

## ***President's Message:***

I'm looking forward to serving you the next couple years as President of the Linn County Trails Association. As it you might expect for any volunteer organization takes a team to get things done and I appreciate the willingness to serve LCTA by the other members of our Leadership Team – Kari Lammer, Vice President, Keith Sutherland, Treasurer; and Brad Mullin, Secretary.

These are exciting, challenging times for trails in Linn County and East Central Iowa – let me explain.

### **Reasons to be excited:**

1. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designation of 80% funding support for trails.
2. Johnson County starts land acquisition process for Solon trail connection by 2016.
3. Cedar Valley Nature Trail (CVNT) flood-damaged bridge replacement to be completed in May.
4. Get to enjoy whole summer of newly paved CVNT trail from mile 3 to 10.
5. Linn County Conservation Board starts plans for final trail link from Ely to Johnson County.
6. Cedar Rapids has received and Marion will soon receive Blue Zones designation, which emphasizes importance of trails in developing and maintaining community wellness.
7. Cemar Phase 1 and Marion trail development options are actively in process.
8. Strong community support and interest in trails.

### **Some challenges:**

1. MPO project funding requires 20% participation from local sources and LCTA must be able to respond as one possible funding option and local resource.
2. Uncertainty of Federal funding support.
3. Finding ways for Board members and friends to connect their interest or passion that led them to LCTA with clearly identifiable opportunities for engagement related to LCTA needs such as trail development, safety, publicity, fund raising, or support of community events (i.e Blue Zones).

I'm sure that I may have failed to mention some reasons to be excited or unforeseen challenges that might be of importance to you and other LCTA members, and I look forward to considering them at future meetings.

Please come to a LCTA meeting (2nd Monday of the Month, 7:00 PM, United Way Building – 317 7th Ave SE Cedar Rapids) and connect (or re-connect) with LCTA in 2013!

Thank you and hope to see you on a trail sometime soon!

***Steve Hershner***  
LCTA President



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## Upcoming Events

LCTA Board Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 7:00pm  
Location: United Way of East Central Iowa  
317 7th Avenue SE,  
Cedar Rapids

LCTA Board Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 7:00pm  
Location: United Way of East Central Iowa  
317 7th Avenue SE,  
Cedar Rapids

LCTA Board Meeting  
Monday, June 10th, 7:00pm  
Location: United Way of East Central Iowa  
Cedar Rapids, IA

*All meetings are open to the public.*

Sign up to receive recent updates on trail news and events,  
visit the Linn County Trails Association's website at

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*Trail Connections is the quarterly publication of the  
Linn County Trails Association.*

*It is published January, April, July and October  
Articles may be submitted as an MS Word or text file.*

*Typed, printed or clearly handwritten articles are also accepted. Photos can be prints or can be submitted digitally and saved with a resolution of ideally 300 dpi and a size of 6x8 inches. The deadline for each issue is the first day of the month prior to publication. Please send pictures, stories, and ideas to Brad Mullin:*

