

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division
Office of Systems Planning Order No. _____
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 13, 2015
 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.

Cedar Valley Trail – "Paving the Way for the American Discovery Trail" (Linn County and Black Hawk County Conservation Boards)	\$ 600,000
Flint River Trail: Phase I South (Burlington)	398,500
Hoover Trail – "The Missing Link" (Johnson County Conservation Board)	679,699
Hospital Connector Trail Bridge (Manning)	222,300
Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails-to-Trails Corridor Development (Jasper County Conservation Board)	749,501
Turkey River Recreational Corridor – Elgin to Gilbertson Park and the Turkey River (Fayette County Conservation Board)	750,000
Total	\$3,400,000

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

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

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COMMISSION ACTION:	Boswell	_____	_____	_____
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STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Application Summary and Funding Proposal

July 2015 FUNDING CYCLE

July 2015 Funding Summary

Available Funding

FY 2016 appropriation: \$3,400,000

Total State Recreational Trails Funds Available = \$3,400,000

Application Summary

Total number of recreational trail applications: 43

Total of recreational trail project costs: \$54,793,900

Total of recreational trail project requested amount: \$23,422,251

Recommendation Summary

Total amount awarded: \$3,400,000

FUNDING PROPOSAL

Staff Recommends Projects 1 through 6 for State Recreational Trails Funding Approval.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
1. Cedar Valley Trail-"Paving the Way for the American Discovery Trail" (Linn and Black Hawk County Conservation Boards)	\$600,000	\$600,000
2. Flint River Trail: Phase I South (Burlington)	\$398,500	\$998,500
3. Hoover Trail - "The Missing Link" (Johnson County Conservation Board)	\$679,699	\$1,678,199
4. Hospital Connector Trail Bridge (Manning)	\$222,300	1,900,499
5. Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails-to-Trails Corridor Development (Jasper County Conservation Board)	\$749,501	\$2,650,000
6. Turkey River Recreational Corridor-Elgin to Gilbertson Park and the Turkey River (Fayette County Conservation Board)	\$750,000	\$3,400,000
7. Albia Trail Blue Route (Albia)		
8. Ankeny Market and Pavilion (Ankeny)		
9. Bettendorf MRT Project Safe Transition from Iowa DOT Widened Shoulder to Riverdale Separated Trail (Bettendorf)		
10. Boone Street Phase I Trail (Rock Rapids)		
11. City/County Connector Trail (Council Bluffs)		
12. Des Moines River Trail, Phase 2 (Des Moines)		
13. Fayette-Volga River Multi-Use Trail (Upper Iowa University and Fayette)		
14. First Bridge (River Action, Inc.)		
15. Five Island Trail (Palo Alto County Conservation Board and Five Island Trail Committee)		
16. Fleur Trail Connector (Des Moines Area MPO and Des Moines Waterworks Park Foundation)		
17. Gay Lea Wilson Trail (Bondurant)		
18. Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension (Altoona)		
19. Grinnell Area Recreational Trail from Industrial Avenue to Grinnell Reinsurance Company (Grinnell)		
20. Ingawanis Woodland (Bremer County Conservation Board)		
21. Interstate 29 Riverfront Trail Connection (Sioux City)		
22. Iowa River Trail (Hardin County Board of Supervisors)		
23. Iowa River Trail-Coralville Section (Coralville)		
24. Lake Belva Deer Area Trail Segment (Keokuk County and Keokuk County Highway Department)		
25. Linking Bicycle Trails on the Great River Road (Louisa County Road Department and Louisa County Trails Council)		
26. Mark C. Ackelson Trail Phase 3 (Polk County Conservation Board)		
27. Mill Creek Parkway Bike Trail (Clinton)		
28. Mill Pond Pedestrian Bridge and Multi-Use Trail Extension (Nora Springs)		
29. Mississippi River Trail Shoulder Improvements (Regional Planning Affiliation 8 and Iowa DOT District 6)		
30. Mt. Pleasant City-Wide Trail System Phase 6 Connections (Mount Pleasant)		
31. Nishna Loop Pedestrian Trail (Carson)		

