

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. _____
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date October 12, 2021
 Title State Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the State Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following recommendations will be presented.

Heart of Iowa Nature Trail: Paving Skunk River Bridge to 610 th Avenue (Story County Conservation Board)	\$ 384,000
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector: S Avenue to Iowa 210 (Woodward)	\$ 220,080
Grant Wood Trail: Paving Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Road (Linn County Conservation Board)	\$ 400,000
Keokuk Riverfront Trail (Keokuk)	\$ 493,595
 Total	 \$1,497, 675

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the State Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations, as listed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Arnold	_____	_____	_____
Fehrman	_____	_____	_____
Juckette	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Rielly	_____	_____	_____
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Division Director Legal State Director



State Recreational Trails Program
Funding Recommendation



State Recreational Trail Program

- **Created in 1988**
- **Available to cities, counties, state agencies, local governments, or non-profit organizations through an application program**
- **Purpose is to establish recreational trails in Iowa for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public.**

Project Evaluation Criteria

- **Need in terms of population to be served and existing trails in the area (25 points)**
- **Compatibility with local, areawide, regional or statewide plans (15 points)**
- **Benefits of multiple uses and recreational opportunities (20 points)**
- **Quality of the site (25 points)**
- **Economic benefits to the local area (10 points)**
- **Special facilities for disabled users (5 points)**
- **Project is "shovel ready" and will be completed by 6-30-2024 (25 points)**
- **Projects with cash match (5 points)**

Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding:**
 - **FY 2022 Legislative appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund: \$1,500,000**
- **Application Summary:**
 - **Total number of projects: 37**
 - **Total project costs: \$36,588,196**
 - **Total amount requested: \$14,525,462**

List of Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>Heart of Iowa Nature Trail: Paving Skunk River Bridge to 610th Avenue</u>	Story County Conservation Board	108	\$674,000	\$384,000 (57%)	\$384,000 (57%)
<u>Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector: S Avenue to Iowa 210</u>	Woodward	107	\$393,000	\$220,080 (56%)	\$220,080 (56%)
<u>Grant Wood Trail: Paving Waldo's Rock to Oxley Road</u>	Linn County Conservation Board	100	\$735,000	\$400,000 (54%)	\$400,000 (54%)

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<u>Keokuk Riverfront Trail</u>	Keokuk	100	\$1,182,371	\$493,595 (42%)	\$493,595 (42%)

