

FINISH THE CONNECTION

A SHORT SIDEWALK. A MAJOR TRAIL LINK.

An approximately **300-foot sidewalk** would connect Soapstone Valley Trail to Grove 2 North and the Rock Creek Park trail network, eliminating a dangerous walk in Broad Branch Road.



Google Street View, July 2025. Annotations supplied.

~300 FT

APPROVED SIDEWALK LINK

~15,300

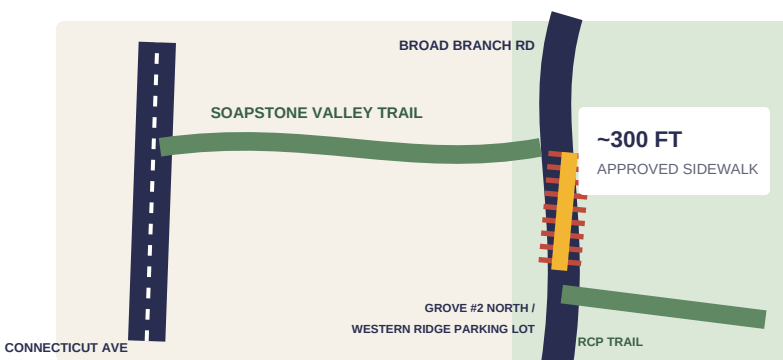
RESIDENTS IN CATCHMENT

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CONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS TODAY

THE GAP

THE TRAIL ENDS AT THE ROAD



SCHEMATIC, NOT TO SCALE. GOLD SHOWS THE APPROVED CONNECTION.

WORK COMPLETED: 6,200 FT PIPE | 37 MANHOLES | 1 OUTFALL | REOPENED 2025

WHY IT MATTERS

A DOCUMENTED SAFETY GAP

Broad Branch Road is narrow and winding, with zero shoulder, steep terrain, and very limited sight distance. Walking or biking on the road is harrowing, yet DDOT's environmental review states that this corridor lacks separate pedestrian facilities and that people **must** walk in the roadway.

DDOT had a ~~proposal~~ to put sidewalks down Broad Branch, but this ask is more targeted. The safe route of Soapstone Trail stops just short of the park trail. **Can we build a piece of this?**

2011

assessment

2020

NPS approval

2022

construction

2025

reopening

2026

completion

ACTION REQUESTED!

FUND AND DELIVER THE APPROVED CONNECTION

The preferred Broad Branch plan includes a 6-foot sidewalk from the Soapstone Valley Trailhead to Grove 2 North. NPS approved the federal portion in December 2025. The remaining barrier is funding and delivery. **This will enable thousands of local residents from Van Ness & Forest Hills to be able to walk safely from their homes to RCP with the brand new Soapstone Valley Trail!**

1

Fund final design and construction, including the trailhead-to-Grove 2 North sidewalk.

2

Complete DDOT and NPS coordination for the sidewalk, crossing, culvert and retaining work.

3

If the full corridor remains delayed, assess early delivery of this short link as a discrete package.

POPULATION: 15,343 RESIDENTS

2020 Census PL 94-171 blocks whose internal points fall between Van Ness St and Nebraska Ave, east to Broad Branch/Rock Creek Park and west about one straight-line mile from Connecticut Ave. This is a planning estimate, not a route-based walkshed. Visitors and workers are excluded.