32. Nordic Trail Equipment Purchase (Iowa City Nordic Club)
33. Phase 1-Volksweg Trail Extension to Pella Sports Park and Vermeer Corporation (Pella)
34. Raccoon River Valley Trail Paved Road Crossings (Guthrie and Greene County Conservation Boards)
35. Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector "City of Bouton to Quinlan Avenue Phase" " (Dallas County Conservation Board)
36. Rolling Prairie Trail-Allison to Bristow (Butler County Conservation Board)
37. Scotch Ridge Nature Trail (Carlisle)
38. Skunk River Recreational Trail-Phase 3 (Ames)
39. Underwood Trail-Railroad Highway (Underwood and Pottawattamie County Trail Board)
40. US 63 Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail (Waterloo)
41. US 63 Pedestrian Underpass (Hudson)
42. Wapsi Great Western Line Recreational Trail-Acme to Riceville Section (Howard County Conservation Board)
43. Youngstown Trail Phase 1 (Pleasant Hill)

1. **Project Name: Cedar Valley Trail-"Paving the Way for the American Discovery Trail"**

Sponsor: Linn County Conservation Board
Contact: Dan L. Biechler, Executive Director
10260 Morris Hills Road
Toddville, IA 52341

Co-Sponsor: Black Hawk County Conservation Board
Contact: Vern Fish, Executive Director
1346 W. Airline Hwy.
Waterloo, IA 50703

Description: Construction and hard-surfacing (phase 4 paving) of a key 3.5-mile segment of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail from south of and through Center Point, as part of the designated American Discovery Trail (ADT). The construction and paving of this key 3.5-mile stretch (gap in paving) completes a continuous hard-surfaced trail connection from Ely in southern Linn County through Center Point, about 30 miles. Counties directly impacted are: Black Hawk, Buchanan, Benton, Linn, and Johnson.

Total Cost: \$1,209,000
Requested Amount: \$ 600,000 (50%)

2. **Project Name: Flint River Trail: Phase I South**

Sponsor: City of Burlington
Contact: Charlie Nichols, City Planner
400 Washington Street
Burlington, IA 52601

Description: The Flint River Trail is a 20-mile multi-use recreational trail that is a joint effort between the City of Burlington and Des Moines County. This application is for Phase I South of the city portion of the trail which starts at the Burlington riverfront and travels approximately half a mile along Highway 99 towards portions of the trail which are already funded and/or constructed. This section of the trail will be a paved 8-foot multi-use trail separated from the adjacent road by a concrete barrier and railing. With a successful Federal Recreational Trails Program award, the City of Burlington will be close to completing its 4-mile section of the Flint River Trail.

Total Cost: \$850,000
Requested Amount: \$398,500 (47%)

3. Project Name: Hoover Trail-"The Missing Link"

Sponsor: Johnson County Conservation Board
Contact: Larry Gullett, Executive Director
2048 Highway 6 NW
Oxford, IA 52322

Description: Construction of this 5.9-mile "missing link" of the Hoover Trail from Ely to Solon will connect more than 200 miles of trails in eastern Iowa, including four of Iowa's largest communities and 10 urban trail systems in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls and Waterloo. The counties directly touched by completing the hard-surfaced trail include: Johnson, Linn, Buchanan, Benton, and Black Hawk, which have a combined population of 539,635 according to 2014 Census Bureau estimates. This proposal includes the construction elements for this segment of the Hoover Trail project.

Total Cost: \$4,321,590
Requested Amount: \$2,000,000 (46%)

4. Project Name: Hospital Connector Trail Bridge

Sponsor: City of Manning
Contact: Dawn Rohe, City Administrator
717 3rd Street
Manning, IA 51455

Description: This project will complete the final phase of a three-phase trail project that ties together two key elements--the city center of Manning and the Manning Regional Healthcare Center (MRHC). From there, MRHC will connect the trail to the Carroll County Great Western Park. The total project to get to MRHC consists of about 3,000 feet of trail plus a pedestrian bridge. The trail is paved. The final phase (that we are seeking funding for) will install the pedestrian bridge and approaches and will literally bridge the gap on this trail.

Total Cost: \$380,300
Requested Amount: \$222,300 (58%)

5. Project Name: Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails-to-Trails Corridor Development

Sponsor: Jasper County Conservation Board
Contact: Keri Van Zante
115 N. 2nd Avenue E
Newton, IA 50208

Description: Acquisition and initial corridor stabilization of the 10.75-mile deactivated Iowa Interstate Railroad corridor in Jasper County between the cities of Mitchellville and Prairie City.

