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To The Board of Public Works:

Re: Naming of Patch Street Trail

The Director of Public Works and Engineering Department staff recommends that the naming of the Patch Street Trail be named the **"Heartland Trail"**. The 3.8 mile segment is an integral part of the Stevens Point bike route system and is a better bicycling facility based on bicycle planning criteria for accessibility, directness and continuity based on the Wisconsin Bicycle Planning Guidance Manual and the Guide for the Development of Bicycling Facilities.

The **"Rail Trail"** is an excellent walking and bicycling loop that offers historical glimpses into local railroading and its past in Stevens Point. It does not work well as a bicycling highway. Its circuitous loop offers no continuity or directness for bicycle users.

The Heartland Trail connects Water Street with Brilowski Road and includes the recently completed Patch Street Shared-use path and bike lanes, the recently widened Joerns Drive and the I-39 Underpass. The Heartland Trail offers directness and a safe and convenient arterial under Interstate 39 to additional trails other bicycling facilities east of Stevens Point. The Heartland Trail will become an extremely popular east-west collector for bicycling in Stevens Point.

The Trail intersects with Minnesota Avenue which will connect with the future bicycle lanes on Post Road. It intersects with the Hoover Trail which will take you to Lake Pacawa in the Village of Plover and intersects with the Brilowski Trail that connects with Crossroad Commons and points south and connects with Old Highway 18 that will take you out to Highway J and beyond.

Respectfully,

Joel Lemke
Director of Public Works

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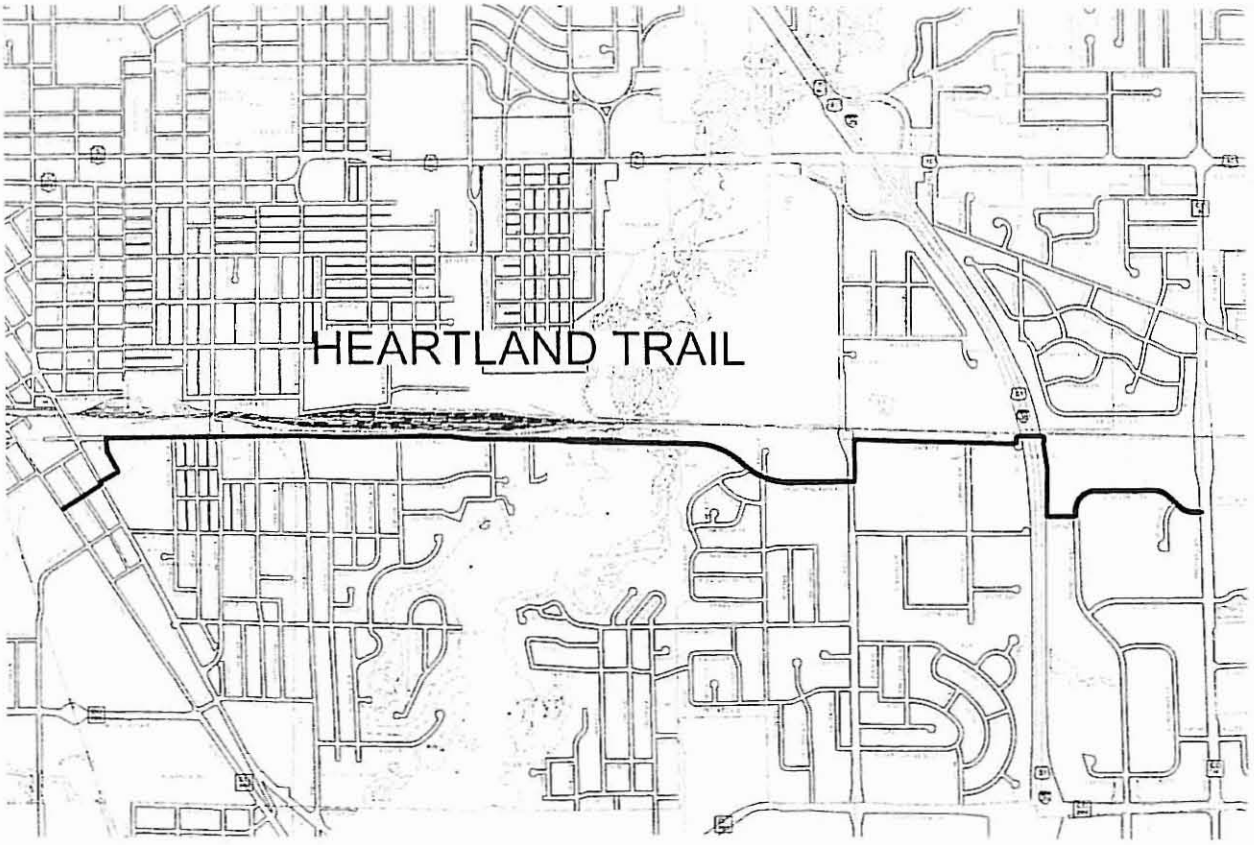
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stevens Point Board of Public Works at its June 14, 2010 meeting, has recommended to the Common Council on naming the recently completed trail along Patch Street, Industrial Park Road and Joerns Drive be named "HEARTLAND TRAIL" after the Heartland Bike Club. The Heartland Trail will connect Water Street with Brillowski Road. The city will accept comments and recommendations on the naming of this trail for sixty (60) days beginning July 9, 2010. All comments and recommendations must be in writing to the Director of Public Works, 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 54481.