



Next Level Trails 3rd Round Grant Awards

Regional Projects

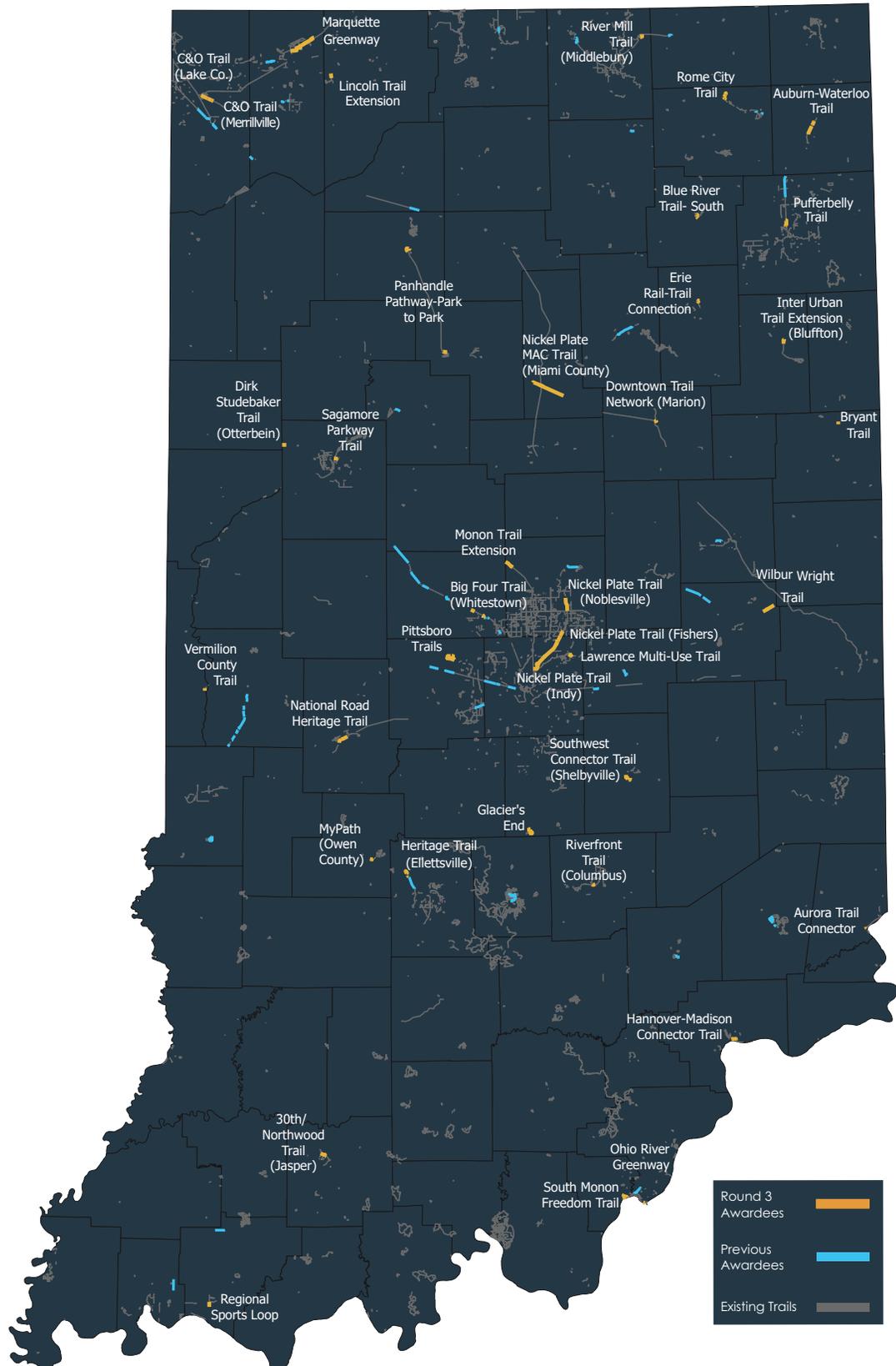
Project Name	Applicant	County	Miles	Grant Amount
Auburn-Waterloo Trail	DeKalb County Community Foundation	DeKalb	2.77	\$1,055,200
Big Four Trail	Town of Whitestown	Boone	1.54	\$1,163,590
Hannover-Madison Connector Trail	The Heritage Trail Conservancy	Jefferson	1.25	\$2,160,160
Marquette Greenway	Porter County Board of Commissioners	Porter	6.52	\$4,900,000
Monon Trail Extension	Town of Sheridan	Hamilton	1.85	\$2,089,850
National Road Heritage Trail	City of Greencastle	Putnam	2.39	\$2,003,572
Nickel Plate MAC Trail	Nickel Plate Trail, Inc.	Miami	7.10	\$3,623,297
Nickel Plate Trail	City of Fishers	Hamilton	1.30	\$4,533,388
Nickel Plate Trail	City of Indianapolis	Marion	10.30	\$5,000,000
Nickel Plate Trail	City of Noblesville	Hamilton	2.70	\$3,130,000
Ohio River Greenway	City of Jeffersonville	Clark	0.35	\$2,359,832
Panhandle Pathway-Park to Park	Friends of the Panhandle Pathway	Cass, Pulaski	2.33	\$2,503,809
Pufferbelly Trail	City of Fort Wayne	Allen	1.78	\$2,685,278
Sagamore Parkway Trail	City of Lafayette	Tippecanoe	0.90	\$2,706,700
South Monon Freedom Trail	City of New Albany	Floyd	1.30	\$2,000,000
Vermilion County Trail	Vermillion County	Vermillion	1.15	\$1,113,261
Wilbur Wright Trail	Healthy Communities of Henry County, Inc.	Henry	2.60	\$1,331,690
Regional Total			48.13	\$44,359,627

