

**Illinois Prairie Path corporation
2025 Annual Meeting
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Welcome!**



AGENDA

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2025 Annual Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance, November 1, 2024

\$ 171,818.88

Revenue

\$ 51,433.35*

Expenditures

\$ 39,050.60*

Cash Balance, October 31, 2025

\$ 184,201.63*

*Estimated

2025 Revenues
exceeded Expenditures
by \$12K



2025 Annual Treasurer's Report

Items to note

- Donations and Dues exceeded our expectations
- Approximately \$5,000 was generated in interest from the Pomerance Trust
- Largest expense was the purchase of benches installed along the path
 - This expense was later reimbursed by donors
- Followed by Prairie Restoration and our Office Manager



2025 Annual Treasurer's Report Details

Underspent the 2025
budget. Much of these
expenditures roll into the
2026 budget

The Illinois Prairie Path Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2025

Estimated figures

Cash Balance, November 1, 2024	2024
Checking - Chase	\$ 29,048.46
High Yield Savings	\$ 10,277.19
Office Manager's Account	
Petty Cash	
Community Bank	\$ 65,820.69
Pomerance Trust - Principal \$66672.54	\$ 66,672.54
TOTAL	\$ 171,818.88

Revenue		Budget	
Donations, Grants, Bequests	\$ 21,074.55	\$ 16,700.00	126%
Dues	\$ 25,036.32	\$ 22,500.00	111%
Sales (Maps, Shirts, Patches, Guides, etc.)	\$ 155.00	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 5,217.30	\$ 3,020.00	173%
Miscellaneous	\$ (49.82)	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 51,433.35	\$ 42,220.00	122%

Expenditures			
Office Management	\$ 5,423.48	\$ 6,500.00	83%
Newsletters	\$ 1,238.28	\$ 1,500.00	83%
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 950.94	\$ 200.00	475%
Litter Removal and Port-o-let	\$ 2,588.90	\$ 2,000.00	129%
Post Office	\$ 240.72	\$ 500.00	48%
Telephone	\$ 111.32	\$ 120.00	93%
Special Projects	\$ 13,388.00	\$ 50,000.00	27%
Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Prairie Restoration (Contract)	\$ 7,947.80	\$ 2,500.00	318%
Sign Replacement	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
Scout Projects	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing (inc. maps)	\$ 3,650.98	\$ 3,000.00	122%
Merchandise For Sale	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	
Travel/ Board Expenses	\$ 688.71	\$ 300.00	230%
Legal and Consulting	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0%
Office Supplies, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ 1,607.00	\$ 2,000.00	80%
Web Page Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,500.00	27%
Government and Service Fees	\$ 105.00	\$ 130.00	81%
Miscellaneous (PayPal)	\$ 709.47	\$ 1,200.00	59%
TOTAL	\$ 39,050.60	\$ 74,950.00	52%

Cash Balance, October 31, 2025

Checking - Chase	\$ 21,347.57
High Yield Savings	\$ 10,278.13
Office Manager's Account	
Petty Cash	
Community Bank	\$ 82,715.23
Pomerance Trust - Principal \$66672.54	\$ 68,104.43
TOTAL	\$ 182,445.36



2026 Budget (draft)

Revenue

\$ 43,970

Expenditures

\$ 56,400

Expenditures are
expected to exceed
revenues in 2026

Expenditures include:

\$25,000 for Special Projects (train car & Cook County safety improvements)

\$8,000 for Prairie maintenance/restoration



IPPc Board changes

Rob Sperl

Stepped down as 25-year board member & treasurer
Thank you for your service & for being a Lifetime Member

Michelle Dunlap

New Board member

Ken McClurg

Now serving as Vice President

Dennis Terdy

Now serving as Secretary

John VanSanten

New Board member & Treasurer

Invaluable Board members

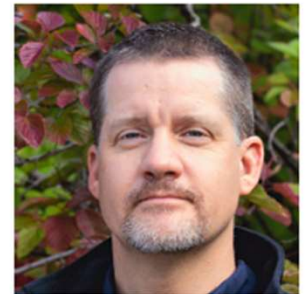
Ralph DiFebo, Jeff Friedman, Vito Ippolito, Bill Kovacs,
Erik Spande (President), Susie Terwedow

Long-Time IPPc Board Member Moves On

Rob Sperl, who served on the Illinois Prairie Path (IPPc) Board for the past 24+ years, is relocating to Champaign. Rob, the former Director of Parks & Planning for the Wheaton Park District, will be assuming the position of Director of IDOT Projects at the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois.

For the past decade, Rob has been our IPPc organization's Treasurer. Rob's has brought an articulate, thoughtful, and competent steady presence to this board for these many years. His rich knowledge of municipal governments and his extensive path history, having worked with the Moorings "way back in the day", surely established his role as one of the path "elders" in spite of his youth.

Rob, all the best to you in your new University of Illinois endeavors. We will miss you, really.



Michelle Dunlap

Michelle relocated with her family to Wheaton two decades ago to be near the train access to Chicago and the Illinois Prairie Path.

Currently, she is employed in the IT department for Naperville District 203 schools. In the warmer months, Michelle commutes by bicycle several days a week.

Michelle has been a member of the Wheaton Bicyclist & Pedestrian Commission for a decade. During her tenure, she initiated and coordinated an audit of Wheaton's bicycle signage and introduced the concept of a Wheaton History Ride, an event that has become an annual tradition over the past nine years.

Beyond her volunteer work with the Commission, Michelle is an active member of the Zeta Tau Alpha West Suburban Alumni Association, holds season tickets for Illini football, and participates in a local book club she founded with fellow Wheaton residents 15 years ago.

