



# MASTER TRAILS & GREENWAY PLAN

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FOR DANVILLE/BOYLE COUNTY



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DANVILLE, KY 40422

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Boyle County Master Trail & Greenway Plan is intended to extend an existing one-mile recreational trail along Clark's Run, the creek that flows through the center of Danville, in order to increase the length of the trail and enhance its usefulness to area residents as an exercise and multi-use transportation resource. The Plan includes several development phases to expand the trail system throughout town, connecting it to various destination points.

In 1993, the City of Danville and a Lexington-based consultant developed *The Clark's Run Corridor & Trails Plan*. Funded through a \$5,000 Kentucky Community Rivers and Streams Grant and \$7,500 of city matching funds, this plan details a trails and park system that would reconnect the creek with the community, including; creek corridor trails, city-to-creek connecting trails, and an outdoor educational facility. In 1998, one mile of the proposed trail was constructed, along with a bridge and gazebo. This Plan would further realize the concepts described in the 1993 plan and capitalize on current, broad local interest in the recreational, conservation and educational potential of a greenway trail.

The trail plan is further supported by the following excerpt from the 2007 Danville-Boyle County Comprehensive Plan Update.

***Proposed Parks (page 6-10)***

*A second park under development is a linear park corridor located along Clark's Run. This park, when completed, will run the length of Clark's Run from Stanford Road west to the U.S. 127 By-pass. The park will be developed in stages as easements are obtained through purchase or dedication during development. The main feature of the park will be a trail along the Clark's Run creek corridor. This trail will tie together other park areas and neighborhoods. In more open, developed area, the trail will be wider and possibly paved for exercise cycling, jogging and walking. In less developed areas with dense vegetation, the trail would be unpaved for hiking and nature study.*

During the past two years, the City of Danville and several local organizations have begun working more intensively to further define and implement this vision of an interconnected, multi-use trail system throughout the community. Currently, the participating organizations include the Clark's Run Environmental and Educational Corporation (CREEC), BIKE Boyle County, Boyle County Parks & Recreation Department, Boyle County Health Department, Danville Independent Schools, Centre College, Kentucky School for the Deaf, and local business owners. By connecting destination points, it is believed that the trails would encourage local citizens to walk, run or cycle among various places in town.

In 2007, Danville received a *Safe Routes to School* grant as part of an ongoing effort to identify, develop and support local initiatives for non-motorized transport to and from schools. This grant

funding will be applied to a safe bicycle and pedestrian connection between Downtown, Millennium Park and the Boyle County schools.

The City of Danville and other eligible local organizations are pursuing additional, near-term fundraising and grant opportunities to extend the trail and enhance it with such additions as signage, trailhead kiosks, an outdoor classroom, exercise stations, birdfeeders, and lighting.

The remainder of this Master Plan describes the following proposed trail development phases. The various phases are also labeled on the attached map.

**PHASE IA:** Northeastern extension (2,000 feet) toward Gose Pike, Trail Signage, Exercise Stations

**PHASE IB:** Clearing of Invasive Vegetation along existing trail segment between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, Transplant of tree saplings to this area (from behind Bate-Wood Housing)

**PHASE 2A:** Trail connection from eastern end of existing trail to Cross Country Trail

**PHASE 2B:** Trail extension from Cross Country Trail along Town Branch to Walnut Street sidewalks, enabling route to Constitution Square Park

**PHASE 2C:** Trail extension eastward along Clark's Run to Gose Pike

**PHASE 3:** Trail extension from western end of existing trail toward US150-Bypass and Boyle County Industrial Park

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## PHASE 1A

NORTHEASTERN EXTENSION (2,000 FEET) TOWARD GOSE PIKE, TRAIL SIGNAGE,  
EXERCISE STATIONS

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### GOALS:

1. Trail extension from the Northeast terminus of the existing trail (off 2<sup>nd</sup> Street behind Bate-Wood Park) around the northern and eastern side of the sewage pretreatment lagoon and back to Clark's Run. The trail segment will be approximately 6'-8' wide by 2,000 feet long and paved with a hard surface, enabling walking, cycling or jogging. This trail will provide access from the existing trail and provide a connection to the planned future trail that will loop to the East.
2. Clearing of invasive plants from the targeted area.
3. Provide signage for Trail Parking Area and Trailhead Kiosk with a trail description and map
4. Provide exercise stations

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** The City of Danville has proposed this trail. CREEC, the Boyle County Health Department and BIKE Boyle County will serve as the co-supporters of this project.

**FUNDING:** A grant application for \$20,000 has been submitted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's GET HEALTHY KENTUCKY GRANT PROGRAM. The City and CREEC will each provide a \$4,000.00 matching cash contribution.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation, City of Danville, and Boyle County Fiscal Court.

