

**ATTACHMENT A: IDNR GRANT APPLICATION**

**IDNR Greenways & Trails Planning Program  
Financial Assistance Application**

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## **Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails Committee**

The Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails committee was formed by the Jo Daviess County Board because of their interest in the developing a county wide plan for identifying existing greenways and trails, while identifying potential areas within the county for new trails and contiguous green space. The trails committee has invited all manner of groups, organizations and units of government to participate in the development of the plan.

The Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails committee with direction and support of the Jo Daviess County board is requesting that IDNR support this effort with a sum of \$20,000.

Following is a list of those representatives:

### **City and County Government**

City of Galena  
Village of Elizabeth  
Village of Stockton

### **Regional Planning Agency**

Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development

### **Non-governmental conservation and recreation constituency/advocacy groups**

Equestrian Land Conservation Resource  
Apple River Fort Historic Foundation  
Jo Daviess Natural Area Guardians  
Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation  
University of Illinois Extension  
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau  
Galena Territory Association  
Jo Daviess County Association for Home and Community Education  
Great Mississippi River Ridge Association  
Prairie Enthusiasts

### **Recreation Groups**

Pheasants Forever

## Cost Sharing Commitments

The Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails committee is committed to generating both in-kind and actual cash matches for the development of the Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails plan. The plan will connect to adjacent counties and provide decision makers with existing and future opportunities for maintaining and connecting green spaces and trails. Listed below are groups that have indicated a willingness to participate and an estimate of their in-kind or cash contributions. You will find letters of support attached as Exhibit #1.

### **In-Kind**

Jo Daviess County GIS	\$3000
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### **Cash**

City of Elizabeth	\$1000
Kodak Foundation	\$1000
Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation	\$ 250

## Consultant Search

Upon approval of the IDNR grant funds, the Jo Daviess County Board will conduct a search for a consultant that will lead the committee through the development of the Greenways and Trails plan.

## Planning Process

The plan will be developed through a seven step planning process. This process is outlined below, including an estimated timeline for the completion of each step.

### **STEP #1: Information Gathering**

An inventory of existing trails (county and community), trail connections to neighboring counties, riparian areas (green space), wildlife areas (public and private), current zoning for the county, soils, landowners map, county highway map and current laws governing using county, state and federal highways as trail links will be included.

Also included should be the identification of any rare and endangered ecosystems, plant or animal species existing in Jo Daviess County. Determine what, if any, uses could be allowed without degrading the plant or animal community.

Through discussions with committee members, an outline of the requirements for trail development should be listed.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 1-3

**STEP #2: Resource Map Development**

Develop a map(s) that incorporates the information gathered in step #1. This map will be used as a resource base map, outlining the existing conditions and uses.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 4

**STEP #3: Potential Project Developments**

The contractor will work with the Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails committee and the Project Manager to identify potential greenways and trails that with time could be acquired over time.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 5

**STEP #4: Public Meetings**

A series of public meetings will be held to discuss the plan and the potential projects presented. Input from the general public will be taken into consideration when deciding on the final plan. A minimum of four community meetings will be held at a time and place to be determined

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 5

**STEP #5: Compilation of gathered information, Plan Draft**

The committee will assist the consultant develop a list of prioritized future projects that will help with implementation of the plan. The activities and projects will be broken down into yearly projects, such as: maintenance, trash pick up and sign placement. Larger projects such as trail construction, parking lot development, signage and other projects will be included.

A section of the report will be dedicated to potential local funding sources. These funding sources could be all or part of the local match requirement.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 8

**STEP #6: Final Plan Development and Publishing**

The contractor will arrange to have the final plan published. The published plan will be sent to the sponsors and committee members (50 -75 copies). A brochure/map of the planned trails and green space will be made available to key decision makers.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 12

**STEP #7: Implementation Phase**

This will begin the implementation phase of the plan. The committee will begin work with the County Board on adoption of the plan to be placed in the Counties Comprehensive Plan.

**COMPLETED BY:** Month 14



## **Budget**

### **Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant Request**

	<b>IDNR</b>	<b>Match</b>
Hiring of a Consultant*	\$17,000	\$3,000
Publishing of the Final Plan	\$1,000	\$ 500
Publishing of the Brochure	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>
Total	\$20,000	\$5,250

\* The Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails committee will, upon receiving word that the grant is approved, mail a request for qualifications (RFQ) to those public and private individuals or groups that may be interested in assisting with the development of the Jo Daviess County Greenways and Trails plan.

The planning process outlined earlier will be used as a guideline for the consultant and will be used as a measure of performance by the committee.