

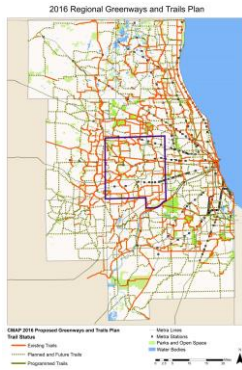
Trail Initiatives in DuPage County

CMAP Bike-Ped Task Force
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Regional Greenways and Trails Plan

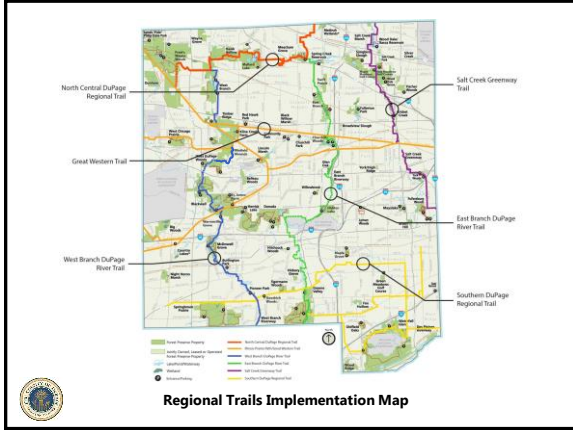
- 40% of all regional trails completed (1,260 miles of 3,100 complete)
- DuPage County has 307 miles of trails proposed in the plan
- 75% of regional trails are completed in DuPage County—significantly more than any other county in the 8-county region

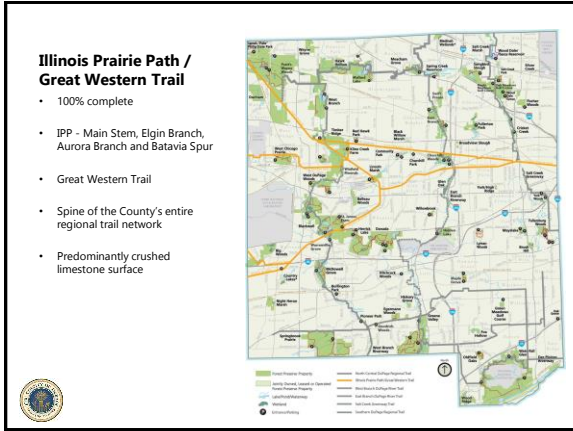


DuPage County Regional Bikeway Map

- Over 500 miles of major regional trails and bikeways
- Evolving
- Illustration of partnerships









West Branch DuPage River Trail

- 82% complete
- 23 miles from Naperville to Hanover Park



East Branch DuPage River Trail

- Only a few segments complete
- 31 miles from Bolingbrook to Bloomingdale
- Implementation difficult



Salt Creek Greenway Trail

- 100% complete except for a segment in Elmhurst
- 35 miles from Busse Woods through DuPage County to Brookfield Zoo



North Central DuPage Regional Trail

- 95% Complete
- 35 miles from Busse Woods through DuPage County to Wayne
- Final segment: connection to Illinois Prairie Path – Elgin Branch

The map displays the North Central DuPage Regional Trail route in orange, starting from Busse Woods in the north and extending south through DuPage County to Wayne. The trail follows major roads and greenways. A legend at the bottom identifies various land use types and trail segments.

This map highlights three specific regional trails in yellow: NCDRT (North Central DuPage Regional Trail) connecting Pratts Wayne to IPP; Great Western Trail connecting IPP to Sassafras Dr; and WBDRT (West Branch DuPage Regional Trail) connecting West DuPage Woods to Blackwell. A legend at the bottom provides details on trail types and distances.

Regional Trails: 2020

The map shows the extensive network of forest preserves and trails within DuPage County, color-coded by type. A legend at the bottom explains the symbols for different land uses and trail categories.

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

- Established in 1915
- 26,000 acres (13% of the land in DuPage County)
- 60 Forest Preserves
- 145 miles of trails
- 4.2 Million visitors per year



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Mandate - Downstate Forest Preserve Act (70 ILCS 805)



"to acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetland and associated plant communities or lands capable of being restored to such natural conditions for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of its citizens"



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Purpose
To acquire, preserve, protect and restore the natural resources in DuPage County while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature.



