

Next Level Trails 2nd Round Grant Awards

Regional Projects

Project Name	Applicant	County	Miles	Grant Amount
B&O Trail	B & O Trail Association	Marion, Hendricks	6.43	\$4,583,050
Big Four Trail	City of Lebanon	Boone	5.8	\$2,523,430
Big Four Trail	Town of Zionsville	Boone	1.79	\$1,812,295
Honey Creek Trail	Middletown/Fall Creek Township Park Board	Henry	5.27	\$1,678,250
Marquette Greenway	City of Portage Redevelopment Commission	Porter	0.88	\$2,549,300
Parke Community Rail Trail	Parke Trails Alliance	Parke	6.87	\$5,000,000
Pennsy Trail	Hancock County	Hancock	1.32	\$670,803
Pumpkinvine Nature Trail	Town of Shipshewana	LaGrange	0.97	\$953,482
Vandalia Trail	Town of Plainfield	Hendricks	2.3	\$1,712,000
Veterans Memorial Trail/Pennsy Greenway	City of Crown Point	Lake	2.84	\$2,984,252

Regional Total: 37.47 \$24,466,862

Local Projects

Project Name	Applicant	County	Miles	Grant Amount
Grand Army of the Republic Trail	City of Kendallville	Noble	6.0	\$428,784
Green River Road Trail	Vanderburgh County	Vanderburgh	2.3	\$771,150
Griffin Bike Park	Shepherds of Griffin Park	Vigo	14.5	\$554,241
Hassmer Hills Trail	Southeastern Indiana Mountain Bike Association	Ripley	8	\$200,000
Historic Vernon to Muscatatuck Park Trail	Town of Vernon	Jennings	1.25	\$1,086,100
New River Greenway	City of Elkhart	Elkhart	1.85	\$642,600
Steven Nation Community Pathway	Hamilton County	Hamilton	2.5	\$1,047,670
Vale Park Road West Link Trail	City of Valparaiso	Porter	1.45	\$364,500

Local Total: 32.75 \$5,095,045

Combined Round 2: 70.22 \$29,561,908

\$24,713,969

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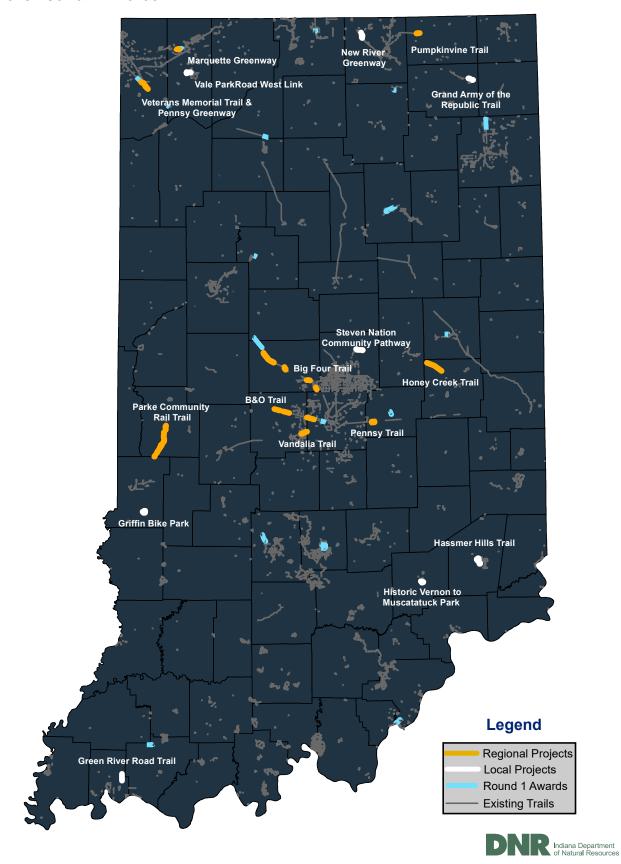
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Next Level Trails Total: 112.52 \$54,275,877





