

Trail Segment Descriptions

PRIORITY 1: CEMAR TRAIL

Connects Cedar River Trail to Boyson Trail. Connects Eastern & Southern Marion to Central Cedar Rapids and Cedar River Trail. Provides access to the following parks: Thomas-Legion, Hanna, Faulks Heritage Woods, Daniels, Artists Memorial, and McCloud Run. Provides access to Mt. Mercy College, Regis and Arthur Schools. Almost 37,000 people live within a mile of this trail.

PRIORITY 2: INTERURBAN TRAIL

Connects CEMAR Trail to Sac & Fox Trail. Connects Linn County and Sac & Fox Trail to Cedar River Trail. Provides access to the following parks: Sac & Fox, Bever, Quarton, Cottage Grove Parkway, and Northview. Provides access to Franklin and Washington Schools. Over 25,000 people live within a mile of this trail.

PRIORITY 3: ELLIS BOULEVARD TRAIL

Connects Cedar River Trail West to Highway 100 Extension Trail. Connects Cedar River Trail West to Ellis Park. Provides access to the following parks: Riverfront West, Ellis, and Manhattan-Robins Lake. Provides access to Ellis Golf Course.

PRIORITY 4: MARION TRAIL

Connects Boyson Trail to Squaw Creek Trail. Connects Linn County and Marion to North Cedar Rapids and Cedar River Trail. Provides access to Marion City and Squaw Creek Parks. Provides access to Marion Library, Marion Square, Marion Shopping Center, and Gardner Golf Course. Over 20,000 people live within a mile of this trail.

PRIORITY 5: DRY CREEK TRAIL

Connects Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Boyson Trail. Connects Eastern Marion, North Cedar Rapids, & Hiawatha to Cedar River Trail. Provides access to the following parks: Nixon, Tucker, Dry Creek, and Boyson. Provides access to St. Andrews Golf Course and Nixon School. Over 21,000 people live within a mile of this trail.

PRIORITY 6: HIGHWAY 100 / DRY CREEK TRAIL CONNECTOR

Connects to Cedar Valley Nature Trail and Highway 100 North Trail. Provides access to Kainz Park.

PRIORITY 7: HIGHWAY 100 NORTH TRAIL

Connects to Highway 100 South Trail, Highway 100 Extension Trail, and Highway 100 / Dry Creek Connector Trail. Provides access to the following parks: Morgan Creek and Rock Island Preserve.

PRIORITY 8: HIGHWAY 100 SOUTH TRAIL

Connects to Highway 100 North Trail and Highway 100 Extension Trail. Provides access to Morgan Creek Park. Provides access to the City of Fairfax.

PRIORITY 9: GRANT WOOD TRAIL CONNECTOR

Connects to Marion Trail and Squaw Creek Trail. Provides access to Squaw Creek Park.

PRIORITY 10: PRAIRIE CREEK TRAIL

Connects Fairfax and Western Cedar Rapids. Provides access to the following parks: Jones, Tait Cummins, Beverly, Prairie Creek, and Beverly Gardens. Provides access to Jones Golf Course and Hawkeye Downs.

