# STELLAR UPDATE

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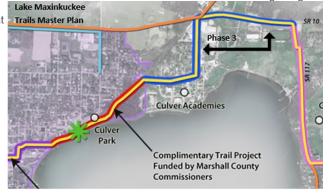


Future Residents Guide

### Lake Maxinkuckee Trail Updates

The Town of Culver was awarded \$666,000 in Federal Highway Administration funds through INDOT in March! The award is for construction of Lake Maxinkuckee Trails Phase 3 beginning in fall

2023. Additional funds for engineering will be awarded at a later date. The total project is expected to create approximately 1 mile of new trail with an estimated total budget of \$1.1 million. The total estimated INDOT award is \$880,000. The town will be responsible for providing a 20% local match to the awarded funds, a total of approximately \$220,000 over the next four years. Phase Two of the trail, our Stellar project, will connect the park



and existing trail to Culver's downtown and the southern end of town through South Main St. Phase Two is scheduled for construction in fall of 2021. A previous release incorrectly stated the construction date as fall 2022 for Phase Two and 2024 for Phase Three (these are the federal fiscal years that funding will be received in). Phase Two of the Lake Maxinkuckee Trail is still in the survey phase. Once the entire proposed area of the project has been surveyed, the engineering firm (Troyer Group) will work on completing a preliminary design. This is anticipated to be completed in August of this year. Afterwards, the town will present the preliminary design to the public for further input.

### **Beach Lodge Project Update**

Bids for the Culver Beach Lodge renovation project were opened on March 28. The lowest bid, including alternates for the project was from Michiana Contracting in Plymouth for \$1,720,950. The bid was higher than was budgeted for, so the town council and redevelopment commission reviewed budgeting and construction options for the building and approved the lowest bid.



The project will likely begin with exterior water proofing of the existing building and the addition of a new entry, stairway, and elevator on the northside of the building to increase accessibility for all patrons. Some site and prep work is likely to begin over the summer, but the beach lodge building and concessions will remain open to the public until August 12th. It is anticipated that the interior renovations of the existing building will begin in late summer or early fall of 2019, and the building will be closed

to the public for significant portions of the renovation. The project will be substantially complete by March 31, 2020 and resume normal operations around that time. The total cost of the project including architectural work, grant administration, and construction is \$1,919,750. \$1,500,000 of the project costs will be paid for using OCRA grant dollars received as a Stellar designee.

# Finishing Touches at Sand Hill Farm







The final touches on the new market rate 24-unit apartment building are currently taking place, with a grand opening tentatively scheduled for late May. It has been exciting to watch this project go from concept to reality, and we eagerly anticipate the first residents making it their home in the very near future. Rental information is available through OCR Property Management in Plymouth, and they can be reached at (574) 936-7616.

# **Culver Future Residents' Guide**

With all of the efforts the Town of Culver and our Stellar Committee has put forth on attracting new residents to Culver, our town and visitors center have been collaborating with the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) to put together a guide for new residents. This guide will be made available online and in print for new residents, as well as to provide community information for area employers as they look to hire new employees.



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