

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 11, 2022  
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.

Carlisle Connection Trail (Des Moines)	\$ 400,000
Eldora Trail Expansion (Eldora)	\$ 397,000
Gear Avenue Trail Extension Phase II (West Burlington)	\$ 345,357
Glenwood Trail (Glenwood)	\$ 200,000
Great Western Connector Trail (Manning)	\$ 200,242
Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from 610th Avenue to 620th Avenue (Story County Conservation Board)	\$ 225,000
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase V (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 400,000
West Union to Echo Valley State Park (West Union)	\$ 581,350
 Total	 \$ 2,748,949

**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: \$ 248,949**
  - **Total available funding: \$2,748,949**
- **Application Summary:**
  - **Total number of projects: 29**
  - **Total project costs: \$34,201,624**
  - **Total amount requested: \$13,889,139**

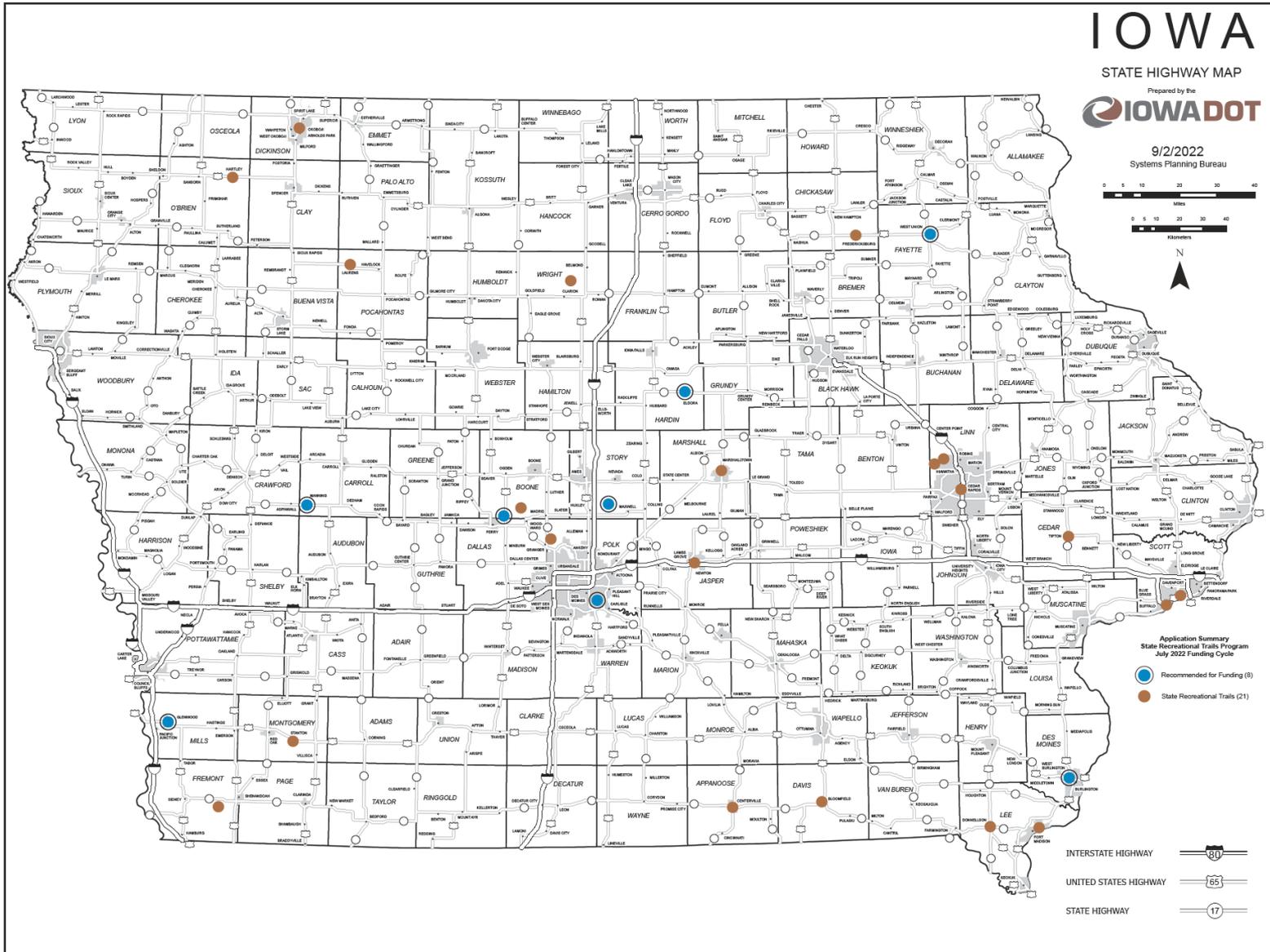
# List of Applications Recommended

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 Phase V</u></a>	Dallas County Conservation Board	116	\$1,897,000	\$400,000 (21%)	\$400,000 (21%)
