

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a black tank top and grey leggings, is running on a paved path. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. To her left is a wire fence supported by wooden posts. The background shows a dry, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation and trees under a clear blue sky.

LAH Pathway System

- I. Pathway System Basics
- II. Pathways Committee
Recommendations
- III. Master Path Plan Update

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Our pathway system is a vital part of the Town's infrastructure

- Required by the Town's ordinances
- Designed to complement our roads
- Intended primarily for residents
- Consists of roadside and off-road segments, totaling 94 miles

LAH pathway system is a work in progress

- All property owners share responsibility for the beauty and functionality of our pathway system.
- Paths are added incrementally as parcels are developed or redeveloped.
- Town is responsible for maintenance.

Benefits of Pathways

- Facilitate non-motorized circulation between neighborhoods
- Connect us with nearby towns and open space preserves
- Create emergency access routes
- Provide safe routes to schools
- Offer a means of outdoor recreation
- Contribute to the open, rural character of our Town

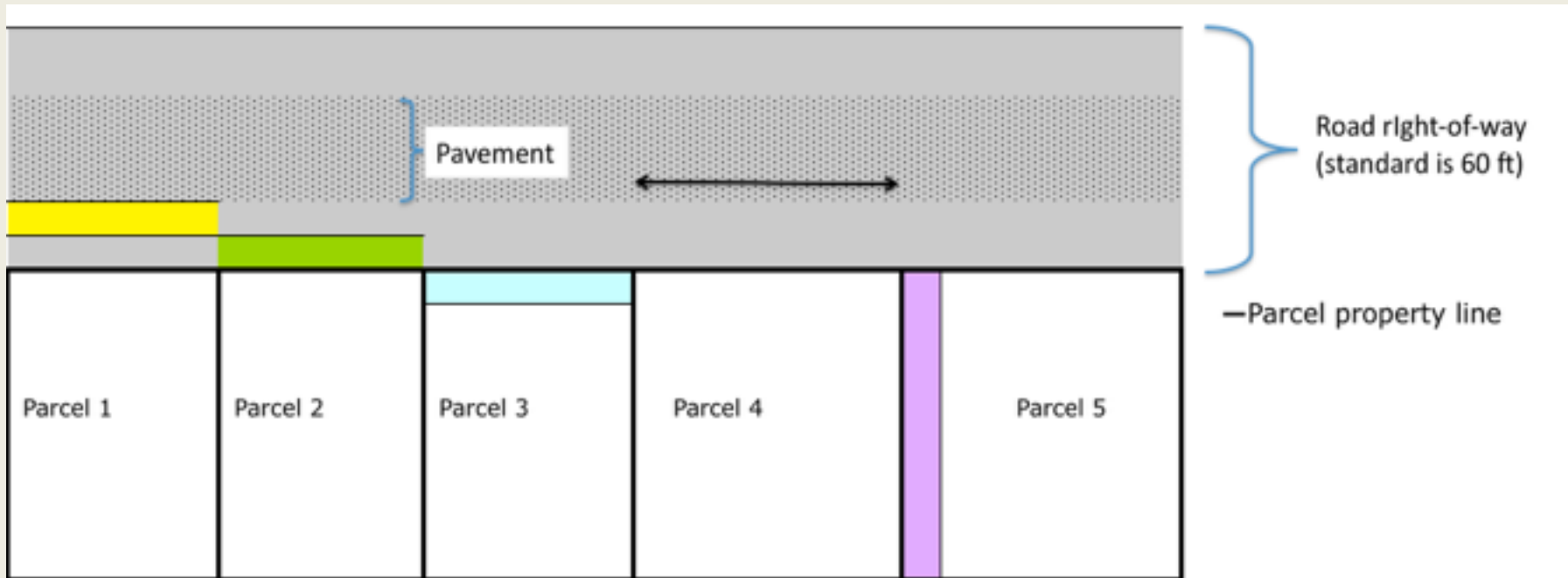
History

- 1956: Paths pre-dated Town's founding
- 1981: Pathway Element added to General Plan
Master Path Plan maps became part
of Pathway Element
- 2005: Update of Master Path Plan off-road map
- 2002-2012: Expansion of Town boundaries
- 2016: Master Path Plan update to extend
pathway system to unmapped parts of
Town and resolve areas left undecided in 2005





Types of Paths

- Roadside paths are within or near the road right-of-way
 - May be adjacent to pavement
 - Preferably separated from pavement
 - In very limited cases, access may be over the pavement
- Off-road paths generally run along property boundaries

