

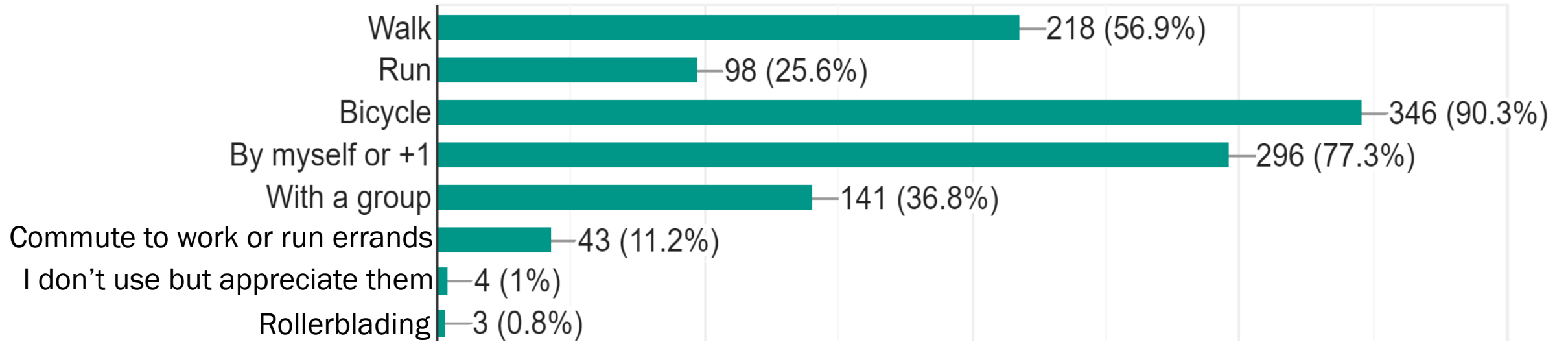


2020 Survey

392 Respondents as of 7/10

How do you use trails? Select as many as applicable.

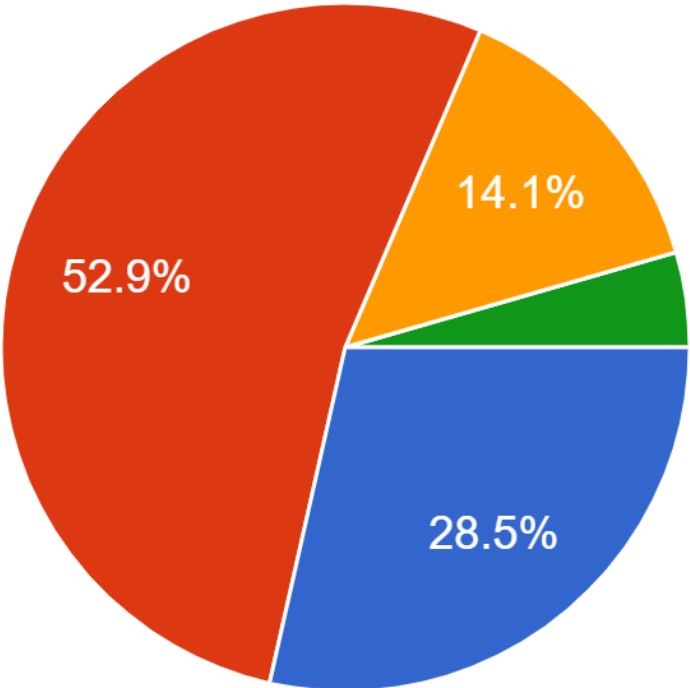
383 responses



Other responses include walking the dog (3); horseback riding (1); inline skating, skating, roller skating, or longboarding (4); cross country skiing (1); hiking (1); off road mountain biking (1); and family bike riding (1)

How often do you use the trails in Linn County?

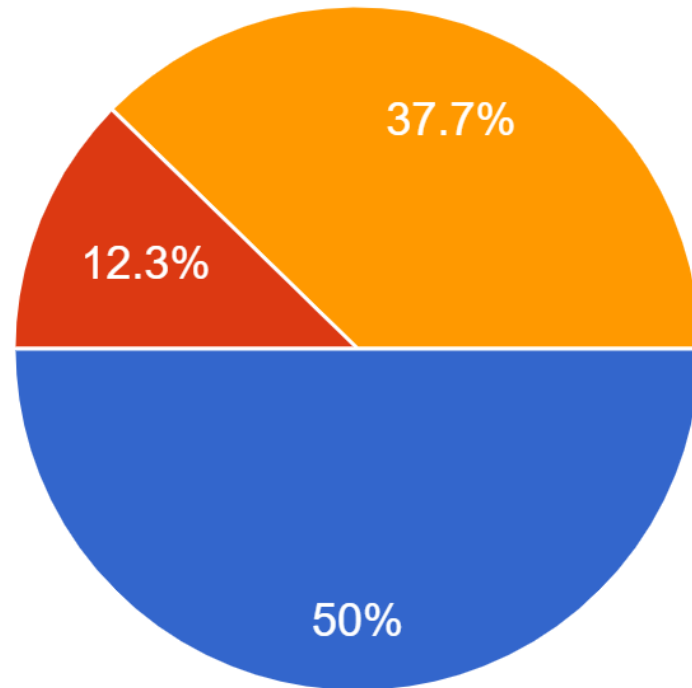
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- Almost daily
- At least weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely

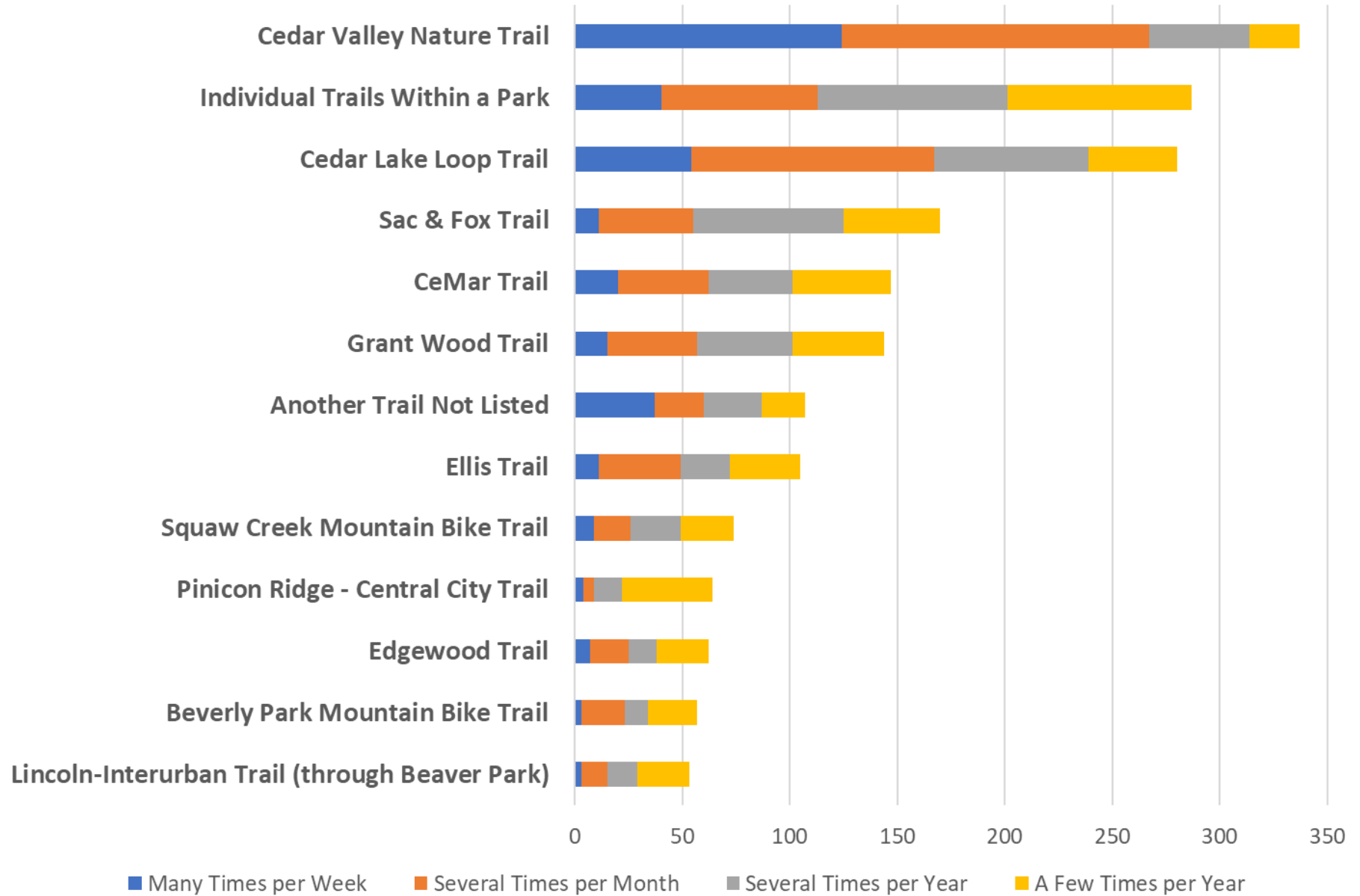
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382 responses

