

Stumphouse Mountain Bike Trail project likely ready by fall of '23

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WALHALLA — With Walhalla City Council's approval last week of changes to the Stumphouse Mountain Bike Trail project, city administrator Brandon Burton said work is likely to be completed by the fall of 2023.



Burton

Council approved a request to raise the cost of the project by \$74,685 to a total of \$563,000 at its meeting last month. The city received a \$1 million parks, recreation and tourism grant from the state that came to the city with the help of State Rep. Bill Whitmire.

Burton told council last week the city put out a request for proposals last year, with numbers for the projects estimating about 10 miles of new trail with 8 miles of single track, some flow trails



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A sign points the way to trails at the Stumphouse Mountain Bike Park in Walhalla. A project to add several miles of new trails to the park is likely to be completed by next fall, according to city administrator Brandon Burton.

and a hiking trail.

"After he got out there and flew it, rode it and walked it, he's come up

with 9.25 miles of single track, five new flow trails, a hiking trail addition, a pump track, dual slalom.

All this adds up to a little over 12 miles and some additional maintenance on the road that leaves out from the dam before it crosses property," Burton said. "It's eroding pretty bad, so they're going to do some work on that and make that into a usable trail as well."

"So we can either drive it, or if somebody wants to get off the trail, they can pop off the trail and just come down that old road bed to the dam and then walk back to the parking lot or whatever, actually making good use for that. And that's an additional \$74,685 for a complete construction cost of \$563,000."

Burton said the cost doesn't include work on the Stumphouse parking lot. He told The Journal on Tuesday the remaining funds in the grant are expected to be for the parking lot and "heavy bike trail maintenance."