Local Projects

Project Name	Applicant	County	Miles	Grant Amount
30th/Northwood Trail	City of Jasper	Dubois	1.60	\$2,000,000
Aurora Trail Connector	City of Aurora	Dearborn	0.30	\$974,325
Blue River Trail- South	Columbia City	Whitley	1.17	\$1,802,734
Bryant Trail	Town of Bryant	Jay	0.59	\$438,500
C&O Trail	Lake County Parks and Recreation Department	Lake	1.47	\$804,160
C&O Trail	Town of Merrillville	Lake	1.35	\$1,428,091
Dirk Studebaker Trail	Town of Otterbein	Tippecanoe	0.90	\$718,720
Downtown Trail Network	City of Marion	Grant	0.57	\$640,684
Erie Rail-Trail Connection	City of Huntington	Huntington	0.74	\$784,300
Glacier's End	Indiana Wildlife Federation	Johnson	5.00	\$239,500
Heritage Trail	Town of Ellettsville	Monroe	2.11	\$1,131,933
Inter Urban Trail Extension	City of Bluffton	Wells	1.06	\$404,035
Lawrence Multi-Use Trail	City of Lawrence	Marion	1.20	\$1,717,960
Lincoln Trail Extension	LaPorte County	LaPorte	0.96	\$826,000
MyPath	Owen County Community Foundation	Owen	0.88	\$639,483
Pittsboro Trails	Town of Pittsboro	Hendricks	3.50	\$1,304,327
Regional Sports Loop	Warrick Trails, Inc.	Warrick	1.00	\$492,950
River Mill Trail	Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation	Elkhart	1.06	\$717,370
Riverfront Trail	City of Columbus	Bartholomew	0.86	\$1,727,000
Rome City Trail	Town of Rome City	Noble	1.46	\$880,800
Southwest Connector Trail	City of Shelbyville	Shelby	1.92	\$1,719,960
Local Total			29.70	\$21,392,832

Combined Round 3	77.83	\$65,752,459
Round 1 and 2	112.52	\$54,275,877
Next Level Trails Total	190.35	\$120,028,335

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Regional Projects

Trail Name: Auburn-Waterloo Trail

Applicant: DeKalb County Community Foundation

County: DeKalb

Grant Amount: \$1,055,200

Length: 2.77 miles

Description: Widens 2.77 miles of existing sidewalk to 10 feet wide, closing a gap on the existing Auburn Waterloo Trail, stretching from County Road 40 to Cedar Street. The new trail will provide a safe passage for the many children who use the trail to get to DeKalb Middle School and High School along South Wayne Street. The project includes five pedestrian crossing upgrades as well as 23 improved drive crossings along the trail. The City of Auburn is a key partner for this project.

