

Kane County Trails feedback compiled by Ken McClurg (IL Prairie Path board member)
Collected from several bike riders familiar with Kane County

Connectivity

Connect Virgil Gilman and Waubensee Creek trails

Need more east-west routes

For transportation – parallel Big Timber road (Elgin)

For recreation – parallel Tyler creek (Elgin)

Dean St. to downtown St Chas – logical way to connect FRT & GWT but dangerous crossing at Randall

Geneva – from the FRT, south street is logical route west. Crossing at South & 1st is dangerous

Need more trails west of the river

Make a north/south trail out west through Burlington, Maple Park, Big Rock

Then make a big loop with east/west trails

Make spokes (diagonals) coming back east through forest preserves

Goal – all residents should be within 2 miles of a trail (that connects to others)

Then promote bike to work and shopping.

Complete north/south route along Randall road – it's not continuous.

Amenities

More washrooms including some that are open year round

Rules of the road signage – etiquette, speed limit, allowed/disallowed (electric) devices, etc.

Safe covered bike parking in downtown areas would encourage shopping/ dining

Promote Kane County as a destination for Chicagoans.

Divvy-type bike share

Safety

Have there been recent improvements to the IPP Batavia Spur crossing at Butterfield road?

There have been numerous concerns from IPP users in recent years.

Fox lane & Randall road (Elgin) – could use a push button to cross

Amber flashing lights can be dangerous especially on 4 lane roads (Farnsworth, etc)

For example, the closest lane will stop. The pedestrian proceeds thinking it's safe

But it's not because cars in the next lane frequently don't stop

They don't see the pedestrian and vice versa in part because the stopped lane is an obstruction

FRT in Geneva is only a narrow sidewalk – especially north of State.

There are other heavily used sections of the FRT trail with only a narrow sidewalk.

Maintenance

Existing trails are well maintained overall

Spots where asphalt needs repair due to roots

Limestone is unrideable in winter/ early spring. Asphalt would be better for this.