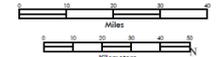
Map of Applications Received

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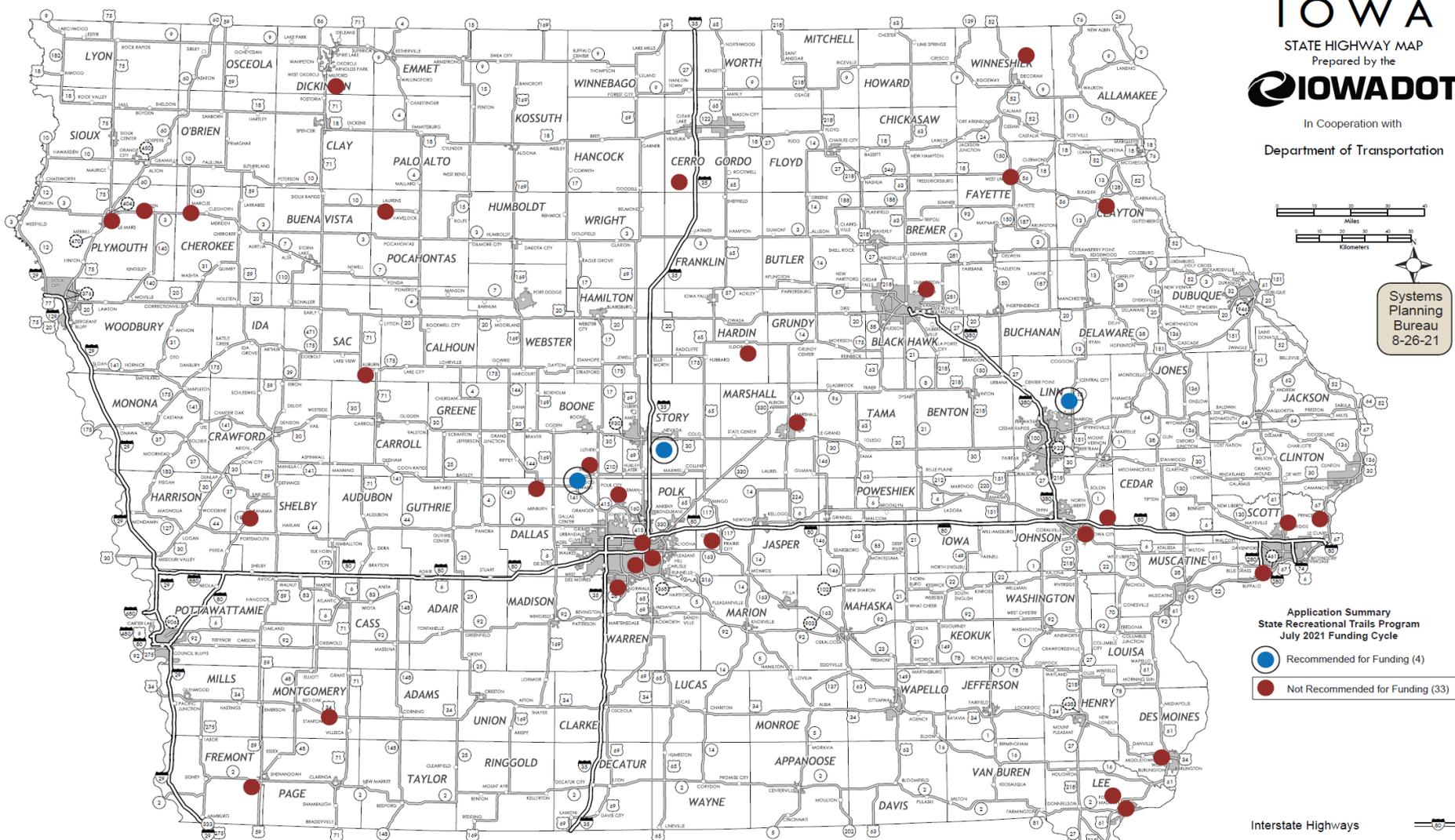
STATE HIGHWAY MAP
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- Application Summary
State Recreational Trails Program
July 2021 Funding Cycle**
- Recommended for Funding (4)
 - Not Recommended for Funding (33)

- Interstate Highways
- U.S. Highways
- State Highways
- Unsigned State Highways
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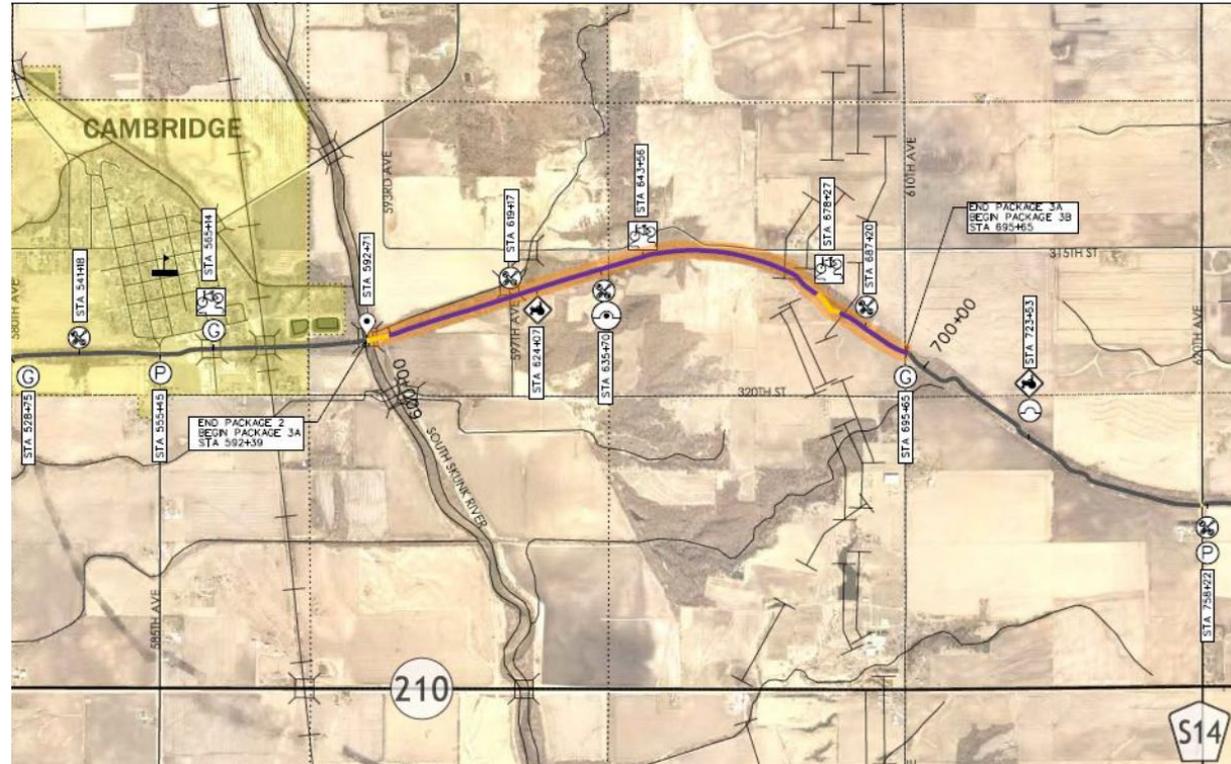
QUESTIONS?



