

# Goals & Objectives DRAFT

Urbana Park District Trails Master Plan

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<b>Themes: Accessibility, Connectivity</b>			
<b>Goal 1: Continue with the collaborative development of a district-wide / regional trail system including strong connections between present and future UPD parks, loop trails within parks and linkages within the regional trail system.</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>
1. Provide regional trail connections from UPD trails to Kickapoo Rail Trail by 2020.	a. Number of trail connections made to the regional trail network	i. Include connections to designated regional trails within Urbana Park District CIP development.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, developers
		ii. Continue working with regional partners to develop and implement the Urbana Trails Plan.	
2. Provide trail connections between parks: - By 2020: - Crystal Lake Park to Leal Park - Weaver Park to Prairie Park - By 2030: - Crystal Lake Park to Chief Shemauger Park - Chief Shemauger Park to Perkins Road Site	a. Number of trail connections made between parks	i. Include connections to designated parks within Urbana Park District CIP development.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, developers
		ii. Continue working with local partners to develop and implement the Urbana Trails Plan.	
3. Provide loop trails in parks: Crystal Lake and AMBUCS parks by 2020, and Weaver and Prairie Parks by 2030.	a. Number of loop trails	i. Include loop trails in designated parks within Urbana Park District CIP development.	Urbana Park District
4. Implement all of the short-term projects proposed in the Urbana Trails Master Plan by 2020.	a. Number of miles of new trail facilities	i. Create routes that connect to and through all UPD parks designated within the UTMP.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, developers, CUMTD, railroad companies
		ii. Take advantage of opportunities to develop off-street shared-use paths, using methods including but not limited to: working with railroads to develop bicycle facilities on or along rights-of-way, and acquiring property trail facilities.	
5. Continue to create a continuous trail loop in the Champaign-Urbana urbanized area by 2030.	a. Miles of loop trail infrastructure constructed	i. Take advantage of opportunities to develop off-street shared-use paths and trails, using methods including but not limited to: working with railroads to develop trail facilities on or along rights-of-way, and acquiring property that provides off-street connections between trail facilities.	City of Urbana, developers, City of Champaign, Urbana Park District, University of Illinois, railroad companies

<b>Themes: Safety, User-Friendliness</b>			
<b>Goal 2: Develop a system of trails that is user-friendly by providing amenities that make parks accessible to all residents and visitors.</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>
1. Add 2 new miles of trail facilities that provide the minimum number of amenities: benches, bike parking, lighting, maps, mile markers, trail signs, waste receptables, and water fountains.	a. Miles of existing trails retrofitted to meet the minimum number of amenities	i. Seek grants for new trail facility construction and development.	Urbana Park District
2. Retrofit at least 1 mile of existing trails with the amenities listed in the Park Inventory and "Gap" Analysis section of the UTMP Existing Conditions Report, adhering to Champaign County Greenways and Trails Design Guidelines where applicable, by 2020.	a. Miles of existing trails retrofitted to meet minimum amenity standards	i. Set aside funding within the Urbana Park District Capital Improvement Plan for trail retrofits.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana
3. Install trail signs and markings on all new trail facilities according to the Champaign County Greenways & Trails Design Guidelines by 2020.	a. Miles of trail infrastructure projects built with signs according to the Champaign County Greenways & Trails Design Guidelines	i. Provide consistent trail signage and pavement markings.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana
4. Provide covered bike parking at at least 3 designated parks and facilities by 2020.	a. Number of designated parks with covered bike parking installed	i. Seek grants to provide covered bike parking. ii. Set aside funding within the Urbana Park District Capital Improvement Plan for covered bike parking.	Urbana Park District

<b>Theme: Education</b>			
<b>Goal 3: Educate residents about the benefits and availability trail facilities.</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>
1. Partner with the Urbana Police Department to promote safety and security of existing and proposed trail facilities by 2015.	a. Police reports related to vandalism on park trails b. Police reports related to personal safety on park trails	i. Bicycle education program	Urbana Police Department, Urbana Park District, City of Urbana
2. Produce and distribute a regularly updated map that includes existing trail facilities in Urbana at least every 3 years.	a. Frequency of map publication and distribution	i. Collaborate with mapping and distribution efforts of Champaign County Bikes (CCB). ii. Include Urbana Park District facilities. iii. Include facilities listed in the Champaign County Greenways and Trails (GT) Plan.	Urbana Park District, Champaign County Bikes, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
3. Distribute educational, encouragement, and enforcement materials focusing on trail accessibility and proximity at a minimum of 2 new public events per year by 2015.	a. Number of events with materials available b. Number of materials distributed	i. Jazz Walk, Strawberry Jam, Turkey Trot, Jettie Rhodes ii. Neighborhood Nights	Urbana Park District
4. Provide 3 educational and encouragement programs for all ages about the benefits of walking, biking, and appreciation of green space by 2020.	a. Number of educational and encouragement programs provided b. Portion of all age ranges served	i. Partner on providing a Bike 101 class (up to 1 per semester) with Champaign County Bikes (CCB). ii. Provide specific programs for toddlers, youth, teens, seniors, etc. iii. Establish a presence at U of I Quad Day to reach out to students.	Urbana Park District, Champaign County Bikes, University of Illinois
5. Distribute an annual survey to Urbana residents to identify trail system priorities to be included in the Urbana Park District Capital Improvement Plan by 2015.	a. Number of surveys distributed b. Number of surveys collected	i. Sweetcorn Festival ii. UPD Neighborhood Nights	Urbana Park District
6. Make 3 new trail education, encouragement, and enforcement materials available on the UPD website by 2015.	a. Number of materials available on website	i. Provide materials for a wide variety of park users	Urbana Park District
7. Make available trail education, encouragement, and enforcement materials in at least 1 language besides English by 2020.	a. Number of multilingual materials	i. Maps, brochures	Urbana Park District

