

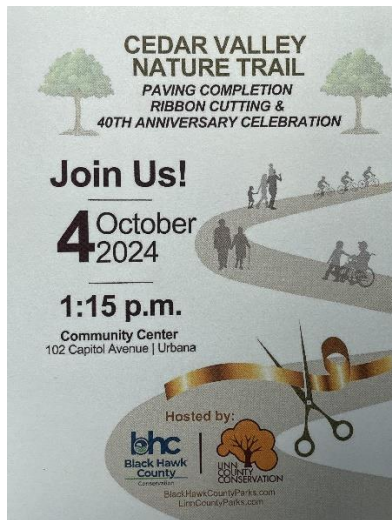
September 2024 eNews

Celebrate October 4th Trail Connections!

End of Summer Trail Updates- this month featuring Cedar Rapids

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Join in the celebration with Linn County Conservation and Black Hawk County Conservation - Oct 4th at the Cedar Valley Nature Trail Ribbon Cutting event in Urbana! Afterwards feel free to join a few LCTA folks who will be biking the new section of trail to Brandon and back. Likely a few visiting Linn County Trail Sponsors @Jams Coffee Bar and @The O-Zone as well.

Trail Updates! Just a few to spark your interest. Check our website for more details!

Edgewood Trail

Edgewood Road Bridge “sidewalk” trail is nearly complete widening from 4 ft to 8 ft!

Edgewood Road Bridge to Glass Rd trail is ready with paving, grading, and seeding done. Will open as soon as the sidewalk trail across the bridge is done.



Edgewood Rd Trail looking south from Glass Rd to the Cedar River Bridge

Cherokee Trail

Design work for Phase III from Edgewood Rd NW to 13th St NW has started with construction expected in 2025. The alignment will continue from Edgewood Road NW along Johnson Ave NW to 32nd St NW then head down 32nd St NW to cross through the Vinton Ditch Greenbelt to E Ave NW. Then on the 27th St NW to F Ave NW. Continue along F Ave on the South side to 13th Ave NW. (See pictures below)



From Johnson Ave looking north 32nd St NW Cherokee Trail route before the Vinton Ditch



Vinton Ditch Greenbelt at 32 nd St NW



Vinton Ditch Greenbelt by E Ave NW



F Ave towards 13th Ave south side of the road (continuation of the Vinton Ditch is on the right)

Bowling Street Trail - Complete the connection to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail

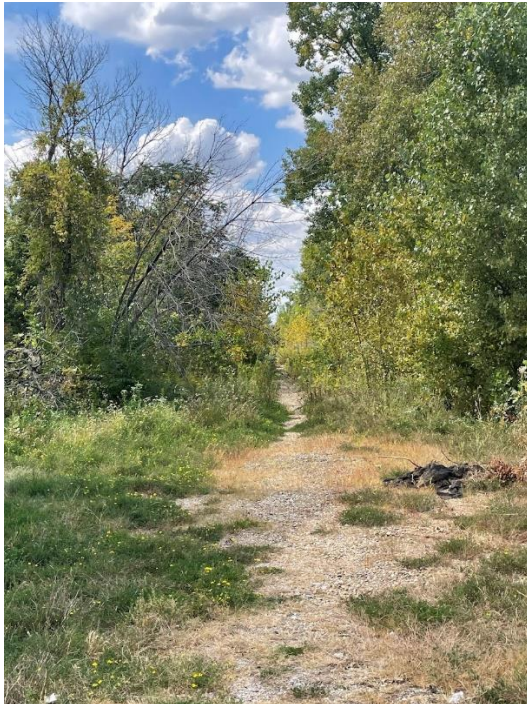
The project from 33rd Ave SW to C St SW is under construction and will be completed by the end of 2024. The trail will be 10' wide and driveways will be modified to allow the trail to pass through at full width. A roundabout is planned for the intersection with Wilson Ave SW. New sidewalks, an uphill northbound bike lane and downhill southbound shared use lane are also part of the project from Wilson Ave SW to C St SW.



The Connector Trail will cross by Jones Park.

Grant Wood Trail west to Cedar Valley Nature Trail

Phase II - The segment from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail (CVNT) to Council St NE is in the design phase. The trail will connect across the north side of the intersection of 51st St NE and Center Point Rd NE. Upgrades will be made to the signal to allow bikes to cross the intersection to/from the CVNT. The City is working with the Canadian National Railroad and adjacent property owners to finalize the alignment. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.



Grant Wood Trail corridor looking west from Council Street to Center Point Rd

Inter-Urban Trail - Design work from Bever Park to Rosedale Road is expected to begin early next year pending completion of trail design work on currently active projects. This is one of our current fundraising projects!

Cedar Lake - Design work for extending the Cedar Lake Loop Trail on the east side of Cedar Lake is nearly complete. This segment will eliminate the need to use Shaver Rd NE to complete the loop. Construction is expected to begin later this year, pending permit approvals thru the DNR.

Cedar Lake - Design work has begun for reconstruction of the trail around the north end of Cedar Lake that is currently being used as a haul road for construction of the flood levee. Also included is the reconstruction of trail segments on the south end of Cedar Lake. A construction date has not been determined at this time.

Next Month watch for updates on other projects in Linn County

Calendar of Summer Connections

September 21 – Downtown Farmer’s Market

October 4 – Cedar Valley Nature Trail Celebration, Urbana Community Center 1:15 pm

October 5-6: Iowa Trails Summit

October 14- LCTA Board Meeting

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