Next Level Trails Round 2 Awards





Regional Projects:

Trail Name: B&O Trail

Applicant: B&O Trails Association County: Hendricks and Marion Grant Amount: \$4,583,050

Length: 6.43 miles

Description: Adds 6.43 miles of asphalt trail to the B&O Trail, extending the existing trail through Brownsburg on both ends and completing an important link with Indianapolis. The western extension will begin at Tilden trailhead, adding 2.1 miles of paved trail and equestrian-use side path west to C.R. 250 and paving an additional 1.9 miles from Maplewood to C.R. 50 for a total of 4 miles in rural Hendricks County. The eastern extension will run 2.43 miles east from Raceway Road into Marion County where it will connect to a portion of the trail currently under development by the Speedway Trails Association near Girls School Road. The project includes trailhead facilities in Tilden and Maplewood. The trail is named for the former Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad. Key partners include Central Indiana Community Foundation, IU West Hospital, Hendricks Regional Health, Indy Gateway, Hendricks County Community Foundation, Hendricks Power Cooperative, and numerous individual contributors. This project is part of a collaborative effort with the Speedway Trails Association, a first-round Next Level Trails awardee.

Trail Name: Big Four Trail **Applicant**: City of Lebanon

County: Boone

Grant Amount: \$2,523,430

Length: 5.8 miles

Description: Adds a total of 5.8 miles of new asphalt trail to the Big Four Trail in Lebanon and rural Boone County. A new 1.4-mile segment of trail within Lebanon will connect the Courthouse Square to Abner Longley Park. An additional 4.4 miles of deteriorating slag aggregate surfaced trail will be upgraded to asphalt in unincorporated Boone County, creating a contiguous paved connection from Thorntown to Lebanon. The trail is named for the former Big Four Railroad. Partners include Friends of Boone County Trails, the Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Boone County Council.

Trail Name: Big Four Trail **Applicant**: Town of Zionsville

County: Boone

Grant Amount: \$1,812,295

Length: 1.79 miles

Description: Adds 1.79 miles of asphalt trail to the existing Big Four Trail within Zionsville, extending northwest by 0.92 miles to the border of Whitestown and southeast by 0.87 miles to the Vonterra neighborhood. The project includes new trailhead facilities where the former Big Four Railroad corridor intersects Zionsville Road. Partners include Friends of Boone County Trails, Zionsville Community Schools, the Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Boone County Council, and several individual contributors.





Trail Name: Honey Creek Trail **Applicant**: Fall Creek Park Board

County: Henry

Grant Amount: \$1,678,250

Length: 5.27 miles

Description: Will construct a 5.27-mile asphalt trail on former railroad corridor beginning at Mechanicsburg Road on the west side of Middletown to C.R. 600 N, southeast of unincorporated Honey Creek. The project links three parks within Middletown. Partners include the Town of Middletown, Henry County Community Foundation, Healthy Communities of Henry County, East Central Indiana Regional Development Authority, Ballard & Sons Funeral Home, Ball Brothers Foundation, Nine-Star Community Trust, Middletown Lions Club, and several individual contributors.

Trail Name: Marquette Greenway

Applicant: City of Portage Redevelopment Commission

County: Porter

Grant Amount: \$2,549,300

Length: 0.88 miles

Description: Will close a gap in the Marquette Greenway system between the Ameriplex Business Park in Portage and a section of the trail under development by the Town of Burns Harbor. This project will construct 0.88 miles of asphalt trail and boardwalk through part of Indiana Dunes National Park, including a pedestrian bridge over Salt Creek. This project is part of a collaborative effort with the Town of Burns Harbor, a first-round Next Level Trails awardee. The Marquette Greenway is planned to connect Chicago to New Buffalo, Michigan through several communities along Lake Michigan in northwest Indiana.

