

Boardwalk to improve traversing terrain at park

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Construction has begun on a boardwalk to be placed on land owned by the Bethel Land Trust adjacent to Meckauer Park.

The walkway, which will extend over different land types, will be 500 feet long and handicap accessible.

Don Warfield, the president of the Bethel Land Trust, said the money for the walkway, \$15,000 in total, was secured for the trust by the town and that it will, at this point, be enough to cover the entire project.

"When we found out about the money, we [land trust] tried to think up a project that would benefit the town," Mr. Warfield said. "We wanted something that could promote the usage of town land as well as to construct something that wouldn't really impact the nat-

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Mr. Warfield said the trust thought about using the money to create signage as well as undertake other projects before settling on the boardwalk.

"After we got the idea, we started doing design work," he said. "We fabricated a part of the boardwalk to see how it would look and how it would hold up. Now that we know what we want, we'll be doing a type of factory job on the remaining pieces."

The work to complete the boardwalk isn't being done in a factory though. It's all being done by different members of the trust.

Construction of the different segments will not be done at the location adjacent to Meckauer Park but at the private residence of a trust member.

"If we did it at the site, we'd have to leave the materials there," the land trust president said. "And there'd be a good chance that when we went back the next day some of the material would be gone."

Just because the work is being done at a private residence doesn't mean that work won't be done at the site in the future when the time draws near to install the boardwalk.

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Bethel Land Trust President Don Warfield and member Mary Ann Kulla chat at the location of the Meckauer boardwalk's construction.

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To do that, Mr. Warfield said he's putting a call out to students at Bethel High School who might be in need of completing their 60-hour community service commitment for graduation and to other willing members of the community for their assistance.

"We'd really like to get some volunteers to help us put this thing up," he said. "I think that this is really an excellent project for people to get behind."

Those interested in helping the land trust with the project should send an e-mail to info@bethellandtrust.org.

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