

PHILLIPPI CREEK RAILROAD TRESTLE REMOVAL

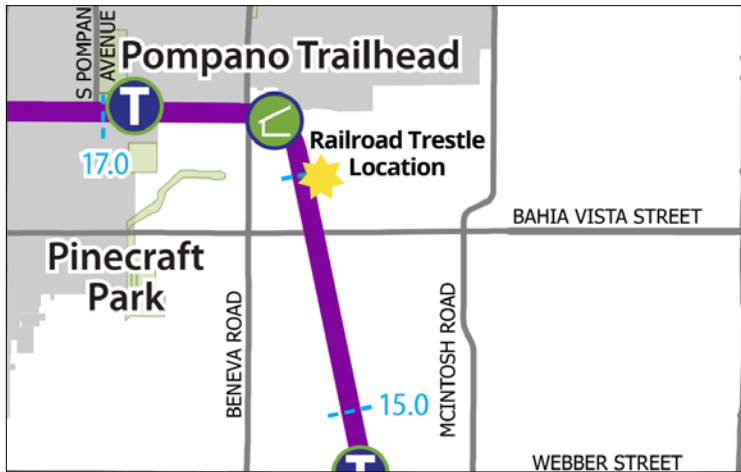
FACT SHEET

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The **Stormwater Department** has contracted services to remove a decommissioned railroad trestle from a section of Phillippi Creek that runs parallel to The Legacy Trail, north of the Bahia Vista Street crossing, to improve stormwater conveyance in the Pinecraft area.

The Legacy Trail is a non-motorized multi-use trail, just under 20 miles in length, and extends from Venice to downtown Sarasota. Formerly a railroad corridor in the early 1900's, the trail passes through a variety of unique habitats and communities throughout Sarasota County.

PROJECT LOCATION



For additional project updates, please visit scgov.net/stormwater or call 311 for more information. To learn more about The Legacy Trail, please visit SarasotaCountyParks.com.



PROJECT TIMELINE

- Start date: February 2026
- Estimated completion: March 2026 (subject to delays)

WHY IS THE RAILROAD TRESTLE BEING REMOVED?

- The trestle reduces stormwater flow in this section of Phillippi Creek, particularly during heavy rainfall and storm events.
- Debris becomes trapped in the trestle pilings, restricting stormwater conveyance. This debris buildup leads to sediment accumulation and bank erosion in the surrounding area.
- Removing the trestle will help maintain the integrity of the creek banks and improve stormwater conveyance.
- Sediment will be able to move downstream to a designated sediment trap that Sarasota County inspects annually and excavates as needed.



LEGACY TRAIL AND PUBLIC ACCESS IMPACTS

- **Will this section of The Legacy Trail be closed?**
No. The Legacy Trail will remain open during the project construction. There will be heavy trucks and machinery moving through this area with signs, cones, flaggers, detours, etc. used to guide vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians safely through or around work zones, ensuring smooth traffic flow during the project.
- **Estimated dates:** February 2026 through March 2026
- **What trail users should expect:** Legacy Trail users can expect construction equipment (excavators, dump trucks, etc.) moving through the area, construction noise from the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

- Contractor: DeJonge Excavating Contractors Inc.
- Project cost: \$480,842
- Funding source: Stormwater Environmental Utility

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