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Heart of Iowa Nature Trail: Paving Skunk River Bridge to 610th Avenue (Story County Conservation Board)

This project includes improvements and hard surfacing of 1.9 miles of existing limestone trail beginning at the east end of South Skunk River Scenic Bridge and ending at 610th Avenue.



Total Cost: \$674,000
Requested: \$384,000 (57%)

Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector: S Avenue to Iowa 210 (Woodward)

This phase connects to the existing High Trestle Trailhead along Iowa 210. The connection begins at S Avenue and travels east ending at the trailhead entrance on Iowa 210.



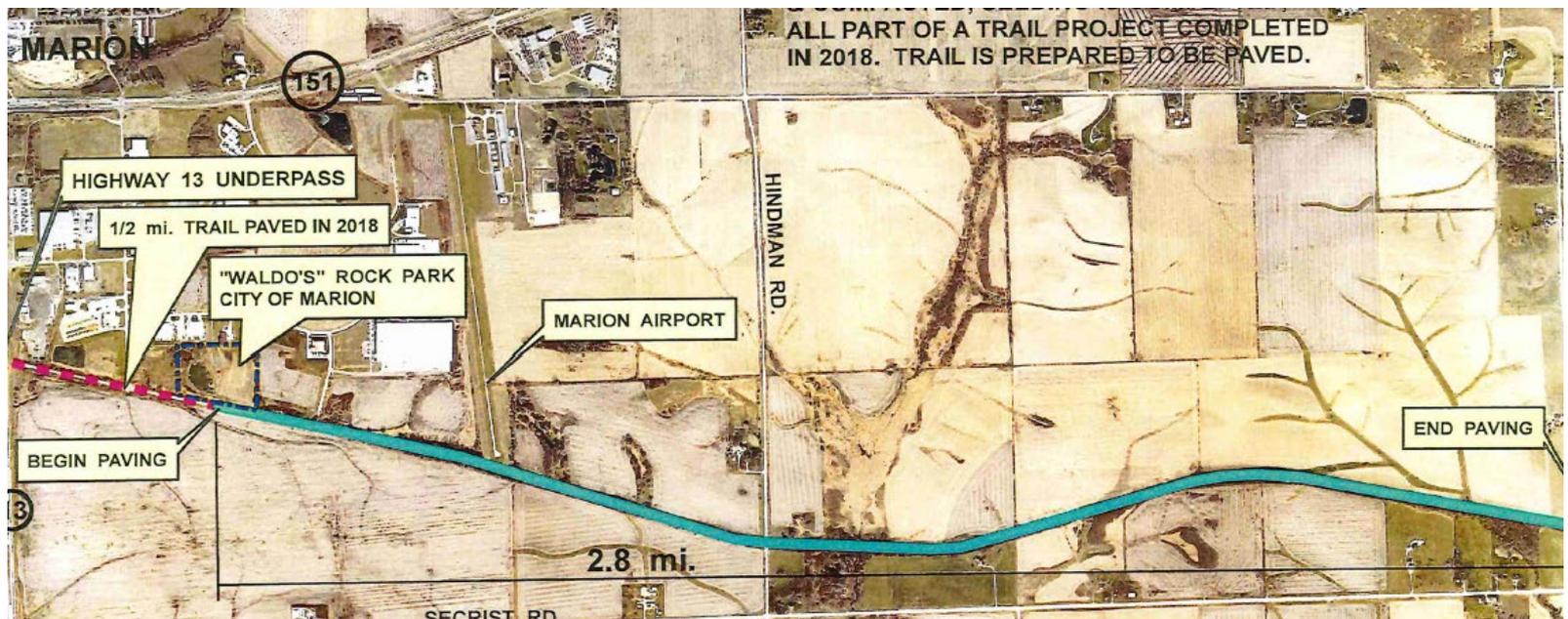
Total Cost: \$393,000
Requested: \$220,080 (56%)

