

# CITY OF OELWEIN MUNICIPAL URBAN TRAIL SYSTEM



# City Wide Master Plan



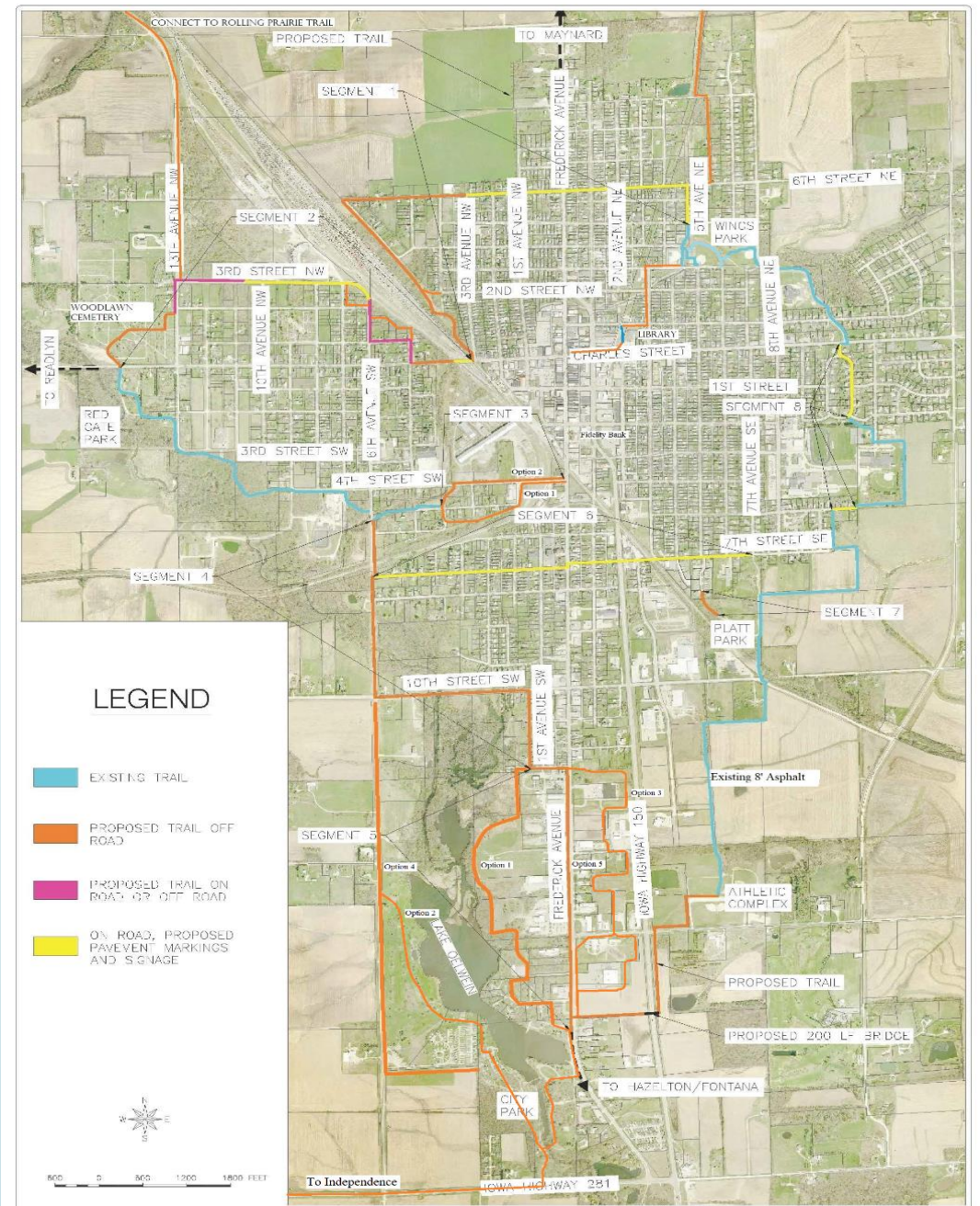
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Oelwein Municipal  
Urban Trail System

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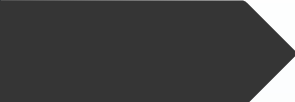
# Trails



# Construction 2021



# Construction



Section 1. Section 461C.2, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:  
NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "Bicycle" means the same as defined in section 321.1 except the device may have any number of wheels.

Sec. 2. Section 461C.2, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

3. "Land" means private land that is one or any combination of the following: abandoned or inactive surface mines; caves; land used for agricultural purposes; marshlands; timber; grasslands; or the privately owned roads, railroad rights-of-way or crossings, paths, trails, waters, water courses, exteriors and interiors of buildings, structures, machinery, or equipment appurtenant thereto. "Land" includes land that is not open to the general public. "Land" also includes private land located in a municipality in connection with and while being used for urban deer control or a recreational purpose.

5. "Recreational purpose" means the following or any combination thereof: hunting, trapping, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, jogging, walking, hiking, pleasure driving, motorcycling, bicycle riding, all-terrain vehicle riding, nature study, water skiing, snowmobiling, other summer and winter sports, educational activities, and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites while going to and from or actually engaged therein. "Recreational purpose" includes the activity of accompanying another person who is engaging in such activities. "Recreational purpose" is not limited to active engagement in such activities, but includes entry onto, use of, passage over, and presence on any part of the land in connection with or during the course of such activities.

#### EXPLANATION

**The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.**

This bill relates to private land available for public use for recreational purposes. The bill defines "bicycle" to mean a device, regardless of the number of wheels, having at least one saddle or seat for the use of a rider that is propelled by human power or a device with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (one horsepower), with a maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while ridden, of less than 20 miles per hour. The bill amends the definition of "land" to include privately owned railroad rights-of-way or crossings and to include land located in a municipality in connection with or while being used for a recreational purpose. The bill amends the definition of "recreational purpose" to include jogging, walking, and bicycle riding.

Current law provides that a holder of land who makes the land available for a public recreational purpose without charge does not owe a duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for a recreational purpose or urban deer control, or to give any warning of a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity on such premises to persons entering for such purposes.