She plans to retire soon, allowing her and her husband to travel and explore more rail-to-trail paths, National Parks, and microbreweries across the country. Michelle is eager to contribute to the Illinois Prairie Path board in 2026.



Welcome
Michelle!!



John VanSanten

John joined the IPPc board in February 2025.
He jumped right in!
Represented the IPPc at the Geneva Bike Rodeo.
Leading a study on Cook County signage needs.
Accepted the position of Treasurer.
Advocated for Salt Creek trail safety improvements.

John resides in Oak Brook.
Retired Real Estate Expert, Appraisal Expert, Expert Witness
Is an avid bike rider.
Knows the Prairie Path and other area trails well.

Welcome
John!!



Board Member Term Renewals

- 2026 to 2027: 2-year term
John VanSanten
- 2026 to 2028: 3-year term
Michelle Dunlap
- 2026 to 2029: 4-year term
Jeff Friedman
Dennis Terdy
Susie Terwedow

Requesting approval from
the audience



2025 Illinois Prairie Path Year in Review



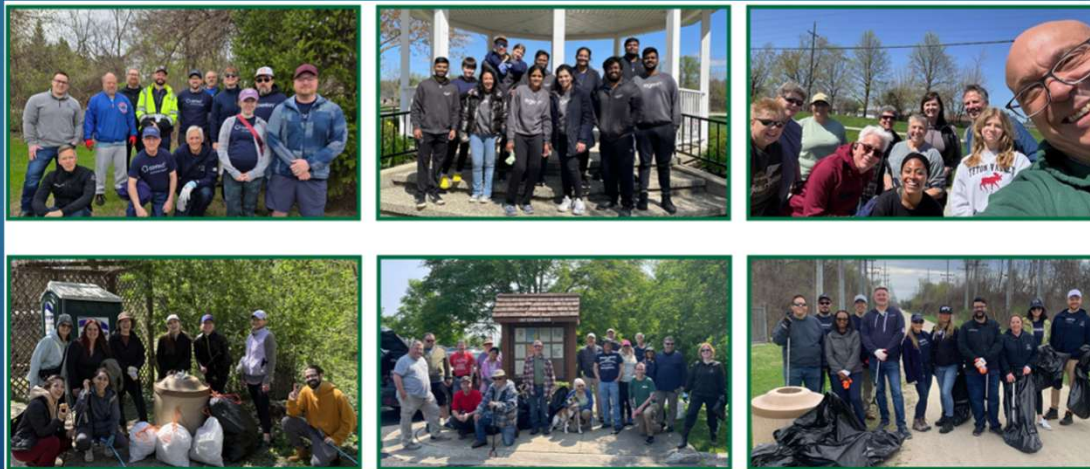
Exciting Cook County & Villa Park projects are underway

- ▶ Coming up in just a few minutes



Annual Spring Clean-up

- ▶ 450+ volunteers led by 24 site coordinators
 - ▶ We covered 60 of 62 miles! Best coverage to date
 - ▶ Individuals, groups (corporate, environmental, historical, community service, social, etc)
- ▶ Join us April 25, 2026. Mark your calendar!



“From Rails To Trails” PBS Documentary

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- ▶ Most unlikely social movement in US history
 - ▶ Struggle to convert abandoned railroads into trails
- ▶ The story includes May Watts & The Illinois Prairie Path
- ▶ Highly recommended
 - ▶ Google “Watch From Rails to Trails”
- ▶ The IPPc collaborated with production team beginning in 2023



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KM3 Provided history, contacts, existing videos, filming location suggestions, IPP events, EBC, promotion
Ken McClurg, 10/31/2025

Memorial benches

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- ▶ A wonderful amenity to honor a loved one which is appreciated by all path users
- ▶ IPPc works out order details including proposed location, places order, applies for permit, & coordinates shipping
 - ▶ DuPage County (or municipality) provides concrete & installation
- ▶ Donors & path users are thrilled
- ▶ IPPc will investigate other types of memorials

New Benches on the Prairie Path – Take a Seat!

The 2025 benches have been installed. Donors and path users are thrilled!! These thoughtful additions make the path more accessible and inviting – perfect spots to rest, take in nature, or simply enjoy fresh air. Thank you to the donors, DuPage County and the IPPc!



Jim H's family donated a memorial bench on the Aurora branch in Wheaton. "It's perfect".



Donna M's family donated a memorial bench on the Elgin branch in Wheaton. "I am so happy about this!"



Attila W's family donated a memorial bench on the Great Western trail in West Chicago. "Success! Great bench and place! Better than envisioned."



Monarch Landing donated a bench on the Aurora branch in Warrenville. "It looks great!" The Monarch Landing walking group appreciates it!



Everton Flats also donated a bench on the Aurora branch in Warrenville. Locals love it.

Other projects

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- ▶ Met with Aurora, IDOT, Kane Co Forest Preserve, KCDOT to explore Butterfield crossing improvements. Ongoing.
- ▶ Presented at the IL Bike & Walk summit.
- ▶ Created IPPc online promotional video to educate & attract members.
- ▶ Advocated for parking lot accessibility, and trail etiquette.
- ▶ Board approval to purchase 5 additional IPP logo trash receptacles.
- ▶ Exploring program where municipalities approach IPPc with projects. Joint planning and funding.
- ▶ Exploring creation of more educational/historical signs.
- ▶ Exploring underpass art project.
- ▶ Exploring tree planting project.
- ▶ Promote volunteer opportunities & IPP related events on ipp.org & Facebook.
 - ▶ Share news of Path enhancements.
 - ▶ Post nature photos.
- ▶ Ongoing support of East Branch DuPage River Trail efforts.
- ▶ Prairie maintenance in Cook County & Volunteer Park.
- ▶ Cook County sign study is underway.
- ▶ Participated in several bike rodeos/festivals.
- ▶ Reprint and/or update color map.
- ▶ Produce & distribute newsletters.