Total Cost: \$1,200,100
Requested Amount: \$ 749,501 (45%)

6. Project Name: Turkey River Recreational Corridor-Elgin to Gilbertson Park and the Turkey River

Sponsor: Fayette County Conservation Board
Contact: Rod Marlatt, County Conservation Board Director
18673 Lane Road
Fayette, IA 52142

Description: This project will construct: 1) 6,600 linear feet of 8' x 6" PCC recreational trail, and 2) a 343' x 14' 8" pretension prestressed beam pedestrian bridge over the Turkey River. The project will extend the Turkey River Recreational Corridor (TRRC) Trail, allowing residents and visitors to move freely and safely in the Turkey River Corridor between Elgin, Gilbertson Park, and between four Turkey River Water Trail accesses. It will connect to three other trails in the TRRC including a 4.8-mile paved trail from Elgin to Clermont and the Nims Bridge, 2.5 miles of trail in Clermont, and 7 miles of trails in Gilbertson Park.

Total Cost: \$1,136,000
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (66%)

7. Project Name: Albia Trail Blue Route

Sponsor: City of Albia
Contact: Linda Heller, City Clerk
120 South A Street
Albia, IA 52531

Description: This project includes 3,950 L.F. of 10'-wide PCC trail. The proposed trail connects the existing John King Trail with Albia High School and Monroe County Aquatic Center.

Total Cost: \$466,000
Requested Amount: \$348,000 (75%)

8. Project Name: Ankeny Market and Pavilion

Sponsor: City of Ankeny
Contact: Nick Lenox, Director of Parks and Recreation
210 South Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023

Description: Ankeny Market and Pavilion-High Trestle Trail Trailhead and Restroom Facilities.

Total Cost: \$1,971,135
Requested Amount: \$ 261,600 (13%)

9. Project Name: Bettendorf MRT Project Safe Transition from Iowa DOT Widened Shoulder To Riverdale Separated Trail

Sponsor: City of Bettendorf
Contact: Steve Grimes, Parks and Recreation Director
City Hall, 1609 State Street
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Description: This project provides MRT users a safe transition from US 67 Iowa DOT-constructed widened shoulder MRT to Riverdale separated trail MRT which is being completed in the 2015 construction season with state-allocated Scenic Byway funding. It includes building a separated recreation trail from Fenno Road at the Riverdale/Bettendorf border to Crow Creek along the north side of US 67. A separated trail bridge will be built over Crow Creek, and a path will be constructed under US 67 on the east side of Crow Creek. Adequate vertical and horizontal clearance under US 67 exists. The project allows eastbound trail users a grade-separated crossing of 5-lane US 67.

Total Cost: \$818,000
Requested Amount: \$613,500 (75%)

- 10. Project Name: Boone Street Phase I Trail**
- Sponsor:** City of Rock Rapids
Contact: Jordan Kordahl, City Administrator
310 South 3rd Avenue
Rock Rapids, IA 51246
- Description:** Construction of 10-foot wide by 2,160-foot long concrete recreation trail extension throughout the area located to the west of Boone Street and to the north of Moon Creek, within the proximity of the municipal water treatment plant.
- Total Cost:** \$165,000
Requested Amount: \$ 99,000 (60%)
- 11. Project Name: City/County Connector Trail**
- Sponsor:** City of Council Bluffs; Parks, Recreation and Public Property Department
Contact: Terry Hoffman, Project Coordinator
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
- Description:** The construction of the City/County Connector Trail along Railroad Highway from Kaneshville Blvd. to the northern Council Bluffs Corporate Limits. This connection requires only a 1.04-mile section of trail beginning at the city limits and its connection with the County Trail Board's proposed trail, and terminating at Kaneshville Blvd. where it connects to our existing trail. The current design concept for this new trail utilizes portions of the Railroad Highway shoulder with other sections constructed off road within the existing right-of-way.
- Total Cost:** \$411,883
Requested Amount: \$308,912 (75%)
- 12. Project Name: Des Moines River Trail, Phase 2**
- Sponsor:** City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation
Contact: Jenny Richmond, Park Planner
1551 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway
Des Moines, IA 50317
- Description:** The second phase (2-mile segment) of the Des Moines River Trail, a major 4.5-mile regional trail, will connect downtown Des Moines to Polk County's Easter Lake and will further the link connecting Des Moines to the cities of Carlisle and Indianola via the Summerset Trail. Along the route are the rapidly growing Easter Lake neighborhoods, the highly used James W. Cownie Sport Complexes and Easter Lake Park. This phase will run primarily along the Des Moines Greenway.
- Total Cost:** \$3,000,000
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (25%)

