

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Transportation Development Division  
Systems Planning Bureau Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date October 10, 2023  
 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.

Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase VI (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 675,000
Red Rock Prairie Trail: Prairie City to Mitchellville (Jasper County Conservation Board)	\$ 499,800
Fontana Park Learning and Discovery Trail (Buchanan County Conservation Board)	\$ 238,534
Hoover Trail Bridge #2 (Cedar County Conservation Board)	\$ 130,000
Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park (Polk County Conservation Board)	\$ 400,000
Little River Scenic Pathway Phase 2 (Decatur County Conservation Board)	\$ 346,913
Ballpark to Ballpark Shelby County Trail Phase 2 (Shelby County)	\$ 462,868
Total	\$ 2,753,115

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 6-30-2025 (25 points)**
- **Projects with cash match (5 points)**

# Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding:**
  - **FY 2023 Legislative appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund: \$2,500,000**
  - **Underruns from closed projects: \$ 253,115**
  - **Total available funding: \$2,753,115**
- **Application Summary:**
  - **Total number of projects: 44**
  - **Total project costs: \$44,610,141**
  - **Total amount requested: \$21,507,764**

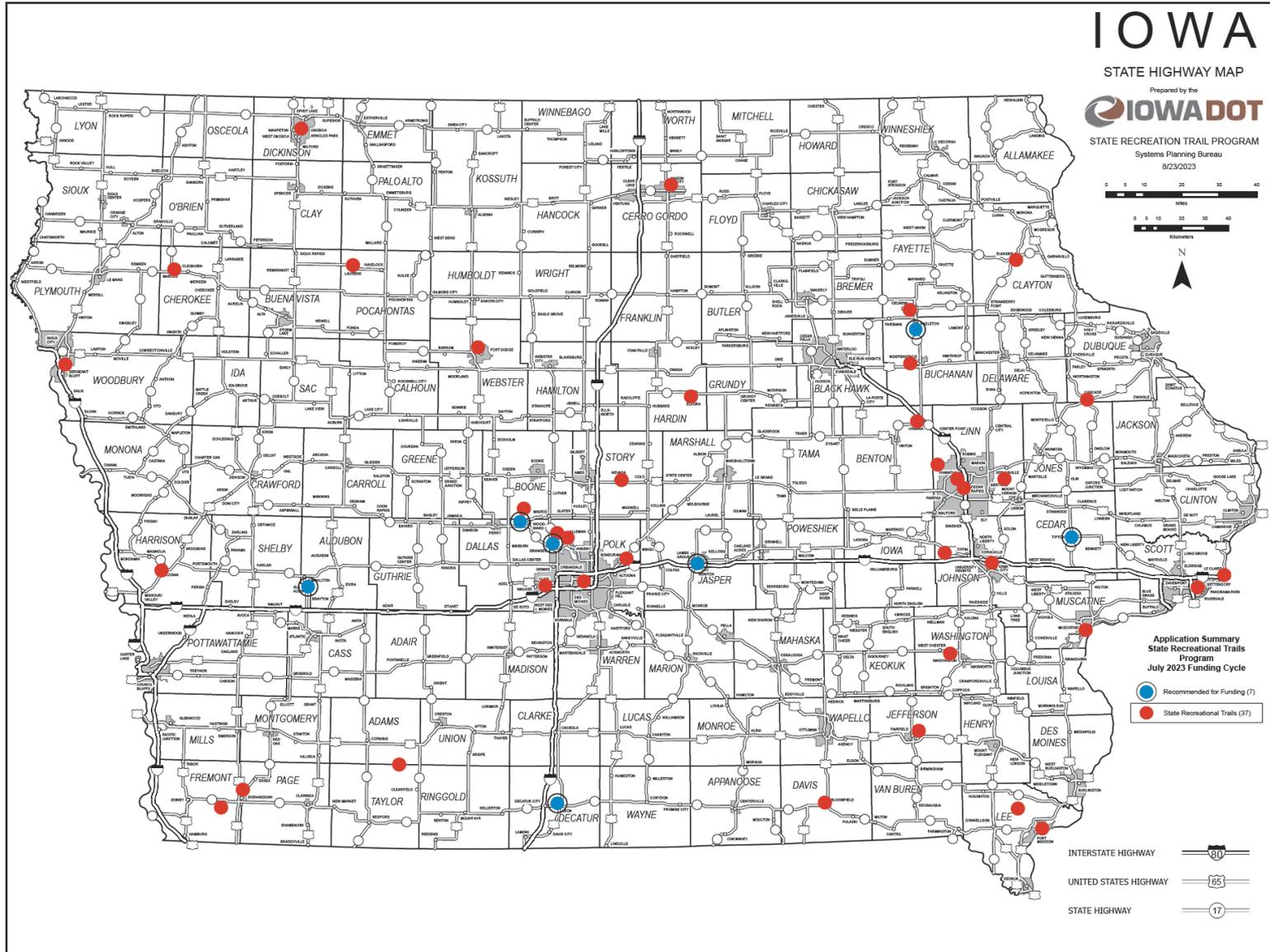
# List of Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<a href="#"><u>Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase VI</u></a>	Dallas County Conservation Board	116	\$2,072,127	\$675,000 (33%)	\$675,000 (33%)
<a href="#"><u>Red Rock Prairie Trail: Prairie City to Mitchellville</u></a>	Jasper County Conservation Board	108	\$2,439,800	\$499,800 (20%)	\$499,800 (20%)
<a href="#"><u>Fontana Park Learning and Discovery Trail</u></a>	Buchanan County Conservation Board	102	\$547,674	\$238,534 (44%)	\$238,534 (44%)
<a href="#"><u>Hoover Trail Bridge #2</u></a>	Cedar County Conservation Board	100	\$320,000	\$130,000 (41%)	\$130,000 (41%)