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# Current Metro Area Trails

## Open For Use

### Winter 2012



Separated Trails	Miles	Surface	Remarks
Bowling Street Trail	1.8	Asphalt	From 50th Street SW to Wilson Avenue
Boyson Trail	2.4	Crushed Limestone	Follows Indian Creek, Marion
Cedar River Trail	13	Asphalt	Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha (ADT)
Cedar Valley Nature Trail	20.5	Asphalt/Crushed Limestone	<b>Paved from Boyson Rd. to Schultz Rd.</b>
CEMAR Trail	0.6	Asphalt	From 20th to 29th St. NE
CRT Lake Loop	1.6	Asphalt	Around Cedar Lake
Ellis Trail	3	Asphalt/Concrete	From Ellis Park to Downtown
Grant Wood Trail	8.5	Natural	Through Eastern Linn County in 3 segments
Hoover Nature Trail	2.7	Asphalt	76th Ave. SW to Ely Park (ADT)
Kirkwood Connector Trail	1.2	Concrete	From Ely Rd. to Kirkwood Campus
Krumholtz Trail	.75	Crushed Limestone	Marion: Thomas Park to Highway 100
Lindale Trail	1	Crushed Limestone	From Lindale Dr. West to C Ave.
Robins Trail	0.7	Asphalt	Along Main St, Robins. Connects to CVNT
Sac and Fox Trail	7.1	Crushed Limestone	<b>*Closed from Rosedale Rd. to Mt.Vernon Rd.*</b>
Park Trails	Miles	Surface	Remarks
Beverly Park Trail System	5	Natural	SW CR: Singletrack Mountain Bike trails
Cedar Greenbelt Trail	4.7	Natural	Near Indian Creek Nature Center/Sac and Fox Trail
Cherokee Park Trail	1	Crushed Limestone	West Side: Edgewood to Wiley Blvd.
Cherry Hill Park Trail	0.8	Crushed Limestone	NW Cedar Rapids: Cherry Hill Park
Fay Clark Memorial Trail	0.7	Asphalt	Hiawatha: Fay Clark Memorial Park
Fross Park	1.2	Crushed Limestone	NW Center Point
Huston Park Trail	0.11	Asphalt	SE Cedar Rapids
Jackson Park Trail	0.4	Crushed Limestone	NW Cedar Rapids near Jackson Elementary School
Lowe Park Trail	0.5	Asphalt	Marion: N. 10th St to 35th Ave
Matsell Bridge Natural Area Trail System	8.4	Natural	NE Linn County, near Viola
Morgan Creek Trail System	3.8	Natural	NW Cedar Rapids
Nixon Trail	0.75	Crushed Limestone	NE Cedar Rapids: Around Nixon School
Noelridge Park Trail	0.8	Crushed Limestone	NE Cedar Rapids: Noelridge Park
Pinicon Ridge Park Trail System	12	Natural	Five park trails near Central City
Prairie Park Fishery Trail	2	Asphalt	SE Cedar Rapids: Prairie Park Fishery
Reed Park Trail	0.25	Crushed Limestone	SW Cedar Rapids near Taylor Elementary School
Squaw Creek Park Trail System	4	Natural	Located within Squaw Creek Park plus 1 mile singletrack mountain bike trail
Thomas Park Singletrack	2	Natural	Singletrack mountain bike trail
Van Buren Park Trail	0.5	Crushed Limestone	SW Cedar Rapids near Van Buren Elementary School
Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center Trail System	5	Natural	5 mile network near Toddville

## *The Year Ahead in Trail Activities* -Brad Mullin

Many trail users will remember 2012 for the closure of several portions of their favorite area trails. The Cedar Valley Nature Trail paving lasted throughout the summer and a section of the Sac and Fox was closed as well. Fortunately, there are several other trail opportunities in the county. In 2013, trail development will continue throughout Linn County. This season more closures are anticipated as improvements to current trails and new construction projects are scheduled.

In January 2013, a section of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail will close as ITC installs new transmission lines. Trail users will be prohibited on the CVNT section between Robins Rd. and County Home Rd. as ITC works to set new power poles. The trail should open late spring and trail users will no doubt use the last year's newly paved section as they ride up to Center Point.

In March, Cedar River Trail users will encounter a detour on the trail near the A St. Landfill. The City of Cedar Rapids will make improvements to the sanitary sewer crossing of the Cedar River near the old Sinclair Railroad Bridge. The construction will involve the relocation of portion of the Cedar River Trail during and after the work. Restoration of the river's edge and new landscaping along river are part of this 2008 flood rehabilitation work. The project is scheduled to begin in late March and last of 429 calendar days. Trail users are encouraged to obey signage and follow the marked detour.

