



WHAT A DIFFERENCE 20 YEARS MAKES!

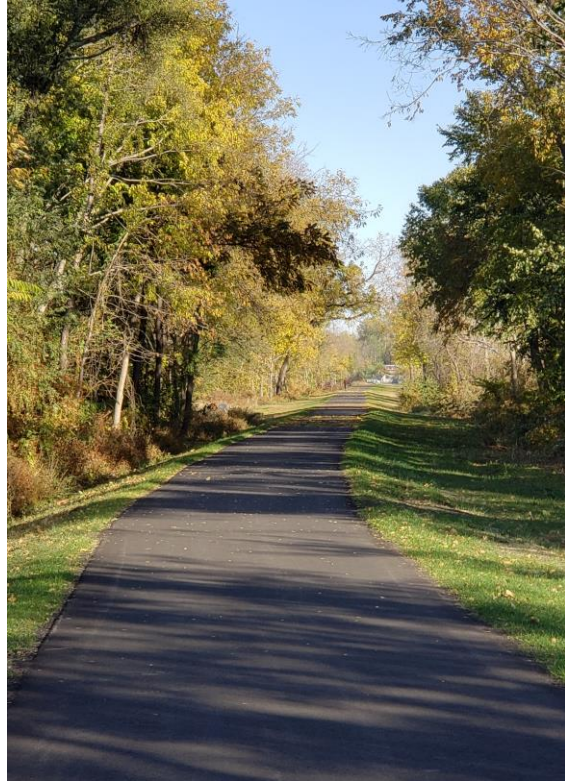
LCTA distributes \$300,000 for Trails!

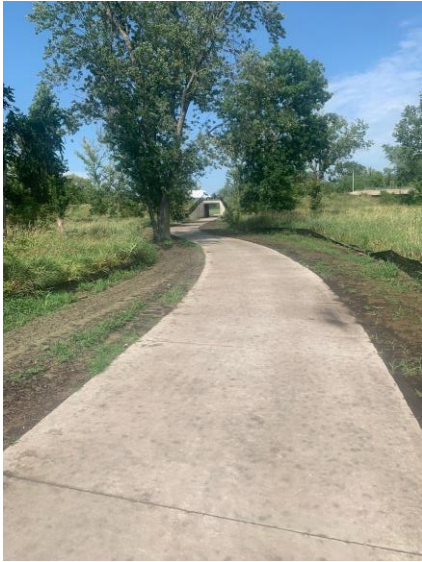
What do Trails have to do with 15-Minute Neighborhoods?

Thank you to our Business Sponsors

Upcoming events

Twenty years ago the crushed limestone Cedar Valley Trail extended up to Waterloo, the crushed limestone Sac and Fox Trail served lucky SE side neighborhoods, the grassy Grant Wood Trail was in its infancy and the 3 miles of the Cedar River Trail was the only paved trail in the area. Flash forward 20 years and now we have 100+ miles of hard surface trails, 54 miles of grass trails and 17 miles of limestone trails. Time to celebrate and time to plan how to reach all neighborhoods to make 15-Minute Neighborhoods a reality! Check out the pictures below showing trails all across Linn County!





Clockwise from the top-
Single track Aspen Trail Bridge
Grant Wood Trail in Marion
Grant Wood Trail Bridge
Sac and Fox Trail
Cherokee Trail by Cherry Hill Park
Indian Creek Trail, Marion
Grant Wood Trail, Linn County



LCTA has been busy the last 2 years fund raising for three major projects! With your help we were able to present Cedar Rapids, Marion and Linn County with \$300,000 for trails!



City of Marion is presented a check of \$100,000 for the Lucore Pedestrian Bridge Project



City of Cedar Rapids is presented a check of \$100,000 for the 4th Street Trail engineering.



Linn County Conservation is presented a check of \$100,000 for paving the Grant Wood Trail.

We want to thank all the individual and business donors who helped make this happen including \$50,000 from the Hall-Perrine Foundation, \$10,000 from Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Linn County Fund, \$5,000 match donation from the Hawkeye Bicycle Association and \$5,000 from UFG Insurance.

