

FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM
Application Summary and Funding Proposal

OCTOBER 2006 FUNDING CYCLE

Funding Summary

Federal Recreational Trails Funding: \$985,127

Application Summary

Total number of non-motorized applications: 19

Total non-motorized project costs: \$14,225,936

Total non-motorized requested amount: \$7,891,542

Total number of motorized applications: 3

Total motorized project costs: \$434,956

Total motorized requested amount: \$347,964

Recommendation Summary by Category

Non-Motorized: \$638,163

Motorized: \$346,964

Diversified: \$638,163 - includes projects from the motorized and non-motorized category that serve more than one type of user

Funding Proposal

Staff recommends projects 1 through 5 for Federal Recreational Trail funding approval.

	PROJECT	GRANT		CUMULATIVE
		<u>Non-motorized</u>	<u>Motorized</u>	
1.	Cedar River Valley Water Trail (Black Hawk CCB)*	\$244,980		\$244,980
2.	Jester Park Equestrian Trail (Polk CCB)*	\$137,343		\$382,323
3.	Maquoketa River Water Trail (Jones CCB)*	\$255,840		\$638,163
4.	OHV Maintenance Equipment and Handicapped Accessible Vault Toilets for Iowa Designated ATV Parks (DNR)		\$186,964	\$825,127
5.	Snowmobile Trail Groomer Purchase (DNR)		\$160,000	\$985,127
6.	Avalanche Safety Seminar (ISSA/DNR)			
7.	Cedar River Whitewater Enhancements - Phase 1(Cedar Falls)			
8.	Des Moines County Trail (Des Moines County)			
9.	Dubuque Heritage Trail Extension: Iowa 32 (Northwest Arterial) Bike/Hike Trail – Phase 2 (Dubuque)			
10.	5 th Avenue Entry/Town Loop Trail (Coon Rapids)			
11.	4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail Project (Polk CCB)			
12.	Gilbert to Ames Trail (Gilbert)			
13.	Grinnell Area Recreation Trail: Safe Crossing at Highway 6 (Imagine Grinnell)			
14.	Heart of Iowa Nature Trail – Phase 8 (Story CCB)			
15.	Raccoon River Valley Trail Addition – Forest Park Museum to Minburn Phase (Dallas CCB)			

16. Raccoon River Valley Trail Rehabilitation
(Guthrie CCB)
17. Sauk Rail Trail Paving – Maple River to
Breda (Carroll CCB)
18. Sheffield Recreation Trail
(Sheffield)
19. Squaw Creek Park Connector Trail
(Linn CCB)
20. T-Bone Trail – Exira to 260th Street
(Audubon CCB)
21. Wabash Railroad Bridge
(Wapello County)
22. Walcott Recreational Trail and Park Project
(Walcott)

* Diversified use project (serves more than one type of user)

Applications Received

1. Project Name: **Cedar River Valley Water Trail**
Sponsor: Black Hawk County Conservation Board
Contact: Vern Fish, Executive Director
2410 West Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50612
319-266-6813

Description: Phase I includes a combination of access improvements, signage and portage trails. 124 signs are proposed, ranging from water trail signs to Information kiosks. In addition, provisions for a Rower's Ramp and Stationary Motorized Dock in Waterloo, as well as portages around Center Street Dam in Cedar Falls and Waterloo's Park Avenue and 6th Street dams.

Total Cost: \$306,226
Requested Amount: \$244,980 (80%)
2. Project Name: **Jester Park Equestrian Trail**
Sponsor: Polk County Conservation Board
Contact: Pat Boddy
11407 NW Jester Park Drive
Granger, IA 50109
515-323-5300

Description: The purpose of the Jester Park Equestrian Trail Project (9 ½ miles) is to renovate, repair and expand the existing trail system in Polk County's Jester Park. Deterioration of these trails has resulted in frequent closing of portions of the trail resulting in inability to be used by the public.

Total Cost: \$171,817
Requested Amount: \$137,343 (80%)
3. Project Name: **Maquoketa River Water Trail**
Sponsor: Jones County Conservation Board
Contact: Larry Gullett, Executive Director
12515 Central Park Road
Center Junction, IA 52212
563-487-3541

Description: The Maquoketa River Water Trail Project includes critically needed improvements to trail access points along one of the most popular segments of water trail in the state of Iowa. The project will directly improve access to 25.4 miles of river trail, which is part of the 148 mile length, Maquoketa River Water Trail. Specifically, the project includes access improvements to the two most heavily used staging areas along the entire water trail, improvements to facilities at trail staging areas, regulatory and interpretive signage and improvements to solve portage issues around a dam.

