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Meeting Summary

The Illinois Greenways and Trails Council will meet on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022** virtually, via the web platform WebEx. In person attendees will gather in the Rock River Room on the 2nd floor of the DNR headquarters.

The agenda:

Introductions

DNR Report

RTP Grants Report – Discussion and Approval of Proposed Projects for SFY23FFY22

Next meeting date

Public Comment

Adjourn

In attendance:

Bill Brown	IL Assn of Snowmobile Clubs
Bryan Schmid	Bi State Regional Planning
Mark Hazzard	IL Assn of Snowmobile Clubs
Tony Troyer	Horsman's Council of IL
Amy Madigan	IDNR
Ann Fletcher	IDNR
Dave Simmons	Ride Illinois
Stephen Letsky	IDOT
Tim Bartlett	Champaign County
Shannan Karrick	Sangamon County RPC
John Harris	OHV Advisory Board
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Dale Brockamp	IDNR

The meeting began with attendance. There was an issue with the transcript of the meeting, while it was recorded, the audio was not.

The discussion then moved to the RTP project listing. Amy Madigan reviewed the list with the group.

The group was reminded, that the listing hasn't been through all the reviews necessary for FHWA approval and could change, so the approval would be conditional bearing all the review criteria are met.

The project listing was conditionally approved with Tony Troyer making the motion, and John Harris seconding, followed by all eyes.

The projects are included again here, with the updated amount. Very little discussion on projects individually. The list at this time, does not feature any motorized projects of which we must have 30% of funds for the allocation.

Bill Brown stated that there are many snowmobile projects that could be ready, but since DNR didn't have a local sponsor grant round this year, many motorized options may have been missed.

Further discussion around ways to reach out for motorized projects, it was mentioned that DNR would research if we could open a round to motorized projects before the end of the federal fiscal year September 30, 2022.

Hunter John Harris offered support for snowmobiles to utilize the funds solely this year to even out the balance of funds used over the past years, when snowmobile grant programs were suspended.

IDNR will research if holding a grant round is feasible, and will reach out to FHWA to learn what the specific provisions around the 30% motorized allocation.

Tony Troyer requested a listing of active grants. Which is attached here.

The group then discussed the vacancies on the council. Amy Madigan stated she has reached out to a paddling group, and Dave Simmons reminded Amy of a hiking contact to reach out to.

The remaining vacancy is for trail users with disabilities.

The next meeting discussion alluded to a meeting later in the summer, tentatively August 24, 2002.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bill Brown and seconded by Dave Simmons.

Meeting was adjourned.

Recommend Projects for SFY22FFY21

May 25, 2022

Lake Shore Trail - Argyle Lake State Park \$250,000

This project will make repairs to the existing 0.6 mile "Lake Shore Trail" at Argyle State Park. The Lake Shore trail is a primitive hiking trail with a +/- the project will replace five (5) sets of wooden stairs, and 3 existing wooden bridges. The project will also include construction of four (4) new wooden boardwalks in low lying wet areas. Three of the five existing wood stairways will be replace with stone steps instead of wood as shown in the attached map. Three-foot wide bare-earth walking surface. The project is requesting RTP funds for all labor and materials to replace these structures, as well as any design fees necessary to prepare and bid the project.

Blackberry Trail -Ramsey Lake State Park \$175,000

The Blackberry Hiking Trail at the site has fallen into disrepair and needs to be rehabilitated. The trail is located on the west side of Ramsey Lake and is approximately 1.2 miles in length and connects two day use areas together. Parts of the trail utilize an abandoned road system. Existing trailheads with parking and restrooms are already in place to support the trail development. The repair work will consist of light grading, installation of culverts where needed, diversion berms to direct water off the trail where needed and light reinforcement of the finished tread with aggregates. The area in which the trail is located is mostly oak-hickory forest and most if not all of the expected vegetative disturbance will be confined to small

understory or shrubs less than 6" dia. The trail will also provide access to staff conducting prescribed burning which is used on this area frequently. Light grading is removing 2-3" of forest fluff prior to installation of aggregates. The trail will be approximately 6' wide. This project has been CERP reviewed and approved at least 2 prior occasions.

Round Bluff Hiking Trail - Fern Clyffe State Park

\$300,000

Round Bluff is a one-mile-long trail within the 53 acre Round Bluff Nature Preserve at Fern Clyffe State Park. The trail traverses some steep slopes and sandstone outcrops at the base of Round Bluff. At three locations, long wooden stairways were built in the 1980s to negotiate some steep inclines. The stairways have numerous rotted support posts and structural pieces that are split and decayed. There is one short bridge about 20' in length that needs a new railing system and decking installed. There are numerous wood timbers used as either steps or water bars that because of erosion, are more of trip hazards. Hikers are circumventing the timbers and causing trail braiding and resource damage. This project will replace all three (3) of the long wooden step assemblies with new construction in the same location as the existing. The one bridge will get new railing and decking. At one location, a new set of steps should be built where the terrain is extremely steep and to keep hikers confined to the desired alignment. New timber water bars or rolling grade dips will be installed where needed throughout the trail.