Thanks for believing in a trail community!

How do trails and trail connections contribute to a 15-Minute Neighborhood? Check out page 12 on the most recent CR Magazine! Living in a 15-Minute Neighborhood means you can walk or bike ride to most amenities within that time span. Allowing for more free time, improved health and less vehicular pollution. Trails and bike lane connections assist with commuting and enjoyment of the outdoors!

<https://www.cedar-rapids.org/d...>



15-Minutes to ice cream - now that's a necessity!

LCTA Appreciates our Business Community!

In 2022 (and wow a good start for 2023!) we asked and businesses GAVE because they know that trails are an amazing community amenity! Check out the list to follow and please tell them thanks for helping Make Trails Happen!

2023 Business Sponsors

Trail Champions \$5,000+

- UFG Insurance

Trail Builders \$1,000-\$4,999

- Jams Coffee Bar
- McGrath Auto Group

Trail Blazers \$500-\$999

- Allegra Marketing
- Snyder & Associates
- SOKO Outfitters

Trail Partner \$250-\$499

- Target – Cedar Rapids North
- Walmart-Marion

Trail Partners \$100-\$249

- House Divided Brewery
- Kickstand

We were so pleased when one local business contributor told LCTA “I’ve ridden my bike all over the country and wish I could take the Cedar Valley Trail with me wherever I go. It’s a real gem

2022 Business Sponsors

Trail Builders \$1,000-\$5,000

- Benchmark
- First Federal Credit Union Foundation
- Hawkeye Bicycle Association
- HDR Engineering
- Hills Bank and Trust
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- Northtowne Cycling and Fitness
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Trail Blazers \$500-\$999

- Anderson Bogert
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- Bully’s North
- Cedar Rapids Area Realtors Association
- Goldfinch Cyclery
- Green State Credit Union
- Hall Bicycle Company
- Linn Area Credit Union
- Stamats
- The Cherry Building
- Veridian Credit Union

Trail Partners \$100-\$499

- Cedar Rapids Tourism
- Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust
- Christianson Chiropractic

right here in our own backyard. We are happy to support the trails.”

Another business contributor told LCTA that they “support LCTA to create trails to connect people and communities, provide traffic free routes for recreation, and make Linn County a better place to live.”

We fully agree!

- Iowa Running Company
- O-Zone
- Shoemaker-Haaland Engineering
- The Sag Wagon
- The Pedalers Fork
- Third Base Brewing

Upcoming Events

LCTA will be there! Check out updates in person!

- **April 22** - Ecofest, Newbo Market 10 am - 3 pm
- **May 13** – Marion migratory bird day/Arbor Day event, Thomas Park 12 pm to 3pm
- **May 13** – Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Bike Ride; 15 mile or 30 mile route. Guthridge Park, Hiawatha
- **May 27** – Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **June 3** – Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **June 10** - Ride the Districts Bike Ride; 15 miles. Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids -10 am
- **June 17** – Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **July 1**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **July 9**– Center Point Historical Society 2:00 -3:00 p.m. History of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail talk.
- **July 15**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **August 5**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **August 19**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm

LCTA often gives presentations about the trail system in Linn County to Rotary, Optimists, Bike Groups and businesses. Reach out if you’d like to schedule a presentation or have LCTA at your event.

- **April 5** - Marion Kiwanis @ Brick Alley, 6 pm
- **June 15** - Sunrise Rotary, Groundswell Cafe, 7pm

LCTA Members are invited to our Board Meetings which are in person or on ZOOM

In person: City of Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building, 1111 Shaver Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; drive through the gate and enter at the back of the building. The conference room is on the ground floor.

Zoom: You can receive the ZOOM link by emailing president@linncountytrails.org 3 days prior to the meeting.

- **April 10** – Board Meeting 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **May 8** – Board meeting 6 pm.-7:30 p.m.
- **June 12** – Board Meeting 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **August 14** – Board meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.
- **September 11** – Board Meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.
- **October 9** – Board meeting at 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **November 13** – Board Meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.

Happy Spring!



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