
LCTA October Trail Connections! Exciting progress!

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October 2022 Trail Updates and Trail News to Celebrate!



Hawkeye Bicycle Association Fundraiser for Linn County Trails!

Dave Benderson, President of Hawkeye Bicycle Association and Nadine Brock, Board member Linn County Trails Association (pictured above) team up to fundraise for more trails. Through an HBA member match with LCTA, together we raised more than \$10,000 for trails in October. We were happy to meet with many in person for beverages and pizza at the October 11 Social Hour at the Sag Wagon. Thanks to Dennis Goemaat from Linn County Conservation for coming in person and answering questions about county trail developments!

Capital Campaign Updates

The Capital Campaign is going well- lots of enthusiasm! Three projects totaling \$300,000 will benefit the Grant Wood Trail paving project east of Waldo Rock, the downtown Cedar Rapids portion of the Cedar River Trail and a trail bridge by Lucore Road in Marion. **To date we have**

raised \$259,500 (wow!!!) but are still \$40,500 short so sharpen your pencils and help LCTA
MAKE TRAILS HAPPEN!

<https://linncountytrails.org/s...>



November Employer Match Month

Many local employers offer employee matches for charitable donations. Organizations that we know have supported us in the past from members like you are:

- Raytheon Technologies (Collins Aerospace) - November 9 Day of Caring
- Alliant Energy
- Pepsico Company (Quaker)

Please consider designating LCTA as the recipient in your employee donor match. This website below can be used to determine whether your company has an employee donor match.

<https://www.charitynavigator.o...>



A HUGE thanks to our Business Sponsors for 2022! If your business name is not here, it's not too late!

Trail Builders \$1,000+

Jams Coffee Bar

United Fire Group

Trail Blazers \$500-\$999

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Cedar Rapids Tourism

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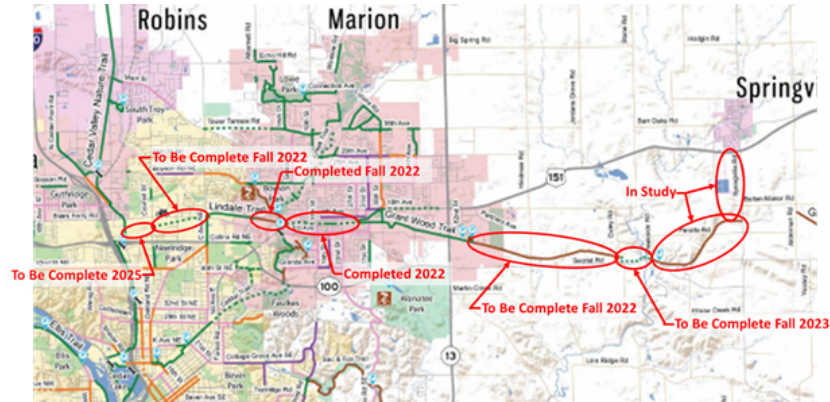
Linn Area Credit Union

Veridian Credit Union

Trail Partners \$100-\$499

Hey we listened - let's celebrate this trail news!

LCTA's trail user survey indicates three of the four highest priorities for trail connections are 1) additional Cedar Valley Nature Trail Connections and Extensions, 2) more east-west Trails in general, and 3) additional destination connections. Recent, ongoing, and planned future work on the Grant Wood (aka Lindale) Trail addresses all three. With these improvements, the Grant Wood Trail will connect to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, become a major east-west trail through Cedar Rapids and Marion to Springville, and provide a nearly limitless possibility of destinations for trail users.

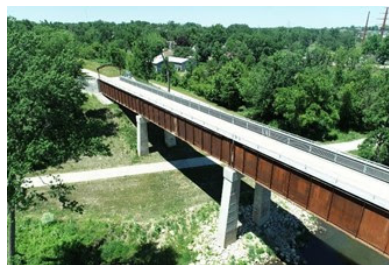


Highlights for the Grant Wood Trail (GWT)

2022- The City of Marion completed the bridges over Indian Creek and Marion Boulevard, Constructed the trail through the City, paved the portion west of the two bridges to Lindale Drive in the fall. The City of Cedar Rapids extended the trail to the west from C Ave to Council Street including an underpass at Blairsferry Rd. Linn County Conservation extended the paved portion of the trail to the east from Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Road.