**TIME FRAME:** Funding decisions for this grant program will be made by December 31, 2007. If awarded, the grant project must be completed by June 30, 2008.

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## PHASE 1B

CLEARING OF INVASIVE VEGETATION ALONG EXISTING TRAIL SEGMENT BETWEEN  
2ND AND 3RD STREETS, TRANSPLANT OF TREE SAPLINGS TO THIS AREA (FROM  
BEHIND BATE-WOOD HOUSING)

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### GOALS:

1. Eradication of invasive plants along the trail segment between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.
2. Transplanting of native trees from tree nursery located at Bate-Wood Homes to target area.

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** CREEC will provide the funding for a professional stream restoration company to remove the invasive vegetation. The City of Danville will provide vehicle, chippers and labor to reduce contract cost. CREEC and community volunteers will provide manpower for transplanting the tree saplings.

**FUNDING:** CREEC has funds available to pay for this phase. Cost: \$2,500 to contractor with approximately \$2,500 of in-kind services from the City of Danville.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation, City of Danville and Boyle County Fiscal Court.

**TIME FRAME:** Funding is currently available. Eradication of invasives to be completed by May 2008. Tree planting to be performed in the Spring of 2008, as weather permits.

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## PHASE 2A

TRAIL CONNECTION FROM END OF TRAIL TO CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL

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### GOALS:

1. Develop a 1,000-foot extension from the Northeast existing trail along Town Branch to tie in with the Cross Country Trail located on the Kentucky School for the Deaf property. This trail will be composed of soft, natural material, enabling walking, jogging or mountain biking.
2. Clearing of honeysuckle and euonymus from the targeted area.

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** CREEC volunteers will provide manpower for the trail mulching and removal of invasive vegetation. The City of Danville will provide vehicle and mulching material.

**FUNDING:** CREEC will provide volunteers for this phase. The City of Danville will provide in-kind funding in the form of mulch and mulch transportation.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation, City of Danville and Boyle County Fiscal Court.

**TIME FRAME:** Vegetation clearing and trail development to be complete by August 2008.

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## PHASE 2B

TRAIL EXTENSION FROM CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL ALONG TOWN BRANCH TO  
WALNUT STREET SIDEWALKS, CREATING CONNECTION TO CONSTITUTION SQUARE  
PARK

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### GOALS:

1. Develop a 3,000-foot extension from the Phase 2A trail along Town Branch to tie in with the existing city sidewalks to the Constitution Square State Park.
2. Clear invasive vegetation from the targeted area.
3. Provide signage for historical locations.

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** CREEC and the City of Danville will work together on developing this trail segment.

**FUNDING:** CREEC and the City of Danville will look at funding options.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation, City of Danville and Boyle County Fiscal Court.

**TIME FRAME:** Trail development and vegetation clearing to be complete by December 31, 2008.

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## PHASE 2C

TRAIL EXTENSION EASTWARD ALONG CLARK'S RUN TO GOSE PIKE

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### **GOAL:**

1. Extend 1A trail toward Gose Pike to add creekside interest and length to the trail and provide destination point at major roadway, creating additional trail access point
2. Provide educational signage regarding creek and water quality

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** CREEC and the City of Danville will work together on developing this trail segment.

**FUNDING:** Likely a federal or state recreational trail grant, such as TEA-21 or Governor's Office of Local Development grant program.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation, City of Danville and Boyle County Fiscal Court.

**TIME FRAME:** Trail completion by 2010.



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## PHASE 3

TRAIL EXTENSION FROM WESTERN END OF EXISTING TRAIL TOWARD US150-BYPASS  
AND BOYLE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK

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### **GOAL:**

1. Trail development from the West end of the trail at 4<sup>th</sup> Street out to the Industrial Park Area stay on south side of Clark's Run AND cross railroad tracks to northern side of creek?
2. Clearing of honeysuckle and euonymus from the targeted area.
3. Lighting of trail for security.

**PRIMARY DEVELOPER:** CREEC will serve as the creating force for this development.

**FUNDING:** Assistance from John Flint will address funding sources for trail development, invasive vegetation eradication and lighting.

**PARTNERS:** Boyle County Health Department, Ephraim McDowell Region Medical Center, Boyle County Cooperative Extension, Housing Authority of Danville, Centre College, BIKE (Bikeway Initiative of Kentucky Enhancements), Kentucky School for the Deaf, Chamber of Commerce, Danville-Boyle County Parks and Recreation, Boyle County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Boyle County Industrial Foundation.

**TIME FRAME:** Trail completion by 2012