13. Project Name: Fayette-Volga River Multi-Use Trail

Sponsor: Upper Iowa University
Contact: Andrew Wenthe, Vice President for External Affairs
605 Washington Street, PO Box 1857
Fayette, IA 52142

Co-Sponsor: City of Fayette
Contact: Christie Dennis, City Administrator/Clerk
PO Box 28
Fayette, IA 52152

Description: Upper Iowa University, the City of Fayette, and the IDNR Volga River State Recreation Area will partner to complete the construction of a 2.5-mile multi-use recreational trail connecting the City of Fayette with the IDNR Volga River State Recreation Area in Northeast Iowa. This trail was started in 2010 and has been completely graded. Currently over 2 miles have been paved but due to challenges during construction the trail was not completed. The final half mile requiring paving will connect the 2.5-mile trail with 22 miles of existing trails in the Volga River State Recreation Area.

Total Cost: \$458,932
Requested Amount: \$350,469 (76%)

14. Project Name: First Bridge

Sponsor: River Action, Inc.
Contact: Kathy Wine, Executive Director
822 E River Drive
Davenport, IA 52803

Description: The original berm of the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi River still exists between Federal Street and 4th Street in Davenport. A pedestrian and bicycle bridge built on top of this berm will connect the east entrance of River Heritage Park to a new YMCA and Early Learning Center on 4th Street across River Drive. The bridge will be built to the specifications of one span of the original bridge at this location. The bridge length will be approximately 255 feet.

Total Cost: \$3,421,000
Requested Amount: \$2,000,000 (58%)

15. Project Name: Five Island Trail

Sponsor: Palo Alto County Conservation Board
Contact: Mary Barrick, Palo Alto County Conservation Director
PO Box 417
Ruthven, IA 51358

Co-Sponsor: Five Island Trail Committee
Contact: Steve Hoyman, Five Island Trail Chairman
505 Wallace Street
Emmetsburg, IA 51358

Description: The Five Island Trail project plans to continue construction of a recreational trail on the northwest side of Emmetsburg and Five Island Lake. This grant represents Phase 5 and proposes to construct an additional 3,820 feet (approximately 3/4 of a mile) of trail, as shown on Sketch E-1, segment G-I. This will connect to the current trail of 9,600 feet (1.818 miles). The Five Island Trail will wind along one of the most scenic lakes in Iowa, connecting several parks and lake access points. If successful with this grant, and upon completion of Phase 5, a total of 2.541 miles of trail will be completed.

Total Cost: \$222,000
Requested Amount: \$167,000 (75%)

16. Project Name: Fleur Trail Connector

Sponsor: Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Contact: Zach Young, Senior Planner
420 Watson Powell, Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50309

Co-Sponsor: Des Moines Waterworks Park Foundation
Contact: Sam Carrell, Executive Director
2201 George Flagg Parkway
Des Moines, IA 50309

Description: A 158-foot long precast concrete arch underpass located approximately 435 feet north of intersection of George Flagg Parkway and Fleur Drive.

Total Cost: \$4,255,371
Requested Amount: \$1,500,000 (35%)

- 17. Project Name: Gay Lea Wilson Trail**
- Sponsor:** City of Bondurant
Contact: Mark Arentsen
PO Box 37
Bondurant, IA 50035
- Description:** This project is an approximately 1.5-mile extension of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail that will begin at Brick Street in Bondurant, cross Highway 65, then follow Mud Creek south to connect with the Altoona extension at I-80 West.
- Total Cost:** \$1,404,495
Requested Amount: \$1,053,371 (75%)
- 18. Project Name: Gay Lea Wilson Trail East Extension**
- Sponsor:** City of Altoona
Contact: John Hanson, City Engineer
407 8th Street SE
Altoona, IA 50009
- Description:** To construct approximately 1.7 miles of 12-foot wide paved trail extending from the existing Gay Lea Wilson Trail near 8th Avenue NE in Altoona, parallel to railroad right-of-way and Mud Creek to under Interstate 80. From that point, a future project will extend the trail north into Bondurant to connect with the Chichaqua Valley Trail.
- Total Cost:** \$1,527,119
Requested Amount: \$ 516,968 (34%)
- 19. Project Name: Grinnell Area Recreational Trail from Industrial Avenue to Grinnell Reinsurance Company**
- Sponsor:** City of Grinnell
Contact: Russ Behrens, City Manager
927 - 4th Avenue
Grinnell, IA 50112
- Description:** 1.7-mile extension of the Grinnell Area Recreational Trail from Industrial Avenue to Stage Coach, connecting to an existing trail segment at Stage Coach that runs under the I-80 interchange, and resuming where the current trail ends just south of the interchange to terminate at Grinnell Reinsurance Company campus.
- Total Cost:** \$775,000
Requested Amount: \$475,000 (61%)

