



Appendix 4: Public Comment

Open-ended responses from Resident Survey		
Question 12: If you have a trail or path that you use on a regular basis (other than a sidewalk), please indicate where it is.		No. of Responses
1	Meadowbrook Park in Urbana	58
2	Roby Trail in Champaign	22
3	Lake of the Woods in Mahomet	19
4	Harold Ruppel Memorial Bike Path in Champaign and Savoy	10
5	Boulevard Trail in Champaign	9
6	Homer Lake	9
7	Crystal Lake Park in Urbana	7
8	Greenbelt Bikeway, Champaign	7
9	Busey Woods in Urbana	5
10	Robeson Meadows West Trail in Champaign	5
11	Lake Devonshire in Champaign	4
12	Bike paths on Campus	3
13	On land that I own	3
14	Race Street	3
15	Savoy	3
16	Windsor Road shared-use path	3
17	Allerton Park (Piatt Co)	2
18	Along Rt. 150 in Mahomet	2
19	Between Green and Healey	2
20	Burwash Park Trail	2
21	Kickapoo Park	2
22	Mahomet Bike Path	2
23	Path on Philo Road in Urbana	2
24	Southwood Subdivision	2
25	Urbana	2
26	Windsor and Fox Dr.	2
27	All purpose track in Monticello	1
28	Around my farm	1
29	Around Philo	1
30	Baytown Apt Complex 1 mile around lake	1
31	Behind my home near Boneyard Creek	1
32	Between Prospect and Neil	1
33	Bike trail in Sandy Ridge (Mahomet) to Sangamon River	1
34	Cherry Hills Subdivision in Champaign	1
35	Clinton Lake	1
36	From Lincoln Square to MTD offices at 801 E. University	1
37	High School Track	1
38	Illinois Prairie on Windsor	1
39	In the summer- our Country road	1
40	In Urbana: Kirby/Florida, Philo, etc.	1
41	In woods by home	1
42	Inside mall	1
43	It is a country waterway between fields, private property	1
44	I've walked on all trails in C-U, including Campus	1
45	Kaufman Lake	1
46	Lanesborrow Trail (MN)	1
47	Middle Fork Forest Preserve	1
48	N of Windsor, W of Duncan	1
49	Noel Park	1
50	North of Mahomet High School to Lake of the Woods Park.	1
51	O'Malley's Alley Trail	1
52	On Windsor Rd in Urbana	1
53	Parking lots	1
54	Path by Race and Windsor is nice but too short	1
55	Prairie Park	1
56	Quad on Campus	1

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57	River Bend Forest Preserve	1
58	Salt Fork River Preserve CCFPD	1
59	Sangamon Park (Piatt Co)	1
60	Short distance from sidewalk to Mearey Lake	1
61	Simon Trail	1
62	South Mattis	1
63	Southridge Park	1
64	Sparta Trail (WI)	1
65	Staley Road and Windsor Road Staley Road and Kirby Avenue	1
66	Stidham Woods	1
67	Street	1
68	Subdivision commons	1
69	Sumac/Windsor area	1
70	The path next to our house on Tincup Rd or bike trail	1
71	The pond south of Homer Lake and near the Salt Fork	1
72	The wooden park	1
73	Track at St. Joseph High School	1
74	Trail from Kirby to Windsor (too short)	1
75	Trail in woods edge	1
76	UI Forestry Plantation	1
77	Willow Springs	1
78	Yankee Ridge subdivision	1

Question 21a: If you use a particular bike path on a regular basis, please describe where it is.		No. of Responses
1	Windsor Road	14
2	Campus bike paths	13
3	Meadowbrook Park	11
4	Lake of the Woods	9
5	Roby Trail	9
6	Boulware Trail	7
7	Harold Ruppel Memorial Bike Path	7
8	Greenbelt Bikeway in Champaign	6
9	Kickapoo State Park	3
10	Mahomet bike path	3
11	Race Street Path	3
12	Savoy	2
13	Simon Trail	2
14	Between Green and Healey	1
15	East of Mahomet	1
16	Forest Preserve - Start at High School	1
17	Green Street	1
18	I do not use a trail--but if I did I would have to go to Kickapoo to use my mountain bike. Instead my bike route to school goes S. on McKinley to Armory, Armory E. and jogs over to Hessel Blvd. I take that across Neil, under the viaduct onto campus.	1
19	I just use roads but would love nature trails	1
20	I start at Parkland and go to Lincolnshire Drive on the east side of Mattis	1
21	Lincoln Avenue	1
22	Philo Road Path	1
23	Prospect Avenue	1
24	Robeson Meadows West Trail	1
25	Urbana	1
26	West side of Maplewood Drive in Rantoul	1

Open-ended responses from Resident Survey		
Question 25: If you could name one location that needs a walking trail in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
1 Between Urbana and Champaign	7	
2 St. Joseph	7	◆
3 Southwest Champaign	6	◆
4 Conrail Trail	5	◆
5 North Prospect	4	◆
6 Duncan Road	3	◆
7 Fisher	3	
8 Northwest Champaign Area	3	◆
9 Rantoul	3	
10 Windsor Road past Duncan	3	◆
11 Between Champaign and Mahomet	2	◆
12 Champaign needs a Meadowbrook-like Park	2	
13 Curtis Road	2	◆
14 Downtown Champaign	2	
15 Homer Lake	2	◆
16 Lake of the Woods	2	◆
17 Middle Fork River Forest Preserve	2	◆
18 North Champaign	2	◆
19 Northeast Urbana	2	◆
20 Savoy area	2	◆
21 South Champaign	2	◆
22 Staley Road	2	◆
23 Tolono, IL	2	
24 West Champaign	2	◆
25 A way to go from Lincolnshire Fields east over I-57 safely	1	◆
26 All busy streets. It's so dangerous having people walking on the busy streets.	1	
27 Along Neil Street in Champaign	1	
28 Along Route 150 east of town	1	
29 Around Hospitals such as Provena Covenant Medical Center	1	
30 Around Mattis Lake in Champaign	1	
31 Around Meijer	1	◆
32 Around perimeter of old Chanute Air Force Base	1	◆
33 Around River Bend Forest Preserve	1	◆
34 At Windsor and Kirby along I-57	1	
35 Between campus and downtowns	1	
36 Between Philo Rd and Route 130	1	◆
37 Boneyard Creek	1	◆
38 Bradley Ave from Staley Rd through Champaign to Busey Woods	1	
39 Brownfield Woods	1	
40 Campus	1	◆
41 Campus to Urbana through campus	1	◆
42 Central Champaign	1	
43 Champaign has so many nice parks - there should be pathways connecting the various parks around town	1	◆
44 City of Champaign needs sidewalks in many locations.	1	
45 Connect current trail at Lake of Woods to other Mahomet locations.	1	◆
46 Connect Meadowbrook Park in a meaningful way to University along Lincoln Avenue	1	
47 Connect various parks together so a larger system of paths could be used	1	◆
48 Connecting U of I to Community	1	

