

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Local Systems Bureau Order No. _____
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date November 12, 2024
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Bentonsport Bridge Rehab (Van Buren County Conservation Board)	\$ 403,000
Carlson Park Trail Phase 1A and Phase 1B (Decorah)	\$ 298,795
Clay County Connection Phase 2 (Dickinson County Trails Board)	\$ 520,000
Flint River Trail Connection (Burlington)	\$ 71,625
Iowa River's Edge Trail Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement (Hardin County)	\$ 745,000
Jewellsworth Trail Acquisition (Hamilton County Conservation Board)	\$ 180,000
Neal Smith to High Trestle Trail Connector and Trailhead (Polk City)	\$ 700,000
Pioneer Trail Reinbeck Gap (Grundy County Conservation Board)	\$ 279,786
Pony Hollow Trail Extension Phase I (Clayton County Conservation Board)	\$ 325,000
 Total	 \$3,523,206

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:		Vote		
		Aye	Nay	Pass
	Anderson	_____	_____	_____
	Arnold	_____	_____	_____
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Moved by _____	Juckette	_____	_____	_____
Seconded by _____	Mulgrew Gronen	_____	_____	_____
	Rielly	_____	_____	_____
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_____ Division Director	_____ Legal	_____ State Director		



State Recreational Trails Program

Funding Recommendation



State Recreational Trail Program

- Created in 1988
- Available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments, or non-profit organizations through an application program
- Purpose is to establish recreational trails in Iowa for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public.

Project Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Points
Need in terms of population to be served and existing trails in the area	25
Compatibility with local, areawide, regional or statewide plans	15
Benefits of multiple uses and recreational opportunities	20
Quality of the site	25
Economic benefits to the local area	10
Special facilities for disabled users	5
Project is “shovel ready” and will be completed by 6/30/2026	25
Projects with cash match	5
MAXIMUM POINTS	130

Available Funding and Application Summary

Available Funding:

FY24 Legislative appropriation	\$3,500,000
Underruns from closed projects	\$23,206
Total available funding	\$3,523,206

Application Summary:

Total number of projects	30
Total project costs	\$38,382,944
Total amount requested	\$17,108,808

List of Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Neal Smith to High Trestle Trail Connector and Trailhead</u>	Polk City	102	\$1,740,000	\$700,000 (40%)	\$700,000 (40%)
<u>Clay County Connection Phase 2</u>	Dickinson County	102	\$1,485,670	\$520,000 (35%)	\$520,000 (35%)
<u>Pony Hollow Trail Extension Phase 1</u>	Clayton County Conservation Board	100	\$1,098,140	\$325,000 (30%)	\$325,000 (30%)
<u>Jewellsworth Trail Acquisition</u>	Hamilton County Conservation Board	98	\$256,975	\$180,000 (70%)	\$180,000 (70%)

