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Workers were able to complete all of the planned asphalt improvements to East Lansing's Northern Tier Trail system before the winter weather hit, including fixing a dramatic drop-off where the trail meets the sidewalk of Abbot Road near the East Lansing Fire Department (shown above).

According to Wendy Wilmers Longpre, Assistant Director of East Lansing's Department of Parks, Recreation & Arts, the trail had settled in that section over the years. This became evident from the patched asphalt over a short but very steep hill which trail users, especially bicyclists, found tricky to navigate safely as they entered and exited the trail.

Longpre told ELi that the Parks Department had received numerous complaints regarding that section of the trail over the years.

Because the trails were being resurfaced as part of an improvement project funded by the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage, crews were able to even-out the grade before repaving the trail. According to Longpre, that was the only section of trail where the grade of the trail was changed rather than simply being resurfaced.

The spot is near where, two years ago, the City cut down a row of trees to manage a drainage ditch [2] running parallel to the trail.

Additional improvements to East Lansing's trail system are planned for next year, including an extension from the newly expanded bridge in White Park. From there, the trail will be extended through the woods behind Whitehills Elementary School, ending near the intersection of Lake Lansing Road and Towar Avenue.

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