



# Des Moines Recreational River & Greenbelt, Iowa (Recreation)

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## Location

From Fort Dodge to Pella, Iowa

## State(s)

IA

## Congressional District(s)

IA-2, IA-3, IA-4

## Status

There are four priority projects that will be restarted once Federal funds become available; they are: **Des Moines Riverwalk -**

The City of Des Moines and The Principal Financial Group developed a Des Moines Riverwalk Master Plan that includes a 1.2 mile multipurpose trail loop with more than 2 miles of connecting trails, bridges, parks, promenades, and related facilities. Construction of Stage I was completed in 2013 at a cost of \$16,654,000 excluding land and in kind services provided by the City. The cost to construct Stage II is estimated at \$2,250,000. This cost is a 100% federal cost because the non-Federal sponsor has provided all of their cost-share contributions through Work-In-Kind. Construction will start in 2016. These facilities increase interaction with the river and create opportunities to connect adjacent development, neighborhoods, and other trail systems and venues.

**Fort Dodge Riverfront** - Fort Dodge's Riverfront Master Plan calls for the transformation of a former industrial area into a recreational development, which includes multiple use trails, fishing and boating facilities, and other recreation amenities. This recreational development is compatible with the Greenbelt objectives. The Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) was executed on 03 JAN 2012 and the planning, design, and construction for these facilities is being conducted at a 50% Federal 50% Ft Dodge cost share. Construction of Stage I was complete in August 2013 at a cost of \$3,100,000. Construction of Stage II is delayed pending the receipt of Federal funds. The cost to design and construct Stage II is estimated at \$3,260,000 (\$1,630,000 Federal). WRRDA 2014 contains a technical correction to the legal description of the Greenbelt boundary which allows for the complete construction of Stage II.

**Red Rock Volksweg Trail Segment 4B** - This four mile long trail segment connects the North Overlook Campground and the City of Pella with the Cordova area. A trail bridge and a portion of the trail have been constructed and the remainder of the trail is designed and awaiting funding to resume construction. The cost to complete is estimated at \$4,750,000. This project is located on federal property and is 100% federal costs. Greenbelt Program authorizing language says that all projects occurring on federal property will be constructed at 100% federal expense. Construction was completed on approximately 1.25 miles or about 30 percent of the Red Rock 4B Trail in Spring 2014. This trail segment was constructed by the private developer on federal land, as mitigation, for the hydropower generating station at the Lake Red Rock Dam and is an excellent example of public private partnering and team work, to accomplish the overall goals of the Greenbelt Program.

**Marion County Cordova Center on the Rock** - The Marion County Conservation Board, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Central College and the U.S. Army Corps of





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Engineers are developing the Cordova Center on the Rock. Proposed components of the project include environmental learning center, amphitheater, trails, outdoor interpretive facilities, picnic facilities, and entrance road relocation. All of these facilities are to be located on Federal lands. The cost estimate for the Cordova Center development is approximately \$36 million. The design and construction of cost-shared facilities will require that a Project Partnership Agreement be signed for a 50% non-Federal cost share. Preparation of an EDR will begin when additional funding is received. Marion County is conducting research regarding non-Federal funding sources for the non-Federal cost share requirements for the project.

## Description

The Des Moines Recreational River & Greenbelt is a partnership of local and federal governments and private interests dedicated to developing ecosystem improvements and recreational opportunities in the Des Moines River corridor. Federal funds have been appropriated to the Greenbelt Program from FY 2003 through FY 2010 and a total of 18 projects have been completed. However, federal funds have not been appropriated for the Greenbelt program since FY 2010 and all program activities with the exception of closing completed projects has been suspended.

## Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

No work is planned in FY2016 due to lack of funding.

## Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

The following projects could be completed pending the availability of funds: Continue Construction of Ft Dodge Riverfront Trails (\$1.63M) Continue construction of Des Moines Riverwalk (\$2.25M) Continue EDR, continue design of Marion County Cordova Center (\$.15M) Continue Construction of Red Rock 4B Trail (\$4.75M) Prepare and publish Annual Program Management Report (\$0.2M)

## Authority Details

Public Law 99-88, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985, Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference accompanying the Conference Report for H.R. 2577; Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1958 as modified by Section 111 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1976; Section 102 of Public Law 99-500; Section 604 of WRDA 1986; Section 122 of Public Law 108-7; Section 14221, FCE&E Act 2008, and Section 115, Public Law 111-85 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2010.

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