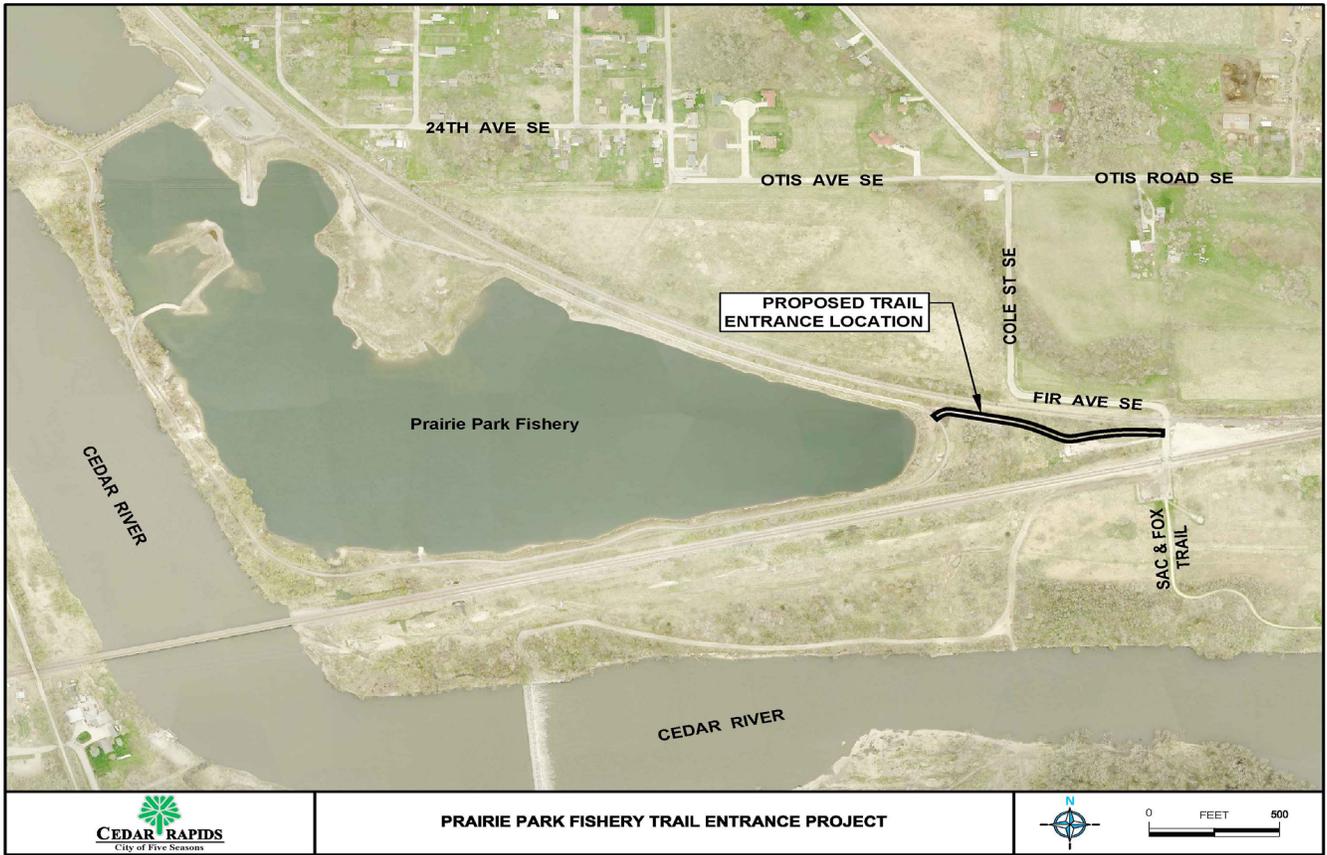
The spring of 2013 will begin the start of several new trail projects. This year, the Sac and Fox Trail will connect to Prairie Park Fishery Trail. The \$138,000 project will commence in March or April. The construction of a section of new asphalt trail will allow trail users to enter the Prairie Park Fishery from the east. The new trail is illustrative of the value of connectivity among area trails as it connects the Sac and Fox Trail with the Prairie Park Fishery Trail. Completion of the project is scheduled for November 2013.

By April, the construction of a new section of the Sac and Fox Trail will start. With the completion of the first phase of the Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project, the city of Cedar Rapids will redirect a 1/3 mile section of the Sac and Fox Trail north of Mt. Vernon Rd. The \$143,000 project will take trail users out of the Indian Creek floodplain among the wooded hillside of the Indian Creek valley. Original plans include a 16ft change in elevation compared to the previous trail along the creek. The city decided to relocate the trail due to the propensity of damage done to the trail during high-water events. Completion of the project is scheduled for 32 calendar days and should be open for use during the summer of 2013.

In 2012, the LCTA was instrumental in the creation of the Lindale Trail between Marion and Cedar Rapids. With some LCTA encouragement and financial assistance, the city of Cedar Rapids and city of Marion plan to pave the Lindale Trail from Lindale Dr. west to C Ave. NE. Tentative plans will have the trail closed in the spring as Marion and Cedar Rapids asphalt one mile of trail.

