Planning Context:

A comprehensive greenway plan for the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities greenway plans is underway since 1997 and 1998, respectively. It identifies potential greenway connections and highlights the Mississippi River as an important greenway asset to both Illinois and Iowa. With increasing development interests throughout the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities Metropolitan Areas, a continuing emphasis on a regional greenway network is important for preserving the environment and linking corridors within the region.

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1. Lost Creek, Scott County – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has the area of land along the south side of U.S. 67/State Street designated as a passive greenway.
2. Spooner Creek, LaPorte – The public has access to an area of land south of the LaPorte Subdivision designated as a passive greenway.
3. McCarth Creek, LaPorte – A portion of the creek has been designated as a passive greenway.
4. Herlong Creek, LaPorte – A portion of the creek has been designated as a passive greenway.
5. Crow Creek, Bettendorf – A portion of the creek has been designated as a passive greenway.
6. Middle Road Corridor, Bettendorf – A porportion of this corridor is planned for utilization as an active greenway containing multi-purpose trail.

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11. Wisconsin Street Corridor, LeClaire – A portion of this corridor is planned for utilization as an active greenway containing multi-purpose trail.
12. Black Hawk/Wellsboro, Davenport – A portion of this corridor is planned for utilization as an active greenway containing multi-purpose trail.
13. Silver Creek, Davenport – A portion of this corridor is planned for utilization as an active greenway containing multi-purpose trail.
14. Goose Creek, Davenport – A portion of this corridor is planned for utilization as an active greenway containing multi-purpose trail.
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The Mississippi River Valley Greenway is a 350-mile trail that begins in the Midwest and extends west to the Pacific Ocean. It connects major cities and towns along the river, including Des Moines, Iowa, and Davenport, Iowa. The trail offers a variety of recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. The greenway is managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information, contact your local government or visit their website.