Trail Name: Parke Community Rail Trail

Applicant: Parke Trails Alliance

County: Parke

Grant Amount: \$5,000,000

Length: 9.87 miles

Description: Adds a total of 9.87 miles of trail between the Rockville Depot and the Vigo County line, south of Rosedale. The project will use portions of the former Vandalia Railroad abandoned by Penn Central. The new trail will connect to a 0.56-mile segment of existing trail in Rosedale. The project includes construction of a new bridge spanning Bridgeton Road in Rockville, relocating a 175-foot Whipple truss bridge to cross Little Raccoon Creek northeast of Jessup, the refurbishment of two timber pile railroad bridges, and installing trailhead facilities in Catlin, Jessup, and Rosedale. A portion of the route near Jessup includes equestrian-use side path. An extensive list of partners includes the Parke County Community Foundation, Parke County Commissioners, Parke County REMC, Duke Energy, the Thirty-Six Saloon, and numerous individual contributors.





Trail Name: Pennsy Trail **Applicant**: Hancock County

County: Hancock

Grant Amount: \$670,803

Length: 1.32 miles

Description: Adds 1.32 miles of asphalt trail to the Pennsy Trail system in western Hancock County, completing a gap in the trail between C.R. 600 W and C.R. 500 W. The project is part of the statewide National Road Heritage Trail and is an important step toward completing the trail between Cumberland and Greenfield. The trail is named for the corridor of the former Pennsylvania Railroad. Pennsy Trails of Hancock County is a key partner in the project.

Trail Name: Pumpkinvine Nature Trail **Applicant:** Town of Shipshewana

County: LaGrange

Grant Amount: \$953,482

Length: 0.97 miles

Description: Adds 0.97 miles to the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, extending the trail east into Shipshewana from its current terminus outside of town at C.R. 850 W. The new extension follows North Street, ending in North Park. The project takes advantage of parking and bathroom facilities located within the park near Depot Street, which will serve as the new trailhead for the east end of the Pumpkinvine. The trail extension eliminates the on-road connection to the town and improves access to residential neighborhoods and the downtown business district.

Trail Name: Vandalia Trail **Applicant**: Town of Plainfield

County: Hendricks

Grant Amount: \$1,712,000

Length: 2.30 miles

Description: Will extend the existing Vandalia Trail with 2.3 miles of new asphalt trail from its current terminus near Township Line Road in Plainfield east to Raceway Road at the border of Hendricks and Marion counties. The project is part of the statewide National Road Heritage Trail and includes a connection to the Ronald Reagan Parkway multi-use path. Key partners include ADESA Indianapolis and the Plainfield Economic Improvement District.

Trail Name: Veterans Memorial Trail/Pennsy Greenway

Applicant: City of Crown Point

County: Lake

Grant Amount: \$2,984,252

Length: 2.84 miles

Description: Adds two segments of asphalt trail totaling 2.84 miles, generally following the former Pennsylvania Railroad corridor through Crown Point. The northern 1.2-mile segment completes a gap by extending a portion of the Pennsy Greenway under development by the Town of Schererville from Clark Road to the Erie Lackawanna Trail at White Hawk Golf Course. The southern segment extends 1.64 miles from the Veterans Memorial Parkway Summit Street trailhead southeast to Sportsplex Park. This project is part of a collaborative effort with the Town of Schererville, a first-round Next Level Trails awardee. The project is part of the Great American Rail-Trail route, a planned 12-state national trail system linking Washington, D.C. to Washington State.





Local Projects

Trail Name: Grand Army of the Republic Trail

Applicant: City of Kendallville

County: Noble

Grant Amount: \$428,784 Length: 0.90 miles

Description: Adds two segments of asphalt trail totaling 0.9 miles in the City of Kendallville. The western segment connects the Fishing Line Trail to the Fairview Boulevard Trail near the entrance to ACRES Land Trust's Detering Nature Preserve. The eastern segment extends the Dowling Street Trail from Allen Chapel Road to Walmart on U.S. 6. Partners include Murray-Roush Enterprises and Noble County Trails.

