

Flint River Trail Makes Progress

The Flint River Trail is making progress. In a joint city/county effort that seeks to construct nearly 20 miles of recreational pathway, the Flint River Trail will connect the City of Burlington to Big Hollow Recreation Area.

Planning is nearly complete for the trail. Private fundraising has begun and final designs are being completed for many sections. Currently, over \$200,000 of a \$645,000 goal has been secured from private sources to help complete the trail construction. Grants are also being secured to design and construct the trail.

When completed, the trail will be the first significant off-road recreational trail in southeast Iowa. The closest such facilities can currently be found in Fairfield, Washington, Muscatine or Iowa City. However, the Flint River Trail will be quite a unique experience.

Connecting Burlington with Starr's Cave, Thye Woods and Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, the trail will have multiple destination points and trailheads. The facility will also give residents and visitors the chance to experience the peaceful scenery of the Flint River valley.

Plans are progressing, but there is still plenty to do. Fundraising, grant writing and community outreach are all important for the long-term success of the project.

Interested donors can visit www.flintrivertrail.org for more information on giving opportunities. If construction is your forte, trained engineers will have opportunities for volunteer labor to reduce trail costs. More information will follow next spring about such opportunities.

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