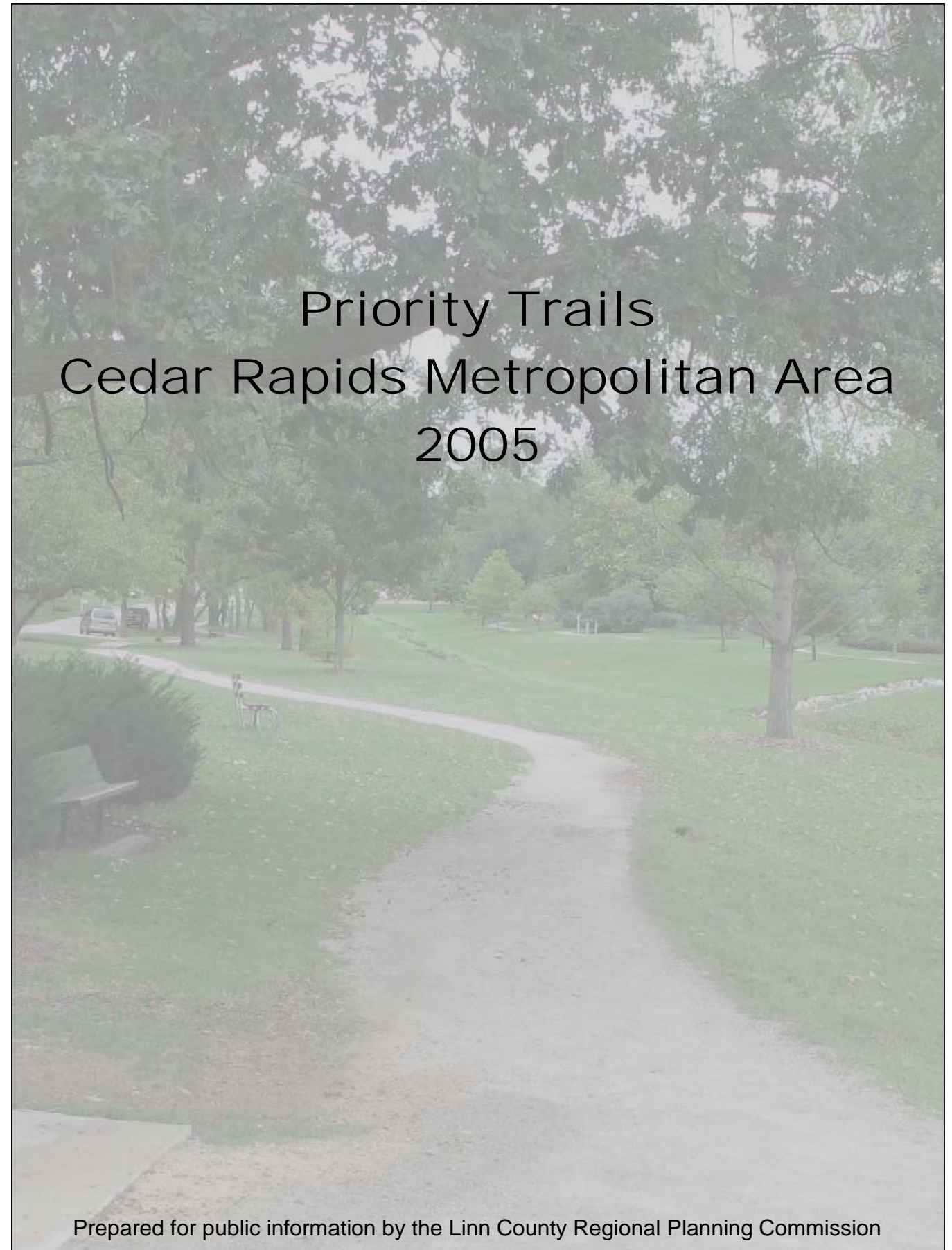
PRIORITY 11: HIGHWAY 100 EXTENSION TRAIL

Connects to Ellis Boulevard Trail. Connects Edgewood Rd. to the Highway 100 Extension. Provides access to the following parks: Morgan Creek, Ellis, and Manhattan-Robins Lake. Provides access to Ellis Golf Course.

PRIORITY 12: SQUAW CREEK TRAIL

Connects Marion Trail to Sac & Fox Trail. Provides access to the following parks: Sac & Fox and Squaw Creek. Provides access to the Indian Creek Nature Center and Gardner Golf Course.

Anticipated funding source for these projects is the Transportation Enhancements Program.



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Cedar Rapids Metro Area Priority Trail Ranking and Estimated Costs

1	CEMAR Trail: Cedar River Trail to Boyson Trail	\$ 1,367,000
2	Inter Urban Trail: Sac & Fox Trail to CEMAR Trail	\$ 960,600
3	Ellis Boulevard Trail: Cedar River Trail West to Manhattan Park	\$ 452,000
4	Marion Trail: Boyson Trail to Squaw Creek Park	\$ 838,400
5	Dry Creek Trail: Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Boyson Trail	\$ 1,788,000
6	Hwy. 100 - Dry Creek Trail Connector: Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Hwy. 100 North Trail	\$ 1,000,000
7	Hwy. 100 North Trail: Hwy. 100 Extension Trail to Hwy. 100 - Dry Creek Trail Connector	\$ 1,664,400
8	Hwy. 100 South Trail: Hwy. 100 North Trail to Fairfax	\$ 613,800
9	Grant Wood Trail Connector: Grant Wood Trail to Marion Trail and Squaw Creek Trail	\$ 316,600
10	Prairie Creek Trail: Cedar River Trail to Fairfax	\$ 2,934,400
11	Hwy. 100 Extension Trail: Hwy. 100 Trails to Ellis Boulevard Trail	\$ 1,200,000
12	Squaw Creek Trail: Squaw Creek Park to Sac & Fox Trail	\$ 984,200

The Cedar Rapids metro area has a significant history of trail and bicycle planning. Trails planning dates to the 1976 Preliminary Bikeways Plan, and into the 1980's when metro area cities experimented with on-street lanes and off-street trails. In 1993 the metro area Hawkeye Bicycle Club worked with the Linn County Regional Planning Commission to develop the MATS (Metro Area Trails System) Plan, which has been refined many times since and incorporated into the local Transportation Plan.

Ranking of trail segments was based on the objective analysis of a number of factors including:

- Length
- Number of potential users served
- Right-of-way needs
- Cost
- Destinations on the segment.

Please see the back cover for segment descriptions.



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