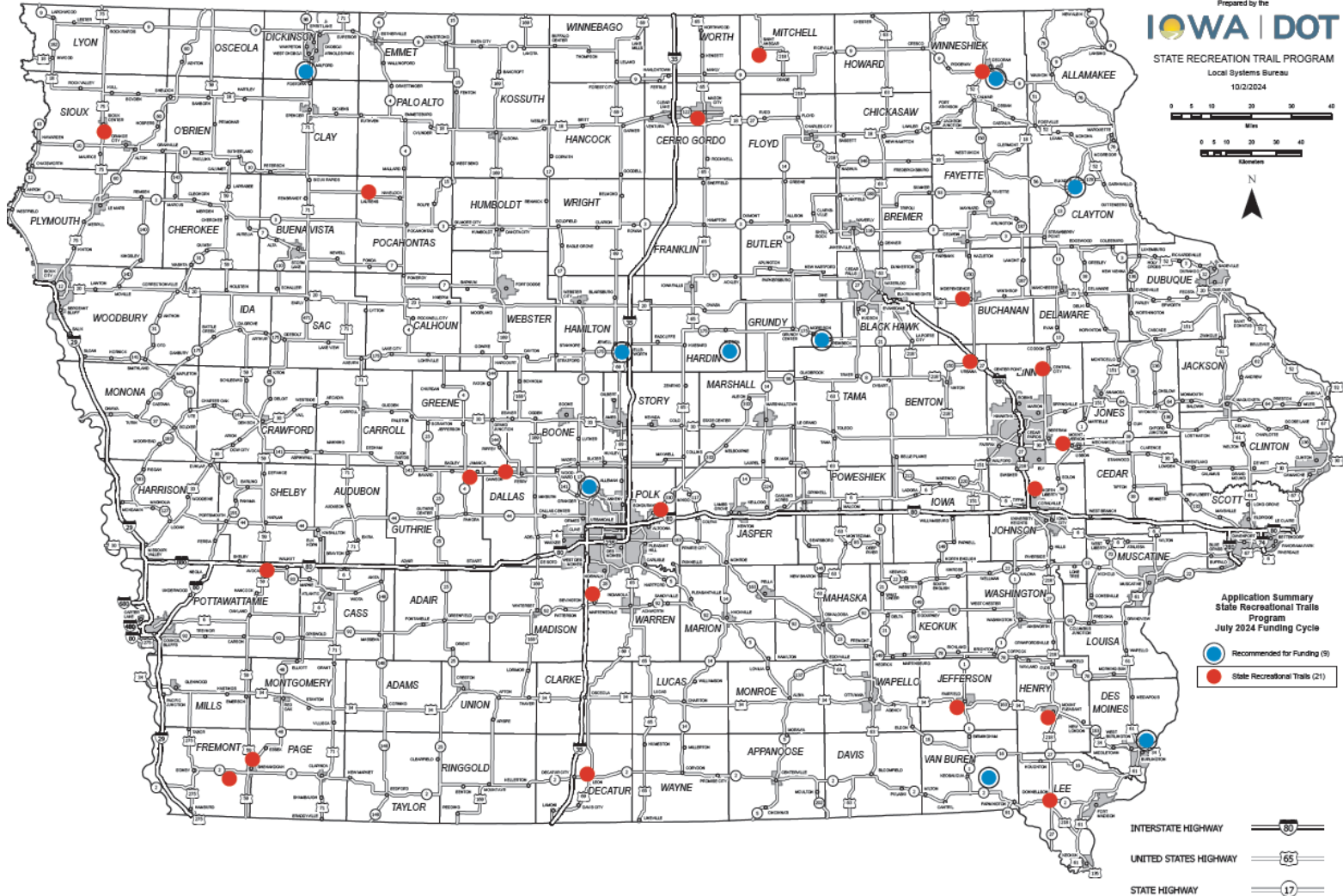
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<u>Iowa River's Edge Trail Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement</u>	Hardin County	96	\$3,990,000	\$745,000 (19%)	\$745,000 (19%)
<u>Carlson Park Trail Development</u>	Decorah	96	\$498,795	\$298,795 (60%)	\$298,795 (60%)
<u>Bentonsport Bridge Rehab</u>	Van Buren County Conservation Board	94	\$2,015,000	\$403,000 (20%)	\$403,000 (20%)
<u>Flint River Trail Connection</u>	Burlington	93	\$95,500	\$71,625 (75%)	\$71,625 (75%)
<u>Pioneer Trail Reinbeck Gap</u>	Grundy County Conservation Board	92	\$1,126,000	\$500,000 (44%)	\$279,786 (25%)

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Thank you!

Questions?



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Neal Smith to High Trestle Trail Connector and Trailhead (Polk City)

This project will construct over 2 miles of paved trail connecting the existing Neal Smith Trail and High Trestle Trail through Polk City and also includes construction of a trailhead north of the town center.