Trail Name: Big Four Trail

Applicant: Town of Whitestown

County: Boone

Grant Amount: \$1,163,590

Length: 1.54 miles

Description: A 1.54-mile extension of the existing Big Four Trail through Whitestown. The southern segment is 0.75 miles long, stretching from County Road 400 South to the east end of the existing trail segment. The northern section begins at the existing Big Four Trail terminus and travels north for 0.9 miles. The trail is named for the former Big Four Railroad.

Trail Name: Hanover-Madison Connector Trail

Applicant: Heritage Trail Conservancy

County: Jefferson

Grant Amount: \$2,160,160

Length: 1.25 miles

Description: Phase 1 of a larger project that adds 1.18 miles of trail that runs from the City of Madison to Clifty Falls State Park. Future phases of the project will extend the trail farther west, connecting to the Hanover College campus and town of Hanover. This new trail also makes connections to the existing Madison Riverfront Trail along the Ohio River.

Trail Name: Marquette Greenway

Applicant: Porter County Board of Commissioners

County: Porter

Grant Amount: \$4,900,000

Length: 6.52 miles

Description: Will close a gap in the Marquette Greenway, a planned 50-mile multi-state trail intended to connect Chicago to New Buffalo, Michigan along the southern shore of Lake Michigan. This segment is between State Road 49 in Porter and Lake Shore County Road in Beverly Shores. The new trail is intended to replace the Calumet Trail, an existing gravel trail. The new trail will be 6.52 miles of 10-foot- wide asphalt and connect to the existing Dunes Kankakee Trail.

Trail Name: Monon Trail Extension

Applicant: Town of Sheridan

County: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$2,089,850

Length: 1.85 miles

Description: Adds 1.85 miles to the Monon Trail, extending it north into Sheridan from its current terminus south of town at State Road 47. The new extension follows an abandoned rail corridor, ending at the Hamilton and Boone county border along County Road 1200 East. To the south, the extension connects to the existing Monon Trail, which extends 26 miles through Westfield, Carmel, and, ultimately, downtown Indianapolis.

Trail Name: National Road Heritage Trail

Applicant: City of Greencastle

County: Putnam

Grant Amount: \$2,003,572

Length: 2.39 miles

Description: Will fill a 2-mile gap in the statewide National Road Heritage Trail in the City of Greencastle, as well as pave an existing 0.85-mile stretch of an existing gravel section of the trail and improve an existing trailhead. The project connects to trail networks within the city. Key partners include National Road Heritage Trail, Inc and People's Pathways of Putnam County.

Trail Name: Nickel Plate MAC Trail

Applicant: Nickel Plate Trail, Inc.

County: Miami

Grant Amount: \$3,623,297

Length: 7.10 miles

Description: Will build 7.10 miles of asphalt trail from Grissom Air Reserve Base through Bunker Hill to McGrawsville in Miami County. In Bunker Hill, the new trail intersects with the existing Nickel Plate Trail stretching from Kokomo to Peru. Major connections along the new trail include Bunker Hill Park; Maconaquah High School, Middle School, and Elementary School; and the Grissom Air Museum. The project helps further close a major gap in the American Discovery Trail, a coast-to-coast non-motorized trail corridor stretching from Washington D.C. to California. The 7.10 miles of new trail will increase Indiana's total mileage of the trail to 116 miles.

