

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

6th Floor Conference Room
Scott County Administration Center
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Griffith opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2023. – The minutes from the July 20, 2023 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Recap of Get Out And Trail (GOAT) 2023. – The annual GOAT event is typically scheduled for May every year, but the ride had to be rescheduled this year due to flooding. Most communities who agreed to sponsor the event continued with their support, while numerous businesses dropped their support due to the conflicting Quad Cities Marathon that took place the same weekend. The Village of Port Byron was a new supporter this year. The steering committee is considering keeping the event in the fall, as there seemed to be more people engaged this year. At the booth in Moline, 138 people came past, while another booth could not keep track of the number of visitors, as the numbers were so high. The organizing committee will look for additional partner organizations with aligned missions, rather than business partners.
4. Review of the Quad Cities Unified Trail Ordinance. Mr. Schmid discussed the Quad Cities Unified Trail Ordinance that was sent out with committee member agenda packets. One topic that is not directly discussed in the ordinance is the issue with e-bikes. The committee noted that the region could benefit from consistent signage, including etiquette signs. Mr. Schmid noted he would contact the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and Ride Illinois to ask for their feedback on the ordinance.
5. Committee Member Reports.

Bettendorf–

The Forest Grove Drive corridor project is ongoing. Roundabouts will open this fall. The pedestrian overpass of Middle Road is in the design phase. Construction on Tanglewood Lane should be complete by the end of the year. A multiuse path under the I-74 bridge is being developed, and the Downtown Master Plan will be presented to City Council this week. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update will begin August 1.

LeClaire–

The master planning effort for Huckleberry Park and Veterans Memorial Park will kick off September 29. After initial investigation into the feasibility of a future trail corridor along Silver Creek, it now appears that it will likely not be feasible. Within the adopted Capital Improvement Program, there are a lot of trail and sidewalk projects.

Moline–

The city will host a Tails on Trails event on October 7, encouraging people to get out and walk their pets on the trails.

Princeton–

The 10th annual 5K fundraiser for the Princeton recreational trail will take place September 29. The grant contract with Hutchison Engineering for the Mississippi River Trail project will be on the council agenda in October. The new agreement will remove the 10-year construction deadline.

Quad City Bike Club–

Upcoming QCBC rides include the Tailwind Century and Chili Ride. QC Metro Bike Maps haven't been updated in a few years. A QR code for QCTrails.org could be added to the map.

Quad City Health Initiative–

QCHI continues to administer the QC Trails Facebook page, and encourages other organizations and agencies to interact with news and other posts.

River Action–

The upcoming Upper Mississippi River Conference will take place in October around the theme of building community. River Action is currently working with the cities of Rock Island and Moline on constructing a trail in the Floreciente neighborhood.

Scott County–

The Health Department is looking for a partner community for FY24 for its Community Transformation Program.

6. Other Business. – Mr. Schmid noted the Rails to Trails Conservancy were in town earlier in the week to promote their Great American Rail Trail with their Influencer Ride highlighting the work that's been done, as well as two critical gaps in the trail in western and central Illinois. The IA DOT is anticipated to open an application window for the Iowa Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) soon. It is expected that \$5 million will be available. The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) will open next fall, and prospective applicants are encouraged to begin prep work now, such as preliminary engineering and cost estimates.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: September 28, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:15 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center, Davenport, IA

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Nicole Carkner	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Ben Castro	MetroLINK	
3. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
6. Scott McConnell	QC Advocates	
7. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
8. Amanda Randerson	City of Davenport	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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