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MUSCATINE'S NETWORK OF TRAILS TO OFFICIALLY GROW OCT. 20

Ribbon cutting ceremony set to officially open Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail

MUSCATINE Iowa – The Muscatine Trail System will officially grow by one on Friday as the newest trail to be constructed will be officially welcomed into the network during a ribbon cutting ceremony. Festivities will take place at 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, 2017, where the trail enters Deep Lakes Park on 41st Street.

The four mile Kent Stein to Deep Lakes Park Trail will be accepted by the Muscatine City Council at its regular meeting on Thursday (Oct. 19). While there are still some punch list items yet to be completed, the trail will become officially ready to use once the ribbon is cut.

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“We welcome all walkers, bicycle riders, dog-walkers, and lovers of nature to come out for the ceremony and walk or ride the trail through Deep Lakes Park or go the opposite way toward Kent Stein Park,” Randy Howell, project manager for the City of Muscatine, said.

The Trails Committee, a sub-committee of the Community Improvement Action Team (CIAT), firmed up plans for the opening ceremony earlier this month and invited retiring City Council member Bob Bynam to cut the ribbon.

The four-mile trail took just two months of construction to complete but has been years in the making. Discussions and negotiations over various route plans took nearly 10 years to resolve with the chosen route extending the trail network south towards Louisa County. The \$1.2 million project had approximately 30 route changes during the design phase.

The new trail runs from the Kent Stein Park entrance on Houser Street through Deep Lakes Park and ending at 57th Street. The trail follows Houser Street before crossing Grandview Avenue and following the Canadian Pacific Rail Road tracks before crossing at Dick Drake Way. The trail then proceeds through the Hahn property and crosses 31st Street before turning back and meeting up with Stewart Road. The trail proceeds along Stewart Road until crossing onto 41st Street and entering Deep Lakes Park where it winds its way to the terminus point at 57th Street.

Wayfinding signs will be added later along with gates and possibly traffic warning lights at the Grandview Avenue, Dick Drake Way, 33rd Street, and Stewart Road crossings.