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Question 25: If you could name one location that needs a walking trail in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
49 Country Fair between Springfield and Bradley	1	
50 Downtown Urbana	1	
51 East University Avenue	1	
52 East Urbana	1	◆
53 East Urbana near TK Wendl's	1	◆
54 East Urbana to St. Joe	1	◆
55 Embarrass Basin Area/Windsor Road/1st St	1	◆
56 Everywhere they are needed	1	
57 From North Prospect to the Mall	1	
58 From south Champaign to Savoy near Prospect and Mattis Area would be excellent with a park and restrooms	1	
59 From SW Champaign to Lake of the Woods Park near Mahomet	1	
60 Generally, Urbana needs to make sidewalks on the right side of Philo and Windsor	1	
61 Graham Street in Savoy	1	
62 Hard to specify -- need something scenic like Busey Woods, but already have many trails.	1	
63 Hessel Park area	1	
64 Honey Suckle Lane, Paula, Joe Lane	1	
65 I would suggest one running parallel to north Prospect in Champaign; that is where the majority of citizens congregate	1	◆
66 In the King School area or near the hospital	1	◆
67 Kirby and Mattis to Clark Park	1	
68 Kirby and Mattis to Kaufman Lake	1	
69 Kirby Avenue	1	
70 Kirby Avenue between Duncan and First	1	
71 Kirby Avenue past Duncan	1	
72 Lake of the Woods is the safest place for me and my kids; I don't stay in town because of lack of shade and safety	1	
73 Lincolnshire Fields	1	
74 Morrissey Park	1	
75 N. Duncan Rd. over Interstate 57	1	◆
76 Near all senior citizens complexes, for exercise and going to the store	1	
77 Near the mall	1	◆
78 North Champaign near Garden Hills School	1	
79 North Champaign where African-Americans and Latino/as live	1	
80 North end of Champaign by Douglass Park	1	
81 North to Crystal Lake Park	1	
82 On Goodwin Avenue between campus and student housing on Bradley Ave	1	
83 Parkland College	1	
84 Philo	1	
85 Philo/Sidney	1	
86 Prefer walking on my own street	1	
87 Rural Champaign County	1	◆
88 Salt Fork River	1	
89 Sherwood Terrace in Champaign	1	
90 Sidewalks along Perkins and Brownfield Rd from Cunningham Ave to Airport Rd	1	
91 Sidewalks are adequate	1	

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Question 25: If you could name one location that needs a walking trail in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
92 South Mahomet	1	◆
93 South Urbana	1	◆
94 Southeast of Savoy	1	◆
95 St. Mary's Road from Race to 1st Street	1	
96 That it be safe to walk west and southwest Champaign	1	
97 The Conrail bed lies at the back of my property. I would welcome a conversion to a bike/walking path.	1	◆
98 The more the better. I guess I travel to where the trails are.	1	
99 To, through, and around downtown Champaign	1	
100 Tolono &/or Tolono to Savoy	1	
101 Tolono to Pesotum or Tolono to Philo	1	
102 Tracks not being used by Station Theatre, through campus following Boneyard	1	
103 Trail along the Sangamon River	1	
104 Trails leading to the U of I and Parkland	1	
105 Turkey Farm Rd. -- connect to existing path	1	
106 U of I South Farms development	1	◆
107 Urbana to Homer Lake	1	◆
108 Use of abandoned RR	1	◆
109 We could use one between Homer and Homer Lake	1	
110 West Champaign near Parkland to Lake of the Woods	1	◆
111 West Kirby Avenue	1	
112 West Side Park	1	
113 West Springfield to North Mattis	1	
114 West-central Champaign	1	

Question 26: If you could name one location that needs a bicycle path in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
1 St. Joseph	7	◆
2 Between Champaign and Lake of the Woods	6	◆
3 Between Champaign and Mahomet	6	◆
4 Between Champaign and Urbana	5	
5 Between Champaign-Urbana and Campus	5	
6 Kirby Avenue	5	
7 Lake of the Woods	4	◆
8 Rantoul	4	◆
9 Between Urbana and St. Joseph	3	◆
10 Champaign	3	◆
11 Conrail Trail	3	◆
12 Fisher	3	
13 Green Street	3	◆
14 North Prospect Avenue	3	◆
15 Savoy area	3	◆
16 Southwest Champaign	3	◆
17 Windsor Road	3	◆
18 Between C-U and Kickapoo State Park	2	◆
19 Curtis Road	2	◆
20 Downtown Champaign	2	
21 Duncan Road	2	◆
22 Homer Lake	2	◆
23 Kirby Avenue, between Duncan and First	2	