Trail Name: Nickel Plate Trail

Applicant: City of Fishers

County: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$4,533,388

Length: 1.30 miles

Description: Will add 1.30 miles of new asphalt trail to the Nickel Plate Trail within Fishers. The new trail will use the Nickel Plate Railroad corridor and stretch from 96th Street to 106th street. At 106th Street, the new trail will connect to the existing Nickel Plate, which travels north 3.8 miles to 146th Street where it meets Noblesville's NLT Project. At 96th Street, a pedestrian bridge will be constructed, connecting both Fishers' and Indianapolis' Nickel Plate Trail projects. The new trail also makes connections to an existing side path on 106th Street, as well as a side path on Hague Road.

Trail Name: Nickel Plate Trail

Applicant: City of Indianapolis

County: Marion

Grant Amount: \$5,000,000

Length: 10.30 miles

Description: Will build 10.30 miles of new trail from 42nd Street to 96th Street in Indianapolis. The new trail connects to the existing Monon Trail at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and travels north to connect to the 96th Street bridge and the Fishers Nickel Plate project. Once completed, the Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville projects will complete the nearly 17-mile Nickel Plate Trail corridor. The project includes a 0.5-mile trail spur that will connect to Sahm Park, plus a second trail spur off 62nd Street connecting to Eastwood Middle School.

Trail Name: Nickel Plate Trail

Applicant: City of Noblesville

County: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$3,130,000

Length: 2.70 miles

Description: Adds 2.70 miles of trail from 146th Street to Pleasant Street in Noblesville. To the south, this new trail will connect to the northern terminus of the existing Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers, connecting the two cities. At the northern terminus along Pleasant Street, the new trail will intersect with the funded section of the Midland Trace Trail that will be constructed.

Trail Name: Ohio River Greenway

Applicant: City of Jeffersonville

County: Clark

Grant Amount: \$2,359,832

Length: 0.35 miles

Description: Adds 0.35 miles to the Ohio River Greenway, extending the trail west from its current terminus in Jeffersonville beneath the Interstate 65 bridge. The new trail comes close to Falls of the Ohio State Park, where the existing trail picks up in Clarksville. The Jeffersonville end of the trail also connects to the Big Four Pedestrian bridge, which extends into Kentucky and connects to the trail networks in Louisville.

Trail Name: Panhandle Pathway-Park to Park

Applicant: Friends of the Panhandle Pathway

Counties: Cass, Pulaski

Grant Amount: \$2,503,809

Length: 2.33 miles

Description: Will extend the Panhandle Pathway on both ends of the current trail. The 0.83-mile southern extension will connect the current terminus to France Park in Cass County. The 1.50-mile northern extension will connect the trail to the northern reaches of the Town of Winamac, helping the trail inch closer to the park-to-park goal. Once completed, these extensions will bring the total mileage of the Panhandle Pathway to 24.30 miles.

Trail Name: Pufferbelly Trail

Applicant: City of Fort Wayne

County: Allen

Grant Amount: \$2,685,278

Length: 1.78 miles

Description: Adds 1.78 miles of trail for the last phase of the Pufferbelly Trail in Fort Wayne. The new trail completes a major gap in the existing trail between Washington Center Road and Coliseum Boulevard. To the south, the existing Pufferbelly connects to the 26-mile Rivergreenway, Lawton Park, and Headwaters Park. This project is a part of a regional trail called the Poka-Bache Connector, an 85.2-mile State Visionary Trail connecting Angola to Bluffton.

Trail Name: Sagamore Parkway Trail

Applicant: City of Lafayette

County: Tippecanoe

Grant Amount: \$2,706,700

Length: 0.90 miles

Description: Adds 0.90 miles of 10-foot-wide trail from the east end of Sagamore Parkway bridge over the Wabash River to the existing side path on North 9th Street. The new trail connects the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, and intersects the existing Wabash River Heritage Trail, which includes 13 miles of trail stretching from Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park and the Town of Battle Ground alongside Prophetstown State Park.

Trail Name: South Monon Freedom Trail

Applicant: City of New Albany

County: Floyd

Grant Amount: \$2,000,000

Length: 1.30 miles

Description: Will build 1.30 miles of trail in New Albany, making connections to the existing Ohio River Greenway and extending north through downtown. The new trail starts along 6th Street near Fairview Cemetery where it travels south to Culbertson Avenue and Bank Street. At Bank Street, the trail travels south through downtown New Albany until it reaches a rail corridor parallel to the Ohio River. This project connects users to New Albany's historic downtown, the riverfront amphitheater, and miles of existing trail.

