

# February 2024 Trail enews

## How's it all work?!?

- How does LCTA, an all-volunteer group, get so much work done?
- AND Cool Projects for 2024



Great Committees!!! That organize, meet in person, zoom or email, plan, coordinate volunteers and always advocate for trail development and new connections.

Check out how it works...

**Map Committee** – chair Jim Fraise- collaborate with the MPO, Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop an app map and hard copy version every two years. Distribute maps. Members – Richard Bradford, Vicky Evans, Dick Mundy, Tom Peffer

Pictured above- Jim Fraise, Vicky Evans, Richard Bradford and Dick Mundy

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**Event Committee – chair Steve Hershner** – Plan/Staff the LCTA Farmers Market booth, help with community bike rides, health fairs, talk with groups about trails. Members are- Greg Barnett, Richard Bradford, Leland Freie, Kyle Lundberg, Nikki Northrup, Tom Peffer

Pictured above Ride the District Bike Ride, stop over at Morgan Creek Park

**Fundraising** – chair Dave Dechant - grant writing, asking businesses and individuals to help Make Trails Happen! Members include Greg Januska, Gary Roling, Craig Miller, Tom Costas, Tom Peffer

Raising funds is not magic- it's a dedicated team of committee folks and board members who will make a direct ask...fortunately trails are an easy sell - what an amazing community amenity they provide!

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**Network Growth** – chair Curt Eilers – identify trails and prioritize trail projects with partners. Attend city, county partner meetings, foster and promote trails. Members- Jon Bogert, Dave Dechant, Greg Januska, Rob McKillip, Craig Miller, Tom Peffer

Above Interurban Trolley Line someday to Trail!



**Communication** – chair Diane Handler – manage communications from website to email news, fall newsletter, annual report, press releases. Members- Greg Barnett, Dave Dechant, Vicky Evans, Jim Fraise, Leland Freie, Emily McGrath, Nikki Northrup, Allyssa Rentschler, Rebecca Skalsky, Tom Pepper

**Watch for the 2024 Annual Report!**



**Trail Safety and Maintenance** – chair Kevin Kirchner – Identify issues with safety and maintenance, communication with the public and partners. Members- Alex Frazier, Rob McKillip, Dick Mundy, Allyssa Rentschler, Tom Pepper



**Trail Counters** – co-chairs Kyle Lundberg and Larry Scott - Construct, place and maintain trail counters and map boxes. Members- Greg Barnett, Vicky Evans, Kimberly Poston, Gary Roling, John Wauer, Tom Peffer

Pictured on the left Larry Scott, John Wauer, Rob McKillip

And to pull it all together, the **Executive Committee**- President Tom Peffer, VP- Kimberly Poston, Treasurer- Dave Dechant, Secretary- Kyle Lundberg, and all the committee chairs.

THANKS ALL!

If you would like to volunteer with LCTA, please email [contributor@linncountrytrails.org](mailto:contributor@linncountrytrails.org)

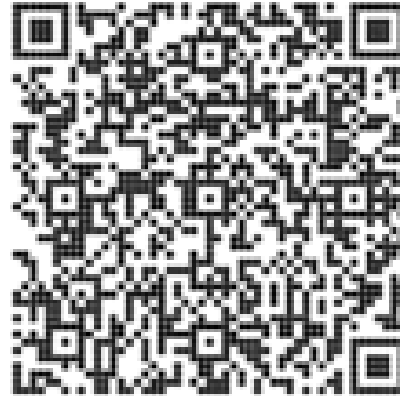
**FINALLY** in 2024! The Cedar Valley Nature Trail will be 100% hard surfaced. From Urbana north the Linn County Conservation Department expects to hard surface 6 miles and Black Hawk County will hard surface the remaining 10 miles! Well done!

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