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<a href="#"><u>Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park</u></a>	Polk County Conservation Board	100	\$1,450,000	\$400,000 (28%)	\$400,000 (28%)
<a href="#"><u>Little River Scenic Pathway Phase 2</u></a>	Decatur County Conservation Board	97	\$480,000	\$346,913 (72%)	\$346,913 (72%)
<a href="#"><u>Ballpark to Ballpark Shelby County Trail Phase 2</u></a>	Shelby County	96	\$898,975	\$672,980 (75%)	\$462,868 (51%)

# Map of Applications Received





QUESTIONS?



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## Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase VI (Dallas County Conservation Board)

This project will construct 2.0 miles of paved trail from O Avenue in Bouton to Quinlan Avenue where it will connect to the existing 25-mile High Trestle Trail. This is the final phase of the 9-mile connector trail between the High Trestle Trail and the 89-mile Raccoon River Valley Trail.

**Total Cost: \$2,072,127**

**Requested: \$ 675,000 (33%)**



## Red Rock Prairie Trail: Prairie City to Mitchellville (Jasper County Conservation Board)

Construction of this 7-mile trail will extend Red Rock Prairie Trail from Prairie City near Commerce Drive to Mitchellville at NE 116th Street. The Red Rock Prairie Trail currently extends 9 miles from Monroe to Prairie City.