20. Project Name: Ingawanis Woodland

Sponsor: Bremer County Conservation Board
Contact: Frank Frederick, Director
1104 S. Main Street, PO Box 412
Tripoli, IA 50676

Description: The Bremer County Conservation Board (BCCB) is taking the lead to acquire Ingawanis Woodland, home to an existing seven-mile network of soft trails used for mountain biking (single track), hiking, trail running, walking, birding, geocaching, environmental education, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. The segment of the Cedar River that Ingawanis overlooks is also a local water trail, which provides a recreational opportunity to connect biking, hiking and paddling. The Ingawanis Woodland Trail is a unique regional resource. It is the only mountain biking trail in Bremer County. Acquiring the Ingawanis Woodland property is crucial if the existing trails are to be maintained and made fully available to the public.

Total Cost: \$529,500
Requested Amount: \$302,889 (57%)

21. Project Name: Interstate 29 Riverfront Trail Connection

Sponsor: City of Sioux City, Parks and Recreation Department
Contact: Angel Wallace, Parks and Recreation Manager
401 Gordon Drive
Sioux City, IA 51101

Description: The project includes the construction of a trail connecting existing portions of the Historic Lewis and Clark Trail along the Missouri River. The project consists of constructing 5,000' of 10'-wide multi-use trail. Two 500' pedestrian bridges are proposed to be included in the project. The construction of this trail segment will allow for a trail ten miles in length. The project is included in the current Long Range Transportation Plan and will ultimately be part of the Lewis and Clark Trail system.

Total Cost: \$3,536,000
Requested Amount: \$ 800,000 (23%)

22. Project Name: Iowa River Trail

Sponsor: Hardin County Supervisors
Contact: Lance Granzow
1215 Edgington Avenue, Suite 1
Eldora, IA 50627

Description: Trail development of one 0.84-mile segment in Marshalltown extending from S. 12th Street to the S. Center Street overpass. Bridge rehabilitation of 11 bridges along a 17-mile segment of railway between Steamboat Rock and Union. The project addresses immediate concern for creating safe conditions along segments of the corridor which would continue the process of establishing a usable trail.

Total Cost: \$1,107,000
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (68%)

23. Project Name: Iowa River Trail-Coralville Section

Sponsor: City of Coralville
Contact: Sherri Proud, Director of Parks and Recreation
1506 8th Street
Coralville, IA 52241

Description: This application is for a section of the Iowa River Trail segment in Coralville that begins on the north side of Iowa City along Dubuque Street and ends on the south side of Iowa City at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area for a total of 17.4 miles. This application is for a section of trail that is 2,470 linear feet long and includes a bridge over Clear Creek. It will connect the recently completed segment of the Iowa River Trail that extends across the Iowa River from the Iowa City Peninsula neighborhood and runs south along the Coralville riverfront ending at Clear Creek. The trail connects at this point to the Clear Creek Trail going west through the southern border of Coralville about 5.2 miles which is anticipated to be completed to our westerly neighbor of Tiffin by 2017, and this project will connect on the east side of Crandic Park in Iowa City.

Total Cost: \$879,603
Requested Amount: \$196,986 (22%)

24. Project Name: Lake Belva Deer Area Trail Segment

Sponsor: Keokuk County
Contact: Michael Berg, Chairman
Courthouse, 101 South Main Street
Sigourney, IA 52591

Co-Sponsor: Keokuk County Highway Department
Contact: Andrew J. McGuire, P.E., County Engineer
Courthouse, 101 South Main Street
Sigourney, IA 52591

Description: This project will construct a 2.75-mile trail in Keokuk County, northeast of Sigourney. The project will connect an existing trailhead to Keokuk County's Belva Deer Park, a premiere park and campground with a 260-acre lake. The land acquisition, environmental review, and rough grading are completed for this project. This project includes installation of structures to improve drainage; finish grading to improve accessibility and provide erosion control; granular surfacing; and placement of enhancements including tree and prairie grass plantings, benches, kiosks, and signage.