# Segment 2







## 403 W. Charles

- ❖ The steps currently do not get used as they are full of vines and vegetation, and have one of the steps mostly destroyed. It is not believed that the steps can be eliminated however as it is the only 'street' access to the home. The west drive is also not currently usable, but removing the wall and regrading should allow a wider width and be a benefit to the property. The landowner is Mrs. Richardson, realizes that the wall is a safety issue but just does not have the funds to remove the wall herself.
- ❖ Community safety must be considered as the wall is not currently a safe situation. The top of the wall is leaning out 14".

**Option 1** – New Modular Block Wall, replacing existing wall, and steps, removal of large tree in SW corner, safety fence on wall: estimated construction cost - \$40,000, includes removal of the large tree in the SW corner

**Option 2** – Remove PCC wall, grade back the bank at 3:1 slope from top of sidewalk (current bank slope is approx. 2:1, so would be flatter), remove 4 trees, new steps, seeding: estimated construction cost \$25,000

West side of railroad viaduct facing west on West Charles Street-  
Segment 2 trail construction start



1<sup>st</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE looking west

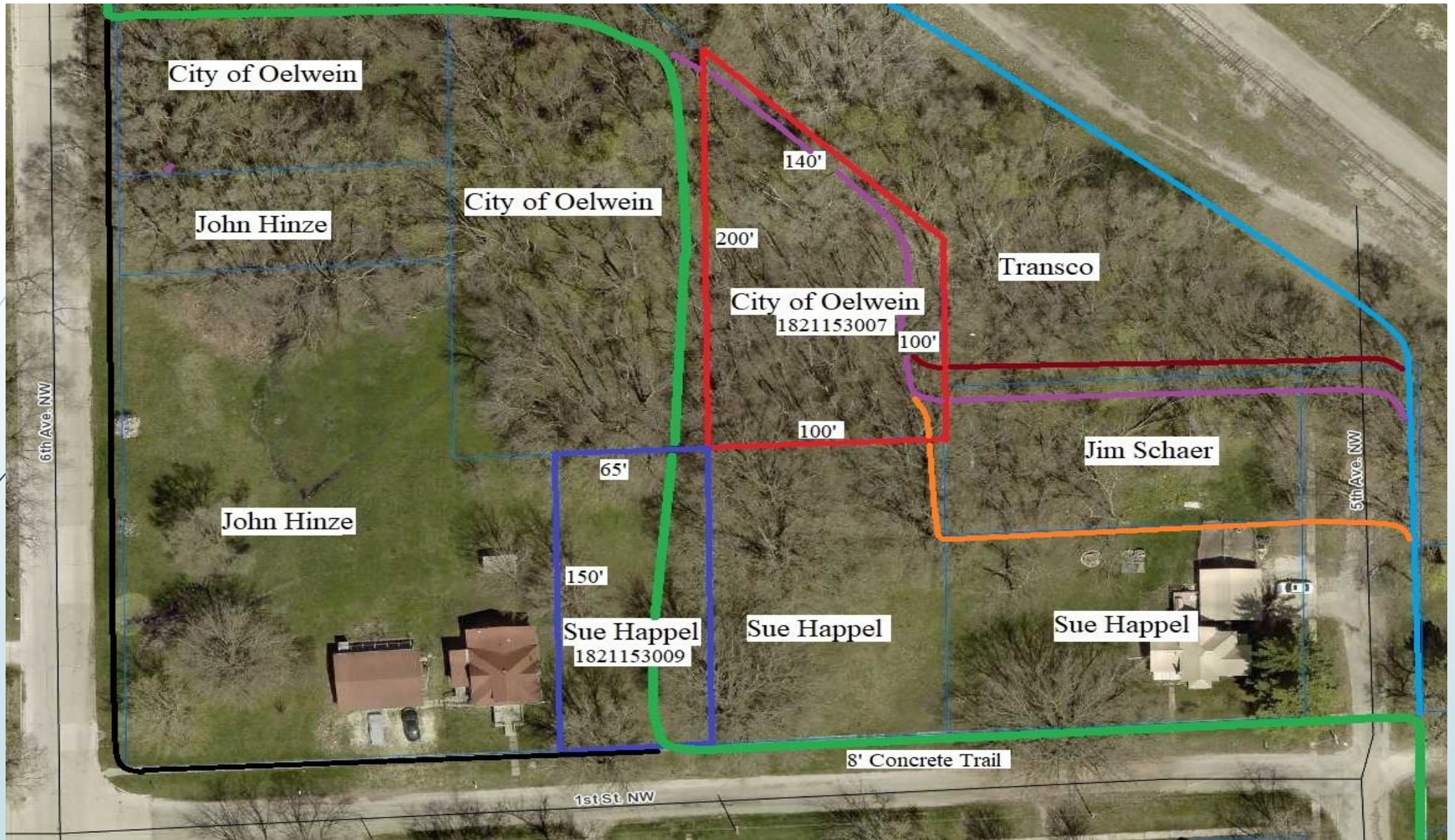
5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and West Charles Street looking north



1<sup>st</sup> Street looking north



# Schaer



6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW looking north



6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street looking west



7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW looking north



7<sup>th</sup> Ave and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW looking west



