As a property owner in Boone County, please let us know of your interest in voluntarily accommodating a trail on your property. You may complete and return the trail easement information.

We are looking for the best trail route to connect your property to property owners in or near the City of Madrid. Your property may be donated by the owner, or purchased at fee simple land purchase (aka “fee title”) or permanent easement. Typical trail easement widths range from 20 feet to the width of grading necessary for the trail. The fee for development may benefit from drainage improvement and stabilization, skirting tree lines, following drainage ways or contours, or easement. Typical trail easement widths range from 20 feet to the width of grading necessary for the trail.

We are residents of this beautiful county and want to improve the quality of life by encouraging healthy and sustainable living. It will be open only to non-motorized uses such as walking, running, biking, or skating. We are a group of citizens and organizations from across the entire county working with Boone County Parks and Recreation to build this trail.

An informal trail alignment may serve as a guide for future trail expansion. We are seeking input from property owners who are interested in providing a trail route that links with the trail system already in place. The future location of the trail will be surveyed in the fall of 2018.

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We want to provide you with the opportunity to be a part of this historic project by donating a portion of or your entire property for a trail easement.

As such, the Boone County Trails Advisory Committee would like to invite you to participate in this process by donating a portion of or your entire property for a trail easement. This informal process is being offered to property owners who are interested in providing a trail route that links with the trail system already in place. The future location of the trail will be surveyed in the fall of 2018.

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY TRAIL? Trail network is a road system designed to be 100% non-paved, suitable for use by all community members. The project includes bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trails. The project will be county-owned and county-operated. We are looking for partners to join us in this exciting new trail system.

We are creating a path to prosperity. To do this, we need input from property owners. We consider your input as valuable and we will ensure that your input is heard. We will do the best we can to accommodate your property. We will do our best to accommodate your property.

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As you review the three areas of opportunity on this map, you can see that the kindness and support of willing landowners will enable the development of a trail between the Cities of Boone and Madrid.

By following drainage ditches, tree lines, and/or roadway frontage, we can minimize any potential impacts to farm land and residential properties.

The proposed trail would be constructed along South Story Street. After crossing Highway 30, it would pass north of the Park & Ride to connect to the Boone Speedway, then meet back up with South Story Street on its way to Ledges State Park.

The Iowa Arboretum and the Iowa 4H Founders Club have agreed to consider the development of the trail on portions of their properties.

We are working closely with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to convert an old service road to trail use through Ledges State Park. The road connects to the campground, where the trail may parallel P Avenue past the McCoy Wildlife Management Area.