Total Cost: \$600,000
Requested Amount: \$394,313 (66%)

25. Project Name: Linking Bicycle Trails on the Great River Road

Sponsor: Louisa County Road Department
Contact: Larry Roehl, County Engineer
8313 K Avenue
Wapello, IA 52653

Co-Sponsor: Louisa County Trails Council
Contact: Jeanne Mott
929 100th Street
Wapello, IA 52653

Description: This project completes the engineering and construction of a multi-use trail along the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) and Great River Road. The project area lies in Louisa County and is a critical three-mile section of trail that will connect a designed trail in Muscatine County to a 14-mile segment of paved shoulder trail in Louisa County (that will be going out for letting on August 21, 2015).

Total Cost: \$460,000
Requested Amount: \$ 90,000 (20%)

- 26. Project Name: Mark C. Ackelson Trail Phase 3**
- Sponsor:** Polk County Conservation Board
Contact: Loren Lown
11407 NW Jester Park Drive
Granger, IA 50109-9675
- Description:** The Ackelson Trail is an integral component of a larger project that will repair and renovate Easter Lake and the lake's Watershed but also incorporates the SE portion of Polk County into the larger Metro area and Central Iowa Trail Network. Phases 1 and 2 have already been completed on the north and south sides of the lake. Phase 3 will connect the earlier phases 1 and 2 creating a circumferential trail of nearly 6 miles.
- Total Cost:** \$2,626,000
Requested Amount: \$ 350,000 (13%)
- 27. Project Name: Mill Creek Parkway Bike Trail**
- Sponsor:** City of Clinton
Contact: Jason Craft
611 South 3rd Street
Clinton, IA 52732
- Description:** Mill Creek Parkway (MCP) is currently a two-lane bypass around the Western side of the city. It serves as a major connector between the two ends of the city for both cars and truck traffic. MCP currently serves approximately 7,000 vehicles per day and is not suitable for cyclists to share the road or use the gravel shoulder. This project will construct a 6' paved shoulder along MCP thus completing Clinton's bike trail loop around the city. This final Western connector will result in roughly a 15-mile loop around the city.
- Total Cost:** \$1,000,000
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (75%)
- 28. Project Name: Mill Pond Pedestrian Bridge and Multi-Use Trail Extension**
- Sponsor:** City of Nora Springs, Parks and Recreation Board
Contact: Emily Dykstra, Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson
PO Box 753
Nora Springs, IA 50458
- Description:** The City of Nora Springs is planning a bridge and multiple-use trail over the Mill Pond Dam on the Shell Rock River. Representing phase three of the City's Long-Term Trail Plan, the bridges and trail extensions will serve to connect the city's existing multi-use trails and provide pedestrian access between Shell Rock River City Park and Old Mill Pond City Park. Construction of two bridges (280' total), and 320' of approaches and trail extensions is planned to begin in April 2016 and be completed in November 2016.
- Total Cost:** \$1,514,000
Requested Amount: \$ 378,500 (25%)

29. Project Name: Mississippi River Trail Shoulder Improvements

Sponsor: Regional Planning Affiliation 8
Contact: Chandra Ravada, Transportation Director
7600 Commerce Park
Dubuque, IA 52002

Co-Sponsor: Iowa DOT District 6
Contact: Sam Shea, District Planner
5455 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Description: The project is to construct 9.14 miles of 6-foot wide, 6-inch thick paved shoulders on both sides of US 52. This would be for US 52 from the end of the existing trail north of Bellevue (MP 26.10) to the south end of the 2015 project at St. Donatus (MP 33.30) and from the north end of the 2015 project at St. Donatus (MP 33.93) to the Dubuque County Line (MP 35.87).

Total Cost: \$1,800,000
Requested Amount: \$ 500,000 (28%)

30. Project Name: Mt. Pleasant City-Wide Trail System Phase 6 Connections

Sponsor: City of Mount Pleasant
Contact: Brent Schleisman, City Administrator
220 West Monroe
Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

Description: The City of Mount Pleasant seeks grant assistance to complete 3 integral links of Phase 6 of the city-wide trail plan, a total length of 1.52 miles. Specific information on each link: - Crossroads Trail Connection, .63-mile trail along Linden Drive and S Iris Street filling a gap between two existing trails - Industry Park Trail Connection, .63-mile section along Maple Leaf Drive filling a gap between two existing trails - Grand Avenue Trail Connection, .26-mile section along Grand Avenue extending from existing trails providing connections to hotels and to new development.

