

December 2024 Trail News - Burr!

Welcome New Board Members for 2025!

Goodbye to the departing members

And Capital Campaign Trail Projects



Sean LeFebvre

I'm originally from Mapleton, a small town in western Iowa, and moved to Cedar Rapids in 2015. Growing up, I always enjoyed the outdoors but it wasn't until 2020 and Covid that my friends here in Cedar Rapids got me involved in biking and using the trails in the area as a way to socialize and stay active while most of the world was shut down. I borrowed a bike for a few months from a friend, until I could get my own, and I fell in love with riding the trails in town whether it was with the group or just out on my own.

Biking and walking the trails here in Linn County became a great way for me to exercise, explore the area, and meet new friends along the way. Those are just a few of the amazing benefits these trails can offer to anyone that uses them and is why I'm interested in joining the board of the Linn County Trails Association. I want to give back to the group that has helped create this amazing trail system that benefits so many including myself.



Shannon Bisgard

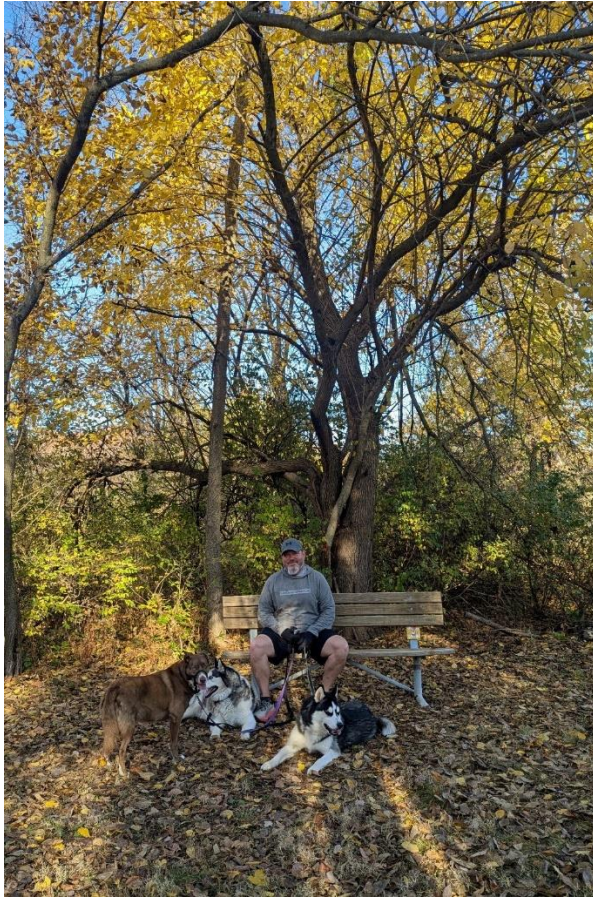
I am honored and excited to be able to serve on the Linn County Trails Association Board. I have ridden the trails for years on my bikes and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore our community on the various trails. I have been so impressed with the vision and commitment of LCTA and the Cedar Rapids/Marion communities to develop trails that connect the entire county and allow for bikers, walkers and runners of all ages and abilities to be able to use. I look forward to giving back in this role and hopefully helping to expand the opportunities for everyone in the area to live healthy and active lifestyles.



Dillon Drury I moved here 10 years ago and got hooked on cycling. I enjoy advocating for trails in order to get new trail segments in place and to help maintain our existing ones.

(FYI Dillon started to attend meetings in 2024 and joined the Fundraising Committee - a BIG help- and now the board! If you want to try a committee seat first

email contributor@linncountytrails.org and we will get you set up to help! Committees are Events, Communication, Maps, Network Growth, Fundraising, Trail Counters, Trail Safety)



Micheal Plagge

I have always enjoyed going out on trails. I like to bike, run, and hike with my family and dogs. My wife and I are on the trails every day and sometimes more than once per day. I think it's important to preserve and expand trail systems everywhere but especially in Iowa where we have so little public land. My favorite trail in Linn County is the Sac and Fox because it has great trails for mountain biking, hiking, and running.

And farewell to a few board members including **John Wauer** (who will join the Emeritus ranks), **Rebecca Skalsky** who will continue on the Communication Committee- thanks Rebecca! **Greg Januska** who will be greatly missed on the board, especially in Fundraising! Thanks all!

The Capital Campaign includes Three Trail Projects reaching the far ends of the city and county! **Interurban Trail** from Bever Park to Mt Vernon Road \$100,000 for design and engineering, **Grant Wood Trail** from Paralta Rd to Springville Road \$75,000 for surfacing, and **Morgan Creek Trail** from Covington Road to Cedar River for match completion \$75,000.