**Total Cost:** \$2,439,800

**Requested:** \$ 499,800 (20%)

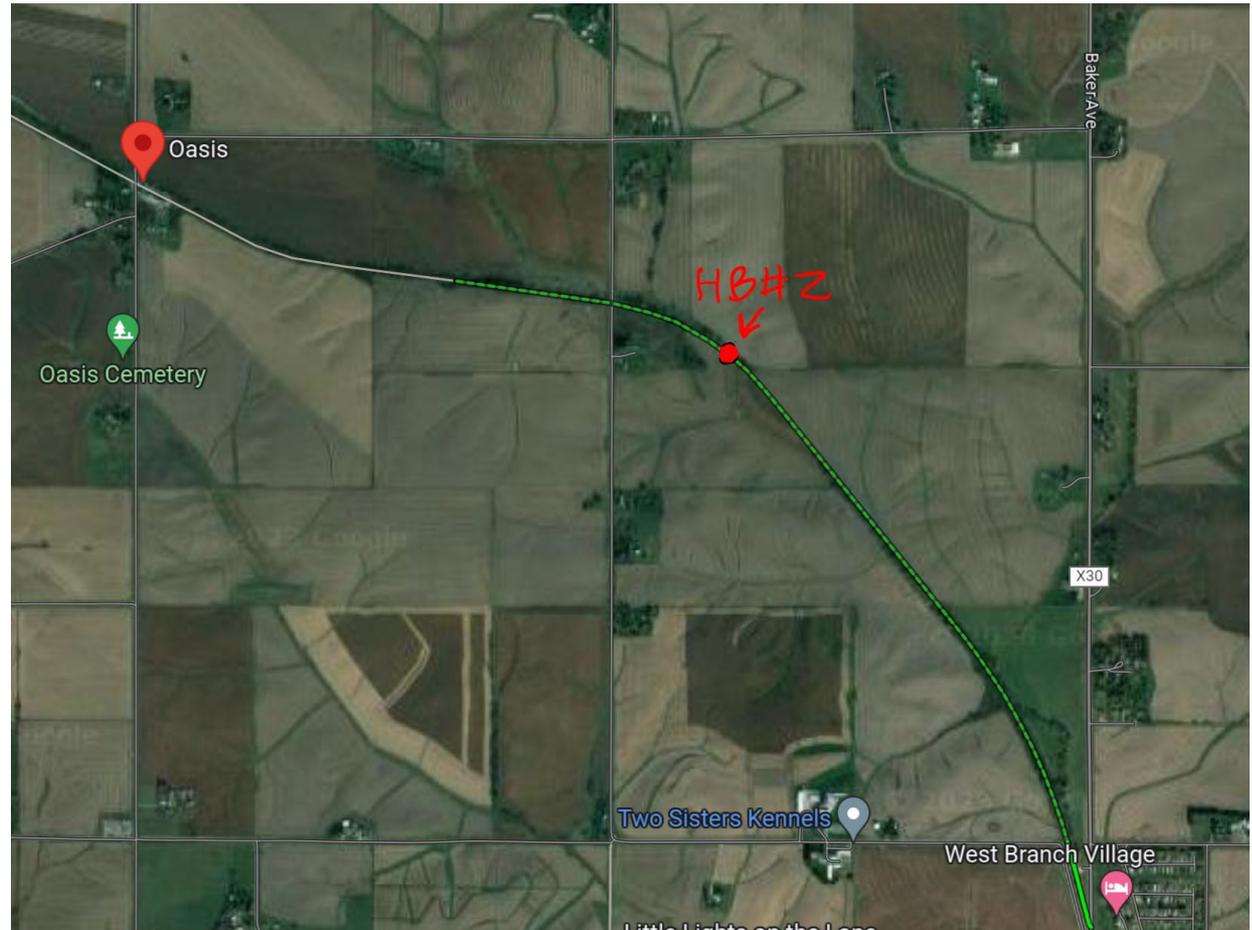




## Hoover Trail Bridge #2 (Cedar County Conservation Board)

This project will replace an unsafe timber bridge with a prefabricated steel truss bridge along the Hoover Nature Trail. Designated as part of the national American Discovery Trail, this 3.7-mile segment was opened in 1990 and was one of the first rail-to-trail conversion projects completed in Iowa.