Plenty of opportunities

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DuPage Trails in 2025

Melisa Ribikawskis, Senior Transportation Planner



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What have we been working on?

2025 Season

Accomplishments

- Installation of 5 new benches along the Prairie Path in partnership with IPPc and donors and 1 was relocated.
- 13,500 hours spent on trail maintenance
 - Mowing
 - Graffiti Removal
 - Storm Clean-up
 - Debris removal
 - Addressing line of sight issues
 - Responding to resident concerns
- Placed 135 tons of limestone screenings



Updating Trail Signage

- Modernization of trail signage to provide better information and consistent branding across all trail systems.
- Signs include:
 - Directional Wayfinding
 - Cross Street Signage
 - Trail Access Signage



Trail Etiquette Signage

- Used to remind users of proper use including:
 - Safe Travel Speeds
 - Announce and pass on the left
 - Keep to the right of the trail and move off when stopped
 - Pets should be leashed and picked up after
 - Use trash receptacles for garbage
 - List prohibited activities
- Utilized as a pilot program



Active Transportation Plan

- Developing a multi-phase, county wide Active Transportation Plan
- Current phase focuses on public outreach
 - In person focus groups
 - Public Surveys
 - Pop up events and activities
- Collect information on existing conditions of the County wide system
- More Information can be found at - tinyurl.com/DuDOTATP



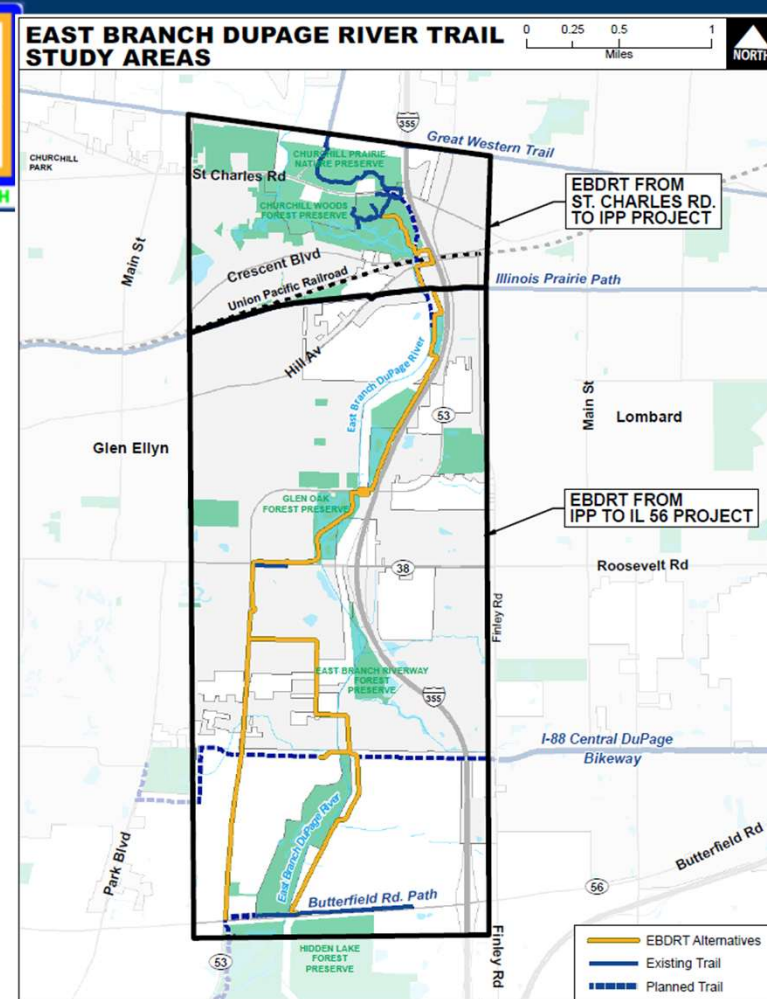
East Branch DuPage River Trail



What is the EBDRT?

A planned 28-mile regional trail in Central DuPage

- Planned route is roughly parallel to the East Branch of the DuPage River
- Currently in Phase I for both alignments
 - Adjusting planned alignment
 - Public Involvement Meeting to discuss alternatives
 - Generating consensus among key stakeholders
- More Information can be found at: www.ebdrt.com



Vegetation Management



Prairie Maintenance

Oak Ecosystem Management

Montclair Pollinator Garden



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Looking to the Future

Trail Maintenance Policy

- Update to the Trail Maintenance Policy
- Clearly outline maintenance responsibilities
- Schedule to address invasive plants along the trail
- Identify goals for trail maintenance and how to achieve those goals



Trail Parking Improvements



- Looking at long term solutions for parking near the trail system.
- Considerations over maintenance, accessibility, and challenges with space constraints.
- Focus area is the Illinois Prairie Path crossing at Army Trail Road.
 - Survey has been completed, and an engineering design is being developed to determine options.





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Thank You!