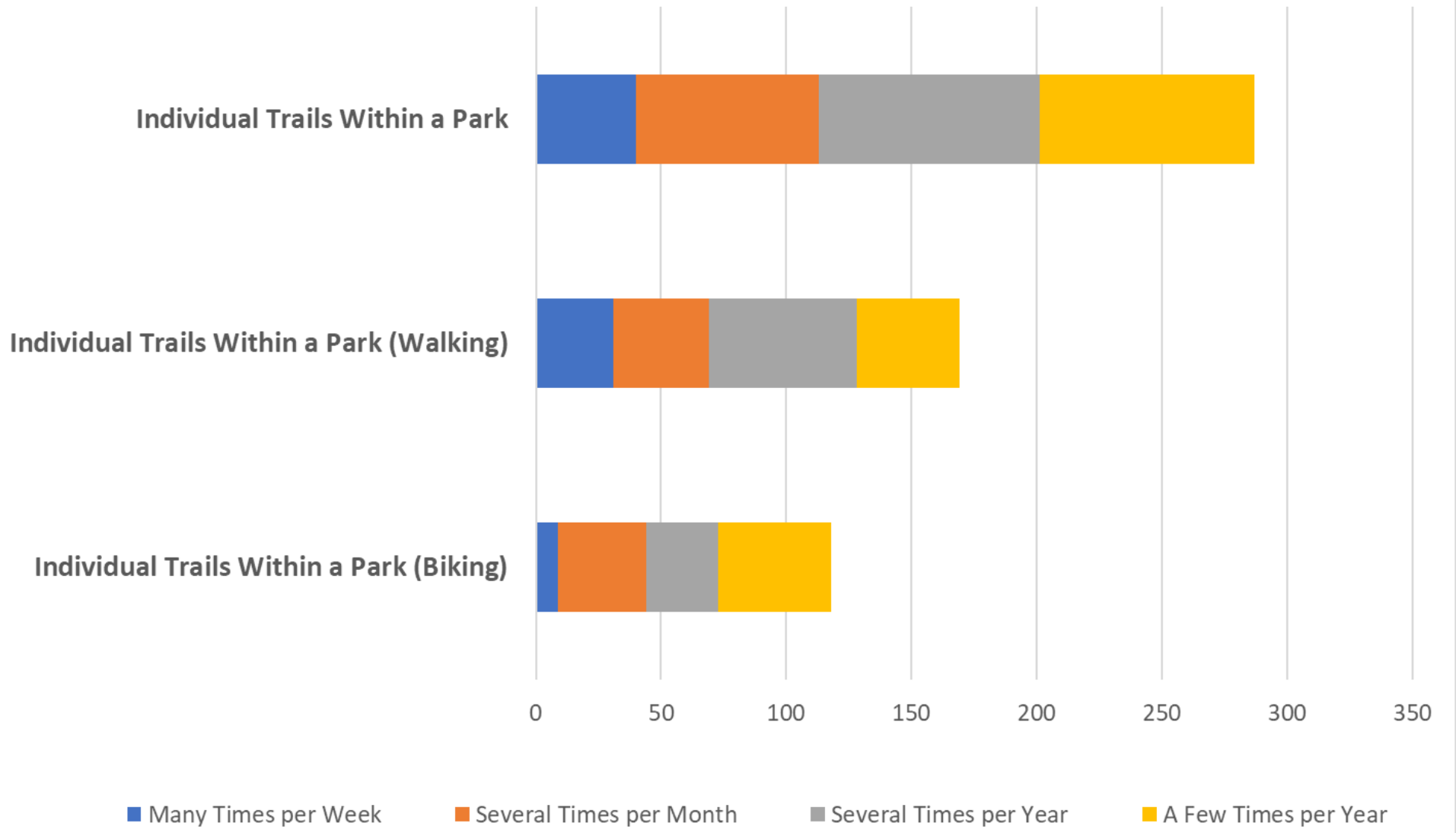


- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed the same

How Often Do You Use These Trails



Breakdown on Trails Within a Park



If you answered “Another Trail” above, which trail(s)?

Summary of 111 responses

1. **Other Local Trails Shown on Linn County Trails Map receiving multiple references** – Boyson (Bowman Woods/Donnelly Park/Thomas Park), Lindale, Hoover, Prairie Park, Marion
2. **Other Local Trails NOT Shown on Linn County Trails Map receiving multiple references** - Lowe Park, Cherry Hill (Park, Pool, E Ave), Indian Creek Nature Center, Morgan Creek Park, Pleasant Creek (Palo), Squaw Creek, Seminole Valley, Wickiup Hill
3. **Other Local Trails receiving one or two references** – Pinicon Ridge/White Oak/Flying Squirrel, Alliant Power Line, Cherokee Park, College Community Schools, Grant Wood (Waldo Rock), Mt Mercy, Mt Trashmore, Noelridge, Palisades-Keppler, Robins Lake, Rockwell, Transamerican (private), Van Vechten Park,
4. **Other Regional Trails receiving one or more references** - Amana, Cedar Falls/George Wyth, Fairfax, Sugar Bottom/Osprey Nature/Lake MacBride area, Heritage and IPP (Dubuque), High Tressel (Des Moines), Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty/Johnson County, J Harrold Ennis Preserve (Mt Vernon), Marshalltown, Matsel’s Bridge (Stone City), Prairie Farmer (Cresco), Shell Rock, Vinton
5. **A few out of state references as well** – Great River (IL), Root River (MN), Withlacoochee (FL)

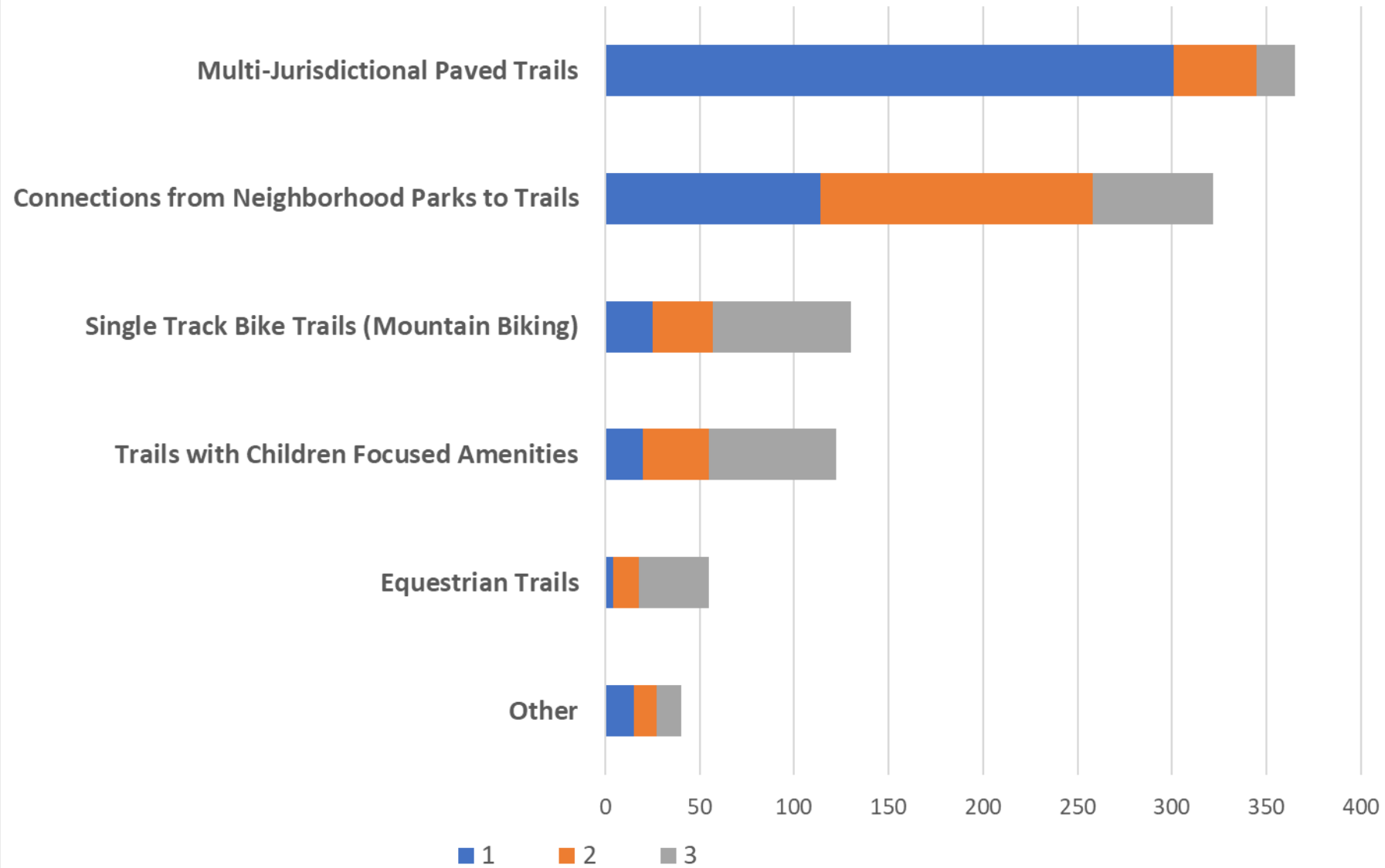
If you answered “Another Trail” above, which trail(s)?