Theme: Environment (natural)			
Goal 4: The development and operation of greenways coinciding with Urbana Park District trails will preserve and enhance the natural environment.			
Objectives	Performance Measures	Strategies	Responsible Parties
1. Use trail system to connect 2 natural features such as bodies of water, wooded areas, and open spaces by 2030.	a. Number of new connections between natural areas	i. Connect Chief Shemauger Park with Crystal Lake Park via Saline Branch trail.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, developers
		ii. Connect Chief Shemauger Park with AMBUCS Park via Saline Branch trail.	
		iii. Connect Weaver Park Marsh with Weaver Woods.	
2. Develop at least 2 miles of trail facilities that allow users to interpret and experience the natural environment along greenways through signage and/or trail creation by 2030.	a. Number of miles of trail facilities developed with minimum signage and natural area requirements	i. Meadowbrook Park	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana
		ii. Perkins Road / Judge Webber Park	
3. Implement 1 new annual trail cleanup event for greenways and natural areas by 2015.	a. Number of trail cleanup events implemented	i. Rotating list of designated areas (e.g. Crystal Lake, Perkins Road / Judge Webber, new areas as developed, etc.)	Urbana Park District

<b>Themes: Coordination, Implementation</b>			
<b>Goal 5: Planning and implementation of all Urbana park trails system projects will be done in coordination with the City of Urbana's Bicycle Master Plan and proposed sidewalk improvements, as well as the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan in a manner emphasizing rational and cost-effective measures.</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>
1. Recognize the significance of prioritized projects listed within the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan by implementing 3 High Priority projects that are also listed in the Urbana Trails Master Plan by 2020.	a. Number of projects implemented that are listed as High Priority in the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan	i. Combine projects that can be geographically linked for implementation.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, Champaign County Regional Planning
2. Develop a coordinated review process between the City of Urbana and UPD for development proposals where park trails are proposed by 2015.	a. Number of new development projects receiving trail evaluations	i. Work with City of Urbana and other government agencies to prioritize proposed UPD trail linkages within the review process for trail connections.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana
		ii. Identify any negative impacts found during evaluation through design changes, geographic location, or other options.	
		iii. Work with the City of Urbana on reviewing development proposals linked to trail development.	
3. Promote and establish at least 1 connection from Urbana Parks to future statewide systems of 'Greenways and Trails' by 2040.	a. Number of trail connections leading outside Urbana	i. Pursue connections along abandoned railroad rights of way which offer significant rail-to-trail possibilities. ii. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to acquire and develop abandoned railroad rights of way.	Urbana Park District, City of Urbana, City of Champaign, Rail Companies, developers
4. By 2020, 3 different grant applications will be submitted by the Urbana Park District for trails projects funding as part of new trail development projects as appropriate.	a. Number of grant applications submitted	i. Keep abreast of upcoming transportation projects and how they could contribute to the trails system.	Urbana Park District
		ii. Advocate for the inclusion of trails in new road projects and roadway repairs.	
		iii. Apply for funding to enhance road repair and construction aside from allocations from local agencies.	
5. Continue to dedicate at least 5% of the Urbana Park District Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) money allocated for annual trail construction projects.	a. Percentage of Urbana Park District CIP dedicated to trail improvements	i. Incorporate into budgeting policy and strategies.	Urbana Park District
6. Produce a list of completed and current trail facility construction projects at the end of each construction year to 3 groups/boards/commissions.	a. List of completed trail facility construction projects b. List of current trail facility construction	i. Presentations	Urbana Park District
		ii. Website materials	
		iii. Other communication measures	
7. Provide UPD funding for at least 1 trail facility on new or existing roadways adjacent to parks by 2020.	a. Miles of new roadway projects with trail installation b. Number of existing roadway reconstruction projects with trail installation	i. New roadway construction	Urbana Park District
		ii. Existing roadway reconstruction	
		iii. Development proposals	
8. Assign at least the equivalent of 0.5 FTE staff from UPD to work on the implementation of the Urbana Park District Trails Plan including planning, design, engineering, education, enforcement, and encouragement by 2015.	a. Staff time allocated to implementation of the Urbana Trails Plan	i. Assign staff time to designate a trails coordinator for the plan.	Urbana Park District