3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW looking west



1200 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW looking south



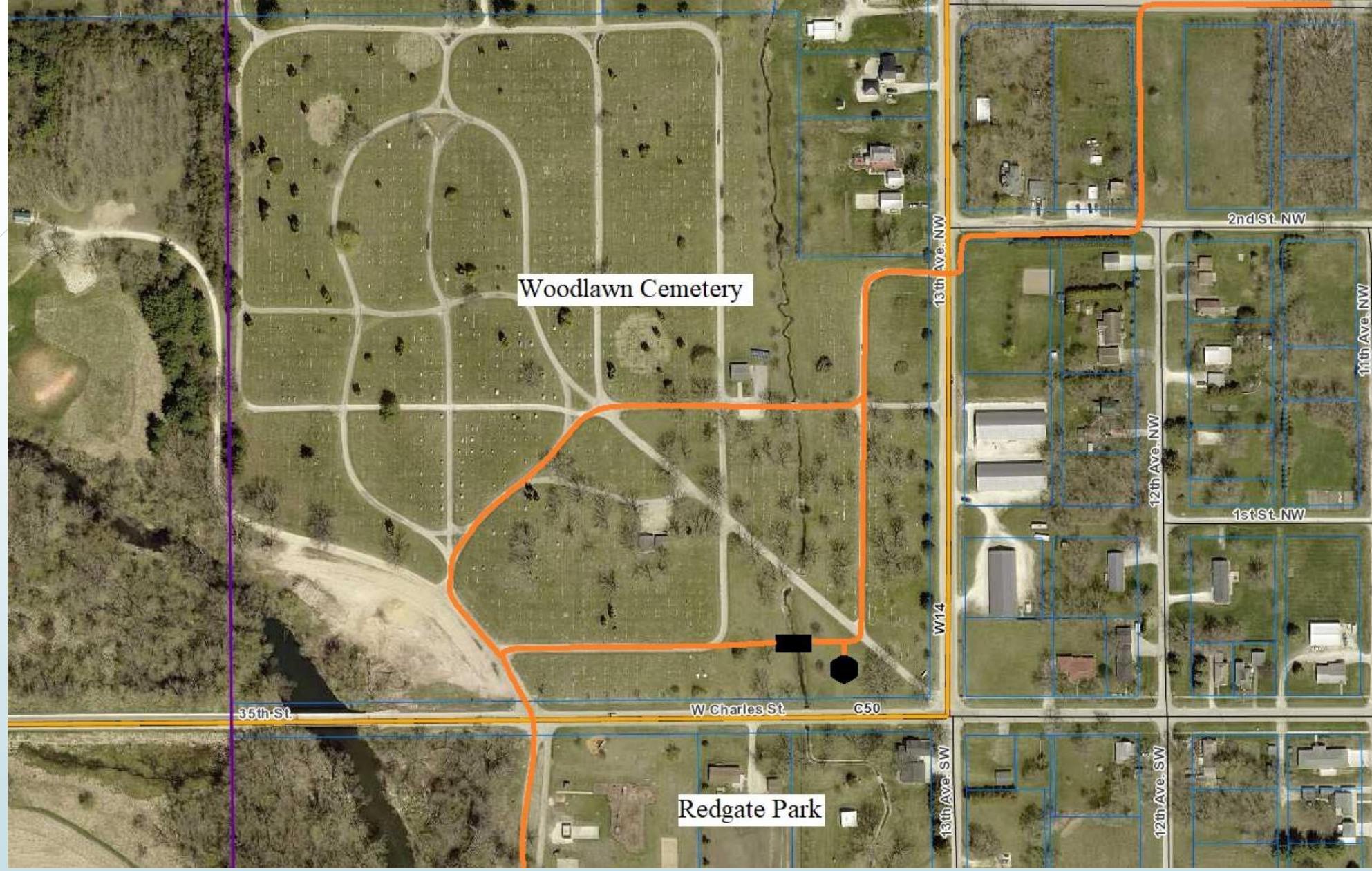
2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 12 Ave NW looking west



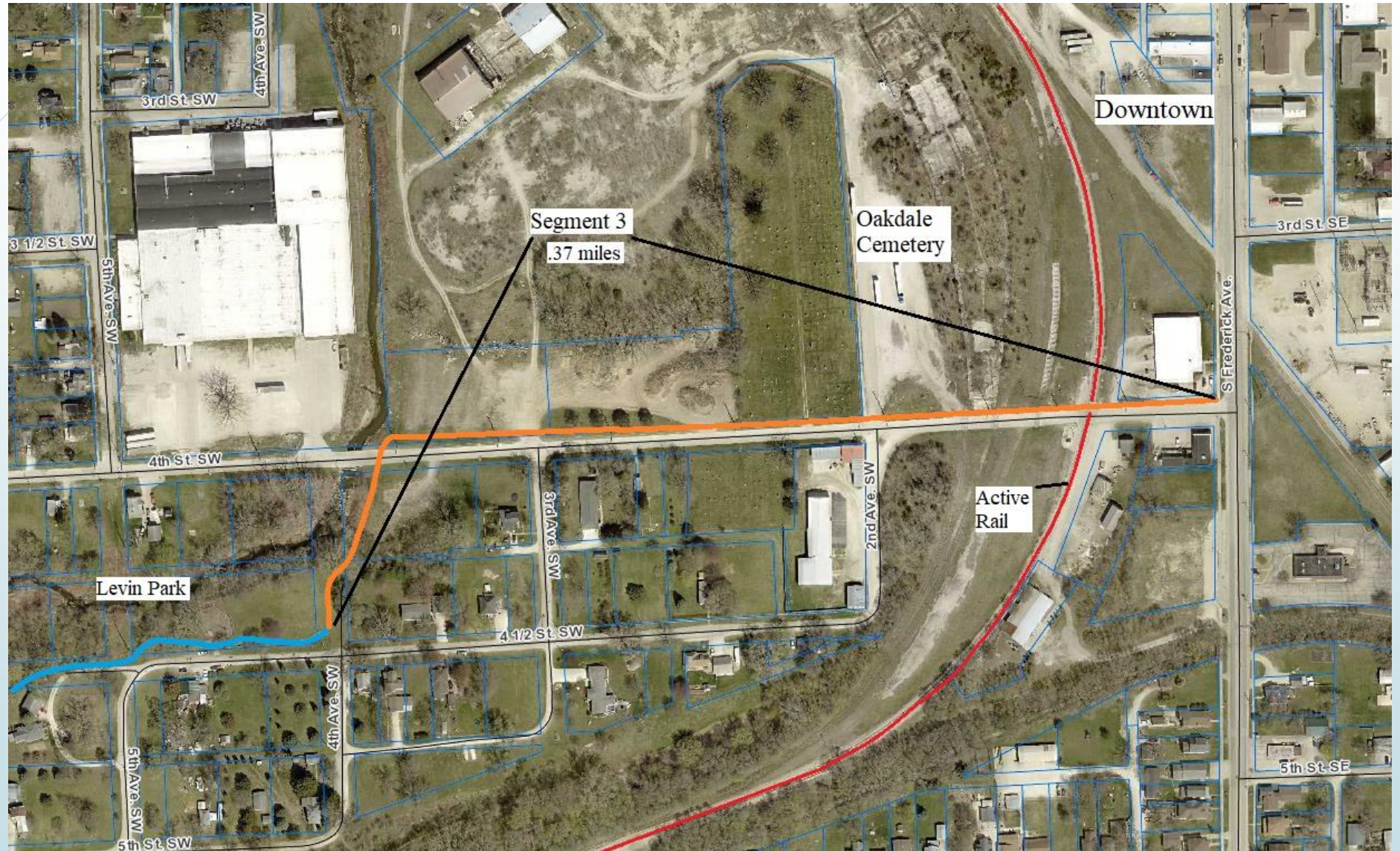
2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW looking southwest  
into Woodlawn Cemetery