Complete list of responses

Bowman Woods	Lindale trail (West end of Grant Wood trail)	Wickiup	Boyson trail in marion , pleasant creek , squaw creek	Withlacoochee State Trail, Inverness FL	Heritage trail	Wickiup Hills, Matsel's Bridge, Morgan Creek Park trails	Cherokee & cherry hill
Trail from Cedar Rapids to Ely (Hoover Trail)	Thomas Park, Marion, trails	Lowe and many other around Marion and Cedar Rapids	New trail in cherry hill park.	Lindale	Morgan Creek Park Loop. Wickiup Hill Trails.	Prairie Park Fishery Trail	Indian Creek Nature Center
squaw creek trails and prairie fish	Trail system in Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty	Prarie Park Fishery	Around Robins Lake	Boyson	Sac and Fox MTB trail	Not sure about names of trails	Hoover trail going from Ely to Solon
Indian Creek Nature Center trails	Boyson Trail in Marion	Cedar Falls & Iowa City/Coralville	Boyson Trail	Palo Pleasant creek	Lowe park, Donnelly park	The ones in Marion	College Community Schools trail.
My Trashmor trail	Praire Farmer, Great River Trail in Illinois, Heritage Trail, Shell Rock trail, Trail in Marshalltown,	Prairie Park Fishery	Boyson Trail	Equestrian trail at Pleasant Creek	High Trestle, or other Des Moines area	Hoover	Hoover Trail
Boyson Trail	The trail that runs along Indian Creek between Marion Menards and Boyson Rd	Prairie Park Fishery	Cherry hill	Krumholz, Boyson, Lindale	Grant Wood	White Oak, Flying Squirrel, Wickiup trails	Morgan Creek
Lindale/Boyson trails	Boyson trail	Lowe Park	Morgan creek. Pinicon ridge. Cherry hill pool area.	McClouds Run Park	Boyson Park Trail	Prairie Park Fishery	Trails in Johnson County
There are 'secret' short pieces of trails here and there which aren't named	Wickiup Hill	Hoover Trail	Squaw creek Trail head, Squaw creek hiking trails, Indian Creek nature center trails	Noelridge	Boyson park trail by Thomas Park	Past Mount Mercy Facilities	Fairfax
George Wyth, IPP, Sugar Bottom, Lake MacBride area trails	Hoover Trail, trails in Johnson County	out of state	Boyson	Rockwell trail	Nothing local.	McCleod Trail	Van Vechten and Pleasant Creek Trails
Boyson Trail	Hoover Trail	Lindale Trail	Fishery, indian creek	Osprey nature trail	Prairie park Fishery	My Trashmor trail	Prairie Creek Fishery
Transamerica private trail	Home association trail	Vinton	Lowe park loop	Trails at Seminole Valley Park	Hoover Trail - Ely to Solon	Lindale Trail	Johnson county trails, clear creek, Amana, Ely
Lowe Park	Hoover Trail in Johnson County	Lowe park trails and surrounding street trails that connect to Lowe.	Sac & Fox Singletrack, Boyson Park Singletrack	lindale and boyson	Bowman Woods Trail	E Ave Cherry Hill	Palisades
Hoover Trail	Heritage trail	High trestle trail bridge	High Tressel	The “Alliant trail” between East Post road that runs all the way to Bever Park and Washington High School	Fishery	Ely Trail	The trail off c st by Czech village prarie fishery thomas park and the one that goes around quaker oats those are my main trails i enjoy the other ones also like palisades central city morgan creek its a nice way to social distance and be outside
Prairie Park Fisheries Lake	Root River Trail System, Minnesota	I don't know the name. It's in Marion. North end at Boyson Rd to Menatds on Collins Rd.	Power line	Lindale Trail paved portion, Marion parks trails	Palisades Kepler State Park, J Harold Ennis Preserve	Waldo Rock Trail	

Types of Trails in Order of Preference

(1, 2, or 3 on Scale from 1-Most to 6- Least)



If you answered "other" above, what other type of trail are you interested in?

Summary of 40 responses

9 mentions | Trails for walking/running (especially dirt or crushed limestone)

8 mentions | Wooded/hiking single track trails/heritage/scenic trails

3 mentions | More connections to other communities/counties

2 mentions | ADA accessible

2 mentions | Connections from neighborhoods to trail network; loops

2 mentions | Workout/fitness obstacles added to trails

Additional mentions of bike park/skills trails; cross country skiing; snowmobile trails; shared roadways. Also a callout to trails that are "less busy" and where "dog leash rules are enforced."

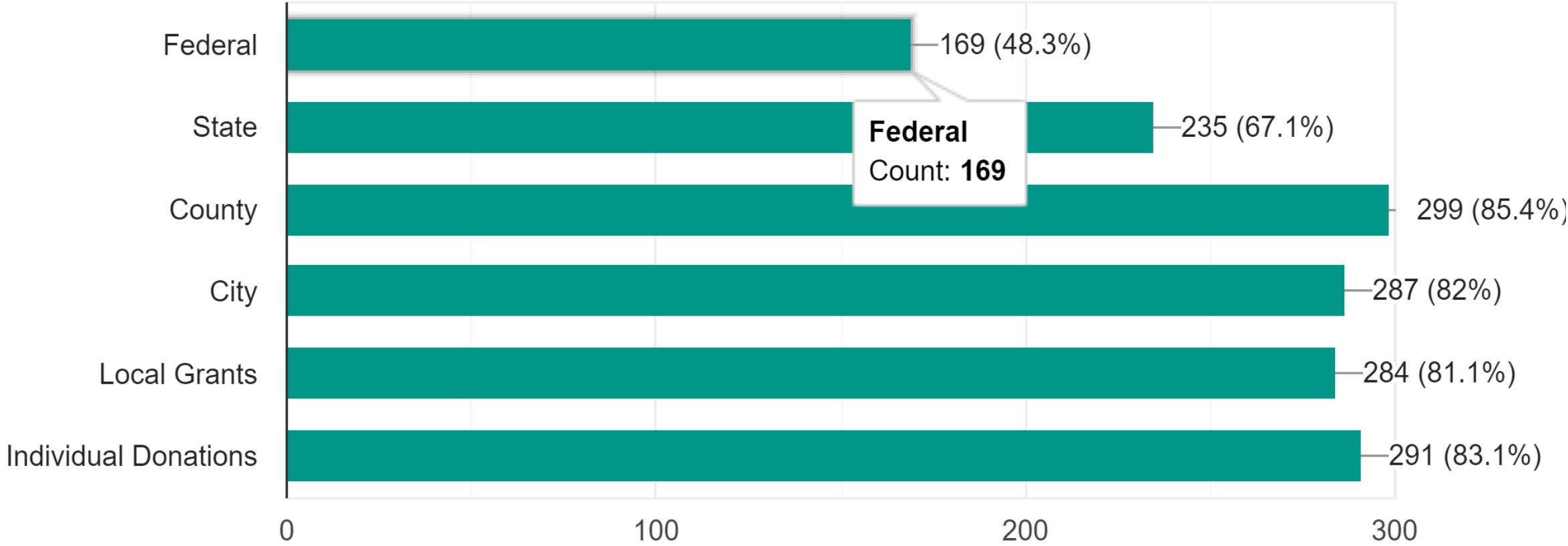
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Complete list of responses

walking/running ONLY	single-track hiking trails	Use the Squaw Creek 1 1/2 mile "loop" the most .	Connecting with other cities
Gravel/dirt trails for running. And Trails that are not well known, less busy.	Hiking (like trails in Pinnicon)	Limestone covered	Limestone/ dirt/grass
NON Paved; crushed limestone (Sac & Fox is an example) -- best trail in the area (but it floods so often :()!	nothing in mind	Trails/bike friendly sidewalks from neighborhoods to trail system.	Trails that are accessible for wheelchairs
Trails where dog leash rules are enforced.	natural area trails - mowed paths	Expanding hard surface of CVNT and GWT to provide connections to trails in other towns.	Trails into woods
Unpaved trails are good. We don't need to pave the world.	Soft surface trails (crushed limestone or mowed trails)for running and walking	Cross country skiing	Bike park / skills trails
Snowmobile trails in the winter	Any paved all weather trail	trails that connect to other trails leading east-west across town	Gravel or limestone trails
Shared roadway	longer unpaved trails	Trail loops from community to community	None into a residential neighborhood
Your 1-6 ranking mandates you use 1-6	Heritage trail	Out of county.	Add Fitness Obstacles on trails
Disabled accessible	Scenic Trails	Loops for a good workout	dirt trail in state park - through trees & w/view
T	Multi city trails, like going from Cr north or south on the cedar valley nature trail. Not a bike lane.	Nature trails (unpaved, wooded, etc.)	I wish there was more excercise equipment before or after a trail and make sure there paved nicely alot of potholes at c st trail hard to ride thru and trees on the trails need trimmed