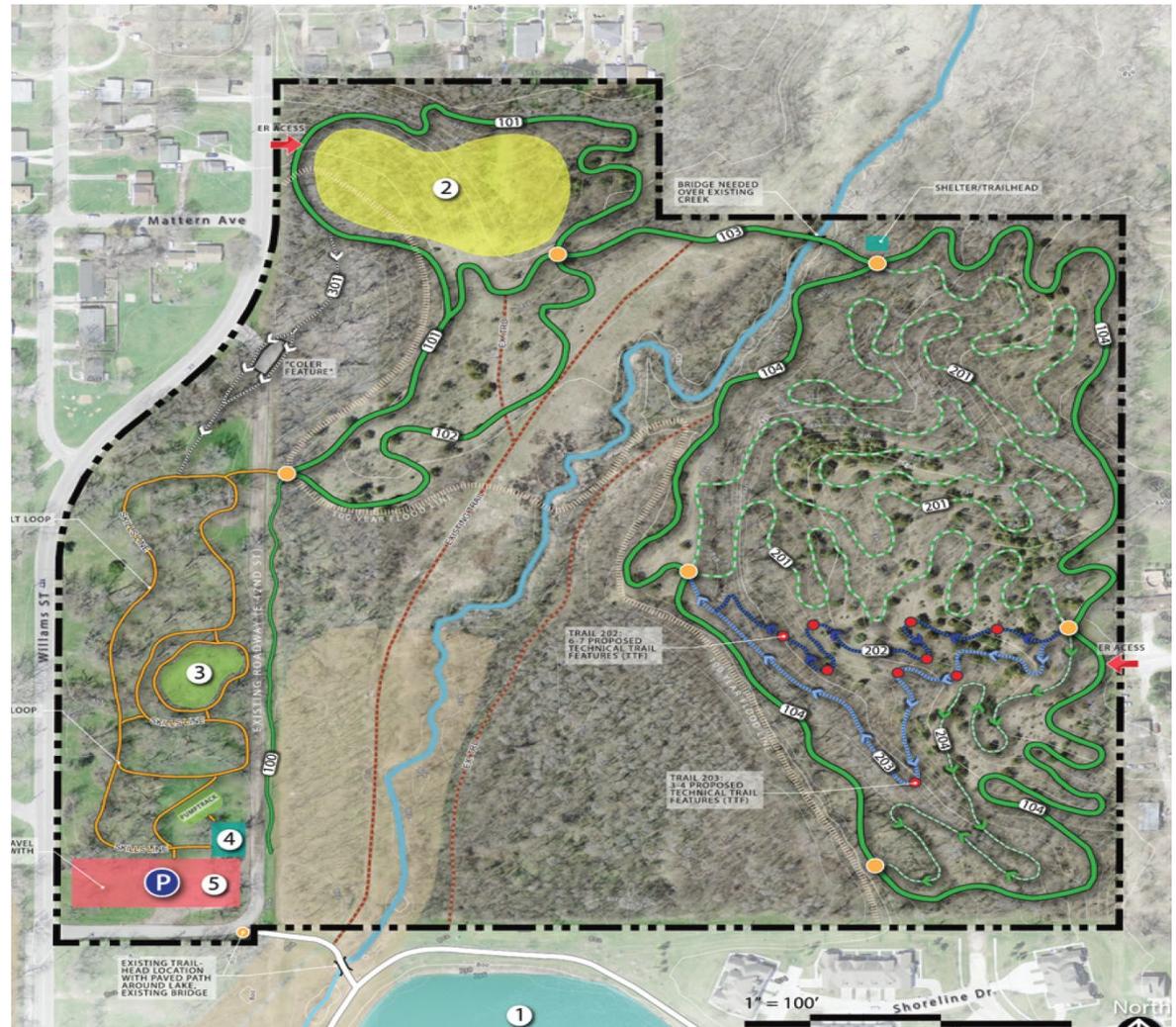
**Total Cost: \$320,000**  
**Requested: \$130,000**  
**(41%)**



## Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park (Polk County Conservation Board)

This project will construct a 4.4-mile soft surface multi-use trail system within the Fourmile Creek Greenway in east Des Moines. This trail system will offer mountain bikers banked turns, quick elevation changes and jumps as well as hiking and non-mountain biking pursuits.