Trail Name: Vermillion County Trail

Applicant: Vermillion County

County: Vermillion

Grant Amount: \$1,113,261

Length: 1.15 miles

Description: A 1.15-mile trail between the Town of Montezuma and the Towns of Hillsdale and Alta in Vermillion County. The new trail begins at the terminus of the existing Wabash River Heritage Trail with a bridge across Little Raccoon Creek. The finely crushed stone trail continues south to South County Road 400 East where a new trailhead will be constructed with car parking, bike racks, and a bike repair station.

Trail Name: Wilbur Wright Trail

Applicant: Healthy Communities of Henry County, Inc.

County: Henry

Grant Amount: \$1,331,690

Length: 2.60 miles

Description: Adds 2.60 miles to the Wilbur Wright Trail corridor. The paved, multi-purpose trail will be built on former railroad corridor in Blue River Township and connect to the Town of Mooreland in northeast Henry County. This new trail is a part of a larger vision to connect to the existing 3-mile section of the Wilbur Wright Trail in New Castle. Key partners include the Town of Mooreland and Henry County.

Local Project

Trail Name: 30th/Northwood Trail

Applicant: City of Jasper

County: Dubois

Grant Amount: \$2,000,000

Length: 1.60 miles

Description: Will close gaps in the existing Jasper trail network by adding 1.60 miles of trail. The new trail connects to the existing Buffalo Trace Connector Trail to the east and the St. Charles/Portersville Road Trail to the west. The trail provides connections to both Jasper Middle School and Jasper High School, as well as the River Centre, Thyen Clark Cultural Center, and Buehler Plaza.

Trail Name: Aurora Trail Connector

Applicant: City of Aurora

County: Dearborn

Grant Amount: \$974,325

Length: 0.30 miles

Description: Will provide 0.30 miles of trail that serves as a critical connection for areas of the community that are currently disjointed by the US-50 corridor and adjacent CSX railroad. This project connects to the existing bike lane on George Street, which further connects to the existing 4-mile Lawrenceburg/Aurora Rail Trail. The new trail could help spur riverfront development and downtown revitalization in Aurora.

Trail Name: Blue River Trail-South

Applicant: Columbia City

County: Whitley

Grant Amount: \$1,802,734

Length: 1.17 miles

Description: Adds 1.17 miles of trail that will create safe connections between Columbia City High School, residential neighborhoods, city parks, and downtown. The new trail is split into two sections. The northern section travels east from Vine Street to Chauncey and Spencer streets, ultimately crossing Main Street to connect the existing Blue River Trail. The south section runs along Vine Street to travel south and connect to Columbia City High School on State Road 9.

Trail Name: Bryant Trail

Applicant: Town of Bryant

County: Jay

Grant Amount: \$438,500

Length: 0.59 miles

Description: Will build 0.59 miles of trail extending through downtown and Bryant Park using a former railroad right-of-way. The new trail begins in the north at State Road 67 and travels south through Bryant Park and to Wilson Street. The town's goal is that the trail becomes a significant catalyst for future trail development in Jay County. A key partner for this project is the Jay County Trails Club, Inc.

Trail Name: C&O Trail

Applicant: Lake County Parks and Recreation Department

County: Lake

Grant Amount: \$804,160

Length: 1.47 miles

Description: Adds 1.47 miles of trail along the C&O Trail corridor in northwest Indiana. In collaboration with Merrillville, Lake County's 1.5-mile section connects to the existing Oak Savannah Trail, which extends west to join the 17.7-mile Erie Lackawanna Trail. In combination with Merrillville's project, the new trail will increase the total C&O Trail mileage to 5.5 miles.