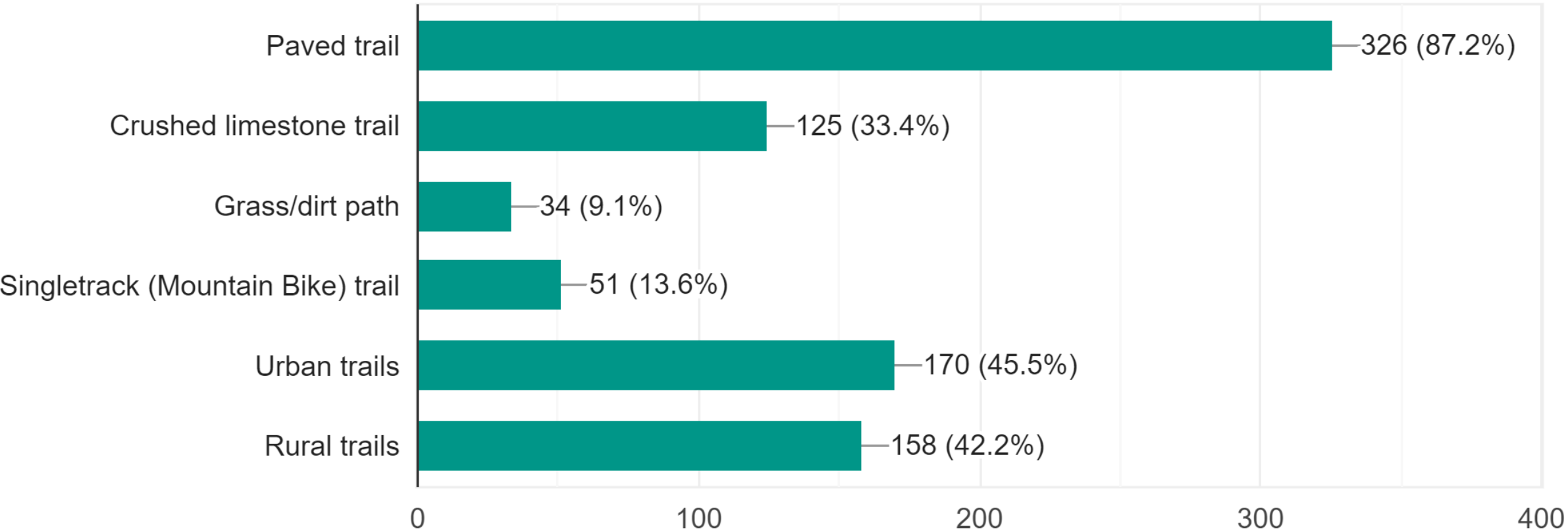
Do you know the source of funding for building local trails? Which of the below entities contribute money?

350 responses



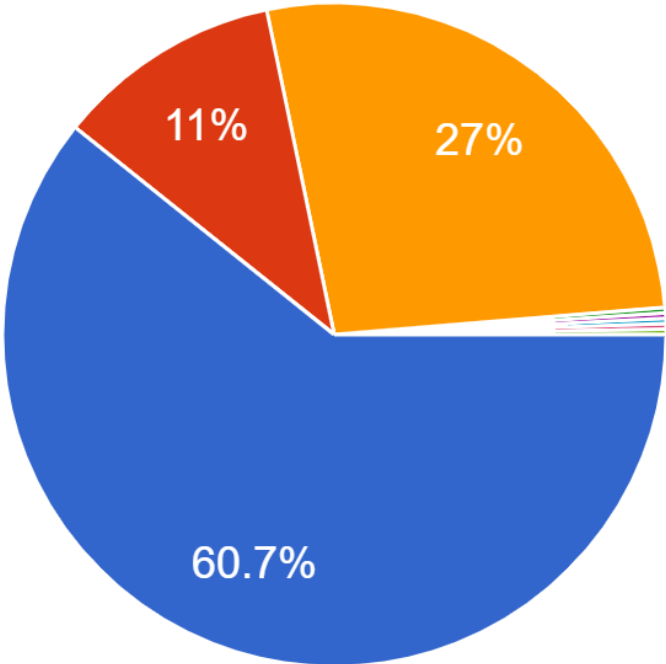
What types of trails would you be ****most likely**** to support with a financial contribution? Select as many as applicable.

374 responses



Would having more trail loops allow you to take more family bike trips?

382 responses



- Yes, great idea!
- No, I'm okay with the current system.
- No opinion either way.
- What is a family bike trip? My are you SOOOOOO focused on bikes all of the t...
- Yes, but they don't have to be Bike trips
- we aren't bikers, but more loops would encourage more walking
- connect all existing trails
- No family

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Summary of 223 responses

1. By far, the CeMar trail connection was the most frequently mentioned connection
2. Connections to and extensions of the CVT were frequently referenced as well, with Urbana, LaPorte City, and Cedar Falls mentioned as paved extensions and Marion, the Grant Wood/Lindale trail, Prairie Park Fishery trail, west or east side trails, and NW and SW Cedar Rapids all mentioned as connections.
3. Similarly, more east – west trails in general was a recurring theme with one respondent noting the question is currently only whether to go north or south. Boyson Road, Mt. Vernon Road, and County Home or Tower Terrace Road were mentioned as possibilities,
4. Connections to more destinations was also a recurring theme with Cedar Lake, County Parks (Squaw and Morgan Creek), Mehaffey bridge to Solon, Mt Vernon, Lisbon, Fairfax, Stone City, Anamosa, Palo/Vinton, Alburnett, Central City, Dubuque, Iowa City, Cedar Falls all getting mentions

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Summary of 223 responses

5. Connecting the dots in general was noted by a number of respondents with one characterizing the need as “Everywhere. None of the trails connect.” another noting “Connections between to further enhance a connected network.” and a couple of others noting “Underserved/low income & multifamily housing neighborhoods.” and “Loops within the City/County”
6. Multiple references to the Sac & Fox trail including paving or better gravel, extensions to Bever Park, CeMar, and Connect CR
7. One comment- Connecting trails by roads is “not a trail”
8. Many more responses... good news – there were varied responses from all over Linn County

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

To Mount Vernon; to Stone City; to Fairfax; to Palo/Vinton; to Alburnett & Central City; extend Central City trail south to Anamosa; finish CeMar

Marion to Cedar Rapids

Underserved/low income & multifamily housing neighborhoods.

Finish cemar trail (connect CR to Marion)

Finishing the CeMar trail is the most important trail connection - the sooner the better! :)

Loops within the City/County

Edgewood and Johnson

Over Edgewood Rd bridge

Marion

From NE Marion to CVNT

From Seminole Valley Park and Ushers Ferry, along the river, to Mohawk City Park and then to Cedar Lake.

Marion to CR

Parking access

Cedar Rapids-Marion - CeMar, LinMar, East Post Road (lanes)

East Robins Road east of C avenue

Connecting Marion trails to Cedar Rapids.

Finish connecting the Grant Wood Trail in Marion to the Boyson Trail. The Dry Creek Trail is also needed.

SW & NW side of Cedar Rapids. Maybe try to tie into Morgan Creek Park.

Tough call. I like the Marion direction, and the overall plan

We live near Bever Park. Street access is good from where we live.

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Complete Cemar trail

east west and connect Cedar Rapids to Marion

C Avenue connections

eastbound to Mt. Vernon

Cedar Lake

Marion to Cedar Rapids (CeMar trail)

Connect the Grant Wood Trail to avoid the section of Secrist Road. And, take the trail into Martelle, I know this is Jones County, but it would help get into town and continue east.

Finish Cemar

North Marion to the Marion Cedmar trail head

Connections between to further enhance a connected network

Route 100 trail, connect Robins to Marion

Marion to Cedar Rapids or Hiawatha

Need to complete the CEMAR trail, and have the Grant Wood trail connect through Squaw CR

Mt Vernon, Fairfax

Connect with Cedar Lake

not sure

Marion to Cedar Rapids. There is no good way currently until connection to cemar or cedar valley nature trail is done

More SAFE biking/walking between Marion-C.R.-Hiawatha

SW Cedar Rapids to Cedar Valley Nature Trail

Cemar through Marion and connecting to CR

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

I'm in favor of the CeMar Trail expansion/completion. I'd like to see the Sac and Fox trail paved, or at least with better gravel. The sandy stuff that was out there the last time I went was very difficult to ride on.

Between Cedar Rapids and Marion

CeMar

Paved CV Nature Trail, by McFarland Park to Center Point

Bever Park to Mt. Veron

Center Point to Urbana Iowa

More destinations. Completing CeMar would help there. Currently the Q is do we head north or south?

Lindale Trail to Cedar Valley or Cedar River

Connect Marion to Cedar Rapids

Pave Cedar Valley trail to LaPorte City

Cedar Rapid/Marion

Marion to CR and Squaw Creek to new Marion trail that is part of/connects to Grant Wood

Mehaffey bridge to Solon

Sac and Fox to Bever Park

through the cities and to connecting close small towns

From Marion to existing paved trail system

Marion trails to cedar rapids downtown or squaw creek

GWT to Dubuque, CVNT to Cedar Falls - hard surface. Great to be able to do endurance rides rurally with small towns for stops. Local trails have become busier with social distancing being difficult at times. Also, would be great to see remote grass trails mowed more, like previous years.

Marion To anywhere

The cemar connection to Marion

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Just waiting for the connection to the Hoover trail

Along Mt. Vernon Rd. It's difficult to get to the other trails unless I use my bike rack.