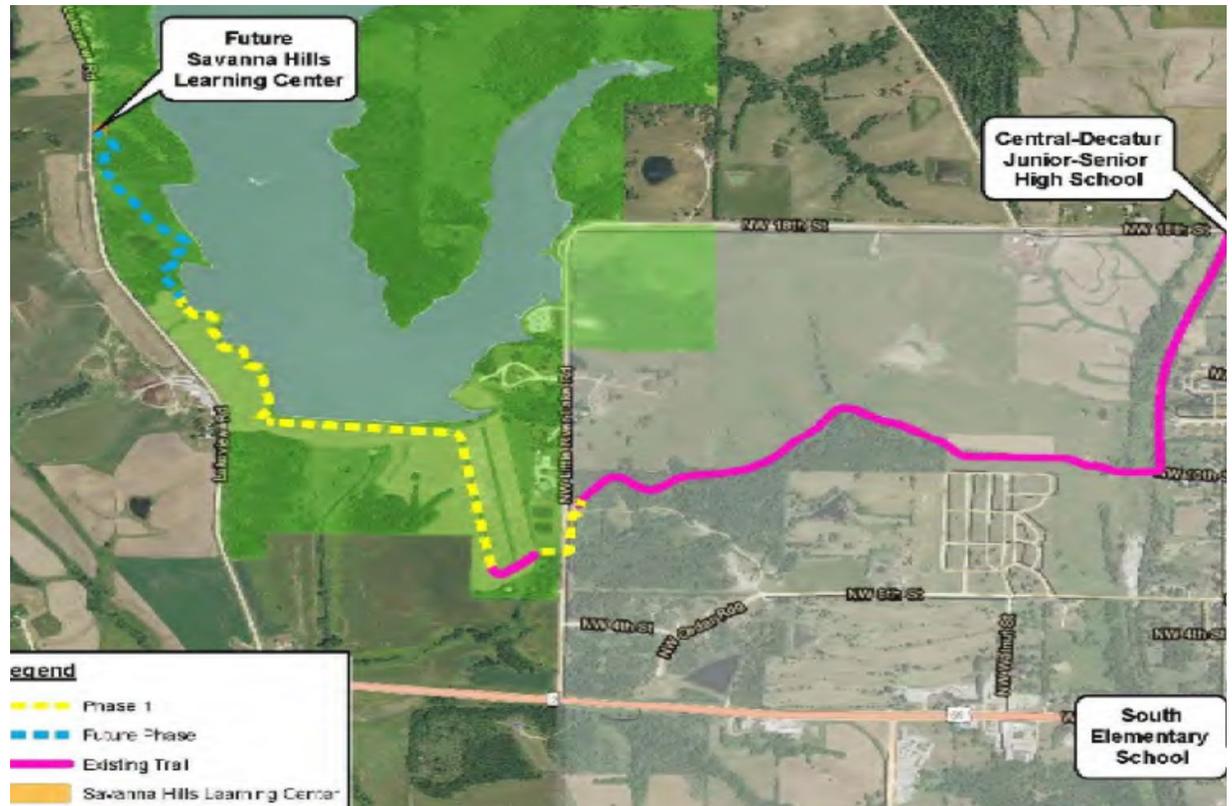
**Total Cost: \$1,450,000**  
**Requested: \$ 400,000 (28%)**



## Little River Scenic Pathway Phase 2 (Decatur County Conservation Board)

This project extends the Little River Scenic Pathway 0.4 miles from the end of phase 1 near the west side of the Little River Dam to the planned Savanna Hills Learning Center.

