

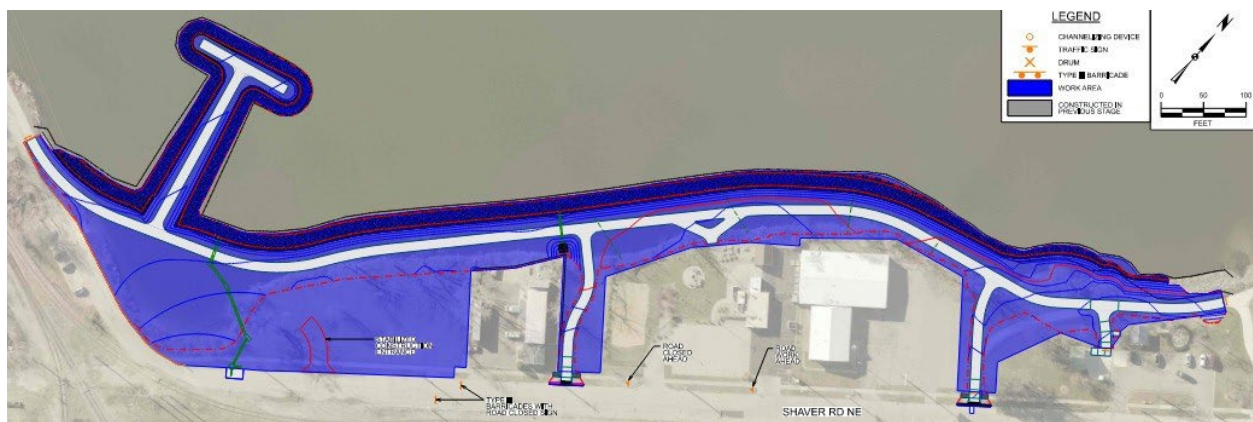
CEDAR LAKE CONNECTCR UPDATE

TUESDAY, JULY 8 AT 9 AM

CEDAR LAKE - CONNECTCR

PHASE 1 – EAST SIDE TRAIL

Construction of the east side Cedar Lake trail and jetty is currently underway. Roughly two to three feet of elevation will be added to accommodate the trail. We anticipate this new trail segment will be open to users this summer (2025).



PHASE 2 – TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION & SHAVER RD

Bid package 2 of the Cedar Lake amenity improvements will include restoration and paving of the remainder of the Cedar Lake loop trail along the north and southwest portions of the lake, as well as Shaver Road improvements (cul-de-sac and parking). Bidding and construction are anticipated this fall (2025) with project completion in the spring (2026). Following completion of this phase and the Cedar Lake levee trails, there will be a continuous trail loop around Cedar Lake.

** Schedule is dependent on DNR Floodplain permitting.

PHASE 3 – AMENITIES PROJECTS

Bid package 3 of the Cedar Lake improvements will include the other recreational amenities, north shore wildlife habitat and reforestation, and vegetated floating islands. Amenities include: accessible canoe/kayak launch; fishing piers; park shelter and restrooms; challenge course and playground; and bird viewing platform and nature boardwalk. Construction of this phase is anticipated to start and end in 2026, with project bidding this Winter. More specific dates will be available once the project has been awarded.

** Schedule is dependent on DNR Floodplain permitting.

PHASE 4 – BOARDWALK

Bid package 4 of the Cedar Lake amenity improvements will include the boardwalk over Cedar Lake. Designs for the boardwalk are not yet complete and will be pursued upon completion of the amenity projects. Staff and the Consultant team will be reviewing the possibility of a floating boardwalk as well as more traditional options.

CEDAR LAKE - SOUTH CELL

Designs for an end-of-pipe sediment forebay in the Cedar Lake South Cell are underway. The project is proposed to improve water quality in Cedar Lake by capturing sediment from the storm sewer outfalls in the south cell. Designs are anticipated to be complete in June 2026 with project bidding to follow. Construction is anticipated fall 2026 to summer 2027.

Longer-term the City continues to explore additional water quality improvement projects such as vegetated wetlands and dredging of the lake. Timelines for these projects will depend on available funding.

FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM

CEDAR LAKE LEVEE

Construction is complete on a 1-mile, natural levee that wraps around the west side of Cedar Lake. The levee serves as protection for homes and businesses threatened when the Cedar River backed up into McCloud Run and Cedar Lake. Cedar Lake is no longer a backwater of Cedar River and is a separate lake. A levee top trail and lower trail are also being constructed as part of the project. The two trail options will allow for higher-speed, commuter cyclists to use the upper trail while those walking or fishing can access the lake on the lower trail. Seeding will occur fall 2025 prior to final completion.



McLOUD RUN

LOWER McLOUD RUN (CEDAR LAKE TO SHAVER RD)

Flood control and trail improvements north of Cedar Lake are substantially complete at Lower McCloud Run with some trail paving to be finished up in the future. The concrete channel was naturalized to improve the



aesthetics and fishing experience, and people will be able to fish along McCloud Run using a new pedestrian trail along the stream. The project also includes a trail underpass at Shaver Rd allowing users to avoid conflicts with motor vehicles. The entirety of the McCloud Run project will be completed in fall 2026. Upon completion of this project the Cedar Valley Nature Trail will fully reopen to trail users. The City of Cedar Rapids' is proud to announce that the McCloud Run Project was awarded 1st place in the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agency's Innovative Water Project Award.

Through continued work on the Flood Control System, the City and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) identified an opportunity to efficiently close the gap between the end of the Lower McCloud Levee and the start of the Cedar Lake Levee. This approximately 500-foot gap in the line of protection is reserved for a future pump station and it is a challenging location for deploying temporary measures. To address this, the City and USACE identified a levee extension project (red highlighted area in image below) that will provide a continuous stretch of permanent protection. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2025 and be completed by January 2026, with the pump station construction planned for the future as funding becomes available.



MIDDLE MCLOUD RUN (SHAVER RD TO 10TH ST NE/J AVE NE)

Flood control and trail improvements at Middle McCloud Run are substantially complete and this segment of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail has officially reopened to trail users. The McCloud Run concrete channel has been naturalized and a new pedestrian bridge was constructed to get people across the stream even during flood stages. This segment of the reopened Cedar Valley Nature Trail takes users to a detour south on Shaver Rd to get to Cedar Lake. Utility upgrades on 10th Street, seeding, and guardrails are ongoing and will be complete in fall 2026.



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