Lapeer, (810) 664-4431, [rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us](mailto:rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us)

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

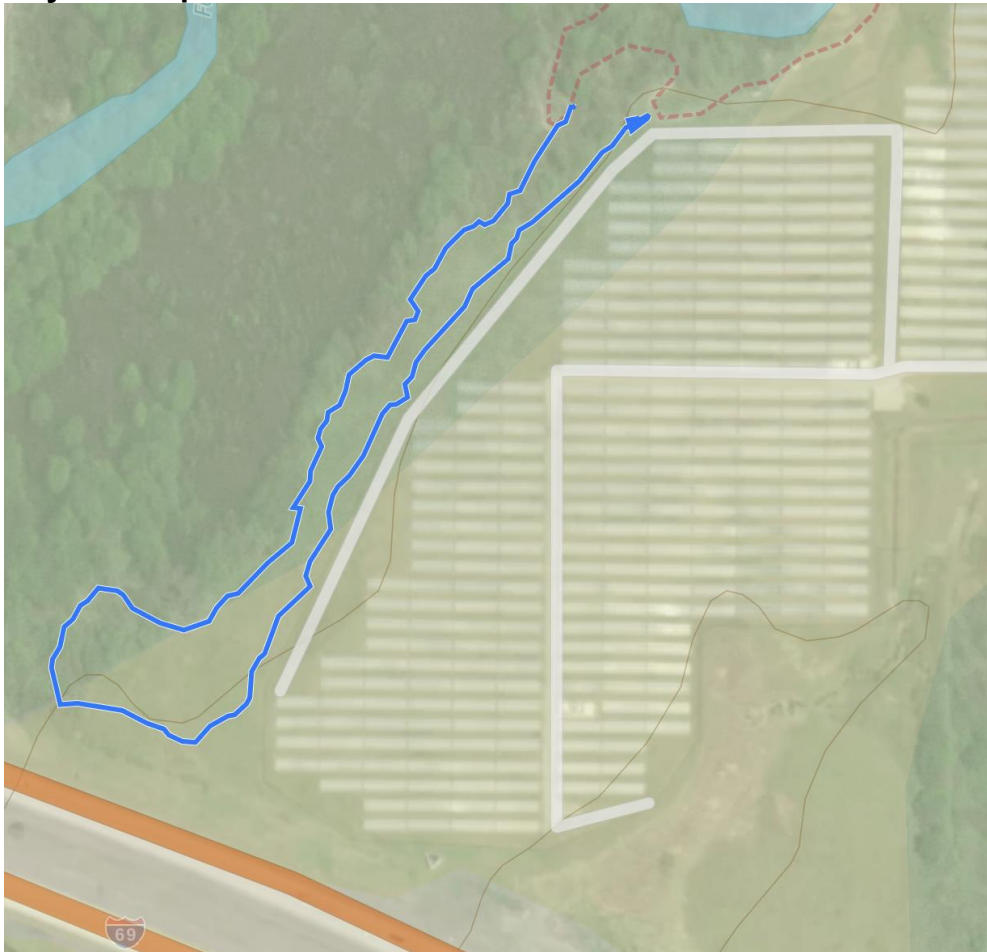
The contractor is to complete advanced design and construction of up to 1.2 miles of blue intermediate shared use trail with MTB focus. Some sections of this loop may include optional technical trail features. Advanced design will be minimal, as corridors are defined, and trails specifications generally follow IMBA standards for tread, corridor, etc. Industry best practices should be expected for drainage, tread construction, spoils, invasive species removal, margin restoration, etc. Drainage demands may be significant

in some areas with some collection and piping expected for solar field runoff across the trail corridor. One short section of puncheon or boardwalk will be required.

### **Oakdale Trails Introduction**

With the completion of the first 9+ mile phases in 2020, the Lapeer Oakdale trail system has become a magnet for trail enthusiasts in the Thumb area and beyond. The system offers something for everyone, including a highly visible and popular jump line in the Demille “Bowl”, with extensions to existing trails and some much-needed connector trails (to M-24 and surrounding neighborhoods to the south and east), the system will become an even more enticing draw for locals and visitors alike. You can learn more about the Oakdale Trail System and view current maps at the following link [https://www.ci.lapeer.mi.us/parks\\_and\\_recreation/oakdale\\_trails.php](https://www.ci.lapeer.mi.us/parks_and_recreation/oakdale_trails.php).

