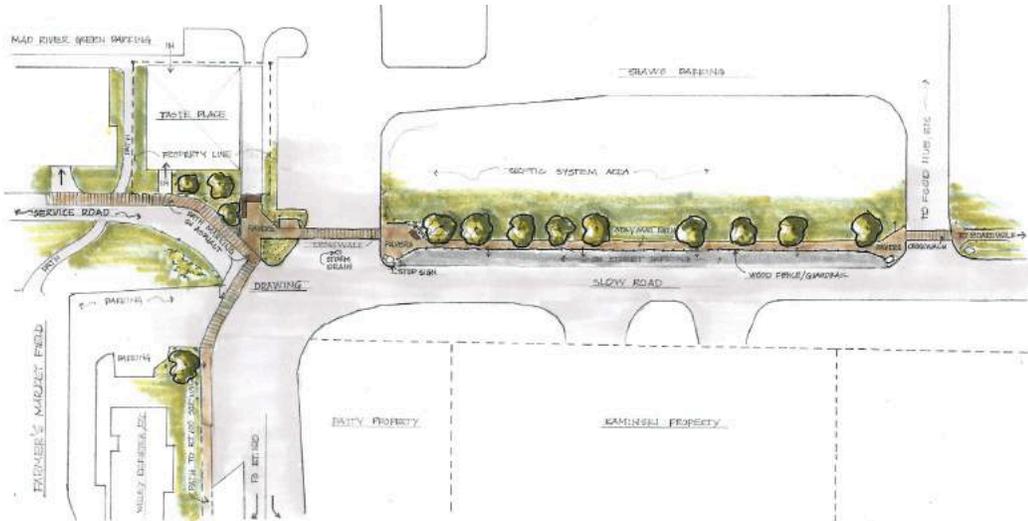


# Another Mad River Path Project:

**Walking to shop, dine, and get outdoors:**

**Improving the Path in the Irasville Mad River Shopping Center  
(October 2017)**



**Phase 1 (depicted) -  
Fall/Winter 2017  
Improve the Path  
along the Slow Road  
and Post Office Road.**

**Phase 2 - In 2018, the  
Path Association will  
work on the Path  
from the Skatium to  
Big Pic.**

## **Background:**

As part of a two-year project, the Mad River Path Association is improving the Path in the Mad River Green Shopping Center in Irasville. Why focus on a shopping area?

- It's the beating heart of the Valley's commercial economy, with new business investment such as the Mad River Taste Place (July 2017) and Lawson's Finest Liquids' brewery and Taproom (summer 2018). Thousands visit every week.
- It continues to be "home" for established Valley businesses providing entertainment, dining, services, shopping, and the Farmers Market!
- It's an easy walk to other Waitsfield highlights in the Mehuron's Supermarket shopping area, and then to downtown Waitsfield all the way to the covered bridge and the Town Office.
- And residents of the Evergreen Senior housing facility will have better, safer access by trails that will support walkers and wheelchairs.

## **Our vision:**

Irasville attracts residents and visitors alike, adjacent to other important shopping and entertainment areas.

The Path can help shoppers shop, workers work, birdwatchers watch birds, and diners dine, and they can do it all by hike and by bike.

Park once and get around without your car – enjoy the boardwalk, sit on benches under trees, bring your bike and toddle around from place to place.

Feel safer! We'll protect some of the Path with fences and rails, using timber and stone.

Be surrounded by beauty! We already have a soothing boardwalk through a classic northeastern wetland full of birds, shrubs, and trees. We'll landscape, we'll plant, and we'll inform with new signage. It will be a great way to "get into the Valley's Great Outdoors."

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**(Above) In Spring 2017, before planning any specific changes in Irasville, Path Board members met with national walking/biking expert Julie Campoli (center) to look at Irasville's potential for an improved Path network.**

**(L-R – Robin Morris of the Mad River Taste Place, Betsy Jondro, Julie, Laura Brines, and Charlie Hosford)**



**(Above) The trees along the Slow Road will overhang an improved Path, separated from parking that serves the Irasville Country Store, and leaving a crossing gap for snowmobiles that fill up at the gas station. Plazas at both ends and beside the Taste Place will provide quiet seating on wooden benches, bike parking, and more.**

*Our members provide our power to create, maintain, conserve – and enjoy.*

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