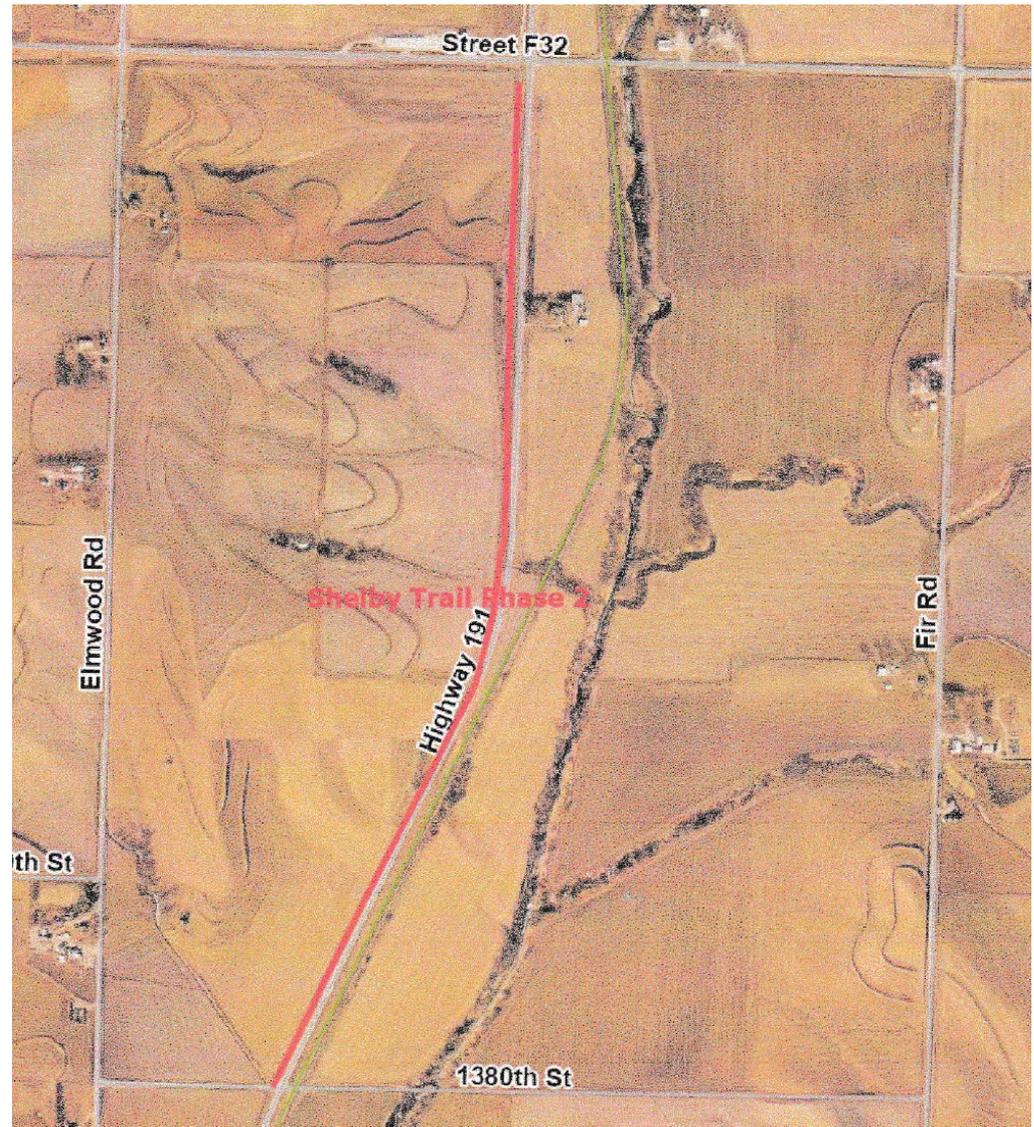
**Total Cost: \$480,000**  
**Requested: \$346,913 (72%)**



## Ballpark to Ballpark Shelby County Trail Phase 2 (Shelby County)

This project will construct a 1.5-mile multi-use trail along Iowa 191 from Street F32 to 1380th Street. This is phase 2 of an eventual 7-mile trail connecting Panama to Portsmouth.