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Question 26: If you could name one location that needs a bicycle path in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
24 Surrounding the University	2	
25 University Avenue in Champaign	2	
26 Vine Street/Cunningham Avenue	2	◆
27 Windsor Road west of Duncan	2	◆
28 Between Champaign and Tolono	1	
29 A major bike trail to the University from North- South and East- West.	1	
30 A nearby recreational trail in the country side such as the Conrail Trail would be a real asset to the area	1	◆
31 A way to go from Lincolnshire Fields east over I-57 safely	1	◆
32 Along rivers	1	◆
33 Along roads entering and exiting towns	1	◆
34 Anywhere	1	
35 Anywhere going east from town	1	
36 Anywhere going west to Monticello	1	
37 Anywhere outside town	1	
38 Apartments on Lincoln	1	
39 Around perimeter of old Chanute Air Force Base	1	◆
40 Around River Bend Forest Preserve	1	◆
41 Bement, IL	1	
42 Between Barkstall School and Curtis Road	1	
43 Between Downtowns and the University	1	
44 Between East Urbana and the new post office	1	◆
45 Between Homer and Homer Lake	1	
46 Between Mahomet and Rantoul	1	
47 Between Market Place Mall and Meijer	1	
48 Between Meadowbrook Park and Crystal Lake Park	1	
49 Between North Lincoln and Mattis	1	
50 Between Philo Road and Route 130	1	◆
51 Between Rantoul and Champaign	1	
52 Between Savoy and Tolono	1	
53 Between University and apartments on Bradley and Lincoln	1	
54 Between University past the I-74 overpass on Cunningham Avenue	1	◆
55 Between Urbana and Homer Lake	1	◆
56 Between Windsor and campus	1	
57 Bloomington Road	1	◆
58 Bloomington Road from Mattis to the Factories out there and along to Cardinal Drive to Parkland	1	
59 Bradley Avenue from Staley Road into Champaign	1	◆
60 Bradley Avenue to Busey Woods	1	
61 Campus area	1	◆
62 Champaign County needs a long bike path nearby	1	
63 Champaign has so many nice parks - there should be pathways connecting the various parks around town	1	◆
64 Church Street in Champaign	1	
65 Close off an entire east-west stretch (existing street) in C-U for only biking and walking	1	
66 Connect County Parks	1	
67 Connect County Parks to the cities	1	◆
68 Connect the present paths and have good ones in the Downtown area	1	
69 Connect the Savoy trail to Meadowbrook and to the West toward trails in Cherry Hills area	1	

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Question 26: If you could name one location that needs a bicycle path in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
70	Curtis Road between Duncan and First St.	1 ♦
71	Curtis Road between Wesley Avenue and First Street in Savoy	1 ♦
72	Downtown Urbana	1
73	East University Avenue	1
74	East Urbana	1 ♦
75	Every major street!	1
76	Everywhere	1
77	First Street between Kirby and Curtis	1
78	Florida Avenue from Philo to Lincoln	1
79	Florida or Pennsylvania Avenue	1
80	Fox Drive/St Mary's between State Street and Lincoln Avenue	1
81	From south Champaign to Savoy near Prospect and Mattis area would be excellent with a park and restrooms	1
82	Goodwin Avenue between the University and student housing on Bradley	1
83	Green Street between Campus and Urbana	1 ♦
84	Green Street between First and Neil	1
85	Green Street between Neil and Campus	1
86	Green Street through Campus	1 ♦
87	Hessel Park area	1
88	Homer Lake and a connection from U-C to it	1 ♦
89	Honey Suckle and all other streets around this neighborhood	1
90	I am more interested in seeing improvements for bikers in <u>town</u> , rather than recreational trails connecting rural areas.	1
91	I would rather see marked roadways for bikes	1
92	In Douglas Park	1
93	Intersection of Spring Lake Road and Rt. 150 east into Mahomet	1 ♦
94	It would be neat if bike trails could be constructed with new roads any longer continuous paths would be wonderful	1
95	Kirby and Mattis to downtown Champaign	1
96	Lincolnshire Fields	1
97	Mattis Avenue	1 ♦
98	Near all senior citizens apartments and condos for bikes, manual 3 wheelers, and wheelchairs	1
99	Need more designated bike lanes/routes	1
100	Neil Street in Champaign	1
101	North Champaign	1 ♦
102	North Champaign near Garden Hills School	1
103	North Duncan Rd. over Interstate 57	1 ♦
104	North end of Champaign near Douglass Park	1
105	North end of Urbana	1 ♦
106	North Prospect: getting there across the interstate is unpleasant, and it is bicycle no-man's land	1 ♦
107	North to Crystal Lake Park	1
108	Northeast Urbana - High Cross/Airport Rd	1 ♦
109	Northern rural Champaign Co	1
110	Northwest Champaign	1 ♦
111	On main streets -- Neil and Prospect --anywhere a biker is in <u>BIG</u> danger	1
112	One that passes through Champaign (west) to Urbana (east) that allows bikes, walkers, and rollerbladers, and is wide and well lit.	1
113	Out to Parkland	1
114	Path between central Champaign and N. Neil/ N. Prospect (over I-74)	1
115	Perkins and Brownfield Road from Cunningham Avenue to Airport Road	1

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Question 26: If you could name one location that needs a bicycle path in Champaign County, where would it be?	No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
116 Prospect Avenue	1	◆
117 Prospect Avenue (neighborhood areas)	1	
118 Prospect Avenue all the way to north of I-74	1	◆
119 Rails-to-Trails, outside of city-type trails	1	◆
120 Rural areas	1	◆
121 Sangamon River	1	
122 Segments of Windsor Rd that lack them currently	1	◆
123 Sidney	1	
124 South Mahomet	1	◆
125 Southwest Champaign, particularly west of I-57	1	◆
126 Springfield Avenue	1	
127 Springfield Avenue through Campus	1	
128 St. Mary's Road from Race to 1st Street	1	
129 St. Mary's road, especially connecting the Boulware Trail to the campus trails	1	
130 Staley Road between Bradley Avenue and Curtis Road	1	◆
131 To Champaign Public Library	1	
132 To Lake of Woods from East side of Rt. 150	1	
133 Turkey Farm Rd. -- connect to existing path	1	
134 U of I South Farms development	1	◆
135 West Champaign	1	◆
136 West Urbana near U of I	1	
137 Where traffic is prohibited or limited	1	
138 Windsor-- the path is too close to the road.	1	
139 Wooded Areas	1	◆