<a href="#"><u>Heart of Iowa Nature Trail: 610th Avenue to 620th Avenue</u></a>	Story County Conservation Board	110	\$514,000	\$225,000 (44%)	\$225,000 (44%)
<a href="#"><u>West Union to Echo Valley State Park</u></a>	West Union	108	\$1,073,874	\$581,350 (54%)	\$581,350 (54%)
<a href="#"><u>Gear Avenue Trail Extension Phase II</u></a>	West Burlington	107	\$1,141,920	\$345,357 (30%)	\$345,357 (30%)

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<a href="#"><u>Eldora Trail Expansion</u></a>	Eldora	106	\$530,303	\$397,000 (75%)	\$397,000 (75%)
<a href="#"><u>Glenwood Trail</u></a>	Glenwood	104	\$398,318	\$200,000 (50%)	\$200,000 (50%)
<a href="#"><u>Carlisle Connection Trail</u></a>	Des Moines	103	\$4,636,142	\$400,000 (9%)	\$400,000 (9%)
<a href="#"><u>Great Western Connector Trail</u></a>	Manning	102	\$359,978	\$250,000 (69%)	\$200,242 (56%)

# Map of Applications Received





QUESTIONS?



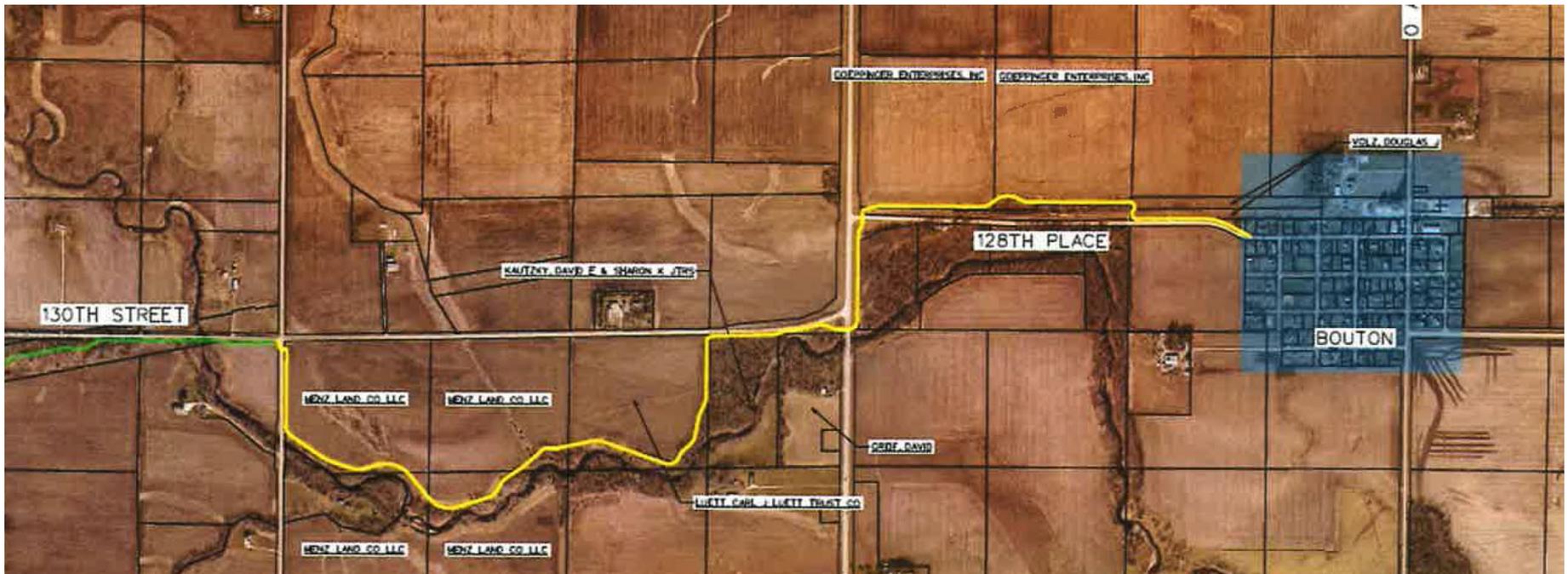
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## Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Phase V (Dallas County Conservation Board)