Cedar Rapids to Marion

East and west from the CVNT

J Ave NE to Edgewood Rd NE; CVNT to Lindale Trail with access to Collins Rd businesses

Prairie Park Fishery to Cedar Valley Nature & Sac and Fox to CeMar

We seem to be wasting too much time trying to connect all of these trails that are so separate and will continue to be. Streets are NOT trails. More focus should be made on paving/maintaining trails we have and better options to cross over busy roads.

Connecting the dots so we do not have trails to nowhere

Between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City

East-west parallel to County Home Road or Tower Terrace

Continue to convert cedar valley to hard surface

Neighborhood branch trails that connect to the main Cedar Valley trail.

Highway 100 (west) - I know it is planned, make it happen please

Wish you could get Benton county to pave their portion of cvnt

C.R. to Marion

Grant Wood Trail

Connect NW (Cherry Hill area) to downtown

To Marion and then East

Off the N-S central core. Access to trails from the west or east side.

Cemar Trail needs connections into trails in Marion and at Cedar Lake.

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Connect Marion trails to each other and Cedar Valley Nature trail,

East side to West side trails Nw side

Marion to cedar valley

Looking forward to the Connect CR bridge over Cedar River

From the Edgewood Trail south towards the Westdale area

From the SE side to CeMar without going on sidewalks, CVNT to Squaw Creek, everything to Beverly, Mt Trashmore to Wilson from the back side not Czech Village

Beverly Road from Edgewood Rd to Fairfax. It's a narrow road with a fast speed limit and a lot of people bike on it daily. We need a trail to protect people.

<https://goo.gl/maps/75GEgJvyDojd2v7Z7>

County parks to Urban (Squaw Creek and Morgan Creek) or un connected parts of a community

Everywhere. None of the trails connect.

East to West

1) Complete CeMar, 2) Connect Grant Wood/Lindale trail with Cedar Valley trail, 3) Connect west side trails with Cedar Valley trail

County/City connectivity

West Cedar Rapids

Completing Marion Connection and starting the new Edgewood Road Loop.

West side of Cedar Rapids to safely connect cherry hill to downtown

North Cedar Rapids - East toward Mt Vernon/Lisbon

Finish Edgewood trail over the river

Marion & Mount Vernon

connect existing trail segments to cedar river trail and cedar valley nature trail (complete all the gaps)

Connect all existing trails to each other so that choices of routes can be more diverse

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Cedar Rapids to Mount Vernon

CeMar trail is taking too long. Also need the trail to Mount Vernon.

Cedar valley trail and connection to Marions

between Marion and Cedar Rapids

Marion Cedar Rapids Hiawatha with access to Cedar Valley

between marion and Cedar Rapids. the Krumholz trail i think is planned for that in the next couple years, but there is a hold up by Hwy 100

Between cities (Marion/CR/Hiawatha/Fairfax/Ely

Finish loops that are only partial

Center point to Cedar falls. Pave the whole thing.

Biechler Bridge crossing of the Cedar River as part of the Highway 100 Trail. Need to raise at least 10 million dollars.

Marion.

Connecting trails within the city. Trails that connect with parks that have camping. Paved trails in the city that connect to gravel roads in towards the East and West.

Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha into Marion

From neighborhoods to the CVNT. Taking busy roads like 29th St SE (most direct way for me) to get to the CVNT wouldn't be a great idea for less experienced riders or families with children

More trails in neighborhoods to connect up to the major trails in the city

Down F Ave NW

I don't have a way to transport bikes so I would prefer more connections to the bigger trails on streets with less traffic

Connections to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail to trails like the Grant Wood Trail

There is no trail access along western Blair's ferry rd. No safe riding at all.

Lindale trail to cedar valley trail

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

CEMAR to Marion

In town to make biking a better transportation option

We need to connect to the Amana Colonies though Fairfax

Connecting the cedar valley trail to other areas on the new side.

connect Marion

Edgewood road over the river

BIECHLER Bridge crossing of the Cedar River.

Cedar falls to Cedar Rapids

From Solon to North Liberty so I can bike from Urbana to NL and back

East/West trails connecting to the main trail running North/South through town.

SW Cedar Rapids

Edgewood road bridge!

Grant wood going east

Marion to Cedar Valley Trail

Connections going east west off the cvnt.

Between sac and fox and boyson trail in Marion

Ellis to cedar lake

Connecting all the different trails together, just keep doing that

Anywhere that connects trails without routing bikes on streets that share lanes with automobiles.

Edgewood road over Cedar River

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Marion to CVNT

Airlift, Swisher, Shueyville

Cedar Rapids to Marion. Marion heading east to other small towns like stone city, Mt Vernon and Martelle and beyond

East Post Rd and Cottage Grove and Mount Vernon Road

I am personally very excited for a Mt Vernon to Cedar Rapids trail

Cedar Rapids to Mt Vernon :)

Morgan Creek to cherry hill park.

From Marion to Cedar Rapids. Also on the outside of Marion connecting into town other then just the Grant wood trail, or connecting from the other side of 151 to the Grant wood trail

Ways to get to Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Marion and CR neighborhoods

Complete the CEMAR trail to Marion

Between trail systems and between trails and neighborhoods

NW side to get safely downtown

Cedar valley to marion and grant wood

Surrounding communities connecting to CR and also the quadrants of CR

To neighboring communities

Throughout the city we need more trails in general. We only have one, the cedar valley nature trail really, that is complete, in a city this size. But cedar falls/ Waterloo and the coralville/ Iowa city have such a extensive network. It's boring riding the same trail here. Much more fun to head to those places to ride since there's more options. The two new projects are still only focusing on adding to the nature trail essentially. We need more routes to reduce congestion and open the different businesses we visit when stopping. And keep it interesting and relevant. And open up different neighborhoods that have easy access so more people can take advantage. Unfortunately we don't have a lot if wooded areas to make it scenic.

A trail from College Farms Development (Hwy 30 & Ivanhoe) to Cedar Valley nature trail & Prairie High School to Cedar Valley Nature Trail

A trail connection from Prairie campus to CVNT and a connection from CVNT to cemar trail.

CVNT to Kirkwood and College Community campuses

Would be nice to have trails on west side of town. A trail that goes to amana colonies from CR would be nice.

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Existing to existing

From College Farms neighborhood to Cedar Valley Nature Trail and from CVNT to Prairie's campus.

To College Community Schools down 76th

To neighborhood College Farm. To prairie school.

CVNT to College Community Schools. I see a good possibility of more commuting taking place if this were in place.

Edgewood trail to connect to Cedar Valley Trail as well as Fairfax would be amazing!

Safe passage from neighborhoods to trails is needed all over. Especially where speed limits are higher or traffic is congested. We live in Ely so obviously we see need in nearby neighborhoods, but I think this issue is pretty widespread.

1st Avenue, getting from east to west.

Prairie HS area to Cedar Valley trails

To prairie high school and Kirkwood.

Outlet to college community School District

Marion, Winslow Road N of Indian Creek

College community to the Cedar Valley Trail

Solon to North Liberty

College Farms neighborhood to the Cedar Valley trail.

Connecting the Cedar Valley Nature Trail near hwy 30 to the College Farms neighborhood and the College Community School District

Into College Farms neighborhood

To College Farms neighborhood. We have no safe way of getting to the trail, only way is on Hwy 30. To prairie schools

College farms neighborhood to cedar valley trail

SW cedar rapids, college community school

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

Cedar Valley trail to College Farms neighborhood. Currently there are no ways to ride bikes in this neighborhood

College Farms! We are stuck off of Highway 30 and there is not a safe way to connect to the trail.

College Farms Neighborhood to the Cedar Valley Trail near Hwy 30

Connection to College Farms neighborhood/development and College Community School campus.

River crossings

College Farms neighborhood. There is no outlet to streets outside our neighborhood as the only way in and out of the neighborhood is HWY 30.

West side CR

College Farms to Hoover Trail

Smaller towns connecting to CR

College Farms to any trail

To College Farms Neighborhood

College Farms

To neighborhoods

College Farms to the cedar Valley nature trail

Cedar Rapids Prairie Campus and College Farms

To smaller communities surrounding CR - so bikers can ride out for the day to eat & drink

College Farms subdivision.

To other near by towns.

From College Farms neighbored to the Cedar Nature trail and to College Community SD campus

CEMAR should be fast-tracked.

Where do you see the greatest need for trail connections to be made?

Complete list of responses

North side of Marion to CVNT

I would love to see some single track mountain bike trails at Pleasant Creek. Seminole Valley Park along the River also needs a trail system. Squaw Creek needs to be connected to Sac and Fox.

Marion to the Cedar Valley Trail

Different Neighborhoods (College Farms would be nice)

Downtown, NE

College Farms neighborhoods to any nearest trail would be good. We do not have any outlet other than high way 30.

Mount Vernon to Cedar Rapids

In the city. The Complete Streets policy will go a long way eventually, but it's only incremental upgrades that don't necessarily make a good biking network. I use the trails both recreationally and for transportation. While CR's bikeability is arguably good by Midwest standards, it's not quite there yet. It's hard to get from point A to point B on a bike still. So...a better overall network or fabric is needed.

Connecting the west side of Cedar Rapids to the Cedar Valley trail. (which I think you all have a plan for.) I'm also excited for the CEMAR trails growth.