Public Workshop Responses and Comments		
	Resident Requests	No. of Responses
1	All-directional access (N-S, E-W) promotes wind-controlled recreation	3
2	Need designated bike routes	3
3	Rails to Trails used when possible	3
4	Acquire ROW: develop guidelines for acquiring ROW for paths/trails, have requirements for developers, plan for areas where setting aside a ROW is still feasible	2
5	Bicycle racks near facilities, buildings, and trails	2
6	Bicycle/Pedestrian paths should be as wide as possible	2
7	Connect regional park systems with bicycle/pedestrian paths	2
8	Consider all modes of transportation to access new development	2
9	Educate about transportation	2
10	Evaluate new construction for bicycles/recreation	2
11	Extend roadway life cycles and reduce long-term maintenance costs	2
12	Funding	2
13	Provide one entity to coordinate trail construction/control, or each government entity work toward the same vision for a unified trails system for all	2
14	Adjust comprehensive plans to allow for uniform design, control, regulations	1
15	Adopt-a-Trail programs	1
16	Advertising/marketing paths: give local bike/rec network a name, make paths more aesthetically pleasing	1
17	as road improvements are planned and constructed, include a % of funding for recreational paths "off the top"	1
18	Bicycle Trail Improvement request site (online)	1
19	Bikeways (unmarked, marked) maintained, conform to regulations	1
20	Capital campaign to find/create/develop a trail system (i.e. State Farm in Bloomington or a large group of agencies, businesses, donors to make the current trail plan to be developed	1
21	Co-locate recreational facilities with schools	1
22	Combine utility ROW with trails when possible	1
23	Commit to funding alternative transportation modes "off the top"	1
24	Commit to GT plan	1
25	Commit to integrating trails into all new arterial roads	1
26	Connect countywide attractions (i.e. Allerton, Curtis Orchard, etc.)	1
27	Consider alternative bicycles in planning for bikeways and paths (ie. Tandem bicycles, bicycles with trailers)	1
28	Countywide greenbelts for shade and wind protection	1
29	Create paths through drainageways, collector streets (not arterials)	1
30	Create wider ROWs for bicycle use	1
31	Design new areas to calm traffic and ease traffic flow	1
32	Develop trail system first, then let private sector develop camping or other facilities	1
33	Each type of path would be constructed and restricted to use by a specific user in terms of widths and pavements (ex: bikeways would be of a width for bicycles, paved)	1
34	Encourage existing county parks to extend their trail system	1
35	Enhance access to schools (bus, car, pedestrian)	1
36	Every county park should have a "suggested" bike connection	1
37	Foundation to seek funds/donors/corporate donors (Kraft?)	1
38	Fully evaluate specific projects at the regional level	1
39	Funding to support designated bike routes (urban and rural)	1
40	Have all participating agencies on a list	1
41	Have an organized effort	1
42	Have IDNR or IDOT help standardize regional and county trail system development so that local areas can develop their systems based on these guidelines.	1
43	Have intergovernmental cooperation for linkages that cross boundaries	1
44	Have uniform standards for local/urban and rural agencies	1
45	Higher design standards for new road construction	1

Public Workshop Responses and Comments		
	Resident Requests	No. of Responses
46	ID "roads to avoid" rather than "road to use" for bicycles	1
47	ID funding sources other than local governments	1
48	Impact fees for motorists	1
49	Increase sidewalk widths to recreational path width in new developments	1
50	Install Manual traffic controls for pedestrians	1
51	Integrate recreational component to transportation system	1
52	Integrate/designate rural road systems as part of trail system	1
53	Integrated site furniture, water, interpretive info, restrooms, etc	1
54	Involve service providers in planning	1
55	Keep paths leveled, smooth	1
56	Landowners can designate land for pedestrian paths (both rural and urban)	1
57	Link trails to/along water features	1
58	Look for and obtain green corridors and filter strips throughout the county as potential trail development sites and possibly destinations	1
59	Maximum accessibility to trails at the neighborhood level	1
60	Monetary incentives to not drive (i.e. passes)	1
61	More bikeways	1
62	More lighting	1
63	More rational planning for roads, development requirements	1
64	Native/blended landscaping	1
65	On-street light control/push button pedestrian control	1
66	Partnerships	1
67	Paths should be located to encourage maximum use	1
68	Preserve ROW with options/easements	1
69	Promote bicycle riding to have a bigger group lobbying for bicycle projects	1
70	Provide service access	1
71	Public-private partnerships	1
72	Required, uniform bike registration to control, inform, and fund bike issues	1
73	Separate bike lanes	1
74	Should have combined use/planning of taxing agents under an umbrella organization that would lead the way/provide service	1
75	Should have different characteristics/criteria for urban vs. rural areas	1
76	Standardize wider sidewalks so they can be used as multi-use paths	1
77	Use filter strips in rural areas to build paths	1
78	Uses different surfaces depending on kind of path (i.e. paved for bicycles, mulch for natural paths)	1
79	Variety of trail lengths/widths for children/families/disabled...	1
80	Well-marked as a designated trail/path	1
81	Work on barriers to development of ped/bike paths such as I-74, I-57	1
82	Would have 15-minute frequency bus service instead of 30-minutes	1
83	Would not cut off downtown Urbana through changes in Campustown	1