Organizational Goal 5: Connecting People to Nature

1. Improve Quality of Life and Health
2. Foster a lifelong appreciation of nature



Connecting People to Nature through Trails



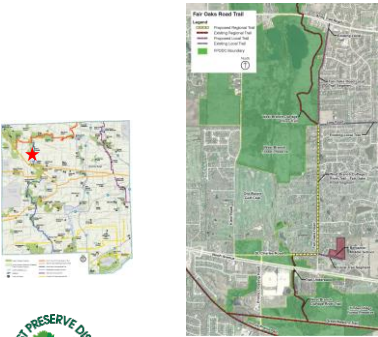

We recognize:

- FPDDC's important role in providing opportunities for residents to get outside, enjoy nature and encourage physical activity
- FPDDC's role in providing alternative transportation opportunities through regional trail development
- Trails are the primary amenity that our users enjoy
- Trails provide opportunities to connect people to nature, and being outside in nature provides both physical and mental health benefits




Keys to FPDDC Regional Trail Implementation:

- Long Range Planning
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Grant funding to make FPDDC funding go farther

West Branch DuPage River Trail – Fair Oaks Road Segment

- Cooperative project between the Village of Carol Stream, Wayne Township Road District and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- Construction completed in 2016




West Branch DuPage River Trail – Fair Oaks Road Segment

- Connection to existing WBDRT at St. Charles Road and WB DuPage River at West Branch Forest Preserve
- Path heads east along south side of St. Charles Road







West Branch DuPage River Trail – Winfield Mounds to West DuPage Woods




- Cooperative project between the Village of Winfield and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- Under construction, to be complete in 2018

West Branch DuPage River Trail – Winfield Mounds to West DuPage Woods

- Village of Winfield's Downtown Riverwalk Concept Plan




West Branch DuPage River Trail – Winfield Mounds to West DuPage Woods

- September 2016 Groundbreaking
- Our stakeholders – Village of Winfield, FPDDC, Winfield Bicycle Advocates and CMAP

West Branch DuPage River Trail – West DuPage Woods to Blackwell

- Phase I Engineering underway
- Actively applying for grant funding and seeking partners

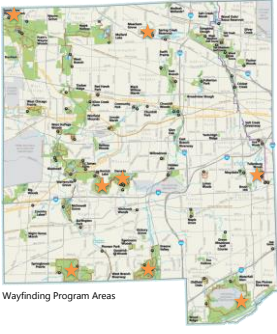
North Central DuPage Regional Trail – Schick Road Trail

- Cooperative project with Wayne Township Road District, Village of Bartlett and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- Construction complete in 2014





North Central DuPage Regional Trail – Schick Road Trail

- Path along Schick Road
- Bartlett connection to IL 59 and pedestrian crossing signals



Wayfinding Program Areas



Wayfinding Sign Program

- Identified preserves to receive wayfinding signs
 - Waterfall Glen, Fullersburg Woods, Danada, Herrick Lake, Greene Valley, Springbrook, Prairie and Meacham Grove





Wayfinding Sign System

- "You are Here" maps




Wayfinding Sign System

- Service Drive Signs
- Street Signs



Wayfinding Sign System

- Navigation Post
- Mile Markers




Interpretive Sign Program

- **Established Standards**
 - National Park Service style frame
 - Graphic panel design and fabrication type
- **New Signs installed in 2016 and into 2017**
- **Created master inventory of all interpretive signs and created a replacement schedule**



County involvement with Local Health Initiatives

A coalition of partners dedicated to reversing the obesity trend in DuPage County by educating children and families about the importance of eating healthy and being physically active. Together, we will help residents like a happy, and healthy, life.

 *Sidney Kenyon and Jessica Ortega are members of FORWARD's Council of Advisors*

Mission of Healthy West Chicago is to increase healthy eating and physical activity in order to make West Chicago one of the healthiest communities in the region. Through engaging events, educational offerings and policy efforts, we aim to make the healthy choice the easy choice.

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is an Advisory Board and Task Force member

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