# Woodlawn



# Segment 3



# Segment 3

Connect to existing trail at Levin Park

NE corner of Levin Park



North through Scheel property

Head east through City property along 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW





# Segment 3

South side of Oakdale Cemetery



Railroad Crossing



4<sup>th</sup> Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW



East end of project



# RR Crossing

**MATERIALS:**

All bolts, washers, fastener and steel shall be in accordance with Section 4:52 of the Iowa Department of Transportation Specifications. The Fabricated Gate and Post shall be zinc, hot dipped, galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-123.

**CONSTRUCTION:**

All associated track work shall be done by the Iowa Northern Railway Co. personal or their assigned representative contractor. All other work to be by agencies contract work forces.

Welding shall meet the requirements of Iowa Department of Transportation Specification Article 2408.13, except that gas, metal, air and flux cored arc welding processes will be permitted. The Gates and Post shall be installed to provide an operational fixture for which it is intended.

**Notes:**

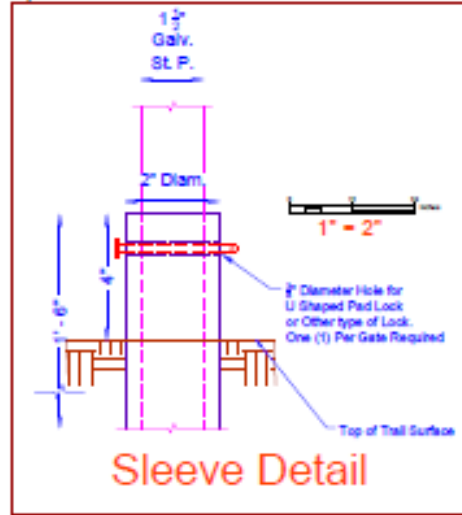
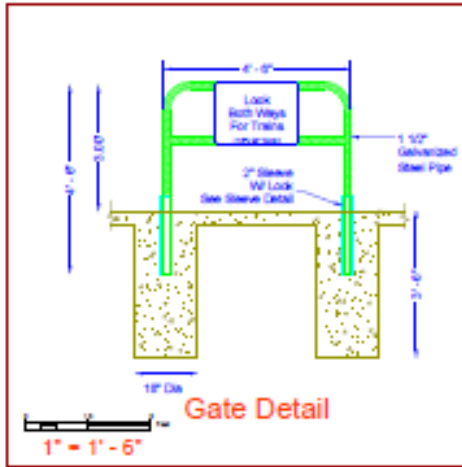
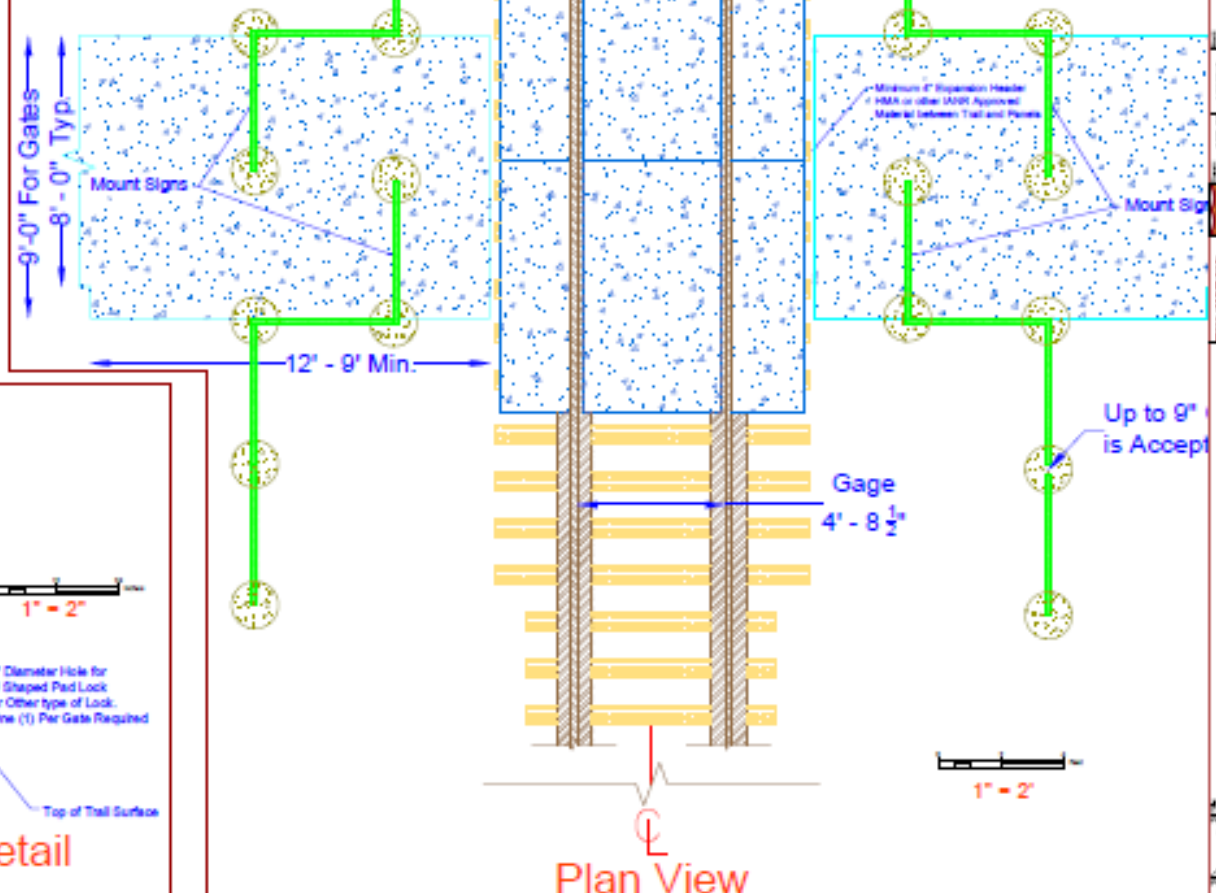
- Each Gate shall be provided with a lockable sleeve.
- Only Gates facing the trail shall have signs installed. A total of four (4) signs shall be required for this project.
- Signs shall be paid for as Type "A" Signs.
- A total of twelve (12) Gates are required for this project.
- Two (2) Gate Posts where joining may share one hole with approval of the IANR Engineering Department.
- Concrete Track panels come in lengths of 8', 8'-1 1/2', 9', & 10'. 9' & 10' panel lengths are special order and subject requiring extra lead time.
- At future times when the IANR surfaces track, the sidewalk/trail may not be at the same grade as the concrete panels. It shall be the Sidewalk/Trail Agencies responsibility to add the 4-inch expansion between the rail panel and sidewalk/trail.