Total Cost: \$1,740,000
Requested: \$700,000 (40%)



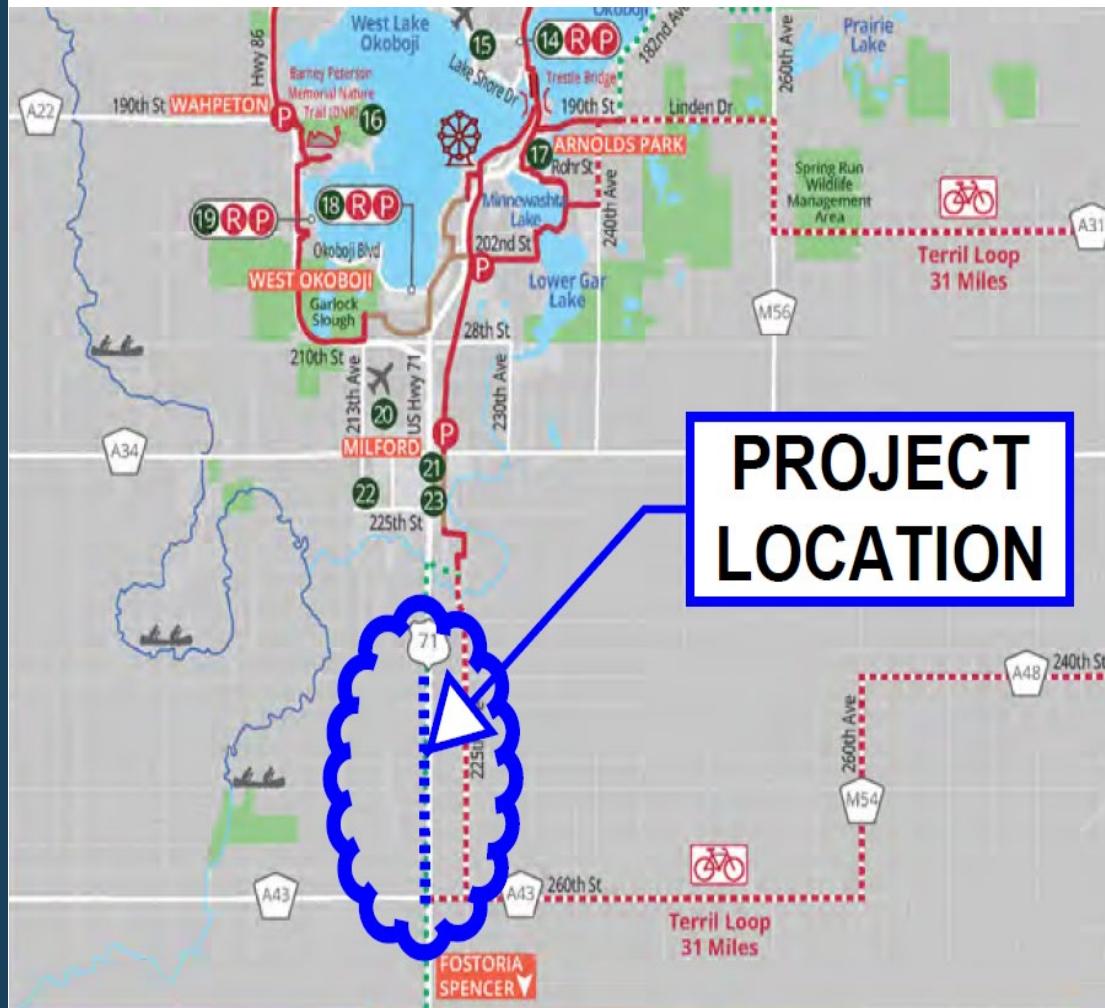
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Clay County Connection Ph. 2 (Dickinson County)

This project will construct 2 miles of paved trail along US 71 from 240th Street to 260th Street. This trail will be part of a 4.5-mile connection between Dickinson and Clay counties and will contribute to the 135-mile Iowa Great Lakes Connection trail in northwest Iowa.