Trail Name: C&O Trail

Applicant: Town of Merrillville

County: Lake

Grant Amount: \$1,428,091

Length: 1.35 miles

Description: Extends the existing C&O Trail in Merrillville 1.35 miles north, connecting to the Lake County Next Level Trails project. Merrillville's section stretches from the existing trail terminus near Taft Street and travels north just past Hendricks Street. When completed, the Lake County and Merrillville projects will increase the total C&O Trail mileage to 4.35 and connect to the larger Erie Lackawanna Trail in northwest Indiana.

Trail Name: Dirk Studebaker Trail

Applicant: Town of Otterbein

County: Tippecanoe

Grant Amount: \$718,720

Length: 0.90 miles

Description: Will build 0.90 miles of new trail in the Town of Otterbein. Starting at Meadow Street, the trail will travel west along Oxford Street, connecting the town center to Fellure Express Grocery Store on Lindsay Lane. To the east, the new trail will connect to new sidewalks that reach commercial properties along Main Street.

Trail Name: Downtown Trail Network

Applicant: City of Marion

County: Grant

Grant Amount: \$640,684

Length: 0.57 miles

Description: A 0.57-mile multi-use path connecting the Cardinal Greenway on the west to Washington Street on the east. This trail is one segment of a larger city project identified in the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Plan. The new trail will encourage economic development and help connect the Marion community to its various districts and existing city amenities.

Trail Name: Erie Rail-Trail Connection

Applicant: City of Huntington

County: Huntington

Grant Amount: \$784,300

Length: 0.74 miles

Description: Will build a 0.74-mile shared-use path along Gragg Street, Stultz Road, and County Road 500 North, making connections to Huntington University, Parkview Hospital, YMCA, Crestview Middle School, and a senior living center. At the western edge of the project, the new trail will connect to the existing Erie Trail, a 1.8-mile rail-trail that connects Huntington University to the downtown.

Trail Name: Glacier's End

Applicant: Indiana Wildlife Federation

County: Johnson

Grant Amount: \$239,500

Length: 5.00 miles

Description: Will construct 5 miles of trail in two different segments within Glacier's End Nature Preserve. Trail 1 will be an ADA-accessible 1-mile loop of compacted crushed aggregate. Trail 2 will be a 4-mile trek traversing the bottomlands and deep wilderness of the preserve. The area is a haven for rare species including the timid sedge, Northern long-eared bat, red-shouldered hawk, hooded warbler, and even a new species of spider.

Trail Name: Heritage Trail

Applicant: Town of Ellettsville

County: Monroe

Grant Amount: \$1,131,933

Length: 2.11 miles

Description: Will add 2.11 miles of trail in two segments in the Town of Ellettsville. The northern section begins at the Ellettsville Government Center and travels south to meet the existing Heritage Trail at State Road 46. The southern section of new trail travels south along S.R. 46 until it meets North Hartstrait Road and Monroe County's Karst Farm Greenway, an active Next Level Trails project.

Trail Name: Inter Urban Trail Extension

Applicant: City of Bluffton

County: Wells

Grant Amount: \$404,035

Length: 1.06 miles

Description: Adds 1.06 miles to the Inter Urban Trail, extending the trail north from the current terminus at Monroe Street. The new extension follows State Road 1, ending in Lancaster Park south of East County Road 300 North. The Inter Urban trail is a part of a larger Indiana Visionary Trail system, the Pokabache Trail, an 85-mile corridor connecting Pokagon State Park in Angola and Ouabache State Park in Bluffton.

Trail Name: Lawrence Multi-Use Trail

Applicant: City of Lawrence

County: Marion

Grant Amount: \$1,717,960

Length: 1.20 miles

Description: Will add 1.20 miles of 10-foot-wide asphalt trail as an extension to existing trail in Lawrence. The new trail is composed of two connected segments. The southern portion runs from the existing trail north of 59th Street where it travels north to 63rd Street, next to Fort Harrison State Park. At 63rd Street, the new trail will travel east to Winona Drive. Major connections along the trail include Forest Glen Elementary School, Fall Creek Valley Middle School, and Ivy Tech Community College.