Pathway locations



Roadside Paths

- 1  Pathway in road right-of-way adjacent to the pavement
- 2  Pathway in road right-of-way separated from the road pavement
- 3  Pathway in dedicated pathway easement on private property
- 4  Pathway over the road pavement (requires no path to be built)
Public road: No easement required to allow public access over the road
Private road: Easement required to allow public access over the road

Off-road Path

- 5  Off-road path (generally located along property line)

Pathway Construction

- Design standards
 - **IIB path** (5-ft. wide, crushed gravel with header boards)
 - **Native path** (width varies; surface is roughly graded dirt or gravel)
- Generally, construction must be completed before the Town signs a certificate of occupancy for a completed project
- LAH Public Works Department offers guidance

II Pathway Recommendation Process

- Development or redevelopment triggers review of how an individual property fits into the pathway system.
 - **Pathways Committee** reviews maps, makes site visit and makes a ***recommendation*** during a regular, public meeting.
 - **Planning Staff** reviews recommendation, may modify it before adding it to Conditions of Approval for development permit.
 - **Planning Commission** reviews Conditions of Approval at a public meeting and may support, deny or modify them.
 - **City Council** has final authority.

How do LAH landowners contribute to the pathways system?

- LAH ordinances require a contribution to pathway system as a condition of approval for major development projects, including:
 - Subdivisions
 - New residences or second units
 - Major house additions, barns, stables >900 sq ft
 - Certain variances and conditional use permits
- Landowners can voluntarily donate pathway easements and/or build paths

Homeowner Responsibility

- Contributions to the pathway system can be one or more of following:
 - Restore an existing path
 - Dedicate a pathway easement
 - Build a new path on a new or existing easement
 - Pay pathway *in-lieu* fee

Easements must remain free of building, fencing, landscaping and debris, even if there is no path.

Basis for Pathway Recommendations

- Recommendations rely on established policies and ordinances that describe how this part of the Town infrastructure is to be developed and maintained.



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Basis for Off-road Recommendations

- Consistency is a major goal for all pathway recommendations
 - Consistent with Town policies and ordinances
 - Consistent with what is/was required for similar properties
- Goal is to rigorously apply the same set of general rules to all projects under review
- Off-road paths connect neighborhoods and create walkable loops
- Cul-de-sacs should have off-road paths that connect the end of the street to adjoining neighborhoods

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Master Path Plan = Set of Maps

1. Map showing streets with roadside paths planned on both sides
2. Map showing streets with roadside paths planned on one side
3. Map showing existing and planned off-road paths
 - Class 1 = Easement + built path
 - Class 2 = Easement + no built path
 - Class 3 = Future planned path (no easement, no built path)

MPP Map Update Process

- Began January 2015, at direction of Council, as required by the General Plan
- Subcommittee of five PWC volunteers are doing the groundwork
 - Chair: Eileen Gibbons
 - Members: Nick Dunckel, Ann Duwe, Bridget Morgan, Sue Welch
 - Discussed project with Planning and Engineering staff, including objectives, priorities methods, and available resources (e.g., consultants, databases and GIS mapping systems)
 - Chair provided regular progress reports to Council and PWC

MPP Update Major Tasks

- Update all Master Path Plan maps
- Document new pathway easements dedicated since 2004
- Document new Pathway segments built since 2004
- Revise list of streets to have roadside paths on both sides (“two-sided streets”)
- Recommend future paths, roadside and off-road, in neighborhoods not previously mapped (i.e., annexed areas)
- Make recommendations to resolve areas left undecided during 2005 off-road map update

MPP Specific tasks

- Subcommittee tasks:
 - Walked annexed areas several times
 - Held 9 neighborhood meetings and 6 public walks to solicit feedback from residents
 - Drew up draft maps for proposed future roadside and off-road paths
 - Presented draft maps to the public and PWC
- Full eleven-member PWC reviewed draft maps and made site visits
- Full PWC heard public comment, discussed and voted on draft maps at a public meeting (4/25/16)

Map Update “to do” list

- **Pathways Committee** will forward draft maps and other update documents to Planning Commission.
- **Planning Commission** will review PWC recommendations and hold public hearings before making recommendations to City Council.
- **City Council** will hold public hearings before making a decision to accept, deny or modify the Master Path Plan update of 2016.

Parts of the MPP update needing Council approval

- List of streets with paths planned on both sides
- Map of streets on which roadside paths are planned
- Map of planned future off-road paths
- Resolution of off-road segments left undecided during the 2005 MPP update

Parts of the MPP not needing Council approval

- Documentation for pathway easements dedicated since 2004
- Documentation for pathway segments built since 2004
- “Working reference map,” which shows the suggested side of the road for roadside paths, as of May 2016
- Printed walking map