Trail Name: Green River Road Trail **Applicant**: Vanderburgh County

County: Vanderburgh
Grant Amount: \$771,150

Length: 2.3 miles

Description: Adds a 2.3-mile asphalt trail along Green River Road, from Lenape Lane to Millersburg Road. The project includes widening bridges at Firlick Creek and Pigeon Creek to accommodate the trail. The trail will connect to the Green River Road Canoe Launch, Goebel Soccer Complex and Deaconess Sports Park.

Trail Name: Griffin Bike Park

Applicant: Shepherds of Griffin Park

County: Vigo

Grant Amount: \$554,241 **Length**: 14.5 miles

Description: Adds 14.5 miles of natural-surface trail to Griffin Bike Park, including a connection to camping facilities at nearby Fowler Park and 4.5 miles of adaptive mountain bike trail designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. The project also includes several miles of single-track mountain bike trails for intermediate to expert riders as well as trailhead facilities with drinking water and restrooms. An extensive list of partners includes Union Health, MacAllister Machinery, NIPSCO, Sunrise Coal, and numerous additional corporate and individual contributors.

Trail Name: Hassmer Hills Trail

Applicant: Southeastern Indiana Mountain Bike Association

County: Ripley

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Length: 8.0 miles

Description: The Southeastern Indiana Mountain Bike Association will add 8 miles of natural-surface trail open to mountain bikers and hikers to the acclaimed trail system at Versailles State Park. The project includes a 0.5-mile mountain bike connection along C.R. 25 S from the Town of Versailles toward the Busching Covered Bridge, near the park entrance. The remainder of the new trail will be built in an area of the park that was formerly Hassmer Hills 4-H camp, taking advantage of 180 feet of elevation along the planned route.





Trail Name: Historic Vernon to Muscatatuck Park Trail

Applicant: Vernon **County**: Jennings

Grant Amount: \$1,086,100

Length: 1.25 miles

Description: Will build 1.25 miles of new trail consisting of two contiguous but distinct segments in the Town of Vernon. A 0.5-mile natural-surface mountain bike and hiking trail will connect the Town of Vernon to Vinegar Mill Overlook in Muscatatuck Park. Within Vernon, a 0.75-mile asphalt trail will connect Vernon Gym to Vernon Commons, a historic park. Partners include Jennings County Parks and Recreation Department, and Jennings County Community Foundation.

Trail Name: New River Greenway

Applicant: City of Elkhart

County: Elkhart

Grant Amount: \$642,600 **Length**: 1.85 miles

Description: Will close gaps in the New River Greenway in the downtown river district of Elkhart by constructing a total of 1.85 miles of trail, including building 0.76 miles of new asphalt trail, converting 0.16 miles of sidewalk into a trail, and paving 0.93 miles of existing natural-surface trail. The project will connect to the existing Mapleheart Trail at Hively Avenue to create a contiguous link between downtown Elkhart and the City of Goshen. Key partners include the City of Elkhart Redevelopment Commission, Elkhart Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Elkhart County Community Foundation.

Trail Name: Steven Nation Community Pathway

Applicant: Hamilton County

County: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$1,047,670

Length: 2.5 miles

Description: Will build a 2.5-mile asphalt trail following 234th Street from the Town of Cicero to White River Campground at Strawtown Koteewi Park. Inside the campground, the new trail will connect with the pedestrian bridge over the White River, linking the project to the trail network within the park. The project includes a partnership with Hamilton County Tourism.

Trail Name: Vale Park Road West Link Trail

Applicant: City of Valparaiso

County: Porter

Grant Amount: \$364,500

Length: 1.45 miles

Description: Adds a total of 1.45 miles of concrete trail along the south side of Vale Park Road and the west side of Froberg Road, filling gaps within the City of Valparaiso's trail system. The new trail links multiple residential neighborhoods to Valparaiso High School, and to Foundation Meadows Park via existing trail along Campbell Street. The project includes a partnership with Olthof Homes.

