

Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail

Trailblazing Sustainability in the Rockies

Nestled in the heart of Aspen's iconic landscape, the Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail redefines what it means to engineer with nature. Otak led the design and delivery of this 1.8-mile trail, overcoming steep terrain, narrow corridors, and competing land use to create a safe, scenic, and sustainable route for pedestrians and cyclists.

Using a seamless blend of engineering innovation and environmental considerations, the team minimized possible impacts while maximizing user experience. The trail now connects neighborhoods, schools, and downtown Aspen, supporting over 1,200 daily users and reducing vehicle trips in a high-traffic corridor.

This project sets a new standard for mountain community trails by using creative design solutions, an emphasis on trail-user experience, and a context sensitive approach throughout the design process. It's a model of how engineering can connect people to their community and natural environment.

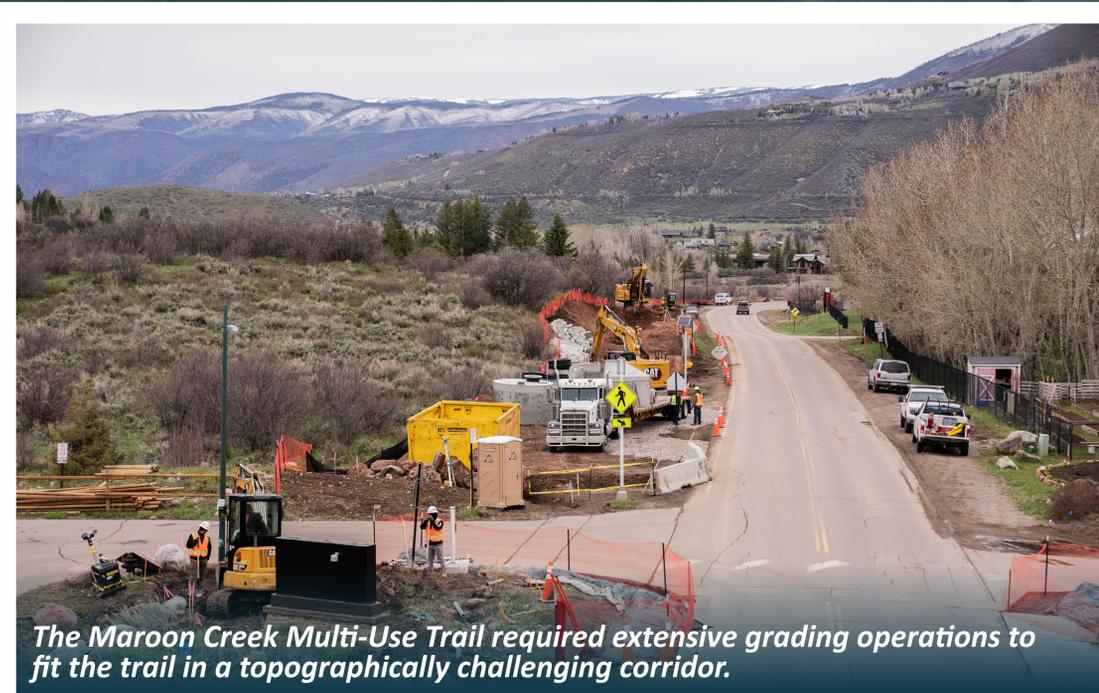


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LOCATION:
Aspen, Colorado

CLIENT:
City of Aspen, CO

ENGINEERING FIRM:
Otak (Louisville, CO)



The Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail required extensive grading operations to fit the trail in a topographically challenging corridor.



The rotated bridge alignment provides space for a comfortable roadside trail while maintaining a safe crossing between the recreation center and the Aspen public school's campus.