In May, the Black Hawk County Conservation Board is scheduling a grand opening celebration of the MacFarlane Bridge over the Cedar River of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. The event is planned for Saturday May 4th at MacFarlane Park. It will mark the first time that the Cedar Valley Nature has been completely opened from Hiawatha to Evansdale since June 2008. A group of area riders are planning to ride up to the celebration. Look for future details on the LCTA website: [www.linncountytrails.org](http://www.linncountytrails.org)





**Sac & Fox Trail Relocation**

**CEDAR RAPIDS** City of Five Seasons **ANDERSON BOGERT**

Maps courtesy of the City of Cedar Rapids and Anderson-Bogert Engineers.

Another trail celebration, The American Hiking Society's National Trails Day Celebration will kick-off the summer trail season. National Trails Day is Saturday, June 1st. In addition, the first Saturday in June is the beginning of the Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers Market. LCTA plans to distribute free breakfast items to Farmer's Market bike corral users to celebrate trails. The first market is also Cedar Rapids Resident Appreciation Day. Area cyclists are encouraged to use the Cedar River Trail to go the market and volunteers from LCTA, Linn Area Mountain Bike Association and Cedar Rapids Bicycle Advisory Committee will watch your bike as you peruse around the market. The corral is located in Greene Square Park along the Cedar River Trail. Cyclists can use the corral service for all the 2013 Farmer's Markets. If you would like to volunteer to staff the bike corral at any of the markets visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4DAEAC2EA64-farmers>



Trail users will remember the summer of 2012 for the closure of the Cedar Valley Trail north of County Home Road. The Linn County Conservation Department is planning more paving in the summer of 2013, but not on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. In January, preliminary trail work was completed so that paving of the final 5,000 ft. of trail within Pinicon Ridge Park could occur this year. The County plans on paving the trail during summer 2013. After its completion, trail users can travel from Central City through Pinicon Ridge Park across the Wapsipinicon River, using the Mary Lundby Memorial Bridge, to other side of the park. The new bridge, new plaza and new trail are great one day destination for trail and nature lovers.

Near the end of the summer, the City of Cedar Rapids plans to begin the 2013 Interim Plan for Phase 1 of the CEMAR trail. The city has approved a tentative route for both cyclists and pedestrians. The route connects the Cedar River Trail to the existing portion of CEMAR trail at 20th St. NE. 2013 plans include new lane markings for cyclists on H Ave, from Shaver Rd. to Oakland Rd, with new signage. Sidewalk construction for pedestrians along K and J Avenues are included in the 2013 Interim Plan. More improvements are scheduled for 2014 along the route, including new trail

construction within Daniels Park.

By the fall, closure of the Sac and Fox Trail will occur with the commencing of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Indian Creek and Dry Run Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project. The trail will close from Rosedale Rd. west to East Post Rd. The project will take more than a year to complete. Preliminary discussions about relocation of flood-prone trail sections, like that during first phase, have begun.

### **Around the bend:**

Several trail projects are in the beginning stages in 2013. Design services are contracted for the Ellis Trail, from the boat harbor to Edgewood Rd. Funds for this projected were re-budgeted for the relocation of the Sac and Fox Trail in 2013. Preliminary designs for the Cedar River Trail underpass of the CRANDIC railroad are underway. FEMA has approved \$432,241 of funding for the project as an Alternate Project. In 2010, the CRANDIC railroad agreed to contribute \$82,400 to the project. Construction of both projects is likely in 2014 dependent on funding.

The Linn County Conservation Department and the city of Marion are cooperating on the construction of the Grant Wood Trail Underpass of US Highway 13. By end of 2013, the design and necessary property acquisition will be complete. Beginning construction of the underpass, and closure of US Highway 13, is on track for early 2014. Marion is planning on the construction of a paved trail from Highway 13 to 35th St. sometime in 2014 to connect to the underpass.

In 2013, the Linn County Conservation Department is determining a route and possible funding sources for the extension of the Hoover Trail from Ely City Hall to the Linn/Johnson County line. In Squaw Creek Park, the Linn County Conservation Department is working with the Linn Area Mountain Bike Association in adding more mountain bike trails.

In 2013, trail development projects will occur across Linn County. Remember, responsible trail should obey signage and follow the marked detours. Thank you for your support, several of these projects depended on contributions from trail supporters as yourself.

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## *Cedar Valley Nature Trail Closure*

In order to serve the growing needs of northern Linn County, ITC Midwest is constructing 10 miles of new 161 kV transmission line. This project will connect the existing Hiawatha electric substation to a new Coffey substation located near Highway 13. The new line will feature single pole steel structures. In 2012, ITC signed a 55ft easement agreement with The Linn County Conservation Board for nearly 2 miles of the Cedar Valley Trail from Robins Road to County Home Road.

