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County approves application looking to improve Manhattan Trail System

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The Gallatin County Commission on Tuesday took a step toward investigating the possibility of connecting three communities via a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian path.

Commissioners Jennifer Boyer and Scott MacFarlane voted to approve a grant application to submit to the federal government for a feasibility study to improve the Manhattan Trail System. The study will "investigate the feasibility of constructing a separated bicycle and pedestrian path to connect the three rural communities of Manhattan, Logan, and Three Forks in southwestern Montana." According to the provided documents, the county will request \$122,671 in federal funds. \$30,668 will be provided via local funding. Eventually, the entire trail system will be able to connect downtown Bozeman with Three Forks.