**Total Cost:** \$898,975  
**Requested:** \$672,980 (75%)  
**Recommended:** \$462,868 (51%)



# 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)
Clive Greenbelt to Raccoon River Valley Trail Connection	Clive	95	\$1,400,000	\$470,000 (34%)	\$0
Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex to Lake Petocka Trail	Bondurant	95	\$485,360	\$100,000 (21%)	\$0
Wabash Trace Nature Trail & Rapp Park Connection	Southwest Iowa Nature Trails Project, Inc.	95	\$2,146,604	\$600,000 (28%)	\$0
Admiral Trail Bridge Phase 2	Farragut	95	\$695,918	\$521,938 (75%)	\$0
Iowa River's Edge Trail Paving Project	Hardin County	94	\$1,000,000	\$300,000 (30%)	\$0
Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV - 48th Street Trail Connector	Fort Madison	93	\$631,388	\$175,000 (28%)	\$0

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Kewash Nature Trail Phase 3	Washington County Conservation Board	93	\$880,000	\$630,000 (72%)	\$0
Marcus Trail Phase 1	Marcus	93	\$749,910	\$92,089 (12%)	\$0
Murphy Park Bridge and Trail	Mason City	92	\$2,138,150	\$500,000 (23%)	\$0
Grant Wood Trail: Paralta Road to Springville Road	Linn County Conservation Board	92	\$960,000	\$650,000 (68%)	\$0
Neal Smith Trail to High Trestle Trail Connection	Polk City	91	\$565,000	\$440,000 (78%)	\$0
Clay County Connection Phase II	Dickinson County	91	\$1,407,545	\$490,000 (35%)	\$0
Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1	Des Moines	89	\$1,500,000	\$500,000 (33%)	\$0

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19th Street Multi-Use Trail	Nevada	88	\$1,093,846	\$546,923 (50%)	\$0
Prairie Restoration Trail	Laurens	88	\$598,500	\$401,167 (67%)	\$0
Clear Creek Trail Extension: U.S. 6 Underpass	Johnson County Conservation Board	88	\$1,800,000	\$1,300,000 (72%)	\$0
Cedar View Trail Paving Project	Jefferson County Conservation Board	88	\$836,000	\$374,000 (45%)	\$0
Fort Dodge Nature Trail	Fort Dodge	87	\$1,164,000	\$873,000 (75%)	\$0
Cone and Sertoma Mountain Bike Park Signage	Sioux City	86	\$140,000	\$105,000 (75%)	\$0
Cedar Rapids Flood Control System Trail	Cedar Rapids	85	\$1,720,000	\$500,000 (29%)	\$0

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Huckleberry Park Connector Trail	LeClaire	84	\$357,527	\$199,211 (75%)	\$0
8th Street-South Park Connector Trail	West Point	84	\$80,000	\$45,000 (56%)	\$0
Middle Road Trail Extension	Bettendorf	82	\$883,000	\$500,000 (57%)	\$0
Davis County Trail Project: Phase 4A	Bloomfield	81	\$804,000	\$483,954 (60%)	\$0
55th Street Trail from Meadow View Drive to Richland Avenue	Urbana	80	\$1,623,000	\$1,080,000 (67%)	\$0
Lenox Recreational Trail Extension Phase 3	Lenox	80	\$371,210	\$237,075 (64%)	\$0
Emmons Street Bridge and Trail Extension	Hiawatha	79	\$1,024,000	\$768,000 (75%)	\$0

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PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
Taylor Park to Kent-Stein Park Trail	Muscatine	78	\$259,000	\$195,000 (75%)	\$0
Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail Segment 2	Oelwein	78	\$676,929	\$440,004 (65%)	\$0
High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park, Phase 1b	Boone County Conservation Board	78	\$1,034,000	\$600,000 (58%)	\$0
Pony Hollow Trail Extension	Clayton County Conservation Board	76	\$1,787,140	\$500,000 (28%)	\$0
Iowa River Corridor Trail Gateway Segment	Iowa City	74	\$686,843	\$515,132 (75%)	\$0
Logan Recreational Trail Phase 1	Logan	72	\$548,062	\$275,000 (50%)	\$0
Enterprise Drive Trail Extension Phase 2	Independence	72	\$631,692	\$401,544 (64%)	\$0

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Palo Connector Trail	Palo	63	\$2,650,000	\$1,987,500 (75%)	\$0
Woodhaven Trail Connection	Polk City Friends of the Parks	61	\$64,000	\$48,000 (75%)	\$0
Cascade Trail	Cascade	54	\$1,009,441	\$700,000 (69%)	\$0