Let businesses advertise to the riders and walkers

Fairfax to Cedar Rapids and Fairfax to Amana

Marion area to Cedar Rapids

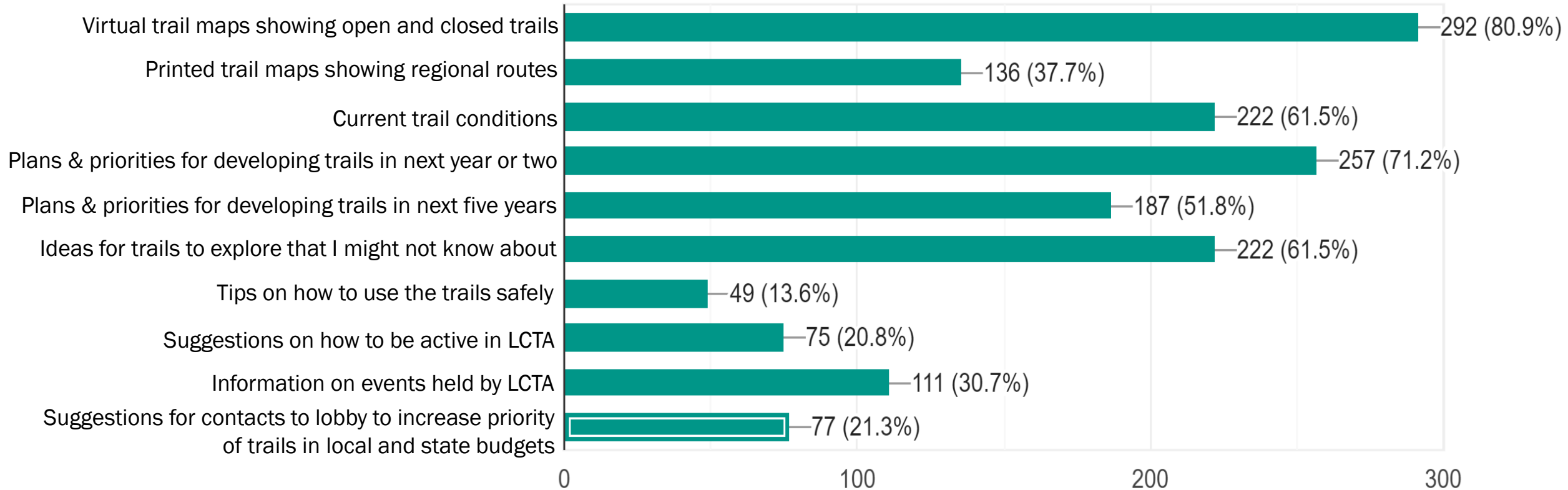
Connecting the College Farms neighborhood to the Cedar Valley trail.

I would like to see one between College Farms (highway 30) & the Ely trail.

College farms off hwy 30

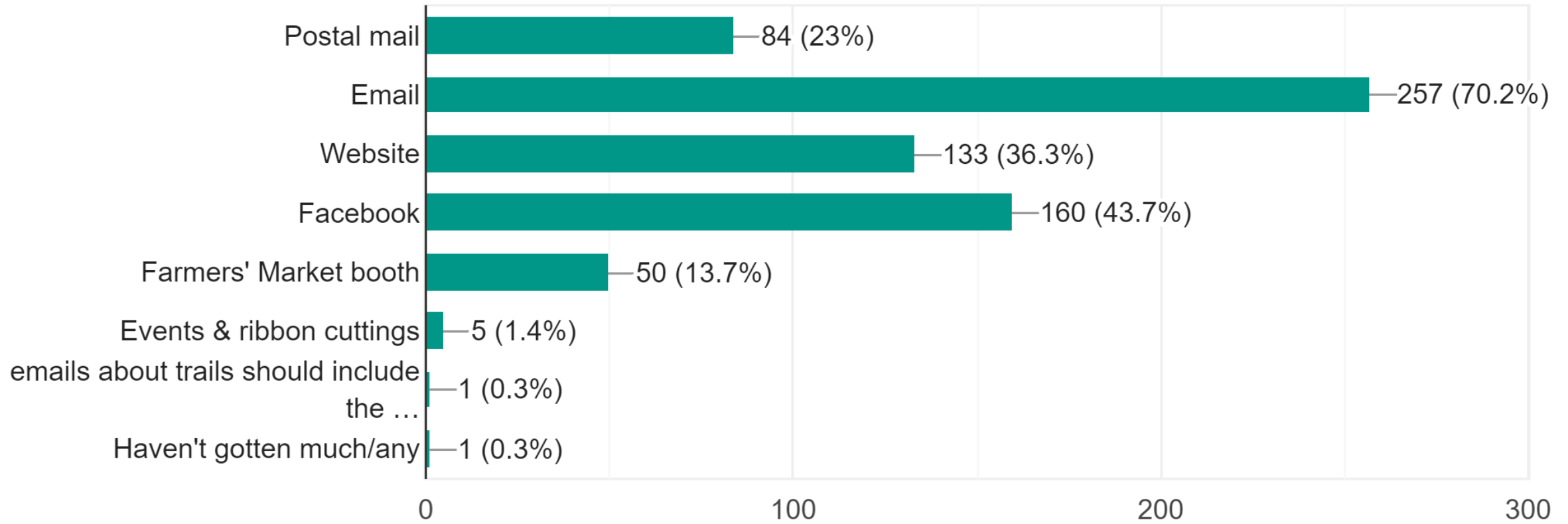
What kind of information would you like to receive from LCTA? Select as many as apply.

361 responses



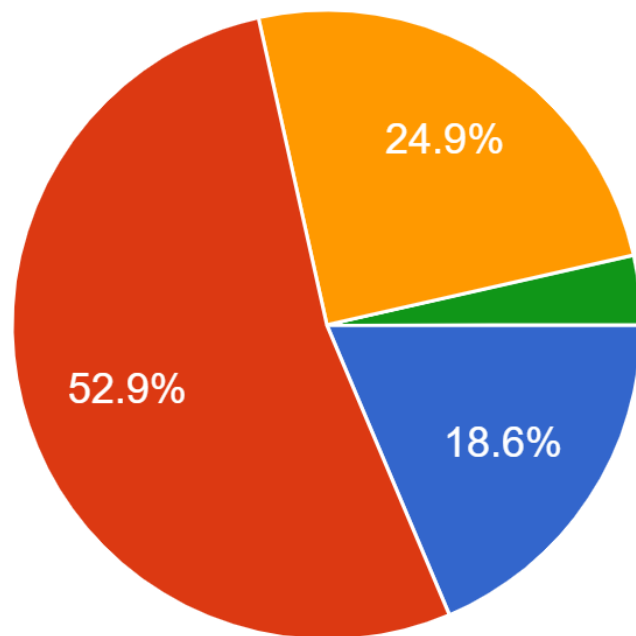
From which LCTA communications format(s) do you receive the most valuable information? Select all that apply.

366 responses



How often would you prefer to receive updates from LCTA?

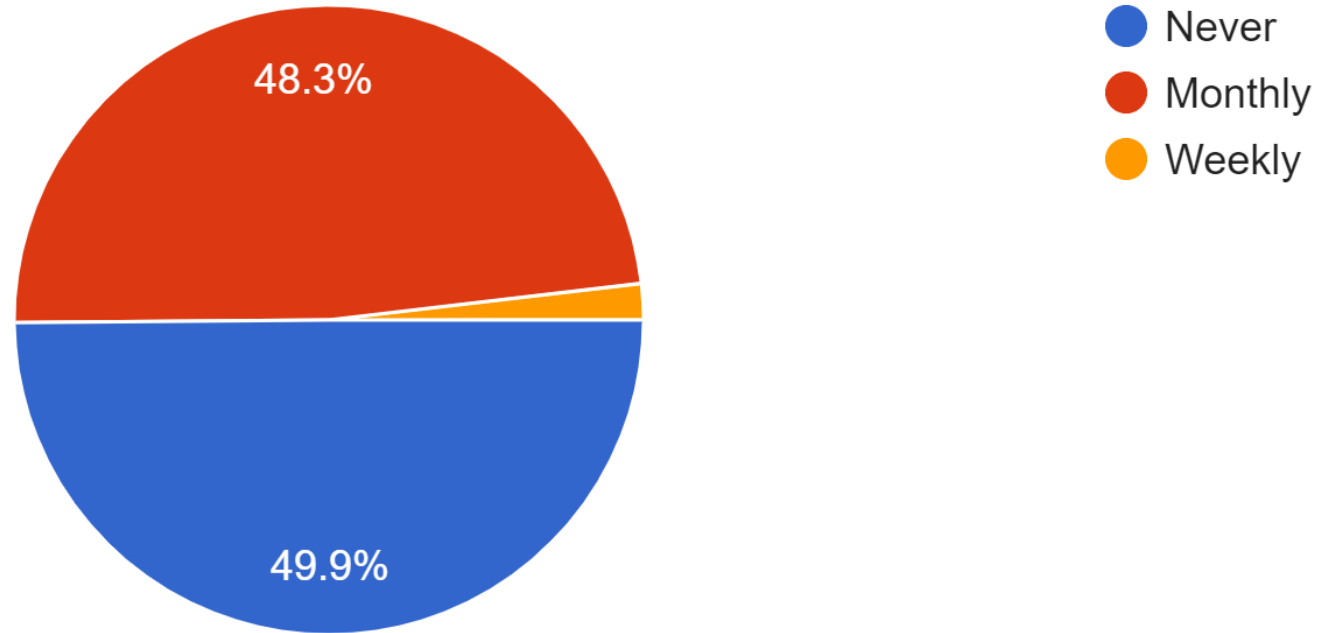
365 responses



- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Yearly, when it is time to donate or renew