This detail shown with 8'-0" Concrete Crossing Panels

16' - 2" Min. Clearance Shall Be Maintained.

Two (2) Gates Required On All Four (4) Corners If more than one (1) Section of Crossing Panels are used.

18" Diameter 42" Depth Concrete Footings (typical) All Post shall have concrete footings.



NO.	DATE	BY	CHKD.	APP.	DESCRIPTION

8-FT WIDE SIDEWALK/TRAIL GATE DETAIL  
IOWA NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

# Trail Counters



TRAFx

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Master Summary

### Your counter sites

#	Site name	Last 12 months	Now	Report	Photo 1	Photo 2
1	Arlington Place Oelwein					
2	City of Decorah (non-trail)					
3	Founders (Elkader)					
4	Freeport Trail					
5	Gilbertsons (Elgin)					
6	MM (Elkader) 2					
7	Motor Mill (Elkader)					

### Counter map

Base Layer: Landscape, Cycle, OpenTopoM

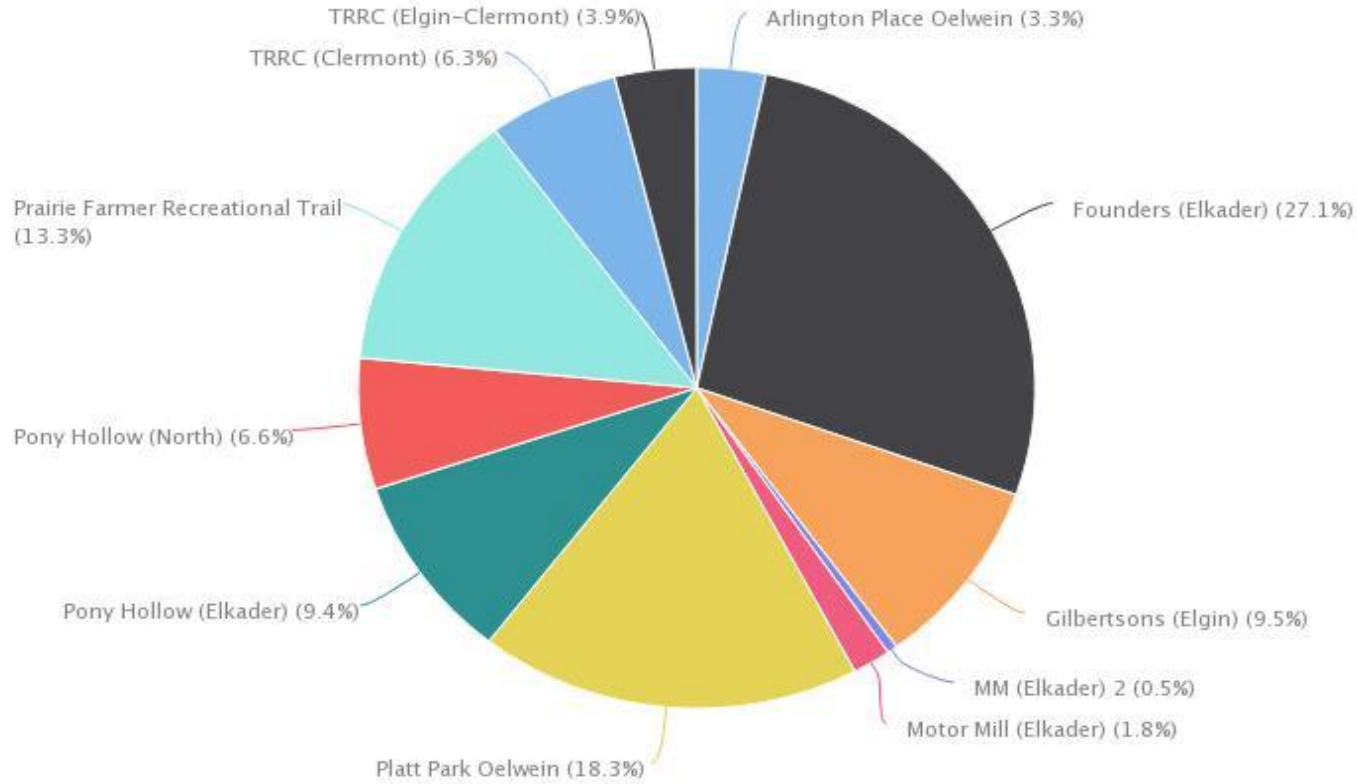
Map data: Openstreetmap contributors | Rendering: Thunderbolt

Hint: Go to [Manage](#) to set a counter's location.