Total Cost: \$410,800
Requested Amount: \$328,500 (80%)

4. Project Name: **OHV Maintenance Equipment and Handicapped Accessible Vault Toilets for Iowa Designated ATV Parks**
Sponsor: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Bureau
Contact: David Downing, Snowmobile and ATV Program Manager
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319
515-281-3449
Joint Sponsor: Iowa Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Contact: Dan Kleen, Executive Director
102 4th Avenue
Pocahontas, IA 50574
712-358-1870
Description: Purchase of maintenance equipment to be used by local clubs and DNR seasonal employees to provide maintenance and development of Iowa Designated ATV Parks. Purchase handicapped accessible vault toilets to replace the renting of portable toilets.
Total Cost: \$233,706
Requested Amount: \$186,964 (80%)
5. Project Name: **Snowmobile Trail Groomer Purchase**
Sponsor: Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Contact: David Downing
Snowmobile and ATV Program Manager/
IDNR Law Enforcement Bureau
502 E. 9th
Des Moines, IA 50319
515-281-3449
Joint Sponsor: Iowa State Snowmobile Association
Terry Durby, President
42792 230th Street
Leland, IA 504353
641-430-5284
Description: The purchase of snowmobile grooming machines to be used by local clubs and/or county conservation boards to groom and maintain snowmobile trails in Iowa.
Total Cost: \$200,000
Requested Amount: \$160,000 (80%)

6. Project Name: **Avalanche Safety Seminar – Costs incurred prior to award – not eligible**

Sponsor: Iowa State Snowmobile Association

Contact: Terry Durby
42792 160th Ave.
Leland, IA 50453
641-430-5284

Joint Sponsor: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Contact: David Downing
502 E. 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034
515-281-3449

Description: This project is seeking funding from the safety or administrative part of the Federal Recreational Trail Program. The Iowa State Snowmobile Association has recognized a great need for an education program directed toward avalanche dangers.

Total Cost: \$1,250

Requested Cost: \$1,000 (80%)

7. Project Name: **Cedar River Whitewater Enhancements - Phase 1**

Sponsor: City of Cedar Falls - Parks Division

Contact: Mark Ripplinger, Manager
606 Union Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-273-8624

Description: Whitewater enhancements adjacent to Gateway Park. Propose pedestrian stairway/river access, signage and the placement of loose boulders behind the right side of the dam. In addition the application includes provisions for the final design associated with Phase I.

Total Cost: \$84,700

Requested Amount: \$67,760 (80%)

8. Project Name: **Des Moines County Trail**

Sponsor: Des Moines County

Contact: Mike Norris, Transportation Director
Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
200 Front Street, Suite 400
Burlington, IA 52601
319-753-5107 x 210

Description: The Des Moines County Trail is a multi-use, mostly off-road recreational trail that is planned to be approximately 14.5 miles in length. The trail will connect the city of Burlington, the Mississippi River Trail and several county recreation areas, including Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, a 768-acre recreation destination in Des Moines County.

Total Cost: \$3,200,000

Requested Amount: \$ 300,000 (9%)

9. Project Name: **Dubuque Heritage Trail Extension: Iowa 32 (Northwest Arterial) Bike/Hike Trail – Phase 2**
- Sponsor: City of Dubuque
- Contact: Laura Carstens, Planning Services Manager
50 W. 13th Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-589-4210
- Description: This project is part of a phased extension of the Dubuque Heritage Trail to the west side of Dubuque. Phase 1, under construction from August to November 2006, extends from U.S. 52 to John F. Kennedy Road. Phase 2 will continue this 10-foot side paved trail 2.26 miles from John F. Kennedy Road to Pennsylvania Avenue along Iowa 32 (NW Arterial). The trail will be physically separated in the Iowa 32 right of way where IDOT completed preliminary grading during the expansion of Iowa 32 from two lanes to four lanes.
- Total Cost: \$460,000
- Requested Amount: \$342,000 (74%)
10. Project Name: **5th Avenue Entry/Town Loop Trail**
- Sponsor: City of Coon Rapids
- Contact: Keith Dorpinghau, Mayor
123 3rd Avenue
Coon Rapids, IA 50058
712-999-7749
- Description: This 0.34-mile project constructs an off-street bike/ped recreation trail connection along the easterly edge of 5th Avenue from Highway 141 to Coon Rapids' central business district on Main Street. The project is coordinated with development of other "Great Places" projects for the city of Coon Rapids and the Whiterock Conservancy. The improved recreational trail provides connectivity between the Whiterock interpretive trailhead at Highway 141, downtown streetscape improvements, and the Town Loop (recreational) Trail, that ties the city and the nature conservancy together.
- Total Cost: \$385,000
- Requested Amount: \$200,000 (52%)