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Cook County & Villa Park Update's

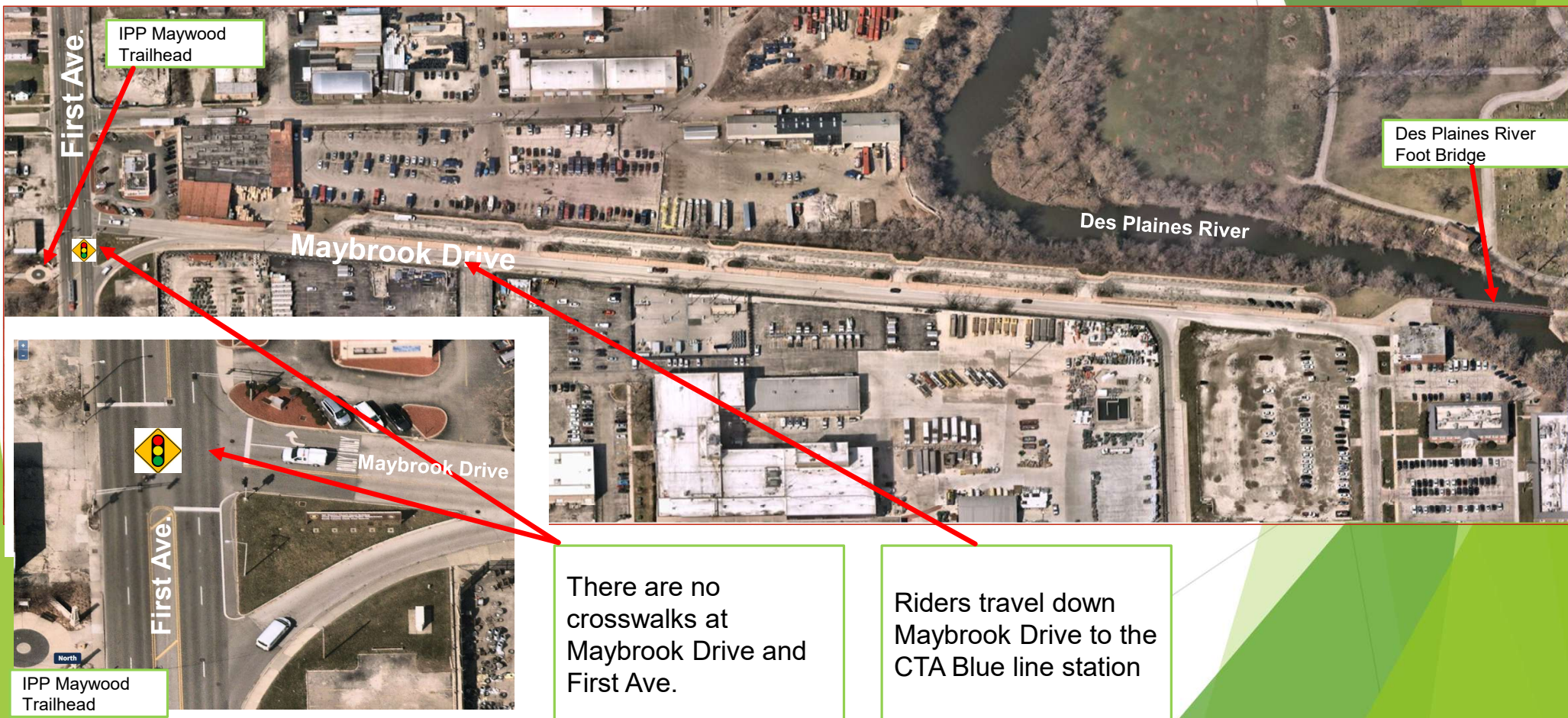
Ralph DiFebo

11/2/2025

IPPc Board of Directors

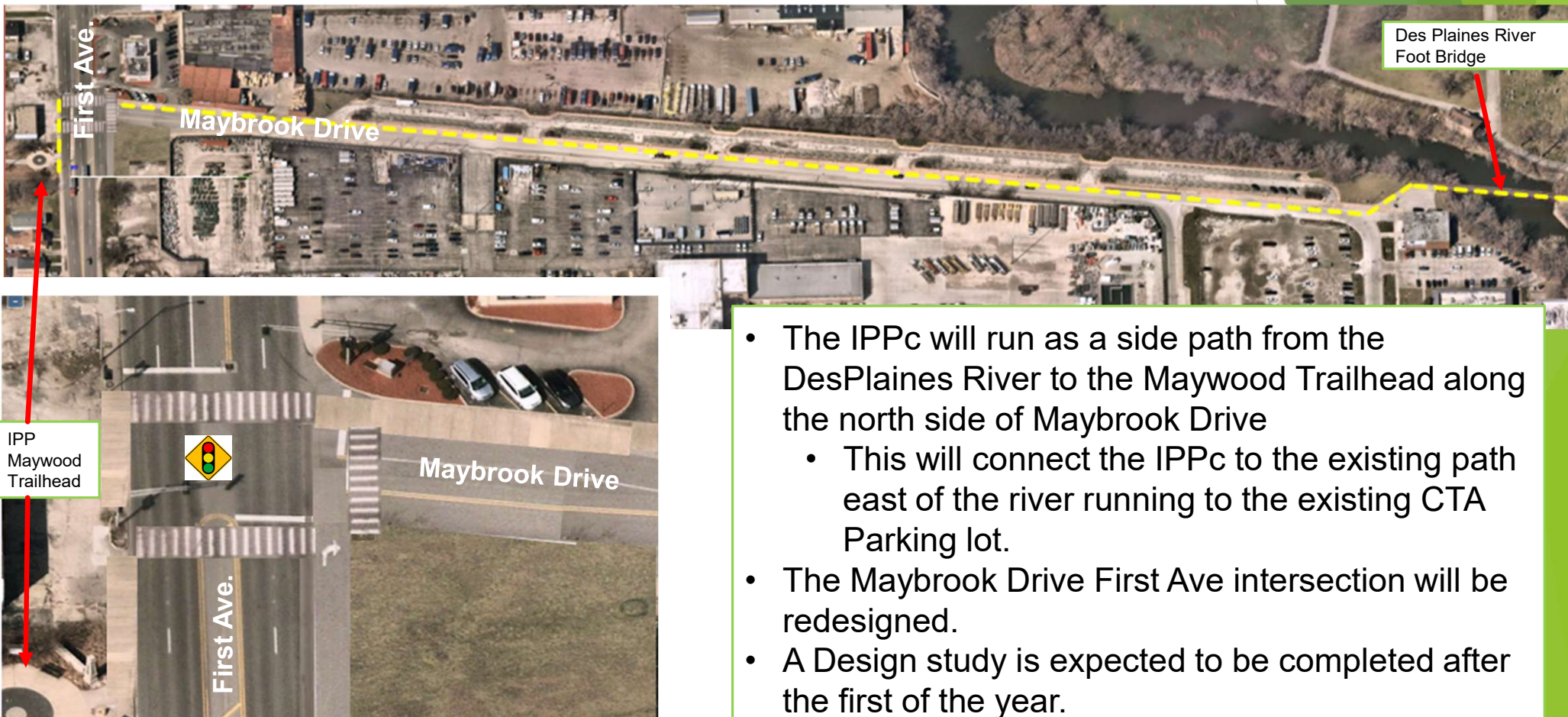


Maywood Prairie Path and 1st Ave.



Maywood - Prairie Path Extension

The Design Study is underway.



- The IPPc will run as a side path from the DesPlaines River to the Maywood Trailhead along the north side of Maybrook Drive
 - This will connect the IPPc to the existing path east of the river running to the existing CTA Parking lot.
- The Maybrook Drive First Ave intersection will be redesigned.
- A Design study is expected to be completed after the first of the year.

Bellwood

Improving the 25th Street Crossing

We are promoting that the Prairie Path intersection with 25th Ave be softened to create a safer crossing.

Due to the curb cuts on Madison Street a path along Madison Street is not optimal.

Bellwood is exploring possible ways to improve the IPPc intersection with 25th Ave



Bellwood / Hillside Illinois Prairie Path at Manheim Road



Bellwood

Improving the crossing of Mannheim Road

- The existing Prairie Path parcel outlined in green is the subject of a potential trade for the adjacent property outlined in pink.
- The IPP would be rerouted (dashed yellow line) through the newly acquired parcel to the sidewalk on north side of Warren Ave.
- The Warren Ave. sidewalk will be widened to accommodate the rerouted IPP.
- The east Mannheim Road sidewalk from Warren Ave to the signalized crosswalk at Madison St.
- Hillside is exploring improvements to the west side of Mannheim
 - Widening the existing path
 - Installing a protective wall



Villa Park President

Kevin Patrick

- ▶ **Current Role:** Kevin Patrick serves as the *Village President of Villa Park*, a position he was elected to in the April 1, 2025 general election.