Click any marker for Google satellite view  
 Download all counter locations (Google Earth KML) [Learn more.](#)

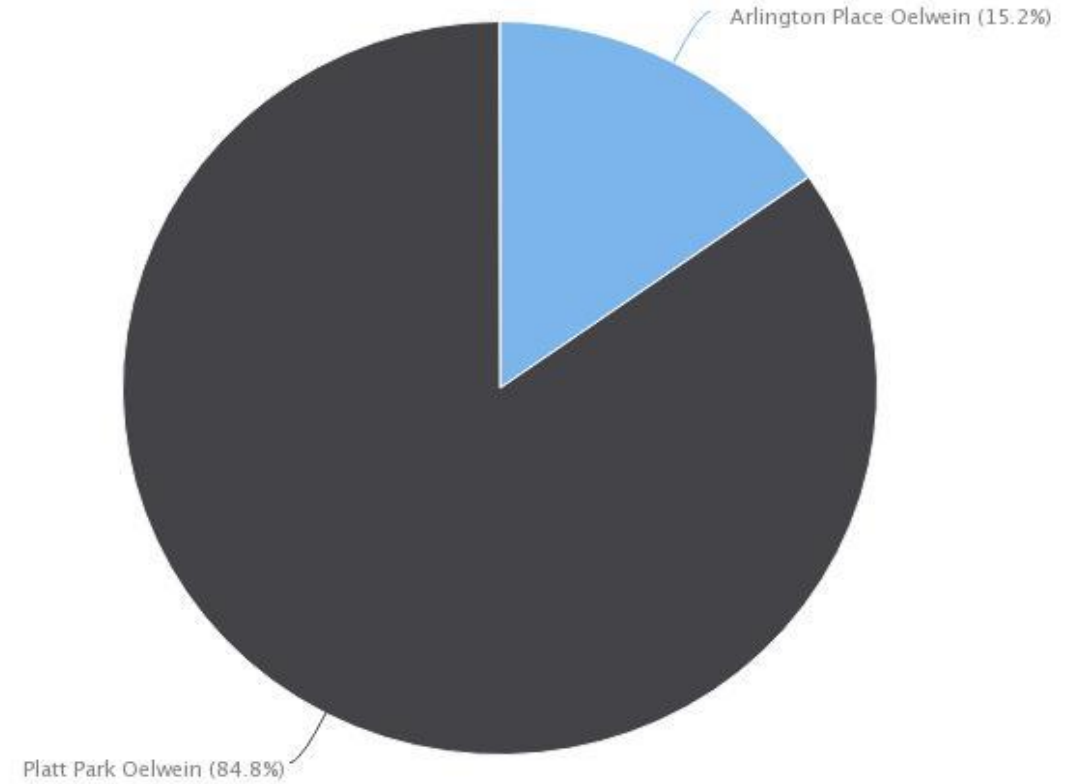
## Compare Sites

2021-07-01 to 2021-07-31



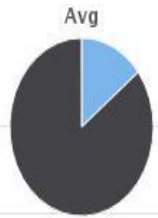
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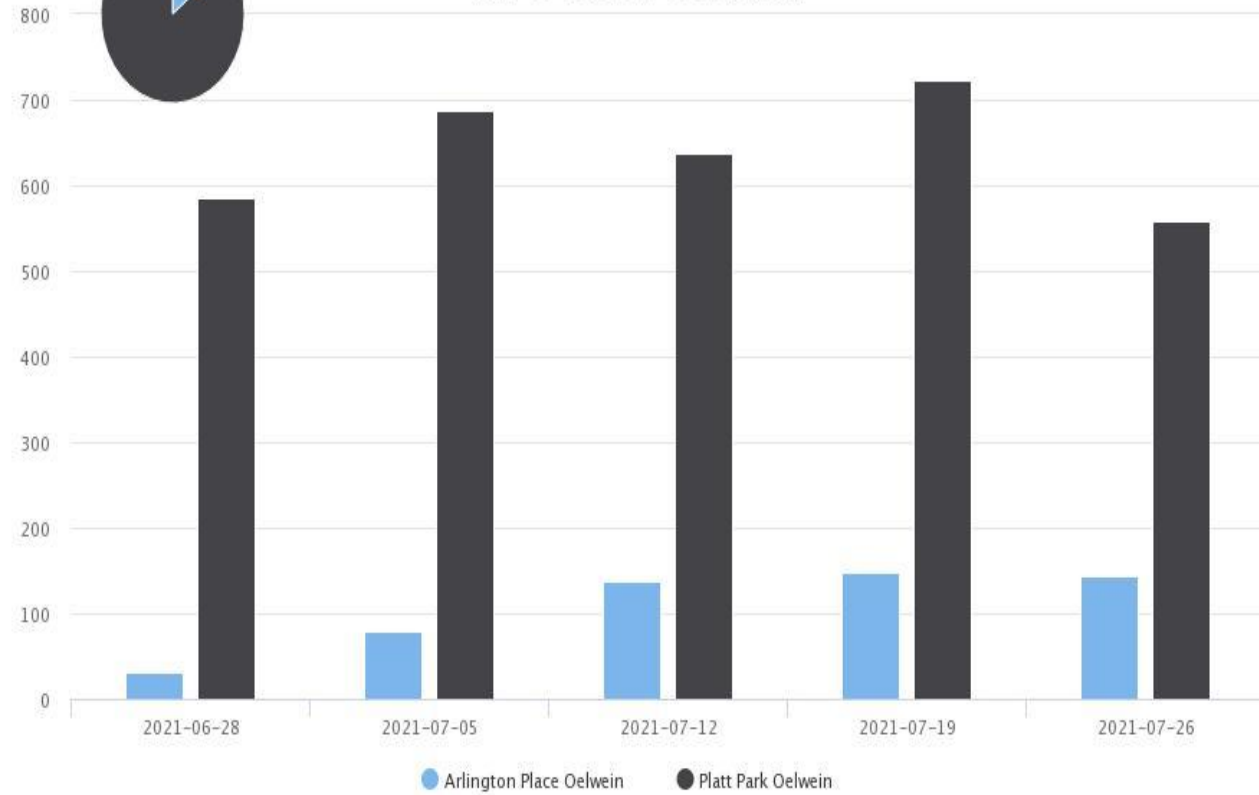
Site Name	Daily Average
Arlington Place Oelwein	16.5 (3.3%)
Founders (Elkader)	136.3 (27.1%)
Freeport Trail	0 (0.0%)
Gilbertsons (Elgin)	47.9 (9.5%)
MM (Elkader) 2	2.5 (0.5%)
Motor Mill (Elkader)	9.2 (1.8%)
Platt Park Oelwein	91.8 (18.3%)
Pony Hollow (Elkader)	47.1 (9.4%)
Pony Hollow (North)	33.2 (6.6%)
Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail	67 (13.3%)
TRRC (Clermont)	31.4 (6.3%)
TRRC (Elgin-Clermont)	19.7 (3.9%)