Post Oak Trail - Giant City State Park

\$95,000

The Post Oak Hiking Trail at Giant City State Park was originally developed around 1980 and was intended to be an accessible hiking trail. The trail is about 1/3 mile in length and traverses the top of a large sandstone bluff with commanding views of an adjoining valley. In 2019 and 2021, IDNR undertook repairs to replace the trail surface with a concrete sidewalk 5 ft. wide. There are five (5) small wood decks on the trail that cross exposed bedrock and one (1) wood viewing deck that date from the original construction that need replaced. In 2021, two (2) of the wood decks were replaced with new decks. That leaves remaining three (3) decks and one (1) viewing deck to be replaced. In addition, the existing parking area is on old sandstone pavers that are rough and not compliant with ADA standards. The parking needs to be renovated with new pavement to improve accessibility and remove a trip hazards. Upon completion of Ph. 3, the entire trail will meet Illinois Accessibility Standards and be one of the few ADA hiking trails in all of Southern Illinois.

Bridges 15 & 40 - Hennepin Canal

\$460,000

Bridge 15 spans the north and south portions of the Hennepin Canal State Parkway Park. The historic bridge (IDNR# 006-9914) is an iron truss bridge, 120' in length x 18' width, with a wooden plank deck. Bridge 40 at Lock 26 is located east of Colona, Illinois, and includes a lift bridge to cross the lock. The historic bridge (aka Bridge #40, IDNR #037-3016) is an iron truss lift bridge, with gears, 40' in length x 18' width, with a wooden plank deck. The date of construction for both bridges is assumed to be in early 1900's. The deck planks are 4" x 12", nominal. Work will include removal of the temporary plywood covering and the deteriorating bridge deck planks, and providing deck replacement in kind; preparation and re-painting of the painted steel bridge trusses to restore finishes and protect from further rusting; surface repairs to the concrete abutments and approach pavements at the bridge interface (either asphalt pavement patch, epoxy crack filling or other TBD in design). There is no intent at this time to restore the function of the lift gear assemblies on Bridge 40.

Trail Rehabilitation - Lincoln Trail Homestead

\$250,000

This project will evaluate the structural integrity of two sets of wooden stairways and repair or replace them. The project will stabilize erosion that is occurring around an existing culvert and provide rock on the trail surface where needed. Also, site amenities including one gate, one kiosk, and 4 benches with concrete bases, will be provided

Trail Rehabilitation - Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

\$175,000

The bike trail is about 4.0 miles in length and serves as a part of the greater Rend Lake Bike Trail System, a National Recreational Trail. The Wayne Fitzgerald Bike Trail connects Rend Lake College with a State Park and the trail will be connected with a soon to be constructed trail section that IDOT will construct to run alongside IL Rt. 154. There are nine (9) existing steel culverts that were installed around 1998 as part of the original trail construction. These culverts are severely rusted and some are in danger of collapsing. The culverts will be replaced in the exact same location and profile as the existing except the new culverts will be HDPE plastic pipes to ensure longer life. All of the bike trail is aggregate surfaced and there is about a 600 l.f. section of trail adjoining Rend Lake that is subject to flooding. This section of trail needs to be reinforced with concrete paving (10' wd. x 600') to prevent gulying on the trail endangering bicyclists. All of this construction will occur on and within the footprint of the original bike trail construction. No re-alignments or new construction is needed."

Trail Bridge Rehabilitation - Weldon Springs State Park

\$300,000

This project provides funding for engineering services to prepare plans to replace Bridge #1 and Bridge #4 , and a stairway on the lake trail. The project will also provide funding for all construction engineering, materials, and labor necessary to remove & replace two Bridge #1 and Bridge #4 and a stairway. The project will be bid through the IDNR procurement process and contracted labor will perform needed repairs on the footbridges and trail surfaces