Construction is slated to begin January 14, 2013. As the new poles are installed, trail will close to users. ITC has made signs to indicate the trail closure where appropriate. This phase of the project is expected to until spring. Trail users may notice decrease in the amount of vegetation on both sides of the trail when the project is completed. Linn County Conservation and ITC have had significant discussions about planning for this project, taking environmental precautions, and making sure the trail is in as good, if not better, shape when complete than when construction started.



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## *Lindale Trail is Open- John Wauer*

LCTA purchased a half mile of abandoned railroad right of way and donated it to Cedar Rapids to continue Marion's Lindale Trail on west to terminate near the C Ave NE/Blairs Ferry Rd intersection. The east-west trail runs just north of Blairs Ferry Rd. The Cedar Rapids Streets Maintenance crew has graded and applied a rock and crushed limestone base. THE TRAIL IS NOW OPEN. This is a prime bicycle commuting route to Rockwell Collins and other nearby employers as well as a great recreational trail. The trail connects to the Boyson Trail and on to the Krumholtz Trail (a leg of the future CEMAR Trail) that extends to Highway 100 near Menards.



The Lindale Trail is expected to be paved in the spring. LCTA, together with a Rockwell Collins \$15,000 donation, will have contributed over \$55,000 towards Lindale Trail development. It has taken 2 years to get this far and perhaps another 6 months to get it paved. That is fast as trail developments go, due to the cooperative effort between LCTA and the City of Cedar Rapids. Of course Marion was ahead of us and finished their segment before we began the Cedar Rapids segment.

## 2012 Area Trail Usage- Brad Mullin

Have you ever wondered how many people use our area trails within a year? The Linn County Trail Association maintains several infra-red (IR) trail counters along area trails. The pair of blue poles are located each side of the trail record trail users as they pass by. Windows at the top one of the poles allow volunteers to read the counter. The counters are read frequently by trail supporters and the data are interpolated to allocate the counts on a daily basis.

The consistency of the daily counts demonstrates the validity of the data. If two people are walking, or bicycling, side-by-side, only one count is recorded. Testing has demonstrated an approximately 10% undercount but the amount will vary depending on the type of trail traffic. However, the data presented does not contain an undercount correction. LCTA trail counts represent a conservative estimate of trail usage. Gaps in the plot data are periods where data were not available due to battery failure or other problems. These counts are the means by which we can know approximately how many people are using area trails within a given year.

The 2012 trail season will be remembered for the weather, lack of rain and high temperatures, and trail construction. The lack of rain allowed for more opportunities for trail users to venture out and comfortably use trails. Construction on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, from mid-May until August, may have changed trail usage patterns. Trail patrons chose to use alternate trails, rather than travel north, which could have led to an increase in counts at other trail counter sites. When the CVNT re-opened in the beginning August, trail users ventured into northern Linn County. A count increase of around 200% from 2011 was recorded on the CVNT illustrating the positive impact of the paving.

In conclusion, general trail use increased by 17% in 2012, with warm weather and drier than normal weather patterns. Area trail construction only change areas of usage rather than decrease general overall trail usage.

In the following chart (*Figure 1*), average weekly counts for the various trail counter locations were calculated from a period of April 1st to November 1st of each year. In 2012, the counter at the Hoover Trail location was relocated after false triggering led to inflated counts in 2011 and therefore may have resulted in a decrease in counts from 2011 to 2012. The counter on the Sac and Fox Trail near Cole St. was down during 2012 a short time as well. The majority of the 2012 counts at the three Cedar Valley Nature Trail locations, County Home Rd., Lafayette, and Center Point, reflect usage of the newly paved trail section opened in the August 2012. Before August, the trail was closed to users.

