Saint Paul and Dakota County have teamed up to plan for the creation of a new bicycle and pedestrian trail that will fill several important gaps in the region’s trail system.

The new trail segment will connect the Harriet Island Regional Park and its trail system to Kaposia Landing Park in South St. Paul. The project will also make improvements to the connection between the Lilydale Park trail and the Big Rivers Trail in Dakota County.

The completed trail is expected to become part of the Mississippi River Trail, a multi-state bike trail that begins at the Mississippi River’s headwaters at Itasca State Park and extends, adjacent to the river, all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.