Total Cost: \$1,485,670

Requested: \$520,000 (35%)

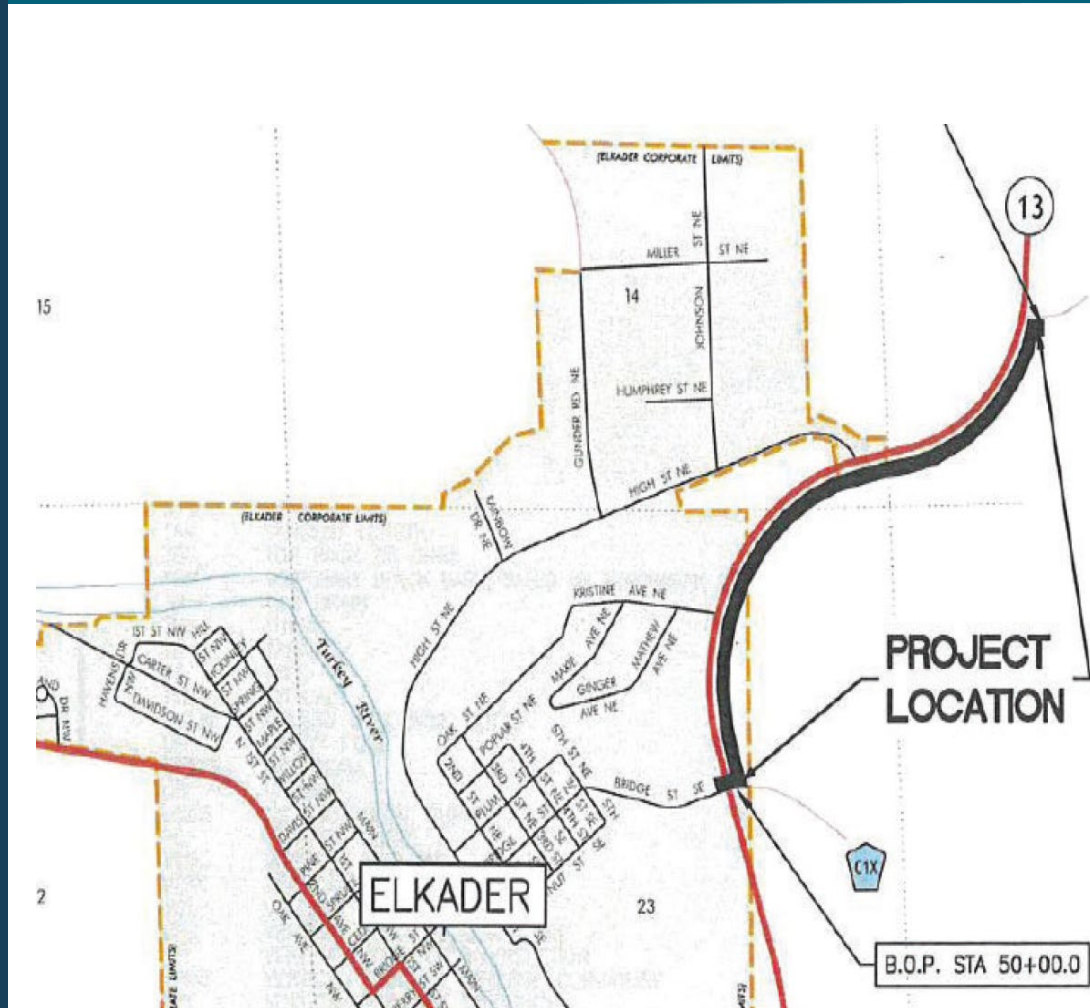


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Pony Hollow Trail Extension Phase 1 (Clayton County Conservation Board)

This project will construct 1-mile of paved trail from 250th Street to Grape Road along Iowa 13 adding to the existing 4-mile Pony Hollow Trail along the Turkey River and contributing to the creation of a loop trail on the east side of Elkader.

