



City of Burlington - Quarterly Newsletter

City is Awarded \$150,000 for Bike Trail

The City of Burlington was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant by the Resource Enhancement and Protection program (REAP) through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This grant will help fund the construction of a portion of the Flint River Trail within Burlington City Limits. "This is the second award the City has been granted through REAP, and we're very excited that construction is finally starting on the trail," says Eric Larson, Community Development Director for the City of Burlington.

Trail development is going to make headway this winter with construction beginning on the abandoned railroad bridge over Flint Creek near Tama Road. Grading work began on the portion of trail just south of Tama Road during the last week of October, with more work to be done on this section throughout the winter. Also, in the plans for this winter is the completion of the design work for Phase II of the Flint River Trail, with an anticipated construction start date on this portion in spring 2009. The City, Des Moines County, and SEIRPC are working together to develop a multiuse trail that will provide the families of the area a close to home recreational opportunity, without breaking the bank. The county continues to work on their portion of the Flint River Trail, which will connect the Big Hollow Recreation Area, Starr's Cave, Thye Woods, and the Old Zion Schoolhouse to the City of Burlington's portion along the riverfront. The county also plans to begin construction on the trail in 2009 and will finish concurrently with the City.

For more information on events, how to get involved, or to make a donation to the trail, please visit the website at www.FlintRiverTrail.org.



Trail Section south of Tama Road graded by City of Burlington Public Works Department.