Total Cost: \$750,000
Requested Amount: \$562,500 (75%)

- 31. Project Name: Nishna Loop Pedestrian Trail**
- Sponsor:** City of Carson
Contact: Brianne Duede, City Clerk
316 S. Commercial Street, Box 218
Carson, IA 51525
- Description:** Carson proposes construction of a .65-mile trail within the City's existing park system. This would be the first trail within the community while connecting areas of the community cut off by a river and Highway 92. It will later extend to neighboring communities once it can connect to the Pottawattamie County Wide Trail.
- Total Cost:** \$434,011
Requested Amount: \$284,011 (65%)
- 32. Project Name: Nordic Trail Equipment Purchase**
- Sponsor:** Iowa City Nordic Club
Contact: Todd Gillihan
13 E. Dovetail Place
Coralville, IA 52241
- Description:** The Iowa City Nordic Ski Club wishes to purchase equipment needed to groom and maintain Nordic ski trails in the Iowa City area. The trails are completed during the winter months in existing parks in the area. The equipment will allow for the creation of more trails of a higher quality for Nordic skiers, snow shoers, and walkers.
- Total Cost:** \$15,800
Requested Amount: \$12,500 (79%)
- 33. Project Name: Phase 1-Volksweg Trail Extension to Pella Sports Park and Vermeer Corporation**
- Sponsor:** City of Pella
Contact: Corey Goodenow, Finance Director
825 Broadway, PO Box 88
Pella, IA 50219
- Description:** The proposed trail extension is a 5,474' extension of the Volksweg trail extension plan which will cross undeveloped farm ground to provide access to the newly constructed Pella Sports Park in addition to bike and pedestrian access to Vermeer Corporation. The trail project includes nearly 3 acres of ROW purchase which is necessary to accommodate the 10'-wide cross section.
- Total Cost:** \$671,525
Requested Amount: \$300,000 (45%)

- 34. Project Name: Raccoon River Valley Trail Paved Road Crossings**
- Sponsor:** Guthrie County Conservation Board
Contact: Joe Hanner, Director
206 W. South Street
Panora, IA 50216
- Co-Sponsor:** Greene County Conservation Board
Contact: Dan Towers, Director
114 N Chestnut Street
Jefferson, IA 50219
- Description:** The proposed project would hard surface 15 gravel road crossings along the Raccoon River Valley Trail in Greene and Guthrie Counties which covers a distance of 28 miles.
- Total Cost:** \$309,000
Requested Amount: \$231,750 (75%)
- 35. Project Name: Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector "City of Bouton to Quinlan Avenue Phase"**
- Sponsor:** Dallas County Conservation Board
Contact: Mike Wallace, Director
14581 K Avenue
Perry, IA 50220
- Description:** This project phase involves the acquisition and construction of approximately 2 miles of property to develop a segment of the Raccoon River Valley Trail to the High Trestle Trail Connector project (Perry to Woodward). This overall connector project totals approximately 9 miles. The trail will be 10 feet wide and constructed of asphalt or concrete 6 inches thick.
- Total Cost:** \$1,015,420
Requested Amount: \$ 761,565 (75%)
- 36. Project Name: Rolling Prairie Trail-Allison to Bristow**
- Sponsor:** Butler County Conservation Board
Contact: Mike Miner, Director
28727 Timber Road
Clarksville, IA 50619
- Description:** This application provides for paving 5.45 miles of the Rolling Prairie Trail from the City of Allison west to the City of Bristow. The proposed segment will consist of a 10'-wide, 5"-thick PCC surface with 2' granular shoulders.
- Total Cost:** \$1,441,094
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (52%)

37. Project Name: Scotch Ridge Nature Trail

Sponsor: City of Carlisle
Contact: Andy Lent, City Administrator
195 North First Street
Carlisle, IA 50047

Description: Connection from the Summerset Trail along 165th Place to the Scotch Ridge Nature Park at Highway 5 and Gateway Drive. Trail passes through Carlisle Aquatic Center, Lindheart Park, Danamere Farms Conservation Community, Carlisle Middle School, Danamere Farms, Natural area of the Warren Property, across the North River, and through the Scotch Ridge Nature Park. Total length 15,121 feet = 2.86 miles.