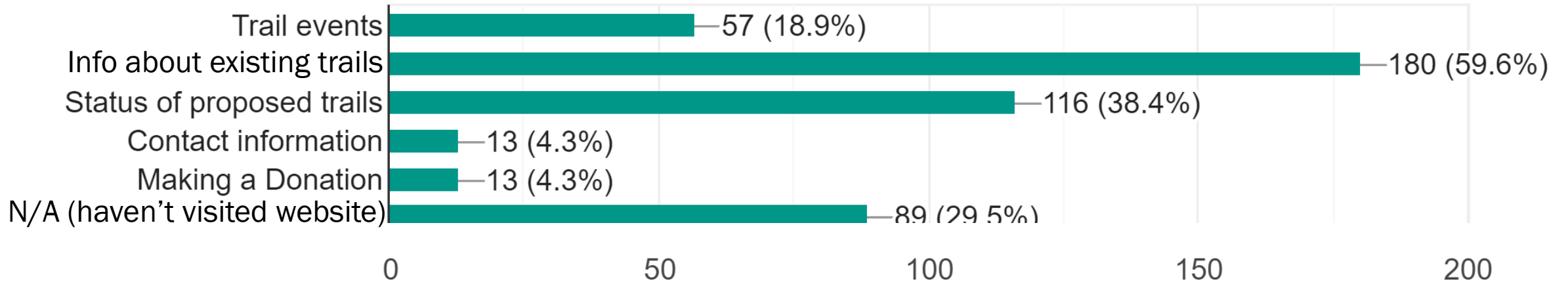
How often do you visit the Linn County Trails Association website (<https://linncountytrails.org>)?

377 responses



What do you find most useful about the website?

302 responses



Other responses include trail counts, trail use info, trail status, and trail condition (1 each).

What improvements would make the website more useful to you?

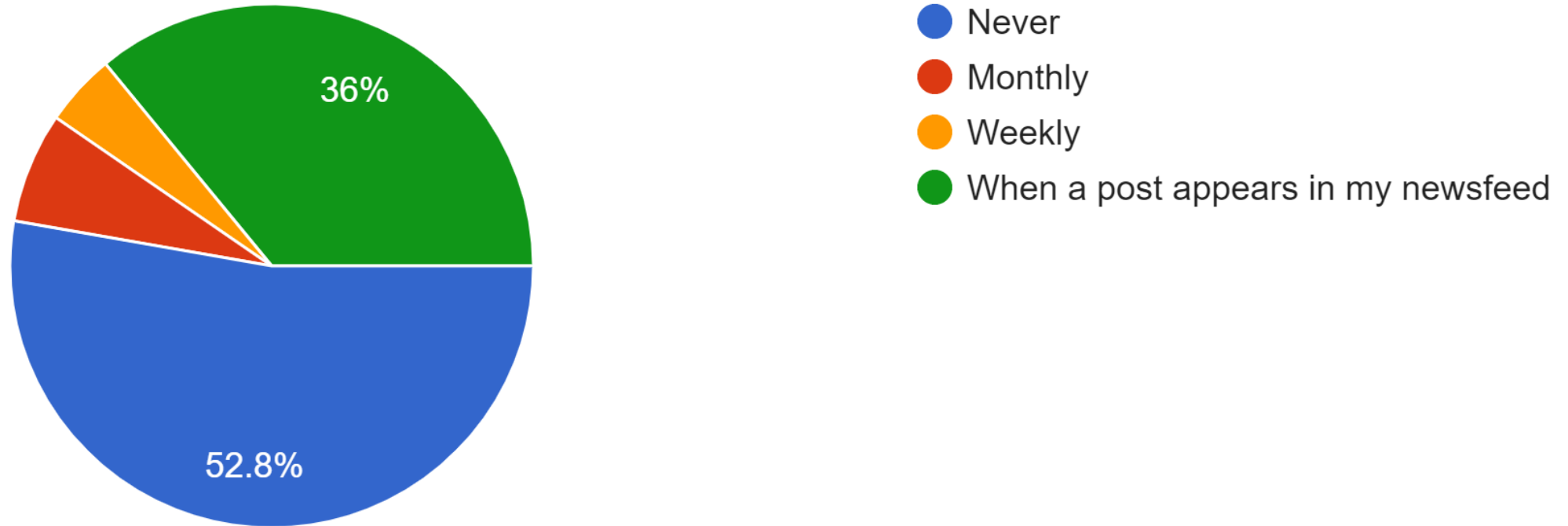
40 responses

1. Most common – keep it updated with more timely information
2. Multiple requests for trail status and updates, particularly closures and conditions
3. Multiple requests for more up to date and better mapping, including interactive digital and virtual with suggestions for things like mile markers, places to park, roads near trails, conditions, closures, trail counts, activities each trail is most suited for, connection to AllTrails
4. Individual comments suggesting a user input for upkeep and maintenance needs, education to increase driver awareness and safety, spotlights on trail users/commuters

(Given the number of respondents who haven't visited the website it may also be appropriate to include a link to website in correspondence)

How often have you visited the Linn County Trails Association Facebook page?

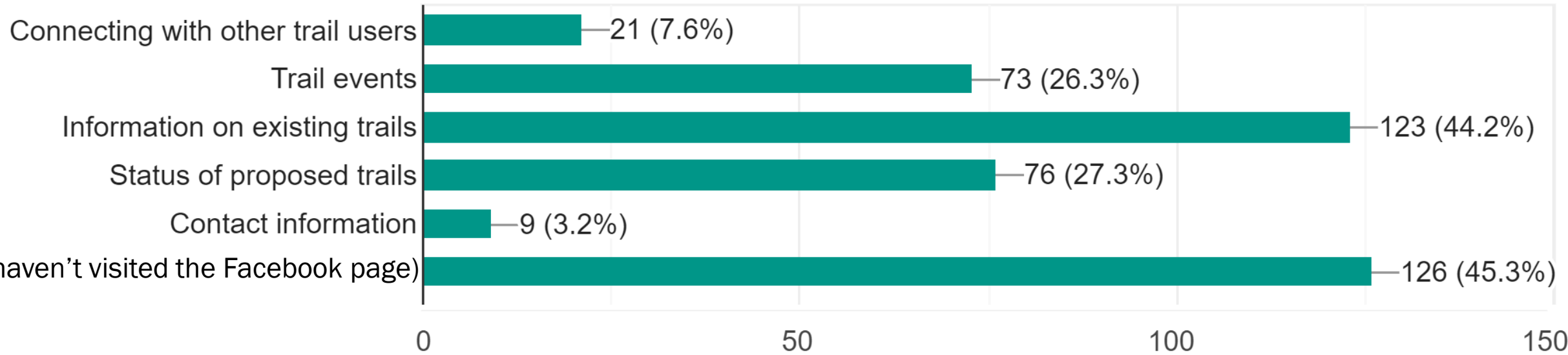
381 responses



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What do you find most useful about the Facebook page? Select all that apply.

278 responses



What other thoughts would you like to share with the Linn County Trails Association?

Summary of 70 responses

1. Many were *complimentary and appreciative* of the LCTA and local trails
2. There were *multiple suggestions for trails/extensions* – CVNT north of Center Pointe, CeMar connection to Marion, extend CVNT to North Liberty for Coralville/Iowa City connection, extension to Mt Vernon, trail west out of CR to Atkins, Biechler Bridge, College Farms, and Czech Village, Van Vechten Park Trails)
3. Reference to the need to *balance new trail construction and existing trail maintenance and upkeep* with several current maintenance needs identified – cracks on trail south of landfill before the Prairie Creek bridge, water issue in the fields as you head towards ely, trail counter updates,
4. Need for *reinforcement of proper trail usage and etiquette* – bikes, dogs, passing on left, yielding to oncoming traffic, standing on trail, motorized scooters,

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Summary of 70 responses

5. Several ***safety related suggestions*** – geese and droppings, no passing areas, more emergency call options, safe cycling signage, bumpy strips at road crossings, camera at the Cedar River Tait-Cummins parking lot, blockade and no cars sign at the north end of the parking lot at the Boyson Rd trail head)
6. Several ***membership and funding related suggestions*** – step up communications, push to sign-up new members with increased trail usage, partner with bars along the routes, establish voluntary annual trail fee, use speed camera revenue to enhance safety, incorporate trails with new road construction, provide recognition on mile markers, benches, water fountains, trees for donations, LCTA social rides
7. Other ***miscellaneous suggestions*** – balance paved and unpaved trail construction, incorporate backpack camping option, more Gazette articles

What other thoughts would you like to share with the Linn County Trails Association?

Complete list of responses

Keep up the great work in expanding our trails!!