11. Project Name: **4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail Project**
Sponsor: Polk County Conservation Board
Contact: Pat Boddy
11407 NW Jester Park Drive
Granger, IA 50109
512-323-5300
Joint Sponsor: City of Ankeny Parks and Recreation Department
Contact: Todd Redenius
210 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023
515-963-3570
Description: Construction of a 3.2 mile segment of trail between the existing Neal Smith Trail and the city of Ankeny (Neal Smith to Ankeny segment) of the 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail. 4-Mile Creek Greenway Trail, when completed, will be 35 miles of trail connecting the communities of Ankeny, Des Moines, Pleasant Hill, Altoona Bondurant and Berwick. It will also be part of the 110-mile 5-county trail loop that will include the Chichaqua Valley Trail, Heart of Iowa Trail and the Neal Smith Trail.
Total Cost: \$1,334,331
Requested Amount: \$ 690,000 (52%)
12. Project Name: **Gilbert to Ames Trail**
Sponsor: City of Gilbert, Iowa
Contact: Yvonne Wannemuehler, Mayor
PO Box 29
Gilbert, IA 50105
515-233-2670
Joint Sponsor: Gilbert Community Schools
Contact: John Kinley, Superintendent
103 Mathews Drive
Gilbert, IA 50105
515-232-3740
Description: Connect existing trail to Gilbert Elementary School to existing trail system in Bloomington Heights in north Ames, which lies within the southern boundary of the Gilbert School District and is experiencing substantial growth due to new housing development for families with school-age children. In addition, this 2.5 mile trail will also provide users with access to Ada Hayden Recreational Area and trail; the major employment centers at Iowa State University and Central Office of the DOT; the existing trail system within the city of Ames; and ultimately the Central Iowa Trail System. The trail will be owned and maintained by the city of Gilbert.
Total Cost: \$921,450
Requested Amount: \$737,160 (80%)

13. Project Name: **Grinnell Area Recreation Trail: Safe Crossing at Highway 6**
Sponsor: Imagine Grinnell, A Quality of Life Foundation
Contact: Rob Clower, Executive Director
P.O. Box 538
Grinnell, IA 50112
641-236-6311
- Description: The object of the project is the construction of an underpass for the purpose of routing the Grinnell Area Recreation Trail safely beneath Highway 6 just west of Grinnell. The underpass will consist of a 10' x 12' box culvert approximately 150 feet in length with attendant guard rails and grading and paving of approaches. This underpass will permit the existing trail to be extended south past Arbor Lake and on to the industrial part south of Grinnell.
- Total Cost: \$469,344
Requested Amount: \$375,475 (80%)
14. Project Name: **Heart of Iowa Nature Trail – Phase 8**
Sponsor: Story County Conservation Board
Contact: Carol Williams
56461 180th Street
Ames, IA 50010
515-232-2516
- Description: Development of 3.8 miles of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail between Cambridge and County Highway S14 in south central Story County. The trail will be developed with a ten-foot wide crushed limestone bicycle and pedestrian trail adjacent to a ten-foot wide grassed trail for equestrians and snowmobiles (when conditions allow). Phase 8 will construct trail over two new bridges being completed in 2007. This phase will connect the development trail segments from Slater to Cambridge and S14 to Collins, completing over 20 miles of continuous trail in Story County.
- Total Cost: \$1,037,000
Requested Amount: \$ 829,000 (80%)