Total \$2,005,000

Jay		Hall	American Motocyclists Association
Tony		Troyer	Horsemen's Council of IL.
Hunter John		Harris	ABATE/ Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Board
Bill	J	Brown	Illinois Associaton of Snowmobile Clubs
Loren		Easter	International Mountain Biking Assn.
Robert	Scott	Bryant	Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources IFOR
Dave		Simmons	Ride Illinois
Steven		Letsky	Illinois Department of Transportation
James		Kyte	Federal Highway Administration
Ann		Fletcher	IDNR - Grants
Amy		Madigan	IDNR - Program Manager RTP
Mark		Hazzard	IL Assn of Snowmobile Clubs
Frank		Koehler	IL Paddling Council -- has been contacted
Shawn			Hiking with Shawn - has been contacted
(1) non-motorized water sports paddling;			
(2) motorized off-road motorcycle;			
(3) non-motorized hiking pedestrian;			
(4) motorized all-terrain vehicle;			
(5) non-motorized road and trail cycling;			
(6) motorized snowmobile;			
(7) non-motorized equestrian;			
(8) motorized snowmobile;			
(9) non-motorized mountain bike;			
(10) recreational trail users with disabilities; and			
(11) a diverse, multi-use, multi-purpose outdoor			
(1) one member from a local government or planning			
(2) one member from the Department of Transportation			
(3) one member from the FHWA			
(4) one member from the IDNR- Grants			
(5) one member from the IDNR-RTP			