Total Cost: \$1,098,140
Requested: \$325,000 (30%)



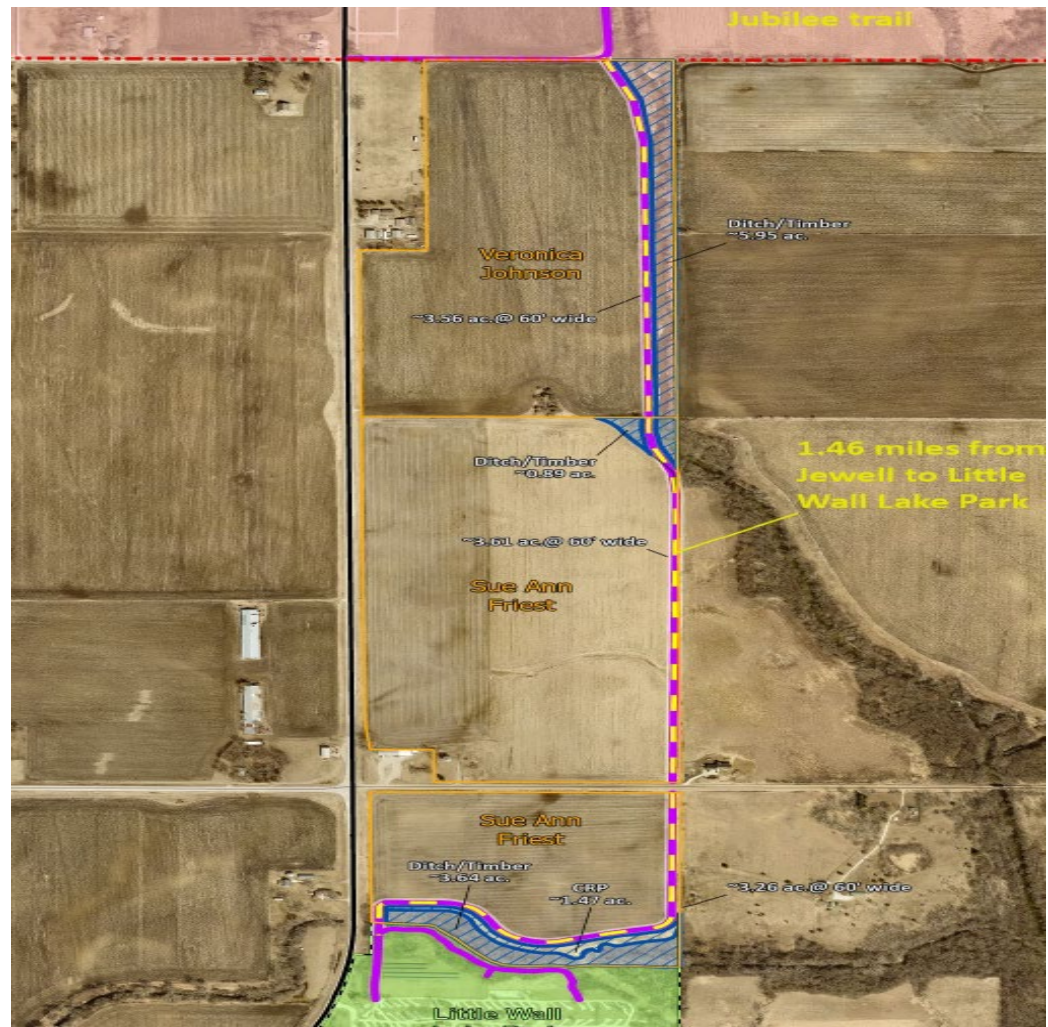
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Jewellsworth Trail Acquisition (Hamilton County Conservation Board)

This project will assist in acquiring 22.38 acres for future trail development. The acquisition will provide a 1.5 mile new trail corridor from the existing Jewellsworth Trail south to Little Wall Lake County Park.

Total Cost: \$256,975

Requested: \$180,000 (70%)



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Iowa River's Edge Trail Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement (Hardin County)

This project will pave 5.5 miles of the Iowa River's Edge Trail from the Iowa 175 and Edgington Avenue in Eldora to the south side of 285th Street in Gifford. It will also rehab a 235-foot bridge over the South Fork of the Iowa River.