*You can help. Trail counts depend on frequent and accurate reporting. When using area trails, take time to stop and read one of the counters. You can use your mobile device to report counts to the LCTA website.*

Figure 1: Average Weekly Count Comparison: 2011 and 2012  
April 1 to November 1

Trail Counter Location	2011	2012	% in change
Sac & Fox Trail - East Post Rd	1,261	1,356	8%
Sac & Fox Trail - Cole St.	300	357	19%
CRT Sokol Park	2,854	3,147	10%
CRT McCloud Pl	3,401	3,814	12%
Cedar Lake Trail	1,407	1,648	17%
Boyson Trail (Boyson Rd, Marion)	2,836	3,594	27%
CVNT Boyson Rd	3,453	3,168	-8%
CVNT County Home Rd	1,291	2,333	180%
CVNT Lafayette	549	1,490	271%
CVNT Center Point	590	783	33%
Hoover Trail Ely	2,209	1,932	-13%
<b>Total Weekly Average Sum</b>	<b>20,151</b>	<b>23,621</b>	<b>17%</b>

Thanks to Sarah Barber and Kirschen Seah for the trail counter data

## 2012 State Recreation Trails Program Grants:

In October 2012, the Iowa Transportation Commission approved more than \$3 million for eight State Recreational Trails Program projects. The State Recreational Trails Program was created in 1988 with the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational trails and trail-related facilities. Funding is available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations through an annual, application-based program. Two projects in the Corridor received funding. Unfortunately, the Linn County Conservation Department not receive a grant for the paving for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Schultz Rd. to Center Point. The project is on hold until more funding is secured.

In Linn County, the City of Robins received \$204,000 for the construction of the South Troy Park Trail. With REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) funding, the city purchased additional land adjacent to the Robins City Park located on South Troy Road. The South Troy Park Master Plan includes additional baseball/softball fields, additional green space and a trail connection to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. The new 3,400 ft. trail with include at least one bridge. Construction may begin in 2013.

In Johnson County, Iowa City received \$441,000 for the final phase of the Iowa River Corridor Trail. Funding will assist in developing a 10-foot trail from Foster Road along Dubuque Street and over Interstate 80 to Waterworks Prairie Park. The new section of trail will be ten feet wide and paved in concrete, and will also feature a 540-foot pedestrian bridge over Interstate 80. Construction is scheduled to get underway in 2015, with completion a year later. This is the eighth phase of the Iowa River Trail project. When completed, the Iowa River Trail will traverse 13.5 continuous miles between the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area south of Iowa City and Mehaffey Bridge Road in North Liberty. Future plans call for the trail to be extended from North Liberty to Mehaffey Bridge near Lake MacBride State Park.

