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On another matter, Conservation Director Kim Perlstein said the Flint River Trail has hit a bump in the road courtesy of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Perlstein said she has been notified by the DNR that the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board will not allow bicycles on the one-mile stretch of the planned 20-mile trail that runs through Starr's Cave Park and Preserve outside of Burlington.

The preserve is owned by the state but managed by the county's conservation department. According to a state official, no state-owned preserves allow bike trails.

"I'm waiting to hear from my board on what they want to do next," Perlstein said.

When the trail is finished in 2013, it will wind northwest of Burlington and connect the Mississippi River Trail, downtown Burlington, the Port of Burlington, Riverside Park, Thye Woods Habitat Preserve, the historic Zion school, the Big Hollow Recreation Area and the Flint River Valley.

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