Construction of 2.4 miles of paved trail from M Avenue and 130th Street to Bouton. This section completes the trail from Perry to Bouton.

**Total Cost: \$1,897,000**

**Requested: \$400,000 (21%)**



## Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from 610th Avenue to 620th Avenue (Story County Conservation Board)

Paving of existing 1.2-mile limestone trail from 610th Avenue to 620th Avenue.

**Total Cost:** \$514,000  
**Requested:** \$225,000 (44%)

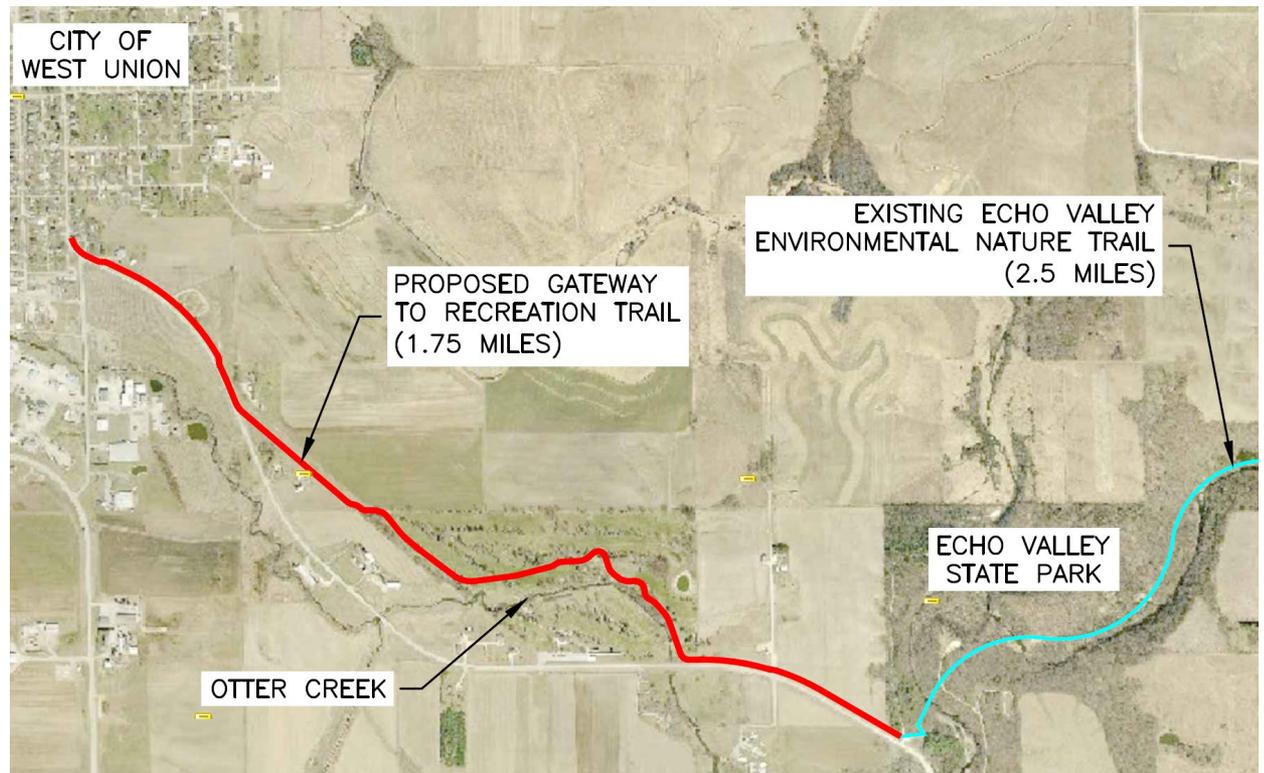


## West Union to Echo Valley State Park (West Union)

Construction of a 1.75-mile paved trail from Pine Street and Echo Valley Road in West Union to the existing trail in Echo Valley State Park.