- ▶ **Community Roots:** He has been a *dedicated resident of Villa Park since 1994*, actively participating in local governance and civic initiatives.
- ▶ **Leadership Style:** Patrick emphasizes *transparency, trust-building, and community engagement*. In a recent board meeting, he spoke passionately about earning residents' trust and improving local governance.
- ▶ **Occupations:**
 - ▶ *Correctional Officer*
 - ▶ *Small Business Owner*
- ▶ **Education** Attended the *University of Phoenix*.
- ▶ **Civic Roles:**
 - ▶ *Villa Park Trustee*
 - ▶ *Chairman of the Villa Park Fire & Police Commission*
 - ▶ *Chairman of the Villa Park Economic Development Commission*



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Car 321 Where Are You?

Village of Villa Park
President
Kevin Patrick



What and Where?

CA&E Car 321		Restored CA&E Car 319										
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Proposed Location at Ardmore Station/Chamber Offices

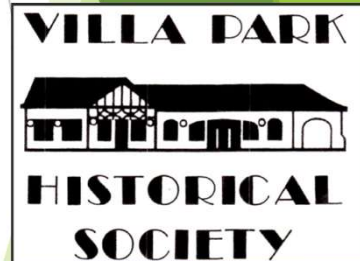


Creating a Coalition of Partners

- ❖ The Village of Villa Park
- ❖ The Illinois Railway Museum
- ❖ The Fox River Trolley Museum
- ❖ The Illinois Prairie Path not for profit corporation (IPPC)
- ❖ Burke Engineering
- ❖ Ornamental Iron Workers
- ❖ Carpenters Union
- ❖ The Villa Park Historical Society



Fox River Trolley Museum



Car 321 Project “To–Do” List :

- ▶ Complete a MOU to the Illinois Railroad Museum
- ▶ Establish a project “scope of work”
- ▶ Select a site
- ▶ Obtain DuPage County permits
- ▶ Install roadbed and track
- ▶ Transport it to Villa Park
- ▶ Restore its exterior body and roof
- ▶ Repair/remodel its interior
- ▶ Create a station roof over it
- ▶ Create a support area (park) around it
- ▶ Incorporate it into Villa Park’s security camera system.
- ▶ Install a plaque commemorating the organizations and volunteers that have made contributions.

It’s Villa
Park’s project
to run, but
you will have
plenty of
help!

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Questions?



