

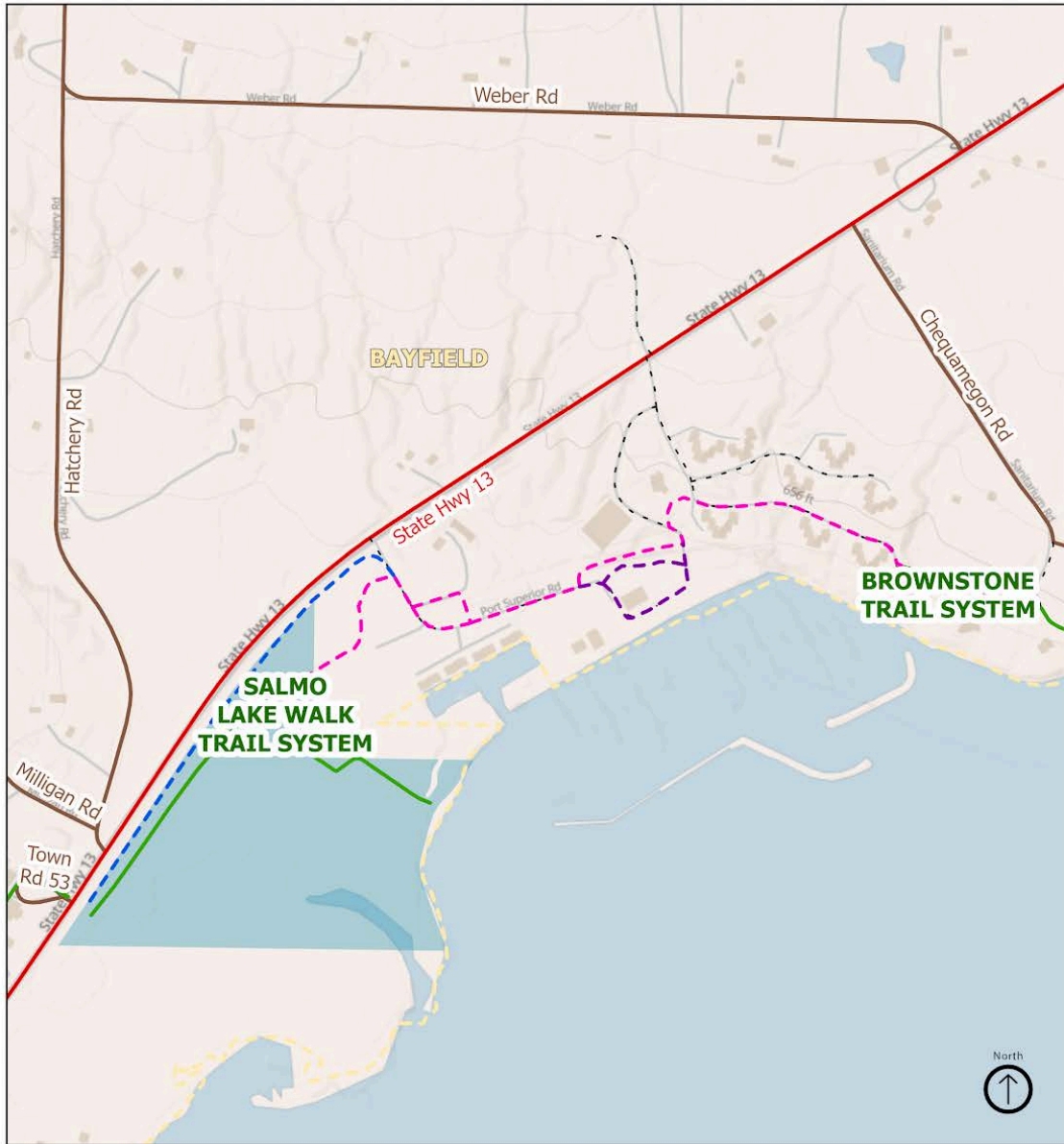
Pikes Bay Connector Trail Proposal

Trail Concept

The Pikes Bay Connector Trail will create a connection between the Brownstone Trail and Salmo Trail. By connecting to the Salmo trail, users will also be able to continue to the Bayfield Fish Hatchery, Pileated Woodpecker Trail, and to the Mt. Ashwabay trail system. Likewise, by connecting to the Brownstone Trail, users will be able to access downtown as well as trailheads for the Lakefront Trail and Big Ravine Trail System.

- **Highlights:** Views of lake; wetlands between Port Superior and the Salmo Trail provide excellent birding opportunities; artesian well nearby.
- **Ecological Habitat:** Mixed hardwoods and wetland habitats.

Pikes Bay Connector Trail	
Lead Entity for Project	Landmark Conservancy
Local Jurisdiction	Town of Bayfield; WDNR
Project Length	0.5 miles
Proposed Trail Uses	Walking, Hiking, Snowshoeing; Biking
Proposed USFS Classification	Class 4 - Highly Developed
Connections to Other Trails	Yes, creates connection between Brownstone Trail and Salmo Trail
Private Land Ownership	Yes, four private land owners
Category	Category 1 (Implement within 5 years)



50. Brownstone Trail - Pikes Bay Connector



Proposed Trail Concept Detail

The Pikes Bay Connector Trail is a linear route connecting the southwest end of the Brownstone Trail to the northeastern portion of the Salmo Trail. The connector trail would begin along Chequamegon Bay Road, following this road across the Waterford Condo Association property, to the west end of the property where the trail would follow an existing path to a Pike Bay Marina access road. From here the trail would travel adjacent to the Pikes Bay Marina storage garage on a flat area that is currently used for dog walking and boat storage. Past the Pike Bay Marina storage garage, the trail would return to the shoulder of the access road past the Port Superior Village Association garages then turn north into the woods to the northwest of an existing phone pedestal box. Utilizing a portion of a phone utility easement, the trail would connect to the old railroad grade which connects to the Salmo Trail at the northern end of the bridge across Birch Creek.

1. *Alternative Route:* Instead of following the trail following the flat area adjacent to the garage building, the trail could stay on the road. This would likely be more desirable for bike riders.
2. *Alternative Route:* Instead of turning northwest into the woods past the existing phone pedestal box, the trail could continue along the access road to the old railroad grade.

Opportunities & Challenges

Land Ownership

There are four parcels of private land that this new trail section would cross: Waterford Condos, Pikes Bay Marina, Port Superior Marina, Port Superior Village Association. Waterford Condos have agreed to sign a three-year trail easement agreement; Pikes Bay Marina and Port Superior Marina have both indicated they are open to considering the proposed trail. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources manages the land associated with the railroad grade between the Port Superior access road and the Salmo Trail.

Terrain

Most of the proposed trail is on mostly flat terrain on paved roads. The segment proposed along a flat bench below the Pikes Bay Marina boat maintenance garage is mostly flat, but the western end would cross a small drainage that would likely need a foot bridge of some sort.

Road Crossings

Much of the new trail segment travels along minor roadways which will require signage to alert vehicle drivers. Likewise, signage will be needed where the trail crosses from the woods to the old railroad corridor.

Potential Implementation Steps

- Continue to pursue and finalize easement agreements with Waterford Condo Association, Pikes Bay Marina, Port Superior Marina, and Port Superior Villages Association.
- Pursue adding the segment across DNR property to the existing agreement for the Salmo Trail.
- Develop a specific project plan that defines the exact route, identifies needed resources such as signage, and construction procedures.