Grant Wood Trail: Paving Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Road (Linn County Conservation Board)

This project applies a hard surface to 2.8 miles of existing limestone trail. Beginning at Waldo's Rock Park travelling east and ending at Oxley Road. Project is an extension of previous 2.4 miles of hard surfacing on the east end of Marion. Trail provides both a grassed, soft surface for runners and horseback riders and a hard surface for bikes, wheelchairs and strollers.

Total Cost: \$735,000

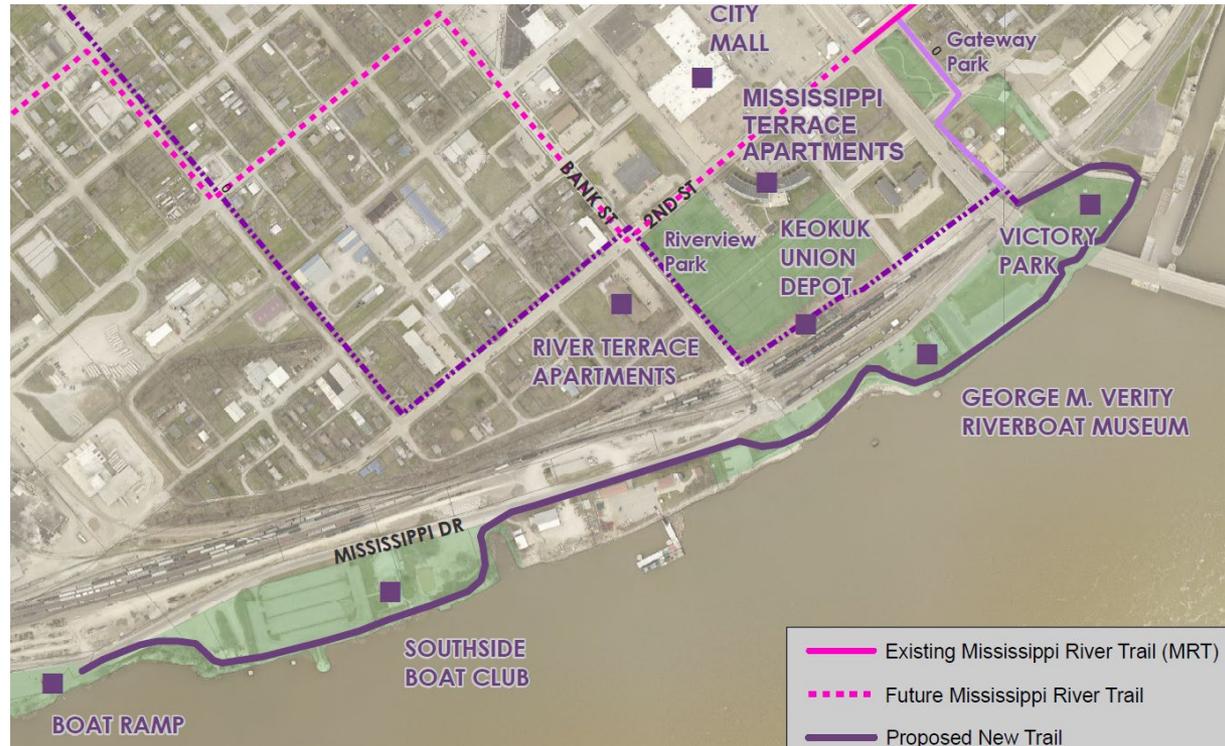
Requested: \$400,000 (54%)



Keokuk Riverfront Trail (Keokuk)

This project will construct a 1.0-mile trail along Keokuk's riverfront. Beginning at Victory Park and heading southwest ending at the Boat Ramp.