CA & E Car 460

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E-bikes, e-motos, and the IPP

New mobility modes: challenges and opportunities



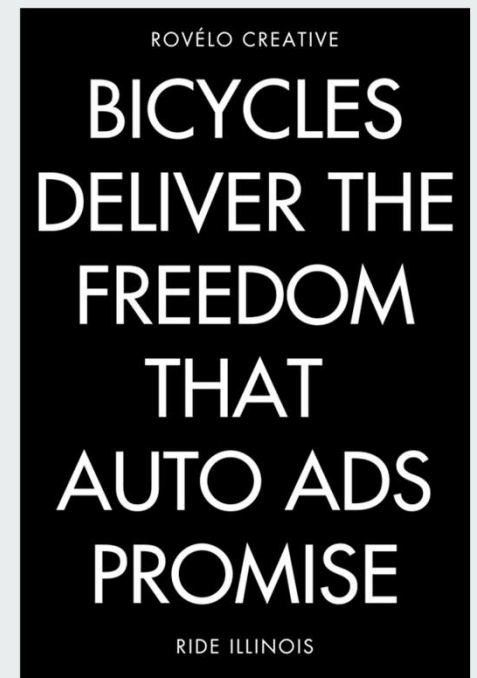
Today's Topics

- Ride Illinois introduction
- E-bike/micromobility definitions
- Micromobility challenges
- Micromobility opportunities/proposed solutions
- IPPc possible plans/member feedback

Welcome



Dave Simmons
Executive Director
Ride Illinois
dave@rideillinois.org



Mission and Vision

Ride Illinois' mission is to make Illinois better through biking!

Ride Illinois strives to be the organization that is:

- Leading bicycle advocacy, education, and awareness efforts in Illinois
- Leading efforts to greatly reduce, and ultimately eliminate, bicyclist fatalities in Illinois
- Helping Illinois become a top-5 Bicycle Friendly State
- Making a bicycle an everyday option for personal mobility



Ride Illinois Staff



Dave Simmons
Executive
Director



Savannah Curry
Development &
Membership
Coordinator



Jessica Nooney
Ride Illinois Safely
Coordinator



Ben Harris
GIBT Tour
Director



Elizabeth Adamczyk
Organizational LCI
Coach



**Micromobility: increased interest,
options, and availability**



Micromobility: New Ways to Move About

Cars are expensive

The average MSRP for a new car is **51K** - over 10K more than the average car cost in 2020

In 2025, the average cost of a used car exceeds **28K**

New modes are here

Micromobility (e-bikes, e-scooters, etc) has **rapidly proliferated** in cities nationwide, proving to be a popular option for many users and trips.

Less interest in driving

22% of teens have **no foreseeable plans** to get a driver's license citing these reasons: they're too busy, the high cost of car ownership, and **availability of other transportation options.**

Examples of Micromobility

Segways



Bike Share



Scooters



Recently Announced Product: Also Quad



Illinois e-bike laws

Legal Classes of Low-Speed Electric Bikes in Illinois

Class 1 e-bike

Is equipped with a motor that provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of **20 mph**.

Class 2 e-bike

Is equipped with a motor that **may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle** and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of **20 mph**.

Class 3 e-bike

Is equipped with a motor that provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling** and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of **28 mph**.

Legal Classes of Low-Speed Electric Bikes in Illinois



CLASS 1



CLASS 2



CLASS 3

Pedal Assist



Throttle



Max Speed

20 mph

20 mph

28 mph

Established Illinois Law for e-bikes

- E-bikes must have a **permanently affixed label** stating class
- E-bikes **cannot** be operated on sidewalks
- E-bikes **are allowed on bike paths and infrastructure** unless restricted by local authority
- One must be **16 or older** to operate a **Class 3 e-bike**
- No person shall **knowingly tamper or modify** the speed capability or engagement

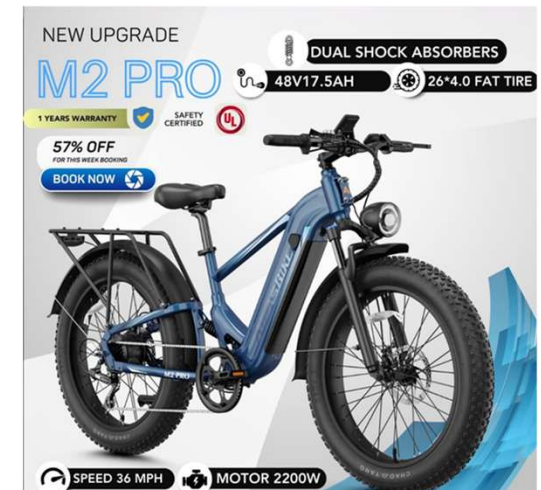
Existing state law is sufficient for legal classes of e-bikes



The Rise of e-motos

New Devices: e-motos

- Term developed by **People For Bikes**
 - aka Out-of-Class Electric Vehicles (OCEVs)
 - aka Motor Driven Cycles
- Industry is moving faster than regulators
- Key Characteristics:
 - Built on a bicycle-style frame
 - Has an electric motor **greater than 750 watts**
 - Capable of **exceeding 20 mph without pedaling**
- Includes many devices market to teens
- Challenges and safety concerns
- We **sympathize** with those who have had close calls



Problem: Confusion

- Lack of understanding between **e-bikes** and **e-motos**
- Any device with electric motor is called an **e-bike**
- Retailers and manufacturers are culpable
 - Google search for **e-bike** is eye-opening!
 - Preying on public's lack of knowledge
 - Deals too good to pass up
 - **Note:** with few exceptions, legal **e-bikes** are only available in adult sizes
- Use of legal e-bikes is being restricted