**Total Cost: \$1,073,874**

**Requested: \$581,350 (54%)**

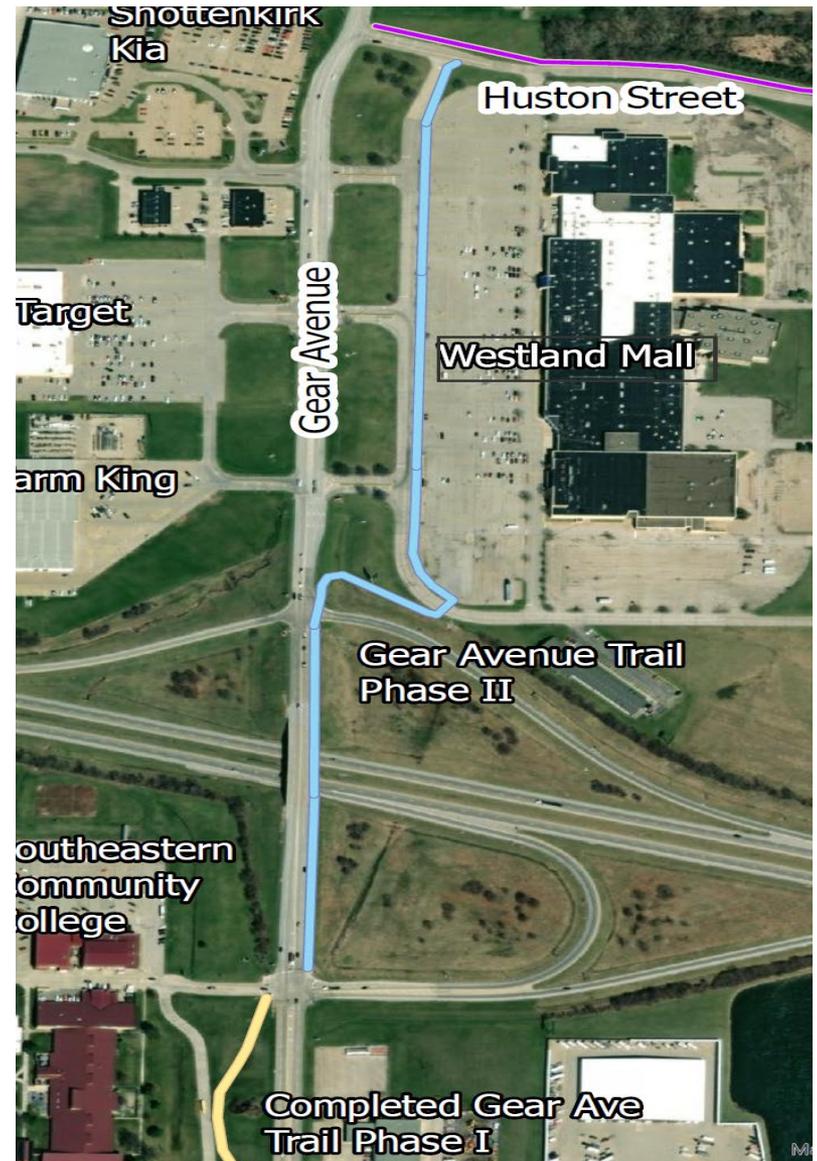


## Gear Avenue Trail Extension Phase II (West Burlington)

Construction of 0.5-mile of paved trail on east side of Gear Avenue tying into phase one near the Southeastern Community College entrance and ending at Huston Street.

**Total Cost: \$1,141,920**

**Requested: \$345,357 (30%)**

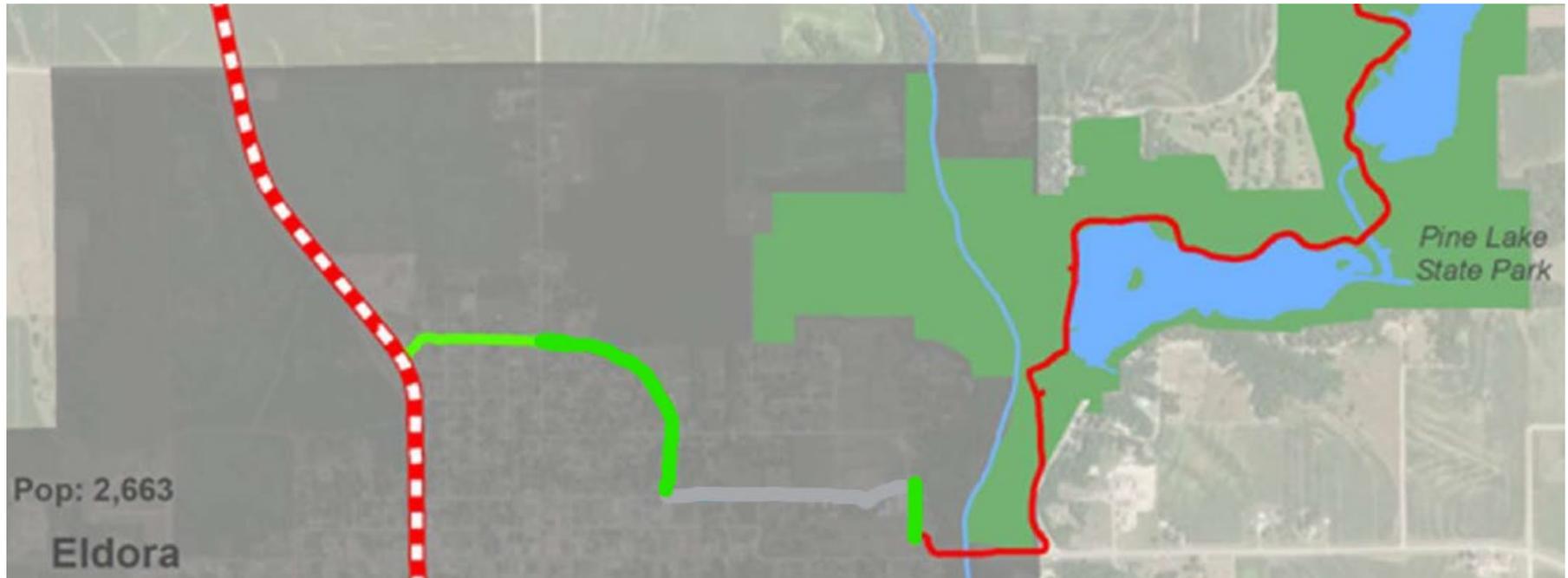


## Eldora Trail Expansion (Eldora)

Pave an existing 0.48-mile segment of Eldora Trail from Washington Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Also construct two new paved trail segments from Washington Street to the Iowa River's Edge Trail and along Park Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Pine Lake State Park Recreational Trail at Memorial Park totaling 0.38-mile of new trail.