Project Number	DNR Project Number	Recipient Project Number	Earliest Authorization Date	Project Description	Advance Construction	Obligations Amount 80%	Total Cost Amount	Expenditure Amount	F in
2011013		C-30-023-12	08/21/2012	IDNR Region 1 Rec. Trails Program - Proposed work improve/repair trails in Illini State Park, in Lowden-Miller State Forest **	\$ -	\$ 406,800.00	\$ 608,600.00	\$ 74,436.30	
2011014	2-13-001	C-30-024-12	08/21/2012	IDNR Region 2 Rec. Trails Program - proposed work improve/repair trails in Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area **	\$ -	\$ 252,032.00	\$ 315,040.00	\$ 201,110.40	
2014010		C-30-010-15	06/14/2016	Rec.Trails Project- Matthiessen State Park Proposed Work- Rehabilitation portions of existing multi-purpose trails**	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	
5NGV609		C-30-013-17	08/03/2017	Middle Fork FWA - Stabilize and make repairs to areas of the existing 35 mile site equestrian trail system.	\$ -	\$ 42,400.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 1,597.60	
ESUD550	5-18-015B	C-30-005-17	08/03/2017	Sahara Woods - Develop Phase 1 - Phases 1A, 1B and 2A of a 26-mile off highway vehicle (OHV) trail network and amenities.	\$ -	\$ 1,220,000.00	\$ 1,525,000.00	\$ 170,801.80	\$ 1,7
Q26M384	01-21-023	C-30-011-17	08/10/2017	Matthiessen State Park - For the Dells Area Trail, replace 140' of 4' wide steps and replace 45' of decking. For the Fort Steps, replace decking, seats and steps. For Giant's Bathtub, replace 12' of decking and 20 steps.	\$ -	\$ 40,400.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 1,599.84	
RTPS001	5-21-018	RTPS001	08/10/2017	This project will construct the OHV trailhead, entrance road, parking lot, service yard and management facility including service building, pole storage barn, restroom building, signing, landscaping, security fencing and utility infrastructure including watermain extensions, primary electric service and internet service. An equipment lease is included to provide IDNR site managers the capability to maintain the OHV riding trails and environs on 1,300 acres.	\$ -		\$2,923,711.00	\$ -	\$ 7
						\$ 2,338,698.80			
RTPS003		RTPS003	09/26/2019	Illinoi Beach State Park - The existing trail network in the north unit of the park has undergone some change in use and has become victim to lakeshore erosion thereby necessitating a reorganization and repair of the overall system. The system is made up of turf/dirt/mown pedestrian trails and limestone screenings multi-use trails. The trails serve as a key regional trail connection and provide access to Nature Preserve lands for this unique regional ridge and swale ecosystem. This project proposes to install a gateway trail sign, look and site furnishings near the access. Another portion of the trail has incurred soil settlement near a previous culvert installation. This has made for a difficult walking condition, so work will include gravel fill for approx. 80 linear feet to re-level. Additional trail signage will be required to close some trail segments which have lost linkage to trail system due to lakeshore erosion. The increased usage on adjacent sections of hiking trail, 2000 linear feet, and multi-use trail, 1500 linear feet, requires (both gravel trails) requires re-leveling and topdressing to restore the trail quality.	\$ -	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 184,000.00	\$ -	
RTPS006	3-20-039	RTPS006	09/26/2019	Lincoln Trail State Park - This project will provide the rental/lease equipment and materials to grade the existing three-mile mountain-bike trail loop. The project will also provide interpretive and directional sign for trail users. Site staff will also remove and spray invasive vegetation in the mountain-bike and construct wooden boardwalks in low lying areas where needed.	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 39,999.99	\$ -	
RTPS007	3-20-038	RTPS007	09/26/2019	Clinton Lake State Park - The Lakeside Trail connects the park's concession and beach areas to the campground. This one-mile long (10-foot-wide) limestone trail was constructed using SFY09 RTP funds and has been very popular with park visitors. This project would rehabilitate and improve the surface for wheelchair users and younger visitors by adding an A2 chip and chip overlay to the existing limestone base. Various wooden footbridges on the Lakeside Trail need repairs.	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$
RTPS008	4-20-019	RTPS008	09/25/2019	Lincoln's New Salem - The project on the historic Mentor Graham Trail will remove and replace existing damaged trail bridge. Proposed scope of work to include but not limited to the following: downed tree removal, demolition carpentry and stone abutments, earth excavation, concrete formwork, concrete abutment, wood carpentry, stone masonry, stream edge and flowline reinforcement, trail finish grading, seeding, fertilizing, mulching.	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	
RTPS009	4-21-027	RTPS009	09/25/2019	Lincoln's New Salem - This proposed project will replace an existing deteriorated set of steps connecting the historic Grismit with the Village Trail through the historic village. The design and construction replacement structure will be approximately, +/- 6' wide X 185' long wood timber structure, flooring, and handrails, footings, demolition and disposal required. Minor trail width improvements will be required to access the work area.	\$ -	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 430,000.00	\$ -	
RTPS010	5-21-017	RTPS010	09/25/2019	Stephen A Forbes State Park - Construct new equestrian trailhead and aggregate parking lot for approximately 24 truck/trailer combinations with access to local county road, construct one (1) standard IDNR masonry or pre-cast concrete vault toilet, construct ADA parking space and misc. sidewalks to connect restroom and parking, install (2) potable water hydrants.	\$ -	\$ 120,400.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ -	
RTPS011	5-21-022	RTPS011	09/25/2019	Giant City State Park - This project will renovate and improve accessibility of about 900 L.F. of existing Post Oak trail system by removing the dilapidated, asphalt walkway, place and compact a new aggregate base and install a new concrete walkway +/-5' wide. In addition, a new ADA parking space with signage will be installed (16' wd. x 20' deep), at the trailhead, and install of a new striped ADA crosswalk, replace five (5) small wood bridges with new structures, install one new ADA floating boat dock section on pond for interpretation purposes. On the Giant horse trail, a +/-1.5 mile section of trail needs repaired. The repairs will consist of installing water diversion berms, reinforcing treads with aggregates, repair gullies, install erosion control measures.	\$ -	\$ 119,520.00	\$ 149,400.00	\$ -	\$
RTPS012	5-21-021	RTPS012	09/25/2019	Ferne Clyffe State Park - The Lake Trail is a scenic hiking loop trail around Ferne Clyffe Lake. At three locations where intermittent streams feed into the lake, the trail needs raised and culverts installed to allow pedestrians to cross. Other area need slight regrading and aggregates placed to reduce erosion. At Wise Ridge funds will provide and install new wayside exhibits at the main access trailhead next to the Tunnel Hill State Trail. There will be erosion repair and installation of new water diversions on old logging road. Reinforce sections of eroded trail with aggregates where needed. Big Rock Hollow - 1500 LF of trail needs to be reinforced with aggregate.	\$ -	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	
RTPS013	5-22-027	RTPS013	12/01/2021	Cache River - Installation of improve signage on water trail.		\$ 14,500.00	\$ 17,000.00		
RTPS014	5-22-028	RTPS014	12/01/2021	Lake Murphysboro - This project will replace dilapidated wooden bridges on the Walk Away hiking trail at Lake Murphysboro. The existing trail is about 1.75 miles in length and has 16 bridge locations.		\$ 43,200.00	\$ 54,000.00		
RTPS015	2-22-016	RTPS015	12/01/2021	Moraine Hills - Lake Defiance Trail The existing asphalt, multi-purpose trail crosses a hydrological connection between 2 key marshes, Yellow-Head Marsh and Willow Marsh.		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 45,000.00		
RTPS016	3-22-012	RTPS016	12/01/2021	Squirrel Woods - Bridge replacement and restoration on Squirrel Creek Trail.		\$ 142,000.00	\$ 177,500.00		
RTPS017	1-22-003	RTPS017	03/22/2022	Blackhawk State Historic Site - The project will rehabilitate portions of the River Side Hiking Trail including removal and replacement of a viewing platform, repair of severe erosion areas, and installation of new decking, stairs and handrails where needed. Repairs will address approximately 300 lineal feet of trail system.		\$ 80,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		
RTPS018	1-22-001	RTPS018	05/12/2022	Hennepin Canal - Lock 31 Day Use Area project will install a Handicap Accessible Pedestrian Bridge and accessible parking spot.		\$ 176,000.00	\$ 220,000.00		
RTPS019	3-22-014	RTPS019	03/17/2022	Embarres River - Fox Ridge The project improvements would eliminate existing hazards and stabilize the trail surface to better accommodate bicycles and other users.					
					\$ -	\$ 8,395,898.00	\$ 10,681,691.98	\$ 866,049.94	