Problem: Flurry of Local Ordinances

- Mostly confined to **suburban Chicagoland** (for now)
- Well-meaning, but **short-sighted** and often **misinformed**
- Adding to the **public's confusion**
- Media is quick to publish mis-informed content
- Developed quickly **without** public input or research
- Unnecessarily cracking down on legal **e-bikes**
- Focus should be **e-motos**, not legal **e-bikes**
- **E-bike** should not be included in title of e-ordinance



Park Ridge e-Bike/e-Scooter Ordinance Clears First Reading After Re-Vote

Original Vote Failed Due To Concerns About E-Bike Age Limits
By Dan O'Connell
on July 10, 2023



Village of Evergreen Park

August 19, 2025

New Regulations for E-Bikes & E-Scooters

Problem: Inconsistency of Ordinances

- Wide variation – even between **adjacent** communities
 - Age **restrictions** (14+, 16+ and even 18+)
 - Helmet requirements (we **strongly recommend helmets**, but should not be a required)
 - **Driver's license** requirements
 - Threats of taking youth into **police custody**
 - Not allowed to **cross or travel on** streets with 35 mph speed limit or higher



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Where to Ride & Roll



	Sidewalks	Bike Lanes	Side Paths	Shared-Use Paths	Multi-Use Trails	Roads
Bicycles	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Class 1 e-Bikes	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Class 2 e-Bikes	✗	✓	✓	?	?	✓
Class 3 e-Bikes	✗	?	?	?	?	✓
Low-Speed e-Scooters & Micromobility Devices	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Other e-Scooters & Micromobility Devices	✗	?	?	?	?	✓
e-Motos (aka OCEVs)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓



Permitted



Determined after judicious discussion



Not permitted

* Unless restricted by local ordinance, such as the City of Chicago.

Developed by Ride Illinois

Guidance for Municipalities

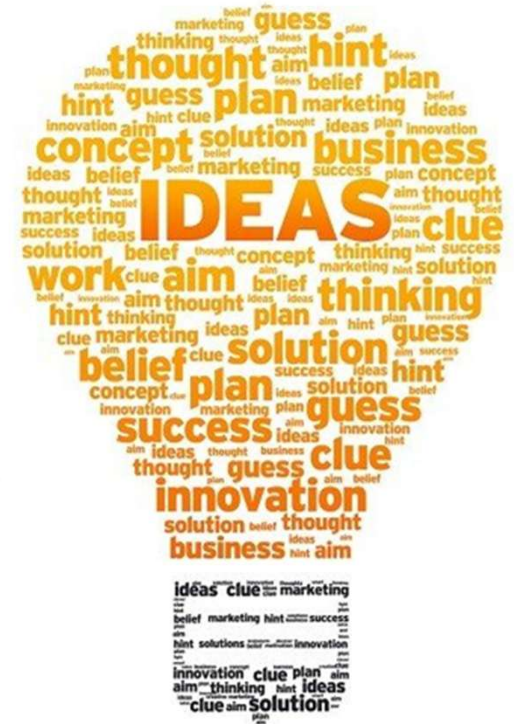
- Developed by Ride Illinois
- States the problem
- Definitions of devices
- Where to Ride & Roll graphic
- Relevant media appearances
- Links and resources



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Possible Short-Term Solutions

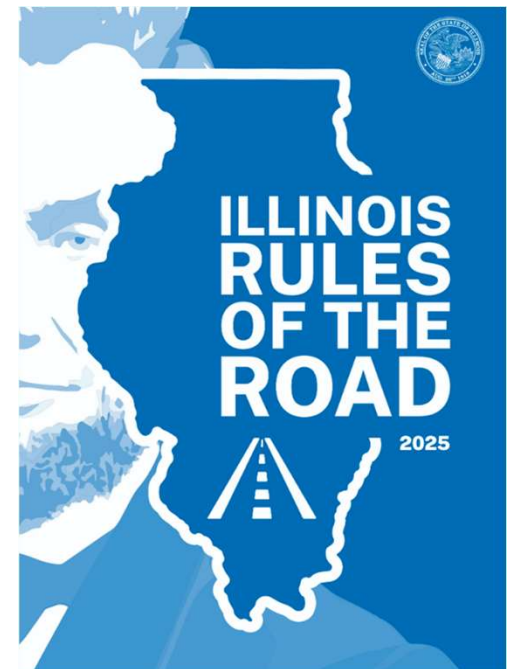
- **Educate the public** (especially parents) about e-motos
 - *The holidays are coming!*
- Post **signage with clear rules** at popular access points
- **Restrict days and times** when e-devices are allowed
- Develop a **social media campaign** to reinforce rules
- Assist **local elected officials** with common sense ordinances
- Contact **People For Bikes** to voice concerns about e-motos



Focus on Long-Term Solutions

Solution #1: Illinois Vehicle Code

- Pass **state legislation** in spring 2026 session
- **Clearly distinguish** between **e-bikes** and **e-motos**
- Leverage laws passed in **CA, MN, OR, and UT**
- Establish **driver's license** and **insurance** requirements for **e-motos** – similar to mopeds
- **Support advocacy orgs** in efforts to pass legislation
- If local ordinance has been adopted, **revise accordingly** upon passage of state law



Solution #2: Rein in Retailers

- Given current federal climate, **state intervention** may be most effective in the near term
- Restrict **e-motos** from being advertised, sold, offered for sale, or labeled as **e-bikes** in Illinois
- Efforts to **educate consumers** are also needed
- Include **repercussions** for retailers and manufacturers that don't comply