Site Name	Daily Average
Arlington Place Oelwein	16.5 (15.2%)
Platt Park Oelwein	91.8 (84.8%)



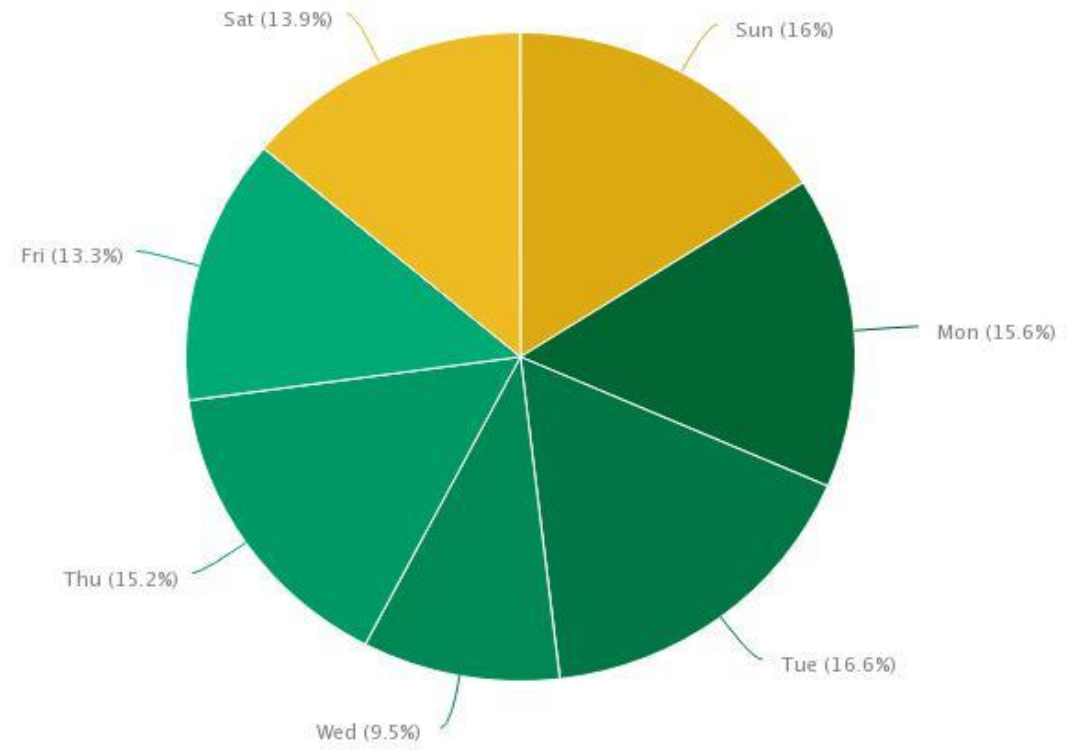
### Weekly\* totals

2021-06-28 to 2021-08-01 (5 weeks)



### Days of the Week

2021-07-01 to 2021-07-31



Site Name	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Arlington Place Oelwein	16.5	18.3	14	14.5	17	17.6	17.3
Platt Park Oelwein	101.8	108	58.5	101	83.8	88	104.3