**Total Cost: \$530,303**

**Requested: \$397,000 (75%)**

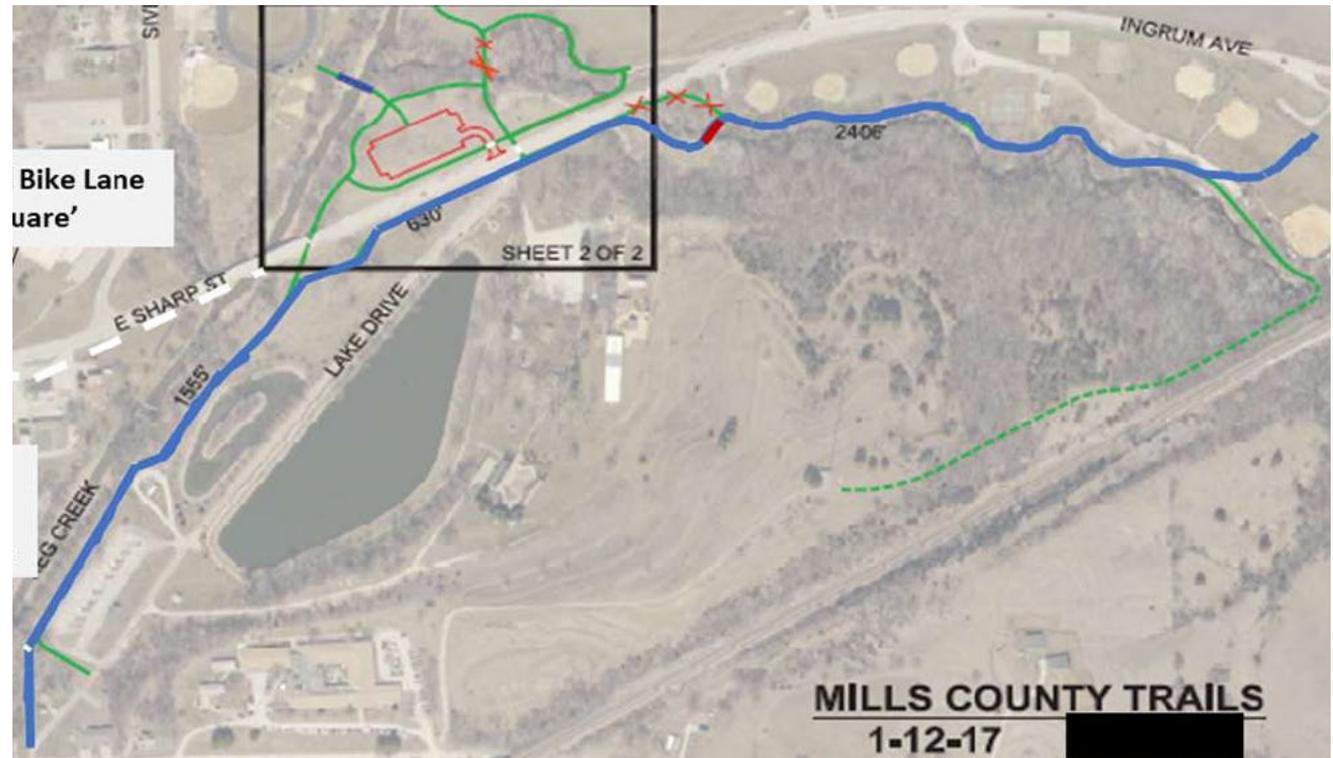


## Glenwood Trail (Glenwood)

Construction of a 1.5-mile paved trail at Glenwood Lake Park from Green Street and South Linn Street along Keg Creek, crossing Rogers Creek, and continuing to the recreational complex near Ingram Avenue.