Marion Boulevard Bridge - beautiful design and artistry



Indian Creek Bridge- old railroad bridge redone!



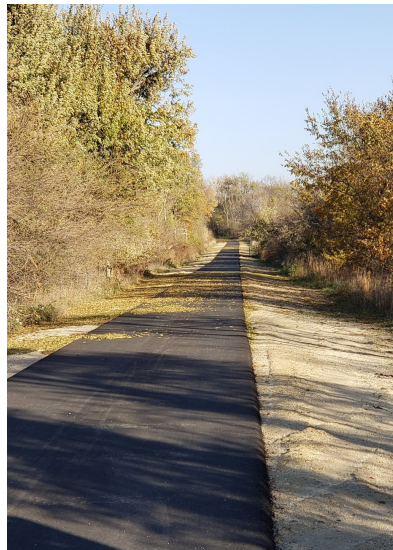
Marion paved the last section of crushed rock trail west of the new bridges over Indian Creek and Marion Boulevard.



Fresh paving on Grant Wood (aka Lindale) Trail Extension from C Ave to Council Street - Photo below looking north from south side of Blairsferry Underpass! Wow we are under!



Going East from Marion the GWT is now paved from Waldo Rock to Oxley Road! Thanks Linn County!



Freshly paved section of trail section of GWT looking east from Hindman Rd towards Oxley Rd.

What's next? In 2024 the paved trail will be extended further east from Oxley Rd. to Creekside Dr. and in 2025 the Connection will be complete on the west end from Council St. to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail at Center Point Rd!

For more photo's see

<https://www.facebook.com/media...>

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Remember LCTA will keep you updated along the way!

Cedar Valley Nature Trail

Continued progress in 2022 on the 52-mile Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Connecting the Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Cedar Rapids metropolitan areas through 11 cities and five counties with destinations galore. Paving from Center Point to Urbana recently completed this summer. Just over 6 miles with an I-380 Underpass.



For more photos and a map see <https://www.facebook.com/media...>

Now a grant to complete the section from Urbana to LaPorte City. Sixteen miles, perhaps the most interesting and scenic section of the trail!!



For more photos and a map see <https://www.facebook.com/media...>

For single track bikers, walkers and just hey fun!

Sac and Fox Singletrack: Aspen segment, starting close to the Cottage Grove Pkwy SE trail entrance, is now over two miles long. Check it out! The trail is phenomenal, and will definitely be a destination trail for visitors to Cedar Rapids. **Thanks to LAMBA and all the donors including Hall Perrine and LCTA, this trail is HAPPENING!**



Take a moment and enjoy the Sac and Fox Trail - Fall splendor!

photo by Nichole Plagge



LCTA Needs Volunteers!

Do you have a passion for trails and want to help? We need help with grant writing, photos of trails, graphic design, stories, events, marketing and communications. In the summer months, we need help with our trail counters, map boxes, and reporting on trail conditions. Please reach out if you want to help LCTA with your time. To help just email: contributor@linncountytrails.org



Calendar of events

Monday, November 14, 2022

LCTA Board Meeting

6-7:30 pm.

Hybrid meeting: in person or on ZOOM

City of Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building

[1111 Shaver Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403](#)

Enter through the chain link gates and go to the back of the building. Or join us on ZOOM by looking for the link on Facebook.

Thursday December 8, 2022

Pint Night at SOKO Outfitters, outdoor sports store.

6-8 p.m.

Location: [41 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 Czech Village](#)

Buy a pint glass and join other trail enthusiasts to raise money for LCTA.

Every dollar spent on pints at the SOKO Outfitters store that night goes to LCTA!

Please join us for this social hour to talk trails and raise money for trails at the same time.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest trail updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/lctra...>

As soon as we are made aware of a trail update in Linn County from trail users, from city engineers or parks, or from county employees, we post it on Facebook. Please follow us on Facebook if you want frequent updates on construction and news!



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