Trail Name: Lincoln Trail Extension

Applicant: LaPorte County

County: LaPorte

Grant Amount: \$826,000

Length: 0.96 miles

Description: Adds 1 mile to the Lincoln Trail, extending the trail north from its current terminus at West 300 South. The new extension uses an old railroad route and continues north to West 200 South. The new trail is part of a larger vision to connect to the Marquette Greenway in Michigan City. Once the entire Lincoln Trail Corridor is built, riders and pedestrians will be able to access hundreds of miles of trails, Indiana Dunes National Park, and Indiana Dunes State Park.

Trail Name: MyPath

Applicant: Owen County Community Foundation

County: Owen

Grant Amount: \$639,483

Length: 0.88 miles

Description: Upgrades 0.88 miles of trail along the White River in Owen County. This project establishes a new trailhead on the West Fork of the White River and will install a 60-foot, fully ADA-accessible bridge over Elliston Creek. The new trail is part of a larger vision to eventually connect to McCormick's Creek State Park and the Monroe County Karst Farm Greenway.

Trail Name: Pittsboro Trails

Applicant: Town of Pittsboro

County: Hendricks

Grant Amount: \$1,304,327

Length: 3.50 miles

Description: Will create a trail loop throughout the Town of Pittsboro, connecting several neighborhoods to two local parks. The project also expands the existing Interurban Trail within the Town of Pittsboro. Key partners include Pyatt Builders, Whispering Fields, and Jefferson Park HOAs. Local businesses and residents have also donated.

Trail Name: Regional Sports Loop

Applicant: Warrick Trails, Inc.

County: Warrick

Grant Amount: \$492,950

Length: 1 mile

Description: Will build 1 mile of trail to connect to the existing trails system in Warrick County. The new trail extends from Lincoln Avenue to Vann Road, making major connections to Amax Fields, Friedman Park, and the Vann Road Ballfields. Existing trail at Vann and Anderson roads will allow residents to travel safely between all three parks as well as the Castle School system and nearby housing subdivisions.

Trail Name: River Mill Trail

Applicant: Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation

County: Elkhart

Grant Amount: \$717,370

Length: 1.06 miles

Description: Will connect trails in existing parks in the Town of Middlebury to a 9-mile section of the Regional Pumpkinvine Trail. The new trail will also connect Middlebury residents to several businesses along the trail corridor, including a grocery store. Key partners include Lozier Store Furnishings LLC, Forks County Line Store, Riverbend Development Group, and the Elkhart County Community Foundation.

Trail Name: Riverfront Trail

Applicant: City of Columbus

County: Bartholomew

Grant Amount: \$1,727,000

Length: 0.86 miles

Description: Adds 0.86 miles of paved asphalt trail to the People Trail, completing the loop along the south side of Columbus. The new trail begins near Mill Race Park at the existing People Trail terminus next to the 3rd Street bridge. From 3rd street, the new trail travels east along the East Fork River, eventually connecting to existing trail at Lafayette Avenue. By completing the gap, the trail will create a safe and accessible connection on the southside of downtown. Key partners include the Columbus Parks Foundation and Flaherty & Collins.

Trail Name: Rome City Trail

Applicant: Town of Rome City

County: Noble

Grant Amount: \$880,800

Length: 1.46 miles

Description: Will add 1.46 miles to the Fishing Line Trail in Rome City, connecting to the existing trail that ends at Lions Drive. This project is part of a regional visionary trail system that proposes to connect Fort Wayne to Shipshewana. The new trail will use State Road 9 to travel north along Sylvan Lake and end near Northport Road. Nobles Trails in Noble County is a key partner.

Trail Name: Southwest Connector Trail

Applicant: City of Shelbyville

County: Shelby

Grant Amount: \$1,719,960

Length: 1.92 miles

Description: Will build 1.92 miles of trail on the west and south sides of Shelbyville. The new trail is separated into two segments. The eastern segment follows McKay Road east until it reaches an abandoned rail corridor, eventually meeting at the local aquatic center. The western section follows Hale Road south to St. Joseph Street and traveling through the Shelbyville Middle School and High School campuses. At McKay Road and Miller Street, an INDOT roundabout project will connect the two sections.