Total Cost: \$3,990,000
Requested: \$745,000 (19%)

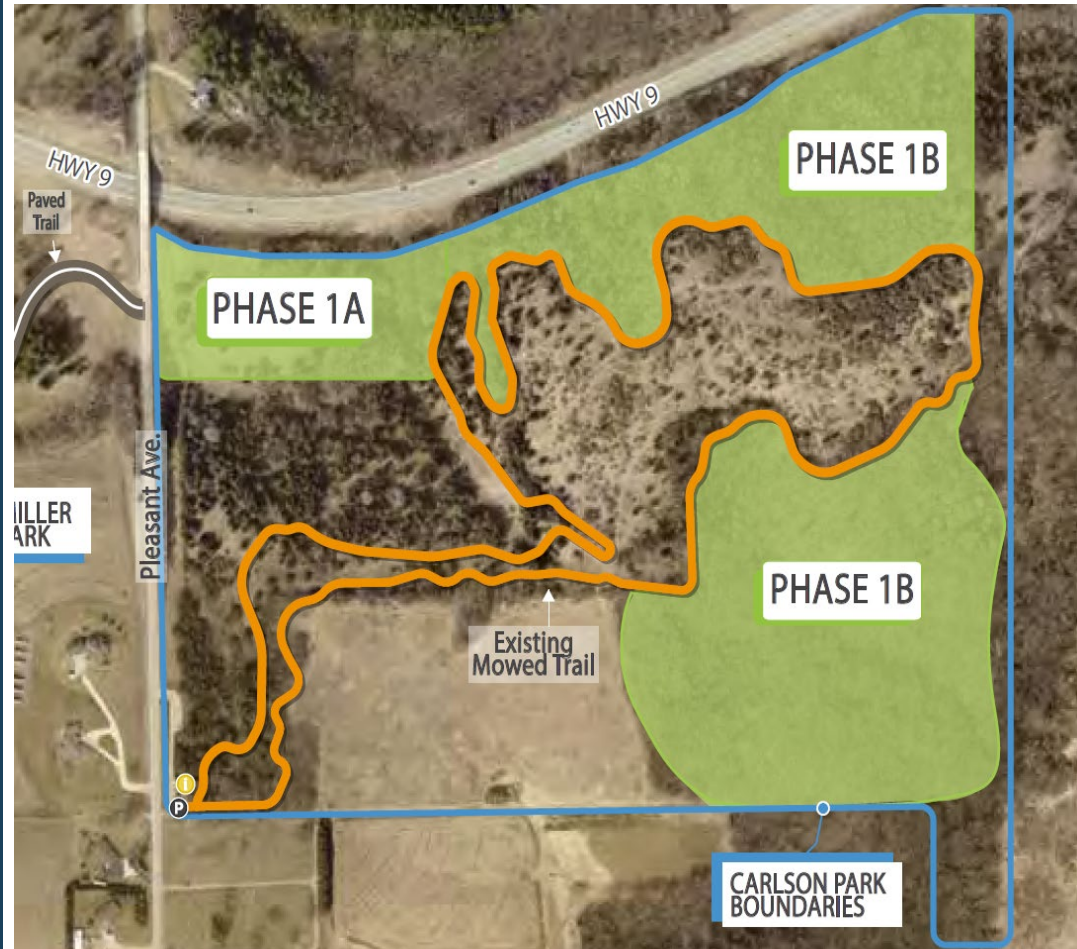


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Carlson Park Trail Development (Decorah)

This project will construct 5.7 miles of natural-surface, mixed-use, all-ability trails in Carlson Park in Decorah. The trails are a mix of two-way single-track shared use trails and bike-optimized one-way and two-way trails.

Total Cost: \$498,795
Requested: \$298,795 (60%)



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Bentonsport Bridge Rehab (Van Buren County Conservation Board)

This project repairs a damaged 730-foot five-span truss bridge in the Bentonsport National Historic District and connects the unincorporated villages of Bentonsport and Vernon across the Des Moines River.

