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KANKAKEE COUNTY
GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN
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TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES
AND DESCRIPTIONS



THE KANKAKEE COUNTY GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN

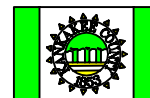
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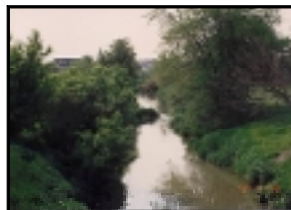
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WHAT ARE GREENWAYS?

Greenways are corridors of open space that are managed for recreation or preservation. They connect people with places such as, parks, schools, neighborhoods, public facilities and commercial developments. The definition of a greenway must stay

flexible because greenways themselves are multi-faceted in nature and may contain a variety of different uses. In general, a greenway is a linear open space established along a riverfront, stream bank, ridgeline, railroad right-of-way or highway for the purpose of non-motorized vehicle transportation, nature preservation, habitat preservation, species migration, flood and erosion control or sediment filtration.

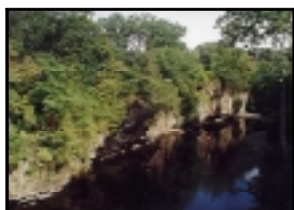


HOW DO GREENWAYS WORK?

Greenways can offer more than recreational amenities. Greenways protect the health of ecosystems and provide corridors for plant and animal species, as well as, creating natural filtering and buffering systems.

Greenways operate as:

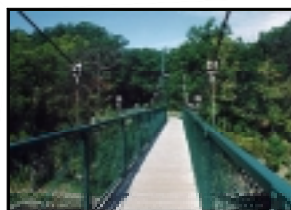
- A habitat and sanctuary for plant and animal species. Greenways sustain vegetation and natural areas for growth.
- A natural filter, keeping sediments and pollutants out of waterways.
- Alternative transportation routes for non-motorized vehicle traffic.
- Erosion control for river and stream banks.
- Migration paths for animal species.



MISSION STATEMENT

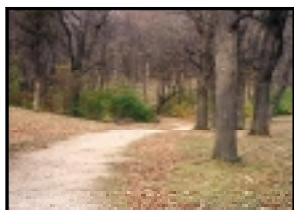
"Greenways and recreational trails should provide the people of Kankakee County with opportunities to enjoy physical and social activities.... They should provide opportunities to experience the natural, cultural and scenic amenities of the greenway and/or trail corridor.... They should reflect landscapes typical of the County's different regions.... They should be accessible to the County's citizens.... They should provide a pleasurable, non-polluting alternative to automobile travel for short trips.... They should be an economic asset to communities along the trail.... and they should contribute to the quality of life in Kankakee County.

These greenways and trails should be developed through partnerships among, state, federal, regional, and local units of government, constituent organizations and trail users.... they should link communities and their parks and extend from cities into the countryside.... they should connect the County's diverse regions with trails in neighboring county's and state's.... and they should evolve into a network throughout the length and width of the County, easily accessible to all County residents for their use and enjoyment."



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Greenways conserve, protect and enhance lands which provide habitat for wildlife, especially habitats for threatened and endangered species.
- Greenways provide increased recreation, tourism and access opportunities.
- Greenways influence quality of life and location decisions of families, businesses and industry.
- Greenways protect urbanizing areas from flooding by providing a natural storm water retention corridor.
- Greenways reduce the cost of public investment for infrastructure, pollution control, flood control and transportation.



GOALS

The goals of the Kankakee County Greenways and Trails Plan are as follows:

- Create new regulations to aid in the implementation of the plan.
- Provide quality recreation opportunities for the citizens of Kankakee County.
- Create an organization to oversee the implementation of the Plan.
- Coordinate open space objective among local units of government.
- Locate potential funding sources.
- Identify greenway and trail priorities
- Build a cooperative coalition among developers, transportation officials, planners, environmentalist, park officials, municipalities and civic leaders.