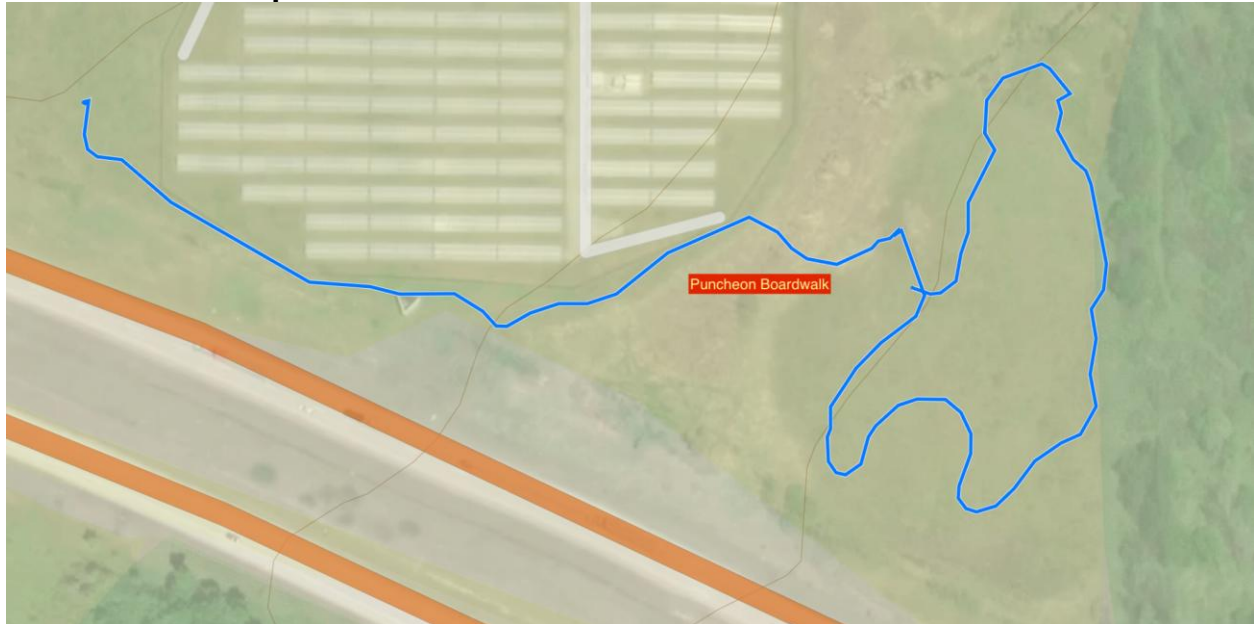
### **Proposed New Trail Extensions Coyote Loop**



Connecting from the southernmost loop (the South Loop) of the Oakdale Trail System, the Coyote Loop continues south toward I-69 on a narrow strip of rolling hillside above Farmer's Creek. Parks and Recreation staff have provided access to the site with some brush hogging of invasive species. The image below shows .51 mile of trail, with .6 likely as a total—some areas of this section are literally impassable due to multiflora rose and dense invasive infestation. Coupled with some planned maintenance and renovation of the South Loop, the Coyote Loop would add some much-needed intermediate trails, with optional technical features and an open, expansive (for Oakdale) viewshed of the solar field and Farmers Creek floodplain. This route also would provide access to the rest of the trail system from the east and south in the short term while the larger South Trails/Solar Field expansion plan is under consideration.

<b>Mileage</b>	.6 to .7 mile
<b>Character</b>	Up to 25 feet of relief, rolling hillside, wildlife and views, remote feel, intermediate trail with optional technical features, social areas
<b>Opportunities</b>	Excellent immediate added mileage, trail variety, connectivity, soils
<b>Challenges</b>	Solar field drainage, severe invasive woody plant infestation,

### I-69 Traverse Loop



Lacking the space in the western portion of this segment to build a loop, this spur leaves the Coyote Loop to traverse city property between the solar field and the MDOT right of way. The segment would require a short puncheon boardwalk to cross a narrow, low-lying area that drains into a culvert under I-69. Once past the boardwalk to the east, the trail gains a large open area with some of the best terrain at Oakdale. At .5 mile, the blue extension provides a critical link to improve the connectivity of the Oakdale Trail System to the larger Lapeer community, current and future. Trail users living a short distance from the trails now have to risk sidewalks and busy road crossings to access the trails.

<b>Mileage</b>	.5 mile
<b>Character</b>	Hilly, open views, close to highway
<b>Opportunities</b>	Connectivity, elevation profile, prairie restoration, reforestation with desirable species
<b>Challenges</b>	Short boardwalk required, no forest canopy