Total Cost: \$3,068,322
Requested Amount: \$ 300,000 (10%)

38. Project Name: Skunk River Recreational Trail-Phase 3

Sponsor: City of Ames
Contact: Eric Cowles, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department
310 E. 9th Street
Ames, IA 50010

Description: This project is for the construction of a shared use path from Bloomington Road to Ada Hayden Heritage Park in north Ames. This path will be approximately 0.5 miles in length and 8 feet in width. The trail will begin near Bloomington Road and Dawes Drive and connect to the existing trail that extends south along US 69/Grand Avenue. From there the trail will continue north along Dawes Drive, then along US 69 to a point where it will cross city-owned property to connect to the trail system within Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

Total Cost: \$734,964
Requested Amount: \$261,204 (35%)

39. Project Name: Underwood Trail-Railroad Highway

Sponsor: City of Underwood
Contact: Kelly Groskurth
PO Box 40, 218 2nd Street
Underwood, IA 51576

Co-Sponsor: Pottawattamie County Trail Board
Contact: Brian Shea
102 West Florence Street
Crescent, IA 51526

Description: The Underwood Trail-Railroad Highway project will provide a link and public access to the county wide trail system that is planned from Council Bluffs to Neola. The project will be about 1.6 miles in length and will provide local residents a safe way to walk/ride along the highway. Most importantly, Underwood's project will connect riders to miles of trail systems providing for a healthier community.

Total Cost: \$474,500
Requested Amount: \$335,875 (71%)

40. Project Name: US 63 Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail

Sponsor: City of Waterloo
Contact: Jeff Bales, Associate Engineer
715 Mulberry Street
Waterloo, IA 50703

Description: This project is for a 0.9-mile hard-surfaced trail along US Highway 63 extending from Parker Street to Franklin Street. This project is to be included as part of Phase Two of the US 63 Reconstruction Project scheduled to begin in 2017. A highway overpass will be constructed over the Chicago Central Railroad line as part of the US 63 Reconstruction, and the proposed project includes a trail on the west side of that overpass. The entirety of the proposed trail, including the segment on the overpass, is 10 feet wide.

Total Cost: \$1,400,126
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000 (54%)

41. Project Name: US 63 Pedestrian Underpass

Sponsor: City of Hudson
Contact: Bob Stevenson, Zoning Administrator
PO Box 536
Hudson, IA 50643

Description: The proposed project involves the construction of a pedestrian underpass beneath US Highway 63 near 1st Street in the City of Hudson. This project is the second phase of a two-phase trail project in Hudson. The proposed underpass will consist of a 10' x 10' precast box. To the west, a short trail connection is proposed to the trail programmed in phase one. To the east, a switchback will be constructed along with a short trail extending north to 3rd Street. Altogether, the project is approximately 0.25 miles long.

Total Cost: \$777,687
Requested Amount: \$576,687 (74%)

42. Project Name: Wapsi Great Western Line Recreational Trail-Acme to Riceville Section

Sponsor: Howard County Conservation Board
Contact: Harold Chapman, Director
11562 Valley Avenue - PO Box 157
Cresco, IA 52136

Description: This specific project involves the paving of the final 7.5 miles of Wapsi Great Western Line Recreational Trail from Acme to Riceville. This project will be the final construction phase for the entire Wapsi Great Western Line Trail project. Once finished, the paving will connect to existing trail and infrastructure completing the trail system which is 28.5 miles in length meandering through both Howard and Mitchell Counties, ending near the Minnesota State Line.

Total Cost: \$1,482,623
Requested Amount: \$ 489,000 (33%)

43. Project Name: Youngstown Trail Phase 1

Sponsor: City of Pleasant Hill
Contact: Madeline Sturms, Senior Planner
5160 Maple Drive, Suite A
Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

Description: Youngstown Trail Phase 1 will include approximately 1,600 linear feet of trail connecting the residents and businesses along NE 56th Avenue to the east and south to Oakwood Drive. Upon completion of the Youngstown Trail, users will have trail access within the community to the Gay Lea Wilson Regional Trail and the entire Central Iowa Trail System.

Total Cost: \$173,800
Requested Amount: \$130,350 (75%)