**Total Cost: \$398,318**

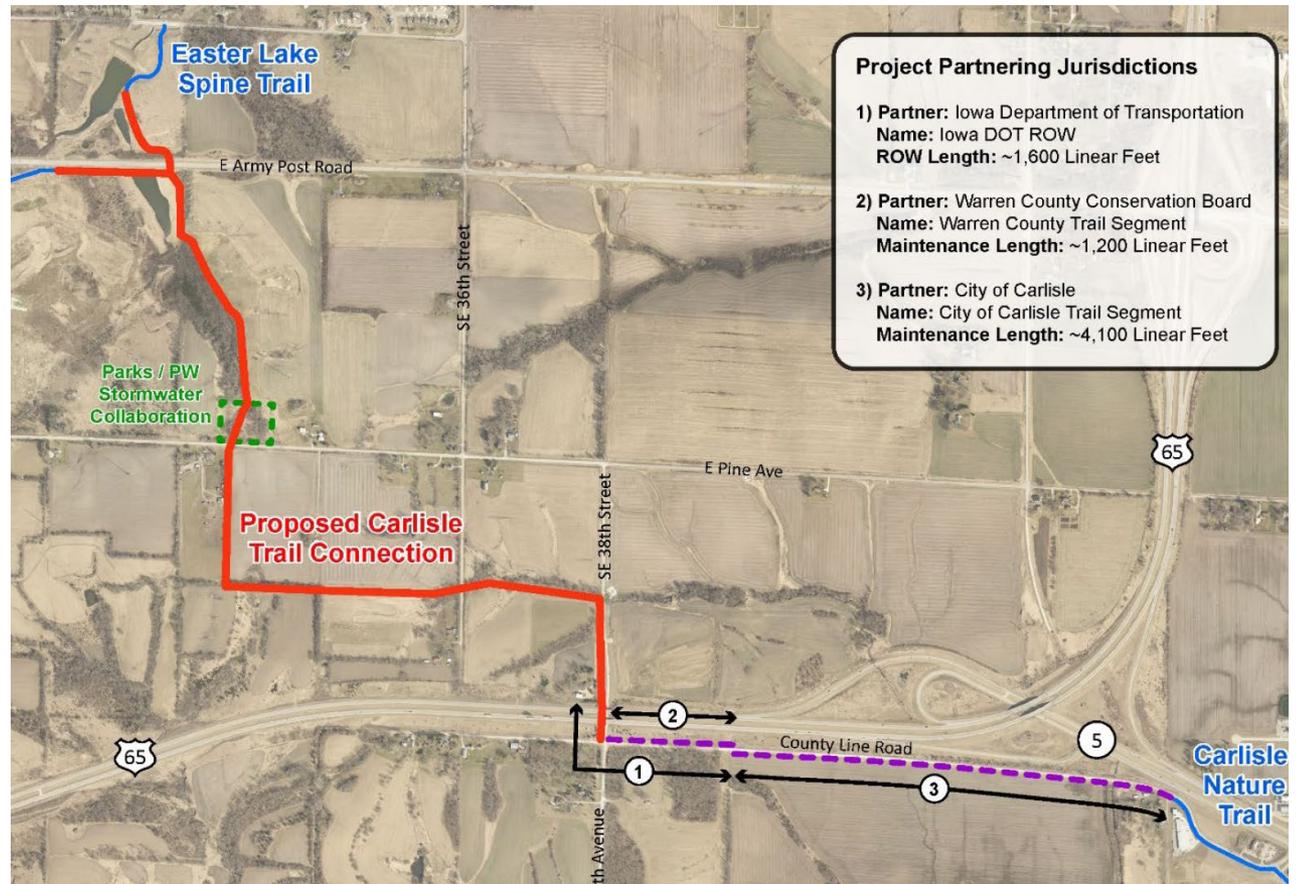
**Requested: \$200,000 (50%)**



## Carlisle Connection Trail (Des Moines)

Construction of a 3.1-mile paved trail from East Army Post Road at Easter Lake Park to 150th Avenue in Carlisle. This trail will eventually connect to the Summerset Trail through Carlisle and Indianola.