Public Workshop Responses and Comments		
	Regarding Ideal Greenways and Trails system	No. of Responses
1	Green transportation: need to be sensitive to environment	5
2	Accessibility/ADA	4
3	Connectivity between modes	4
4	Connects destinations for work, school, activities, etc.	4
5	Pedestrian safety	3
6	Regular maintenance	3
7	All weather use/accessibility	2
8	Attractive alternative modes of transportation	2
9	Attractive streetscape, landscape	2
10	Avoid user/auto conflicts	2
11	Continue and expand transit to increase mobility	2
12	Designated bike routes need to be implemented	2
13	Multimodalism (less focus on auto)	2
14	Safe intersections	2
15	All designed items need to work together	1
16	Better connections between non-vehicular paths	1
17	Better pedestrian/bicycle system	1
18	Considers all types of bicycle traffic (people learning to ride bicycles, recreational travelers, and commuters)	1
19	Coordinate transportation with land uses	1
20	Create paths through drainageways, collector streets (not arterials)	1
21	Create wider ROWs for bicycle use	1
22	Easy to get around	1
23	Easy to understand	1
24	Efficient roadways	1
25	Equivalent choices (facilities, services, routes)	1
26	Greenbelts/floodplains/other natural features used as green spaces	1
27	High-capacity transit to support density	1
28	Improve access between communities	1
29	Improve aesthetics (landscaping, appearance, maintenance)	1
30	Improve signage visibility	1
31	Increases economic benefit and property values	1
32	Lower oil dependence	1
33	Maintain quality of life in the center of the community	1
34	Make use of topography, landscapes	1
35	Programming of routes that make sense and are continuous (bikes/peds)	1
36	Quiet	1
37	Reasonable costs	1
38	Reduce traffic in neighborhoods	1
39	Regional efforts on issues and land uses	1
40	Safe and available multiuse trail systems	1
41	Safe parking	1
42	Safe roadways	1
43	Safer for children	1
44	Safer RR crossings	1
45	Safety-waiting for and during (transit)	1
46	Socially interactive by design (sense of community)	1
47	State-of-the-art	1
48	Trails should have a significant and desirable destination to be reached	1

Public Workshop Responses and Comments			
Project Requests by Workshop Attendees		No. of Responses	Project in Plan?
1	Tram system that connects to other transportation modes	7	
2	Paths, sidewalks installed on N. Prospect, Marketplace mall	3	
3	Connection to Kickapoo on foot or bike	2	
4	CUS bike path	2	
5	Safe/accessible viaduct to cross RR lines in town/on campus on bicycle	2	
6	Be able to ride, camp, hike for 3 days without using cars	1	
7	Beltway of trail systems that would access regional trail systems	1	
8	Better/safer access on Windsor Road between 1st St and Neil St (bicycles)	1	
9	Bicycle path on Race Street between Windsor to at least Old Church	1	
10	Bike paths on Florida Avenue east of Lincoln	1	◆
11	Bike route/path connection to east Urbana (Washington Street)	1	◆
12	Bradley Avenue corridor as E-W linkage	1	
13	Connections to Savoy, Airport, Curtis Orchard (bicycle/pedestrian)	1	
14	Curtis Road access/interstate	1	
15	Discourage vehicular traffic in Campustown	1	
16	Easier crossing on Lincoln Avenue (near campus) for bikes and pedestrians	1	
17	Edge of town Springfield, Kirby, Duncan, Mattis...still heavy bike traffic	1	
18	Encourage development of Sunnycrest and Country Fair areas	1	
19	Extend Florida Avenue bike path eastward	1	
20	First Street link to Savoy, Tolono (bicycle/ped)	1	
21	Improve University Avenue pedestrian crossings in Urbana	1	
22	Improved bikeway designation on Windsor Road through Campus; current bikeway has appearance of a typical roadway shoulder	1	
23	Improved walkways north of downtown Urbana	1	
24	Improves pedestrian access to buses at busy places and roadways; example: residents of Clark-Lindsay on Windsor have difficulty crossing Windsor to board buses.	1	
25	Interurban tram system that allows a bike car or other racks to hold many bikes	1	
26	Link downtowns with Campus (bicycle)	1	
27	Link North Prospect with Campus and downtowns (bicycle and pedestrians)	1	
28	More user-friendly traffic patterns on campus	1	
29	Need a bikeway from Beringer Commons in Urbana into town; there is no safe way to ride recreationally between the two	1	
30	Need a bridge for pedestrians/bicycles over Saline Branch between AMBUCS park and Judge Weber park	1	◆
31	Need an easement across cemetery to Crystal Lake Park for trail	1	
32	N-S linkages: Rantoul to C-U-S, Tolono to C-U-S	1	
33	Olympian Drive bikeway/recreational path	1	
34	Plowed sidewalks	1	
35	Promenade	1	
36	Provide commuter bicycle path from Mahomet to Champaign	1	◆
37	Provide more/better/safer access for residents that live in northwest Champaign and northeast Urbana	1	
38	Provide pedestrian path from Tolono to Savoy	1	
39	Roundabouts on bicycle paths should be removed; they are difficult for tandem bicycles, bicycles with trailers, and bicycles with baby seats	1	
40	Rt 150 to Lake of the Woods (bicycle, pedestrian)	1	◆
41	Separate buses and bicycles (Wright Street)	1	
42	Trail system that extends full length of Champaign Urbana	1	
43	Utilize stream corridor to link south campus/Meadowbrook/First Street park site	1	◆
44	Windsor Road path connecting to Homer Lake (bicycle, pedestrian)	1	

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2002 WORKSHOP

General Policy

- ◆ Higher priority for greenways and trails; actively pursue opportunities in public and private projects
- ◆ Incorporate greenways and trails in municipal comprehensive plans
- ◆ Higher level of cooperation between general governments, park districts, and others
- ◆ Community involvement to build support for greenways and trails
- ◆ Involve communities outside the County to build support for regional system
- ◆ Use condemnation only for critical facilities
- ◆ Promote economic benefits of greenways and trails
- ◆ Coordinate effort of developers and governments
- ◆ Public education for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists
- ◆ Liability issues for designated on-street bike routes; County policy on rural roads
- ◆ Consider access and needs of all populations