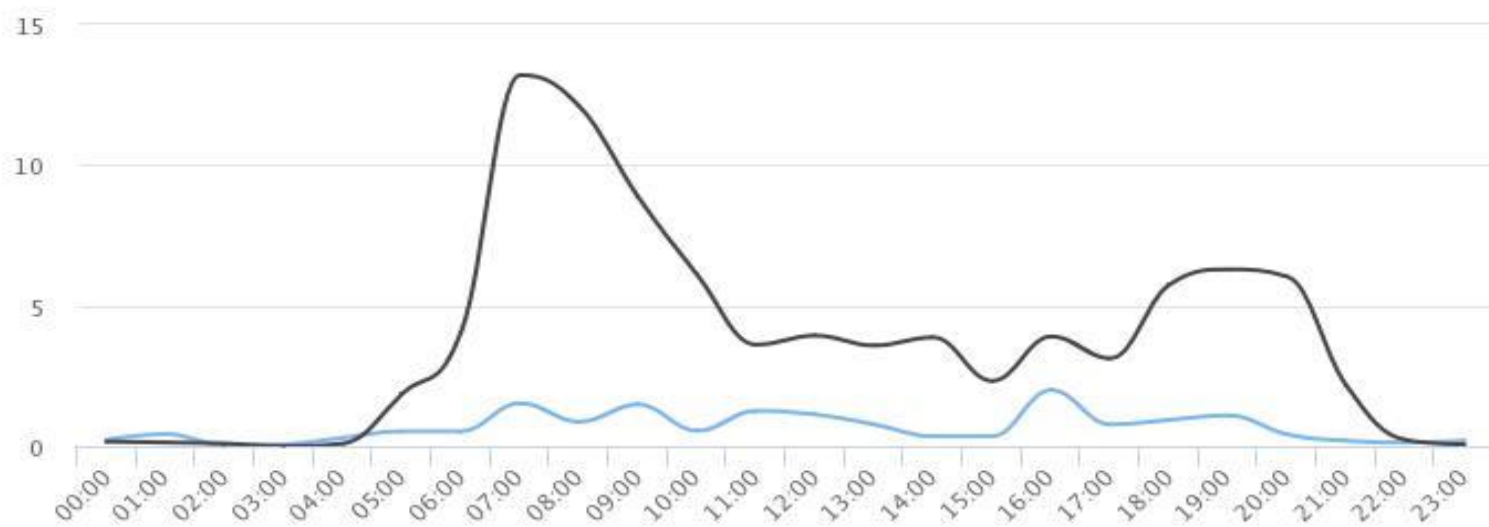
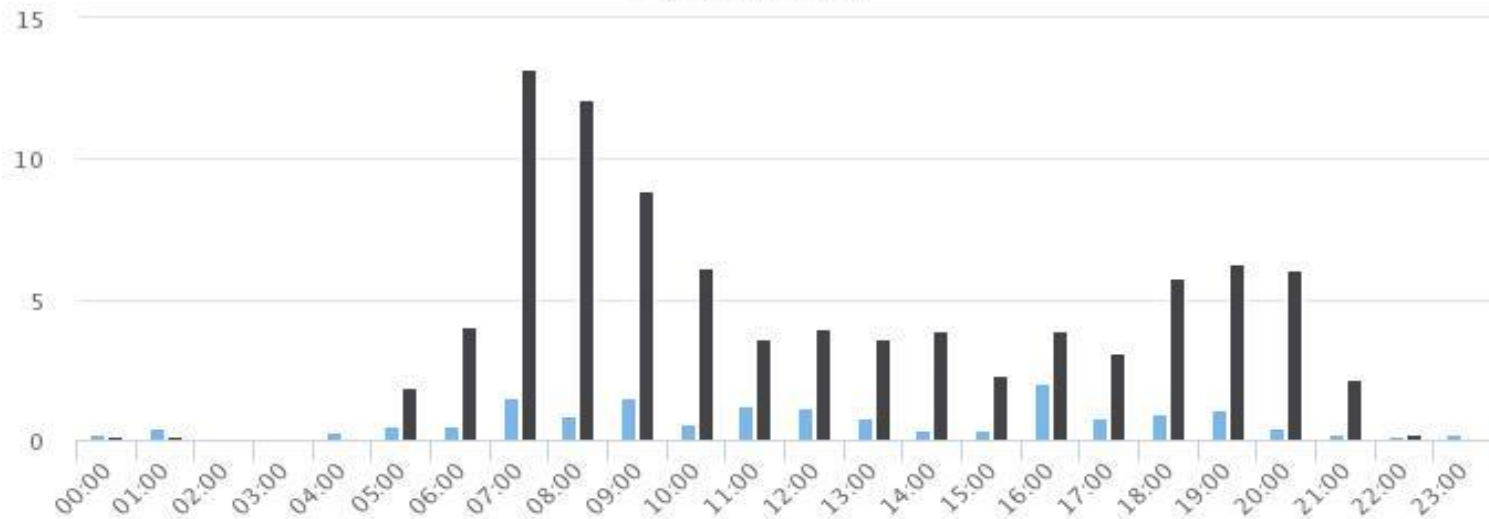
### July 2021 Totals

2021	Arlington Place Oelwein	512
2022	Platt Park Oelwein	<u>2845</u>
		3,357

# Hours of the day

2021-07-01 to 2021-07-31

Hourly averages



Site Name	Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Arlington Place Oelwein	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.0
Platt Park Oelwein	4.0	3.6	3.6	0.1	13.2

# Urban Trail Proposed Extensions

- Segment 1A/1B \$363,674
  - Connect trail from pool to downtown
- Segment 2 \$327,065 \$352,065 New estimates Adding wall removal/grading
  - Connect downtown to Red Gate Park
- Segment 3 \$112,557 \$129,057 Rail crossing
  - Connect Levin Park to downtown
- Segment 4 \$420,568 **\$481,122**
  - Connect 6<sup>th</sup> Ave trail crossing to 12 St. SW
- Segment 5A/5B \$297,080 / \$471,612
  - Connect 12 St. SW to City Park
- Segment 6 \$4,699
  - Connect 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW to Platt Park
- Segment 7 \$35,762
  - Connect Platt Park with Condos
- Segment 8 \$2,631
  - Connect trails either end of Hillside Dr.

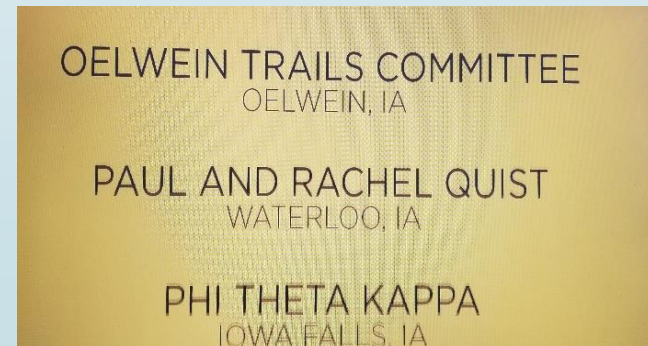


# Urban Trail Budget

Year	Phase	City of Oelwein	Grant / Others	Charitable Foundation	Business and Private Friends of the Trails	Description	Total Project Cost
2021	1	Bond \$250,000	*	\$250,000	\$60,000	Segment 1, 6, & 8 City Hall to Pool 7 <sup>th</sup> St. SW to SE Hillside East	\$371,004
2022	2		*	\$250,000	\$60,000	Segment 2, 3 Viaduct to Red Gate Park Levin Park to Downtown	\$481,122
2023	3	Bond \$250,000	*	\$250,000	\$60,000	Segments 5 City Park to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street SE	\$471,612
2024				\$250,000	\$60,000		
2025	4		*	\$175,000		Segment 4 Levin Park to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street SE	\$420,568
<b>Total</b>		\$447,000	*	\$1,175,000	\$240,000		\$1,744,306



# The Crew



# Acknowledgements

➤ Brett DeVore Mayor

➤ Dylan Mulfinger City Administrator

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➤ Warren Fisk 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

➤ Lynda Payne 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

➤ Renee Cantrell 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

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➤ Karen Seeders At Large

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