Total Cost: \$2,015,000
Requested: \$403,000 (20%)

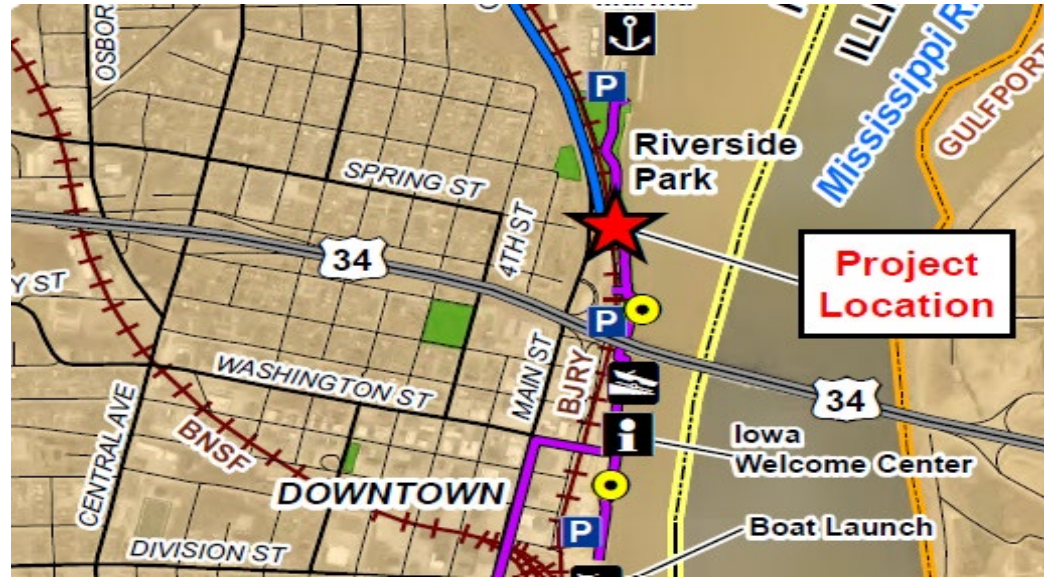


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Flint River Trail Connection (Burlington)

Constructs a railroad crossing for Flint River Trail in Riverside Park and widens the existing trail between railroad crossing and Riverside Park Trail.

Total Cost: \$95,500
Requested: \$71,625 (75%)