Land Use Policy

- ◆ Difficulty incorporating greenways and trails into built-up areas; cost, legal issues
- ◆ Use greenways and trails to enhance livability of higher density development
- ◆ Promote adaptive reuse, infill, density, mixed use to foster pedestrian/ bicycle travel
- ◆ Difficult for transit to serve to low density areas

Trail Planning

- ◆ Connect residential areas to natural areas
- ◆ Connect residential areas to high-use destinations (schools, shopping, parks, etc.)
- ◆ Integrate trail planning with stormwater management
- ◆ Links to cultural and community activity sites
- ◆ Historic road and trail locations; links to historic, archeological, cultural sites, etc.
- ◆ Connect urban areas to rural destinations, Forest Preserves and rural area trails
- ◆ Links to different types of parks; diversity of active and passive uses
- ◆ Maintenance is a key factor; potential for vandalism

Bike Planning

- ◆ Bicycle equivalent of nature trails?
- ◆ Identify missing linkages in existing system
- ◆ Identify popular destinations
- ◆ Evaluate "bike-friendliness" of streets
- ◆ Promote MTD bike access policies; link bike-friendly destinations with MTD routes

Transportation Planning

- ◆ Incorporate bike/pedestrian facilities in road projects, especially interstate crossings
- ◆ Separate bike and vehicular traffic; link existing bike paths to keep bicyclists off streets
- ◆ Improve pavement markings for bike and pedestrian crossings
- ◆ Facilitate safe movement through intersections (traffic control, red/yellow device, etc)
- ◆ Enhance visibility of bicyclists particularly at commercial driveways

Environment

- ◆ Impact of trails on sensitive natural areas
- ◆ Preserve river corridors
- ◆ Protect and restore natural areas

Uniform Standards

- ◆ Path width (multi-use paths \geq 8 feet wide)
- ◆ Prevent pedestrian and bicycle conflicts
- ◆ Supporting facilities: lighting, seating, water, landscaping, bike parking
- ◆ Standardized signage and pavement marking for clarity and to promote continuity
- ◆ Pavement materials

Regulations

- ◆ Require multi-purpose paths in new residential and commercial developments that connect with existing and planned facilities
- ◆ Require bike parking in commercial projects
- ◆ Require sidewalk access in new development

Financing

- ◆ Federal and State grants
- ◆ Mandatory dedication of paths and trails
- ◆ Tax incentives
- ◆ Leverage with road projects
- ◆ User and other fees

COMMENT CARD

NATUREWAYS, BIKEWAYS, AND TRAILS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Please write down your comments, questions, and/or suggestions about Natureways, Bikeways, and Trails (NBTs) in Champaign County below. Your input will be considered in the creation of the NBT Comprehensive Plan.

I'm a new resident of Urbana as of August 2002, and I participated in the workshop on September 26, specifically brainstorming with the Parks and Recreation group. As an inline speedskater and "rollerblader" for 12 years and a cyclist, I've skated and ridden on many diverse, multi-use trails in Minnesota, Washington State, Idaho, Texas, Florida and Illinois with different surfaces, maintenance and multi-use capabilities. None of these trails was fee-paid for each use, but supported through local taxes, federal matched funding, or by private donations.

Local trails: Meadowbrook Park trails and Mahomet's Lake of the Woods are all examples of excellent trails, well maintained, with restroom facilities, parking areas and wonderful surfaces where the length and width comfortably accommodates cyclists, inline skaters, runners and walkers, etc. I would recommend designing new trails or linking existing trails by studying what Mahomet has done with it's 3.3 mile trail through the park and out into the prairie - the only things missing are water fountains and an occasional bench or natural rock or boulder to sit on.

Funding and financing: "Friends of the Katy Trail" in Dallas is a rails-to-trails urban city project funded by private donations and matching federal funds. Every year, they have a 5k run/walk/skate to benefit the maintenance and lengthening of the trail. Why not have such an event in Champaign-Urbana to support the trails in this area?

Linking of trails: I absolutely support the "linking" of trails to accommodate all levels of people who use the trails for commuting, recreation and fitness. This is currently the focus of Dallas and its surrounding cities. Each suburb has it's own trails, but they don't go anywhere. The future plan is to link these trails together into a large trail system giving people more choices in their healthy lifestyles.

If you would like to be on the NBT mailing list, please provide the following information:

Name

Address

City, State Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

Thank you for your time and interest in Natureways, Bikeways, and Trails!

[REDACTED] (Urbana resident) comments from NBT workshop, 9-26-02

1. Cars sweep glass into on-street bike paths. Need to keep trails clean.
2. Split sidewalk (1/2 for bikes, 1/2 for pedestrians) is "useless"
3. Visibility at business access points: cars pull over sidewalks and make travel dangerous for bicyclists, especially when access points are near intersections (such as gas stations)
4. If bike trail is made out of crushed limestone or other dusty material, bicycle kicks up the dust and affects occupants of bicycle trailers (children being hauled by bicycling parent)
5. Crossing Windsor Road by Myra Ridge is dangerous for children bicycling to Thomas Paine School. Flashing red/yellow light?
6. Access to Parkland from Town is dangerous and not easy
7. If street is designated as a bike path, it needs to be protected from high traffic flow, and have fewer stop signs.
8. There needs to be a connection from Lincoln to First north of Windsor Road. There is an unofficial dirt/mud/grass path that goes through broken fences south of VetMed; maybe this could be made into an official bike path
9. Need to link paths to edge of cities; South Prospect is a good linkage
10. There is no way to cross I-74 safely on a bicycle
11. It is becoming more difficult to cross I-57 to the west of Champaign
12. The proposed Curtis Road trail is on proposed 57-74 loop
13. Look into Madison, Wisconsin examples of bicycle linkages and paths
14. Raised rumble strip dividers could be used to divide traffic from on-street bicycle paths to make cars aware if they are crossing the line
15. Actuated traffic signals need to have a bypass for bike actuation; these actuators should be reachable from road edge, not just on the sidewalk
16. Bicycle parking at commercial locations—promote some service at commercial establishments to encourage bike riding to location
17. Surface of country roads not bike friendly (too much vibration). Curtis Road specifically mentioned.