I know this isn't Linn County, but getting the CVNT north of Center Point paved and continuing north would be a huge win for not just Linn County but for all of the counties the CVNT runs through. There would be so much more traffic (cycling) that would for sure contribute to businesses along the way. (much like the trails through Des Moines do).

There are many other users beside bike riders that do use the trails.

rexmccright@yahoo.com – I'm a latent member interested in getting more involved again.

keep us informed of trail issues and closures with daily updates that we can access other than by heresy on Facebook or word of mouth. the trails are very busy now and info is needed on a timely basis. and I reiterate the need for hygienic trail surface -goose droppings with salmonella, onto the trail splattered up to the bike bottle then ingested and then 3 days later in the hospital with salmonella thinking it must have been bad fast food.

Trail rules to be enforced. Especially as to bike riders and those with dogs. I walk with my small dog. I've decreased my usage over the last year from almost every day year round to much less due to so many dogs running loose far from their owners. Decreases my enjoyment and safety.

keep up your advocacy. it is very appreciated.

The Linn County Trail system is awesome and getting even better.

Jethromoe@gmail.com

I can contribute through planning and legislative or local governmental advocacy

There should be a push to sign-up new members now that people see how valuable they are. Membership is so inexpensive and the rewards so great. Partner with bars along the routes to set up days to support the trail. Does The Shack support the group financially? Bicycle riders are a big part of their business.

Keep up the great work. Trails are invaluable to a community.

Yearly trail fee (\$25 or \$50), but no fine if you don't get one

Finish CR to Marion!

No

The Survey may be a bit too long - hope the results offer a large N :)

I'm looking forward to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail being completed to North Liberty. I have made the loop from the Coral Ridge Mall to North Liberty to Iowa City Park to Coralville and back to the Mall several times while my wife shops the Mall. It would be great to be able to hook up with that loop from here. I have a hunch it's in Johnson County's court now, though.

Truly would like to please see extension towards 380/ Urbana Thank you!!

Marion trail signs lie.

A while back there was a news article about Linn County acquiring ROW to Mt Vernon, for trail development. What happened w/ that?

Need to spend more money on upkeep. Some of the paved trails are in poor condition.

What other thoughts would you like to share with the Linn County Trails Association?

Complete list of responses

Would like to get more involved once I retire in a few years.

We need safe cycling signage. To ask people to call out Passing Left and to educate people on not stopping with bikes or to stand on the trail. PLEASE

I used to love getting LCTA emails when a trail was closed or reopened. I feel like those don't come around like before. Thanks for your community contributions!

funding the trails with the use of the speed camera revenue would be great. We need more ways to get around CR safely on bikes.

We love the trails! Thanks for all your efforts.

Thanks for all you do!

We have given financial support in the past and will again.

Skaters hate those damn bumpy strips at road crossings. They are dangerous and make you fall out in the street. Ya I know.

I would appreciate No Passing-Stay in Rt Lane safety signs in the curve under Hiway 100-Collins Rd and the curve around the A St Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency. I would also appreciate a blockade and no cars sign at the north end of the parking lot at the Boyson Rd trail head. I have seen too many cars drive on the trail here in order to pull onto Boyson Rd.

None

I have noticed a lack of maintenance on the southwest side trail that goes to Ely. How can we make it better or is there a plan to improve it.

They do a great job

Your hard work is noteworthy, however the Cities are moving far to slowly in adding trails. It is readily apparent that people love to bike ride. To many are forced to ride on dangerous surface roads, like Echo and Robins roads to get to the Cedar Valley trail from Marion.

Mfrankwilson@mchsi.com

We need to balance new development with maintenance of existing trails. There are numerous places along Cedar River Trail that need maintenance now.

I appreciate the efforts of all the LCTA volunteers and all the trail progress that has taken place over the past 10 years.

LCTA has done a phenomenal job. The CVNT is a tremendous public resource.

I love people are using it; but a lot of walkers and some bikers travel 3-4 abreast and won't yield to on coming traffic. Also- too many dogs on long leashes roam side to side and are NOT controlled by owner resulting in many near misses. Please rdd Ed mind all users to use one side of trail and always yield to oncoming trsffic

Stepped up communications. Don't need to really publish with emails if the info is on the web page. Send email with link.

Trail counters need updated. Better communication.

What other thoughts would you like to share with the Linn County Trails Association?

Complete list of responses

Thanks for all you do.

I greatly appreciate the efforts to develop and maintain trails in this area.

I was not aware on how LCTA communicated i.e. Facebook - webpage ... I will start to seek information via these threads and be able to provide a better response in the future.

Backpack camping option

Keep up the good work.

Sometimes there is too much emphasis on paved trails. Runners and walkers need a safe place to run and walk. The paved trails have over the years gotten congested with bikers, many of whom who do not use good trail etiquette. This can cause safety concerns for runners. I bike as well but some of the faster cyclists go by on the trail at 20 mph which can be dangerous if you're running or walking.

Keep up the good work. Not a fan of the motorized scooters being allowed on the trails. Thank you!!

Instead of making trails part of new road and street construction plans as they do in other parts of the state, we wait till it is more expensive and time consuming by attempting to add trails after the road has been built. Highway 100 is an example. Most trail construction occurs where we send our taxes (Des Moines).

I have been very thankful for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. My husband and I are avid bike riders and used the trail extensively during the quarantine. We felt very fortunate to be able to ride our bikes when so many other activities were unavailable.

Place a camera at the Cedar River Tait-Cummins parking lot

Would love to see the bad cracks on trail south of landfill before the Prairie Creek bridge fixed. Very bad.

Call me old fashion, but I still like to read articles in the Gazette about updates to the Linn County Trail system. Like the "new" mile markers. Maybe, different donations people can make (ie...mile markers, benches, water fountains, trees...with a plaque with that people's name).

Rob McKillip

Get the Biechler Bridge funded.

I think you all do a great job! CR area has a ton of great trail options for a city of its size and I know LCTA has a lot to do with that so thank you!
more emergency call options

The LCTA should have more social rides

What other thoughts would you like to share with the Linn County Trails Association?

Complete list of responses

Make the Blechler Bridge design and construction a very high priority.

A trail going west out of CR would be nice. Possibly towards Atkins.

Some patch work needs to be done heading south on the CVNT. Some pretty rough patches. Also work needs to be done to fix the water issue as you head towards ely in the fields.

Would like to know when repair/maintenance will occur on CVNT.

Thank you for what you do, it has made a positive impact in the community

Thanks for the awesome job you do.

I am so excited about the extension south to Solon and REALLY wish there was a connection to my neighborhood, College Farms making it easier to access without getting on Hwy 30. Seems like a short/small extension needed to pave a trail from our neighborhood to Navajo Park, which would do the job! Would be happy to donate towards that addition.

Thank you for providing safe places to walk, bike, and run.

I would like to use the trail to commute to my work in Czech Village. However the closest trail is about a quarter mile away from me and accessible only by driving on Hwy 30. Would love to have a trail extension to College Farms Neighborhood

We would love to see a trail connected to our Neighborhood--College Farms.

Keep it up

Not every path needs to be paved! Don't pave the grant wood trail!

I would like someone to contact me about Van Vechten Park Trails. Besides the Baseball fields and Kids playground this amazing park has been neglected for years. Please call or email 3195406467 or cpnims@gmail.com Chris Nims

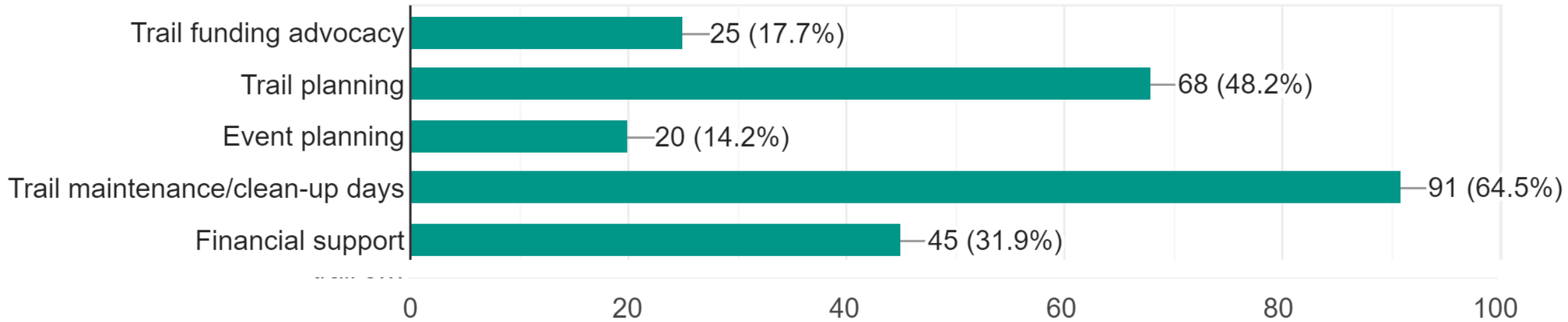
Please cull the geese near mile marker 9.5 on the Cedar River Trail. They are mean and attack.

THANK YOU for your work. Me and my family LOVE the trails. I also love what I see being developed.

Please make a trail to College farms

LCTA Activities You Would Like to be Involved With

141 responses



129 Names & 133 email addresses from those interested in being involved