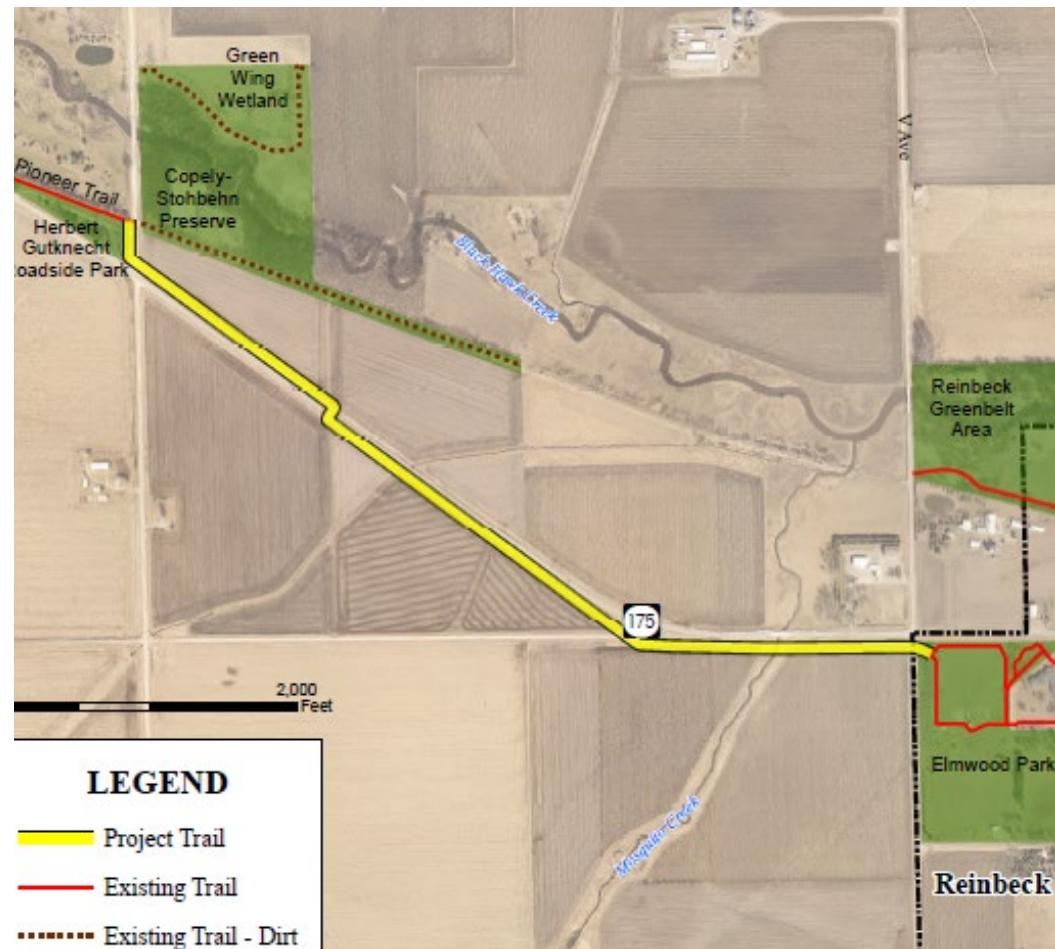


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Pioneer Trail Reinbeck Gap (Grundy County Conservation Board)

This project will construct a 1.3-mile paved trail along Iowa 175 from Elmwood Park in Reinbeck to Gutknecht Roadside Park. This project extends the existing 6-mile long Pioneer Trail to Reinbeck

Total Cost: \$1,126,000
Requested: \$500,000(44%)
Recommended: \$279,786 (25%)



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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Little River Scenic Pathway Ph 2	Decatur County Conservation Board	91	\$550,000	\$52,500 (10%)	\$0
Prairie Restoration Trail	Laurens	91	\$598,500	\$401,167 (67%)	\$0
Raccoon River Valley Trail Phase IV	Dallas County Conservation Board	90	\$1,981,000	\$440,030 (22%)	\$0
Prairieland Trail Connector	Mason City	90	\$355,000	\$266,250 (75%)	\$0
Dry Run Trail Greenbelt Connection	Winneshiek County Conservation Board	88	\$2,887,713	\$650,000 (23%)	\$0
Great Western Trail Rehab Phase 2	Warren County Conservation Board	88	\$828,000	\$583,500 (70%)	\$0

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Admiral Trail Bridge Phase 2	Farragut	87	\$695,918	\$521,938 (75%)	\$0
Mount Pleasant Trail Connector	Mount Pleasant	85	\$1,942,100	\$1,156,575 (60%)	\$0
Westview Park Trail Phase 2	Donnellson	85	\$180,000	\$135,000 (75%)	\$0
Interurban Trail Phase 1	Mount Vernon	82	\$348,089	\$248,089 (71%)	\$0
Wabash Trace Rapp Park Connector	Southwest Iowa Nature Trails Project, Inc.	82	\$2,496,657	\$650,000 (26%)	\$0

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North Liberty Trail Connector	North Liberty	82	\$1,362,500	\$817,500 (60%)	\$0
Wapsi Bluff Trail Connection to Pinicon Ridge Park	Linn County Conservation Board	81	\$1,163,630	\$750,000 (64%)	\$0
Sioux Center Trail Extension	Sioux Center	80	\$936,728	\$561,728 (60%)	\$0
55th Street Trail	Urbana	76	\$1,623,000	\$1,080,000 (67%)	\$0
Cedar View Trail Paving Project	Jefferson County Conservation Board	76	\$886,000	\$424,000 (48%)	\$0

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Enterprise Drive Trail Phase 2	Independence	75	\$631,692	\$401,544 (64%)	\$0
Chichaqua Valley Trail Relocation and Bridge Replacement	Bondurant	71	\$876,000	\$250,000 (29%)	\$0
Edgington Park Trail Restoration	Avoca	71	\$529,000	\$394,000 (74%)	\$0
Raccoon River Valley Trail Resurfacing	Guthrie County Conservation Board	69	\$4,888,567	\$3,556,567 (73%)	\$0
St. Ansgar Trail Connection	St. Ansgar	68	\$316,770	\$25,000 (8%)	\$0

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