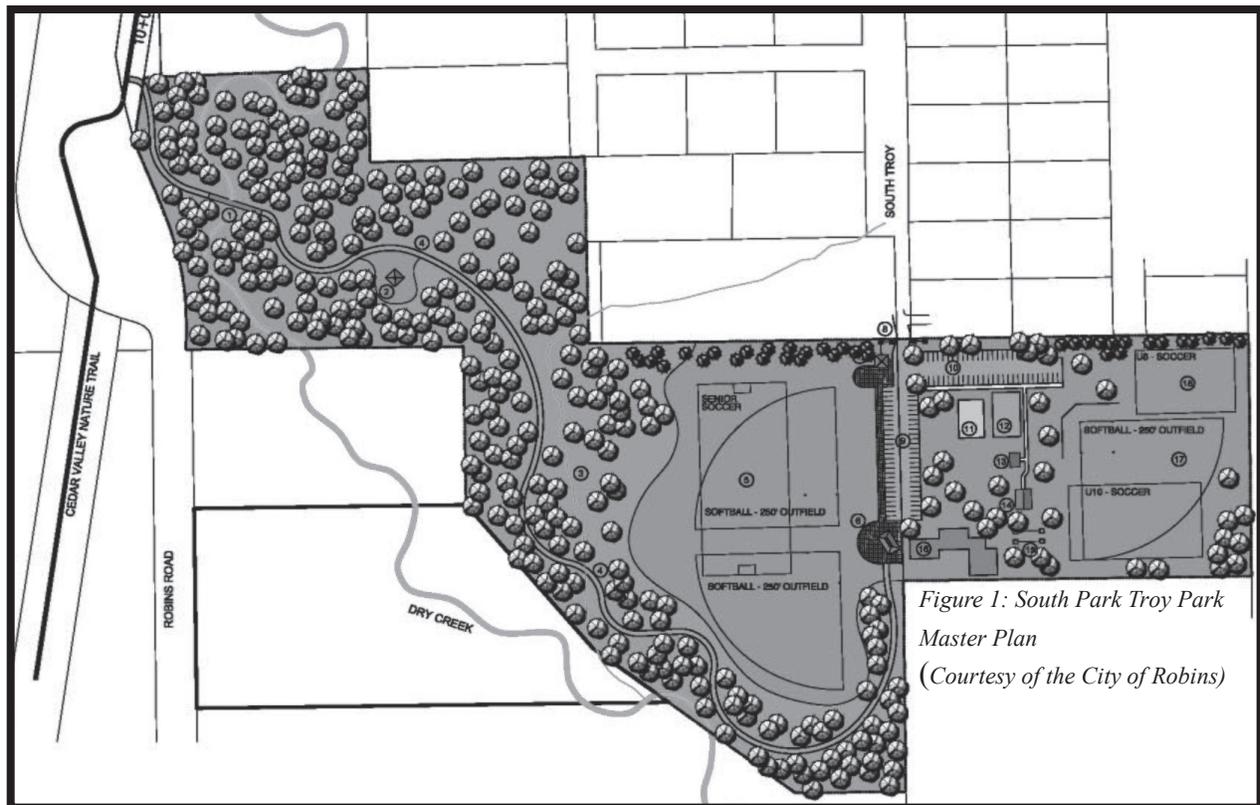


Figure 1: South Park Troy Park Master Plan  
(Courtesy of the City of Robins)

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## **Blue Zones Designation and Trails**

In August 2011, Governor Terry Branstad announced the Healthiest State Initiative. The Healthiest State Initiative is a privately led public initiative intended to inspire Iowans and their communities throughout the state to improve their health and happiness. The goal of the plan is to make Iowa — currently ranked 19th — the healthiest state by 2016. The Healthiest State website, [www.IowaHealthiestState.com](http://www.IowaHealthiestState.com), contains a wealth of information about the Healthiest State Initiative and resources to help Iowans improve their own health and well-being.

A key element of the Healthiest State Initiative is the Blue Zones Project™. Wellmark Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® will financially support the transformation of 10 selected Iowa communities into Blue Zones Communities™ over the next five years. The purpose of the Blue Zones Project™ is to help Iowans change their built environments through a community-by-community, business-by-business movement. The first four Iowa cities awarded Blue Zones™ designation, in May 2012, include Cedar Falls, Mason City, Spencer and Waterloo. In January 2013, four more communities were selected as demonstration sites: Muscatine, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Marion, Iowa City and Oskaloosa. At the conclusion of the selection process, one in six Iowans will live in Blue Zone™ communities. In the area, local government officials believe that trails are an important element of improving area residents' health and happiness.

### **What will a Blue Zones™ designation mean for area trails?**

#### ***More funding opportunities for improvement and development of trail infrastructure***

The Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) voted to divert a significant share of transportation funds that come to the CMPO to trails and bikeways. The CMPO believes a comprehensive trail system includes not only separated trails but on-street facilities such as bike lanes or sharrows. On April 19, 2012, the CMPO decided to dedicate 80% of its federal funding over the next five years towards trail and trail component projects. These funds will be available beginning 2016. The first CMPO funds are already awarded for the CEMAR trail connecting the communities of Cedar Rapids and Marion. An estimated \$4.5 million of FY16 funds are dedicated to several portions of CEMAR trail development in Cedar Rapids and Marion. This will leave \$3.9 million in funding for other trail projects in Linn County. In addition, Cedar Rapids city officials are asking the governor, Terry Branstad, to change the state's Vision Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism program to help communities build public infrastructure to encourage more walking.

#### ***More opportunities to walk and ride with other members of the community.***

Creation of new activity programs such as Cedar Rapids's "Meet Me at the Market." The concept of "Meet Me at the Market" was initiated by the Blue Zones Project™ Active Living Strategy Team to help make Cedar Rapids a community where being physically active is easy, enjoyable and accessible. Its mission is to bring adults and families together to enjoy physical activity, socialize with friends and patronize local businesses. Every Thursday evening starting May 2nd through October 31st. Participants can check-in at the NewBo City Market between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and they will begin and end their walk, run or biking at the time that fits their schedule and fitness level. After the activity, participants will be encouraged to return to NewBo City Market and enjoy "Music at the Market" or take advantage of merchant and neighborhood discounts available to everyone who received a hand stamp at check-in. You only have to register once to attend any or all Thursdays. On-line registration is available at <http://www.newbocitymarket.com/> and click the "Meet Me" tab