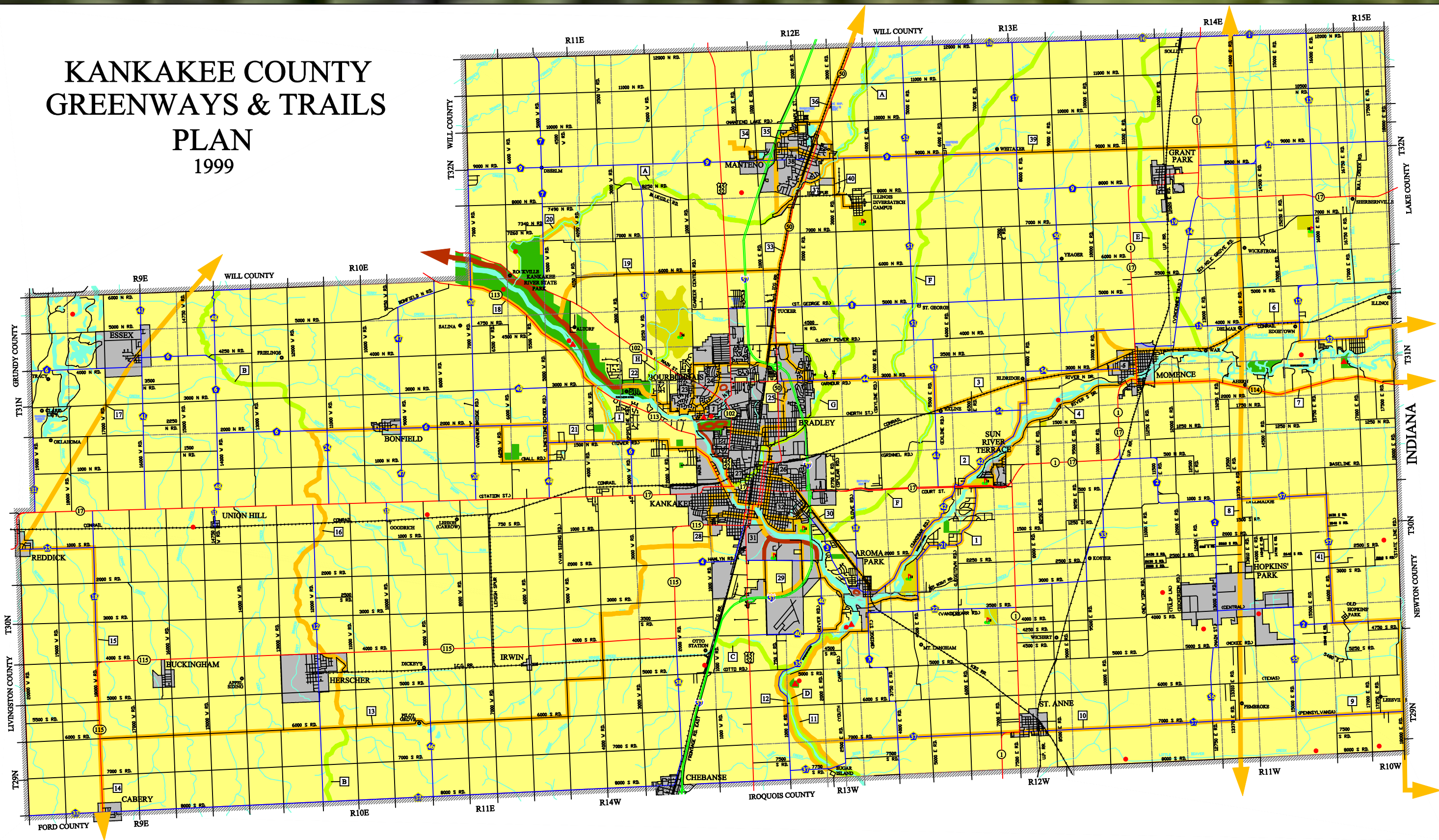


PLAN

Implementing the goals of the Kankakee County Greenways and Trails Plan will result in:

- Land and Wildlife Preservation
- Public Access to Open Space
- Recreational Opportunities
- Alternative methods of transportation
- Erosion and Storm Water Control
- Increased Opportunities in Tourism and Commerce
- Increased State and Federal Grant Opportunities
- An increased Quality of Life for the Citizens of Kankakee County

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GREENWAYS AND TRAILS KEY

NATURAL GREENWAYS
A. ROCK CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
B. HORSE CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
C. MINNIE CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
D. IROQUOIS RIVER NATURAL GREENWAY
E. TRIM CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
F. BAKER CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
G. SOLDIER CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
H. DAVIS CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
I. WILLY CREEK NATURAL GREENWAY
J. BOURBONNAIS NATURAL GREENWAY

PROPOSED TRAILS
1. AROMA TRAIL
2. SANDBAR TRAIL
3. ELDRIDGE TRAIL
4. SOUTH MOMENCE TRAIL
5. MOMENCE CROSSTOWN TRAIL
6. NORTH MOMENCE TRAIL
7. GRAND MARSH TRAIL
8. SAVANNA TRAIL
9. WILLOW TRAIL
10. GRAND SOUTHERN TRAIL

11. SUGAR ISLAND TRAIL
12. RIVER ROAD TRAIL
13. PILOT TRAIL
14. CABERY TRAIL
15. REDDICK TRAIL
16. HORSE CREEK TRAIL
17. SOUTH MEWIN TRAIL
18. LIMESTONE TRAIL
19. GRAND NORTHERN TRAIL & PARKWAY
20. ROCK CREEK EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

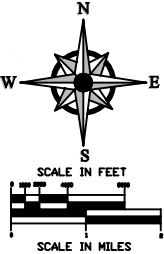
21. BONFIELD TRAIL
22. PERRY-DAVIS TRAIL
23. CARHER CENTER TRAIL
24. BROWN BOULEVARD TRAIL
25. TRANS BRADLEY TRAIL
26. GREENWOOD TRAIL
27. RIVERS EDGE TRAIL
28. WEST KANKAKEE TRAIL
29. CONVENTION CENTER TRAIL
30. WALDRON TRAIL

31. SOUTH KANKAKEE TRAIL
32. DUANE BOULEVARD TRAIL
33. MANTENO TRAIL
34. WEST MANTENO TRAIL
35. NORTH MANTENO TRAIL
36. MANTENO DOWNTOWN TRAIL
37. ROCK CREEK TRAIL
38. TRANS MANTENO TRAIL
39. MANTENO - GRANT PARK TRAIL
40. DIVERSATECH TRAIL
41. PEMBROKE TRAIL

LEGEND

- INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
- FEDERAL HIGHWAYS
- DIVIDED STATE HIGHWAYS
- STATE HIGHWAYS
- COUNTY HIGHWAYS
- TOWNSHIP AND LOCAL ROADS
- CREEKS AND STREAMS
- RAILROADS
- ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE
- ILLINOIS NATURAL INVENTORY SITE

- INCORPORATED AREAS
- MAJOR WATERWAYS
- PARKS AND CONSERVATION AREAS
- GOLF COURSES
- PROPOSED NATURAL GREENWAYS
- PROPOSED TRAILS
- EXISTING TRAILS
- TRAIL REFERENCE NUMBER
- GREENWAY REFERENCE LETTER



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