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MUSCATINE TRAILS PROJECT NOMINATED FOR ALL-STAR AWARD

Iowa League hosting bracket competition for People's All-Star Community Award

MUSCATINE, **lowa** – Muscatine's Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park trail is one of 21 projects from around lowa nominated for the People's All-Star Community Award. The bracket style competition to determine a winner begins Monday on the lowa League's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/iowaleagueofcities).

According to Bethany Crile, communications coordinator for the lowa League of Cities, each round of the competition begins at 11 a.m. each Monday with the first elimination round starting on Monday, Aug. 13. Photographs of each project are placed in the Facebook photo album where individuals can vote by "liking" the photo of their choice.

In the first round, Muscatine's trail project is up against the Lois Claussen Muhs Memorial Pavilion in McCausland, Iowa. The project advancing to the "Elite 8" will be the project with the most "likes" during the week long competition.

Albums for voting will be posted by 11 a.m. each Monday and voting concludes at 8 a.m. the following Monday with the exception of the final round. The final round of voting will conclude at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, during the League's Annual Conference & Exhibit. The winner will be announced at the awards banquet later that evening.



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The Kent Stein Park to Deep Lakes Park Trail was nominated for "promoting quality of life and sustainable practices around natural resources without negatively impacting any historical asset or cultural resources."

The impact of this 4.55 mile segment of 10-foot wide handicap accessible trail continues to grow in its connection to key recreational amenities within Muscatine while meeting several quality of life objectives including pedestrian-friendly connectivity, safer bike-to-work routes, reducing motor vehicle traffic, providing outstanding recreational opportunities, and promoting healthy living.

The project has already received state-wide recognition after being named one of 12 recipients of the Best Development Award from 1000 Friends of Iowa earlier this year.

The League's All-Star Community Award promotes, acknowledges, and encourages excellence in local government.

Be sure to visit the League Facebook page and "like" the Muscatine Trail Project picture throughout the week. Help Muscatine advance and capture the title of the 2018 People's All-Star Community Award.