The screenshot shows the Amazon website with a search for "e-bikes for teens". The page displays a list of four electric bikes with their respective prices, ratings, and delivery information. The left sidebar contains various filters such as Price, Deals & Discounts, Wheel Size, Age Range, Number of Speeds, Condition, Brands, Brake Type, Suspension Type, Frame Material, and Inclusions.

amazon Delivering to Chicago 60644 [Update location](#)

All e-bikes for teens

1-16 of 151 results for "e-bikes for teens"

Customer Reviews
★★★★☆ & Up

Price
\$300 - \$3,400+

Up to \$600
\$600 to \$1,000
\$1,000 & above

Deals & Discounts
All Discounts
Today's Deals

Wheel Size
☐ 20 inch
☐ 24 inch
☐ 26 inch

Age Range
☐ 3 to 5 Years
☐ 7 to 9 Years
☐ 9 to 12 Years

Number of Speeds
☐ 1
☐ 3
☐ 7
☐ 21

Condition
☐ New

Brands
☐ Ridstar

Brake Type
☐ Disc

Suspension Type
☐ Dual
☐ Front

Frame Material
☐ Aluminum
☐ Carbon Steel
☐ Alloy Steel
☐ High Carbon Steel

Inclusions

Results
Check each product page for other buying options. Price and other details may vary based on product

Soleil01 Electric-Dirt-Bike for Teens Adult Battery Ebike 37MPH Hydraulic Brakes Mc
★★★★☆ 430
1K+ bought in past month
\$1,299⁰⁰ List: \$4,399.99
FREE delivery Aug 27 - 29
[Add to cart](#)

Electric Bike for Adults Q20, 2000/1500W Motorcycle, 20" Fat Tire Dirt Bike, UL2849
★★★★☆ 222
800+ bought in past month
\$488⁰⁰ Typical: \$599.00
\$250 delivery Sep 2 - 3
[Add to cart](#)

Best Seller
Electric Bike for Adults, 1000/2000W, 25" Electric Motorcycle, 20" Fat Tire Dirt Bike,
★★★★☆ 575
1K+ bought in past month
\$559⁰⁰ List: \$699.00
\$290 delivery Sep 2 - 3
[Add to cart](#)

Qlife Racer Electric Bike for Adults - 21-Speed 48V10.4Ah Removable Battery, 27.5X2.1"
★★★★☆ 494
300+ bought in past month
Limited time deal
\$439⁹⁹ Typical: \$499.99
\$50 delivery Sep 4 - 8
[Add to cart](#)

Solution #3: Bike/Walk Education

- **Strengthen legislation** that was passed in 2018
- Offer **incentives** to schools that participate
- **Goal:** students learn to safely navigate their community on foot and by bike
- Work with ISBE to develop **curriculum and standards**
 - Leverage MN content and resources
- Include content about **e-devices**
- Can lead to **generational behavior change!**



IPP Recommendations

- Signs posted along the path
 - 15 mph speed limit
 - Announce as you pass



Q&A and Member Feedback

Contact Info

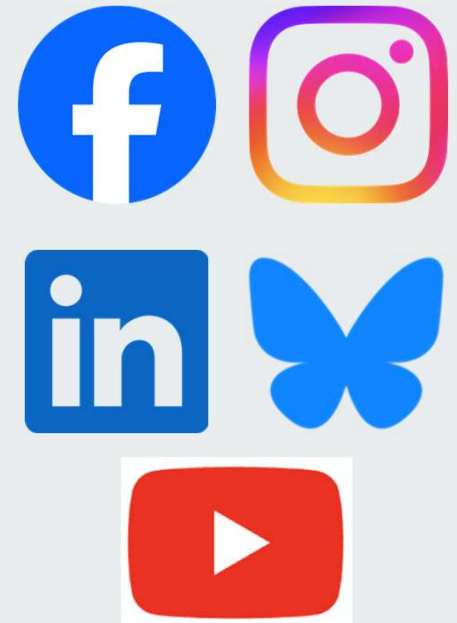


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“Slow Down!” IPPc actions to date

Primary Messages

- **15 mph speed limit**
- **Announce when passing**

Numerous education and etiquette reminders posted in newsletters, IPP website, Facebook, etc. including which devices are prohibited on the Path.

Collaborated with DuPage County on newly posted etiquette signs

- Most importantly 15mph speed limit & Announce when passing

Ongoing dialogue with DuPage Co, Kane Co, Ride Illinois, Active Transportation Alliance, etc. Searching for best practices.



“Slow Down!” IPPc potential next steps

IPP Meet & Greet table in high-speed areas.

- Prominently display 2 sets of signs
 - Speed limit, announce when passing, etc

Post these reminders in IPP display cases

Offer a QR code to report violators (to the County?)

- Use data to develop a “heat map”

Ask the Sheriff to occasionally patrol the path. Issue warnings to abusers.

Use speed-detecting radar signs temporarily to show riders how fast they’re going

“trail ambassador” program—volunteers who engage politely with users.

Continue to collaborate with Counties, municipalities, Forest Preserves, Ride Illinois, Active Transportation Alliance, etc

Solicit more user feedback. Form a committee to brainstorm & develop recommendations
This is a challenging issue. Suggestions?? Email us at info@ipp.org

Future board
discussions



“Slow Down!” What devices are allowed?

Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes are allowed on the Prairie Path in DuPage County

Class 1 & 2 e-bikes are allowed on the Prairie Path in Kane County (not class 3)

All other electric devices (scooters, skateboards, unicycles, hoverboards, etc) are not allowed. Exception: Electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters are allowed for individuals with limited mobility.

No matter what devices people are using, the IPPc strongly recommends:

- ***15 mph speed limit***
- ***Announce when passing***