Total Cost: \$ 1,182,371
Requested: \$ 493,595 (42%)



List of Applications Not Recommended for Award

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 4	Fort Madison	98	\$625,477	\$440,000 (70%)	\$0
Prairie Land Trail: Grouse Avenue to 100 th Street	Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board	97	\$1,742,500	\$300,000 (17%)	\$0
Great Western Trail Rehabilitation Phase 1	Warren County Conservation Board	96	\$752,000	\$115,000 (15%)	\$0
Plywood Trail Phase 1B	Le Mars	96	\$1,599,775	\$350,000 (22%)	\$0
Stanton Greenbelt Trail Phases 1, 2 and 3	Stanton	96	\$1,250,000	\$890,000 (71%)	\$0
Iowa River's Edge Trail: Paving Iowa 175 to 260 th Street	Hardin County	95	\$1,000,000	\$300,000 (30%)	\$0

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Riverview Connection Trail	Des Moines	94	\$650,000	\$400,000 (62%)	\$0
Clear Creek Trail: Half Moon Avenue to F.W. Kent Park	Johnson County Conservation Board	94	\$2,988,000	\$388,000 (13%)	\$0
Bee Branch Creek Trail: Phase 2	Dubuque	94	\$825,254	\$502,329 (61%)	\$0
Pony Hollow Trail Phase 1	Clayton County Conservation Board	93	\$898,227	\$206,227 (23%)	\$0
Dry Run Trail	Winneshiek County Conservation Board	93	\$1,727,419	\$200,000 (12%)	\$0
Grant Park Trail Phase 2	Auburn	93	\$690,000	\$415,000 (60%)	\$0

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Cedar Valley Nature Trail: Miller Creek Bridge Repairs	Black Hawk County Conservation Board	93	\$339,425	\$254,568 (75%)	\$0
Gear Avenue Trail Extension Phase 2	West Burlington	92	\$890,496	\$415,104 (47%)	\$0
High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park Trail	Boone County Conservation Board	91	\$444,300	\$200,000 (45%)	\$0
Iowa River's Edge Trail: Paving Radio Tower Road to Iowa River	Marshalltown	91	\$1,025,000	\$450,000 (44%)	\$0
Pollmiller Trail Project	Lee County Conservation Board	89	\$420,000	\$100,000 (24%)	\$0
Marcus Trail Phase 1	Marcus	87	\$749,410	\$339,000 (45%)	\$0

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Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park	Central Iowa Trails Association	86	\$640,500	\$50,000 (8%)	\$0
Nahant Marsh Trail	Nahant Marsh	85	\$309,625	\$212,624 (69%)	\$0
Perry Trail: Perkins Park to Pattee Park	Perry	85	\$1,198,135	\$898,601 (75%)	\$0
Clay County Connection Phase 1	Dickinson County	85	\$712,670	\$234,480 (33%)	\$0
Polk City Trail Phase 1B	Polk City	85	\$712,000	\$534,000 (75%)	\$0
Hoover Trail Bridge #2	Cedar County Conservation Board	84	\$260,000	\$195,000 (75%)	\$0
Gateway to Recreation: West Union to Echo Valley State Park	West Union	83	\$1,263,489	\$945,284 (75%)	\$0

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Mississippi River Trail Phase 1	Princeton	80	\$712,000	\$534,000 (75%)	\$0
East Lincoln Road Trail	Eldridge	78	\$1,274,138	\$955,603 (75%)	\$0
Red Rock Prairie Trail Phase 2	Jasper County Conservation Board	78	\$1,993,700	\$330,000 (17%)	\$0
Admiral Trail Phase 2	Farragut	76	\$1,497,000	\$300,000 (20%)	\$0
Shelby County Trail Phase 2	Shelby County	76	\$1,007,310	\$755,485 (75%)	\$0

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Broadway Avenue Trail: NW 2nd Avenue to the Neal Smith Trail	Polk County Conservation Board	76	\$2,151,000	\$400,000 (19%)	\$0
Prairie Park Trail	Laurens	69	\$1,165,000	\$350,000 (30%)	\$0
Walking Trail Resurfacing	Remsen	57	\$89,975	\$67,481 (75%)	\$0