**Total Cost:** \$4,636,142  
**Requested:** \$400,000 (9%)



## Great Western Connector Trail (Manning)

Project constructs 2,150 feet of concrete trail starting at West Street and Manning Regional Healthcare Center and connecting to the Carroll County Great Western Park.

**Total Cost:** \$359,978

**Requested:** \$250,000 (69%)

**Recommended:** \$200,242 (56%)



# 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)
<a href="#"><u>High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park Phase 1B</u></a>	Boone County Conservation Board	104	\$794,000	\$355,000 (45%)	\$0
Prairie Restoration Trail	Laurens	99	\$380,000	\$237,367 (62%)	\$0
Davis County Trail Project Phase 4A	Bloomfield	98	\$675,000	\$475,000 (70%)	\$0
Iowa's River Edge Trail Radio Tower Road to Bridge #5	Marshalltown	96	\$1,400,000	\$500,000 (36%)	\$0
Prairie Lands Trail 12-mile Connector	Wright County Conservation Board	95	\$3,008,900	\$2,256,675 (75%)	\$0

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Clay County Connection Phase I	Dickinson County Trails Board	94	\$1,396,753	\$450,000 (32%)	\$0
Red Rock Prairie Trail Prairie City to Mitchellville	Jasper County Conservation Board	94	\$2,166,000	\$376,000 (17%)	\$0
Admiral Trail - Phase 2 Bridge	Farragut	94	\$564,999	\$452,000 (80%)	\$0
Hoover Trail Bridge #2	Cedar County Conservation Board	94	\$319,385	\$224,385 (70%)	\$0
Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 4 48 <sup>th</sup> Street Trail Connector	Fort Madison	91	\$625,477	\$202,477 (32%)	\$0
Nahant Marsh Trail Expansion Phase II	Nahant Marsh Education Center	88	\$314,673	\$222,273 (71%)	\$0

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Cedar Valley Nature Trail-52nd Street to Bear Creek Bridge	Linn County Conservation Board	88	\$1,369,684	\$650,000 (47%)	\$0
Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park	Polk County Conservation Board	86	\$1,600,000	\$400,000 (25%)	\$0
Westview Park Trail and Trailhead Phase 1	Donnellson	81	\$187,000	\$92,000 (49%)	\$0
Stanton Greenbelt Trail Phase 1	Stanton	79	\$528,455	\$328,455 (62%)	\$0
Palo Connector Trail	Palo	79	\$2,464,000	\$1,971,200 (80%)	\$0
Plum Creek Nature Trail	Fredericksburg	72	\$159,150	\$75,000 (47%)	\$0
First Bridge Replica Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Bridge	River Action, Inc.	68	\$4,386,613	\$1,000,000 (23%)	\$0

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Centerville Sidewalk Extension	Centerville	65	\$635,000	\$465,000 (73%)	\$0
Cottage Grove Avenue Trail	Cedar Rapids	63	\$446,000	\$266,400 (60%)	\$0
Hartley Recreation Trail	Hartley	53	\$229,000	\$91,200 (40%)	\$0

## High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park Phase 1B (Boone County Conservation Board)

This phase includes the construction of 1.23 miles of concrete trail, starting at QM Avenue at the southern entrance into Swede Point Park and completes the connection between the High Trestle Trail and the park's campground.

**Total Cost: \$794,000**

**Requested: \$355,000 (45%)**

**Recommended: \$0**