COMMENT CARD

GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN

Please write down your comments, questions, and/or suggestions about what you believe to be issues and/or important projects related to bicycle paths, recreational paths, and other greenways below. Your input will be considered in the creation of the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Comprehensive Plan.

We need a viaduct under CN/ Illinois Central Railway at John Street for pedestrians and cyclists - need perhaps another south just north of Abbott power plant.

Greenway needed - bridge over Saline between Ambros and Judge Weber Parks - easement across cemetery to Crystal Lake Park.

If you would like to be on the Greenways and Trails mailing list, please provide the following information:

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Thank you for your time and interest!

WebMail - RE: While we're announcing meetings...

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Date Sent: Monday, January 27, 2003 12:42 PM

From: [REDACTED]

To: sebert

Subject: RE: While we're announcing meetings...

Susan,

The Tuesday meeting time coincides with my class, but I have two comments that I would like recorded.

First, it is time to correct the so-called bike route along Windsor through the campus. This is a key east-west link in C-U, and it is unsafe as it is. I do not let my children use it, and I am reluctant to use it. The two shoulders appear to be precisely the same size as the shoulders along South Neil. The only thing that makes this a "bike route," rather than a shoulder, is the stripe down the middle. This should either be corrected, or it should be removed from the maps as a designated bike route.

The other comment is more general: we need safe designated bike routes to connect people to destinations. Two obvious such connections are campus to downtown Champaign, and campus to North Prospect. Another would be from campus, or downtown Urbana, to your offices on East Washington. The two cities are, I think, making excellent progress in developing a recreational bike path network. The next step is to start to design it to be a transportation network.

[REDACTED]


At 01:53 PM 1/26/2003 -0600, you wrote:

- >A Greenways and Trails Public Workshop will be held this Tuesday (Jan 28th)
- >from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Illinois Terminal (4th floor). This workshop will
- >give participants an opportunity to express their ideas about bicycle paths,
- >recreational paths, and other greenways in Champaign County.
- >
- >A Long Range Transportation Plan workshop will be held this Thursday (Jan
- >30th) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Illinois Terminal (4th floor). This
- >workshop
- >will give participants an opportunity to express their ideas about all facets
- >of transportation (including that new fixed guideway proposal) in
- >Champaign-Urbana-Savoy.
- >
- >Hope to see you there!
- >
- >Susan Chavarria

MAP CHANGES NEEDED:

GT
Public
Comment
1-23-03

Existing Transportation Map -
needs update:

Needs  at Lincoln and Illinois Streets - (by
Hallow Gateway)

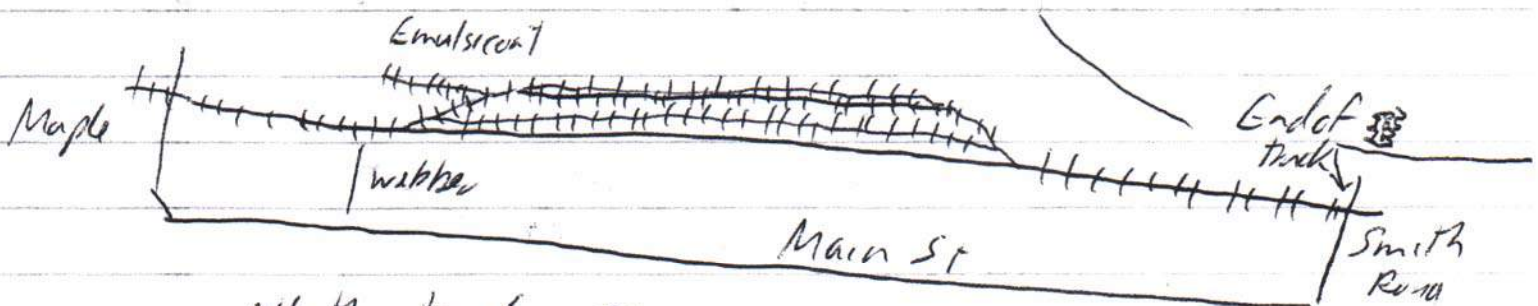
Planned signals at Lincoln + Pennsylvania,
Lincoln + Nevada, Urbana.

Fourth and Pennsylvania, Champaign.

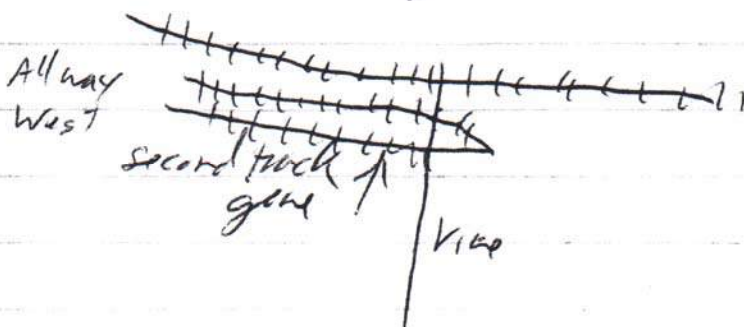
Railroads need update: Remove former
Con Rail east of University at Smith Road

Former NW track south of Washington St
(spur to Solo Cup)

Remove all yard tracks N. of Main East of Maple
except:

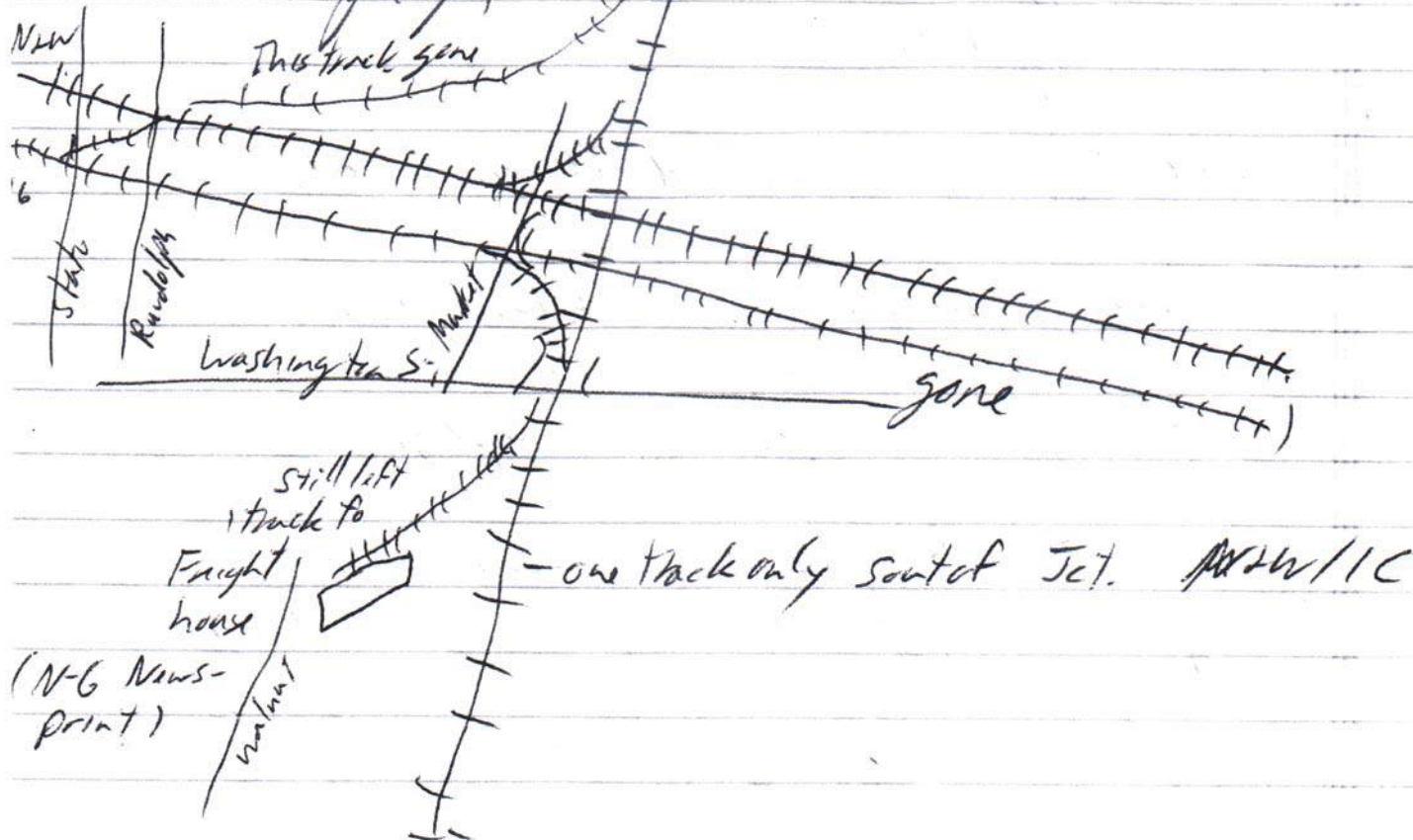


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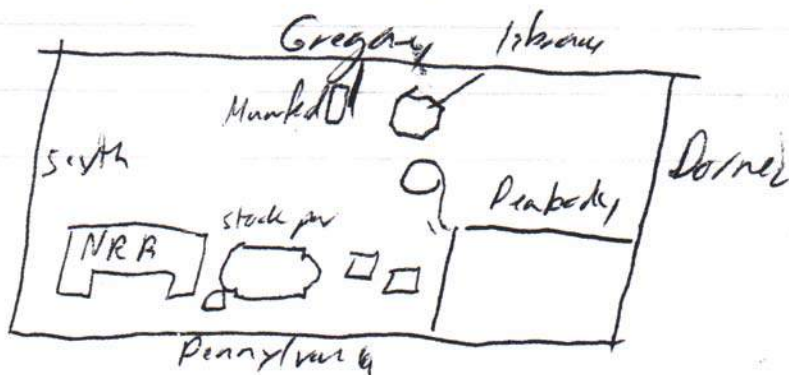
only one track each line
left w. of here

Champaign



NW - siding north of track w. of State
(near detention basin park to east of Harris)

Jct I - Goodman - Grey - between
Tart - Gregory - closed (new
Ag Library)



Date: 1/28/03 12:31 PM
From: [REDACTED]
To: susanc@ccrpc.org
Copy:
Subject: Sidewalk extension on Main Street

Susan,

I sincerely appreciate the work that is being put into evaluating the greenways and trailways in our community. I won't be able to attend the meeting this evening but I wanted to pass along a request.

My family recently moved to Beringer Commons in Urbana. We have always loved to bike around town with our three children but in our new location there isn't a safe way to get into town. There is a section of Main street, from Smith road to the west, that does not have a sidewalk. If the sidewalk on the south side of Main could be extended to Smith or to the end of Main we would have a path from our neighborhood into downtown that would be fairly safe.

If there is someone else I should communicate this request to please let me know. Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Comments taken by phone - GT - 1-31-03

1. Circles - roundabouts are not good idea
 - especially for tandems, bikes w/ trailers, bikes w/ child seats
2. wider bicycle - bikeways
 - ~~connected~~ it's enough for 2 single-file paths
 - paths are more for recreation than trans.
- 3 if trying to get from point A - B, rec paths are not ideal - need to have on street bike routes marked

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2-6-03

Dear Rita and Susan

Although I was unable to attend the workshop on Trails I do have a suggestion.

Race St from Windsor to at least Old Church (2 miles) needs a bike path because it is a very popular route for cyclists. This would give them four choices of county roads.

Unfortunately Race St. is governed by the City of Urbana, Urbana Township, and I believe, the County as the road nears Old Church.

With best regards,

[Redacted Signature]