# LCTA SUPPORTER FORM

## Why would I want to support LCTA?

1. Your support will count you among the hundreds of enthusiastic trail advocates who make up the Linn County Trails Association.
2. By becoming a supporter you will have already begun to play an important role in building a network of connected trails in Linn County and the surrounding area.
3. 95% of all money raised through donations and grants goes directly to build more trails or to improve existing trails. LCTA has been able to multiply this financial support by providing matching funds to secure significant grants.
4. As a supporter, you will receive our quarterly newsletter. Here you can read about trail vacations, upcoming trail events, opportunities to volunteer, and issues that are important to trail development.
5. Supporters are not expected to attend meetings and no one will call you. Of course, if you want to get involved, we will welcome your help.

Learn more about LCTA by visiting our website at [www.linncountytrails.org](http://www.linncountytrails.org)

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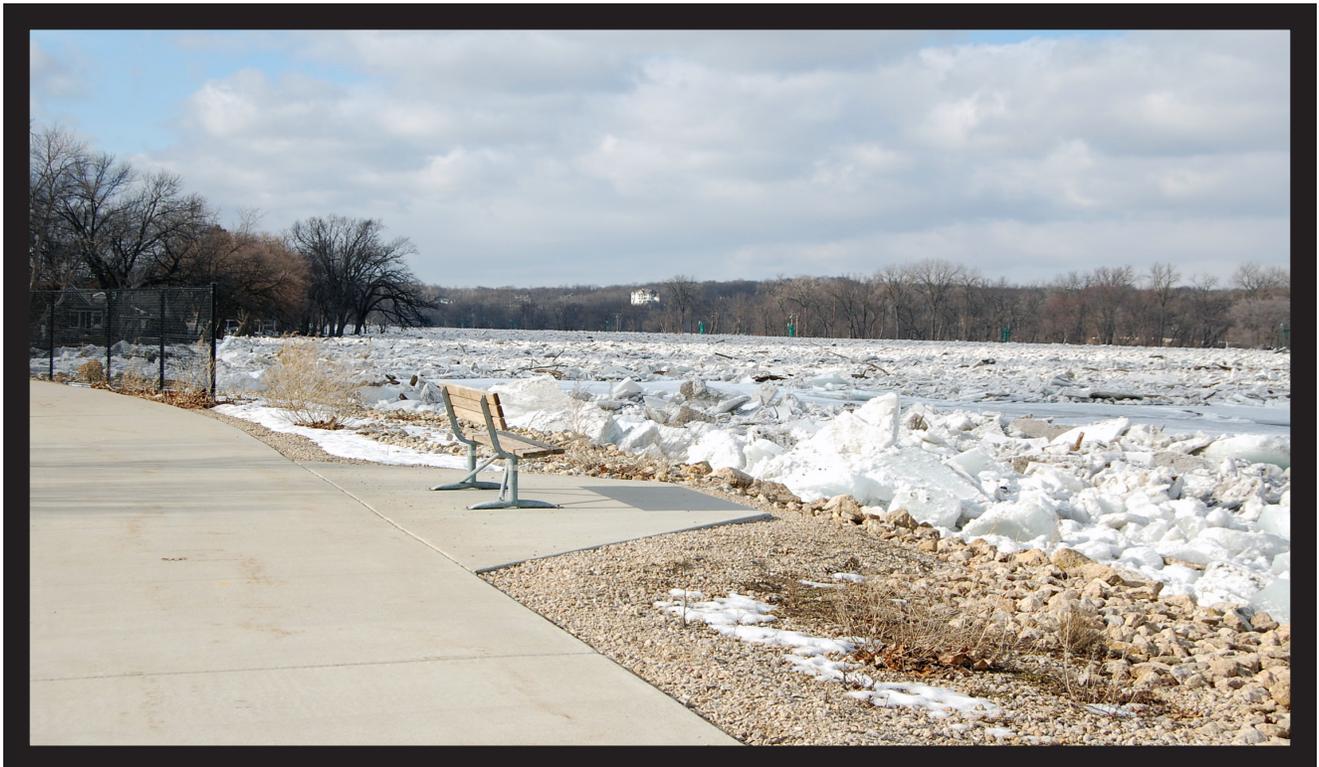
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*A view from the Ellis Trail of the March 2013 ice jam on the Cedar River*