15. Project Name: **Raccoon River Valley Trail Addition – Forest Park Museum to Minburn Phase**
Sponsor: Dallas County Conservation Board
Contact: Mike Wallace, Director
14581 K Avenue
Perry, IA 50220
515-465-3234
- Description: This project is the development of approximately 6.2 miles of former railroad right of way extending from the terminus of the Dawson to Forest Park Museum Phase at the spur that connects to the museum to the southeast corner of Minburn. This project further extends our goal of developing the 33.1 mile Raccoon River Valley Trail Addition which will connect the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) at Herndon with the RRVT in Waukee forming an approximate 72-mile loop.
- Total Cost: \$840,440
Requested Amount: \$672,352 (80%)
16. Project Name: **Raccoon River Valley Trail Rehabilitation**
Sponsor: Guthrie County Conservation Board
Contact: Joe Hanner, Director
206 W. South Street
Panora, IA 50216
641-755-3061
- Description: The Guthrie County portion of the trail is 10.7 miles. This project involves placing a 3-inch concrete whitetop overlay over the existing trail and adding crushed limestone shoulder.
- Total Cost: \$778,350
Requested Amount: \$396,350 (51%)
17. Project Name: **Sauk Rail Trail Paving – Maple River to Breda**
Sponsor: Carroll County Conservation Board
Contact: Mark River, Director
22676 Swan Lake Drive
Carroll, IA 51401
712-792-4614
- Description: The proposed project would pave 7.3 miles of the Sauk Rail Trail from Maple River to Breda.
- Total Cost: \$865,700
Requested Amount: \$300,000 (35%)

18. Project Name: **Sheffield Recreation Trail**

Sponsor: City of Sheffield
Contact: Debra Hartman, City Clerk
P.O. Box 252
Sheffield, IA 50475
641-892-4718

Description: The proposed project is a 4.1 mile asphalt trail segment of abandoned rail-to-tail from the city of Sheffield to just north of Chapin, Iowa.

Total Cost: \$894,631
Requested Amount: \$715,705 (80%)

19. Project Name: **Squaw Creek Park Connector Trail**

Sponsor: Linn County Conservation Board
Contact: Randy J. Burke, Planner
1890 County Home Road
Marion, IA 52302
319-892-6450

Description: Construct approximately ¼ mile of trail, leading from the Grant Wood Trail, ½ mile west of Squaw Creek then ½ mile south along the creek and under Highway 100 to Squaw Creek Park.

Total Cost: \$420,000
Requested Amount: \$336,000 (80%)

20. Project Name: **T-Bone Trail – Exira to 260th Street**

Sponsor: Audubon County Conservation Board
Contact: Bruce Haag, Director
2672 Littlefield Drive
Exira, IA 50076
712-268-2762

Description: The proposed project would construct 2.9 miles of hard-surfaced recreational trail from Exira, north to 260th Street. This project would complete the final phase of the T-bone Trail and would create a trail from Audubon to Atlantic.

Total Cost: \$331,678
Requested Amount: \$265,342 (80%)

21. Project Name: **Wabash Railroad Bridge**

Sponsor: Wapello County

Contact: Steve Siegel
215 N. Court
Ottumwa, IA 52501
641-683-6390

Description: Wapello County, in collaboration with the Wapello County Trails Council, will renovate a 1860s rail bridge (770 feet in length) into a recreational bridge for bikers, hikers, joggers and other non-motorized users. The bridge crosses the Des Moines River, connecting the north and south levee system near downtown Ottumwa. The bridge will allow the trails council to create a looped system on the eastern portion of the proposed trail system.

Total Cost: \$980,000

Requested Amount: \$686,000 (70%)

22. Project Name: **Walcott Recreational Trail and Park Project**

Sponsor: City of Walcott – Recreational Trail Committee

Contact: Lisa Rickets, City Clerk
128 West Lincoln St.
Walcott, IA 52773
563-284-6571

Description: Proposing a multi-purpose recreational trail and habitat restoration project with the following goals: enhancement of an existing wetland feature, development of multi-purpose recreational trail as a key feature in active and passive recreational opportunities, implementation of best management practices for water management issues surrounding Mud Creek, develop aesthetically pleasing location, improve safety of transportation within the community, promote physical fitness, create educational opportunities regarding health and wellness, wetland ecology, water quality, and native habitats. Length will be approximately 1,472 feet.

Total Cost: \$334,469

Requested Amount: \$267,575 (80%)